

**NIAGARA RIVER GREENWAY COMMISSION
CONSULTATION AND REVIEW APPLICATION**



CITY OF BUFFALO APPLICATION

**Empire State Trail Buffalo Section Gap Funding
Buffalo, New York**

January 14, 2019

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 Buffalo
Mailing Address: 65 Niagara Square, Room 201
 Buffalo, NY 14202-3390
Federal Id#: 166002533

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: Empire State Trail Buffalo Section Gap Funding
Location: Empire State Trail sections within City of Buffalo
Site Address: see attached budget item descriptions for specific locations
State: New York Zip Code: 14201
Minor Civil Division: Buffalo, NY
County: Erie
Project Proponent Property Interest: City of Buffalo

AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

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PROJECT NARRATIVE

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

NYSDOT is embarking on improvements to the Empire State Trail/Shoreline Trail through sections of Erie County, including the City of Buffalo starting in 2019. Upon review of NYSDOT plans, the City of Buffalo noted improvements that, if left uncompleted, would leave small sections of the EST through Buffalo lacking the full update provided to the balance of the trail over the past 5 years. These improvements include reconstruction for consistency of trail width, striping, site restoration and signage. The City of Buffalo is submitting specific comments regarding these gaps to NYSDOT for a cost estimate to complete the full amount of requested improvements. The result of this project, along with the city's currently scheduled Niagara St Ph III & Ph IV projects, as well as other recent city, state and Greenway funded projects, will be a completed and fully upgraded Empire State Trail/Shoreline Trail through the City of Buffalo from one end to the other.

2. CONSISTENCY WITH NIAGARA RIVER GREENWAY PLAN

The Empire State Trail is completely within the Niagara River Greenway as it follows the entire western edge of the City of Buffalo along the water.

3. BUDGET

Planning	\$0
Construction	\$540,000
Acquisition	\$0
Administration	\$160,000
Operation and Maintenance / Year	\$0
TOTAL PROJECT COST	<u>\$700,000.00</u>

The City of Buffalo Department of Public Works, Parks and Streets will continue to maintain section of the Empire State Trail as it does currently. There is no expected increase to annual maintenance costs from proposed improvements.

4. COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

There is tremendous community support for this project. The Department of Public Works, Parks and Streets receives calls directly, through the Citizen Services 311 Call Center, from local elected officials and concerned residents routinely inquiring as to when improvements will be made to Empire State/Shoreline Trail infrastructure. This project will continue the investment and support from the City, New York State and Greenway Commission in recent years. The project location is also within the Riverwalk Greenway Implementation Zone developed for the Greenway System Implementation Plan Final Report, October 1998.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Project Budget Estimates

Empire State Trail Buffalo Section Gap Funding - 2019 Greenway Request Budget Estimate

	Trail Location	Anticipated Scope of Work	Construction Cost Estimate	Notes
1	Ontario St to Vulcan St	Repair of wall failure and collapsed pathway at approximately 42°57'07.5"N 78°54'35.0"W	\$ 100,000	
2	Black Rock Harbor Rd	Wayfinding striping and pavement markings for pathway connection at Black Rock Harbor Rd, wayfinding signage	\$ 10,000	
3	Arthur St to Hertel Ave	Reconstruction of pathway to 12-ft width behind marina, striping and marking of reconstructed pathway	\$ 50,000	Need to verify with NYSDOT that ROW limits can accommodate desired width of path
4	Hertel Ave	Connection between the on-street cycle track along Hertel Ave into Tow Path Park, fencing on the southern side of Hertel Ave at former pathway entrance	\$ 10,000	
5	Hertel Ave to Austin St	Removal of existing pathway, grass and tree plantings where pathway is removed	\$ 75,000	
6	Austin St	Removal of existing stairway on southern sidewalk, addition of fencing at former pathway entrances, removal of former signage	\$ 25,000	
7	Austin St to Hamilton St	Removal of existing pathway, grass and tree plantings where pathway is removed, addition of fencing at former pathway entrance at Hamilton St	\$ 75,000	
8	International RR Bridge to Unity Island Park	Striping and pavement markings on existing pathway	\$ 15,000	
9	Broderick Park	Striping and pavement markings on existing pathway	\$ 10,000	
10	Rotary Row to LaSalle Park	Striping and pavement markings on existing pathway	\$ 10,000	
12	Ohio St/Michigan Ave	Pathway transition through Ohio St & Michigan Ave intersection	\$ 25,000	
13	Michigan Ave to Fuhrmann Blvd	Striping and pavement markings on pathway along Ohio St	\$ 70,000	
14	Various Locations	Update wayfinding maps on existing signage	\$ 25,000	

Total Construction Subtotal	\$ 500,000
Contingency (8% of Construction)	\$ 40,000
Design (20% of Total)	\$ 100,000
CA/CI (10% of Total)	\$ 50,000
Project Manager	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 700,000
Amount of Funds Requested (100%):	\$ 700,000

Note: Cost estimates reflect the information available at the time of estimation, actual construction costs will be received at the time of bid

Empire State Trail Buffalo Section Gap Funding - 2019 Greenway Request Project Schedule

March 2019	Award
June 2019	Fully Execute Betterment Agreement with NYSDOT
July-Sept 2019	Project Design
Sept 2019	Bid
Jan 2020	Execute Construction Contract
Spring 2020	Construction

Other Trail Improvement Projects:

Project	Scope of Work Relating to Trail Improvements	Notes
Niagara St Phase 3	On-street cycle track on Niagara St between Robert Rich Way and Hampshire St	
Niagara St Phase 4a	On-street cycle track on Niagara St between the International RR Bridge and Hertel Ave	
LaSalle Park to Erie St Improvements	Reconstruction of pathway between LaSalle Park to Erie St to 12-ft width, striping and marking of reconstructed pathway, and addition of pathway lighting in section	\$750,000 to NYS Heritage Trust