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**GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES NY WORKS PROJECT TO UPGRADE
STATE PARK IN THE MOHAWK VALLEY**

\$800,000 for Repair Work at Glimmerglass State Park

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced an \$800,000 investment for a NY Works project to upgrade and repair Glimmerglass State Park in the Mohawk Valley. 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 Joe Griffo said, "It's an unfortunate dynamic that when the economy trends downward, State parks tend to have increased visitation. No matter how humble or creative these facilities become, it's very challenging for Mohawk Valley parks and historic areas to be completely self-sufficient. We, as policy-makers, need to keep that in mind as we fulfill the mission of keeping available quality public recreation in New York."

Assemblyman William Magee said, "One of the best ways to celebrate the diverse and natural beauty of New York is through our state parks. Investing in our parks is essential

to keeping Upstate a tourist destination, especially at a time when many people will be looking for things to do close to home due to the increasing cost of gasoline."

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 \$800,000 investment will fund reconstruction of the heavily deteriorated parking area at the swimming beach and picnic area at Glimmerglass State Park. Construction will include "green" elements.

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