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New York Power Authority and NYS Canal Corporation Host Steel Signing Ceremony at Brockport Pedestrian Bridge Construction Site

Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Brockport Pedestrian Bridge Construction Site
Erie Canal at the SUNY Brockport Campus
Holley Street
Brockport, New York 14420

Event:

New York State Canal Corporation Director Brian Stratton will join Brockport Mayor Margay Blackman and SUNY Brockport President Heidi Macpherson in a “steel signing” ceremony to highlight the construction progress of the Brockport Pedestrian Bridge over the Erie Canal.

Representatives from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and Rochester Area Community Foundation as well as other local canal stakeholders are expected to attend.

About the Project:

The Brockport Pedestrian Bridge over the Erie Canal will connect the SUNY Brockport campus to the Empire State Trail and the Village of Brockport. The project was initially announced in 2020 with construction commencing last year. When completed in 2025, the bridge will complement the Village of Brockport’s installation of a kayak dock and plans for a nearby boathouse. The bridge may also serve as a viewing platform for anticipated rowing competitions on the canal.

The design and materials being used to build the bridge represent a commitment by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and Canal Corporation to incorporate the current best practices for sustainability and accessibility for projects throughout the canal corridor. With its gentle elevation change, the pedestrian bridge will be fully accessible and will

integrate sustainable features such as native species planting, stormwater rain gardens, LED light fixtures, and compliance to Dark Sky principles. In addition, the bridge's major structural elements utilize locally fabricated steel, sustainable wood decking, and a low VOC durable paint.

NYPA is funding the new bridge in part through a \$2 million grant from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, which is being administered by the Rochester Area Community Foundation.

The opening of the pedestrian bridge next year will coincide with the Bicentennial of the opening of the original Erie Canal in 1825.

Renderings of the pedestrian bridge are available [here](#).

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About the New York State Canal Corporation

New York's Canal system includes four 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.

The New York State Canal Corporation is a subsidiary of the New York Power Authority.

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