



Niagara River Greenway Commission

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHO: Niagara River Greenway Commission (NRGC)

WHAT: Two (2) Public Meetings

1. **NRGC Local Government Committee**
Tuesday, December 5, 2006, 2:00 p.m.
2. **NRGC Citizens' Advisory Committee**
Tuesday, December 5, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Beaver Island State Park Clubhouse, Grand Island

The Niagara River Greenway Commission will be holding informational meetings for both the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) and the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) for information regarding Niagara River Greenway Draft Plan and a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS).

These informational meetings are intended for these committees to ask questions for clarification of the Niagara River Greenway Plan (Plan). The Plan establishes a unified vision and a set of principles for the Niagara River Greenway. It identifies the assets and resources that make up the Greenway. It sets priorities that suggest the types of activities to target in the near-term. It identifies potential funding sources, partnerships and linkages, and addresses key transportation issues that affect the Greenway. The Plan also discusses several high priority "Implementation Concepts" which describe system-wide approaches and strategies for Greenway development.

The LGAC gives local governments, including mayors, supervisors or their designated representatives, an opportunity to present their vision for the community's they serve as related to the Niagara River Greenway.

The CAC serves as the public's primary source to provide input to the scope and process of developing the Greenway Management Plan. The committee is charged under the Greenway legislation with soliciting input from local civic, commercial, educational, recreational and conservation organizations. Designated representatives from these stakeholder groups will be given an opportunity to present their vision for projects that would enhance the Niagara River Greenway.

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.

Directions

From the NYS Thruway (I-90) take I-290 west toward Niagara Falls. I-290 ends at I-190. Exit I-290 toward Niagara Falls. Pay toll (\$ 0.75) at the South Grand Island Bridge. Take first exit, but second right on Exit 18B. Follow signs to Beaver Island State Park.

From Niagara Falls, take I-190 toward Buffalo / Grand Island. Pay toll (\$ 0.75) at the North Grand Island Bridge. Take last exit on Grand Island, Exit 18. Follow signs to Beaver Island State Park.

Following signs to Beaver Island State Park, the road will be South Parkway. Reach Turnabout and take 2nd entrance, Beaver Island State Park Entrance. Follow signs to Clubhouse. Parking is available immediately before and after (closest) the Clubhouse.

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