

Project Registration Number _____

**Niagara River Greenway Commission
Consultation and Review Form**

Type of Review Required: _____ Mandatory Consultation
_____ Voluntary Review and/or Endorsement

PROJECT SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name: Town of Lewiston
Mailing Address: 1375 Ridge Road
State: NY Zip Code: 14092
Federal ID# 16-6002298 Charities Registration # _____

PROJECT TYPE

Check all that apply: _____ Environmental Cultural/Heritage _____ Land or Water Public Access
_____ Cultural _____ Trail Educational/Interpretive
_____ Waterfront or Land Based Development _____ Signage
_____ Recreational _____ Other

Project Name: Lewiston Morgan Lewis Bust Project
Location: Village's Peace Garden
Site Address: 476 Center Street, Lewiston
State: New York Zip Code: 14092
Minor Civil Division(s): Village of Lewiston
County: Niagara County

Project Proponent Property Interest (own, lease, easement or other): _____
Property is owned by the Village of Lewiston.

AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

Name: Steve Broderick Title: Town Supervisor
Business Address: 1375 Ridge Road, Lewiston
New York Zip Code: 14092
State: _____ Telephone Number: (716) 754-8213 Cell Number: _____
(716) 754-2319
Fax Number: _____
E-Mail Address: supervisor@townoflewiston.us

PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT

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PROJECT NARRATIVE

Please attach material which responds to the following five items in the order that they are presented.

1. In a brief paragraph, describe the project and its purpose, how and when it will be accomplished, and why it is important.

The Town of Lewiston (endorsed by the Village of Lewiston) is requesting \$33,850 in Greenway funds to honor the Town and Village's namesake by creating and installing a bronze bust of Morgan Lewis at the Village of Lewiston's International Peace Garden at 476 Center Street.

Morgan Lewis (October 16, 1754 – April 7, 1844) was an American lawyer, politician, and military commander and the second son of Francis Lewis, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Lewis grew up in Elizabethtown, New Jersey, where he decided to dedicate himself to the ministry. However based on his father's advice he attended the College of New Jersey (now Princeton), graduating in 1773, and began to study law. His studies were interrupted by military service during the American Revolutionary War (he was admitted to the bar in 1783). In 1774, he joined the American Revolution as a volunteer in the Continental Army. Lewis was then made a captain of a regiment of the New York militia. Once the 2nd New York militia regiment was organized, he was promoted to the rank of major. He was then appointed chief-of-staff to General Horatio Gates, with the rank of colonel, and accompanied him into Canada. Soon after Congress appointed him quartermaster-general of the Northern Army. In 1775, he planned and executed the night attack on Stone Arabia and was in command at the battle of Crown Point, where he was accompanied by New York Governor George Clinton. He was prominent throughout the campaign that ended with the surrender of John Burgoyne at Saratoga. After his military service, he served in the New York State Assembly (1789, 1792), the New York State Senate (1811–1814), the New York State Attorney General (1791–1801) and governor of New York (1804–1807).

Prior to the War of 1812 Lewis declined the office of Secretary of War under President James Madison. Instead, he resumed his duties as Quartermaster General and served in Western New York. He was commissioned as a brigadier general on April 3, 1812, and promoted to major general on March 2, 1813, as part of his service on the Niagara Frontier. Later, Lewis was appointed as commander of upstate New York. He procured \$14,250 in the form of a grant from President Madison for the release of the American prisoners in Canada. As a show of good faith and moral character after British General Brock was killed during battle, Lewis temporarily adopted his dog until the war was over and then paid to have the dog sent back to Brock's family in England. After the war, Lewis was discharged from the Army on June 15, 1815. Lewis was a presidential elector in the presidential election of 1828. Lewis was a Freemason, and served as Grand Master in the Grand Lodge of New York from 1830-1843. From 1832 to 1835 he was the President of the Historical Society of New York. Lewis was an original member of the New York

Society of the Cincinnati and served as the Society's President General from 1839 to 1844. He also helped to found New York University in New York City. Morgan Lewis' accomplishments and his presence in early American and New York history has had a lasting legacy as the following New York communities have been named in Lewis' honor; Lewis County, the Town of Lewiston, the Village of Lewiston and the Town of Lewis.

