

Buffalo & Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee

Erie County City of Buffalo Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy New York Power Authority

2013 Annual Report Activity through January 31, 2014

March 25, 2014

The Erie County / City of Buffalo Relicensing Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) was reached in support of the Application for a new License for the Niagara Power Project. One of the provisions of the Agreement is for the Power Authority (“NYPA”) to support the establishment of the Erie County Greenway Fund (“Fund”) with an annual \$2 million payment for the life of the License beginning in October 2007. The Fund is administered by a Committee comprised of one member each from the City of Buffalo, Erie County, the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy and NYPA.

One of the requirements of the Agreement is to provide an Annual Report from the Committee to NYPA which shall include:

- A summary of all active projects funded by the Committee;
- A project by project list of all expenditures;
- A detailed list of planned expenditures for the upcoming year;
- An updated balance sheet of the Fund, and
- Any significant correspondence.

The Committee began organizing in 2007 and in the spring of 2008 adopted Committee Protocols. One of the Agreement commitments was for the Committee to appoint a Trustee. The process consumed a great deal of time, the Committee entered into a Trustee agreement with the Bank of America in September 2009.

Additionally, in early 2009 the Committee reached agreement for grant management services with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. The primary responsibilities of the Foundation are to monitor project progress to ensure deliverables and provide for timely fund disbursements. The Foundation will monitor progress from a project plan submitted by the proponents and approved by the Committee. In 2010, the Committee extended the contract with the Foundation through 2012 with an option to renew for 2013 and 2014. At the October 29, 2013 meeting, the committee exercised the option to extend the contract with the Foundation for both years.

NYPA transferred \$2 million, representing the 2013 annual payment, at the end of October 2013 to the Fund.

To date, the Committee has reviewed 53 projects and approved support to 34 projects. In all, the Fund has received \$14 million in payments from NYPA and committed over \$11.8 million to projects, some projects are multiple year awards. Of the 34 projects, 21 have successfully completed the work the Committee funded; another 13 are expected to complete all Committee funded work by the end of 2014.

In 2008, the Committee had reviewed and approved for funding the following projects:

- Fisherman's Landing -- Town of Grand Island \$400,482
- Shoreline Trail Signage -- Erie County \$205,000
- Scajaquada Creekside Trail -- Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy \$1,209,875

In 2009, the Committee had reviewed and approved for funding the following projects:

- LaSalle Park – City of Buffalo \$654,830
- Park Pavilion - City of Tonawanda \$866,970
- Minnow Pools at Riverside Park --Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy \$305,000

In 2010, the Committee was very active, approving the following 6 new projects which commit \$2,444,681 to the establishment of the Niagara River Greenway. The Committee temporarily instituted a 10% holdback policy for projects funded pending further consideration of a permanent policy adopted by the Committee.

- Union Ship Canal -- Buffalo Urban Development Corporation \$385,000
- Riverside Park Concourse -- Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy \$56,175
- Land Acquisition Study -- Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper \$100,000
- LaSalle Park Phase 2/ Porter Avenue -- City of Buffalo \$993,506
- Riverfest Park -- Valley Community Association \$410,000
- Tifft Nature Preserve Sustainability Center Expansion --Buffalo Museum of Science \$225,000 in 2010 funds and \$275,000 in 2011 funds.

In 2011, the Committee was very active approving projects and inspecting the work of projects that have received support. The Committee received several projects for consideration and was able to review all submissions through the website of the Community Foundation. Seven projects were approved this year totaling over \$1.1 million.

- Tifft Street Pier -- City of Buffalo -- \$470,000
- Fenian Invasion Marker -- Fenian Marker Committee: -- \$21,108
- Adaptive Paddle sports Launch System -- City of Tonawanda \$75,325
- Black Rock Heritage Trail War of 1812 Project -- Northwest Buffalo Community Development Center -- \$105,000
- Black Rock Canal Park Improvements --Erie County:-- \$900,000 (\$135,000 2010 funds; \$765,000 in 2011 and 2012 fund).
- River Fest Park Phase II -- Valley Community Association \$250,000
- Fireboat Cotter -- Friends of the Cotter \$60,000 Challenge Grant.

