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VILLAGE OF FAIRPORT TO HOST RIBBON-CUTTING TO CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF TWO MAJOR CANAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

New Canal Breakwall, Pedestrian Promenade and Improvements to Existing Infrastructure Provide Enhanced Waterfront Access for Local Residents and Strengthen Ability of Fairport to Take Advantage of Canal-Related Tourism

Wednesday, July 17 – The Village of Fairport, the New York State Department of State (NYDOS) and the New York State Canal Corporation will hold a formal ribbon-cutting on Friday, July 19 at 11:30 AM to celebrate the completion of two southbank canal-side projects to benefit residents and visitors alike.

Construction of the breakwall and promenade was financed with a grant from the NYDOS' Environmental Protection Fund-Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, together with a *Restore NY* grant from the Empire State Development Corporation for demolition and asbestos abatement. The promenade is a key component of an economic development project being undertaken by the Village to redevelop the former DPW site.

Additional improvements and upgrades along the southbank of the Canal between the Liftbridge and Parker Street Bridge were awarded funding from the New York State Canal Corporation as a result of the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council's Consolidated Funding Application process. All of the grants were matched by local funds from the Fairport Industrial Development Agency.

WHEN: Friday, July 19, 2013 at 11:30 AM
(media check-in will be at 11:00 AM)

WHAT: Village of Fairport Formal Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

WHO:

- Village of Fairport Mayor Frederick H. May
- New York State Secretary of State Cesar A. Perales
- New York State Canal Corporation Director Brian U. Stratton

WHERE: Stop 22—Dockmasters Hut, Fairport, NY 14450-1507
Gather at the Dockmasters Hut – Stop 22 on the Southbank of the Canal
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