



New York State Parks Capital Budget Hearing

NY Parks 2020 Transforming the New York State Park System

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**Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor
Rose Harvey, Commissioner**

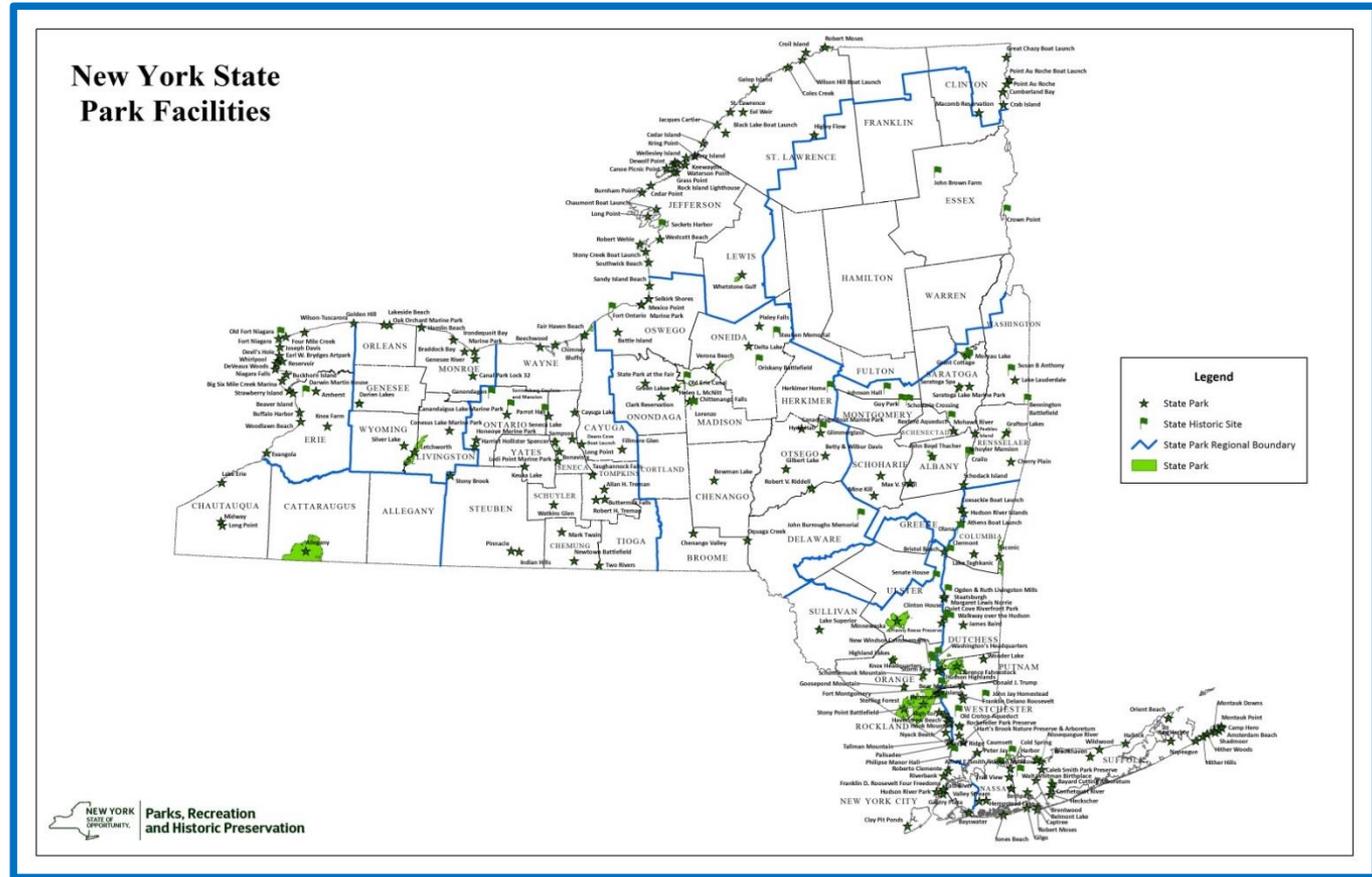


**Parks, Recreation
and Historic
Preservation**

NY Parks 2020: Transforming the New York State Park System

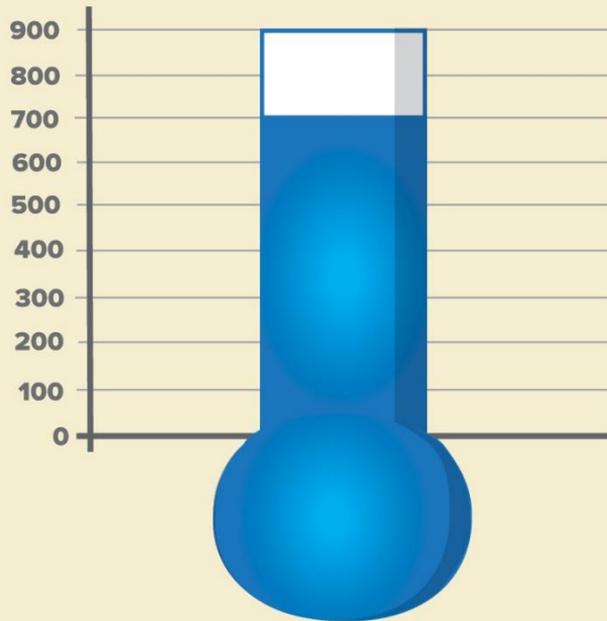
New York State's Expansive System of Parks, Historic Sites, Recreational Facilities and Infrastructure Tops the Nation

- ❖ 215 State Parks and Historic Sites
- ❖ 350,000 Acres
- ❖ 71 Million Visitors Annually
- ❖ 5000 Buildings
- ❖ 29 Golf courses
- ❖ 36 Swimming pools
- ❖ 67 Beaches
- ❖ 27 Marine parks
- ❖ 40 boat launches
- ❖ 18 Nature Centers
- ❖ 3 Hotels/Inns
- ❖ 3 Major Concert Venues
- ❖ 23 Restaurants
- ❖ 817 Cabins
- ❖ 8,355 campsites
- ❖ 2000 Miles of Trails
- ❖ 104 Dams
- ❖ 604 Bridges
- ❖ Hundreds of Miles of Roads



