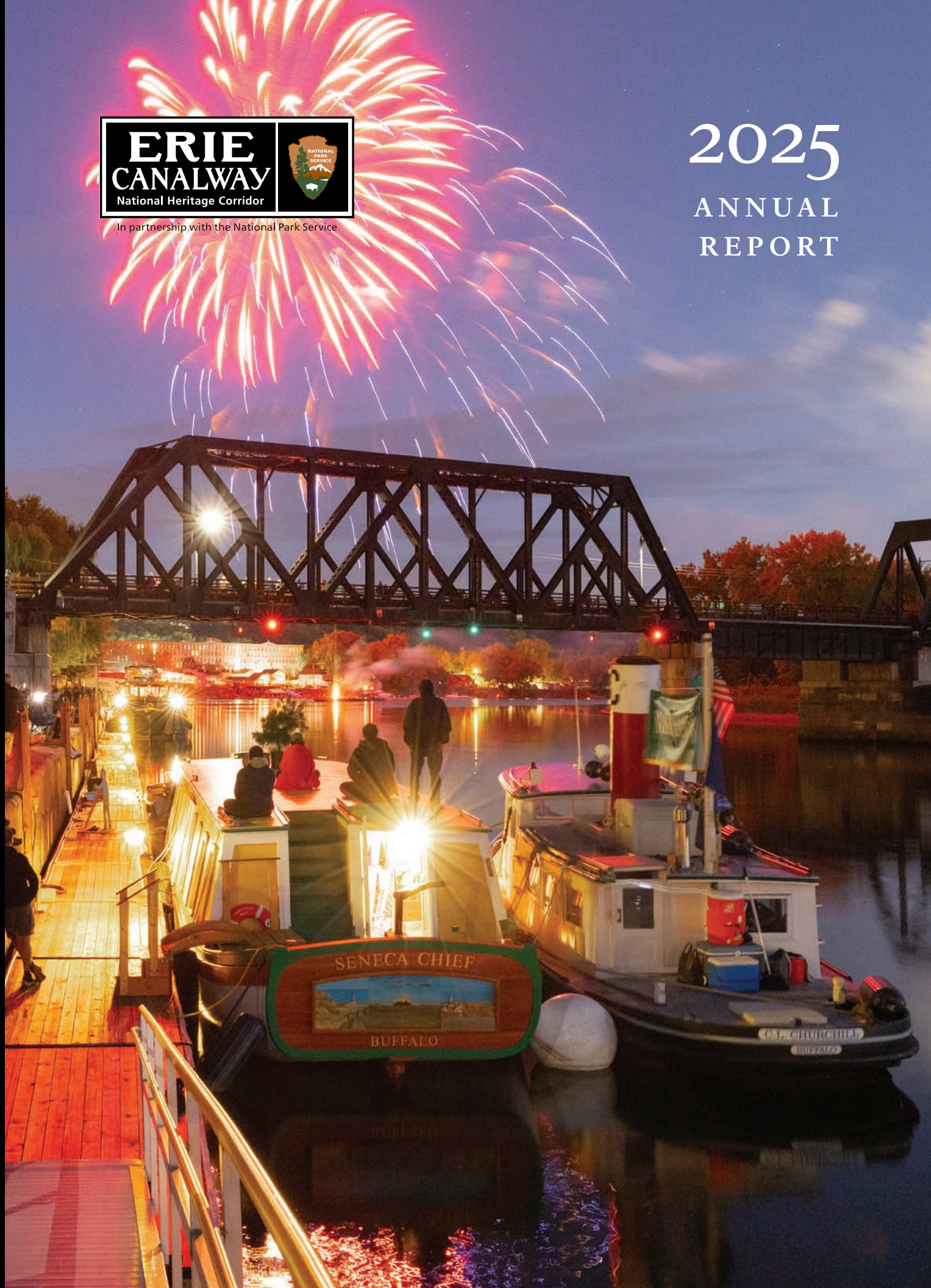




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2025

ANNUAL REPORT





Established by an Act of Congress in 2000, the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor spans 524 miles across the full expanse of upstate New York. It includes the Erie, Cayuga-Seneca, Oswego, and Champlain canals and their historic alignments. The Corridor encompasses 4,834 square miles in 23 counties and is home to 3.2 million people.

