

SCAJAQUADA CORRIDOR (RTE 198)
NYS DOT Final Environmental Impact Statement
Comment Deadline – December 18th

The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy (BOPC) has been leading a fight along with our coalition partners to protect the Scajaquada Corridor, advocating for a real plan that heals Delaware Park and corrects mistakes that date back to the 1950's.

We are running out of time.

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) has issued its Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the project and has set a **deadline of December 18** for public comment. If we don't speak out forcefully right now, the state will move forward with a flawed plan that leaves in place a 3.2-mile tear in the urban fabric.

Make your voice heard now.

Contact ScajaquadaCorridor@dot.ny.gov before **December 18** and tell them to Save Delaware Park.

THREE WAYS TO GET STARTED ON YOUR COMMENT

1. Refer to the **back page** for a sample letter that you may send to the NYSDOT
2. Download a digital version of this letter online at **bfloparks.org/198**
3. Make an online submission via *EveryAction* to the NYS DOT at **bfloparks.org/198Comment** (RECOMMENDED)

Together, we have an unprecedented opportunity to develop a real, community-based plan to **#SaveDelawarePark** – but time is running out. Please send your email the NYS DOT today.

Sincerely,
BOPC

Sample Letter to NYSDOT (To submit before December 18)

Email Subject Line: Important Deadline in fight to #SaveDelawarePark

Mr Craig Mozrall PE
Special Projects Manager
NYSDOT Region 5
100 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

RE: NYSDOT PIN 5470.22
NY Route 198 – Scajaquada Corridor
City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York

I am writing to express my opposition to the current build alternative identified in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for NYS Route 198 Scajaquada Expressway Corridor (Route 198).

In the 1950's, construction of the Scajaquada Expressway in Buffalo divided and destroyed acres of parkland in the jewel of Olmsted's system, Delaware Park. Redesign of the 198 Scajaquada Expressway has been under study by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) for more than 15 years. Unfortunately, the NYS DOT's current plan falls far short of what was promised and fails to correct mistakes that were made decades ago.

NYS DOT's Plan falls short of the community's expectations in 4 major ways:

- It retains the existing highway design and allows traffic to continue at speeds that are unsafe for a park and neighborhood setting.
- It maintains the division of the park and does nothing to restore Olmsted's vision and heal the park.
- Creates additional oversized intersections, maintaining a divided community and restricting access to Delaware Park.
- The reduced project area from Grant Street to Parkside Ave marginalizes communities in need at either end of the corridor.

The people of Buffalo deserve a real plan for the Scajaquada Corridor. That's why I support the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy and member organizations of the Scajaquada Corridor Coalition in their call on the NYS Department of Transportation to halt the current FEIS process and reengage the community on a comprehensive approach that would reunite the park and reconnect the community, improve accessibility through safe complete streets, and enhance the economic vitality of this corridor for our City. We won't have this chance again for another 75 years.

Sincerely,

INSERT YOUR NAME HERE