

# **The Finger Lakes Museum's Discover Campus**

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- **Renovation of the Branchport School has begun with Grants and Donations**
- **Asbestos removal revealed classroom walls not load bearing**
- **Purpose of school now may be expended from Admin. and storage to include some exhibits**

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- **Work accomplished to date includes:**
  - Asbestos abatement has been completed
  - A new insulated membrane roof has been installed
  - A new underground electrical service is in place
  - A new septic system has been installed and approved
  - A new paved entrance drive with curbing from NYS Rt.54A has been built
  - A new parking lot with curbing and infrastructure for parking lot lighting
  - New drainage bio-swales, landscape improvements, and lawn reseeding

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- **Work yet to be completed by early 2015 includes:**
  - **Install new energy-efficient doors and windows**
  - **Install new electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems**
  - **New Admin. offices and Board room**
  - **F L Cultural & Natural History Research Library**
  - **Broadcast & recording studios for educational programs**
  - **Craftsmanship Studio, wooden boatbuilding shop, and green-roof canopy**
  - **Kayak and canoe center, livery, and launching site on Sugar Creek**
  - **Final blacktop coating and pavement striping**

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- **Increased options for the interior space, allow the creation of an Environmental Education Center as an added part of its mission. This new phase of work will include:**
  - **Develop new program and exhibit options**
  - **Use architect to develop new spatial use options**
  - **Hire Exhibit Designer to develop exhibit & program options**
  - **Work w/ Keuka C. to develop aquatic science programs**
  - **Work w/ PBS and WXXI to develop educational documentaries**
  - **Work w/ DEC to develop educational programs related to endangered & invasive species, & wildlife awareness**
  - **Develop indoor & outdoor event space for community and regional public use**

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- **This new phase will change the sequence of the Museum's plans for development. The Museum proposed, & the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation has accepted, an offer to put plans for the next stage of development at Keuka Lake State Park on hold pending the completion of work at the Branchport School site. When completed, the Finger Lakes Museum's Environmental Education Center will become an adjunct facility to the future exhibit-based Museum at Keuka Lake State Park.**
- **Expected Timeline: Move in by late 2014; fully operational by June 2015**
- **Anticipated outcomes are as follows:**

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## Anticipated Outcomes

- Fundraising efforts will focus on this phase of the project only
- A tourist and visitor destination that will attract 30,000 visitors annually
- A gateway to direct visitors to the Finger Lakes Boating Museum, Glenn Curtiss Museum, Rochester Museum & Science Center, The Strong, and more, as well as to the Finger Lakes Wine Trails
- A research and education center that will create programs for use in K-through-12 classrooms and as PBS television documentaries
- Indoor and outdoor programs including topics that teach ecological & environmental awareness & inspire stewardship of natural resources
- A live bald eagle aviary & a canoe & kayak livery for outdoor educational programs by NYS-licensed guides
- Creation of (TBD) construction jobs and up to 8 full and part-time Museum jobs in its first year
- Economic impact on the region (TBD)