

The Village of Newark has received an Erie Canalway IMPACT! Grant!

The Village of Newark was awarded a \$1500 grant from the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. Erie Canalway IMPACT! Grants advance vital work to preserve and showcase canal heritage, educate youth, and welcome people to explore the canal in their local communities. The Village will use the \$1500 to repair vandalism damage to a prominent Erie Canal themed mural on the canalfront and guard against further damage or deterioration of it with protective coatings.

Mayor Jonathan Taylor stated, “We are very happy to receive this grant so that the mural artwork can be restored and protected. Both visitors and residents enjoy the murals and the beauty of the canal.”

Congressman John Katko (NY-24) said: “Since coming to Congress, I’ve taken great pride in preserving our region’s rich history and environment. I’ve advocated for expanding federal funding for the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and am pleased to see the **Erie Canal Museum** in Syracuse, **Montezuma Audubon Center**, **Canal Society of New York State** at Port Byron, and the **Village of Newark** benefiting from these funds. This important funding will greatly help our region showcase our most precious natural and man-made treasures.”

“As the pandemic continues to present abnormal challenges it is especially gratifying to support diverse canal inspired innovations. We are so pleased to make these timely investments and contribute to the resilience of our canal communities,” said **Bob Radliff, Executive Director** of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

Canal Corporation Director Brian U. Stratton said, “We are proud to support this year’s IMPACT! Grant recipients as the winning projects will positively improve canalside communities while ensuring the New York State Canal System continues to drive economic growth while safeguarding the environment and preserving the history of the nation’s most iconic waterway for the next generation.”

IMPACT! Grants are made possible with funding support provided by the **National Park Service** and the **NYS Canal Corporation**.

Thirteen non-profit organizations and municipalities will receive Erie Canalway IMPACT! Grants in 2021 totaling \$108,787.

ABOUT THE ERIE CANALWAY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

Nearly 200 years after its construction, the Erie Canal remains an iconic symbol of American ingenuity and determination. The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor preserves our extraordinary canal heritage, promotes the Corridor as a world-class tourism destination, and fosters vibrant communities connected by more than 500 miles of waterway. It achieves its mission in partnership with the National Park Service, New York State agencies, non-profit organizations, local residents, and more than 200 communities across the full expanse of upstate New York. Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor has made 96 grants to communities and non-profit organizations since 2008 that have spurred \$2.49 million in additional investments in heritage preservation, recreation, and education along the canal.