“Parks are essential to who we are as individuals and what we are as a State” - Governor Andrew Cuomo

A \$900 MILLION INVESTMENT IN STATE PARKS



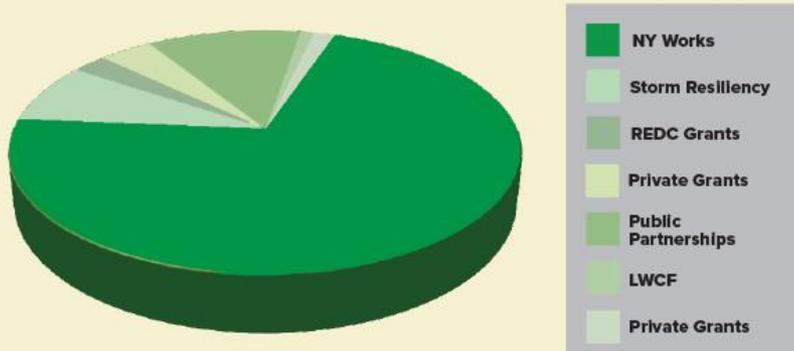
State Parks has completed over \$700 million in projects of the multi-year plan.

- Transforming New York’s flagship parks
- Rejuvenating our world class park system
- Sustaining New York’s natural environment
- Promoting healthy, active outdoor recreation
- Connecting people with parks
- Preserving historic sites and cultural assets
- Energizing local economies

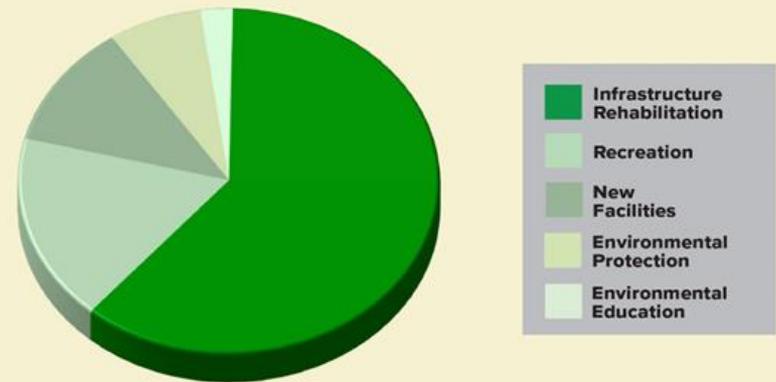
Transforming the New York State Park System: NY Parks 2020

NY Parks 2020 will invest over \$900 million in State Parks capital improvements, leveraging an historic public investment with private funding. To date, we have completed projects at more than 176 State Parks and Historic Sites, transforming the State Park System for the 21st century.

