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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 tenth round of projects. In addition, the Commission also announced that the public comment time will close end of the day on June 30, 2009.

Projects will be posted on their website at www.niagaragreenway.org beginning Tuesday May 26, 2009 and public comment will be accepted until June 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;

- The 100,000 Trees Campaign - Re-Tree Western New York
- Niagara Gorge Hiking Trail System-NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation

Once the public comment period has ended, the Niagara River Greenway Commission will review projects and on July 21, 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. It is then the responsibility of the Project Sponsor to pursue funding with entities that award support. Funding requests can be made through local, state and federal agencies, foundations and various greenway standing committees.

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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