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The New York State Canal System: Canalway Grant Program



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Program Description:

The Canalway Grants Program includes up to \$1 million in competitive grants available to eligible municipalities and non-profit organizations 501-C(3) along the New York State Canal System for canal-related capital projects.

FUNDING PRIORITIES:

Projects that are intended to further the goals and objectives of the NYS Canal Recreationway Plan

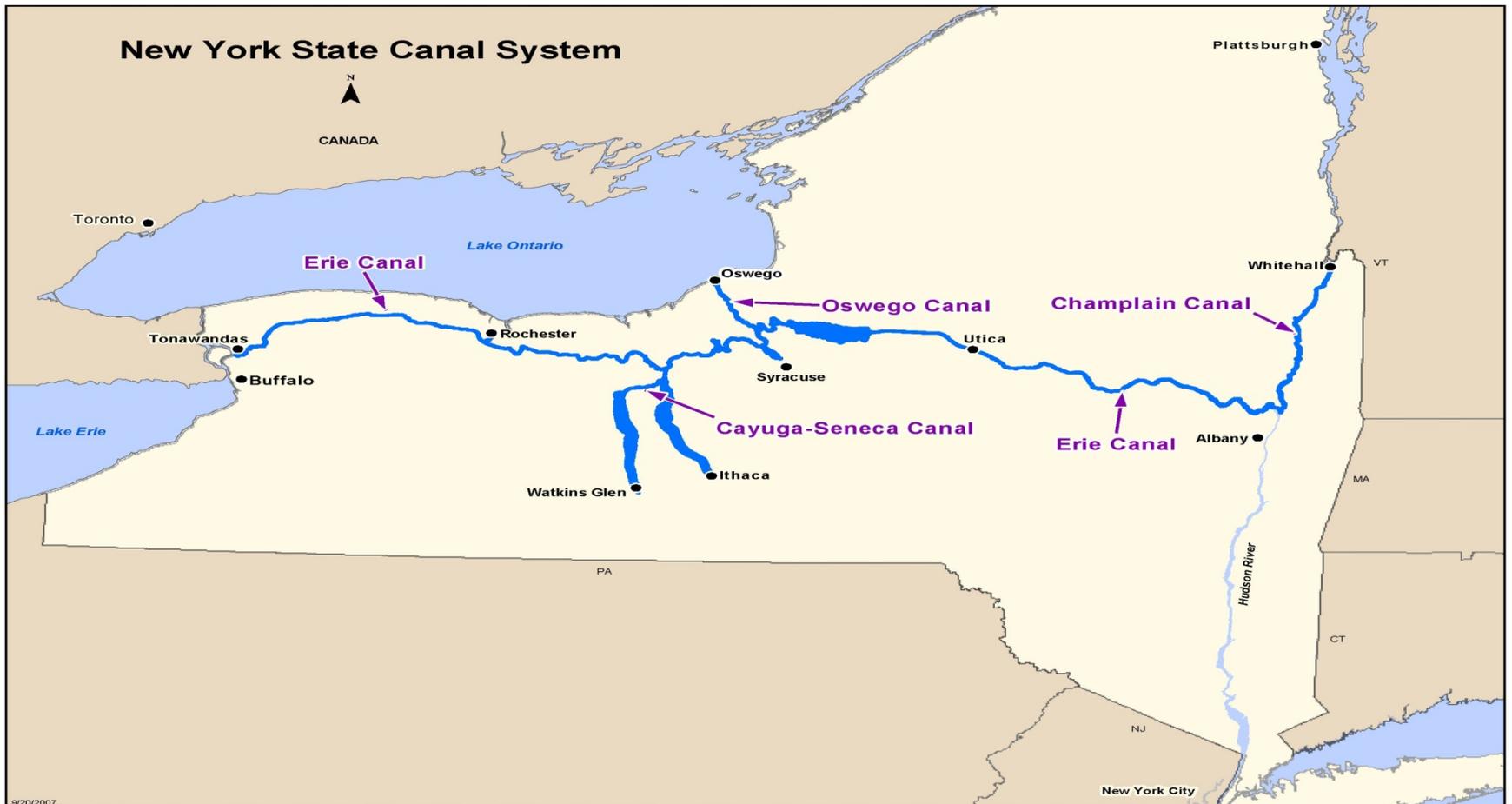
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Projects that recognize and support the bicentennial of the Erie Canal between 2017 and 2025

