



## New York State Canal System

# Tourism Infrastructure and Event Grants 2022 Awardees

## TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND AMENITY IMPROVEMENTS

### **Canal Park Inclusive Kayak Launch**

*Town of Macedon*

Rebuild the Canal Park kayak and boat launch to include an improved walkway and ramp providing people of all abilities access to the NYS Canalway Water Trail.

Awarded: \$24,000

### **Clute Park Accessibility Improvements**

*Village of Watkins Glen*

Improve an accessible one-mile loop trail in the park including the installation of a sculpture garden and raised garden beds along the trail for people of all abilities to enjoy.

Awarded: \$20,000

### **Elm Street Pocket Park**

*Town of Lyons*

Develop a pocket park at the intersection of the Erie Canalway/Empire State Trail with a kiosk, bench, and bicycle rack to better serve trail users and the community.

Awarded: \$22,803

### **Fairport Thomas Creek Wetlands Amenities**

*Fairport Industrial Development Agency*

Upgrade visitor amenities and signage within urban wetlands to better connect the area with the adjacent Erie Canalway/Empire State Trail.

Awarded: \$10,000

### **Hudson River Boat Launch Improvements**

*Town of Saratoga*

Expand public amenities for NYS Canalway Water Trail and Champlain Canalway/Empire State Trail users to include an accessible kayak launch, picnic tables, a bike rack, and wayfinding signage.

Awarded: \$8,000

### **Indian Point Dock Renovation**

*City of Fulton*

Replace existing wooden floating dock with a new safer aluminum dock to provide improved access to the Oswego Canal for paddlers and emergency rescue crews.

Awarded: \$5,236

### **Mohawk Hudson Bike Trail Rest Areas**

*Schenectady County Department of Economic Development and Planning*

Install two rest areas along the Erie Canalway/Empire State Trail in the Town of Rotterdam to provide potable water, seating, and a variety of directional signage for trail users.

Awarded: \$22,175

### **Poolsbrook Accessible Hand Launch Site**

*Town of Manlius*

Dewitt

Install the first accessible hand launch dock within the Old Erie Canal State Historic Park, providing paddling opportunities to people of all abilities.

Awarded: \$24,000

### **Rotary Park and Marina Improvement Project**

*City of Little Falls*

Renovate existing public facilities to improve the visitor experience, including a new floating dock, energy conservation updates, signage, and lighting.

Awarded: \$11,000

### **Tugboat C.L. Churchill Acquisition**

*Buffalo Maritime Center*

Acquire the tugboat *C.L. Churchill* to tow the new replica canal boat *Seneca Chief* on the NYS Canal System. The vessel will also serve as a floating classroom and working waterway historic attraction.

Awarded: \$16,000

### **Watervliet Hudson Shores Dock Park Project**

*City of Watervliet*

Build an ADA accessible kayak and canoe dock and launch at the Watervliet Hudson Shores Park.

Awarded: \$20,000

## **EVENTS** (Listed in date order)

### **MAY**

#### **Waterford Canal Festival**

*Capital Region Chamber*

5/21/22 & 5/22/22, Waterford Harbor & Lock E2

[waterfordcanalfestival.com](http://waterfordcanalfestival.com)

Kick off the start of the canal season with vendors, music, dancing and more, as the eastern gateway to the Erie Canal springs to life once again.

### **JUNE**

#### **Canalside Walking Tours**

*Explore Buffalo*

6/1/22 – 10/31/22, Canalside, Buffalo

[explorebuffalo.org](http://explorebuffalo.org)

Celebrate the role of the Erie Canal in local, state, and American history during free tours held at Canalside, Buffalo and Downtown Lockport.

#### **TrailBlaze NY**

*Albany Symphony*

06/11/2022, Hudson Crossing Park, Schuylerville, 07/01/2022, Mohawk Harbor, Schenectady, 07/02/2022, Jennings Landing, Albany, 07/03/2022, Riverlink Park, Amsterdam

[albansymphony.com](http://albansymphony.com)

Celebrate the new Empire State Trail with free waterfront concerts and festive arts and recreational events in seven locations.

### **Wine, Craft Beverage, and Artisan Festival & Music on the Erie**

*Newark Chamber of Commerce*

Fridays, 6/17/2022 - 08/26/2022, Spencer T. Knight Canal Park

[newarknychamber.org](http://newarknychamber.org)

This summer concert series kicks off with an evening of artisan crafts, foods and more (free admission) as well as tastings from local wine, spirits, beer, and hard cider makers (paid admission). Pull up your boat, bicycle, car, or walk to the canalfront park on Friday nights for free concerts.

