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Governor Cuomo's NY Parks 2020: A Seven-Point, \$900 Million Vision for Transforming New York State Parks

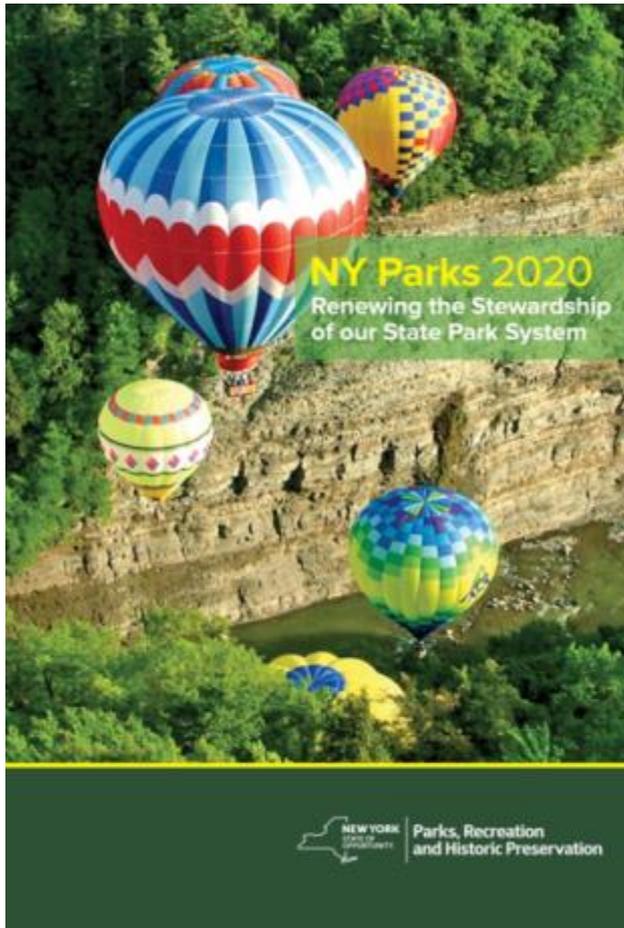


**Parks, Recreation
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A Seven-Point Vision for Transforming New York State Parks

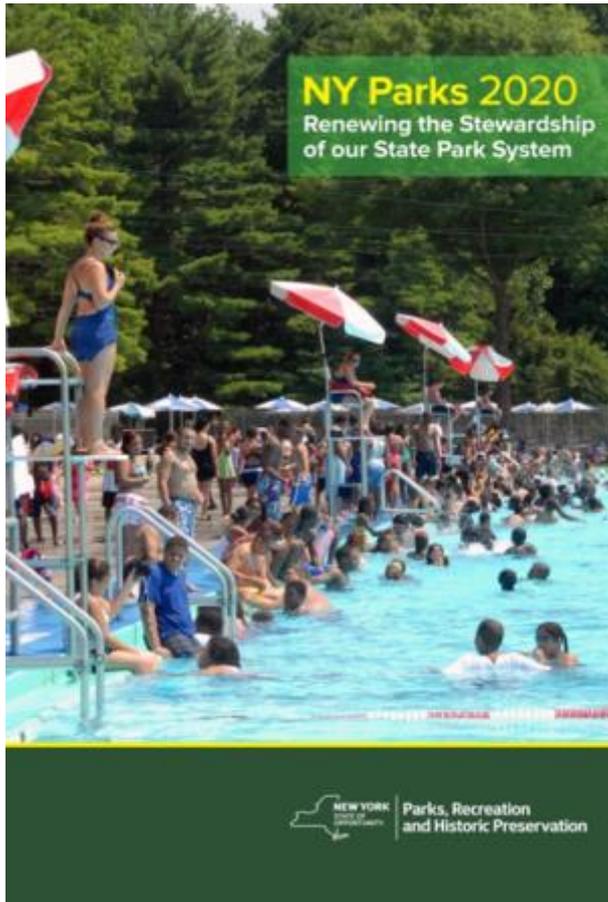


1. Transforming New York's flagship parks
2. Promoting healthy, outdoor recreation
3. Connecting people with parks
4. Rejuvenating our world class park system
5. Preserving historic sites and cultural assets
6. Sustaining New York's natural environment
7. Energizing local economies

