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LOOKING FORWARD

An annual report is by nature a look back at the year past. Yet the defining feature of our work is its forward-looking vision.

Together with our partners at the federal, state, and local levels, we are pressing forward with programs, collaborations, and initiatives that build upon the Canalway's best assets: its extraordinary waterways and trails, its nationally significant historic fabric, and its diverse and spirited communities.

Our aim is to use our unique organizational strengths to maximize the NYS Canal System's ability to contribute to the economic and cultural vitality of communities throughout the entire Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor now and for years to come.

The results of our strategic, heritage-based approach are reflected in this report. Whether you read every word or simply scan its pages, we hope you come away inspired. The years ahead are full of promise as we near the Erie Canal bicentennial in 2025.

Join us as we look forward to the canal's next century of service.



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.

ABOVE: Waterford | **ON THE COVER:** Volunteers in Schuylerville celebrate the bicentennial of the opening of the Champlain Canal in 1823 during the 17th Annual Cardboard Boat Races. The Champlain Canal bicentennial was marked by commemorative events, lectures, and tours.

2023 | By the Numbers

\$190,000

Grants awarded to 42 nonprofit organizations and municipalities

348,308

Miles logged for the Canalway Challenge

3,389

Students from 29 districts participated in educational field trips

65,000

Erie Canalway Map & Guides distributed

270

Miles of the NYS Canalway Water Trail adopted by 65 volunteer stewards

\$433,422

Amount leveraged by working with municipal and nonprofit partners

86,545

People attended 35 sponsored events

128,496

Website visits to the new online Erie Canal Learning Hub

19,500

Erie Canalway Calendars distributed



Advancing Recreation and Heritage-Based Tourism for All



Baldwinsville

Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor visitor information, newsletters, social media, and programs inspire hundreds of thousands of visitors annually to experience the canals that transformed America. Coupled with a focus on making Erie Canalway recreational experiences more universally accessible, we are widening the circle of canal visitors each year.

VISITOR INFORMATION

The most viewed pages of our website include cycling, boating, paddling, maps, and itineraries, with more than 200,000 views in 2023. We distributed 65,000 Erie Canalway Map & Guides and 19,500 Erie Canalway Calendars to convey the distinctive sense of place and best ways to experience the Canalway Corridor. We are grateful to our dedicated network of more than 170 visitor centers, historic sites, and libraries who ensure that these materials reach residents and visitors each year.



Centerport Aqueduct, Weedsport



“I wanted to be sure that you all know you are having a great impact! The community here is very excited about the opportunities for collaboration.”

— Catherine Price, Executive Director, Geneva Business Improvement District

PROMOTING THE FINGER LAKES CANALWAY EXPERIENCE

Members of the **Finger Lakes Canalway Experience Council** advanced efforts to strengthen Erie Canalway’s effectiveness and reach in the Finger Lakes Region. Member Paul Comstock led seven paddlers from four states on a four-day expedition paddle from Geneva to Ithaca in June. The trip was designed to test the waters for future trips and itineraries.

Council member Susan Holland spearheaded a walking tour of Ithaca in October to coincide with the unveiling of a new interpretive sign on canal history at Ithaca’s Stewart Park, funded in part by a grant from Erie Canalway in 2021. Additional outreach to community members will result in the release of a new cycling day trip from Geneva to Waterloo and a paddling event in 2024.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Kal Wysokowski, *Canandaigua, Committee Chair, Erie Canalway Commission*
- Judy McKinney Cherry, *Watkins Glen, Erie Canalway Heritage Fund Board*
- Kevin Clark, *Village of Fairport, Office of Community and Economic Development*
- Paul Comstock, *Erie Canalway Heritage Fund Board*
- Nigar Hale, *Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce*
- Annette Jimenez Gleason, *Rochester Area Community Foundation*
- Susan Holland, *Ithaca, Erie Canalway Commission*
- Nicole Mahoney, *Canandaigua, Break the Ice Media*
- Bob Stivers, *Geneva, Stivers Seneca Marine & Lake Street Station Winery*

ADVANCING RECREATION AND HERITAGE-BASED TOURISM FOR ALL



REACHING CANALWAY CHALLENGE MILESTONES

The Canalway Challenge celebrated its fifth year in 2023, with participants from 30 US states and Canada topping 1.6 million miles walked, ran, cycled, and paddled to date. That translates into a lot of fitness, fun, and exploration on the Canalway Trail and waterway, as well as an estimated \$4 million in economic impact.

