



# **BROOME COUNTY**

## **PARKS, RECREATION & YOUTH SERVICES**



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# BROOME COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION







## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Broome County Parks, Recreation and Youth Services Department is to develop, operate and maintain a comprehensive park system as well as provide diverse year-round leisure activities, recreational facilities and programs that enhances the quality of life for Broome County Residents and visitors alike, and preserves it for future generations.

Our Vision is to provide recreational, physical, and leisure opportunities to all Broome County residents, with a focus on families, youth development, and building a healthy community.

This will be accomplished by:

-  Creating passive and active opportunities for leisure, promoting recreational activities and events
-  Hosting special events in Broome County Parks and supporting outside events that occur, as well as promoting area-wide tourism
-  Promoting health and wellness through recreation
-  Serving as "stewards of the environment." Promoting environmental awareness and encouraging protecting, preserving, and restoring significant natural areas

# Parks, Recreation & Youth Services

## Director of Parks, Recreation & Youth Services

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- **Grants**
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- Gun Violence Prevention

## INTRODUCTION

The Broome County Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Services is pleased to present its 2024 Annual Report. We are extremely proud of our department's passion to maintain a comprehensive park system as well as provide diverse year-round leisure activities, recreational facilities and programs that enhance the quality of life for Broome County residents and visitors alike and preserve it for future generations.

Our facilities, encompassing over 2,000 acres, include regional parks, a nature and wilderness area, group and family campgrounds, and a softball complex. The hard work, dedication, and vision of our staff have enabled us to effectively develop and maintain these facilities, and to provide a consistently high level of service.

In 2024, the department distributed over \$500,000 in NYS OCFS Youth Bureau funding to twenty-six youth programs in Broome County. These programs range from recreational programs to summer camps, afterschool programs, to run away and homeless case work. Broome County was awarded \$69,198 in Youth Sports Education Funding for programs to provide a variety of youth structured sports activities in under-resourced communities. Along with \$92,798 for local Youth Team Sports. In addition, the department has distributed over \$49,359 in ZBGA grants to Cornell Cooperative Extension for Nature Based Education Programs and over \$44,148 in grants for Broome County Snowmobile Clubs to help maintain the many miles of snowmobile trails that run through Broome County.

2024 has been a transitional year for the Department – the official opening of Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park brought thousands of players and families to the area, spurring economic development and generating revenue for Broome County. Grippen Park renovations are well underway, and we are looking forward to a Grand Opening in early 2025. The addition of these new facilities has required that Parks Staff be cooperative and creative, and they have risen to the occasion!

The Broome County Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Services thanks Broome County's elected officials, staff, and employees, as well as its residents, for their support in 2024. Their belief in the integral role of a comprehensive parks and recreation program in the life of a vibrant, forward-looking community, and commitment to our county's youth has been, and will continue to be, indispensable to our department's success.



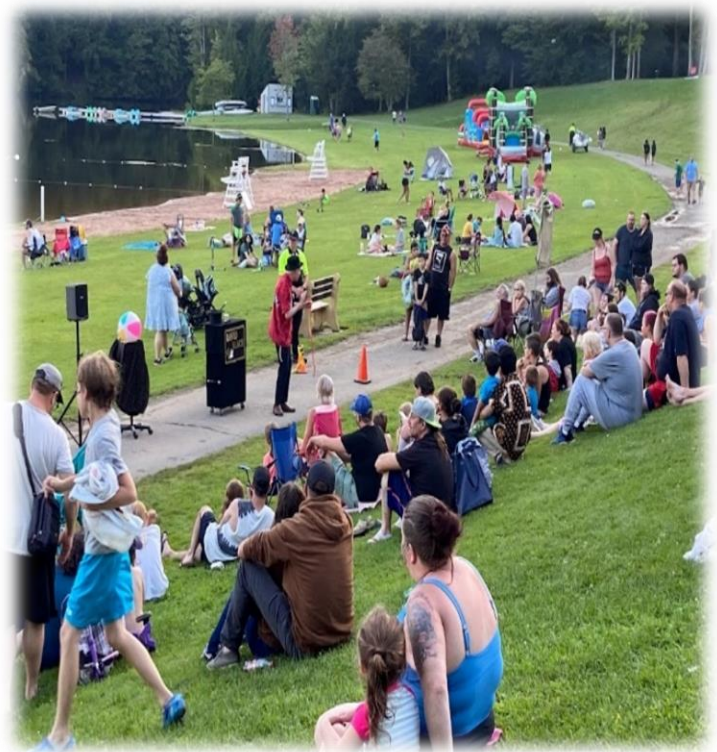
## SPECIAL EVENTS

Broome County Parks and Recreation hosts numerous special events throughout the year run by local non-profits and organizations; these include walks, runs, car shows, benefits, fishing events, music festivals, and athletic tournaments.

