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MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO OFFICIALLY OPENS THE NEW SUTTER'S MARINA ON IRONDEQUOIT BAY

ROCHESTER, NY — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today cut the ribbon on the new Sutter's Marina facility on Irondequoit Bay. The new structure was built to withstand floodwaters that damaged the previous facility and threatened recreation and the waterfront economy in 2017 and 2019.

"Thank you to Governor Kathy Hochul and our State partners who helped make this new facility a reality and one we can be proud of. The new Sutter's Marina is an investment in our waterfront infrastructure that is essential to the economy along Irondequoit Bay," said County Executive Bello. "Our residents deserve first-class facilities that can be resilient in the most extreme water levels on Irondequoit Bay. Sandbags are now a thing of the past."

The new 1,080 sq. ft. marina houses offices and a small supply shop. Additionally, the marina's fuel pump dock is fortified to withstand any stress and damage from rising water levels — an important environmental concern.

This project is part of the State's Lake Ontario Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI) to increase the resilience of shoreline communities and bolster economic development in the region. The new marina was funded by a \$233,000 New York State grant.

"New York's REDI program continues to invest in resiliency projects that will help foster tourism and outdoor recreation in Lake Ontario shoreline communities," said **Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez.** "The improvements to Sutter's Marina will allow residents and visitors to safely enjoy Irondequoit Bay for generations to come, while also contributing to economic development, tourism, quality of life and waterfront community revitalization."

"Rising water levels in recent years plagued thousands of waterfront homeowners, business owners and everyone who utilizes Lake Ontario waterways for recreation," said Monroe County Parks Director Patrick Meredith. "Thank you to Governor Kathy Hochul, the REDI Commission and our dedicated, talented staff at the Monroe County Parks Department for making these flood-resistant improvements possible."

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