

The New York State Canal System: Canalway Grant Program



New York State Canal Corporation
CFA Workshops 2014

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.

Program Requirements:

ELIGIBLE TYPES OF APPLICANTS:

- Municipalities
- Not-for-profit Corporations

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

Selection Criteria

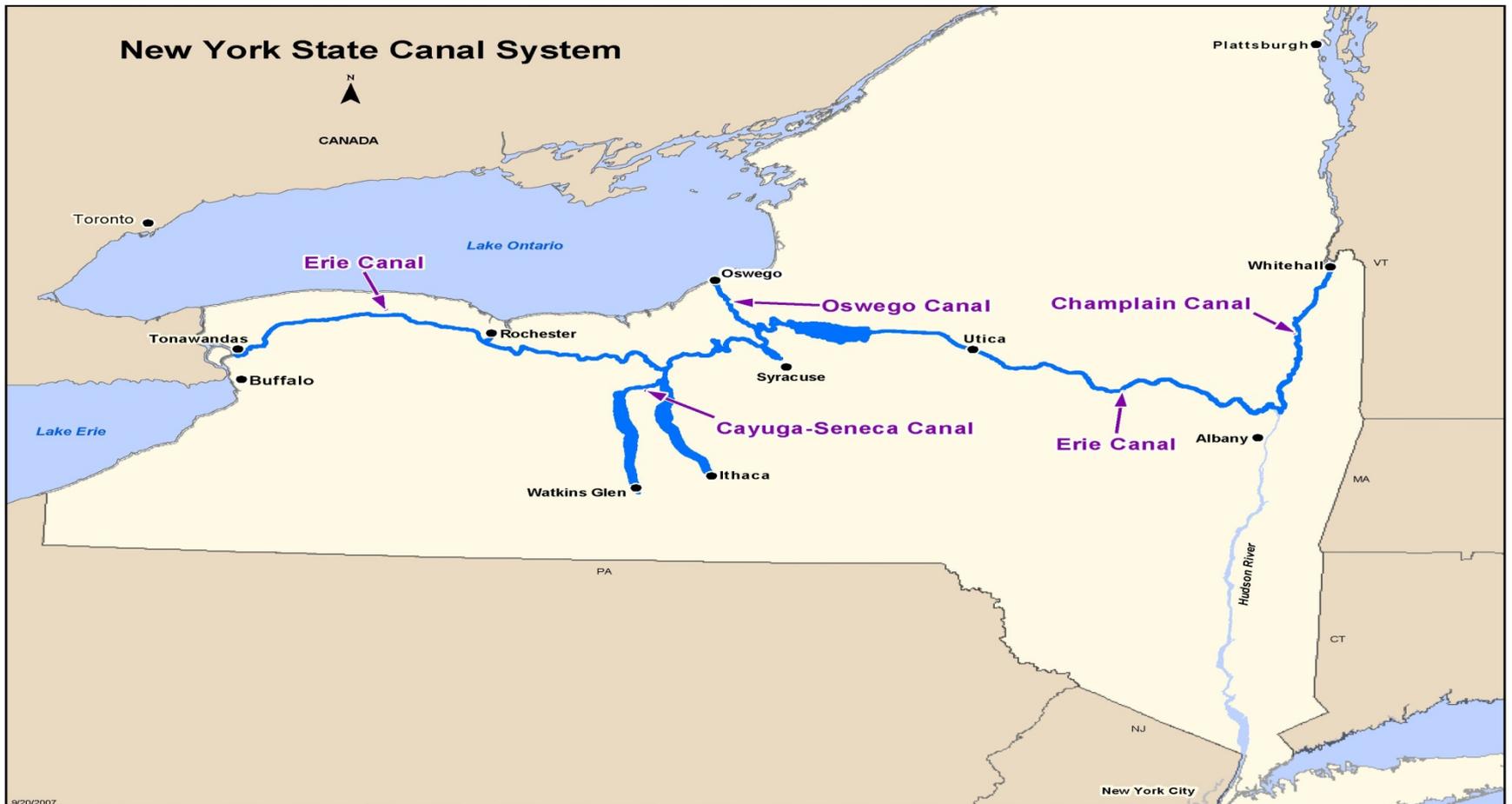
- Is the project endorsed by the corresponding Regional Economic Development Council?
- Is the project consistent with the goals and objectives of the NYS Canal Recreationway Plan? Does it enhance an existing harbor, service port or lock project or the Canalway Trail, or improve public access to the Canal and Canal related amenities?
- Is the project consistent with regional or intermunicipal plans, including NYS Department of State “Local Waterfront Revitalization Program” (LWRP) Plans, Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Management Plan, NYRising Community Plans, or other regional and local plans?
- Does the project demonstrate sensitivity to historic, cultural, and environmental elements of the Canal System? Does it incorporate sustainable best practices for future uses and management?

