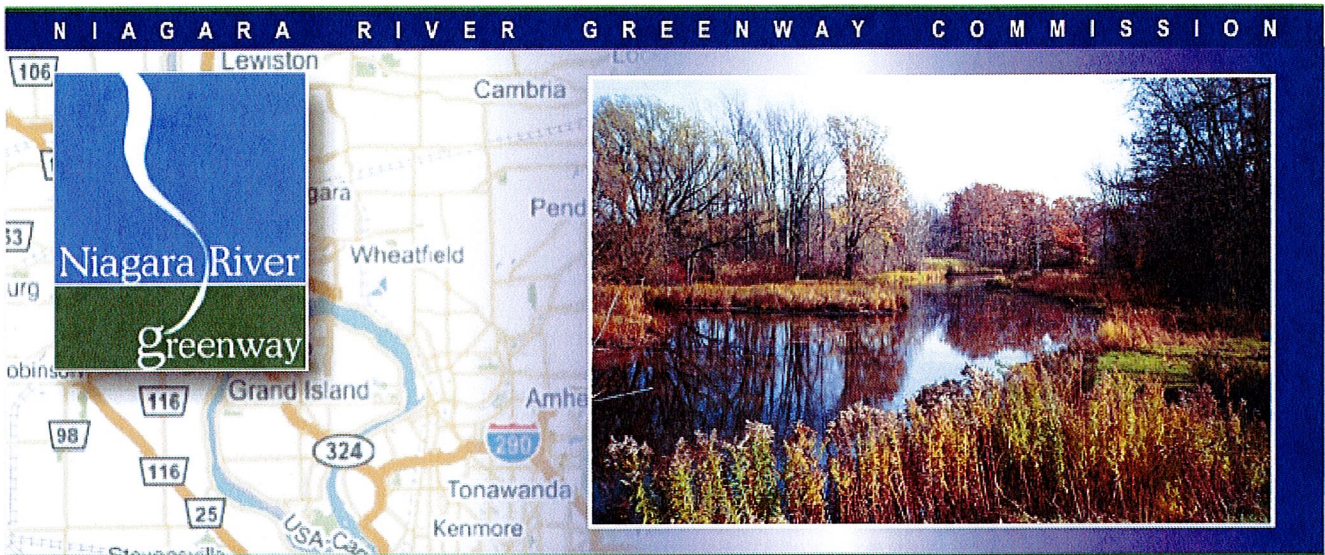


# City of North Tonawanda Raymond Klimek Veterans Park Bandshell

Prepared for



Submitted by:  
Arthur G. Pappas  
Mayor  
City of North Tonawanda  
216 Payne Avenue  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**October 5, 2016**

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: City of North Tonawanda  
Mailing Address: 216 Payne Avenue  
North Tonawanda  
State: New York Zip Code: 14120  
Federal Id# 16-6002549 Charities Registration # N/A

**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: Raymond Klimek Veterans Park Bandshell  
Location: Raymond Klimek Veterans Park  
Site Address: 692 River Road, North Tonawanda  
State: New York Zip Code: 14120  
Minor Civil Division(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
County: Niagara  
Project Proponent Property Interest (own, lease, easement or other): \_\_\_\_\_  
City-Owned

**AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL**

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E-Mail Address: artpappas@northtonawanda.org

**PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT**

Name: Michael Zimmerman Title: Director of Community Development

Organization/Firm: City of North Tonawanda

Business Address: 500 Wheatfield Street, North Tonawanda

State: New York Zip Code: 14120

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# Project Narrative

## 1. Project Overview

Raymond Klimek Veterans Park is a municipally owned 4.2 acre waterfront park at 692 River Road in North Tonawanda. The Park offers many amenities including fishing, two picnic pavilions, a playground, and memorials to the U.S. Navy Seabees and U.S. Marine Corps. Veterans Park is also the host of a weekly Easy Listening Summer Concert series every summer. To accommodate these concerts a temporary stage is placed on site for each event.

The proposed project would purchase and install a permanent bandshell structure at Veterans Park. The bandshell would be 47'x26' in size and from wood construction. The permanent bandshell would allow the City to host additional concerts, along with a wider variety of community events, and get better utilization out of Veterans Park. The City of North Tonawanda is committed to improving the public access to and utilization of our valuable Niagara River waterfront. With continued growth and development in the area, the City is seeing a growing demand for waterfront recreation amenities.

The North Tonawanda Parks & Recreation Department has a vision to utilize Veterans Park through many diverse events which will cater to a wide audience. In addition the Easy Listening Concerts, the permanent bandshell is planned to house events such as: outdoor fitness classes like Tai Chi and Zumba, free family movie nights, local youth theater performances by the *In Good Company* theater group, as well as additional summertime concerts. The bandshell could also be rented by residents or organizations looking to host events like wedding receptions, company picnics, or charitable events.

## 2. Advancing the Niagara River Greenway Vision

The Raymond Klimek Veterans Park Bandshell project strives to meet and advance the vision, goals and objectives outlined in the Niagara River Greenway Plan. Specifically, the project is consistent with the following:

- Excellence – Raymond Klimek Veterans Park is already a well-loved and utilized local park with proud memorials honoring men and women who have served in the United States armed forces. Adding a permanent bandshell will increase the volume and diversity of events at the Park and will encourage residents and regional visitors to experience recreation along the Niagara River. The permanent wooden bandshell will be manufactured by Cedar Forest Products and installed by Parkitects Inc. Parkitects Inc. is the leading company in park equipment and has been serving Upstate New York since 1996. Cedar Forest Products has enhanced the nation's public and private parks, camps, and recreational facilities with true reflections of nature for over 54 years. Cedar Forest



Products prides themselves on providing beauty, craftsmanship, and value for all of their products. The lumber used for this structure will meet all ATSM standards and will be in accordance with all provisions in the Uniform Building Code.

