



**Buffalo Niagara River
Land Trust**

Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust Receives \$50,000 Bobcat/NRPA Grant

Grant Support Dedicated to the Houghton Conservation Area Project

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August 18, 2023 - The Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust (BNRLT), in partnership with the City of Buffalo, is proud to be a recipient of a \$50,000 grant from Bobcat and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). This award will support the ongoing Houghton Conservation Area project in the City of Buffalo's Kaisertown neighborhood.

"Support from Bobcat and NRPA will help the BNRLT remove heavy construction debris from the Houghton Conservation Area and move the Houghton Conservation Area Trail project forward," said Dan Riker, BNRLT's Board President. "This award will make the conservation area safe, help restore its natural settings and connect local residents to a beautiful shoreline in their neighborhood."

The Houghton Conservation Area is 25 acres of green space along the Buffalo River within the City of Buffalo's Stachowski-Houghton Park. The BNRLT holds a conservation easement for the area and manages it on behalf of its owner, the City of Buffalo. Along with the City of Buffalo and neighborhood stakeholders, BNRLT is working to improve public access while maintaining native vegetation and habitat for local wildlife.

Previously dumped concrete, brick and aggregate rubble must be removed from the conservation area. The existing trails must also be stabilized after years of being ravaged by illegal ATV and dirt bike activity. This award from Bobcat/NRPA will leverage compact equipment from Bobcat to remove the heavy construction debris, while offering a light footprint on the sensitive landscape. The stabilized area will then double as the foundation for a new trail along the majestic Buffalo River.

Learn more about the Houghton Conservation Area project [HERE](#).