



# Niagara Relicensing Environmental Coalition

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*Adirondack  
Mountain Club,  
Niagara  
Chapter*

DATE: 08/30/2021  
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*

## **Old Fort Niagara Association, Old Fort Niagara Historic Structure Preservation**

Recommendation: Consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan

- Despite some elements of maintenance, this project involves the restoration of a historically significant structure and should be considered consistent.

*League of  
Women  
Voters of Buffalo  
Niagara*

## **Town of Wheatfield Lions Club, Lions Nature Trail and Fishing Pond (Designed for Blind and Disabled & Public)**

Recommendation: Consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan

- The concept of this project appears consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan but the proposal is lacking in the level of detail needed to conduct a full evaluation. Greater details and a budget breakdown should be provided prior to funding consideration.
- NREC recommends including more robust ecological components that could enhance ecosystem function. Specific recommendations include planting of beneficial emergent or riparian species within the pond or upland buffer areas; inclusion of pollinator habitats around the pond and trails; consultation with vegetation experts prior to removing plant “overgrowth” in the pond.

*Niagara Musky  
Association*

*Presbytery of  
Western New  
York*

*Sierra Club,  
Niagara Group*

*Western New  
York Land  
Conservancy*