



*Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally
Photo: Pea-Nut the Flying Elephant*

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A. Broome County Parks Inventory

Broome County Parks Facilities/Amenities	Aqua Terra	Dorchester	Greenwood	Grippen	Hawkins Pond	Nathaniel Cole	Otsiningo	Roundtop
General								
Year Last Improvements Made	NA	2008	2017	2006	2018	2018	2018	NA
Acres	459	70	447	19	322	367	150	30
Acres within Floodplain	0	40	8	15	0	0	136	2
Steep Slopes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Accessibility								
Sidewalk Connection	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Distance from Highway Exit (miles)	6	2	6	2	4	3	1	1
Within 2 miles of population center	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Parking Spaces (#)	10	250	644	70	12	350	448	100
ADA Parking (#)	0	10	8	2	0	6	14	0
On Bus Route	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Bike Racks (#)	0	0	1		0	0	0	0
Utilities/Services								
Restrooms (# of buildings)	0	3	5	1	1	3	3	1
Drinking Fountains (#)	0	2	4	2	1	4	7	2
Lights	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Wi-Fi	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Wayfinding/Signage	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Concession/Store	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
Electrical Outlets	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total Campsites	0	NA	50	NA	NA	NA	0	No
Maintenance Garage/Storage	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Picnic/Events								
Picnic Tables (#)	0	300	250	10	6	300	83	24
Grills (#)	0	50	60	2	0	60	23	8
Pavilion/Picnic Shelters (#)	0	3	4	1	1	4	2	2
Trash Receptacles (#)	0	30	50	2	2	40	35	18
Sports								
Baseball/Softball	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Basketball	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
BMX Track	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Soccer/Rugby/Lacrosse	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Volleyball	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Exercise & Play								
Multi-Use Trails (miles)	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0
Playground	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
ADA Playground	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Swimming Area	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
Horseshoes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Winter Activities								
XC Skiing/Snowshoe Rentals	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
XC Ski Trails (miles)	3	No	7	No	4	1	No	No
Sledding Hill	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
Ice Fishing	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Leisure Activities								
River Access	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Pond/Lake (acres)	6	1,200	23	NA	24	53	1.5	No
Fishing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Boat Launch	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Boat Dock	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
Boat Rental	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
Benches (#)	0	2	14	1	0	8	5	No
Nature Trails (miles)	3	0	7	0	4	2	0	1
Nature Areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Community Gardens	No	Planters	No	No	No	No	Yes	No

B. Public Survey Results

1. What do you see as the most important benefit(s) of parks and open space to you and your family? Select up to three	Number	Percent
Promotes health and wellness	820	28%
Provides gathering places for the community	690	23%
Protects environmental resources	507	17%
Increases sense of place and community identity	392	13%
Provides educational opportunities for all age groups	241	8%
Supports economic development: increased property values, attracts investment	206	7%
Other (please specify)	81	3%

2. Which recreational activities are you most interested in? Select up to three	Number	Percent
Hiking/Walking/Running	780	25%
Nature Observation	409	13%
Boating/Paddling	323	10%
Attending Events (athletic competitions, concerts, fairs, etc.)	287	9%
Swimming	238	8%
Camping	220	7%
Fishing/Hunting	181	6%
Cycling/Mountain Biking	158	5%
Snowshoeing/ Cross-County Skiing	112	4%
Ropes Course, Ziplines	79	3%
Participating in Organized Sports/Athletics	77	2%
Golfing	75	2%
Outdoor Yoga	72	2%
Rock Climbing	28	1%
Other (please specify)	96	3%

3. In the past 12 months, how many times have you visited the following Broome County Parks?					
Parks	Zero times	Once	2-3 times	3 - 10 times	More than 10 times
Aqua-Terra Park	79%	9%	6%	4%	3%
Dorchester Park	41%	20%	18%	12%	10%
Greenwood Park	51%	22%	17%	7%	2%
Grippen Park	77%	12%	6%	3%	1%
Hawkins Pond	87%	9%	3%	1%	0%
Nathaniel Cole Park	53%	22%	15%	7%	3%
Otsiningo Park	12%	12%	23%	25%	28%
Roundtop Park	69%	16%	9%	4%	2%

4. Based on the park(s) you visit most often, how would you rate the following Broome County Parks facilities/services?

Facilities	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Park cleanliness	31%	50%	11%	2%	5%
Condition of recreational trails	27%	51%	11%	2%	9%
Condition of playground areas	23%	41%	9%	2%	25%
Availability of picnic tables/grills	23%	44%	12%	2%	19%
Adequacy of park signage	20%	54%	11%	2%	13%
Availability of pavilions/shelters	17%	40%	14%	2%	27%
Helpfulness of staff	15%	27%	9%	2%	47%
Condition of athletic fields/courts	13%	36%	10%	2%	39%
Condition of bathrooms/changing areas	11%	45%	23%	5%	16%
Process for reserving pavilion at park	7%	18%	7%	2%	67%
Condition of rental equipment	7%	21%	7%	1%	65%
Your overall opinion of Broome County Parks	27%	61%	7%	1%	4%

5. Which day(s) of the week do you most often visit Broome County Parks? Please select up to three choices

	Number	Percentage
Monday	173	7%
Tuesday	196	8%
Wednesday	248	10%
Thursday	182	7%
Friday	388	15%
Saturday	768	29%
Sunday	652	25%

6. What time of day do you most often visit Broome County Parks? Select one

	Number	Percent
Before 9 AM	68	7%
9 AM to 12 PM	272	27%
12 PM to 4 PM	463	45%

7. Have you participated or attended the following events/activities at a County park in the past year?

	Yes	No	Unaware of opportunity
Spiedie Fest	44%	55%	1%
Rented a boat	27%	68%	6%
Community 5k run/walk	20%	72%	9%
Rented a pavilion	19%	79%	2%
Youth sports league	17%	76%	8%
Broome Bands Together	16%	64%	20%
Went cross-country skiing	14%	79%	7%
Adult sports league	11%	79%	10%
Camped at Greenwood Park	7%	88%	6%
Broome County Triathlon	6%	83%	12%

8. In the past 12 months, did you travel outside of Broome County to a park or recreational facility?	Number	Percent
Yes	752	74%
No	247	24%
No Opinion	15	1%

9. If yes, what influenced your decision to do so? Please select all that apply	Number	Percent
I wanted to take a day trip away from home	399	27%
They offer unique natural settings not available in Broome County	392	27%
I was out of town for another reason	338	23%
They offer facilities not available in Broome County	149	10%
They offer programs/events not available in Broome County	79	5%
They are closer to my residence	23	2%
Other (please specify)	90	6%

10. When you visit a Broome County Park, which of the following activities are you most likely to be doing? Please select your top three	Number	Percent
Walking/running/hiking trails	723	26%
Family/group activities	283	10%
Picnicking	275	10%
Observing nature	253	9%
Attending an event	221	8%
Walking my dog	219	8%
Biking	168	6%
At the playground	164	6%
Fishing/Boating	163	6%
Swimming	140	5%
Snowshoeing/ Cross-Country Skiing	65	2%
Camping	64	2%
Using an athletic field or court	45	2%
Other (please specify)	30	1%

11. Which of the following (if any) prevent or discourage you from using Broome County Parks more often? Please select up to three choices	Number	Percent
I do not have enough time to visit a County Park	338	26%
The recreational program/facility I am interested in is not offered at County Parks	126	10%
The County Parks are not conveniently located	101	8%
I am not aware of the County Park facilities available	101	8%
I have safety concerns at County Parks	59	5%
Lack of transportation to/from County Parks	58	5%
County Park facilities are not well maintained	48	4%
County Parks are not maintained	43	3%
The operating hours of County Parks are not convenient	27	2%
There is a lack of handicapped accessibility at County Parks	25	2%
Other (please specify)	354	28%

12. If you were given \$100 to spend on Broome County parks, how would you spend it? Totals must add up to 100	Number	Percent
Maintain/upgrade conditions of existing facilities	19,687	20%
Developing new trails for walking, biking, cross-country skiing, etc.	14,892	15%
Add new amenities at existing park	12,097	13%
Purchase land for preservation and wildlife/natural conservation	10,373	11%
River Access Improvements	8,418	9%
Wi-fi capability	6,682	7%
Purchase land for development of new parks	6,418	7%
More organized activities/programs	5,876	6%
Create more community gardens	4,969	5%
Better signage/trail marking	2,801	3%
Undecided	4,087	4%

13. If you were given \$100 to spend, how would you allocate the money among the following Broome County parks? Totals must add up to 100	Number	Percent
Otsiningo Park	23,358	25%
Dorchester Park	16,164	17%
Greenwood Park	9,770	10%
Nathaniel Cole Park	9,356	10%
Aqua-Terra Park	9,227	10%
Roundtop Park	4,457	5%
Grippen Park	4,065	4%
Hawkins Pond	3,514	4%
Undecided	15,389	16%

