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1	21st Century Park	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	Renewable energy – with Tesla nearby, the OH should be a showcase to demonstrate innovative uses of renewable energy – wind and solar, charging stations etc.	Comment Received. The use of renewable energy is reviewed on each ECHDC project.
2	21st Century Park	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	Connectivity – the plan should consider multimodal means of access to the OH, and how to connect the Niagara River Greenway, Centennial Park and the Riverline with the Outer Harbor, (i.e. electric shuttles, a pedestrian bridge, a gondola)	Public transit provisions are available along Fuhrmann Boulevard. The ECHDC has developed a seasonal Bike Ferry and reconstructed Ohio Street with a dedicated multi-use pathway (Part of the Empire State Trail and Niagara River Greenway) that reduces the need for vehicular access to the site during summer months. The Riverline, only in the planning stages, is over 1 mile away from the Project Area.
3	21st Century Park	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	Green space and recreation – the current plans are not designed to emphasize our Olmstedian legacy; there is no mention of the possibility of dedicating the park to Olmsted on his 200th birthday in 2022.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. There are no plans to dedicate the Outer Harbor to any individual.
4	21st Century Park	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	We are recommending the Outer Harbor be designated as “parkland” or as a state park. This is the one action the state can achieve to protect and preserve this land for the common good in perpetuity.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City's largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the “Port of Buffalo” from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (“NFTA”) to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land's redevelopment.
5	21st Century Park	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	Artwork - outdoor sculptures juxtaposed against the natural landscape would high light a mutually beneficial relationship with the Albright Knox Gundlach Art Gallery and the Burchfield Center; consider the innovative Land Art Generator Initiative (LAGI), large outdoor artworks that generate energy.	Artwork was installed at Wilkeson Pointe and the Lakeside Complex, ECHDC's first two projects on the Outer Harbor, and will continue as opportunities present themselves. The GPP has been modified to include the additional of cultural arts has been added to the sitewide elements discussion, specifically under Passive and Active Recreational Amenities on page 8.
6	21st Century Park	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	The Outer Harbor should be addressed with a comprehensive strategy. It is not only Buffalo's waterfront, it is the southern anchor of the Niagara Greenway connecting Lake Ontario to Lake Erie and is on an International Gateway. The current GPP 20 year plan is segmented.	The GPP comprehensively addresses ECHDC's property with the exception of the Terminal A Subarea. Refer to Section O of the GPP and Section 1.3 of the FEAF Addendum for a discussion of potential segmentation. To the extent the requested authorization may be considered to be “segmented”, such “segmentation” is permissible pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.3(g) due to the relevant circumstances of the Proposed Action, specifically: (i) that it is not possible to consider the environmental implications of such future activities in the absence of specific proposal(s) for new development; (ii) that any such future development will be subject to review under SEQRA as well as any/all other applicable reviews/approvals; and (iii) that the review of the Proposed Action as described is no less protective of the environment than review together with any speculation of potential future development at these other locations.
7	21st Century Park	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	Terminal A – retain this historic structure and vital land to enhance water dependent and recreational uses of the park.	Refer to Section O of the GPP and Section 1.3 of the FEAF Addendum for a discussion of potential segmentation. To the extent the requested authorization may be considered to be “segmented”, such “segmentation” is permissible pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.3(g) due to the relevant circumstances of the Proposed Action, specifically: (i) that it is not possible to consider the environmental implications of such future activities in the absence of specific proposal(s) for new development; (ii) that any such future development will be subject to review under SEQRA as well as any/all other applicable reviews/approvals; and (iii) that the review of the Proposed Action as described is no less protective of the environment than review together with any speculation of potential future development at these other locations.
8	21st Century Park	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	The latest draft plan shows great progress in its emphasis on green space, recreation, and clean air and water. But a key change is needed. The draft includes plans for a concert venue with overflow parking on what is now a meadow. We already have many great concert venues in WNY; there is no need for a new one to compete with them, and no reason to put this use - which does not relate to water - on our waterfront.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
9	21st Century Park	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	11/30/2020	Thank you for your response. Also is there a schedule of funds for phase 1 with a time frame of what will get constructed and when? Something like a project schedule? I did not see that in the gpp.	A schedule can be found in Section I on Page 16 of the GPP, while project funding is discussed in Section J on Page 17 of the GPP.
10	21st Century Park	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	11/29/2020	Can you also send a copy of the health assessment? I cannot seem to find it.	Information provided via email on 12/10/2020
11	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	LAKESIDE COMPLEX. The bike park is very popular. Its paved trails provide connectivity with existing trail system. The proposed skateboard park, zip-line course and ropes course also would be very popular. We question whether adding a drone course would add too much aerial activity in this busy area. The safety of combining all of these activities needs careful consideration by ECHDC.	Comment Received. Safety concerns will be reviewed as additional activities and/or programs are added at the Lakeside Bike Park.

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12	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	ZONING ISSUE. Unfortunately, the recent Zoning change for this parcel (to N-3E-Urban Neighborhood Mixed Use) would allow residential and commercial uses that would be vigorously opposed by ADK and many other stakeholders. The present use (marina) is a water-dependent use of shoreline property, which ADK supports. Ideally, interested parties could work to align the zoning designation with the open space ideals stated in the GPP.	The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The ECHDC has no plans to request a zoning change or override the City's zoning.
13	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	WILKESON POINTE PARK. It's hard to remember that this well-used park was once conceived of as the "front yard" of condo/townhomes owners living on both sides of Fuhrmann Blvd. Thankfully, the public voted with its feet and enthusiastically adopted Wilkeson as a public space. Thank you, ECHDC, for some time ago removing the residential component of your plan for Wilkeson Pointe Park. As mentioned above, ADK would vigorously oppose privatization of any portion of Wilkeson Pointe Park.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
14	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	SLIP No. 3. The GPP proposes to take material dredged from the Buffalo River and deposit it in Slip No. 3. The purpose is to significantly raise the underwater land to create a coastal wetland habitat for the benefit of certain fish and other wildlife. This is an intriguing idea; will the dredged material be clean enough so that if winter storms somehow push that material onto the land, no harm to humans or wildlife from exposure to it can occur? The GPP should address whether non-motorized boating would still be possible in this slip after the new habitat is created.	Non-motorized boating would still be possible, and likely encouraged, in Slip No. 3 after the ecological restoration is completed.
15	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	The mature trees on and near The Meadows should NOT be cut down, given the extreme difficulty of keeping newly planted trees alive in that hostile environment. Mature trees, even after they fall, provide food, shelter, and nesting sites for all manner of wildlife (birds, insects, reptiles, fawns, etc.)...The consultants should not get fancy with their horticultural choices for new plantings and should consult with realistic local experts.	As stated on page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."
16	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	THE "RADIO TOWER SITE". The highly popular Lakeside Complex is close to the toxic "Radio Tower Site." This is a small but highly toxic area that was not successfully remediated in the past. It remains dangerous. In the introductory material to the GPP, it was stated that ECHDC was responsible for securing and monitoring the Radio Tower Site. Various reporters have stated that there are no warning signs, let alone secure tall fences, at this site to protect the public. ECHDC needs to investigate the current situation and remedy any deficiencies. It is to be expected that more and more members of the public, especially curious children and youths, will be exploring this area, lured by all the exciting recreational activities going on there. They must be protected from toxic exposure.	The Radio Tower area is enclosed with fencing and is monitored annually. This project was completed in 2019 under the Outer Harbor Access & Activation GPP, now known as the Lakeside Bike Park.
17	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	MICHIGAN PIER. Regarding the proposed bridge and bridge landing, ADK is concerned about the viability of the structures that would connect Wilkeson Pointe and Michigan Pier. Certainly, the bridge would be a delight for children and adults alike and would certainly provide welcome connectivity between the two piers. However, other supposedly hardy structures on the Outer Harbor wound up laid to waste and in ruins due to winter storms. Should a bridge between the Michigan Pier and Wilkeson Pointe be built? If so, a generous annual repair allowance should be allotted. A very resilient bridge design must be used to avoid the destruction of the bridge from winter storms. (See the successful pedestrian bridge that crosses the Union Ship Canal off Tiftt Street).	Comment Received
18	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	TRAFFIC. Canalside offers sensible transportation alternatives to the concert venue: Metro rail, Metro bus, bicycle and automobile, with numerous parking lots nearby. Public transportation is poor to and from the Outer Harbor. Traffic circulation on the Outer Harbor is also poor. When large events have been scheduled there in the past, traffic gridlock on Fuhrmann Blvd., Tiftt Street, the Skyway, and Ohio Street has been legendary.	Public transit provisions are available along Fuhrmann Boulevard. The ECHDC has developed a seasonal Bike Ferry and reconstructed Ohio Street with a dedicated multi-use pathway that reduces the need for vehicular access to the site during summer months. Large events, including the Irish Festival, Italian Festival, Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, Architects of Air, as well as concerts, have occurred with successful traffic management.
19	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	PARKING. The GPP's solution to the inadequate parking space on the Outer Harbor is to use The Meadows for overflow parking. This solution is UNACCEPTABLE. Parking many hundreds of cars on The Meadows would compact and pollute the soil, and it would disturb expensive plantings paid for by ECHDC plus cause deterioration of the trail system.	Existing parking will be utilized for programming and events until the Subarea reconstruction is complete. On-site parking is being reduced throughout the Outer Harbor.
20	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	Unfortunately, the present version of the GPP lacks a comprehensive plan for the ecology of the lands and waters of the Outer Harbor as a whole, a plan that would be best implemented and sustained if the entire Outer Harbor were incorporated into a park, preferably a State Park.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City's largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the "Port of Buffalo" from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority ("NFTA") to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land's redevelopment. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public spaces, amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.

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21	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	FIRST BUFFALO RIVER MARINA. The GPP Maps indicate a more pleasing streetscape for the Marina than exists today. This will complement the greenery of Times Beach Nature Preserve directly across Fuhrmann Blvd. from the Marina. Enhanced connectivity for pedestrians to cross over to Times Beach and Wilkeson Pointe will be welcome, especially since entrance and egress from the Canalside Ferry will be through the Marina. Planned improvements at the Connecting Terminal Grain Elevator (interpretive elements regarding the history of the grain elevators and their importance in Buffalo's development) will be very popular and should be funded in Phase One. They will help ECHDC fulfill its educational goal stated in the GPP.	The Phase 1 capital improvements allow for a mix of project goals to be achieved including environmental remediation, the removal of impervious areas and the introduction of additional vegetated area over 50 acres (see Note 2 of Table 2 on page 17 of the GPP), and the ecological rehabilitation of Slip No. 3, while refocusing Wilkeson Pointe with better amenities and a smaller lawn area while providing for additional active recreational amenities at Terminal B and the Lakeside Complex.
22	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	But first we need to pause the GPP in light of the covid-19 crisis. The Terminal A planning committee has paused in its deliberations, and so should we. ADK believes that the GPP must not be implemented without further public review to be held at such time that it would be safe for groups to gather. It is essential that stakeholders and ECHDC have a dialog to refine the GPP's recommendations. Significant environmental and other questions remain concerning this land not the least of which is the future of TERMINAL A (the "elephant in the room").	In accordance with Executive Order 202.11 & 202.80, "Title 16, the Urban Development Corporation Act, to the extent a public hearing is required to effectuate a proposed project, provided that the Urban Development Corporation provides an alternative opportunity for the public to comment on proposed project and publishes notice of that opportunity consistent with notice requirements in the Act". The public was given an opportunity to comment on the Project by submitting comments for a period of 60 days (extended by public request from the original 30 days). Public participation in the process to develop the GPP, formerly known as the Preferred Plan, was extensive and documented in Exhibit C of the GPP.
23	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	DISTURBANCE TO PRIMARY PURPOSES OF THE AREA. Hosting large public events on the Outer Harbor would impede public access to significant portions of the trail system, most of the open space on the Outer Harbor (the Meadows would be a parking lot) , and would probably have a limiting effect on the Lakeside Complex activities (skateboard, zip-line course, and bike park activities). Not only would normal use of the area for recreation be disrupted, parking for those areas would be commandeered in service of the event parking. After the event, a monumental cleanup of litter, etc. would further restrict access for general public use on the Outer Harbor for a period of time.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
24	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	THE MEADOWS. It is well known that Buffalo is "under-parked" for a city of its size and population. To state it plainly, Buffalo needs more parks. The small amount of open space in our city parks is usually reserved for golf or reserved playing fields which generate fees. The Meadows has been adopted by kite flyers taking advantage of the usual westerly winds there. We don't see any mention of kite-flying in the GPP; it should be added.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. The City of Buffalo Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) states that 11% of the City is "Parks/Open Space", and 30% of the LWRP Area is considered "Parks/Open Space". With the recent re-zoning of the Outer Harbor, an additional 350 acres of ECHDC property is now considered Open Space or Buffalo Harbor State Park, increasing the LWRP Area of "Parks/Open Space" to 38.2%.
25	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	TERMINAL A. It is irresponsible to invest in the planned GPP infrastructure when no vision has been articulated for the gigantic Terminal A. ADK recommends creating a comprehensive plan that is ecologically sound from south to north of the ECHDC property, including both Terminals A and B. Finally, it goes without saying that ADK would oppose privatization of Terminal A	A process with regional stakeholders to identify a strategy to stabilize/reuse Terminal A is on-going but has not yet yielded any reasonable approaches. Advancing environmental remediation and open space improvements pending an approach for Terminal A would in no way result in greater adverse effects; but rather, would progressively remediate past industrial/port impacts and encourage greater visibility of Terminal A to the public, which could facilitate new ideas for its future reuse. Refer to Section O of the GPP and Section 1.3 of the FEAF Addendum for a discussion of potential segmentation. To the extent the requested authorization may be considered to be "segmented", such "segmentation" is permissible pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.3(g) due to the relevant circumstances of the Proposed Action, specifically: (i) that it is not possible to consider the environmental implications of such future activities in the absence of specific proposal(s) for new development; (ii) that any such future development will be subject to review under SEQRA as well as any/all other
26	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	ABANDON THE PROPOSED MOVE OF LARGE CONCERTS FROM CANALSIDE TO THE TERMINAL B AREA OF THE OUTER HARBOR. As was recommended in "A Better Waterfront," the lead editorial in the BUFFALO NEWS on January 4, 2021, Canalside is the popular and practical location for large (7,000 to 10,000 people) music and other kinds of entertainment.	Since the initial inception of Canalside, and earlier variations on this idea leading up to its establishment, the long-term objective has always involved the evolution of a dense, mixed-use, urban neighborhood, involving permanent residential uses, office, retail, and food-and-beverage/hospitality uses, all tied together with a comprehensive public space system that preserves access to the water and celebrates this special place's location at the historic western terminus of the Erie Canal. While an events-based strategy was first employed to attract long-absent visitors and to dispel previously-held negative perceptions of this area, very large-scale events and concerts were never considered to be a permanent fixture of the setting there, given that these uses at some point conflict with achieving the ultimate objective. This is a natural evolution of the redevelopment process, and similar examples of this have been seen in various parts of the City and the region. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.

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27	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	TERMINAL B. The proposed "public elevated walkway" on the lake side of Terminal B would be constructed to provide excellent sunset views and views of the ever-changing moods of Lake Erie. The walkway must be designed and constructed to be exceptionally strong, with the necessary resiliency to withstand our increasingly severe winter storms. Otherwise, it will join the sad piles of expensive metal and wood debris enumerated above in PIER THREE where we describe the doomed structures of the Outer Harbor.	Comment Received. Structural design and the selection of materials will be completed during the design phase to ensure a sustainable and cost effective solution.
28	Adirondack Mountain Club - Niagara Frontier Committee	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	11/22/2020	The members of the Adirondack Mountain Club have a deep and abiding interest in what happens to the Natural features of Buffalo's magnificent Outer Harbor. We find that the time we have been allotted to study the lengthy and complex documents Involved in the GPP presented by ECHDC far to short to gain a thorough understanding of them and provide the critique they demand. We formally request that the hearing deadline for the GPP be extended at least an additional 30 days.	Comment Period was extended for another 30 days until January 8, 2021.
29	Astran, Tony	unknown	0	1/8/2021	The plans for the Buffalo Outer Harbor are shaping up nicely. Thank you. It certainly seems like the larger vision for the waterfront is to have the Inner Harbor (e.g., Canalside, Riverside) be filled with attractions and the Outer Harbor be filled with natural open space. I happen to think that the Outer Harbor does need <i>some</i> development to attract activity and families, though.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no residential or large-scale commercial development included in this GPP.
30	Astran, Tony	unknown	0	1/8/2021	In conjunction with the bridge being fixed, build "Buffalo Pier" on the long-vacant Michigan Pier strip of land (which would descend upon peoples' eyes when crossing the bridge). Buffalo Pier would be a miniature version of Chicago's Navy Pier, complete with amazing skyline views and year-round family-friendly activities both indoors and outdoors. THIS is where an iconic ferris wheel should be, not Riverworks. Cruise ships can dock here. A year-round Shakespeare Theater can bolster the arts. Please look at this website and imagine what could be: https://navypier.org . Chicago's Navy Pier is one of the few destinations to bring suburban families and tourists to the heart of downtown in non-COVID years. Why not implement a smaller-scale replication for Buffalo?	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no residential or large-scale commercial development included in this GPP.
31	Astran, Tony	unknown	0	1/8/2021	Repair the long-broken bridge at Michigan Avenue. It's a natural crossing to the Outer Harbor and would alleviate overall traffic as opposed to building a bridge at the southern end of Main Street.	The Buffalo Skyway (NYS Route 5) Project, which may be considering future transportation links, is not considered a part of this GPP, as discussed in Section G. Comment Received.
32	Boone, Kathleen	unknown	0	11/24/2020	I generally favor the plan as described in the Nov. 9, 2020 issue of the Buffalo News, specifically its emphasis on public access, passive recreation, and environmental preservation. Noting the article's mention of deer fencing, I am hopeful that an appropriate balance is maintained, however, between safeguarding wildlife habitat and human usages of the site.	Comment Received. Fencing will be used as necessary to safeguard wildlife habitat and human usgae of the site.
33	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Organization	1	1/8/2021	As a matter of record, BNW received the health assessment for the Outer Harbor on January 5, 2021, and this is not sufficient time to review the document before the comment period is closed. Additional time should be afforded the public to review this assessment, before ECHDC closes the formal public comment period for the GPP.	In accordance with Executive Order 202.11 & 202.80, "Title 16, the Urban Development Corporation Act, to the extent a public hearing is required to effectuate a proposed project, provided that the Urban Development Corporation provides an alternative opportunity for the public to comment on proposed project and publishes notice of that opportunity consistent with notice requirements in the Act". The public was given an opportunity to comment on the Project by submitting comments for a period of 60 days (extended by public request from the original 30 days). Public participation in the process to develop the GPP, formerly known as the Preferred Plan, was extensive and documented in Exhibit C of the GPP.
34	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Organization	1	1/8/2021	It is imperative that any future development is kept to the limited developed areas proposed in the GPP and that those areas remain only developed for the purpose of supporting park uses.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
35	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Furthermore, the GPP classifies the entire parcel at 901 Fuhrmann Blvd., containing both Terminals A and B as zoned as N-1C (mixed use urban core). According to the City of Buffalo Green Code Zoning Map, 901 Fuhrmann is zoned as N-1S (secondary employment center). The GPP lacks any explanation as to when the parcel was re-zoned, if it was, or the justification for such an action. The main difference between N-1C and N-1S zones are the allowance of "stacked units" and "Carriage House" in the N-1C zone. BNW continues to protest planning for residential use of the Outer Harbor.	The GPP incorrectly identified 901 Fuhrmann Boulevard as N-1C zoning. On February 8, 2021 the GPP was revised to include the correct zoning - N-1S (Secondary Employment Center) for this parcel. The revision can be found in Table 1 on page 2 of the GPP.

