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## **GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES NY WORKS PROJECTS TO UPGRADE STATE PARKS IN FINGER LAKES REGION**

### ***\$8 Million Investment to Repair 3 Parks***

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced an \$8 million investment for NY Works projects to upgrade and repair three parks in the Finger Lakes 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 Michael Nozzolio said, "Our State parks are enjoyed by families throughout the Finger Lakes Region and play a critical role in encouraging tourism and outdoor recreation. They also generate 20,000 jobs in communities across the State every year. I commend Governor Cuomo for his leadership in establishing this historic commitment to our parks, which are a critical part of the quality of life in our State."

Senator Catharine Young said, "Letchworth State Park was one of my family's favorite places to visit when I was a kid, and it has been gratifying to represent part of the Park as a Senator. We worked hard to deliver these infrastructure improvements that will ensure that countless other families can experience the joy and wonder of Letchworth. It is not only important to our economy, but it enriches our quality of life."

Senator Patrick M. Gallivan said, "New York State has long been known for its beautiful landscape and storied history. The New York Works Fund's investment in New York's natural and historical assets is a significant step towards reversing the pattern of deterioration at parks across the state. I am particularly pleased that Letchworth State Park in Wyoming and Livingston Counties, has been targeted for capital investment. These parks attract visitors from across the country to the Finger Lakes, provide local jobs, and serve as anchors for our regional economy.

Assemblyman Joseph Morelle said, "With close to \$8 million in new appropriations for the State Parks of the Finger Lakes, I applaud this investment in the region's recreational facilities. This substantial amount will bolster our local economies, help create jobs, and strengthen our parks' infrastructure."

Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton said, "With summer coming and gas prices on the rise, New Yorkers look to our state parks for outdoor enjoyment. I am pleased to announce that almost \$8 million in new funding will support restoration of and upgrades to the State Parks of the Finger Lakes region. These projects will improve our facilities and support our local workforce and economy."

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.

The New Yorks Works Projects in Finger Lakes region are as follows:

<b>Type</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>
Hamlin Beach State Park	Reconstruct the park's deteriorating campsite electric supply system. This failing system is 45 years old, does not meet modern camper needs, and is a health and safety issue for both visitors and employees.	\$2,400,000
Letchworth State Park	Replace the cabin area's deteriorated comfort station and shower building, which currently do not adequately serve the needs of cabin renters.	\$750,000
Letchworth State Park	Reconstruct the park road that provides access to the Council Grounds, which is currently closed due to a landslide/slope failure. Reconstruction of this park road will restore public access to this area.	\$750,000
Letchworth State	Connect to Castile's municipal	\$3,400,000

Park	drinking water system to provide a new water system for the south portion of the park.	
Seneca Lake State Park	Reconstruct the deteriorated public boat launch, which is a visible asset located in the city of Geneva.	\$650,000
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,950,000</b>

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