

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Mission Statement

The mission of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is to provide safe and enjoyable recreational and interpretive opportunities for all New York State residents and visitors and to be responsible stewards of our valuable natural, historic, and cultural resources.



11 State Park Regions, 179 State Parks, 35 Historic Sites, 60 million visitors



Allegheny: 4 parks



Central: 20 parks,
7 historic sites



Finger Lakes: 25 parks, 2
historic sites



Genesee: 8 parks



Long Island: 26 parks,
3 historic sites



New York City: 7 parks



Niagara: 17 parks
2 historic sites



Palisades: 21 parks
6 historic sites



Saratoga-Capital District:
12 parks, 8 historic sites



Taconic: 13 parks,
6 historic sites



Thousand Islands: 26 parks,
1 historic sites

Governor Cuomo Has Announced the Addition of Two New State Parks



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**New State Park on the Buffalo Waterfront,
Announced September, 2013**



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**FDR Four Freedoms State Park, NYC
Opened October, 2012**

New York State Park System: A History of Firsts and Notable Distinctions



Niagara Falls is America's oldest state park (1885)



Washington's Headquarters is the nation's first publicly-owned state historic site



Walkway over the Hudson is the world's longest, elevated pedestrian bridge

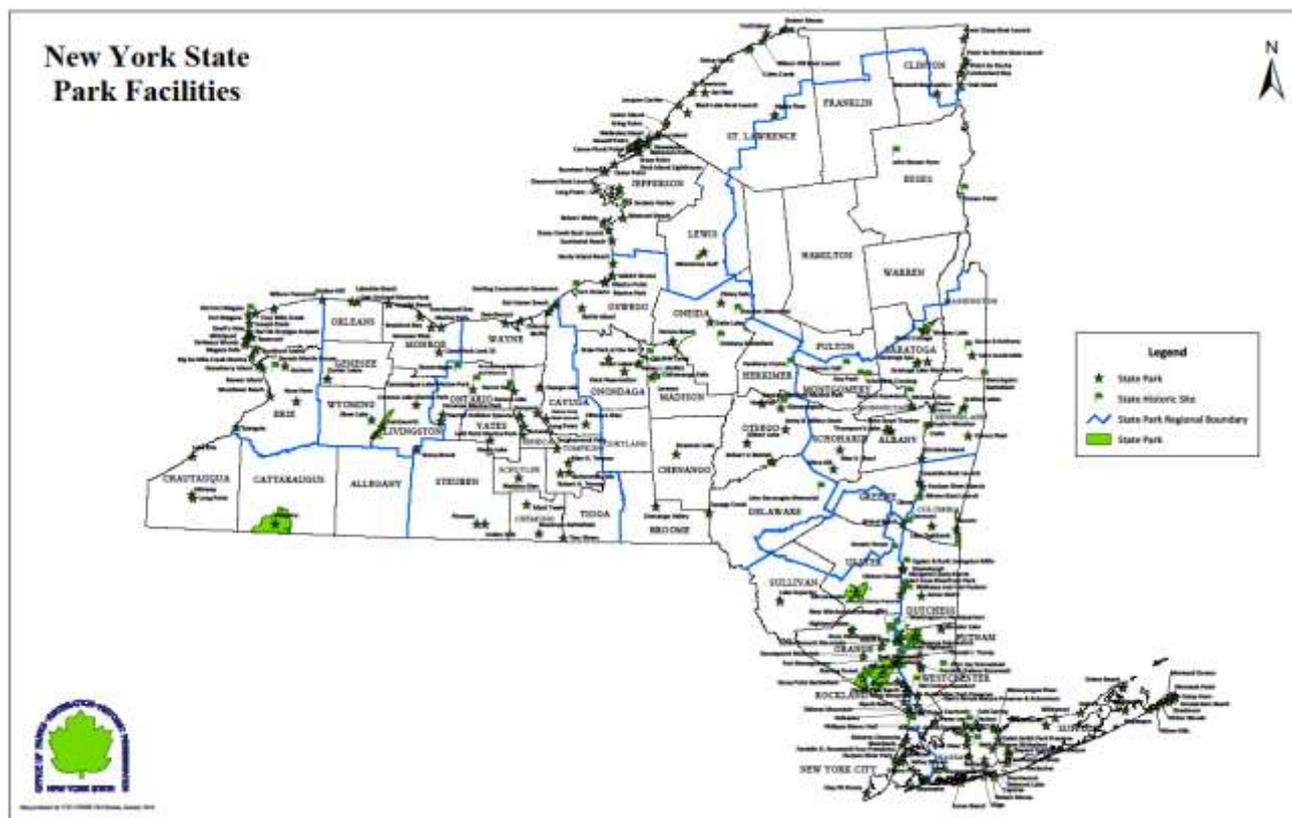


Jones Beach is the largest public bathing beach in the world

New York State's Expansive System of Parks, Historic Sites, Recreational Facilities and Infrastructure Tops the Nation

1st in Operating Facilities; 2nd in Visitation; 5th in Acreage

- ❖ 214 State Parks and Historic Sites
- ❖ 350,000 Acres
- ❖ 60 Million Visitors Annually
- ❖ 5000 Buildings
- ❖ 28 Golf courses
- ❖ 36 Swimming pools
- ❖ 63 Beaches
- ❖ 27 Marinas
- ❖ 40 Boat Launch Sites
- ❖ 18 Nature Centers
- ❖ 3 major concert venues
- ❖ 817 Cabins
- ❖ 8,355 Campsites
- ❖ 1350 Miles of Trails
- ❖ 104 Dams
- ❖ 604 Bridges
- ❖ Hundreds of Miles of Roads

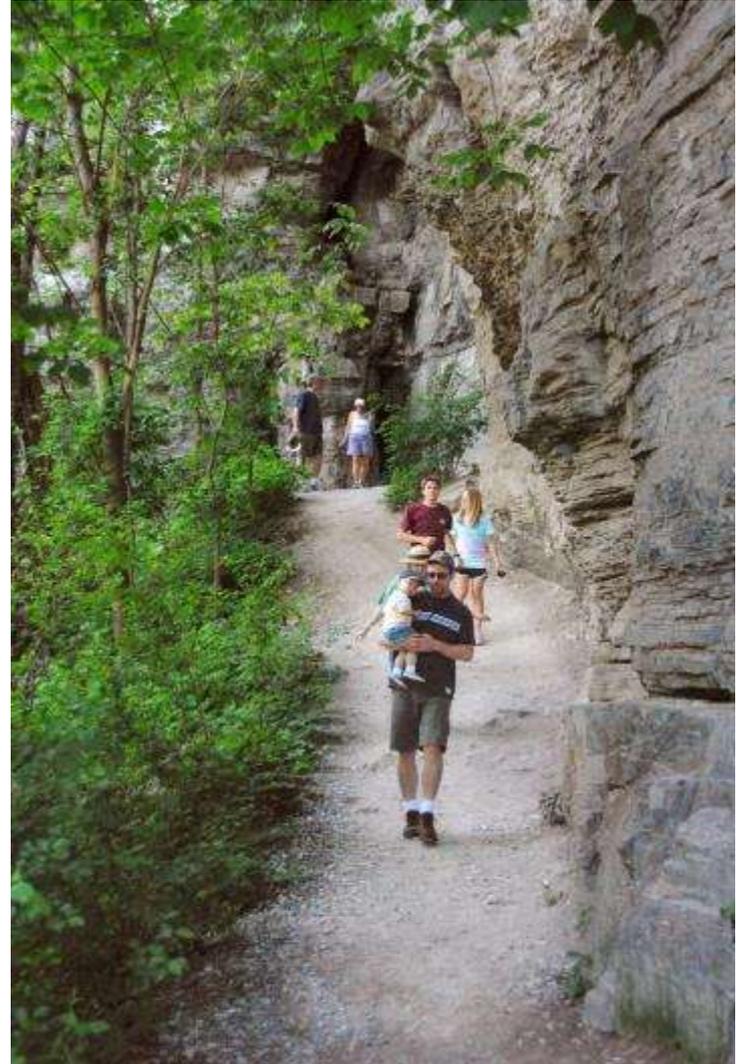




New York State Parks' Economic Impact:

New York is open for business – and State Parks are a great place to do business.