Each of these special events require comprehensive coordination with administrative and park staff. Special events require detailed maps, traffic control, food, and liquor licenses as well as coordination with other county departments agencies, including but not limited to, Broome County Executive's Office, Office of Emergency Services, Broome County Security, Broome County Risk and Insurance, Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of Transportation, and local Law Enforcement. We are pleased and proud to help our non-profit community in their mission to help others.

Of special note these are the events the department sponsor or co-sponsor:

-  BC Festival of Lights
-  Broome Bands Together Concert Series
-  Broome County Beach Bash
-  Broome County Parks 5K Series
-  Broome County Parks Photo Contest
-  Broome County Parks Triathlon
-  Movies in the Park
-  Broome County Parks Scarecrow Contest & Display
-  Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally
-  Broome County Parks Trunk or Treat
-  Broome County Parks WinterFest
-  "First Day" Hikes



## 2024 SPECIAL EVENTS

### Miscellaneous

	<u>Dates</u>	<u>People</u>
Modelers of Binghamton Float F1-Cole Park	May 18 -19	40
CSEA Unit 6150-Otsiningo Park	May 19	300
The Father's Heart-Otsiningo Park	June 1	100
Pride Palooza in the Park-Otsiningo Park	June 8	1000
Holistic Health & Wellness Fair – Otsiningo	June 15	100
Broome County Triathlon—Dorchester Park	June 29	170
Equinox Broadcasting Car Show-Otsiningo Park	July 13	2000
Gigi's Playhouse Dog Show and Tell-Otsiningo Park	July 25	40
40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Spiedie Fest/Balloon Rally--Otsiningo Park	August 2-4	Varied
Achieve "Savor the Summer"	August 15	Varied
Ukrainian Pentecostal Church "Awaken" – Otsiningo Park	August 24	400
Polka Fest/Jimmy Sturr Concert – Otsiningo Park	August 25	1000
Schnauzerfest – Otsiningo Park North	August 29-31	120
BC Federation of Sportsmen's Club Kids Fishing Derby—Cole Park	September 14	150
Bonnamu by Phi Mu (BU) – Otsiningo Park	September 22	200
Binghamton LEAH Soccer Tournament—Otsiningo Park	September 28	150
Aero guidance Society Float Fly—Cole Park	September 28-29	50
Scarecrow Displays---Otsiningo Park	October 1-22	Varied
Greater Binghamton Disc Golf- Nathaniel Cole Park	October 5	25
Broome County Trunk or Treat--Otsiningo Park	October 20	3000
BC Festival of Lights-Otsiningo Park	Nov 14-Jan 5	Varied

### Walks/Runs (Otsiningo Park)

	<u>Dates</u>	<u>People</u>
Triple Cities Runners Club January Freeze Races	Jan. 6 -Feb. 3	350
Cupid Chase 5K	February 10	150
Healthy Kids Running-Otsiningo Park	April 14-May 19	750
Alive with Autism Family Walk/Fun Day	April 20	100
GiGi's Playhouse Southern Tier 5K	May 18	250
Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma	June 9	100
Meals on Wheels Western Broome 5K	August 10	100
TCRC Women's Distance Festival 5K	August 16	100
Sock Out Cancer 5K	September 8	250
Golisano Children's Hospital	September 21	250
American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer	October 13	4000
Triple Cities Runners Club "Pete Keyes Turkey Trot"	November 28	750
Willow Running "Ugly Sweater 5K	December 8	200



**Broome Bands Together Summer Concert Series sponsored by Coughlin & Gerhart LLC (Otsiningo Park)**

June	4	5 <sup>th</sup> Gear Overdrive
June	11	The Shambles
June	25	The Letter 5
July	2	Katie Scott with Persuasion
July	16	Hi-Way Fruit Market
July	23	Crossing the Line
August	13	WildCard
August	20	Roxslyde
August	27	A Country Mile
September	3	Storm Front



**Movies in the Park**

June	14	E.T. (Otsiningo Park)
August	16	Jurassic Park (Otsiningo Park)

