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NIAGARA RIVER GREENWAY COMMISSION APPROVES DRAFT PLAN

Grand Island, New York, November 22, 2006... The Niagara River Greenway Commission (NRGC) accepted the Niagara River Greenway Draft Plan and the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) last night at their general meeting held at the Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse clearing the way for official public comment.

“Our high expectations have been met with the plans that have been prepared by Wendel-Duchscher,” said Commission Chair Robert J. Kresse. “We are looking forward to major participation by the public in the review and comment process. Our challenge is to plan for the greater future of our region’s most beautiful and powerful resource, the Niagara River.”

The Commission will ask that Bernadette Castro, the Commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, acting as lead agency under the State Environmental Review Act, declare that document known as the “Draft Niagara River Greenway Plan and DGEIS” is complete and now available for public review.

The NRGC has scheduled an informational meeting of the Local Government Committee for 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 5, 2006 and has scheduled an informational meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee for 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2006, both informational sessions to be held at the Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse.

In addition, the Commission, in anticipation of a completed document, has scheduled public hearings on the draft plan for December 12, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Niagara Falls Conference Center, 101 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls and December 13, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, 25 Nottingham Court, Buffalo.

Copies of the Draft Plan/DEIS are available after November 27, 2006 for review at the following locations:

- Grand Island Memorial Library, 1715 Bedell Rd., Grand Island;
- City of Tonawanda Public Library, 333 Main Street, Tonawanda;
- Kenilworth Library, 318 Montrose Avenue, Buffalo;
- Earl W. Brydges Library, 1425 Main Street, Niagara Falls;
- Niagara Falls Public Library-Lasalle Branch, 8728 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls;
- Lewiston Public Library, 305 S. Eighth St., Lewiston;
- North Tonawanda Public Library, 505 Meadow Drive, North Tonawanda;
- Ransomville Free Library, 3733 Ransomville Road, Ransomville;
- Wilson Free Library, 265 Young Street, Wilson;
- Youngstown Free Library, 240 Lockport Road, Youngstown;
- Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo;
- Kenmore Library, 160 Delaware Road, Kenmore;
- NRGC Office at the Beaver Island State Park Offices,
- and online at: <http://www.niagaragreenway.org>

Written public comment will be accepted through January 17, 2007.

The Commission, first called for by the Governor in his 2004 State of the State Address and signed into law September 2004, will aid in the planning and development of a greenway of interconnected parks, river access points and waterfront trails along the Niagara River from Lake Erie at Buffalo to Lake Ontario at the site of the historic Fort Niagara.

For more information regarding the Niagara River Greenway Commission and related documents visit the website www.niagaragreenway.org.

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