

# New York State

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178 State Parks



35 State Historic Sites

# Parks by the Numbers

Total Acreage - 325,000

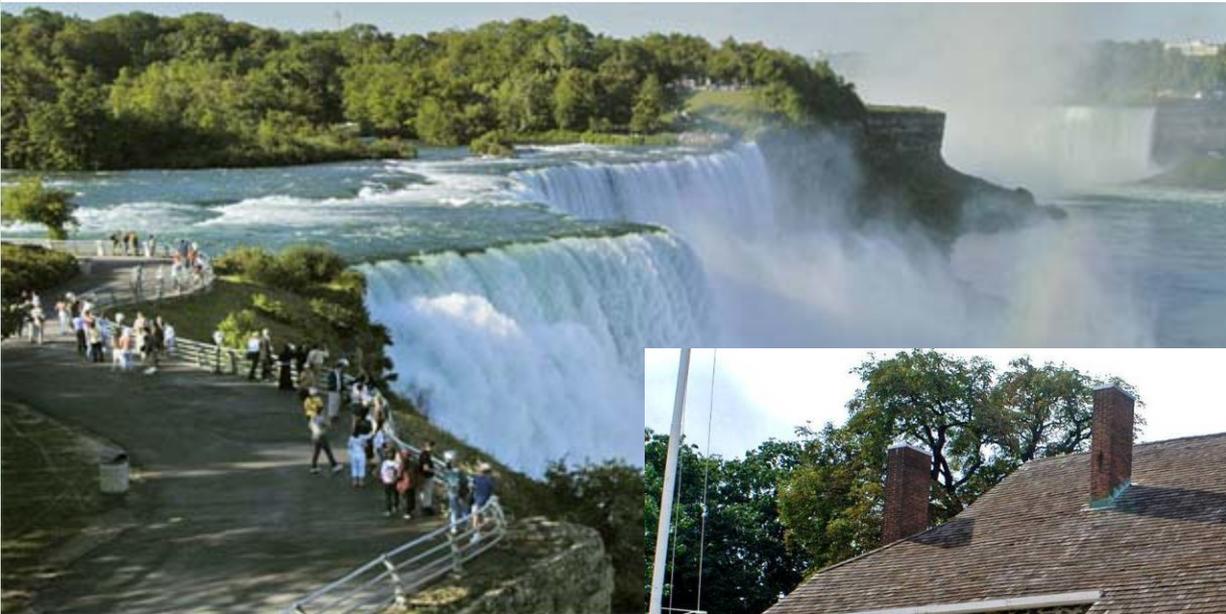
Annual Visitation - 55 million



Letchworth State Park

# New York State Parks and Historic Sites

## Niagara Falls State Park: Nation's Oldest State Park

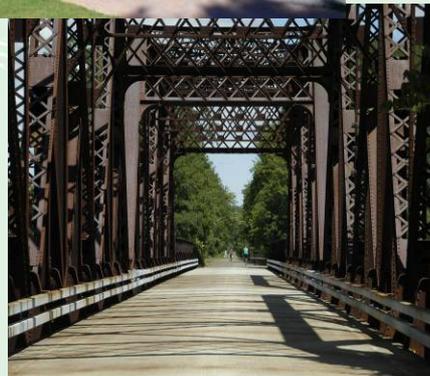
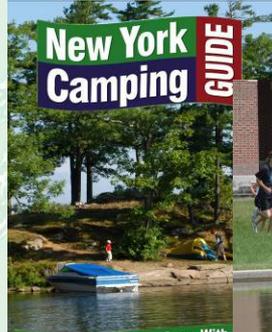


Washington's Headquarters:  
Nation's First Publicly Owned Historic Site

# New York State Parks

## Recreational Inventory Includes.....

- 5,000 Buildings
- 29 Golf Courses
- 52 Swimming Pools
- 76 Beaches
- 27 Marinas
- 40 Boat Launches
- 18 Nature Centers
- 817 Cabins
- 8,355 Campsites
- 1,350 Miles of Trails
- 106 Dams
- 640 Bridges



# Niagara Falls State Park

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Temporary Bailey Bridge Over Goat Island Bridge

# Roberto Clemente State Park

## Corroding Bulkhead Supporting Seawall



PHOTO 1. General view of Bulkhead, North of Station 1+00.



PHOTO 3. Bulkhead, Station 9+80. Severe corrosion of steel sheet piles at MLW elevation.



PHOTO 2. Bulkhead, Station 10+30. Typical condition of Steel Sheet Piles above the MLW elevation.



PHOTO 4. Bulkhead, Station 1+03. Severe corrosion of steel sheet piles below the MLW elevation.