- Accessibility – Water access is the key feature to Veterans Park and this project will not reduce any of the physical or visual public access to the River. In addition, by bringing new events to the Park, this project will attract a wider demographic of visitors and will specifically make the waterfront more accessible to families and younger residents seeking unique recreation opportunities.
- Public Well-Being – The utilization of the proposed bandshell will promote both active and passive recreation. The events hosted at Veterans Park will offer residents new ways to experience the Niagara River waterfront.
- Celebration –The programming of the bandshell will be coordinated with local youth groups, theater groups, and veterans groups to make sure that all the activities at Veterans Park are both respectful to the existing memorials and properly celebrate North Tonawanda’s heritage and unique location on the Niagara River.

## Goals

- Improve Access – The Project encourages a diverse group of residents and visitors to access and use Veterans Park. The project is also planned to be constructed on the site where the existing temporary stage is set up and as such it will not impede any existing access to the waterfront.
- Celebrate History and Heritage –The Veterans Park Bandshell will serve as a focal point for numerous local celebrations, including memorial and remembrance events dedicated to the U.S. armed forces. The site will also be capable of hosting concerts and festivals which celebrate the heritage and social legacy of the people of North Tonawanda.
- Promote Long Term Sustainability –The installation of the Veterans Park Bandshell will help ensure that the facilities at Veterans Park remain modern and functional, and that the Park remains relevant for continued use by future generations. By adding this bandshell to the Park, the City will be able to increase park attendance and host more events which generate revenue for the City. On-going maintenance of the structure will be performed by the City of North Tonawanda Parks and Recreation Department and will be maintained to the upmost standards set forth the Niagara Greenway Commission.
- Extending Olmstead’s Legacy- The bandshell will enhance the open green space at Veterans Park while adding to the diverse amenities within the Niagara Greenway system. While preserving Olmstead’s vision, this will also build a legacy for future generations and promote the arts and cultural community.

## Criteria

- Consistency with Principles – The City of North Tonawanda strives to make public improvements within the Greenway boundaries which are consistent with the vision, goals, and principles of the Greenway Master Plan. Continued development of recreation amenities at waterfront parks, such as the proposed bandshell, which encourage public access to the waterfront is consistent with the principles of the Greenway Master Plan.
- Priority Status – This Project significantly improves access to waterfront resources by bringing new recreation programming and awareness to Veterans Park. Currently, Veterans Park is primarily a passive recreation location. Implementation of this project will bring more active and interactive recreation opportunities to the waterfront.
- Focus Area – This project is located directly on the Niagara River and central to the Greenway system.
- Implementable – The City has the capacity to implement this project without significantly adding new operations or maintenance burden. Existing City departments have the expertise and capacity to oversee the installation of the bandshell and its operation, in addition to minimal maintenance.
- Economic Viability – Currently, events hosted at the temporary stage at Veterans Park are generally free and do not generate revenue for the City. With the installation of the bandshell, the City will be able to rent the facility to interested groups and generate some revenue to offset basic maintenance costs.
- Local Sponsor or Partner – This project's long term sponsor is the City of North Tonawanda with support from the North Tonawanda Waterfront Commission.
- Matching Funds/Leveraging – Beyond the cost to purchase and install the bandshell (\$103,725), the City anticipates and is willing to provide site improvements which are estimated to cost \$25,000. In addition, the City will provide in-kind staff time to manage the project valued at approximately \$15,000.
- Consideration of Other Planning Efforts – Enhancing Veterans Park and attracting new recreation opportunities to the Niagara River waterfront is consistent with all of North Tonawanda's planning documents, specifically the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.
- Clear Benefits – This project will clearly benefit the public of North Tonawanda and the Niagara region who are looking for waterfront recreation choices. This project is a quality of life improvement for the citizens of North Tonawanda, giving them more waterfront recreation options and bringing more awareness to an underutilized waterfront asset in the City.

There will also be strong benefits relating to character and aesthetics in the area. Numerous properties in the area surrounding Veterans Park are undergoing or have proposed development projects and Veterans Park will soon see more traffic and use as these developments bring new residents and visitors into the area.

### 3. Budget and Schedule

The City of North Tonawanda expects this project's total cost to be \$157,725 with an approximate annual maintenance burden of \$8,000. The major project component (\$103,725) is the purchase and installation of the bandshell. Additional costs include City labor assisting with installation, upgrading on-site electrical service, and landscaping.

#### **Raymond Klimek Veterans Park Bandshell**

Planning	\$0
Construction	\$ 43,500
Acquisition	\$ 60,225
Site Upgrades	\$25,000
Administration	\$ 15,000 (In-kind)
Operation and Maintenance / Year	\$ 8,000
Required Greenway Signage	\$6,000
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$157, 725</b>

The City of North Tonawanda is requesting \$103,725 from the Niagara River Greenway Ad Hoc Committee on Recreation and Tourism. Additional funding for the project, including \$25,000 cash and \$15,000 in-kind, will be provided by the City of North Tonawanda.

The quoted material cost of the bandshell is \$60,225. The cost for installation was quoted at \$43,500, bringing the total cost of the bandshell to \$103,725. The City estimates approximately \$4,5000 in various site upgrades to accommodate the bandshell, primarily consisting of electrical service and landscaping. A sign will be installed at the bandshell site and will meet all of the Greenway signage requirements. It is estimated this sign will cost \$6,000.

