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MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO PROPOSES ADDITIONAL \$9.4 MILLION FOR COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

County Executive gives update on current \$7.2 million park improvement plan

ROCHESTER, NY — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello submitted legislation to amend the County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) by \$9.4 million to continue the repair and upkeep of county parks while adding improvements such as a kayak launch, spray park, synthetic ice rink, playgrounds, pickleball courts and golf course improvements. The \$9.4 million is in addition to the \$7.2 million invested in the parks last year — for a total of \$16.6 million for the Go Outside Monroe - Parks Revitalization Initiative.

"For decades there has been disinvestment in county infrastructure — including our park system. Rebuilding and improving our infrastructure is a key pillar of our plan to Bring Monroe Back," **said County Executive Bello**. "Our residents deserve better than rundown lodges, washed out roads, tired playgrounds and scant amenities. The added \$9.4 million investment will restore the grounds and infrastructure as well as add modern improvements to make our parks second to none."

The additional parks revitalization projects include:

- Golf course improvements at Genesee Valley Golf Course, Durand Eastman Golf Course, and Churchville Golf Course
- New playground at Powder Mills Park
- Restoration of Kanatota Lodge in Webster
- Synthetic ice rink, a spray park, new ADA playground and renovation of the Dentzel Carousel at Ontario Beach Park
- Pickleball courts at Black Creek and Mendon Ponds Park
- Underground electrical and fiber improvements at Beikirch Park
- Replacement of wood-burning stoves in most county park lodges
- Waterline mapping and repair at various county parks
- ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch at Churchville Park

At a press conference today from the newly refurbished Wadhams Lodge at Powder Mills Park, County Executive Bello updated the progress from last year's \$7.2 million Monroe County Parks System-Wide Facilities Renovations project. Wadhams Lodge was part of the renovation project that included significant restorations and repair of many restrooms parks system-wide, road repair/repaving in 13 parks, tennis and pickleball court renovations, lighting upgrades and significant repair of multiple shelter frames and roofs system-wide. A complete list of the status of ongoing park projects can be found at <u>www.monroecounty.gov</u>. Notable before and after images can be found <u>here</u>.

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