

NEW YORK STATE CANAL CORPORATION - CANAL SYSTEM:

The Canal Corporation runs the New York State Canal System, which includes the Erie, Champlain, Oswego, and Cayuga-Seneca canals. Spanning 524 miles, the waterway links the Hudson River with the Great Lakes, the Finger Lakes, and Lake Champlain. The Canal System includes the Erie Canalway Trail, a multi-use trail designed to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and cross-country skiers. The Canal System includes 57 locks, 23 guard gates, 19 movable bridges, 2 guard locks, and other Canal structures and adjacent property.

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Tugboats: NYPA and the Canal Corporation announced a strategic investment in the future of the New York State Canal System through the procurement of four new maintenance marine vessels. The tugboats will be operated by Canal Corporation personnel and positioned along the 524-mile Canal System to support the continued operation and maintenance of the statewide navigable waterway. The first two tugboats are scheduled to be delivered in 2025 and the others are planned for delivery in 2027.

Brockport Bridge: NYPA and the Canal Corporation announced the commencement of construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Erie Canal in the Village of Brockport, Monroe County. The crossing is the first new large-scale infrastructure project under New York State's Reimagine the Canals initiative and will connect the SUNY Brockport campus to the Empire State Trail. The bridge is expected to open in 2025.

Medina: A multiphase effort to enhance the Village of Medina's connection to the Erie Canal through the Reimagine the Canals initiative was initiated. In partnership with local municipal and philanthropic leaders, as well as assistance from regional educational, civic, and cultural institutions, NYPA and the Canal Corporation are pursuing plans to improve the connectivity and access to the canal waterfront and adjacent Erie Canalway Trail through the village. In addition, a series of enhancements through safety upgrades along the trail, new boater and trail amenities and curated public art installations will encourage boaters, trail users and other visitors to experience and enjoy the community's canalside business district.

Canals Iconic Lighting Program: A program of the Reimagine the Canals initiative was internationally recognized with a prestigious award for the illumination of infrastructure along the New York State Canal System. The Office for Visual Interaction, a New York City-based architectural lighting design firm, and the Reimagine the Canals Iconic Lighting Program, won in the "Community Building Lighting" category.

P-TECH and Canals: NYPA and the Canal Corporation collaborated with the Buffalo Maritime Center to provide a technical trade and skill-building opportunity for students participating in the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program. Two interns helped construct a traditionally built, full-sized replica of the Seneca Chief canal boat, which will set sail from Buffalo to New York Harbor in 2025 to commemorate the bicentennial of Gov. DeWitt Clinton's 1825 inaugural voyage along the Erie Canal.

The Upstate Flood Mitigation Task Force: concluded its year-long investigation into the impacts of flooding throughout the Mohawk and Oswego River basins and identified a series of recommendations that can be taken to mitigate future flood damages.