Operation and maintenance of the facility includes grass cutting, maintaining landscaping, and keeping the areas free of debris and will cost the city \$8,000 annually. All routine maintenance will be handled exclusively by the City of North Tonawanda Parks & Recreation Department. Parks & Recreation staff is currently responsible for maintaining all City parks, playgrounds, the municipal pool, and special event venues such as Gratwick Park and Gateway Harbor, and as such have the experience and capacity to operate and maintain a permanent bandshell at

#### 4. Community and Government Support

The development and implementation of parks and waterfront improvements projects in North Tonawanda is overseen by a multi-layered structure of municipal committees, departments, and staff. Overall direction and oversight is provided by the Mayor and City Common Council. Project management, grant management, implementation, and operations are handled by a working partnership between the City Engineering, Parks & Recreation, and Community Development offices. Citizen participation and project review are provided by the North Tonawanda Waterfront Commission, a volunteer advisory committee which reviews and provides insight into City projects along the waterfront. The following people and groups have played an active role in the Raymond Klimek Veterans Park Bandshell project:

- Mayor
- North Tonawanda Common Council
- North Tonawanda Waterfront Commission
- City Engineer
- Community Development Director
- Director of Youth, Parks, and Recreation

The Raymond Klimek Veterans Park Bandshell project was reviewed by the North Tonawanda Common Council on September 27, 2016 and was approved at a regular Common Council meeting on October 4, 2016.

The project is also consistent with North Tonawanda's recent revitalization plans. The City has completed three major planning documents within the past eight years and the Veterans Park Bandshell advances the vision and goals of each of these documents. These include the North Tonawanda Comprehensive Plan (2009), the North Tonawanda Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (2011), and the North Tonawanda Brownfield Opportunity Area (2015). See attached excerpts for more information.

This project is consistent with policy statements from these plans including: "*Provide enhanced family-friendly facilities to promote increased utilization of City-owned parks. (Comprehensive Plan)*", and "*Enhancement of Veterans Park as a family-oriented waterfront park destination. (LWRP)*".

## 5. Existing Conditions and Project Implementation

The site of the proposed Veterans Park Bandshell currently hosts concert events through the use of a temporary stage. The existing concrete pad is sufficient to site the new bandshell and only minor upgrades to the site, including electrical service and landscaping, will be required to complete the project.

Project implementation will be led by the North Tonawanda Director of Youth, Parks, and Recreation. Any construction related oversight, including the electrical upgrades, will be handled by the City Engineer. Grant management of the requested Greenway funds will be handled by the Community Development office. The City of North Tonawanda will be Lead Agency for the SEQR process and it is not anticipated that any other local, State, or Federal agency will be involved in the project.

## **Attachments**

- Aerial site map
- Existing conditions photos
- USGS 1:24,000 Topo map
- Parkitects Inc., bandshell cost proposal and design
- Letter from North Tonawanda Department of Youth, Recreation, and Parks
- City of North Tonawanda Municipal Resolution
- Electrical estimates from Department of Public Works
- Excerpts from City of North Tonawanda planning documents