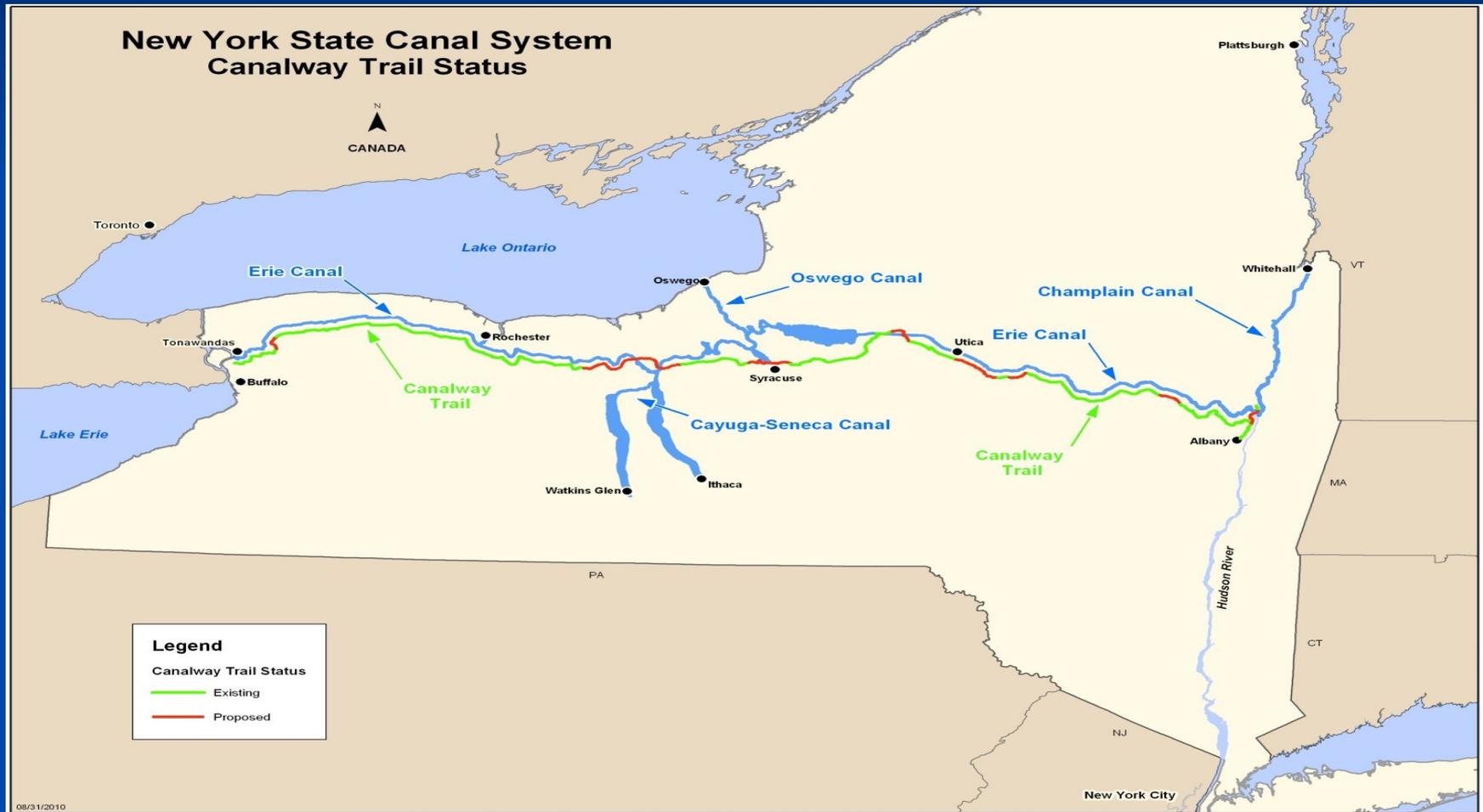
Program Requirements:

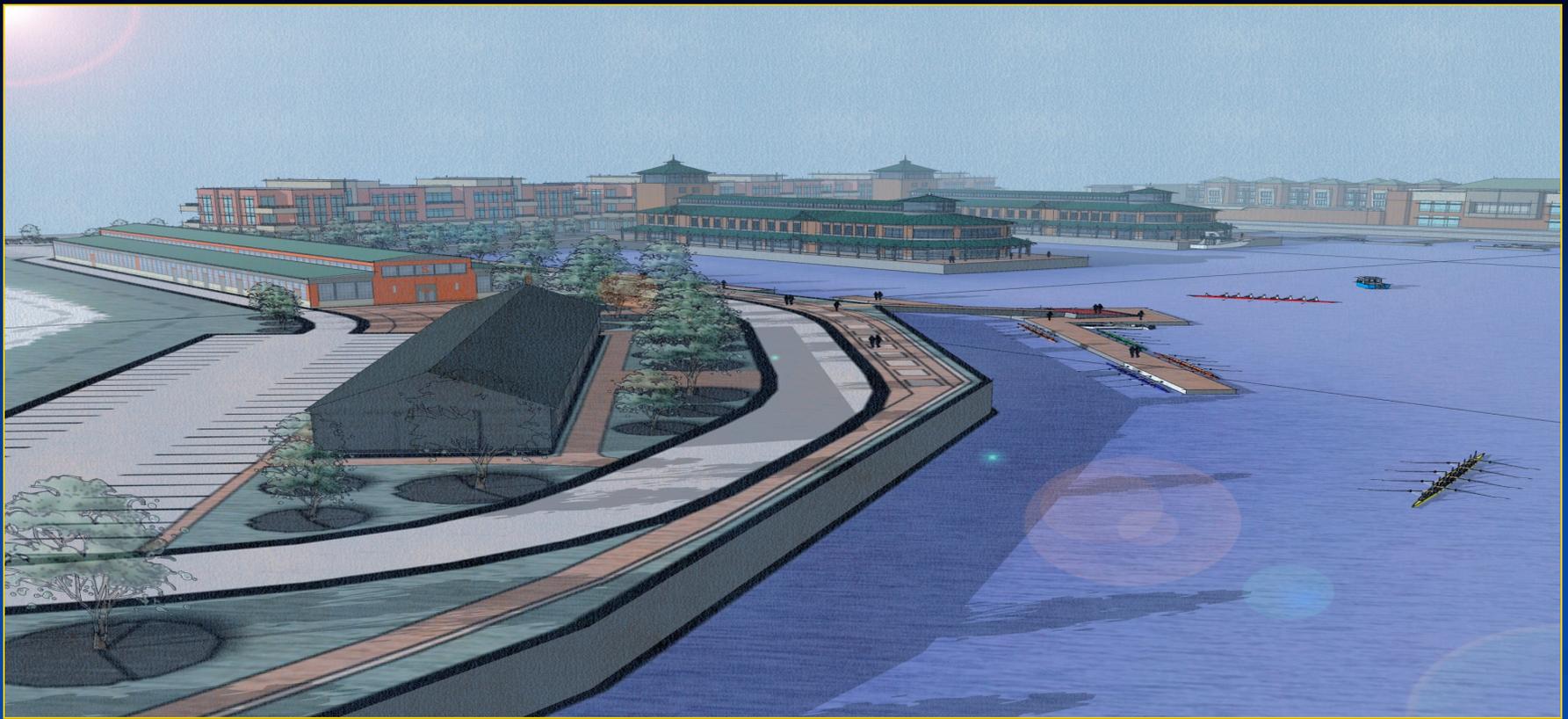
- Must be for Capital Improvements
- 50% Match
- \$25,000 minimum grant
- \$150,000 maximum grant
- Administration & pre-development costs shall not exceed 10% of the grant award amount
- Reimbursement basis only

Projects must be located along one of the four canals of the Canal System (Erie, Champlain, Oswego and Cayuga-Seneca),



Or trail linkages or connections to existing Canalway Trail segments, or located along the historic canal alignment.





Funding can be used to expand public access, increase recreational use, improve services for motorized and non-motorized boaters, increase tourism, and stimulate private investment along the canal.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Each project will be rated with the following evaluation criteria. Criteria #1, Regional Council Endorsement will carry 20% weight and an independent weighting committee will assign weights for criteria #2 through #10. Final ranking of project applications will be based on a weighted scoring.

Vision, Regional and Statewide Strategies

*Is the project consistent with the goals and objectives of the
NYS Canal Recreationway Plan*

*Does the project recognize and support the bicentennial of
the Erie Canal between 2017 and 2025*

Is the project consistent with regional and local plans

Does the project address 2016 statewide REDC Initiatives

Public/ Stakeholders:

Is widespread support from residents and other canal stakeholders demonstrated in the application?

Financial Viability

Are the project costs reasonable and clearly defined both in the Budget sheet and in the supporting documents?

Innovation/ Effectiveness

Can the project increase canal visitation and/ or participation in canal related activities?

Does the project protect or enhance historic and/ or natural resources of the Canal System?

Implementation

Does the proposal reflect a reasonable and achievable timeframe for completion of the grant funded project

Does the proposal define a reasonable and achievable strategy for the long term operation and maintenance



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