





BROOME COUNTY

PARKS, RECREATION, AND YOUTH SERVICES

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, RECREATION & YOUTH SERVICES

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BROOME COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & 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
- Promoting health and wellness through recreation
- Hosting special events in Broome County Parks and supporting outside events that occur, as well as promoting area-wide tourism
- Serving as "stewards of the environment." Promoting environmental awareness and encouraging protecting, preserving and restoring significant natural areas

Parks, Recreation & Youth Services

Parks, Recreation, & Youth Services Commissioner of Public Works,

Director of Parks, Recreation & Youth Services

Administration

- Reservations
- Policy Procedures

- Financial Efficiency
- Management
- Marketing

- Administration
- Facility
- Special Events
- Security
- **Public Relations**
- Promotion
- Tourism
- Workforce

Maintenance

Parks

- Landscaping
- Plant Operations Special Events
- **General Operations**
- Nature Center Maintenance
- **Equipment Management**
- **Seasonal Employees** Arena Maintenance

Recreation

- **Outdoor Recreation**

Aquatics

- Boating
- Winter/Summer Sports
- Food Concession
 - Campgrounds
- **Seasonal Employees**

Grants

- **Snowmobile Trail** Maintenance
- Office of Children & Family Services
- Zoo Botanical Gardens & Aquariums

Youth Bureau

- Agency Monitoring/
- Program Assistance Coordination
- Children & Family Services
- **Integrated County** Planning

Grants

- Runaway & Homeless Youth
 - Youth Development

INTRODUCTION

The Broome County Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Services is pleased to present its 2020 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 4,000 acres, include regional parks, a nature and wilderness area, group and family campgrounds, a softball complex, and an indoor BMX track. 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.

During the time of heightened stress and anxiety, stay-at-home orders and social distancing, the relief provided by trails and open spaces has proved to be more important than ever. What we have seen in 2020 is that parks are not just for physical health, but also for mental health and emotional wellbeing. Since March, our attendance figures have increased over 30% at most parks as compared to this time last year.

Despite delays in opening and numerous event cancellations, there has been a substantial increase in public use of trails and open areas of Broome County Parks. Beaches have become more popular and families are visiting more frequently to get out of the house and recreate locally. We saw historic record in numbers for camping and boating usage and revenue.

In 2020, the department distributed over \$230,000 in grants to 13 youth programs in Broome County. These programs range from recreational programs to drug awareness initiatives to runaway and homeless case work. In addition, the department has distributed over \$37,000 in ZBGA grants to Cornell Cooperative Extension for Finch Hollow Nature Center and over \$38,000 in grants for Broome County Snowmobile Clubs to help maintain the many miles of snowmobile trails that go through Broome County.

The Broome County Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Services thanks Broome County's elected officials, workers, as well as its residents, for their support in 2020. 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.



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
- M BMTS
- Broome County Security
- Broome-Tioga Workforce
- Buildings and Grounds
- Cornell Coopertative Extension
- County Executive
- CSSI
- Engineering
- En-Joie Golf Course
- Emergency Services
- in Fitness Advisory Board
- Highway
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- Law Department
- Library
- Office for Aging
- M OMB
- Mental Health
- Planning
- Personnel
- Sheriff's Department
- Social Services
- Solid Waste
- Stop DWI
- Regional Parks Committee Health Department
- Risk and Insurance



SPECIAL EVENTS

Broome County Parks hosts numerous special events run by local non-profits; these include walks, runs, car shows, fishing events and athletic tournaments. Each of these require special assistance, set-up and clean-up efforts by our staff. We are pleased and proud to help our non-profit community in their mission to help others.

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

- Broome Bands Together Concert Series*
- Broome County Parks Triathlon*
- Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat*
- High School Cross-Country Meets*
- Movies in the Park*
- Scarecrow Contest
- The Almost Annual Crappie Derby*
- The Spiedie Fest/Balloon Rally*
- BC Festival of Lights

The department also provides support for the Grippen Park BMX races and the BAGSAI softball program. Department personnel also provide support for the Senior Games.

*Cancelled in 2020 due to COVID. Planned for 2021.



