

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND
APPLICATION FOR STATE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS
LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM, YEAR 2007-2008

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PART A - APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. APPLICANT MUNICIPALITY:

City Town Village of: Niagara Falls

2. APPLICANT MAILING ADDRESS:

(no. & street) 745 Main Street, P.O. Box 69

(city) Niagara Falls NY (zip) 14302

3. FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION No. 16-6002548

4. CONTACT PERSON: Thomas J. DeSantis TITLE: Senior Planner

5. PHONE: (716) 286-4477 FAX: (716) 286-4485

6. CONTACT MAILING ADDRESS (if different from applicant)

(no. & street)

(city) _____ NY (zip) _____

PART B - GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

1. PROJECT NAME: Jayne Park Restoration Project

2. PROJECT LOCATION: COUNTY: Niagara USGS MAP Attached **X**

NEW YORK STATE SENATE DISTRICT: SD 60

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT: AD 148

3. PROJECT TYPE:

- Visioning and development of local or regional revitalization strategies
- Completing or implementing a Local or Regional Waterfront Revitalization Program
- Preparing or implementing a local or regional waterbody management plan
- Downtown and hamlet revitalization
- Urban waterfront redevelopment**
- Creating a Blueway Trail
- Interpreting Waterfront Resources - New York State Coastal Resources Interpretive Program

4. NAME OF WATERBODY: Niagara River

5. NAME OF PRIORITY WATERBODY LISTING SEGMENT (if appropriate): _____

PART C - PROJECT TIMING AND COST

1. Proposed Start Date: June, 2008 2. Expected Completion Date: Fall, 2009

3. Total Project Costs: \$ 290,000 4. State Assistance Requested: \$ 145,000

5. Local Share: \$ 145,000

PART D - BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PROPOSED PROJECT

In three sentences, describe the project type, purpose and location; the need for the project; and what will result if the project is undertaken.

Jayne Park is a heavily used park with waterfront access located in the LaSalle area of the City of Niagara Falls that is in dire need of upgrading and improvement. The proposed project will expand opportunities for passive recreation and improve access to the Little Niagara River by providing or upgrading landscaping, park furnishings, walking paths, a canoe launch and off-street parking. The project is significant because the park has inadequate facilities, no access to the waterfront, and is the only public access to Cayuga Creek.

PART E - MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION AND CERTIFICATION

Municipal resolution is attached. Municipal resolution will be submitted by February 1, 2008.

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that information provided on this form and attached statements and exhibits is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. False statements made herein are punishable as a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal law.

(print name) Vincenzo V. Anello (title) Mayor of (entity) City of Niagara Falls

(Date) 12-5-07 (signature) Vincenzo V. Anello

PART F. WORK PROGRAM

Describe the proposed project, including the objectives to be achieved, problem(s) to be addressed and anticipated environmental benefits of the work. If the project is a construction project, describe, as appropriate, what will be constructed, the management practices or technology to be employed, and land ownership. Attach site plans and design drawings, if available, and include photographs of existing site conditions.

Identify the project's component tasks or stages and their costs, and provide a schedule for their completion. Clearly identify the nature of the local funding match.

Jayne Park was established in 1937 on vacant land, according to City engineering records. In 1951, Arthur Reed created an Olmstead-inspired design for the Park. The property is currently used mainly for Little League Baseball from early spring to late fall. Existing facilities include baseball diamonds, a softball diamond, a football field, a playground, a basketball court, a picnic area and a comfort station. These facilities are well used but they are deteriorated and inadequate for the current user capacity. Natural resources are minimal, and some of the existing vegetation is overgrown and hides the view of the Little Niagara River.

The site will continue to be used for recreational purposes. The proposed changes involve new amenities that will encourage passive recreation activities so that the park may be used year-round, not just during baseball season. The project will enhance the park's natural landscape and walking paths according to the 1951 Arthur Reed Plan. It will provide new park furniture and expand parking areas. The improvements will address recreation and open space deficiencies in the City of Niagara Falls by improving: access to the waterfront, connections to regional trails and natural resources, appearance and safety.

