

Bus Tour Program

Tom Grasso and Jim Farr

Depart Kendrick Rd. -10:00 AM—North on I-390 —*point out Niagara Escarpment and rock cuts-* east on I-490 – slowly cross bridge over the “Culebra Cut” exit Brown and Broad Sts. follow Broad St. to downtown (15 minutes)

Stop 1 Court St. Dam – (10:15 – 10:50)- one of two most significance canal structures in Monroe County – controls 70 miles of canal or more – entire canal from here to Lockport on the west and Lock 33 Edgewood Ave. on the east

Proceed east on I-490, south on I-590 - exit Monroe Ave (NY31) –east on NY31 to Pittsford Plaza (10 minutes)

Stop 2 Lock 62 (Pittsford) – (11:05- 11:55) Town of Pittsford creating a sustainable canal park after so many years of benign neglect. Lowest lock of the Rochester Flight of 5 and 2nd Pittsford lock. We meet **Town of Pittsford Commissioner of Public Works Paul Schenkel and Town Supervisor Bill Smith (invited)** for explanation of the project.

LUNCH at Via Mini opposite Pittsford Plaza ----- Noon to 01:00PM

Depart Via Mini east on NY31 through Pittsford to east side of village across state St, bridge-left on Schoen Place—*point out major attractions and crucial attraction of the canal w/o it –no Schoen Place as we know it* left on NY96 Main St. to traffic light left on NY 31 east to Marsh Road. Right on Marsh Rd. to Great Embankment Park (15 minutes)

Stop 3 Great Embankment Park –(1:15 to 2:00) – The significance of the Great Embankment and why it is a more stunning achievement with TR’s Ditch than with Clinton’s.

Return to NY31. Proceed north on marsh Rd. to NY31F. Right on NY31F into Fairport and NY250. Left on NY 250 just before Lift Bridge –right into Packets Landing and parking lot (10 minutes)

Stop 4 Fairport Lift Bridge and New Development - (2:10 – 3:10)- Meet with **DOT ????????? and Mayor Fritz May** for presentation of work to be done on the bridge. Walk on canal to the new housing development.

Return to Junction of NY 250 and NY31F. Proceed north on NY 250 to Ayrault Rd. Right on Ayrault to Kreag Rd. just before the canal. Left on Kreag Rd. to NY 96 in Bushnell’s Basin. Right on NY 96 to or near to Richardson’s canal House. (10 minutes)

Stop 5 Bushnell’s Basin: Then and Now (3:20- 4:00) –Pre-Barge Canal Marsh Rd and bridge (south facing ramp) is now Richardson’s Patio, interurban trolley abutment. Clintons Ditch front of Richardsons. At Marsh Rd Bridge we meet with **DOT Project Engineer Tom Price** for explanation of work.

Return to Kendrick Rd.