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To The Honorable  
Monroe County Legislature  
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**Subject:** Amend the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and the 2022 Capital Budget to Increase the Scope and Funding for the Monroe County Parks System-Wide Facilities Renovations Project and Appropriate Fund Balance for an Interfund Transfer

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and the 2022 Capital Budget to increase the scope and funding for the Monroe County Parks System-Wide Facilities Renovations project in the amount of \$9,400,000 and appropriate fund balance for an interfund transfer.

In 2021, Your Honorable Body approved \$7.2 million 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 program 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, passable roads and parking lots for vehicular traffic, and safe and comfortable lodges and shelters to rent.

Significant progress has been made on this program of improvements, with several items completed, a few substantially completed, and the remainder working their way through public bidding and contracting processes and intended to be fully complete early in 2023.

Additional refurbishments, improvements, and targeted additions have been identified to improve residents' experience in our parks system totaling \$9.4 million. This program continues to focus on items that are or will be broadly relevant to our community. A brief breakdown of this second phase of parks system-wide improvements follows:

- **Golf Course Improvements** \$3,000,000  
*This project would include significant irrigation and drainage improvements, continuous cart paths on heavily played courses, tree work, focused on the removal of dead ash trees, and tee box improvements.*
- **New Playgrounds at Powder Mills and Ontario Beach Parks** \$500,000  
*The playground at Ontario Beach would be a fully accessible, ADA-compliant playground, the first in the county system, while the playground at Powder Mills would replace an existing 15-year-old playground that is in poor repair and insufficient to meet the demands in this popular park.*
- **Spray Park at Ontario Beach Park** \$800,000  
*This project would build the first spray park in the county system and would provide a welcome alternative on days when water quality issues close the lake swimming area and for those who cannot swim.*

- Renovation of Kanatota Lodge in Webster \$1,200,000  
*This project would renovate a once-popular and historic rental facility directly on the lakefront within Webster Park.*
- Artificial Surface Ice Rink at Ontario Beach Park \$500,000  
*This project would procure an artificial-surface ice rink that would be set up seasonally at Ontario Beach Park, providing an outdoor skating opportunity that would be an alternative to our existing natural ice ponds which are frequently insufficiently frozen to skate. It is believed that this would be the first large-scale outdoor artificial rink in Monroe County.*
- Pickleball Courts at Black Creek and Mendon Ponds Parks \$500,000  
*This project would bring additional pickleball courts into the county park system, located at parks that do not currently offer this amenity. The new parks would supplement our existing courts, which are very heavily used and were resurfaced in the first phase of parks improvements projects.*
- New Labor Center at Powder Mills Park \$750,000  
*Due to water infiltration and susceptibility to tree fall damage, the almost 75-year-old staff workshop at this park is in dire need of replacement. The new workshop will be located nearby, but positioned more appropriately to alleviate some of the site conditions that helped lead to the severe issues at the existing building.*
- Beikirch Memorial Park Underground Electrical and Data Upgrades \$500,000  
*This project will upgrade the electrical and data fiber connections throughout the Gary Beikirch Memorial Park, which is used for the annual Lilac Festival. This project will greatly decrease the noise and environmental impact created by the current heavy use of temporary generators and will provide better Internet service to park staff and festival vendors.*
- Renovations to the Historic 1905 Dentzel Carousel \$500,000  
*This project would help maintain and preserve for future generations the historic Dentzel Carousel at Ontario Beach Park, the last remaining attraction from its origins as a turn-of-the-century amusement park. The project would also significantly improve on the carousel's existing ADA accessibility.*
- Replacement of Woodburning Stoves in Park Lodges \$325,000  
*This project targets 20 park lodges with damaged or nonfunctional woodburning stoves or chimney liners. In many of these lodges, the woodburning stove is the only source of heat, and replacement of the stove would allow for the extension of the rental season of these facilities.*
- Parks Waterline Investigation, Mapping and Repair \$400,000  
*The county parks system operates and maintains many of its own water mains. The aging of this infrastructure combined with the Monroe County Water Authority's suspension of support for repairs and maintenance of these mains has resulted in significantly increasing operating costs for the department and has disrupted residents' events in park facilities. This project seeks to improve mapping of the location of these lines, investigate their conditions, and begin targeted replacement of water lines.*
- ADA Accessible Canoe / Kayak Launch at Churchville Park \$425,000  
*This accessible launch would provide a brand-new adaptive sport experience for individuals with disabilities on a portion of Black Creek that is extremely popular for recreational boating.*

**The specific legislative actions required are:**

1. Amend the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program to increase the scope and funding for the Monroe County Parks System-Wide Facilities Renovations project in the amount of \$9,400,000, for a total project authorization of \$16,600,000.
2. Amend the 2022 Capital Budget to increase funding for the Monroe County Parks System-Wide Facilities Renovations project in the amount of \$9,400,000.
3. Appropriate fund balance in the amount of \$9,400,000 and authorize its transfer from general fund 9001 to capital fund 2010, Monroe County Parks System-Wide Facilities Renovations project.

The second phase of parks system-wide improvements includes Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(1) ("maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility"); (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"); (9) ("construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, non-residential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities;"); and (31) ("purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials") that are not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

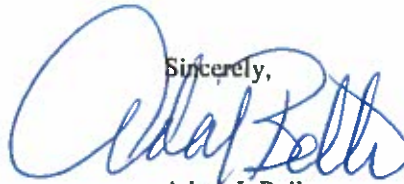
The second phase of parks system-wide improvements includes one (1) Type I Action (Golf Course Improvements) and six (6) Unlisted Actions (New Playgrounds at Powder Mills and Ontario Beach Parks; ADA Accessible Canoe/Kayak Launch at Churchville Park; Beikirch Memorial Park Underground Electrical and Data Upgrades; New Labor Center at Powder Mills Park; Pickleball Courts at Black Creek and Mendon Ponds Parks; and Spray Park at Ontario Beach Park). The provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act shall be complied with prior to Your Honorable Body undertaking, funding, or approving these actions.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be included in capital fund 2010 once the additional transfer is approved, and any other capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose.

This interfund transfer will require \$9,400,000 of net County support for which fund balance is hereby appropriated.

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

Sincerely,



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