At the same time, the inspiring stories of personal milestones achieved really define the program's success: connections made with family, friends, and strangers; challenges overcome; goals achieved; and lifetime memories made.

"I grew up in the Herkimer, NY area and had never realized the extent and beauty of the canalway. I returned from my home in West Virginia to complete the challenge with my daughter and 11-year-old grandson. We completed the challenge as scheduled and met many wonderful people along the way."

— Douglas Boyer, 360-Mile End-to-End, Morgantown, WV

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

348,308
Miles logged by finishers

1,754
Challenges created by individuals, teams, and organizations

\$424
Average spent in Canalway communities

62%
Visited multiple regions

67
Promotional partners



TRAID on the Trails 2023, Syracuse



Skandarado Team Challenge, 180-Milers

Cycling continues to be the most popular way to log miles. Sixty-four percent of finishers reported cycling the trail, followed by 22% who walked or hiked.

FITNESS FOR ALL ABILITIES

The Fitness Inclusion Network at SUNY Upstate's Golisano Center for Special Needs and the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor launched a **Virtual 1st Mile Challenge** for people with mobility challenges in the greater Syracuse area. The program offers a series of 15 Peloton-style adaptive cycling videos filmed on the Erie Canalway Trail and Onondaga Creekwalk in Onondaga County. The videos received 742 views in 2023 as part of a home exercise program for people who use wheelchairs and others seeking to become more familiar with cycling along the canal before trying it out.

A grant from the Central New York Community Foundation enabled us to better promote **adaptive recreation** along the Erie Canalway Trail and participation in the Canalway Challenge in Central New York. Our support for TRAIID on the Trails 2023 hosted by the Joe Family Foundation for Disability Advocacy Inc. brought 75 people to the trail to try adaptive equipment and celebrate ability and access.

ADVANCING RECREATION AND HERITAGE-BASED TOURISM FOR ALL

DEVELOPING A PADDLING DESTINATION

The canals continue to attract a growing number of paddlers, from first timers to expedition explorers. Our *New York State Canalway Water Trail Guidebook*, best bet trips, Facebook group, online map, water trail signs, and volunteer stewards help to make the NYS Canalway Water Trail an exciting paddling destination.

“Thank you for organizing the fun paddling event. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. It was such an interesting experience to go through our first lock! So much so that two days later I was back on the water, this time in a kayak with a group from ADK to do the Flight of Locks.”

— Mac Rand, Lagrangeville, NY



PADDLE THE CANALS: CHAMPLAIN 200!

Our annual Paddle the Canals event drew nearly 200 paddlers to the Champlain Canal to mark the bicentennial of its opening in 1823. Participants from seven states paddled 4.5-miles from Fort Edward to Schuylerville where they enjoyed lunch and history walks at Hudson Crossing Park at Lock C5.

THIRD YEAR OF STEWARDSHIP

A dedicated group of 65 volunteer stewards adopted 270 miles of waterway in 2023, including the entire Champlain Canal. They made 560 visits to ensure that launch areas were clean and safe and assisted 1,436 visitors. Stewards also took on a new role of sharing information about preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. Our goal is to have the entire system fully stewarded by the end of 2025.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

270

Miles of the NYS Canalway Water Trail adopted

65

Water Trail Stewards

560

Site visits

444

Trash bags filled

984

Hours spent by volunteers



ACCESS, AMENITIES AND STEWARDSHIP

In partnership with the NYS Canal Corporation and with funding support from the DEC's Mohawk River Watershed Basin Program we will be assessing amenities and access sites along the Erie Canal and Erie Canalway Trail in 2024. The assessment will help to identify needs and gaps in services and lead to development of a mile-by-mile long-term plan for amenities improvements for recreational boaters, paddlers, bicyclists, and pedestrians. We'll also look at long-term stewardship needs so that we ensure great recreational experiences for many years to come.

