



CALL TO ACTION

The Canal Society of New York State stands ready to become an integral part of the interpretation and operations of the **Port Byron Old Erie Canal Heritage Park** along with our partners, *The Friends of the Port Byron Old Erie Canal Heritage Park*.

We, the members and officers of the Canal Society of New York State, urgently need the robust support of you and our elected officials to save the Port Byron Old Erie Canal Heritage Park from becoming a squalid symbol of public folly. We must have confidence that a plan will be developed as soon as possible with the NYS Thruway Authority that will be mutually beneficial and one that includes open communication and realistic expectations for both of our organizations and the public.

The Society has the unique expertise and holdings to fully interpret the site in a lively manner. We also must have an income stream of sufficient volume to meet the financial demands of operating and maintaining our property.

This issue must be resolved immediately or the Heritage Park will be in jeopardy.

Please contact your elected officials and tell them the operation and management of Port Byron must be a transparent negotiation. Tell them the Heritage Park belongs to all of us. Tell them now.

Assemblyman Bob Oaks – 10 Leach Road, Lyons, NY 14489, 315-946-5166

Senator Pamela Helming – 119 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148, 315-568-9816

Congressman John Katko – 71 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY 13021

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand – 100 South Clinton Street, Room 1470, Syracuse, NY 13261

Cayuga County Legislature – Ben Vitale, Deputy Chair (Port Byron), 160 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY 315-294-8057