

# Building a Better Buffalo

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**Built to Lead**

A historical illustration of a crowded street in Buffalo, New York, likely from the late 19th or early 20th century. The street is filled with a large crowd of people, many wearing hats and coats. On the right side, there are several multi-story buildings with storefronts, including one labeled "PAWN SHOP". A horse-drawn carriage is visible on the right. The overall scene depicts a busy, urban environment.

A look back at where  
Buffalo **came from...**





Downtown Buffalo  
c. 1900

For decades, Downtown **Buffalo's** waterfront served **the city's booming industrial** trade as **key access points to global markets.**





As industry shifted midway through the 20<sup>th</sup> century, business left Buffalo – leaving the waterfront to become an **icon of our region's decline.**

A photograph of Governor Andrew Cuomo speaking at a podium. He is wearing a dark suit, a light blue shirt, and a patterned tie. The podium has a blue sign that reads "The New Buffalo". An American flag is visible in the background to the right. The text "Six years ago, Governor Cuomo made it a central priority of his administration to revitalize Western New York." is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

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**The New York Times**

## Where Young College Graduates Are Choosing to Live

October 20, 2014

By CLAIRE GAIN MILLER

 **EYEWITNESS  
NEWS**

## Lower unemployment means more jobs for WNYers

September 26, 2016

By Keith Radford & Liz Lewin

**THE BUFFALO NEWS**

## Summer-ending numbers show that Canalside has become the place to be

September 22, 2016

By Editorial Board

**gothamist**

## Millennials Are Moving To Buffalo & Living Like Kings

January 28, 2015

**NEWS 4**

## Housing market booming in western New York

February 10, 2016

By MARK BELCHER

Today, our region is growing  
**like we haven't seen in a generation...**





And Canalside and the Outer Harbor are  
symbols **of Buffalo's resurgence into tomorrow.**



An aerial photograph of a city at night, featuring a large bridge and a crowded outdoor ice skating rink. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is centered over the image.

At Canalside, we have partnered  
with the State to build a national  
**model of urban revitalization...**





Going from this...





To this.





VISITATION  
INCREASING  
EVERY YEAR



We built an ice rink  
3x bigger than Rockefeller Center –  
attracting 130,000 people since 2014.





We transformed  
the **Donovan Office Building...**





Into **One Canalside** with a new hotel and restaurant, plus class A office space.