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A Seven-Year, \$900 Million Investment to Transform NYS Parks

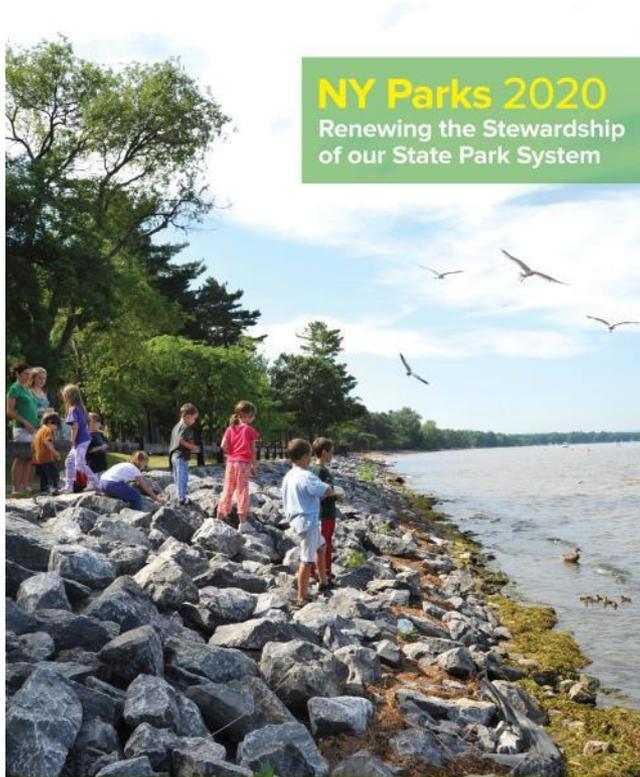


Funding Sources

- \$650M: NY Works (\$90+ M annually)
- \$135M: State & Federal Grants
- \$75M: Federal/Storm Resiliency
- \$40M: Private Fundraising

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Accomplishments

Year One: **\$89 Million**

Year Two: **\$90 Million**

Year Three : **\$90 Million**

Year Four: **\$110 Million**

Total Investment (Years 1-4): \$379 Million

Number of Capital Projects 2012-2015: 230

95% of projects are completed or under construction
*Remaining 5% of projects are under design and moving
toward bidding*

109 State Parks & Historic Sites Receiving Improvements

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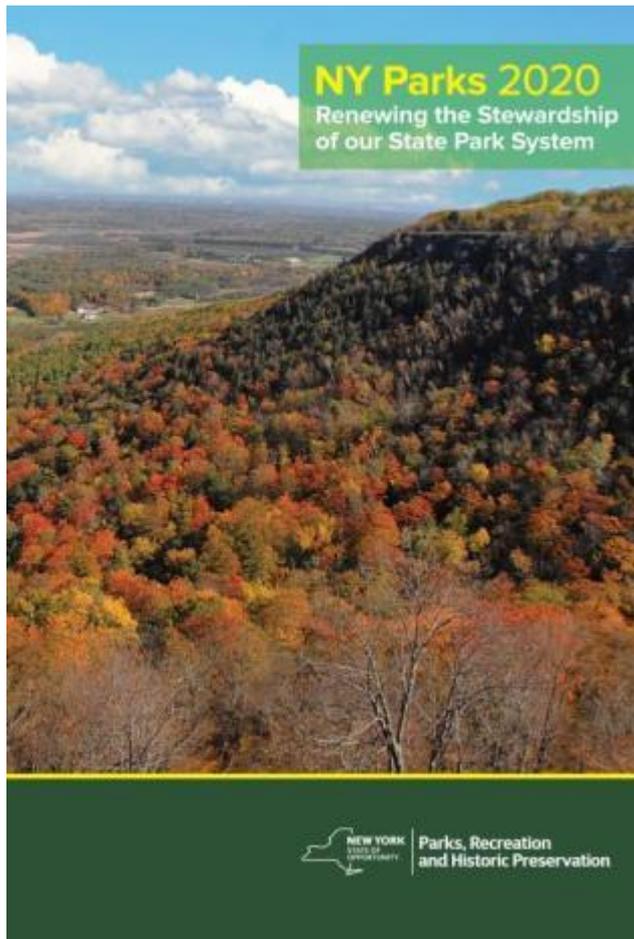
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Highlights **NY Parks 2020**

