Green Innovation Grant Program

Project Title: Rod Mill Reuse Strategy

Grant Recipient: City of Rome

Location: Oneida County, NY

Green Infrastructure Practice: Street Trees/Urban Forestry, Bioretention, Pervious Pavements

EFC Grant Amount: $246,682

Total Project Amount: $301,027

GIGP ROUND **2**

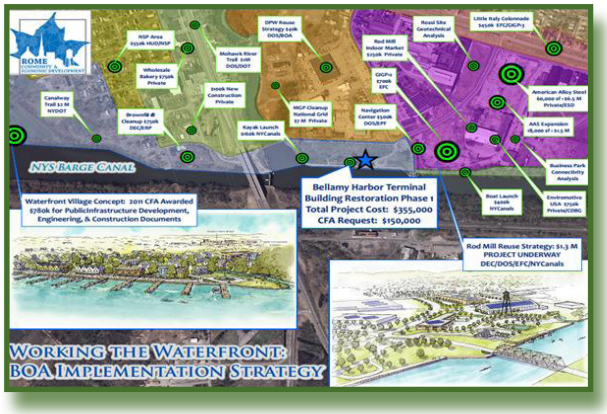
Project in Construction 08/2013

Project Description:

Work is underway in the City of Rome, NY to transform an abandoned brownfield into a pedestrian-friendly waterfront facility, providing public waterfront access and connecting the Erie Canal with Rome's downtown. This project, a collaborative effort involving the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the NYS Department of State, and New York Canals, will redevelop the 6.5 acre site, a former wire rope and cable manufacturing complex, into a recreational access point for the Erie Canal.

The new public space along the canal will include GIGP-funded green infrastructure elements, as well as boat docking and launching sites, a picnic/recreation area and a parking lot.

Total pervious square footage on the site will be reduced from 5.5 acres to 1.3 acres, and soil restoration practices will be applied in previously paved areas. Green practices will include a flow-through stormwater planter, a central vegetated bioretention basin, and a dry stormwater swale. The site will also be planted with more than 50 new trees.



The conceptual layout illustrates the many entities, both local and State, which collaborated on this project.

An overlay of the site on an aerial photograph shows the project's location along the Erie Canal.

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