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### **Call for Nominations!** **2009 Erie Canalway Heritage Award of Excellence**

**WATERFORD, NY-** Nominations are being accepted now through February 25, 2009 for the Erie Canalway Heritage Award of Excellence. The award honors and celebrates significant places of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and recognizes excellence in advancing the goals of the Erie Canalway Preservation and Management Plan. Municipalities, community groups, private entities, and non-profit organizations are encouraged to submit an application. Multiple parties involved in a collaborative or regional project or event are especially encouraged to apply.

“The Corridor’s historic, cultural, and natural resources contribute to a distinctive sense of the area that appeals to residents, tourists, and others making place-based investment decisions,” explained Joseph Callahan, Chair of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission. “Our awards program is one way for us to recognize and reinforce the efforts of organizations and communities throughout the 524-mile long Corridor to enhance significant canal-related sites for all to enjoy.”

Recognition for excellence is selected based on the applicant’s effectiveness in helping to advance one or more of the goals set forth in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Preservation and Management Plan in the place being nominated. Award recipients benefit from state-wide recognition and promotion of their efforts as best practices taking place in the Corridor. A formal presentation of awards will take place at the Commission’s annual meeting in June.

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission encourages investment in places throughout the Corridor, including parks, trails, historic buildings and canal structures, streetscapes, and entire communities. The Erie Canalway Heritage Award of Excellence calls attention to those places where people have come together to contribute their time, talent, creativity, enthusiasm, and hard work to make their part of the Canalway Corridor a vibrant place to live, work, or play.

For additional information about the award, past recipients, and an application: [www.eriecanalway.org](http://www.eriecanalway.org).

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**The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor** is one of 40 federally designated National Heritage Areas. Its purpose is to help preserve and interpret the historical, natural, scenic, and recreational resources reflecting its national significance and to help foster revitalization of canal-side communities.