14. From the list below, what would improve your experience at a Broome County Park? Select up to three	Number	Percent
Fitness Track	219	10%
Off-Leash Dog Park	202	9%
Bicycle Rentals	200	9%
Splash Pad	195	9%
Cabin Rentals	189	8%
Ice Skating	171	8%
Online Reservations (pavilions, rental equipment, athletic field, etc.)	170	7%
Kayaking/Paddling Lessons	158	7%
Climbing Wall	124	5%
Arts and Crafts Activities	112	5%
Indoor Meeting Facilities	92	4%
Summer Camps	88	4%
Tennis Court	70	3%
Equestrian Trails	46	2%
Skateboard Park	30	1%
Other (please specify)	213	9%

15. The Aqua-Terra Wilderness Area is a 466-acre undeveloped County Park, located in the Town of Binghamton. This park includes a pond and natural settings. If this park were to be developed in the future, what would you like to see at Aqua-Terra?	Yes	No
Picnic Tables	79%	8%
Portable Bathrooms	77%	10%
Scenic Lookout Deck	75%	10%
Winter Tubing/Sledding Area	67%	17%
Pavilion/Shelters	64%	16%
Paved Parking Lot	57%	22%
Primitive Camping	49%	23%
Zip Line/Ropes Course	48%	32%
Paved Pathways	45%	38%
Bike Racks	43%	21%
Community Garden	40%	32%
Disc/Frisbee Golf Course	32%	42%

16. What riverside improvements would you like to see to improve access and visibility of the river? Please select up to three	Number	Percent
Greenway Trails	450	19%
Scenic Overlooks	449	19%
Boat Access/Launch Sites	352	15%
Increase clean-up efforts	332	14%
Fishing Piers	207	9%
Boat Rentals	199	9%
Signage of Access Points and Amenities	167	7%
Educational Materials (brochures, maps, etc.)	128	5%
Other (Please specify)	54	2%

17. Which barriers prevent you from using the river for recreational purposes? Please select up to three	Number	Percent
I am concerned with the pollution/debris levels of the river	359	20%
I feel river access is limited/unavailable	347	19%
I don't have a boat and don't know where to get one	282	16%
I am unaware of the local river regulations	248	14%
I prefer using lakes/ponds for recreation	234	13%
I feel it is unsafe	170	10%
The river activities I am interested in are not offered here	57	3%
Other (Please specify)	84	5%

18. What is the best way for Broome County to provide you with information about the park news, updates, events, programs, etc. Please select up to three	Number	Percent
Social Media	512	24%
Email	445	21%
County Website	372	17%
TV or Radio	285	13%
Mail	249	12%
Flyers/Posters/Brochures	152	7%
Newspaper ad	116	5%

19. Would you be interested in volunteering at a County park?	Number	Percent
Yes	319	36%
No	575	64%

20. Which of the following volunteer opportunities would you most like to participate in? Select all that apply	Number	Percent
Park Beautification	172	23%
Trail Maintenance	151	20%
Group Volunteer Projects	151	20%
Park Events	140	19%
Park Education/Outreach	101	14%
Other (Please specify)	27	4%

21. Which municipality within Broome County do you live?	Number	Percent
City of Binghamton	148	17%
Vestal	110	12%
Union	107	12%
Chenango	71	8%
Endicott	70	8%
Town of Binghamton	49	5%
Fenton	45	5%
Johnson City	43	5%
Whitney Point	33	4%
Town of Dickinson	27	3%
Town of Windsor	26	3%
Kirkwood	21	2%
Colesville	16	2%
Barker	15	2%
Conklin	15	2%
Triangle	14	2%
Maine	12	1%
Town of Lisle	11	1%
Port Dickinson	9	1%
Nanticoke	7	1%
Village of Deposit	3	0.3%
Village of Lisle	3	0.3%
Sanford	2	0.2%
Village of Windsor	1	0.1%
I do not live in Broome County	35	4%

22. What is your age?	Number	Percent
Under 18	3	0.3%
18 - 30	119	14%
31 - 45	218	25%
45 - 65	383	44%
Over 65	150	17%

23. Is anyone in your household 12 years or younger?	Number	Percent
Yes	200	23%
No	681	77%
24. Is anyone in your household 65 years or older?	Number	Percent
Yes	241	27%
No	638	73%

25. Are you currently a full-time student at SUNY Broome or Binghamton University?	Number	Percent
Yes	20	2%
No	866	98%

C. Survey Comments

Camping is big. Used to camp at upper lisle all the time. When that closed we started using Greenwood. Greenwood could use some engineering in the campground to help dry it out. I said earlier and left my phone number, I would be glad to meet with and help figure out this problem of the wet campgrounds.

Safety

Cole Park... Feel that a minimum entrance fee should be reenacted, Maybe \$1 during the week and \$2-3 weekends. Park attendance seems to be high enough to justify this....

If the 'plan' involves finding a fair market value for those properties, and selling it to the highest bidder, I look forward to the results, but fear you've no such interest, and only seek to EXPAND your budget and disregard for tax relief to tax payers.

the west endicott park is a nice park and even though it is not a county park i wish something can be done to knock down the old EJ factory across the street since it can be a safety hazard to inquisitive children using the park. the town of union has been unsuccessful in solving the problem. perhaps someone in the county can help get it resolved!

Our parks with lake's need cabin rental's

I have chrones. My life revolves around bathrooms - I would volunteer but, range of bathrooms would keep me from doing this unless i was in proximity to bathrooms. cleanliness is also another issue, my immune system is compromised with other imunosupreeant diseases si I must be careful with germs and picking up something in the bathrooms at Broome Parks as the bathrooms are less than clean. Most times i am there toilets are not flushed/overflowing/floors are wet/NOT healthy conditions for me. So, when going to a Park I Reeaalllllly have to have ii very important to go. AND - there is NEVER any toilet paper (it's all stuffed in the toilet.) Broome needs to check the bathrooms VERY FREQUENTLY!!!! for people with stomach issues.

Help properly owners stay in there homes by lowering taxes ,parks can pay for them self ,charge fees not taxes ,so the people that benefit pay to keep them up !

The county parks are one of the nicest parts of a county that is struggling. It is something people can be proud of. Please do not cut funding.

Hawkins Pond, and the adjacent state land, would be more useful with better trail signage, particularly where county and state lands meet.

that broome county do a better job of maintaining all of the facilities at all the county parks. some times they get rather stinky.

One of the BEST things in favor of these locations is the free access. If Broome County was to start charging I would not come.

I love our parks, especially Dorchester. My biggest complaint is accessibility for swimming in the evenings and the bathroom facilities closing after labor day. September and early October are so beautiful and we would love to picnic there after labor day. You could really promote fall at the lake in Dorchester.

We visited Hawkins Pond about a month ago. Nothing was mowed and we felt that the park was not being maintained nor developed at all.

not at this time

I think adding some services that cannot be found at an affordable rate in the region (downhill skiing and motor boating) should be priorities. These offer great opportunities for the county parks to generate revenue if these services are marketed correctly, and people won't have to travel long distances to enjoy these great activities.

I run through Otsiningo Park 4 times a week. So many people use this park for so many reasons and I love that. I brings so much of the community together. It has so much potential. It would be great if there was even more located there. (splash park, kayaking on the river, dog park area, etc).

We have enjoyed the parks for years and will continue to use them.

vestal rail trail is a big hit- we could use more like this and interconnect them if possible

This is a pretty good comprehensive survey. I'd add: More places to sit and walk and bike near the rivers. Take advantage of the scenery for those who don't paddle and

better access for those of us that do with portable toilets. You didn't ask, but I've been on several of the rivers to paddle this year.

Lighting and water fountains along the trails at the parks. Better maintained, longer wooded trails.

Our parks are important. It is important to keep them clean and maintained. I truly appreciate the work that has been done and I hope that Broome County continues to invest in the quality of our parks! Thank you!

Guess my observations were covered above. Again thanks for your work.

Need for more activities for handicapped and elderly people.

Otsiningo does not have enough benches. Very sparse. Park is not kept up. Gardens would be a great addition along with more garbage cans. Also should be a traffic light when coming out of park.

I chose where to live based upon your wonderful parks. I run and swim at Dorchester, I run and bike at Otsiningo, and my kids play at the playgrounds at both. You folks maintain marvelous facilities and I'm quite grateful. Please keep Otsi open starting early in the mornings even in the winter for those of us who exercise before work. Please keep the playground equipment in good shape. The saucer shaped swing has been gone at Otsi for months and my kids miss it.

Low or no cost public transportation to the parks if not already available. But that begs the question for whom the parks are created for the have or the have not, educated or the not so, the respectful or the less so., etc? For example I would take my dogs to the dog park and recreation area in Binghamton until finding needles on the ground.

It is difficult for elderly to walk up to the pavilions at Round Top. It would be helpful to have vehicle access up the hill with a place to drop off a person.

I have lived in 2 other states and several other counties and as far as I'm concerned Broome County Parks are the most cared for and cared about. Cheers to the Parks Dept.

As previously suggested, put emphasis on building extensive sidewalk network (call it a linked park!) throughout Vestal enabling those able to bike or walk safely around this area. Right now it is extremely dangerous for children and even adults to walk anywhere in the Tri-cities area, especially in Vestal where sidewalks are non-existent. E.g. start with a sidewalk down the west side of African Rd that might connect the elementary school with Vestal Pkwy with a better regulated crossing (lights, etc.) that could continue to the existing bike trail, then in future extend beyond to a riverside

hiking/biking trail that can be extended as funds permit and further connected with N-S sidewalks across Vestal Pkwy and Rd.

