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Joe Callahan to Lead Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission

WATERFORD, NY- The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission recently elected Joseph Callahan as its new Commission Chair. Callahan, a lawyer from Syracuse who was appointed to the Commission by Senator Charles Schumer in 2002, will serve as chair for a one year term. Callahan replaces outgoing chairman Eric Mower, who served since 2002.

“The canal system is a real asset for the state and nation,” said Callahan. “I’m honored to lead our Commission and continue working with our partners to ensure a vibrant future for the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.”

Other Commission officers elected were: Vice Chair Russ Andrews of Syracuse, Secretary Alan Vincent of Little Falls, and Treasurer Peter Welsby of Lockport.

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Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor preserves and interprets the New York State canal system which has been in continuous operation from 1825 until today – longer than any other constructed transportation system on the continent. It is federally designated as nationally significant for its cultural and natural heritage and its collection of sites are operated, owned, or managed by a variety of local municipalities, state agencies, and federal entities. A federal commission provides oversight for the Corridor.

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