Due to Lewis' legacy, the Town and Village of Lewiston would like to memorialize him with the creation and installation of a bronze bust at the Village of Lewiston's International Peace Garden at 476 Center Street. The Town and Village contacted accomplished artist Susan Geissler who has created countless sculptures most notable two previously funded Greenway projects: the Tuscarora Heroes Monument and the Freedom Crossing Monument, and Geissler quickly agreed to the project and has provided concept art, photos and budget for the project (see attached) The tentative date for completion for this project is September 2017; this project will also include a granite pedestal and descriptive bronze plaque.

2. Referring to the Niagara River Greenway Plan, clearly document and describe how the proposed project will advance the Niagara River Greenway vision including the goals, principles, and criteria that define that vision.

The Morgan Lewis Bust Project will promote the vision of the Niagara River Greenway by supporting historic significance along the Niagara River to serve as a historic gateway for visitors to the Greenway Corridor.

The Village of Lewiston's International Peace Garden at 476 Center Street the site of the proposed Morgan Lewis Bust, is located within several blocks of the Niagara River as well as the aforementioned previously funded Greenway projects, the Tuscarora Heroes Monument and the Freedom Crossing Monument (also created by Susan Geissler).

This project incorporates the principles, goals and criteria set forth by the Niagara River Greenway, and the project will support an accessible, unified, environmentally friendly, and revitalized corridor that highlights the natural beauty, cultural diversity, and historic significance of the Niagara River.

PRINCIPALS

The implementation of the Morgan Lewis Bust Project will meet the guiding principles of the Niagara Greenway Commission as follows:

Excellence

The Town of Lewiston is committed to maintaining excellence of its historic significance. The Village of Lewiston's International Peace Garden at 476 Center Street, the site of the proposed Morgan Lewis Bust, with its close proximity to Tuscarora Heroes Monument and the Freedom Crossing Monument will capitalize

on the Village's surrounding area's historic monuments, thus contributing to the Greenway Commission's first-class standards.

Sustainability

The Morgan Lewis Bust Project will promote the historic sustainability for long-term viability and effectiveness. The Town and Village will conscientiously maintain and protect this project.

Accessibility

The Village of Lewiston's International Peace Garden is located on Center Street within a few blocks of the Niagara River. The proposed project is designed to provide a focal point for all who visit the area and provide historic iconography and a descriptive bronze plaque. The garden is open daily, 365 days a year with no set hours. It is a self-guided tour with interpretive historical markers. There is also a handicap accessible restroom on premise. The park is often used at festivals and events including the Lewiston Jazz Festival, Lewiston Christmas Walk and Lewiston Harvest Festival, watercolor painting classes as well as daily locals lunching or having coffee and conversation.

Ecological Integrity

The Morgan Lewis Bust Project will support parkland that is used, and will improve the health, vitality, and integrity of natural resources within the International Peace Garden with an emphasis placed on restoring and retaining natural landscapes that borders this garden.

Connectivity

The Morgan Lewis Bust Project will facilitate the connectivity to the Niagara River Greenway as well as the connectivity to other historic sculptures such as the Tuscarora Heroes Monument and the Freedom Crossing Monument.

Authenticity

The Morgan Lewis Bust Project will support the already established clear sense of "place" and identity that reflects the traditional spirit and heritage of the area with the aforementioned previously funded Greenway projects, the Tuscarora Heroes Monument and the Freedom Crossing Monument.

Celebration

At the heart of this project will be designed to celebrate local history, diversity, cultural resources, and the natural and built environments, and will seek to share this diverse tradition with local residents and visitors to the region. Once the bust of Morgan Lewis is complete it will only strengthen sense of celebration during events and activities that help build social interaction and shared experiences throughout the Town and Village of Lewiston as well as the Greenway corridor.

