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**GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES NY WORKS PROJECTS TO UPGRADE  
STATE PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES IN THE CAPITAL REGION**

***\$6.8 Million Investment in 5 Parks***

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced a \$6.8 million investment for NY Works projects to upgrade and repair five parks in the Capital Region.

New York Works is designed to reinvent state economic development with innovative new strategy that will put New Yorkers back to work rebuilding the state's infrastructure. The Task Force will help create tens of thousands of jobs by coordinating comprehensive capital plans, overseeing investment in infrastructure projects, and accelerating hundreds of critical projects across the state.

"New York State has passed for the second year in a row a transformative and balanced budget that holds the line on spending, while focusing on job creation and government efficiency," Governor Cuomo said. "The centerpiece of this budget is the New York Works program, a new strategy for leveraging capital to put New Yorkers back to work and rebuilding our aging infrastructure including the state park system that is used by so many people across the state."

Senator Hugh T. Farley said, "New York's parks and historic sites are treasured resources. It is essential that we make the necessary investments to maintain and enhance these resources for visitors and to preserve them for future generations. The New York Works Fund is a critical tool that will allow the State to undertake these important improvements and create jobs."

Senator James L. Seward said, "Our parks are one of our state's greatest natural resources and a strong source of tourist dollars. Preserving, repairing and developing these gems provides families with affordable vacation destinations and bolsters our local economy. Governor Cuomo's New York Works program melds job creation with recreation in a way that will greatly enhance our state parks."

Assemblyman Ron Canestrari said, "I am pleased to announce an appropriation of \$3 million to stabilize the historic Bleachery building at Peebles Island State Park. This funding will help to keep history alive and enhance educational opportunities of this historic state park."

The Budget continues the Governor's commitment to fiscal responsibility while creating jobs and strengthening communities across the state. It closes a multi-billion dollar deficit with no new taxes, fees or gimmicks, limits spending growth to two percent or below for the second year in a row, and launches the New York Works Task Force to invest billions of dollars to rebuild the state's roads, bridges, parks, and other infrastructure and create tens of thousands of jobs.

The Budget includes key economic development and transportation initiatives, important reforms to improve government efficiency, and measures to strengthen communities across the state.

### **New York Works Task Force**

The New York Works Task Force will coordinate capital plans across 45 agencies and authorities, oversee investment in projects and access to funding, and facilitate the creation of tens of thousands of jobs.

Prior to the New York Works initiative, there was no comprehensive state plan for the \$16 billion in annual capital expenditures by 45 state agencies and authorities. In some cases, including with respect to projects by the Port Authority, the MTA, and the Department of Transportation, billions of dollars of taxpayer or commuter funds are being used to fund transportation plans in the same region with no coordination between the agencies. For the first time, the New York Works Task Force will develop a coordinated capital infrastructure plan among agencies and authorities. The Task Force, made up of leaders in finance, labor, planning and transportation will also recommend financing options for projects and methods to accelerate construction of critical infrastructure.

The New York Works Task Force will consist of fifteen members. Nine of the members will be appointed by the Governor and six by the Legislature. All major state agencies and authorities will participate in an implementation council to coordinate capital planning.

All New York Works projects will be posted on the web with real-time updates so that New Yorkers can track the progress of projects in their community. The full list will be posted online over the next several days.

### **Rebuilding New York's State Parks**

The New York Works Fund will provide \$89 million, leveraging \$143 million in total funding, to rehabilitate state parks, representing the single largest infusion in history of

capital dollars for New York's parks. Currently, 83% of state parks are deteriorating. Projects will be funded in every region of the state and will enhance the visitor experience and enable our state parks to reemerge after years of decline.

The New York Works Projects in the Capital Region are as follows:

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>
Grafton Lakes State Park	Resurface park entrance road and rehabilitate Deerfield restroom.	665,000
Saratoga Spa State Park	Resurface Geyser Loop Road and Columbia parking area, improve Route 50 trail way, and repair park infrastructure.	1,500,000
Thacher State Park	Make improvements to picnic shelters and parking areas.	350,000
Moreau Lake State Park	Resurface campground roads and swimming beach parking area, as well as rehabilitate restroom.	1,275,000
Peebles Island State Park	Rehabilitate and improve park facilities and infrastructure	3,000,000
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,790,000</b>

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