



Niagara Relicensing Environmental Coalition

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*Adirondack
Mountain Club,
Niagara
Chapter*

DATE: 11-02-2020
TO: Niagara River Greenway Commissioners
FROM: Niagara Relicensing Environmental Coalition
RE: Comments on Proposed Greenway Projects

*Audubon New
York*

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

*Buffalo Niagara
Waterkeeper*

Greenway Restore Corps, Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper

Recommendation: Consistent with the Greenway Plan

- NREC recommends that this project is consistent with the Greenway Plan. Some of the activities described may occur on private land. Use of Greenway funds on private lands should be evaluated on a case by case basis to ensure that that the effort is providing a public benefit by improving the water quality, green space, and wildlife habitat in the Niagara River Greenway.

*League of
Women
Voters of Buffalo
Niagara*

*Niagara Musky
Association*

Adaptive Rowing on the Buffalo River, Buffalo Scholastic Rowing Association

Recommendation: Consistent with the Greenway Plan

*Presbytery of
Western New
York*

*Sierra Club,
Niagara Group*

Wheatfield Veterans Memorial; Wheatfield Veterans Memorial, Inc

Recommendation: Not consistent with the Greenway Plan.

*Western New
York Land
Conservancy*

- NREC has consistently voiced their concerns about the Greenway setting a precedent to be a source of revenue for statuary. We respectfully continue to ask that Commissioners convey these longstanding concerns to each funding committee more clearly, in light of their advisory role to oversee implementation of the Greenway Plan.

Youngstown Water Street Shoreline Stabilization & Mitigation Project, Village of Youngstown

Recommendation: Consistent with the Greenway Plan

Aquarium of Niagara Outdoor Plaza Project/ Laboratory Upgrade, Aquarium of Niagara

Recommendation: Consistent with the Greenway Plan

- NREC suggests that prior to submitting a proposal for funding the applicant include a zoomed out or overlay view of the proposed improvements with the existing conditions at the project site.
- NREC recommends including an explanation on whether or how the proposed improvements will impact the New York State Parks project at Whirlpool Street.