

# AGENDA

## HOST COMMUNITIES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 - 12:00 p.m.

Niagara County Department of Economic Development  
6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Sanborn, New York 14132

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**Representative:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Cynthia Bianco, - City of NF Schools, *Chairperson/Secretary*  
\_\_\_\_\_ Paul Casseri - Lewiston-Porter School  
\_\_\_\_\_ Paul A. Dyster - City of Niagara Falls  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lee Wallace - Town of Niagara  
\_\_\_\_\_ Allison Brady - Niagara Wheatfield School  
\_\_\_\_\_ William L. Ross - Niagara County  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dennis Brochey - Town of Lewiston  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lou Paonessa - New York Power Authority

**Alternate:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Angelo Massaro, Esq.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vacant  
\_\_\_\_\_ Thomas O'Donnell, Esq.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Michael Risman, Esq.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Scott Hapeman, Esq.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Burgasser, Esq.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vacant  
\_\_\_\_\_ Carol Sampson

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### AGENDA

1. Call to Order - *C. Bianco*
2. Roll Call - *M. Melloni*
3. Pledge of Allegiance - *C. Bianco*
4. Introductions - *C. Bianco*
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2015 - *C. Bianco*
6. Presentation: 3-Year Audit of Host Community Standing Committee - *Patrick Brown, Brown & Company*
7. Niagara County
  - 7.1 Proposed Adaptive Paddle Sport Launch System, Pendleton West Canal Marina & Park- *Kevin O'Brien, Commissioner of Public Works*  
(Determined Consistent by NRCG on 7/21/2015; Approved for funding in the amount of \$31,500 by Niagara County Legislature on 8/04/2015)
  - 7.2 Wheatfield River Road Trail - Phase 2 - *Robert Cliffe, Supervisor, Town of Wheatfield*  
(Determined Consistent by NRCG on 7/21/2015; Approved for funding in the amount of \$70,000 by Niagara County Legislature on 8/04/2015)
8. Town of Niagara
  - 8.1 Splash Pad at Veterans' Memorial Park - *Bernie Rotella*  
(Approved for funding in the amount of \$353,840 by Niagara Town Board on 7/09/2015; Determined Consistent by NRCG on 9/15/2015)

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**9. Town of Lewiston**

- 9.1 Kiwanis Park Courts Restoration Project 2015 – B. Rotella/M. Dashineau  
(Approved for funding in the amount of \$45,000 by Lewiston Town Board on  
3/09/2015; Determined Consistent by NRGC on 9/15/2015)**
- 9.2 Colonial Village Park Playground Project 2015 – B. Rotella/M. Dashineau  
(Approved for funding in the amount of \$ 55,000 by Lewiston Town Board on  
3/09/2015; Determined Consistent by NRGC on 9/15/2015)**
- 9.3 Academy Park Ice Rink – Additional Funding - B. Rotella/M. Dashineau  
(Determined Consistent by NRGC on 9/20/2011; Requesting Additional  
Funding in the amount of \$126,640)**

**Previous Funding Requests:**

- 10/04/2011 - \$134,000 (Original Request)**
- 1/14/2013 - \$156,640 (2012 Lease Payment)**
- 12/03/2013 - \$156,640 (2013 Lease Payment)**
- 9/30/2014 - \$205,220 (2014 – Lease Buyout)**

**10. Any Other Matters**

- 10.1 Minutes of NRGC Meetings: July 21, 2015 & September 15, 2015  
(Informational Only)**

- 11. Next Meeting: December 1, 2015 - 12:00 p.m.**

- 12. Adjournment**

# 7.1

## **Proposed Adaptive Paddle Sport Launch System**

**West Canal Marina & Park**

**Town of Pendleton**

*To Review Complete Application, go to:*

<http://www.niagaragreenway.org/?q=previously-submitted-projects>

Host Community Project Number: HCSC-15-007

Date Submitted: 10-06-15

### Host Communities Standing Committee Review Form

#### PROJECT SPONSOR INFORMATION:

Name: Niagara County Parks

Mailing Address: 59 Park Avenue

State: Lockport, New York Zip Code: 14094

#### PROJECT TYPE

- Check all that apply:
- |  |   |   |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Heritage  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land or Water Public Access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational/Interpretive    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waterfront or Land Based Development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signage |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreational                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other   |   |

Project Name: Proposed Adaptive Paddle Sport Launch System

Location: Pendleton West Canal Marina & Park

Site Address: Tonawand Creek & Townline Road

State: New York Zip Code: 14120

Minor Civil Divison(s): Pendleton

County: Niagara

Project Proponent Property Interest (own, lease, easement or other):

Owned by the State of New York and leased to Niagara County Parks

**AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL**

**Name:** Jeff Glatz **Title:** County Manager

**Business Address:** 59 Park Avenue, Lockport

**State:** New York **Zip Code:** 14094

**Telephone Number:** 716-439-7006 **Cell Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** jeff.glatz@niagaracounty.com

**PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT**

**Name:** Kevin O'Brien **Title:** Commissioner of Public Works

**Business Address:** 59 Park Avenue, Lockport

**State:** New York **Zip Code:** 14094

**Telephone Number:** 716-439-7242 **Cell Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** kevin.obrien@niagaracounty.com

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**TOWN OF PENDLETON**

Terry J Pienta, Town Clerk

6570 Campbell Blvd. Lockport, NY 14094  
716-625-8833 ext. 12 Fax: 716-625-6295  
tpienta@pendletonny.us

**TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF NEW YORK

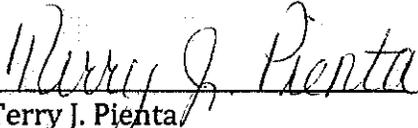
SS:

COUNTY OF NIAGARA

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Town of Pendleton, Niagara County, New York,  
DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

THAT I have compared the attached proceedings of the Town Board of said  
Town, including the Resolution contained therein with the originals thereof on file in my  
office and that the same are true and correct copies of said originals and of the whole  
of said originals so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of  
said Town this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2015.