**NY PARKS 2020
HISTORIC PUBLIC FUNDING LEVERAGING GRANTS
AND PRIVATE FUNDRAISING**



**MORE THAN HALF OF NY PARKS 2020
IS DEDICATED TO REHABILITATING
EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE**



NEW AND IMPROVED PARK FACILITIES

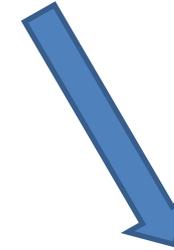
- ✓ **176** Parks Improved & Counting
- ✓ **300** New Cabins & Cottages
- ✓ **30** New Nature & Cultural Centers
- ✓ **72** New & Improved Playgrounds
- ✓ **90** New & Improved Bathrooms
- ✓ **700** Infrastructure Projects

Transforming the New York State Park System

The Life Cycle of a Capital Project

Concept

Parks 2020 Budget Approval(s)



Pre-Project Planning

Project Year One

Project Year Two

6 Months

Months 1-11

Months 11-16

Months 16-28*

PLANNING

- Regional Priorities
- Albany Priorities
- State Needs
- Identification of consultant and status (term or new)

DESIGN

- Concept Design
- Design Review (2 months)
- Construction Drawings & Cost Estimating (3-4 months)
- SEQR and Permits (3-12 months)

PROCUREMENT

- Advertise project (1.5 months)
- RFIs/Addendum & Pre-Bid Meeting (1.5 months)
- Bid Opening
- Contract Review and Approval (2 months)

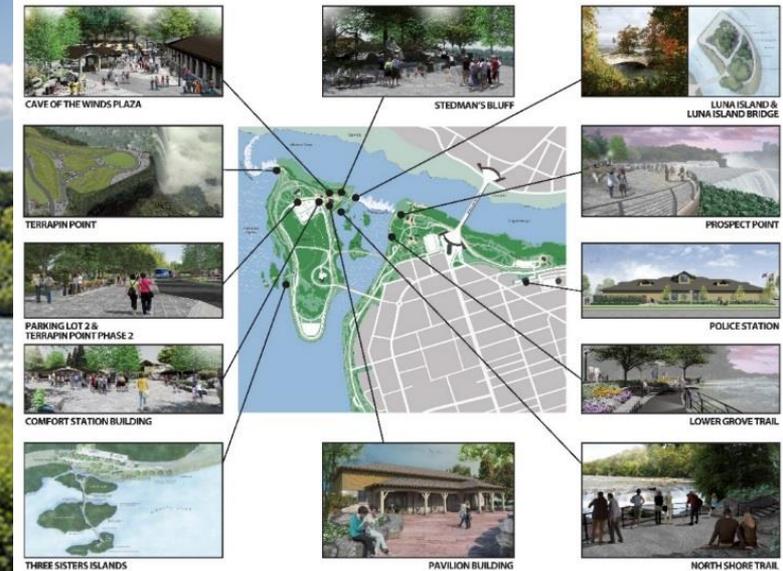
CONSTRUCTION

- Second year funding approved
- Pre-construction meeting, mobilization & submittals
- Managing obstacles and unforeseen circumstances including park use scheduling, funding issues, weather, field & change orders, contract issues, remediation

*Timeline fluctuates from 18-28 months depending on project size, funding, weather or procurement issues.

Transforming Flagship Parks & Serving the Underserved

\$75 Million Revitalization of Niagara Falls State Park-Complete Revitalization



Transforming Flagship Parks & Serving the Underserved \$65 Million Transformation of Jones Beach State Park—Complete Revitalization



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\$6.5 Transformation of the Watkins Glen State Park Gateway—Downtown Revitalization



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Grafton Lake State Park Welcome Center—Serving City of Troy and Rural Rensselaer County

NEWS CHANNEL 3

56° Albany NY

Troy kids without city pool enjoying shuttle to Grafton Lakes State Park



Transforming the New York State Park System: Fixing Failing Infrastructure

Total NY Parks 2020 Infrastructure Invested in:

Sewer and Septic Projects: \$35,000,000

Water Projects: \$15,650,000



Transforming the New York State Park System: Fixing Failing Infrastructure



Peerless Pool Bathhouse
Saratoga Spa State Park

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Infrastructure: Invested Millions in Automation and Technology Improvements



Pay Stations accepting both credit cards and Empire Passes

Empire Passes that provide automatic, fast entry into parks and can be renewed online

