

Western New York Land Conservancy



Preserving land for
future generations

Lake Ontario

★ Stella
Niagara
Preserve

Niagara Falls

Buffalo

Lake Erie



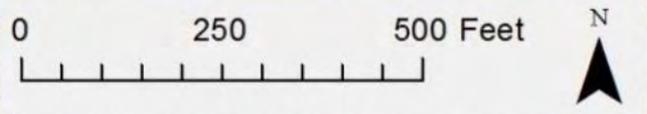
Niagara River

Property Boundary
(29-acre portion of
130-acre property)

Stella Niagara
Education Park

Pletcher Rd

Lower River Rd



Data Source: Niagara County Parcels 2009



Process Accomplishments

- GESC and HERF funds in two escrow accounts.
- Property subdivision
- Purchase contract signed in July 2014 with a commitment to close before 6/1/15



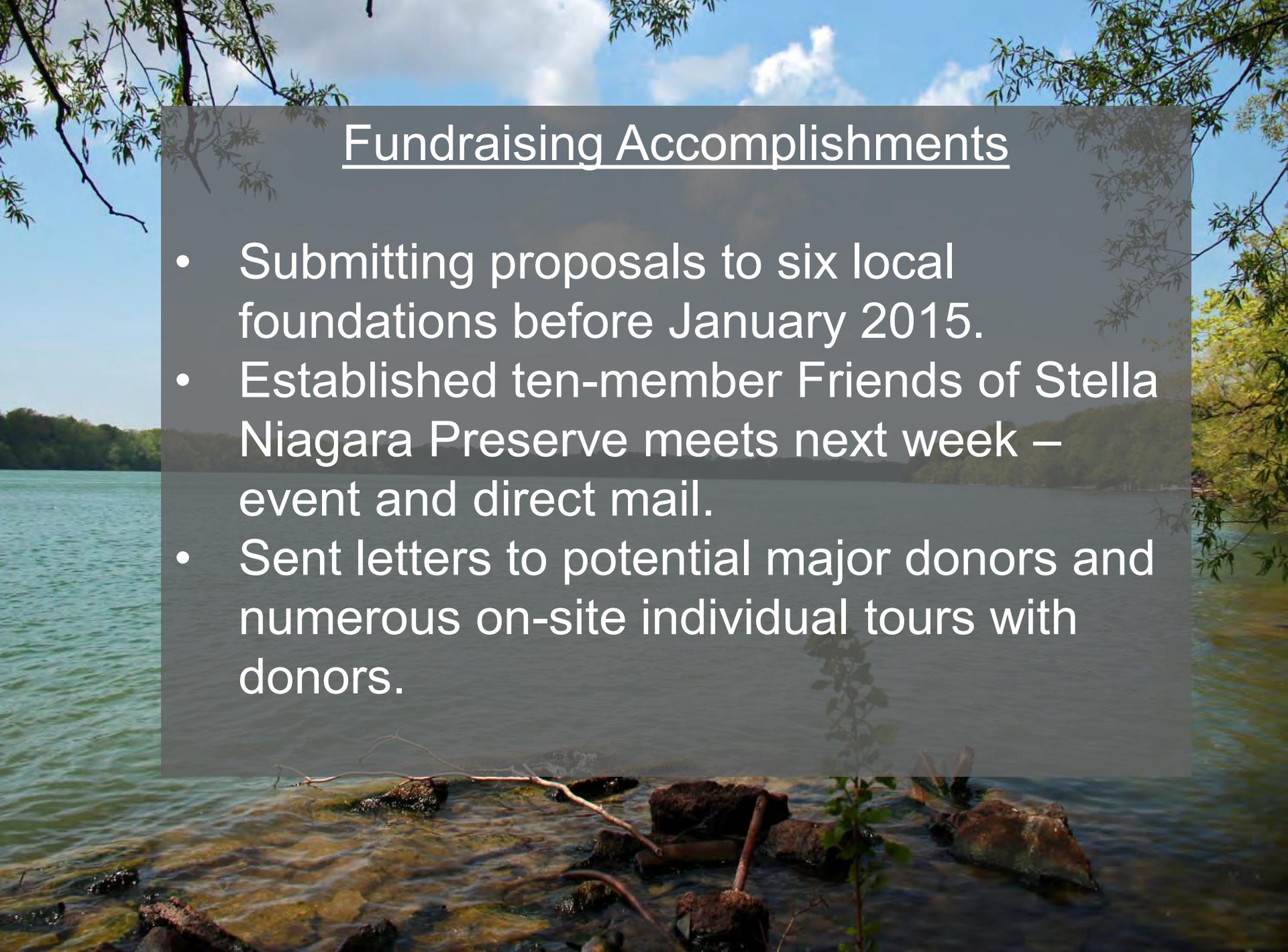


Fundraising Accomplishments

- \$300,000 USFW – GLRI grant awarded.
- \$35,000 in contribution from individual donors
- Expect to hear next week on \$50,000 request from a family foundation.

