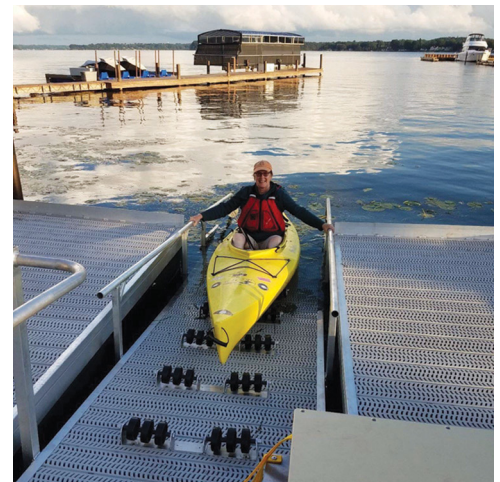


More than \$1 Million in Small Grants Support NY Great Lakes Action Projects 2015-2019

Since its inception in 2015, the New York Great Lakes Basin Small Grants program has awarded more than \$1 million to projects addressing needs and issues in NY's Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River region and on several inland lakes within the Great Lakes watershed. In 2019, \$200,155 was awarded across the following nine projects to advance community, ecological and economic resiliency and the goals of the Great Lakes Action Agenda:

- **Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District, \$20,300: Aquatic Organism Passage Assessment.** Identifies culverts in Chateaugay-English Watershed in most need of repair and impeding aquatic organism passage, causing infrastructure failure & erosion.
- **Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, \$24,998: Advancing Resiliency through Housing Assistance in the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region.** Increases municipality, community development corporations and local organizations' awareness re: need to implement measures to reduce flood risk for vulnerable properties.
- **Center for Environmental Initiatives, \$24,584: Canoe/Kayak Access Map for Genesee River Basin.** Increases non-motorized boat access, raises public ecological awareness by updating the Genesee River Blueway Map, and prepares strategic plan to develop additional river access sites.
- **Product Stewardship Institute, \$24,992: Promoting Smart Food Service Ware Choices among Restaurants, Customers & Tourists in Buffalo Niagara Area (Lake Erie/Niagara Falls).** Reduces plastic-source aquatic pollution through stewardship and educational initiatives/messaging; with Visit Buffalo Niagara and City of Buffalo.
- **Atlantic States Legal Foundation, \$24,964: Community-Driven Restoration of Wolcott Creek Watershed.** Assists restoration of Wolcott Creek, engages the community to develop ecosystem-based implementation action plan for the Village of Wolcott.
- **St Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, \$24,999: Lake St. Lawrence Tourism Destination Master Planning.** Creates inter-municipal plan to enhance/secure funding for eco-tourism/recreation opportunities and economic growth.

A 2019 NYGLB Small Grant funded installation of a handicapped-accessible non-motorized boat launch on Great Sodus Bay. At right, Neighborhood Association of Sodus Point President Kathy Madison tries the new ramp. Photo: Maxine Appleby, Wayne County SWCD



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- **Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District, \$5,320: Sandy Bottom Park Shoreline Stabilization Engineering and Design Study.** Assesses feasibility of using nature-based practices to mitigate shoreline erosion at a popular Honeoye Lake community park/beach.
- **Environmental Finance Center at Syracuse University, \$24,999: From Planning to Implementation: Building Capacity in the Town of Sandy Creek.** Assists local government in developing and implementing ecosystem-based management within existing plans; develops planning strategy re: North and South Sandy Ponds' watersheds.
- **Village of Sodus Point, \$24,999: Developing South Ontario Street Canoe/Kayak Launch as Eco-Tourism Destination for Great Sodus Bay.** Enhances waterfront access with handicapped-accessible non-motorized boat launch & gateway to paddling trail, green infrastructure elements with Neighborhood Association of Sodus Point and Save Our Sodus.

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