

# CHAPTER 5: MUNICIPAL, STAKEHOLDER AND INDIAN NATION INPUT

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There have been dozens of projects forwarded by municipalities, Indian Nations and various stakeholder groups. Clearly, the Niagara River is an inspiration, and the communities have responded by forwarding a wide range of projects. The figures on the following pages document this input, and indicate the locations of these various projects. They show a natural concentration of activity near the river's edge, although they are not limited in geographic scope. Lists summarizing the input received from municipalities and stakeholders are included in Appendix E.

The list represents a wide variety of project types, at various stages of conceptualization. It includes projects that have a great deal of groundwork completed and are in the process of being implemented. It also includes projects that are early concepts, which will require much more work and thought before they are ready to move forward. Some projects are attached to a specific site or location, while others are more general in nature. In the latter category, some recommended projects are system-wide in nature, or pertain to a number of sites. Others are conceptual to the point where no specific site has been identified for the recommended activity.

*The presentation of these projects in this plan does not imply endorsement by the Niagara River Greenway Commission.*

Each project must be evaluated individually and on its own particular merits in terms of compatibility and consistency with the Niagara River Greenway Plan. They are provided here as a record of the grass roots public involvement process that has been the

cornerstone of the Niagara River Greenway planning effort. The projects listed here are not intended to be limiting in any way. In fact, it is anticipated there will be a myriad of heretofore unknown projects that will be brought forward in the years and decades ahead that will advance the vision and add value to the Niagara River Greenway.

The communities participating in this process are to be commended on the amount of work and effort that has gone into developing the dozens of projects represented here. With very few exceptions, these projects are valuable concepts that will contribute toward making the Greenway a "world-class corridor."

### A. Municipal Projects

The Niagara River Greenway Commission has received input from every municipality within the jurisdictional boundary. The Commission did not require lists of projects to be submitted, although such input was welcomed. The projects and concepts forwarded by the municipalities are depicted on Figures 33 through 42.

### B. Stakeholder Projects

There are many non-for-profits, special interest organizations, neighborhood groups, volunteer groups, and other stakeholders who have forwarded specific projects for the Niagara River Greenway. In some cases, these projects are also endorsed by the relevant municipality, while others have not yet gone through that layer of review.

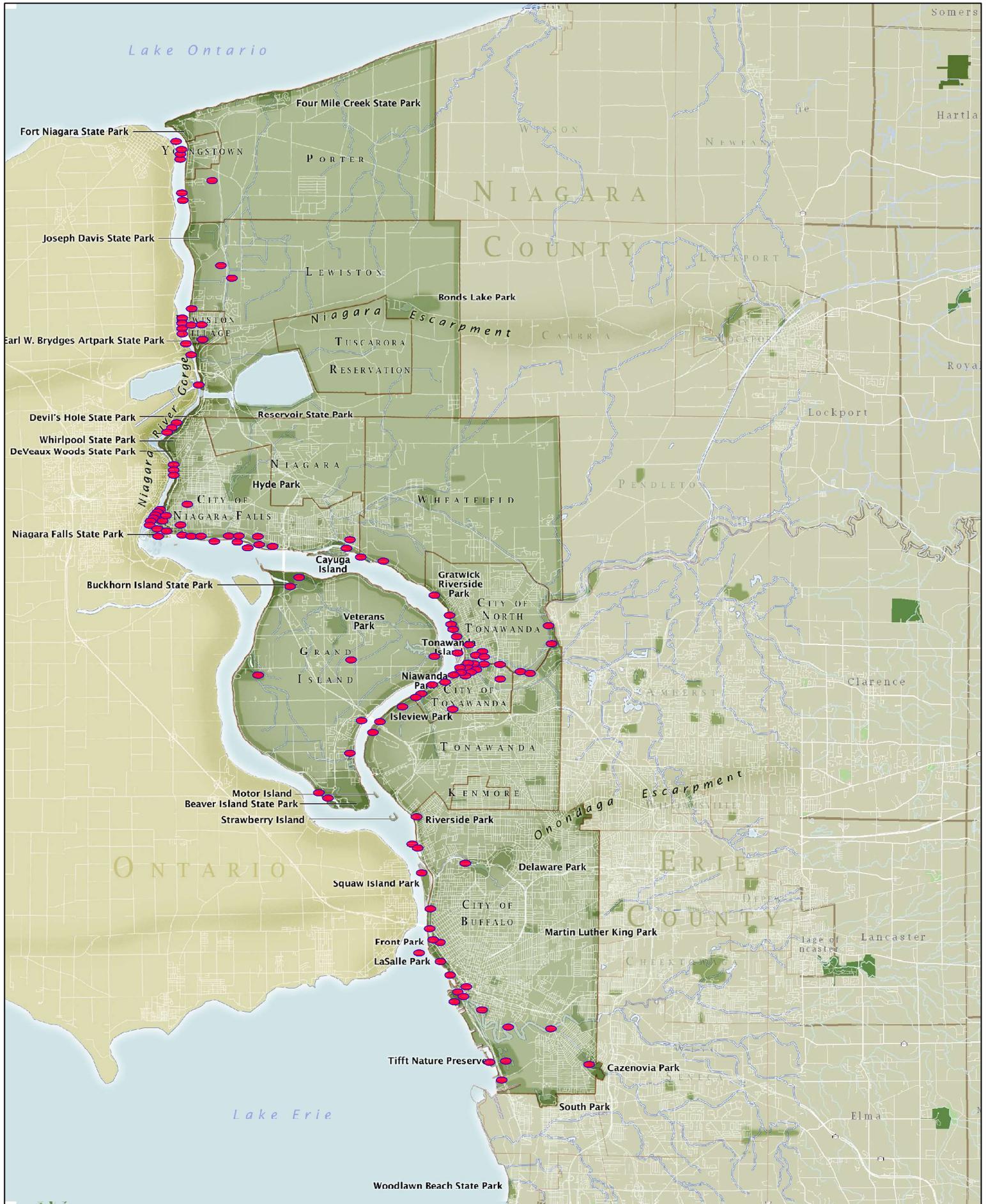
The projects forwarded by stakeholders represent a similar range of completeness as the official municipal projects. It is noted that the organizational capacity of these groups varies. Some have paid staff and are capable of sponsoring projects directly,

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while others depend upon volunteers, and will likely depend upon partnering with a municipal or other sponsor to help bring their project to fruition. These lists of projects and concepts are representative and do not preclude additional ideas. Stakeholder input is depicted visually on Figures 44 through 51.

### **C. Indian Nation Projects**

There are two Indian Nations located in or near the Greenway boundary. Projects submitted by these Nations depicted on Figure 52.



