

Fairport Village Partnership

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Fairport Receives National Park Service Grant Historic Interpretive Signage to Tell of Canal Town's History Fairport Village Partnership to administer project

Frank Dean, Director of the Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor will present a \$13,000 grant "check" to Fairport Mayor "Fritz" May during a brief presentation ceremony to be held in front of Village Hall on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 2:30 pm.

The Village of Fairport, through the Fairport Village Partnership (FVP), has been awarded the grant to fund the creation, fabrication, and installation of a series of historic interpretive signs throughout the village of Fairport's historic Canal front and Main Street business district.

The ECNHC grant has been matched by a \$13,000 contribution from the Fairport Office of Community and Economic Development.

"Fairport's project contributes to ongoing efforts to make the Erie Canal a more widely known and better understood world-class heritage tourism destination. We are happy to support Fairport's efforts to educate residents and visitors about the community's history and to stimulate interest in the Canalway Corridor," said Frank Dean, executive director of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

Project management is being provided by the FVP. Content is being developed in collaboration with Village of Fairport/Town of Perinton Historian Jean Keplinger, Perinton Historical Society President Clark King and Fairport Historical Museum Director Bill Keeler.

The signs, featuring historic photos and a brief narrative, will be located throughout the village at key locations of historic significance to the community including canal, railroad, industrial, and commercial development. The project also includes an information kiosk at Kennelley Park.

The Fairport Village Partnership Mission is to leverage the unique canal and historic character of Fairport in order to stimulate economic growth, preserve our heritage and encourage a diversity of uses to serve residents, businesses and visitors.

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