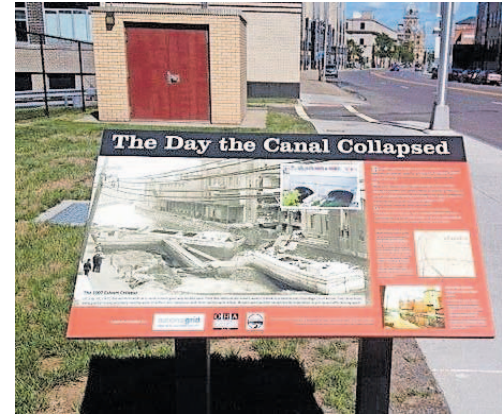


LOCAL HISTORY



The Erie Canal collapse, 1907. Canal boats were sucked in, like toy boats in a tub. It took less than two months, and about \$68,000, for state crews to patch up the damage, where the canal crossed Onondaga Creek. *Onondaga Historical Association*

110 Years Ago: On July 30, 1907, an arch in an 1838 stone culvert supporting the Erie Canal gave way where it passed over Onondaga Creek, creating a huge hole in the bottom of the canal. The ensuing vortex of water was so strong that five canal boats were sucked in and destroyed. The rear wall of the Amos Mill, which backed up right to the canal, also collapsed, adding barrels of flour to the debris. That section of the canal had to be drained



An interpretive sign on Erie Boulevard near the site tells the story of the canal collapse.

and closed until it could be repaired, which was a devastating blow for the local economy, of which the canal was an important part. After holding up for an additional 107 years, the culvert was repaired again in 2015 and is still in place, carrying Erie Boulevard over Onondaga Creek.

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