More nature/ hiking trails are needed in this area badly!

My son has been a lifeguard at Dorchester for a few years, they wish they had a big Swimming Rules sign to refer to when enforcing the many rules - the swimmers almost always get hostile and have left bad feedback online. The rules should be posted everywhere else too, brochures, websites, social media. People don't always understand it's about keeping people safe...

We are so blessed to have these parks. We should promote them more and better. This year it was a bit better with the promotion. It is important, especially with the high obesity rate in the area. These parks are a huge asset to our area. I'm at Otsinego everyday. I see so much brush and broken trees pushed to the side. Could be better cleaned. It's an amazing place.

Increased effort in expanding cycling accessibility, road and mountain variants. Broome County is severely lacking in accessible cycling that isn't on poorly allocated roads and sparse trails. Not specifically a Parks and Rec issue though.

Maximize access by considering all options of transportation available for each park.

Investigate expansion of parks using 'bought-out' properties since 2006 & 2011 floods.

Hire more staff to run these parks... We pay high taxes in Broome County.... Shift some from the welfare offices to the outdoor park facilities... the Payees should have the amenities

Don't add any physical items without providing for staff to maintain them.

Parks need to attract more people of all ages and be easily accessible. More outdoor fitness equipment, trails, playgrounds, offer bike rentals, boat rentals, ect. Be well maintained with adequate trash bins to preserve cleanliness.

Off leash dog parks would be awesome.

Rock climbing would be awesome.

Easy access boat launches and/or rentals would be awesome.

Not sure how you would do it, but goose remediation at Otsiningo would be great.

Trees need to be trimmed to maintain good views at parks like Roundtop. Some of the great views from there are hindered by the trees blocking the view. I love trees, but part of the appeal of Roundtop is loss when you cannot see the views from the hill. Other parks have similar issues. There needs to be a balance.

The parks program is amazing. I have enjoyed the three parks I went and I feel is awesome to have several parks so close to the city areas.

Love our beautiful parks! Keep developing them to invite even more people to attend them!!

Thank you for this! I frequently talk to hikers who think that Ithaca is their best option, and I am always trying to steer them to our wonderful outdoor opportunities here in Broome. Keep reaching out, keep letting the public know! Get the word out to the universities and schools!

Rural people without transportation can't access rural parks through out BC. Take notes from Rec Park inclusive access for all playground. Make walking trails leading from rural communities into their parks.

Trim the trees. The directors running store sponsoring races seems like a massive conflict of interest. the maintenance is horrid. fix what you have.

Love the dinosaur! The parks are one of my favorite places to spend my free time on outdoor recreation. Please add disc golf

I am thankful for our local parks.

Parks are a wonderful under utilized asset in this area.

People who come to or drive through Broome County always comment on 'how green it is' and the beauty of the tree covered hills. We have a responsibility to protect this natural amenity and help preserve the beauty of our area. I realize it costs money but it would be nice if Broome County could purchase and preserve/protect some of these natural areas for habitat and wildlife corridors. Perhaps a Ridgeline Overlay District that local communities could adopt. Or a 'Natural Park' that is not as developed but allows people to get out and enjoy the natural beauty surrounding us. Broome County is lucky to have so many nice parks. It is important that we maintain them and keep them looking and working nicely so that people continue to utilize these important assets. It would also be nice to include some mileage markers along the internal trail systems so that people using the trails can see/measure their exercise.

no

make sure those employed by BC Parks use all the facilities so they know first hand what is needed, damaged, dirty and engage the local community groups for ideas, complaints, etc. Keep hiring active/athlete employees that use parks and facilities outside of BC.

I feel parks like Otsiningo should be kept a family-type park and I feel parks like Jones Park and Aqua Terra should be kept undeveloped. Keep the best of both worlds.

I would love options for more places to paddleboard.

Thank you for Round Top Park, Endicott.

Love our parks!

The general lack of fulltime personnel hurts the condition of the parks as a whole. The arena needs to stand on its own.

I like the information that has been up about ticks being around and how to identify them. This is important information and also great for learning how to identify them. Other things would be good like this for people to know. Or turn it into learning.

I think this is a wonderful investment and the parks should be allocated more resources.

We just moved here 9 months ago and we really enjoy the parks whenever we have time to visit. I've been following the 'All Out Broome' campaign on Facebook as much as I can and we've enjoyed visiting the parks whenever possible. Keep up the great work - you seem to be moving in a good direction, no complaints!

Broome County has pretty nice parks, with clean, safe facilities. It would be really great to have disc golf at the parks. At present, I travel out of town several times a month to play disc golf in other parks, or hike on the Finger Lakes trail. I'd use walking/bike riding trails on the river as they are further developed. Grippen was a great place to skate, and it would be nice to have ice skating again (in a park that won't get flooded).

Your employees are underpaid

Broome county loves Disc Golf

Add more creative playgrounds

CAMPING AT AQUATERRA!!! Go Broome County! You can do it!

Fall boat rentals at Dorchester Park.....kayaking there would be gorgeous there.....currently a missed opportunity

County parks are a great asset to residents of the county, but more centrally located parks near the population of the county (Otsiningo) would get more use than outlying parks (Dorchester, Greenwood). Organized activities that promote a healthy and active lifestyle are great for residents. The ability to have boat rental access near the river would be welcome.

Updating playground equipment is good, but often the equipment needs only a good power cleaning.....that could get a few more years of use out of it. Please keep grass short and add a few more accessible garbage cans to prevent littering. Should a fence ever be built around a playground, I've noticed on Long Island that there is only one gate to get in and out of the play area, this makes it easier to keep an eye on the kids. More benches in random areas are always welcome because they encourage people to stay, take a break after a hike, chat with a friend or read a book, etc. Less seating is not as welcoming to the public. Roundtop park in Endicott needs some sprucing up. Greenwood and Dorchester are beautiful as is. The old building across from the West Endicott park needs to be torn down. Please maintain our carousels to avoid accidents and injuries.

One of the greatest assets our County has are our parks. I love that they are free. I really like the idea of improving access to rivers as our natural resources are to be taken pride in. They can help maintain mental and physical wellness even when politics, economics and world events can weigh one down. In that our family spends so much time at Dorchester Park we would enjoy a snack shack such as Greenwood Park has. Basically though I just thank you for the money and maintenance the County dedicates to the existence and improvements to our park system in Broome County.

I am grateful that we have good parks and good people to take care of them.

Refer back to my comments on bringing back Upper Lisle Park.

I would just like to see more safe, pleasant, inviting parks available with walking trails and activities to promote health and wellness all through the out the year for all ages.

The county website needs to be updated more often, so things it promotes are no longer offered. Maybe the format could be revamped as it's not user friendly.

Please put a disc golf course somewhere.

Volunteer question should allow for 'would like more info.'

REMOVE THE GEESE AT DORCHESTER----ONLY THING NEGATIVE ABOUT THIS BEAUTIFUL PLACE

Nothing that I can think of at this time. Good luck with the plans!

Motor Boats available to rent even if it was a 3 or 5 horse motor

We need healthy alternatives here. Don't let druggies hang out and loiter making people feel nervous. Provide some kind of security. I would love bike rentals and more kayaking opportunities on the river.

Once my children are all grown and out of the house - I would be much more interested in getting involved in volunteering at a community park. I do think it would be a great way to give back to the area. Thank you so much!

I think Broome County should reopen Upper Lisle Park, many families grew up going to that park. My entire family and many of our friends camped there for many years and we all had a wonderful family camping experience. No it wasn't like your other parks, it was a quiet, off in the corner part of the world ,which we all need once in awhile.

Even though I didn't mark off anything about transportation challenges; now I just thought of 'Yeah, it would be nice to provide some type of bus/shuttle services. But I know that must be pricey... due to people will want to arrive/leave at certain times.

Please keep the bathrooms as clean as possible, mow the lawns when they get high and clear back branches and clean up the fallen limbs and brush.

I would go back to charging a small fee to go to the parks. People who will spend \$10+ for a pack of smokes, load up on tattoos, and buy beer by the case... but wont pay \$2-3 bucks to spend the day at a park... should stay home.

It would be great to bring an ice rink back to a Broome county park. We live in the Grippen Park neighborhood (and both my husband and I grew up in this neighborhood). The rink is greatly missed by everyone in our neighborhood. We often have conversations with neighbors about what our kids are missing out on. Most of us spent every day at the rink during the winter months.

Cross-sector collaboration and community outreach is essential in the planning process. Information is accessed in various ways. Please consider expansive outreach such as posters at local businesses, outreach to schools, door-to-door distribution in geographic areas of interest and underserved populations.

Work with assisted living centers to get seniors out and about more in the summer/early fall.

The parks are a huge asset in this community and we can't let them fall into disrepair due to lack of on going maintenance. Also, I participate in the Parks Triathlon, which is a

great event, and I would like to see other events that would draw both participants and revenue into the parks.

Brochures more available. Grocery stores etc.

Just please leave some natural space for peaceful appreciation of nature.

We have beautiful waterways that should be enhanced to parlay the appeal of our community

Having a way to connect some parks with bike/walking paths (paved) if this is at all possible.

