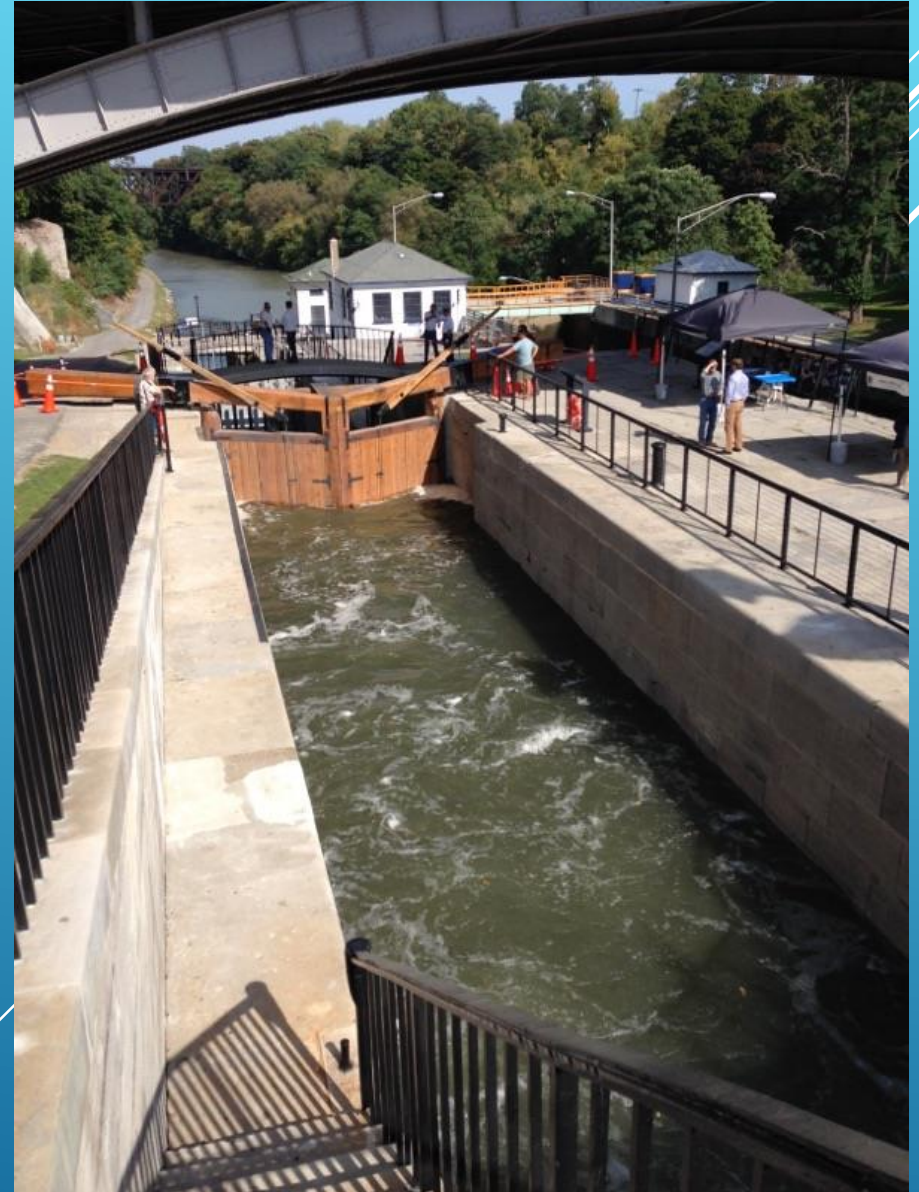



FLIGHT OF FIVE HISTORIC LOCKS DEMONSTRATIONS



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- ❖ The Locks Heritage District Corporation (LHDC), an all-volunteer organization, oversees the operation of the historic locks
- ❖ Two rehabilitated locks were dedicated in September 2014, demonstrations have been conducted since 2015
- ❖ Three of the five historic locks are now rehabilitated and will be operated by volunteers in the summer of 2021
- ❖ Demonstrations are scheduled every Saturday from July 3 through September 18, with one last demonstration on October 2 (Locktoberfest)
- ❖ Lock tender schedule is maintained by Dave Chatt and emailed
- ❖ Volunteers are asked to arrive by 10:30 am to set up, and are usually on site until 1:30 pm to dismantle and store equipment
 - **For new teams, volunteers are asked to arrive by 10:00 for 30 minutes of training prior to setup**
 - The actual demonstrations are scheduled from 11:00 – 1:00

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- ❖ A team of lock tenders consists of 12 people each week, plus the team leader
 - ❖ It is not uncommon to have a team of less than 12 from a specific organization. The rest of the 12 are made up of individual volunteers. A team can be any number between 2 and 12.
 - ❖ If there is a specific date that works for your team, I can reserve that date for you. The schedule will be issued in late April or in May via email.
 - ❖ Your team only needs to commit to one date. You can commit to more if desired.
 - ❖ Teams are encouraged to wear their own team shirts to get exposure for their organization
 - ❖ Demonstrations are not held in inclement weather – either cancelled or cut short due to lightning, rain, or other unsafe conditions
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- ❖ Operations are coordinated by a team leader, who is an experienced lock tender assigned to each demonstration
- ❖ Team leader will conduct a team meeting just prior to demonstration
 - Review safety protocol
 - Make assignments – ask who would like to do what
- ❖ The team leader will direct the demonstration – when to open/close valves, when to open/close gates, when to move boat
- ❖ Team leader may rotate assignments as individuals desire
- ❖ Water and snacks will be provided, volunteers can bring their own if desired
- ❖ Rest rooms are available in the Discovery Center

Volunteer Responsibilities

- ❖ Observe all safety protocols including:
 - Wear a mask covering mouth and nose (bring your own)
 - Wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) – provided by LHDC
 - Others as provided during training
- ❖ Wear team shirts if available, long or short pants are OK
- ❖ Wear comfortable shoes providing good footing – no flip flops
- ❖ Arrive on time
- ❖ Only perform tasks with which one is comfortable, there are tasks for different levels of physical activity
- ❖ Tasks vary in physical activity from easy (managing visitors) to moderate (operating the wooden gates, pulling the Erie Traveler through the locks)
- ❖ ***Have Fun - Enjoy re-creating Lockport's history!***

Volunteer Tasks

- ❖ Assist with setup and storage of demonstration equipment
- ❖ Operate inlet valves to control water flow into locks
- ❖ Operate weir valves to control water level between locks
- ❖ Open and close the historic 5 ton wooden miter gates
- ❖ Operate outlet valve for water flow out of locks
- ❖ Pull Erie Traveler from lock to lock
- ❖ Manage lines and boat while on board Erie Traveler
- ❖ Manage visitors –
 - Insure visitors remain in safe areas
 - Answer questions or direct them to a LHDC representative
- ❖ Maintain a clean environment
- ❖ Periodically wipe surfaces per COVID protocol