



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

TRAID on the Trails

Upstate Foundation

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

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

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

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

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

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.

35th Annual Little Falls Canal Celebration

Little Falls Family YMCA

8/8/22 – 8/14/22, Little Falls

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

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

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

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

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

4th Annual Color Wayne

The Arc Wayne
9/3/22, Erie Shore Landing
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

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

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

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

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

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 Roc the Riverway improvements.

New York State Canal Conference

Canal Society of NYS

10/2/22 – 10/4/22, Rochester

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

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

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.