Some parts need more pavilions and benches

I appreciate having taken the survey and it makes me aware that you are trying to improve are already beautiful Parks to Parks that people will access more often good job

Bring back the grip pen park ice rink- the western part of Brooke county needs an ice rink!

My answers are heavily influenced by the stage of life I am at currently. My children are in college, so my park attendance is low right now. But I could see that changing soon as I try to get more active. Also, just because I don't use much of what our local parks offer, doesn't mean that I don't think they are valuable. Our local parks increase the livability of our community as a whole.

The rivers are the counties greatest natural recreation assets. Please work on linear parks/greenways along them. It would be incredibly awesome to see the Vestal Rail Trail extend all the way to Binghamton and join another river front trail up to Otsiningo Park!

I am pleased with the parks and think they are well maintained. I would like to see them offer guided walks, etc that are educational.

The general appearance & upkeep are commendable. Well maintained trails.

Remember aqua terra is a county park

I think Broome County is fortunate to have such beautiful parks.

The contrast ratio on the answers to the questions on this survey and the background is not high enough. Please use a darker font color and/or a white background.

Be aware of pipelines and compressor stations! Otsiningo is currently within the 1/2 mile evacuation zone of the proposed Town Of Fenton Compressors!

I would love if the parks provided affordable 'getaway' spots- an opportunity to stay somewhere overnight that doesn't involve breaking the budget for travel, rental, etc. Also, that allows dogs!

I'd like to see primitive camping NO trailers tents only

Need to clean Otsiningo Park of goose droppings and do more to get rid of the geese there. Also fix up Round Top and restore the view. Need more broad interest events to attract people to Dorchester.

Would like for family children programs maybe guided walks or activities

My current schedule wouldn't allow time for more volunteer roles; so, I answered 'no' to the prior question. Should my schedule change, I could be interested in volunteering depending on the type of help needed.

I love that parks-keep up the good work!

No

Aqua Terra (old Innsbruck /sporting area) has the greatest potential for seasonal uses. The old sport club area could be hiking trails and primitive camping. A few bathrooms. Old Innsbruck could be hiking trails during the summer, possibly installing a luge ramp would be nice. Wintertime, x-country skiing, snow shoeing, pond area could be ice skating. A central building with bathrooms, snack machines would be nice. I would suggest a Ranger for emergency purposes. Also rental equipment would be great.

We definitely need to make the Rivers more usable for boating, kayaking, at cetera. I have no idea which parts of the river are safe, where boats can be put in at, and how far you can go before you will hit a dam or other barrier.

There is an avid geocaching population in Broome County. Perhaps hosting a big geocaching event would draw people to the parks

I think there has been considerable improvements through he greenways projects and I thank you for this. Good job

Keep all motorized vehicles out except at a designated parking area near the entrances.

Separate trails for bicycles and pedestrians.

Dorchester is so beautiful and could be a huge draw of people outside the area. Cabins might be the best thing. Boating and paddle Classes would also be great.

Thank you.

A Food Truck festival would be a fun event. Movies in the Park seem to be a big hit. An Art Festival or outdoor theater would be cool. A craft beer/cider/wine festival. Off-leash dog park Coordinated snowball fight sometime in the winter. ^Just some random ideas.

Please add a full playground at Dorchester

Make a better playground at Dorchester that is good for all ages and handicapped accessible. Also a splash pad. Not enough resource money is spent in northern Broome county, it's all spent in the cities. People need resources and fun things to do in rural areas too.

Love the parks, keep up the great work!

Trail around Dorchester lake would be great!

We would love to see improved playgrounds and camping open to all at Dorchester Park.

I live in Whitney Point, and would like to see the bikeway/walkway expanded, as well as camping at dorchester park.

Really would like to see a drivable road around Dorchester lake, with better launching facilities on the top of the lake (bridge area) .

Let the camp grounds stay open longer. How about winter camping.

County Government needs to fortify the Parks budget for growth and survival of the Dept for the future

Dorchester needs a playground

as far as i'm concerned they can be done away with to save the tax payers (MONEY)....

cleanliness, more employees present to render assistance and information, lighting and security so parks can be used more at night and in the months when it gets dark earlier. Parks are just not a seasonal facility, should be available more hours in the day, night and through out the year.

Offer projects to be completed by communities, associations and other clubs as well as Boy and Girl Scouts looking for opportunities to excel.

Thank u for asking and for having these great areas

You never cared before, don't both me now with any type of media. I think I can speak for most of my veterans too. Here's a suggestion: All of those 100 dollar bills you want to spend, find a homeless veteran and give him some of those 100 dollar bills.

Make people clean up after themselves, mostly for pavilions as well stop damaging pavilions and park equipment. Add cameras.

I use to frequent a few county parks in the past but recently haven't been able to due to work. Every time I spent at a county park I felt safe and enjoyed the surrounding nature. My recommendation would be to just ensure the paved trails are smooth and free of pot holes and/or obstructions.

I enjoy the parks when I visit them. We like to get away from the populated areas and enjoy the natural aspects of a park. Camping, fishing, quietness, and natural beauty.

The back access road (Kiebel Road) to Dorchester Park needs to have the holes filled in. It has gotten so bad and is not good to take your vehicle on anymore.

Nothing else.

The parks are an important benefit to living in Broome County. I have lived elsewhere and I know how rare and valuable they are. I am proud to live in a county with parks the quality of our parks.

Dorchester is a beautiful park and is an asset for Northern Broome.

Please seriously consider dredging of rivers and streams, in and out side the parks. Also, encourage more groups of young people, scouts, and others to participate in clean up more often than on Earth day...

A splash pad would be awesome!!

More parents being involved not only when theres free give away

I have short hiking trails on my own property and enjoy them, especially for children. But know very little about Broome Cty Parks. They are not advocated enough and are passed by my many. More PARK Campaigns would be good [as was this survey].

Adding in an ice rink at Grippen park. Loved going to skate and play hockey there as a kid. When our elementary school (CFJ) would have open skate nights, I would always attend and that was a lot of fun. Having a rink right in Endicott, is something a lot of people in the hockey community here miss.

Enjoyed the parks

Thanks for asking about Broome County Parks. They're one of the best features of Broome County.

Exercise classes would be great, especially yoga and meditation. Thanks for this opportunity to express one's input.

Keep up the good work!

No!

There should be more effective promotion on the amenities of each park. I would love to see more user-friendly river access sites along both the Susquehanna River and the Chenango River.

I prefer areas that are not overcrowded.

Its nice to be able to walk in nature without a lot of people or noise around.

Not sure how, but people who use the facilities need to clean up after themselves (& their dogs).

I've heard of several cases where cars were broken into while in parking lots. This needs to be addressed. While walking at Otsiningo, I've noticed several park security just sitting in their vehicles & also driving while on their phones !!! Certainly they aren't doing the job they're being paid to do.

Broome county has excellent parks!!!

Upgrade facilities, good work so far

Dorchester is the best

Love the parks ... more walking trails and signage. And more parks!

No.

Thank you for providing a survey to the community. We enjoy using the parks for walking on weekends. Obviously, Hickories isn't mentioned as it's in Tioga County. However, they have a dog park located within their facility, which is a wonderful attraction. Aqua Terra is an untapped facility with a great deal of potential, too.

The life guards at Greenwood Park were overly stern about the rule that street clothes may not be worn in the water. Many people wear T shirts, particularly children, to prevent sunburn. I think T shirts should be allowed.

As a citizen, I feel it's important to strike a balance between the development of our local parks and the conservation of the natural resources they protect. This is no easy feat and I wish you the best of luck and look forward to seeing the results.

Not enough activities for seniors over 70.

Contact by text?

Continued geese population control at Otsiningo Park.

Goose droppings at Otsiningo park should be addressed. Otherwise nice parks and like the 'local' BC comics characters used in some park signage. It's a nice touch!

We need an off leash Dog Park in Vestal.

ice skating!

Just an update on Bagasi...it's an undeveloped gem that is used from people throughout the state ... it's a poor reflection of our area

Allow hunting

I have said this a few times, but primitive dispersed camping would open up huge opportunities for hikers in the Southern Tier.

We enjoy using the parks as a family when we have the opportunity. I feel that it would be beneficial to take advantage of the public and get more volunteers to maintain parks and increase landscape to keep Binghamton beautiful. There are more people out there willing to volunteer that just need to be reached out to.

Make sure you have rangers to keep the druggies out. That's the biggest problem I see with Broome County. The welfare and drug population prohibits my family from enjoying the County.

I think that anything that we can do to encourage people/children to get outside into nature we should do. It's the only nature interaction so many children get.

Upper Lisle was a great place to camp & boat.....you could pull your boat right up to your tent. I realize flooding was a big issue, however, perhaps more flood-resistant options could be explored SO THAT IT COULD BE RE-OPENED!!!! A small per- night camping fee is not unreasonable. Patrol it with Dorchester /Co security as it used to be.....it was A GREAT PLACE!!!!!!

I enjoy Dorchester park a lot I live in the area some people would like to see some camping spots open at least on the backside on of the lake. This summer it was hard to rent a pavilion the three they have were booked up, think it would be nice to see 1 or 2 more added to the park !

Higher visibility of security needed.