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37	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Organization	1	1/8/2021	This site can certainly support passive recreation, but the highest and best use of the Outer Harbor must have coastal resiliency and ecological services at the forefront of planning. In addition, since the conception of the Outer Harbor GPP process, significant progress has been made on the design of the nearby Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park, which has a primary emphasis on passive and active recreational opportunities. The two parks should complement the public use enjoyment opportunities, not duplicate them.	As stated on page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard." ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
38	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Organization	1	1/8/2021	While we are glad to see the Bell Slip noted under Coastal Assessment Form Section 9(1) as a key coastal area, there needs to be further and explicit protection of the integrity of this unique habitat through precluding direct access from people who will no doubt try to swim or use this space as a dog beach. (See pg. 47 Section 9.(I)).	The ECHDC has managed this area since 2013 and has not witnessed or heard complaints of people swimming or dogs using this area as a beach. ECHDC would include signage as necessary if this becomes an issue.
39	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Moreover, Exhibit A.2.5 depicts mowed lawn extending up to a hardened shoreline along the Bell Slip. This area would benefit with the addition of a clearly defined vegetated buffer that discourages human or dog access to the water. Additionally, native tree species and riparian ecosystems are needed to create some shaded areas to protect the integrity of the living shoreline, water temperatures, and habitat cover. We also recommend the proposed comfort station be relocated to a more appropriate area further away from these critical habitat zones.	Per page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard." Per page 11 of the GPP, "With the Greenbelt to remain, the site (Meadows) would include soil amendments and significant areas of landscaping improvements, with meadows, grasslands, forest and pollinator fields comprising the bulk of the subarea."
40	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Organization	1	1/8/2021	In general, related to areas with buildings, entertainment venues or other infrastructure, adjacent areas are expected to see a temporary increase in lighting during special events. Due to the disorientating effects of artificial lighting, special attention must be made to the design and deployment of lighting to ensure no harm is caused to migrating birds.	Design issues will be reviewed during the design phase.
41	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Coastal Assessment Form Question 5c states that the project will have a positive impact on bird viewing but this site provides much more opportunity than just birding and could significantly enhance the globally significant bird area by adding necessary and appropriate habitat enhancements. Specifically, the meadow area would greatly benefit from adding intentional native grassland areas to create vital avifaunal habitat that is significantly lacking. This area should be mowed seasonally to avoid disturbance to nesting birds and protected from public use and other potential disturbances.	As stated on page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard." Per page 11 of the GPP, "With the Greenbelt to remain, the site (Meadows) would include soil amendments and significant areas of landscaping improvements, with meadows, grasslands, forest and pollinator fields comprising the bulk of the subarea."

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42	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Shoreline protection and restoration should be a top priority for the Outer Harbor, and land use should be as resilient as possible while maintaining the greatest diversity of habitat.	The shoreline of the Outer Harbor consists of armored sheet piling or was reconstructed with energy dissipating riprap designed by the NYSDEC and constructed by the NFTA in 2008 as part of the Greenbelt Trail system. A section of sheet piling was removed at Wilkeson Pointe in 2014 and replaced with energy-dissipating riprap similar to that designed by NYSDEC. Much of the Outer Harbor shoreline is included in an environmental easement, as noted on page 2 of the GPP. As per page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."
43	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Organization	1	1/8/2021	The Outer Harbor is a public space and should remain public in perpetuity, including all buildings and living infrastructure.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City's largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the "Port of Buffalo" from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority ("NFTA") to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land's redevelopment. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public spaces, amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. No housing is proposed in this GPP.
44	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Since Terminal A it is not included in this plan, BNW expects that a full separate SEQR process will be undertaken with robust public engagement.	A separate General Project Plan and SEQR process would be completed for Terminal A, upon the identification a reasonable and feasible approach to its stabilization and reuse.
45	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Under Section E.2(m) and (n), the FEAF notes, "shore birds and small mammals" as the notable wildlife which is not fully correct. Further, to say that the Outer Harbor provides, "...unsuitable habitat for any significant plant or animal species" is an inappropriate characterization of the ecological services provided by the Outer Harbor.	Comment noted. We concur on the resiliency of local natural resources to progressively revert the site landscape from its past industrial and port uses, and have revised the section to acknowledge this. But nevertheless, at its base, the site is a brownfield and landfilled site that had been impaired by such prior uses. The Proposed Action is specifically intended to progressively address these impairments through remediation and transition the site to open space and recreational uses.
46	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper		1	1/8/2021	Coastal Assessment Form Question 5c states that the project will have a positive impact on bird viewing but this site provides much more opportunity than just birding and could significantly enhance the globally significant bird area by adding necessary and appropriate habitat enhancements. Specifically, the meadow area would greatly benefit from adding intentional native grassland areas to create vital avifaunal habitat that is significantly lacking. This area should be mowed seasonally to avoid disturbance to nesting birds and protected from public use and other potential disturbances.	As noted on page 8 of the GPP and page 5 of the FEAF Addendum, "...the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard." On page 11 of the GPP and page 8 of the FEAF Addendum, "With the Greenbelt to remain, the site (Meadows) would include soil amendments and significant areas of landscaping improvements, with meadows, grasslands, forest and pollinator fields comprising the bulk of the subarea."
47	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Organization	1	1/8/2021	the SEQR document under Section 2.7.2 "Impact of the Proposed Action" includes the following sentence, the intent of which is unclear: "According to the USFWS and NYNHP, there are no known winter or summer bat occurrences within the City of Buffalo and no known hibernacula for the species are located within Erie County." Presumably this is intended to speak to hibernating bats and not migratory bats but it is important to note that a 2012 USFWS report showed 209 bat observations in nearby Tiff Nature preserve in May 2012. More recently, in 2018 and 2019, BRRAP's Wildlife Biologist, through acoustic monitoring, heard Eastern Red Bat, Hoary bat and the Big Brown bat at sites along the Buffalo River.	Comment noted. The section will be refined to specify that the GPP area contains no suitable habitat for bat species of concern that would be affected by activities authorized under the GPP.
48	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Specifically, regarding Terminal B, BNW supports appropriate and adaptive re-use of existing structures but we reiterate our previous and long-held position that the Outer Harbor should not be planned as a space for residential development or use.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. No housing is proposed in this GPP. There is no residential development included in this GPP.
49	Burke, Patrick (Assemblymember D142)	NYS Assembly	142nd District	1/7/2021	Is there a broader economic development plan we're not aware of that includes private industry? Even if there is no formal plan in place, if this vision for the Outer Harbor is influenced by the idea that there will likely be private industry in the future, the public deserves to have a more complete look at what that might look like before tacitly agreeing to this proposal.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no private industry proposed in this GPP.

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50	Burke, Patrick (Assemblymember D142)	NYS Assembly	142nd District	1/7/2021	Based on the information given in the GPP, I believe the Outer Harbor should be designated as a public park, with an emphasis on serving the biodiversity of the Lake Erie shore and the resiliency of the Lake's coastline.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City's largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the "Port of Buffalo" from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority ("NFTA") to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land's redevelopment. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public spaces, amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
51	Burke, Patrick (Assemblymember D142)	NYS Assembly	142nd District	12/2/2020	I write to request that the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation extend the deadline for public comment for the recently announced (November 5, 2020) Buffalo Outer Harbor Civic and Land Use Improvement Project General Project Plan (GPP) from December 9, 2020 to January 15, 2021. I was surprised to find out how soon members of the community were expected to both learn about the GPP and submit a public comment. Between the intense focus on this November's election and the difficulties of living during a pandemic, I don't believe enough community stakeholders are sufficiently aware of these recent developments, nor have had enough time to adequately review the proposals in order to submit a public comment. The community should be given more time to look over such an important project that will shape the future of Buffalo's Outer Harbor.	Comment Period was extended for another 30 days until January 8, 2021.
52	Carlino-MacDonald, Ulrike B.	unknown	0	11/28/2020	The public has been given a very short time frame for comments, which are due on December 9. I ask that you please extend the public comment period until at least January 15.	Comment Period was extended for another 30 days until January 8, 2021.
53	Catalano, Judy	unknown	0	12/5/2020	Within the plans the body of water next to Wilkerson Point will be mostly isolated from the lake. How will enough fresh water enter this area? Why not make the new arm extending into the water an island instead? (with another pedestrian bridge) I think it would be popular. Also, I was told this same pocket of water is an important breeding area for a specific type of fish. Will reducing the volume of fresh water to this area have a negative affect on the fish?	Slip No. 3 will be connected to Lake Erie at all times. This project is intended to increase fish spawning along Lake Erie.
54	Catalano, Judy	unknown	0	12/5/2020	Will there be offsite parking for the Amphitheater and will there be public transportation from such offsite parking to the Amp and back? I ask because the Outer Harbor land is suppose to represent a park by the water including the wild, natural vegetation, not looking like a car dealership's parking lot. In addition, vegetation trampled on or mowed is unattractive~ Also, wild, natural vegetation helps support small creatures and migratory birds and butterflies and maintaining a wealth of wildlife makes the area more interesting for humans. So it seems, offsite parking would be important and parking at the Outer Harbor in designated areas only.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. The rehabilitated Terminal B will be used for events of all sizes. Parking will occur in designated areas and be reduced over time as additional subareas are completed.
55	Chiaretta Lavatelli, Anna	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	11/25/2020	I implore you to throw this plan out the window and dedicate this land to public parkland and nature preserves as it is now as a critical investment in the future of this city. It is too precious an asset to squander, and is intrinsic to the city's recent successes.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City's largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the "Port of Buffalo" from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority ("NFTA") to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land's redevelopment. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public spaces, amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
56	Citizens for Regional Transit	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	The plans for an amphitheater and event lawn as part of the lakeside complex will draw large numbers of people. This will potentially generate high levels of noise, which seems incompatible with the meditative, subset-watching outer harbor uses stated as design goals. Future plans for Terminal A also needs to be evaluated and included in the transportation plan. If the uses at Terminals A and B will frequently draw large crowds, a low cost gondola should be considered. A gondola would allow easy and enjoyable access from Canalside and will be an attraction, in itself, with great views of the lake, the outer harbor and the city. With tourism as a stated goal, a gondola may be the right solution to provide public transportation, avoid car congestion, and serve as an attraction for tourists.	Alternative transportation, internal to the Project Area, are not warranted for the short-term duration of large-scale event/program parking needs.
57	Citizens for Regional Transit	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Public transportation needs to be part of the plan. Transportation to, from and along the outer harbor is an important consideration for the success of the project but is not adequately addressed in the GPP. There seems to be an assumption that access by car will be the norm (27 references to parking) with almost no consideration given for public transit (0 mentions) except for noting the existing bike ferry at the north end (11 mentions). We concur that the bike ferry is an important element for outer harbor access and success. We appreciate ECHDC's continued support for the bike ferry operations and improvements. But more comprehensive transportation planning that integrates public transit is needed. Even the, bike rack equipped #36 bus with existing service to the southern end of the outer harbor is not noted.	Public transit provisions are available along Fuhrmann Boulevard. The ECHDC has developed a seasonal Bike Ferry and reconstructed Ohio Street with a dedicated multi-use pathway that reduces the need for vehicular access to the site during summer months.

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58	Citizens for Regional Transit	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	CRT concurs with the Our Outer Harbor (OOH) coalition in calling for designating the outer harbor for natural and regenerative uses; a place for watching sunsets, bird watching, hiking, biking, meditation, and generally connecting to nature; essentially making the outer harbor part of the Olmsted Park network. Designating the outer harbor as a state park would help achieve these goals.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City's largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the "Port of Buffalo" from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority ("NFTA") to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land's redevelopment. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public spaces, amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
59	Citizens for Regional Transit	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	11/24/2020	We would like to join with Our Outer Harbor in requesting an extension to January 15th on the deadline for comments on the latest ECHD final General Preferred Plan (GPP).The extension will allow us to have time to carefully review the plan and associated material.	Comment Period was extended for another 30 days until January 8, 2021.
60	Deitrich, Mary Lou	West Seneca	14224	11/26/2020	Congratulations on the new funding. Anxious to see what's coming. Don't forget the simple things and keeping us updated.	Comment Received.
61	Deitrich, Mary Lou	West Seneca	14224	11/12/2020	Please leave the small skateboard park. Well used and great kids, always leaving it in good order.	Comment Received
62	Drag, Nate	unknown	0	1/4/2021	Include a few simple amenities along the shoreline trail and on the Fuhrmann Blvd trail in the Meadows and Lakeside Complex section: These areas are the longest continuous sections of the trail and it would be nice to have a break from the elements a few times - maybe some simple shade/wind shelters where people can take a quick break. Maybe a drinking water/dog water fountain (similar to what they have at the state park) as well. Include converted shipping containers that can be used as small boat (i.e.: kayak, stand up paddleboard) storage either at Wilkeson Pointe or Bell Slip so people can safely and securely store their kayaks or SUPs at the water. This would allow people to ride their bikes to the water or park on Fuhrmann Blvd and walk to the storage and then use their kayak or SUP. It would reduce the need for parking right on the water's edge, where cars sit for hours taking up prime space while their owners are out on the water. The storage could be rented on a seasonal or hourly base – or both. You could also put this storage at the inland edge of Slip 2 near Fuhrmann Blvd – there is an existing ramp there that could be modified to be a kayak launch, although that could create conflict with the recreational boating facilities you want to put in Slip 2. Additionally, a lot of people fish on Slip 2, probably because of existing parking there – those individuals are going to be pretty disappointed in the change.	As stated on Page 8 of this GPP, "the placement of additional comfort stations (i.e., restrooms, water fountains, shade structures) throughout the new landscape will provide for a more even distribution of amenities while enhancing the various subareas. It is likely that one or more of these stations be used by police or other emergency service providers."
63	Drag, Nate	unknown	0	1/4/2021	Be considerate of the location of wooden/trex boardwalks - I understand the nautical aesthetic of boardwalks where the main use is walking (i.e.: First Buffalo River Marina subarea) or the functional use where a trail is elevated above sensitive habitat (i.e.: Times Beach, Tiff Nature Preserves). But if people use a path for recreation with wheels (bikes, skateboards, scooters rollerblades/shakes, strollers, and wheelchairs), a boardwalk should not be the only path. For most part, it looks like there are alternative pathways for pedestrians on boardwalks and other users on wheels, but just something to keep in mind. Based on my experience at Buffalo Harbor State Park, their boardwalk along Gallagher Beach requires regular and ongoing repair and replacement. They seem to be replacing some section of boards every year. Fortunately, there is an adjacent paved path close to the boardwalk.	Comment Received. Operations and maintenance issues and costs are included in the design decision making process to ensure a sustainable and cost effective solution.
64	Drag, Nate	unknown	0	1/4/2021	Breakwater in Slip 3 - I understand the purpose of this for water calming (less waves and chop) and decreased motor boat traffic for paddlers but this could also change the circulation pattern of water in the slip. This could impact water quality and lead to an accumulation of floating marine debris (i.e.: trash and litter). The inclusion of some type of trash removal device or regular maintenance to collect debris may be needed because it may not "wash" out the way it normally does.	The Operations & Maintenance budget included in the GPP covers the USACE suggested maintenance costs for the Slip No. 3 project.
65	Drag, Nate	unknown	0	1/4/2021	Amphitheater - Does the Outer Harbor really need an amphitheater? There are already outdoor concert venues in Western New York (Canalside, ArtPark, Darien Lake). If there is a permanent amphitheater here, it would cut off access to the trail/boardwalk along the water's edge and in front of the terminal building during events, and potentially more frequently. When considering the design of the Outer Harbor, I think that daily, regular users should take precedence over occasional, event-based use. If you really need something like this, I think it should only be for small events and it could be like Shakespeare Hill at Delaware Park – just a hill that people sit on and watch performances on a temporary stage. Live music and entertainment can happen nearby the multi-use trail users and other people recreating – but they can't happen in the exact same space. What about the roof of the terminal building? That would be a great view, wouldn't take up space on the ground, and would be pretty unique.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.