  
Terry J. Pienta  
Town Clerk of Pendleton

**RESOLUTION 64 - 15**

**SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PADDLE SPORT LAUNCH DOCK AT WEST CANAL MARINA**

Motion by Councilman Leible, seconded by Councilman Morrison, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Riester, Leible, Morrison, Jarvis  
Nays 0

**WHEREAS**, application is being made by Niagara County Parks for Greenway funding of the construction of a paddle sport launch dock located at Pendleton West Canal Marina & Park in the center of the Tonawanda Creek /Erie Canal Waterway Trail.

**WHEREAS**, the construction of said paddle sport launch dock being located on the Tonawanda Creek / Erie Canal Waterway Trail, which trail is in the Greenway Community in Western New York, will provide much needed usage to those traveling the Tonawanda Creek/Erie Canal Waterway Trail, thereby contributing to the economic development and tourism to those communities located on the Tonawanda Creek / Erie Canal Waterway Trail, including the Town of Pendleton, and

**WHEREAS**, said paddle sport launch dock fits into the Master Plan adopted by the Town of Pendleton, NY and moreover fits into the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, and

**WHEREAS**, West Canal Marina & Park since its opening has been the catalyst for the renewal of economic growth in the region by drawing hundreds of local and regional Scouts Troops, Area Youth Groups and the general public in utilizing this unique park site for nature hiking, picnicking, boating, or canoeing, and

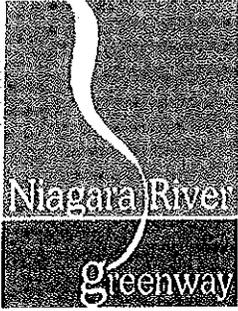
**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pendleton is desirous of supporting said application for Greenway Funding for the construction of said paddle sport launch dock for the above reasons, and

**WHEREAS**, the construction of said paddle sport launch dock will be in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Pendleton and those traveling the Tonawanda Creek / Erie Canal Waterways Trail.

**Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED**

That the Town of Pendleton does hereby approve of and support the application of the Niagara County Parks for Greenway Funding for the construction of a paddle sport launch dock at West Canal Marina & Park, Pendleton, New York.

Adopted 04-13-2015



July 23, 2015

Jeff Glatz  
Niagara County  
59 Park Ave.  
Lockport, NY 14094

Dear County Manger Glatz:

The Niagara River Greenway Commission is pleased to support the Pendleton West Canal Marina and Park Consultation and Review package.

The project was deemed consistent to the Niagara River Greenway Plan as determined by the Niagara River Greenway Commission on July 21, 2015. The subjective evaluations were been based on the principals, goals and criteria that define the Niagara River Greenway Plan.

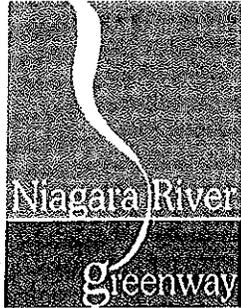
The Commission is pleased to support your project proposal and wishes you great success.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Stevens". To the right of the signature is a small circular stamp or mark.

Greg Stevens  
Chairman, Niagara River Greenway

Cc: Niagara County Power Coalition  
Mark Thomas, Director Western District  
Lou Paonessa, NYPA



**COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMISSION MEMBERS**

1. Are there other sources of funding being considered?
2. Is this an Erie Canal project?
3. What is the connectivity to the Greenway?

**NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**FROM:** Legislators Richard L. Andres, Kathryn L. Lance, Anthony J. Nemi, et al. **DATE:** 08/04/15 **RESOLUTION #** IL-093-15  
and Parks, Recreation & Tourism Ad hoc Committee

<b>APPROVED</b>	<b>REVIEWED</b>	<b>COMMITTEE ACTION</b>	<b>LEGISLATIVE ACTION</b>
<b>CO. ATTORNEY</b>	<b>CO. MANAGER</b>	<u>Ad hoc - 5/20/15</u>	Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes <u>0</u>
	_____	_____	Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Referred: _____

**SUPPORT FOR THE NIAGARA COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT  
PROPOSED ADAPTIVE PADDLE SPORT LAUNCH SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Niagara Power Coalition ("NPC") and the New York Power Authority agreed to a licensing settlement for the next 50 years for the Niagara Power Project, and

WHEREAS, that settlement allows Niagara County to receive, through NPC Host Community Standing Committee ("HCSC"), up to \$390,000 annually to fund projects which are found to be consistent with the Niagara Greenway projects along the Greenway Trail, and

WHEREAS, the Erie Canal waterfront is a shared natural, scenic and recreational asset for Niagara County and the Town of Pendleton where great strides have been taken by both communities to work collaboratively to study, plan and implement development and preservation efforts that will enhance accessibility while maintaining the natural integrity of the area, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Parks Department is proposing to improve waterfront access and recreational opportunities offered to the community at the West Canal Marina & Park site, which proposal is the next step in utilizing greenway funds to execute the goals of the Niagara County Comprehensive Plan and the comprehensive plan in the "Vision for the Amherst/Pendleton Waterfront Revitalization Area," and