Historic!

Well may New-York rejoice in an achievement that would add glory to the most powerful nation on earth. — Buffalo Emporium, 1825

When DeWitt Clinton joined Lake Erie waters with the Atlantic Ocean at New York Harbor in 1825, leaders celebrated the Erie Canal and envisioned a future of progress for New York and the nation. Two hundred years later, canal leaders returned to that harbor—reflecting on two centuries of achievement and looking ahead to the next.

The Erie Canal Bicentennial, packed with diverse and memorable events, proved the canal’s enduring power and promise. This annual report celebrates the milestones of 2025 and charts a course for the canal’s next century of service.

We were proud to provide leadership, funding, and collaboration to bring the bicentennial to life and share the transformative impact of New York’s iconic canal system.

Thank you to everyone who participated, hosted events, volunteered, and donated to support the canal’s future.

Together, let’s make the next century its best yet!

ON THE COVER AND THIS PAGE: *The historic voyage of Buffalo Maritime Center’s replica Erie Canal Boat Seneca Chief captivated crowds from Buffalo to New York City. We were honored to help make this bicentennial signature event possible with planning and financial support. (Photos courtesy of New York Power Authority)*





Flotsam River Circus, Canajoharie

2025 By the Numbers

\$255,000

Tourism grants awarded to 47 nonprofit organizations and municipalities

102,264

People attended 37 sponsored events

70,000

Erie Canalway Map & Guides distributed

20,000

Erie Canalway Calendars distributed

5,370

Students from 31 school districts participated in educational field trips

10,000

Junior Ranger Booklets distributed

410,417

Miles logged for the Canalway Challenge

787,300

Visits to the Erie Canalway website

870

Signups for the Erie Canalway Bicentennial Marketing Toolkit

450

Miles of the NYS Canalway Water Trail adopted by 93 volunteer stewards

270

People participated in our Paddle the Canals: Erie Canal 200! event

350

Miles of water and land trails assessed for amenities and accessibility

Maximizing Heritage Tourism

2025 was a landmark year for promoting tourism along the Erie Canalway and building momentum for future visits. Our initiatives focused on boosting local economies and enhancing quality of life by attracting travelers to enjoy the canal's vibrant events, rich cultural experiences, and unique communities.

Photo courtesy of New York Power Authority

IMPACTS

- Hundreds of thousands of visitors engaged in **events, tours, concerts, and lectures**. Larger celebrations and journeys included the Albany Symphony Orchestra's Water Music NY concerts, Flotsam River Circus, and the Buffalo Maritime Center's signature voyage of the replica Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief*.

We were proud to **support 36 events** in partnership with the NYS Canal Corporation and to promote 270 events on our new online Events Calendar, which was viewed nearly 90,000 times.

Please see the following page for the complete list of events supported.



Water Music NY, Seneca Falls

Camillus



Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor was proud to be the Heritage Sponsor for Cycle the Erie Canal, hosted by Parks & Trails New York. Three Erie Canalway staff also participated in the bike tour, which drew 500 riders from 36 states, DC, and Ontario, Canada.



Lyons

- **Major media outlets**—including BBC Travel, National Geographic, NASA Earth Observatory, and The New York Times—**featured the Erie Canal Bicentennial**, reaching millions worldwide. These stories celebrated the canal's history and showcased its vitality as a thriving destination today. Our office served as a trusted resource for journalists, providing photographs, facts, timelines, travel tips, and expert insights.

“We are deeply grateful for the generous support for Doors Open Buffalo 2025 and excited by the special opportunity this year to celebrate the Erie Canal’s bicentennial.”

