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Media Advisory: New York Power Authority, New York State Canal Corporation and Village of Fairport to Celebrate Opening of the 2022 Navigation Season on the New York State Canal System

Date: Friday, May 20, 2022

Time: 11:00 am

Location: The Erie Canal at Liftbridge Lane West, Village of Fairport

Event:

The New York Power Authority, Canal Corporation, and Village of Fairport, along with local officials and stakeholders, will celebrate the opening of the 2022 navigation season along the 524-mile New York State Canal system, kicking off the 198th consecutive opening of the waterway.

As part of the start of the new boating season, recently completed infrastructure improvement projects along the Erie Canal in Fairport will be unveiled during the ceremony.

In addition to celebrating the new canalside amenities this year, Fairport is also commemorating its bicentennial as a community on the Erie Canal. According to an article published in the Cherry Valley Gazette on April 23, 1822, the Erie Canal opened to navigation on April 11th of that year in eastern Monroe County through what is now Fairport to the current Bushnell's Basin.

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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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