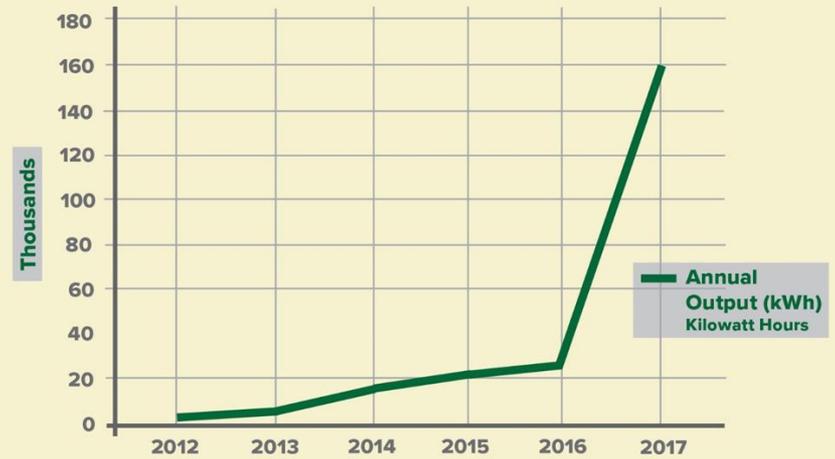
Point of Sale Units to manage inventory, accept credit cards, offer discounts, and perform reporting and reconciliation



Stewardship & Resiliency: Creating an Energy Neutral Park System

- Five State Parks will be energy neutral by 2019. By 2030, our goal is that 50 percent of our system will be energy neutral
- Robert Moses is the 1st energy neutral state park of its size in the nation. Solar installations have been completed in 29 state parks
- Clean lighting and Photovoltaic Solar Arrays save State Parks nearly \$1 million annually in energy costs

SOLAR OR RENEWABLE GENERATING CAPACITY OVER COURSE OF NYP2020



Stewardship & Resiliency: Roberto Clemente State Park Rebuilding Break-wall—Opening Soon



Stewardship & Resiliency: Building Jones Beach to Protect from Future Storms



Stewardship & Resiliency: Rehabilitating Yanty Marsh at Hamlin Beach State Park

“This is the grass that grows wherever the land is and water is, this is the common air that bathes the globe.” – Walt Whitman



Transforming the New York State Park System Building Places To Play—100 New Playgrounds by 2020



Transforming the New York State Park System: Recreational Facilities



Revitalized North Pool at Rockland Lake State Park opens after a decade closed

Transforming the New York State Park System: Restoring Bathhouses



FDR State Park



Verona Beach State Park

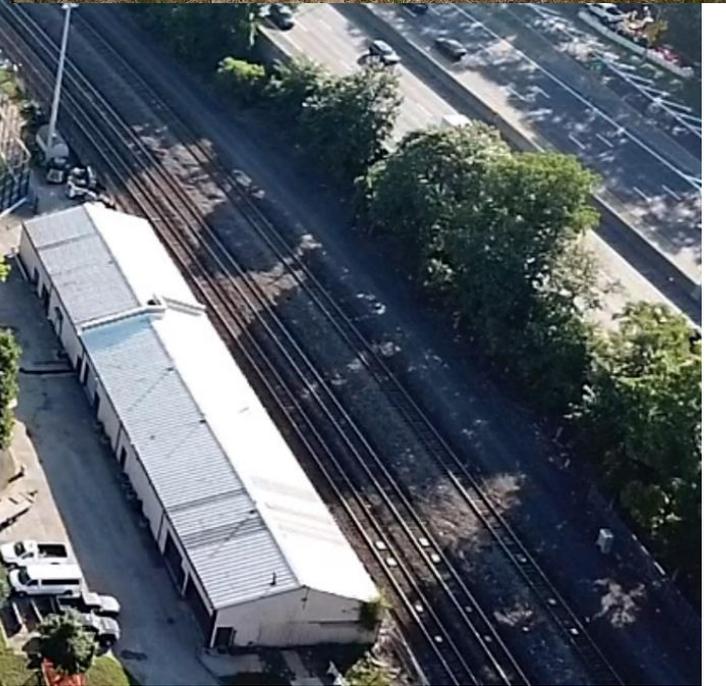


Wellesley Island State Park



Peerless Pool Complex Saratoga Spa

Transforming the New York State Park System: Roberto Clemente State Park Athletic Fields



Transforming the New York State Park System: Recreational Facilities



Transforming the New York State Park System Building Places To Play—400 Miles of Recreational Trails by 2020