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Transforming New York's Flagship Parks



- \$40 Million Niagara Falls State Park Revitalization Plan
- \$65 Million Jones Beach State Park Revitalization Plan
- \$4 Million Letchworth State Park Nature Center

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Niagara Falls State Park Revitalization



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Jones Beach State Park Revitalization



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Letchworth State Park

A Nature Center for America's Best State Park



Campaign for the Letchworth State Park Nature Center



A Four-Season Gateway to Showcase the Genesee River Gorge Park

The Genesee River tumbles through a deep gorge as it cuts through western New York toward Lake Ontario. This spectacular landscape of waterfalls and forest is the glory of Letchworth, a flagship state park within easy distance of both Rochester and Buffalo. More than 650,000 visitors a year come to see the dramatic effects of time revealed in the rock face of the gorge.

With the park's dramatic natural beauty and rich history, there is a great need for an improved visitor experience at Letchworth.

The Letchworth State Park Nature Center will provide a welcoming gateway and encourage visitors to explore, appreciate and understand the park's exceptional beauty; diverse recreational offerings; abundant geological, natural and cultural histories; and its varied ecosystems.

The Genesee River Gorge defines the spectacular landscape of Letchworth State Park.



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Promoting Healthy, Active Outdoor Recreation



- 100 New & Improved Playgrounds Planned. 47 completed since 2011
- \$2.6 Million Renovation of the Riverbank State Park Ice Rink
- \$1 million annually in Trail Improvement Projects
- Over \$7 million in improvements to State Park Golf Courses

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New and Improved Playgrounds & Athletic Facilities



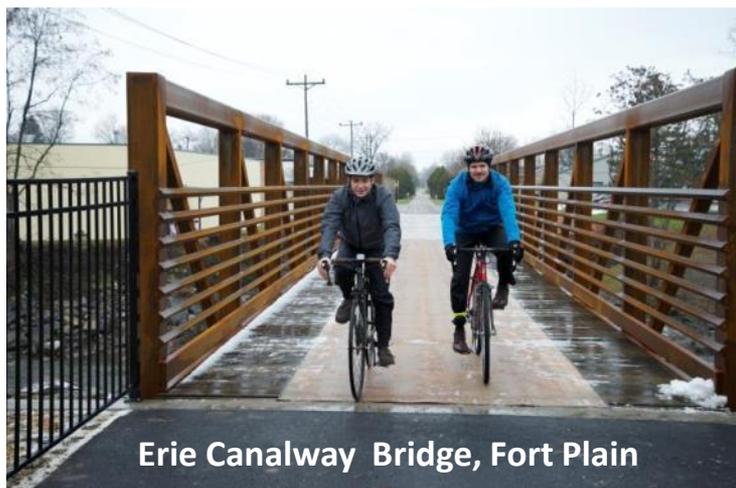
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Trail Improvements Connecting Communities and Expanding Recreational Use