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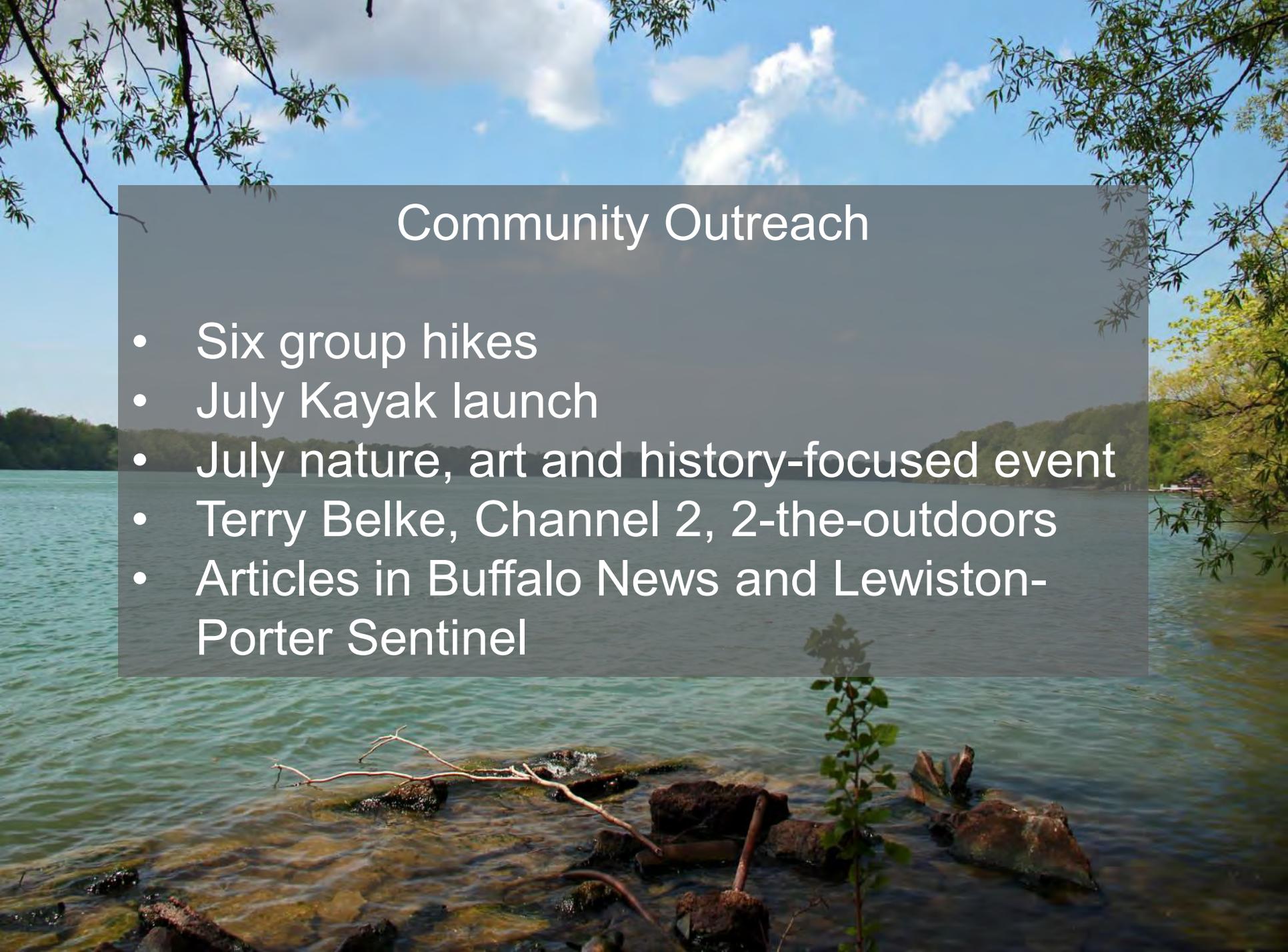
- Developed case statement
- Being considered for funding from Town of Lewiston and pursuing funds from Niagara County.
- Pre-application submitted to WNY Power Proceeds Allocation Board.
- Numerous meetings with potential partners/funders e.g. Christina Orsi (ESD)



Fundraising Accomplishments

- Submitting proposals to six local foundations before January 2015.
- Established ten-member Friends of Stella Niagara Preserve meets next week – event and direct mail.
- Sent letters to potential major donors and numerous on-site individual tours with donors.