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66	Eastland, Julie	Buffalo	0	12/3/2020	I take exception to the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) General Project Plan for activating development on Buffalo's Outer Harbor. This Plan is not a park. This Plan is not habitat for birds, pollinators or other wildlife that depend on this area. This Plan provides for privatization and condo's next to Times Beach. The public voices in Buffalo and Erie County support this as parkland and open green space. That is not what has now been proposed. I also think that the very short public comment period has been designed so that this will slip through unnoticed as much as possible. I hope that it does not. We have one great chance to make history and enhance our future by keeping this as parkland and green space that can support the birds and wildlife and enhance our opportunities to enjoy and preserve our natural world. This plan does none of that and should be scrapped.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no housing in the GPP. As per page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."
67	Emmanuele, James R.	unknown	0	11/20/2020	I read the article in the Buffalo News from 11/10. I also saw the photo of the vision Michigan Pier Section. As you know there is a large open area past Wilkeson Pointe that is wide open. It is where they had the Italian Fest and where the Pier Restaurant used to be. Many people go there and fly larger kites. It is a great spot for that. I noticed the rendering showed many trees that would be added to this area. If that happens, this area may not be available to fly kites. As of now that is really the only spot at the Outer Harbor here you can fly kites. Kite flying is not allowed at the Outer Harbor State Park. There are thousands of people who enjoy these kites every year and I would hate to lose that spot. If that spot is taken away, will other areas be created that would be open and large enough to fly several kites?	Comment Received. Kite flying will be possible at various sized lawns at Wilkeson Pointe, Lakeside, Terminal B, and the Meadows once the GPP is fully completed.
68	Ferguson, Mary Ellen	unknown	0	1/5/2021	First I would like to commend all those responsible for making the Outer Harbor a welcoming recreational place. It is truly a treasure, and should be kept as a space for people to enjoy the outdoors in multiple ways—biking, bird watching, kayaking, fishing, walking, canoeing, etc. However, including an amphitheater (or condo/apartments) should not be considered for this valuable space! We need to give our attention to the very important bird and fish habitats. These areas are fragile, and should be protected. Areas for concerts, festivals, and other large gatherings should take place in other locations that do not disturb the natural environment. I appreciate being given the opportunity to express my opinion on this important matter. My husband and I have attended prior planning meetings, and we look forward to enjoying this beautiful gift of nature for many years to come!	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no housing included in the GPP.
69	Fitzgerald, Judy	Buffalo	0	1/3/2021	The public has repeatedly said that they want this land to be left as parkland to be enjoyed by all. We do not need more development on Lake Erie. Please consider climate change which will inevitably cause encroachment of the lake at times and seiche damage. It would be foolish economically to put money into development that we don't want and would be a waste.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
70	Fitzgerald, Judy	Buffalo	14223	12/2/2020	I am startled by the choice of Dec. 9th as the date chosen for a public hearing on this important topic. Not only is it a bad time because of the holidays, but we are in a very difficult point in the pandemic. If there was really in desire of real input from the public, it would not be at this time. Therefore I am requesting a delay in the hearing until at least the middle of January. There is very little time for anyone to prepare for the hearing. I am requesting a reasonable delay.	Comment Period was extended for another 30 days until January 8, 2021.
71	Gaerte, Andrew	Buffalo	14216	1/6/2021	I am writing to share my comments on the proposed Buffalo Outer Harbor Development Plan. Buffalo's outer harbor is one of my family's favorite spots in Buffalo. We live in North Buffalo, but travel to the outer harbor at least once a week to bird, walk, ride bikes, or watch the sunset. The outer harbor is an important environmental location, and as a member of the Buffalo Ornithological Society and Buffalo Audubon Society, it provides critical habitat for birds and animals. Just this fall I was able to see a black bellied plover, golden plover, snow buntings, common redpolls, snowy owls and dozens of other bird species down at the outer harbor. My birding hobby contributes to the general economy of our region, from purchasing of camera gear at Delaware Camera to picking up coffee and lunch at restaurants near the outer harbor. Every time I visit the outer harbor I find lots of other people enjoying the natural environment, whether walking, flying kites, walking their dog, riding bikes, running, fishing, birding, or just laying out. It is important that we keep this area a green space for our community. This is only the second time I have ever written in	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
72	Giambrone, Tom	Buffalo	0	1/7/2021	Please keep concerts and huge festival gatherings out of the future plans for Buffalo's Outer Harbor. Canalside is a good location for concerts and will support small business in the area. Large festivals like the Italian festival has been a dismal failure at the outer harbor. The outer harbor should hold these type of activities only with a very minimal schedule. The Outer Harbor is and should remain a place for outdoor recreation and the enjoyment of nature and the waterfront. A place where people can share the outdoors with wildlife and others engaged in outdoor activities. It should not be used as a venue for large crowds and concerts that create an objectionable soundscape and rob people of the opportunity for peaceful recreational activities that are currently being enjoyed.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
73	Giarrizzo, Andy	Youngstown	14174	12/17/2020	The Plan appears to reflect a generous amount of naturally developed greenspace in support of scenic recreation, with the future potential for more substantive ecosystem development. the inclusion of some small percentage of low-rise (less than 6 floors) residential building development is acceptable. commercial development for food services; domestic services; casual dining should be limited to sustain basic convenience, not commercial district development.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no housing included in the GPP.

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74	Ginnane, F. James	East Amherst	14051	1/4/2021	I would like to like to respectfully recommend that the plans for the Outer Harbor continue to focus on public access in a natural setting. We need to cherish the quiet, natural settings afforded there and allow for development that draws large crowds to events like concerts to areas much more suited for them. I hope you will decide against putting facilities on the Outer Harbor for large gatherings and instead develop that type of venue(s) for large gatherings in locations that provide for easier access, existing parking, rapid transit, walking distance, other amenities like restaurants and hotels. Specifically the Canalside/cobblestone area are perfectly suited for such things.	Public transit provisions are available along Fuhrmann Boulevard. The ECHDC has developed a seasonal Bike Ferry and reconstructed Ohio Street with a dedicated multi-use pathway that reduces the need for vehicular access to the site during summer months.
75	Goldfarb, Joanne	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/2/2020	PLEASE LISTEN TO THE CITIZENS WHO HAVE STUDIED THE PLANS AND WANT TO PROTECT OUR OUTER HARBOR FOR US AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THIS LAND IS UNIQUE AND SHOULD BE A PUBLIC TRUST NOT DEVELOPERS BONUS!	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. No residential of large scale commercial development are included in this GPP.
76	Graham, Laura	Amherst	14226	12/7/2020	I love all the green space in this plan. I would hope no part of this area be used for residential, lodging or retail/service. Leave it green and open to the public. I go to this area year round and have noticed the changes already made have received much more usage and enjoyment.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. No residential of large scale commercial development are included in this GPP.
77	Great Lakes Water Sport Institute	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Within the entire planning process there appears to be a lack of anyone with real maritime expertise as evidenced by the lack of community training facilities, fishing piers where there are no fish, poor launch designs, and a complete ignorance of the multitude of potential maritime events and recreational activities The Outer Harbor should be supporting to benefit the city and the majority of its citizens.	Beginning in 2017, the ECHDC has worked closely with the US Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife, NYSDEC, NYS Parks, Sea Grant, the Niagara Musky Association, Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, and others on the plants, insects, birds, fish and other animals native to Buffalo's Lake Erie coast. The public amenities (landside, shoreline, and in-water) and the potential programming suggested in the GPP are consistent with ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site, respond to public input from several outreach projects between 2015 and 2019, and are compatible with the City's zoning.
78	Great Lakes Water Sport Institute	Organization	1	1/8/2021	The plan (GPP) is really not a plan from a comprehensive planning standpoint; it's just a series of disconnected land use possibilities with no overall theme or coordinated elements. It seems obvious that in spite of the public outcry, large portions of the site are still being reserved for possible future development.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no residential or commercial development included in this GPP.
79	Great Lakes Water Sport Institute	Organization	1	1/8/2021	This plan still sets aside large areas that could be used for private development causing a great deal of suspicion within the community.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no residential or commercial development included in this GPP.
80	Great Lakes Water Sport Institute	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Give up, finally, the very unpopular idea of residential or commercial development, put all the land in public trust, and turn over operations to a not-for-profit in the model of the Olmsted Conservancy. An organization with particular expertise in operating a waterfront venue for the benefit of the community.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no residential or commercial development included in this GPP.
81	Great Lakes Water Sport Institute	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Filling in slip 3 and blocking the use of it with a bridge is the worst possible decision. Filling in a valuable slip that cost millions to create rates with taking the cars off Main St. as some of Buffalos biggest planning blunders. Apparently no one in the planning process understands the synergy of the outer harbor, behind the outer breakwall as being one of the premier freshwater recreational water sports sites in the world. It has enormous potential and needs to be recognized and nurtured.	As stated on page 11 of the GPP, "Slip No. 3 would be rehabilitated with the use of dredged materials from the Buffalo River to create approximately 6.7 acres of coastal wetland habitat along the Lake Erie shoreline. The proposed Slip No. 3 project, designed and constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and jointly funded by the federal agency and ECHDC, would contribute to the restoration of the aquatic ecosystem functions that have been lost or degraded in the eastern Lake Erie/Upper Niagara River basin."
82	Great Lakes Water Sport Institute	Organization	1	1/8/2021	A reduction in parking equates to a reduction in usage. This is contrary to the concept of making the Outer Harbor available to the people. It may be a lofty goal to force people to bike or walk more but remember again the planning disaster "taking cars off Main St." which destroyed much of downtown.	As stated on page 12 of the GPP, "The parking area would be reduced and replaced with a signature naturalized play area, overlooks, and comfort stations including restrooms, would be included to enhance the visitor's experience."
83	Great Lakes Water Sport Institute	Organization	1	1/8/2021	We take exception to the repeated use of the term "public input". This planning process was carefully controlled to limit public comment to only those ideas and plans put forth by the ECHDC. At the public showings, no comments were allowed in public. Comments were only allowed in small groups or by mail and the public as a whole was never allowed access to them. There has never been an open forum where ideas from the public were openly discussed. This is a well-known planning technique whereby the planners can control the public input and still satisfy the legal requirements. As an example, a community center on the waterfront, a very popular idea, has been offered at every public input session for the past 10 years and yet has never seen the light of day in public.	In accordance with Executive Order 202.11 & 202.80, "Title 16, the Urban Development Corporation Act, to the extent a public hearing is required to effectuate a proposed project, provided that the Urban Development Corporation provides an alternative opportunity for the public to comment on proposed project and publishes notice of that opportunity consistent with notice requirements in the Act". The public was given an opportunity to comment on the Project by submitting comments for a period of 60 days (extended by public request from the original 30 days). Public participation in the process to develop the GPP, formerly known as the Preferred Plan, was extensive and documented in Exhibit C of the GPP.

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84	Great Lakes Water Sport Institute	Organization	1	1/8/2021	If the Board of Directors of ECHDC adopted the plan on November 9, 2020, why are public comments being taken now? It seems to be a case of "don't bother me with the facts; my mind is already made up."	In accordance with Executive Order 202.11 & 202.80, "Title 16, the Urban Development Corporation Act, to the extent a public hearing is required to effectuate a proposed project, provided that the Urban Development Corporation provides an alternative opportunity for the public to comment on proposed project and publishes notice of that opportunity consistent with notice requirements in the Act". The public was given an opportunity to comment on the Project by submitting comments for a period of 60 days (extended by public request from the original 30 days).
85	Great Lakes Water Sport Institute	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Wilkeson Pointe contains a shallow beach area which is extremely valuable as a training area for beach boats and paddle craft and when combined with a deep water slip and frontage on the harbor itself makes it the perfect site for a world class community boating center.	Boats and paddle craft will be able to use the rehabilitated Slip No. 3 once the work is complete. This area will have much safer accommodations for human powered watercraft.
86	Great Lakes Water Sport Institute	Organization	1	1/8/2021	There is a complete lack of any central or focal point to the plan. A place to start from and a place to organize everything. The "center of Buffalos waterfront", the place people start from and the place the Tall Ships salute when they visit.	The Project Site consists of approximately 208 acres of mainly vacant, substandard or underutilized property consisting of piers, upland and under-water areas stretching along nearly one-and-a-half miles of Lake Erie waterfront in the City. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The overall site plan, public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
87	Great Lakes Water Sport Institute	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Buffalo's greatest asset is Lake Erie. This plan focuses on the land side of the waterfront but does little to enhance the use of the Lake itself for the vast majority of the citizens. The plan repeatedly uses the term "water access" but generally what it really means is that people can come to the shoreline and watch other people out on the water. To counter by saying that the purpose is to plan the land, not the water, is a gross planning oversight and disservice to the community.	As per page 6 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, additional water access elements would be installed throughout the Project Site, including but not limited to transient docks, kayak launches, fishing piers, overlooks and stepdowns, and continued upgrades to the Ferry landing and boat launches at the Marina location will further increase access to the water's edge. Many of these features will allow for a diversification of waterside activities."
88	Jentsch, Dave	unknown	0	12/9/2020	I read the entirety of the document and if I understand this correctly, 'The Meadows' are a phase 2 effort so probably a few years off. Even still, the drawings seem to indicate a largely open space, so I'm pretty good with that. I did take a look at Wilkeson Point from a kite flying perspective, it would work for small kites, but large kites with longer lines would be risky as there are a fair number of large mature trees (and large trees like to eat kites). While the Meadows area is not a today event so to speak, it would be nice if the place was periodically cleaned up - not sure who is responsible for that? There is a LOT of broken glass no doubt left by night time partiers and frequently enough, huffing equipment including aerosol cans, disposable hookahs, etc. The glass can be quite dangerous - for little kids and car tires especially. Perhaps even give the BPD a call to have them slide by periodically.(though with winter coming that's probably not as active a spot so perhaps wait till spring). Finally, I noticed there is a comfort station in the Meadows drawing. On behalf of the women around, is there any way to get a port-o-potty over there somewhere? The guys don't really care b/c they'll just go find the cattails, but the women tend to be more civilized.	Comment Received. Kite flying will be possible at various sized lawns at Wilkeson Pointe, Lakeside, Terminal B, and the Meadows once the GPP is fully completed.
89	Jentsch, Dave	unknown	0	11/12/2020	For years I looked out of my Marine Midland/HSBC office at the Outer Harbor- a desolate place. These days, I spend time down at the Outer Harbor - near the 'Harbor Overlook Point' - at least I think that's what it's called - it's the old 'The Pier' location. Anyway, I won't take up your time - that 'Overlook / Pier' area is the only area - other than Gratwick Park in North Tonawanda where anyone can fly big kites. When we fly down there, the skateboarders, walkers, runners, cyclists, picnikers, etc. stop in amazement at the show - and it is really a show. Indeed, the Buffalo News highlighted the kitefliers as recently as a month or so ago. Indeed, the people coming over the Skyway are amazed. I get kite flying is not at the top of the list in any shape or form and is not a commercially viable aspect to your situation. What I will say to you, is leave that particular area wide open for the foreseeable future - it is the LARGEST' free open space along the waterfront remaining - do a Google satellite analysis - there is no other area with that amount of open space. For what it's worth, I've been to both the Florida and California coasts - and for the most part, they keep them open.	Comment Received. Kite flying will be possible at various sized lawns at Wilkeson Pointe, Lakeside, Terminal B, and the Meadows once the GPP is fully completed.
90	King, Derek	unknown	0	11/10/2020	In short: I fully support the proposed plan, and applaud the ECHDC for listening to the community and ensuring this important asset remains open to the public. In long: I'm a resident, business owner, and real estate developer in the City of Buffalo; my fiance and I proudly purchased a home here in the hopes of raising our children in the city; we often find ourselves disappointed by how slowly Buffalo implements best practices from other cities, or worse, fails to rise up to the occasion and blaze trails for other cities to follow. This park proposal is one of those opportunities, and it makes me proud to call myself a Buffalonian. It shows foresight and imagination severely lacking in a lot of decisions our local leadership make, and will be an asset to the community for generations to come. Thank you for your work on this, and for the opportunity to comment-- I look forward to bringing my future children, and hopefully my future grandchildren, to this park in the years to come.	Comment Received.

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91	Kolasz, Sue	unknown	0	1/5/2021	I have been at the Outer Harbor seeking a quiet place to relax along the water when there has been one of these events scheduled (unknown to me until I arrived,) and I have to say that it was very upsetting to see all the cars, people and noise in an area that I specifically drove to so I could enjoy some quiet time in a peaceful setting along the water. As I walked along the path near where the festival was taking place, I observed that no one attending this festival even glanced at the water. I couldn't help but wonder why you had decided to locate the event along the waterfront when absolutely no one attending the festival even bothered to look at the water or take in the scenery? They were there for another purpose entirely and couldn't care less about the venue. As it is, we have such a tiny waterfront to enjoy during our limited warm weather months, so I am asking that you please not take it away from those of us who truly want to be there to enjoy it for what it is. Keep the craziness at Canalside, and let the peacefulness remain at the Outer Harbor.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
92	Kolasz, Sue	unknown	0	1/4/2021	I have been at the Outer Harbor seeking a quiet place to relax along the water when there has been one of these events scheduled (unknown to me until I arrived,) and I have to say that it was very upsetting to see all the cars, people and noise in an area that I specifically drove to so I could enjoy some quiet time in a peaceful setting along the water. As I walked along the path near where the festival was taking place, I observed that no one attending this festival even glanced at the water. I couldn't help but wonder why you had decided to locate the event along the waterfront when absolutely no one attending the festival even bothered to look at the water or take in the scenery? They were there for another purpose entirely and couldn't care less about the venue. As it is, we have such a tiny waterfront to enjoy during our limited warm weather months, so I am asking that you please not take it away from those of us who truly want to be there to enjoy it for what it is. Keep the craziness at Canalside, and let the peacefulness remain at the Outer Harbor.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. Programming of the Outer Harbor began in 2012 with the NFTA introducing four years of concerts at the former Pier Restaurant site. ECHDC continued events and programming from
93	Kowsky, Francis	Buffalo	14214	11/10/2020	I think it may be a mistake to reduce Terminal B to an empty shell of beams and girders. As an intact structure, it would be a natural wind breaker on that highly exposed site, especially for the amphitheater on the inland side of it. At the very least, it could be used as a garage for parking cars during concert events, with rest room facilities, etc.. I could see the roof becoming, a lakeside promenade, a place high enough to afford people a sweeping view of the water beyond the break wall, .Shelters could be installed for year-round accessibility. A great place to watch a storm on the lake, I would guess. Anyway, I would vote for keeping the building and restoring it. A competition would be a good way to solicit ideas for how it could be adapted to complement its new surroundings. Why condemn such a potentially useful asset to a meaningless object that will require maintenance and cleaning?	The planning process identified and publicly vetted a reasonable/feasible partial razing and reconfiguration of Terminal B to remove its blighting influence and facilitate recreational uses.
94	Kyger, Elizabeth	Buffalo	14222	1/6/2021	In light of the above, I fully support keeping the Outer Harbor as open and natural and untrampled as possible.	Comment Received.
95	Kyger, Elizabeth	Buffalo	14222	1/6/2021	I strenuously oppose creating an amphitheater for outdoor concerts along this area. I agree with others that concerts should remain at Canalside, which importantly is close to public transportation, and has been specifically designed for crowds at events.	Since the initial inception of Canalside, and earlier variations on this idea leading up to its establishment, the long-term objective has always involved the evolution of a dense, mixed-use, urban neighborhood, involving permanent residential uses, office, retail, and food-and-beverage/hospitality uses, all tied together with a comprehensive public space system that preserves access to the water and celebrates this special place's location at the historic western terminus of the Erie Canal. While an events-based strategy was first employed to attract long-absent visitors and to dispel previously-held negative perceptions of this area, very large-scale events and concerts were never considered to be a permanent fixture of the setting there, given that these uses at some point conflict with achieving the ultimate objective. This is a natural evolution of the redevelopment process, and similar examples of this have been seen in various parts of the City and the region. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
96	Lakomy, Steve	Buffalo	14201	1/6/2021	Residential and commercial buildings are acceptable away from the water, as long as public access to the water is retained. Residential buildings should not be gated nor walled off from the park.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no housing included in the GPP.
97	Lakomy, Steve	Buffalo	14201	1/6/2021	The Skyway should be eliminated altogether.	The Buffalo Skyway (NYS Route 5) Project is not considered a part of this GPP, as discussed in Section G. Comment Received.
98	Lakomy, Steve	Buffalo	14201	1/6/2021	The outer harbor should be reserved mostly for passive recreation and kept as natural as possible. Walking, cycling, cross-country skiing, sitting, relaxing, picnicking should be the main activities. Water activity should be promoted as much as possible: fishing, boating and perhaps someday swimming.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.

