

AGENDA

HOST COMMUNITIES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 - 12:00 p.m.

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

Thomas O'Donnell, Chairperson

Lee Wallace, Vice Chairperson

Representative:

_____ Mark Laurrie, - City of NF Schools
_____ Paul Casseri - Lewiston-Porter School
_____ Paul A. Dyster - City of Niagara Falls
_____ Lee Wallace - Town of Niagara
_____ Allison Brady - Niagara Wheatfield School
_____ Wm. Keith McNall - Niagara County
_____ Steve Broderick - Town of Lewiston
_____ Lou Paonessa - New York Power Authority

Alternate:

_____ Angelo Massaro, Esq.
_____ Andrew Krazmien
_____ Thomas O'Donnell, Esq.
_____ Jackie Siegmann
_____ Scott Hapeman, Esq.
_____ Thomas Burgasser, Esq.
_____ Vacant
_____ Carol Sampson

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order - T. O'Donnell**
2. **Roll Call - M. Melloni**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance - T. O'Donnell**
4. **Introductions - T. O'Donnell**
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2016 - T. O'Donnell**
6. **Town of Lewiston**
 - 6.1 **Town of Lewiston Mohawk Trail - B. Rotella**
(Approved for funding in the amount of \$13,958 by Town of Lewiston on 11/7/2016;
Determined Consistent by NRGc on 1/17/2017)
7. **Niagara County**
 - 7.1 **Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk - B. Rotella**
(Determined Consistent by NRGc on 1/19/2016; Approved for funding in the amount
of \$100,000 by Niagara County on 11/15/2016)
 - 7.2 **Town of Cambria Park Improvement - B. Rotella**
(Approved for funding in the amount of \$80,000 by Niagara County on 8/4/2015;
Determined Consistent by NRGc on 11/17/2015 and approved for funding on
12/1/2015; Approved for additional funding in the amount of \$90,000 by Niagara
County on 11/15/2016)
8. **Any Other Matters**
 - 8.1 **NRGC Minutes of November 15, 2016 Meeting - Informational Only**
9. **Next Meeting: March 28, 2017 - 12:00 p.m.**
10. **Adjournment**

5.0

Meeting Minutes

9/27/2016

**HOST COMMUNITIES
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 27, 2016 – 12:00 p.m.
Niagara County Department of Economic Development
6311 Inducon Corporate Drive
Sanborn, New York 14132**

Representatives Present:

Mark Laurrie
Paul Casseri, Superintendent
Lou Paonessa
Tom Burgasser, Esq.
Scott Hapeman, Esq.
Lee Wallace, Supervisor
Steve Broderick, Supervisor
Thomas O'Donnell, Esq.

Niagara Falls City School District
Lewiston Porter School District
New York Power Authority
Niagara County
Niagara Wheatfield School District
Town of Niagara
Town of Lewiston
City of Niagara Falls

Alternates/Guests:

Sherry Shepherd-Corulli
Angelo Massaro, Esq.
Jackie Siegmann

City of Niagara Falls
Niagara Falls City School District
Town of Niagara

Staff Present:

Mary Melloni, Recording Secretary
Stan Widger, Esq., NPC Counsel, Nixon Peabody

1.0 Call to Order

Acting Chairperson O'Donnell called the Host Communities Standing Committee meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Ms. Melloni called the roll.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Chairperson O'Donnell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Introductions

Mr. O'Donnell introduced Jeanne A. Leccese, the new Executive Director of the Niagara River Greenway Commission. Her office will be located at Deveaux Woods State Park.

5.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes

- April 15, 2016
- June 7, 2016
- July 7, 2016

Mr. Hapeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wallace, to approve the meeting minutes of April 15, June 7 and July 7, 2016. Motion passed.

6.0 Elect Chairperson/Vice Chairperson/Secretary

Mr. Wallace nominated Mr. O'Donnell as Chairperson of the Host Communities Standing Committee; the nomination was seconded by Mr. Hapeman; moved by Wallace, seconded by Hapeman that nominations close. Carried.

Mr. O'Donnell nominated Mr. Wallace as Vice Chairperson of the Host Communities Standing Committee; the nomination was seconded by Mr. Hapeman; moved by O'Donnell, seconded by Hapeman that nominations close. Carried.

6.0 Elect Chairperson/Vice Chairperson/Secretary

Mr. O'Donnell nominated Ms. Melloni as Secretary of the Host Communities Standing Committee; the nomination was seconded by Mr. Laurie; moved by O'Donnell, seconded by Laurie that nominations close. Carried.

7.0 City of Niagara Falls

7.1 Old Stone Chimney Relocation – Sherry Shepherd-Corulli

(Determined Consistent by NRGCC on 5/20/2014; approved for funding in the amount of \$200,000 by the HCSC on 6/30/2014; City of Niagara Falls approved reallocation of funding from construction costs to additional site development on 9/13/2016)

Ms. Corulli explained that in 2014 the City Council approved an application for \$200,000 in Greenway funds for construction costs related to site development and relocation of the Old Stone Chimney. Since that time the New York Power Authority funded the relocation of the Chimney and therefore the City is requested that the funds be reallocated for additional site development such as landscaping, lighting, signage, and park amenities including historical interpretations.

A motion was made by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mr. Burgasser, to approve the request to reallocate funding in the amount of \$200,000 for the Old Stone Chimney Relocation project.

A roll call vote was taken.

Town of Lewiston	<u>Yes</u>
Town of Niagara	<u>Yes</u>
Lewiston Porter	<u>Yes</u>
City of Niagara Falls	<u>Yes</u>
Niagara-Wheatfield	<u>Yes</u>
Niagara County	<u>Yes</u>
New York Power Authority	<u>Yes</u>
Niagara Falls Schools	<u>Yes</u>

The resolution was thereupon approved.

8. First Niagara to Key Bank Transition

8.1 Approval of new Collateral Agreement (to be signed by Chairperson and Vice Chairperson)

8.2 Approval of Revised Municipal Resolutions

8.2.1 Main Account: Remove Cynthia Bianco and Chris Roser; replace with new Chair and Vice Chair

8.2.2 Niagara County: Replace William L. Ross with R. Thomas Burgasser

8.2.3 Lewiston Porter School District: Remove Chris Roser; replace with Paul Casseri; Lynn Braunbach to remain

8.2.4 Town of Niagara: Remove Steven C. Richards; replace with Lee Wallace; Jacqueline Siegmann to remain

A motion was made by Mr. Burgasser, seconded by Mr. Laurie, to approve the revisions to the Collateral Agreement and Municipal Resolutions as stated above. Motion carried.

9.0 Any other Matters

9.1 Approval of Annual Report to NYPA – Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Mr. Hapeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wallace, to approve the Annual Report to NYPA for fiscal year 2015-2016. Motion carried.

9.1 Minutes of NRG Meeting: September 20, 2016 *(Informational Only)*

10.0 Next Meeting: November 29, 2016 - 12:00 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary P. Melloni
Recording Secretary

6.1

Town of Lewiston Mohawk Trail

Host Community Project Number: HCSC-17-001

Date Submitted: 1-31-2017

**Host Communities Standing Committee
Review Form**

PROJECT SPONSOR INFORMATION:

Name: Town of Lewiston

Mailing Address: 1375 Ridge Road

State: Lewiston, NY **Zip Code:** 14092

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: Lewiston Mohawk Trail

Location: Village of Lewiston

Site Address: N 9th Street

State: Lewiston, NY **Zip Code:** 14092

Minor Civil Divison(s): Town of Lewiston

County: Niagara

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

Within the Villlage of Lewiston's ROW

AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

Name:	<u>Steve Broderick</u>	Title:	<u>Supervisor</u>
Business Address:	<u>1375 Ridge Road</u>		
State:	<u>Lewiston, NY</u>	Zip Code:	<u>14092</u>
Telephone Number:	<u>716-754-8213</u>	Cell Number:	<u></u>
Fax Number:	<u></u>		
E-Mail Address:	<u>supervisor@townoflewiston.us</u>		

PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT

Name:	<u>Steve Broderick</u>	Title:	<u>Supervisor</u>
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Fax Number:	<u></u>		
E-Mail Address:	<u>supervisor@townoflewiston.us</u>		

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



January 18, 2017

Steve Broderick
1375 Ridge Road
Lewiston, NY 14092

Dear Mr. Broderick:

The Niagara River Greenway Commission is pleased to support your project, "Lewiston Mohawk Trail."

The project was deemed consistent to the Niagara River Greenway Plan as determined by the Niagara River Greenway Commission on January 17, 2017. 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, appearing to read "Jeanne A. Leccese".

Jeanne A. Leccese
Executive Director, Niagara River Greenway

CC: Thomas O'Donnell, Acting Chairperson, Host Community Standing Committee
Greg Stevens, Chairman, Niagara River Greenway Commission

Niagara River Greenway Commission
3160 DeVeaux Woods Drive
Niagara Falls, New York 14305
(716) 299.0804
NIAGARAGREENWAY.ORG

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Please attach material which responds to the following five items in the order that they are presented.

1. In a brief paragraph, describe the project and its purpose, how and when it will be accomplished, and why it is important.

The Town of Lewiston (endorsed by the Village of Lewiston) is requesting \$13,958 in Greenway funds to complete the Mohawk Trail Project. The purpose of the Mohawk Trail Project is to complete the missing link in the Lower Niagara River/ Seaway Trail system, specifically connecting the Lewiston Pathway into the Village of Lewiston from its termination point on 9th and Seneca Streets. The trail will extend within existing Village Right of Ways on 9th Street and Mohawk Street. In its current condition, there is a large section of trail missing and fails to serve the population with the quality connective trails to amenities residents, visitors and tourist to enjoy. The proposed Mohawk Trail Project site is located within a few blocks of the Niagara River, Academy Park and Kiwanis Park (previously awarded Greenway project site), which puts this project in the heart of the Niagara River Greenway. The Town of Lewiston has already secured \$82,292 in funding from the Department of Transportation towards this project. The Mohawk Trail project has a total cost of \$96,250, which puts this project at a \$13,958 deficit.

This project will see the connection to the existing trail systems and will link the trail system to several Village/Town Parks. Kiwanis Park is located adjacent to the Niagara Scenic Parkway (Robert Moses Parkways), and is one of several Town-owned parks that the Town of Lewiston maintains. This project will add additional access to the Town's parks system, as it will also link Academy Park and Artpark (previously funded Greenway project sites). This project will also enhance connectivity to parks that recreational needs of their respective communities and the Town and Village of Lewiston as a whole when integrated with other local parks.

The Town of Lewiston declares that it is their opinion, shared by the Town of Lewiston Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, that the completion of the Mohawk Trail Project will have a positive effect on the use and usefulness of parks connected by the Niagara Greenway.

2. Referring to the Niagara River Greenway Plan, clearly document and describe how the proposed project will advance the Niagara River Greenway vision including the goals, principles, and criteria that define that vision.

The Mohawk Trail Project will promote the vision of the Niagara River Greenway by supporting the connective trail system and public parkland along the Niagara River to serve as a recreational gateway for visitors to the Greenway Corridor.

The Mohawk Trail is located within close proximity to drive, bike, hike, and/or jog to Lewiston's other parks as well as to the Niagara River, Kiwanis Park, Academy

Park and Artpark. Mohawk Trail also supports Lewiston's other parks by providing this proposed linkage to Town and Village activities that can be enjoyed by visiting the Tuscarora Hero's Monument and Freedom Crossing Monument. Other recreational activities that the mention parks include instructional tennis, basketball, and other athletics, arts and crafts, preschooler sessions, field trips, instructional chess and other games and classes in specific arts or crafts.

This project incorporates all of the principles, goals and criteria set forth by the Niagara River Greenway, and the project will support an accessible, unified, environmentally friendly, and revitalized corridor that highlights the natural beauty, cultural diversity, and historic significance of the Niagara River.

PRINCIPALS

The implementation of the Mohawk Trail Project will meet the guiding principles of the Niagara Greenway Commission as follows:

Excellence

The Town of Lewiston is committed to maintaining the excellence of all its recreational facilities. The proposed Mohawk Trail is in close proximity to other Town and State parks and bike trails. Pedestrians will capitalize on the trail's connection to the surrounding area's recreation amenities (playground equipment, recreation programs for youths, and basketball courts), pristine natural beauty, and scenic vistas, thus contributing to the Greenway Commission's first-class standards.

Sustainability

The Mohawk Trail Project will promote the *ecological, economical* and *physical* sustainability for long-term viability and effectiveness. The Town's Parks and Recreation Department will conscientiously maintain the project.

