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## Greenway Host Community Standing Committee awards funding for Academy Park pavilion, Lewiston Riverfront Park, Five Senses Park

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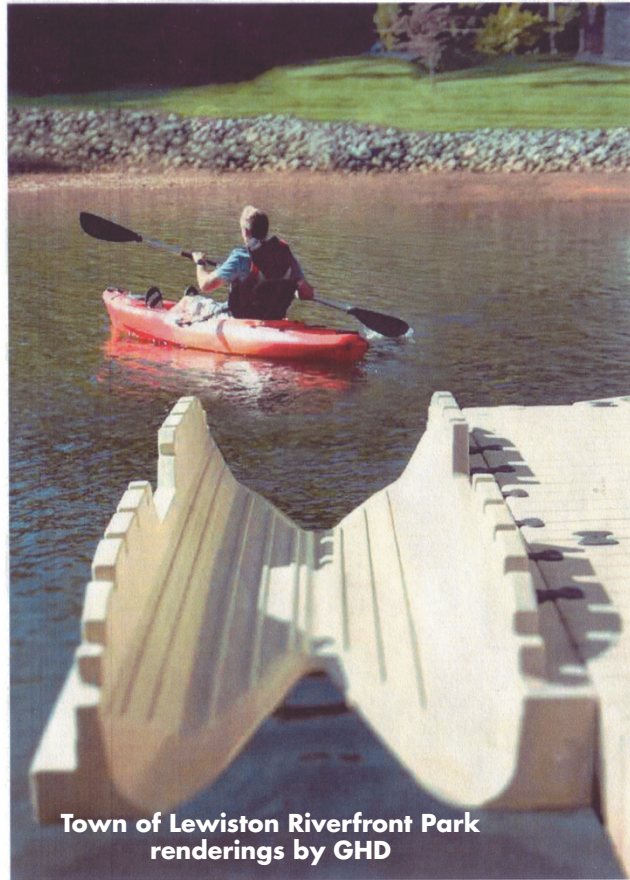
The Niagara River Greenway's Host Communities Standing Committee unanimously approved funding requests for two Lewiston projects and one in the Town of Wheatfield at a meeting on Tuesday.

The session opened with remarks by Town of Lewiston Supervisor Steve Broderick on plans by the Village of Lewiston for the \$350,000 Academy Park Pavilion project. Broderick was seeking Greenway funding assistance of \$190,000 toward the project, which Lewiston Town Board members had earlier endorsed.

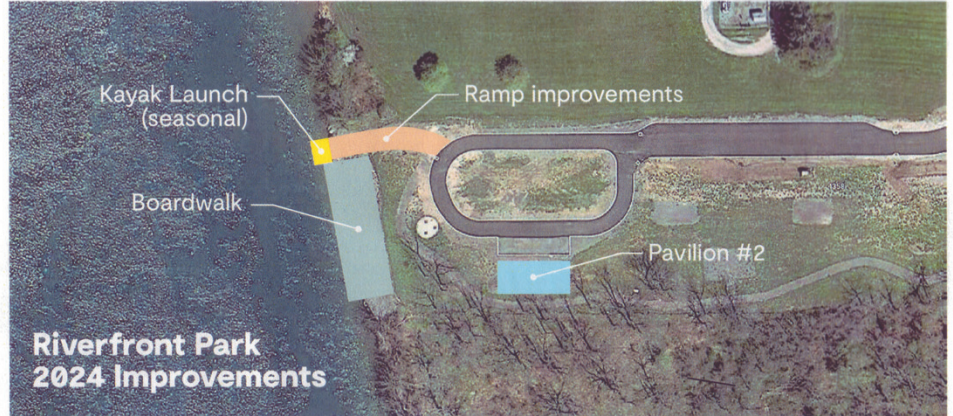
Envisioned for the west side of Academy Park on Portage Road, the redesigned 80-by-40-foot open-air pavilion is expected to feature a cupola, scissor trusses with soffits along the pavilion ceiling, and taller pillars (measuring 10 feet instead of 8 feet). Its new projected cost is in the range of \$360,000.

Broderick presented the project on behalf of the village and noted, "They have a community donation of \$100,000 from Bill Game, a \$20,000 donation from Anthony DiMino of Tops, and the town has passed a resolution to provide \$190,000 of Town of Lewiston Greenway funds to complete the pavilion."

"I know it's still under design; I know one part of the resolution



Town of Lewiston Riverfront Park renderings by GHD



Riverfront Park 2024 Improvements



was that the town building inspector was going to assist. And he's done so. So, I think it's a project they been talking about for a couple of years and I'm in favor of it."

Host Community Standing Committee officials stated the application met all of the procedural requirements outlined in the Ni-

agara River Greenway Plan. There was no further discussion and the committee went on to approve the funding request by an 8-0 vote.

Next, Broderick presented a \$1.46 million funding request toward the Lewiston Riverfront Park project that is nearing completion at Lower River and Pletch-

er roads in the town. He stated the new funding would go toward construction of a second, 24-by-36-foot pavilion, a 140-foot-long boardwalk at the river's edge, a kayak launch, a pathway, and benches. The town was approved for \$700,000 in Greenway funding toward the park in 2018.

"So, back in 2018, we made a presentation to the Greenway Commission for our lower River Road Park. We hadn't made a name for it yet," Broderick said. "Currently, the roadway was put in. We have one pavilion down there. We put in approximately

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## Sunnking, Goodwill of WNY, Fashion Outlets teaming for 'Ultimate Spring Cleaning Event'

**PRESS RELEASE**

For the first time, residents can recycle their electronics and donate clothing and household items at the same drive-thru collection.

Electronics recycler Sunnking has partnered with Goodwill of WNY and Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA to host the area's first "Ultimate Spring Cleaning Event" on Earth Day weekend. The free collection allows residents to recycle their electronics, donate household items, or drop off both at the first-of-its-kind drive-thru.

The event will occur from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 20, in the parking lot of Saks OFF 5th. (Registered participants can enter off Fashion Outlets Boulevard, near Saks OFF 5th.)

Residents are required to register for a 15-minute appointment window and select what they're dropping off at sunnking.com/

events. If the original time slots fill up, more slots will be added, and the event will be extended until 2 p.m.

The no-cost, no-limit collection encourages people to reuse their items to benefit the community and the environment by recovering renewable resources and conserving local landfill space.

"The partnership of Goodwill of Western New York and Sunnking with Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls is a great example of community-minded businesses and nonprofit organizations using their individual expertise to work together and make a real difference," said Thomas Ulbrich, president and CEO of Goodwill of Western New York. "Not only is it convenient to have everyone in one place, but donors can have the confidence that any item they bring will be recycled responsibly or given a



second life to benefit people living right in the donor's community."

Teams are unable to accept items not listed on Sunnking or Goodwill's acceptable materials

list. Items like freon-containing devices, paint, bulbs, mattresses, batteries and medical equipment will not be collected in line.

"Fashion Outlets is happy to host this annual recycling event

A previous spring cleanup event at Fashion Outlets. (Submitted)

in April in celebration of Earth Month," said Susie Swiatkowski, marketing manager. "By partnering with both Sunnking and Goodwill, we hope to provide a much-needed collection spot for anyone doing some spring cleaning."

Recyclers who cannot attend the event are encouraged to use Sunnking's free partner site drop-off locator for year-round electronics collection site availability at sunnking.com/dropoff. A list of Goodwill year-round donation sites for clothing, furniture and household items is available at Goodwillwny.org/donate.

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