

## **Economic Impact Analysis**

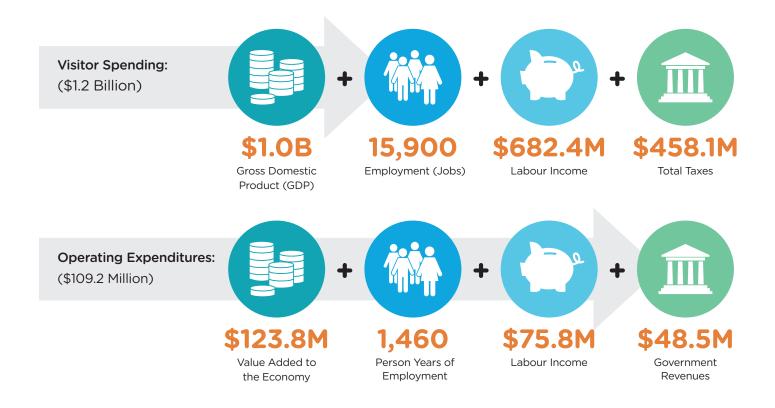
### **MANDATE**

Preserving and promoting the natural and cultural heritage along the Niagara River corridor.

### THE STUDY

The Niagara Parks Commission has retained urbanMetrics Inc. to conduct a study to evaluate the organization's contributions to the economies of the Niagara region as well as to Ontario and Canada. This study has involved an assessment of direct, indirect and induced economic impacts derived from recent spending by the NPC (i.e., based on **operating expenditures** for the 2016-2017 fiscal period), as well as through the significant **visitor spending** resulting from attendance at numerous key attractions and other related tourism facilities operated by the NPC and its providers.

## **ECONOMIC IMPACTS (2016-2017)**





#### **TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 8.2 MILLION**

**Unique Visitors: 3.8 Million** 



Hornblower Cruise 2,148,000 Visitors

Journey Behind the Falls

838,000 Visitors



Niagara's Fury

**Butterfly Conservatory** 

292,000 Visitors



332,000 Visitors



White Water Walk

216,000 Visitors

Whirlpool Aero Car

124,000 Visitors



**Golf Courses** 74,000 Visitors Zipline to the Falls

70,000 Visitors





Floral Showhouse

40.000 Visitors

Heritage Sites

25.000 Visitors

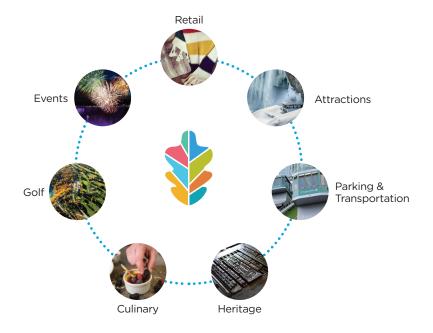


## \$1.2 **BILLION**

#### Annual **Visitor** Spending

The operation of various attractions by the NPC, and other third party providers on their behalf, drives significant visitation to the Niagara region, which generates substantial spin-off benefit to the economies of Ontario and Canada.

Plus: WEGO, Falls Incline Railway, Restaurants & Retail (4,051,000 Visitors)



# **\$109.2 MILLION**

#### **Annual Operating Expenditures**

The NPC's core activities generate significant investment through the purchase of goods, labour, and other inputs as part of their day-to-day operations. This includes expenditures within a number of key business segments, such as the operation of gift shops, restaurants and golf courses; hosting events; as well as operating a number of notable tourist attractions. The NPC is also responsible for providing a range of parking and transportation-related facilities.