Allegany State Park



Mine Kill State Park



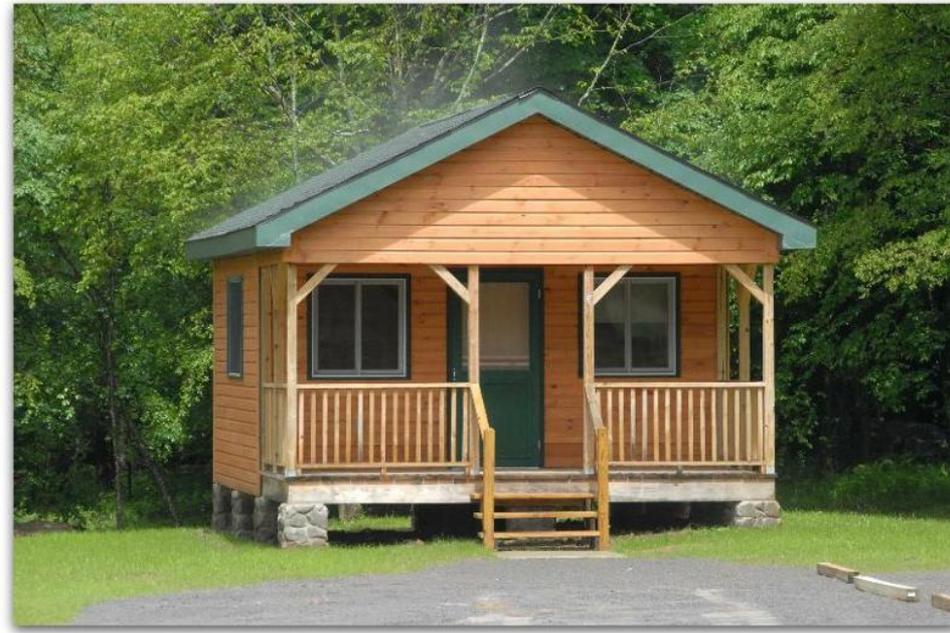
Niagara Gorge

Transforming the New York State Park System

300 New and Restored Camping Cabins



- **37 restored group camps at Harriman State Park**
- **23 new cabins in the Finger Lakes Region**
- **75 new cabins at Allegany State Park**



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300 New and Restored Camping Cabins



New Vacation Cottages

- 10 new cottages Sampson State Park
- 10 new cottages Wildwood State Park
- 15 new cottages Heckscher State Park



Transforming the New York State Park System Building 30 Visitor & Nature Centers and Gateways



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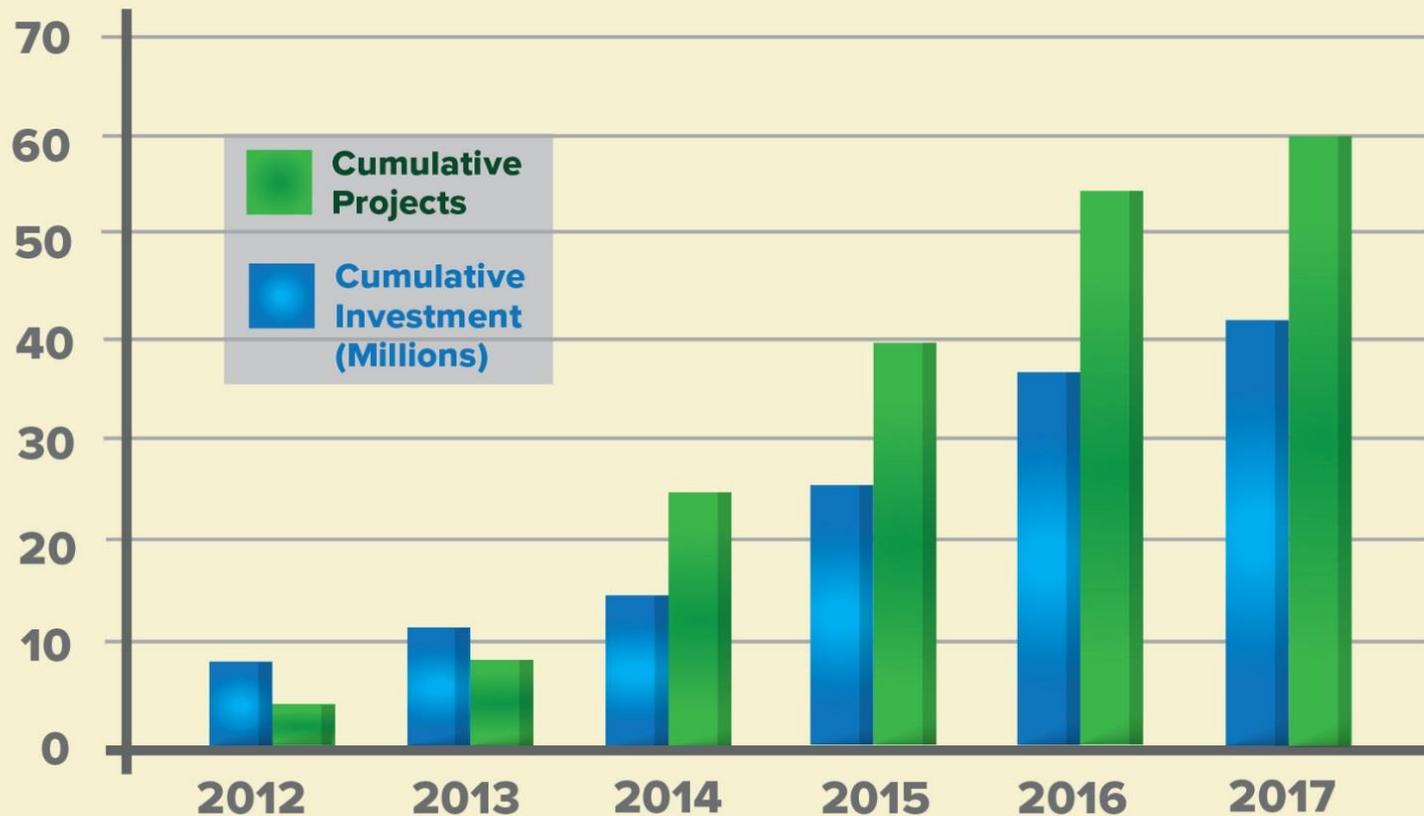
Walkway Over the Hudson