Accessibility

The Mohawk Trail is located along the Niagara Corridor in the Towns of Lewiston and Niagara, thus facilitating improved public access to the Town's additional parks and the Niagara River Vistas. The proposed project is designed to provide and increase accessibility to all of the Town and Village of Lewiston's Parks and amenities.

Ecological Integrity

The Mohawk Trail Project will support parkland that is used, and will improve the health, vitality, and integrity of the connecting park's natural resources. Adjacent wildlife habitats from the Niagara River and Lewiston Plateau will continue to support the ecological significance in these areas and natural landscapes.

Public Well-Being

Within the proposed project area of the Niagara River and Greenway Corridor, the Mohawk Trail Project will provide much-needed recreational opportunity to a wide range of users, including the community's youth and their parents who utilize the

trail system and the connected parks for recreation, after-school programs, and sports. This trail project will advance public wellbeing and promote physical and emotional wellness through the experience that it offers to by providing access to both active and passive recreational opportunities, and amenities for those with special needs. The project will provide improved access for various recreational activities and will support a relaxing atmosphere for all visitors.

Connectivity

The Mohawk Trail Project will facilitate increased access to Town Parks, Artpark amenities, events in the Village of Lewiston, water front access and Niagara River natural vistas as well as connecting trails along the Niagara River. The closest parks to this proposed trail is Academy Park, Artpark and Kiwanis Park that serves as recreational destinations for Town residents, visitors, tourist and the surrounding community. The Town maintains two of its community baseball fields within the Park for use by the community, and its spring, summer and fall baseball programs. This project will connect park users to additional equipment and recreational opportunities.

Restoration

The location of the proposed Mohawk Trail Project will feature, on road trail with new ADA compliant crosswalks (as required) and will meet all DOT, Village and Town regulations.

Authenticity

The Mohawk Trail Project will support the already established clear sense of "place" and identity that reflects the traditional spirit and heritage of the area.

Celebration

This project will be designed to celebrate local history, diversity, cultural resources, and the natural and built environments, and will seek to share this diverse tradition with local residents and visitors to the region. Once this trail is complete it will only strengthen the sense of celebration during events and activities that help build social interaction and shared experiences throughout the Greenway corridor.

Partnerships

The focus of the Mohawk Trail Project is a direct cooperation between the Village & Town, but with many visitors to the parks and Lewiston trail system, as well as other local towns and villages, this project will only strengthen relationships with neighboring communities and may lend itself to future coordination and integration of efforts throughout the Greenway.

Community Based

The Mohawk Trail Project has been in the planning stage for several years, with support provided by the Town Supervisor (Steve Broderick), and the Village Mayor (Terry Collesano). The project is vital in creating a comprehensive connective trail

system to meet the needs of the Town and the surrounding population and has the full support of the local community.

GOALS

The implementation of the Mohawk Trail Project will meet the goals of the Niagara River Greenway as follows:

Improve Access

The Mohawk Trail Project will serve as a recreational destination for members and visitors of the community and will further support local festivals, scenic vistas, recreational activities and programs for the Town's youth and residents as a whole. During both leisure park enjoyment and organized park activities, including youth baseball, tennis and basketball games. Implementation of this project will significantly contribute to the improvement of the Town's comprehensive connective trail system that has experienced a large increase of usage due to the increase in population within the Town and surrounding communities.

Make Connections

The Mohawk Trail Project will facilitate increased access for local park and trail users to Kiwanis Park, Academy Park and Artpark and will serve as a comprehensive connective trail system (Lewiston Pathway, River Road Trail, Niagara Scenic Trail (Robert Moses Parkway) as a recreational destination for Lewiston residents, visitors, tourists and the surrounding community.

Protect and Restore Environmental Systems

This project will ensure that the Mohawk Trail remains as an open viable trail system, as well as preserve the surrounding environment from commercial and residential development. The project contributes to the environmental wellbeing of the region.

Spark Revitalization and Renewal

The Mohawk Trail Project addresses the heart of the Greenway's goal for revitalization and renewal of green spaces and public recreational opportunities. Mohawk Trail serves as a recreational connection for visitors and much of the community's youths through its spring, summer and fall sporting programs. The comprehensive connective trail system will offer a more user-friendly and safe environment for all that use these areas.

Promote Long Term Sustainability

As the Village of Lewiston currently owns the property, where the proposed Mohawk Trail Project will be constructed and the Town will continue to ensure that the trail is maintained and updated to remain an attractive destination along the Niagara River Greenway. Mohawk Trail will be conscientiously maintained well into the future through its recreational events and programs, the connection between

Kiwanis Park and Lewiston's other Town parks will contribute to the vitality of the area as it continues to serve as an attractive and essential gateway along the Niagara River Greenway and trail systems. The Town is committed to the yearly funding and manpower that are necessary to keep the trail in top condition.

Extend the Legacy of Fredrick Law Olmstead

Currently, the Town of Lewiston has started an extensive comprehensive connective trail system throughout the Town and Village for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. Due to the recent increase in population and the projected continuance of that trend, The Mohawk Trail Project will provide local residents and visitors to the area with improved continuous access to the local festivals, scenic vistas, recreational activities and programs.

Celebrate History and Heritage

The Mohawk Trail Project will meet the specialized needs of all that use this area, adhering to all ADA standards, thus providing additional recreational amenities to serve the steadily increasing population. Throughout its history, the Town of Lewiston has been a close-knit community within itself and with surrounding municipalities. All of Lewiston's parks support its heritage and pride of its park system, which includes Kiwanis Park, Academy Park and Artpark. The project will provide signage to the Tuscarora Hero's Monument, Freedom Crossing Monument and the future bust of Morgan Lewis, whom the Town and Village was named after (all Greenway Projects).

CRITERIA

Through the Mohawk Trail Project, the Town of Lewiston meets criteria of the Niagara River Greenway Plan:

Consistency with Niagara River Greenway Principles

The Mohawk Trail Project makes a significant contribution towards all the principles set forth by the Niagara River Greenway. This project encourages the vision for the Greenway to be explicitly considered for project development, at the basic vision, to see the space around and near the Niagara River become developed and to attract residents and visitors to utilize this space while experiencing the natural resource provided by the Niagara River.

Priority Status

The Mohawk Trail Project has been in the planning phase for several years to restore and enhance several recreation opportunities for users of all ages, including the community's abundant, increasing youth population. Mohawk Trail Project supports the pride of Lewiston's parks system and will enhance the overall attractiveness and usability of the parks for the community.

Environmental Soundness

The conceptual plan has addressed the need to provide proper maintenance of landscaping and plant life, as well as return any disturbed ground to its original condition.

Implementable

A contractor will perform all work associated with this project. The cost was figured out by gathering cost estimates from contractors (please see enclosed quote). Once approved, this project will be put out to bid for equipment prices and installation.

Economic Viability and Local Sponsor

All maintenance and upkeep of the trail will be provided through a line item in the Town of Lewiston Parks and Recreation Department Budget. The Town of Lewiston will continue to provide stewardship for this project, and provide the necessary money, equipment, and manpower to further this project along from the design phase, to its completion and beyond.

Availability of Local Sponsor or Partner

The Town of Lewiston is committed to developing and maintaining this trail system as part of its yearly budget and thus will assume the long-term responsibility for continued operation and maintenance. The Town will ensure that the trail does not fall into disrepair and will continue to champion the project after it is completed.

Ability to Match or Leverage Funds

The Town of Lewiston will not be providing any matching funds for this project, but they have already secured \$82,292 in funding from the Department of Transportation. The Mohawk Trail project has a total cost of \$96,250, which puts this project as a whole at a \$13,958 deficit which is the amount needed to complete the proposed section of the trail, with funding from Niagara River Greenway can the Town (and Village) of Lewiston hope to complete this project.

Clear Benefits

The Mohawk Trail Project will serve as comprehensive connective trail system destination, linking surrounding communities for recreational activities, programs, events, festivals and sporting events, will improve the quality of life in our growing community, and enhance tourism and the visitor experience for those visiting the Greenway.

3. Define the budget for the proposed project and include costs for the following:

Planning	\$ _____
Construction	\$ <u>13,958</u>

Acquisition	\$ _____
Administration	\$ _____
Operation and Maintenance / Year	\$ _____
TOTAL PROJECT COST	<u>\$13,958</u>

Identify all sources of funding and the amount of funding expected from each source. Identify and quantify funds that are already on hand or have been allocated for the proposed project. Explain how the project will be operated and maintained.

The Town and Village of Lewiston do not currently have the ability to match or leverage funds, so without funding from Greenway this project is not possible. The Town and Village of Lewiston will continue to provide stewardship for this project once its complete, and provide the necessary money, equipment, and manpower to protect this project beyond completion. The Town has already secured \$82,292 in funding from the Department of Transportation. The Mohawk project has a total cost of \$96,250, which puts this project as a whole at a \$13,958 deficit which is the amount needed to complete the proposed section of the trail, only with funding from Niagara River Greenway can the Town (and Village) of Lewiston hope to complete this project. (see attached engineering drawings and cost estimate).

4. Describe the measures taken at the local level to gain community and government support for this project (hearings, petitions, public surveys, resolutions of support or other methods). If this project has been cited or described in a local planning document or some equivalent thereof, attach copies of that documentation highlighting the sections that are relevant to the proposed project. Describe the role of municipal agencies, stakeholder groups, consultants, volunteers or others who will be involved in the proposed project.

This project, which has been in the planning phase for several years, has received strong community support from residents, organizations, and local representatives and is fully supported by the local governing body for the Town of Lewiston (see attached resolution). Support for the Mohawk Trail Project is coming in from both the Town and Village of Lewiston. The Town of Lewiston unanimously supported the project and Greenway funding on November 14, 2016. The Village of Lewiston Board of Trustees also unanimously passed the Village of Lewiston 2016 Mohawk Trail Project Endorsement Letter, stating that the Board of Trustees supports the Mohawk Trail (see attached)

This project will provide excellent opportunities for environmental and geological education, outreach, and community involvement. Once completed, this project will:

- Restore and protect ecologically and geologically significant landscapes;

- Create/enhance public access to a natural resource;
 - Result in the restoration of an area, which has been long neglected and underutilized, and no longer meets the needs of the surrounding community;
 - Protect and enhance those scenic, historic and cultural resources, which are readily identifiable as valued parts of the common heritage of New York's citizens; by facilitating convenient access to the Niagara River and Erie Canal; and, maintain the critical natural-resource-based industries, recreation, and tourism.
5. Describe and document the environmental setting and existing conditions at the proposed project site. If you are not the owner of the property include a letter(s) or resolution(s) evidencing support for the project by the owner. Provide photographs, conceptual plans and drawings that show the site as it presently exists and how the site will change with the addition of the proposed project. Describe how your project will comply with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The existence of wetlands, significant upland and aquatic habitats, and plant or animals species that are classified as rare, threatened, or endangered should be noted. Explain how such natural resources will be protected and/or enhanced. Cite any relevant project-related studies.

The Mohawk Trail Project site is located in the Village of Lewiston between 9th Street and Mohawk Street, which is currently developed as a residential area, however the project site falls within the Village's ROW, and owned/maintained by the Village of Lewiston. The proposed trail will be open daily, 365 days a year, with no set hours and will be made to adhere to all the latest ADA regulations. The trail will be often used to link residents to local festivals, scenic vistas, recreational activities and programs events including the Lewiston Jazz Festival, Lewiston Christmas Walk and Lewiston Harvest Festival. There were no relevant studies necessary for this project, as the project site has been developed and has undergone previous ground disturbance, all SEQRA documentation has already been filed for this area.

Resolution and Endorsement Letter

Town of Lewiston
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

November 7, 2016

For the Niagara River Greenway Commission
for the

Town of Lewiston, Mohawk Trail Project

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 regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Lewiston held on November 7, 2016, 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 use the Town of Lewiston's Niagara River Greenway funds to for the **Mohawk Trail Project** for additional costs to complete the project.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has to apply and request additional funding from the Niagara River Greenway Host Standing Committee, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and submits a request for additional funding for **Mohawk Trail Project** in the amount of \$13,958, and

RESOLVED, That Steve Broderick, as Supervisor of the Town of Lewiston, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funding from the Niagara River Greenway Host Standing Committee to complete **Mohawk Trail Project**.


Donna Garfinkel, Town Clerk

Seal of Municipality

Village of Lewiston

Resolution Supporting The Town of Lewiston's
Greenway Application for the Morgan Lewis Bust

WHEREAS, Town of Lewiston is applying to the Niagara River Greenway for a grant application to purchase and install a bust of Morgan Lewis. This bust will be located at the Village's Peace Garden at 476 Center Street, Lewiston

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Village Board of the Village of Lewiston hereby does approve and endorse the Greenway Application for the Town of Lewiston Morgan Lewis Bust Niagara River Greenway Project.

