

Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee Announces 2016 Awards

\$2.1 Million in Funding to Help Beautify Greenway, Support Recreational, Educational Community Projects

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BUFFALO—The Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee today announced seven new awards totaling approximately \$1.6 million for beautification and improvement projects along the Buffalo and Erie County Greenway. Combined with annual spending on previously awarded multi-year projects, the 2016 award funding exceeds \$2.1 million. Funding applications were submitted by the Jan. 20, 2017 deadline.

Greenway project funding is provided by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) as part of a 2007 settlement agreement related to the 50-year federal license of NYPA's Niagara Power Project. During the term of the license, the Greenway Committee fund receives \$2 million annually, of which all or part might be awarded with the balance rolling over to future years. The Greenway Committee is comprised of one representative each from Erie County, Buffalo, Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, and NYPA.

"Over the years, we have seen the effects of Greenway funding in a beautiful necklace of green trails and parks from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario," said Greenway Chairman Alan J. Bozer, a trustee of the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy and a partner at Phillips Lytle LLP. "Once again, we are very pleased to see these awards distributed to projects so nicely aligned with our mission to benefit our River communities."

The following new projects received funding:

Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Grants - 2016 Funding

Agency	Project Name	Amount
Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park	Circle of Heroes	\$25,000
Buffalo Lighthouse Association, Inc.	South Buffalo Lighthouse Restoration & Reuse Project –Phase II	\$129,300
Buffalo Lighthouse Association, Inc.	Lighthouse Point Site Enhancement & Bike path Enhancement – Phase II	\$116,135
Buffalo Museum of Science	Visitor Center Improvements – Phase II	\$207,450
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	Cazenovia Park Shoreline and Trails Rehabilitation Project, Phase 3	\$537,000
City of Buffalo	LaSalle Park Design and Waterfront Access	\$500,000
Town of Grand Island	Bicentennial Park-Scenic Woods Phase I &IA	\$117,860

In addition to the 2016 awards, two multi-year projects received additional funds for on-going work:

Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Multi-Year Fund Grants - 2016 Funding		
Agency	Project Name	Amount

City of Buffalo	Jesse Kregal-Shoreline Trail Connector	\$360,000
Buffalo Olmstead Parks Conservancy	Scajaquada Trail- Phase 5 Delaware Park Rumsey Woods	\$140,000

The Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee has awarded approximately \$20 million since its first awards in 2008.

More information on the Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee can be found at:
<http://niagara.nypa.gov/RelicensingGreenwayFunds/BuffaloErieGreenway/BEdefault.htm>.

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