### **First Mile/Next Mile on the Erie Canal**

*Rochester Accessible Adventures*

6/19/22, 6/21/22, 6/30/22, 7/21/22, 8/11/22 & 8/25/22, Fairport

[rochesteraccessibleadventures.org](http://rochesteraccessibleadventures.org)

Try out adaptive and standard cycling and paddling equipment and use the brand-new adaptive kayak launch for an inclusive recreation experience. Continue weekly with a Thursday group paddle/ride. Discount equipment rentals; Rochester Accessible Adventure's CanalPal volunteers will be there to kayak and cycle along as you log your FIRST MILE and NEXT MILE on the Erie Canal!

## **JULY**

### **Community Bike Days**

*Utica Bike Rescue*

7/1/22 – 8/31/22, Utica

[uticabikerescue.org](http://uticabikerescue.org)

Learn and practice safe bike riding skills and learn basic bike maintenance and repair during a Bicycle Safety Rodeo for youth and adults; then enjoy a casual, family-oriented bike ride along the Canalway Trail. The ride will include a trailside clean-up contest with prizes awarded to all participants. Choose from three event dates.

### **Cycle the Erie Canal**

*Parks & Trails New York*

7/10/22 – 7/17/22, Buffalo to Albany

[ptny.org](http://ptny.org)

More than 350 riders of all ages cycle from Buffalo to Albany for this 8-day, 400-mile bike tour.

### **Oswego Paddlefest**

*H. Lee White Maritime Museum*

7/16/22, Oswego

[hlwmm.org](http://hlwmm.org)

Join 400 paddlers to experience the unique beauty of the Oswego Canal by “locking through” four canal locks and paddling from Fulton or Minetto to the historic Oswego Harbor.

### **TRAIID on the Trails**

*Upstate Foundation*

7/16/22, Upper Onondaga Park; 8/16/22, Kirk Park

[upstatefoundation.org](http://upstatefoundation.org)

Try out adaptive cycles, participate in the Canalway Challenge, and connect with others in the inclusive recreation community. Choose from two pop up adaptive sport/recreation sessions in conjunction with Syracuse Parks and the main TRAIID on the Trails day, a festival style inclusive recreation celebration with live music, adaptive equipment, and more.

## **CanalFest 2022**

*Canal Fest of the Tonawandas*

7/17/22 – 7/24/22, Gateway Harbor of the Tonawandas

[canalfest.org](http://canalfest.org)

This week-long festival presents food, crafts, and a full slate of family friendly activities including live performances, car show, motorcycle show, antique fire truck show, diaper derby, 5K run, a Midway, Arts and Crafts Show, and fireworks over the Erie Canal.

## **Family History Day**

*Seneca Museum of Waterways and Industry*

7/23/22, Seneca Falls

[sfheritagetourism.com](http://sfheritagetourism.com)

Grab the family and come for a day filled with free educational crafts, historic demonstrations, live music, and more.

## **AUGUST**

### **Reimagining the Canals by Bike**

*Slow Roll Buffalo*

8/1/22, Buffalo Maritime Center; 9/12/22, Towpath Park; 9/22/24, Lockport; 10/15/22, Canalside

[slowrollbuffalo.org](http://slowrollbuffalo.org)

Hop on your bike to explore the unique heritage, recreational assets, and local businesses surrounding the Erie Canal during this series of four bicycling programs. Hosted by Slow Roll Buffalo, in partnership with Buffalo Maritime Center, Black Rock Historical Society, Erie Canal Discovery Center, and the Erie Canal Museum.

### **Rome Canalfest**

*Rome Rotary Club*

8/5/22 – 8/7/22, Bellamy Harbor Park

[romerotary.com](http://romerotary.com)

Bring the family to enjoy a weekend of activities, music, and special performances, including a ski show, fishing derby, photo contest, art show, craft fair, a Utica Zoo exhibit, amusement rides, and fireworks.

### **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Little Falls Canal Celebration**

*Little Falls Family YMCA*

8/8/22 – 8/14/22, Little Falls

[mylittlefalls.com](http://mylittlefalls.com)

Discover all things canal in the charming community of Little Falls. Choose from a variety of activities that showcase recreation, historic landmarks, geological wonders, heritage, attractions, and businesses.

### **Fulton Jazz Festival**

*Fulton Jazz Festival, Inc.*

8/10/22 – 8/13/22, Canal Park Marina, Fulton

[Fultonjazzfest.com](http://Fultonjazzfest.com)

Enjoy jazz music from world-renowned artists and the very best in local talent in a free, festival-style atmosphere.

### **Canal Fest**

*Sylvan Verona Beach Resort Association*  
8/12/22 – 8/14/22, Village of Sylvan Beach  
[Sylvanbeachny.com](http://Sylvanbeachny.com)

Head to the lively summer community of Sylvan Beach for a celebration of summer on the historic Erie Canal and the East Shore of Oneida Lake. Events include a water ski show, fireworks, the Utica ZooMobile, helicopter tours, musical entertainment, presentations on the history of the Erie Canal and Oneida Lake, a large vendor show and more for families and guests of all ages.