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99	Lakomy, Steve	Buffalo	14201	1/6/2021	There must not be a concert venue in the outer harbor. Access and regress by large crowds will be difficult. Concerts should be held where there is easy access, such as downtown.	Periodic event related traffic occurs in the Outer Harbor now; this would not increase to levels requiring changes in roadway systems/capacity, thus it would not be considered significant. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
100	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	The zoning of this area (First Buffalo River marina) to Mixed-Use should not include any residential development.	The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no housing included in the GPP.
101	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	The results of the Human Health Risk Assessment must be made easily available to the public, in order to be assured that every effort has been made to protect all life— human and wild— from the known contaminants buried in the soil of the project.	The HHRC was provided to the LWVBN on 12/10/2020. The HHRC will be used to determine appropriate engineering and institutional controls throughout the Project Area as subareas are redeveloped.
102	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	The GPP proposes major changes to Slip No. 3 , including depositing dredged material from the Buffalo River as fill to support coastal wetland habitat. The ECHDC must be transparent about the nature of this dredged material and ensure there is no contamination either to human or wild life.	Fill material for Slip No. 3 will come from the dredging of the Buffalo River.
103	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	We note that the breakwall protecting all of the waterfront has been breached. The city, county and the ECHDC must be proactive to see that the breakwall is repaired.	The breakwall, while outside the scope of this GPP, is currently being repaired by the USACE. Comment Received
104	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	How does the GPP ensure that the Radio Tower area is not disturbed at all? The ECHDC should isolate the Radio Tower area with permanent encirclement by a high fence.	The Radio Tower area is enclosed with fencing and is monitored annually. This project was completed in 2019 under the Outer Harbor Access & Activation GPP, now known as the Lakeside Bike Park.
105	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	The Buffalo Skyway is the easiest and most direct route to the Outer Harbor; if it is demolished there needs to be a commitment from the City of Buffalo to provide adequate roads to the site.	The Buffalo Skyway (NYS Route 5) Project is not considered a part of this GPP, as discussed in Section G. Comment Received.
106	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	...no provision is made for any public transit access.	Public transit provisions are available along Fuhrmann Boulevard. The ECHDC has developed a seasonal Bike Ferry and reconstructed Ohio Street with a dedicated multi-use pathway that reduces the need for vehicular access to the site during summer months.
107	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	All of the waterfront site should be protected as a passive park, since this site is subject to storms and surges from Lake Erie. Habitat restoration everywhere must be a primary activity, to enhance the natural functions of the shoreline.	As per page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."
108	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	Wilkeson Pointe - The GPP should define what types of reconstruction will be use for amenities and programming.	The reconstruction of Wilkeson Pointe will support the purpose and needs described in Section D as well as the Sitewide Elements described in Section E of the GPP.
109	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	As for public use areas, these must be limited in scope and promote respect for the regenerative landscaping of the site.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. As per page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."
110	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	A comfort station should not be installed there, in order to protect the wildlife. Likewise, no multiple trails should be cut through the cottonwood stands because they could interfere with wildlife.	The reconstruction of Bell Slip will support the purpose and needs described in Section D as well as the Sitewide Elements described in Section E of the GPP. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.

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111	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	This proposal is not in line with the League's guidelines of "appropriate use of a waterfront location" or "recreational activities within a framework that protects and enhances the natural environment at the water's edge."	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
112	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	The approval process should be suspended until the pandemic is resolved and open public hearings can be held in person.	In accordance with Executive Order 202.11 & 202.80, "Title 16, the Urban Development Corporation Act, to the extent a public hearing is required to effectuate a proposed project, provided that the Urban Development Corporation provides an alternative opportunity for the public to comment on proposed project and publishes notice of that opportunity consistent with notice requirements in the Act". The public was given an opportunity to comment on the Project by submitting comments for a period of 60 days (extended by public request from the original 30 days). Public participation in the process to develop the GPP, formerly known as the Preferred Plan, was extensive and documented in Exhibit C of the GPP.
113	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	Terminal A should be included as a logical part of the whole plan covering the next 20 years.	Refer to Section O of the GPP and Section 1.3 of the FEAF Addendum for a discussion of potential segmentation. To the extent the requested authorization may be considered to be "segmented", such "segmentation" is permissible pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.3(g) due to the relevant circumstances of the Proposed Action, specifically: (i) that it is not possible to consider the environmental implications of such future activities in the absence of specific proposal(s) for new development; (ii) that any such future development will be subject to review under SEQRA as well as any/all other
114	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	Please communicate with the public concerning this (Terminal A) advisory panel: have they met? how often? who is on the panel? can suggestions be offered to them?	The Terminal A Reuse Advisory Group project was announced at the ECHDC Board Meeting on June 10, 2019. The Group has met several times and a set of recommendations is expected for the Board in 2021.
115	Martorana, Grace	Buffalo	14216	1/4/2021	Please leave the outer harbor for ease and comfort of the population. Loud music echoes off the water and makes it even louder disturbing wildlife and those who enjoy nature and the beauty and comfort of being next to the water. Surely there are more suitable places to have large concerts that wouldnt chase others or prohibit them from enjoying the waterfront. Concert goers are interested in the music not the scenery , true or false ?	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
116	McCready, Sandy	unknown	0	1/7/2021	I'm in favor of keeping the live outdoor concerts at Canalside to keep the Outer Harbor in it's more natural state. The Outer Harbor is a beautiful riverfront area to walk, bike, kayak etc. and should be kept that way.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
117	Moriarty, Peggy	unknown	0	1/4/2021	Mark Twain and Will Rogers both said, in concept, "Buy Land, they ain't makin any more of it" Buffalo owns the land and like our like our world renowned Olmsted Parks, leave it as green, undeveloped land. It was developed for 100 years and look at the dismal state of disrepair it was left in. This a spectacular strip of waterfront property that will draw citizens from all over the area and country to enjoy. Public parks for people to walk, run, bike, hike, picnic and have free access to beautiful Lake Erie are hard to find. Clean it up, build the bike paths with quiet areas and nature trails for all to enjoy. Period!	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
118	Mrowka, Rob	Franklinville	14737	1/7/2021	Development should be reserved for highly impacted areas such as Terminals A and B.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
119	Mrowka, Rob	Franklinville	14737	1/7/2021	The GPP correctly recognizes some of its inherent commercial and recreational values, but over looks its importance as a recovering fresh water coastal ecosystem, located adjacent to a growing and resurging urban area. The area has importance for native fish rearing habitat that will only increase as the cleanup and habitat restoration efforts proceed.	As stated on page 11 of the GPP, "Slip No. 3 would be rehabilitated with the use of dredged materials from the Buffalo River to create approximately 6.7 acres of coastal wetland habitat along the Lake Erie shoreline. The proposed Slip No. 3 project, designed and constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and jointly funded by the federal agency and ECHDC, would contribute to the restoration of the aquatic ecosystem functions that have been lost or degraded in the eastern Lake Erie/Upper Niagara River basin."
120	Mrowka, Rob	Franklinville	14737	1/7/2021	Although the Outer Harbor serves Buffalo as a buffer to Lake Erie storms, the GPP does not address the need to restore and maintain its resilience in the face of increasingly severe lake storms, and flooding from climate destabilization. Recent seiches have caused considerable damage to the outer harbor area and historically they and ice accumulations have proven devastating not only to the outer harbor but also the city itself. The impacts from the climate crisis are predicted to increase the intensity and severity of such events, and the GPP barely recognizes such.	The shoreline of the Outer Harbor consists of armored sheet piling or was reconstructed with energy dissipating riprap designed by the NYSDEC and constructed by the NFTA in 2008 as part of the Greenbelt Trail system. A section of sheet piling was removed at Wilkeson Pointe in 2014 and replaced with energy-dissipating riprap similar to that designed by NYSDEC. Much of the Outer Harbor shoreline is included in an environmental easement, as noted on page 2 of the GPP.
121	Mrowka, Rob	Franklinville	14737	1/7/2021	Buffalo's Green Code requires new development to be consistent with the existing character of the neighborhood. Fish, birds, wildlife and outdoor recreation and education define the overall character of Buffalo's Lake Erie coast. ECHDC land is surrounded by Tiftt and Times Beach Nature Preserves and by DOS-designated "Significant Coastal Habitats" that support planetary biodiversity with many species under threat of extinction. Yet the GPP provides no detail on how it will help protect, restore, or connect them. Phase 1 over-programming on piers, slips and ship canal and meadow will further threaten important species and fragment habitat that is in need of regeneration.	As stated on page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."

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122	Mrowka, Rob	Franklinville	14737	1/7/2021	Further action on the GPP should be postponed until Covid-19 restrictions are eased, likely next fall, to provide the opportunity for public open houses and meetings to further learn about, discuss and provide input for the GPP finalization.	In accordance with Executive Order 202.11 & 202.80, "Title 16, the Urban Development Corporation Act, to the extent a public hearing is required to effectuate a proposed project, provided that the Urban Development Corporation provides an alternative opportunity for the public to comment on proposed project and publishes notice of that opportunity consistent with notice requirements in the Act". The public was given an opportunity to comment on the Project by submitting comments for a period of 60 days (extended by public request from the original 30 days). Public participation in the process to develop the GPP, formerly known as the Preferred Plan, was extensive and documented in Exhibit C of the GPP.
123	Mrowka, Rob	Franklinville	14737	1/7/2021	A thorough inventory of species and their habitats needs to be completed and the plan and projects described as to how they will harm or benefit the existing character and resources.	Comment noted. While we acknowledge that the project area has begun a process to revert from its past industrial and port uses, it is nevertheless a brownfield and landfilled site on which habitats are not unlike other nearby urban waterfront areas. ECHDC consulted with regulatory authorities on the presence of any important natural habitat and reported this in the FEAF Part 1 and FEAF addendum.
124	Murphy, Sharon	unknown	0	11/26/2020	I support the Outer Harbor master plan as a passive recreation area. I totally endorse and am enthusiastic about the plans to restore the aquatic landscape, water access (I kayak!), public amenities, and plant diversification. An outdoor amphitheater would be great -if you build it, people will relish it and come. It would be a superb complement to Canalside. Our Great Lakes are a national treasure. I love the improvements and enhancements at the waterfront. We have something to celebrate there, within easy access of our city. The rendering looks wonderful. Baltimore did it and do can we. We need open public accessible spaces such as the one planned for. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
125	New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation	Organization	1	1/8/2021	NYSOPRHP (Niagara Region) has reviewed the plan and, as it relates to Parks, we have no comments outside of expressing our desire to remain as an interested agency for future project SEQR reviews due to proximity and potential impact to transportation systems.	Comment Received
126	Nowak, S.	unknown	0	1/5/2021	In your plans for the Buffalo Outer Harbor, include boat slips at the various locations along the harbor. This would be ideal for boats to dock along the outer harbor to visit, picnic or just spend a few hours to enjoy the locations. The slips would only be for visitors. A time limit could also be included for the boats to dock.	As per Page 11 of the GPP, "Slip No. 2 would remain largely untouched, except for required structural and safety measures and transient docks along the southern edge. This Slip would be used for recreational and commercial watercraft, and possibly water-dependent events such as the tri-annual Tall Ships festival that tours the Great Lakes. This Slip is approximately 1,100-ft. long by 400-ft. wide and nearly 25 feet deep."
127	Oberst, Alan	unknown	0	12/3/2020	There is a lot to review with the new Outer Harbor plan and therefore I am requesting an extension of the comment period until next month. In 2010 I was appointed by then-Councilman Mickey Kearns and Buffalo Common Council to represent them on ECHDC's Outer Harbor Committee and am very familiar with the Outer Harbor and various planning efforts over time. I need more time to digest this plan in order to be able to give substantive input.	Comment Period was extended for another 30 days until January 8, 2021.
128	O'Connor, Lynn	unknown	0	11/11/2020	I just read the article in Tuesday's Buffalo News article. I just want to say I love the plans, and I think an amphitheater is a wonderful idea. Just make sure to include plenty of parking!	Comment Received
129	O'Hara, Kathleen	Buffalo	14216	1/4/2021	The Outer Harbor landscape should be dedicated solely to park land and public access including trails and habitat restoration areas. It should NOT include residential or commercial development. Nor should it include a concert venue with the attendant parking lots and limitations on waterfront access. Concerts belong at Canalside which already has the requisite parking. Housing for the wealthy already exists cutting off northern access to the river. It shouldn't be expanded.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City's largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the "Port of Buffalo" from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority ("NFTA") to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land's redevelopment. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public spaces, amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
130	Our Outer Harbor	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/8/2021	Consider "flipping the script" for all Outer Harbor land under your control so that it is focused first on making room for a natural, resilient coastal park, and second on economic development, such as at Terminals A and B. We believe there is space and potential funding for both and that we can arrive at a plan that the public is excited about too.	The shoreline of the Outer Harbor consists of armored sheet piling or was reconstructed with energy dissipating riprap designed by the NYSDEC and constructed by the NFTA in 2008 as part of the Greenbelt Trail system. A section of sheet piling was removed at Wilkeson Pointe in 2014 and replaced with energy-dissipating riprap similar to that designed by NYSDEC. Much of the Outer Harbor shoreline is included in an environmental easement, as noted on page 2 of the GPP. As per page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."

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131	Our Outer Harbor	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/8/2021	Address Coastal Resiliency. Although the Outer Harbor serves Buffalo as a buffer to Lake Erie storms, the GPP does not address the need to restore and maintain its resiliency in the face of increasingly severe lake storms, and flooding from climate destabilization. The Environmental Assessment answers all questions about minimizing damages and risks by checking the box “no impacts.” (LWRP Coastal Assessment Form #9) This is not acceptable. Severe impacts from storms and flooding in just the past two years have not been addressed. Is it a wise use to invest \$44M in improvements that are repeatedly damaged by increasingly severe storms ? This is like building a house (and a money pit) with no solid foundation.	The shoreline of the Outer Harbor consists of armored sheet piling or was reconstructed with energy dissipating riprap designed by the NYSDEC and constructed by the NFTA in 2008 as part of the Greenbelt Trail system. A section of sheet piling was removed at Wilkeson Pointe in 2014 and replaced with energy-dissipating riprap similar to that designed by NYSDEC. Much of the Outer Harbor shoreline is included in an environmental easement, as noted on page 2 of the GPP. As per page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations.
132	Our Outer Harbor	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/8/2021	Address biodiversity. Buffalo’s Green Code requires new development to be consistent with the existing character of the neighborhood . Fish, birds, wildlife and outdoor recreation, education and waterfront access define the overall character of Buffalo’s Lake Erie coast. It is the gateway to a global Important Bird Area and an internationally recognized Ramsar wetland that supports endangered, threatened and protected migratory bird species. ECHDC land is surrounded by Tiftt and Times Beach Nature Preserves and by four Department of State-designated “Significant Coastal Habitats”	As stated on page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor
133	Our Outer Harbor	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/8/2021	Maintain this Great Lakes coast and submerged lands as a "public trust" to be held in perpetuity for the common good. Buffalo’s Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan maps the Lake Erie waterfront with the public trust in mind. Most (almost 90%) of its expanded coastal footprint is public land already and should never be privatized. The GPP must not mistake public land for “vacancy.” Green infrastructure and low maintenance natural areas will continue to serve the public trust long after the ECHDC is gone. The GPP must not create a future economic burden for the city, but demonstrate responsibility to the “quieter, simpler,” and sustainable waterfront that the public has clearly asked for. (Buffalo News, 9/12/2018)	ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land’s redevelopment. ECHDC’s purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
134	Our Outer Harbor	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/8/2021	Designate Buffalo’s Outer Harbor as a park. Park designation will help secure equal access to natural water, landscapes, recreation and beauty for all in perpetuity . The GPP does not mention the park concept. Its oft-stated overall mission is to attract private development to the Outer Harbor, a long term goal inconsistent with a park designation. As clearly stated since our initial interactions in 2015, we oppose privatization of public lands. Further, we believe Phase 1 funds should be spent on assisting natural regeneration and restoring privatized coastal parcels to the public trust.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City’s largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the “Port of Buffalo” from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (“NFTA”) to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land’s redevelopment. ECHDC’s purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public spaces, amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
135	Our Outer Harbor	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/8/2021	Postpone implementation and any construction related to the GPP and keep the comment period open until after the Covid-19 pandemic has subsided enough to allow us to convene a public meeting where we can hear directly and publicly from you about your near and long-range development goals for the Outer Harbor, and you can hear directly from local and regional stakeholders. This is too important a decision to be made without an actual public discussion.	In accordance with Executive Order 202.11 & 202.80, "Title 16, the Urban Development Corporation Act, to the extent a public hearing is required to effectuate a proposed project, provided that the Urban Development Corporation provides an alternative opportunity for the public to comment on proposed project and publishes notice of that opportunity consistent with notice requirements in the Act". The public was given an opportunity to comment on the Project by submitting comments for a period of 60 days (extended by public request from the original 30 days). Public participation in the process to develop the GPP, formerly known as the Preferred Plan, was extensive and documented in Exhibit C of the GPP.
136	Our Outer Harbor	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/8/2021	Address environmental impacts. The Full Environmental Assessment Form and Supporting Documentation (FEAF) is incomplete and inadequate in details on environmental protection and restoration. There is no “HARD LOOK” as required under SEQRA . For example: What natural features will be protected? Where? How? How do projected acreages of natural land compare to the amounts of developed trails, roads, buildings, bathrooms, parking lots? Why is sturgeon the only species of concern listed? Why are all the boxes on the Coastal Assessment summary (Part D, #3) concerning impacts to the environment checked "No impact"?	Comment noted; however, in recognition of the scope of the Proposed Action (i.e., environmental remediation of a brownfield site to allow for safe open space and recreational uses, through the employment of a regenerative strategy to strengthen the existing landscape and diversify plant/animal habitats), the FEAF, FEAF Addendum, and public processes employed to date for all aspects of the planning and environmental review processes to both develop the scope and evaluate components of the GPP fully embodies the requisite hard look required under SEQRA. Specifically, the EAF Part I documents includes various existing land cover types and those anticipated after implementation of the GPP. Regulatory agencies were contacted to identify occurrences of rare, threatened/endangered species and species of concern. Responses to coastal assessment questions made after thoughtful consideration of the scope of the GPP and its ability to impact various coastal resources, which in light of the fact that the action is limited to environmental remediation for open space and recreational uses, are not anticipated to be significant in an urban setting.