**Broome County Parks 5K Series**

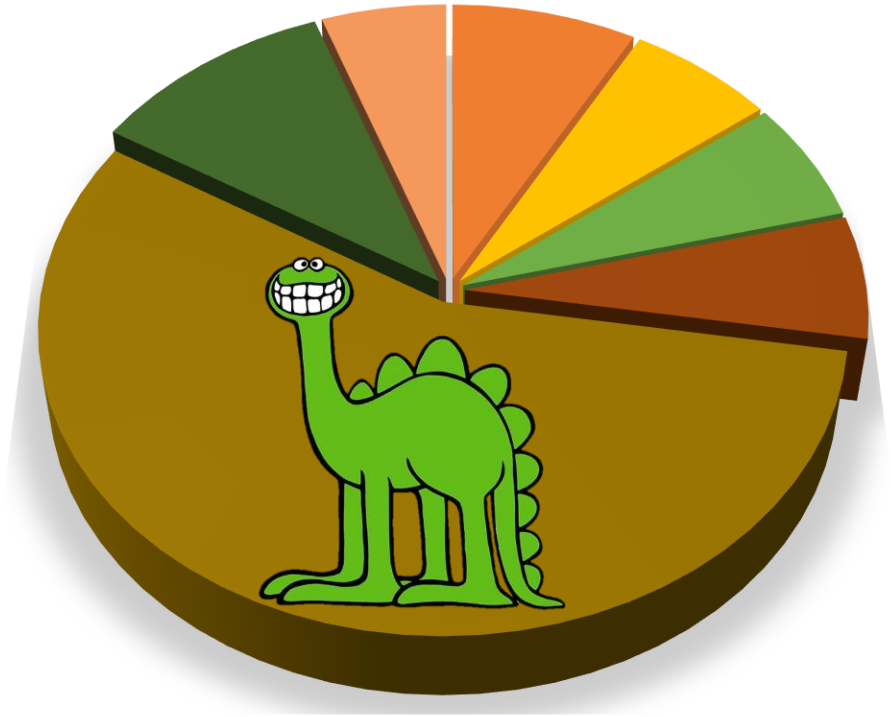
July	11	Greenwood Park
July	25	Dorchester Park
August	8	Nathaniel Cole Park
August	22	Otsiningo Park





**2024 GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

- Dorchester Park
- Greenwood Park
- Grippen Park
- Nathaniel Cole Park
- Otsiningo Park
- Otsiningo North
- Roundtop Picnic Area



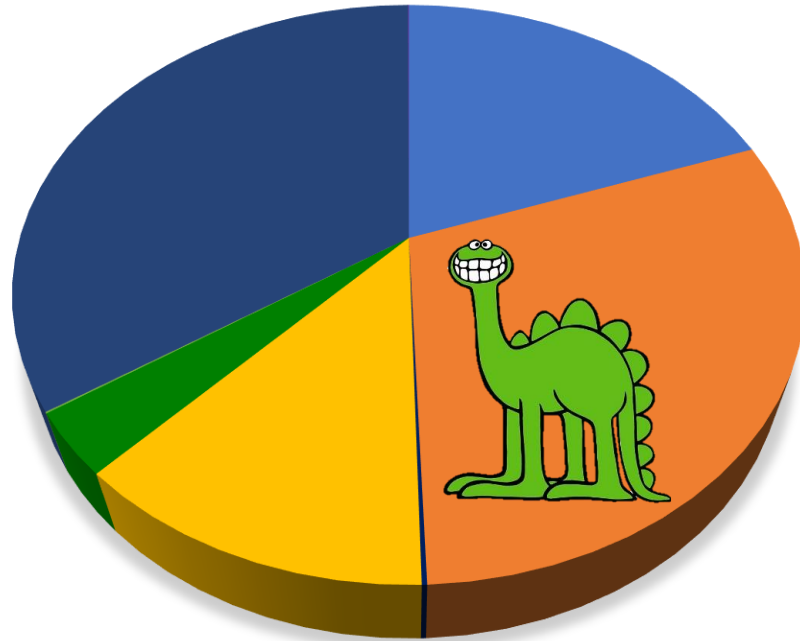
<b>2024 General Attendance</b>	
<b>Dorchester</b>	<b>115,718</b>
<b>Greenwood</b>	<b>91,161</b>
<b>Grippen</b>	<b>77,543</b>
<b>Nathaniel Cole Park</b>	<b>106,273</b>
<b>Otsiningo North</b>	<b>161,495</b>
<b>Otsiningo Park</b>	<b>979,167</b>
<b>Roundtop Picnic Area</b>	<b>85,592</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,616,949</b>

