

New York State Parks Greenway Fund Standing Committee Projects

1. Goat Island Restoration Planning Grant - \$75,000

This project will result in the completion of a Landscape Restoration Plan for Goat Island that considers historic, ecologic, user, and park maintenance factors. The plan will provide a clear, ecologically sound blueprint for New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

2. Three Sisters Island-Niagara Reservation State Park-Phase I - \$700,000

The Three Sisters Islands restoration will employ a comprehensive approach to recapture the historic Olmsted vision, renew degraded landscapes and ecological communities, and improve access for park users. The resulting project will enhance aesthetic, historic, and ecological qualities of the Islands and create new interpretive and public education opportunities.

3. Luna Island & Stedman's Bluff Restoration - \$650,000

Luna Island provides a unique vantage point to view the American Falls and Luna Falls at their precipice. Impacts from over 100 years of tourist visitation has resulted in the almost total degradation of grasses, shrubs and trees with asphalt spread to cover the wear and tear. The project will entail reversing the effects of aging by replacing what has been lost with the addition of a natural pallet of dolomite, earth, and native plant material.

4. Whirlpool State Park Rim Trail Restoration - \$500,000

The project will rebuild the overlook retaining walls, replace the railing and footings with the new design barrier rail, and rehabilitate the natural stone pavements and stairs by removing the asphalt veneer and rebuilding the floor and stairs. The effort will also move upland threatened portions of the Rim Trail, control drainage, and improve access to the Overlook with a ramp, landings and parallel railings.

5. Niagara Gorge Trail Whirlpool-Devil's Hole Restoration - \$675,000

The gorge trails will be improved while also preserving the natural features of the gorge and improving public access for tourist, sportsmen, bird watchers and local residents.

6. Artpark Theater Stairs Replacement -- \$280,000

Replacing the stairs in the lawn of the Main stage Theater will improve access among a variety of park patrons throughout this very heavily used facility.

7. Cave of the Winds Access Trail Renovation and Safety Improvement -- \$1.1 million

The Cave of the Winds Access Trail and Observation Platforms at the base of the Bridal Veil and American Falls are a major attraction and tourist destination within Niagara Falls State Park. They attract over 400,000 tourists per year. Over the years, due to less than satisfactory original construction, intensive use and extremely harsh environmental conditions, the trail, decks, platforms, railings, and other facilities have significantly deteriorated and are in need of major renovations and safety improvements. In preparation for this project the Niagara Region of State Parks is expending approximately \$250,000 for "rock stabilization and rock scaling" on the gorge face above the trails and observation decks to maintain visitor safety.

8. Comprehensive Operations Plan -- \$250,000

This comprehensive operations plan will include addressing various issues such as visitor arrival and orientation, multimodal capacity/demand analysis, visitor accommodations, trolley operations, circulation, parking, wayfinding, lighting, and landscaping and visitor center adequacy. It will serve to identify high priority projects consistent with the Greenway Mission and provide an implementation plan to aid in planning upcoming construction activities to support the Park and its place along the Greenway.

9. Adaptive Water Sports -- \$76,000

This plan proposes to provide a handicap-accessible Canoe/Kayak launch system at the newly created East River Marsh Enhancement Project site. The siting of this feature will be within the sheltered waters of the "half moon" jetty at the river edge line. A concrete accessible path down from East River Road driveway along with parking is pre-existing at the site.

10. East River Connector Trail -- \$175,000

The proposed East River Marsh Connector Trail project would link a number of existing park or community elements, i.e., East River Marsh Enhancement Project, the existing nature trail network along the easterly shoreline of Beaver Island State Park, the new jetty and canoe/kayak launch area at the East River shoreline and the South State Parkway bike/pedestrian trail which has been in existence for many years.

11. Boundary Waters Treaty Celebration -- \$15,000

The Boundary Waters Treaty Centennial Celebration is a cross-border Niagara region initiative and is the location for the historic binational event. It will be held on Saturday June 13, 2009, during Boundary Waters Week, a regional initiative scheduled to run from June 5 – June 14, 2009. Boundary Waters Week was conceived to extend the engagement, reach and benefits of the many and diverse Centennial activities currently being planned.

12. Old Fort Niagara -- \$879,000

The roofing and electrical projects will be accomplished over the next two years by roofing contractors and electrical consultants; the casemate wall will take masons working five years in clement weather to accomplish the repair.

