

## APPENDIX B

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

#### Outreach Associated with the Niagara River Greenway Plan

- **Brochure** (see attached)- Provided general information about the Greenway project, provided publicity for the Planning Workshops.
- **Planning Workshops:** Interactive sessions, with brief presentation followed by break-out groups for individual input and comment.
  - June 19, 2006- Niagara University, Lewiston, NY
  - June 20, 2006- Sheridan Parkside Community Center, Tonawanda, NY
  - June 21, 2006- Wheatfield Community Center, Wheatfield, NY
  - June 22, 2006- Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, Buffalo, NY
- **Leadership Summit:** Interactive session, targeted at municipal and stakeholder leaders
  - June 22, 2006- Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island, NY
- **Concept Workshops:** Presentations with opportunity for comments to present implementation concepts, obtain feedback.
  - September 12, 2006- Stakeholders
  - September 13, 2006- Niagara River Greenway Commission

#### Niagara River Greenway Commission Meetings: (all meetings open to the public)

- **Niagara River Greenway Commission (full Commission)**
  - October 18, 2005– Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island, NY
  - November 29, 2005 - Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island, NY
  - January 18, 2006 – Niagara Falls, NY
  - February 28, 2006 - Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island, NY
  - April 25, 2006 - Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island, NY
  - June 26, 2006 – City Hall, Buffalo, NY
  - August 22, 2006 – Niagara Falls Convention Center, Niagara Falls, NY
  - October 17, 2006 - Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island, NY
  - November 21, 2006 - Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island, NY
- **Citizens Advisory Committee**
  - February 15, 2006- Niagara University, Lewiston, NY
  - April 12, 2006 – Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, Buffalo, NY
  - June 5, 2006 – Earl W. Brydges Artpark State Park, Lewiston
  - July 19, 2006 – Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island, NY
  - September 6, 2006 – Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island, NY
- **Local Government Advisory Committee**
  - October 19, 2005 – Sheridan Parkside Community Center, Tonawanda, NY
  - March 23, 2006 – Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island, NY
  - June 22, 2006 – Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island, NY
  - July 17, 2006 – Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island, NY
  - August 31, 2006 – Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island, NY



## INFORMATION MEETINGS

We want to get information from you about what is important along The Niagara River, and ideas about what you think should be included in the plan. We are holding a series of four information meetings facilitated by the Project Team. The presentation will be the same at each meeting, so you can choose the location and time that is most convenient. There will be a lot of opportunity to provide ideas, and you are welcome to attend any or all of the meetings and hear what others have to say about the Niagara River Greenway.

## INFORMATION MEETING FORMAT

### Presentation

- Information about the Niagara River Greenway Plan
- Summary of existing conditions and resources along the River
- Initial ideas about a vision for the Niagara River Greenway

### Public Input

- What are important places along the Niagara River?
- What is needed along the Niagara River?
- What is your vision for the future of the Niagara River?
- How can we integrate access, history, conservation and economic development?

Please view the meeting schedule on the back of this brochure.

Please visit [www.niagaragreenway.org](http://www.niagaragreenway.org) for meeting updates.

## INFORMATION MEETINGS

### 1. MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006 - 7 to 9 pm

Niagara University  
St. Vincent's Hall (Main Lecture Hall) - Room 405-406  
Lewiston, NY

### 2. TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2006 - 2 to 4 pm

Sheridan Parkside Community Center - Room 113  
169 Sheridan-Parkside Avenue  
Tonawanda, NY

### 3. TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2006 - 7 to 9 pm

Wheatfield Community Center  
2790 Church Road (behind Wheatfield Town Hall)  
North Tonawanda, NY

### 4. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006 - 7 to 9 pm

Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society  
25 Nottingham Court,  
Buffalo, New York

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT

### CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 5, 2006 - 7 to 9 pm

Artpark  
Lewiston, New York

### NIAGARA RIVER GREENWAY COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 26, 2006 - 7 to 9 pm

Buffalo Common Council Chamber  
City Hall  
Buffalo, New York

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## WHAT IS THE NIAGARA RIVER GREENWAY?

The Niagara River is very important to our region's ecology, history, economy, recreation and character. It is also a nationally important scenic and environmental resource. In recognition of these facts, New York State created the Niagara River Greenway Commission to guide planning for a "Niagara River Greenway".

The State legislation defines the Niagara River Greenway as a system of trails, parks, environmental resources and other important assets along the Niagara River. But this definition leaves many questions unanswered. Where are the important environmental resources? Parks? How do they work together? What are the connections between them, and how do we improve them? What are the connections to other regional assets? How can we integrate ecological protection, public access, and sustainable development? Where should there be public access? What should be done in each area of the Greenway? What improvements are needed? What are the priorities? How do we tell the story of the Greenway?

To address these issues, the Niagara River Greenway Commission is mandated to prepare the Niagara River Greenway Plan.

## WHAT IS THE NIAGARA RIVER GREENWAY PLAN?

The Niagara River Greenway Plan will provide ideas and guidance on how to protect and promote the Niagara River as an important resource, and how to enhance the health and vitality of the communities along the River. We plan to end up with a framework for open space protection, public access and appropriate, sustainable development. Key concepts guiding the plan will be ecological stewardship, heritage, public access, tourism, recreational opportunities, and a higher quality of life for the region.

We are now at the very beginning of the process. We are asking the residents of the Erie-Niagara Region for help in creating this Niagara River Greenway Plan together.



## WHO ARE WE?

This Plan is sponsored by the Niagara River Greenway Commission. The 14 voting members of the Commission, appointed by the State, include representatives from communities along the Niagara River and representatives from various State agencies. The Commission's role is to help guide planning efforts for the Greenway plan, promote public input into the planning process, and be the champions for this effort.

The Commission has hired a team led by Wendel Duchscherer, a local consulting firm to prepare the plan. The Team also includes Ecology & Environment, HOK Planning Group, Advanced Engineering Group, and Synegraphics.

