



A 1913 gift to the city in memory of Arthur Schoellkopf, a former mayor, civic leader, and scion of hydropower pioneer Jacob Schoellkopf, this historic park adjacent to Memorial Medical Center, once celebrated for its magnificent flower beds, luxurious plants, abundant shade trees, benches, and towering central fountain, in its heyday was visited by more than a thousand people a day

Thanks to the efforts of the Medical Center; Joy Kuebler, a landscape architect with a keen sense of history; and a generous community of

expansion.

When five years ago park ownership was transferred to the Medical Center, a two-phase plan was forged with help from the city's Department of Community Development and the University at Buffalo Graduate School of Architecture. In 2006 the \$600,000 project was launched.

Phase One saw construction of walkways, planting beds, and restoration of historic piers, stone paths, and a fountain similar to the original.

Phase Two created additional plantings; benches closely matching the historic originals; varied lighting

donors, Schoellkopf Park has made a spectacular comeback from the years of neglect it suffered after half of its original three-acre size was lost to city

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from "hanging baskets" to bollards; and planting of elms, oaks, redbuds, and ivory silk lilacs in a design reminiscent of the original. Finally, in 2008, a three-foot-high decorative steel fence and piers were added along the perimeter and a signature fountain was installed.

Much as the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra helped celebrate this historic park's renewal with free concerts on site in 2008 and 2009, PBN celebrates the efforts of all those involved in the revitalization of this now tranquil, handicap-accessible urban oasis that daily brings joy to neighboring senior housing residents; Medical Center staff, patients, and visitors; tenants and visitors of the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center, and the whole community.

Well done!