13. Heritage Park Restoration -- \$10,000

In celebration of the 125th anniversary of Niagara Falls State Park, Petticoat Park, will be renovated and renamed Heritage Park. When work is complete, this park will become an appropriate connection between the City of Niagara Falls and the State Park. Working with community organizations, the existing gazebo will be repaired as necessary, boulders with plaques marking historical accomplishments will be placed thematically throughout the park. In addition, walkways will be re-graded and paved, garden plantings will be added as will screening shrubbery. Lighting will also be enhanced.

14. Niagara Falls State Park 125th Anniversary Celebration -- \$15,000

2010 marks the 125th Anniversary of Niagara Falls State Park. Dedicated on July 15, 1885, Niagara Falls is the oldest State Park in the nation. To celebrate this milestone, program events that will last throughout the year are scheduled. http://www.niagarafallsstatepark.com/events_schedule.aspx

15. Four Mile Creek 200 Loop Comfort Station -- \$540,000

An existing comfort station in the 200 camping loop of Four Mile Creek State Park has seen its useful life and is in desperate need of replacement. The existing building foundation and superstructure is failing thus causing a myriad of structural and aesthetic failures. The building is heavily used by patrons in the popular 200 camp loop. We propose replacing the existing facility with a new comfort station very similar to the one built in the 100 loop campground recently, which has been very well received. The new building would be constructed adjacent to the existing building making it easier to facilitate and ease of accessibility for both vehicles and pedestrians alike. This will allow seamless transition from old to new after construction. The new building will be code compliant, conform to ADA requirements, and built to maximize the use of green building materials and construction practices.

16. Fort Niagara Soccer Field Comfort Station/Pavilion -- \$560,000

The existing comfort stations utilized by park patrons in this area are not located close to the play fields and also require people to cross the extremely busy main park road to reach them. The NYSOPRHP proposes to add a new comfort station at this much frequented facility that will be more conveniently located on the same side of the road as the soccer fields. It will be serviced by an extension of new water and sewer lines. Sanitary effluent will be sent to existing nearby municipal treatment facilities. The building will be constructed of brick to blend in with its historically significant surroundings and architectural vocabulary and will be located away from the road to the rear of the playing field for added patron safety. It will remain open to the public year round during regular hours of park operation. The new building will be code compliant, conform to ADA requirements, and built with green building materials and construction in mind. We propose to integrate a pavilion into the design of this new facility for use as a shelter for picnics and gathering

17. Electrical Distribution System Upgrades at Fort Niagara -- \$1,875,000

This project includes the total rebuild of the primary and secondary underground electrical distribution system in two areas of the park, the Main Park and the Historic Old Fort. The project includes replacing the existing pole-top service, installing new energy efficient transformers, conduit, cable, and switchgear. Over 1,000 feet of conduit/cable will be required to serve the Old Fort area of the park and another 6500 feet will be needed to serve the remainder of the park.

2013

18. Phase 1 of the Big Six Marina Rehabilitation. \$1.5 million (YEAR 6 FUNDS). The project replaces the water, sewer and storm drainage lines; replaces the fixed dock with a floating dock system and ADA fishing; replaces the marina building with a new building equipped with showers and AFA accessible bath facilities; reconstructed parking and boat launch areas; new shelters and boating amenities at Big Six Creek.

19. Infrastructure Replacement including water, sewer, electric, telephone and data lines at Niagara Falls State Park (Goat Island) in support of the Cave of the Winds plaza project (\$3.5 million of the \$25 million fund for accelerated improvements)

20. Preliminary/Final Design of Historic American Falls Bridges Project for moving the historic American Falls arch bridges at Niagara Falls State Park (\$1.4 million from \$25 million fund for accelerated improvements at Niagara Falls State Park)

21. Additional funds required to complete previously approved Niagara Falls State Parks projects (\$1,045,750 from the \$25 million fund for accelerated improvements at Niagara Falls State Park

2014

22. Phase Two of the Big Six Marine Park Rehabilitation (\$1.2 million from Year 7 funds)
Phase 2 involves electrical infrastructure, construction of the pedestrian bridge and trails, fishing docks, retaining walls, new sand and filter septic system, and water line replacement.

