Building a Better Buffalo
A look back at where Buffalo came from...
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 20th century, business left Buffalo – leaving the waterfront to become an icon of our region’s decline.
Six years ago, Governor Cuomo made it a central priority of his administration to **revitalize Western New York**.
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.
At Canalside, we have partnered with the State to build a national model of urban revitalization...
To this.
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 Pointe**, 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.
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.
We are proud of our successful partnership and excited to continue building a better Buffalo.