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City of North Tonawanda Participating in 8th Annual "Canal Clean Sweep" on April 20th

NORTH TONAWANDA— North Tonawanda's Mayor Robert G. Ortt has announced that the City of North Tonawanda will be participating once again in the Eighth Annual *Canal Clean Sweep* efforts taking place throughout New York State on Saturday, April 20th. In conjunction with the New York State Canal Corporation, and the various communities along the 524-mile canal system, the Mayor's office and Waterfront Commission are seeking volunteer groups and individuals to meet at the large pavilion at Mayor's Park on Sweeney Street for the clean-up efforts that are scheduled to begin at 9am.

"This annual event has been a great success over the past couple of years," stated Mayor Ortt. "The volunteers have been instrumental each year in the beautification activities along our canal corridor."

Waterfront Chairman Ed Smolinski stated, "This is a great way for our community to come together and spruce up the area, and feel good about your efforts after a job well done."

This year's event is being sponsored by Walmart, along with the Mayor's office. Supplies such as rakes, gloves, and trash bags will be supplied by the City Recreation and Parks Department.

Brian U. Stratton, director of the New York State Canal Corporation, said, "The Canal Clean Sweep is a great way for community groups and individuals to show their pride in our magnificent Canalway Trail system by pitching in with their neighbors."

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