



## Canal Corporation

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Dear Brockport Resident,

As you are likely aware, the Canal Corporation is engaged in a concerted effort to improve the structural stability and safety of elevated Erie Canal embankments in your area, which has begun through the removal of trees and other vegetation with root structures which weaken embankments, and hinder or even prevent important structural inspections.

The removal of this vegetation is only the first step, however, as it allows crews to access the embankment, where regrading, strengthening, repairing and enhancing can occur where necessary, with appropriate erosion control such as grass added as a last step.

The Canal Corporation will conduct this work under a "Phase 2" of the current embankment maintenance effort, as well as subsequent phases designed to closely monitor, and properly maintain, these embankments.

The Canal Corporation wishes to incorporate input from residents along the Erie Canal in this Phase of work to the extent possible. We are also seeking ideas on new vegetation screening to mitigate privacy issues exacerbated by this work, new access improvements, final embankment treatment (appearance, type of grass, etc.) and other measures that the Canal Corporation can pursue to ensure residents continue to enjoy the important quality of life benefits that living along our iconic Erie Canal has traditionally afforded.

To that end, the Canal Corporation is hosting a public meeting at the **A.D. Oliver Middle School auditorium** in Brockport on **Tuesday, March 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.**

We hope you will take time out of your schedule to visit with us at this meeting, learn more about the scope and status of this project, and share your thoughts with us about how we can make it better.

For more information about this event, and the project generally, please visit [www.canals.ny.gov](http://www.canals.ny.gov) and click on "Embankment Maintenance Project."

I look forward to meeting and hearing from you on March 6.

Sincerely,

Brian U. Stratton  
Director