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**MEDIA ADVISORY/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

*Rumsey Shelter Restoration Project Kickoff*

- WHO:** Stephanie Crockatt, Executive Director, Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy  
Kevin Murphy, Buffalo Market President, Bank of America  
Alan Bozer, Chair, Standing Committee of the Greenway Fund  
New Yorks State Officials
- WHAT:** Kickoff the restoration and renovation of the Rumsey Shelter House, a historic structure in Delaware Park, that has been closed to park users for several years.
- The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy will celebrate this restoration with a tree planting in honor of the support provided by Bank of America and The Greenway Fund.
- WHEN:** Thursday, September 20, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
- WHERE:** The historic Rumsey Shelter House in Rumsey Woods in Delaware Park, on Rumsey Road, at the intersection of Delaware Avenue and Forest Avenue. Parking is available on Rumsey Road.
- WHY:** Bank of America and the Greenway Fund have awarded the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy a total of \$500,000 to complete the restoration of the Rumsey Shelter in Delaware Park. Construction will commence on the 20<sup>th</sup> and renovations are expected to be complete by the spring of 2019.
- The Rumsey Shelter, located at the Delaware Park entrance just off the intersection of Delaware Avenue and Rumsey Road, has long been vacant. The historic building once offered a comfort station, with bathrooms and a small main room featuring a fireplace. Park users would come to the shelter to take a break from jogging, hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on nearby trails. Most of the original interior tilework remains, as do the original windows and interior doors. The fireplace remains, although the mantel shelf is missing, which will be reconstructed in the proposed restoration/renovation project. The reconstruction of the mantel shelf will be based on the original construction drawings, which survive in the City Hall archives.

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### **About the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy:**

The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy is the first nonprofit organization in the nation to manage and operate an entire urban park system that consists of 850 acres of beautifully designed historic parks, parkways and circles. Celebrating 150 years of Olmsted in Buffalo this year, the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy is a not-for-profit, membership-based, community organization whose mission is to promote, preserve, restore, enhance, and maintain the Frederick Law Olmsted-designed parks and parkways in the Greater Buffalo area for current and future generations. More than 2.5 million people use Buffalo's historic, award-winning Olmsted Park system annually for recreation, relaxation and rejuvenation. The parks were designed by America's first landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted more than 148 years ago. Basic maintenance of the parks has been greatly improved since the 2004 groundbreaking public-private agreement with the City of Buffalo and Erie County. Since that time, the Olmsted Parks Conservancy, now partnering with the City of Buffalo, has retained full responsibility for the management and care of these green spaces which are listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. Most recently, the American Planning Association recognized Delaware Park as one of the 2014 Great Places in America and The Guardian named the Olmsted Park System as one of the best park systems in the world. [www.bfloparks.org](http://www.bfloparks.org)

*The Buffalo Olmsted Park System includes:*

Six parks: Cazenovia Park in South Buffalo, Delaware Park in Delaware/Parkside District, Front Park at the Peace Bridge, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park at Fillmore Avenue, Riverside Park at Niagara and Tonawanda Street, and South Park at McKinley Parkway

Seven parkways: Bidwell, Chapin, Lincoln, McKinley, Porter, Red Jacket, and Richmond

Eight landscaped traffic circles: Agassiz, Colonial, Ferry, Gates, McClellan, McKinley, Soldiers, and Symphony

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### **About The Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund**

The Erie County/City of Buffalo Relicensing Settlement Agreement was reached in support of the application for a new license for the Niagara Power Project. One provision was for the New York Power Authority (NYPA) to support the establishment of The Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund with an annual \$2 million payment for the life of the license beginning in October 2007. The Fund is administered by a Committee comprised of one member each from the City of Buffalo, Erie County, the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy and NYPA.

The Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee has awarded approximately \$22 million since its first awards in 2008. More information on the committee can be found at: <http://bit.ly/1XA6mTo>.

### **About NYPA**

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