DATE OF ADOPTION

Monday, November 7, 2016

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

*Adopted by Village of Lewiston
Board of Trustees*

Amy Salada
Amy Salada
Clerk Treasurer

DOT Proof of Funding

Master Municipal MULTI-MODAL Program - SCHEDULE A

(This Schedule may not be used where other Multi-Modal, State or Federal funding sources co-exist)

1. Name of Municipal Project Owner: Town of Lewiston
2. Project Title: Town of Lewiston - Extend bike path from Mohawk Street to Center Street
3. MM Project ID#: S782 MM Program ID (MM#2, MM#3, or MM#4?): MM#1
4. Maximum MM Project Reimbursement (under this Agreement): \$ 82,289.75
5. MASTER Municipal MM OSC Contract #: D033076

6. Municipal Contact:

Name/Title: Steve Broderick, Supervisor
Organization: Town of Lewiston
Address: 1375 Ridge Rd
City/State/Zip: Lewiston, NY 14092

7. Project Location: Town of Lewiston Route/Name: Robert Moses Parkway
From: Mohawk St To: Center St

8. Project Description/Scope: Construct 2000 lf of 10 ft wide asphalt pathway from Mohawk Street along the Robert Moses Parkway to Center Street

9. Project Schedule Beginning Date: June 2016 Project Ending Date: June 2020

10. Project Cost Summary:

SUMMARY COST TOTAL:	State Multi-Modal Funding under this Schedule A	Local Funding (Insert Zero if None)
\$ 82,289.75	\$ 82,289.75	\$ 0

11. Eligible Project Type: (Please check one)

- ☒ Highway Resurfacing ☐ Bridge Rehabilitation ☐ New Highway Construction ☐ New Bridge Construction
☐ Highway Reconstruction ☐ Bridge Replacement ☐ Interchange Const./Reconstruction ☐ Intersection Improvement
☐ Aviation (Is this project consistent with an approved Airport Layout Plan)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
☒ Other (Please explain): Recreational Pathway

12. Signature of responsible Local Official: Steve Broderick Date: 3/9/16

13. Please print your Name & Title here: Steve Broderick, Supervisor

14. Please list your area code & phone number here: 716-754-8213

Map and Quote

Village of Lewiston

Niagara Scenic Trail

Village Extension

9th Street and Mohawk St.

This project will consist of extension of the Proposed Niagara Scenic Trail from its termination at Seneca St.

The trail will extend within existing Village Right of Ways on 9th St. and Mohawk St. and link to the existing trail at Kiwanis Park.

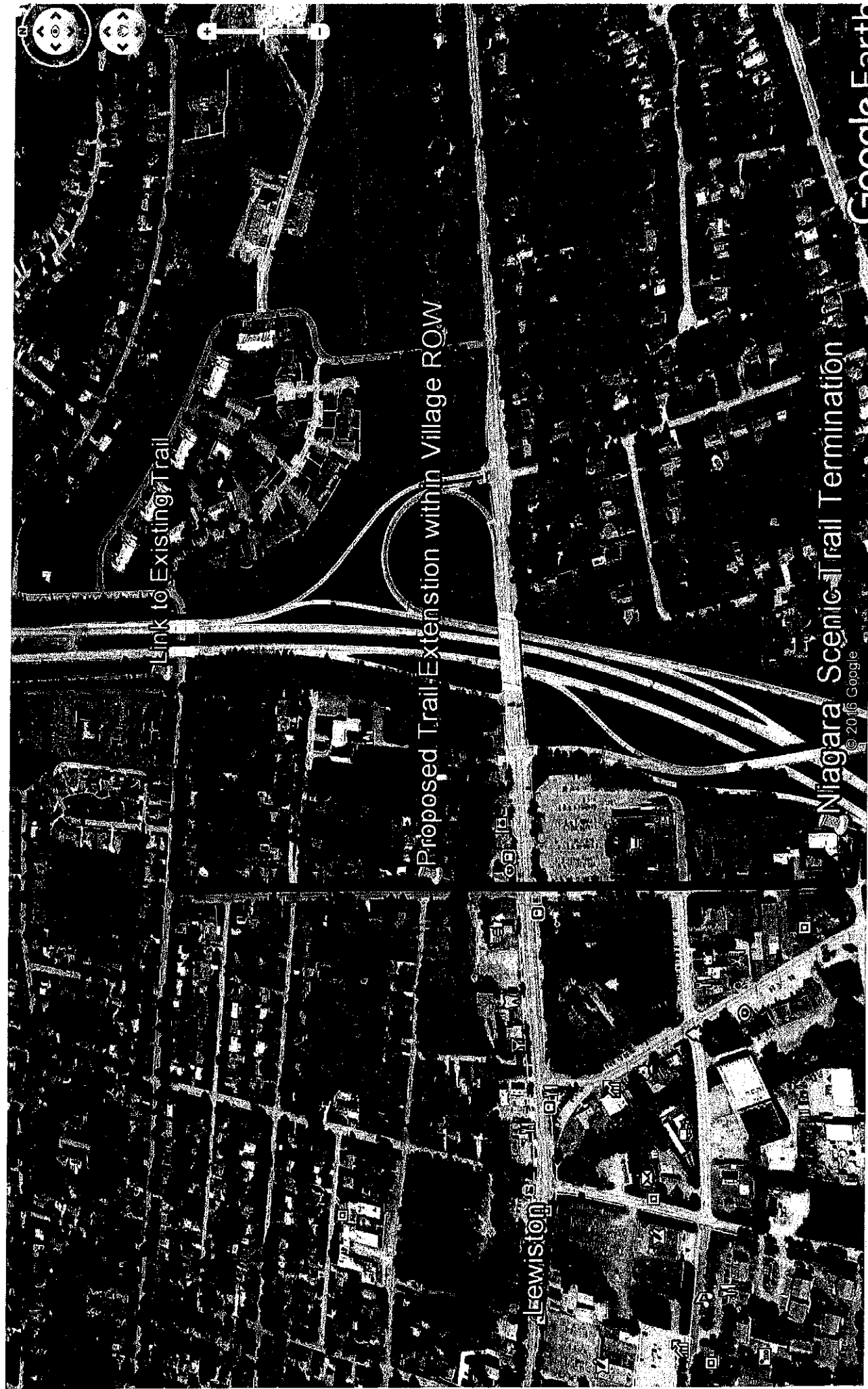
Item	Estimated Cost	
Shoulder Improvements	\$	30,000
Road Markings	\$	25,000
Signage	\$	20,000
SUBTOTAL	\$	75,000
Construction Contingency (15%)	\$	11,250.00
Engineering		\$10,000
	\$	96,250



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Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk

Host Community Project Number: HCSC-17-002

Date Submitted: 1-31-2017

Host Communities Standing Committee Review Form

PROJECT SPONSOR INFORMATION:

Name: Village of Youngstown

Mailing Address: 240 Lockport Street

State: Youngstown, NY Zip Code: 14174

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: Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk Project

Location: Village of Youngstown

Site Address: 240 Lockport Street

State: Youngstown, NY Zip Code: 14174

Minor Civil Division(s): Village of Youngstown

County: Niagara

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

The Village of Youngstown will obtain all necessary easements for the trail property.

AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

Name: Raleigh Reynolds **Title:** Mayor

Business Address: Village of Youngstown, 240 Lockport Street

State: Youngstown, NY **Zip Code:** 14174

Telephone Number: 716-745-5538 **Cell Number:** 716-799-5538

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NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Legislators David E. Godfrey, Clyde L. Burmaster,
FROM: Richard L. Andres, Kathryn L. Lance, Anthony J. Nemi, John Syracuse, DATE: 11/15/16 RESOLUTION # IL-072-16
Owen T. Steed and Park, Recreation & Tourism Ad Hoc Committee

APPROVED	REVIEWED	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	<u>Ad Hoc - 10/12/16</u>	Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes <u>0</u>
			Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Referred: _____

[Signature]
11/9/16

SUPPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF YOUNGSTOWN SIDEWALK

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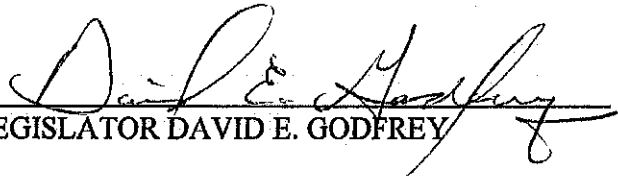
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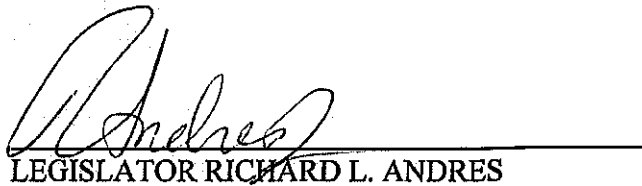
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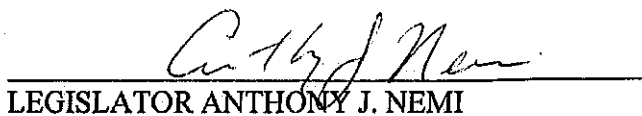
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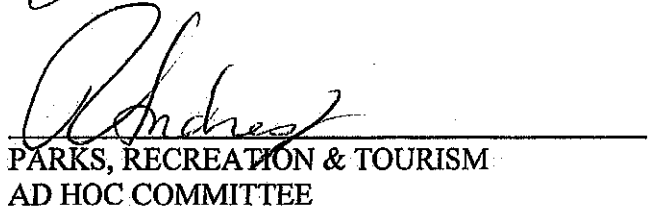

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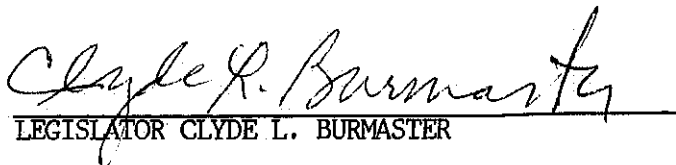

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LEGISLATOR CLYDE L. BURMASTER



January 22, 2016

Raleigh Reynolds
Village of Youngstown
240 Lockport St.
Youngstown, NY 14174

Dear Mayor Reynolds:

The Niagara River Greenway Commission is pleased to support your project, "Water Street Sidewalk Project."

The project was deemed consistent to the Niagara River Greenway Plan as determined by the Niagara River Greenway Commission on January 19, 2016. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Stevens", followed by a circular stamp containing the letters "MS".

Greg Stevens
Chairman, Niagara River Greenway

Cc: Mary Melloni, Host Committee
Lou Paonessa, NYPA

QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE COMMISSION

Village of Youngstown- Water Street Sidewalk Project

1. Where is the stairway located?
2. DEC comment: The sidewalk has to be a minimum of 4 feet wide.
3. Has the board ever considered a sidewalk before?
4. Comment: ADA requirements should be addressed.

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November 2, 2016

Mayor Raleigh B. Reynolds
Village of Youngstown
240 Lockport Street, PO Box 168
Youngstown, NY 14174

Re: Village of Youngstown Sidewalk

Dear Mayor Reynolds:

The Niagara County Ad Hoc Committee on Recreation and Tourism Legislator Richard L. Andres, Chairman, requested that our office, on its behalf, thank you for your presentation. Your application for funds that Niagara County receives from the New York State Power Authority and through the relicensing agreement for the Greenway projects that are a part of the Niagara Greenway is acknowledged.

The committee has reviewed your documentation and taken into consideration your presentation. We are happy to inform you that we will be presenting your project, to the full body of the Legislature, for approval as to sponsorship with the modifications and conditions listed below. Should the Legislature pass the resolution, you will then need to present your application to the Niagara River Greenway Commission for consultation (if not already accomplished) and then to the Host Community Standing Committee. This last committee is part of the Niagara County Power Coalition, in which there are eight members.

If you wish to note the protocols for this next step in your application, they are on the Niagara Power Coalition's website. If you have any trouble obtaining those, you may contact the undersigned and we will provide the same to you. I would appreciate your contacting us and staying in touch so that we can advise you with the date for Legislature approval and then the next meeting of the Host Community Standing Committee. You will need to be prepared to present your presentation to that body at the date established.

