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**CANAL CORPORATION BEGINS REHABILITATION OF
CANAL WALL IN FAIRPORT**
Improvements to the Erie Canalway Trail also to be made

The New York State Canal Corporation has begun its reconstruction and rehabilitation of a 384-foot long segment of wall on the north side of the Erie Canal between North Main Street and the intersection of State Street and Erie Canalway Trail in Fairport.

"The Village of Fairport and its relationship with the Erie Canal is vital to the nearly \$380 million in tourism-related economic activity New York State's Canal system contributes to the upstate economy," said New York State Canal Corporation Director Brian U. Stratton. "Under the direction of Governor Cuomo, the Canal Corporation has been tasked with not only improving the Canals and Canalway Trail, but ensuring that they are more accessible and enjoyable for all. This project has been a priority for the Canal Corporation and the Governor because it is such a critical component in realizing our vision."

Work on the canal wall will be conducted over the winter months and will include a full width rehabilitation of the trail as well as the installation of new drainage.

During the canal wall reconstruction, the Canalway Trail will be used as construction access to the work area and will be closed to the public between Cobbs Lane and Main Street. A detour is in place to direct trail users safely around the construction area.

After the canal wall reconstruction is complete, the approximately 2,500 feet of existing Erie Canalway Trail between North Main Street and Cobbs Lane will be resurfaced with new asphalt.

This \$2.7 million trail improvement is being constructed by Keeler Construction, from Albion, New York.

It is scheduled for completion in spring 2014.

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The Erie Canalway Trail in Fairport is part of the statewide, multi-use, Erie Canalway Trail linking the Hudson River and Lake Erie. More than three-quarters of the 360-mile Erie Canalway Trail from Buffalo to Albany is now complete. For more information, please visit www.ptny.org/canalway.

The New York State Canal System is comprised of four historic waterways, the Erie, the Champlain, the Oswego and the Cayuga-Seneca Canals. Spanning 524 miles, the waterways link the Hudson River, Lake Champlain, Lake Ontario, the Finger Lakes, Niagara River and Lake Erie with communities rich in history and culture.

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