



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Erie Canalway
National Heritage Corridor

P.O. Box 219
Waterford, NY 12188

518 237-7000 phone
518 237-7640 fax

Erie Canalway News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-1/15/10
Contact: Jean Mackay, 518-237-7000, ext 222
jean_mackay@partner.nps.gov

Call for Nominations: 2010 Erie Canalway Heritage Award of Excellence

WATERFORD, NY- The Erie Canalway Commission is accepting nominations for the 2010 Erie Canalway Heritage Award of Excellence through **February 25, 2010**. The award honors and celebrates significant places in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. Municipalities, community groups, private entities, and non-profit organizations are encouraged to submit an application.

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.

#####

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor is one of 49 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.