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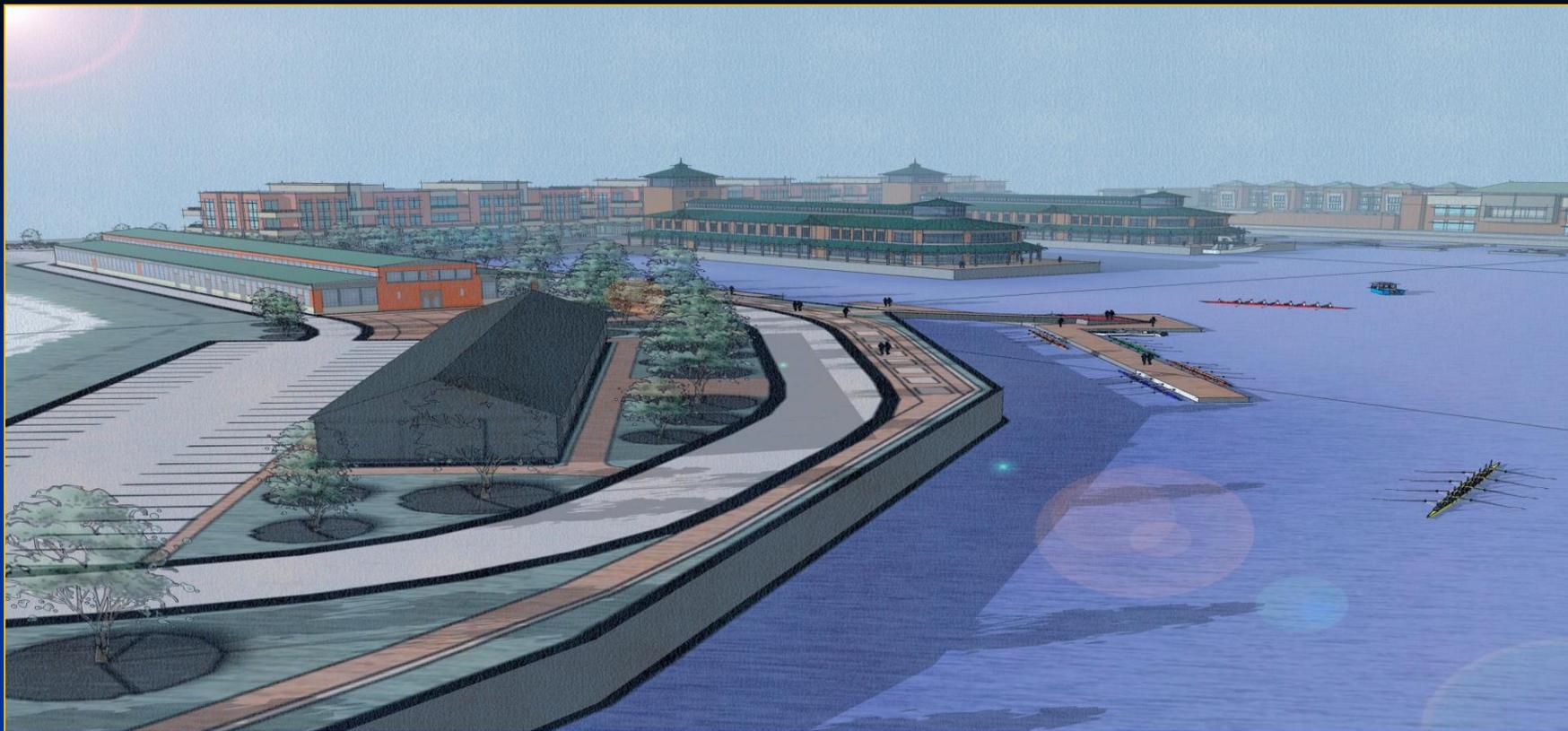
**The New York State Canal System:  
Canalway Grant Program**

## 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) for canal-related capital projects along the New York State Canal.



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Funding can be used to expand public access, increase recreational use, improve services for water and trail users, enhance visitor services, and stimulate private investment along the canal.