# Raymond Klimek Veterans Park Bandshell





Existing Concrete Pad, site of proposed Bandsshell

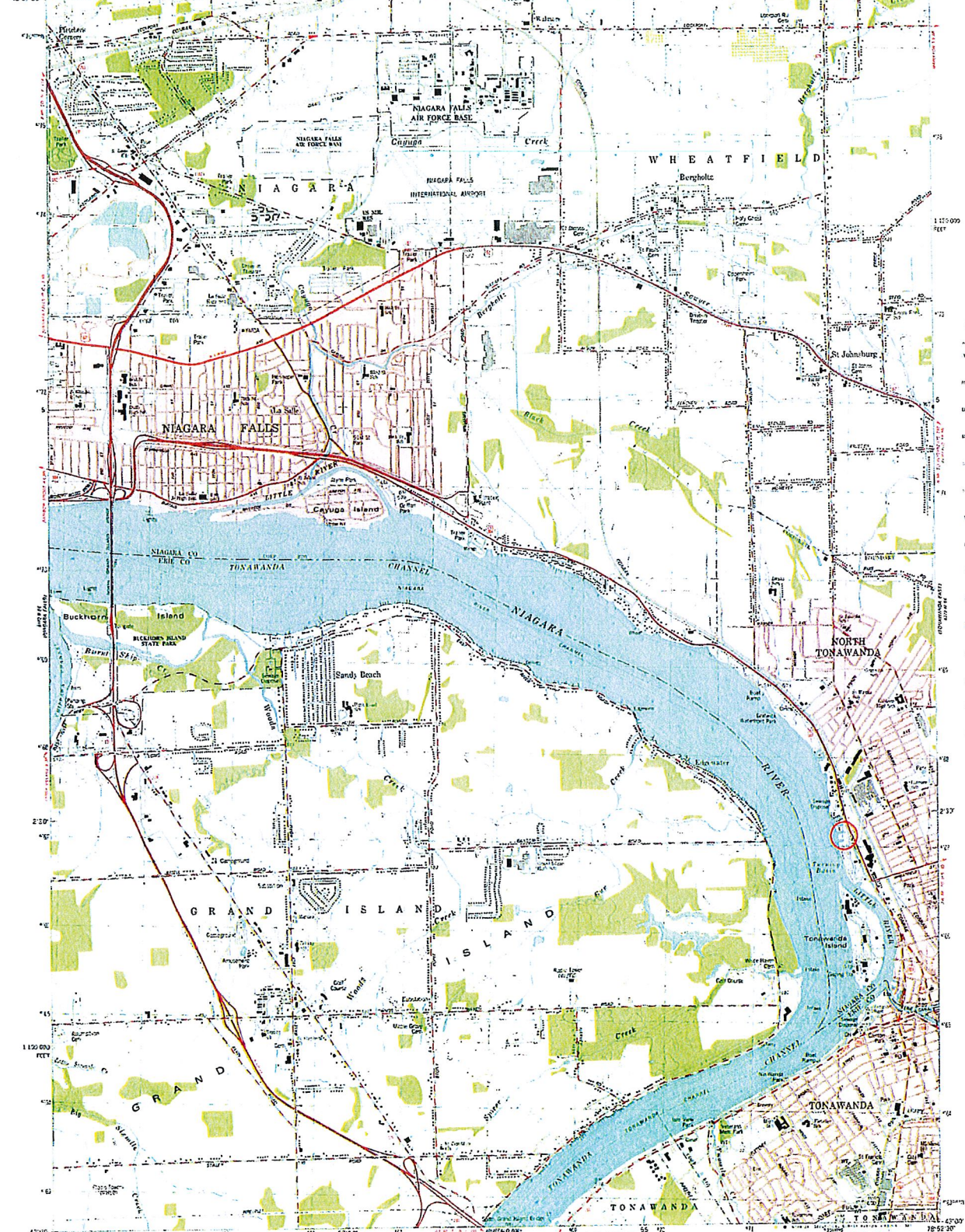




Memorials to the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Navy Seabees  
Raymond Klimek Veterans Park







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# ESTIMATE

Number: AAAQ5982-02  
 Date: Aug 31, 2016  
 Project: NT - CFP Band4



Parkitects, Inc.  
 138 Ludlowville Rd.  
 Lansing, NY 14882

**Estimate To**

City of North Tonawanda  
 Craig Anthony  
 500 Wheatfield Street  
 Norman Keller Building  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
 p: 716-695-8520 ext:  
 f: 716-695-8533  
 e: finster17@roadrunner.com

**Your Sales Rep**

Ben Frasier  
 p: 716-310-8060  
 f: 607-533-4108  
 e: ben@playgroundinfo.com

**Terms**

THIS IS A PROJECT ESTIMATE  
 ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE  
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 QUOTE

Qty	Item #	Description	Unit Price	Ext. Price
Cedar Forest Products - Band 4				
1	BAND4	47'x26' Band Shell 4	\$54,000.00	\$54,000.00
1		Add for Metal Roof	\$3,375.00	\$3,375.00
1	ENG	Engineering	\$850.00	\$850.00
1	FT	Freight	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Band Shell Total				\$60,225.00
Installation Estimate				
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Installation Total				\$43,500.00

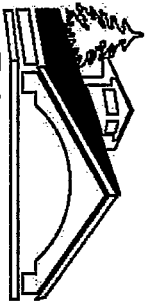
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**Price Includes:**

- Shelter will be engineered to meet NYSBC 2010.
- The walls are 2"x6" T&G select grade color.
- GAF 'Timberline HD' series shingles.
- Roof pitch to be 4:12.
- 2"x6" (nominal) #1 SYP decking T&Gwith V-groove.
- Shingles are Class A Firerated, 35 year fibergalss with 30lb felt & D Style roof edge.
- The arches are glue laminated SYP.
- All fasteners are provided above ground.
- Working drawings are furnished with the order.

**Price Does Not Include:**

- Unloading, storage or installation of material.
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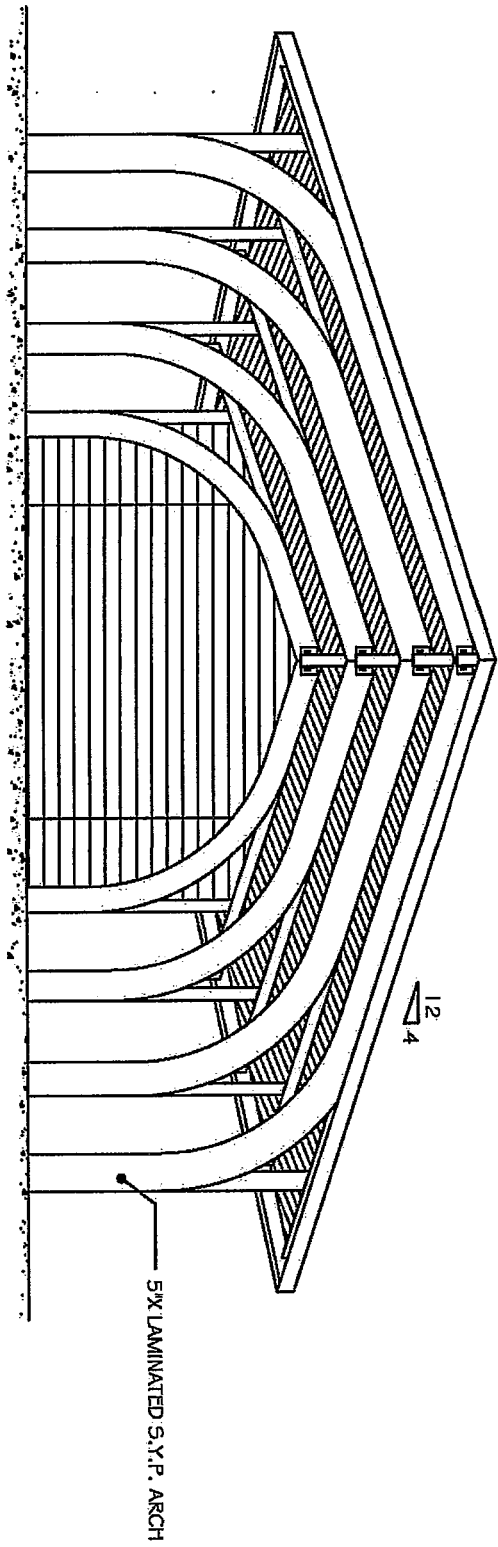