Community Outreach

- Six group hikes
- July Kayak launch
- July nature, art and history-focused event
- Terry Belke, Channel 2, 2-the-outdoors
- Articles in Buffalo News and Lewiston-Porter Sentinel













































Michael the Archangel defeating the devil











FUNDING RECAP

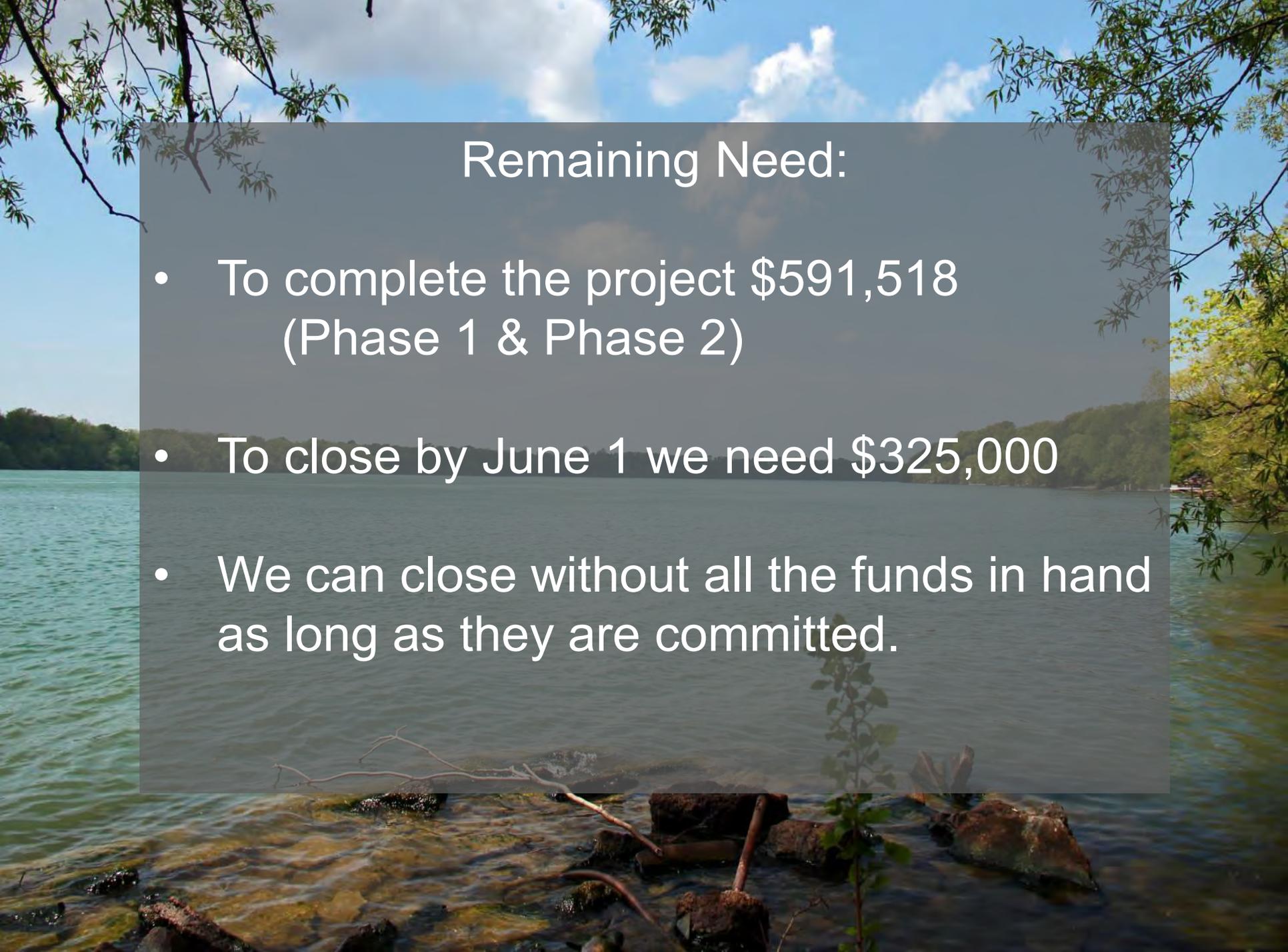
Project Budget: \$3.27 million

- \$2,320,000 for acquisition
- \$223,000 for public access and habitat restoration
- \$592,000 for stewardship fund
- \$135,000 for planning and administrative costs



Current successes:

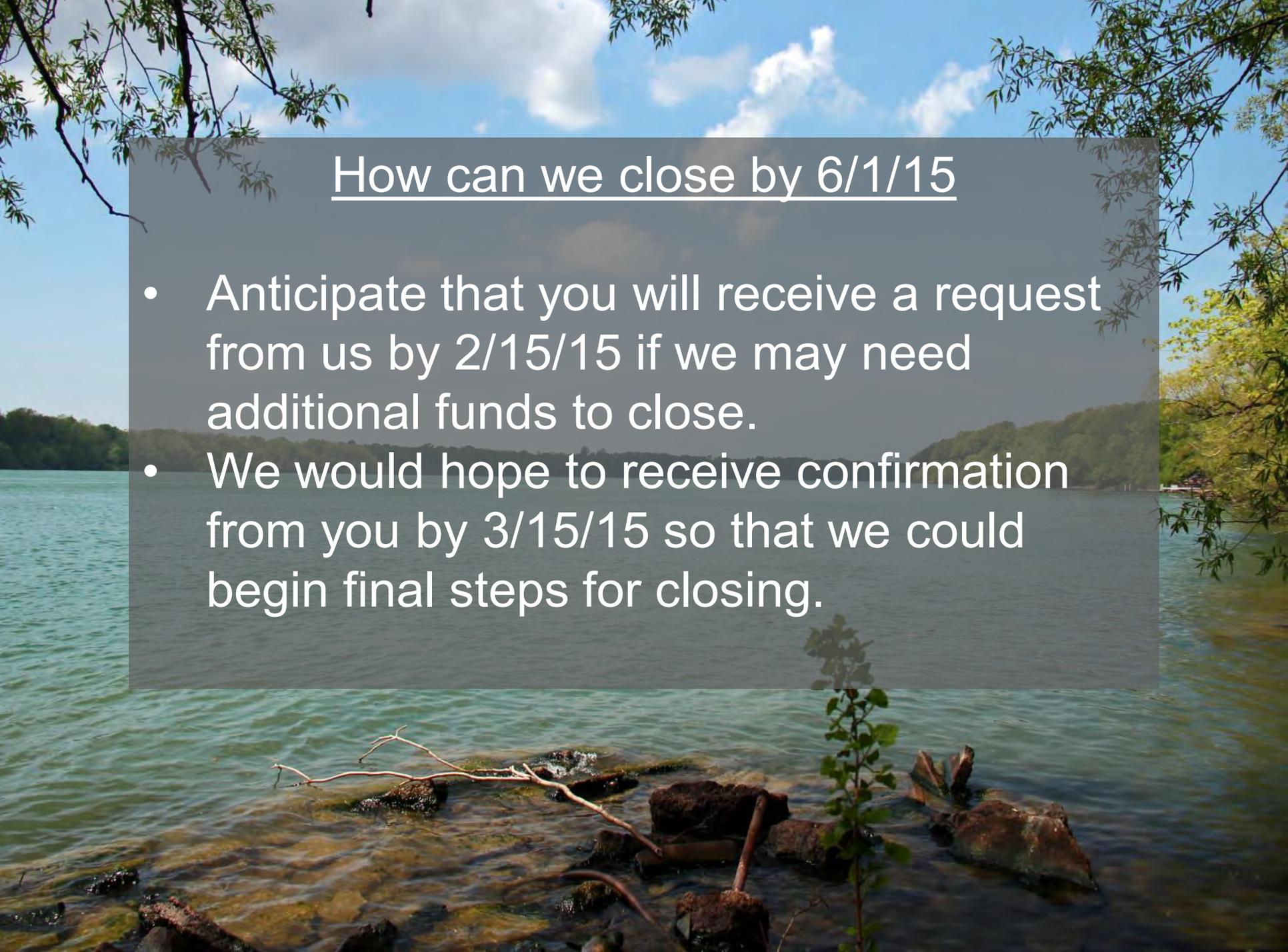
- Ecological Standing Committee \$500,000
- HERF \$1,843,487
- USFW – GLRI \$300,000
- Private donors \$35,000
- Total: \$2,678,487

A scenic view of a lake with a semi-transparent text overlay. The background shows a calm body of water with a forested shoreline in the distance. In the foreground, there are dark rocks and some green plants. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The text overlay is a dark grey rectangle with white text.

Remaining Need:

- To complete the project \$591,518 (Phase 1 & Phase 2)
- To close by June 1 we need \$325,000
- We can close without all the funds in hand as long as they are committed.





How can we close by 6/1/15

- Anticipate that you will receive a request from us by 2/15/15 if we may need additional funds to close.
- We would hope to receive confirmation from you by 3/15/15 so that we could begin final steps for closing.



Niagara Escarpment Legacy Project





Thank you