## FUNDING PRIORITIES:

expand public access, increase visitation and recreational use, stimulate private investment, improve services and amenities for Canalway land and water trail users, and enhance the connections between the canal and the corresponding region consistent with the Regional Economic Development Councils Strategic Plans <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>

## **FUNDING PRIORITIES:**

Priority in this round will be given to projects that encourage canal related tourism and stimulate private investment in tourism infrastructure

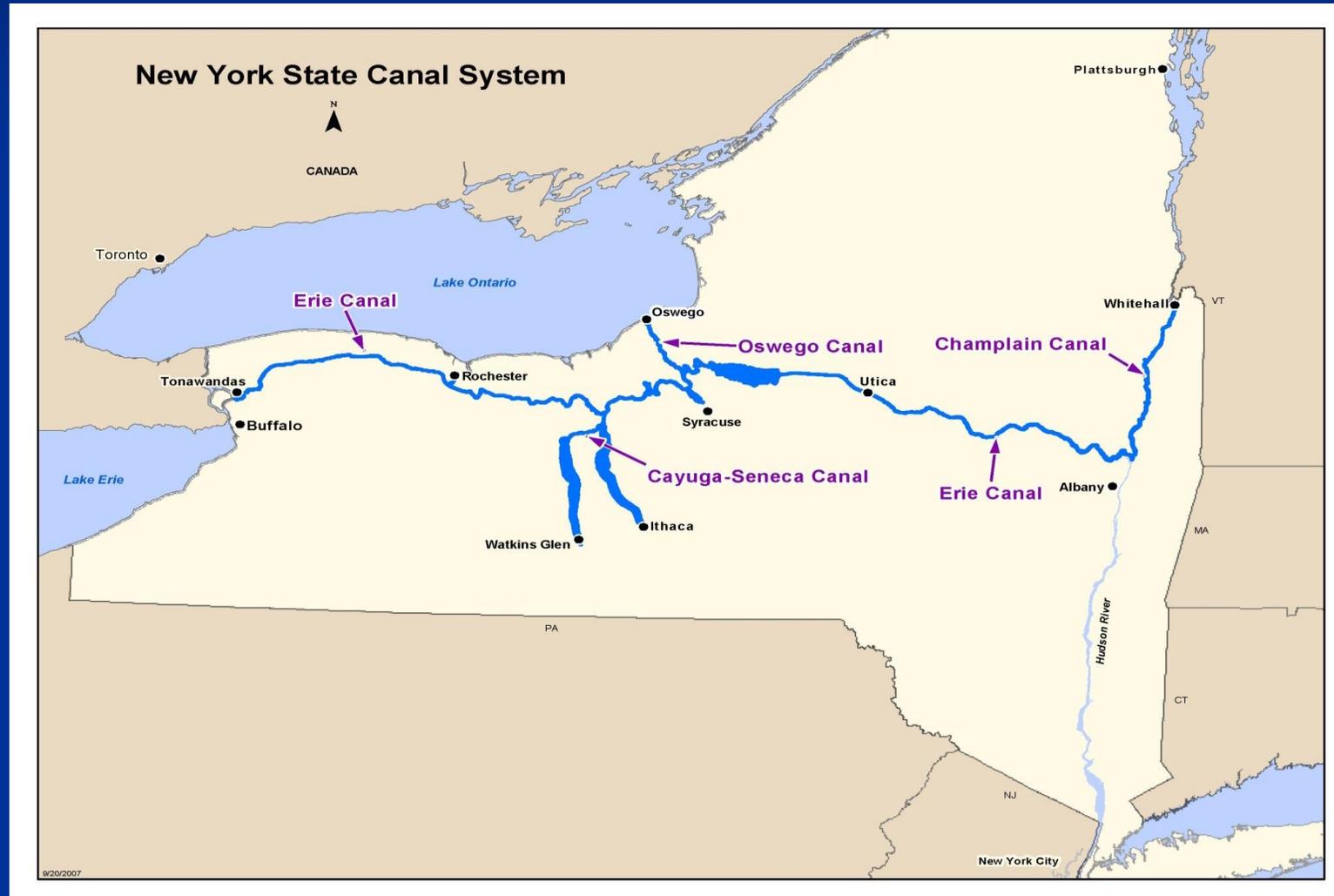
## **FUNDING PRIORITIES:**

Priority will also be given to projects that enhance physical accessibility, employ principles of universal design and promote social inclusion.

