

Niagara River Partnership

Forging an Aquatic Ecosystem
Restoration Team



“The Players”

- Government
 - DEC, State Parks,
 - USFWS, ACOE, USGS
 - Local/County municipalities
 - NYPA, BUDC, NFTA
- Seneca First Nations
 - Tuscarora, Tonawanda



“The Players”

- NGO's
 - Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper, Sportsman's Groups, Conservation organizations, Tift Nature Preserve
- Academic Institutions
 - Buffalo State, ESF, SUNY Buffalo, NY Sea Grant



Examples of Past Partnerships

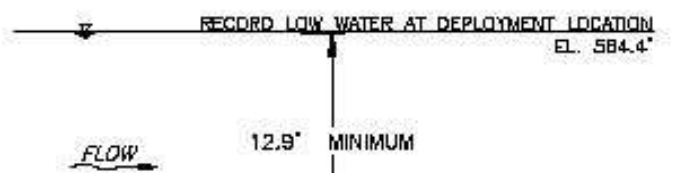
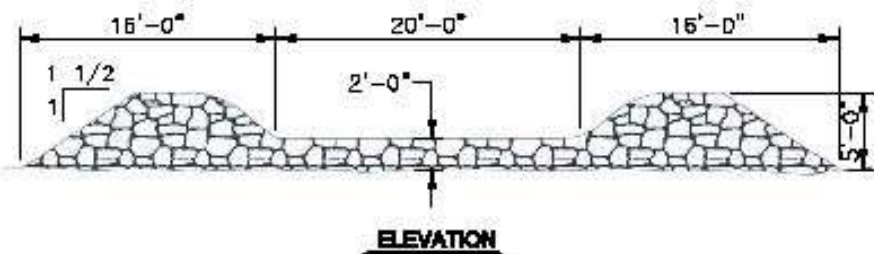
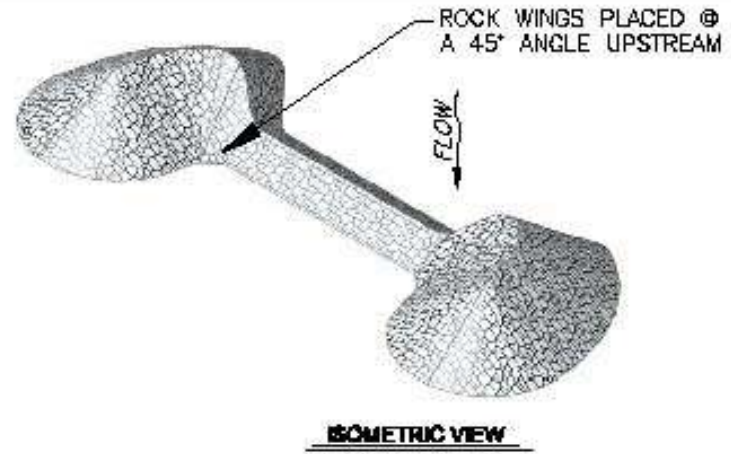
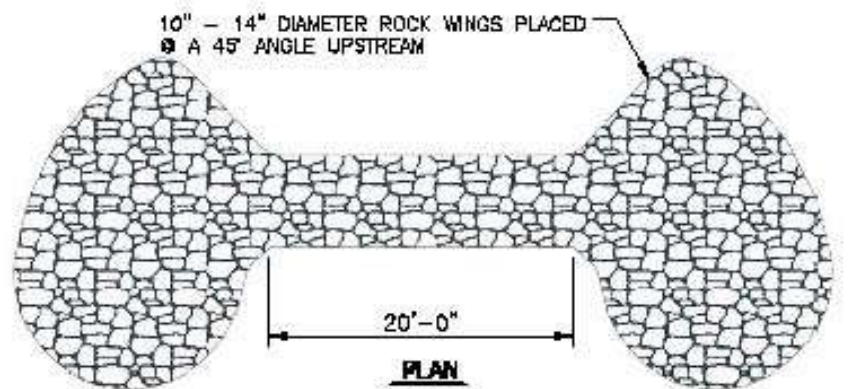
- Strawberry Island Restoration
- Remediation Sites
- Buckhorn Island WL Improvement
- Tift Wetland Enhancement
- East River Marsh WL Protection





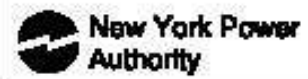


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Rock Wing – Upstream of South Grand Is Bridge

MATERIAL WORKSHEET	
	ROCK WING
STONE	10"–14" DIA.
VOLUME(FT ³)	1255±
FOOT PRINT(FT ²)	653±



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HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
DEEP WATER
FISH ATTRACTION STRUCTURED
PROTOTYPE 2**

Current Partnerships

- Niagara River RAC
- Niagara Power Project Relicensing Ecological Committees
- NFTA / DEC—Bell Slip
- BUDC/ DEC – Union Ship Canal
- Great Lakes Fisheries Commission
- SUNY ESF/DEC—Fisheries Research













Vision for a formal Niagara River Partnership

- Utilize unique strengths of the players
- Based on Sound Science
- Backed by the community
- Recognized at a regional level
- Avoid redundancy
- Achieve synergy



Time is Now

- Connecting Channels Theme
- GL as a National Agenda
- Funding is plentiful
- AOC RAP gaining momentum
- Local support
- History of success through partnership