Partnerships

The focus of the Morgan Lewis Bust Project may not be a direct partnership with neighboring municipalities but support for the Morgan Lewis Bust Project is coming in from both the Town and Village of Lewiston. The Town of Lewiston unanimously supported the project and Greenway funding on November 7, 2016. The Village of Lewiston Board of Trustees also unanimously passed the Village of Lewiston 2016 Morgan Lewis Project Endorsement Letter.

Community Based

The Morgan Lewis Bust Project has been in the planning stage for several months, with support provided by the Town Supervisor (Steve Broderick), and the Village Mayor (Terry Collesano). The project reflects the preferences and plans of the local community, as well as reaching out to local artist and resident Susan Geissler to continue the communal vision of three monuments all created by the same artist.

GOALS

The implementation of the Morgan Lewis Bust Project will meet the goals of the Niagara River Greenway as follows:

Make Connections

This project will facilitate increased access for residents and visitors to the Village of Lewiston's Memorials and will serve as a historical destination for residents and the surrounding community. This project will connect visitor to the aforementioned previously funded Greenway projects the Tuscarora Heroes Monument and the Freedom Crossing Monument.

Promote Long Term Sustainability

The Morgan Lewis Bust will be maintained and protected by the Village and Town of Lewiston to remain an attractive destination along the Niagara River Greenway. This bust will be conscientiously maintained well into the future, the connection between this site and Lewiston's other monuments will contribute to the vitality of the area as it continues to serve as an attractive and essential gateway and stopover along the Niagara River Greenway. The Town is committed to the yearly funding and manpower that are necessary to keep the sculptures in top condition.

Celebrate History and Heritage

The creation and installation of the Morgan Lewis Bust will become a visual representation of Morgan Lewis' accomplishments and his presence in early American and New York history. Due to Lewis's legacy the Town and Village of Lewiston would like to memorialize him with the creation and installation of a bronze bust at Village of Lewiston's International Peace Garden at 476 Center Street. Throughout its history, the Town of Lewiston has been a close-knit community within itself, as well as, with surrounding municipalities. It is an important, longstanding tradition for the Lewiston to honor its history and heritage in physical representations. This project will allow the community to uphold those traditions and to preserve historic knowledge for all who visit the area.

CRITERIA

Through the Morgan Lewis Bust Project, the Town of Lewiston meets criteria of the Niagara River Greenway Plan:

Consistency with Niagara River Greenway Principles

The Morgan Lewis Bust Project makes a significant contribution towards the all the principles set forth by the Niagara River Greenway. This project encourages the vision for the Greenway to be explicitly considered for project development, at the basic vision, to see developed the space around and near the Niagara River to attract residents and visitors to utilize this space and experience the natural resource provided by the Niagara River.

Priority Status

The Morgan Lewis Bust Project has been in the planning phase for several months to support and enhance the historic significance of the namesake of the Town and Village of Lewiston. Morgan Lewis Bust supports the pride of Lewiston's history and will enhance the sense of place.

Focus Area

The implementation of the proposed project will visually improve the aesthetics of the Village of Lewiston's International Peace Garden property and, as it is within a few blocks of, the Niagara River. The addition of the Morgan Lewis Bust will have a local and regional impact at the heart of the Greenway.

Implementable

A contractor will complete the project. The costs and equipment figures were determined by setting a base budget and getting complete pricing from manufacturer and installer (please see enclosed quote and budget for details). Once approved.

Economic Viability and Local Sponsor

All maintenance and upkeep of the Morgan Lewis Bust will be provided through a line item in the Town and Village of Lewiston. The Town and Village will continue to provide stewardship for this project, and provide the necessary money, equipment, and manpower to further this project along from the design phase to its completion and beyond.

Availability of Local Sponsor or Partner

The Town and Village of Lewiston is committed to this project and thus will assume the long-term responsibility for continued operation and maintenance. The Town will ensure that the Morgan Lewis Bust does not fall into disrepair and will continue to champion the project after it is completed.

Ability to Match or Leverage Funds

The Town or the Village of Lewiston will not be providing any matching or leveraging funds for this project.

Clear Benefits

The Morgan Lewis Bust Project will serve as both an historic marker, and enhance the visitor experience for those visiting the Lewiston and the Niagara River Greenway.

