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### New Online Gallery Shows Flood Impacts to Canal System

WATERFORD, NY- A new online photo gallery developed by the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor shows significant damage from Tropical Storm Irene to historic canal resources along the Erie Canal/Mohawk River. Images from Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site to Waterford Harbor begin to share the full impact of the storm.

View the gallery at: <http://www.eriecanalway.org/gallery.php>

“In addition to the flood’s devastating impacts on lives and livelihoods, the torrent of floodwaters has also wrought substantial damage to the historic Erie Barge Canal itself,” said Beth Sciumeca, Executive Director of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

The Erie Barge Canal has withstood the best and worst of Mother Nature for nearly a century. The canal system in the Mohawk River was designed with floods in mind. Yet the damage from Irene is substantial.

“For all of us who care about the canal’s history and its future; for those of us who have enjoyed fine days of boating and cycling here; and for those whose hard work and dedication is tied to the canal – we hope the images begin to share the story of the flood’s impact,” Sciumeca said.

In addition, Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor has posted a status update for canal sites and flood resources for those impacted on its website. Find out what’s open and what’s closed at [www.eriecanalway.org](http://www.eriecanalway.org).

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