The county really needs to do something about the geese. They are most annoying and can be aggressive. Personally, I'm tired of dodging goose poop all over the paved walkways and fields. It's a menacing situation.

BC Parks are one of the greatest assets of this area. The County needs to spend their money to maintain what is there not add a bunch of bells and whistles.

All the parks should have a disk golf course set up, its about \$1500 for the chains for 9 holes which could be used for several holes making 18 holes, Otstingo would be a great start.

24 hour access to the federal water through Dorchester park boat launch. Clean-up and re-development of the upper Lisle camp ground including additional parking and boat launch access to the river.

Increase awareness on cars speed especially at Otsiningo..they use it as a race track..as the road is set up so ...keep the speed bumps as long as possible. More security checks at all parks

I tend to use the parks that are closer more often. For example, I use Otsiningo quite often because of how close it is. When I get out of work it is too far to go to Dorchester, Greenwood, etc so they get left to the weekend. Also, in your survey I often could have picked more than 3 items. Sometimes I could have picked every one. I would love to be able to enjoy the closer parks after work in the early spring, late fall, and possibly the winter but this would require lighting of the walking trails.

nothing to add, thanks for the opportunity

No

nope..... the parks run well now. I am in my 60's and slowing down, I enjoy the peace and quiet while walking daily at Otsinango.

I want to see more equipment to get kids active and moving. Rock walls, bike rentals, skate parks, etc ... Maybe some plus size adult stuff as well, like swings and rock walls.

It would be nice to have tours of each park on occasion to let people know everything that's offered. Also more of a social media presence and videos of parks and everything they have to offer.

Please consider sprinklers at Otsiningo. That is the only reason i take my grandchildren to jc park instead. Too hot for the kids to play without the water sprinlers!! Also an enclosed doggie leash free part of the park would be AWESOME at Otsiningo park

none

Many people are not even aware of the parks in this vicinity. Definitely need better public relations focusing on the parks and how to reach them and that they are not just for campers.

Restrooms updating

more friendly

get involved with Town of Union development of floodplain below Argonne Street/River Road... Speed things up. Would be great to see something there sooner rather than later.

Are our parks that are homes to our Carousels included in this plan? If so, the GWJ Park on Oak Hill Ave. in Endicott needs much attention! Clean bathrooms, soap, paper towels and water fountains are a necessity, along with regular garbage pick-up. NONE of these conditions were met this past summer at this park. Unacceptable, especially since our 'Summer in the Park' program met there everyday.

I think It would be wonderful to have a DOG PARK area.

Another garbage can at otsiningo north -the space between the sport field garbage can and the next garbage can is too far, I feel.

None

I think Broome County Parks are GREAT, and hope they continue to improve!

Consider fencing in playgrounds to make it easier to monitor children.

Disc Golf courses and not charging for snow shoeing at Greenwood park

Please see my previous comment on the bathroom facilities at otsaningo park. Thanks!

A park for people to fly drones, because I don't want them in my backyard. Also consider a place for people to set off fireworks. I and other people don't want our houses burned down when they set them off on our street! Firecrackers is one thing, but the airborne stuff is scary!

To provide a safe family park.

I truly appreciate the efforts of park staff and volunteers. It is important to recognize their value. But in terms of plan going forward, more than anything working on maintaining a clean environment is most important for community members to get the most out of the parks. Thank you.

Not at this time~

Could you incorporate solar power as an energy source in a park? Could a bus give a free ride at scheduled times to select parks on a well publicized day and well publicized bus stops. Do 'Newcomers' kits include a brochure about county parks?

Promote natural hiking trails. Ski trails. Dog friendly. Primitive camping.

None

I like that the parks are free.

Keep up the good work!

communicating with the public in general here is almost impossible as we effectively have no local newspaper, and local tv news seldom mentions an up-coming event , only mentioning things after the fact....phone and internet alerts or messages are ok, however thye can clog the flow of usual information..... best way for anyone to communicate with everyone in the area is to get a good local newspaper with good internet and print additions..... we reallyly have neither here....

more benches, and possibly more bathroom facilities, I personally would like to see more flowers, or flowering trees. People travel all the way to Washington DC to see the cherry trees, and many other parks have gardens which are outstanding.

No

No entrance fees at high use parks

Increase security at Greenwood Park so that noisy and unruly campers are dealt with and not allowed to ruin another family's experience. Clean up the bathrooms at Greenwood Park...they are always nasty and could use a HUGE clean up in the shower stalls and windows have same dirt and cobwebs for the past 15+ years.

I've really enjoyed discovering Dorchester Park. I boast that it is one of the cleaner more enjoyable parks in our area. I like that you can bring your own boat....some of the others don't let you and you have to rent from them, which is discouraging.

Please keep our area beautiful and preserve our wildlife as you consider improvement projects. We all need spaces to go back to nature and simplify our lives, especially children who seem to be increasingly becoming lost in their technology and losing touch with the natural world.

I think that the parks are a valuable asset to our community and county. I also think that there is a lack of awareness about the parks.

the big box stores are selling cheap kayaks like crazy.... it's only a matter of time :/

I think it might be a good idea to charge a nominal fee to attend the parks in order to keep the class of people up, and to keep people away who might otherwise abuse the park.

I believe a continuation of the Vestal rail trail to Binghamton and Owego would be very popular to both bikers (due to length) and boaters (kayakers and canoists).

please keep in mind the many of us county residents in wheelchairs, thank you. I could help with req'ts, decisions as they should legally be wheelchair accessible.

pricing of campsites should vary the pricing for length of stay and do away with reserving fees

We are an aging population, please don't forget the handicapped.

Let's ATTRACT people to our area so we don't have to spend our money in their area. (:

Can't access Cole Park boat launch on walker or wheelchair. The ground at Cole park makes mobility difficult. Chopping down tree routes or removal may not be an option but a paved trail by the playground area to the water would be great.

Any decisions made in regards with what to do with our parks should have the maximum public input possible. I would say that what ever you think is the appropriate amount double it. We should all have a say.

Please install a traffic light at Otsiningo Park to be used during the 'on' season. In the 'off' season it could be programmed as a blinker light. Very difficult to turn left to cross over the river toward Chenango St.

White water park

The County Parks have been an important part of my life since I was a child. I worked at Dorchester during college. Some of my best memories are of the parks. Otsiningo has played a key role in maintaining my health and fitness over the last decade. I have traveled to other parts of the state and the Northeast and visited various county parks. I have found none that rival our park system here in Broome County. Dorchester is still one of the most beautiful and special places in the world to me. The current state of that park is better than it has ever been. The park management is top notch there.

I have only been to Dorchester and Greenwood Parks. Both are excellent. Keep up the good works. Parks are an excellent use of taxpayers dollars

I've always imagined a rail trail or safe walkway/bike path that connects our towns and cities in the area. Although the scope of this would go beyond the parks system and there are currently projects in place, it would be wonderful to be able to travel the area by foot or bike. This would improve our sense of community and well being. Just food for thought, cheers!

My property taxes are out-of-sight now. We cannot afford to do many of the wish list items you are looking at. Partner with private businesses to provide additional recreational activities and make them user subsidized.

have a special area for pwc such as (ski-does). they need to be away from fishing boats

The life guards really should be paid more. They work hard and have specialized training to maintain. They are called upon to save lives yet are not paid very well.

We need to keep up the high standards and professionalism of the county parks by employing professionals with at least a four year degree in parks and recreation to lead the department forward. Instead we have a sneaker salesman who has a conflict of interest and who sold sneakers at the Spiedie Fest, which was co sponsored by the parks department. Broome County Parks won numerous awards in the past as one of the top facilities in the country, and sadly, now it would never be in the running. As a long time Broome County resident, whose children grew up in all these parks, this makes me very sad.

Nothing

Develop the rivers for more recreation

Parks are very important to every community. Please keep them safe and clean for all members of the community.

I like the parks mostly the way they are. My biggest issue is that we take the grand kids to the pond at Otsiningo Park to fish. We don't expect to catch any giant fish and that is ok. There are 2 problems with it though. The lily pads in the pond seem to be getting out of control. More and more of the pond is almost unfishable at this point. I am not sure about the legality of clearing some of that out but it would help. The second problem has to do with the wildlife but not the geese. There seems to be a few large turtles (maybe snapping, not sure). The little ones are cute and fun to catch and release but I worry about the damage a large one could do, we have caught a few as large as a dinner plate, worry what that might do to 7 year old's hand.

We love the parks and the fact that they are free is fantastic!

The parks are wonderful parts of our community! Please continue to support them.

Suggestion: add more security...sometimes when the parks are somewhat empty, the lack of security monitoring can discourage people from using the parks.

I don't visit as often as I like since I am not living in the area anymore, but try to get to them when I am in town

I think the natural beauty of the susquehanna river should be considered in regarding the environmental impact of industrial waste.

Our parks are a very valuable resource. I'd like to see more programs to get kids outdoors for nature learning and appreciation.

I think it's vital that parents of young children be able to exercise just as much as their children are on the park playgrounds. Adding permanently fixed equipment for adults to use next to all playgrounds would be ideal, particularly at Arnold Park.

