

Assembly Majority Leader  
Crystal Peoples-Stokes  
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# ROCC

## FACT SHEET

Restore Our Community  
Coalition Fact Sheet

### JOIN US...

- ROCC has been advocating for the restoration of Humboldt Parkway for over 15 years.
- The community needs your help in adding your voice and more weight to ROCC's efforts.
- Sign the Assembly Majority Leader's Online Petition; Let everyone know how imperative it is that NYSDOT move forward TODAY with correcting a historic wrong.

### WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

- Economic Impact – This project would create 1,000 construction jobs with an opportunity for inclusion and job training. It would increase property values and allow families to build generational wealth.
- Environmental Remediation – Planting more trees will help improve air quality and help prevent health ailments. Increased green space will increase recreational activity.
- Improved Quality of Life and Restorative Justice – Buffalo's East Side is finally starting to participate in Buffalo's historic economic renaissance. Positive activity leads to a reduction in crime. This project compliments the \$50 million being invested by New York State into East Side Commercial Corridors (Jefferson, Fillmore, Michigan and Bailey Avenues).

### REPAIRING DAMAGE...

- Construction of the Route 33 Kensington Expressway decimated residential property values.
- Community health has been negatively impacted by way of increased upper respiratory illnesses and cancer rates most likely caused by vehicle emissions and pollution.
- Thriving commercial corridors (Jefferson and Fillmore Avenues) and respective businesses succumbed as their regular traffic and customers were rerouted onto the Route 33 Kensington Expressway, completely bypassing them.

### OPPORTUNITIES...THE TIME IS NOW

- NYSDOT's 5-year Capital Plan will be renewed as of April 1, 2020. This project should be included.
- This project made Congress for the New Urbanism's 2019 list of Freeways without Futures.
- Deteriorating infrastructure – the retaining walls are at the end of their lifespans; guardrails were replaced, but not before fatal tragedy struck, as 3 accidents saw cars plunge onto the expressway; today's design regulations call for increased shoulder width for emergencies.

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Take control of your neighborhood's future. Get engaged today...Contact ROCC and Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes

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### HUMBOLDT PARKWAY'S HISTORY

- Designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in 1868 as part of the United States' 1st urban parks system.
- A combined 850 acres of historic parkland maintained within the City of Buffalo by the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy.
- Olmsted Parks Conservancy recently celebrated its 150th anniversary.
- The Rt. 33 Kensington Expressway's 10 miles of construction took NYSDOT longer to build than the entire NYS Thruway's 427 miles (16 years (1954-1970) vs 10 years (1946-1956)).

### SUCCESSFUL CASE STUDIES

- Jim Ellis Freeway Park - Seattle, WA (est. 1976)
- Margaret Hance Park – Phoenix, AZ (est. 1992)
- Klyde Warren Park – Dallas, TX (est. 2012)
- McKinley Avenue – Milwaukee, WI (est. 2002)
- The Big Dig – Boston, MA (est. 2006)
- Tom McCall Waterfront Park – Portland, OR (est. 1978)



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### OTHER NYS RECLAMATION PROJECTS

- Rt. 198 Scajaquada Expressway – Buffalo
- Rt. 5 Skyway – Buffalo
- Robert Moses Parkway – Niagara Falls
- Inner Loop – Rochester
- I-81 – Syracuse
- Sheridan Expressway – Bronx

### WHO ARE ROCC?

- Restore Our Community Coalition (ROCC) is a 501(c)(3) organization that's been dedicated to the revitalization of neighborhoods along Humboldt Parkway for 15 years+.
- Supportive Partners: Buffalo Museum of Science, Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, Black Chamber of Commerce, Citizen's Alliance, Ferry Street Corridor Project, GoBike Buffalo, Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council, Hamlin Park Taxpayers Assoc., Insight International, Jackson Parker Communications, Key Success Factors, Open Buffalo, PUSH Buffalo, Scajaquada Corridor Coalition, University at Buffalo School of Architecture & Planning, University at Buffalo Regional Institute for Urban Planning.