

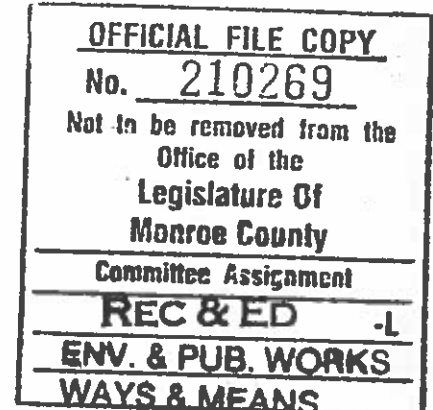


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Monroe County, New York

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July 9, 2021



To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Amend the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program and the 2021 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "Monroe County Parks System-Wide Facilities Renovations" and Authorize an Interfund Transfer

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program and the 2021 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "Monroe County Parks System-Wide Facilities Renovations" in the amount of \$7,200,000 and authorize an interfund transfer.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, federal, state, and local governments and public health agencies strongly encouraged outdoor recreation and activities as safer alternatives to indoor gatherings. Public lands intended for recreation throughout our country, including the Monroe County Parks system, saw large increases in visitors and activity. In addition, since many construction projects were paused in 2020, the Parks Department focused additional time and energy on conducting a comprehensive review of its facilities to catalogue the "state of the parks," both through constituent feedback and through touring and cataloguing issues at facilities throughout the system.

In conjunction with this large increase in Parks visitors and their feedback and the department's own comprehensive review, the Monroe County Parks Department has developed a plan for an intensive program of renovation, refurbishment, and upgrades targeted at restoring and preserving the most heavily and commonly used components of the parks system. This intensive program is focused on preserving and restoring existing facilities and elements within the parks system that are heavily used on a daily basis – simple, "nuts and bolts" aspects of our Parks system such as usable restrooms, safely passable roads and parking lots for vehicular traffic, and safe and comfortable lodges and shelters to rent. The \$7.2 million will be programmed as follows:

• Restroom renovations and ADA compliance improvements	\$2,952,500
• Roadway, walkway, parking lot, and cart path repaving and resurfacing	\$2,240,000
• Roofing, gutter, and downspout repairs	\$ 695,500
• Door, frame, window, and hardware replacements	\$ 388,000
• Lodge and shelter structural issues	\$ 374,000
• Park lighting replacements and upgrades	\$ 350,000
• Tennis and pickleball court resurfacing	\$ 200,000

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Each of the bulleted items above includes projects at many parks, and the entire program touches almost every park in the County system, attempting to address urgent needs and provide a better park experience to all users throughout Monroe County.

This project is scheduled to be considered by the Monroe County Planning Board on July 29, 2021.

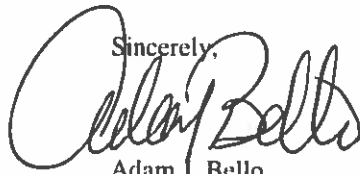
The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program to add a project entitled "Monroe County Parks System-Wide Facilities Renovations" in the amount of \$7,200,000.
2. Amend the 2021 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "Monroe County Parks System-Wide Facilities Renovations" in the amount of \$7,200,000.
3. Authorize the Controller to transfer \$7,200,000 from general fund 9001 to the capital fund to be established for the "Monroe County Parks System-Wide Facilities Renovations" project.

This action is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2) ("replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part"); (5) ("repaving of existing highways not involving the addition of new travel lanes"); and (13) ("extension of utility distribution facilities, including gas, electric, telephone, cable, water and sewer connections to render service in approved subdivisions or in connection with any action on this list") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be included in the capital fund to be established and any other capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


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