# Letchworth State Park

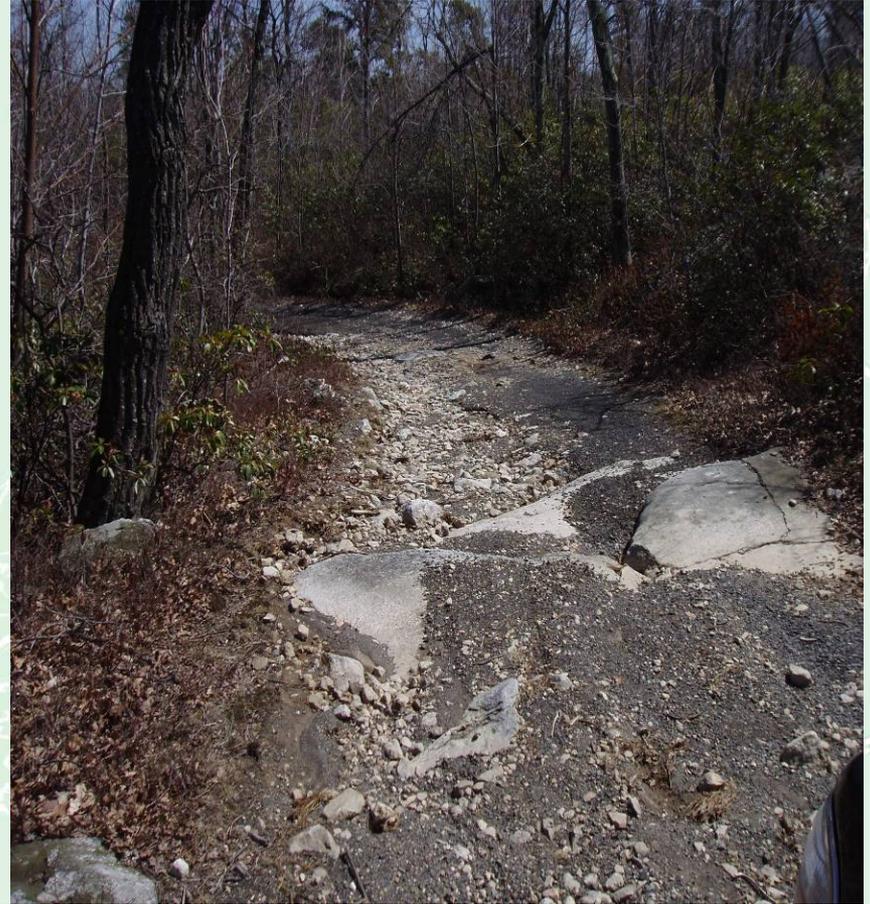
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Closed Pool

# Minnewaska State Park

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Eroded Hiking Trails

# Peebles Island State Park

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The “Bleachery” at the Headquarters for the Bureau of Historic Sites and Historic Preservation Field Services

# New York State Parks Capital Revitalization Year One: Historic Commitment in the Making



# New York State Parks Capital Revitalization

## Year One Underway: Construction Begins



- 167 Capital Projects Initiated

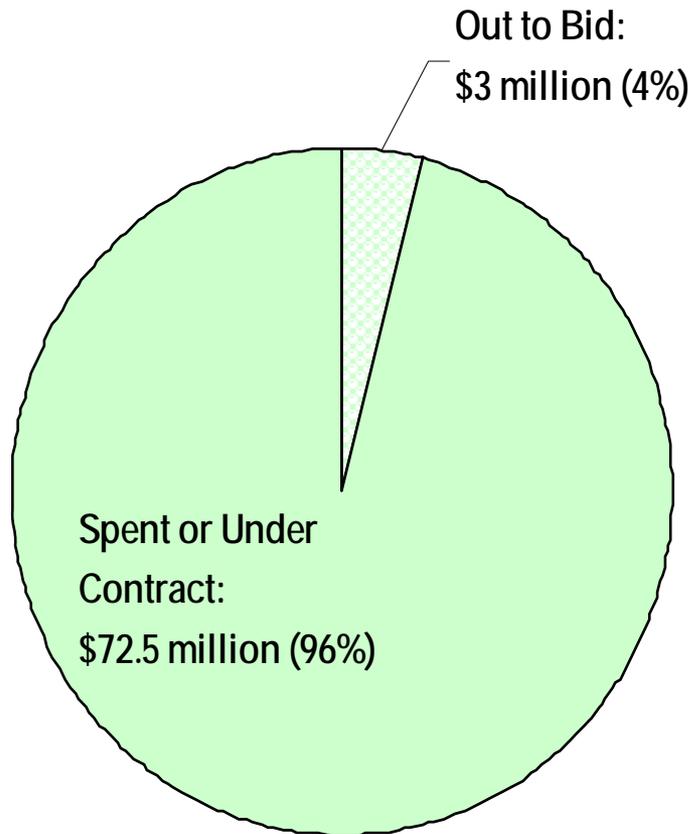
- 3,600 Private Construction and Engineering Jobs