Our parks are a great asset to our community and they help bring in millions of people together. What is it about parks that are great? Why do they bring in so many people? What do they all have in common? Nature. Parks bring nature close to people. There are huge trees with lots of birds twittering to and fro in the branches. There are lots of different plants on the ground floor right next to the walking paths. There are sounds of kids playing and people chatting about their busy day as they walk their dogs. The ponds reflect the bright blue sky and record the clouds as they pass on by. The calmness of Nature in these parks brings people in and in return, helps people be more calm inwards. Parks help people stop for a moment and just breathe. Parks feed the soul. The best thing to do for the parks is to bring in more nature, to let people experience more calm and more peaceful surroundings. You can do this by creating edible landscapes. These are places where people can go and feed their tummies as well as their soul. An edible garden can be as simple or as complex as you want it. It can be as simple as planting a few perennial herbs and some strawberries. There are fruit trees, perennial vegetables, herbs, tubers that produce beautiful plants all mixed in with pollinators and plants that help the soil. The possibilities are endless with edible landscapes. Having edible plants around brings people together. A few towns that have introduced edibles to their parks are using that food for food pantries. They come together and harvest the edibles. Then they donate it to the food pantries in the area. This is a free source of food that could go to the homeless or those who have fallen on hard times. How great would it be to offer a fresh apple to a six year old whose family doesn't have enough money to buy fresh produce? Having a food forest doesn't stop at helping humans. It helps the other creatures as well. With more diversity brings more creatures. Honey bees have more flowers to visit. Squirrels have more nuts to store. The animals have more food. Some would say that making an edible landscape takes money and time. That is true but again, it's however big or small you want it. The bigger the space and the faster it goes in, the bill and time are going to be high. However, there are ways to cut down on costs and labor. Plants can be divided, propagated, and grafted from already established plants that are donated or brought from another park. Seeds would be the next cheapest option for ground plants. If money wasn't an issue, planting already established plants would be the best option. However, most of us, money is an issue and if we use our resources appropriately, we can make something truly great without an arm and a leg. Others would say that having edibles, especially fruit trees, around makes a mess. The apples fall off and lay on the ground to rot and get eaten by insects. I say, yes it does. That is Mother Nature's way with everything. Deciduous trees lose their leaves in the fall. Nut trees are skirted with nuts in the fall. Plants die back every year. This is Her time to coat the earth with a blanket before the snow comes. I would strongly recommend leaving the apples on the ground if they fall. However, if it is offensive to people to have rotting apples on the ground, another option could be to make apple cider vinegar from the apples that fall on the ground. Parks often have

tucked in spots that not a lot of people visit. Why not make these areas edible where the occasional visitor can pluck a bean right off the vine or apples can be harvested every fall to be donated to food pantries? Our parks are a beautiful nod towards nature and all it has to offer. Why don't we make it a full hug with nature and instill edible landscapes in our parks?

I am very thankful and proud for our county parks. We love taking visitors to them and our children grew up going to them. Thank you for providing them. Each one is unique from the other.

County Parks are an important quality of life item. Continue to fund the parks.

a Tax Payer, Mother, Middle School Teacher, and Citizen, I am deeply concerned about the safety of our local parks (illegal activities and health associated risks due to ticks), especially at more remote ones like Aqua Terra. I am an environmentalist and do wildlife photography as a hobby so I do not promote development of land in this area. People need to learn how undeveloped land has inherent beauty and developing it destroys this. Land doesn't need to be developed to be used, respected, and appreciated. In fact, developing it drives out native species, destroys native plants, and creates fragmentation of forests which leads to even higher tick populations. Let's leave the fewer and fewer untouched pieces of nature untouched. If you must develop land, work on the already developed places and clean them up- like Otsiningo and Grippen parks. Thank you for creating this survey and for listening to input. It is greatly appreciated.

Just got me wondering what other parks outside of Broome County ~ what do they offer that you don't. Guess I will search the internet to find out.

Park are an important part of the community, keep them open and safe for all to enjoy!

Broome County Parks are a pure gem. They should be strongly promoted luring visitors to our area and should be used to recruit economic development.

Please continue to provide these opportunities for our community and families.

Need more information on how to find some of these park like Aqua terra. Also need to make parks more accessible to downtown residents such as buses or trolley then you would have more people enjoying the park that generally do not get to go to it. Also have tables at events downtown or the University telling people about all these parks or go to the elementary and middle schools during parent nights great way to access parents and send flyers home. Have special events at different parks the only events I know occur at Otsiningo park.

Tick & lyme prevention education

Better signage at Otsiningo park on the trails. I bike there and understand the rules of keeping to the right. Walkers and dog walkers more than frequently take up the entire path. Often times dog owners allow a large lead on the leash. It is dangerous for the animal and the biker. If everyone would understand the rules just as in driving a car, people would not get so angry when you politely ring a bell and pass on the left. Also access in and out of this park is difficult due to traffic during busy times of the day.

Many people can not go to outlying parks because they don't have cars.... How about a weekly shuttle bus? Our county has the most wonderful park system. Thank you for all you do.

Please allow 'Nature' to use our natural resources while allowing the public to enjoy alongside. Conserve, preserve, minimalistic disturbance.

Broome County is known for the variety of parks it has. The important thing you can do in your plan is to make sure that all parks are equally supported. The beauty of the parks is that there are many and located throughout Broome County. This allows the citizens of the county to have access to parks. The natural environment is more important now then ever for our young citizens. I live close to Round Top Park, and walk it daily. I want to thank you for changing the schedule and how it is maintained. Prior to this year (the past 3 years in particular) Round Top was not maintained, barely mowed, tree branches not picked up, trash overflowing and trails not maintained. I noticed a difference this year. I met the gentleman that you hired to maintain the park (a retired park employee). This is the kind of creative solution that I want to see in your plan. Brilliant idea- prior to this the staff from Otsiningo maintained the park- or should I say was assigned to Round Top-- they didn't care to really maintain it and it was going down hill. This year there was a noticeable difference. Someone cared- other than myself and the other people that use the park. Every park is important in the system. Every park is a gem. I want your plan to think about all parks. Does the parks still have a tree crew? When I worked for the parks many years ago the crew circulated around to the parks taking care of them, trimming, removing dead trees, clearing trails. I haven't seen any crew at Round Top in years. Parks need to be maintained... Some haven't been reviewed for current use in years. Round Top's garbage cans haven't been maintained. Many are located in areas that aren't used anymore. Again... current use. I think you should create a group of users from each park to meet and discuss current use and how the parks can maintain, upgrade and improve upon that current use. I would be interested in being a member of such group for Round Top. This group could help identify issues, concerns and ideas for making it better. Thanks for having this survey- I'm glad you are asking the citizens and users of the parks for their input-- it is important to do so. Good luck

The stop sign at the bottom of Round Top needs to be replaced. Cars come down the hill quite fast.

I love the opportunities for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing at Greenwood. The staff is always super friendly and helpful!

Please communicate frequently. Appreciate you offering this survey. I would also love to see paths connecting county parks with each other, eventually. Other communities have this.

Great park system!!

I think we have two pretty decent rivers that I feel we don't use enough, well, at all. There should be river activities the county could be in charge of. Big decks overlooking the river would be amazing! Scenic areas to gather. It will bring a sense of community while tying using the rivers that are arteries of this count, creating a great local experience. There should be a great park utilizing one of the rivers for recreation. Also, I long for an amazing park in the south side that's not too far away. Just where the houses end & the forest begins. A lot of folks would be able to visit more frequently, if they walk or bike. Also, I was thinking maybe the county could have a Park that's centrally located in the Triple Cities Area, geared towards groups & community. Like, purely a facility that has eight or ten indoor rooms available for rent & several man-made or natural outdoor secluded meeting spaces. Think of it like the dustpan for Broome, the place where everybody collects (goes to rent a private, indoor room to hold meetings of all kinds). Just a few ideas, thank you for reading!

Marked trails at Aqua-Terrace

Aqua Terra needs better trail markers and maps. Put accurate trail maps on the Broome County Parks website.

Zip lines, bike trails, outdoor programs!

I would like to volunteer to help, but I am a 73 year-old widow who has difficulty getting out for long periods of time. Perhaps people like me can help from home on our computers.

Other municipalities I've visited have extensive bike trails/greenways. It would be great if Broome County had something similar, especially one that would stretch from Endicott to Binghamton, or from Round Top to Otsiningo Park.

No, this survey is very thorough.

The geese seem to be a problem at the parks and feel that makes them unclean.

The playgrounds at a lot of the schools are really a poor fit for families with children of all ages. If you look at a lot of playgrounds in areas outside of Broome County, there's a ton of interactive ones and there's companies that work with the community to build them (keeping the cost affordable and the community invested). The splash park in Johnson City is always well attended (even crowded on hot days) and would be a wonderful addition to the County Parks. Check out <http://pbdplaygrounds.com/> They make accessible playgrounds all over the country (we've even been to one in Pensacola they made that totally ROCKS!). Combine a splash park with an accessible playground and I can guarantee you'll have people flocking to the county parks!

I visit Cole Park almost every wknd all year. I really don't visit the other parks mainly because it takes me 10 min. to Cole. Really happy with every thing kept as is. I can't say enough about how the maintenance staff keeps the park.