- 3. Define the budget for the proposed project and include costs for the following:

Planning	\$ _____
Construction	<u>\$33,850</u>
Acquisition	\$ _____
Administration	\$ _____
Operation and Maintenance / Year	\$ _____
TOTAL PROJECT COST	<u>\$33,850</u>

Identify all sources of funding and the amount of funding expected from each source. Identify and quantify funds that are already on hand or have been allocated for the proposed project. Explain how the project will be operated and maintained.

Town or Village of Lewiston does not currently have the ability to match or leverage funds, so without funding from Greenway this project is not possible. The Town and Village of Lewiston will continue to provide stewardship for this project once it's complete, and provide the necessary money, equipment, and manpower to protect this project beyond completion. Accomplished artist Susan Geissler who has completed several Greenway Funded sculptures and is familiar with the grant process provided the above budget. The requested \$33,850 consists of the planning, design, construction and delivery of the life-size bust, a 44" granite pedestal, and descriptive bronze plaque (see attached) and installation.

- 4. Describe the measures taken at the local level to gain community and government support for this project (hearings, petitions, public surveys, resolutions of support or other methods). If this project has been cited or described in a local planning document or some equivalent thereof, attach copies of that documentation highlighting the sections that are relevant to the proposed project. Describe the role of municipal agencies, stakeholder groups, consultants, volunteers or others who will be involved in the proposed project.

Support for the Morgan Lewis Bust Project is coming in from both the Town and Village of Lewiston. The Town of Lewiston unanimously supported the project and Greenway funding on November 7, 2016. The Village of Lewiston Board of Trustees also unanimously passed the Village of Lewiston 2016 Morgan Lewis Project

Endorsement Letter, stating that the Board of Trustees supports the Morgan Lewis bust at the Village of Lewiston's Peace Garden at 476 Center Street (see attached)

5. Describe and document the environmental setting and existing conditions at the proposed project site. If you are not the owner of the property include a letter(s) or resolution(s) evidencing support for the project by the owner. Provide photographs, conceptual plans and drawings that show the site as it presently exists and how the site will change with the addition of the proposed project. Describe how your project will comply with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The existence of wetlands, significant upland and aquatic habitats, and plant or animals species that are classified as rare, threatened, or endangered should be noted. Explain how such natural resources will be protected and/or enhanced. Cite any relevant project-related studies.