Saratoga Spa Rte 50 Trail



Erie Canalway Bridge, Fort Plain



Hamilton Point Carriage Road
Minnewaska State Park

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Golf Course Improvements



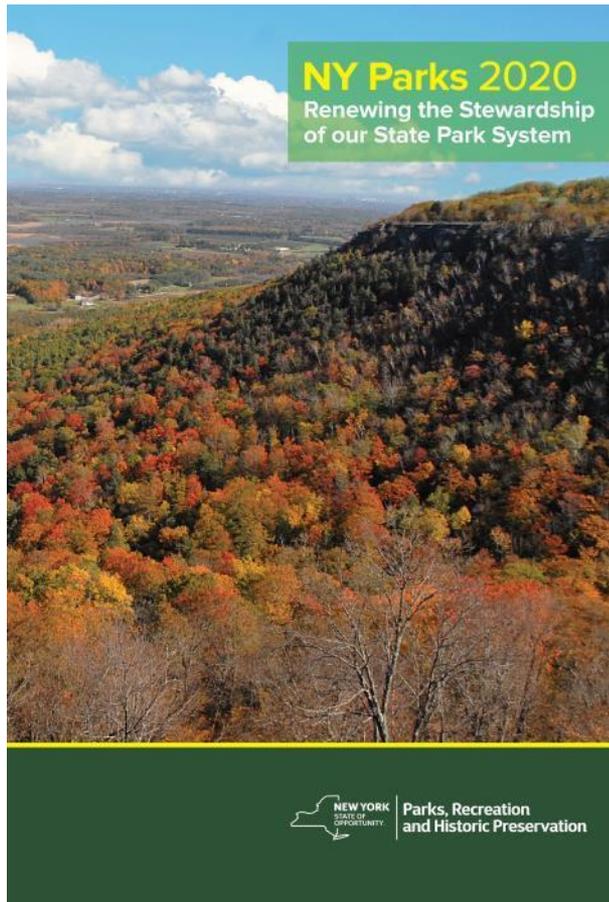
James Baird State Park Golf Course



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Connecting People with Parks



- \$3.8 Million for Thacher State Park Visitor Center
- \$13 Million for Seneca Arts & Culture Center at Ganondagan State Historic Site
- \$1.3 Million for Sensory Garden at Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park

**Each project includes funding from significant private fundraising*

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Thacher Park Visitor Center



Campaign for the **THACHER PARK CENTER**



A four-season gateway to complement the park's new recreational and cultural offerings.

The Helderberg Escarpment rises 700 feet above the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys, providing a spectacular panorama of the Adirondack, Taconic, Berkshires and Green Mountains surrounding the cities and communities that make up New York's Capital Region.

Today, at 100 years old, Thacher Park is undergoing an exciting transformation. With improvements and new, active recreational changes underway, the park is poised to expand as a dynamic, year-round attraction. The Thacher Park Center will be the focal point of the park and is designed to showcase the spectacular natural setting. Private contributions will support the inclusion of high-quality educational exhibits and an orientation station in the center.

To learn more or to make a contribution
visit thacherparkcenter.org



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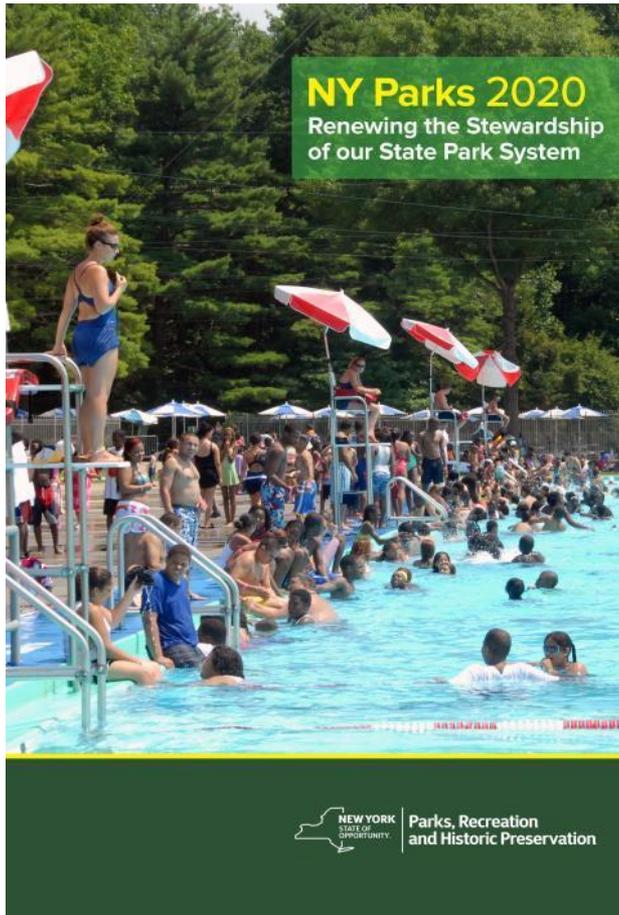
Seneca Arts & Culture Center at Ganondagan State Historic Site