I met a park employee recently who mentioned the idea of an ice skating rink at Otsiningo in the winter - I absolutely love that idea. We have such long and cold winters here, it would be a nice way for the community to come together and have some outdoor recreation in the wintertime. A lot of other communities have similar programs. You could rent skates and have food trucks selling hot chocolate, etc. Other than that, I like the fact that the parks I go to most (Otsiningo and Aqua-Terra) are dog-friendly and I would encourage you to keep the parks that way. An off-leash dog park or even dog beach along a calm section of the river would be pretty awesome too. Thanks for all of your hard work!

Parks are at or near the top of the list for reasons to live, work, and raise a family in the Southern Tier. Our parks are second to none. Free access to county parks is a valuable asset for residents and needs to be maintained. We don't live in walking distance to Otsiningo Park, but we hope the pedestrian bridge over the highway remains and is upgraded along with the highway reconstruction. Critical for safe park access for Sunrise Terrace families and SUNY Broome students. County should advocate for that with the State.

Everything is pretty good so far, besides the goose poop. I like that there is no entrance fee. Most are open dawn to dusk. Very safe.

At Greenwood Park, it is a dead zone for cell phones. Getting a signal is very spotty. We camp there and I sometimes feel unsafe without phone access in the camping area. I would suggest either a Wi-Fi or signal booster for the area.

In a world where cellphones are the main source of contact and payphone nonexistent, the ability to be in contact with our elderly parents or ill family members while trying to enjoy all that our parks have to offer to help with stress relief is paramount. Cellphone

amplifiers installed throughout the parks possibly attached to several lamp posts around the park and in each camping circle might be a solution.

As someone who lived very close to a county Park, it was very beneficial that there is no parking fee. I was more likely to visit the park. I would like to see this continued. There also needs to be more camping opportunities.

Wish there was camping at Dorchester Park

Cleanliness and more cleanliness!

My suggestion is to transfer expenses from printed matter to making it all available to potential users on the internet. Then all that money can be utilized on the parks themselves. Minimize expenses on everything that takes away from the parks themselves.

More dog activities and trails

Please ban smoking and vaping and enforce it.

Telescopes at Round top

Start with the priorities that are the least costly and go from there. Focus on keeping parks family friendly.

Yes, please, please, please, please construct a dog park to mirror (at a minimum) the one at Hickories Park in Tioga County. I live in vestal, pay high taxes and have to drive all the way to Owego just to enjoy this feature with my dog and many other dog friendly patrons and canines. There should be a few rules, you can offer a yearly membership like Hickories Dog Park, I pay \$10.00 a year for membership and they keep me updated on park events for dogs and regulations. Dogs should be older than six months, treats should be left in cars, and all dogs should be neutered, rabies shots and registered with town. And of course doggie bags supplied for droppings. Pleeeaaaaassee create the best dog park anywhere.....

At aqua terra maybe put a couple of garbage cans so kids don't just leave it there and if people aren't supposed to camp out like they do there please keep an eye on that they make fire pits and then leave all their beer bottles when they leave and then me or someone else has to clean it up, thank you

Snack shacks should be at every park facility, not just cole park. I work at one of the other parks and people always ask me if they sell icecream, worms, or water. If I would improve something, this would be the first step! Also maybe have movie nights more

often. A lot of people liked them. And introduce a concert series to all of the parks to get more people to go out and explore all of Broome County not just Otsiningo.

I would like to see more activities / events for people and their dogs.

Perhaps employ youth/others for part time beautification projects (youth employment funding/grants?) - along with the typical teen lifeguards and those needed to run mowers, etc. Some projects could include disadvantaged youth that otherwise may not be chosen for this sort of work.

The hiking trails at Hawkins Pond need help - there are quite a few trees and branches down.

Our Parks are a jewel in our area. You should reach out to the user groups and seek their input and support for future initiatives. C. V. State Park has a huge mountain bike trail system developed almost solely by the local mountain biking community. If you provide the venue and some materials, you will be amazed at the volunteer effort you can get.

Clean up hawking pond !

I have noticed an improvement in our parks and I am sad that not many people take advantage of what we have. I really think more advertisement and more activities in the parks would be great.. You can invite vendors for a weekend just to get more to see it for the first time perhaps.

I'm concerned about deer ticks.

Snack bar of food resource.

Dorchester Park is a great place To take your kids, however I feel there could be a little more things for kids to do, a splash pad would be great for the park. It saves us parents a 25 minute drive to jc park.

A friend was fishing at Ousting Park and was told he could not fish in the river there by a park officer. I fish there all the time, and it is legal to access a public fishing stream from public lands and the officers and park staff should know that.

Its like on day I was riding through Binghamton and police officer told me to get out of the road, I'm 61 and have been riding since age 4, a police officer should know that bicycles have the same rights as cars on the road and it is in fact against the law to ride on the sidewalks, so here is a cop who was telling me to break the law??? Police should also know some of the basic laws since they are sworn to uphold them.

Athletic fields are not maintained for community programs (grass is too long, no lines and excessive amount of goose droppings).

At least some parks, nature is the main reason to go. Natural resources, habitat, nature itself is as important as outdoor sports/activities. Facilitating activities, outdoor sports, large events etc. are good, but not in all areas of all parks and/or in all parks. It's unfortunate that many people only enjoy the outdoors with an excuse of some outdoor sport; enjoying nature for the sake of nature is legitimate and healthy.

The addition of plenty of swinging ADULT benches would be wonderful. Every park that we have been to that has them is a special treat for sore knees and taking the time to enjoy a view when on a long walk for more mature adults. Children have their playgrounds with swings to enjoy, more mature adults also like to swing gently in a park setting.

The parks are a valuable asset for the county, not only as an attraction for potential industries, but also to engender an appreciation of the outdoors. Modern life does not lend itself to understanding the cycle of nature, though our very health depends on understanding and protecting our environment. The parks are perhaps the best way of fostering that awareness. Also, when my family comes to visit, the 10 of us make multiple trips to Cole and Hawkins, both of which are highlights of their visit for hiking and swimming.

Keep the planning process open and transparent

No

My age is 88 which influences my responses to this survey.

Beautiful parks.

The Twin Rivers Greenway signage needs to be installed along the rivers from Owego to Chenango Bridge or Port Crane.

Broome County should promote its natural resources and parks as a way to attract visitors, and retirees (e.g. target those from downstate) looking for an affordable place to live with great amenities.

free access via bus transportation for low income families

I love love love all the mountain biking and hiking trails in Broome County. It's a big reason I want to stay in the area. I think allowing more enduro mountain bike races in the area would be a great way to encourage more recent college grads to stay in the area to further develop our economy.

The county seems to have abandoned Hawkins Pond Park. The northern quarter of the park was sold off to a private individual without any public notice. Why did the county not acquire new park land with the proceeds from the sale? The rest rooms are locked. The portable toilet has been removed. The trails have not been maintained in decades. Of the three pond observation benches damaged in the flood of 2006, two are gone and the third is about to fall over.

Greenways, safe cycling opportunities, mountain bike trails, trail access and information more mountain bike trails.

D. Demographic Data

Year	Total	Change	Percent Change
1990	212,160	---	---
2000	200,536	-11,624	-5%
2010	200,600	64	0%
2016	197,381	-3,219	-2%
2017	196,124	-1,257	-1%

Decennial Census, 2016-2017 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Households and Families	Estimate	Percent
Total households	82,167	100%
Family households	48,646	59%
One-parent families	13,729	28%
Nonfamily households	33,521	40%
Households with children under 18 years	21,969	27%
Families with children under 18 years	19,875	41%
Households with people 60 years and over	23,318	28%
Average household size	2.32	NA
Average family size	2.92	NA

2010 Decennial Census

Age Group	Number	Percent
Total Population	200,600	100%
Under 9	21,237	11%
10 to 17	19,322	10%
18 to 24	26,065	13%
25 to 54	75,931	38%
55 +	61,710	29%

2010 Decennial Census

Race/Ethnicity	Total	Percent
Total	200,600	100%
White alone	176,444	88%
Black or African American alone	9,614	5%
Asian alone	7,065	4%
Other	7,477	4%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	396	5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	82	1%
Some other race alone	1,912	26%
Two or more races	5,087	68%
Not Hispanic or Latino:	193,822	97%
Hispanic or Latino	6,778	3%

2010 Decennial Census Data

Language	Estimate	Percent
Population 5 years and over	185,876	100%
Speak only English	168,259	91%
Speak a language other than English	17,617	9%

2017 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Income	Estimate
Median household	\$49,064
Per capita	\$26,790

2017 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Disability Status	Estimate	Percent
Total Population	196,124	100%
Noninstitutionalized Civilians	193,241	99%
With a disability	29,754	15%
Hearing difficulty	8,014	4%
Vision difficulty	4,579	2%
Cognitive difficulty	12,151	6%
Ambulatory difficulty	14,153	7%
Self-care difficulty	5,521	3%
Independent living difficulty	10,520	5%

2017 ACS 5-Year Estimates

E. January 11, 2018 EMC Public Input Workshop

Strengths

WATER INTERESTS

1. Water access
2. Water resources
3. Lakes
4. Beach
5. Sailing at Dorchester
6. Boating
7. Boat launches
8. Boat rentals
9. Boat rentals
10. Nice boating opportunities
11. Boat ramp to river at Grippen
12. Fishing
13. Fishing
14. Fishing
15. Swimming
16. Swimming
17. Swimming lap lanes