**2024 PARKS RENTALS AND ACTIVITIES**

	Aqua-Terra	Dorchester	Greenwood	Nathaniel Cole	Otsiningo	Grippen	Roundtop	Total
<b>Recreation Swimming</b>		1,905	6,179	11,616				19,700
<b>Boat Rentals</b>								
Rowboats/Canoes		245	300	547				1,092
Paddleboats		1,280	1,778	1,891				4,949
Kayaks		1,029	205	291				1,525
Sailboats		102						102
Stand Up Paddleboards		75		0				7509
<b>Family Camping</b>			7,905					7,905
<b>Group Camping</b>		216	243	13				472
<b>Stage</b>					9,640			9,640
<b>Shelter Reservations</b>		9,285	7,009	13,930	7,460	0	2,830	40,514
<b>Group Day Outings</b>	111	423	753	1451	2,170	0	0	4,923
<b>Cross-Country Ski Rentals</b>			12					12
<b>Cross-Country Ski Trail Passes</b>			12					12
<b>Cross-Country Season Passes</b>			7					7
<b>Softball/Baseball</b>				0	30	0		30
<b>Soccer</b>					5120			5,120
<b>Volleyball</b>					883			883
<b>Rugby</b>					0			0
<b>Winter Attendance (December- March)</b>		16,587	11,700	8,616	178,707	9,554	6,876	232,040

**2024 PARKS, RECREATION & YOUTH SERVICES REVENUE**

- Boating
- Camping
- Donations
- Food Concession
- Grounds Rental
- Miscellaneous
- Shelter Rental
- Ski Rental
- Uniform



<b>2024 Parks and Recreation Revenue</b>	
<b>Boating</b>	<b>\$ 26,565.85</b>
<b>Camping</b>	<b>\$ 43,021.37</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
<b>Food Concession</b>	<b>\$ 58,710.02</b>
<b>Grounds Rental</b>	<b>\$ 58,547.74</b>
<b>Sponsorships</b>	<b>\$ 32,747.51</b>
<b>Shelter Rental</b>	<b>\$ 94,725.81</b>
<b>Ski Rental</b>	<b>\$ 497.87</b>
<b>Uniform</b>	<b>\$ 153.67</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$319,695.88</b>

**2024 PARKS, RECREATION & YOUTH SERVICES EXPENSES**

	Salaries Full Time	Salaries Temporary	Employee Benefits	Operating Expenses	Total
<b>Administration</b>	\$126,969.99		\$215,623.91	\$507,218.05	\$849,811.95
<b>Recreation</b>	\$139,833.78	\$352,425.62	\$99,130.77	\$44,841.80	\$636,231.97
<b>Parks</b>	\$1,039,807.02	\$221,669.36	\$835,180.80	\$494,160.43	\$2,590,817.61
<b>Total</b>	\$1,306,610.79	\$575,094.98	\$1,149,935.48	\$1,046,220.28	\$4,076,861.53



### Administrative Accomplishments

- Administered NYS OCFS Youth Development, Runaway Homeless Youth funding to twenty-six youth programs in Broome County
- Administered NYS OCFS Youth Sports and Education Funding to two agencies in Broome County
- Administered NYSOPRHP Snowmobile Trail Grant-in-Aid program to two local snowmobile clubs
- Conducted the following Broome County Parks Events: 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Broome County Parks Triathlon, Beach Bash, 5K Series, Broome Bands Together Summer Concert Series, Movies in the Park, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat and 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Scarecrow Contest
- Year seven of Reserve America reservation system implemented for all camping and shelter reservations

#### For 2025

- Upgrade reservation and program management using CIVIC PLUS recreation Management Software to assist with activity registration and reservations, facility management, ticketing, point of sale, reporting, marketing, resource allocation and more
- Continue towards fully electronic time keeping and form submission
- Add ice skating/rentals, pickleball, wiffleball, flag football and basketball at Grippen Park
- Add programing at Grippen Park to include Broome Bands Together West, Fall Festival, Winter Festival and Holiday Events

### Parks and Recreation Accomplishments

#### AquaTerra Wilderness Area

- Invasive species mapping
- Repaired parking lot
- On-going trail cleanup/maintenance