Specifically, upon all approvals, you will be receiving a grant pursuant to the terms and conditions as set forth in the relicensing agreement and the protocols as set forth in the Host Community Standing Committee and those protocols as set forth by Niagara County in the amount up to \$100,000. This amount was arrived at after taking into consideration the need for

Mayor Raleigh B. Reynolds
November 2, 2016
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leveraging matching funds which is one of the principals and goals set forth in the Niagara River Commission Plan. This is further conditioned upon:

1. Your having available answers to any questions that may have been asked during your consultation with the Niagara River Greenway Commission upon presentation to the host community standing committee. This is one of the requirements in their protocols for your presentation and for approval of funding with that committee.
2. Proof of your obtaining the balance of the financing for the full project presented to the Committee.
3. The amount of funds awarded will be held for you for a ninety-day period to provide your proof of full financing.

You will need to add into your budget signage of at least a headway sign that will note that it is a Greenway Project and directing visitors to the other Greenway projects. Templates are available through the Niagara County Public Works Department. The cost is approximately \$6,400.00, but you need to confirm this with the Niagara County Public Works Department. You shall also use the single template form chosen by the County for both the head sign and road signs. There is also a need for road signs that will be connecting and directing your project to other greenway projects in the County. You will be responsible for purchase and the erection of those signs along the routes to the other projects with the municipality where your project is located. For example, the Town of Newfane, with a project in Olcott, would have to be able to connect to the signs that the County will be establishing along Route 18. The County Ad hoc Committee will recommend that the Greenway funds will be allowed to cover up to 50% of this cost.

You also need to remember that this is a reimbursement grant and payment will be paid through the audit and purchasing in the County of Niagara after their review of the contracts' invoices as presented once the project is complete.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

R. Thomas Burgasser

R. Thomas Burgasser
Assistant County Attorney

RTB:clm

cc: Richard L. Andres, Chairman, Niagara County
Ad hoc Committee on Recreation and Tourism

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Please attach material which responds to the follow five items in the order that they are presented.

- 1. In a brief paragraph, describe the project and its purpose, how and when it will be accomplished, and why it is important.***

The Village of Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk Project is a \$55,000 construction project that will install a sidewalk connecting Water Street to Main Street in the Village of Youngstown. This sidewalk will be located along side the current Water Street, off of Main Street (RT 18F). The Village of Youngstown has been working diligently to allocate Village funds and to secure outside funds to complete this project without success. While doing so, the Village has decided to request funds from the Niagara River Greenway due to its proximity and access to the Village's waterfront access point and this project also supports many of the Greenway's objectives. With this formal request to Niagara River Greenway the Village of Youngstown is requesting \$55,000.00 in Greenway funds, which will meet the financial needs to complete this project. Once completed, this will link Water Street to Main Street (RT 18F) and will create a continuous safe sidewalk for pedestrians to access the waterfront and local amenities, such as the yacht club, municipal parking lot and boat launch areas, (see attached map). This will provide greater connectivity and continuity of the regional sidewalk system throughout the Niagara River Greenway corridor within the Village of Youngstown.

The proposed scope of work will start with a portion of the site being cleared and the removal of the guardrail. Once the needed areas are cleared of debris, a 550 linear foot sidewalk will be constructed. The sidewalk will be a 3 foot wide foot path made of asphalt 4" thick binder (the small 3ft wide sidewalk is due to the vary limited amount of space available). The sidewalk will be installed right along side Water Street and 4-foot high chain link fence will be installed next to the sidewalk for additional pedestrian safety. Currently there is not a "safe" way for pedestrians to walk down Water Street to access the locations at the base of the road. Those individuals that need to walk down to the waterfront after parking their vehicles at the municipal lot, do not have a safe way to get down there without dealing with motor vehicle traffic. Pedestrians must walk down a road only intended for vehicle

traffic, which due to its steep and sharp turn have resulted in many close calls between pedestrians and motor vehicles. Local officials feel this project is of the utmost importance, primarily as a safety issue but also because without a safe way to access the Niagara River and Lake Ontario the site runs the risk of not being utilized to its fullest potential, with residents going elsewhere to access the waterfront which may offer a much safer environment conducive to pedestrians. Once completed, this proposed fenced in sidewalk along Water Street will eliminate all safety concerns to pedestrians and once again become a destination location within the Village of Youngstown as its primary access to the waterfront. The site will also incorporate landscaping, traffic control, relocation of the removed guardrail and a Niagara River Greenway Sign into the finished project (see attached budget).

2. ***Referring to the Niagara River Greenway Plan, clearly document and describe how the proposed project will advance the Niagara River Greenway vision including the goals, principles, and criteria that define that vision. Niagara Greenway Vision Statement: The Niagara River Greenway is a world-class corridor of places, parks and landscapes that celebrates and interprets our unique natural, cultural, recreational, scenic, and heritage resources and provides access to and connections between these important resources while giving rise to economic opportunities for the region.***

The Village of Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk Project will promote and further the vision of the Niagara River Greenway by supporting public parkland along the Niagara River to serve as a recreational, educational, and scenic gateway for visitors to the Greenway Corridor.

The project area, where the Water Street Sidewalk is proposed for construction, is currently unusable and unsafe for pedestrians and within feet from the Niagara River. The Village proposes to install the sidewalk for pedestrians linking Water Street to Main Street (RT18F). Interpretive signage detailing the history of the Niagara River and its importance to the region will guide users of this sidewalk, including pedestrians and bicyclists.

This project incorporates all of the principles, goals and criteria set forth by the Niagara River Greenway, and the project will support an accessible, unified, environmentally-friendly, and revitalized corridor that highlights the natural beauty, cultural diversity, and historic significance of the Niagara River.

PRINCIPLES

The implementation of the Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk Project will meet the guiding principles of the Niagara River Greenway as follows:

Excellence

The Village of Youngstown is committed to maintaining excellence at its recreational facilities. The Water Street Sidewalk Project with its waterfront access to the Niagara River will capitalize on the waterbody's first-rate on-shore fishing, pristine natural beauty and scenic vistas, thus contributing to the Greenway's first-class standards.

Sustainability

The Water Street Sidewalk Project will promote the ecological, economic and physical sustainability for long-term viability and effectiveness. The Village of Youngstown Department of Public Works will conscientiously maintain the newly installed sidewalk and fence.

Accessibility

The proposed Water Street Sidewalk Project will be situated within feet of the Niagara River, and incorporate Niagara River waterfront property purchased by the Village for development as public parkland. The trail will be located right along side the current Water Street (Seaway Trail) off of Main Street RT 18F, thus facilitating improved public access to the Niagara River and a continuous, accessible regional sidewalk system. The project will be designed to provide and increase physical and visual access to and from the waterfront and related resources for a full range of users (youth, seniors, and persons with special needs). This project at its core is a pure "accessibility" project, the installation of this sidewalk will provide safe "accessibility" to the Village's main waterfront access.

Ecological Integrity

The Water Street Sidewalk Project will support parkland and will improve the health, vitality, and integrity of natural resources and wildlife habitats with an emphasis placed on restoring and retaining ecologically significant areas and natural landscapes both in and over the water and upland.

Public Well-Being

With a proposed project area located within feet of the Niagara River and the Seaway Trail, the Water Street Sidewalk Project will provide a much-needed safe access to the waterfront free of motor vehicle traffic to pedestrians from the community, as well as from visitors. The sidewalk will advance public well-being and promote physical and emotional wellness through the experience that it offers to the public by providing access to both active and passive recreational opportunities. The sidewalk will provide users with improved access for various recreational activities, waterfront access, and support a relaxing atmosphere for all users.

Connectivity

The Water Street Sidewalk Project will be located right along side the current Water Street (Seaway Trail) off of Main Street RT 18F. The sidewalk will increase connectivity and access, promote the continuity of open space and habitats, and provide for connections to related corridors and resources across the region.

Restoration

The location of the proposed sidewalk is currently meant solely for motor vehicle traffic but with the addition of this fenced in sidewalk area it will only further add to the restoration process that has been taking place on Water Street over the past few years. Also the overgrown vegetation along Water Street will be graded and landscaped. The project is designed to encourage the restoration of ecological resources, will clean up and landscape the current site, and encourage protection of the environment.

Authenticity

The Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk Project will establish a clear sense of "place" and identity that reflects the traditional spirit and heritage of the area. This project is being created along the Niagara River, which have a strong connection to the region's character, culture and history.

Celebration

This project will be designed to celebrate local history, diversity, cultural resources, and the natural and built environments, and will seek to share this diverse tradition with local residents and visitors to the region. Once this sidewalk is complete the path will lead to events and activities that help build social interaction and shared experiences throughout the Greenway corridor.

Partnerships

The focus of the Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk Project may not be a direct cooperation with neighboring municipalities but this project is a long awaited project that the Village of Youngstown residents have requested and the partnerships that the Village has made with local groups and business will only benefit from the completion of the sidewalk.

Community Based

The Village of Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk Project has been in the planning stage for years. The project reflects the preferences and plans of the local community, while respecting other stated goals and the communal vision of the Niagara River Greenway. The Project is highlighted in the Village of Youngstown LWRP, and has the full support of the local community.

GOALS

The implementation of the Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk Project will meet the goals of the Niagara River Greenway as follows:

Improve Access

The Water Street Sidewalk Project will serve as a recreational destination for members of the community and visitors to the Village. The Village is located right next to the Niagara River, there is currently no safe pedestrian waterfront access to the River in Youngstown. Implementation of this project will significantly increase access to the River, as well as contribute to the improvement of waterfront property for development. The project will make recommendations as to parking for bicycle and hiking trails, interpretive and directional signage, as per Greenway guidelines, and provide scenic viewing of the Niagara River.

Make Connections

This project will facilitate increased access to the Niagara River because this sidewalk will be located right along side the current Water Street (Seaway Trail) off of Main Street RT 18F. The trail will serve as a riverfront stopover along Youngstown's Niagara River shoreline.

Protect and Restore Environmental Systems

The project will create safe access to the Niagara River. The construction of the sidewalk will protect this land from commercial and residential development, and contribute to the environmental well-being of the region. Support from the Niagara River Greenway will protect and restore the environmental resources of the region through habitat restoration, reclamation of damaged areas, and preservation of unique and threatened ecological resources.

Spark Revitalization and Renewal

There is an understanding that this project can help spark revitalization, reinvestment and renewal in the cities and communities along the corridor through sustainable development, tourism and improved quality of life factors. The Village understands that the livability of a place, including the natural environment, the built environment, as well as the culture and recreational offerings all contribute to attracting residents, visitors and investment. Economic prosperity will be the natural outcome of making these proposed types of improvements.

Promote Long Term Sustainability

The Village of Youngstown will ensure that the Water Street Sidewalk Project is maintained and updated. This connection between Water Street and Main Street will contribute to vitality of the area, serving as an attractive and essential gateway along the Niagara River Greenway. The Village is committed to the yearly funding and manpower that is necessary to keep the trail in top condition through its Department of Public Works.

Extend the Legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted

Currently, the Village of Youngstown does not have safe accessible waterfront property for pedestrians due to the dangers pedestrians face while walking in areas only designated for motor vehicle traffic. Due to the rapid residential development in the Village, it is vital that available waterfront land is maintained for pedestrians access and use. The Water Street Sidewalk Project linking Water Street with Main Street will provide local residents and visitors to the area with improved continuous access to the Greenway, including river landscapes along the Niagara River, thus continuing the legacy of Frederick Law Olmstead.

Celebrate History and Heritage

The construction of this sidewalk will allow people from the Village, as well as visitors to the area, safe access to the waterfront thus providing additional recreational amenities. Interpretive signage will highlight the importance of Niagara, and its rich history, and provide those who utilize the trail with information about the area.

CRITERIA

Through the Water Street Sidewalk Project, the Village of Youngstown meets criteria of the Niagara River Greenway Plan:

Consistency with Niagara River Greenway Principles

The Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk Project makes a significant contribution toward the all the principles set forth by the Niagara River Greenway. This project encourages the vision for the Greenway to be explicitly considered for project development, at the basic vision, to see developed the space around and near the Niagara River to attract residents and visitors to utilize this space and experience the natural resource provided by the Niagara River.

Priority Status

The Water Street Sidewalk Project fulfills three of the initial priority for the Greenway. This trail will offer: improved access to waterfront resources; development of an integrated trail and park system; and elements of this project will also see some minor restorations of the Niagara River ecosystem.

Focus Area

The implementation of the project will visibly improve property located along the eastern Niagara River, and land that is within feet of the River.

Environmental Soundness

The conceptual plan will address the need to provide proper maintenance of landscaping and plant life, as well as including waste and recycling receptacles along the trail to ensure tidiness.

Implementable

The Village engineer has put together the conceptual plan, and quote (see attached).

