



MONROE COUNTY

Recreation and Education Committee

November 24, 2025 6:00 PM

AGENDA

- A. ROLL CALL
- B. PUBLIC FORUM
- C. PRESENTATION

Jennifer Cesario, Chief Financial Officer, Proposed 2026 Monroe County Budget as it pertains to the Recreation and Education Committee

- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 27, 2025

- E. NEW BUSINESS

25-0345

Acceptance of a Grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York; Amend the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program and the 2025 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "AIDS Remembrance Garden Rehabilitation;" and Authorize Financing for the Project - County Executive Adam J. Bello

25-0347

Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; Amend the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program and the 2025 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "Seneca Park Recreational Access Improvements;" and Authorize Financing for the Project - County Executive Adam J. Bello

25-0351

Authorizing a License Agreement with Bella Events Group, LLC for the 2026 Rochester Pride Festival - County Executive Adam J. Bello

F. OTHER MATTERS

G. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Recreation and Education Committee is scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.



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2026 Budget Presentation to the Recreation & Education Committee

ADAM J. BELLO
MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

November 24, 2025

JENNIFER CESARIO
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Recreation & Education Appropriations

in millions

	2025 <u>Adopted</u>	2025 <u>Amended</u>	2026 <u>Proposed</u>
Monroe County Parks	\$ 27.8	\$ 28.0	\$ 27.0
Monroe Community College	\$ 32.3	\$ 32.3	\$ 32.4
Library Support	\$ 12.5	\$ 12.5	\$ 12.6
Authorized Agencies	<u>\$ 10.4</u>	<u>\$ 10.4</u>	<u>\$ 10.3</u>
	\$ 83.0	\$ 83.2	\$ 82.3

Department of Parks

	2025 Adopted	2025 Amended	2026 Proposed
Administration	\$ 4,996,755	\$ 4,998,755	\$ 4,283,012
Operations / Support Services	\$ 6,998,185	\$ 7,097,283	\$ 7,211,035
Seneca Park Zoo	\$ 9,226,089	\$ 9,206,089	\$ 8,910,095
Horticultural Programs	\$ 2,736,129	\$ 2,776,129	\$ 2,582,639
Rec & Ed / Golf Courses	\$ 3,802,681	\$ 3,901,681	\$ 3,984,594
Total Appropriations	\$ 27,759,839	\$ 27,979,937	\$ 26,971,375
Revenues	\$ 9,365,898	\$ 9,585,996	\$ 10,480,695
Net County Support	\$ 18,393,941	\$ 18,393,941	\$ 16,490,680

Monroe Community College

	2025 Amended	2026 Proposed
Sponsor Contribution	\$ 21,300,000	\$ 21,550,000
Out-of-County Support	\$ 6,600,000	\$ 6,600,000
MCC Debt Service	\$ 4,370,242	\$ 4,257,833
Total Appropriations	\$ 32,270,242	\$ 32,407,833
Revenues	\$ 28,904,071	\$ 29,167,378
Net County Support	\$ 3,366,171	\$ 3,240,455

Library System Support

	2025 Adopted	2025 Amended	2026 Proposed
MC Library System	\$ 4,817,368	\$ 4,817,368	\$ 4,822,908
RPL Central Services	\$ 7,660,100	\$ 7,660,100	\$ 7,780,000
Total Appropriations	\$ 12,477,468	\$ 12,477,468	\$ 12,602,908
Revenues	\$ 4,595,400	\$ 4,595,400	\$ 4,622,908
Net County Support	\$ 7,882,068	\$ 7,882,068	\$ 7,980,000

Authorized Agencies

	2025 Adopted	2025 Amended	2026 Proposed
Principal Tourism Entities	\$ 6,092,500	\$ 6,092,500	\$ 6,092,500
Arts, Cultural & Educational Entities	\$ 4,320,500	\$ 4,320,500	\$ 4,234,000
Total Appropriations	\$ 10,413,000	\$ 10,413,000	\$ 10,326,500
Revenues (Hotel Occupancy Tax)	\$ 9,800,000	\$ 9,800,000	\$ 9,715,000
Net County Support	\$ 613,000	\$ 613,000	\$ 611,500



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Summary of Minutes
RECREATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
October 27, 2025
5:20 p.m.