NYS CANALWAY WATER TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Karl Beard, *NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (retired)*
- Fred Bonn, *NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation*
- Mike Cavanaugh, *American Canoe Association*
- Paul Comstock, *Erie Canalway Heritage Fund Board*
- Sasha del Peral, *NYS Canal Corporation*
- Kris Fitzgerald, *2k Design*
- Scott Keller, *Hudson River Valley Greenway*
- Alex Kutttesch, *Montgomery County*
- Donna Larkin, *Upstate Kayak Rentals*
- Mark Wells, *NYS Canalway Water Trail Steward*



Investing in Tourism Infrastructure and Community Events



17th Annual Cardboard Boat Races, Schuylerville

NYS Canal System Tourism Infrastructure and Event Grants totaling \$190,000 offered jointly by the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and the New York State Canal Corporation supported seven tourism infrastructure and amenity improvements and 35 events that drew 86,545 people to the canals this year. Additional public and private sources matched our investment by two to one. These investments improve local quality of life, enhance the visitor experience, and generate millions of dollars annually in economic impact for canal communities.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND AMENITY SUPPORT

Investments in amenity upgrades serve a variety of needs identified by communities throughout the Canalway Corridor.

- Canal Society of New York State, Samuel Center for Canal History Renovation
- Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Museum Grounds Visitor Enhancements
- Hudson Crossing Park, Hudson Crossing Park Shed Construction
- Lockport New York Rotary Foundation, Rotary Pavilion on the Erie Canal
- The Arc Wayne, Erie Shore Landing Retail Co-op
- Town of Amherst, Amherst Veterans Canal Park Recreation Amenities Improvements
- Village of Fort Edward, Adaptive Boat Launch in the Heart of Fort Edward

“We so appreciate your support in building this event that promotes equitable access to these cultural and historical amenities.”

— Glenn Cerosaletti, Rotary Club of Rochester-Southwest



Choirs on the Canal, Canastota

“The accessible paddling launch is a fantastic addition to the many recreational offerings in our community!”

— Ann Oot, Town Manager, Town of Manlius



Manlius

EVENT SUPPORT

The wide variety of events selected for funding ensured that people with diverse interests, backgrounds, and abilities were invited to enjoy the canals.

- Albany Center Galleries Inc., 5th Annual #CapitalWalls Mural Bike Tours
- Albany Symphony, Albany Symphony Freedom Road
- Boilermaker Road Race, The Boilermaker's Erie Canal Races
- Buffalo Maritime Center, Whiskey Plank Ceremony
- Canal Society of New York State, Champlain Canal Bicentennial Concert
- Celebrate Commemorate Memorial Day, Celebrate Commemorate Memorial Day
- Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, The Old Erie Canal Boat Float and Bash
- City of Amsterdam, 7th Annual RiverFest Sponsored by Sticker Mule
- City of Rome, Locktoberfest
- Discover Albany, Beers, Bikes, and Barges
- Erie Canal Museum, Wednesday at the Weighlock
- H. Lee White Maritime Museum, Beers, Bikes, and Barges
- Hudson Crossing Park, 17th Annual Cardboard Boat Races: Magical History Tour
- Joe Family Foundation for Disability Advocacy Inc., TRAIID on the Trails 2023
- Little Falls Youth and Family Center, 36th Annual Little Falls Canal Celebration
- Lockport Main Street, Locktoberfest
- Longhouse Council BSA & the William Hillcourt Museum, Erie Canal Historic Trail Bike/Hike
- National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum, Choirs on the Canal
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Rome, Juneteenth Celebration
- Newark Chamber of Commerce, Wine, Craft Beverage & Artisans Festival/Music on the Erie
- Parks & Trails New York, Cycle the Erie Canal
- Rochester Accessible Adventures, 15 PD (Pretty Darn) Good Miles on the Erie Canal
- Rotary Club of Rochester-Southwest, Roc River Ride 2023
- Schenectady County, Pedal-Paddle-Run
- Schenectady County Historical Society, Mohawk River Living History Weekend
- The Arc Wayne, 5th Annual Color Wayne Fun Run/Walk/Roll
- Town of Fort Ann, Champlain Canalway Trail Family Bicycle Celebration
- Town of Macedon, Macedon Heritage Festival on the Erie
- Town of Waterford, Waterford Tugboat Roundup
- Underground Railroad Consortium of New York State, Oswego County Underground Railroad History Tour
- Village of Brockport, Low Bridge, High Water Festival
- Village of Fairport Local Development Corporation, Fairport Plein Air Festival
- Village of Fort Edward Canal Street Marketplace, Locktoberfest
- Village of Phoenix, Locktoberfest
- Waterford Canal Festival, Waterford Canal Festival

Educating Current and Future Generations



Whether diving into research on sunken canal boats discovered on the bottom of Seneca Lake or taking a 3D virtual tour of a canal powerhouse, students in New York State and beyond are examining the Erie Canal in fresh and engaging ways thanks to the new Erie Canal Learning Hub.