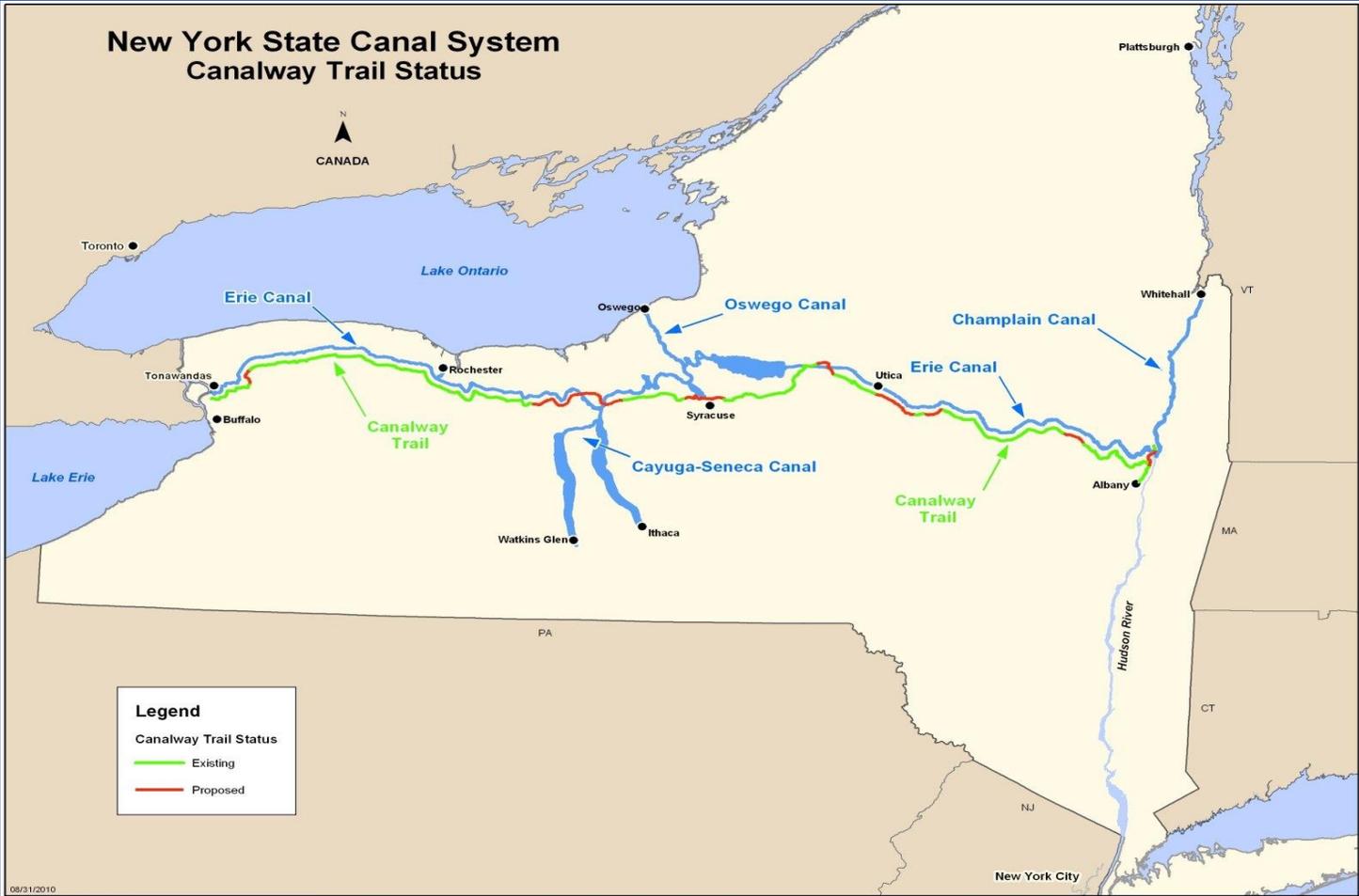
## Program Requirements:

- ✓ 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.



## SELECTION 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 regional or intermunicipal plans, including the NYS Canal Recreationway Plan

<http://www.canals.ny.gov/news/crc/plan.html>, NYS Department of State “Local Waterfront Revitalization Program” (LWRP), Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Management Plan, <https://eriecanalway.org/resources/preserve-plan> or other regional and local plans?

Does the project connect to, or enhance the Empire State Trail Initiative, meeting at least one of the [six targeted goals of this initiative](#)?

### Public/ Stakeholders:

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

Are the project goals consistent with the principles of universal design and social inclusion?

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### Financial Viability:

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

Is viable match demonstrated?

## Innovation/Effectiveness

Will the project draw new visitors to the canal and/or encourage multi-day stays?

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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