

Niagara River Greenway Ecological Fund Application Checklist

Project Name: _____

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Niagara River Greenway Ecological Fund Standing Committee

Application for:

Regional Economic Growth Through Ecological Restoration of the Niagara Gorge Rim, hereafter referred to as "The Restoration Plan."

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I. Project Information

Project Sponsor/Organization

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II. Evidence of Consultation

Niagara River Greenway Commission consistency letter attached.

Municipal consultation, Letter of Support from the Mayor, City of Niagara Falls, attached.

State Agency consultation and support comments from NYSDOS, and NYSDEC are attached. NYSOPR, NYSDOT, and ESDC all voted consistent and supported the application to the Commission. The consistency vote was unanimous.

The study supports the Federal goals and objectives as delineated in the National Park Service Heritage Area proposal.

III. Operation and Maintenance Plan

The proposed project is a study and as such, an O and M Plan is not required. Task 6 of the study, Management Guidelines, will recommend appropriate administrative structures and guidelines for the long-term care, oversight and Operation and Maintenance of the Restoration Plan.

IV. Description of Project Consistency with the Niagara River Greenway Plan

The purpose of the Greenway is to redefine the Niagara riverfront through increasing landside access to the river, creating greenway access from the river, augmenting economic revitalization efforts, and celebrating the region's heritage. The Restoration Plan meets these goals and vision of the Niagara River Greenway Plan and supports many community plans, as well as the goals of the newly released (2009-2013) NYS Historic Preservation Plan. A complete copy of the Restoration Plan application as submitted to the Greenway Commission is attached.

The Restoration Plan serves to advance the Niagara River Greenway vision including the goals, principles, and criteria that define the vision. Page 10 through 16 of the Greenway application clearly demonstrates how the proposed project aligns with the Niagara River Greenway Plan.

The Restoration Plan meets all **eleven** guiding principles of the Niagara River Greenway. The Restoration Plan will incorporate and promote the Niagara River goals that are designed to help fulfill the vision for the Greenway. The Restoration Plan meets all **seven** of the Greenway goals. The Restoration Plan meets **all ten** Greenway criteria. Wild Ones Niagara is providing matching in-kind dollars through Administration. Wild Ones will obtain additional matching funds as the project moves into implementation to meet this last criteria.

The Restoration Plan will provide clear economic benefits related to eco, heritage and creative tourism.

V. Description of Consistency with State and Federal Laws and Regulations

The study will build upon existing data bases, studies, and plans prepared by the City, Towns, Villages, County, State, and NYPA (as part of the FERC process). All projects identified in Task 7 Implementation Plan will be subject to applicable SEQR and NEPA requirements.

VI. Description of Efforts/Opportunities for Matching Fund

Other funding sources will be pursued including the Community Foundation, the National Association of Olmsted Parks, Oshei Foundation, Wendt Foundation, Joy Foundation, Resources Legacy Fund, National Park Resources Conservation Service, Grants.gov, and public/private partnerships. The administration of this work by Wild Ones is being donated as a matching in-kind effort. The technical expertise of Patricia Eckel, Botanist, is also being donated as a matching in-kind effort.

VII. Description of Current and Proposed Project Area Land Ownership

The Restoration Plan area begins at the Main Street and First Street intersection in the City of Niagara Falls and ends at Center Street in the Village of Lewiston. The east/west limits are the Niagara River and the urbanized neighborhoods or boundaries of the City of Niagara Falls, and the Village and Town of Lewiston. The attached Regional and Study Area Location Maps provide a visual representation of the project area and the surrounding context. (Maps included in the original Greenway application).

Unlike previous plans and studies, this Restoration Plan will provide a regional, comprehensive approach, which supersedes political boundaries to provide sustainable benefits for the Niagara Gorge Rim area. The jurisdiction and current ownership includes: NYSOPR, City of Niagara Falls, Town of Lewiston, Village of Lewiston, Niagara University, NYPA, and the NF Bridge Commission.

VIII. Detailed Project Budget

The Restoration Plan's general costs are broken down as follows:

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| Planning | \$ | 140,000.00 |
| Construction | \$ | N/A |
| Acquisition | \$ | N/A |
| Administration | \$ | N/A |
| Operation and Maintenance / Year | \$ | N/A |
| TOTAL PROJECT COST | \$ | 140,000.00 |

The breakdown of the Planning costs is as follows:

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| Gorge Inventory | Task 1 | \$ | 9,000.00 |
| Gorge Rim Inventory | Task 2 | \$ | 18,000.00 |
| Restoration Plan | Task 3 | \$ | 22,000.00 |
| Circulation Plan | Task 4 | \$ | 15,000.00 |
| Park Urban Interface | Task 5 | \$ | 10,000.00 |
| Management Guidelines | Task 6 | \$ | 8,000.00 |
| Implementation Plan | Task 7 | \$ | 8,000.00 |
| Graphics Plan and Simulations | Task 8 | \$ | 15,000.00 |
| Economic Input | Task 9 | \$ | 15,000.00 |
| Video Presentation | Task 10 | \$ | 20,000.00 |

A detailed description of each work task can be found in the Greenway application that is attached.