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# Municipal Projects Overall Map

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# Municipal Projects City of Buffalo

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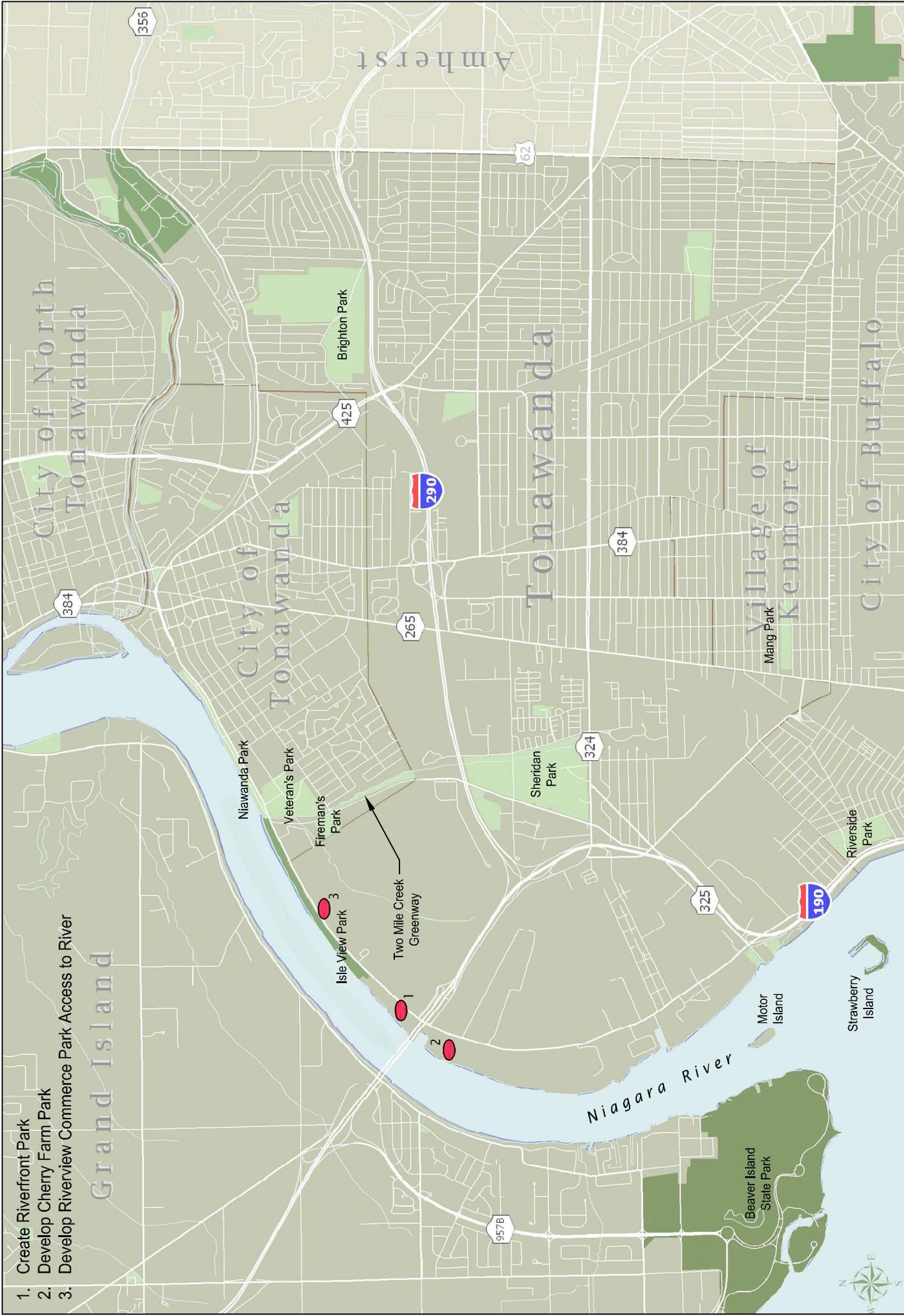
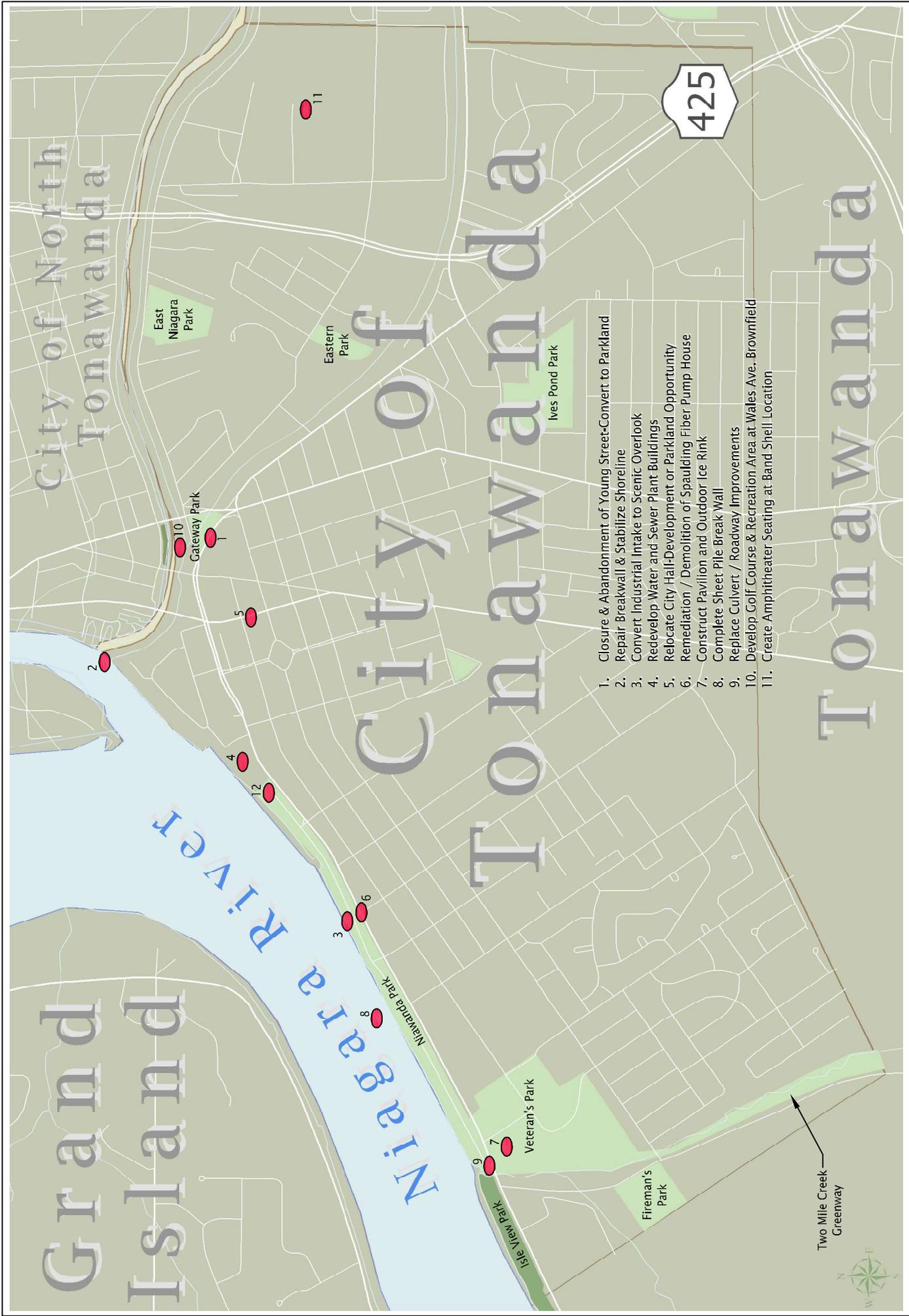