In 2012, the Committee received twelve funding requests and provided support totaling \$1.85 million to the following projects:

- Bird Island Pier Project – City of Buffalo \$750,000
- War of 1812 Bicentennial Signage -- Seaway Trail \$15,000
- Tonawanda Shoreline Stabilization Proposal – City of Tonawanda \$250,000
- Front Park -- Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy \$435,750
- Riverfest Park -- Valley Community Association \$104,000
- Scenic Woods Bicentennial Park -- Town of Grand Island for \$164,371
- 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration – 1812 Legacy Council \$127,500

In 2013, the Committee provided support totaling \$1.65 million to the following projects:

- ADA Accessible Fishing Pier – City of Tonawanda \$210,000
- Waterfront Landscaping Planning – Town of Tonawanda \$70,000
- Front Park Phase II – Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy \$433,650
- Bird Island Pier Phase II – City of Buffalo \$750,000
- Francis Folsom Weather Inlet – Cazenovia Community Center \$187,800

Open Project Status Reports:

2009 Funds

Grantee:	City of Buffalo		
Project Name	LaSalle Park Phase 2/Army Corps - COB-02 Component 2		
Grant Amount:	\$250,000		
Proposed Timeline:	10/1/10 – 9/30/12		
	Anticipated	Actual	
Disbursement 1: \$125,000	9/10/10	10/13/10	
Disbursement 2: \$100,000		3/29/12	
Projected Completion:		7/31/13	
Holdback 10%: \$ 25,000		7/31/13	

2010 Funds

Grantee:	City of Buffalo		
Project Name	Tiftt Street Pier COB-03		
Grant Amount:	\$470,000		
Proposed Timeline:	9/1/11 – 11/1/12		
	Anticipated	Actual	
Disbursement 1: \$211,500	9/1/11	2/10/12	
Disbursement 2: \$211,500	6/1/12		
Projected Completion:	11/1/12		
Holdback 10%: \$ 47,000	10/15/13		

Fabrication and delivery of gangway and floating dock scheduled for late November 2013. After they are installed, the Birdair structure can be installed (it is fabricated). After that is complete, remove crane pad, restore area and complete plantings. The multi-use-path will need to be paved. Possibly Spring 2014.

Grantee: **Erie County Department of Environment & Planning**
 Project Name **Black Rock Canal Park Improvements – ERIE CO-02**
 Grant Amount: \$135,000 per email 7/14 only need \$60K in 2011
 Proposed Timeline: Phase I design – to be complete 2/1/12

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$ 60,000	4/2/12	9/14/12 \$ 2,382 10/15/12 \$33,873
Disbursement 2: \$400,000	12/31/12	2/11/13 \$98,638 3/28/13 \$79,283
Disbursement 3: \$120,000	4/1/13	7/26/13 \$302,543
Disbursement 4: \$320,000	12/31/13	
Projected Completion:	12/31/13	

Holdback 10%: \$ 0 not applicable b/c pay upon receipt

The proposed phase 1 scope was expanded to include the design and construction of the dog park and demolition of the former “Little Turks” concession stand, both of which were originally proposed to occur in later phases. This has caused the overall timeline of the project to be pushed into 2014. Erie County would like request a greenway grant extension with the new anticipated completion date of December 31, 2014.

The following outlines the proposed schedule for Phase 2.

Engineering and Design – To be completed by July 31 2014

Construction – To be completed by December 1, 2014

Final Billing to Community Foundation/ Contract Close out – December 31, 2014

Grantee: **Valley Community Association**
 Project Name **Buffalo River Fest Park - VCA-02**
 Grant Amount: \$250,000 (Design/Engineering fees)
 Proposed Timeline: 6 months

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$125,000	4/15/12	4/23/12
Disbursement 2: \$125,000	9/30/12	6/21/13
Will be released upon receipt of completed, signed drawings.		
Projected Completion:	3/31/13	6/ 13

Holdback 10%: \$

Bids came in over budget

Grantee: **Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy**
 Project Name **Minnow Pools/Riverside Park BOPC-02**
 Grant Amount: \$525,350 (\$305,000 in 2008 funds with \$220,350 in 2010 funds)

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$87,500	1/13/10	1/13/10
Disbursement 2: \$217,500		
Proposed Timeline:		

	Anticipated	Actual
Projected Completion:	Q4 2013	

Grantee: **Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy**
 Project Name **River Rock Gardens – Riverside Park BOPC-04**
 Grant Amount: \$220,350 (plus \$217,500 from '08 funds not yet released
 = \$437,850)
 Proposed Timeline: anticipate completion spring 2013

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$ 96,216	6/1/12	7/5/12
Disbursement 2: \$140,818	April/May 2013	4/25/13
Disbursement 3: \$156,941	August 2013	
Projected Completion:	Q2 2014	
Holdback 10%: \$ 43,875		

2011 Funds

Grantee: **Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy**
 Project Name **Front Park Gateway – BOPC-05**
 Grant Amount: \$435,750
 Proposed Timeline: anticipate completion December 2012

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$ 55,600	6/1/12	7/5/12
Disbursement 2: \$168,287	9/1/12	10/16/12
Disbursement 3: \$168,288	May 2013	10/2/13
Projected Completion:	Q4 2013	
Holdback 10%: \$ 43,575		

Front Park Phase 1 is anticipated to close out the first quarter of 2014 since they are compiling the required expense documentation.

