

Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Blueway Analysis

Advisory Committee Meeting No. 2 – Meeting Summary

Date: March 30, 2009

Duration: 12:30 – 3:00

Location: Genesee Waterways Center ~ Rochester, NY

In Attendance:

Nicole Fulle, Genesee Waterways Center

Marty Howden, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Todd Lippa, NYS Canal Corporation

Wayne Hale, Orleans County Tourism and Planning

Charlie Helman, Genesee Chapter of the ADK Mountain Club

Rick French, Pack Paddle and Ski

Laura Arney, Rochester Regional Group of the Sierra Club

Richard Parker, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Dan Hallowell, NYSDOT Region 4

Staff:

Brian Slack, Tom Kicior

Meeting Summary:

Welcome and Introductions

Goals for Meeting No. 2 and Meeting No. 3

- Meeting No. 2 - review preliminary blueway inventory
- Meeting No. 3 – Organization of stakeholder meetings for June/July. The stakeholders will be people who are directly involved in paddling. We will discuss meeting format, who should attend, location, time, date, etc.

Discuss and Rectify Preliminary Blueway Corridors

- Blueway corridors have been separated into three zones. (See handout). Preliminary Review included Buffalo Creek/18 mile Creek, but these were excluded because they do not have navigable water within the 9 county study area. Some waterways start outside the region and enter and vice versa; we can address these on the map. A list of preliminary launch points are included in the handout and are labeled by a corresponding number on the maps. Access points come in different variations – official access points and unofficial access points. We want to include all paddleable waterways, no matter how big/small or seasonal
- Discussion of Blueways to be added to the existing preliminary map:
 - Western Zone – Comprised of the Erie Canal, Oak Orchard, Tonawanda Creek, Lake Ontario and Tributaries
 - Salmon Creek off of Braddock's Bay
 - West creek right along side Salmon Creek off of Braddock's Bay
 - Buttonwood off of Braddock's Bay

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- Sandy Creek
- East Creek
- Johnson's Creek
- Northrup
- Any Tonawanda Creek Tribs? – Charlie can send an email off to find out about paddleable tribs as well as access points
- Silver Lake
- Silver Lake Outlet? Controlled – certain times of the year you could go on it for bit, but it heads into treacherous territory.
- Central Zone – Comprised of the Erie Canal, Upper and Lower Genesee and small lakes.
 - Canaseraga (comes out of Dansville)
 - Hemlock outlet (in spring)
 - Conesus outlet
 - keshiqua – from tuscorora goes through the prison
 - Red Creek definitely add –
- Eastern Zone – Comprised of the Erie Canal, many Finger Lakes, Lake Ontario and tributaries.
 - Irondequoit Creek – (still a weir in the creek)
 - Mud Creek
 - Bear Creek
 - (the Salmon Creek and Red Creek in this zone are not paddleable, not be confused with the others of the same name)
 - Sodus Bay
 - Two waterways of Sodus Bay – one goes SE the other SW
 - East Bay
 - Port Bay
 - Port Gibson
 - Flint Creek (in Phelps flows into the Canandaigua Outlet)
 - Naples Creek
 - Irondequoit Creek
- Discussion of Blueway access points to be added to the preliminary maps
 - Discussion of access point should continue beyond this meeting. We will develop a way (circulation of maps) for everyone to add more access points/more precise information.
 - Western Zone
 - Canal – Cruising Guide will provide access points (Todd will supply)
 - Rte 104 is no longer good access (delete?)
 - Point Breeze on Oak Orchard
 - All State Parks on Lake Ontario
 - ???Lake Alice Launch above the dam park ave ext (ask brian/todd/Charlie, just above the dam)???
 - Braddock's Bay Paddle Sports
 - Lake Ontario (near Braddock's Bay) - DEC launch right at the lake across from Brockport yacht club
 - Motorboat launch (marina) SW corner of Braddock's Bay (pay to launch)

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- Marina in NE corner of Braddock's Bay
- Central Zone
 - Fairport Canal launch point behind Shorts bar (small ramp)
 - Geneseo Boat launch? (follow up with Charlie)
 - Fillmore access point for the Genesee River
 - Whiskey Bridge and Portageville Rte 436 bridge
 - Seth Green Island add on Genesee
 - County boat launch for Genesee
 - Ontario Beach Park - ??? - maybe not, need to be away from the beach
 - Eastern side of Genesee River at old Stutson Street
 - Durand Eastman(west of Kings Highway)
 - Red Creek- Start on Genesee at the Genesee Valley Park, or launch off of River RD in a residential area?
- Eastern Zone
 - Below linear park for Irondequoit Creek
 - Behind the western part of panorama plaza for Irondequoit Creek
 - Silver Lake Boat Launch-
 - Canadice lake boat launch south of the normal boat launch specifically for canoes and kayaks
 - Hemlock Park launch
 - Holland Island in Montezuma – Can make a circular trip with Seneca River and the Canal. Just outside of study area, but it is a major paddling hub
 - Bear Creek access near Webster park area
 - Sodus Bay launch

Review Next Steps

- Maps can be circulated to advisory board members for further verification; the stakeholder outreach process will provide a further level of verification. Finally, field checks will eventually get us to accurate access point locations, pictures and quality of access
- G/FLRPC will determine a way for everyone to share future access point info with us
- Charlie will be able to take photos of launch points. Laura also has photographs of many parts of the Genesee. It will be important for G/FLRPC to provide parameters so that any information provided can be used in the final analysis
- Meeting No. 3 to plan stakeholder meetings