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Rejuvenating our World-Class System



- New and renovated bathhouses throughout the system
- Repairing and modernizing basic infrastructure, including water, sewer, roads
- \$2.8 Million for improvements to State Park boat launches and marinas

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New & Renovated Bathhouses



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Renovated Bathhouse at Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park



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Repairing and Modernizing Infrastructure: Water, Sewer, Roads



Chenango Valley State Park



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Thacher Lot After



FDR Lot Before

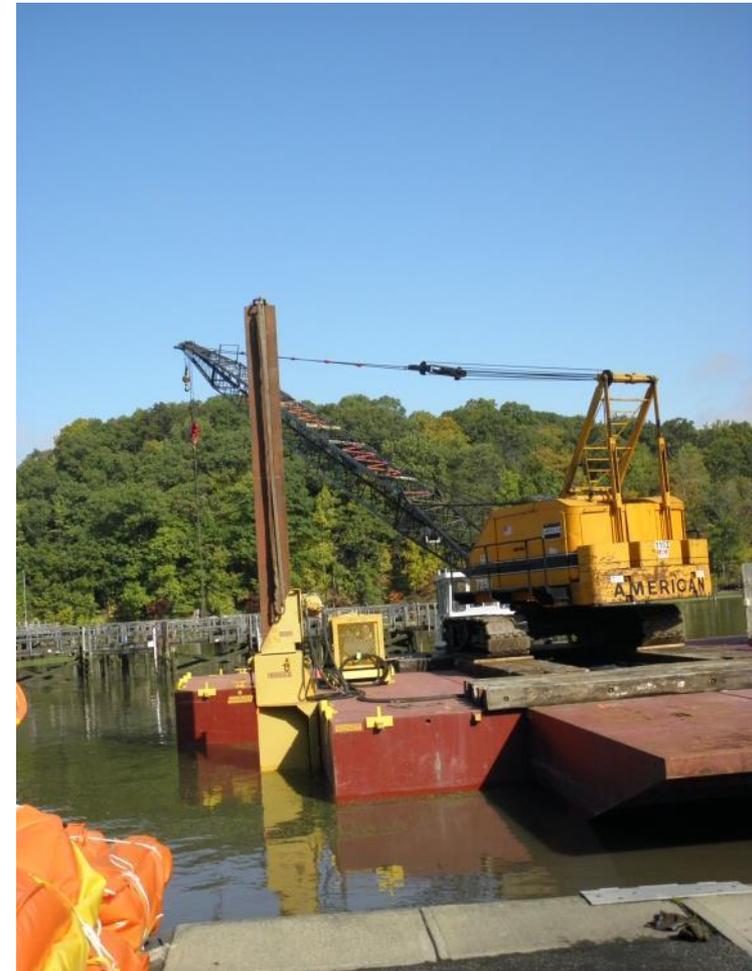
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Renovating Marinas and Boat Launches



Left: New Boathouse at Keewaydin State Park
Right: Repairs to Mills-Norrie Marina



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Preserving our Historic Sites and Cultural Assets



- \$3 Million for Restorations to Staatsburgh State Historic Site
- Renovating Historic Features of State Parks
- Restoring Cultural Assets

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Preserving Staatsburgh State Historic Site



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Restoring Cultural Assets and Connecting to our Past

