

Project Objectives

Many of the comments we received after the November public meeting indicated the initial project objectives were too complicated and not to the point. Since November the project objectives were simplified and reduced from 8 to 5. The 5 revised objectives are listed below:

1. Improve Access and Transportation
2. Promote and Conserve the Ecology and Environment of the NGC
3. Support Local Economic Vitality
4. Minimize Impacts to Adjacent Neighborhoods
5. Support Niagara River Greenway Vision

Next Steps

- ◆ Once we have completed our review of your comments on the alternatives, we will make any required modifications and begin a preliminary assessment of the scoping alternatives which will include an assessment of Construction Cost, Traffic Impacts, Parks and Parkland Issues, Historical Issues, Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues, Social and Economic Issues, and Environmental Issues
- ◆ Upon completion of the preliminary assessments, we will prepare a draft scoping report documenting the scoping process, the project needs and objectives, the preliminary assessment of the most promising scoping alternatives and a determination of which scoping alternatives should be considered for detailed analysis in the next environmental review process.
- ◆ The Draft Scoping Document will then be made available for public review prior to publication of the Final Scoping Report.

Comments and Alternative Scoring

YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE IMPORTANT

All Stakeholders, Residents, and Concerned Individuals are encouraged to provide comments. Your comments will help us update the alternatives and recommend which ones to study in greater detail as the project design process progresses.

After viewing the displays and becoming familiar with the alternatives please mark your score down on the attached comment / alternative scoring form. Scoring is on a scale of 0 to 5. Scoring instructions are printed on the form. If you have questions about how to complete the alternative scoring sheet please ask a project representative.

Written comments and score sheets may be submitted this evening, sent by mail, or submitted via e-mail. Please complete the available comment/score sheet and place it in the comment box or mail to:

Niagara Gorge Corridor Project
c/o Parsons
40 La Riviere Dr.—Suite 350
Buffalo, NY 14202

Please submit e-mail comments to: Moses.Parkway.North@oprhp.state.ny.us

Additional Project Information

Further information on the project objectives and development of the draft design concepts are available on the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's web site:

<http://nysparks.state.ny.us/inside-our-agency/public-documents.aspx>

To reach the project from the NYSPARKS Home page, go to "Inside our Agency" select "Public Documents" then scroll down to Scoping Process for the RMP - North Segment.

Additional information is also available by contacting:

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NIAGARA GORGE CORRIDOR

SECOND PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

June 6th, 2011
1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Niagara Falls Public Library

Meeting Activities

TO-DO LIST FOR TONIGHT'S OPEN HOUSE

(There will be no formal meeting or public comment session during the open house)

1. Sign-in; receive hand-outs
2. Watch the video presentation, allow 15 minutes.
3. Review the exhibits, allow 40 minutes, minimum.
4. Ask questions of the staff, till 7:00 p.m. tonight*
5. Evaluate and score at least one of the Design Alternates
6. Write your comments on the Comments sheet
7. Submit your comments by mail, email, or in person by July 8 to any of the addresses shown.

**The Alternates will be on display at The NACC, Pine Ave and Portage Road, Tuesday June 7 – 10, and at the Lewiston Village Hall Monday June 13 – 17. Questions will be taken by project staff at both locations from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. daily.*

Project Alternative Development

One of our main tasks since our last meeting has been the development of alternatives based on project objectives and the comments we received. The six alternatives vary in the area and location of pavement, the area of green space, and the configuration of key transportation connections. We began development of the alternatives by reviewing all of the comments and suggestions supplied by stakeholders and updating the project objectives. After finding the common concerns and suggestions we began the alternative development process and designed six preliminary alternatives. The six alternatives listed below in addition to the No-build option will be considered for this project.

SIX PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

- ◆ Alternative 1 — Restoration of the Robert Moses Parkway (4 Lanes)
- ◆ Alternative 2 — RMP Pilot Project Completed & Updated
- ◆ Alternative 3 — Whirlpool Street with Continuous Park Road
- ◆ Alternative 4 — Whirlpool Street with Segmented Park Road
- ◆ Alternative 5 — Whirlpool Street with Divided Park Road
- ◆ Alternative 6 — Full Removal of the Robert Moses Parkway