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DESIGN DATA
SNOW LOAD = 30 PSF
DEAD LOAD = 15 PSF
WIND LOAD = 20 PSF



FRONT ELEVATION

BAND4

# CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA

## DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH, RECREATION, AND PARKS

500 Wheatfield St.

North Tonawanda, New York 14120

716-695-8520 FAX: 716-695-8533 Seniors: 716-695-8582

PATRICIA A. BROSIUS

*Director of Youth, Recreation, & Parks*

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October 4, 2016

Richard Andres, Chairman  
Niagara Greenway Commission Ad Hoc Committee  
Recreation and Tourism Fund  
175 Hawley Street  
Lockport, New York 14094

Dear Honorable Body:

The North Tonawanda Department of Youth, Recreation and Parks would appreciate your committee's consideration to fund a state-of-the-art open air bandshell at our Raymond Klimek Veterans Park located at 692 River Road North Tonawanda. This bandshell would replace a mobile stage that was purchased from auction in 2003. We have found that this beautiful park located along the Mighty Niagara is a favorite resting spot for residents and non-residents alike and having a new bandshell would be a wonderful addition to the amenities already available at this park.

This project would include construction of a new facility with storage space, as well as some site improvements in the park such as landscaping around the band shell itself. The City will provide \$25,000 of in kind service to include \$3,500 of electrical work, landscaping, installation and maintenance of shrubs and flowers along with grass seeding. The parks division would also continue to perform weekly upkeep of the park such as grass cutting, removal of debris, restrooms cleaning and seasonal snow removal. The cost of performing these maintenance duties would be approximately \$8,000 which is covered in our City's yearly budget.

Our master plan for this bandshell is to house at least eight Easy Listening Summer Concerts which feature both easy listening and big band sounds that appeal to many of our senior citizens. Annual special events are held at this park since Raymond Klimek Veterans Park is home to the U.S. Navy Seabees Monument, the U.S. Marines Corp. Monument, and Robert Clark Purple Heart Monument. Having a band shell to be the nucleus for these festivities would be a huge benefit for all of these groups. Our department is most excited about the opportunities to expand our programming to include weekly outdoor Tai Chi, Zumba and other fitness classes. In addition to coordinating programming with the local theater company *In Good Company* who provides theater training and performances for North Tonawanda youth, as well as the possibilities to open up the band shell for Movie Nights, wedding ceremonies, and as a main hub for special events such as walks/5Ks and bicycle rides and other cultural events. All of these activities and events can add up to new revenue sources for our department as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia A. Brosius, Director of Youth, Recreation & Parks



## XIV. Youth Recreation &amp; Parks

October 18, 2016

The Honorable Mayor Arthur G. Pappas  
 And Common Council Members/ City Hall  
 216 Payne Avenue  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

The Department of Youth, Recreation and Parks along with Michael Zimmerman, Community Development Director, would like permission to apply for Greenway money of up to \$125,000 for 2017. This resolution would be necessary for us to pursue funding for a new band shell to be located in Raymond Klimek Veterans Park. This project would include construction of a new facility with storage space, as well as some site improvements in the park like new electric and landscaping work. The Department of Youth, recreation and Parks will maintain this structure yearly with funds in our 7110.480 and 7110.44 accounts. Approximate yearly costs of \$8,000.

At this time, I am requesting that this Honorable body authorize the City and Community Development to submit an application for this project.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Patricia A. Brosius  
 Director of Youth, Recreation & Parks

MOVED by Alderman Braun                      SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro  
 That the Common Council hereby grants permission for The Department of Youth, Recreation and Parks along with Community Development to submit an application for Greenway money up to \$125,000 for 2017, to pursue funding for a new band shell located in Raymond Klimek Veterans Park along with other site improvements in the park, and also approves yearly funds up to \$8,000 for the upkeep and maintenance of said band shell. Subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

(5)

Nays: None

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CARRIED.

## XVII. Traffic and Safety

October 18, 2016

Daniel R. Quinn  
 City Clerk-Treasurer  
 216 Payne Avenue  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

## Traffic Safety Minutes:

The October meeting of the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee was called to order at 1900 hours. Roll call showed the following members present: J. Sikora, E. Smolinski, M. Lemke, A. Vater, R. Frank, A. DiBernardo, and M. Daigler. NT resident Jacob Driscoll also sat in on the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted, the following new requests were discussed, and following recommendations made.

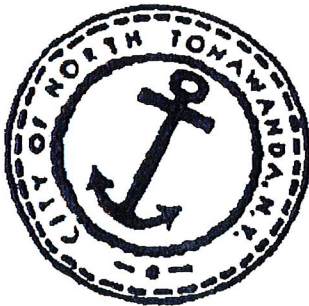
1. Member Lemke reported on recent improvements made to the railroad crossing at Ward and River Roads. All members agreed the improvements are a great improvement.
2. Member Frank reported on a recent speed study conducted on Wheatfield Street and possible changes to the city truck route.
3. Member Daigler reported: signs stating "no trucks over 5 ton" have been placed at the Meadow Drive extension, the City Market has a new portable "pedestrian

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NIAGARA } ss.:  
CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA

I, Daniel R. Quinn, City Clerk-Treasurer of said City, do hereby certify that I have compared the attached document with the document now remaining on file and of record in this office; and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

In witness where of I here unto set  
my hand and affixed the seal of said  
City, this 6th day of October, 2016.

  
City Clerk-Treasurer of said City.