“The New York State Canal System is a great example of history, technology, and science working in tandem to serve New York State, and provides a lens into the innovation and culture that transformed communities far and wide. The Erie Canal Learning Hub serves as an immersive learning opportunity to educate future generations about an integral part of New York’s legacy.”

— Brian U. Stratton, Director, New York State Canal Corporation



Launched in the spring of 2023 as a joint initiative of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and the New York State Canal Corporation, the Erie Canal Learning Hub provides free curriculum resources, field trips, virtual 3D tours and videos, and other online tools for teachers and students. The Learning Hub section of our website received 128,496 visits in 2023, a 24% increase over the prior year.

“We had our first field trip group visit yesterday and the feedback was fantastic. They had a wonderful trip, especially learning about the Erie Canal and lock system in the moving water exhibit.”

— Valerie Drapeau, Education Coordinator, Explore & More Children’s Museum



Educational field trips continue to be central to learning firsthand about the Erie Canal. More than 3,300 students from 29 urban and rural school districts participated in field trips, a 32% increase from 2022; 80% of students served were from low-income districts.

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS

We are bringing together educators, curriculum specialists, researchers, museum professionals, and others to develop engaging new approaches to studying the Erie Canal. In 2024, we’ll continue to grow curriculum resources, offer more field trips, and release four articles developed in collaboration with the National Heritage Area Inclusive Storytelling project.

Many thanks to these educational field trip partners:

- Albany Institute of History & Art, *Albany*
- Arkell Museum at Canajoharie, *Canajoharie*
- Camillus Erie Canal Park, *Camillus*
- Chapman Museum & Glens Falls Feeder Canal Alliance, *Glens Falls*
- Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, *Chittenango*
- Corn Hill Navigation/Sam Patch Boat Tours, *Pittsford*
- Erie Canal Discovery Center, *Lockport*
- Erie Canal Museum, *Syracuse*
- Explore & More Children’s Museum, *Buffalo*
- Fort Stanwix National Monument, *Rome*
- Historic Palmyra, *Palmyra*
- MiSci, *Schenectady*
- Rochester Museum & Science Center, *Rochester*
- Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, *Fort Hunter*
- Saratoga National Historical Park, *Stillwater & Schuylerville*
- Seneca Museum of Waterways and Industry, *Seneca Falls*
- Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence, *Albany*
- Women’s Rights National Historical Park, *Seneca Falls*

Additional support for field trips is provided by the National Park Foundation and the National Park Service.

Conserving Our Unique Canal Heritage



It's all about the long game when it comes to conserving our unique canal heritage. Building partnerships, securing funding, identifying priorities, and implementing plans takes time and persistence. Driving toward meaningful results is always at the fore. We're proud to have made substantial progress in 2023 toward several high priority initiatives.



Buffalo



Lockport

BICENTENNIAL PLANNING AND LEGACY PROJECTS

With the Erie Canal's bicentennial right around the bend, we are already organizing several signature events for 2025. We are also turning our attention to fundraising and planning for Next Century projects that will leave a legacy beyond the bicentennial commemoration.

A stakeholder meeting in June for the **2025 World Canals Conference** in Buffalo gave us the opportunity to solicit valuable input and kick off robust programmatic planning. Along with our fellow conference hosts, the NYS Canal Corporation, Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation, and Visit Buffalo-Niagara, we are structuring a schedule of field tours, paper sessions, and special events sure to make for a dynamic and memorable conference.

Tapping our experience with prior cross-canal voyages of the canal boat *Lois McClure* and the Corning Museum's Glass Barge, we also contributed to the Buffalo Maritime

Center's planning for its **2025 bicentennial commemorative voyage of the replica canal boat *Seneca Chief***. NYS Tourism Infrastructure and Event grants supported the Buffalo Maritime Center's acquisition of the historic Tug *Churchill*, which will be used to tow the *Seneca Chief*. An event grant supported its Whiskey Plank Ceremony in October which marked the last plank fitted into the hull.

We are developing a multi-media **Erie Canalway Bicentennial Marketing Toolkit** for communities and sites to use to promote the bicentennial. The toolkit will include a one-minute video, social media content, outdoor banners, and giveaway stickers. Thanks to many volunteers who participated in photo shoots in 2023, materials will begin to be rolled out by June 2024. The toolkit is supported by a grant from Market New York, through I LOVE NY/New York State's Division of Tourism as a part of the Regional Economic Development Council awards.