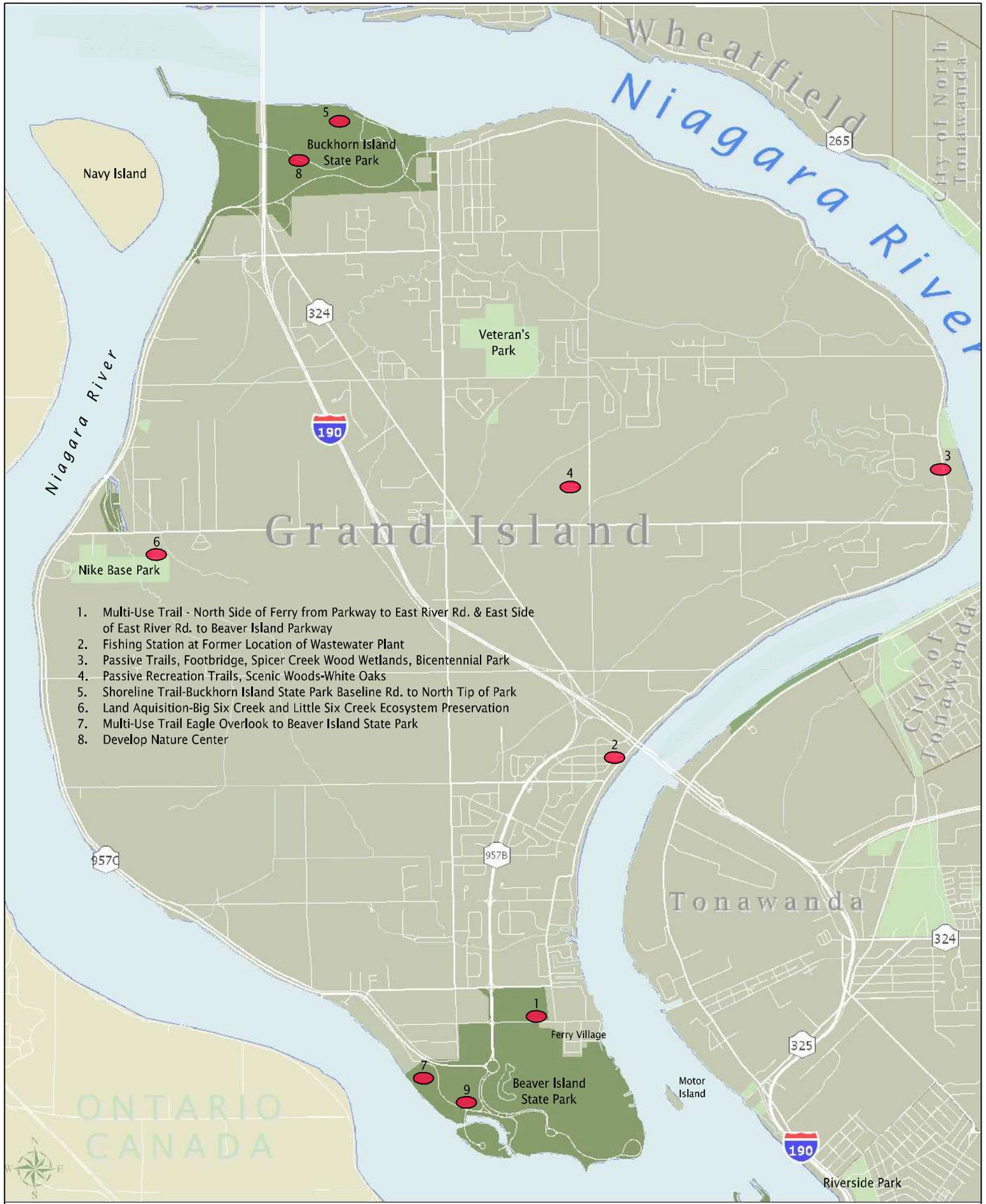
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**Municipal Projects  
City of Tonawanda**

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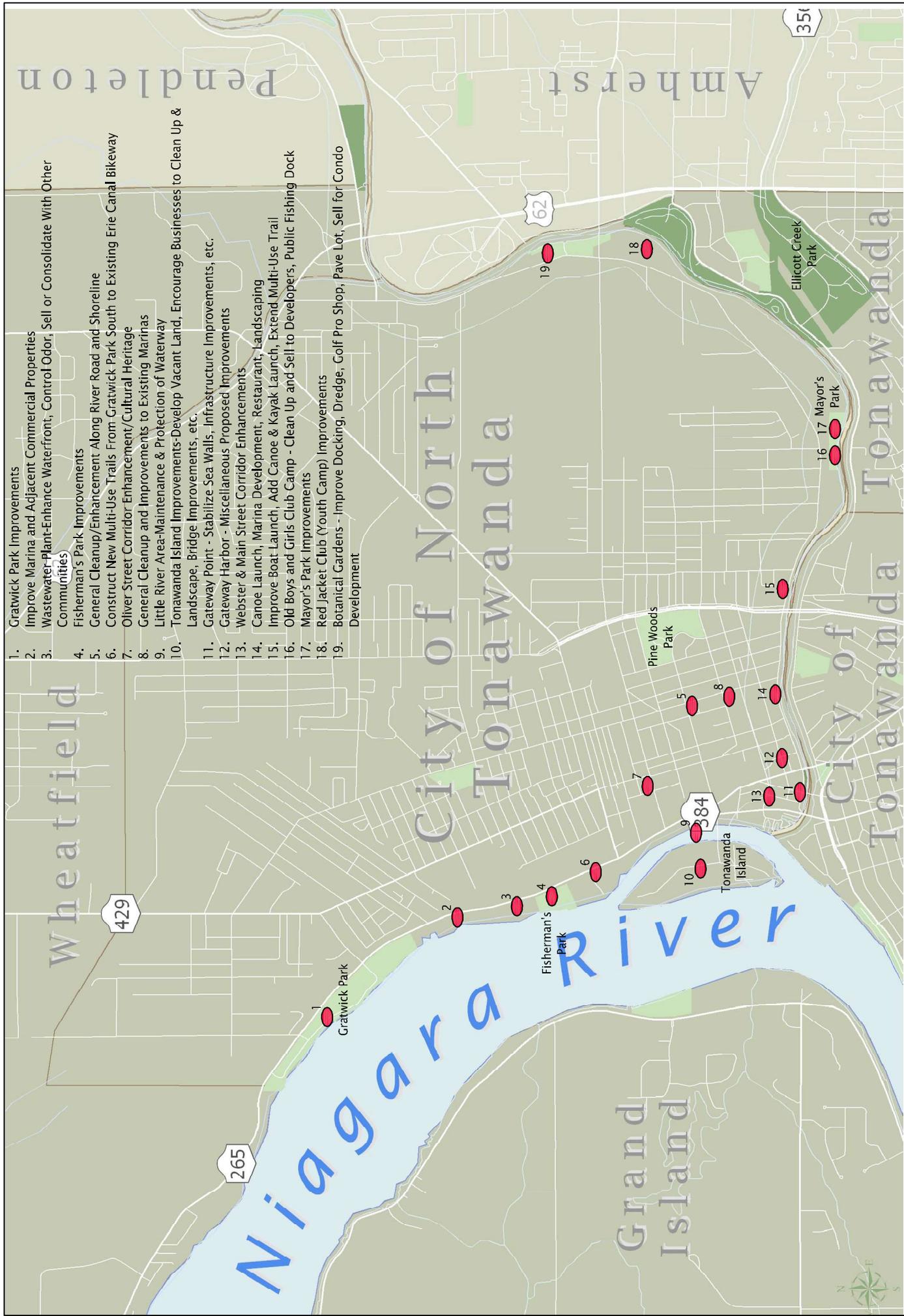


