Adirondack Mountain Club, Niagara Chapter

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Niagara River Greenway Commissioners Niagara Relicensing Environmental Coalition Comments on Proposed Greenway Projects

Audubon New York

Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper

League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara

Niagara Musky Association

Presbytery of Western New York

Sierra Club, Niagara Group

Western New York Land Conservancy The Niagara Relicensing Environmental Coalition has reviewed the proposals before you today and submits the following comments.

Town of Niagara, Veterans Memorial Community Park

Recommendation: Partially Consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan

- Certain components of the project, including the clock tower, mini golf course, and dog park, do not meaningfully contribute to creating a world-class corridor of places, parks, and landscapes as defined in the Niagara River Greenway Plan vision and are therefore inconsistent with the plan. However, other components of the project including the expansion of Elmer's pond and the community square are consistent with the Plan.
- NREC recommends that greater detail about the project components and how they will contribute to the Niagara River Greenway be included in a proposal for funding. As proposed, the application lacks details.
- NREC recommends that the applicant consider whether the proposal to encumber future Greenway funds for this project is appropriate. Rather, could elements be phased to better match with funding that is currently in-hand?