### **Towpath Day, Legacy of the Erie Canal**

*Camillus Canal Society*  
8/13/2022, Camillus  
[eriecanalcamillus.com](http://eriecanalcamillus.com)

Celebrate the history of the Erie Canal with live music, a variety of vendors and old-fashioned crafts. Watch a blacksmith, crank your own ice cream, engage with a steam engine exhibit and take a narrated boat ride over a restored aqueduct.

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Macedon Heritage Festival on the Erie**

*Macedon Public Library*  
9/3/22, Canal Park, Macedon  
[macedonpubliclibrary.org](http://macedonpubliclibrary.org)

Enjoy a parade, packet boat ride and day of musical performances, family-friendly activities, and beverage and food trucks.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Color Wayne**

*The Arc Wayne*  
9/3/22, Erie Shore Landing  
[arcwayne.org](http://arcwayne.org)

Join the fun at this 2-mile disability awareness color run/walk on the Erie Canalway Trail. As an accessible race, this event invites individuals of all abilities to come together for a day of fun, food and friends in a way that promotes a healthy lifestyle.

### **Tugboat Roundup**

*Town of Waterford*  
9/9/22, Albany to Waterford, 9/10/22 & 9/11/22, Waterford Harbor  
[tugboatroundup.com](http://tugboatroundup.com)

Head to the waterfront for this annual celebration of New York's canals and maritime community heritage. Step aboard new and historic working vessels, talk to crews, and get a glimpse into tugboat life. The festival features a tug parade, tug tours, boat rides, tug talks, live music, a kayaking event, 5k, competitions, fireworks, children's activities, vendors, food, and more.

### **Roc the River Ride**

*Rotary Club of Rochester, Southwest*  
9/17/22, Genesee Valley Park, Rochester  
[facebook.com/swrocrotary](https://facebook.com/swrocrotary)

Explore Rochester's history and natural beauty on a bicycle ride along the scenic Erie Canalway and Genesee Riverway Trails. Experienced riders will guide cyclists to five stops along the route that showcase local art, history, and culture. Riders ages 8-17 must be accompanied by an adult; those under age 8 can participate in a bicycle rodeo at the Staybridge Suites Hotel, where the ride will begin and end. Free snacks and a t-shirt will be provided to all registered participants.

## **National Women's Hall of Fame 2022 Induction Weekend Festival**

National Women's Hall of Fame

9/23/22 – 9/25/22, Seneca Falls

[womenofthehall.org](http://womenofthehall.org)

Celebrate women's history and achievements through a weekend of storytelling, outdoor activities, the arts, fireworks, a flotilla parade, live music, and more. The remarkable class of 2022 includes: Octavia Butler, Judy Chicago, Becky Halstead, Mia Hamm, Joy Harjo, Emily Howland, Katharine Johnson, Indra Nooyi, and Michelle Obama.

## **OCTOBER**

### **Locktoberfest 2022**

*Village of Phoenix*

10/1/22, State Street, Phoenix

[villageofphoenix-ny.gov](http://villageofphoenix-ny.gov)

Ten bands on two stages; 75 vendors, crafters, and food trucks; pony rides; children's games; and a large fireworks display celebrate the NYS Canal System, arts, and waterfront recreation. Winner of the 2019 SAMMY People's Choice Award for Best Music Festival.

### **Roc the Riverway Celebration**

*City of Rochester*

10/2/22, Rochester

[cityofrochester.gov](http://cityofrochester.gov)

Music, boat rides, walks, cycling tours, displays, speakers and more celebrate the canal's vital role in Rochester past, present and future and the ongoing Roc the Riverway improvements.

### **New York State Canal Conference**

*Canal Society of NYS*

10/2/22 – 10/4/22, Rochester

[nyscanalconference.org](http://nyscanalconference.org)

This statewide professional conference strives to create a deeper understanding of issues facing this national landmark and highlights the thoughts and activities of leaders in government, non-profits, history, tourism, economic development, engineering, and education. Mobile workshops allow attendees to visit curated sites for in-depth exploration and hands-on experiences.

### **Path to Freedom: The Eliza Story**

*Montezuma Historical Society*

10/8/22, Port Byron

[montezumahistoricalsociety.org](http://montezumahistoricalsociety.org)

Enjoy this moving performance of a young girl's brave path from slavery to freedom along the Erie Canal to life on the 3500-acre Howland's Island in the Seneca River near Montezuma. Based on a reporter's interview from 1896.

### **Locktoberfest Fort Edward**

*Village of Fort Edward Canal Street Marketplace*

10/15/22, Fort Edward

[canalstreetmarketplace.org](http://canalstreetmarketplace.org)

Celebrate the autumn harvest season and the Champlain Canal on the grounds of the Canal Street Marketplace, a recently renovated nineteenth century canal barn. The festival features regional farm and artisan products, educational booths, fabulous food, free horse and wagon rides, a local beer tasting tent, and live music.