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State Parks Standing Committee to Meet on Plans for Greenway

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Niagara River Greenway Fund Standing Committee (State Parks Standing Committee) will hold its first meeting on Thursday, December 20 at 1pm at the New York Power Authority's (NYPA) Community Room located on the grounds of the Niagara Power Project in Lewiston. On the agenda will be the protocols, for the State Parks Standing Committee, which will govern its operations as it reviews projects and distributes funds for those projects deemed consistent with Niagara River Greenway Commission Plan. This meeting is open to the general public.

The State Parks Standing Committee receives funds from NYPA, as part of a settlement agreement related to the new 50-year license received by NYPA for the Niagara project. In addition to the State Parks Standing Committee, three other standing committees were created to disperse funds those groups received in other settlement agreements with NYPA. The other committees are: Greenway Ecological Standing Committee, Host Community Greenway Fund Standing Committee and the Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee.

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.

To learn more about the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation log onto www.nysparks.state.ny.us.

To learn more information about the Commission log onto www.niagaragreenway.org.

For more information about NYPA and the relicensing of the Niagara project, please log onto <http://niagara.nypa.gov>

WHAT: State Parks Standing Committee Meeting
WHEN: Thursday, December 20, 2007 – 1:00 P.M.
WHERE: New York Power Authority Community Room
Power Vista
Niagara Power Project
5777 Lewiston Road
Lewiston NY 14092-2199