Economic Viability and Local Sponsor

All maintenance and upkeep of the Trail will be provided through a line item in the Village of Youngstown Parks and Department of Public Works Budget. The Village of Youngstown will continue to provide stewardship for this project, and provide the necessary money, equipment, and manpower to further this project along from the design phase to its completion and beyond.

Availability of Local Sponsor or Partner

The Village of Youngstown is committed to developing and maintaining the sidewalk as part of its yearly budget and thus will assume the long-term responsibility for continued operation and maintenance. The Village will ensure that the sidewalk does not fall into disrepair and will continue to champion the project after it is completed.

Ability to Match or Leverage Funds

NA

Consideration of Other Planning Efforts

This project is consistent with the Village of Youngstown's LWRP (see attached).

Clear Benefits

The Village of Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk Project will serve as a safe passage for pedestrians to access the waterfront free from motor vehicle traffic, improve the quality of life in our growing community, and enhance tourism and the visitor experience for those visiting the Greenway.

3. Define the budget for the proposed project and include costs for the following:

Planning	\$ _____
Construction	\$ 55,000.00 * _____
Acquisition	\$ _____
Administration	\$ _____

Operation and Maintenance / Year \$ _____

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$ __55,000.00 * _____

Identify all sources of funding and the amount of funding expected from each source. Identify and quantify funds that are already on hand or have been allocated for the proposed project. Explain how the project will be operated and maintained.

As described previously the Village of Youngstown is requesting \$55,000 in Greenway funds to complete this project. Once completed the Water Street Sidewalk Project will be maintained and operated by the Village of Youngstown and all maintenance and upkeep of the sidewalk will be provided through a line item in the Village of Youngstown Department of Public Work's Budget. The Village of Youngstown will continue to provide stewardship for this project, and provide the necessary money, equipment, and manpower to further this project along from the design phase to its completion and beyond.

- 4. Describe the measures taken at the local level to gain community and government support for this project (hearings, petitions, public surveys, resolutions of support or other methods). If this project has been cited or described in a local planning document or some equivalent thereof, attach copies of that documentation highlighting the sections that are relevant to the proposed project. Describe the role of municipal agencies, stakeholder groups, consultants, volunteers or others who will be involved in the proposed project.***

This project, which has been in the planning phase for several years, has received strong community support from residents, organizations, and local representatives and is fully supported by the local governing body for the Village of Youngstown (see attached resolution and LWRP).

This project will provide excellent opportunities for environmental and geological education, outreach, and community involvement. Once completed, this project will:

- Restore and protect ecologically and geologically significant landscapes;
- Create/enhance public access to a natural resource;
- Provide opportunities to educate young people about geology and ecosystems and the associated challenges of restoration and open space protection;
- Result in the restoration of an area, which has been long neglected and underutilized;

- Protect and enhance those scenic, historic and cultural resources, which are readily identifiable as valued parts of the common heritage of New York's citizens; by facilitating convenient access to the Niagara River and Erie Canal;

5. Describe and document the environmental setting and existing conditions at the proposed project site. If you are not the owner of the property include a letter(s) or resolution(s) evidencing support for the project by the owner. Provide photographs, conceptual plans and drawings that show the site as it presently exists and the how the site will change with the addition of the proposed project. Describe how your project will comply with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The existence of wetlands, significant upland and aquatic habitats, and plant or animals species that are classified as rare, threatened, or endangered should be noted. Explain how such natural resources will be protected and / or enhanced. Cite any relevant project related studies.

The Village of Youngstown is a community with a population of approximately 2,063. The entire Village falls within the boundaries of Niagara County. The Village of Youngstown is the property owner and the project is fully supported by the Village Board (resolution attached).

The proposed project: The Village of Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk Project will connect the Water Street with Main Street RT 18F. The proposed sidewalk will be located right along side the current Water Street. The conceptual plan will determine exactly the best place to for the sidewalk because of the property is generally uneven and is steep. No disturbance to wetlands or aquatic habitats exists nor have any rare, threatened or endangered plants or animal species been identified. This project will not cause any adverse impacts to the environment and interpretive signage will be installed along the trail signifying this area's importance to the region. The feasibility study will identify the property and all SEQR documentation will be obtained once the final path/trail design is complete.

Resolution

Village of Youngstown

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Village of Youngstown
AUTORIZING RESOLUTION
August 13, 2015
For Niagara River Greenway Commission Program
Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk Project

I, Cynthia Tripoli, Village Clerk of the Village of Youngstown located at 240 Lockport Street, Youngstown, NY 14174, do hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted at a Village Board meeting of the Village of Youngstown held on August 13, 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 Village Board desires to continue the process of acquiring the funds to complete the Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk Project. This is a construction project that will complete a sidewalk on Water Street in the Village of Youngstown. This sidewalk is located along Water Street on RT 18F.

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes and submits an application for the Niagara River Greenway Niagara County Ad HOC funds for the Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$55,000.00, and

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

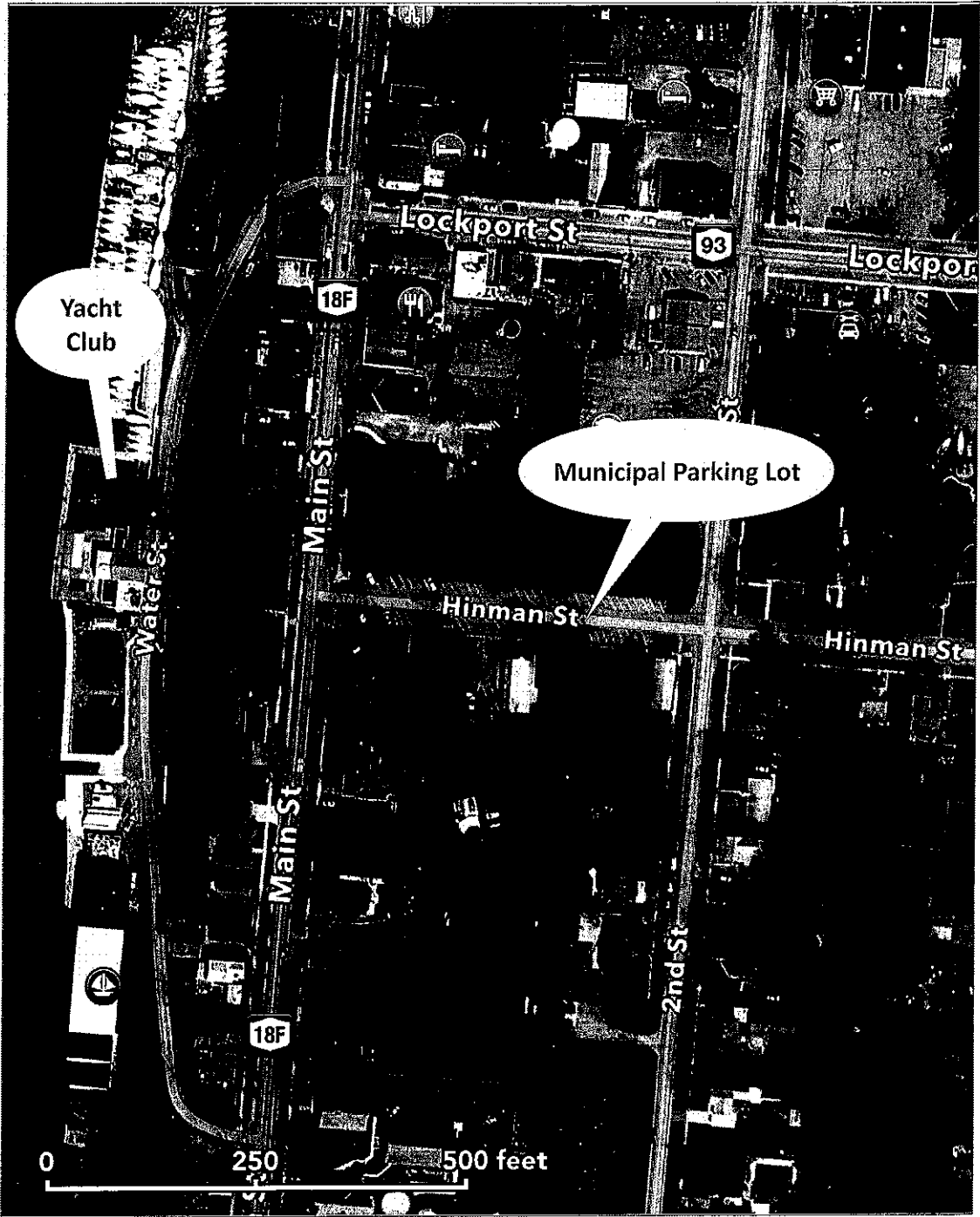
RESOLVED, That Raleigh Reynolds, as Mayor of the Village of Youngstown, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the Niagara River Greenway Niagara County Ad HOC, and execute a project agreement for such financial assistance to the Village of Youngstown for the proposed Youngstown Water Street Sidewalk Project.

Cynthia Tripoli, Village Clerk
Cynthia Tripoli, Village Clerk *ue*

Seal of Municipality

Map

near Youngstown — Niagara



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VILLAGE OF YOUNGSTOWN
LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Prepared by: Thomas J. Dearing, Planning Consultant
For the Village of Youngstown, New York

This document was prepared for the New York State Department of State Coastal Management Program with financial assistance from the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, provided under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended.

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Figure 7: Land Use Calculations

Land Uses	Acreage	Percent Developed	Percent Of Total
Single Family	279.29	63.87	40.27
Two Family	3.31	0.75	0.48
Multiple Family	15.78	3.59	2.26
Commercial	9.59	2.19	1.38
Industrial	2.10	0.48	0.30
Public/Semi-Public	12.99	2.96	1.87
Recreation/Open Space	13.70	2.89	1.82
Transportation	<u>102.90</u>	<u>23.45</u>	<u>14.78</u>
Total Developed	438.79	100.00	63.04
Vacant (Undeveloped)	<u>256.96</u>	—	<u>36.91</u>
TOTAL LAND USE	696.00	—	100.00

Source: Field Survey; Tax Assessment Maps: Consultant Calculations (DDM Associates)

4. Recreation/Open Space:

There are five public parcels reserved for recreation and open space.

Waterfront Park - Water Street - (.54 acres)

- The Park occupies the only public land along Water Street. It contains a single boat launch (public), parking for ten vehicles (non-trailered), a shorewall for fishing and transient boat tie-ups, benches for passive recreation, and a vacant former U.S. Customs Building. The latter structure occupies 25-30% of the site, thereby diminishing total park area available for public use.

The Customs House will be relocated to Veterans Park for use as a crafts building. If at sometime in the future the Village wishes to re-establish its port of entry status, substantial space is available at the low-rise building in Constitution Park.

F. WATER-DEPENDENT AND WATER-ENHANCED USES

Water-dependent uses would not exist without a shorefront location. Water-enhanced uses receive added value or importance because of proximity to the shoreline. Frequently, they function as support services for water uses. Water-dependent uses play an essential role in determining a shoreline's economic importance and public acceptance of its worth as a public resource needing careful planning.

The Youngstown waterfront (those parcels directly on the Niagara River) is approximately 6970 feet long and composed primarily of residential uses that sit atop a steep embankment lining the River. This embankment is excellent for scenic vistas of the Lower River, but prohibits general access to the water. Only those residents who have invested in stairways and/or docks have utilization of the waterfront.

The dominant uses along the waterfront are single-family residences and commerce at 4058.74 feet (58.2%) and 1842.3 feet (26.4%), respectively. Commercial uses are concentrated in the Water Street area. The restaurants, public parks, and residential housing are all water-enhanced uses. Examples of water-dependent uses consist of the Youngstown Yacht Club, the ramp at the public park, dock/mooring spaces, Williams Marine and Sailor's Supply. Water Street opens up about 20% of the Village coast to access and is heavily used during the summer months. Currently, boaters and transient visitors have a major economic impact on Village commerce and provide substantial support for Village business. Figure 8 illustrates the location of water-dependent uses situated west of Main Street.

Vehicular access to Constitution Park off Water Street can only be made by a narrow, privately owned gravel road. Since the Park is not developed, the limited demand for vehicle access has not caused any problems. Pedestrian access to the waterside section of the Park is along the private road, or an existing stairway off the top of the bluff.

The Water Street area is seasonally active with recreational boaters, fishermen, and tourists. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic crowd the area on summer weekends and find limited services to complement marine facilities. Commercial services are available at Williams Marine and Sailor's Supply.

Additional retail outlets for fishing equipment, as well as restaurants could find a welcome market in the Village. As the Village becomes more popular and the recommendations noted in Section IV carried out, it is likely that fishermen and get away weekenders will create a market for "bed and breakfast" establishments and inn type lodgings. These are oriented toward recreational boaters who visit the 250+ moorings in the harbor. Fishing is present in the area, but is limited by the lack of near-shore docks, public launches and trailer parking. Sportfishing represents a significant revenue opportunity for waterfront development.

