

AQUARIUM OF NIAGARA



Project Name:

Humboldt Penguin Exhibit and Encounter Classroom

Project Summary:

The Aquarium is devoted to excellence, education and entertainment. Our 1,600 square-foot Humboldt penguin exhibit is designed to mimic the natural environment of these birds and includes a 15,000-gallon tank with above/below water viewing. By providing the birds with a natural habitat we are strengthening our commitment to conservation while enhancing the educational experience. Additionally, the 400 square-foot encounter classroom will offer opportunities to expand existing collaboration with higher education facilities. The Aquarium is one of only 20 institutions in North America to feature these threatened birds so the project is critical for WNY. Last year we welcomed over 288,000 visitors and we estimate that after completion, there will be a minimum visitor growth rate of 10% in the first year and \$150,000 in revenue. This amount will escalate over the years and the added visitors will provide an economic bonus to neighboring businesses including restaurants, hotels and shops.

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

Project Name: Tifft Nature Preserve Storytelling Exhibit

Project Summary:

Tifft Nature Preserve has a long-standing presence on the Outer Harbor of the City of Buffalo. The Preserve, in concert with the Buffalo Museum of Science and a community exhibits committee, has developed an exhibit plan that seeks to update educational exhibits, wayfinding and signage in and immediately surrounding the Herb and Jane Darling Environmental Education Center. The focus of this plan is to highlight Tifft Nature Preserve's rich history as a Buffalo Outer Harbor industrial site and the remarkable transformation into a nature sanctuary, as well as elevating the overall visitor experience and educational value received.

Approximately 30,000 visitors came to the Preserve in 2015 for educational programs and recreation, and with increased visitation to the Outer Harbor, that number is expected to increase greatly in 2016. Due to the absence of an admission or parking fee, Tifft is accessible to WNY residents in all demographics.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BUFFALO



Project Name: Great Futures Renovation Project

Project Summary:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo Great Futures Renovation Project will transform our Butler Mitchell Clubhouse into a multi-use facility that will be utilized year round by school-aged children and engage partner agencies to deliver adult & family programs.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo are well positioned to support and prepare young people for 21st century success & excel at reaching youth who need us most. For years we have positively changed the lives of countless children in the Buffalo area & are dedicated to making an even greater impact by opening our doors during non-traditional hours to assist more children, families, adults & the ever-growing refugee population.

This project is an investment in our youth and a means to strengthen the West Side community and the center will offer a vast array of activities to help create a healthy, sustainable community.

GERARD PLACE

Project Name: Gerard Place Education and Community Center Training Kitchen

Project Summary: In Buffalo's 14215 Zip Code, unemployment and limited education prevent residents from escaping poverty. When completed the Gerard Place Education and Community Center will eliminate barriers to independence for these people, offering education, employment services, childcare, and recreation, and providing an array of supports for families and individuals. Partnerships with educators, such as Erie 1 BOCES and area employers will provide significant opportunities for these individuals. An industrial kitchen is a component of Phase III, and will provide culinary arts training in partnership with Buffalo Public Schools' Adult Education. We invite the 21st Century Fund to equip the kitchen, which will also be used to prepare meals for the Center's childcare center and for homeless and very low income people living in the community, and for catered events in the Center. Open to everyone, it is anticipated that the completed facility will impact approximately 2,000 individuals annually.



BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS

Project Name: Botanical Gardens
Greenhouse 2 and 3 Exhibits



Project Summary: The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens Society, Inc. has been a cultural landmark in Western New York for over 115 years. The Botanical Gardens has over 100,000 visitors annually who experience the architectural beauty and unique plant collection. The Botanical Gardens Society has a public/private partnership with the County of Erie in which the County is responsible for maintaining the historical building and the Society has the responsibility of running the day to day operations. In 2015, the County decided to reconstruct greenhouses 2 and 3 which are on schedule to be completed by June 2016. It is the responsibility of the Society to replant the exhibits of those greenhouses. The cost to reconstruct the exhibits is estimated at \$350,000. The Botanical Gardens has begun the difficult task of raising funds to reopen the greenhouses by fall 2016. Completing the project will attract more visitors and members who are critical for the Society to achieve financial sustainability.

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Project Name: The
Buffalo History
Museum: Restore,
Activate, Connect



Project Summary: The Buffalo History Museum plans to reclaim languishing space within our 115 year old National Historic Landmark, once a vibrant entryway during the 1901 Pan American Exposition and became a promenade to the park. The direct beneficiaries of activating 2,600 sq. ft. of space under our iconic portico are the 44,000 multigenerational, culturally diverse people who visit us annually.

Based on the success of our 700-sq. ft. Community Gallery, we know a space triple its size that has been closed for 30 YEARS will have an immediate impact on the community. Reconnecting to the Japanese Garden and Olmsted Park will benefit the WNY community, park goers, and tourists. Reclaiming this space will strengthen the links between recreation and history, providing a destination along our recreational trail system that includes the Erie Canal Path and Buffalo Riverwalk. Restoring the envelope elements of the landmark opens the doors to new audiences, preserving and rejuvenating TBHM's iconic façade.

NIAGARA FALLS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Project Name: 17th Street
Clubhouse Revitalization
Project



**Boys & Girls Club
of Niagara**

Project Summary:

The Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club 17th Street Clubhouse Revitalization Project is an investment in our youth and a means to strengthen the City of Niagara Falls. This 60 year old Clubhouse will be transformed into a multi-use center that will serve over 750 children & families, will be fully utilized all day & year round and will offer a vast array of activities to help create a healthy, sustainable community. Recently many other agencies have been reducing their services or closing completely, leaving the youth of Niagara Falls, especially teens, with nowhere to go for positive, safe enriching activities. By investing in the upgrades and revitalization of the 17th Street Clubhouse, NFBGC will be able to expand our reach and service hundreds more youth and teens in a wide variety of activities giving these kids a chance to be somewhere and do something positive.

SENECA BABCOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Project Name: Seneca
Babcock Community Center



**Seneca-Babcock
Community Association**

Project Summary:

The Seneca-Babcock Community Association (SBCA) has met many of the basic needs of 57,000 neighborhood residents, the majority living at or near the poverty line, since 1975. SBCA provides a broad spectrum of services, including emergency food and clothing assistance, educational and after school programs for children, GED preparation, workforce development, and financial management services for adults, and programs designed to help seniors remain independent as they age. But, the community need now exceeds our capacity to effectively serve neighborhood residents.

SBCA's vision is an expanded community hub with the capacity to help residents escape poverty. The first phase is a new facility, located less than a quarter mile from the current site, that will enable SBCA to provide more services to more people. Future phases will result in access to medical and mental health services at the new site, and the existing building will become a workforce training and childcare center.