



THE LEGISLATURE  
NIAGARA COUNTY

LEGISLATOR IRENE M. MYERS  
1<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT  
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Greetings,

I am reaching out to you today to express my support for Greenway funding to the Friends of Youngstown, Inc. a non-profit group established by community members in the Village of Youngstown-Town of Porter, Niagara County.

Friends of Youngstown, Inc. are seeking funding to establish a bike trail from Old Fort Niagara (which the route would include the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company and two established Parks) to property leading to the "area" of Youngstown Estates. The proposed area leading to Youngstown Estates is property owned by the Village of Youngstown. Eventually, the objective is to "connect" the Youngstown Estates "area" to River Road, leading to Joseph Davis Park. This will consist of approximately three phases of development.

We want to share our beauty, history and village with those who not only live here, but also would like to visit and support our community by bicycle! This would provide more recreation opportunities, an economic driver, a healthy way to visit The Village of Youngstown in an environmentally friendly fashion!

I ask that you please consider funding for this portion of the Bike Trail. The future objective is to "connect" Buffalo, New York to Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, NY!

With the help of the Niagara County through Greenway the Friends of Youngstown, Inc. would be able to proceed with the development necessary to make this piece of the Bike Trail a reality!

Sincerely,

Irene Myers  
Niagara County Legislator  
District #1



ANGELO J. MORINELLO  
 Assemblyman 145<sup>th</sup> District

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September 30, 2024

Niagara County Ad-hoc Greenway Committee for Recreation & Tourism

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of funding for the Lower Niagara Recreation Trail to be designed and installed from Fort Niagara Start Park to Joseph Davis State Park. This is a grassroots community effort being led by local residents of the Village of Youngstown and Town of Porter in Niagara County. The River Trails, Roads and Rails (RTRR) subcommittee of Friends of Youngstown, Inc., a non-profit 501c3 organization has reignited the recreation trail idea with a vision to have our neighborhoods connected safely by recreation trails.

RTRR has listened to local residents along the proposed trail and individuals/families within the community and local municipalities to understand interest, needs and wants, concerns and opportunities that the trail design would have to address. This approach has gained significant support for the Lower Niagara Recreation Trail to officially be designed and installed, connecting the Village of Youngstown and the neighborhoods along the trail.

These communities are growing the number of residents each year due to the fact the Lower Niagara River Region has much to offer in regards to amazing community life, an excellent school system, historical significance, things to do and destinations to see! The trail will be a focal point for residents and visitors to enjoy the area in a safe and healthy manner. Presently, riding your bike or walking River Road is the only option residents and visitors have to enjoy this beautiful area. However, there are a significant number of potential safety concerns, age and condition of the path and the increase in traffic, making this option not always appreciated by the majority.

Overall, please support the funding request from the Village of Youngstown, Town of Porter and Friends of Youngstown, Inc. to make the Lower Niagara Recreational Trail a reality in our community.

Very truly yours,

ANGELO J. MORINELLO,  
 Assemblyman, 145<sup>th</sup> District

# Village of Youngstown

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October 3, 2024

To: Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, Ralph C Wilson, Jr Legacy Funds  
Niagara County Ad-hoc Greenway Committee for Recreation & Tourism

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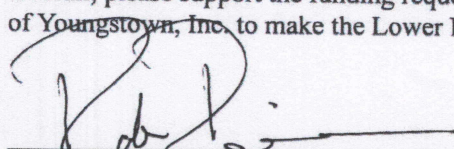
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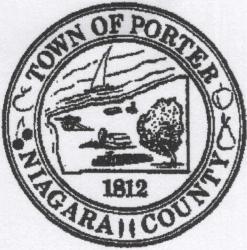
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The Village of Youngstown has also recently passed a motion/resolution to support funding up to \$108,000 towards the Phase 1 trail project as our commitment in making it happen.

Overall, please support the funding requests from the Village of Youngstown, Town of Porter and Friends of Youngstown, Inc, to make the Lower Niagara Recreational Trail a reality for our community.

  
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Rob Reisman- Mayor, Village of Youngstown

  
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Frederick Stortecky- Deputy Mayor, Village of Youngstown



# TOWN OF PORTER

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9/30/2024

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The Town of Porter has included this trail effort and improvements to River Road in our approved LWRP. This is to support our growing number of residents each year due to the fact the Lower Niagara River Region has much to offer in regard to amazing community life, excellent school system, historical significance, things to do and destinations to see! The trail will be a focal point for residents and visitors to enjoy the area in a safe and healthy manner. Presently, riding your bike or walking River Rd. is the only option residents and visitors must enjoy this beautiful area yet have noted a significant number of potential safety concerns, age and condition of the path and the increase in traffic making this option not liked by the majority.

The Town of Porter has historically collaborated with the Village of Youngstown as part of our overall community. A recent example is revitalization of the ball fields at Veteran's Park in Youngstown. This has seen an increased usage of the park over the past 4 months that will continue into years to come.

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J Duffy Johnston

Porter Supervisor