The project proposes to plant approximately 24 shade trees, 26 flowering trees and 141 shrubs to improve landscape aesthetics. Ten dead trees will be removed. New park furnishings will be installed: there will be a 20' x 20' picnic shelter, 16 picnic tables and benches, and 10 seat benches to go along the walking paths. Asphalt walking paths will be improved, and a canoe launch will be built, as well as two parking lots with capacity for 35 cars including parking for persons with physical disabilities. All other existing facilities will be maintained, and fully-grown trees will be protected. There will be limited disturbance to the riverbank for the construction of the canoe launch, but overgrown vegetation will be removed. (See Drawings)

As a result of this project, the neighborhood of Cayuga Island will be a more attractive area of the City of Niagara Falls. There will be greater public access to the Little Niagara River and Cayuga Creek. Park over-utilization and traffic will be resolved. A greater diversity of passive recreation activities will allow the park to be used year-round. Pedestrians will have greater and better access to Jayne Park through connections to public trails in the area.

PART F. WORK PROGRAM (Continued)

**PROJECT SCHEDULE
Scope, Budget and Timeframe**

Pre-development

	*Completion	Cost
Architecture/Engineering	6 mo.	35,703
Archeology	Fall 2009	2,000
Subtotal:		37,703

Construction

	# of Units	*Completion	Cost
<u>OUTDOOR</u>			
Landscape Enhancements			
Plantings		Fall 2009	
	24 3" caliper shade trees		19,200
	26 3" flowering trees		15,600
	141 shrubs		7,050
	10 dead trees		6,000
Tree removal			
Landscape grading			
Furnishings			
20' x 20' Picnic Shelter	1	Fall 2009	60,000
Picnic Tables and Benches	16	Fall 2009	5,600
Seat Benches	10	Fall 2009	4,450
Transportation			
Asphalt Walking Paths	Total 2,800 ft. (+-)	Fall 2009	42,000
Canoe Launch	1 ramp (240 sq. ft.)	Fall 2009	48,000
Off-street Parking	35 cars over 2 lots	Fall 2009	30,000
Subtotal:			237,900

Grant Administration	13 mo.	
Construction Supervision	3-6 mo.	14,077
CPA Audit Report	In house	0
Advertising for Bids	30 days	200
Project Sign	13 mo.	120
Subtotal:		14,397

Total Project Cost: 290,000

*Calculated in months from date of award

FUNDS COMMITTED

Funding Source:

City of Niagara Falls
Niagara River Greenway Commission
Seneca Niagara Casino funds

Dollar Amount:

\$ 145,000

G. COMPLEMENTARY PROJECTS

Describe (if applicable) how the project proposed for funding complements related activities funded or proposed for funding under the Environmental Protection Fund, other New York State grant programs, federal grant programs, or other sources of funds. (Submission of a chart or other graphic that shows how the proposed project is part of a larger plan of action is encouraged).

The City has recently submitted a Boating Infrastructure Grant application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requesting funding for the installation of a transient marina on the Niagara River (Century Club). The intention of the project is to attract some of the larger transient boats entering the Great Lakes area through the Erie and Welland Canals thereby revitalizing the LaSalle business corridor through an influx of revenues generated by recreational boating and providing increased access to the Niagara River.

The development of the Century Club is planned in two phases. The first phase is the aforementioned transient marina. Phase II calls for the development of the land into a waterfront park and the installation of seasonal docks.

The City will also be installing a canoe launch on a parcel of state-owned land adjacent to the Century Club, thereby creating a blueway trail. The City currently maintains the sited property as part of a previous agreement for the installation of a riverfront trail along the Robert Moses Parkway which has already been implemented. The blueway trail project will complement the park/ marina project by providing increased access to non-motorized boats and further increasing access to the Niagara River. The needs of both types of boaters can be met without compromising the needs of either.

H. WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Briefly describe how the proposed project is consistent with the policies or implements a project identified in the applicant municipality's Local or Regional Waterfront Revitalization Program. If the proposal is for the preparation of a waterfront revitalization program or a component of a waterfront revitalization program, describe the issues, opportunities, and resources that will be addressed; note any related recently completed plans.

Jayne Park is part of the City of Niagara Falls' LaSalle Park System, which includes the LaSalle Waterfront Park, Griffon Park and the Riverview Trail. These parks are a component of the City's open space network, as described in the City's *Strategic Master Plan*. In a map from the City's *Strategic Master Plan*, Jayne Park is highlighted as a part of the LaSalle Parkway Redesign, which will connect with existing trails and parks in the City and the region. The park is also mentioned in the *City's Local Waterfront Redevelopment Plan*, and in the *City of Niagara Falls' Vision and Project Proposals for the Niagara River Greenway*. (Appendix E) In the *Niagara River Greenway Vision and Project Proposals, July 2006*, the section "Upper River Recommended Projects" describes Jayne Park as a critical community and waterfront development project.

I. PROJECT PERSONNEL

Identify key personnel and briefly describe their qualifications.

Thomas DeSantis is the project director and City of Niagara Falls' Senior Planner. He has a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from the University at Buffalo and is AICP certified. He has worked with the City for over 12 years, and has extensive experience in project management. Previous projects in which he has been involved include redevelopment of the Century Club property in LaSalle Waterfront Park, Griffon Park Restoration and the Riverview Trail project. Among his other responsibilities are overseeing the Planning Board, development reviews, brownfield redevelopment, and grant writing and management.

J. PERMITS AND APPROVALS

Construction projects should be achievable during the contract period. Indicate permits and approvals needed, status, and the expected issuance date, if they are not already acquired.

The City of Niagara Falls applied for and received SEQR Lead Agency status in 2001. (Appendix D) Public hearings were conducted and a copy of the Jayne Park Draft Master Plan and Environmental Assessment Form was submitted to the NYSDOT for review. A Negative Determination of Significance was published and filed. While these procedures were undergone six years ago, nothing of any consequence has changed since that time. In the event that it becomes necessary, all applications and proposals will be resubmitted. The City of Niagara Falls Department of Planning and Environmental Services will work with all other public agencies to secure the necessary permits and approvals (i.e. NYSDEC, NYSDOS, OPRHP, etc.)

K. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Describe the nature of operation and maintenance, and resources to be devoted to each.

The Office of Planning and Environmental Services will coordinate all construction work, apply for required permits, and perform all grant administration duties while the City of Niagara Falls Parks Department continues with the park's maintenance activities. Upon completion of the project, the City will continue to regularly maintain the facility. Funding for all maintenance expenditures, including salaries and expenses, is contained within the City's general fund and specifically allocated to the Parks Department.

L. BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	State Assistance	Local Share	Total
Salaries and Wages			
Travel			
Supplies and Materials	\$ 116,010	\$ 116,010	\$ 232,020
Equipment			
Contractual Services	\$ 28,990	\$ 28,990	\$ 57,980
Community Seminar Series			
Other			
Total	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 290,000

Reasonableness of Cost Certification:

By submission of this application under the 2007-2008 Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, the Applicant hereby certifies that all components of the requested Total Project Cost are reasonable and necessary for the conduct of the proposed project and that prudent analysis has been undertaken, as outlined below, to insure that all costs are consistent with current prevailing costs for such goods and services in the geographic area benefiting from the project.

In the space provided below, describe how you have determined this reasonableness of cost, and demonstrate that the community has the ability to sustain and complete the project within the parameters of the standard cost reimbursement contract.