Although the Youngstown waterfront is mainly used by boaters, there is some on-shore fishing activity at Waterfront Park and Constitution Park. The area, however, is not considered a fishing hotspot, so demand for more space is not voiced.

Water Street is physically separated from the rest of the Village by the Niagara River embankment. The Village commercial center is located at Lockport and Main Streets immediately adjacent to Water Street. This is the hub of Village retail activity and runs from the Village Park on Main Street to Hinman Street. It contains mostly residential/neighborhood retail facilities (hardware, food, laundry, post office, bank, etc.) with only a few services oriented toward tourist or the waterfront (gas station, convenience store). While functionally isolated from the business district, adjacent areas are residential to the north and south and are significantly different in character from the waterfront and its patrons. Some of the storefronts within the Village Center are in need of facade improvements. This would increase the area's attractiveness as a commercial corridor for residents and seasonal visitors.

More specifically, the Main Street commercial area is characterized by high, overhead utility lines, no landscaping between Hinman and Lockport Streets, and little signs. The structures are generally 2-3 story brick facade buildings with mixed use tenants. Some wood frame buildings are interspersed. A few buildings are circa 1800's.

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Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information							
Name of Action or Project: Water Street Sidewalk Improvements							
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Water Street, Youngstown, New York 14174							
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The proposed action involves the construction of approximately 500 feet of sidewalk along the west side of Water Street from the South Dock to Main Street. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide a safe and adequate means for pedestrian access to the waterfront.							
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Village of Youngstown		Telephone: (716) 745-7721					
		E-Mail:					
Address: 240 Lockport Street							
City/PO: Youngstown		State: New York	Zip Code: 14174				
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">NO</td> <td style="text-align: center;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">☒</td> <td style="text-align: center;">☐</td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	☒	☐
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2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: Potential funding from the Niagara River Greenway Commission.			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">NO</td> <td style="text-align: center;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">☐</td> <td style="text-align: center;">☒</td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	☐	☒
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3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		1.50 acres					
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		0.03 acres					
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		2.00 acres					
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action.							
☒ Urban ☐ Rural (non-agriculture) ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Residential (suburban)							
☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☒ Other (specify): Public Right-of-Way							
☐ Parkland							

5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	NO ☐	YES ☐	N/A ☒
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	☐	☒	☐
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO ☐	YES ☒	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO ☒	YES ☐	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO ☒	YES ☐	
b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action?	☒	☐	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action?	☐	☒	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____	NO ☒	YES ☐	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____	NO ☒	YES ☐	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____	NO ☒	YES ☐	
12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places?	NO ☒	YES ☐	
b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?	☒	☐	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO ☒	YES ☐	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____	☒	☐	
14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: ☐ Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successional ☐ Wetland ☒ Urban ☐ Suburban			
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO ☒	YES ☐	
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?	NO ☒	YES ☐	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? ☐ NO ☐ YES b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? ☐ NO ☐ YES If Yes, briefly describe: _____	NO ☒	YES ☐	

18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____ _____ _____	NO ☒	YES ☐
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____ _____ _____	NO ☒	YES ☐
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: _____ _____ _____	NO ☒	YES ☐
I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE Applicant/sponsor name: _____ Date: 06/11/2015 Signature: _____		

Project:

Date:

***Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Impact Assessment***

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	☒	☐
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	☒	☐
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	☒	☐
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	☒	☐
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	☒	☐
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	☒	☐
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:	☒	☐
a. public / private water supplies?	☒	☐
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	☒	☐
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	☒	☐
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	☒	☐
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	☒	☐
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	☒	☐

Project:

Date:

Short Environmental Assessment Form **Part 3 Determination of Significance**

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

The construction of the proposed sidewalk will not have an adverse impact on the environment based on the following considerations:

- The project does not exceed any Type 1 actions as defined in section 614.4 of the SEQRA regulations and is not located adjacent or in close proximity to any Critical Environmental Area.
- The proposed sidewalk will be located adjacent to the existing roadway and entirely within the public right-of-way previously disturbed by the construction of Water Street. The total amount of land impacted is approximately 0.03 acres and will not substantially increase the total amount of impervious surface area. Therefore the project is not anticipated to result in an increase in the potential for drainage, flooding or erosion.
- The proposed sidewalk is not situated in a 100 year flood hazard area and will not impact wetlands, streams, the Niagara River, flora, fauna or any other natural resources.
- The proposed sidewalk is not located within a sensitive archaeological area and not is situated adjacent or in close proximity to any historic districts, sites or buildings.
- The proposed sidewalk improves pedestrian safety and is consistent with the intent of the Village's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program to improve access to the waterfront area and promote its use by the public.

☐ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.

☒ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Village of Youngstown

Name of Lead Agency

Date

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

PRINT FORM

Site Plan

Budget/Quote

Village of Youngstown
Water Street Sidewalk
Construction Cost Estimate
May 14, 2015

Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Item \$\$
Mobilization/demobilization	1	LS	\$3,000	\$3,000
Removal/relocation of guardrail	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
Clearing and grubbing	1	LS	\$2,000	\$2,000
Sidewalk, 3 ft. wide, 4 inch thick	550	LF	\$34	\$18,700
Chain link fence, 4 ft. high	550	LF	\$25	\$13,750
Traffic control	1	LS	\$2,000	\$2,000
Subtotal				\$44,450
Contingency @ 15%				\$6,668
Total Estimated Construction Cost				\$51,118

Note

Recent sidewalk (4 ft. wide) bid price was \$54/SY. Price for this project has been escalated due to logistics and topography. Fence price has been escalated similarly.

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Town of Cambria Park Improvement

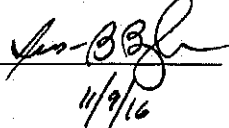
Town of Cambria Comfort Station – Request for Additional Funding

The original town request for Greenway funding was \$250,000, in which \$80,000 was granted in 2015. As the project started our town Engineers revised our construction costs to reflect a new total project budget of \$554,792 which is a little over \$100,000 from our original estimates.

In 2016, Cambria requested an additional \$150,000 from the Niagara County Ad Hoc committee and we were awarded **\$90,000**. The Town of Cambria will be providing the balance of funding required to complete this project.

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislators David E. Godfrey DATE: 11/15/16 RESOLUTION # IL-071-16
Richard L. Andres, Kathryn L. Lance,
Anthony J. Nemi, John Syracuse, Owen T. Steed & Parks, Recreation & Tourism

APPROVED CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION Ad Hoc Committee
 11/9/16			Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes <u>0</u> Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Referred: _____

SUPPORT FOR THE TOWN OF CAMBRIA COMFORT STATION

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 Cambria has made application to the Niagara County's Ad Hoc Committee on Recreation and Tourism for Greenway funds for Phase 2 of the Town of Cambria Town Park Comfort Station Project, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cambria Town Park features trails, roads, soccer fields, baseball diamonds, extensive signage, picnic shelters, and grills and gazebos, and is being utilized by many residents and recreational groups and teams, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cambria's application for construction of a comfort station within the Town of Cambria Town Park will include a concession stand and restroom facilities, with parking areas and walkways; and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be utilized by the Town of Cambria to assist in the completion of the overall Project, and

WHEREAS, this project will enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike by improving the Town of Cambria's Town Park, by providing recreational opportunity to hikers, joggers and cyclists from the community, as well as visitors, and will attract will cause a positive economic impact in the Town of Cambria and the County, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cambria has requested \$90,000.00 to be utilized for completion of the overall project, and

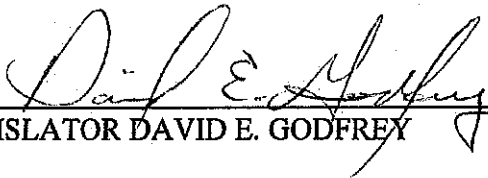
WHEREAS, the Town of Cambria Town Park Comfort Station has the support and approval of Legislator David Godfrey, along with various organizations in the Town of Cambria, and

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 Cambria Town Park Comfort Station has utilized great effort and is complimented for being able to receive additional funds for further projects to lower their actual request for funds, and

WHEREAS, after receipt of in-kind services and other funding, the remaining \$90,000.00 needed for the project is being requested, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature does hereby support and sponsor the funding of \$90,000.00 for Phase 2 of the Town of Cambria Town Park Comfort Station project when presented to the Niagara Power Coalition and the Host Community Standing Committee.



LEGISLATOR DAVID E. GODFREY



LEGISLATOR RICHARD ANDRES



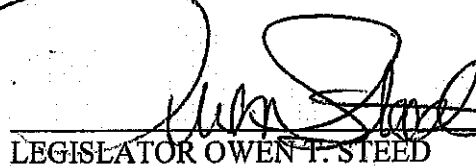
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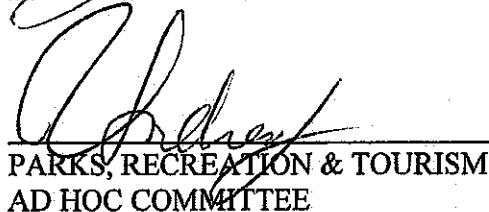
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November 2, 2016

Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor 
Town of Cambria
4160 Upper Mountain Road
Sanborn, NY 14132

Re: Town of Cambria Comfort Station

Dear Supervisor Ellis:

The Niagara County Ad Hoc Committee on Recreation and Tourism Legislator Richard L. Andres, Chairman, requested that our office, on its behalf, thank you for your presentation. Your application for funds that Niagara County receives from the New York State Power Authority and through the relicensing agreement for the Greenway projects that are a part of the Niagara Greenway is acknowledged.

The committee has reviewed your documentation and taken into consideration your presentation. We are happy to inform you that we will be presenting your project, to the full body of the Legislature, for approval as to sponsorship with the modifications and conditions listed below. Should the Legislature pass the resolution, you will then need to present your application to the Niagara River Greenway Commission for consultation (if not already accomplished) and then to the Host Community Standing Committee. This last committee is part of the Niagara County Power Coalition, in which there are eight members.

If you wish to note the protocols for this next step in your application, they are on the Niagara Power Coalition's website. If you have any trouble obtaining those, you may contact the undersigned and we will provide the same to you. I would appreciate your contacting us and staying in touch so that we can advise you with the date for Legislature approval and then the next meeting of the Host Community Standing Committee. You will need to be prepared to present your presentation to that body at the date established.

Specifically, upon all approvals, you will be receiving a grant pursuant to the terms and conditions as set forth in the relicensing agreement and the protocols as set forth in the Host Community Standing Committee and those protocols as set forth by Niagara County in the amount up to \$90,000. This amount was arrived at after taking into consideration the need for

Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor

November 2, 2016

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leveraging matching funds which is one of the principals and goals set forth in the Niagara River Commission Plan. This is further conditioned upon:

1. Your having available answers to any questions that may have been asked during your consultation with the Niagara River Greenway Commission upon presentation to the host community standing committee. This is one of the requirements in their protocols for your presentation and for approval of funding with that committee.
2. Proof of your obtaining the balance of the financing for the full project presented to the Committee.
3. The amount of funds awarded will be held for you for a ninety-day period to provide your proof of full financing.

You will need to add into your budget signage of at least a headway sign that will note that it is a Greenway Project and directing visitors to the other Greenway projects. Templates are available through the Niagara County Public Works Department. The cost is approximately \$6,400.00, but you need to confirm this with the Niagara County Public Works Department. You shall also use the single template form chosen by the County for both the head sign and road signs. There is also a need for road signs that will be connecting and directing your project to other greenway projects in the County. You will be responsible for purchase and the erection of those signs along the routes to the other projects with the municipality where your project is located. For example, the Town of Newfane, with a project in Olcott, would have to be able to connect to the signs that the County will be establishing along Route 18. The County Ad hoc Committee will recommend that the Greenway funds will be allowed to cover up to 50% of this cost.

