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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENS FOR GREENWAY PROJECTS

The Niagara River Greenway Commission announced today that the public comment period has opened for the ninth round of projects. In addition, the Commission also announced that the public comment time will close end of the day on April 30, 2009.

Projects will be posted on their website at www.niagaragreenway.org beginning Tuesday March 24, 2009 and public comment will be accepted until April 30, 2009. Comments may be submitted either at the website or by hard copy to the Commission at 2136 West Oakfield Road, Grand Island, New York 14072.

Projects in for consistency review are;

- New York State Parks-Artpark Mainstage Lawn & Amphitheater Access Stairs
- New York State Parks-Niagara Reservation State Park Cave of the Winds Access Trail & Safety Improvements
- New York State Parks-Beaver Island State Park Adaptive Paddle Sports Launch System
- New York State Parks-Beaver Island State Park East River Marsh Connector Trail
- New York State Parks-Niagara Reservation State Park Comprehensive Operations Plan
- Town of Porter-Porter on the Lake Recreational Master Plan
- Town of Lewiston-Lewiston Pathway Scenic Project
- Buffalo Museum of Science-Tree Regeneration at Tiff Nature Preserve
- Buffalo Urban Development Corp.-Union Ship Canal Public Open Space
- City of Lockport-Canalside Wine Emporium

Once the public comment period has ended, the Niagara River Greenway Commission will review projects and on May 19, 2009 vote on the consistency of the projects in relation to the award winning Niagara River Greenway Plan. Project Sponsors will then be notified in writing of the Commissions findings along with copies of the public's comments. The appropriate standing committee will also receive a copy of the finding where funding will be decided.

To review the Final Niagara River Greenway Plan and GEIS or to learn more information about the Commission log onto www.niagaragreenway.org. The Niagara River Greenway Commission is a public benefit corporation established by Chapter 460 of the laws of 2004, and charged with the planning and development of a greenway of interconnected parks, river access points and waterfront trails along the Niagara River from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario at the site of the historic Fort Niagara.

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