Grantee: **Grand Island**
 Project Name **Scenic Woods – Bicentennial Park – GR ISLAND-02**
 Grant Amount: \$164,321
 Proposed Timeline:

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$46,461	March 2013	
Disbursement 2: \$41,070	August 2013	
Disbursement 3: \$60,358	October 2013	
Projected Completion:	July 2014	
Holdback 10%: \$16,432	July 2014	

The project experienced delays in the permitting process with the DEC/Army Corp.

Grantee: **Seaway Trail**
 Project Name **War of 1812 Outdoor Storyteller Signs – SWAY-01**
 Grant Amount: \$15,000
 Proposed Timeline:

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$13,500		9/25/12
Disbursement 2: \$		
Disbursement 3: \$		
Projected Completion:	11/30/12	
Holdback 10%: \$1,500	12/15/12	

Making repeated efforts to contact the organization to discuss the required documentation needed to release the remaining funds and close out this grant

Grantee: **Valley Community Association**
 Project Name **Buffalo River Fest Park - VCA-03**
 Grant Amount: \$104,000 – dock extension w/ new pilings
 Proposed Timeline:

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$37,000		3/12/13
Disbursement 2: \$56,600		6/18/13
Projected Completion:	Q2 2013	
Holdback 10%: \$10,400		

Installation scheduled for February 2014

2012 Funds

Grantee: **Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy**
 Project Name **Front Park Gateway, Phase 2 – BOPC-06**
 Grant Amount: \$433,650
 Proposed Timeline: 8 months (2 months bid process & 6 months work)

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$ 170,033	Q2 2013	7/2/13
Disbursement 2: \$ 220,253	Q3 2013	10/25/13
Disbursement 3: \$		
Projected Completion:	Q4 2013	
Holdback 10%: \$ 43,365	Q4 2013	

Most of the work relating to the “Peace Garden Interpretation” is completed. The cannons have been restored and new pedestals have been made, we are just waiting for the new concrete foundations to cure before installing the pedestals and cannons on the terrace. Coordinating with the Buffalo Arts Commission to get the RFP for the work to the Perry monument out to contractors.

Grantee: **City of Tonawanda**
Project Name **ADA Accessible Fishing Pier at Eastern Park** CTON-04
Grant Amount: \$210,000
Proposed Timeline:

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$ 94,500	Q2 2014	
Disbursement 2: \$ 94,500	Q4 2014	
Projected Completion:	Q4 2014	
Holdback 10%: \$ 21,000		

This project is delayed because of NYSDCR (NYS Department of Conservation Resources). All funding will be used for construction.

Grantee: **Buffalo Museum of Science**
Project Name **Tiftt – Education Center, Phase 1 – SCI-03**
Grant Amount: \$150,000 (match from Sci Museum - \$200K)
Proposed Timeline:

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$		
Disbursement 2: \$		
Disbursement 3:		
Projected Completion:		
Holdback 10%: \$ 15,000		

The Committee will fund the Project in the amount of \$150,000 this year based on the Science Museum having secured \$200,000 in funding by October 31, 2013. The Committee will fund the \$225,000 balance of the project cost over the course of the next two funding cycles.

Grantee: **Town of Tonawanda**
Project Name **Waterfront Landscaping – Planning** TTON-01
Grant Amount: \$70,000
Proposed Timeline: 8 months

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$ 31,500	6/1/13	6/11/13
Disbursement 2: \$ 31,500	9/1/13	
Projected Completion:	12/31/13	
Holdback 10%: \$ 7,000		

Requested an extension to March 31,2014.

Projects Closed in 2013

2007 Funds

Grantee: **Erie County Department of Environment & Planning**
Project Name: **Shoreline Trail Riverwalk Section – ERIE CO-01**
Grant Amount: \$205,000 – actual disbursed = \$195,877
Leaving balance of \$9,123 unspent and available for other projects.
Proposed Timeline: Planning & Design (6 months)
Out to bid for Sign Fabrication (4 – 6 weeks)
Completion of Sign Installation (unknown)

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$68,333	6/30/10	\$ 8,694.91 – 7/15/10
		\$ 13,316.00 – 9/20/10
		\$ 8,294.62 – 1/11/11
		\$ 3,036.40 – 1/28/11
		\$ 1,334.80 – 4/22/11
		\$ 2,356.00 – 6/9/11
		\$ 2,283.79 – 9/20/11
		\$ 1,463.06 – 12/20/11
		\$117,984.12 – 5/4/12
		\$ 9,105.50 – 6/4/12
		\$ 11,792.52 – 9/14/12
		\$ 10,600.25 – 1/9/13
		\$ 5,615.43 – 4/1/13