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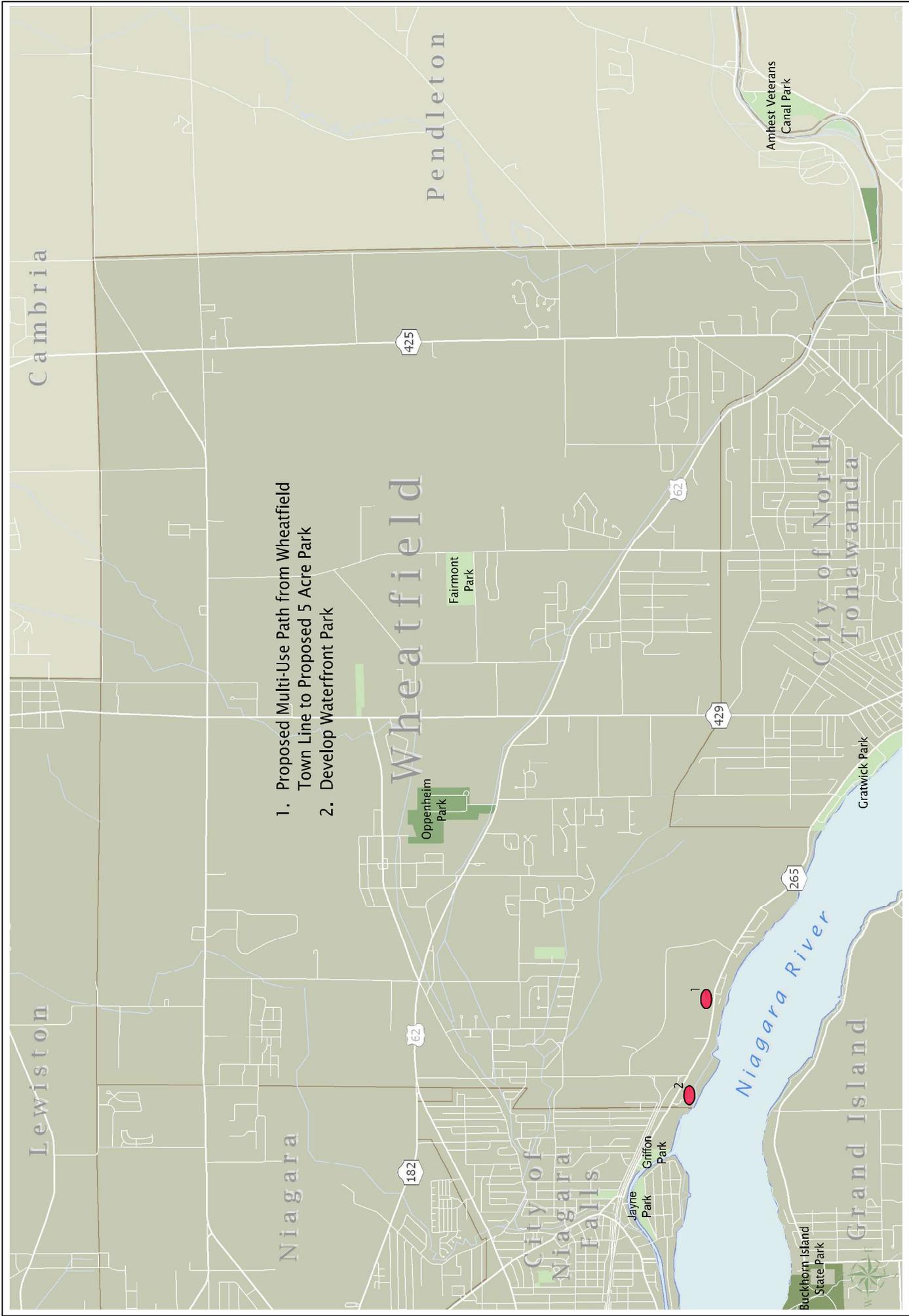
# Municipal Projects Town of Grand Island

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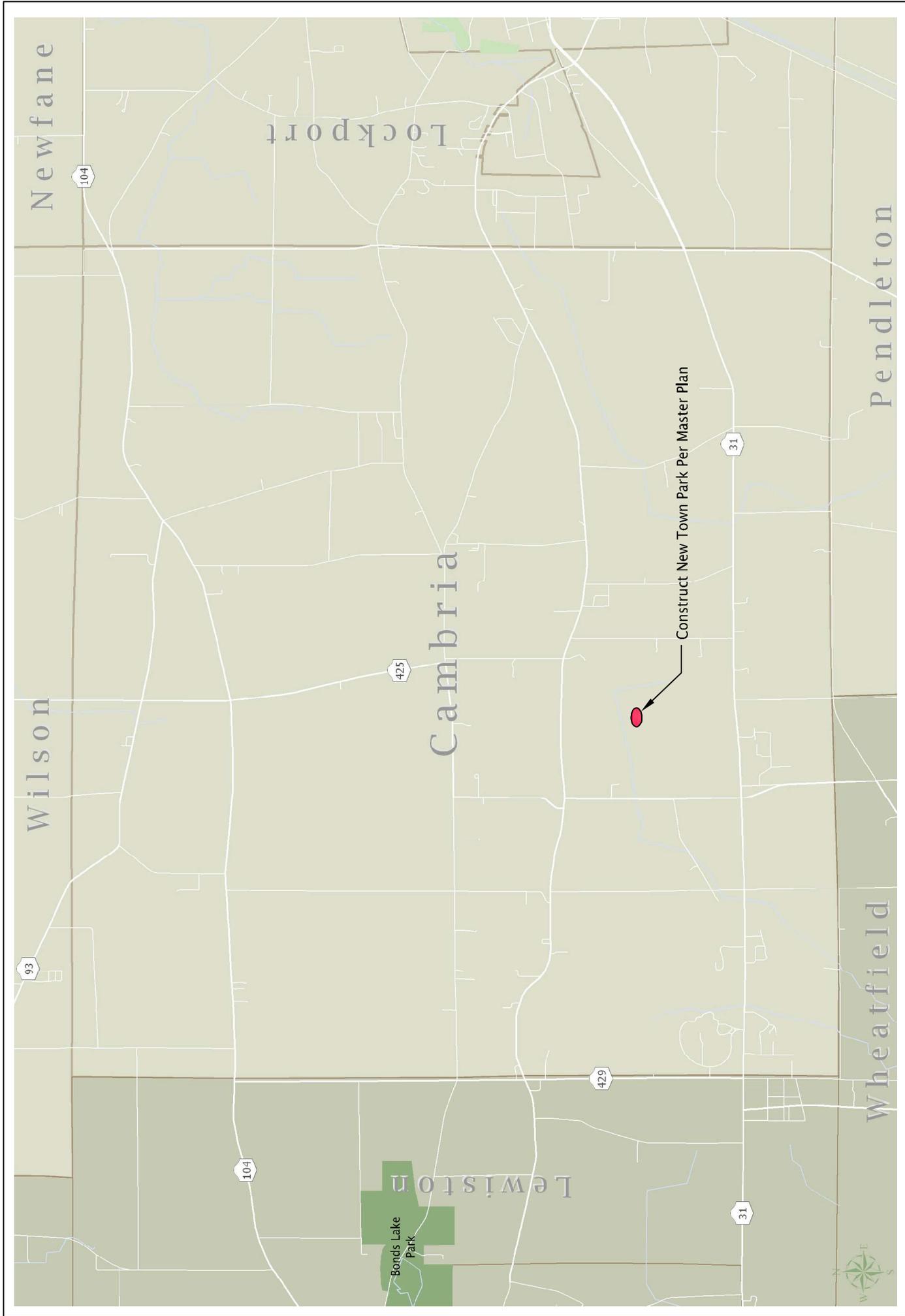
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1. Proposed Multi-Use Path from Wheatfield Town Line to Proposed 5 Acre Park
2. Develop Waterfront Park

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Figure 39



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## Municipal Projects Town of Cambria

