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Erie Canalway Heritage Partners Announced

Twenty-five sites included in first round selection

WATERFORD, NY— The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor announced the selection of 25 canal-related museums and cultural heritage sites for participation in its newly created Erie Canalway Partner Program. The program aims to offer increased visibility and technical assistance to sites, while further enhancing the visitor experience of the National Heritage Corridor.

“These sites have been working for years to preserve and share our nationally-significant canal history,” said Beth Sciumeca, Executive Director of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. “We’re thrilled to be able to work more closely together to develop a more integrated system of noteworthy sites.”

The commission secured a \$230,000 federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to fund the program, which designates partners into one of three categories based on their facilities, hours of operation, and significance as a canal site.

According to Sciumeca, “Each one of our partners shares a different aspect of the canal’s role in shaping New York and the nation. Some have important works of engineering, others have works of art or artifacts, and some highlight the value of the canal today. By working together, each place can provide a bridge to the next, offering a more complete picture for residents and visitors.”

Additional sites may apply to become partners in a second round of selection planned for 2011.

For more information, visit www.eriecanalway.org.

See list below for Partner Sites

2010 Site Designation

ERIE CANALWAY HERITAGE PARTNERS

Arkell Museum at Canajoharie, Canajoharie
Burden Iron Works Museum, Troy
Camillus Erie Canal Park, Camillus
Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Chittenango
Eastern Gateway to the Canal System at Waterford Harbor, Waterford
Erie Canal Discovery Center, Lockport
Erie Canal Museum, Syracuse
Historic Palmyra, Palmyra
Mohawk Towpath Byway, Waterford and Cohoes to Schenectady
North Tonawanda History Museum, North Tonawanda
Rochester Museum & Science Center, Rochester
Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Fort Hunter
Seneca Museum of Waterways and Industry, Seneca Falls

ERIE CANALWAY AFFILIATE SITES

Fort Plain Free Library, Fort Plain
Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum, North Tonawanda
Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester
Rochester Public Library, Rochester
Schenectady Museum & Planetarium, Schenectady
Spencerport Depot & Canal Museum, Spencerport

ERIE CANALWAY POINTS OF INTEREST

A number of organizations maintain valuable Points of Interest throughout the National Heritage Corridor. The Commission will be working with the following organizations to further enhance these sites:

New York State Canal Corporation
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Town of Halfmoon, Town of Montezuma
Western Monroe Historical Society (Morgan Manning House), Brockport
Watervliet Shaker National Historic District, Watervliet

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