- Improvements at 80 Parks and Historic Sites



# New York State Parks Capital Revitalization

## Year One Underway: Funds Appropriated



Total OPRHP  
Appropriation:  
\$75.5 million

Spent or under contract:  
\$72.5 million (96%)

Projects out to bid:  
\$3 million (4%)

Estimated contracted or  
spent by March 31, 2009:  
\$75.5 million (100%)

# Four Mile Creek State Park

## Comfort Station Rehab



Old Comfort Station



New Comfort Station

# Letchworth State Park

## Highbridge Road Reconstruction



# Saratoga Spa State Park

## Peerless Pool Rehabilitation



Before



After

# Allegany State Park

## Cabin Loop Restoration



Before



After

# FDR State Park

## Comfort Station Renovation



Before



After

# Green Lakes State Park

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## Bathroom Reconstruction



# Riverbank State Park

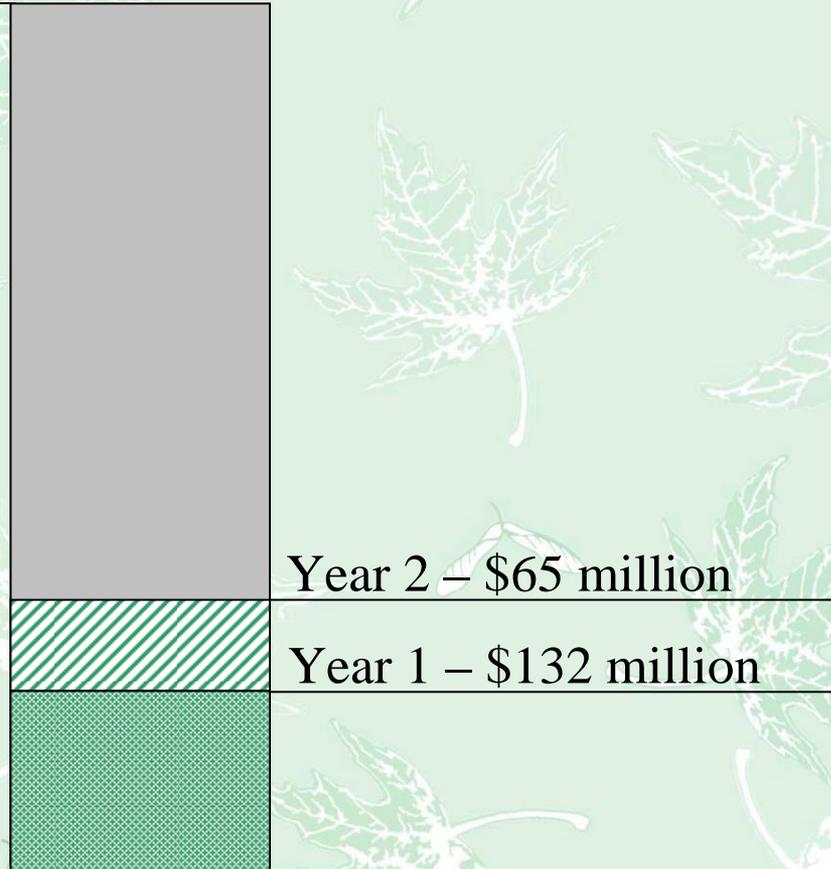
## Traffic Circle Repair In Progress



# New York State Parks

## Continuing Park Revitalization

\$650 million in Total Need



# Saratoga Spa State Park

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## Replacing Natural Gas Lines



# Verona Beach State Park

## Seawall Reconstruction



# Allegany State Park

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## Cricks Landfill Closure



# Capital Revitalization Year Two

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## Major Funding Sources FY 2009-10



- State Parks Infrastructure Fund
- State Lands Stewardship

# Environmental Protection Fund

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## Proposed Program Funding FY 2009-10



- State Lands Stewardship
- Open Space Acquisition
- Municipal Parks/Historic Preservation Grants
- Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial

# Update the Bottle Bill

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- Generate more than \$100 million annually in future years for environmental protection programs
- Protect state parks for future generations
- Act as responsible stewards for a clean and healthy environment



# Parks Operating Budget

## FY 2008-09 Budget Reduction Measures

### **Fall and Winter Service Reductions**

- Early closure of boat launches and campgrounds
- Suspension of winter programming
- Reduction of operating hours
- Temporary facility closures