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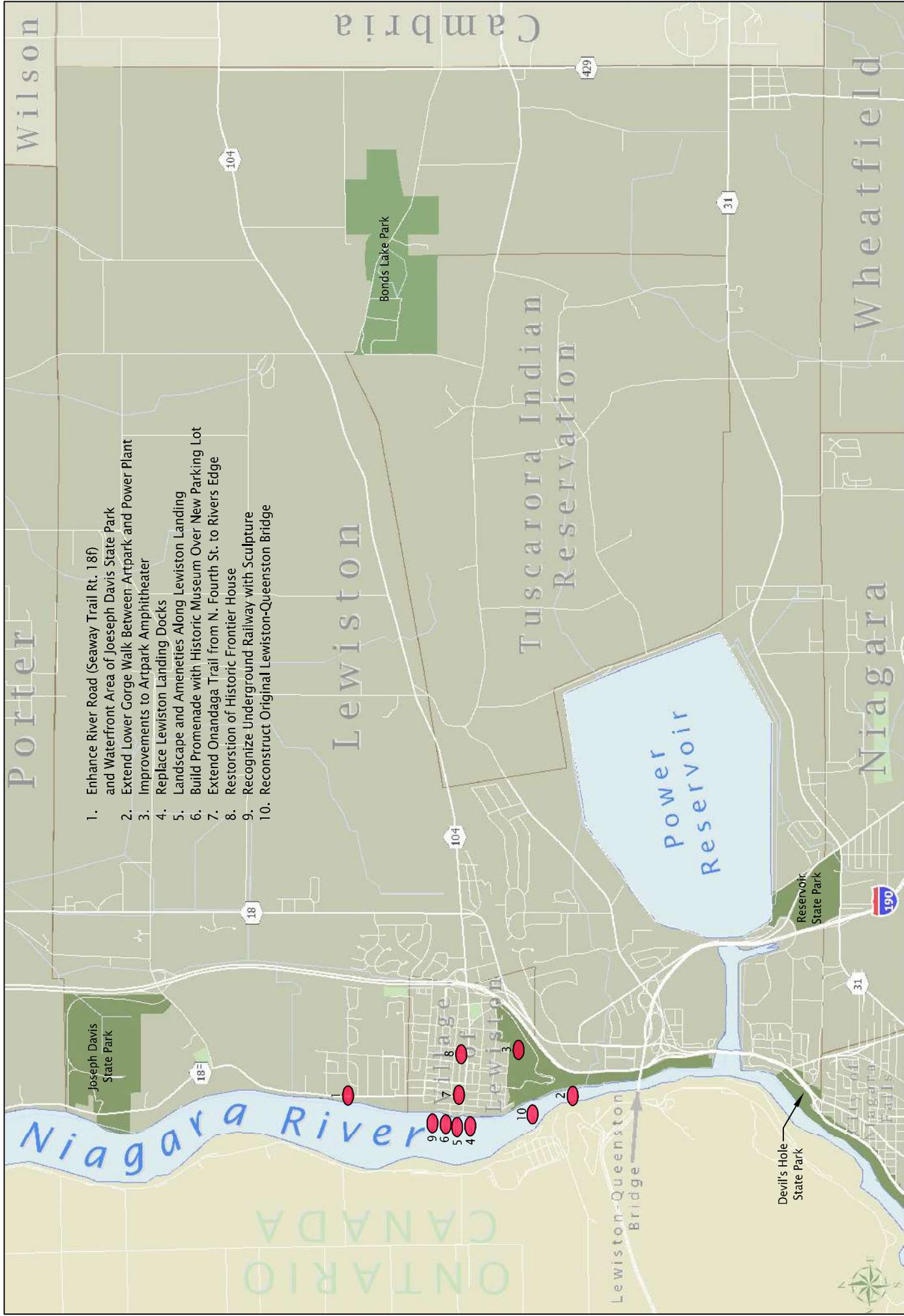
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## Municipal Projects Niagara Falls & Town of Niagara

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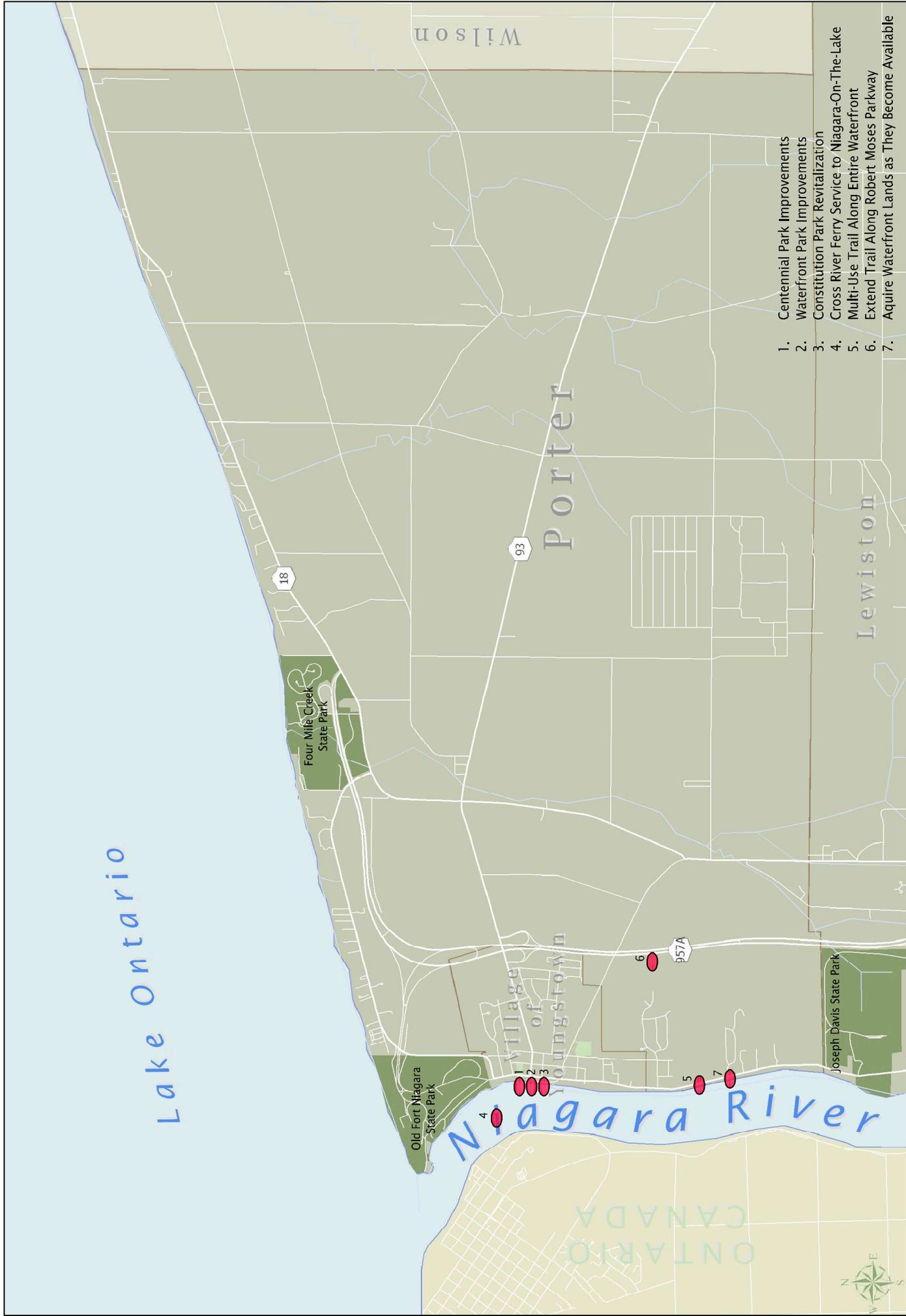


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Municipal Projects  
Town & Village of Lewiston