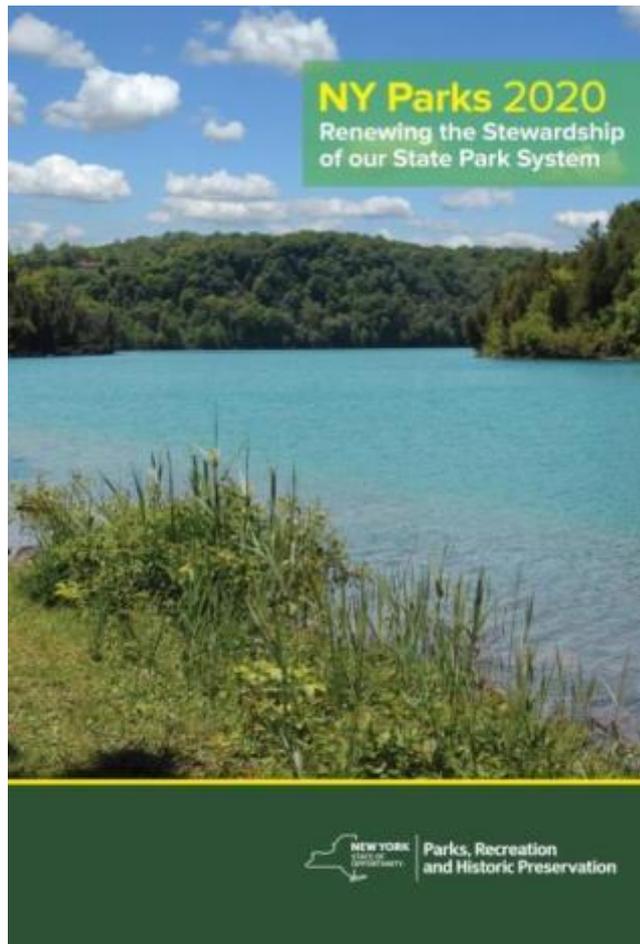
Rock Island State Park Lighthouse



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Sustaining New York's Natural Environment



- \$35 million for Roberto Clemente State Park transformation and storm resiliency projects
- \$2.4 million allocated since 2013 for Solar Installations in 12 parks; the largest is a \$1.7 million 500-kilowatt system at Robert Moses State Park.
- \$500 thousand for East River State Park Shoreline Restoration

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Transforming and Strengthening Roberto Clemente State Park



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Rebuilding East River State Park's Shoreline



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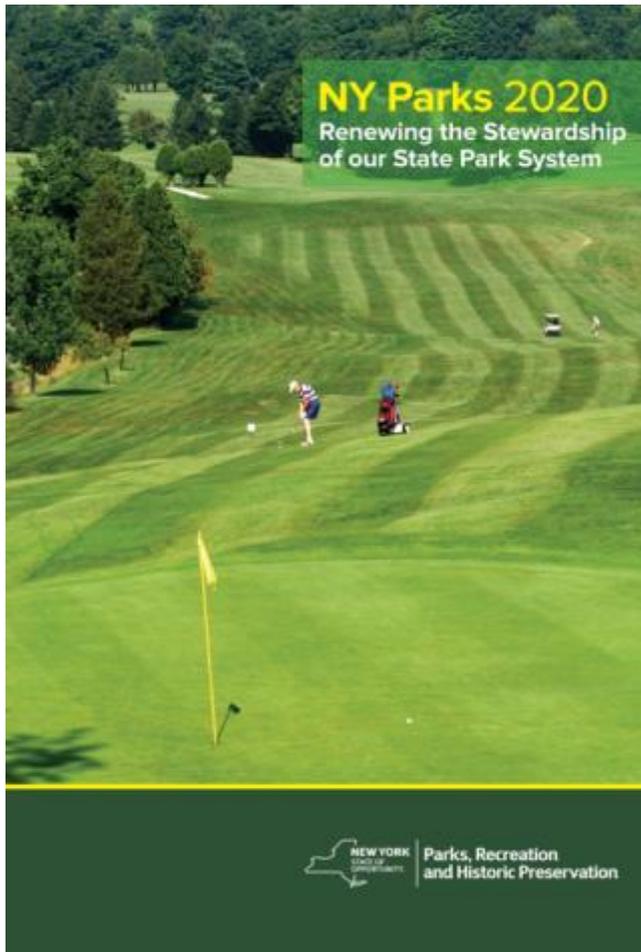
Solar Panel Installation Advancing Sustainability Goals



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Energizing Local Economies



- \$3 Million for the Walkway Over the Hudson Elevator
- \$15 Million to Transform Buffalo Harbor State Park
- Improved facilities and services attracting more visitors, more business opportunities and more jobs

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Connecting Visitors to Popular Tourist Attractions



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Revitalizing Buffalo Harbor



<http://i1.wp.com/buffalorising.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Playground-Buffalo-NY-harbor-4.jpg>

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Governor Cuomo's NY Parks 2020 Plan—Positive Impact Felt Across the State

Newsday
July Fourth fireworks show returning to Jones Beach after 5-year absence
Updated May 26, 2015 9:27 PM

WIBV 4
Local marina has a brighter future
By Mark Belcher, News 4 Digital Producer Published: February 9, 2015, 8:07 pm
BUFFALO, N.Y. (WIBV) — The largest marina in New York State isn't near the city. It's in Buffalo now it has a promising future.

WIBV 4
Cuomo: New York state campgrounds on verge of setting new attendance record
Ground breaks on multi-million dollar nature center at Letchworth State Park

4 NEW YORK
NY to Spend \$2.5M on State Park Playgrounds

lohud THE JOURNAL NEWS
A GANNETT COMPANY
NY parks attendance hits record 62 million visitors

Watertown Daily Times
State officials mark improvements at Wellesley Island, Grass Point State Parks

12 ACTION NEWS
New construction underway at Taughannock Falls State Park
Ulysses, NY (WIBG Binghamton) A new construction project began Tuesday at Taughannock Falls State Park. The work will transform the overlook that sits above the park's namesake waterfall.
The \$1.9 million project is funded by Governor Andrew Cuomo's (D) NY Parks 2020 program.

AP THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
September 23, 2015 - 3:26 pm EDT
Officials: Bronx's Roberto Clemente Park to undergo \$35M storm-resiliency renovation

NEWS 12 WESTCHESTER
FDR State Park unveils upgrades after \$3.6M renovation
dated July 17, 2015 6:25 PM

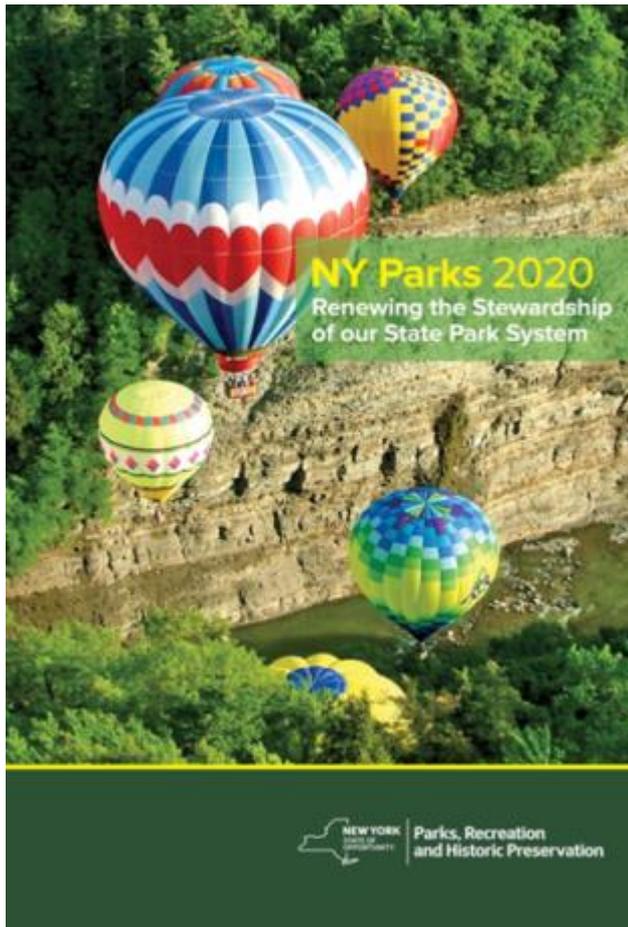
THE BUFFALO NEWS
Plan to rebuild gorge staircase will offer safer access to a stunning view of nature

SARATOGIAN
Thacher Park begins construction on \$4.8M visitors center

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NY Parks 2020: Moving Forward



- Continue to plan and design capital projects for execution in each fiscal year of the NY Parks 2020 Plan
- Continue to work with partners to identify, advance and raise private funds for signature projects
- Continue to implement strategies to meet the needs of an increasing number of visitors within fiscal constraints