— Brad Hahn, Executive Director, Explore Buffalo

IMPACTS

- Our work is powered by **strategic partnerships** with museums, historic sites, tour operators, libraries, tourism agencies, community leaders, and other nonprofits. Together, they help us deliver programs and resources across the National Heritage Corridor.
- 230 sites distributed 70,000 copies of our **Erie Canalway Map & Guide**.
- More than 800 communities, organizations, small businesses and individuals used our **Bicentennial Marketing Toolkit** to commemorate the bicentennial with videos, social media posts, and graphics that appeared on everything from banners, stickers, and shirts, to craft beer and even cookies.
- The **Finger Lakes Canalway Experience Council** continued to advance efforts to strengthen our effectiveness in the Finger Lakes Region. See page 24 for council members.



Fairport



Pittsford



Photo by Alison Edwards

Clifton Park

Buffalo



Syracuse



Newark

EVENT SUPPORT

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arc Wayne, Color Wayne Fun Run, Walk & Roll• Black Rock Historical Society, Erie Canal Heritage Market at Market Square• Boilermaker Road Race, Inc., The Boilermaker’s “Erie Canal Races”• Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Erie Canal Boat Float & Folk Festival: Living History• City of Rome, Locktoberfest• Erie Canal Museum, Wednesday at the Weighlock• Explore Buffalo, Doors Open Buffalo 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flotsam River Circus, 2025 Erie Canal Tour• Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council, Erie Canal Arts & Craft Festival• Geneva Downtown Association, Inc., PaddleFest• Great Swamp Conservancy, History, Music, Art & Birding Series in the Erie Canal Corridor• Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce, Wine, Craft Beverage & Artisans Festival/Music on the Erie• Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce, Grand Opening of Harbor Point | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hudson Crossing Park, 19th Annual Cardboard Boat Races Festival• Lee-Whedon Memorial Library, The Erie Canal Concert• Local Foods Incubator, Inc., Mohawk Valley Garlic & Herb Festival• Lockport Main Street, Inc., Lockport’s Bicentennial Celebration• Montgomery County, Montgomery County Kayak-a-Thon/ Bicentennial Bash• NAACP—Rome, NY Branch, City of Rome Juneteenth Celebration | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Old Mentz Heritage Center, Clinton’s Ditch: The Story of Building the Erie Canal• Rotary Club of Rochester—Southwest, Roc River Ride• Seneca Museum of Waterways & Industry, Downtown Seneca Falls Mural Project & Festival• The Creative Outpost, Inc., Little Falls Canal Festival & Arrival of the <i>Seneca Chief</i>• The Joe Family Foundation, On the Trails—200 years on the Erie Canal & 35 years of the ADA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Town of Brutus, Brutus Erie Canal Festival• Town of Clifton Park, Clifton Park Canal Fest: Bicentennial Celebration• Town of Lyons, <i>Seneca Chief</i> Welcome Event• Town of Waterford, Waterford Tugboat Roundup• Village of Brockport, Brockport’s Erie Canal Bicentennial Celebration with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra• Village of Canastota, Canal-stota 200 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village of Fairport Local Development Corporation, Fairport Reimagine the Erie Canal Plein Air Festival• Village of Fort Edward Canal Street Marketplace, Locktoberfest• Village of Medina, Erie Canal Bicentennial Building Bricks Event• Village of Newark, Ringing in the <i>Seneca Chief</i>• Waterford Canal & Towpath Society, Waterford Canal Festival 2025• Watkins Glen Productions, Inc., 2025 Watkins Glen Waterfront Festival & Cardboard Boat Regatta |
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Foster Diverse & Accessible Recreation

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor offers residents and visitors extraordinary opportunities to experience more than 500 miles of navigable waterways and trails. We are working to position the canal corridor as a premier destination for world-class recreational experiences for people of all ages and abilities, and to make the NYS Canal System a national model for universal accessibility.



Albany

IMPACTS

- The **Canalway Challenge** saw record-breaking participation and results this year, driven by the Erie Canal Bicentennial. Finishers increased by 75% over 2024, with 2,475 participants from 41 states completing a challenge.