#### For 2025

- Install benches, picnic tables and grills
- Continue parking area improvements



## **Dorchester Park**

- Cleared out ditch along Route 26 north and south of park entrance
- Continued sealing cracks along trail
- Evans repaired transfer pumps in pumphouse
- Highway cleared out channel and creek above bridge using excavator
- Installed lit exit signs in pipe chase for each restroom complex.
- New office entrance gate built and installed
- Painted North restroom soffit
- Patched holes and cracks in North Shelter floor
- Planted 24 trees with help from Soil and Water Conservation District
- Prepped and repainted dump box to one ton
- Removed over 42 trees from the park and along the paved trail to the dam
- Repaired damage to North Shelter roof and re-shingled west side of roof.
- Replaced missing park boundary signs
- Replaced skylight panels on buildings
- Stained boathouse siding and soffit
- Two handicapped parking posts added and signs to South Main parking lot

### **For 2025**

- Backfill washed out area along bottom side of trail across dam
- Build 2 new guard chairs
- Build new gates to replace entrance gate and gate to group camp
- Continue to excavate channel where docks go and creek above bridge
- Have Highway repaint roadway and parking lot lines
- Install 2 new fountains
- Paint beach complex soffit
- Paint handicapped parking spots in parking lots
- Pave North parking lot and shop area driveway and parking area
- Plant 20 more trees with Soil and Water Conservation district
- Pour pad for North shelter grill
- Repair and apply sealant to Pedestrian bridge
- Repair and stain trim on main shop
- Repair backflow preventer in pump house (Evans Mechanical)
- Repair underground leak to North Fountain
- Replace rotten wood on South restroom roof
- Replace shop windows
- Stain North and South shelter ceilings
- Treat paint shop roof with rust converter and paint roof



## **Greenwood Park**

- Bush removal throughout the park
- Created new signs and installed on all guard chairs
- Improved landscaping and planters throughout the park
- Installed gauges and alarm system for fuel oil tank
- Installed new docks and anchor system for boat rentals
- Installed new lighting to roadways at campground
- Installed new porch on guard shack
- Installed new slide at playground
- Logged area near entrance of park, removed approximately 250 Red Pine
- Logged area was graded, hydroseeded and over 50 new trees planted
- New John Deer mowers purchased
- New tables built and replaced old tables
- Old phone booth removed
- Ordered new grills and table frames
- Removed Ash Trees throughout the park
- Removed junk wood and other debris from upper parking lot to open it up
- Repaired breaks in campground power lines
- Repaired fascia on buildings
- Repaired water line at well pumphouse
- Soiled and grassed at all removed stumps
- Stained Shelters
- Trail work – Removed overgrowth, removed fallen trees, improved drainage, added millings

### **For 2025**

- Campsite improvements
- Expand concessions at camp store
- Finish renovations of camp bathroom building
- Hosting Scout Council Camporee in April.
- Improve aesthetics around buildings and other areas of the park
- Improve flooring in beach bathrooms
- Improve playgrounds and volleyball court – edging, add new sand/woodchips
- Install generator for park to ensure proper water pressure in drinking water supply
- Introduce Fatbike trails at the park
- Modernize park's fuel system
- Order new paddleboats and replace old paddleboats
- Repair/replace shelter roofs
- Repave camp road and campground.
- Upgrade electrical lines at campground.
- Utilize open area next to campground for additional activities for campers



### **Hawkins Pond Nature Area**

- Installed three new bridges
- On-going Trail cleanup/maintenance
- Repaired water lines in shelter

#### **For 2025**

- Continue dead ash tree removal
- Add gate to shelter
- Rebuild kiosk at parking area
- Install security cameras and signage



### **Nathaniel Cole Park**

- Added new beach sand
- Began clearing out old brush area on Disc Golf
- Began clearing out old garbage dump
- Cleared brush and debris from disc golf course
- Concession Stand maintenance
- Continued to work on drainage work on disk golf course
- Installed bottle fill station on concession building
- Installed new docks
- Landscaping around the park
- Paved parking lots near shelter 3
- Reconstructed road to brush area
- Removed dead trees
- Repaired water shut offs
- Shelter 1 and 2 reconstruction
- Shelter 4 restroom renovations
- Trail maintenance

