

Sept. 10, 2007

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Coordinator
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of Federal Assistance
Mail Stop MBSP-4020
4401 North Fairfax Drive
Arlington, VA 22203

Dear Sir:

This letter is in support of the City of Niagara Falls' Boating Infrastructure Grant application for the construction of transient docking facilities in the upper Niagara River in the form of a public park and marina. The application seeks funding to install facilities for vessels traveling on the River by way of the Erie Canal, Lake Erie and the Welland Canal.

Niagara Falls is one the very few larger cities with a major waterway connecting to the Great Lakes that offers no transient docking facilities to visitors. In 2006, approximately 1,100 recreational vessels came through the Lockport locks that lead to the Niagara River. Countless other vessels arrive by way of Lake Erie and the Welland Canal. Because there are no transient facilities, those boats bypass Niagara Falls completely. As a result, boaters are unable to experience the beauty of the Falls and the City and its taxpayers are denied the sorely needed positive economic impact that accompanies recreational boating.

The addition of a public park and marina at the former Century Club property will also be a welcome addition to non-boaters since it is the last remaining undeveloped parcel of waterfront property on the upper Niagara River. Residents and visitors will be able to take advantage of the scenic view while fishing, picnicking, cycling or just enjoying the outdoors. The placement of a public park and marina at this location will ensure that the beautiful Niagara River remains accessible to boaters and non-boaters alike.

I fully support this project and ask that this grant application be approved and the City of Niagara Falls be added to the list of communities receiving funds through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

(Name and address)

Letters of Support for Boating Infrastructure Grant Application

Please show your support for YOUR municipal park and marina by signing a letter of support to be submitted with the grant applications. All letters should include the address of the person/organization signing.

**Letters may also be downloaded from the City's website:
www.niagarafallsusa.org in the "Announcements" section.
Letters should be signed and mailed no later than Monday,
Sept. 24, 2007 to:**

**City of Niagara Falls
Purchasing Division
Attn: Sherry Shepherd-Corulli
P.O. Box 69
Niagara Falls, NY 14302**