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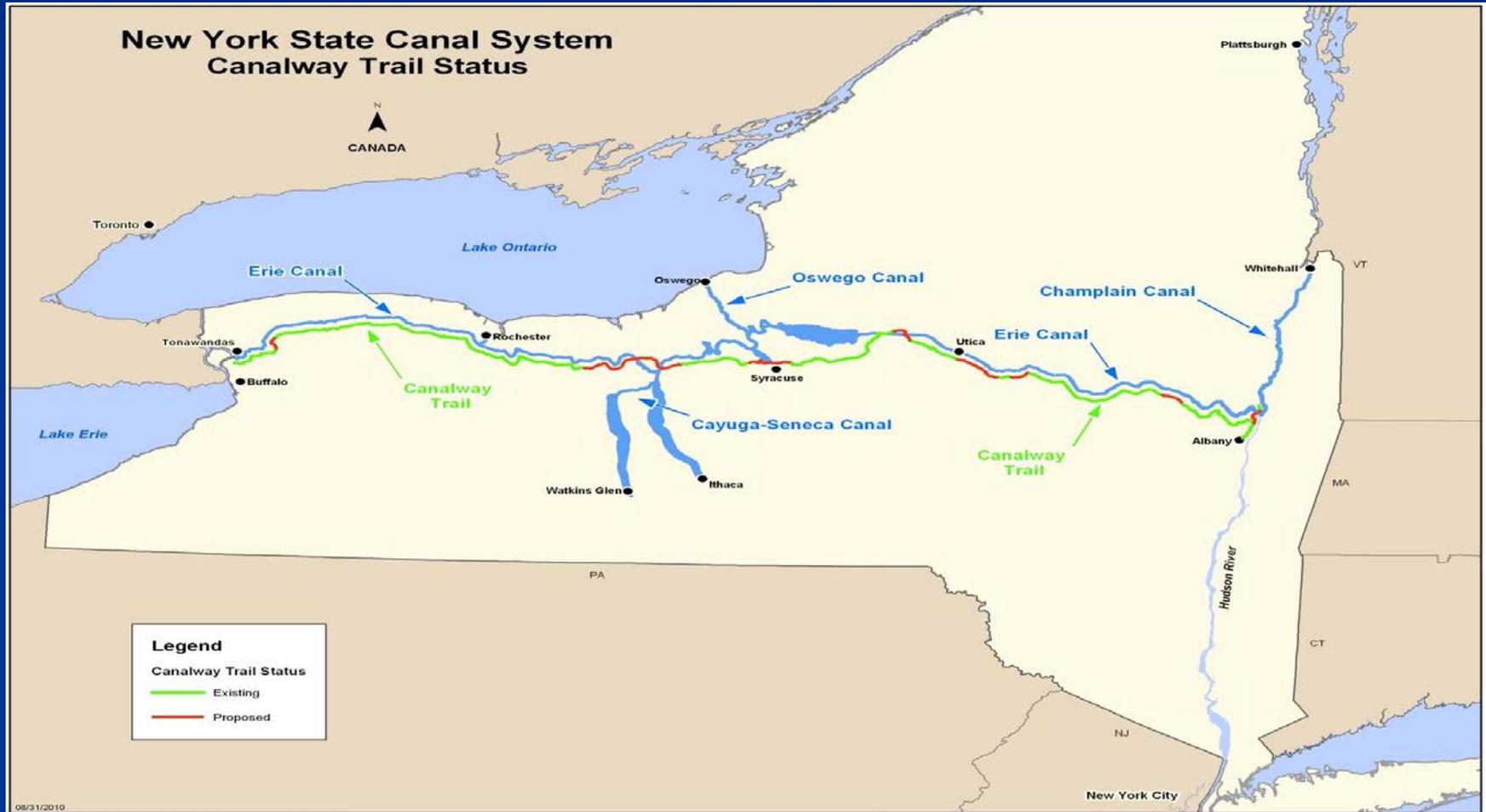
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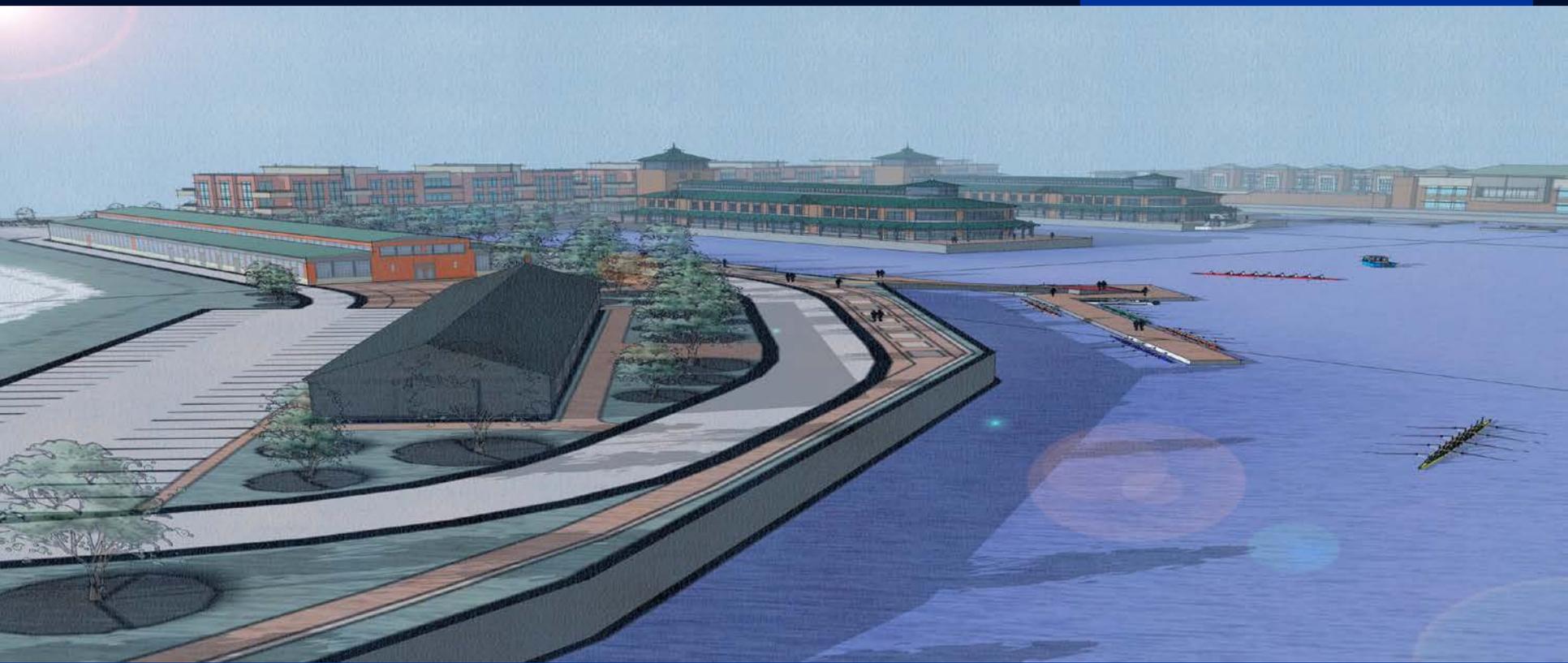
- Does the project include components related to, or supportive of, efforts to celebrate the bicentennial of the Erie Canal between 2017 and 2025 or will it enhance efforts to recognize the significance and rich heritage of the Erie Canal in the years following the Bicentennial.
- Is the project budget clearly defined and reasonable.
- Is widespread support from communities, residents and other canal stakeholders demonstrated in the application?
- Will the project increase canal visitation or participation in canal related activities?
- Does the proposal reflect a reasonable and achievable timeframe for completion including project milestones and identification of parties responsible for project oversight?
- Does the proposal define a reasonable and achievable strategy for the long term operation and maintenance of the project?

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.

NYS CFA Canalway Grants

For more information eligible applicants should contact the New York State Canal Corporation, 200 Southern Boulevard, Albany, NY, call 518-436-3055 or visit

<http://www.canals.ny.gov/community/grant.html>

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