You also need to remember that this is a reimbursement grant and payment will be paid through the audit and purchasing in the County of Niagara after their review of the contracts' invoices as presented once the project is complete.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

R. Thomas Burgasser/clm.

R. Thomas Burgasser
Assistant County Attorney

RTB:clm

cc: Richard L. Andres, Chairman, Niagara County
Ad hoc Committee on Recreation and Tourism

Host Community Project Number: HCSC-15-012

Date Submitted: 12-01-15

Host Communities Standing Committee Review Form

PROJECT SPONSOR INFORMATION:

Name: Town of Cambria

Mailing Address: 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Sanborn

State: New York Zip Code: 14132

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: Cambria Comfort Station

Location: Town of Cambria

Site Address: 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Sanborn

State: New York Zip Code: 14132

Minor Civil Division(s): Town of Cambria

County: Niagara

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

The Town of Cambria has ownership of the property

AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

Name: Wright H. Ellis **Title:** Supervisor

Business Address: 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Sanborn

State: New York **Zip Code:** 14132

Telephone Number: 716-433-8523 **Cell Number:** _____

Fax Number: 716-433-7164

E-Mail Address: supervisor@townofcambria.com

PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT

Name: Wright H. Ellis **Title:** Supervisor

Business Address: 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Sanborn

State: New York **Zip Code:** 14132

Telephone Number: 716-433-8523 **Cell Number:** _____

Fax Number: 716-433-7164

E-Mail Address: supervisor@townofcambria.com

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

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Please attach material which responds to the follow five items in the order that they are presented.

- 1. In a brief paragraph, describe the project and its purpose, how and when it will be accomplished, and why it is important.*

The Town of Cambria Town Park Comfort Station Project is a \$421,713.00 construction project that will see the construction of a 975 square foot comfort station within the Town of Cambria Town Park. The Town of Cambria has been working diligently to allocate Town funds and to secure outside funds to complete this project. The Town has already allocated \$171,713.00 in matching funds toward this project, but still requires \$250,000.00 to see this project to completion. With this formal request to Niagara River Greenway the Town of Cambria is requesting \$250,000.00 in Greenway funds.

In 1999, the Cambria Town Board purchased 108 acres of farmland on Upper Mountain Road, with intention of developing a recreational town park. Park development began in 2001 with the approval of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the Army Corps of Engineers, and in 2006 construction began on the nature trails. By 2010, along with funding assistance from NYSOPRHP, the Park featured trails, roads, soccer fields, baseball diamonds, extensive signage and other amenities. It also now features picnic shelters, grills and gazebos. However, it has always lacked permanent restroom facilities.

Since the Park was developed, the Town's recreation and sports programs have grown considerably, and Town officials have continually solicited resident input regarding what they want and need from this recreational facility. The need for restrooms and a concession stand have been mentioned repeatedly, as users have been relying on portable toilets. In addition to being unappealing and inconvenient, they do not provide adequate hand washing facilities, nor other necessary features, such as baby changing stations or ADA accessibility.

Since the baseball, softball and soccer leagues have grown, the Town will need to accommodate more teams as well as night games. Lighting the future fields will be a necessity in order to adequately meet the public's needs.

Therefore, the Town of Cambria is formally requesting funds from Niagara River Greenway to install a 975-square foot comfort station in the Cambria Town Park, providing a concession stand, sinks, and toilets connected to public water and a septic/sand filter system. The comfort station will also feature a 2400-square foot asphalt parking area with handicapped-accessible parking, and 2500 square feet of concrete walks (please refer to attached schematic plan). In order to support the comfort station, 65 linear feet of 2" water lines will be installed to provide hand washing, food prep and restroom facilities. This line will connect to existing water service on the access road.

The Town will also install electrical service to the comfort station and to support future development projects, including night lighting for the sports fields (please see the

Restroom Site Plan for the location of the planned sports fields). This component of the project includes underground conduits, transformer pad, 200 Amp 480/277V panel, a 100 Amp 120/208V panel, 200A service conduit and transformer.

The project can be broken down into three parts: water line installation, electrical installation and comfort station construction. The Town will perform the excavation work and installation of the water line. Construction and electrical contractors will be chosen in accordance with Town procurement policies, except for the portion of electrical work that must be performed by National Grid.

Project plans were developed by Wendel Duschner, a noted engineering and architectural firm with vast experience in municipal parks and recreation development projects. All project plans are in accordance with appropriate building standards, local codes, health department regulations and ADA guidelines for accessibility.

2. *Referring to the Niagara River Greenway Plan, clearly document and describe how the proposed project will advance the Niagara River Greenway vision including the goals, principles, and criteria that define that vision. Niagara Greenway Vision Statement: The Niagara River Greenway is a world-class corridor of places, parks and landscapes that celebrates and interprets our unique natural, cultural, recreational, scenic, and heritage resources and provides access to and connections between these important resources while giving rise to economic opportunities for the region.*

The Town of Cambria, Town Park Comfort Station will promote and further the vision of the Niagara River Greenway by supporting public parkland along the Niagara River Corridor and Wine Trails to serve as a recreational, educational, and scenic gateway for visitors to the Niagara Greenway. This project will benefit the public by enhancing and improving the Town's primary recreational asset, the Town Park. Investing in the project will provide significant benefits to the area, to local businesses and to hundreds of residents each year, as the Park's trails are used not only by residents but by visitors throughout the region. Many of these visitors are drawn to the area by the wineries and agri-tourism opportunities, which support local farms and subsequently hundreds of local jobs.

The Park's visual appeal will be greatly enhanced by the design of the comfort station, which is far more attractive than the current portable facilities on the site. Designed by experienced professionals, it will complement the rural and scenic nature of the Park and will be a cohesive element that will enhance the visitor experience. Additionally, it will provide maximum function in a minimal space, providing for more of the community's needs than the portable toilets, which take up many square feet, but do not provide the same level of service, comfort, safety or appeal.

This project incorporates all of the principles, goals and criteria set forth by the Niagara River Greenway, and the project will support an accessible, unified, environmentally-friendly, and revitalized corridor that highlights the natural beauty, cultural diversity, and historic significance of the Niagara River.

PRINCIPLES

The implementation of the Cambria Town Park Comfort Station Project will meet the guiding principles of the Niagara River Greenway Commission as follows:

Excellence

The Town of Cambria is committed to maintaining excellence at its recreational facilities. The Cambria Town Park with its green space, nature trails and sports fields, will capitalize on the area's pristine natural beauty and scenic vistas, thus contributing to the Greenway's first-class standards.

Sustainability

The Cambria Town Park will promote the ecological, economic and physical sustainability for long-term viability and effectiveness. The Town of Cambria employees will conscientiously maintain the Cambria Town Park Comfort Station.

Accessibility

The proposed Cambria Town Park Comfort Station advances the initiative of providing enhanced recreational access for persons with disabilities. The comfort station was designed with ADA accessibility in mind and will have the appropriate fixtures to accommodate users with wheelchairs and other devices. This project also minimizes impacts to environmental resources because it will result in minimal ground disturbance, and will not interfere with scenic views, nor will it have any negative effects on wildlife, trees or plant species.

Ecological Integrity

The Cambria Town Park Comfort Station will support the parkland where it will be constructed, currently unused land, and will improve the health, vitality, and integrity of the natural resources and wildlife habitats by offering residents a centrally located place to handle all their needs without damaging the entire park area which will retain ecologically significant areas and natural landscapes.

Public Well-Being

With a proposed project area located within 12 miles of the Niagara River, and the Seaway Trail, the Cambria Town Park will provide much-needed recreational opportunity to hikers, joggers, and cyclists from the community, as well as from visitors. The Comfort Station will advance public well-being and promote physical and emotional wellness through the experience that it offers by providing access to both active and passive recreational opportunities. The Park's visual appeal will be greatly enhanced by the design of the comfort station, which is far more attractive than the current portable facilities on the site. Designed by experienced professionals, it will complement the rural and scenic nature of the Park and will be a cohesive element that will enhance the visitor experience. Additionally, it will provide maximum function in a minimal space, providing for more of the community's needs than the portable toilets, which take up valuable square feet but do not provide the same level of service, comfort, safety or appeal.

Connectivity

The Cambria Town Park Comfort Station will facilitate increased access to the Town Park's sports fields, nature trails, playground equipment and recreation areas in Cambria Town Park, and will serve as a recreational destination for Town residents and the surrounding community for leisure recreation and organized activities. Being within 12 miles of the Niagara River, signage will further draw visitors and cyclists to the Park as both a destination and as a stopover. Cambria Town Park will increase connectivity and access, promote the continuity of open space and habitats, and provide for connections to related corridors and resources across the region.

Restoration

The location of the proposed Comfort Station is currently open space within Cambria Town Park, and its design will only add to the restoration of ecological resources and encourage protection of the environment in which it will be built.

Authenticity

Cambria Town Park Comfort Station will establish a clear sense of "place" and identity that reflects the traditional spirit and heritage of the area. This project is being created along the Niagara River Corridor which has a strong connection to the Town of Cambria's character, culture and location.

Celebration

This project will be designed to celebrate local diversity, cultural resources, and the natural and built environments, and will seek to share this diverse tradition with local residents and visitors to the region. Once this Comfort Station is complete the local events and activities, that help build social interaction, will have a more comfortable shared experience.

Partnerships

The focus of the Cambria Town Park Comfort Station may not be a direct cooperation with neighboring municipalities, but this project is a long awaited reciprocal compromise the Town of Cambria has made with its residents to offer a comfort station and remove the current unsightly portable facilities. With the addition of a permanent comfort station to the Town Park there is greater potential of the relationships and partnerships being created with neighboring municipalities in the future to have joint sporting events and special activates that span between neighboring town parks, which will strengthen the coordination and integration of efforts throughout the Greenway.

Community Based

The project will be led by a project team consisting of the Town Supervisor, the Town Highway Superintendent, and the Town Park Planning Committee. These individuals have overseen the development of the Park since they undertook the purchase of the land in 1999, and have successfully implemented each of the planned phases and improvements. These improvements have also included the NYSOPRHP-funded project awarded in 2007-2008. Since the formation of the Park Planning Committee, resident input has been solicited regarding the public's needs. The Town Master Plan was updated in 1997, and residents were given a survey to indicate their preferences for the direction of Town growth (response was overwhelming for the development of a recreation park).

The Town also mailed surveys with the Fall 2013 water bills in order to solicit public input for the next update to the Master Plan. The survey specifically contained questions pertaining to the Town's recreational facilities and programs. Survey results showed widespread community support for continued improvements to town park facilities.

GOALS

The implementation of the Cambria Town Park Comfort Station project will meet the goals of the Niagara River Greenway Commission as follows:

Improve Access

The Cambria Town Park/Comfort Station will serve as a recreational destination for members of the community, and visitors to the Town. Implementation of this project will significantly increase access to the park, as well as contribute to the improvement of undeveloped property that was acquired by the Town for development as a park.

Make Connections

This project will facilitate increased access to the Cambria Town Park and neighboring communities through the connection of existing nature trails and sports fields.

Protect and Restore Environmental Systems

The construction of the Comfort Station will protect this land from commercial and residential development, and contribute to the environmental well-being of the region. The Niagara River Greenway will protect and restore the environmental resources of the region through habitat restoration, reclamation of damaged areas, and preservation of unique and threatened ecological resources.

Spark Revitalization and Renewal

There is an understanding that this project can help spark revitalization, reinvestment and renewal in the cities and communities along the corridor through sustainable development, tourism and improved quality of life factors. The Town is severely challenged in providing residents and visitors with adequate recreational facilities, which have not kept up with sudden rapid population growth. The Town understands that the livability of a place, including the natural environment, the built environment, the culture and recreational offerings all contribute to attracting residents, visitors and investment. Economic prosperity will be the natural outcome of making the types of improvements.

Promote Long Term Sustainability

The Town of Cambria will ensure that the Cambria Town Park is maintained and updated. This project and park will contribute to vitality of the area, serving as an attractive and essential gateway along the Niagara River Greenway Corridor. The Town is committed to the yearly funding and manpower that are necessary to keep the Comfort Station and the Town Park in top condition.

Extend the Legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted

Currently, the Town of Cambria does not have any permanent sanitary facilities available for residents and visitors to the Town Park. Associated with the rapid residential development in the Town, it is vital that Cambria Town Park maintains its pristine beauty for public use. Cambria Town Park will fulfill Olmsted's vision of extending the park

system beyond the "Niagara Reservation" thus Cambria Town Park will preserve Olmsted's vision, building a legacy for future generations.

Celebrate History and Heritage

The construction of this Cambria Town Park Comfort Station will draw people from the Town as well as visitors to the area, thus providing additional amenities. Interpretive signage will highlight the importance of Niagara area, and its rich history, and provide those who utilize the trails and sports fields with information about the area.

CRITERIA

Through the Cambria Town Park Project, the Town of Cambria meets criteria of the Niagara River Greenway Plan:

Consistency with Niagara River Greenway Principles

The Cambria Town Park Comfort Station Project makes a significant contribution toward the principles set forth by the Niagara River Greenway Commission. This project encourages the vision for the Greenway to be explicitly considered for project development, at the basic vision, to see develop the space around and near the Niagara River to attract residents and visitors to utilize this space and experience the natural resource provided by the Niagara River Corridor.

