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<https://www.facebook.com/UnityIsland>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1586019911577604>

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<https://friendsofunityislandnews.blogspot.com/>

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friendsofunityisland@gmail.com

Black Rock Riverside Alliance:
<https://brralliance.org/>

Please help Friends of Unity Island reach out to elected officials and community agencies to voice your support for Unity Island Park.

Sample Letter (personalize as you see fit)

Dear (Insert name of official),

This letter is to voice my concern about conditions that need improving at Unity Island Park in the City of Buffalo.

Other parks and areas of the city are beginning to see a welcome infusion of resources. Amidst this resurgence, please let us not forget about Unity Island.

Once known as "Squaw Island" and the site of a garbage dump for the city, currently this jewel of the Black Rock neighborhood stands as a testimony to the power of brownfield restoration by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, the Army Corps of Engineers and others.

Now a thriving park and reviving natural habitat for hundreds of bird species along the Important Bird migration corridor, Unity Island faces severe challenges of overuse, litter and invasive plant species.

Along with Friends of Unity Island and other community advocates, I ask you to consider a range of improvements and further restoration in order to safeguard this invaluable natural and civic resource on the Niagara River for generations to come.

Please visit the Friends of Unity Island webpage for more details: [\(link to web address\)](#)

Sincerely,

(sign your name)

(provide your address and contact information as you see fit)

Send your letter to the elected officials and agencies listed or others as you see fit.

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NY State Senator Sean Ryan	ryan@nysenate.gov
House of Representatives Brian Higgins	https://higgins.house.gov/contact/email-brian
Senator Chuck Schumer	https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/email-chuck
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand	https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/email-me
Governor Andrew Cuomo	https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form
Army Corps of Engineers Public Affairs Office	https://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Contact/
New York Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Segos	https://www.dec.ny.gov/about/407.html
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