Seneca Arts & Cultural Center, Ganondagan State Historic Site

Transforming the New York State Park System Preserving our History & Telling our Stories

INVESTING IN OUR HISTORIC SITES AND CULTURAL CENTERS



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“Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards” – Soren Kierkegaard



Johnson Hall State Historic Site



Olana State Historic Site

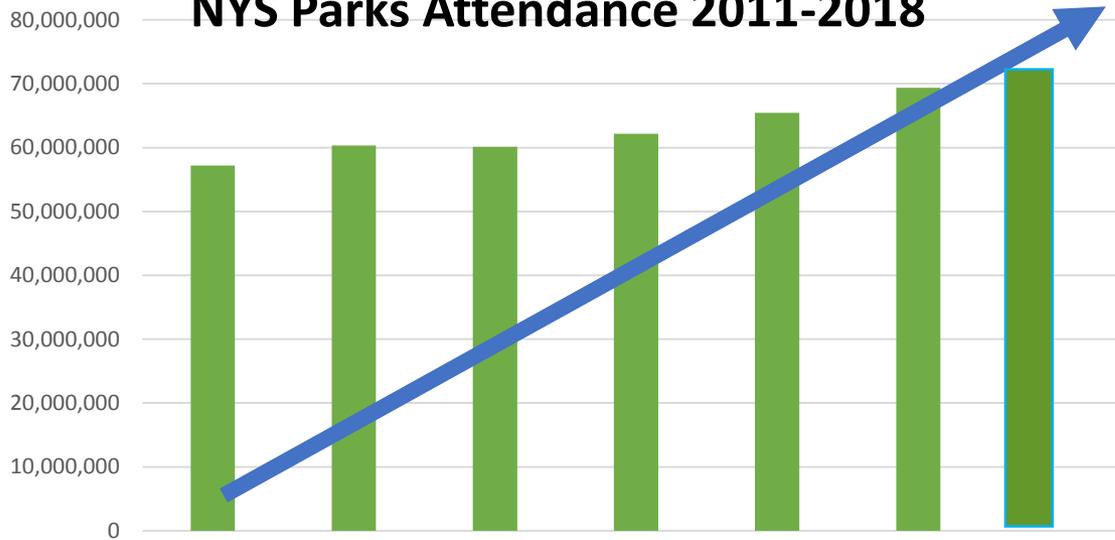


Darwin Martin House

Transforming the New York State Park System: Connecting Parks and People

“The purpose of conservation: the greatest good to the greatest number of people for the longest time” – Gifford Pinchot

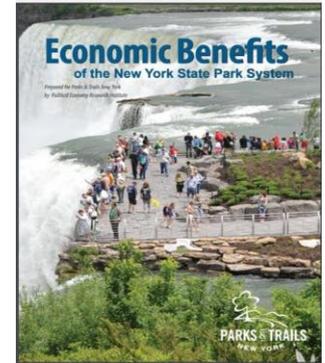
NYS Parks Attendance 2011-2018



**Winning Best-of Polls
Nationally and Locally
Countless Times**

- **Letchworth State Park**
- **Watkins Glen State Park**
- **Frank Lloyd Wright’s
Martin House Complex**
- **Niagara Falls State Park**