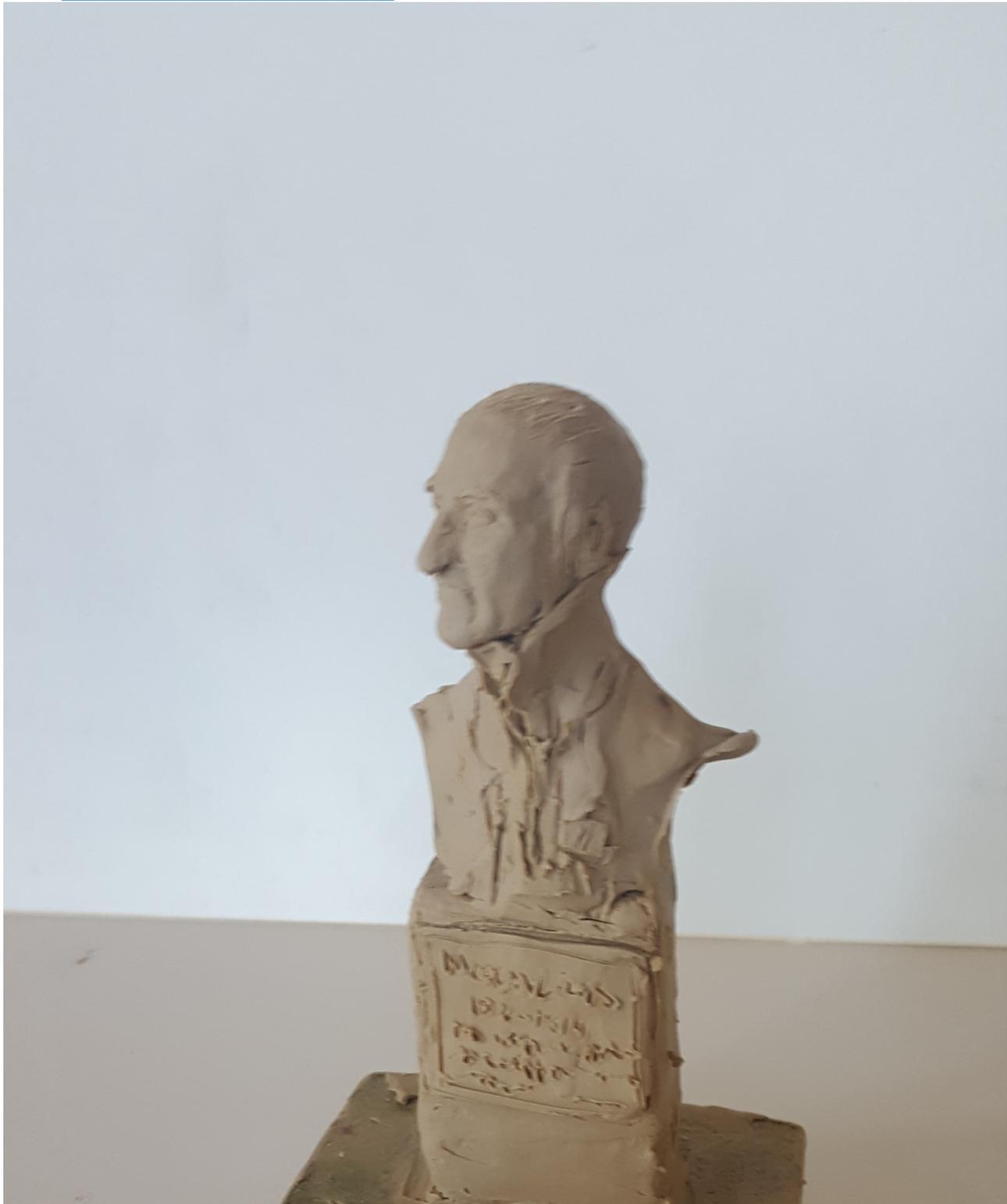
The Morgan Lewis Bust Project site is located in the Village of Lewiston's International Peace Garden at 476 Center Street, which is currently a developed garden and is owned and maintained by the Village of Lewiston. The garden is open daily, 365 days a year, with no set hours. It is a self-guided tour with interpretive historical markers. There is also a handicap accessible restroom on premise. The park is often used at festivals and events including the Lewiston Jazz Festival, Lewiston Christmas Walk and Lewiston Harvest Festival, watercolor painting classes, as well as daily locals lunching or having coffee and conversation. The proposed project will allow the Town and Village to continue its tradition of providing its residents and the surrounding community with interpretive historical monuments and markers. There were no relevant studies necessary for this project, as the garden has been developed and has undergone previous ground disturbance, all SEQRA documentation has already been filed for this area.

From: **Susan Geissler** susangeissler@yahoo.com 
Subject: Lewis Bust Project
Date: October 31, 2016 at 1:21 PM
To: bernie@rotellagrants.com

SG

Per my earlier 'mail' -- Pete Henderson

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8/23/16

Mayor Terry:

Re: Greenway stuff--

Enclosed sheet shows the two remaining "Submission" dates for 2016-17 Greenway consideration.

There is not much time to get request materials assembled for the 9/20 deadline. (It could be done - but perhaps the 11/15 date will prove more workable.)

For your conversation with Supervisor Broderick, you may want to keep in mind that the Lewis Bust would cost a 'not-to-exceed' delivered price of \$25,000 - and a full life-size figure would not exceed \$85,000.

— Peter Henderson 622894206

MORGAN LEWIS

1754 - 1844

THE MAN FOR WHOM LEWISTON WAS NAMED

Third Governor of New York and Major General
of the United States Armies Serving
on the Niagara Frontier in 1817

From: Susan Geissler susangeissler@yahoo.com 
Subject: Lewiston Bust Project
Date: October 31, 2016 at 1:29 PM
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Bernie-- This is one of only two images of Morgan Lewis that we're aware of at this point. Pete H.