2020 SPECIAL EVENTS

Miscellaneous	<u>Dates</u>	<u>People</u>
Winter Fest-Cole Park	February 22	1,000
I Run ForDorchester Park	September 13	
Mental Health Association "Wings of Hope" Walk-Dorchester Park	September 19	
Scarecrow Contest	October 5-31	
Confluence Running/Invictus Running Club	November 1	
BC Festival of Lights	November 15 th - January 23rd	

<u>Dates</u>

January 5-February 2

<u>People</u>

50

Walks/Runs (Otsiningo Park)

Triple Cities Runners Club January Freeze Races



Broome County Parks

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761-8095 (607) 692-4612 (607) 862-9933 (607) 693-1389(607) 693-1389 778-6541 778-6541 (209) Parks Department Main Office..... (607) Grippen Park.....(607) Otsiningo Park.....(607) Dorchester Park.....(Hawkins Pond Nature Area...... BAGSAI Softball Complex..... Greenwood Park..... Nathaniel Cole Park.....

778-6541

Roundtop Picnic Area.....(607)

5469 NY Rt. 26 Whitney Point **Greenwood Park** 153 Greenwood Road

Dorchester Park

BAGSAI Softball

Lt. VanWinkle Drive Binghamton

1 Roundtop Park Street Roundtop Park

Endicott

Nathaniel Cole Park

1674 Colesville Road

Harpursville

Otsiningo Park

1 Otsiningo Park Binghamton

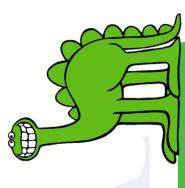
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Binghamton

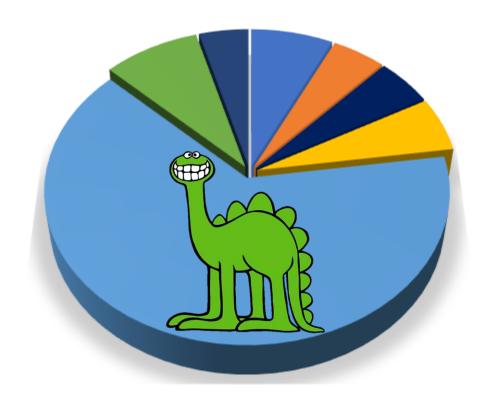
224 Scouten Hill Road **Hawkins Pond** Windsor



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2020 GENERAL ATTENDANCE

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

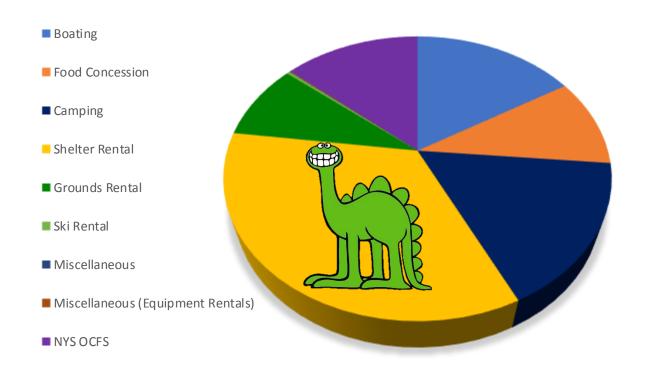


2020 General Attendance		
Dorchester		160,617
Greenwood		105,857
Grippen		111,771
Nathaniel Cole Park		127,711
Otsiningo Park		1,434,692
Otsiningo North		189,525
Roundtop Picnic Area		96,801
	TOTAL	2,226,974

2020 GENERAL PARK PROGRAMS ATTENDANCE

	Aqua-Terra	Dorchester	Greenwood	Dorchester Greenwood Nathaniel Cole	Otsiningo	Grippen	Roundtop	Total
Recreation Swimming		4,344	11,330	9,792				25,466
Boat Rentals								
Rowboats/Canoes		193	66	291				583
Paddleboats		976	1634	828				3385
Kayaks		7621	743	398				3968
Sailboats		81						81
Stand Up Paddleboards		112		12				124
Family Camping			11,999					11,999
Group Camping		0	88	0				88
Shelter Reservations		4,950	1,662	4,964	3,945	326	30	
Group Day Outings	2	0	1	2	39	0	1	45
Cross-Country Ski Rental			47					47
Cross-Country Ski Trail Pass			47					47
Cofthall /Bacahall				C	C	132		132
						701		701
Soccer				0	53			53
Rugby				0	0			0
Volleyball		0	0	0	43			43
Winter Attendence (December- March)		15,719	7,957	13,912	212,880	13,444	3,695	267,607

