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GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES NY WORKS PROJECT TO UPGRADE STATE PARK IN CENTRAL NEW YORK

\$2.1 Million Investment to Repair Fair Haven Beach State Park

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced a \$2.1 million investment for NY Works projects to upgrade and repair Fair Haven Beach State Park in Central New York.

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 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 provide 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."

Senator Patty Ritchie said, "Central and Northern New York offer visitors from across the United States some of the most beautiful parks in the world, serving as major tourist destinations on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence Valley. Putting New Yorkers back to

work rebuilding our park system is a critical investment in our state's future that will continue to help bring customers to our region's businesses and jobs to our residents."

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver said, "As our thoughts turn to warm weather, New Yorkers are preparing to spend time outdoors enjoying our state's treasured parks. I am pleased to announce \$2.1 million in funding to support upgrades to the Fair Haven Beach State Park. Beyond improving this destination, this is an investment in our local communities and workforce."

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

Establishes the 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.

New York Works will enable a \$2.1 million project to connect Fair Haven Beach State Park to the municipal sewage collection and treatment.

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