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DATE: September 2, 2015
TO: Niagara River Greenway Commissioners
FROM: Niagara Relicensing Environmental Coalition*
RE: Comments on Proposed Greenway Projects

The Niagara Relicensing Environmental Coalition has reviewed the proposals before you today and submits the following comments.

LeSalle Park Design & Waterfront Access

We recommend this project be found consistent. Improving public access and better recreational opportunities in LaSalle Park is consistent with the Greenway Plan. Engaging the public in the planning and design process will also help ensure a high quality design that has strong community support.

Recommendation:

This project also provides an opportunity to evaluate potential habitat improvement that can be incorporated into the project when revisiting the LaSalle Park Master Plan. Significant advancements have been made in the last seventeen years when considering the design and construction of a shoreline interface. When these areas are carefully planned they can provide both habitat value and recreational opportunity, allowing people to interact in a more natural environment. It is recommended that representatives from the environmental community are engaged throughout this process to ensure ecological benefits are considered and incorporated into the final design.

Jesse Kregal – Shoreline Trail Connector

We recommend this project be found consistent. This project will make critical improvements to an important connecting pedestrian/bike trail. In this case, improvements entail more than basic maintenance. Such improvements to lighting, fencing, and signage will provide better, safer access to the Niagara River corridor.

No additional recommendations at this time.

Splash Pad at Veterans' Memorial Park

NREC was not able to reach a consensus on this proposal and will not provide a recommendation at this time.