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MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO ANNOUNCES GROUNDBREAKING ON NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS

Eight new pickleball courts to open by next summer

ROCHESTER, NY — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced the groundbreaking of construction on four pickleball courts at Black Creek Park in North Chili, and four pickleball courts at Mendon Ponds Park.

"Pickleball has become increasingly popular in our area and it's important for us to modernize our parks with the latest amenities for people of all ages to enjoy," **said County Executive Bello**. "This project is the latest in millions of dollars of upgrades to revitalize our parks system for generations to come – thank you to our dedicated Parks staff for their work to make our parks second to none."

According to a 2022 report by NPR, pickleball – described as a cross of tennis, Ping-Pong and badminton – was cited as America's fastest growing sport.

"The Parks Department is excited to announce to the pickleball community that eight new courts are being constructed at beautiful Mendon Ponds and Black Creek Parks," **said Monroe County Parks Department Director Patrick Meredith.** "We know these new amenities will be enjoyed by many and having the opportunity to bring new patrons into our parks is what we strive for."

The project is the latest in County Executive Bello's \$7.2 million investment in 2021 to revitalize the Monroe County Parks System. Earlier this summer, County Executive Bello passed an <u>additional \$9.4</u> million investment to continue modernizing and enhancing the County's parks.

The \$16.6 million combined investment in the parks system is strengthening Monroe County's infrastructure and enhancing the quality of life for future generations of County residents and visitors.

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