Projected Completion: 1/31/13
CLOSED – 3/29/13

2008 Funds

Grantee: **City of Tonawanda**
Project Name: **Niawanda Park, Pavilion & Boardwalk – CTON-01**
Grant Amount: \$866,970
Proposed Timeline: Design, Bid & Construction (~14 months)

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$148,300	11/15/10	12/7/10
Disbursement 2: \$356,835		2/27/12
Disbursement 3: \$361,835	4/30/12	7/12/12
Projected Completion:	Q1 2013	

CLOSED 2/28/13

2009 Funds

Grantee: **Buffalo Urban Development Corporation**
Project Name **Union Ship Canal (Boardwalk & Safety railings) BUDC-01**

Grant Amount: \$385,000

Proposed Timeline: 8 – 9 months to complete

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$ 29,000	8/31/10	9/20/10
Disbursement 2: \$160,200	Q3 2011	10/14/11
Disbursement 3: \$160,200	Q4 2011	11/17/11
Projected Completion:		
Holdback 10%: \$ 35,600	Q3 2013	12/3/13
CLOSED 12/15/13		

2010 Funds

Grantee: **City of Tonawanda**
Project Name **Adaptive Paddle Sports Launch System – CTON-02**

Grant Amount: \$75,325 \$51,517 of original awarded expended

Proposed Timeline: Design, Bid & Construction (~9 months)

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$36,146	6/1/11	6/10/11
Disbursement 2: \$15,371		7/2/13
Projected Completion:		7/3/13
CLOSED 7/3/13		

Grantee: **Friends of the Edward M. Cotter**
Project Name **Fireboat Restoration & Preservation Project -- COTTER-01**

Grant Amount: \$60,000

Proposed Timeline: 12 months to complete

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$ 50,000	6/1/12	7/3/12
Disbursement 2: \$		
Disbursement 3: \$		
Projected Completion:	9/30/13	
Holdback 100%: \$ 10,000		10/25/13
CLOSED 10/28/13		

Grantee: **Buffalo Museum of Science –Year 2**
 Project Name **Tift - Sustainability Center Upgrade – SCI-02 Cabin Retrofit**
 Grant Amount: \$275,000 (total approved is \$500K - \$225K in 2010 & \$275K in 2011)
 Proposed Timeline: 6/1/11 – 3/31/12 (9 months)

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$120,000	8/1/11	7/26/11
Disbursement 2: \$127,500		7/26/12
Holdback 10%: \$ 27,500	Q1 2013	1/17/13
1/17/13 CLOSED		

2011 Funds

Grantee: **City of Buffalo**
 Project Name **Bird Island Pier COB-04**
 Grant Amount: \$750,000
 Proposed Timeline: mid September to end of October

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$337,500	9/1/12	10/5/12
Disbursement 2: \$337,500	10/15/12	10/23/12
Projected Completion:	10/31/12	
Holdback 10%: \$ 75,000	Spring 2013	6/20/13
CLOSED 6/30/13		

Grantee: **City of Tonawanda**
 Project Name **Shoreline Stabilization – CTON-03**
 Grant Amount: \$250,000 *remaining balance of \$17,514.55*
 Proposed Timeline:

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$150,000	10/1/12	10/16/12
Disbursement 2: \$\$82,485.45		10/2/13
<i>Site visit, expense docs and final report all submitted prior to 9/30/13 allowing final disbursement for all outstanding expenses.</i>		
Projected Completion:	Q3 2013	
CLOSED 10/2/13		

Grantee: **Legacy Council**
 Project Name **War of 1812 Commemoration – LEGCNCL-01**
 Grant Amount: \$127,500 *unexpended balance of \$4,073.06*
 Proposed Timeline:

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$ 72,300	7/1/12	7/10/12
Disbursement 2: \$ 28,926	8/30/12	11/27/12
Disbursement 3: \$ 20,340		4/9/13
Holdback 10%: \$ 1,860.94		9/30/13
Projected Completion:	August 2013	
CLOSED 10/2/13		

2012 Funds

Grantee: **Cazenovia Resource Center**
Project Name **Francis Folsom Cleveland Fair Weather Inlet CAZ-01**
Grant Amount: **\$187,800**
Proposed Timeline: **3 – 6 months to complete**

	Anticipated	Actual
Disbursement 1: \$ 76,900	Q2 2013	4/25/13
Disbursement 2: \$ 76,900	Q2 2013	6/10/13
Disbursement 3: \$15,220	Q3 2013	7/3/13
Projected Completion:	7/31/13	
Holdback 10%: \$ 18,780	Q3 2013	8/8/13
CLOSED 9/15/13		