NEWS LETTER ARTICLE FROM WALK BIKE BROCKPORT

Walk Bike Brockport, in cooperation with Mayor Blackman, has completed its Active Transportation Plan (ATP) for Walking and Biking in the greater Brockport area. The ATP was funded by a $50,000 grant from the Genesee Transportation Council (GTC). Tom Robinson of Barton & Loguidice served as Project Director. In addition to all the work undertaken by Robinson’s team, the project included bicycle and walking tours of the area, two Steering Committee and two public meetings held at the Village Hall.

The ATP, with help from future grants, will lead to new safety features for walkers and bikers, multi-use trails, improved pedestrian and biking street crossings and other infrastructure improvements both on and off streets. The goal is to maximize opportunities for people to get out and move under their own power.

The ATP has led Walk Bike Brockport to launch a second project to convert the Main Street Railroad Bridge into a Victorian Gateway for Brockport. The gateway will feature a mural, designed by Stacey Kirby, on both sides of the bridge. Kirby created the mural now displayed on the Department of Public Works building wall on East Avenue.

To prepare for the upcoming mural, SUNY-College at Brockport students
pitched in to clean up the tangle of weeds, small trees and brush on the right side of the bridge where automobiles, pedestrians and bikers pass beneath. Members of the College’s Pi Kappa Phi fraternity (a fraternity devoted to community service) used tools and a heavy-duty truck provided by Harry Donahue, Superintendent of Public Works, to remove brush and stack it in the truck.

Fraternity member Scott Meyers organized Pi Kappa Phi participation in the clean-up work. Meyers—a Department of Political Science and International Studies student—is an Intern with Walk Bike Brockport and the Mayor’s office. College-Community Cooperation is alive and well!

[From left to right: Ray Duncan, Chair, Walk Bike Brockport, Scott Meyers, Austin Moyer, Brandon Westervelt, James Verton, Josh Gagnon, Jason Hensel, and Justin Angermeier down in front]

If you would like to support this project, two different methods are possible. One way is to click on the following website and make a donation:

https://www.gofundme.com/xe557djv
Or you may write a check. Make it out to Walk Bike Brockport. Mail the check to Walk Bike Brockport, Village Hall, 49 State Street, Brockport, New York, 14420, Attn: Gateway Mural Project.