Pricing for the canoe launch was obtained from Joy Kuebler Landscape Architect PC. Pricing for all other components was obtained from URS Corporation. (See Appendix F for information on each consultant)

M. BUDGET DETAIL

1. SALARIES & WAGES, including fringe benefits (List by title and affiliation)

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ANNUAL SALARY</u>	<u>AMOUNT CHARGED TO THIS PROJECT</u>

SUBTOTAL \$ _____

2. TRAVEL (Indicate purpose and extent of travel and associated costs, and show how this was calculated, e.g., 35 miles x \$0.10/mile = \$3.50).

SUBTOTAL \$ _____

3. SUPPLIES/MATERIALS (Describe and indicate cost by type).

24 - 3" Caliper Shade Trees	\$ 19,200
26 - 3" Caliper Flower Trees	15,600
141 - Shrubs	7,050
1 - 20x20 Picnic \$60,000	60,000
16 - Picnic Tables and Benches	5,600
10 - Seat Benches	4,450
21 - Asphalt Walking Paths	42,000
1 - Canoe Launch Ramp	48,000
35 - Parking Spaces	30,000
1 - Project Sign	120

SUBTOTAL \$ 232,020.00

4. EQUIPMENT (Describe and indicate the cost of each item).

SUBTOTAL \$ _____

M. BUDGET DETAIL (Continued)

5. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES (Describe services to be acquired and cost of each, if more than one type of service will be secured.)

Architectural and Engineering	\$35,703
Archeology	2,000
Removal of 10 dead trees @ \$600 ea.	6,000
Advertising for Bids	200
Construction Supervision	14,077

SUBTOTAL \$ 57,980.00

6. COMMUNITY SEMINAR SERIES (see Community Seminar Series attachment for more information).

SUBTOTAL \$ _____

6. OTHER (List professional volunteer services and time at market rate, and describe the services to be provided. List non-professional volunteer services and time at \$15.00 per hour, and describe the services to be provided).