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Honorary International Peace Garden at Lewiston

476 Center Street
Lewiston, NY 14092

It is very hard to imagine that at one time, the Village of Lewiston International Peace Garden was a parking lot. Located at 476 Center Street, this amazing pocket park bore witness to the War of 1812 initiation as well as the burning of Lewiston, December 13, 1813 by British and Mohawk Indian allies. Lewistonians were killed as they tried to escape out of the Village, passing by this now garden of peace.

A kaleidoscope of colors and fragrances compliment the established blossoming flowers, trees, hydrangeas, roses, lilacs, and containers of red geraniums. All of these beautiful colors and scents lure visitors and residents inside, paired with the welcoming metal archway.

Public works of art, a fountain, benches, stage, checker game table and statuary make for an ideal setting of reflection and repose.

The dedication of the garden took place on July 3, 2010 with The Peace Garden poem read and written by local International Award Winning Poet, Robert Giannetti. The poem has now been engraved on a marker plaque for all to view.

The garden is open daily, 365 days a year with no set hours. It is a self-guided tour with interpretive historical markers. There is also a handicap accessible restroom on premise. The park is often used at festivals and events including the Lewiston Jazz Festival, Lewiston Christmas Walk and Lewiston Harvest Festival, watercolor painting classes as well as daily locals lunching or having coffee and conversation.

Bricks that line the garden walkway may be purchased to dedicate to family, friends and businesses. All funds are used to enhance the garden. Forms are available on site, at the Village of Lewiston municipal office, and the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce. Much gratitude also goes to the Village of Lewiston Department of Public Works who assists with the care of the garden. The partnership with local non-profits and volunteers ensure the garden's future.



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Town of Lewiston
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
April 10th, 2017

For the Niagara River Greenway Commission
for the

Town of Lewiston, Morgan Lewis Bust Project

I, Donna Garfinkel, Town Clerk of the Town of Lewiston located at 1375 Ridge Road Lewiston, NY 14092, do hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted at a regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Lewiston held on Monday April 10th, and is incorporated in the original minutes of the said meeting and that the said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

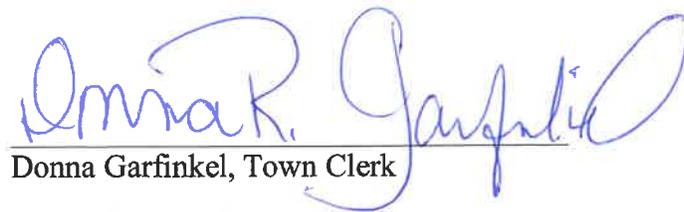
WHEREAS, the Town of Lewiston receives funding from the Niagara River Greenway Host Community Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Town must apply to the Niagara River Greenway Host Standing Committee for approval of the expenditure of said funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to use a portion of the Town of Lewiston's Niagara River Greenway Host Community funds for the costs associated with the completion Morgan Lewis Bust Project; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes a request for funding for Morgan Lewis Bust Project in the amount of \$33,850, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Steve Broderick, as Supervisor of the Town of Lewiston, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funding from the Niagara River Greenway Host Standing Committee to complete Morgan Lewis Bust Project.


Donna Garfinkel, Town Clerk

Seal of Municipality

Village of Lewiston

Resolution Supporting The Town of Lewiston's
Greenway Application for the Morgan Lewis Bust

WHEREAS, Town of Lewiston is applying to the Niagara River Greenway for a grant application to purchase and install a bust of Morgan Lewis. This bust will be located at the Village's Peace Garden at 476 Center Street, Lewiston

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Village Board of the Village of Lewiston hereby does approve and endorse the Greenway Application for the Town of Lewiston Morgan Lewis Bust Niagara River Greenway Project.

May 1, 2017
DATE OF ADOPTION


CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS
IS A TRUE & CORRECT COPY
OF THE RECORD ON FILE IN MY OFFICE