- New York State Parks and its visitors support \$1.9 billion in economic activity and 20,000 private sector jobs
- About 40 percent of the impact results from people from outside the community visiting a park, and spending on transportation, lodging, groceries, restaurants, and other shopping
- One-quarter of the people who stay at our campgrounds visit from out-of-state
- We have roughly 100 concession contracts with private business –from resort hotels to snack bars and the Maid of the Mist to kayak rental concessions which generate nearly \$90 million in gross receipts annually
- Parks host major events, such as concerts, festivals and golf tournaments, which provide an economic boost to local economies





New York Works for State Parks Rebuilding New York's State Parks and Historic Sites



NY Works: A Historic Investment

When Governor Cuomo took office, New York's state park system's infrastructure was deteriorating. The agency faced a \$1.1 billion backlog of unfunded capital needs, and 83% of parks were in disrepair.

As part of his historic capital initiative to modernize state infrastructure and spur job creation, Governor Cuomo committed **\$89 million** to rehabilitate state parks in the New York Works Fund and followed up with an additional **\$90 million** in the current fiscal year.

NY Works has been transformative for the state park system.



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New York State Parks Capital Program Accomplishments

Number of Capital Projects in FY 2012-13: 106

Number of Capital Projects in FY 2013-14: 86

TOTAL: 192

73% of projects are completed or under construction

Projects under design for future construction: **51**

State Parks / Historic Sites Improving: **81**

Jobs Created: **2,500**



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Capital Program Goals

- Revitalize Niagara Falls State Park
- Rehabilitate Existing Facilities and Repair Aging Infrastructure
- Improve Health and Safety
- Preserve our Historic and Cultural Assets
- Enhance Recreational Opportunities (playgrounds, trails, athletic fields)
- Advance Exciting New Projects Through Public-Private Partnerships





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Goal: Revitalizing Niagara Falls State Park



New York State has funded a multi-year, \$25 million commitment to revitalize Niagara Falls State Park.

Three projects valued at \$4.5M are complete (Cave of the Winds Elevators, 3 Sisters Island, & Luna Island).

Three projects valued at \$10M are either under construction or soon will be (Prospect Point / Lower Grove, North Shoreline Trail, Luna Island Bridge, Parking Lots & New Trolleys).

The designs for the remaining projects will be bid in early 2014.



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Three Sisters Island: New Pedestrian Walkway, Enhanced Landscaping, New Railings, New Trolley Shelter





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Luna Island: New pedestrian walkways, overlook improvements, enhanced landscaping as well as new benches, light posts and railings



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Cave of the Winds: Restored Tunnel and Elevator



Before



After

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Revitalization of Niagara Falls State Park Phase Two

Phase two includes Prospect Point/Lower Grove, the North Shoreline Trail; and the Luna Island Bridge



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Luna Bridge & Lower Trail/ North Shoreline Rehabilitation

Niagara Region

Governor Andrew Cuomo
Commissioner Rose Harvey
Regional Director: Mark Thomas
Project Manager: Frank McCue III, RLA

Construction Manager: DASNY
Contractor (Luna Bridge Project):
HOHL Industries – Tonawanda, NY
Contractor (Lower Trail/North Shoreline Project):
Scott Lawn Yard – Saratoga, NY

Designers:
TY LIN International – Civil Engineers
The LA Group – Landscape Architects

Proposed Improvements at Luna Bridge include:

- New Stone Facing
- New Pedestrian Railing
- New Pavement on bridge surface
- New Emergency Phone
- New Plaza Area at base of adjacent stairway

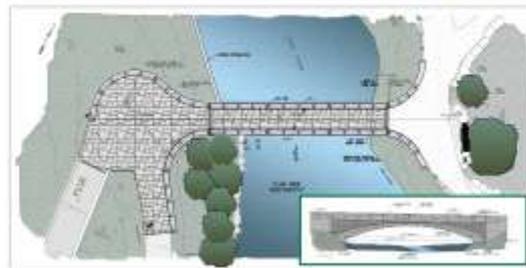
Project Completion
Spring 2014



Proposed Improvements along the Lower Trail include:

- New ADA Accessible walkways
- New Pavement
- New Landscaping
- New Overlook Areas
- New Lighting
- New Site Furnishings

Project Completion
Summer 2014



New Luna Bridge



Lower Trail/North Shoreline - New Overlooks



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Public Health and Safety

- Replacing Gas Lines
- Fixing water filtration systems
- Installing upgraded sewer systems
- Upgrading electrical systems
- Fixing high hazard dams
- Removing underground petroleum tanks



Saratoga Spa State Park



Fahnestock State Park Bear Mountain State Park





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Rehabilitate Existing Facilities and Repair Aging Infrastructure

Goal: Rehabilitate existing park facilities that provide important public amenities but have exceeded their useful life such as park entrances and visitor centers, bathrooms and shower buildings, campgrounds, picnic shelters, swimming bathhouses and pools, park roadways and parking areas, and historic buildings and structures





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Park Roadway and Parking Lot Repairs



Green Parking Lot at Glimmerglass State Park



Letchworth State
Park





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Building Modern Comfort Stations



Moreau Lake
State Park

FDR
State Park





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Riverbank State Park: All of the 2012-13 capital projects (Total Value: \$3.4M) at this popular urban park are complete. This includes repairing the track and replacing the synthetic field, the gym floor, and the park's mechanical systems





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Harriman State Park: Group Camp Renovation





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Allegany State Park: Group Camp Renovation



Before



After





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NY Works for Playgrounds!

In 2012-13, the New York Works initiative created 20 new or improved playgrounds to further connect families to parks



Roberto Clemente State Park



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Before



After

Verona Beach State Park



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Preserving historic properties and cultural assets

Goal: Preserve and restore infrastructure at New York State's 35 state historic sites and historic buildings throughout the state park system. In 2012-13, nearly a quarter of the agency's capital projects improved historic structures



Mills Mansion



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Mills Mansion State Historic Site: Historic Stone Wall Repair





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Olana State Historic Site-Roof Repair





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Jones Beach State Park West Bathhouse--Underway





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Black Diamond Trail

Trail projects include building connectors, restoring stonework and repairing popular carriage trails



**Invasive swallowwort overtaking picnic area at
Wehle State Park**

Natural resources stewardship projects will restore habitats and protect public land



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Partnerships

Goal: Build on a strong legacy of private support to develop and strengthen partnerships with private entities including friends groups, non-profit organizations, and private businesses to secure capital support for state parks and historic sites.



Ganondagan State Historic Site



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Ganondagan State Historic Site: Seneca Art and Culture Center



The Seneca Art & Culture Center at Ganondagan State Historic Site fulfills a 30-year vision to build a permanent destination dedicated to Seneca and Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) contributions to art, culture and society.

The project is made possible by \$3.9 million from Governor Cuomo's economic development initiatives and contributions from the Seneca Nation, and corporate, foundation, and private funds raised by the Friends of Ganondagan.



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Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Site: Sensory Garden Project



The NY Works program matched a significant private donation to create a welcoming entrance pavilion and sensory garden which will engage people of all abilities. Visitors will enjoy a new, inspiring and relaxing outdoor environment, and children and adults with disabilities will have an inclusive garden to enjoy.



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Midway State Park: Historic Carousel Renovation

Midway State Park's iconic carousel was restored to its historic and newly refurbished roundhouse building last summer, the result of a \$556,000 investment through NY Works and donations from the Friends of Midway, who are also leading an effort to repaint carousel horses in decorative finish that blends with the 1946 carousel's Art Deco style.





