

WELCOME CENTER



THE **WESTERN NEW YORK WELCOME CENTER** IS PART OF A STATE-WIDE INITIATIVE TO **HIGHLIGHT LOCAL DESTINATIONS**, LANDMARKS, NATURAL SPACES, FOOD, AND OTHER PRODUCTS. **GRAND ISLAND** WILL HOST THIS MUSEUM-LIKE FACILITY THAT REPRESENTS FIVE COUNTIES.

WHOSE PROJECT IS THIS?

The Welcome Center is a Directive from the **Governor's Office**, and the project is being administered by the **New York State Thruway Authority**. The Thruway Authority has owned the land for years. The project is funded by all NYS taxpayers and system users.



WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

There will be electric vehicle charging stations, a picnic area, shipwreck **playground**, pet zone, community room, interactive maps, **art installations**, bicycle racks, parking, **Taste NY farm market**, and more. The facility is built in Frank Lloyd Wright's signature architectural style.

WHAT ABOUT SEWER?

If the Thruway Authority asks for permission to connect to the Town sewer system, it will be a one-off connection. This means there **will not be a new sewer district**, and **no other property can connect** to the system through the Welcome Center.



ISN'T THE SEWER AT CAPACITY?

Flow tests show that the Welcome Center would **increase sewer flow less than 1%**. This minor increase would have **no real impact** on the sewer system, since any capacity issues the system experiences are a result of wet weather flows (excess stormwater), not sewer.

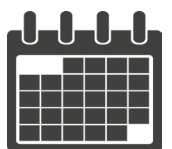


ARE THEY HIRING?

The Thruway Authority will post available opportunities at www.thruway.ny.gov.

WHEN WILL IT BE COMPLETED?

The Welcome Center is scheduled to be completed by the end of summer 2018.



Courtesy of Grand Island Town
Supervisor Nate McMurray



For more information, visit [www. https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-open-road-cashless-tolling-begin-grand-island-crossings-march-2018](https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-open-road-cashless-tolling-begin-grand-island-crossings-march-2018)