

WATERWAY:

Scajaquada Creek

PROJECT TIMELINE:

2016 - 2020

PROJECT COST:

\$ 3,322,000

PROJECT TEAM:

Forest Lawn Heritage Foundation Buffalo Sewer Authority BN Waterkeeper Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy Ducks Unlimited U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mark Cerrone, Inc. A1-Landcare, Inc.

PROJECT ROLE:

Federal Cost Share Partner
Grant Acquisition + Administration
Stream Visual Assessment and Planning
Project Management + Coordination
Concept Development
Design Development (to 60%)
Construction Observation
Signage Design
Post-construction Monitoring
Adaptive Landscape Management

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Scajaquada Creek is a highly degraded waterway which flows through Cheektowaga, Lancaster, Depew, and the City of Buffalo. As with most urban waterways, flooding has become an issue due to extensive floodplain/riparian habitat loss and increased coverage of impervious surfaces throughout the watershed. This project helps to alleviate flooding in the Scajaquada Creek corridor by creating expansive floodplain meadow habitat within Forest Lawn Cemetery that provides abundant ecological services and unique viewing experiences for cemetery visitors. Project components include the creation of approximately 2-acres of floodplain meadow habitat, the installation of in-channel flow deflectors, extensive creek dredging, and a comprehensive pedestrian trail system complete with interpretive signage.

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SCAJAQUADA CREEK FLOODPLAIN
RECONNECTION AT FOREST LAWN CEMETERY

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