# City of North Tonawanda

DANIEL R. QUINN  
City Clerk-Treasurer  
danquinn@northtonawanda.org

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Assistant City Clerk

Denise Proefrock  
Assistant City Treasurer

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216 PAYNE AVENUE  
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October 6, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that at a regular session of the North Tonawanda Common Council held on the 4th day of October 2016, the following resolution was passed:

XIV. Youth Recreation & Parks

September 22, 2016

The Honorable Mayor Arthur G. Pappas  
And Common Council Members/ City Hall  
216 Payne Avenue  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

The Department of Youth, Recreation and Parks along with Michael Zimmerman, Community Development Director, would like permission to apply for Greenway money of up to \$125,000 for 2017. This application would be necessary to pursue funding for a new band shell to be located in Raymond Klimek Veterans Park. This project would include construction of a new facility with storage space, as well as some site improvements in the park like new landscaping around the band shell.

The band shell would house the Easy Listening Summer Concerts where over 1000 visitors annually come and enjoy the park. The Department of Youth, Recreation and Parks would also be able to expand programming to include fitness classes, special events for the Seabees and Marines as well as hosting various cultural events.

At this time, I am requesting that this Honorable Body authorize the City and Community Development to submit an application for this project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia A. Brosius  
Director of Youth, Recreation & Parks

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo

SECONDED by Alderman Braun

That the Common Council hereby grants permission for The Department of Youth, Recreation and Parks along with Community Development to submit an application for Greenway money up to \$125,000 for 2017, to pursue funding for a new band shell located in Raymond Klimek Veterans Park along with other site improvements in the park. Subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

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Nays: None

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CARRIED.

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Sincerely,



Daniel R. Quinn  
City Clerk-Treasurer

**Department of Public Works**  
**CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA, NEW YORK**

758 ERIE AVENUE  
NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y. 14120

PHONE: 695-8585  
FAX: 695-8587



October 19, 2016

Patricia Brosius  
North Tonawanda  
Youth, Recreation and Parks  
500 Wheatfield st  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Patty,

Per your request enclosed is the estimate for electrical for the new proposed Band Shell. As we spoke about previously we will be doing the Electrical work in house so this is an estimate for materials only. Please note this is as close as I can get until we see the actual building in place and adjust things as we move along.

Included is: 100 amp single phase service, all interior outlets and lighting. Conduit, wire, and all materials included based on dimensions of building given previously.

Total estimate for materials not to exceed \$4500.00.

I hope this is sufficient for your request and if I can be of more assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mark Daigler

Mark Daigler  
North Tonawanda  
Traffic Maintenance/Electrical Supervisor  
716-695-8585 ext. 4409  
mdaigler@northtonawanda.org

**CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA  
BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA**

**Executive Summary**

Nomination Study

December 2012

*Prepared By:*

**Bergmann Associates**

**Camoin Associates**

**Trowbridge & Wolf, LLP**

*This report was created for the City of North Tonawanda and the New York State Department of State  
with state funds provided by the New York Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program.*



### ***REVISIONING BROWNFIELDS REGIONAL STRATEGIC APPROACH (2007)***

In 2000, the Niagara Region Brownfields Coalition was formed to collaboratively work towards revitalization of contaminated land within the Niagara Region and along its waterfronts through partnerships with local governments, business owners, and educational institutions. The Revisioning Plan outlines a regional approach to the redevelopment of some of region's most challenging yet promising properties.

Within North Tonawanda, properties on Tonawanda Island were included for advanced consideration, including project visioning, the creation of concept site plans, and the development of a sample investment pro-forma to understand financial limitations associated with redevelopment. The plans for Tonawanda Island include a large public park at the northern tip of the island, which connects to a pedestrian plaza at the land of the Durkee Bridge with a waterfront promenade. Land uses include mixed-use commercial/retail, residential, and community buildings.

The recommendations for approximately \$270 million in investment include a series of implementation steps the City can take to accommodate for private development. The BOA Program will help facilitate these implementation steps through continued market research, environmental investigations, and the establishment of a design/brand identity.

### ***NIAGARA RIVER GREENWAY PLAN (2007)***

The Niagara River Greenway Plan establishes a unified vision and a set of principles for the Niagara River Greenway. The BOA is entirely contained within the Greenway boundary, and acts as a local refinement plan to assist in the implementation of the Greenway. The Greenway Plan discusses several high priority "Implementation Concepts" which describe system-wide approaches and strategies for Greenway development. Among these concepts is the redevelopment of Gratwick Riverside Park within the BOA as a family-oriented tourism destination. Gratwick Riverside Park is a model for environmental remediation in North Tonawanda, and is a critical component of the City's public space system. The implementation of BOA recommendations along the waterfront will require close coordination with the Niagara River Greenway Commission, which has access to significant funding levels as part of the New York Power Authority (NYPA) relicensing agreements for hydropower at Niagara Falls.

### ***DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN (2006)***

The North Tonawanda Downtown Redevelopment Plan focuses on defining a realistic vision for revitalization of the downtown and lower Oliver Street corridor areas of the City. The Plan's recommendations are based upon existing conditions within the study area, market data, input from local and visitor populations and community involvement.

The three key redevelopment opportunities presented within the Plan, (Downtown, Oliver/Thompson Street, and River Road/Main Street) are located within the BOA study area. The Plan provides the desired traits and elements for the redevelopment of these locations and the general revitalization of the study area. The recommendations made for these redevelopment areas will be promoted within the BOA Nomination Study, and included within the study area's implementation strategy.



### 3.3.7 Parks and Green Infrastructure

Parks and green infrastructure within the North Tonawanda BOA include public parks, trails, sidewalks, street amenities, boater facilities and public access to the waterfront. These recreational and non-motorized transportation resources are an important indicator of quality of life within a community. In North Tonawanda, the location of these resources along the waterfronts provides recreational and entertainment benefits for residents, but should also be used to spur associated economic development potential through a more defined tourism approach.

