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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 seventeenth round of projects. In addition, the Commission also announced that the public comment time will close end of the day on August 31, 2010.

Projects will be posted on their website at www.niagaragreenway.org beginning Tuesday, July 27, 2010 and public comment will be accepted until August 31, 2010. 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;

- City of North Tonawanda-Gratwick Riverside Park Marina Redevelopment
- Erie County-Black Rock Canal Park aka Ontario St Boat Launch& Cornelius Creek Park
- Forest Lawn Cemetery-Scajaquada Creek Water Quality & Habitat Restoration
- Town of Wheatfield-Wheatfield River Road Park Improvement Phase 1
- Town of Lewiston-Lower Niagara River Road Comfort Station
- Fenian Marker Committee-Fenian Invasion of 1866 Marker

Once the public comment period has ended, the Niagara River Greenway Commission will review projects and on September 21, 2010 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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