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137	Our Outer Harbor	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/8/2021	There is also a question of SEGMENTATION . The ECHDC "FEAF Addendum" recognizes this issue but dismisses it, saying segmentation is permissible due to "timing, lack of significant impacts and independent utility" of the various parts of the project. We question this logic. For example: Why make major modifications and a new building at Terminal B (big ticket) before dealing with Terminal A (even bigger ticket)? These should be developed together. The question of segmentation is also raised by the proposal for the First Buffalo River Marina. The plan is drawn, but the following makes it clear more development is planned: "Although no residential, employment, lodging or retail/service principal uses are described under this GPP, the City's recent zoning of this parcel to N-3E, Urban Neighborhood (Mixed-Use Edge) anticipates future development of these principal uses occurring along the Buffalo River and City Ship Canal, including this Marina." Clearly the public is not seeing a final plan for these areas.	Refer to Section O of the GPP and Section 1.3 of the FEAF Addendum for a discussion of potential segmentation. To the extent the requested authorization may be considered to be "segmented", such "segmentation" is permissible pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.3(g) due to the relevant circumstances of the Proposed Action, specifically: (i) that it is not possible to consider the environmental implications of such future activities in the absence of specific proposal(s) for new development; (ii) that any such future development will be subject to review under SEQRA as well as any/all other applicable reviews/approvals; and (iii) that the review of the Proposed Action as described is no less protective of the environment than review together with any speculation of potential future development at these other locations. With regard to including Terminal B, the planning process identified and publicly vetted a reasonable/feasible partial razing and reconfiguration of Terminal B to remove its blighting influence and facilitate recreational uses. At Terminal A, which is considerably larger and National Register-eligible, a process to identify a strategy to stabilize/reuse the facility is on-going but has not yet yielded any reasonable approaches. The written description of the zoning at the First Buffalo River Marina will be modified to remove any ambiguity with respect to future development. No residential or commercial development are included in this GPP.
138	Our Outer Harbor	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	11/20/2020	We respectfully request that the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation extend the deadline for public comment for the recently announced (November 5, 2020) Buffalo Outer Harbor Civic and Land Use Improvement Project General Project Plan (GPP) from December 9, 2020, to January 15, 2021 and that the public hearing scheduled for December 3, 2020 be rescheduled to a date closer to January 15, 2021.	Comment Period was extended for another 30 days until January 8, 2021.
139	Partnership for the Public Good	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Make the First Buffalo Marina site a green gateway. Thankfully, the GPP does not include residential or commercial development on the Marina site, but it notes that the site is zoned N-3E, Urban Neighborhood (Mixed Use Edge) and appears to contemplate future development. We believe that residential and commercial development belongs in city neighborhoods with high vacancy rates, crippling lack of density, and already-existing infrastructure – not on public, waterfront land best used for universally accessible recreation and natural regeneration. The GPP should make this site a "Green Gateway" to the Outer Harbor, inviting people viewing it from downtown Buffalo to take the Ferry across for a natural experience.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no housing included in the GPP.
140	Partnership for the Public Good	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Prioritize the climate emergency. We are in a state of dire, planetary crisis caused by greenhouse gas emissions. Recent storms have wreaked havoc on structures, paths, and trees on the Outer Harbor, making some of the GPP's plans seem unrealistically vulnerable. A 20-year plan for a large, waterfront site should address how the site will be used to: a. mitigate emissions – including prioritizing public transit, a key omission from the Plan; b. adapt to climate disruptions, such as increasing storms, flooding, and changes in water levels, and c. promote climate resiliency by, among other things, enhancing natural buffers.	Public transit provisions are available along Fuhrmann Boulevard. The ECHDC has developed a seasonal Bike Ferry and reconstructed Ohio Street with a dedicated multi-use pathway that reduces the need for vehicular access to the site during summer months. The shoreline of the Outer Harbor consists of armored sheet piling or was reconstructed with energy dissipating riprap designed by the NYSDEC and constructed by the NFTA in 2008 as part of the Greenbelt Trail system. A section of sheet piling was removed at Wilkeson Pointe in 2014 and replaced with energy-dissipating riprap similar to that designed by NYSDEC. Much of the Outer Harbor shoreline is included in an environmental easement, as noted on page 2 of the GPP.
141	Partnership for the Public Good	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Focus more on natural regeneration and biodiversity. There are many ways to help land and water heal from decades of pollution and provide better habitats for fragile and endangered flora and fauna. These strategies, such as native plantings and bio-remediation, should be front and center in the Plan and should be combined with public education, so that visitors to the Outer Harbor can learn from them.	As stated on page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard." As per page 11 of the GPP, "Slip No. 3 would be rehabilitated with the use of dredged materials from the Buffalo River to create approximately 6.7 acres of coastal wetland habitat along the Lake Erie shoreline. The proposed Slip No. 3 project, designed and constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and jointly funded by the federal agency and ECHDC, would contribute to the restoration of the aquatic ecosystem functions that have been lost or degraded in the eastern Lake Erie/Upper Niagara River basin."

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142	Partnership for the Public Good	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Make the Outer Harbor a state park. In many good ways, the GPP treats the Outer Harbor like a park. It would be much stronger, though, if it included actually making it a park. A time-limited economic development corporation is not the optimal steward for public lands with great ecological importance and beauty, including state-designated Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats and a Globally Significant Bird and Pollinator Habitat. The City of Buffalo is severely "under-parked," with only 7 percent of its land used for public parks (New York City, by contrast, is 20 percent park). People of color and people with low incomes, in particular, suffer from this lack of access to recreation and natural beauty. A state park would: a. Permanently protect the site's natural and historic assets; b. Ensure long-term funding and expert stewardship; c. Maximize the potential of the site for its best and most appropriate uses: ecological protection, historic preservation, and nature-based recreation; d. Promote economic development by drawing more companies, new residents, and tourists to Buffalo, attracted by an Olmstedian park in one of the most remarkable locations on the entire Great Lakes.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. The City of Buffalo Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) states that 11% of the City is "Parks/Open Space", and 30% of the LWRP Area is considered "Parks/Open Space". With the recent re-zoning of the Outer Harbor, an additional 350 acres of ECHDC property is now considered Open Space or Buffalo Harbor State Park, increasing the LWRP Area of "Parks/Open Space" to 38.2%.
143	Partnership for the Public Good	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Postpone the GPP process until after the pandemic subsides, to allow for an in-person public meeting and more robust discussion. While the ECHDC has obtained public input in making its plan, the draft plan itself should be presented in an interactive, highly accessible process in which ECHDC explains its decisions and the public responds.	In accordance with Executive Order 202.11 & 202.80, "Title 16, the Urban Development Corporation Act, to the extent a public hearing is required to effectuate a proposed project, provided that the Urban Development Corporation provides an alternative opportunity for the public to comment on proposed project and publishes notice of that opportunity consistent with notice requirements in the Act". The public was given an opportunity to comment on the Project by submitting comments for a period of 60 days (extended by public request from the original 30 days). Public participation in the process to develop the GPP, formerly known as the Preferred Plan, was extensive and documented in Exhibit C of the GPP.
144	Partnership for the Public Good	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Include public art. The ECHDC has had great success with public art projects, ranging from Shark Girl at Canalside to the Robert Indiana installation on the Outer Harbor. Buffalo is fast becoming known as one of the premier sites for public art in the nation. The GPP should include collaborating with the Albright-Knox public art program and other arts organizations to create public art that responds to the unique natural beauty, rich history, and ecological importance of the site.	Artwork was installed at Wilkeson Pointe and the Lakeside Complex, ECHDC's first two projects on the Outer Harbor, and will continue as opportunities present themselves. The GPP has been modified to include the additional of cultural arts has been added to the sitewide elements discussion, specifically under Passive and Active Recreational Amenities on page 8.
145	Partnership for the Public Good	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Include Terminal A. The Ford factory, a designated local landmark, is an integral part of the site. Segmenting it off suggests that the ECHDC may sell it to private developers. With its rich history, developed infrastructure, ample parking, and strategic location, Terminal A should be a key part of the plan to make the Outer Harbor a world-class park. It can provide long-term revenue for the park and a home for active uses to complement the passive uses appropriate for the more natural areas of the site.	A process with regional stakeholders to identify a strategy to stabilize/reuse Terminal A is on-going but has not yet yielded any reasonable approaches. Advancing environmental remediation and open space improvements pending an approach for Terminal A would in no way result in greater adverse effects; but rather, would progressively remediate past industrial/port impacts and encourage greater visibility of Terminal A to the public, which could facilitate new ideas for its future reuse. Refer to Section O off the GPP for a discussion on Terminal A segmentation. To the extent the requested authorization may be considered to be "segmented", such "segmentation" is permissible pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.3(g) due to the relevant circumstances of the Proposed Action, specifically: (i) that it is not possible to consider the environmental implications of such future activities in the absence of specific proposal(s) for new development; (ii) that any such future development will be subject to review under SEQRA as well as any/all other applicable reviews/approvals; and (iii) that the review of the Proposed Action as described is no less protective of the environment than review together with any speculation of potential future development at these other locations.
146	Partnership for the Public Good	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Make a new plan for Terminal B. The plan for Terminal B should be integrated with planning for Terminal A. It should not include a performance amphitheater. Western New York has many sites for concerts and events already; it does not make sense to devote precious waterfront land to this non-water-based use that will only compete with existing venues battered by the pandemic. Large events do not belong on the Outer Harbor, which lacks the street patterns and public transit options to accommodate the traffic and parking. The crowds will inevitably damage the natural environment. Particularly disturbing is the plan to use green space for overflow parking.	Facilitation of events on the Outer Harbor should not be viewed as its predominant role, but rather a periodic use that complements and helps facilitate the overall vision of these lands to now complete their conversion from industrial use to a pattern predicated on recreational activities and public gathering. Concerts at the Outer Harbor began in 2012 under the NFTA and ECHDC has continued to program large-scale events through 2020, including weekend-long events, charity walks and runs, ethnic festivals, 4th of July carnivals, and third-party, travelling events such as Architects of Air, Bounce Nation, the Color Run, and Drive-In Movie series during the pandemic.
147	Peterson, Lorna	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/4/2021	Important to this development will be its accessibility by public transit and also handicapped/differently abled accessibility. Public transit will be important for not only those adults who cannot and do not drive, but for the children who are not chauffeured everywhere by parents and guardians. City life nurtures independence and public transit is part of that independence. Please make sure that the Outer Harbor can be accessed easily for those who cannot drive or even bike down to the Outer Harbor. Non drivers want a place to look at birds, see the sky, stars, and moon, cool off with natural air-conditioning. We don't want to be bothered with the din of a concert, piped in music, or suburban consumerist distractions. And just because we cannot drive and do not own a car does not mean we don't pay taxes. We have a right to public spaces. Reliable public transportation to the Outer Harbor must be made available. And we have to make sure that getting to the site is not personal automobile dependent.	Public transit provisions are available along Fuhrmann Boulevard. The ECHDC has developed a seasonal Bike Ferry and reconstructed Ohio Street with a dedicated multi-use pathway that reduces the need for vehicular access to the site during summer months.

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148	Peterson, Lorna	Buffalo	0	1/4/2021	Let's have an area that is calm, beautiful, natural, and non-commercial, where people-- all kinds of people, can enjoy nature in an urban setting. It can be done! We can honor Olmsted's vision. We can give people respite from noise and consumer clamor. Non-whites should be able to feel comfortable and know they can enjoy the area without fear of arrest, profiling, and harassment.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
149	Pollinator Conservation Association	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/4/2021	Although this time extension was welcomed, we are finding that another 30 days would go very far in terms of getting additional comments.	In accordance with Executive Order 202.11 & 202.80, "Title 16, the Urban Development Corporation Act, to the extent a public hearing is required to effectuate a proposed project, provided that the Urban Development Corporation provides an alternative opportunity for the public to comment on proposed project and publishes notice of that opportunity consistent with notice requirements in the Act". The public was given an opportunity to comment on the Project by submitting comments for a period of 60 days (extended by public request from the original 30 days). Public participation in the process to develop the GPP, formerly known as the Preferred Plan, was extensive and documented in Exhibit C of the GPP. No further extensions will be given.
150	Rivera, David	Buffalo Councilmember	Niagara District	1/8/2021	How the GPP might expose the Outer Harbor to privatization and private development	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no housing or commercial development included in the GPP.
151	Rivera, David	Buffalo Councilmember	Niagara District	1/8/2021	Why the GPP does not identify a plan to increase coastal resiliency.	The shoreline of the Outer Harbor consists of armored sheet piling or was reconstructed with energy dissipating riprap designed by the NYSDEC and constructed by the NFTA in 2008 as part of the Greenbelt Trail system. A section of sheet piling was removed at Wilkeson Pointe in 2014 and replaced with energy-dissipating riprap similar to that designed by NYSDEC. Much of the Outer Harbor shoreline is included in an environmental easement, as noted on page 2 of the GPP. As per page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."
152	Rivera, David	Buffalo Councilmember	Niagara District	1/8/2021	It is my firm belief that the Buffalo Outer Harbor must be accessible to all and therefore must be designated as a park.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City's largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the "Port of Buffalo" from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority ("NFTA") to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land's redevelopment. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public spaces, amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
153	Rivera, David	Buffalo Councilmember	Niagara District	1/8/2021	How the GPP was developed after relatively little public input over the last 12 months	In accordance with Executive Order 202.11 & 202.80, "Title 16, the Urban Development Corporation Act, to the extent a public hearing is required to effectuate a proposed project, provided that the Urban Development Corporation provides an alternative opportunity for the public to comment on proposed project and publishes notice of that opportunity consistent with notice requirements in the Act". The public was given an opportunity to comment on the Project by submitting comments for a period of 60 days (extended by public request from the original 30 days). Public participation in the process to develop the GPP, formerly known as the Preferred Plan, was extensive and documented in Exhibit C of the GPP. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
154	Rogers, Bill	Alden	14004	1/4/2021	Concert venue, no. Keep the crowds at Canalside. That commercial area needs the crowds. Private residences, no. Unless low income, rent-controlled housing is the exclusive use. The wealthy already have plenty of waterfront options and they have the wherewithal to travel anywhere in their Teslas. Residences, no. There is a special peace to the waterfront that comes from the absence of private dwellings. The vista at Wilkeson Point is invigorating. The charm of the waterfront area is owing to its the separation from the commercial and residential properties on the other side of the highway/river.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.