Chairman Baynes called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Baynes (Chair), Lystra Bartholomew McCoy (Vice Chair), Carolyn Delvecchio Hoffman, Linda Hasman, Mark Johns, Sean McCabe, Tom Sinclair (RMM), Yversha Román (Ex Officio)

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Robert Colby, Tracy DiFlorio, Paul Dondorfer, Susan Hughes-Smith, Dave Long, Richard Milne, Jackie Smith, Mercedes Vazquez Simmons

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Adrienne Greene (Legislative Liaison), Brendon Fleming (Senior Deputy County Attorney), Matthew Schwartz (County Attorney), Miguel Munoz (Deputy County Attorney)

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no speakers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of July 22, 2025 were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

25-0313 - Authorize a Contract with Carousels and Carvings, Inc. for Professional Restoration Services for the Ontario Beach Park - Dentzel Carousel Restoration Project - County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Bartholomew McCoy, SECONDED by Legislator Hasman.
ADOPTED: 7-0

OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Baynes read a passage from the Strong National Museum of Play on the 10 benefits of play.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other matters, Chairman Baynes adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

The next Recreation and Education Committee will be **Monday, November 24, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Adina Goldstein
Second Assistant Deputy Clerk of the Legislature



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County Executive

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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York; Amend the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program and the 2025 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "AIDS Remembrance Garden Rehabilitation;" and Authorize Financing for the Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York in the amount of \$250,000 for capital costs associated with the rehabilitation and renovation of the AIDS Remembrance Garden located at Highland Park; amend the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program and the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "AIDS Remembrance Garden Rehabilitation" in the amount of \$250,000; and authorize financing for this project.

This capital project is being funded through the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology (CREST) Program, administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York. This project will fund the rehabilitation and renovation of the AIDS Remembrance Garden in Beikirch Park. The garden originally opened in 1993, at the height of the AIDS epidemic, and is one of several memorial gardens or structures within the park. Specific elements of the project include arboretum redevelopment, resurfacing walkways, and restoring benches and other hardscaping elements.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$250,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York for capital costs associated with the rehabilitation and renovation of the AIDS Remembrance Garden located at Highland Park.
2. Amend the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program and the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "AIDS Remembrance Garden Rehabilitation" in the amount of \$250,000.

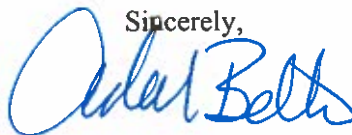
3. Authorize financing for the project entitled "AIDS Remembrance Garden Rehabilitation" in the amount of \$250,000.
4. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments, and to enter into any amendments to extend the time period of the grant.
5. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and, when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

The provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act shall be complied with prior to Your Honorable Body undertaking, funding, or approving the actions requested in this referral.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be included in the capital fund to be created and any other capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") in the amount of \$621,000 for Seneca Park upgrades and recreational access improvement; amend the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program and the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "Seneca Park Recreational Access Improvements" in the amount of \$621,000; and authorize financing for the project.

This capital project is being funded through the Natural Resource Damages Fund process at the NYSDEC. The program steers penalties paid by responsible parties for spills or contamination of natural resources to projects that enhance, improve or create better access to those natural resources. This project will fund the construction of a fully ADA-accessible canoe and kayak launch on the Genesee River in Seneca Park, as well as trail and parking lot improvements associated with the use of the launch.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$621,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Seneca Park upgrades and recreational access improvement.
2. Amend the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program and the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "Seneca Park Recreational Access Improvements" in the amount of \$621,000.

3. Authorize financing for the project entitled "Seneca Park Recreational Access Improvements" in the amount of \$621,000.
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Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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Subject: Authorizing a License Agreement with Bella Events Group, LLC for the 2026 Rochester Pride Festival

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a License Agreement with Bella Events Group, LLC for the 2026 Rochester Pride Festival to be held at the festival grounds at Beikirch Park, formerly Highland Park South, on July 18, 2026.

The Rochester Pride Festival has been held as a celebration of and for our community's LGBTQ+ members after Rochester's Pride Parade since at least 1996. Bella Events Group, LLC is organizing this festival as a ticketed, paid admission event in a County park. Under County Code, this commercial use of County park facilities requires the approval of the County Legislature.

Rochester Pride events have a long history of being held in July, instead of with most national events in June, dating back to the original July 1971 "Gay-In" picnic at Genesee Valley Park. Details of the 2026 Pride Festival are still being developed, but will include food and drink, vendors, booths for community organizations and businesses, and live music.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize a license agreement with Bella Events Group, LLC for the 2026 Rochester Pride Festival to be held at the festival grounds at Beikirch Park, formerly Highland Park South, on July 18, 2026.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(21) ("minor temporary uses of land having negligible or no permanent impact on the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This license agreement is revenue generating and no net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records of the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Bella Events Group, LLC nor its principal officer, Jenna Knauf, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive