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## **MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO UNVEILS NEW SYNTHETIC ICE RINK AT ONTARIO BEACH PARK**

**ROCHESTER, NY** — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced the opening of a new synthetic ice rink at Ontario Beach Park in Rochester. Synthetic ice looks and feels like real ice, but is portable and can be used in multiple locations year round.

*“This new synthetic ice rink is the latest in millions of dollars of upgrades to our parks system – and now our ice skaters can come to Ontario Beach Park and test their skating skills no matter the weather conditions,” said County Executive Bello. “Thank you to our fantastic Monroe County Parks Department crews and Director Patrick Meredith for their continued dedication to enhancing our parks system.”*

The 4,440-square-foot synthetic ice rink is composed of 1/8-inch thick interlocking panels made of a high-density polymer specifically engineered for ice-skating. The rink will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. The rink will be removed from its current location next April to make room for summer rentals.

“The synthetic ice rink is family-friendly and designed for all ages and abilities,” said **Monroe County Parks Department Director Patrick Meredith**. “With multiple benches and side boards, it provides new skaters the ability to learn in a safe environment and returning skaters the ability to recreate no matter the weather or ice conditions.”

Several professional hockey players, including Sidney Crosby, as well as figure skaters, including Canadian Olympic medal winner Elvis Stojko, endorse synthetic ice.

The enhancements at Ontario Beach Park are part of a [\\$16.6 million investment](#) in the Monroe County Parks System in 2021 and 2022.

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