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## **Reasons for Supporting Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Inc. (FINWR)**

- Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge (INWR) is visited by an estimated 40,000 people each year. These visitors include hikers, bird watchers, hunters, fishermen, and students of conservation and wildlife and others.
- Donations to FINWR may qualify for matching funds.
- Donations are tax deductible. FINWR is a registered 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization. Check with your tax advisor.
- INWR is the only National Wildlife Refuge in Western New York

## **Projects Completed or initiated by Friends of Iroquois NWR:**

- Provided camera equipment so that the public and staff can view live Kestrels during the breeding and nesting season with no disturbance to the birds.
- Sponsoring interns for refuge related projects.
- Swallow Hollow Nature Trail completed and dedicated. FINWR provided partnerships, financing, planning and volunteer hours to complete this \$500,000 project, which is now used for pleasure and educational programs.
- Provided benches and rehabilitation to Kanyoo Trail so that visitors can view wildlife and nature. Partnered with the Boy Scouts, Iroquois Job Corps, and HSBC for this project. Interpretive signs created and installed.
- Water control structure purchased and installed on Cayuga sub-impoundment to enhance shore bird habitat and wildlife viewing.
- Supporting the Canisius Ambassadors in Conservation program which has introduced approximately 10,000 school children to the N.W. Refuge System, giving them an understanding of nature, biodiversity and conservation.
- Funded the drilling of a well which monitors ground water levels.
- Sponsoring educational opportunities for volunteers and staff.
- Volunteers generally contribute several thousand hours of service each year.
- FINWR continues to sponsor special events such as the Youth Fishing Derby, the Spring Into Nature Open House, Audubon Iroquois Observations program, Youth Waterfowl Orientation Day, and a roadside trash pickup around INWR.
- The Flyway Nature Store provides nature related gifts and books with profits being used to support the projects and mission of the refuge.
- FINWR continues to expand membership and seek donations.