§ 39.03 Definitions. Whenever used in this article, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context, the terms listed below shall have the following meanings:

1. "Niagara river greenway" or "greenway" shall mean a linear system of state and local parks and conservation areas linked by a network of multi use trails within the greenway area established by an approved plan of the commission as provided for in this article.

2. "Niagara river greenway commission" or "commission" shall mean the Niagara river greenway commission created pursuant to this article.

3. "Municipality" means a county, city, town, village or local public benefit corporation located adjacent to the Niagara river.

4. "Chief elected official" shall mean the chief executive officer of a municipality, or if there is none, any other officer possessing similar powers and duties.

5. "Conservation area or areas" shall mean lands which are of ecological or recreational importance but shall not include state or local parks. Such lands may include but are not limited to wetlands, preserves, trails, riverfront walks and such private lands as may be dedicated by the land owner for the purposes of the greenway.