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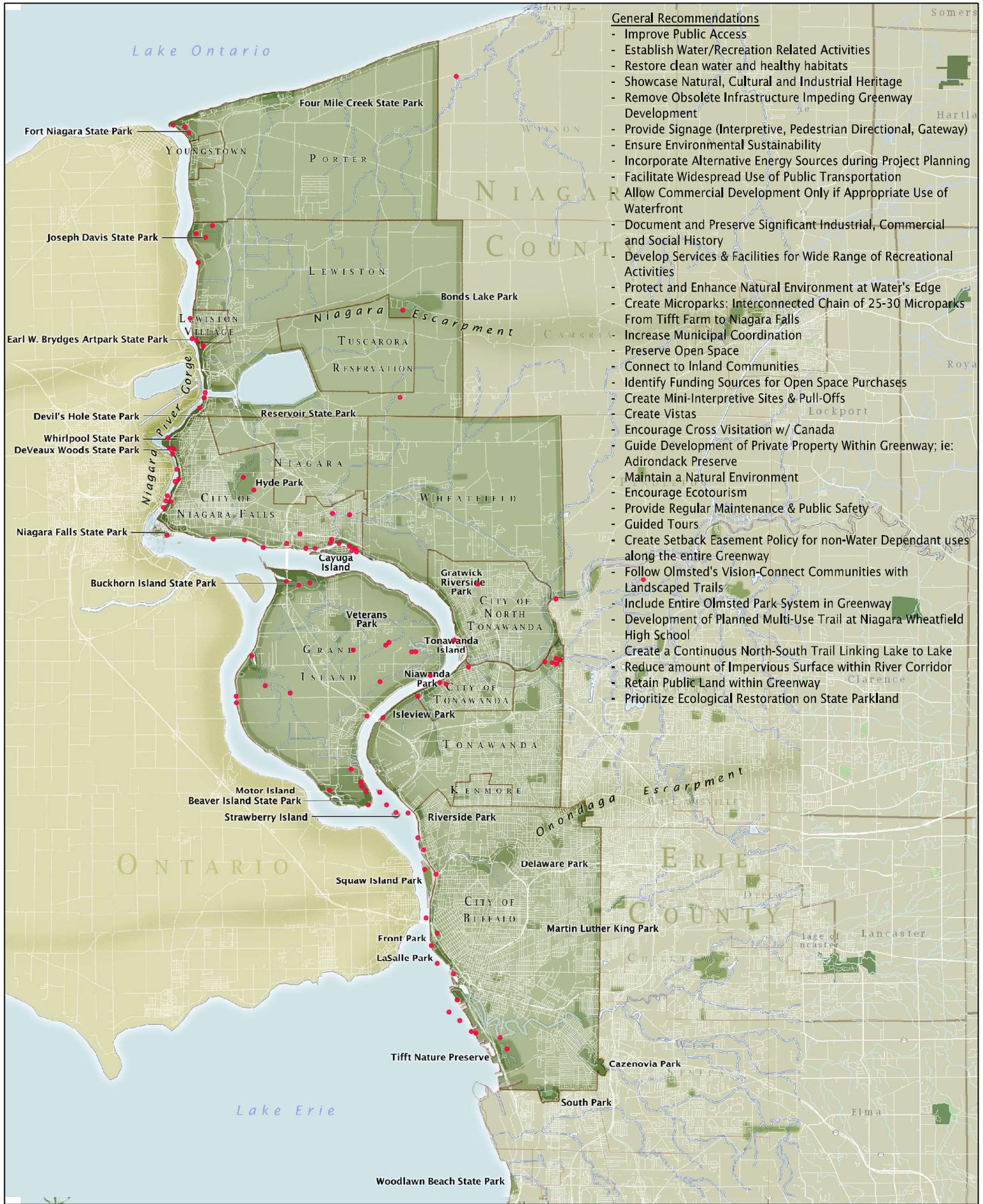


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## Municipal Projects Porter, Youngstown, Wilson

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- General Recommendations**
- Improve Public Access
  - Establish Water/Recreation Related Activities
  - Restore clean water and healthy habitats
  - Showcase Natural, Cultural and Industrial Heritage
  - Remove Obsolete Infrastructure Impeding Greenway Development
  - Provide Signage (Interpretive, Pedestrian Directional, Gateway)
  - Ensure Environmental Sustainability
  - Incorporate Alternative Energy Sources during Project Planning
  - Facilitate Widespread Use of Public Transportation
  - Allow Commercial Development Only if Appropriate Use of Waterfront
  - Document and Preserve Significant Industrial, Commercial and Social History
  - Develop Services & Facilities for Wide Range of Recreational Activities
  - Protect and Enhance Natural Environment at Water's Edge
  - Create Microparks: Interconnected Chain of 25-30 Microparks From Tift Farm to Niagara Falls
  - Increase Municipal Coordination
  - Preserve Open Space
  - Connect to Inland Communities
  - Identify Funding Sources for Open Space Purchases
  - Create Mini-Interpretive Sites & Pull-Offs
  - Create Vistas
  - Encourage Cross Visitation w/ Canada
  - Guide Development of Private Property Within Greenway; ie: Adirondack Preserve
  - Maintain a Natural Environment
  - Encourage Ecotourism
  - Provide Regular Maintenance & Public Safety
  - Guided Tours
  - Create Setback Easement Policy for non-Water Dependant uses along the entire Greenway
  - Follow Olmsted's Vision-Connect Communities with Landscaped Trails
  - Include Entire Olmsted Park System in Greenway
  - Development of Planned Multi-Use Trail at Niagara Wheatfield High School
  - Create a Continuous North-South Trail Linking Lake to Lake
  - Reduce amount of Impervious Surface within River Corridor
  - Retain Public Land within Greenway
  - Prioritize Ecological Restoration on State Parkland

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**Representative Stakeholder Projects Overall Map**

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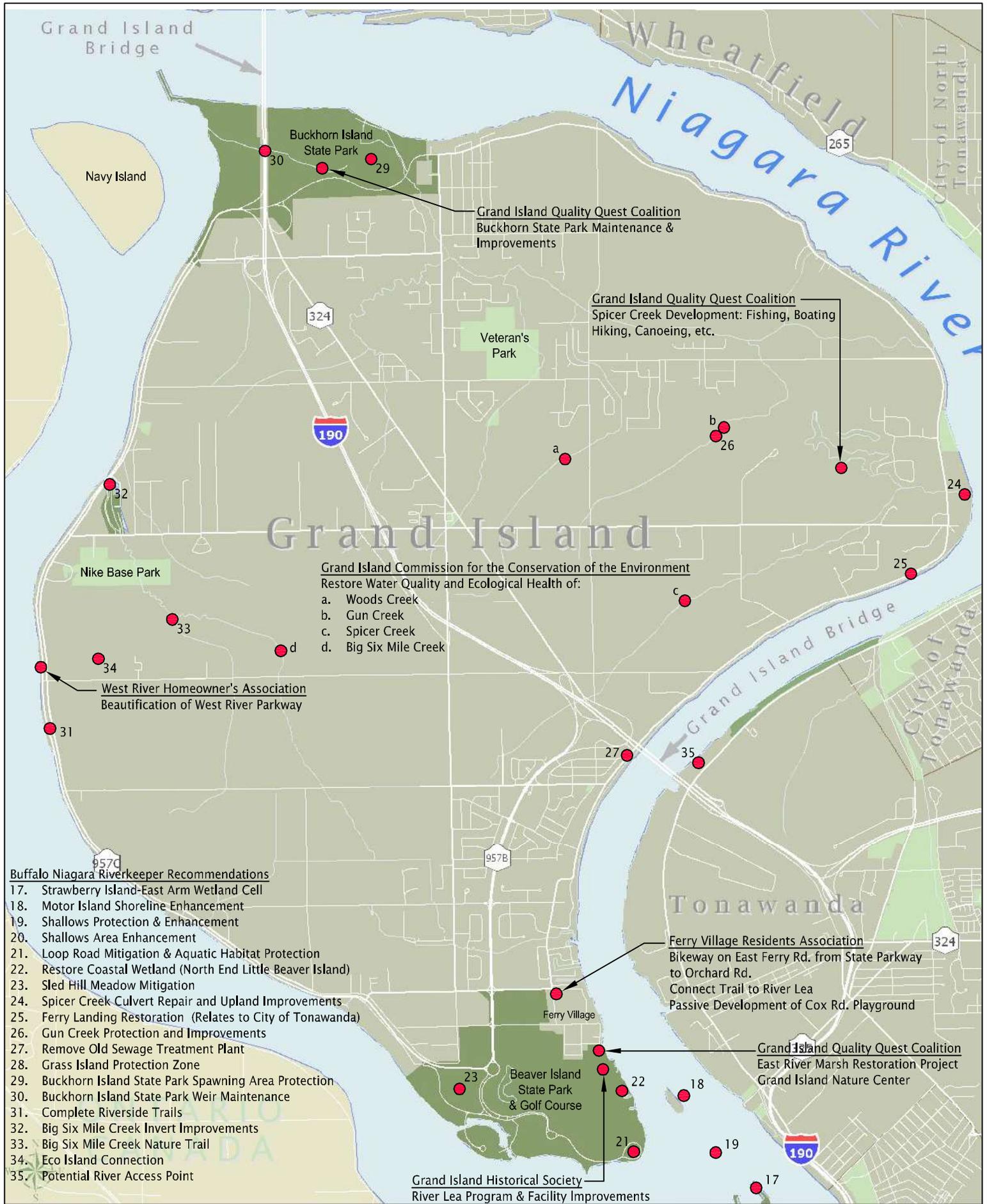