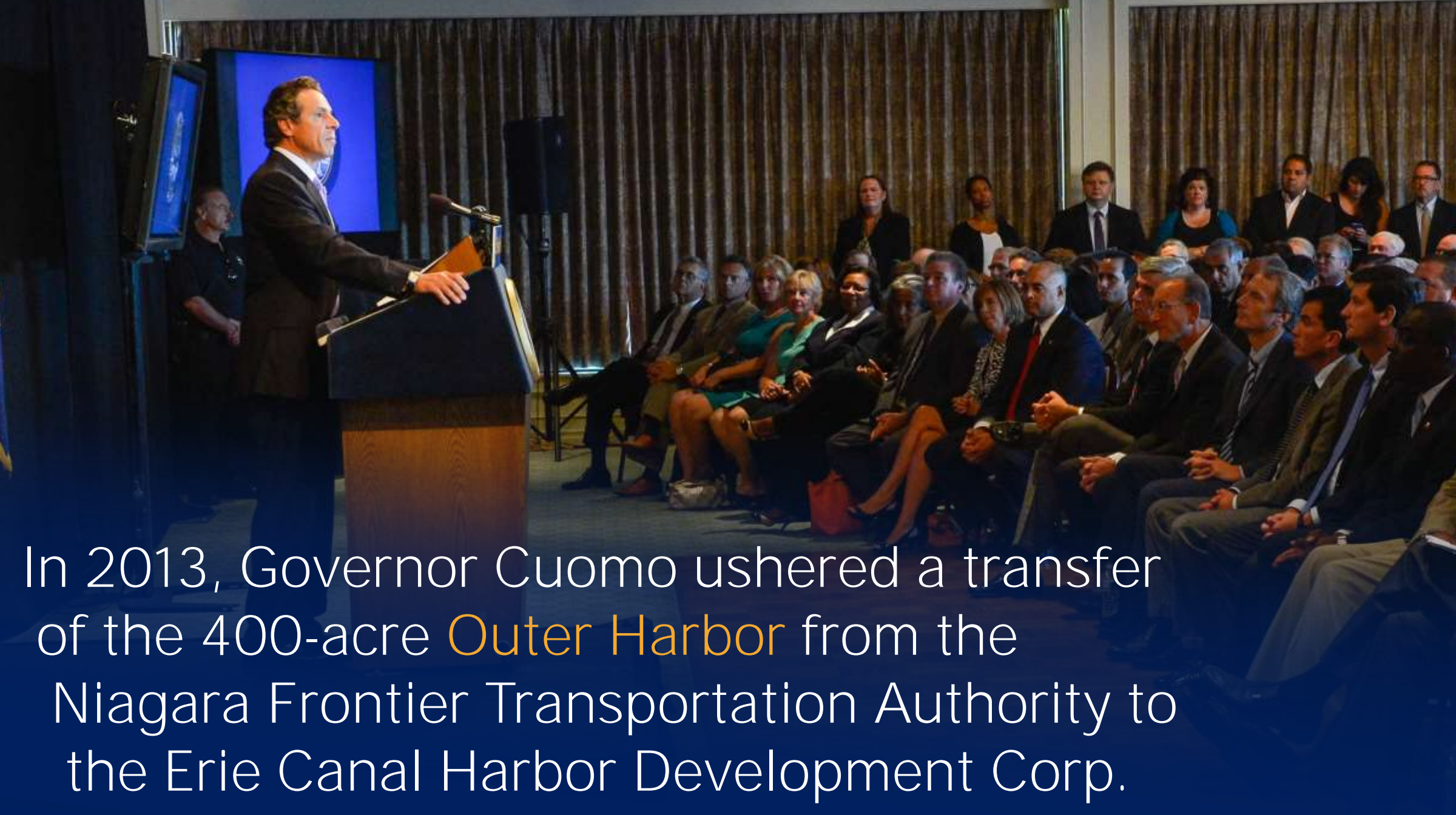


And the new **Explore & More Children's Museum** is breaking ground this spring and will educate the youngest Buffalonians on the rich history of Canalside, the Queen City and Upstate New York.



**At the Outer Harbor...**





In 2013, Governor Cuomo ushered a transfer of the 400-acre **Outer Harbor** from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority to the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corp.





The Governor then announced the creation of **Buffalo's first State Park – Buffalo Harbor State Park –** with a \$15 million State investment.





We have transformed a vacant parcel of land into the popular **Wilkeson Point**, attracting more families to enjoy **unparalleled views and recreational opportunities...**





Turned our grain elevators into public art,  
**creating a light show for the entire waterfront...**





And created a bike ferry – providing a  
direct link from Canalside to the Outer Harbor.



A blue-tinted photograph of a park scene. In the center, a large, curved stone bench sits on a paved plaza. Several people are sitting on the bench; some are looking at their phones, while others are talking. Behind the bench is a large, arched pergola structure covered in green vines. In the background, a city skyline is visible across a body of water. To the left, a person is standing next to a bicycle. To the right, a group of people is standing and talking. The overall atmosphere is calm and urban.

There is more work to do.





Today we are announcing the **completion of the Breakwall Project**, which provides new recreational access through paved walking and bike paths.





And we are also announcing the beginning of our **final phase of investment** in Buffalo Harbor State Park: construction of the new public boat launch.



An aerial, isometric-style illustration of a city street scene, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The scene shows a multi-lane road with several cars, including a red convertible and a white pickup truck. A row of trees lines the sidewalk, and a parking lot with more cars is visible in the background. The text is centered over the image.

We are proud of our successful  
partnership and excited to continue  
building a better Buffalo.