#### **PARK FACILITIES**

There is no shortage of park facilities along the city’s waterfront or within the BOA. Rather than focus on creating more park facilities, the City should concentrate efforts on the enhancement and improvement of existing facilities to better meet the needs of users and create a unique experience for visitors. Existing park facilities are indicated on Map 10 and described below.

#### ***Gratwick Riverside Park, River Road***

Connected to Veteran’s Park via a riverfront trail, the park is home to a picnic pavilion, public boat launch, and an accessible fishing pier will be completed in 2010. The Park was incorporated into the Niagara Greenway Plan as a gateway and primary destination element in the Buffalo-Niagara Region. A master plan for the development of the park was completed



A conceptual rendering of a future fishing pier at Gratwick Riverside Park.

in 2009 in an effort to identify a phased approach for creating a regional destination. The master plan includes passive and active recreation areas, along with environmental and habitat enhancements for interpretive and educational components. Several structures are proposed to add functionality, including a performance shell, a multi-story community meeting facility, and smaller shelters for daily rental.

The City of North Tonawanda recently attained full ownership of the property from Niagara Mohawk after the completion of remediation. Funding for master plan implementation will be sought from numerous sources, including the Niagara Greenway Commission, which is the recipient of pass-through funding from the New York Power Authority for the implementation of the Niagara Greenway Plan.

#### ***Veteran’s Park (Fisherman’s Park), River Road***

Located along the Niagara River, this City Park offers three pavilions, a playground, public restrooms and World War II monuments to the U.S. Navy Seabees and the U.S. Marines. Anglers enjoy the Park’s smaller shelter along the waterfront, where shoreline improvements provide access to deeper water for fishing. The park also includes two former shipping slips which have collected extensive vegetation, silt and debris over time. The dredging of these slips would provide additional fish breeding habitat. Improved landscaping and signage at the park entrance and along River Road would enhance the appearance from the surrounding community, as well as the sense of enclosure when inside the park. Areas of additional landscaping with earthwork could provide small and intimate spaces in contrast to the park’s currently open feeling.

# CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

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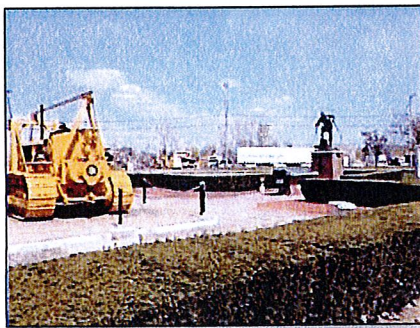
River Road, especially north of Wheatfield Street, is over-built for current traffic conditions.

***Project #4: River Road Corridor Improvements***

The River Road corridor is currently one of the City’s least pedestrian friendly environments. Excessive width and travel speed, combined with insufficient crossing opportunities, has created a physical barrier which separates the City from its Niagara River waterfront. The City should investigate alternatives to improve its function and appearance within the community, including the feasibility for additional intersections, crossings, and the narrowing of the cross section. It is recommended that alternatives investigate the provision of landscaped center medians, street trees, the enhanced separation of pedestrians and travel lanes, intersection and gateway improvements, and options for shared access and curb cut reductions. The City has received funding through the NYS Brownfield Opportunity Area Program to complete a feasibility study in 2013.

Targeted Completion: 2013 – feasibility, 2020 - construction

Anticipated Cost: \$150,000 for feasibility effort  
Unknown construction costs



A view of two war memorials placed in front of Veteran’s Park along River Road.

***Project #5: Veteran’s Park Entry and Frontage Improvements***

In conjunction with wayfinding and signage improvements along the River Road multiuse trail, the entrance to Veteran’s Park should be upgraded to improve safety, visibility and aesthetics. The entrance is currently divided and shares access with a drive to a pump station for the adjacent waste water treatment plant. The entry drive slopes down significantly from the roadway, with the ingress and egress separated by an area of lawn. A single entry/exit point should be considered for the two destinations, along with a sign marking the entrance to the park.

Additionally, the frontage along River Road should be improved with enhanced landscaping and trees along a naturalistic earthen berm. Improvements should be careful not to completely limit visibility of the park’s veteran’s memorials. Select views into the park should be retained. Minor visual obstructions will provide a buffer from within the park, improve the definition of space, and enhance the experience when visiting the memorials. A large asphalt pad at the center of the frontage should be removed or relocated to permit the construction of these improvements. The City should assess current amenity levels and placement, and add additional elements such as grills, or relocate picnic tables and seating to better cater to the needs of users.

## Public Spaces

Public spaces along waterfronts are often the most popular destinations within communities for residents and visitors, alike. Places to sit, relax, congregate, take in views, or people-watch are most successful in locations with a dramatic backdrop, such as water, vistas, or a node of activity. In North Tonawanda's LWRP, there are abundant public access opportunities along the waterfront in existing parks and on undeveloped lands. Currently only Gateway Harbor Park contains an identifiable public space programmed to promote the congregation of people. Future public and private development along the City's waterfronts should include thoughtfully designed public spaces that will attract people and activities, both organized and impromptu. These public spaces should become the focal point of mixed use development along the waterfront, each uniquely recognizable and relating to the City's historic maritime identity. Interpretive features and iconic elements in these spaces will support the City's wayfinding system and create known destinations and landmarks to be enjoyed by residents and visitors.



*Well-defined and active public spaces provide opportunities for people to congregate and enjoy the company of others.*



### 3.4 Public Waterfront Policy

#### Policy 9

*Provide for public access to, and recreational use of, waters, public lands, and public resources of the waterfront area.*

Where reasonably attainable and in areas that maintain the health, safety and welfare of the public, public access to the waterfront should be required for new development projects within the Waterfront Mixed Use and Open Space zoning districts. To the greatest extent practical, the City shall promote, encourage and provide for improvements and enhancements to public access and recreational use of the City's waterfronts.