WHEREAS, Niagara County Parks has a series of parks throughout the County, which serve families of Niagara County and Western New York, and includes the West Canal Marina & Park, a 30-acre park that features a marina, parkland and a natural open space and is open to all residents and youth groups for hiking, nature study, wildlife and conservation training, camping, kayaking, boating, canoeing, soccer and archery, and

WHEREAS, the current proposal is the installation of a kayak, canoe launch and special access fishing dock, transforming the existing site condition by dedicating one boat launch ramp and creating a safer and handicap accessible pathway, and

WHEREAS, the West Canal Marina & Park Paddle Sport Launch Project meets the guiding principles of the Niagara River Greenway Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara River Greenway Commission's guiding principles promote high-quality, ecologically sensitive and sustainable activities and development, and

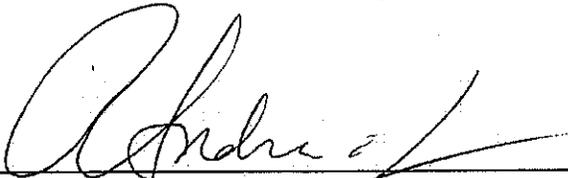
WHEREAS, the proposed West Canal Marina & Park Paddle Sport Launch Project will increase access to the County's waterfront and parks, restoring environmental integrity, and

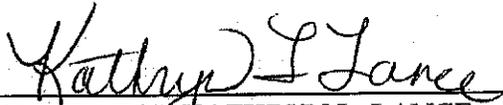
WHEREAS, Niagara County Parks' request has the support and approval of the Town of Pendleton, and

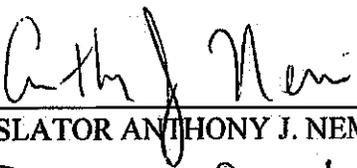
WHEREAS, the ad hoc committee for recreation and tourism fund appointed by the Niagara County Legislature to review projects brought to Niagara County seeking funding from Niagara County through the Niagara Power Coalition and the Host Community Standing Committee has recommended that Niagara County approve and support this project, and

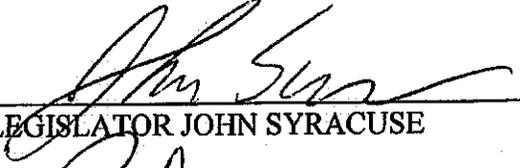
WHEREAS, the County of Niagara is to be complimented on the ability to utilize the Greenway available funds for this and other projects, now, therefore, be it

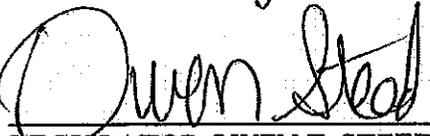
RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature does hereby support and sponsor the funding of \$31,500.000 for the County of Niagara Adaptive Paddle Sport Launch System for the West Canal Marina & Park when presented to the Niagara Power Coalition – Host Community Standing Committee.

  
LEGISLATOR RICHARD ANDRES

  
LEGISLATOR KATHRYN L. LANCE

  
LEGISLATOR ANTHONY J. NEMI

  
LEGISLATOR JOHN SYRACUSE

  
LEGISLATOR OWEN T. STEED

  
PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM  
AD HOC COMMITTEE

  
LEGISLATOR DAVID E. GODFREY

# **7.2**

## **Wheatfield River Road Trail**

### **Phase 2**

#### **Town of Wheatfield**

*To Review Complete Application, go to:*

<http://www.niagaragreenway.org/?q=previously-submitted-projects>

Host Community Project Number: HCSC-15-006

Date Submitted: 10-06-15

### Host Communities Standing Committee Review Form

#### PROJECT SPONSOR INFORMATION:

Name: Town of Wheatfield  
Mailing Address: 2800 Church Road, North Tonawanda  
State: New York Zip Code: 14120

#### PROJECT TYPE

Check all that apply:  Environmental  Cultural/Heritage  Land or Water Public Access  
 Cultural  Trail  Educational/Interpretive  
 Waterfront or Land Based Development  Signage  
 Recreational  Other

Project Name: Wheatfield River Road Trail Phase 2  
Location: Town of Wheatfield  
Site Address: River Road  
State: New York Zip Code: 14120  
Minor Civil Divison(s): Town of Wheatfield  
County: Niagara

Project Proponent Property Interest (own, lease, easement or other):

The Town of Wheatfield will obtain all necessary easements for the trail property

**AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL**

**Name:** Robert B. Cliffe **Title:** Supervisor

**Business Address:** 2800 Church Road, North Tonawanda

**State:** New York **Zip Code:** 14120

**Telephone Number:** 716-694-6440 **Cell Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** 716-694-5414

**E-Mail Address:** rbcliffe@aol.com

**PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT**

**Name:** Robert B. Cliffe **Title:** Supervisor

**Business Address:** 2800 Church Road, North Tonawanda

**State:** New York **Zip Code:** 14120

**Telephone Number:** 716-694-6440 **Cell Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** 716-694-5414

**E-Mail Address:** rbcliffe@aol.com

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# Town of Wheatfield, NY

*Where Else?*

## Town of Wheatfield AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

I, Kathleen Harrington-McDonell, elected Town Clerk of The Town of Wheatfield, 2800 Church Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, do hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Town of Wheatfield held on September 8, 2014 at 7:30 pm, and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect:

Resolved: Moved by Councilman Helwig and seconded by Councilman Doucet to authorize the following:

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to continue the process of acquiring the funds to complete the River Road Trail project. This is an asphalt construction project that will complete River Road Trail that will connect Gratwick Park in North Tonawanda with Griffon Park in Niagara Falls. This trail is located along the Niagara River Greenway (Seaway Trail) on River Road RT 265/384.