#### **For 2025**

- Build road to septic tank for pumping
- Clear material from dumpster/overflow parking area
- Clear/fix walking paths through Disc Golf course
- Continue maintenance of curbing around beach
- Continue removal of old brush area/garbage area
- Continue to remove dead trees throughout the park
- Fix electric line to Shelter 1 and 2 restrooms
- Pole Barn maintenance
- Repair concrete pads on Disc Golf Course
- Repair road to Shelter 1 and 2
- Replace culvert pipes on lake trail and Disc Golf
- Replace Shelter 4 restroom
- Trail Maintenance including
- Update Shelter 1&2 playground
- Work on drainage on Disc Golf Course





### **Otsiningo Park**

- Cleared out riverbank and constructed new riverfront picnic areas
- Improved drainage around park
- Installed new lighting throughout the park
- Installed new siding on maintenance building
- Installed one new drinking fountains and bottle fill station
- Replaced tables and grills
- Top seeded, aerated, filled holes on soccer fields

#### **For 2025**

- Continue clearing out riverbank and construct new riverfront picnic areas
- Continue replacing tables and grills
- Continue tree work throughout the park
- Install two new drinking fountains and bottle fill stations
- Renovate south bathrooms
- Repair and replace roof of Park Office
- Stage Area renovations/ADA accessibility Project

### **Round-Top Picnic Area**

- Continued tree removal where necessary
- Improved parking area
- Installed viewfinder at scenic outlook
- On-going trail clean-up/maintenance
- Replaced tables and grills

#### **For 2025**

- Clearing of second look out point near Crime Victims Memorial Wall
- Completion of Crime Victims Memorial Wall (by others)
- Continue tree work as needed
- Fix water fountains
- Install security cameras and signage in support of CVM



### **Construction Crew Projects**

- Assisted Dorchester Park and Roundtop with tree removal
- Assisted with BC Festival of Lights setup and breakdown
- Assisted with Spiedie Fest set up and tear down
- Beaver control at pond out flow at Greenwood Park
- Began construction of Crime Victims Memorial Wall at Roundtop
- Campground bathroom renovations
- Excavated trench for new electric service to building at Grippen Park
- Installed entrance gate at Aqua Terra Wilderness Area
- Mowed trails at Hawkins Pond
- Relocated bleachers at Grippen Park
- Removed all treetops and stumps from logging company at Greenwood Park
- Removed old scoreboards and speakers at Grippen Park
- Replaced deteriorated shelters at Nathaniel Cole Park
- Updated campground electric and lighting
- Upgraded electric and installed lighting at Otsiningo Park

### **For 2025**

- Beaver control at pound out flow at Greenwood Park
- Crime Victims Memorial Wall construction at Round Top
- Grub brush along creek (beaver control) at AquaTerra
- Install recycled phone poles guardrail to coral off-roading at AquaTerra
- Remove and replace shelter floor at Hawkins Pond
- Renovate concession stand at Cole Park
- Renovate shop area and electrical for better efficiency and maintenance at Otsiningo Park
- Replace 2 older shelters at Greenwood Park
- Replace waterline/ install well at Greenwood Park
- Tree work at all Parks
- Update campground power at Greenwood Park
- Upgrade electric to east side of park at Cole Park
- Upgrade maintenance building heating system at Dorchester Park

