



# Thruway Authority | Canal Corporation

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**BILL FINCH**  
Acting Executive Director



Bill Finch serves as the Acting Executive Director of the New York State Thruway Authority and Canal Corporation. Prior to leading the Thruway Authority and Canal Corporation, Mr. Finch served as mayor of Connecticut's largest city, Bridgeport, from 2007 until 2015. As mayor, he oversaw a budget of more than \$500 million and more than 2,000 employees and helped facilitate the city's first population increase in decades. As mayor, Mr. Finch initiated a \$750 million program to rebuild local schools over the course of eight years, as well as initiating an environmental sustainability plan called "bGreen 2020."

Mr. Finch also served as a Connecticut State Senator from 2000 until 2007, where he held the positions of Majority Whip, Chair of the Environment Committee, and Vice-Chair of the Transportation Committee. As a State Senator, Mr. Finch worked to create jobs, attract businesses to the state, and promote green energy across the state.

Throughout his career, Mr. Finch has been recognized as a national leader and model for revitalizing an industrial city through climate change mitigation efforts, including being awarded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Climate Leadership Award in 2015.