We partnered with the University of Rochester and the Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities to produce ten videos that expanded the **1st Mile Challenge**.

We also launched a volunteer network to promote the Canalway Challenge. Twenty dedicated **ambassadors** greeted trail users, encouraged sign-ups, and connected with local businesses and organizations. They gave presentations and staffed events at libraries, extending our reach directly to trail users throughout the Canalway.

- More than 270 colorful kayaks and canoes journeyed through the Waterford Flight of five locks on Sunday, June 22 for our bicentennial paddling celebration, **Paddle the Canals: Erie Canal 200!** Paddlers from all corners of New York and eleven states participated in the festive event, followed by lunch and walking tours of Peebles Island State Park.

“It was a great paddle! I’m so glad I could take part to celebrate the Bicentennial of the canal!”

— Leo C. Straight

Waterford



2,475

participants from 41 states completed a challenge

500

people completed our special 200-mile Canalway Challenge

270

people joined the February 15 winter challenge.

410,417

miles were logged by finishers, generating more than \$1 million in economic impact

“Running through the center of the Village, the Erie Canal is a gathering place for residents and visitors; these grants will enhance experiences for both.”

— Jonathan Taylor, Mayor, Village of Newark



IMPACTS

- 2025 was our most successful year to date for the **NYS Canalway Water Trail Stewardship Program**, with more volunteers, volunteer hours, and canal users engaged than ever before. With 93 stewards, we achieved 100% coverage of the Erie, Cayuga-Seneca, Champlain, and Oswego canals. Between May and October, stewards made 830 visits, engaged 2,200 users, and provided in-kind services valued at \$72,881.
- The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and NYS Canal Corporation, with additional support from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, released a **Recreational Amenities Study** of the Erie Canal. The report provides a detailed evaluation of current conditions and a long-term plan for improvements such as restrooms, water access, charging stations, and storage facilities. We hosted four regional workshops and will use the findings to help municipalities, counties, and nonprofits create a more consistent experience for all recreational users.



- We partnered with the NYS Canal Corporation to award \$178,865 in **Tourism Infrastructure & Amenity Grants** for 11 projects.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

Buffalo Maritime Center, Buffalo
Navigating History: Erie Canal Boat
Seneca Chief Exhibits

Canal Society of New York State, Port Byron
Aqueduct Park Project

Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum,
Chittenango
Sawmill & Blacksmith Shop Restoration

City of Rome
Erie Canalway Wayfinding Signage

Corn Hill Waterfront & Navigation
Foundation, Rochester
Waterfront Signage & Displays

Erie Canal Museum, Syracuse
Outdoor Classroom Pavilion & Garden
Restoration

Genesee Waterways Center, Rochester
Paddling Expansion Initiative: Kayak Kiosk

Town of Clarkson
Sans Souci Park Improvements

Town of Halfmoon
Crescent Park Amenities

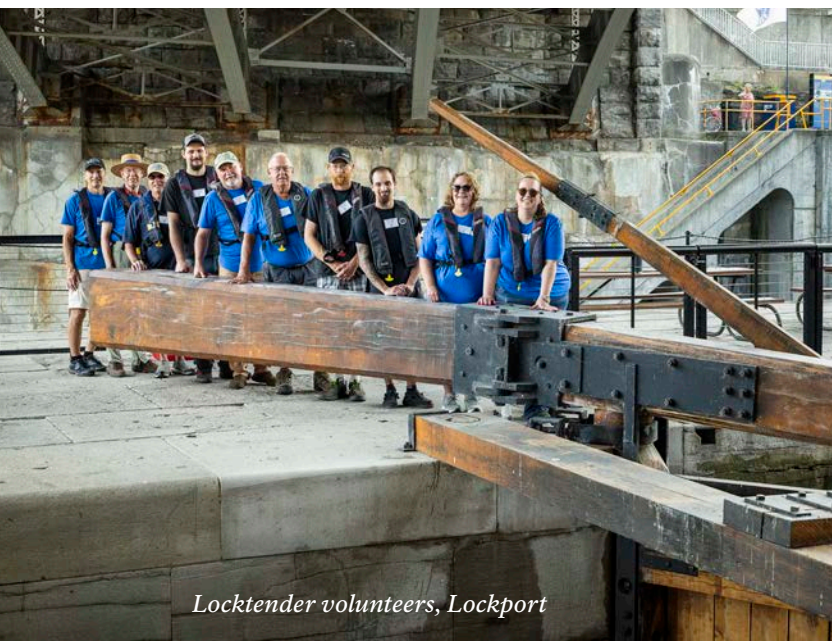
Village of Holley
Recreational Canal Improvement Project

