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Sponsorships Available for 2019 Canal-Related Events

WATERFORD, NY - The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, in partnership with the NYS Canal Corporation, is offering sponsorships up to \$500 for events or festivals taking place in the National Heritage Corridor from May through November 2019. Qualifying events must promote or celebrate the distinctive historic, cultural, scenic, or recreational resources of the canal corridor.

Eligible applicants include municipalities and nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. Applications are due **by February 15, 2019**.

Priority consideration will be given to heritage events that celebrate the bicentennial period (1817-1825) and recreational events that encourage use of the NYS Canalway Water Trail, Canalway Trail, or participation in the Canalway Challenge.

For instructions and an online application, visit www.eriecanalway.org.

ABOUT THE ERIE CANALWAY

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor spans 524 miles across the full expanse of upstate New York, encompassing the Erie, Cayuga-Seneca, Oswego, and Champlain canals and their historic alignments, as well as more than 230 canal communities. Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission and the Erie Canalway Heritage Fund work in partnership to preserve our extraordinary heritage, to promote the Corridor as a world class tourism destination, and to foster vibrant communities connected by the waterway. www.eriecanalway.org

The **New York State Canal Corporation**, a subsidiary of the New York Power Authority, oversees the operation and promotion of the New York State Canal System. The Canal Corporation's mission is to transform the Canal System into a world class recreationway and inland commercial waterway, and to foster recreation, tourism and economic development while preserving the natural environment and cultural heritage of the canal. For more information on the New York State Canal System and the Canal Corporation, please visit www.canals.ny.gov.

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