

### ***Working Greenway Definition:***

*“The Niagara River Greenway is a world-class corridor of special places, parks, and landscapes that celebrates our unique natural, cultural, recreational, scenic and heritage resources and provides access to and connection between these important resources”*

### ***Draft Goals:***

- ***Excellence*** – Existing Greenway resources are globally significant and Greenway projects will meet ***world class standards***
- ***Sustainability*** – The Greenway will be designed to promote ecological, economic and physical sustainability for long-term viability and effectiveness.
- ***Accessibility*** – The Greenway will be designed to provide and increase physical and visual access to and from the waterfront and related resources for a full range of users (youth, seniors, handicapped).
- ***Ecological Vitality*** – The Greenway will be focused on maintaining and improving the health and vitality of natural resources and wildlife habitats. Emphasis will be placed on retaining ecologically significant areas and natural landscapes.
- ***Public Well-Being*** – The Greenway will be designed and planned to achieve and promote physical and emotional wellness through the experience that it offers to the public.
- ***Connectivity*** – The Greenway will increase connectivity and access (trails, pathways, parks), promote the continuity of open space and habitats, and provide for connections to related corridors and resources across the region.
- ***Restoration*** – The Greenway will be designed to encourage the restoration of ecological resources, the appropriate reuse of brownfields, and the revitalization of existing urban centers along the corridor.
- ***Authenticity*** – The Greenway will establish a clear sense of “place” and identify that reflects the traditional spirit and heritage of the area.
- ***Celebration*** – The Greenway will be designed celebrate local history, diversity, cultural resources, and the natural and built environments, and seek to share this diverse tradition with local residents and visitors to the region.
- ***Partnerships*** – The focus of the Greenway will revolve around cooperation and compromise. Relationships and partnerships must be formed and strengthened to achieve greater coordination and integration of efforts across the region.
- ***Community Based*** – Greenway planning will reflect preferences and plans of the local population, while respecting other stated goals.