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155	Rogers, Bill	Alden	14004	1/4/2021	Walking, yes. There can be much more interesting walkways than asphalt, ones that are ADA compliant. F. L. Olmsted figured out how to do it years ago in settings like Delaware Park. All around the world landscape architects have proven that they can go beyond Olmsted in creating settings that enhance the potential of waterfronts to create awe and tranquility. Enlist those who work in our region. Rowing and paddling, yes. The Buffalo Maritime Center has a collection of small craft that could provide hours of active recreation in the harbor. These boats could be stored in the Canalside barge-construction shed and rotated in and out of use on the water. Fun for kids, yes. Pumpkinville (outside Ellicottville) has a giant, inflated rubber mat that kids can run up on, jump up and down on, fall and rolled down on with absolute enjoyment and minimal risk. The kids provide the entertainment for the watching adults and teens. Giant sandboxes fit in this category. Water supply and kid-sized buckets are all that is required. Shelter it with a roof that let's the shorebirds roost where they can't do any harm.	Comment Received. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
156	Rudnicki, Jim	unknown	0	11/10/2020	The changes proposed for the Outer Harbor seem reasonable but there is some risk involved. Normally you would expect that the infrastructure (roads, bridges , utilities, etc.) would already be fixed in place. This is not the case on the Outer Harbor as NYS is currently completing an Environmental Impact Statement that would remove the Skyway (and a significant portion of Route 5) which would drastically change the look of the Outer Harbor. The risk, of course, is that any changes in this proposed re-making of Outer Harbor amenities might need to be changed or removed. I would advise the planners to examine what the potential effects of Skyway removal might mean and act and plan so that there is minimal chance of extra effort and money being spent at a later date due to Skyway removal going forward. While likely at least five years away, that looks to be happening based on current activity by NYS.	The Buffalo Skyway (NYS Route 5) Project is not considered a part of this GPP, as discussed in Section G. Comment Received.
157	Sander, Pamela	Amherst	14226	1/7/2021	The Outer Harbor has developed hiking and biking trails that have provided many citizens enjoyable and healthy opportunities in a beautiful setting. Amenities such as exercise and playground structures, parking lots, skateboard ramps, boardwalks and viewing areas, boating slips, etc. are all in easy access to major road ways and to the downtown area. Thousands of people have enjoyed the Outer Harbor, including myself. If large concerts and scheduled crowds were allowed at The Outer Harbor, it would ruin the pastoral quality that now exists and is a sharp contrast to what has become a jewel in the hearts of thousands of citizens who crave an area that satisfies their physical, emotional, and spiritual well being. I urge you to keep the heavy foot traffic and concerts at Canalside and out of the Outer Harbor.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
158	Seawell, Caesandra	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Do everything you can to ensure the Outer Harbor becomes a park that is the envy of the Great Lakes. When I first moved here in 2005, the Outer Harbor was unwalkable and embarrassing. A tremendous amount of work has been done to turn it into a space for wildlife, education, environmental awareness, and active leisure. Now it's a destination that I'm proud to take students and visiting friends and family. Very few of the Rust Belt cities I toured in 2014 have the assets our waterfront does. Please don't ruin that by allowing private development that would deny public access and destroy more wild-life habitat. I support the platform brought forward by Our Outer Harbor Coalition.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no housing included in the GPP.
159	Siener, Tom	Hamburg	14075	1/7/2021	Please keep concerts and huge festival gatherings out of the future plans for Buffalo's Outer Harbor. The Outer Harbor is and should remain a place for outdoor recreation and the enjoyment of nature and the waterfront. A place where people can share the outdoors with wildlife and others engaged in outdoor activities. It should not be used as a venue for large crowds and concerts that create an objectionable soundscape and rob people of the opportunity for peaceful recreational activities that are currently being enjoyed.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
160	Sierra Club Niagara Group	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/8/2021	Climate Change: The coastlines of our region are under severe stress from the consequences of climate change. The impact of severe storms and seiches along the Lake Erie coast has already caused severe erosion and damage as can be seen especially at Times Beach. Debris has been thrown all the way across Fuhrman Blvd in some places. Addressing resiliency along the Lake Erie Shoreline in the city should be a high priority of any GPP and it is not even mentioned. Starting with coastal resiliency shifts the entire focus from 'development' into a more conservation mode, using nature based climate solutions that will not only resist, but absorb the consequences of our inaction related to climate as recommended for all planning by DEC.	The shoreline of the Outer Harbor consists of armored sheet piling or was reconstructed with energy dissipating riprap designed by the NYSDEC and constructed by the NFTA in 2008 as part of the Greenbelt Trail system. A section of sheet piling was removed at Wilkeson Pointe in 2014 and replaced with energy-dissipating riprap similar to that designed by NYSDEC. Much of the Outer Harbor shoreline is included in an environmental easement, as noted on page 2 of the GPP.
161	Sierra Club Niagara Group	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/8/2021	Biodiversity Crisis : Humans have made so many changes on this earth that we have precipitated the 6 the great extinction and predictions for the loss of wildlife are dire. To protect life on earth, including our own species, we must conserve any functioning landscape and work to support and rehabilitate the fragments that are still existing. One of these is the Outer Harbor which is a major global flyway for migratory birds, and designated as an Important Bird Area (IBA). We must ensure that human interventions do not disturb this critical habitat by protecting nesting, 'dark skies', expanding the wetlands where possible, and having a diversity of habitat types along the coast to ensure food and shelter. Consider it reparations.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.

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162	Sierra Club Niagara Group	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/8/2021	Environmental Justice : The Outer Harbor belongs to all the people of the city of Buffalo, but right now, only those with cars have easy access. It is one thing to make a place, quite another to give people access, especially important in a racially and economically diverse city. Without good transportation planning – for alternative modes like the bike ferry – this space will exclude part of our population, even if unintentionally.	Public transit provisions are available along Fuhrmann Boulevard. The ECHDC has developed a seasonal Bike Ferry and reconstructed Ohio Street with a dedicated multi-use pathway that reduces the need for vehicular access to the site during summer months.
163	Sierra Club Niagara Group	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/8/2021	An Ecological Park : The Outer Harbor is such an extraordinary space. Right now it is used as a park and seen as a park, albeit with many limitations. One of the best moves would be to officially designate the Lake Erie Shorelines as a State Park and to manage the Outer Harbor as an Ecological Park. Focusing on natural processes doesn't mean humans should be excluded – they should be invited as guests. As a matter of fact, including humans and educating them about the critical nature of this crisis will create a major educational tourism destination. We argue that rather than thinking of the Outer Harbor as an entertainment space, it should be rethought as a habitat in the making – letting people see how changes are made, what plants grow, how to make soil, how to protect wildlife, knowing how pollination happens and so on.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City's largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the "Port of Buffalo" from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority ("NFTA") to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land's redevelopment. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public spaces, amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
164	Stephens, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Wilkeson Point: Reference to "reconstructed" edifices is vague. Details and definition of reconstructed" should have been included. What does this mean? Will there be impacts on Times Beach, the adjacent nature preserve? Any other impacts possible?	As included on Page 10 of the GPP, "reconstruction" of the site as it relates to the Times Beach Diked Disposal Area includes, "The revised path network removes confusion with the Times Beach Diked Disposal Area entrance at the north end of the site, as well as the "bottleneck" near the restrooms at the south end of the site. The vehicular entrance and parking spaces will also be relocated to allow for a more naturalized water's edge of Slip No. 3. An enhanced vegetated buffer along the northern edge would keep Times Beach Diked Disposal Area separated from this site."
165	Stephens, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	The GPP increases ecological education and history appreciation opportunities that benefit our community and attract tourists.	Comment Received. The public amenities (landside, shoreline, and in-water) and the potential programming suggested in the GPP are consistent with ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site, respond to public input from several outreach projects between 2015 and 2019, and are compatible with the City's zoning.
166	Stephens, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Providing more comfort stations is a good thing.	Comment Received. The public amenities (landside, shoreline, and in-water) and the potential programming suggested in the GPP are consistent with ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site, respond to public input from several outreach projects between 2015 and 2019, and are compatible with the City's zoning.
167	Stephens, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	References to future, unspecified residential development should not be part of the GPP (GPP page 9). The community has consistently and overwhelmingly opposed any residential development at the Outer Harbor. That is regardless of Green Code modifications. Downtown and First Ward residential development should not have taxpayer subsidized competition. Nor should taxpayers be forced to subsidize infrastructure or security needs for Outer Harbor residential	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no housing included in the GPP.
168	Stephens, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Contamination issues, although mentioned in general, the GPP fails to address the Radio Tower contaminated area specifically. This area is adjacent to the southern part of the recently built bike trail. The Radio Tower area needs to be enclosed with a high fence to discourage human encroachment and to prevent deer from grazing there. Since Radio Tower area remediation, the property owner has responsibilities to protect the public and to periodically report to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation regarding Radio Tower contamination safeguards. Signage should indicate contamination danger. Other signage here might provide education regarding historic fill of OH lands.	The Radio Tower area is enclosed with fencing and is monitored annually. This project was completed in 2019 under the Outer Harbor Access & Activation GPP, now known as the Lakeside Bike Park.
169	Stephens, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Funding issues: Should be more specific as to funding sources. Note that federal environmental rules (NEPA) apply when federal funding is used.	Funding Sources are included in Section J of the GPP.
170	Stephens, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	I am pleased to see GPP ecological activities including Bell Slip and Meadows, although phasing should be modified to complete that work in Phase 1.	Comment Received. Improvements at Bell Slip are include in Phase 1 work.
171	Stephens, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Phasing issues: Addressing OH ecological issues should generally take precedence over new buildings. Preferred Phase 1 should include all, not just some, Bell Slip planned activities. Comfort station near the Bell Slip should be relocated – parking and people not interested in Bell Slip should not be encouraged to visit this sensitive area. The Meadows area has ecological importance and should be completed in Phase 1. All Michigan Avenue Pier's Slip 2 improvement should be part of Phase 1. Lakeside and Terminal B should both be shifted to Phase 2 – following accepted plans for Terminal A development.	The Phase 1 capital improvements allow for a mix of project goals to be achieved including environmental remediation, the removal of impervious areas and the introduction of additional vegetated area over 50 acres (see Note 2 of Table 2 on page 17 of the GPP), and the ecological rehabilitation of Slip No. 3, while refocusing Wilkeson Pointe with better amenities and a smaller lawn area while providing for additional active recreational amenities at Terminal B and the Lakeside Complex.

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172	Stephens, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	The entire Buffalo Harbor GPP process should be suspended until the end of the pandemic when public hearings can be held to record comments from the public. Hearings should be held in public, accessible spaces. That ECHDC now has limited comments to electronic transmission significantly curtails public participation. To date no authentic public hearing has been held for OH developments. ECHDC's "walk-throughs" and one-on-one conversations with consultants and staff are not "public hearings."	In accordance with Executive Order 202.11 & 202.80, "Title 16, the Urban Development Corporation Act, to the extent a public hearing is required to effectuate a proposed project, provided that the Urban Development Corporation provides an alternative opportunity for the public to comment on proposed project and publishes notice of that opportunity consistent with notice requirements in the Act". The public was given an opportunity to comment on the Project by submitting comments for a period of 60 days (extended by public request from the original 30 days). Public participation in the process to develop the GPP, formerly known as the Preferred Plan, was extensive and documented in Exhibit C of the GPP.
173	Stephens, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Large scale concerts and the like should not be allowed.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
174	Stephens, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Attractions: Michigan Avenue Pier Slip 2 and Wilkeson Point improvements will attract more people to the OH.	Comment Received.
175	Stephens, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	The SEQR EAF Neg. Dec. is not appropriate. Omission of Terminal A from the GPP is segmentation and does not comply with SEQR rules. This is so regardless of ECHDC effort to justify Terminal A omission (GPP-pages 22-23). Development of "Lakeside" and "Terminal B" areas will have impact on any future development proposed for Terminal A, except if demolition is proposed. This is especially important because Terminal A might/could become the central anchor of Buffalo's Outer Harbor.	A process with regional stakeholders to identify a strategy to stabilize/reuse Terminal A is on-going but has not yet yielded any reasonable approaches. Advancing environmental remediation and open space improvements pending an approach for Terminal A would in no way result in greater adverse effects; but rather, would progressively remediate past industrial/port impacts and encourage greater visibility of Terminal A to the public, which could facilitate new ideas for its future reuse. Refer to Section O of the GPP and Section 1.3 of the FEAF Addendum for a discussion of potential segmentation. To the extent the requested authorization may be considered to be "segmented", such "segmentation" is permissible pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.3(g) due to the relevant circumstances of the Proposed Action, specifically: (i) that it is not possible to consider the environmental implications of such future activities in the absence of specific proposal(s) for new development; (ii) that any such future development will be subject to review under SEQRA as well as any/all other applicable reviews/approvals; and (iii) that the review of the Proposed Action as described is no less protective of the environment than review together with any speculation of potential future development at these other locations.
176	Stephens, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	The SEQR assessment form only lists "small mammals" as OH wildlife (EAF p. 12 of 13 E.m.). Deer are not considered "small". Deer also eat many plantings and might disrupt efforts to reintroduce native species. The same EAF section identifies "shore birds" but fails to mention the many migrating bird species at the OH.	Comment noted, section will be revised to also discuss occurrences of white tail deer and that the Buffalo Outer Harbor is roughly 7 miles from the Niagara River Important Bird Area beginning on the upper Niagara River at Grand Island and running north to Youngstown.
177	Stephens, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Other SEQR related issues: On EAF page 7 of 13, item j. Traffic impact should be marked "Yes" instead of "No" because proposed Phase 1 Lakeside development would draw significant traffic increases for planned events. Item r. (page 8 of 13) states "food and beverage solid waste generation could be 3-4 tons/day" needs an explanation. The SEQR EAF should not be construed to cover project development into 2041.	Periodic event related traffic occurs in the Outer Harbor now; this would not increase to levels requiring changes in roadway systems/capacity, thus it would not be considered significant.
178	Stephens, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/6/2021	Terminal A development could present different Lakeside and Terminal B development options. We note a new bike trail has already been completed. More bike trails at Lakeside are not needed. Besides the already completed OH bike trail, bicyclists currently have other biking opportunities at the Outer Harbor, e.g. along the lake trail, Fuhrmann, and nearby east of the OH area. It is too early to implement the GPP Terminal B plan. How would the GPP Terminal B project be impacted by weather, and seiches? Placing Terminal B in Phase 2 allows more climate related issues to be studied in order to make developments there safe and secure.	The planning process identified and publicly vetted a reasonable/feasible partial razing and reconfiguration of Terminal B to remove its blighting influence and facilitate recreational uses.
179	Stout, David	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/6/2020	The removal of naturally developing shrub/tree habitat (like the poplar stand within the Meadows area) does not support the natural bio-diversity needed for a bird flyway and should be left undisturbed (CAF, item SC) and also varied habitat is necessary to provide visual variety to observers from NYS Route 5 and from the Meadows Overlook (CAF, item 4d).	As stated on page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."
180	Stout, David	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/6/2020	The USACE Wetland creation project at Slip 3 (275 Fuhrman) must be included in SEQR Parts I and II (citation: 6NYCRR Part 617.3g(l))	This project component is included in the FEAF and was considered in the environmental review, using data from the USACE's environmental assessment. In Section 1.2.2 of the FEAF Addendum, which provides a full description of the Proposed Action, specifically on Page 8 it states, "ECHDC has been coordinating with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Buffalo District's proposal to complete a Section 204 Beneficial Use of Dredged Material for Ecosystem Restoration along the Buffalo Outer Harbor – Slip No. 3 project. "

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181	Stout, David	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/6/2020	The Buchheit Property (possible acquisition as Park property) and Terminal A (the 95,000 sq ft warehouse described on page 40 of the Sam Magavern August 2019 Report for the Partnership For The Public Good (PPG Report))-(potential use as Cruise Ship Terminal). Both must be included in the SEQR analysis (citation: 6NYCRR Part 617.3g(l) and to avoid segmentation (SEQR Definitions: ah).	ECHDC and/or New York State have absolutely no plans to acquire the "Buchheit Property", nor are any current private development plans for that property that could be included in the overall assessment. In terms of Terminal A, please refer to Section O of the GPP and Section 1.3 of the FEAF Addendum for a discussion of segmentation. To the extent the requested authorization may be considered to be "segmented", such "segmentation" is permissible pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.3(g) due to the relevant circumstances of the Proposed Action, specifically: (i) that it is not possible to consider the environmental implications of such future activities in the absence of specific proposal(s) for new development; (ii) that any such future development will be subject to review under SEQRA as well as any/all other applicable reviews/approvals; and (iii) that the review of the Proposed Action as described is no less protective of the environment than review together with any speculation of potential future development at these other locations.
182	Stout, David	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/6/2020	Revisions to the CAF, Appendix C, will be required as well: To maintain consistency with the City LWRP, NEW "inland commercial development", such as buildings must NOT BE PERMITTED around the "FORD Terminal complex" (items SA, SF).	No inland commercial development around Terminal A (i.e. former Ford Terminal) is proposed under the GPP.
183	Stout, David	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/6/2020	The existing shoreline, particularly in the Meadows Area, MUST be left Undisturbed in its Natural Condition to maintain critical habitat for fish food species (EAF Part II 7b and CAF part 7H).	No modifications to the shoreline are anticipated in the Meadows Area, although it current condition could in no way be characterized as a "natural condition" but rather the result of numerous rounds of construction disturbance, land filling,
184	Stout, David	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/6/2020	The SUPPLEMENTATION of the Long Form EAF Review, to include the "PPA Report" by Sam Magavern; the comprehensive analysis associated with the Slip 3 USACE project, the potential acquisition of the Buchheit property, the potential use of Terminal A as a Cruise Ship Terminal, and a corrected CAF could support the required Long Form EAF Part III Determination. Without these changes the project cannot go forward without a likely lawsuit under Uniform Procedures, ECL Article 78.	Comment acknowledged, however the following must be noted in response: 1) the PPA Report is not a publicly adopted policy document; 2) the USACE environmental assessment is included in the FEAF by reference; 3) there are no plans for ECHDC or New York State to acquire the "Buchheit property"; 4) there are no reasonable/feasible proposals or approaches to use Terminal A as a Cruise Ship Terminal; and 5) the responses in the CAF are accurate given the scope of the GPP and the assessments discussed in the FEAF and FEAF Addendum.
185	Tannehill, Sue	unknown	0	11/24/2020	I am in total agreement with the new plan for the Outer Harbor. My reasons are that it preserves a more natural environment, invites community events, and creates spaces where everyone in Buffalo regardless of socioeconomic ability can enjoy the outdoors.	Comment Received
186	Taylor, Curt	unknown	0	12/6/2020	Nowhere in the just released waterfront development plan is any mention of improvements to actually see the lake. The topic of the lack of a lake view has been mentioned numerous times in the preview process yet somehow overlooked or simply ignored. Just add dirt. Raise the level of the green space between Fuhrman Blvd. and the waterfront path to create a meadow, just a bit higher than the level of the break wall, so the actual lake can be seen. The elevated space would remain green and open as it is, just a bit higher to take in all the sights we are currently missing.	"Overlooks", or elevated areas that provide for a view of the Lake over the breakwall, are included in the Meadows and Bell Slip Subareas as shown in Exhibit A.2.3 and A.2.5. An elevated walkway is included in the Terminal B project as well. These new "overlooks" complement the existing "point" at Wilkeson Pointe and the roadside seating area on Fuhrmann Boulevard.
187	Taylor, Curt	unknown	0	11/17/2020	Recently the Buffalo News published an overview of the Outer Harbor plans. Once again the plans fail to take into consideration the lack of an actual lake view on our vast lake front. Buffalo is the only waterfront city on lake Erie that can't actually see the lake from our lengthy shore line. Most towns have a breakwall at their harbor entrance. Given our Eastern end location we have a breakwall the entire length of the waterfront for obvious reasons. However, unless you sit in the single bench at the highest point of Fuhrmann Blvd. or atop the hill at Wilkeson pointe you can only see the breakwall. No lake view at all. Folks head to Rt 5 in Hamburg to view the sunsets and the storms. At every open meeting I have spoken with the point person for each section of the outer harbor plane and talked at length about the lack of a lake view. The concept has been written on any white board available to me and a post it notes stuck wherever appropriate. Yet no mention in the overview. Sunset / storms on the actual lake? Use the earth form the amphitheater to raise the level of the meadow between the municipal pier and the bell slip. Much of it is currently a rough parking area. Below is a letter to the editor from Sunday's paper.	"Overlooks", or elevated areas that provide for a view of the Lake over the breakwall, are included in the Meadows and Bell Slip Subareas as shown in Exhibit A.2.3 and A.2.5. An elevated walkway is included in the Terminal B project as well. These new "overlooks" complement the existing "point" at Wilkeson Pointe and the roadside seating area on Fuhrmann Boulevard.
188	The Campaign for Greater Buffalo	Organization	1	1/8/2021	This is particularly important for the "Overlook" area and the embankment (which is currently subject to a separate environmental review). The drawings in the GPP show a proposed dense cluster of trees which would directly block views to the west from the Overlook, and copses of trees scattered throughout the meadow area that, when viewed obliquely, as most people would experience the landscape, would totally obscure the lake, as currently occurs farther south at the Bell Slip and the "Lakeside Complex." You can't see the lake for the trees. The view of the lake and harbor is the chief natural and cultural resource here—viewsheds must be considered and protected.	"Overlooks", or elevated areas that provide for a view of the Lake over the breakwall, are included in the Meadows and Bell Slip Subareas as shown in Exhibit A.2.3 and A.2.5. An elevated walkway is included in the Terminal B project as well. These new "overlooks" complement the existing "point" at Wilkeson Pointe and the roadside seating area on Fuhrmann Boulevard. As stated on Page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."