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to provide this type of facility to residents at the lowest possible cost to the Town and Town taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to apply for financial assistance from the Niagara River Greenway Niagara County Ad HOC, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board commits to providing the required local matching funds to insure the timely implementation of the proposed project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and submits an application for the Niagara River Greenway Niagara County Ad HOC funds for the River Road Trail in the amount of \$600,000.00 (\$150,000.00 per year over four years), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign all documents and agreements related to the Niagara River Greenway Niagara County Ad HOC application

RESOLVED, That Robert Cliffe, as Supervisor of the Town of Wheatfield, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the Niagara River Greenway Niagara County Ad HOC, and execute a project agreement for such financial assistance to the Town of Wheatfield for the proposed Town of Wheatfield River Road Trail Project.

**This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 – NAYS 0.**

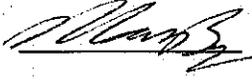
Kathleen Harrington-McDonell  
Town Clerk

Seal of Municipality

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislators Richard L. Andres, DATE: 08/04/15 RESOLUTION # IL-091-15  
Kathryn L. Lance, Anthony J. Nemi, et al.  
and Parks Recreation & Tourism Ad hoc Committee

APPROVED REVIEWED COMMITTEE ACTION LEGISLATIVE ACTION  
CO. ATTORNEY CO. MANAGER Ad hoc - 5/20/15 Approved: Ayes Abs. Noes 0  
Rejected: Ayes Abs. Noes  
Referred:



SUPPORT FOR THE WHEATFIELD RIVER ROAD TRAIL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Niagara Power Coalition ("NPC") and the New York Power Authority agreed to a licensing settlement for the next 50 years for the Niagara Power Project, and

WHEREAS, that settlement allows Niagara County to receive, through NPC Host Community Standing Committee ("HCSC"), up to \$390,000 annually to fund projects which are found to be consistent with the Niagara Greenway projects along the Greenway Trail, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield has made application to the Niagara County's Ad Hoc Committee on Recreation and Tourism for Greenway funds to support Phase 2 of the Town of Wheatfield River Road Trail Project, and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be utilized by the Town of Wheatfield to complete the construction of the trail Project and install interpretive signage, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield's application for Phase 2 of the River Road Trail Project will establish continuous recreational trails between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario by linking existing trails at Gratwick Park in North Tonawanda with Griffon Park in Niagara Falls and provide interpretive signage which will highlight the importance of Niagara, its rich history and provide those who utilize the trail with information about the area, and

WHEREAS, this project will provide recreational opportunities for hikers, joggers and cyclists from the community as well as visitors, and will also draw local citizens and tourists by providing waterfront access to the Niagara River which will offer on-shore fishing, pristine natural beauty and scenic vistas, and

WHEREAS, this project enhances the quality of life for our residents and visitors alike, and

WHEREAS, the tourists, visitors and residents it will attract will cause a positive economic impact in the Town and County, and

WHEREAS, the application is requesting \$150,000 per year over four years to be utilized, for a total project cost of \$600,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield River Road Trail Project has the support and approval of Legislator David Godfrey, Senator Robert Ort, Congressman Chris Collins, along with various organizations in the Town of Wheatfield, and

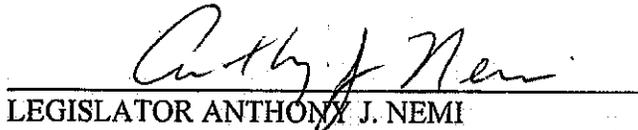
WHEREAS, the ad hoc committee for recreation and tourism fund appointed by the Niagara County Legislature to review projects brought to Niagara County seeking funding from Niagara County through the Niagara Power Coalition and the Host Community Standing Committee; has recommended that Niagara County approve and support this project, and

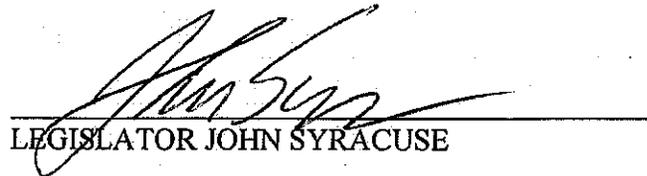
WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield has utilized great effort and is complimented for being able to receive additional funds to lower its actual request for funds, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature does hereby support and sponsor the funding of \$70,000.00 for the Town of Wheatfield's Phase 2 of the River Road Trail Project when presented to the Niagara Power Coalition and the Host Community Standing Committee.

  
LEGISLATOR RICHARD L. ANDRES

  
LEGISLATOR KATHRYN L. LANCE

  
LEGISLATOR ANTHONY J. NEMI

  
LEGISLATOR JOHN SYRACUSE

  
LEGISLATOR OWEN T. STEED

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PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM  
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LEGISLATOR DAVID E. GODFREY

# 8.1

## **Splash Pad at Veterans' Memorial Park Town of Niagara**

*To Review Complete Application, go to:*

**<http://www.niagaragreenway.org/?q=previously-submitted-projects>**

Host Community Project Number: HCSC-15-008

Date Submitted: 10-06-15

### Host Communities Standing Committee Review Form

**PROJECT SPONSOR INFORMATION:**

Name: Town of Niagara

Mailing Address: 7105 Lockport Road

State: Niagara Falls, NY Zip Code: 14305

**PROJECT TYPE**

Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> Land or Water Public Access
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	<input type="checkbox"/> Educational/Interpretive
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waterfront or Land Based Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Signage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreational	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Project Name: Splash Park at Niagara's Veterans Memorial Park

Location: Town of Niagara

Site Address: 7000 Lockport Road

State: New York Zip Code: 14305

Minor Civil Divison(s): Town of Niagara

County: Niagara

**Project Proponent Property Interest (own, lease, easement or other):**

Veterans Memorial Pk is a Town Park; therefore the Tn of Niagara owns the property in interest and is responsible for its annual operation and maintenance.

**AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL**

**Name:** Lee Wallace **Title:** Town Supervisor

**Business Address:** 7105 Lockport Road

**State:** Niagara Falls, NY **Zip Code:** 14305

**Telephone Number:** 716-297-2150, Ext. 136 **Cell Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** 716-297-9262

**E-Mail Address:** lwallace@townofniagara.com

**PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT**

**Name:** Lee Wallace **Title:** Town Supervisor

**Business Address:** 7105 Lockport Road

**State:** Niagara Falls, NY **Zip Code:** 14305

**Telephone Number:** 716-297-2150, Ext. 136 **Cell Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** 716-297-9262

**E-Mail Address:** lwallace@townofniagara.com

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**TOWN OF NIAGARA**

**July 9, 2015**

**7p.m.**

7105 Lockport Road  
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

**Minutes**

At a Special Town of Niagara Town Board meeting conducted at  
The Town Hall, 7105 Lockport Road, Town of Niagara,  
New York 14305, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015

Present: Supervisor Lee Wallace, Deputy Supervisor Chuck Teixeira, Councilman Danny Sklarski, Councilman, Marc Carpenter.

At 7:15 pm Councilman Teixeira motions to go into a Special Town Board Meeting to conduct required timely business matters, second by Councilman Sklarski. All in favor. Motion carried.

1. Resolution to approve the prepayment of NYSID for Data Imaging and Conversion in the amount of \$35,048.75. This is part of a Federal Grant to the Court System and payment will be reimbursed.

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira, second by Councilman Sklarski. All in favor.  
Motion carried.

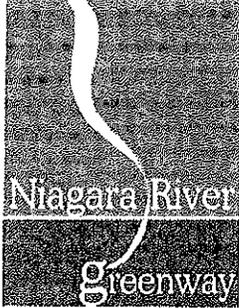
2. Whereas, the Town of Niagara wishes to construct an approximately 3,300 square foot splash pad in the Town – owned Veterans park, and Whereas, project would greatly benefit the Town residents and users of the Town Park during the summer months, and Whereas, the Town Engineer has designed the project and estimated the total project cost at \$353,840.00, and Whereas the Town wishes to fund the project using Niagara River Greenway Funding and the Town's funding allocation through the Niagara Power Coalition, it is hereby Resolved, that the Town of Niagara hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to submit an application to the Niagara River Greenway Commission, the Niagara Power Coalition and the Host Community Standing Committee for funding of a Veterans park Splash Pad Project for the estimated capital cost of \$353,849.00.

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira, second by Councilman Sklarski. All in favor.  
Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:20pm by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Sklarski. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Minutes as dictated by Lee Wallace, prepared by Sylvia Virtuoso, Town Clerk



September 16, 2015

Supervisor Lee Wallace  
7105 Lockport Rd.  
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

Dear Supervisor Wallace:

The Niagara River Greenway Commission is pleased to support the Veterans' Memorial Park Consultation and Review package.

The project was deemed consistent to the Niagara River Greenway Plan as determined by the Niagara River Greenway Commission on September 15, 2015. The subjective evaluations were based on the principals, goals and criteria that define the Niagara River Greenway Plan.

The Commission is pleased to support your project proposal and wishes you great success.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Stevens" with a circled "15" to the right.

Greg Stevens  
Chairman, Niagara River Greenway

Cc: Niagara County Power Coalition  
Mark Thomas, Director Western District  
Lou Paonessa, NYPA

# 9.1

## **Kiwanis Park Court Restoration Project - 2015**

**Town of Lewiston**

*To Review Complete Application, go to:*

<http://www.niagaragreenway.org/?q=previously-submitted-projects>

Host Community Project Number: HCSC-15-009

Date Submitted: 6-02-15

### Host Communities Standing Committee Review Form

#### PROJECT SPONSOR INFORMATION:

Name: Town of Lewiston

Mailing Address: 1375 Ridge Road, Lewiston

State: New York Zip Code: 14092

#### PROJECT TYPE

Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> Land or Water Public Access
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	<input type="checkbox"/> Educational/Interpretive
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waterfront or Land Based Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Signage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreational	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Project Name: Kiwanis Park Courts Resoration Project 2015

Location: Lewiston, Adjacent to Niagara River

Site Address: 940 Oxbow Lane, Lewiston

State: New York Zip Code: 14092

Minor Civil Divison(s): Lewiston

County: Niagara

Project Proponent Property Interest (own, lease, easement or other):

Owned by the Town of Lewiston

**AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL**

**Name:** Dennis J. Brochey **Title:** Supervisor

**Business Address:** 1375 Ridge Road, Lewiston

**State:** New York **Zip Code:** 14092

**Telephone Number:** 716-754-8213 **Cell Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** 716-754-2821

**E-Mail Address:** supervisor@townoflewiston.us

**PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT**

**Name:** Michael Dashineau **Title:** Director of Recreation

**Business Address:** 1375 Ridge Road, Lewiston

**State:** New York **Zip Code:** 14092

**Telephone Number:** 716-754-8213 **Cell Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** 716-754-2821

**E-Mail Address:** dash3640@aol.com

*If you have any questions regarding this form, please call 716-278-8760 for assistance.*