COMING TOGETHER WITH COLLEAGUES

We were pleased to support kindred organizations and contribute to robust presentations and thoughtful dialog at several conferences and key meetings in 2023:

- Museum Association of NYS (MANY), *sponsor*
- NYS Preservation Conference, *presenter and sponsor*
- Underground Railroad History Conference, *sponsor*
- American Association of State and Local History, *planning committee, presenter, sponsor*
- NYS Tourism Industry Association (NYSTIA), *presenter*
- Canal New York, *presenter*



PRESERVATION IN THE MOHAWK VALLEY

We were thrilled to secure a \$750,000 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant from the National Park Service that will enable us to make subgrants for capital improvements to historic buildings in the Mohawk Valley. Our goal is to fund projects that revitalize historic buildings and contribute to the architectural heritage, community character, and economic vitality of the region. We look forward to launching the program in 2024.

“This grant will go a long way toward elevating and enhancing the rich historical and cultural heritage that our canal communities possess, along with a myriad of economic, social and cultural benefits to follow”

— New York Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez

REMEDIATION AND STABILIZATION AT MATTON SHIPYARD

The Preservation and Adaptive Reuse Initiative at Matton Shipyard in Cohoes continues to demonstrate the power of partnerships to accomplish complex multidimensional projects. Having secured \$989,848 in state and federal funding, we worked with colleagues at the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to complete required environmental assessments and contracting in 2023. This work sets the stage for us to advance work on the ground in 2024. We will stabilize the Hudson River shoreline, remove heavy metals from the soil, and, if resources allow, stabilize two more historic structures.

MATTON SHIPYARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- John Callaghan, *Committee Chair, Erie Canalway Commission*
- Alane Ball Chinian, *NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation*
- Art Cohn, *Affiliated Scholar: Institute of Nautical Archaeology at Texas A&M University*
- Carlos Cortes, *NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation*
- John Joyce, *NYS Canal Corporation*
- Mark Peckham, *NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (retired)*
- Joseph Seman-Graves, *City of Cohoes*

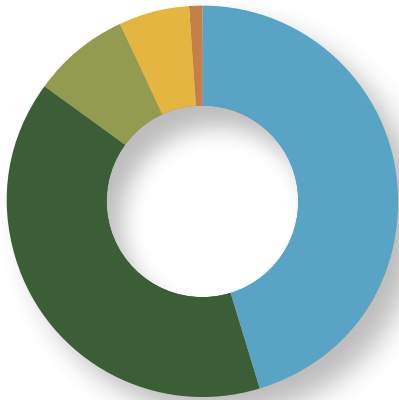
Financial Statement

For the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Federal	\$875,938
State & Local	\$435,264
Contributions, Grants & Sponsorships	\$162,552
In-kind Contributions	\$72,333
Program Fees & Other	\$11,434
Total	\$1,557,521

By working with municipal and nonprofit partners, Erie Canalway also leveraged \$433,422 in FY2023 in support of program and project activities.



EXPENSES

Recreation & Heritage Tourism	\$584,503
Heritage Conservation & Education	\$507,709
Grants & Events	\$206,683
Program Support, Management & Resource Development	\$171,165
Total	\$1,470,060



* 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

Donations, Grants and Sponsorships



Thanks to a generous donation of a hand-crafted Oseetah canoe by Placid Boatworks, we raised \$11,000 to fund initiatives along the NYS Canalway Water Trail.



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*We were proud to once again be the Heritage Sponsor for **Cycle the Erie Canal**, hosted by Parks & Trails New York. The 8-day cross-canal bike tour drew 775 participants from 42 states and Canada.*

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Leaving the Commission this year were former Chair Barbara Blanchard of Albany and Secretary Alan Vincent of Little Falls. Both served the organization faithfully for many years and their presence and wisdom will be missed. It was with great sadness that we marked the death of Founding Commissioner Carol Greenough. Hailing from Whitehall, Carol was a gentle firebrand who never hesitated to roll up her sleeves and contribute to the work at hand.

The terms of three longtime Heritage Fund Board directors expired in 2023. We thank Immediate Past Chair Paul Neureuter, Founding Director and Secretary Kimberly Seager, and Director Bob Elliott for their esteemed service.

Thanks to Duncan Hay for his decades of service to the Erie Canalway and his deep passion and detailed knowledge of all things canal. His talents now are devoted to the National Park Service Historic American Engineering Record.