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County Executive Adam Bello Opens New Accessible Kayak and Canoe Launch

The launch will give access to a popular portion of Black Creek to athletes of all abilities

ROCHESTER, NY — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today opened a new ADA-accessible kayak and canoe launch in Churchville Park. The launch, located on a popular paddling stretch of Black Creek, will feature a floating dock, ramp, and an ADA transfer platform so people with limited mobility can easily transfer into the boat.

“Monroe County’s parks system is large and diverse, and today we’re improving access for all of our residents,” **said County Executive Bello**. “This ADA-accessible canoe and kayak launch promotes independence and safety, allowing all our residents to enjoy Monroe County’s waterways. This new launch represents our ongoing work to improve accessibility as we prepare to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our County Parks system next year.”

This project is part of County Executive Bello’s \$16.6 million investment in the Monroe County Parks system, which turns 100 years old in 2026. The Go Outside Monroe initiative aims to renovate and improve Monroe County’s Parks System with a focus on increasing accessibility for people with disabilities. Other ADA-accessible amenities recently added to Monroe County parks include an inclusive spray park and playground at Ontario Beach Park.

“I am pleased to return to Churchville Park a few months after the groundbreaking to celebrate the on-time completion of an accessible kayak and canoe launch,” **said Legislature President Yversha Román**. “Projects like this reflect our continued commitment to expanding inclusive amenities in parks across the county, ensuring real opportunities for independence and inclusion in spaces that should belong to everyone.”

“This new launch is a welcome addition to one of our county’s most treasured parks,” **said Minority Leader Steve Brew**. “It’s a great example of how we can improve access and enhance quality of life for residents of all abilities. I’m proud to see real progress being made right here in Churchville.”

The canoe and kayak launch is accessed off of Park Rd. in Churchville Park to the west of Churchville Elementary School.

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