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# Representative Stakeholder Projects City of Buffalo

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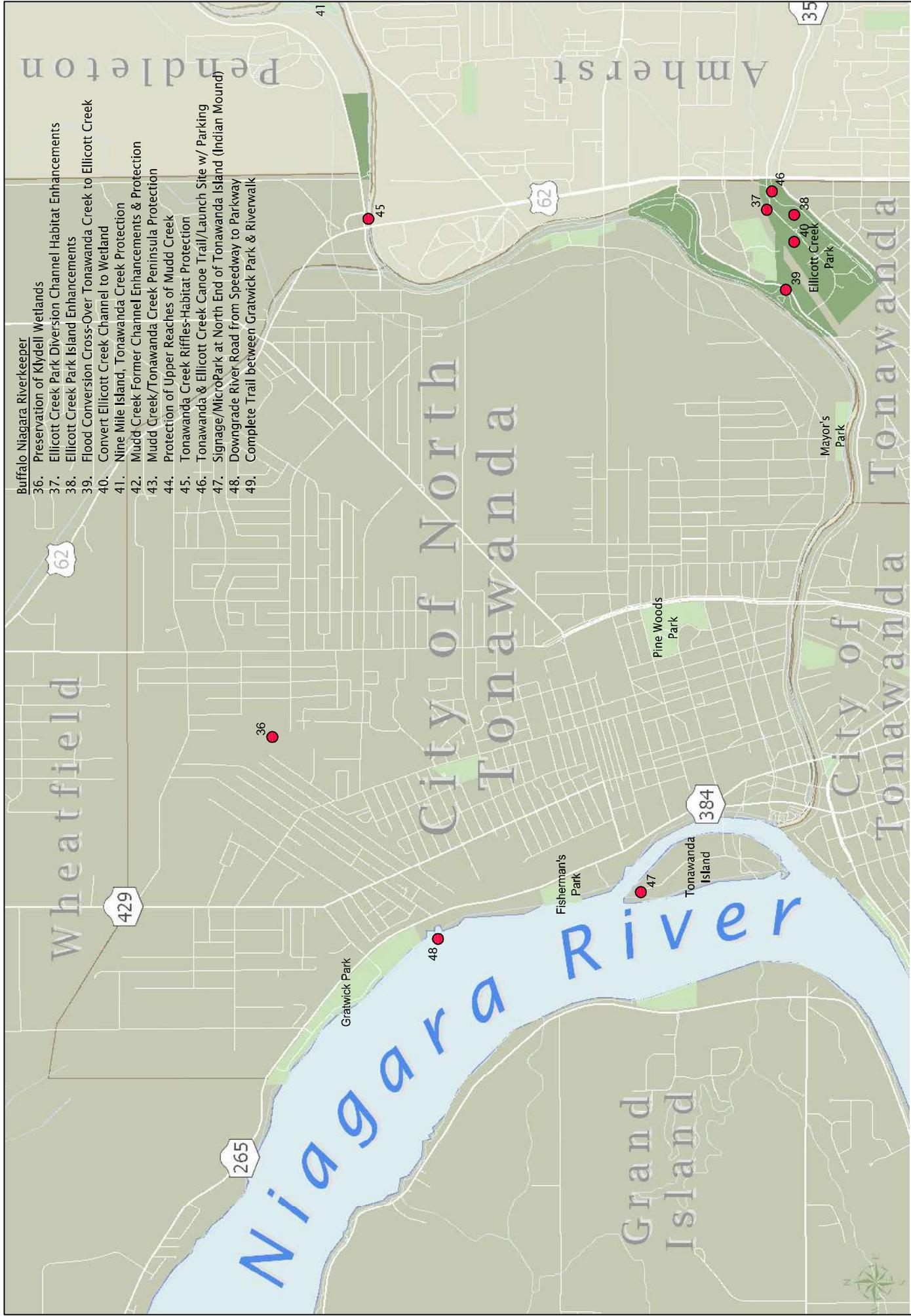
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## Representative Stakeholder Projects Grand Island-Niagara River

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**Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper**

- 36. Preservation of Klydell Wetlands
- 37. Ellicott Creek Park Diversion Channel Habitat Enhancements
- 38. Ellicott Creek Park Island Enhancements
- 39. Flood Conversion Cross-Over Tonawanda Creek to Ellicott Creek
- 40. Convert Ellicott Creek Channel to Wetland
- 41. Nine Mile Island, Tonawanda Creek Protection
- 42. Mudd Creek Former Channel Enhancements & Protection
- 43. Mudd Creek/Tonawanda Creek Peninsula Protection
- 44. Protection of Upper Reaches of Mudd Creek
- 45. Tonawanda Creek Riffles-Habitat Protection
- 46. Tonawanda & Ellicott Creek Canoe Trail/Launch Site w/ Parking
- 47. Signage/MicroPark at North End of Tonawanda Island (Indian Mound)
- 48. Downgrade River Road from Speedway to Parkway
- 49. Complete Trail between Gratiwick Park & Riverwalk

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**Representative Stakeholder Projects**

**North Tonawanda, Tonawanda Creek & Ellicott Creek**

Figure 48



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## Representative Stakeholder Projects Niagara Falls - Niagara River

