

Rochester High Falls State Park

Update for Genesee RiverWatch Summit

May 22, 2024





Governor Hochul Announces

ROC THE RIVERWAY PHASE 2:

*ROCHESTER HIGH FALLS STATE PARK





Timeframe: Multi-Phase & Multi-Year

*DATES NOT UPDATED, INCLUDED TO ILLUSTRATE APPROXIMATE DURATION OF PROJECT PHASES

HIGH FALLS STATE PARK – PROJECT DELIVERY SCHEDULE

PROJECTS	CY 2021				CY 2022				CY 2023				CY 2024				CY 2025				CY 2026				CY 2027			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
CITY ROC THE RIVERWAY PROJECTS																												
ST PAUL UNDERPASS IMPROVEMENT				ENGINEERING & DESIGN					BID & AWARD		CONSTRUCTION																	
HIGHFALLS TERRACE PARK / BREWERY LINE TRAIL SOUTH					BID & AWARD		CONSTRUCTION																					
RUNNING TRACK BRIDGE STABILIZATION					BID & AWARD		CONSTRUCTION																					
PONT-DE-RENNES BRIDGE RENOVATION				ENGINEERING & DESIGN			BID & AWARD				CONSTRUCTION																	
HIGH FALLS VISITORS CENTER & GORGE ACCESS					PROCUREMENT		ENGINEERING & DESIGN (PHASES 1-3)		BID & AWARD		CONSTRUCTION (PHASE 1)																	
RUNNING TRACK BRIDGE RAILS-TO-TRAILS CONVERSION							PROCUREMENT		ENGINEERING & DESIGN		BID & AWARD				CONSTRUCTION													
PARCEL ACQUISITION & REMEDIATION																												
HIGH FALLS TERRACE PARK CONVEYANCE																												
RG&E WEST STATION (BEEBEE) (Conceptual Target Schedule*)					NYSDEC DESIGN APPROVAL		PROCUREMENT				CONSTRUCTION								FINAL ENGINEERING REPORT		OMM		OMM		OMM		OMM	
RG&E EAST STATION (SUNTRU) (Conceptual Target Schedule*)					NYSDEC RECORD OF DECISION		ENGINEERING & DESIGN		PROCUREMENT						CONSTRUCTION												FINAL ENGINEERING REPORT	
BAUSCH & LOMB SUNTRU PROPERTY							NYSDEC RECORD OF DECISION		ENGINEERING & DESIGN		PROCUREMENT				CONSTRUCTION												FINAL ENGINEERING REPORT	
52 & 96 FALLS STREET (CITY OF ROCHESTER)																												
STATE PARK PHASES / PROJECTS																												
PHASE 1 - HIGH FALLS TERRACE PARK																												



- LEGEND**
1. Urban Ecology Center
 2. Play Area
 3. Riverbank Access
 4. Activity Lawn
 5. Meadow Restoration
 6. Elevator at High Falls Center
 7. Preserved Industrial Ruins
 8. Pedestrian Bridge
 9. High Falls Viewing Deck and Boardwalks
 10. Brewery Line Trail
 11. Amphitheater and Pavilion
 12. Future El Camino Trail
 13. Future Trail Development in Gorge
- Perspective Viewpoint

HIGH FALLS STATE PARK

CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN













Known Challenges

- Contaminated property remediation plans (DEC oversight)
 - Clean-up and long-term operation/monitoring and maintenance
- Property acquisition processes
 - City control, cleanup and alienation issues (former incinerator, Terrace Park)
 - RGE utility regulations (DPS oversight)
- Capital cost estimating and securing funds
- Other nearby City sites coordination and/or inclusion:
 - Visitor Center, Pont de Rennes, Granite Mills, Triphammer, Festival Pavilion
- Engaging all the right stakeholders and interested parties
- Other?



Partnership Opportunities

- Public-Private partnership will be essential to success of the Park
- Unique aspects of an urban park provide opportunities
 - Leverage additional public funding (federal, state, local)
 - Private funding support (programming, projects, sponsorships, endowments, etc)
 - Revenue generating services/amenities/events within the park
 - Revenue sharing of economic growth/development in neighboring area
- Other ideas welcome



Public Engagement

- Public Engagement (facilitated by NYS ESD/Parks, like ROC The Riverway):
 - Community Partners (Greentopia, Genesee River Alliance, Genesee Land Trust, CDC, RDDC, etc)
 - Property Owners (Genesee Brewery, High Falls BID members, etc)
 - Neighborhood Groups (Group 14621, El Camino, etc)
 - Advisory groups (ex. Brewery Line Trail community committee)
 - General Public
- Coordination with related initiatives:
 - Inner Loop North project design
 - Genesee Transportation Council Mobility & Development strategy
 - Genesee River Trail study



Next Steps

- Near-term next steps:
 - ESD & NYS Parks RFP to hire a design consultant (May 2024)
 - RGE & B+L property cleanup processes continue (DEC oversight)
 - City property acquisition, cleanup, transfer processes continue
 - Pont de Rennes bridge construction (complete by end 2024)
 - Renewed and increased public engagement/input

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