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County Executive Adam Bello Breaks Ground on New Accessible Kayak and Canoe Launch

The launch will give access to a popular portion of Black Creek to athletes of all abilities

ROCHESTER, NY — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello yesterday broke ground on a new ADA accessible kayak and canoe launch in Churchville Park. The launch, located on a popular paddling stretch of Black Creek, will feature a floating dock, ramp, and an ADA transfer platform that allows a boat to sit lower on rollers so people with limited mobility can easily transfer into the boat.

“Our County Parks system turns 100 years old in 2026, but that doesn’t mean our parks can’t be modern and vibrant for our residents to enjoy. Thanks to the over \$16 million in investment we are making, we are ensuring that Monroe County residents and visitors will be able to enjoy our parks for another 100 years,” said County Executive Bello. “The ADA accessible canoe and kayak launch removes barriers, allowing more of our residents the opportunity to participate in and benefit from outdoor recreation.”

This project is part of County Executive Bello’s \$16.6 million investment in the Monroe County Parks system, which is turning 100 years old in 2026. The Go Outside Monroe initiative aims to renovate and improve Monroe County’s Parks System with a focus on increasing the ADA accessibility. Other ADA accessible projects and amenities recently added to Monroe County parks include an inclusive spray park and accessible playground at Ontario Beach Park.

“As Monroe County continues to make investments to increase accessibility in our buildings and amenities, I am excited about the opportunities this new ADA Accessible launch will offer for our residents,” **said Monroe County Legislature President Yversha Román**. “Thank you to the county parks department staff and my partners in government for making this project happen. I invite all residents to come out to our parks and enjoy the new launch after construction.”

"Delivering results for the Westside has always been my top priority, and the new accessible kayak and canoe launch at Churchville Park is a perfect example of that commitment," **said Republican Leader Steve Brew**. "I'm proud to deliver real, lasting improvements to our community, like this latest investment at Churchville Park, which will create opportunities for people of all abilities to enjoy the natural beauty of our area for

years to come. This project is the latest in our ongoing efforts to invest in the future of the Westside and ensure it remains a great place to live, work, and play."

Monroe County will look to complete the Accessible Launch by spring 2025. Once completed, the new canoe and kayak launch will be accessible off of Park Rd. in Churchville Park to the west of Churchville Elementary School.

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