

Public Access - Preserving Green Space - Developing Connectivity

In Spring 2022 Governor Hochul unveiled plans for a new state park to be developed in downtown Rochester.

High Falls State Park is part of the second phase of the ROC the Riverway initiative, a progressive plan to revitalize the underutilized Genesee Riverfront in the core of Rochester's downtown.

With commercial and residential neighborhoods on both sides, the new park will offer new opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy this dramatic setting.

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The new High Falls State Park is planned from the Inner Loop to the south then to the railroad trestle in the north (see circled area in map below). This site is known for its dramatic, 96-foot-high waterfall and deep gorge. The historic Pont de Rennes bridge offers pedestrians views of the falls and the gorge, and the new park will provide access to the waterfront along the Genesee River.

Important goals for the new park include:

- Preserving green spaces for public enjoyment
- Providing public access to the views, the gorge area, and the water
- Developing connectivity to the park with pedestrian bridges, roadways, paths, and trails

