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Waterford Harbor Now a WiFi Waterfront

Free wireless Internet service provided by Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor

WATERFORD, NY- The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor has installed free wireless Internet access at the Waterford Harbor Visitor Center at Lock 2 in Waterford. The service will be available during the canal season, from May through November.

Residents, visitors, and boaters alike can take advantage of Internet access along the waterfront.

According to records kept at the Waterford Visitor Center, Waterford welcomed 42,970 visitors in 2007 and of that number 3,626 registered boaters came through the canal.

“The Erie Canal was the Internet of its day, connecting products, people, and ideas from around the world,” said Beth Sciumeca, Acting Executive Director at the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. “WiFi at the Eastern gateway to the NYS Canal System will help today’s travelers stay connected.”

WiFi service rounds out the full range of amenities offered to boaters in Waterford. Visitors can take advantage of access to water, showers, electric hookup, pumpout facilities, and visitor information.

Volunteers are on hand daily from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. to answer questions and offer assistance. Boaters may dock for free for two nights, and for a \$10 fee for subsequent nights.

For more information on the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, visit: www.eriecanalway.org.

For information on the Waterford Visitor Center, visit: http://town.waterford.ny.us/vistor_center.htm

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The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor is one of 37 federally designated National Heritage Areas. Its purpose is to help preserve and interpret the historical, natural, scenic, and recreational resources reflecting its national significance and to help foster revitalization of canal-side communities.