SUBTOTAL \$ _____

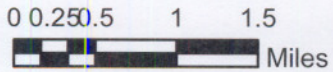
Appendix A: Maps



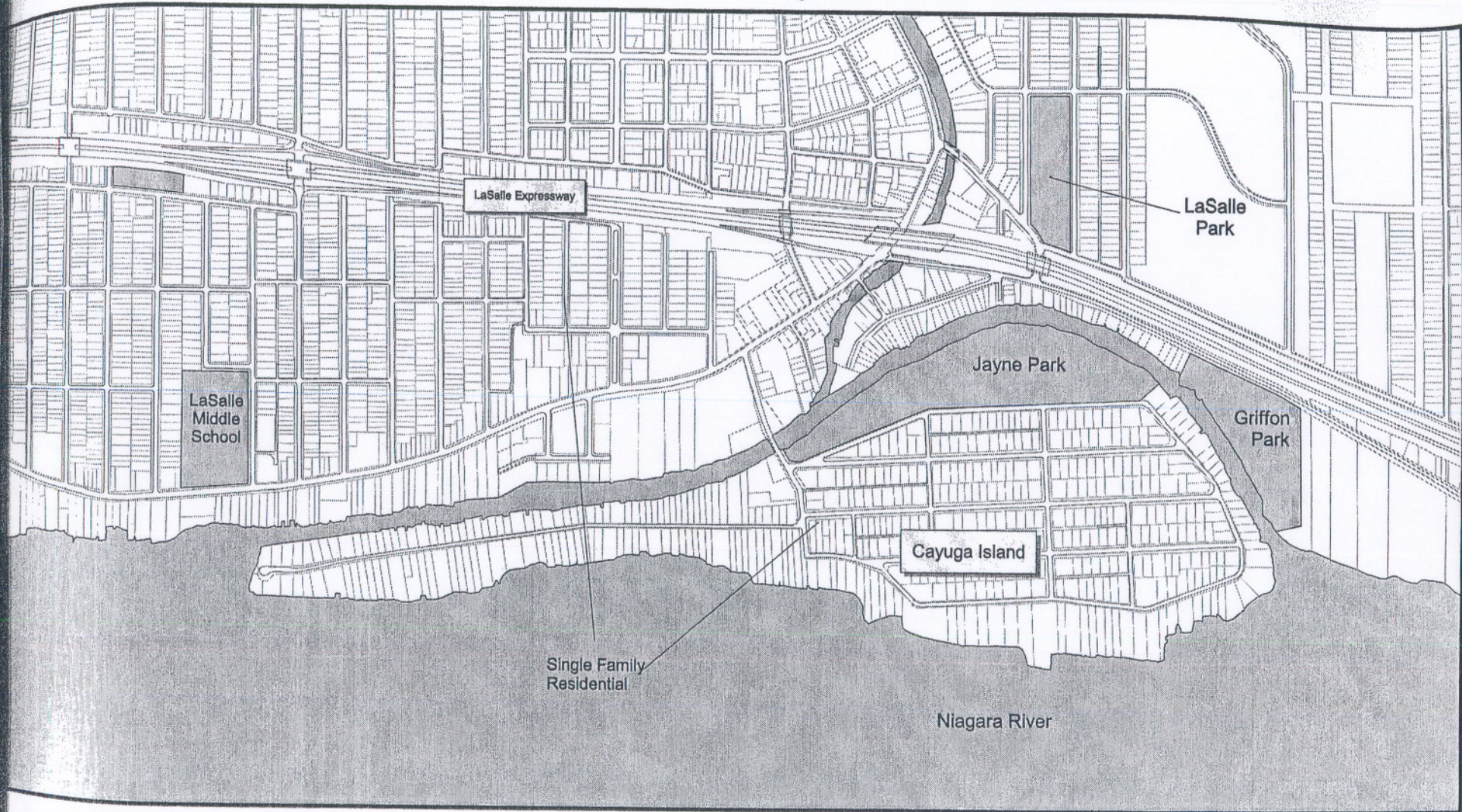
Project Area

Jayne Park

USGS: 1:24,000 Series
Tonawanda West



City of Niagara Falls - Jayne Park Area

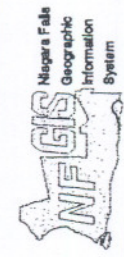


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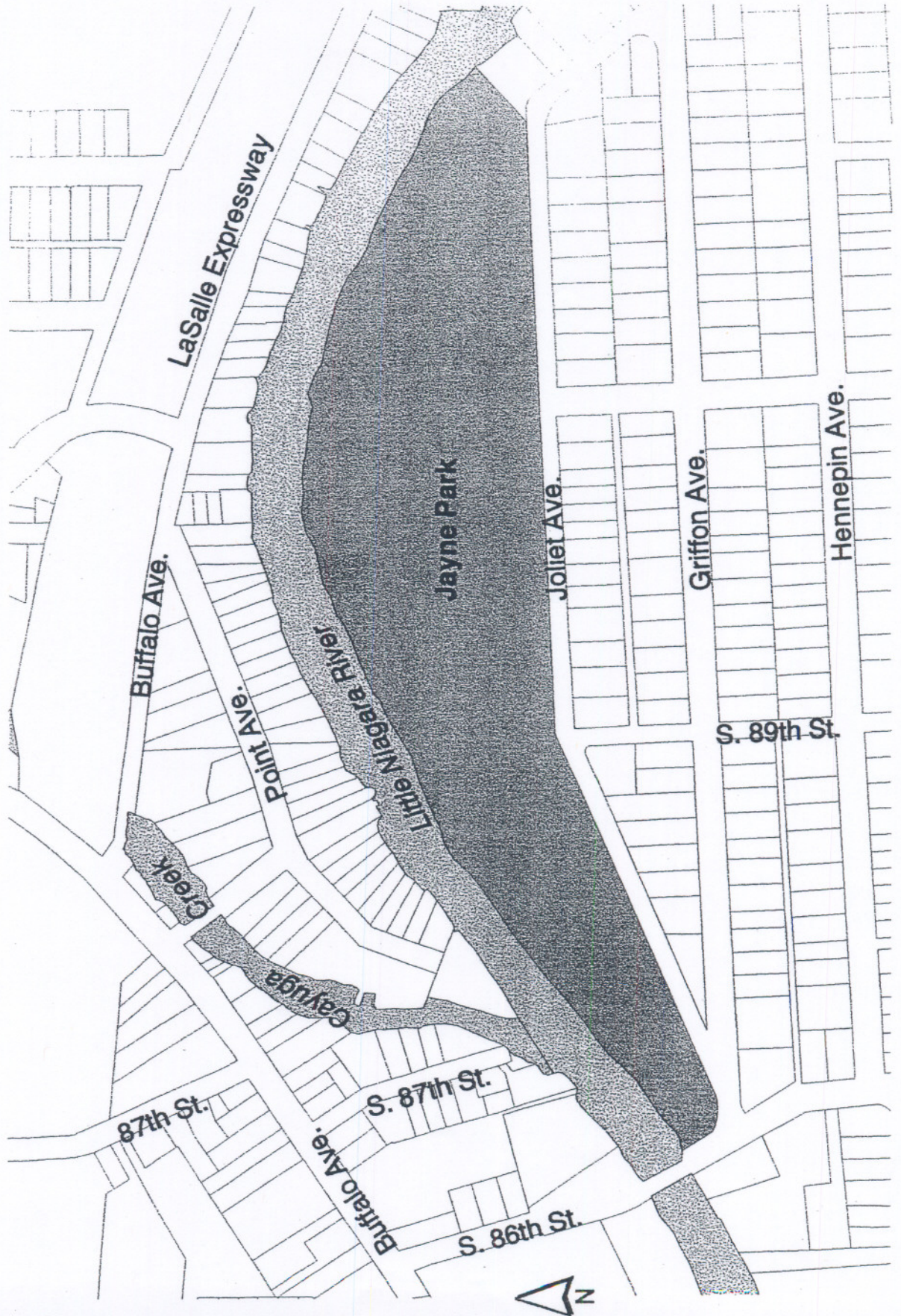
Map Prepared by
Office of Environmental Services





Jayne Park and Vicinity

City of Niagara Falls, New York



Appendix B: Project Area Photos



Mouth of Cayuga Creek. View looking north from Riverbank – north edge of Park.



View looking southeast from Riverbank – north edge of Park.



View upstream of the Little River/Jayne Park bank area, across from Cayuga Creek.



View east from small hill at western end of Park.

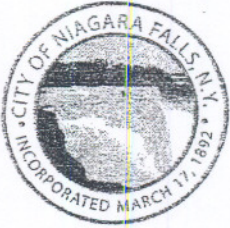


Dead trees near shore.



Jayne Park shoreline.

Appendix C: Council Resolution



City of Niagara Falls, New York

P.O. Box 69, Niagara Falls, NY 14302-0069

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Telephone (716) 286-4310

April 17, 2006

The City Council
- Niagara Falls, New York

RE: Appropriation of Fund Balance for Grant Agreements

Council Members:

As the Council is aware, the City has received several grants that it applied for and which it had anticipated that Casino funds would be used to fund the required City match.

As the deadline for funding several of these grants is imminent in order that the funding for these grants is not lost I am proposing that fund balance be appropriated to fund the local share as follows:

1. Fire Department	\$181,262
2. City Hall Roof	\$ 275,000
3. Jayne Park	\$ 145,000
4. Highland Avenue Brownfields	\$ 41,667
5. Buffalo Avenue Brownfields	\$ 9,550

Will the Council so approve?

Respectfully submitted,

Vincenzo V. Anello

VINCENZO V. ANELLO
Mayor

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CITY CLERK

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