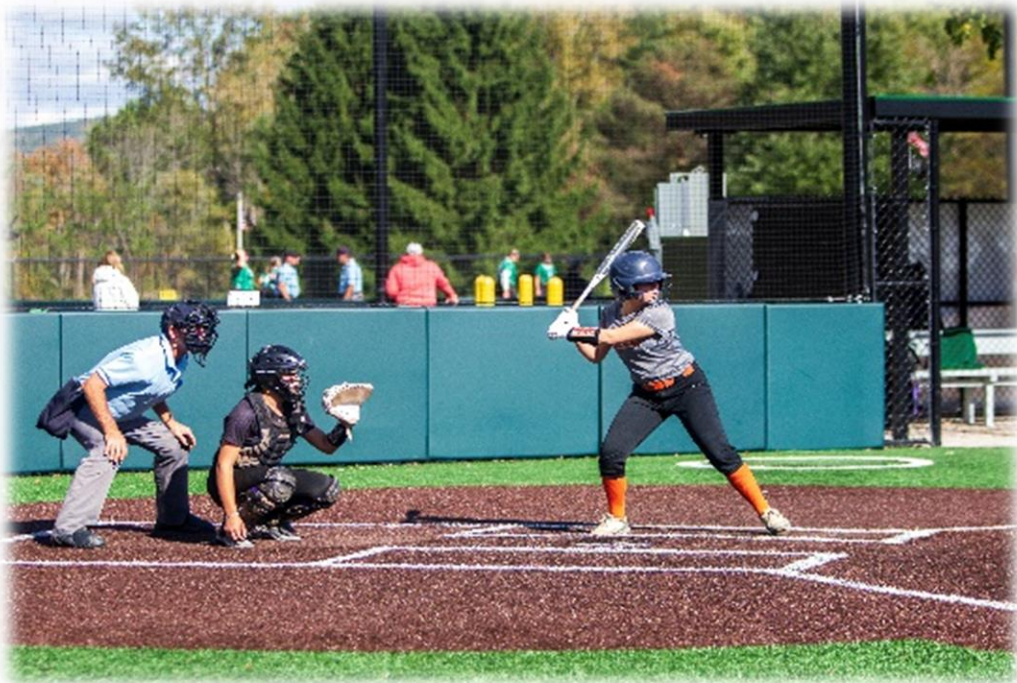


## 2024 GREENLIGHT NETWORKS GRAND SLAM PARK

In 2024, the Grand Opening of Greenlight Networks Grandslam Park occurred, which includes a state-of-the-art softball facility including four turf fields, 8 hitting/pitching cages, upgraded bathrooms and concession stand, renovated parking and signage. The facility hosted SUNY Broome's softball team, as well as Binghamton, Seton Catholic and Susquehanna Valley's high school teams in 2024. Section IV sectional and NYS Regional games were played at the facility, and there were several tournaments, playdays and camps scheduled throughout the year. A full schedule can be found below.

Broome County teamed up with Greenlight Networks for the naming rights of the facility, Greenlight Networks will be providing signage and promotional materials as well as fiber connectivity to the park for at least the next five years.

In 2025 and through 2027, GNGSP will be host to the NYSPHSAA State Championships June 23-25.



## GREENLIGHT NETWORKS GRAND SLAM PARK 2024 MASTER SCHEDULE

<u>Teams</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>People</u>
BINGHAMTON HS SOFTBALL	March -May	500
SETON CATHOLIC HS SOFTBALL	March -May	350
SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY HS SOFTBALL	March -May	800
BROOME SOFTBALL	April-May	550
James Ace Morabito Tournament	May 4-5	775
Section IV Finals	May 25	1,500
GRAND OPENING	May 31	50`
Homerun Softball Battle on the Diamond	June 1-2	985
RBI Lightning Summer Solstice	June 14-16	950
Homerun Softball Battle Royale	June 22-23	805
Bluechip Future All American	June 28-30	845
Bluechip Independence Day Extravaganza	July 5-7	845
STOP DWI	July 11-14	2,250
Homerun Softball Summer College Showcase	July 19-21	590
Homerun Softball End of Season Blast	July 27-28	160
D.W. Cook Softball Camp	August 5-7	75
Binghamton University/ Youth Bureau Softball Camp	August 12-14	100
Homerun Softball Fall Diamond Blast	September 14-15	485
Montana Fouts Camp	September 27-28	150
Bluechip Softball Future All-America Fall Invitational	September 28-29	485
Homerun Softball Fall Rumble	October 5-6	445
Bluechip Softball New York State College Showcase	October 19-20	770
Homerun Softball Pumpkin Classic	October 26-27	625

\*Multiple other practices, games, and scrimmages held throughout the year by numerous travel organizations and high school programs.



## SHARED RESOURCES

The Broome County Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Services strives to reduce costs to taxpayers. One of the keyways to do so is to share services. Whether we are assisting these departments, or they are assisting us, the cooperative spirit saves taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

The department has on-going partnerships with the following departments & organizations

-  Arena & Forum
-  Aviation
-  BMTS
-  Binghamton University
-  Broome County Security
-  Broome-Tioga Workforce
-  Buildings and Grounds
-  Cornell Cooperative Extension
-  County Executive
-  Coughlin & Gerhart LLP
-  CSSI
-  Emergency Services
-  Engineering
-  En-Joie Golf Course
-  Health Department
-  Highway
-  IT
-  Law Department
-  Library
-  Mental Health
-  Office for Aging
-  OMB
-  Personnel
-  Planning
-  Prevention Coalition
-  Public Works
-  Regional Parks Committee Health Department
-  Risk and Insurance
-  Sheriff's Department
-  Social Services
-  Solid Waste
-  Stop DWI
-  Triple Cities Hiking Club
-  Visions Federal Credit Union



## BROOME COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

### Mission Statement

The Broome County Youth Bureau's mission is to promote and encourage the development of a comprehensive system of services for youth and their families through planning, funding, coordination, evaluation, and advocacy.