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189	The Campaign for Greater Buffalo	Organization	1	1/8/2021	"The Meadows" landscape should be planned as grasslands and low shrubs, a littoral landscape that is open to views from the current Skyway embankment, Fuhrmann Boulevard, and the walks and bike paths in those corridors. Tall trees or groups of trees would block the view of the water of the Outer Harbor, but more damaging, the lake itself.	As stated on page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard." As stated on page 11 of the GPP, "With the Greenbelt to remain, the site (Meadows) would include soil amendments and significant areas of landscaping improvements, with meadows, grasslands, forest and pollinator fields comprising the bulk of the subarea."
190	The Campaign for Greater Buffalo	Organization	1	1/8/2021	There should be no interior roadway in "The Meadows" section. Vehicles traversing that very long stretch of parkland would represent a moving blight across the view toward the water.	As stated on page 12 of the GPP, "A series of paved, gravel, boardwalk, and cut-grass pathways would significantly enhance the connectivity through this subarea, while extending the "spine" from the Michigan Pier to the shoreline, where it would combine with the Greenbelt." Any continued use of the gravel driveway (shown on Exhibit A.2.4) will be for maintenance vehicles only.
191	The Campaign for Greater Buffalo	Organization	1	1/8/2021	There should be no parking in "The Meadows" section. Any proposed facilities that may require parking or vehicular service should be placed so that existing roadway parking on Fuhrmann Boulevard can be used to satisfy any requirements.	As stated on page 12 of the GPP, "The parking area would be reduced and replaced with a signature naturalized play area, overlooks, and comfort stations including restrooms, would be included to enhance the visitor's experience."
192	The Campaign for Greater Buffalo	Organization	1	1/8/2021	The Outer Harbor should be treated, as we have said many times before, as the open-space recreational counterpoint to the development of state lands in downtown Buffalo (at the Canal District, and, in the future, the lands free-up by the removal of the Skyway north of the Buffalo River). That is the Outer Harbor's distinction and strength. We must play to, and enhance, that strength.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
193	The Campaign for Greater Buffalo	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Lastly, and we propose that, as part of the larger waterfront area, that the Skyway south of the river be adapted for recreation and not demolished, that it be operated as an extension of Buffalo Harbor State Park	The Buffalo Skyway (NYS Route 5) Project, and any decisions regarding land disposition, is not considered a part of this GPP, as discussed in Section G. Comment Received.
194	The Campaign for Greater Buffalo	Organization	1	1/8/2021	state lands from Times Beach to Buffalo Harbor State Park—with the exception of Terminal A—become part of the expanded State Park.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City's largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the "Port of Buffalo" from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority ("NFTA") to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land's redevelopment. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public spaces, amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
195	The Campaign for Greater Buffalo	Organization	1	1/8/2021	There should be no facilities for mass events. As reported in the Buffalo News on November 9, 2020, the "Lakeside Complex" would include a lawn and amphitheater with a capacity of 10,000 people, with the notion that the Canalside Live concert series could move there. Seats or no, there should be no amphitheater built anywhere on the Outer Harbor, nor permanent facilities to support mass events.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
196	The Campaign for Greater Buffalo	Organization	1	1/8/2021	"The Meadows" area should have no facilities, temporary or permanent, for events of any size meant to attract a general audience.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
197	The Campaign for Greater Buffalo	Organization	1	1/8/2021	The GPP does not address, and must, a central issue that mass events (and their associated equipment), interior roadways, and interposed parking lots negatively effect: the now traditional use of the Outer Harbor as a place to get away from crowds, as a place of refuge and serenity, given to passive enjoyment. This is a historic use that has been encouraged since the opening of the Tiff Nature Preserve in 1976. In the intervening half-century, formal and informal passive recreation has blossomed to become the dominant land use and social and physical character of the place, from Times Beach and a walkway on the south shore of the Buffalo River, to the Lackawanna border. ESD's own improvements, as well as the creation of Buffalo Harbor State Park have thus far been laudatory in this respect. Proposed uses must be considered in light of this historic and present use.	Facilitation of events on the Outer Harbor should not be viewed as its predominant role, but rather a periodic use that complements and helps facilitate the overall vision of these lands to now complete their conversion from industrial use to a pattern predicated on recreational activities and public gathering. Concerts at the Outer Harbor began in 2012 under the NFTA and ECHDC has continued to program large-scale events through 2020, including weekend-long events, charity walks and runs, ethnic festivals, 4th of July carnivals, and third-party, travelling events such as Architects of Air, Bounce Nation, the Color Run, and Drive-In Movie series during the pandemic.
198	The Campaign for Greater Buffalo	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Indeed, daytime visitors to the wider waterfront area should be encouraged to visit the green heart of the waterfront for passive outdoor uses, and encouraged to visit the surrounding neighborhoods for more active and social entertainments and shopping. That would be a desired economic development.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
199	Tiff Nature Preserve	Organization	1	1/8/2021	In order to maintain the Outer Harbor as publicly accessible recreation and natural spaces, residential properties should not be considered as appropriate development on the Outer Harbor.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. No housing is proposed in this GPP.

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200	Tifft Nature Preserve	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Aside from environmental remediation work, necessary for the health and safety of the public visiting this site, these lands should not be considered "substandard," or "underdeveloped." Natural areas, apart from other greenspaces and parks, allow for passive recreation and are important for the health and well-being of the community. These lands serve a different role from highly-managed parks that support active recreation. Although the parcels in this plan may not be officially recognized natural areas, they have been serving the important function of passive recreation areas.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
201	Tifft Nature Preserve	Organization	1	1/8/2021	The enhancement of the existing ecological communities, as defined primarily by their soils and plant compositions is necessary. These unique communities, characterized by a harsh, windy climate and poor soils, have developed a unique assemblage of species, many of which are native. Efforts should be made to protect and expand the existing composition of native plant species of these sites, complementing the current assemblage with the addition of regional native species that align with the unique character of this site. Targeted control of exotic invasive species, including mugwort, knapweed, buckthorn, and cut-leaf raspberry, would serve to support the current ecological communities found on these sites.	As stated on page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."
202	Tifft Nature Preserve	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Wholesale clearing and revegetation of these sites is largely unnecessary and would ultimately be a disservice to the public, detracting from the existing natural character of the sites. Soil amendments should only be used where absolutely necessary, and should be actively avoided in some areas, including the Bell Slip, where sandy soils support unique plants, including spotted beebalm. As plants and their associated ecological communities have succeeded due to the present conditions of the site, soil amendments would only serve to alter the site composition away from what makes much of this area unique.	The GPP does not call for "wholesale clearing and revegetation of these sites". As per page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."
203	Tifft Nature Preserve	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Proposed wetland development project along Slip 3, provides both a tremendous asset to wildlife and wildlife viewers visiting the site. Similar recent projects along the Niagara and Buffalo River corridors provide a beneficial resource to ECHDC during future planning phases of this project. Consideration for choosing plant species that complement the compositions utilized in those projects is encouraged.	Comment Received. The USACE will continue to work with the NYSDEC and others to select appropriate plant species for the Slip No. 3 ecological habitat restoration project.
204	Tifft Nature Preserve	Organization	1	1/8/2021	To prevent disjointed natural spaces and fragmented habitat for wildlife, trails, comfort stations, food and beverage stands, parking areas, and other built infrastructure should be strategically placed near active recreation and manicured greenspaces. This will allow for larger, concentrated and uninterrupted natural areas.	As stated on page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."
205	Tussing, Katharine	unknown	0	12/17/2020	Please keep the Outer Harbor as a public park. It is important greenspace.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City's largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the "Port of Buffalo" from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority ("NFTA") to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land's redevelopment.
206	Vaughan, Ray	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/5/2021	The Proposed Action is <i>improperly segmented</i> with respect to other "existing and planned" waterfront development that ECHDC has not fully disclosed. <i>This "existing and planned" waterfront development needs to be clearly identified</i> . Since this "existing and planned" development is in the immediate vicinity of ECHDC's Proposed Action, it needs to be clearly identified in the EA prior to any determination of whether segmented review of the two different waterfront development actions might be permissible.	The GPP, the FEAF, and the FEAF Addendum fully disclose all currently planned development by ECHDC.
207	Vaughan, Ray	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/5/2021	ECHDC offers only vague descriptions of the "existing and planned" waterfront development adjacent to its Proposed Action. ECHDC claims, incorrectly, that it is "fully reasonable to separately conduct (or permissibly segment) the assessment of the impacts of improvements under the Proposed Action...from the environmental review of any potential future development on the Project Site (e.g., at Terminal A) or nearby projects being advanced by other agencies noted above..." EA, pdf page 60.	A process with regional stakeholders to identify a strategy to stabilize/reuse Terminal A is on-going but has not yet yielded any reasonable approaches. Other than the on-going environmental review of the potential removal of the Buffalo Skyway, which is discussed in Section 1.3 of the FEAF Addendum, ECHDC is aware of no other "potential future development" at this time. ECHDC has provided input to the NYS Department of Transportation to feed into its Skyway environmental review; for the Outer Harbor, these future development projections were derived entirely from the subject GPP.

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208	Vaughan, Ray	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/5/2021	This "existing and planned" waterfront development which has been improperly segmented from ECHDC's Proposed Action consists of "existing and planned recreational, mixed-use, and waterfront development" and/or "existing and planned recreational, mixed-use, and waterfront development in the Buffalo Outer Harbor area" which is referenced in a Notice of Intent (NOI) published in the <i>Federal Register</i> (84 Fed. Reg. 70263, Dec. 20, 2019) by the NYS Dept. of Transportation (DOT) and Federal Highway Administration. This "existing and planned" waterfront development plays a crucial procedural role, not only in the Notice of Intent but also in an associated Project Scoping Report dated August 28, 2020 (http://www.buffaloskyway.dot.ny.gov/Content/files/Project%20Scoping%20Report_August%202020.pdf) that has been issued by DOT and the Federal Highway Administration. In the NOI, this "existing and planned" waterfront development is said to be "supported" by the stated project purpose and "accommodated" by a proposed project action that is said to be needed. Similarly, in the Project Scoping Report, the "existing and planned" waterfront development is said to be "supported" by the stated project purpose and "accommodated" by one of the stated project needs. See Project Scoping Report at 1, 4, and 10. Yet despite its crucial role, this "existing and planned" waterfront development is not clearly identified by DOT and the Federal Highway Administration in either the NOI or the Project Scoping Report. Thus, neither ECHDC nor DOT nor Federal Highway Administration has provided any clear identification of this "existing and planned" waterfront development – despite the fact that such linked development should, under state and federal environmental review procedures, be part of an unsegmented review of ECHDC's Proposed Action and also of the Buffalo Skyway Project. Failure to identify and include a linked development action is a clear violation of state and federal environmental review requirements. See 6 NYCRR 617.3(g)(1); also the SEQR Handbook issued by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) (https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6188.html) at 53-55; also 40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1).	ESD and ECHDC has provided input to the NYS Department of Transportation to feed into its environmental review for a potential removal of the Buffalo Skyway. For the Outer Harbor, these future development projections were derived entirely from the subject GPP. Thus this federal environmental review, whose scope and project area extend well beyond the limits of the subject GPP (including portions of downtown Buffalo, South Buffalo, and a portion of Lackawanna), is nevertheless fully consistent with ECHDC's anticipated level of future recreational and open space development in the Buffalo Outer Harbor.
209	Vaughan, Ray	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/5/2021	DEC's SEQR Handbook notes that "interrelated or phased decisions should not be made without consideration of their consequences for the whole action, even if several agencies are involved in such decisions." SEQR Handbook, <i>op. cit.</i> , at 53. ECHDC cannot disavow the "existing and planned" waterfront development referenced by DOT and the Federal Highway Administration. Nor can ECHDC escape the fact that such development is linked to its own Proposed Action in ways that cannot be assessed without clear identification of this "existing and planned" waterfront development. ECHDC has already acknowledged that it "actively provided all its assumptions under this Proposed Action as input to DOT's Buffalo Skyway EIS..." See EA, pdf page 60. Moreover, the waterfront development role specified in ECHDC's mission (https://esd.ny.gov/erie-canal-harbor-development-corporation-0) is sufficiently broad that the agency cannot plausibly deny either knowledge of, or some oversight responsibility for, the "existing and planned" waterfront development referenced by DOT and the Federal Highway Administration. Most importantly, ECHDC cannot escape the linkage of this "existing and planned" development to its own Proposed Action.	ESD and ECHDC has provided input to the NYS Department of Transportation to feed into its environmental review for a potential removal of the Buffalo Skyway. For the Outer Harbor, these future development projections were derived entirely from the subject GPP. Thus this federal environmental review, whose scope and project area extend well beyond the limits of the subject GPP (including portions of downtown Buffalo, South Buffalo, and a portion of Lackawanna), is nevertheless fully consistent with ECHDC's anticipated level of future recreational and open space development in the Buffalo Outer Harbor. As noted on Page 12 of the FEAF Addendum, implementation of activities under the GPP have "independent utility" from any potential removal of the Buffalo Skyway. In other words, implementation of the environmental remediation, open space and recreational components of the GPP are "Skyway neutral" meaning that they are in no way dependent or tied to any decision of the future of the Buffalo Skyway. This is one of the key considerations why the SEQRA documentation does not constitute illegal segmentation.
210	Vaughan, Ray	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/5/2021	ECHDC must withdraw its EA until it is revised in a manner that: acknowledges and clearly identifies the "existing and planned" waterfront development referenced by DOT and the Federal Highway Administration; shows whether, how, and where the Buffalo Skyway Project and/or Skyway removal has been substantively assessed and found to have positive/negative effects on such "existing and planned" waterfront development; and properly assesses the need for an unsegmented review that encompasses not only its own Proposed Action but also the "existing and planned" waterfront development referenced by DOT and the Federal Highway Administration.	Comment acknowledged but ECHDC does not concur. The SEQRA documentation fully acknowledges the implications of the on-going federal environmental review for the potential removal of the Buffalo Skyway and properly sets forth its rationale on why this can be assessed separately in a manner that is no less protective of the environment.
211	Vaughan, Ray	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/5/2021	ECHDC's existing claims of permissible segmentation are flawed. ECHDC is wrong in claiming (EA, pdf page 60) that "It is fully reasonable to separately conduct (or permissibly segment) the assessment of the impacts of improvements under the Proposed Action ..." As explained below, the supporting arguments by which ECHDC seeks to justify segmentation do not hold up to scrutiny.	Comment acknowledged but ECHDC does not concur. The SEQRA documentation for the subject GPP fully acknowledges the implications of the on-going federal environmental review for the potential removal of the Buffalo Skyway and properly sets forth its rationale on why this can be assessed separately in a manner that is no less protective of the environment.