2020 PARKS, RECREATION & YOUTH SERVICES



2020 Parks and Recreation Revenue			
Boating	\$61,614.90		
Food Concessions	\$0.00*		
Camping	\$51,668.75		
Shelter Rental	\$23,744		
Grounds Rental	\$11,499.96**		
Ski Rental	\$800.00		
Miscellaneous	\$5,025		
Miscellaneous (Equip. Sale)	\$0.00		
Uniform	\$60.00		
NYS OCFS	\$32,620.60		
TOTAL	\$ 187,033.21		

^{*}Food Concession closed in 2020 due to COVID

^{**}BMX rent break April-June due to COVID. Opened July-Sept. then stopped paying rent because they did not want to follow NYS COVID Regulations.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EXPECTED PROJECTS

Administration & Recreation Accomplishments 2020

- Administered the Broome County Parks Lifeguard Water Test at Nathaniel Cole Park in coordination with the YMCA.
- 🐚 Administered NYSOPRHP Snowmobile Trail Grant-in-Aid program for local snowmobile clubs
- Conducted 5th Annual Scarecrow Display and Contest at Otsiningo Park with 42 businesses and organizations participating while following NYS Regulations
- Created a comprehensive NY Forward Safety Plan for beach reopening's at Dorchester, Greenwood and Nathaniel Cole Park.
- Created a comprehensive NYS Forward Safety Plan for Greenwood Park cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.
- Monitored NYS Regulations for COVID. Adjusted park operations to remain in compliance.
- Updated all parks, camping and cross-county skiing brochures
- Updated and simplified special events permit with safety plan in line with COVID regulations
- Year three of Reserve America reservation system implemented for all camping and shelter reservations

Aqua Terra Wilderness Area Accomplishments 2020

- Eagle Scout Project-Joe Driggs trail improvements and maintenance
- New bridge installed to ease access to mountain side of park
- Organized multiple cleanup days with Binghamton University Students

Hawkins Pond Nature Area Accomplishments 2020

- Cleared and Groomed Trails
- Repaired roadway with millings on main road at Hawkins Pond
- New trail map installed
- Irail cleanup and maintenance preformed by Triple Cities Hiking Club

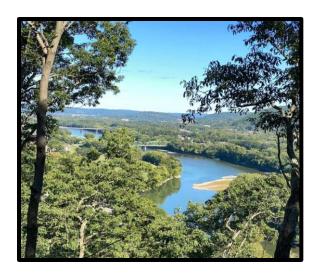
Round-Top Picnic Area Accomplishments 2020

- Constructed a new senic overlook with benches and tables
- Planned and currently developing trail system from Round-Top Picnic Area to Grippen Park
- Re-structured personnel resources to oversee year-round maintenance & park cleanup

BAGSAI Softball Complex Accomplishments 2020

- Began clearing out batting cages to be able to be reconstructed in 2020
- Replaced roof of main building
- Developed stronger relationship with BAGSAI





Dorchester Park

2020 Accomplishments

- Added new divider planter between new pedestrian walk and roadway
- Army Corp lowered lake level 8 ft
- Bridge work was completed and Suit Kote paved roadway
- Built 5 new tables and installed 5 new grills
- Highway/Construction crew dredged creek
- Reclaimed sand at beach
- Repaired/renovated salt shed
- Replacement of chains and anchors for Boat Rental Docks
- Replacement of chains and anchors for swim area lines
- Rewired rescue boat for new bilge pump
- Stained South shelter ceiling



- Backfill downhill side of trail along dam
- Build new south gate to replace gate damaged by flood
- Built 2 new guard chairs
- Built new kayak rack for 12 new single kayaks
- Built new Kayak rack for Double kayaks
- Clean up all tree damage done by flood
- Cleanup road edges and under drain end caps
- Continue patching and sealing cracks in trail and walkway to beach and boathouse
- Finish sealing pedestrian bridge
- Install New grills to replace those damaged by flood
- Install new handicapped accessible kayak dock
- 🐚 Install new playground. Removal of trees as needed
- Plant perennials and annuals in new planter
- Plant trees to replace those that have fallen over time or been removed
- Pour new concrete pad for North shelter and install new grill
- Pressure wash and paint soffit on North restroom and Beach house
- Put aluminum roof coating on paint shop roof
- Raise drop ceiling in shop and bring duct work below ceiling to make heating more efficient
- Repair rotting wood in South Shelter restroom ceiling/roof
- Remove leaning/dead/fallen trees around group camp
- Repair and stain trim to main shop (building #1)
- Replace skylight panels on out buildings
- Stain ceiling on East Shelter
- Trim trees throughout park