#### 9.1 Promote appropriate and adequate physical public access and recreation throughout the waterfront area.

Existing public water-related recreation resources and facilities within the City of North Tonawanda waterfront revitalization area include:

- Gratwick Riverside Park,
- Veteran's Park,
- Gateway Harbor Park,
- Mayor's Park,
- Service Drive Launch Ramp,
- Botanical Gardens, and
- State-owned recreation areas.

The following are primary public access goals within the waterfront revitalization area:

- Provide a safe, convenient and effective pedestrian linkage between downtown and Tonawanda Island
- Complete a formalized trail along the canal and Sweeney Street that connects Gateway Harbor Park to the Botanical Gardens.
- Connect the canal trail with the River Road trail
- Enhance access to the River Road trail across the railroad corridor and River Road.
- Provide for direct connections from existing and future trails into City waterfront parks.
- Provide for continuous public access along the west side of Tonawanda Island along the Niagara River waterfront

architectural style and site design and should avoid negative impacts to community character and reasonably anticipated depreciation in property values.

Residential development is to be promoted downtown, especially in the conversion of existing upper floors to residential units. Dependent upon scale, architectural character and placement, infill townhouse development may also be appropriate Downtown. On Tonawanda Island, residential development should ensue only as part of a larger mixed use project that provides adequate public access along the entire length of the Niagara Riverfront in accordance with the remainder of this document.

#### 1.4 **Maintain and enhance natural areas, recreation, and open space.**

The City's waterfront is its most important outdoor recreation resource. Water-related recreation includes such obviously water-dependent activities as boating, swimming, and fishing. Additionally, activities enhanced by a coastal location and those which increase the general public's access to the coast are also considered water-related. This includes pedestrian and bicycle trails, picnic areas, scenic overlooks and passive recreation areas that take advantage of coastal scenery.

Existing water-dependent and water-enhanced recreational facilities at Gratwick Riverside Park, Gateway Harbor Park, Veteran's Park, Mayor's Park and the Botanical Gardens shall be maintained and expanded, as appropriate. Expansions and enhancements shall be consistent with the preservation and protection of other coastal resources.

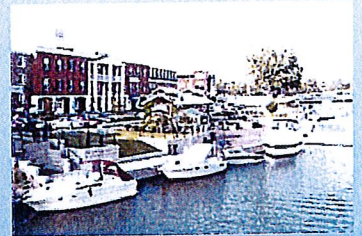
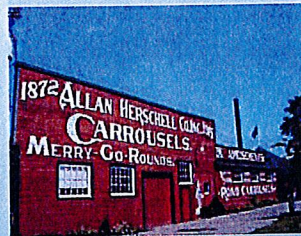
Gratwick Riverside Park should continue to be utilized as a waterfront recreation destination within North Tonawanda. The park's master plan outlines significant investments and construction within the 53 acres, the most significant being the relocation of the park access road away from the waterfront and the utilization of the existing roadway as an expanded multi-use promenade for pedestrians, bicyclists and other non-motorized users.

Existing water-related recreational facilities at Veteran's Park and the Botanical Gardens shall be expanded. Veteran's Park, located along the Niagara River shoreline to the south of the City's wastewater treatment plant, could benefit greatly from improved signage and landscaping, a new entrance, investigation into the feasibility of cleaning out potentially contaminated sediment and other debris at the former



# City of North Tonawanda, New York

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



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## COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT

The Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings, Community Survey, S.W.O.T. Analysis, public meetings, Community Character Survey, and Future Land Use Plan review contained a relatively consistent collection of priorities and values expressed by the community. Using these priorities and values, the project team developed the following Community Vision Statement, which serves as the foundation for all policies, objectives, and action items contained in this Plan.

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### *Vision of the City of North Tonawanda*

*North Tonawanda will be a community that:*

- Will cherish, enhance, and protect its quiet, mature, well-maintained neighborhoods which offer a variety of housing types and styles;
  - Will enhance and promote its significant open space and first-class recreation opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages;
  - Will focus on the sustainable use and redevelopment of its abundant water resources as a key community driver of economic development and recreation;
  - Will progressively plan for intelligent growth and revitalization of the City's vast residential, commercial and waterfront resources to become a destination for both families and visitors;
  - Will remain a safe, walkable and accessible community with excellent access to community services, resources and educational opportunities;
  - Will strive to retain and complement its small-City historic character and distinct culture to enrich its resident's quality of life and make North Tonawanda a premiere Western New York community.
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## POLICY AREA - ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

### *Action Items*

- 1) *Protect and promote the City's abundant open space, environmental resources and recreational opportunities.*

#### Short Term (0-2 Years)

- A. Develop promotional materials for residents and visitors that improve the awareness of the variety of environmental and recreational opportunities found in the City.
- B. Improve the presence and information available on the City's website, including location maps and a brief fact sheet about each recreational area.

#### Mid Term (3-5 Years)

- C. Develop a Parks and Recreation Master Plan to program parks and recreational opportunities within the City in a coordinated approach.
- D. Enhance the local identity of neighborhoods adjacent to City parks and open spaces through the development of gateway markers and wayfinding signage.
- E. Provide enhanced family-friendly facilities to promote increased utilization of City-owned parks.
- F. Look for opportunities to allow private service providers to enhance parks and recreation programming (e.g. boat rentals).

#### Long Term (6+ Years)

- G. Provide consistent and continuous public access, where feasible and appropriate, along the City's waterfronts.