Village of Newark
Port of Newark Amenities, Signage,
and Landscaping



BICENTENNIAL MOMENTS

Across the Canalway Corridor, communities commemorated the Bicentennial in ways both large and small, bringing meaning and joy to the occasion. Hundreds of thousands of people participated in celebrations that will be remembered for years to come.



Locktender volunteers, Lockport



Bicentennial Bridge, Brockport

Photo courtesy of New York Power Authority



Cycle the Erie Canal celebration, Camillus



Thomas X. Grasso Tug dedication, Fairport



Photo courtesy of New York Power Authority

Canal Opening Day, Waterford



Photo by Alison Edwards

Clifton Park Bicentennial Celebration, Vischer Ferry



Greece Historical Society, Greece

200 Miler, Bill F., Rome



Bicentennial Chair, Tonawanda



Erie Canalway Heritage Fund Board Members and Commissioners, Buffalo



Old Erie Canal Boat Float 'n Folk Festival, Chittenango

Spotlight on the World Canals Conference

The World Canals Conference 2025 will long be remembered as a highlight of the Erie Canal Bicentennial. Nearly 500 attendees from 10 countries and 22 states made the conference a resounding success. From the opening International Reception to engaging keynotes and field tours to the sendoff of the replica Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief*, the conference delivered memorable experiences and valuable insights.



A vibrant public celebration at Canalside on September 20 invited people to enjoy canal tours, interactive exhibits, music, and performances by People Inc.'s Blue Ink Butterfly performers and the Seneca Nation's White Pine Dancers.



The program opened on a high note as Governor Kathy Hochul welcomed attendees and thanked co-chairs Anne McCaffrey and Keith Belanger. Seventy-eight presenters from eight countries shared expertise through a highly informative program, with keynote addresses by Richard Millar of Scottish Canals and disability advocate Haben Girma.



Twenty people from seven US states and two countries participated in our America's Gateway pre-conference tour. Traveling from New York City to Buffalo, the group explored the powerful influence of the Erie Canal in shaping New York State and the nation.

I'm now safely back in the UK and wanted to express my heartfelt thanks to you and your teams for the incredible conference you put together. I've never experienced anything quite like it; the range of speakers, topics, attendees and guides made this such a fulfilling and thought-provoking few days.

— Professor Jodie Matthews, Professor of English Literature, Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom



Four Field Sessions brought attendees to see canal communities and waterfront initiatives along the Erie Canal and across the border to Canada's Welland Canal. Buffalo's warm hospitality and the efforts of field session hosts—St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, North Tonawanda, Lockport, Medina, Brockport, and Fairport—brought home the value of canals to community and economic vitality.

Many partners and supporters made this world-class event possible. Special thanks to our co-hosts—the NYS Canal Corporation, Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation, and Visit Buffalo—and Honorary Co-Chairs Keith Belanger and Anne McCaffrey. Forty-six sponsors, including Lead Support from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and Platinum support from M&T Bank, National Grid, and 100 Must See Miles on the Erie Canal, along with 33 exhibitors, further ensured its success.



Little Falls

Conserving Our Unique Canal Heritage

Together with our partners, we are preserving the authentic fabric of our canal communities, historic sites, and waterway assets, driving heritage-based economic development, and contributing to the Corridor’s quality of life and unique sense of place.