### Description

The Broome County Youth Bureau was established by a resolution adopted by the Broome County Legislature on July 6, 1971. The Youth Bureau is responsible for distributing Office of Children & Family Services funds to local agencies that provide services for youth in accordance with the Broome County Child & Family Services Plan. Local agencies apply to the County (Youth Bureau) for funds. Applications are evaluated by the Youth Bureau Advisory Board and approved by the County Legislature. The Youth Bureau then applies to the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for program funding and enters contracts with the agencies. The Youth Bureau also leads the efforts in planning services for youth throughout Broome County. Funding categories include Youth Development, Runaway and Homeless Youth, Youth Sports and Education, and Youth Team Sports.

### Youth Sports and Education Funding

In 2025, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services distributed over \$161,996 in grant funding to the Broome County Youth Bureau for local youth sports organizations. These funds were disbursed to community organizations, which included the Harpursville Youth Sports Association, Children's Home of Wyoming Conference, Johnson City Soccer Association, Johnson City League, and Port Dickinson Community Association. Funding was made available for broad range of youth in under-resourced communities. In order to support positive youth development, family engagement and improve the lives of young people by promoting social, emotional, health, and educational outcomes and have important life-long effects.



## 2024 Broome County Youth Bureau

### Allocation of Funds from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services

<u>Program</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Funded 2024</u>
Afterschool Program	The Bridge Community Center	\$12,000
Unified Basketball Tournament	Binghamton Bull Dogs Sports Complex	\$20,000
Broome County General Recreation	Administrative	\$5,316
Broome County Youth Bureau	Administrative	\$28,022
CARES DAD Program	CARES Advocates for Families Inc.	\$2,700
Children's Summer Program	ACHIEVE	\$8,000
Double Dutch Program	North of Main	\$1,900
Drama Program	Chenango Forks PTO	\$4559
EACH1TEACH1	CARES Advocates for Families Inc.	\$15,000
Family Connection Center	Catholic Charities	\$15,000
Fresh Cycles	United Way	\$5,978
Girls Softball Camp	Broome County Parks/Binghamton University	\$6,500
Johnson City Youth Sports	Johnson City League	\$16,642
Johnson City Youth Soccer	Johnson City Soccer Association	\$18,000
Harpursville Youth Sports	Harpursville Youth Sports Association	\$25,000
Library Program	Town of Vestal Recreation Department	\$1,500
Nature Based Education Programs	Cornell Cooperative	\$27,500
P.A.L Camp	Police Athletic League of Binghamton	\$7,300
Playground Program	Town of Vestal Recreation Department	\$1,500
Port Dickinson Youth Sports	Port Dickinson Community Association	\$15,000
Resume Building Workshop	North of Main	\$4,000
Runaway & Homeless Youth Coordinator	Admin- RHYA/ Part 1	\$3,907
Safe Harbor	Crime Victims Assistance Center	\$20,000
STCC Youth Membership Program	Children's Home of Wyoming Conference	\$17,695
Teen Transitional Living Program	RHYA/Part 2	\$142,536
Vines	Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments	\$17,500
Waterman Nature Program	Town of Vestal Recreation Department	\$7,000
Youth and Police Initiative	New York State University Police	\$10,000
Youth Sports	Windsor Youth Sports and Recreation Association	\$10,000
Youth Sports	Children's Home of Wyoming Conference	\$9,221

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# Broome County Parks

**Dorchester Park**  
5469 NY Rt. 26  
Whitney Point

**Greenwood Park**  
153 Greenwood Road  
Lisle

**Roundtop Park**  
1 Roundtop Park Street  
Endicott

**Grippen Park**  
607 South Grippen Avenue  
Endicott

**Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park**  
Lt. VanWinkle Drive  
Binghamton

**Otsiningo Park**  
1 Otsiningo Park Binghamton

**Forget Me Not Memorial Garden**  
6 1/2 Sturges Street Binghamton

**Aqua-Terra**  
Maxian Road  
Binghamton

**Nathaniel Cole Park**  
1674 Colesville Road  
Harpursville

**Hawkins Pond**  
224 Scouten Hill Road  
Windsor

**Broome County Parks, Recreation & Youth Services**  
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