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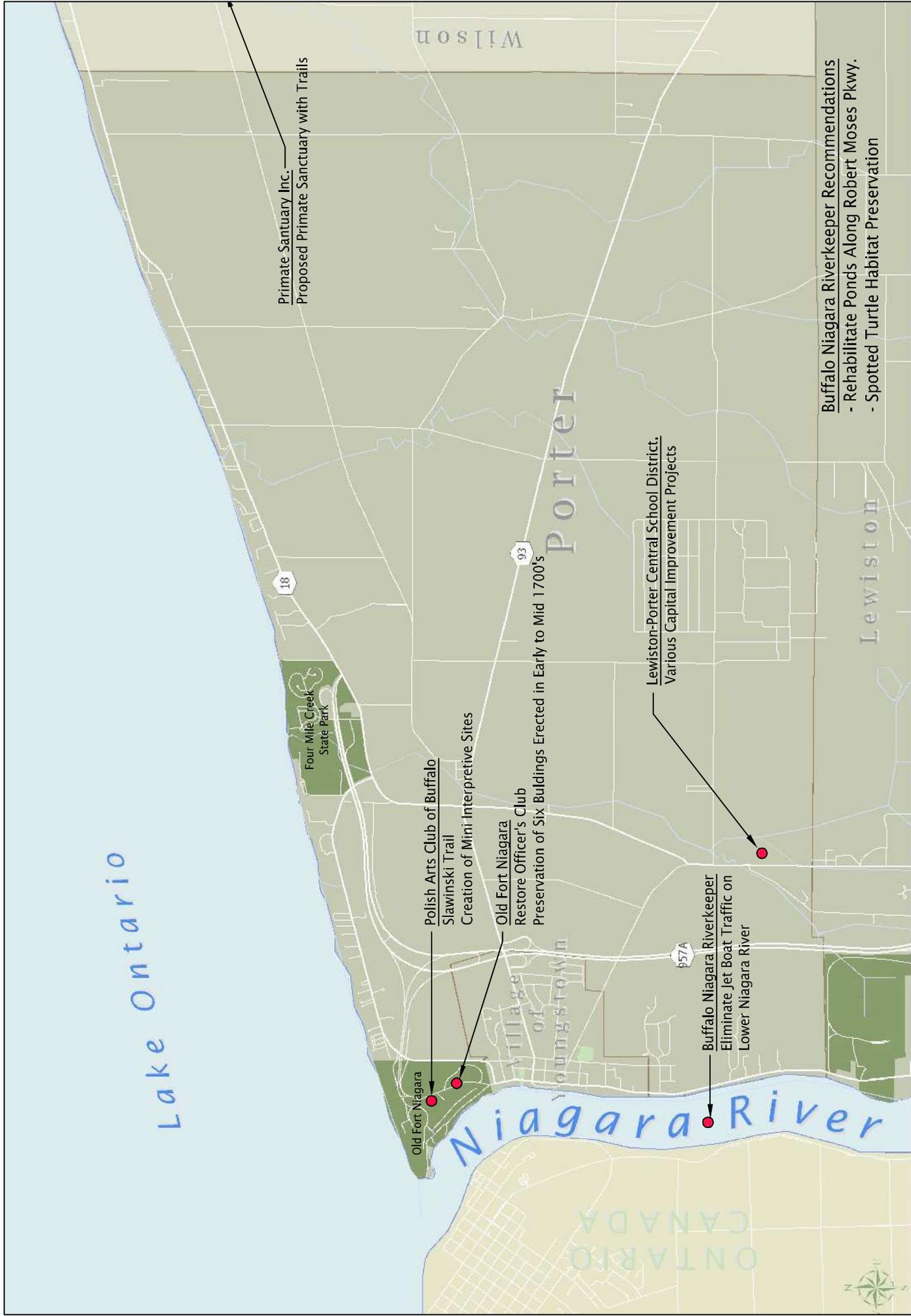


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Town & Village of Lewiston

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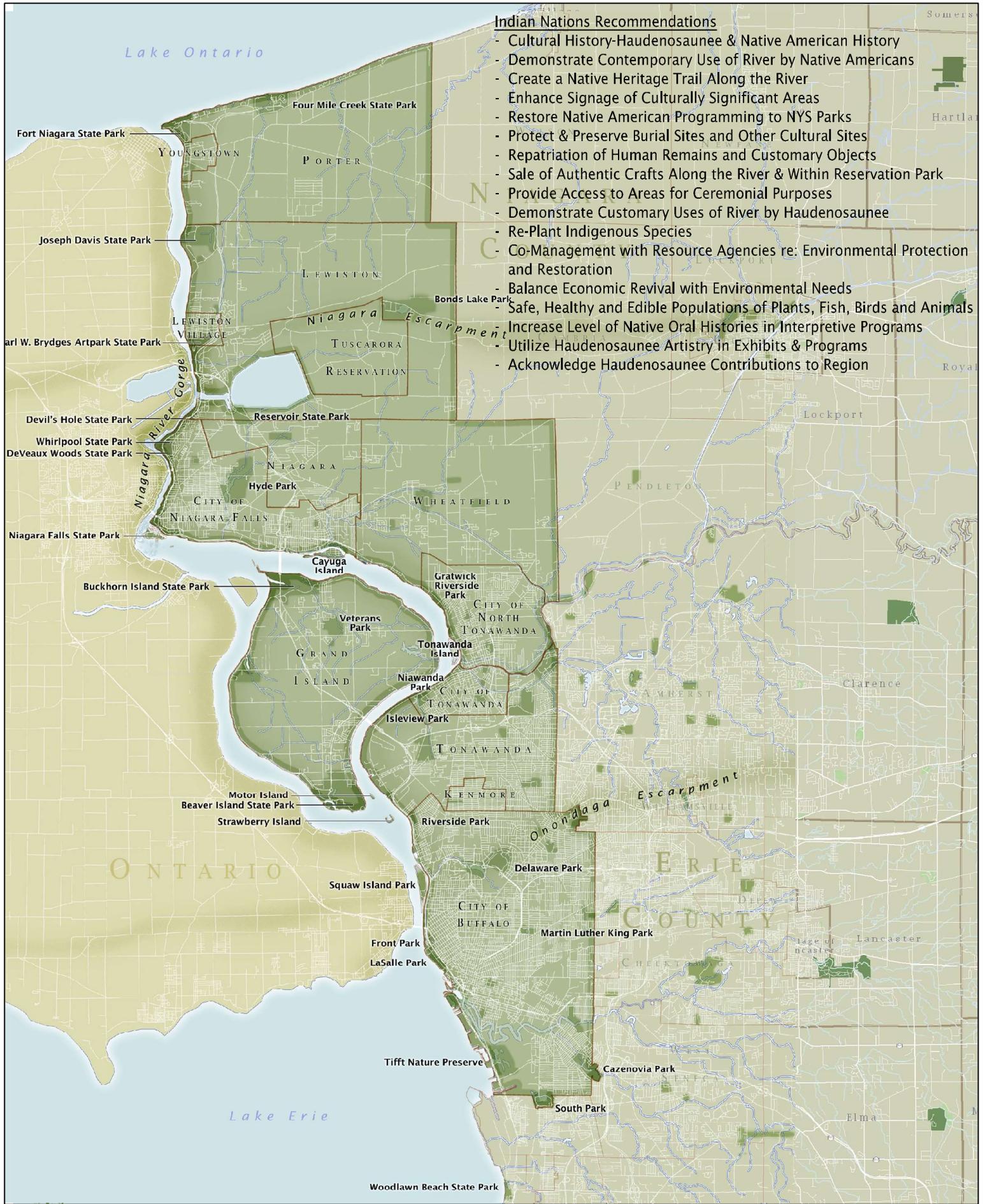


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Representative Stakeholder Projects  
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**Indian Nations Recommendations**

- Cultural History-Haudenosaunee & Native American History
- Demonstrate Contemporary Use of River by Native Americans
- Create a Native Heritage Trail Along the River
- Enhance Signage of Culturally Significant Areas
- Restore Native American Programming to NYS Parks
- Protect & Preserve Burial Sites and Other Cultural Sites
- Repatriation of Human Remains and Customary Objects
- Sale of Authentic Crafts Along the River & Within Reservation Park
- Provide Access to Areas for Ceremonial Purposes
- Demonstrate Customary Uses of River by Haudenosaunee
- Re-Plant Indigenous Species
- Co-Management with Resource Agencies re: Environmental Protection and Restoration
- Balance Economic Revival with Environmental Needs
- Safe, Healthy and Edible Populations of Plants, Fish, Birds and Animals
- Increase Level of Native Oral Histories in Interpretive Programs
- Utilize Haudenosaunee Artistry in Exhibits & Programs
- Acknowledge Haudenosaunee Contributions to Region

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Indian Nations Projects Overall Map

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