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COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO ANNOUNCES REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE FOR 14th ANNUAL "PICK UP THE PARKS" ON APRIL 20

Volunteers must submit registration forms by April 5

ROCHESTER, NY —Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced registration forms for the annual "Pick Up the Parks" event are now available on the county website: monroecounty.gov/parks-pickuptheparks. The clean-up initiative takes place throughout the Monroe County Parks System on April 20 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers can register to help clean up the parks from the winter accumulation of trash and debris, reduce litter entering local waterways and help get the parks looking great for the spring and summer.

"Every year, hundreds of residents across Monroe County volunteer to clean up Monroe County's parks after months of trash and debris build up from the winter," **said County Executive Bello.** "Whether you are picking up trash, raking leaves, or performing other duties, your efforts help make our parks a cleaner and safer space for the community. If you're looking for a way to give back to the community this Earth Day, I encourage you to sign up with your friends and families for a rewarding day that will ready our parks for the warmer months."

Specific jobs include:

- Picking up trash/litter and/or loading up trucks to take trash off-site
- Raking/picking up debris (leaves, sticks, and rocks)
- Additional duties such as sweeping shelter and lodge areas and hard surfaces and mulching and weeding may be available at some locations

Volunteers can sign up to help clean one of Monroe County's 22 parks. This is a rain or shine event unless extreme weather is in the forecast.

To register a group, go to <u>monroecounty.gov/parks-pickuptheparks</u>. Registration forms must be submitted by e-mail to <u>mcparks@monroecounty.gov</u> by April 5.

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