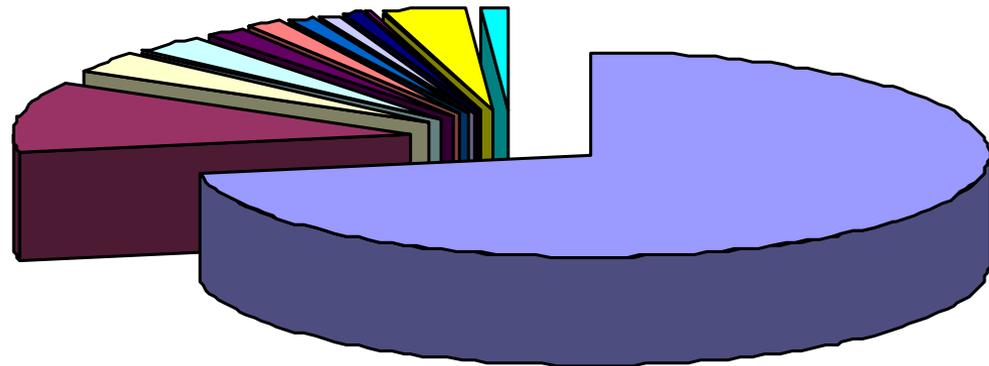
### **Program Changes**

- Elimination of Heritage Area Support Services
- Elimination of Green Thumb Program Participation
- Cancellation of 2008 State Park Police Academy

# State Parks Operating Budget

Front-Line  
Facility  
Operations  
Totals  
83 Percent

**Budget by Major Program (All Funds)**



■ Operate Parks & Sites (72%)	■ State Park Police (11%)
□ Boating Programs (3%)	□ Snow mobile (3%)
■ Bureau of Historic Sites (2%)	■ Grants/Land Acq. (1%)
■ Empire State Games (1%)	□ Historic Field Services (1%)
■ Environmental Management (1%)	■ Heritage Areas (0.1%)
■ Admin & Information Systems (4%)	■ Executive Direction & Counsel (1%)

# State Parks Operating Budget

## FY 2009-2010 Budget Reductions

- Eliminate \$2 million in state support for Empire State Games
- Reduce agency workforce by 62 positions
- Consolidate services and hours at lesser used facilities
- Increase fees to generate \$6.5 million in additional revenue
  - Camping/Cabins
  - Golf/Marinas
  - Empire Passport
  - Miscellaneous Fees

# 2009 US Open Golf Championship

Returning to Bethpage State Park



# Economic Recovery Stimulus Package

## 31 Shovel Ready Projects in State Parks

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
December 29, 2008

### GOVERNOR PATERSON PRESENTS ECONOMIC RECOVERY AGENDA TO PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA

*Joins Governors Asking Federal Government to Provide Direct Aid to States and  
Critical Funding for Infrastructure Projects*  
*Paterson: "States and Working Families Need an Ambitious Economic Recovery  
Package as We Face This Uncertain Economic Climate"*

Governor David A. Paterson today sent a letter to President-elect Obama and Vice President-elect Biden offering an agenda for federal aid to states. Governor Paterson joined Governors Deval Patrick (Mass.), Jennifer Granholm (Mich.), Jon Corzine (N.J.), Ted Strickland (Ohio) and Jim Doyle (Wis.) in praising the President-elect for heeding the public's call for action, and his proposal for a comprehensive economic recovery package. "No state has been more severely impacted by this crisis than New York, the home of Wall Street and the global capital of business and finance," said Governor Paterson. "Our recovery plan includes initiatives that the Empire State needs the most right now—not only to overcome the current crisis, but to begin laying the foundation for the economy of the future."

Governor Paterson also said he will continue to work with New York's congressional delegation, municipal officials and county leaders to develop a list of their important infrastructure and development priorities. The first draft of the list of shovel-ready state projects is expected to be completed later this week, however President-elect Obama's plan would not earmark money for specific projects. This list will be a starting point for the state to prioritize both state and local shovel-ready projects for use of the funds from the economic recovery package. The final list will be developed once the legislation is signed into law.

The letter asks for any economic recovery package to be considered by Congress to include:

# Shovel Ready Projects

## Saratoga Spa State Park



Deterioration at the Geyser Pond Dam

# Shovel Ready Projects

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## Pixley Falls State Park



Bridge Replacement

# Shovel Ready Projects

John Boyd Thacher State Park



Water Storage Area Rehabilitation

# Parks for New York

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## Supporting Private Sector Jobs



- 150 construction and consultant contracts in 57 counties
- Additional 400 sub-contracts
- 13% of agency spending directed to minority and women owned businesses
- 3,600 private sector construction jobs

# Parks for our Future

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## Developing a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conservation Corps



### Advocating for Increased Federal Funding to:

- Train for Green Jobs
- Youth Employment
- Youth Conservation Corps Program

# Parks for New York

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## Economically Vibrant Communities



- Infusing millions into local communities
- Improving the quality of life and investing in our future
- Attracting large and small businesses

# Parks for New York

## Healthy Parks, Healthy Kids