Priority Status

The Cambria Town Park Project fulfills the initial priority for the Greenway, the continued development of an integrated trail and park system and elements of this project will also see some preservation of the local ecosystem.

Focus Area

The implementation of the project will visibly improve property located along the eastern Niagara River Greenway Corridor, and land that is within 12 miles of the river.

Environmental Soundness

The Comfort Station will address the need to provide proper maintenance of landscaping and plant life, as well as including waste and recycling receptacles and proper waste management that will not harm the local ecosystem.

Implementable

Wendel Duchscherer Architects and Engineers has provided plans and cost estimates for the construction of the Comfort Station (see attached). The Town of Cambria, Town Park Planning Committee has worked closely with Wendel Duchscherer in the development of the park, which has subsequently led to the formation of the conceptual plan of this project.

Economic Viability and Local Sponsor

All maintenance and upkeep of the Comfort Station will be provided through a line item in the Town of Cambria Budget. The Town of Cambria will continue to provide stewardship for this project, and provide the necessary money, equipment, and manpower to further this project along from the design phase to its completion and beyond.

Availability of Local Sponsor or Partner

The Town of Cambria is committed to developing and maintaining the Town Park and this proposed Comfort Station as part of its yearly budget and thus will assume the long-term responsibility for continued operation and maintenance. The Town will assure that the Town Park and this proposed Comfort Station does not fall into disrepair and will continue to champion the project after it is completed.

Ability to Match or Leverage Funds

The Town has \$171,713.00 in matching funds toward this project. In June, 2014 The Town of Cambria submitted an application requesting \$205,931.00 from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Consolidated Funding Application (CFA).

Consideration of Other Planning Efforts

This project is consistent with the Town of Cambria's Comprehensive Master Plan (see attached)

Clear Benefits

Cambria Town Park Comfort Station will benefit the public by enhancing and improving the Town's primary recreational asset, the Town Park. Investing in the project will provide significant benefits to the area, to local businesses and to hundreds of residents each year, as the Park's trails are used not only by residents but by visitors throughout the region. With this in mind an informational kiosk was added to the Comfort Station (see attached design); this wall-mounted kiosk will highlight the Niagara River Greenway location and events. Also the Park's visual appeal will be greatly enhanced by the design of the comfort station, which is far more attractive than the current portable facilities on the site. Additionally, it will provide maximum function in a minimal space, providing for more of the community's needs than the portable toilets, which take up valuable square feet but do not provide the same level of service, comfort, safety or appeal.

3. Define the budget for the proposed project and include costs for the following:

Planning	\$ _____
Construction	\$ <u>421.713.00</u>
Acquisition	\$ _____
Administration	\$ _____
Operation and Maintenance / Year	\$ _____
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ <u>421.713.00</u>

Identify all sources of funding and the amount of funding expected from each source. Identify and quantify funds that are already on hand or have been allocated for the proposed project. Explain how the project will be operated and maintained.

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Construction of this project can be divided into 4 main components:

1. Site prep, including water supply (\$53,450): This component will include excavation, asphalt pavement, concrete walks, installation of accessible parking signs, installation of a septic/sand filter system, and the installation of a 2" water supply line to the comfort station from the existing water supply at the access road (65 linear feet). The Town will provide the excavation service and install the water lines.
2. Comfort Station Construction (\$171,830): This component will include the construction of the Comfort Station and will include the completion of the SEQRA. Also a wall-mounted informational kiosk will be constructed within the comfort station, which will highlight the Niagara River Greenway's historical significance, regional impact, connectivity, maps and seasonal events.
3. Electrical Service to Comfort Station (\$96,370): These expenses will consist of excavation and backfill for underground conduit, installation of 4" PVC underground conduit, the transformer pad, and the utility company charges. Service for Future Electrical Capacity (sports lighting): Expenses consist of installation of 200 Amp 480/277V Panel, 100 linear feet of 200A service conduit and wire, a 100 Amp 120/208V Panel, a transformer and miscellaneous installation supplies.
4. The total project budget will also include Contingency/Mobilization/General Requirements/ and Greenway signage totaling \$100,063.

Once completed the Cambria Town Park will be maintained and operated by the Town of Cambria and all maintenance and upkeep of the Trail will be provided through a line item in the Town of Cambria Budget. The Town of Cambria will continue to provide stewardship for this project, and provide the necessary money, equipment, and manpower to further this project along from the design phase to its completion and beyond.

Note: In June of 2014, The Town of Cambria submitted an application requesting \$205,931.00 from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Consolidated Funding Application (CFA).

4. *Describe the measures taken at the local level to gain community and government support for this project (hearings, petitions, public surveys, resolutions of support or other methods). If this project has been cited or described in a local planning document or some equivalent thereof, attach copies of that documentation highlighting the sections that are relevant to the*

proposed project. Describe the role of municipal agencies, stakeholder groups, consultants, volunteers or others who will be involved in the proposed project.

This project, which has been in the planning phase for several years, and has received strong community support from residents, organizations, and local representatives (see attached letters of support and town plans), is fully supported by the local governing body for the Town of Cambria (see attached resolution).

The site planning and restoration work will be done through the cooperative efforts of the Town of Cambria, and multiple community groups working together with the municipality.

- 5. *Describe and document the environmental setting and existing conditions at the proposed project site. If you are not the owner of the property include a letter(s) or resolution(s) evidencing support for the project by the owner. Provide photographs, conceptual plans and drawings that show the site as it presently exists and the how the site will change with the addition of the proposed project. Describe how your project will comply with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The existence of wetlands, significant upland and aquatic habitats, and plant or animals species that are classified as rare, threatened, or endangered should be noted. Explain how such natural resources will be protected and / or enhanced. Cite any relevant project related studies.***

The proposed project: The Town of Cambria Town Park Comfort Station/Cambria Town Park is located on 108 acres of former farmland purchased in 1999. Features have been added over the years as the municipal budget has allowed, and the Park now has a paved hiking trail, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, a playground, picnic shelters with grills, a gazebo and a memorial tree garden. Future development includes more athletic fields. A 6" water line was installed in order to irrigate the athletic fields.

Many of these improvements were the result of a 2007 NYSOPRHP grant, which involved an archaeological survey and verified that park development did not affect any historical or archaeological resources. Both the Army Corps of Engineers and NYS DEC examined the site (including soil testing) and determined that future park development would not adversely affect any plant or animal species, nor the nearby wetlands. In fact, the wooded area was determined to be ideal for the Western Chorus Frog (*Pseudacris triseriata*), the population of which thrives in this area while in decline in other areas of the state. The ability to observe this species in its habitat is also another feature that draws visitors from around the region to the park.

Evidence of prior ground disturbance also includes the road and parking areas that were installed in 2009, as well as the drainage grid of 6" pipe underneath the baseball diamond. Additionally, 100 evergreen trees were planted at the park entrance, the north boundary line and around the retention basin. Signage has been installed around the Park to help visitors identify the various plant and animal species located here.

Plans for future development include four additional baseball diamonds north of the proposed comfort station, as illustrated in the attachments.

Town of Cambria
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

August 14, 2014

For Niagara County AD HOC Committee through the Niagara River Greenway Program
Town of Cambria Town Park Comfort Station Project

I, Tamara J. Cooper, Town Clerk of the Town of Cambria located at 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Sanborn, NY 14132, do hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted at a special Town Board meeting of the Town of Cambria held on August 14, 2014, 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 continue the process of acquiring the funds to complete the park improvements at Cambria Town Park for a Comfort Station.

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

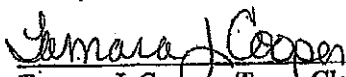
WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to apply for financial assistance from the Niagara River Greenway Niagara County Ad HOC, and

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 Cambria Town Park Comfort Station in the amount of \$250,000.00, 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 Program application

RESOLVED, That Wright H. Ellis, as Supervisor of the Town of Cambria, 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 Cambria for the proposed Town of Cambria, Cambria Town Park Comfort Station Project.



Tamara J. Cooper, Town Clerk


Seal of Municipality

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NRGC Minutes

(Informational Only)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Samuel M. Ferraro, Commissioner, Niagara County Dept. of Economic Development

FROM: Amy Fisk, AICP, Senior Planner, Niagara County Dept. of Economic Development

DATE: November 16, 2016

RE: **Niagara River Greenway Commission meeting held November 15, 2016**

The Niagara River Greenway Commission (NRGC) met at 3:00 pm at DeVeaux Woods State Park in Niagara Falls. The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Greg Stevens, Chairman
- Richard Soluri, Vice Chairman
- Sam Magavern, Citizens Advisory Committee Chair
- Mary Cooke, Local Government Advisory Committee Chair
- Joe Emminger, Commissioner
- Lou Paonessa for New York Power Authority (NYPA)
- Tim DePriest for NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
- Ron Hayes for NYS Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Angela Rossi for Empire State Development (ESD)

Treasurer Sean Edwards, Secretary Eric Bauer, and NYS Department of State (DOS) representative were absent. NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) was represented by proxy. There were seven attendees at the meeting including project sponsors and members of the public.

Informational Items

Chairman Stevens mentioned an outreach program has been launched to reach out to the counties and municipalities to discuss trail completion, implementation of Niagara River habitat restoration, and promotion of ecotourism. Executive Director Jeanne Leccese provided a financial report on behalf of Treasurer Edwards, reporting the operations budget has a balance of \$244,268.20.

Public Comments (agenda items):

Speaking on behalf of the Niagara Relicensing Environmental Coalition (NREC), Joe Gould said NREC believes the City of Lockport Lock Tender Tribute project is inconsistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan because it is well outside the greenway area, is a misappropriation of funds, and will dilute the available funds for projects that meet the Greenway's mission. For the City of Buffalo Naval Park Circle of Heroes project, Mr. Gould commented that although the project is consistent with the

Niagara River Greenway Plan, the site is already developed and the requested funds could have a greater impact on a different project.

Project Review and Vote:

City of Lockport - Lock Tender Tribute. Dave Kinyon, Lockport Locks Heritage Corporation, was present to give an overview of the project and answer questions from the board. Lockport has been focusing on restoring the flight of five and two of the five locks have been restored. Restoration of the third lock will begin in 2017. As part of the overall restoration, interpretation pieces related to the canal are needed. The premier interpretation project is construction of fourteen bronze figures based on an 1897 photo of lock tenders. When completed, these figures will be the only spot on the canal recognizing the importance of canal laborers. Chairman Stevens commented that a lot of resources have gone into locks restoration but the question is whether the project is consistent with the Greenway Plan. There was discussion about the funding needed for the project and what other sources of funds are being sought. Mr. Kinyon explained that the \$1.1 million project includes a \$400,000 Greenway request, \$400,000 request from private foundations, and smaller amounts from other sources. The project will be done in phases as funding becomes available. The Greenway money will be the seed money to get the project started. Concerns were expressed that the project is not within the Greenway focus area, the project doesn't promote connectivity to the Greenway, and there is no habitat or ecological value to the project. There was a discussion that the project will promote tourism and economic development and previously other Erie Canal projects were deemed consistent. The project was voted consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan with seven affirmative votes and three no votes.

City of Buffalo - Naval Park Circle of Heroes project. Lee Simonson, project volunteer, was present to give an overview of the project and answer questions from the board. The Naval Park in Buffalo is the centerpiece of Canalside and is within the greenway focus area. The Circle of Heroes is a multi-year project that will honor Buffalo and Western New York's greatest military heroes in a dramatic and honored setting that will become a destination for military and history enthusiasts and students from around the world. Bronze sculptures will present each hero on a stone base around the United States Defense symbol. There was a discussion about project funding and how the Town of Tonawanda Veterans Park was fully funded by citizens and donations. Mr. Simonson explained the project cost is \$515,000 with \$420,000 requested from the Greenway. This is the first time the Naval Park has requested Greenway funds. There was a discussion on how the project could better incorporate the greenway's ecological mission by integrating permeable pavement, landscaping, and green infrastructure. The project was unanimously voted consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan.

Public Comments (open topics):

There were no additional public comments.

New Business:

Chairman Stevens discussed the need for more transportation choices in the area. Mr. Hayes commented that an existing stakeholders group is evaluating the success of the pilot project where a free shuttle was offered from Fort Niagara to Niagara Falls. Anecdotally the pilot was a huge success. Once the evaluation is completed, next steps can be further considered.

Next Meeting:

The next Niagara River Greenway Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 3:00 pm. The Executive Committee will meet beforehand at 2:00 pm. The meeting location is to be determined.