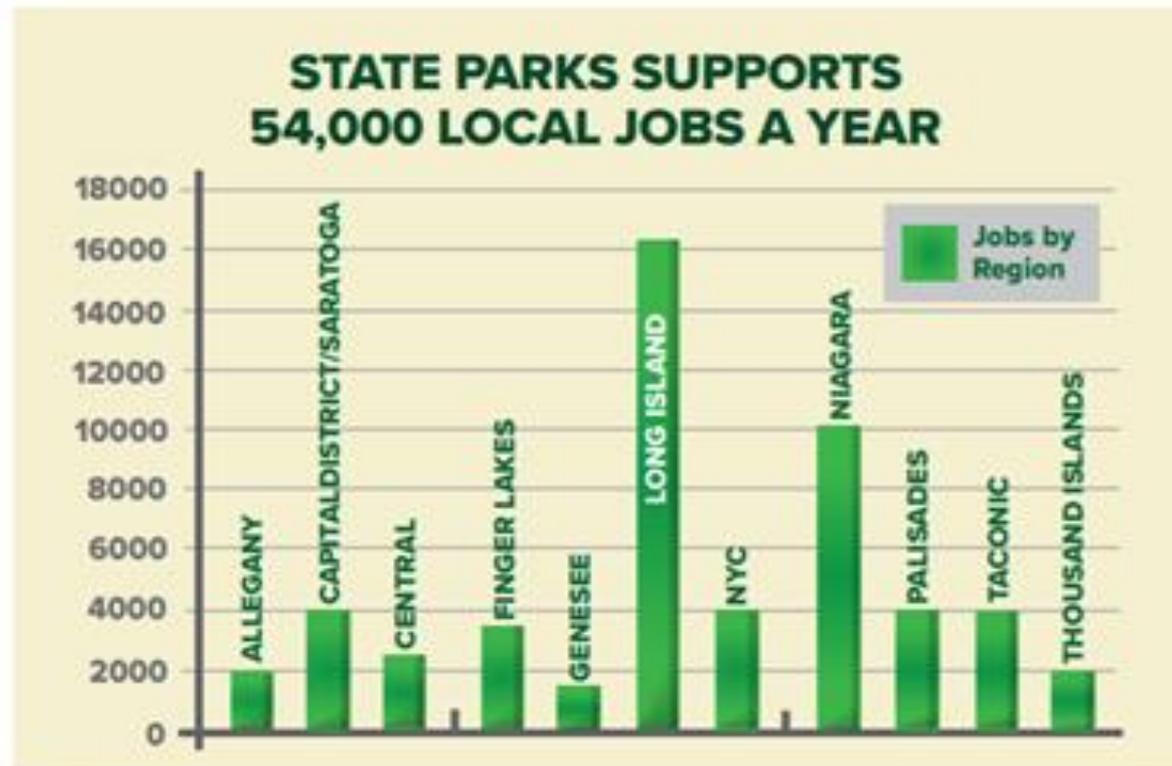
Economic Benefits of the NYS Park System



Findings of the 2016 Economic Impact Study by Parks & Trails, New York

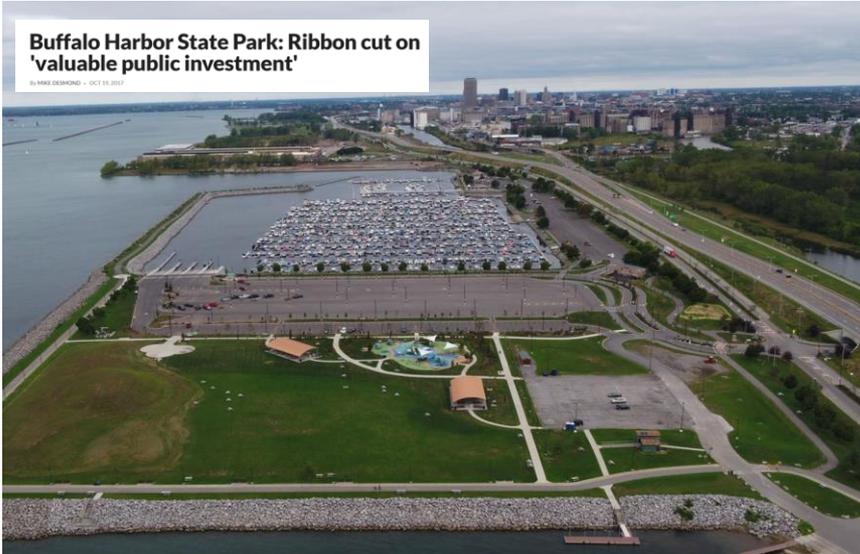
- Supports 54,000 private-sector jobs annually
- Totals \$5 billion in total output and sales annually
- Nets nearly \$2.9 billion in additional state GDP annually