23. Niagara Gorge Trail Repairs Crew Funding (\$300,000 from Year 7 funds)
Trail development and improvements along the 15 miles of trails from Artpark to Niagara Falls State Park including rerouting of sections because of rock falls and storm damage. Work included the Artpark Gorge Trail, River's Edge Trail Loop, American Falls Gorge Trail and Loop, Whirlpool Rapids Trail and Rapids Station and the Niagara Gorge Rim Trail Accessibility.

24. Terrapin Point (\$3,839,622 from the \$25 million fund for accelerated improvements at Niagara Falls State Park)
Complete surface and infrastructure renovation of Terrapin Point at Niagara Falls State Park including railings systems, overlooks and ADA accessibility

25. Cave of the Winds Pedestrian Plaza (\$5,098,128 from the \$25 million fund for accelerated improvements at Niagara Falls State Park)
Complete surface and infrastructure renovation of Cave of the Winds Plaza at Niagara Falls State Park including railing systems, special dining areas, and a comfort station/ticketing and public information facility, separated area for Stedman's Bluff overlook and ADA accessibility.

2016

26. Artpark State Park Improve Niagara River Fishing Access \$100,000 as funds become available
Allocated in 2017 from the \$25 million fund for accelerated improvements at Niagara Falls State Park. Steel stair replacement.

27. Fort Niagara State Park Boat Launch & Fishing Access Improvements Approved for \$250,000 as funds become available - Allocated in 2017 from the \$25 million fund for accelerated improvements.
Improvements to the boat launch and stair replacement

28. Multiple Parks Install 5 Niagara River Greenway Information Kiosks Approved for \$ 75,000 as funds become available.

29. Niagara Falls State Park Support for Bi-National Niagara Falls Illumination Project Approve for \$600,000 as funds become available - Allocated in 2017 from the \$25 million fund for accelerated improvements at Niagara Falls State Park)
Replacement of the lights on the Falls with new energy efficient programmable LED fixtures

30. Devil's Hole State Park Devil's Hole Stairs Rehabilitation Phase 2 Approved for \$600,000 as funds become available - Allocated in 2017 from the \$25 million fund for accelerated improvements

31. Whirlpool State park – Rehabilitate Gorge Access Trail Stone Stairways Phase 2. Approved in 2016 for \$350,000 – Allocated \$400,000 in 2017 from the \$25 million fund for accelerated improvements

32. Park-wide Signage and Wayfinding Program Phase 2 Approved for \$600,000 - Allocated in 2017 from the \$25 million fund for accelerated improvements

33. Trail Improvements \$175,000 from annual funding
Remove debris and related safety improvements

2017

34. Reconfigure Old Falls Street and O’Laughlin Drive entrances to Prospect Park and Niagara Falls State Park Visitor Center \$3,925,000 Allocated in 2017 from the \$25 million fund for accelerated improvements

35. Trail Improvements \$175,000 from annual funding

36. Niagara Gorge Trails Improvement Projects \$875,000
Allocated in 2017 from the \$25 million fund for accelerated improvements

37. Beaver Island State Park West River Trail Design, Bid and Construction \$900,000 (year 2015 funding) – Also Allocated \$630,000 in 2017 from the \$25 million fund for accelerated improvements

2019

38. DeVeaux Woods State Park – Playground Comfort Station: DeVeaux Comfort Station \$660,000
The new ADA compliant comfort station supports expanded recreation opportunities within the park replacing a repurposed trailer. It commemorates and interprets the collapsed carriage barn, using salvaged bricks, lintels and timbers from the historic carriage building.

39. Niagara Falls State Park – Revitalization Initiative & Landscape Improvement Plan: Prospect Point Pedestrian Entrance & Bus Access \$2,540,000

The Prospect Point pedestrian entrance & bus access was designed to better welcome visitors from various access points to the Park’s main entrance. Walkways were refined to provide pedestrian orientation and efficient access to Niagara Falls State Park and Visitor Center and new bus access provides safe and efficient drop-off and pick-up Park visitors. In addition, the project will include flexibility for future Visitor Center improvements.

2020

40. Niagara Falls State Park Visitor Center Programming and Design Study - \$240,000 Using information gathered through observation, interviews and public outreach the hired design team will develop three conceptual designs for the visitor center. The goal is to envision a facility that will act as a gateway to the Falls and the region and as a Greenway hub.

