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### **New Erie Canalway Commissioners To Be Sworn In**

SYRACUSE- The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission welcomes five new commissioners, who will be sworn in at its meeting on January 21, 2009 at 10 am at Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center in Syracuse. Joining the Commission are New York State agency representatives:

Wint Aldrich, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Robert Elliot, NYS Department of State

Pete Grannis, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Mary Ivey, NYS Department of Transportation

Robert McNary, Empire State Development Corporation

“Our new commissioners are critical to helping us focus state resources and coordinate efforts to achieve the goals and priorities of our management plan,” said Beth Sciumeca, Executive Director of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

The Corridor stretches 524 miles across the full expanse of upstate New York, following the present NYS Canal System and its historic alignments. Its 27-member federal commission and staff collaborate with communities and organizations to preserve and interpret New York’s nationally significant canal heritage, enhance heritage development and tourism, and ensure a vibrant future for the 2.7 million New Yorkers who live within the Erie Canalway.

Also on the agenda for Wednesday’s meeting is an update on the Commission’s programs and projects for 2009, including participation in New York’s quadricentennial, a new National Park Service passport stamp program for the Corridor, Heritage-in-Arts revitalization projects, Historic Register listing for the Barge Canal, awards program, and more. The public is welcome to attend. For more information:

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