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## **NEW YORK STATE CANAL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES ROUTINE INSPECTIONS ALONG THE ERIE CANAL IN MONROE COUNTY TO BEGIN WEEK OF OCTOBER 18**

*Assessment with Soil Borings Completed Every 10 Years on Water Management Gates*

The New York State Canal Corporation today announced that routine inspections of water management gates along the Erie Canal in Monroe County will begin the week of October 18, 2021. These inspections, which occur every 10-years and are completed by a Canal Corporation contractor, are necessary to ensure the water management gates and their surrounding embankments are functioning as designed. If defects are discovered during the inspections, repairs will be appropriately scheduled.

The contractor has completed surveying and will begin assessing material obtained through soil borings at the following locations:

- Fairport Spillway (Town of Perinton/Village of Fairport)
- Bushnell's Basin (Pittsford)
- Cartersville Spillway (Town of Brighton)
- Spencerport Waste Weir Dam (Spencerport)
- Brockport Waste Weir Dam (Brockport)

This routine work is not associated with the Canal Corporation's Earthen Embankment Integrity Program; however, it may require minimal amounts of vegetation to be removed to aid in the inspection process.

While the work is performed, residents may notice crew members, wearing hard hats and high-visibility vests, as well as their drilling equipment called "rigs" in the vicinity of the locations noted above. The crew will use drills to take samples of soil and rock as part of this routine 10-year asset inspection program.

Throughout these inspections, the Canal Corporation expects minimal, if any, disruption to users of the nearby Erie Canalway Trail.

It is anticipated that this inspection process will be completed by November 19, 2021.

The Canal Corporation appreciates the patience of the public while this work is completed.

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### **About the New York State Canal Corporation**

New York's Canal system includes four historic canals: the Erie, Champlain, Oswego, and Cayuga-Seneca. Spanning 524 miles, the waterway links the Hudson River with the Great Lakes, the Finger Lakes and Lake Champlain. The canals form the backbone of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and connect hundreds of unique and historic communities.

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