Town of Lewiston  
**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**  
*March 9, 2015*  
For the Niagara River Greenway for  
Kiwanis Park Courts Restoration

I, Donna Garfinkel, Town Clerk of the Town of Lewiston located at 1375 Ridge Road Lewiston, NY 14092, do hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted at a special Town Board meeting of the Town of Lewiston held on *March 9, 2015*, and is incorporated in the original minutes of the said meeting and that the said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to acquiring the funds to complete Town of Lewiston, Kiwanis Park Court Restoration

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to provide this type of amenity to residents at the lowest possible cost to the Town and Town taxpayers, and

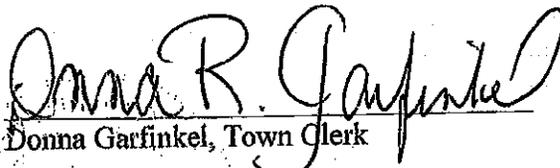
WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to apply for financial assistance from the Niagara River Greenway, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board commits to providing the required local matching funds to insure the timely implementation of the proposed project.

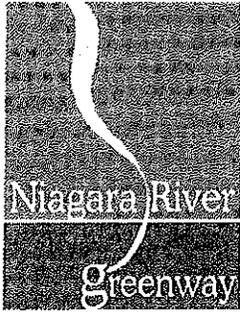
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and submits an application for the Niagara River Greenway funds for the Kiwanis Park Court Restoration in the amount of \$45,000 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign all documents and agreements related to the Niagara River Greenway Program application

RESOLVED, That Dennis J. Brochey, as Supervisor of the Town of Lewiston, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the Niagara River Greenway, and execute a project agreement for such financial assistance to the Town of Lewiston for the proposed Kiwanis Park Court Resoration.

  
Donna Garfinkel, Town Clerk

Seal of Municipality



September 16, 2015

Supervisor Dennis Brochey  
Town of Lewiston  
1375 Ridge Rd.  
Lewiston, NY 14092

Dear Supervisor Brochey:

The Niagara River Greenway Commission is pleased to support the Town of Lewiston's submissions for the Kiwanis Park Court Restoration project and the Colonial Village Park Playground project.

The projects were deemed consistent to the Niagara River Greenway Plan as determined by the Niagara River Greenway Commission on September 15, 2015. The subjective evaluations were based on the principals, goals and criteria that define the Niagara River Greenway Plan.

The Commission is pleased to support your project proposals and wishes you great success.

Respectfully,

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Greg Stevens  
Chairman, Niagara River Greenway

Cc: Niagara County Power Coalition  
Mark Thomas, Director Western District  
Lou Paonessa, NYPA

## **9.2**

# **Colonial Village Park Playground Project - 2015**

**Town of Lewiston**

*To Review Complete Application, go to:*

<http://www.niagaragreenway.org/?q=previously-submitted-projects>

Host Community Project Number: HCSC-15-010

Date Submitted: 6-02-15

### Host Communities Standing Committee Review Form

#### PROJECT SPONSOR INFORMATION:

Name: Town of Lewiston  
Mailing Address: 1375 Ridge Road, Lewiston  
State: New York Zip Code: 14092

#### PROJECT TYPE

Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> Land or Water Public Access
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	<input type="checkbox"/> Educational/Interpretive
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waterfront or Land Based Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Signage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreational	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Project Name: Colonial Village Park - Playground Project 2015  
Location: Route 31, Adjacent to Lewiston Fire Company #2  
Site Address: Town of Lewiston  
State: New York Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Minor Civil Divison(s): Town of Lewiston  
County: Niagara

Project Proponent Property Interest (own, lease, easement or other):

Owned by the Town of Lewiston

**AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL**

**Name:** Dennis J. Brochey **Title:** Supervisor

**Business Address:** 1375 Ridge Road, Lewiston

**State:** New York **Zip Code:** 14092

**Telephone Number:** 716-754-8213 **Cell Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** 716-754-2821

**E-Mail Address:** supervisor@townoflewiston.us

**PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT**

**Name:** Michael Dashineau **Title:** Director of Recreation

**Business Address:** 1375 Ridge Road, Lewiston

**State:** New York **Zip Code:** 14092

**Telephone Number:** 716-754-8213 **Cell Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Town of Lewiston  
**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**  
March 9 , 2015  
For the Niagara River Greenway for  
Colonial Village Playground Addition

I, Donna Garfinkel, Town Clerk of the Town of Lewiston located at 1375 Ridge Road Lewiston, NY 14092, do hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted at a special Town Board meeting of the Town of Lewiston held on *March 9, 2015*, and is incorporated in the original minutes of the said meeting and that the said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to acquiring the funds to complete Town of Lewiston, Colonial Village Playground Addition

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to provide this type of amenity to residents at the lowest possible cost to the Town and Town taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to apply for financial assistance from the Niagara River Greenway, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board commits to providing the required local matching funds to insure the timely implementation of the proposed project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and submits an application for the Niagara River Greenway funds for the Colonial Village Park Playground Addition in the amount of \$55,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign all documents and agreements related to the Niagara River Greenway Program application

RESOLVED, That Dennis J. Brochey, as Supervisor of the Town of Lewiston, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the Niagara River Greenway, and execute a project agreement for such financial assistance to the Town of Lewiston for the proposed Colonial Village Playground Addition.

  
Donna Garfinkel, Town Clerk

Seal of Municipality



September 16, 2015

Supervisor Lee Wallace  
7105 Lockport Rd.  
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

Dear Supervisor Wallace:

The Niagara River Greenway Commission is pleased to support the Veterans' Memorial Park Consultation and Review package.