CONVENIENCE

1. Free
2. Free
3. Free admission
4. Free admission/parking
5. Good parking
6. Parking
7. Adequate parking
8. Accessible
9. Accessible
10. Accessibility
11. Online camping/picnic rentals
12. Social media presence
13. Diversity of locations
14. Spread out

FACILITIES & APPEARANCE

1. Parks look good- mowed, cleaned, restrooms are clean
2. Beautiful and clean
3. Clean
4. Cleanliness
5. Maintenance
6. Well-maintained
7. Friendly & dedicated parks staff
8. Picnic pavilions
9. Dorchester's new pavilion is good
10. Pavilions
11. Picnic areas
12. Picnic facilities
13. Refreshment stands

CULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

1. Arts events
2. History
3. Diversity
4. Relaxation
5. Beautiful/rustic
6. Nature/Environment
7. Wildlife and habitat
8. Natural habitats
9. Diversity of wildlife
10. Tree cover
11. Aqua-Terra good not developed very natural and quiet, birds
12. Roundtop- nice views picnic area

RUN, HIKE, BIKE

1. Walking paths/trails
2. Hiking/walking trails
3. Nice hiking trails
4. Running
5. Biking
6. Cycling
7. Mountain Biking
8. Some have nice bike trails
9. Aqua-Terra mountain bike trails
10. BMX racing
11. Grippen BMX course

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

1. Ballfields
2. Lots of volleyball courts
3. Multiple sports
4. Triathlons
5. Crappie derby
6. Walks for fundraisers
7. Scouts
8. Finch Hollow school programs
9. Youth leagues

APPEALS TO VARIETY OF USERS

1. Many diverse parks
2. Diverse activities
3. Diversity of uses
4. Good for a lot of different interests- boating, hiking, walking, biking; different parks have different uses
5. On-going activities all season
6. Otsiningo-good for walking, biking, gardens, skiing, widened trails, well-kept-new fields
7. Diversity of people

AGE-FRIENDLY

1. Kid-friendly
2. Kids stuff- playgrounds
3. Senior supports

OTHER

1. Think out of the box
2. They exist

Threats**IMPROVE EXISTING**

1. No river access
2. Hard to put sail boat in/out at Dorchester with new metal pier
3. Bike lanes could have more loops
4. Swim area too small and not deep enough, no lap lanes
5. Grippen needs help without ice rink; fix trail around park, connect to Round Top and Chugnut
6. Fix/repair Warren Anderson Trail on far side of Dorchester, fix it through Upper Lisle
7. Need creek crossing at Aqua Terra
8. Lack of parks in Windsor and Eastern Broome
9. Need more benches or trails
10. Modern amenities
11. ADA beach areas
12. Concessions at all parks
13. Lack of refreshment stands
14. Need separate trails- people walking/hiking, bicycles, ATVs

15. No heated indoor BMX
16. Not enough signage at Aqua Terra
17. Porta-potties or bathrooms on major long trails like at Otsiningo
18. Lack of signage going to, and at parks
19. More cookout grills
20. No cell services at Aqua Terra
21. Underutilized waterways
22. Geographic Diversity

MAINTENANCE

1. Be consistent with maintenance on all parks
2. Deteriorated lap lane ropes
3. Poorly maintained, undeveloped trails at Aqua Terra Park
4. Hiking and trails signage not maintained
5. Facility maintenance “looks tired”
6. Improved roads/pavement
7. Water drained & fish died
8. Canadian geese
9. Too many geese
10. Geese poop
11. Tree bugs infestation
12. Invasive plants (Japanese knotweed)
13. Invasive species (Japanese knotweed)
14. Obstructed views at Round Top
15. Tree trimming on all
16. Bathrooms outdated
17. Public restrooms
18. Dirty restrooms with no hot water
19. More maps- always out at boxes

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. No recreational fishing in some parks
2. Use of private boats on lakes prohibited
3. No large motorized boats at Dorchester
4. Enforce speed limit at Otsiningo
5. Unleashed dog walkers
6. Enforce boat trailer lot parking- make separate kayak/paddle boat
7. More speed enforcement
8. Rule enforcement
9. Over-regulation at swimming areas
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11. Are local emergency services familiar with the layout of the parks- especially Aqua Terra

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ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Not enough educational programs
2. Poor environmental education & interpretation
3. Terrible promotion/publicity
4. Lack of promotion of parks/activities
5. Budget resources
6. Staffing levels
7. More advertising
8. Recycling minimal

NEW IDEAS

1. No disc golf
2. Lighting
3. Wi-fi
4. No publicly-owned ice rink, lack of ice skating
5. No RV park with full hook-ups or dump site
6. No camping at Dorchester
7. Miss farmers market at park

IMPROPER USAGE

1. Litter from visitors
2. ATVs in Aqua-Terra ruined trails
3. Dirt bikes and four-wheelers at Aqua Terra
4. Motorized vehicles at Aqua Terra
5. Vandalism at Aqua Terra

Opportunities**TRAILS & CONNECTORS**

1. More hiking trails
2. Greater hiking opportunities
3. Hawkins Pond lake loop trail- all around lake
4. Diversity corridors links or greenways needed between parks
5. Mountain biking at Aqua Terra
6. Connect Grippen to Chugnut Trail
7. Wayfinding signs from major routes
8. Trail signage at Aqua Terra
9. Trail kiosk at Aqua Terra
10. Designated paved (road) biking trails
11. Pump track at Otsiningo
12. Greenway trail system tie-in
13. More ski trails
14. Finish Dorchester Loop Trail
15. Trails and connections to local parks
16. More bike trials and loops
17. Mountain biking trails that are environmentally sustainable and accessible to riders at a variety of skill levels
18. Mountain biking
19. Connect everything: walkable/bikeable

NEW FACILITIES

1. Multiple disc golf courses (champion level)
2. Mountain bike cycle-cross
3. Indoor multi-sports domes needed
4. Indoor BMX track
5. Zipline
6. Rock climbing wall
7. Beer gardens
8. Lap lanes in Greenwood
9. Dog parks
10. Re-open Upper Lisle
11. Better athletic fields to host large tournaments
12. More camping areas
13. More campsites
- 14. Camping at Dorchester**

NEW AMENITIES

1. More picnic tables at Aqua Terra
2. More bathrooms at Hawkins Pond
3. Signage at Upper Lisle
4. Aqua Terra- fix or add bridge at dam outlet so you can cross without getting feet wet
5. Warm showers
6. Pet disposal areas
7. Bridge over creek at Aqua Terra
8. Nice heated accessible restrooms at all parks
9. Develop Aqua Terra more like Cole or Dorchester
10. Eating and drink concessions in developed parks
11. Concessions
12. Cellphone service

NEW PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

1. More race opportunities: triathlons, mountain bike, adventure racing
2. Camping at Dorchester
3. Sports & recreation lessons (snowboarding, paddling, etc.)
4. Guided tours, lessons, skills (outdoors)
5. Increased nature education programs
6. Cross-promotion with Zoo at Ross Park
7. NY Path Through History cross-promotion
8. Sponsorship similar to Adopt a Park like Adopt a Highway program
9. Rental bikes
10. Bike rentals

WATER RECREATION

1. More recreational boating facilities
2. Nice boat ramp to Susquehanna from Otsiningo with ample parking for boat trailers
3. More Susquehanna/Chenango boat trailers
4. Open boating to over 10 mph boats
5. Canoe routes mapped
6. River boat rentals- kayak/canoe
7. More parks and boat ramps
8. Docks to put boats in and out of river
9. White water course
10. More fish for recreational fishing

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE & SOLAR

1. Solar on buildings
2. Solar panels on all buildings in each park
3. Wetland creation
4. Permeable pavements
5. Green infrastructure
6. Composting toilets
7. Solar lighted parks for nighttime use

EVENTS

1. Large-scale events like Spiedie Fest
2. Larger quality music events
3. More community events like Harvest Festival
4. Relocate Spiedie Fest to safer location

F. Environmental Resources-Migratory Birds Resources

- Black billed cuckoo: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black-billed_cuckoo
- Black capped chickadee: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black-capped_chickadee
- Bobolink: <http://vt.audubon.org/conservation/bobolink-project>
- Canada Warbler: <https://www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/canada-warbler>
- Golden Eagle: <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/species-and-habitats/species-guide-index/birds/golden-eagle>
- Cerulean Warbler: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/pa/programs/farmbill/rcpp/?cid=nrcseprd888823>
- Kentucky Warbler: <https://feederwatch.org/community/participant-photo/kentucky-warbler/>
- Northern Saw-Whet Owl: <https://www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/northern-saw-whet-owl>
- Prairie Warbler: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prairie_warbler
- Rusty Blackbird: <https://www.audubon.org/news/why-you-should-start-searching-rusty-blackbirds>
- Wood Thrush: <https://www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/wood-thrush>
- Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker: https://nationalzoo.si.edu/scbi/migratorybirds/featured_photo/bird.cfm?pix=yellow-bellied_sapsucker