Every \$1 invested in parks supports \$9 in sales statewide



Transforming the New York State Park System: New Parks

Opening New Parks with Partners and Endowments for Operations



Buffalo Harbor State Park

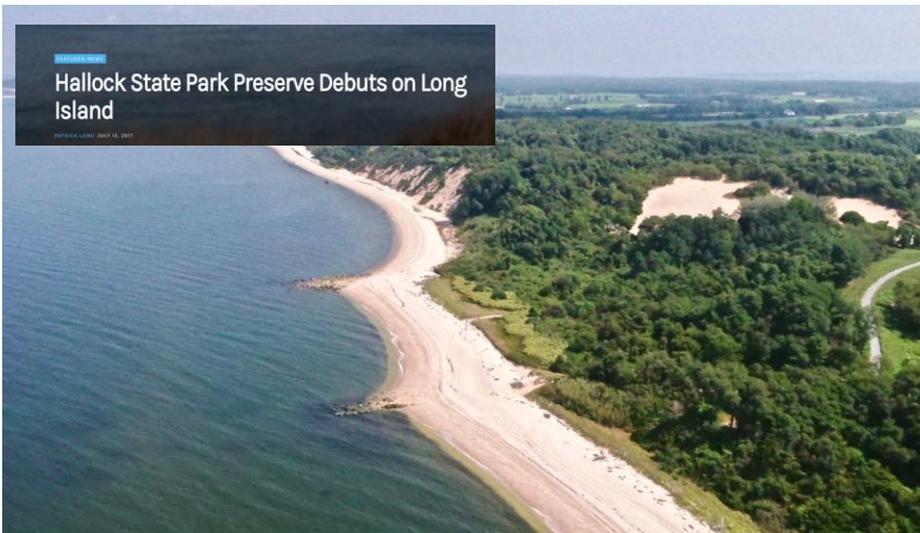
- Concession for Marina Operations

Hallock Beach State Park

- Private donation for operating endowment

Four Freedoms State Park

- Conservancy operating and private donation for endowment



Transforming Flagship Parks & Serving the Underserved Shirley Chisholm State Park—New State Park Serving Brooklyn

“Our state parks are community treasures, and this new park transforms what was once landfill into exquisite open space, waterfront access and outdoor recreation for Brooklyn. Shirley Chisholm led the fight to improve the health and wellness of underserved communities that we carry on today with the Vital Brooklyn initiative, and we are proudly naming this park after her in admiration for the example of leadership and devotion she set for all of us.” – Governor Andrew Cuomo



Transforming the New York State Park System: Partnerships

Capital Improvements with Concessionaires Create Jobs & Reduce Operating Costs

Concession employers generate more than \$100 million in gross receipts annually, of which \$11 million is returned directly to support park operations.



Transforming the New York State Park System: Connecting Parks and People

Partnerships for Programming, Operations & Capital



- Major League Baseball at Roberto Clemente State Park
- PGA Tour at Bethpage State Park
- Sonnenberg Gardens State Historic Site-Operations
- Caumsett Foundation-Programming
- >80 Friends Groups



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We're Not Done Yet! What's Next?

- Innovative nature and recreational centers at Jones Beach (*rendering pictured*) and Hempstead Lake State Parks
- Completed transformation of Roberto Clemente State Park
- Opening the Auburn Equal Rights Heritage Center (*pictured*)
- Expansion of the National Purple Heart of Honor
- Gantry Plaza Ranger Station
- Construction of new bathhouse at Southwick Beach State Park and new cabins at Westcott Beach, Thousand Islands
- Olana State Historic Site Visitor Center
- Opening the East-Side Visitor Center at Walkway over the Hudson State Park
- Park development at Shirley Chisholm State Park
- Bayard Cutting Arboretum new gateway
- Rebuilding the Sampson Marina
- Revitalization of Saratoga Spa State Park and opening of Roosevelt Bathhouse with Coesa
- Robert F. Smith Cultural Center at Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park
- Minnewaska Visitor Center
- Continued Stewardship and Infrastructure Statewide



Transforming the New York State Park System

“Wilderness can be a means of reassuring ourselves of our sanity as creatures, a part of the geography of hope” – Wallace Stegner

Thank You

**Rose Harvey, Commissioner
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