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212	Vaughan, Ray	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/5/2021	DEC's SEQR Handbook, <i>op. cit.</i> , at 53-54, advises that, "When trying to determine if segmentation is occurring, agencies should consider the following factors. If the answer to one or more of these questions is yes, an agency should be concerned that segmentation is taking place." DEC's factors and questions are listed below (a through h) along with my answers in italics relating to ECHDC's Proposed Action and the "existing and planned" waterfront development referenced by DOT and the Federal Highway Administration: a) Purpose: Is there a common purpose or goal for each segment? <i>Clearly yes: waterfront development in the Buffalo Outer Harbor area. The heretofore vague identification of the "existing and planned" waterfront development needs to be clarified and coordinated with ECHDC's Proposed Action.</i> Time: Is there a common reason for each segment being completed at or about the same time? <i>Yes. ECHDC's Proposed Action is the "adoption of a long-range general project plan (GPP) by the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) to make improvements to Buffalo's Outer Harbor area..." (EA, pdf page 3). Adoption of a meaningful long-range plan cannot reasonably ignore, or indefinitely postpone attention to, a physically adjacent waterfront development action that is said to have "existing" and "planned" components. ECHDC's contrary arguments in the EA fail to recognize this common timing and thus lack merit but see further discussion below in paragraph "f", Common Plan.</i> c) Location: Is there a common geographic location involved? <i>Clearly yes: waterfront development in the Buffalo Outer Harbor area. See, for example, maps in the EA, pdf pages 81-82, for ECHDC's "Project Site" and the immediately adjacent Buffalo Skyway corridor which is said to be linked to the "existing and planned" waterfront development.</i> d) Impacts: Do any of the activities being considered for segmentation share a common impact that may, if the activities are reviewed as one project, result in a potentially significant adverse impact, even if the impacts of single activities are not necessarily significant by themselves? <i>This cannot be answered clearly because the aforementioned "existing and planned" waterfront development has been neither clearly disclosed nor made subject to any environmental review process. For this reason, ECHDC's claim (EA, pdf page 60) that "...any future development on the Project Site or projects in adjacent areas are all subject to their own environmental review processes..." is untrue, at least with respect to the "planned" component of "existing and planned" waterfront development. ECHDC cannot shirk its responsibility of identifying this "existing and planned" waterfront development, then incorporating such development into an unsegmented review of its Proposed Action. ECHDC's claimed justification for "advancing the Proposed Action now before any other future development or other projects are fully conceptualized" (id.) is meaningless if ECHDC won't recognize and include the "existing and planned" waterfront development in an unsegmented review.</i> e) Ownership: Are the different segments under the same or common ownership or control? <i>Currently no, but probably yes upon completion of the Buffalo Skyway Project. DOT currently owns the Skyway corridor which is said to be linked to "existing and planned" waterfront development. Skyway removal, which is said to be needed "to accommodate existing and planned recreational, mixed-use, and waterfront development and support waterfront economic development" (quoted from NOI), would move current traffic to a new highway and would convert most or all of the Skyway corridor to non-transportation-related waterfront uses, likely causing DOT's current ownership to be</i>	ESD and ECHDC has provided input to the NYS Department of Transportation to feed into its environmental review for a potential removal of the Buffalo Skyway. For the Outer Harbor, these future development projections were derived entirely from the subject GPP. Thus this federal environmental review, whose scope and project area extend well beyond the limits of the subject GPP (including portions of downtown Buffalo, South Buffalo, and a portion of Lackawanna), is nevertheless fully consistent with ECHDC's anticipated level of future recreational and open space development in the Buffalo Outer Harbor. The SEQRA documentation for the subject GPP fully acknowledges the implications of the on-going federal environmental review for the potential removal of the Buffalo Skyway and properly sets forth its rationale on why this can be assessed separately in a manner that is no less protective of the environment.
213	Walters, Marty	unknown	0	1/4/2021	Other than the terminal building and restrooms, keep development to a minimum. Create a giant roller and ice rink in the terminal building and keep it open to the public (instead of the ridiculous limited hours that Canalside ice rink is open). Make sure that all paths are rollerblade friendly and maintain the existing path to "smooth" standards, repaving where necessary.	Comment Received.
214	Weiksnar, Fr. William "Jud" (BOH Concerned Citizens Group)	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/3/2020	The current mix of the natural, recreational, and post-industrial at the Outer Harbor seems optimal. My fear is that bringing in too much "development" could detract from the unique experience of the current Outer Harbor. Having lived in New York City, Chicago, Boston, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia/Camden, all of which have wonderful waterfronts, none of them have anything comparable to our Outer Harbor. The addition of restaurants and other commercial establishments would risk making our Outer Harbor just another tourist attraction. (The Queen City Landing project would have been a disaster.) I hope that the Outer Harbor will be designated a park, and become truly appreciated for what it is. Through some specially targeted advertising, but especially by word of mouth, I believe more Buffalonians will take advantage of what the Outer Harbor has to offer, without the need for generic, tourist-centered attractions.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City's largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the "Port of Buffalo" from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority ("NFTA") to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land's redevelopment.
215	Weiksnar, Fr. William "Jud" (BOH Concerned Citizens Group)	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	11/23/2020	As a member of the Buffalo Outer Harbor Concerned Citizens group, I am hoping that you could extend the deadline for comments until after Dec. 9.	Comment Period was extended for another 30 days until January 8, 2021.
216	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	The Outer Harbor planning must rest within framework of existing planning such as the Buffalo Comprehensive Plan that states the goal is to: "fix the basics, build on assets, target sustainability and employ smart growth" -- meaning no sprawl, conserve neighborhood and ecological services. The Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan purpose is to "permit beneficial use of coastal resources while preventing loss of living marine resources and wildlife, diminution of open space or public access to the waterfront, shoreline erosion, impairment of scenic beauty or permanent adverse changes to the ecosystem." Although not your responsibility, the Green code in N-3E and N-1C still allows privatization and should be changed.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.

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217	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	Any plan for the Lake Erie shoreline has to address coastal resiliency . The eastern US has had a 78% increase in precipitation with more violent winds and large volumes of rainfall. Lake Erie is 2 degrees warmer than it was in 1970. All of this has been and will continue to change the weather impact on the shoreline. Freshwater systems are the most endangered type of ecology on earth; the Great Lakes System is the largest freshwater ecosystem on earth and this site plays a critical role in Great Lakes ecology way beyond its home in Buffalo/Erie County. The Outer Harbor currently functions as a 'barrier island' for the City of Buffalo, buffering the severity of climate change impacts. All coastal plans should work to increase the resiliency of coastal areas to protect the urban core and provide habitat while serving as public green space during calmer times. Because the destruction of the former marsh and delta has been so extreme, <i>the region should initiate a 50 year plan</i> in the context of climate change and the biodiversity crises that will both heal the damage done and work toward a landscape that can protect the city from the natural fluctuation of the eastern end of Lake Erie. We owe this to our children.	The shoreline of the Outer Harbor consists of armored sheet piling or was reconstructed with energy dissipating riprap designed by the NYSDEC and constructed by the NFTA in 2008 as part of the Greenbelt Trail system. A section of sheet piling was removed at Wilkeson Pointe in 2014 and replaced with energy-dissipating riprap similar to that designed by NYSDEC. Much of the Outer Harbor shoreline is included in an environmental easement, as noted on page 2 of the GPP. As per page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."
218	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	This land is not vacant nor 'open space.' It is a habitat and home to diverse communities of wildlife that humans should protect. The Lake Erie and Niagara River shoreline is part of a critical bird and pollinator habitat and is the Western Gateway to the Niagara River Corridor Globally Significant Important Bird Area and has historically been a "Critical Coastal Habitat" for fish spawning and an international Ramsar designated wetland. This land/water interface is highly used by wildlife and people enjoying recreational opportunities provided by nature. All coastal areas must address these changes and the consequences that the species who have been users may not be able to live here without support; new species might arrive, including new invasive species that take over natives that are required for the food, shelter and reproduction of many species. The vegetative composition so far represents a mixture of 'pioneers' of native plants and invasive plants moving into disturbed and contaminated areas. We should observe and learn from this composition, immediately remove invasives and plant native species to support and enhance the current biome.	As stated on page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."
219	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	The Army Corp project on dredge spoils is an opportunity to reinstitute a loss habitat, but could it be expanded to reconnect to the Buffalo River?	Connecting Slip No. 3 to the Buffalo River would require significant further study and is not being contemplated in this GPP.
220	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	To protect human wellbeing, offer an experience of nature that has been shown to promote human health, and protect the sole intake of Buffalo's drinking water just off the Outer Harbor.	Nothing proposed in the Plan would have a negative affect on the water intake for the City of Buffalo.
221	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	Address the ecological, natural regeneration and biodiversity of the lakefront to create a nature-based park with minimal public amenities that highlights our Lake Erie shoreline while ensuring coastal resilience that protects the urban core and neighborhoods by functioning as a barrier island during the most severe weather.	As stated on page 8 of the GPP, "Under this GPP, the Project Area will employ a comprehensive, regenerative strategy that would strengthen the existing landscape while diversifying the plant materials based on past experiences, the weather and area micro-climate, and animal populations. The strategy would include the removal and management of invasive species while enhancements are made to the soil. A variety of plant typologies would be installed within and between Subareas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the landscape improvements, including a pollinator corridor along Fuhrmann Boulevard."
222	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	In times of stress (Covid) and crises (climate/biodiversity) governments have even greater responsibility to use public investments wisely in ways that protect the public health, avoid future infrastructure costs, and invest in existing communities , especially those most vulnerable. Buffalo is 'under-parked' and the Outer Harbor provides park-like experiences to the citizens of the region.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. The City of Buffalo Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) states that 11% of the City is "Parks/Open Space", and 30% of the LWRP Area is considered "Parks/Open Space". With the recent re-zoning of the Outer Harbor, an additional 350 acres of ECHDC property is now considered Open Space or Buffalo Harbor State Park, increasing the LWRP Area of "Parks/Open Space" to 38.2%.
223	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	We argue that ECHDC, as a time-limited development corporation, is an inappropriate agency to plan for the Lake Erie Shoreline: The NYPA Settlement for relicensing of the Niagara Power Project provided funds for the purpose of remediation and reparation for the harm the Niagara Power Project has caused over 50 years to waters, land and the economy. The subsidiary, ECHDC, was formed to oversee waterfront development in the city of Buffalo, an appropriate steward of the Inner Harbor. But the Outer Harbor is a very different landscape and should managed by a different agency, most likely to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City's largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the "Port of Buffalo" from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority ("NFTA") to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land's redevelopment, and whose Charter does not have a "time limit".

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224	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	Buffalo's waterfront is a public trust that belongs to all the people of our region, to the Great Lakes Community, to the global populations of birds and fish spawning areas. We have wider and wider communities to which we must be accountable for the stewardship of this Lake Erie shoreline. Any and all attempts to privatize this space and/or limit public engagement for private purposes, ownership or use denies the Common Law basis of the Public Trust Doctrine. That includes the segmentation evident in the GPP Report such as future private development at the Marina is a possibility. The Lake Erie Shoreline should be designated, developed and managed as an ecological based, publicly accessible PARK by an agency that knows how to manage it.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City's largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the "Port of Buffalo" from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority ("NFTA") to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land's redevelopment. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public spaces, amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. No housing is proposed in this GPP.
225	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	The ECHDC public process has offered many opportunities for individual comments but the process was designed to avoid public discussion. The people have asked for a park, not an 'entertainment venue.'	In accordance with Executive Order 202.11 & 202.80, "Title 16, the Urban Development Corporation Act, to the extent a public hearing is required to effectuate a proposed project, provided that the Urban Development Corporation provides an alternative opportunity for the public to comment on proposed project and publishes notice of that opportunity consistent with notice requirements in the Act". The public was given an opportunity to comment on the Project by submitting comments for a period of 60 days (extended by public request from the original 30 days). Public participation in the process to develop the GPP, formerly known as the Preferred Plan, was extensive and documented in Exhibit C of the GPP. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
226	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	We ask that the GPP process be put aside (1) as we work toward park status and that work begun only on ecological restoration until such a transfer can be made; (2) until the issues of segmentation can be addressed.	In September 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo presented his vision for a dramatic transformation of the City's largely vacant Outer Harbor waterfront. This included the transfer of approximately 430 acres of waterfront land once designated as the "Port of Buffalo" from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority ("NFTA") to ECHDC, whose mission and resources are better able to support and expedite the land's redevelopment. ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
227	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/7/2021	No Segmentation: The current GPP has three incidents of segmentation that should halt the process until the full proposals can be reviewed: the First Buffalo River Marina and Terminal A and B as a part of the GPP. No investments should be made into these areas until the full planning is completed. The most glaring segmentation is the separation of the GPP from the DOT Skyway Removal project slightly mentioned in the under Adjacent Projects. The stated goal of the Skyway removal proposal is the 'development of the Inner and Outer Harbor' – surely these projects cannot be separated and must be presented and discussed as one project.	First Buffalo Marina plans under the GPP are indeed included in the GPP as are Terminal B. The GPP and the FEAF note the reasons why future assumptions for repurposing Terminal A cannot be included, insofar as no reasonable/feasible approach to stabilization and reuse of Terminal A has yet been identified. Finally, in terms of a potential Buffalo Skyway removal, ESD and ECHDC has provided input to the NYS Department of Transportation to feed into its environmental review for a potential removal of the Buffalo Skyway. For the Outer Harbor, these future development projections were derived entirely from the subject GPP. Thus this federal environmental review, whose scope and project area extend well beyond the limits of the subject GPP (including portions of downtown Buffalo, South Buffalo, and a portion of Lackawanna), is nevertheless fully consistent with ECHDC's anticipated level of future recreational and open space development in the Buffalo Outer Harbor. The SEQRA documentation for the subject GPP fully acknowledges the implications of these other on-going efforts and properly addresses them in the context of potential segmentation.
228	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	1/5/2021	We totally appreciate the extension of the comment period until January 8, 2021. But it turns out that we are finding that many in our community are just becoming aware of that the final plan has been released and are interested in making comment. I think that people are just re-entering their daily lives after the crazy months at the end of 2020 (obviously not over yet) and the holidays. So on behalf of the Western New York Environmental Alliance and our members, we are asking for an additional extension for the comments of at least another month. This is such an important moment for the region and the future of our city, it seems that having some additional time for public review in the midst of pandemic is warranted.	In accordance with Executive Order 202.11 & 202.80, "Title 16, the Urban Development Corporation Act, to the extent a public hearing is required to effectuate a proposed project, provided that the Urban Development Corporation provides an alternative opportunity for the public to comment on proposed project and publishes notice of that opportunity consistent with notice requirements in the Act". The public was given an opportunity to comment on the Project by submitting comments for a period of 60 days (extended by public request from the original 30 days). Public participation in the process to develop the GPP, formerly known as the Preferred Plan, was extensive and documented in Exhibit C of the GPP. No further extensions will be given.
229	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	11/29/2020	The WNY Environmental Alliance respectfully requests a copy, or access to a copy, of the "Human Health Risk Assessment" mentioned on pages 5-6 of the GPP Report.	Information provided via email on 12/10/2020

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230	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	11/23/2020	The Western New York Environmental Alliance requests an extension of the comment period for the General Project Plan for the Outer Harbor. We have only recently been notified of the completed plan and comment period that ends on December 9 with a hearing on December 3. Given the complexities of everyday life under COVID-19, the ongoing tension of the federal election, and the holidays, we content this deadline does not give us enough time to contact our over 30 members to engage them in any meaningful conversations and response. We would like the see the comment period extended into mid-January since, as you know, there is another holiday season coming.	Comment Period was extended for another 30 days until January 8, 2021.
231	Williams, Nancy	unknown	0	1/7/2021	I want to express my concerns about adding any other crowd-gathering event area to the natural area known as the Outer Harbor. Many of my friends and I use the beautiful waterfront for biking, hiking and watersports. We would very much like to see that the wide-open spaces remain that way and not be designated as "party central" or parking lots for concerts or music event. We also do enjoy music events outdoors in the Buffalo area, but there are enough of those venues already in place such as: Canalside, M&T Plaza, Larkinville, Bidwell Parkway and RiverFest Park. Nearby is Artpark and Tonawanda's venue too. We don't need another venue like this when we have enough close by. PLEASE hear the voices of those who use and enjoy the Outer Harbor already and those that would be opposed to it turning into a money-making concert stage and parking lot.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning.
232	Zimmer, Randy	Buffalo	14206	11/23/2020	After all this time and expense, you'd think that everyone would be aware that developing a hard-to-get-to area that's windswept and venerable to water damage would be the least valuable use for the Outer Harbor. Do what's right, not what will make you and your friends rich with taxpayer money. This happens every time. Money is spent, sweet deals and tax breaks are granted, the bad idea fails and the City loses a third time demolishing the buildings and cleaning up the mess. If Buffalo is to attract a new and younger citizenry, give them what they want, a place to relax and enjoy nature in the shadow of a vibrant downtown. There is no shortage of homes and land in Buffalo that is already served by all utilities and access. Any idea that even just a thousand people will love moving back and forth in that bottleneck to brave bitter winds is really laughable. Anyone who votes for this should be forced to live there 10 years.	ECHDC's purpose and needs for the site are included in Section D of the GPP and respond to the public input from several projects between 2015 and 2019. The City of Buffalo rezoned the property after considerable input from the community in 2016. The public amenities and potential programs are consistent with the zoning. There is no housing proposed in this GPP.
	21st Century Park	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	11/27/2020	I am requesting to be provided with a copy of the digest of the general plan for the buffalo Outer Harbor's General Project Plan (GPP). In the event that I should direct this request to someone else please advise.	Sent on 12/10/2020
	Bunnell, Gene	Albany	12210	12/10/2020	Please send a copy of the Outer Harbor Civic Improvement plan to my home address shown below	Sent on 12/10/2020
	Great Lakes Water Sport Institute	Organization	1	1/8/2021	Turning over large parts of land and major operations to private contractors is contrary to the concept of Community Development and in effect makes the entire project a business venture. We clearly remember the public statement from Safe Harbor ma'am, this is no longer a park, This is a business."	Buffalo Harbor State Park issue
	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	Please provide the League with a copy of the NEPA /FONSI issued by the USACE in 2020, regarding the dredged materials to be unloaded into Slip No. 3.	The USACE documents are available online.
	League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/9/2020	What is NYSOPRHP?	As described earlier on page 3 of the GPP, NYSOPRHP refers to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
	O'Trepy, Don	unknown	0	1/4/2021	Who is responsible for the Tiff Street Pier repair and maintenance?	Comment Received
	Schneekloth, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/4/2020	Please send a copy of the General Project Plan for the Buffalo Outer Harbor Civic and Land Use Improvement Project to Lynda Schneekloth, 601 w ferry street, buffalo, ny 14222.	Sent 12/4/2020
	Schneekloth, Lynda	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	11/15/2021	Please send a copy of the Plan: Buffalo Outer Harbor Civic and Land Use Improvements Project	Information provided via email on XX/XX/2020
	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	11/22/2020	The WNY Environmental Alliance respectfully requests a copy, or access to a copy, of the "Human Health Risk Assessment" mentioned on pages 5-6 of the GPP Report.	Information provided via email on 12/10/2020

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	Western New York Environmental Alliance	Our Outer Harbor Coalition Member	99	12/5/2020	In reading the GPP for the Outer Harbor, I noticed that on page 19 the report says: "ESD has performed an independent economic analysis of the Project." We would like a copy of that analysis.	Information provided via email on 12/10/2020

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