The project was deemed consistent to the Niagara River Greenway Plan as determined by the Niagara River Greenway Commission on September 15, 2015. The subjective evaluations were based on the principals, goals and criteria that define the Niagara River Greenway Plan.

The Commission is pleased to support your project proposal and wishes you great success.

Respectfully,

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Greg Stevens  
Chairman, Niagara River Greenway

Cc: Niagara County Power Coalition  
Mark Thomas, Director Western District  
Lou Paonessa, NYPA

# **9.3**

## **Academy Park Ice Rink – Additional Funding**

**Town of Lewiston**

*See Attached Request from 2014; includes 2015-16 Budget*

# Town of Lewiston Parks & Recreation

1375 Ridge Road

Lewiston, NY

754-8213

Fax: 754-0873



Michael Dashineau  
Recreation Director/ Parks Superintendent  
[Dash3640@yahoo.com](mailto:Dash3640@yahoo.com)  
[www.TownofLewiston.US](http://www.TownofLewiston.US)

September 16, 2014

Honorable Members of the Host Community Greenway Fund Standing Committee,

Please accept the enclosed proposal for construction and operation of the Lewiston Family Ice Rink, which has been previously found consistent by the Niagara Greenway Commission (2011).

At this time, the Town of Lewiston has decided that it is economically viable and in the best interest of the Town to purchase the two years remaining from our Lease-to-own agreement with Ice Rinks-2-Go. The purchase of this lease will allow the Town to have more control over our season's schedule of use and will ultimately save needed Greenway funds over the next three seasons of use.

The proposed budget reflects changes to the operation schedule for the next two seasons and adjustments to the operations and maintenance necessitated by the removal of the lease contract with Ice Rinks 2 Go.

Thank you for your consideration of these changes and for your continued service on behalf of the Host Communities of the Niagara Greenway.

Michael Dashineau

CC: Dennis Brochey, Supervisor, Town of Lewiston  
Paul Kloosterman, Finance Director, Town of Lewiston  
Donna Garfinkel, Acting Town Clerk, Town of Lewiston

**2014-15 Proposed Ice Rink Budget****2014-15****2015-16**

<b>2014-15 Proposed Ice Rink Budget</b>		<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Yearly Costs</b>		
	Rink Purchase	\$85,000.00	\$0.00
	Chiller Rental	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
	Setup/ Operation Labor	\$30,720.00	\$32,640.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Operations</b>	<b>\$13,500.00</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>
	Daily Staffing: Skate Guards / Rentals		
	Concessions: Supply and Operation		
	Rink Supply		
<b>3</b>	<b>Waste Removal</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
	Dumpster Rental		
	Portable Restrooms		
<b>4</b>	<b>Advertising</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Utilities</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$21,500.00</b>
	Propane Fuel		
	Electric Costs		
	Fuel / Mileage		
<b>6</b>	<b>Setup, Breakdown, Maintenance</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>\$37,500.00</b>
	<b>Setup Breakdown Costs Include:</b>		
	Site Construction		
	Warming House Construction + Maintenance		
	Wood Deck Construction		
	Flooring		
	Lighting, Heater Rentals		
	Warming House Decoration (Interior / Ext)		
	Electrical Setup		
	Carpentry Setup		
	Heavy Equipment Rental		
	Field Restoration		
	Storage and Repair		
	Hardware, Supplies, Misc.		
<b>7</b>	<b>Special Events</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
	Opening Sponsor Party / Christmas Walk		
	Skate with Santa		
	New Years Eve Kids Party		
	Late Night Benefit Skates		
	Soft Puck Hockey Tournament		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$205,220.00</b>	<b>\$126,640.00</b>

# **10.1**

## **Minutes of NRGCC Meetings:**

- **July 21, 2015 – Attached**
- **September 15, 2015 – To be provided at meeting**

**MEMORANDUM**

Samuel M. Ferraro  
Commissioner

**TO:** Samuel M. Ferraro, Commissioner, Niagara County Dept. of Economic Development  
**FROM:** Benjamin J. Bidell, Senior Planner, Niagara County Dept. of Economic Development  
**DATE:** July 23, 2015  
**RE:** **Niagara River Greenway Commission meeting held July 21, 2015**

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The Niagara River Greenway Commission (NRGC) met at 3:00 pm at Water Street Landing in the Village of Lewiston. The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Greg Stevens, Chairman
- Richard Soluri, Vice Chairman
- Sean Edwards, Treasurer
- Sam Magavern, Citizens Advisory Committee
- Mary Cooke, Local Government Advisory Committee
- Lou Paonessa, New York Power Authority (NYPA)
- Mark Thomas, Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)
- Tim DePriest, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
- Lynn Marinelli, Empire State Development (ESD)

Secretary Eric Bauer was absent. Commissioner Joe Emminger, Department of State (DOS), and Department of Transportation (DOT) were represented by proxy. The Executive Director position remains vacant pending funding. There were approximately 15 attendees at the meeting including project sponsors and members of the public. An agenda was provided for the meeting and is attached.

**Public Comments on Projects:**

Joseph Gould from Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper provided comments on behalf of the Niagara Relicensing Environmental Coalition (NREC). He said NREC finds the Town of Wheatfield River Road Trail consistent with the Greenway Plan, pointing out its importance in filling a critical gap in the Greenway Trail, but urging preservation of important vegetation along the trail corridor. He said NREC finds the Preservation Guide to the Niagara River Greenway not consistent with the Greenway Plan given the goal to eventually extend the guide to include areas outside of the Greenway. He also mentioned a need for greater clarity in the project scope and noted the extensive project budget. Gould said NREC finds the West Canal Marina & Park Adaptive Paddle Sport Launch not consistent with the Greenway Plan because it is located outside of the Greenway boundary, diluting the impact of Greenway funding. He also said the type of roller dock proposed may limit usage. Written comments were received from the office of Congressman Brian Higgins supporting the Preservation Guide to the Greenway.