“This is transformational for this historic canal side building, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for support.”

— Neil Rosenbaum, The Inn at Stone Mill, Little Falls



Little Falls Public Library, Little Falls



Old Fort Johnson, Fort Johnson

IMPACTS

- Six historic preservation projects received major funding commitments from our **Mohawk Valley Historic Rural Revitalization Grant Program**, funded through the National Park Service’s Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Program. The program aims to generate new economic development and tourism opportunities that enhance the region-wide strength of the Mohawk Valley. Recipients include:

- Canal Side Inn**, Little Falls
\$58,873 Roof replacement and electrical system upgrades
- Little Falls Public Library**, Little Falls
\$75,000 Preservation of original 1878 front doors, basement windows, and masonry
- Little Falls WCA**, Little Falls
\$100,000 Preservation of the masonry and infrastructure, and improve ADA access
- Old Fort Johnson**, Fort Johnson
\$100,000 Roof replacement
- The Inn at Stone Mill**, Little Falls
\$100,000 Building restoration and window replacement
- West Hill School**, Canajoharie
\$100,000 Structural repairs and the restoration of its historic Bell Tower

MOHAWK VALLEY HISTORIC RURAL REVITALIZATION GRANTS COMMITTEE

- Harry Sicherman, Committee Chair and Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commissioner
Brian Anderson, National Grid
Jay DiLorenzo, Preservation League of NYS
Justine Heilner, New York Power Authority
Alex Kuttesch, Montgomery County
Frances Stern, NY State Historic Preservation Office
Erin Tobin, Adirondack Architectural Heritage and Erie Canalway Heritage Fund Board Member
- In 2025, we advanced the **Matton Shipyard Preservation and Adaptive Reuse Initiative** in Cohoes by stabilizing the Hudson River shoreline with support from Congressman Paul Tonko, U.S. Housing and Urban Development and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Work included removing contaminated soil, adding clean fill, hydroseeding, planting shrubs and trees, and installing timber pilings and a stone parking lot. We are now approaching the final phase of our involvement, after which the NYS OPRHP will determine the property’s future.
 - Winning images drawn from more than 300 entries in the **Erie Canalway Photo Contest** graced the pages of our **2026 Erie Canalway calendar**. We distributed 20,000 calendars to residents, legislators, and canal enthusiasts with the help of 140 libraries and heritage sites.

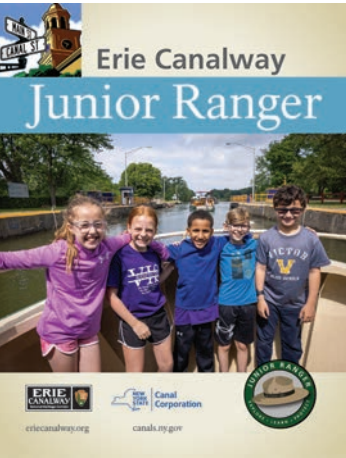
Educating Current and Future Generations

Our programs and partnerships are engaging youth, and other Canalway stakeholders, in dynamic and relevant on-site and virtual learning activities that spur critical thinking, curiosity, and a can-do spirit.



IMPACTS

- The **Erie Canal Learning Hub**, a joint initiative of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and the New York State Canal Corporation, engaged students across New York and beyond through virtual and in-person learning experiences. Visits to our Learning Hub web pages grew to more than 123,000 views.
- More than 5,370 students from 116 schools in 31 districts participated in **Ticket to Ride field trips** to canal sites, museums, and national parks. Economically disadvantaged schools made up 85 percent of field trip visits.
- Youngsters and their families enthusiastically received our new **Junior Ranger activity booklet**. With the help of 14 Junior Ranger partner sites, we distributed 10,000 copies from June through October.
- Teachers now have six new cross-curricular lesson plans that explore the canal through social studies, science, math, art, reading comprehension, and physical education. Geared for fourth graders, we produced the **Canal Connections series** in partnership with the Erie Canal Museum in Syracuse, with funding support from the National Park Foundation.



EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS

Many thanks to these educational field trip partners:

Albany Institute of History & Art, Albany

Arkell Museum at Canajoharie, Canajoharie

Camillus Erie Canal Park, Camillus

Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Chittenango

Corn Hill Navigation/Riverie & Sam Patch Boat Tours, Rochester/Pittsford

Erie Canal Discovery Center, Lockport

Erie Canal Museum, Syracuse

Feeder Canal & Towpath Trail, Hudson Falls

Fort Stanwix National Monument, Rome

Historic Palmyra, Palmyra

MiSci, Schenectady

Rochester Museum & Science Center, Rochester

Saratoga National Historical Park, Stillwater & Schuylerville

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Fort Hunter

Seneca Museum of Waterways and Industry, Seneca Falls

Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence, Albany

Women's Rights National Historical Park, Seneca Falls

The National Park Foundation and the National Park Service provided additional support for field trips and other educational initiatives.



Field trip aboard the Sam Patch tour boat, Pittsford

Financial Statement

For the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025

SUPPORT & REVENUE

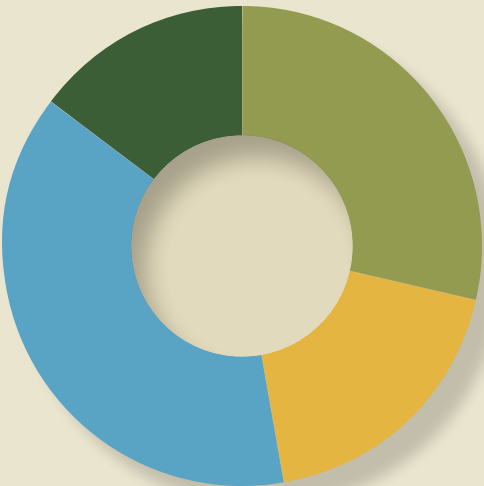
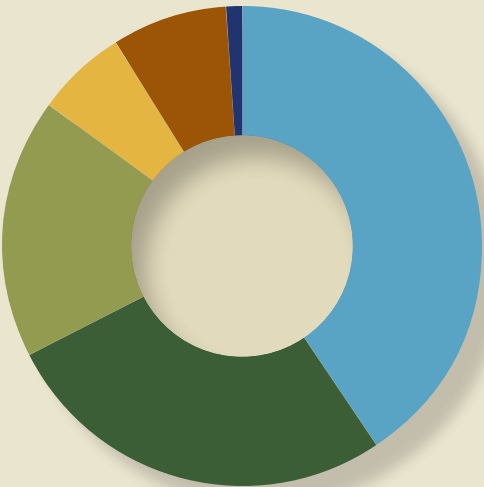
Federal	\$1,213,538
State	\$794,593
Contributions, Grants & Sponsorships	\$524,270
In-kind Contributions	\$180,459
Program Fees & Other	\$231,251
Interest	\$30,837
Total	\$2,974,947

By working with municipal and nonprofit partners, Erie Canalway also leveraged \$1,363,431 in FY2025 in support of program and project activities.

EXPENSES

Recreation & Heritage Tourism	\$743,191
Heritage Conservation & Education	\$483,793
Grants & Events	\$994,571
Program Support, Management & Resource Development	\$375,186
Total	\$2,596,741

* The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor benefits from the work of two entities—a federal Commission and the nonprofit Erie Canalway Heritage Fund Inc. These simplified financial statements reflect a summary of both entities. The Commission and Heritage Fund auditor is Cusack & Company, CPAs LLC. More detailed and audited financial statements for both entities may be requested by contacting our office. In addition, financial statements for the Erie Canalway Heritage Fund may be obtained from the NYS Office of the Attorney General's Charities Bureau, www.charitiesnys.com or (212) 416-8686.



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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Mohawk River Watershed Basin Program
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Congressman Paul D. Tonko & U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

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