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**Slaughter Announces \$800,000 in Federal Funding for Niagara Whirlpool Street Reconfiguration Project**  
**Funding Part of Broad Effort to Create New Tourist-Friendly &quot;Cultural District&quot;**

**Washington, DC** - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, today was joined by Mayor Vince Anello and other city officials to announce \$800,000 in federal funding the Congresswoman secured for the Niagara River Gorge Whirlpool Street Reconfiguration Project. At the event, the Congresswoman was also joined by Thomas J. DeSantis, the project's senior planner.

**&quot;People have always associated Niagara with the power of its natural gifts,&quot;**  
Rep. Slaughter said.  
**&quot;We want Niagara to be known as a city of powerful vision as well.&quot;**

**"We have just such a vision for the future,"** she continued, **"one that will create jobs, transform our city center, and connect it to our greatest resources like never before."**

The Whirlpool Street Project is part of Niagara's efforts to create a new "Cultural District" by rebuilding Whirlpool Street as Gorge View Drive, a well-landscaped urban boulevard with access to side streets and nearby State Park land, including the Niagara Reservation, Whirlpool, DeVeaux, and Devil's Hole State Parks.

Public promenades, gorge overlooks, and numerous attractions designed to highlight the region's local environment and cultural heritage will also be created.

The project is anticipated to have a significant impact on Niagara's local economy, as new restaurants and developments will increase tourism to the city, create jobs for local citizens, and increase tax revenues.

The funding was included in the FY 06 Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill recently passed by Congress and signed into law.

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