### **Financial Report:**

Treasurer Edwards gave a brief financial report noting expenses on website maintenance only. He said the Greenway Commission maintains a current fund balance of \$67,685.

### **Old Business**

Chairman Stevens brought up a proposal by Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper and GO Bike Buffalo to create a volunteer corps program to help clean up and maintain the Niagara River Greenway including the Greenway Trail. The Greenway Commission approved an allocation of \$5,000 in seed money to support the effort, which will be provided through a contractual services line in the Commission's budget. Moving forward, the effort could be funded, in part, through corporate sponsorships.

### **Project Review and Vote:**

**Town of Wheatfield - River Road Trail Phase 2.** Bernie Rotella, Grant Writer, and Bob Cliffe, Town Supervisor were present to give an overview of the project and answer questions from the board. This project involves a request for \$600,000 in Greenway funding from the Host Communities Standing Committee to serve as gap financing towards the second and final phase of construction on the River Road Trail, which will fill a large gap in the Niagara River Greenway Trail system. The River Road Trail will also connect to a planned five-acre Town park on the Niagara River as well as to the gap trail planned for the LaSalle section of Niagara Falls, which will potentially be located along the LaSalle Expressway. The first phase of the project, which includes design work, has been fully funded through a \$1.2 million grant from the National Scenic Byways Federal Highway Program, but the project has not yet started. The trail will be constructed along a 66-foot wide abandoned railroad right-of-way owned by the Town. Total project costs for all phases is \$3 million. The project was lauded by many members of the Greenway Commission and unanimously determined "consistent" with the Greenway Plan.

**Preservation Buffalo Niagara - Preservation Guide to the Niagara River Greenway.** Terrence Robinson from Preservation Buffalo Niagara was present to give an overview of the project and answer questions from the board. This project involves a request for an unspecified amount of Greenway funding from indeterminate Standing Committees to inventory and catalog historic sites as part of the development of a regional Preservation Guide (tourism guide) that would be made available in hard copy, online, and as a mobile application. Phase I of the project would include historic assets within the Niagara River Greenway, while Phases II and III would expand the Preservation Guide to include all of Niagara and Erie Counties. Greenway Commission members questioned the nearly \$300,000 cost for Phase 1 of the project and nearly \$650,000 total project costs. There were also questions about the organizational capacity of Preservation Buffalo Niagara to undertake the project and issues with the project extending beyond the Niagara River Greenway. The project was tabled pending clarification of the project scope and costs.

**Niagara County - West Canal Marina & Park Adaptive Paddle Sport Launch.** Mary Bergmann, Interim Director of Niagara County Buildings and Parks, was present to give an overview of the project and answer questions from the board. This project involves a request for \$31,500 in Greenway funding from the Host Communities Standing Committee to purchase and install an ADA-compliant canoe and kayak launch within West Canal Marina & Park in the Town of Pendleton. The adaptive roller dock paddle sport launch system will assist less capable paddle sports enthusiasts with access to the Erie Canal and Niagara River. There was general discussion as to whether the project is located within the

Niagara River Greenway. Vice Chairman Soluri said the Greenway Plan identifies the need for connections to upland and interior communities, while NYSDEC representative DePriest said the project will clearly improve access and connectivity to the Greenway. NYSOPRHP representative Thomas advised the addition of "soft-sided" kayak and canoe launch sites for users who do not prefer roller dock systems. The project was unanimously determined "consistent" with the Greenway Plan.

**Public Comments on Open Topics:**

Joseph Gould reiterated NREC's interpretation of the Greenway Boundary as emphasizing the Focus Area and extending to the approved municipal boundaries. He questioned how far upland and interior connections extend given that the Erie Canal and Seaway Trail extend across the state. Commissioner Magavern suggested having a map at future meetings showing the Greenway Boundary and also having the language regarding connections to upland communities and state trail systems.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Niagara River Greenway Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 3:00 pm. The NRGCE Executive Committee will meet at 2:00 pm. The meetings are tentatively slated to be held in the Niawanda Park Pavilion in the City of Tonawanda.



**65th Niagara River Greenway Commission Mtg.**  
**Water Street Landing, Lewiston**  
**Tuesday, July 21..... 3pm**

1. **Call to order** –*Chairman Stevens*  
*Roll Call-Eric Bauer, Secretary*
2. **Review and approval of minutes**-*Chairman Stevens*
3. **Public Comment-Current Agenda Items Only**  
2 minute limit for individuals  
3 minute limit for Organization Representative  
Total meeting time allowed 15 minutes
4. **Committee Reports-**  
*Financial Report-Sean Edwards, Treasurer*  
  
*Report on Open Items Currently Happening-Chairman Stevens*
5. **Old Business-Project Review and Vote- Full Commission**  
*(Presentations limited to 5-7 minutes)*
  - Town of Wheatfield River Road Trail Phase 2 (Town of Wheatfield)
  - Preservation Guide to the Niagara River Greenway (Preservation Buffalo Niagara)
  - West Canal Marina & Park Adaptive Paddles Sport Launch System (Town of Pendleton)
6. **New Business**
7. **Public Comment-Open Topics**-3 minute limit
8. **Adjourn**