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Leveraging Capital Dollars with Concession and Partnership Agreements to Improve Park Facilities



A restored Bear Mountain Inn reopened to the public in November, 2012



Partnership with PGA Tour and PGA at Bethpage State Park helps maintain and improve golf courses



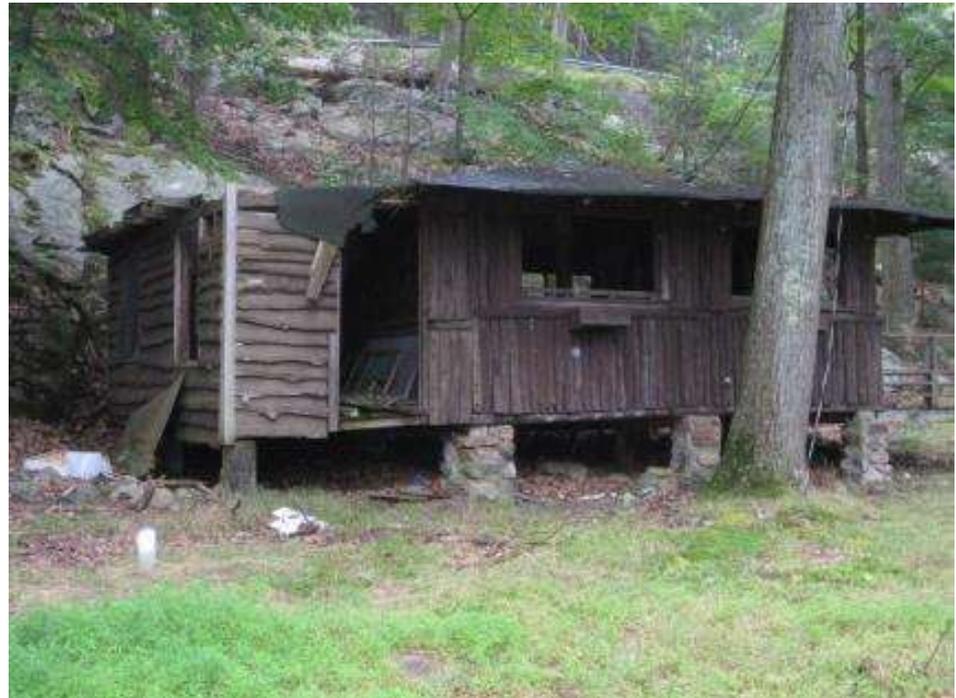
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Looking Ahead

With continued capital investment, the Agency will further its efforts to fix our aging infrastructure, and convert and transform New York's parks and historic sites into a welcoming, transformative, 21st century park system with the following priorities:

- **Continue to address the backlog of capital needs in existing facilities, infrastructure and health and safety**
- **Incorporate energy efficiency, green technology and automation in capital projects**
- **Protect our Natural Resources**
- **Build for Future Storm Readiness**
- **Continue to develop public-private partnerships for signature projects**



Harriman Group Camps



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Continue to Address the Backlog of Capital Needs

The agency has identified 60 architectural and engineering design projects to advance shovel-ready capital improvement projects in nearly 50 parks in future years.

Major Capital Need Projects Include:

- American Falls Bridge Rehabilitation, Niagara Falls State Park
- Transformation of flagship parks including Jones Beach, Roberto Clemente and Watkins Glen
- Swimming pool rehabilitation at FDR & Rockland Lake
- Bathhouses at Sunken Meadow and Jones Beach



FDR State Park
Pool Complex Re-Imagining Project
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation

Schematic Design Review
2-15-2013

SARATOGA
ASSOCIATES
Landscape Architecture, Architecture,
Engineering and Planning, P.C.



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Energy Efficiency and Green Technology

Incorporating energy efficient and green technology in our capital projects produces cost savings, improves operations and protects our natural resources

- Energy efficient heating systems
- LED lighting
- Improve building insulation
- Upgrade HVAC systems
- Automation technology



Niagara Falls State Park



Grafton Lakes State Park

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Letchworth State Park: Nature Center

A capital campaign has been launched by the Genesee Regional Commission together with the Natural Heritage Trust and the Alliance for NYS Parks to build a Nature Center at Letchworth State Park



Rendering



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Build Storm Resiliency

Making our park infrastructure more resilient and strengthening them as buffers to the surrounding communities will protect against future storms



- Protective dune enhancements
- Beach nourishment
- Storm-water absorption
- Flood-Proofing buildings
- Strengthening dams



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