Greenwood Park

2020 Accomplishments

- Awning installed at guard shack
- Dropped dead trees in camp ground before opening
- New tables built
- Replaced and reset culvert pipe near shelter 2 sleeved
- Set up for COVID protocols at camp and boathouse
- Stained ski shop building

For 2021

- 2 new garage doors at maintenance building
- Acquire generator for well
- Build new tables
- Drop remaining Ash trees at camp and throughout park
- 🐚 Install new lights at camp
- New roof on well house
- Patch work on exit road and parking lot
- Replace facia on office building
- Replace more culvert pipes
- Replace retaining wall by salt shed





Nathaniel Cole Park

2020 Accomplishments

- Added canoe and rose bushes at the front entrance
- Built addition onto boat house for storage of rescue boat in winter
- Built and extended addition on wood shed
- Cleared all storm drains around park
- Lut, split, and stacked several cords of firewood for winter heating season
- Designed and built metal Hartley on skies for Otsiningo Park BC Festival of Lights Event
- Dug out and cleaned ditches around park to divert water flow and dry out wet areas
- Installed new flashing on chemical roof to divert water away from building
- Installed new loud speakers on lifeguard house for operating announcements
- Installed new trail maps at Hawkins Pond and Cole Park
- Made new concrete benches and picnic tables for park
- Painted the interior walls and partitions of main men's restrooms
- Poured 18 pads for disc golf course/ cut and cleared brush for fairways
- Redesigned island planter with granite and stone
- Removed rotted wall studs from exterior wall at maintenance shop and replaced with new lumber and insulation
- Renovated employee restroom at office building
- Repaired water leak in the east end of water line running to the main east restrooms
- Replace sluice pipe that washed out at east end of trail and placed big stones to prevent pipe from washing out again in the future
- Trail work (cleared trees and brush to improve visibility and safety concerns)
- Tree work around park (cut down and removed dead and dangerous trees/ limbs)
- Updated and repaired drinking fountains
- Upgraded the front of boat house with new signage

For 2021

- in Finish clearing fairways for disc golf
- Fix curbing at beach and possibly extending sandy beach area
- Install deck outside of life guard house
- Install handicap accessible fishing pier
- Install new metal roofs on all buildings in park
- Install new steps from concession building to main park restrooms
- 🐚 Install new trail marker signs along trail
- Make new Hartley's and letters for Hawkins Pond and Cole park entrance signs
- Rebuild retaining wall by women's bath house
- Remove dead trees
- Renovate concession building
- Renovate west bathrooms & Shelters 1,2, and 3
- Repave east road and maintenance road
- Replace all culvert pipes along trail
- Stump removal
- Vinyl side concession and lifeguard house

Otsiningo Park

2020 Accomplishments

- Completion of BC Festival of Lights Event
- Completion of peace garden
- Cut down and remove dead ash trees
- host and participate in mask handout
- New trail entrances and crosswalks to stage
- Plant donated trees throughout park
- Round top overlook and trail
- Scarecrow contest

For 2021

- Add shut offs to all garden spigots
- Clean up fallen trees along river bank
- Clean up paint and fix Grippen facility
- Complete new games tables
- Install permanent power for future events
- Make new picnic areas along river side trail
- Redo paving on trial entrances







Construction Crew

2020 Completed Projects

- Aided parks staff for a variety of day to day issues as the need arose
- Dredged the inflow creek into the lake at Dorchester Park
- 🐚 Installed an 80,000lb rated bridge to nowhere at Agua Terra
- 🐚 Installed new rip-rap barrier along road by the new stage at Otsiningo Park
- Poured 18 tee boxes for disc golf at Cole Park
- Ran approximately 25,000 ft of electric at Otsiningo for the Holiday light displays
- Rebuilt trail to the inflow creek at Cole Park
- Removal of over 100 trees and stumps from Otsiningo that were affected by the Emerald Ashe Borer beetle
- Replaced a broken utility pole at BAGSAI

2021 Construction Crew Projects

Aqua Terra

BAGSAI

- Add scoreboards
- Clear out and replace netting in batting cages
- Regrade Fields
- Renovate main building and add additional Women's Restrooms
- Replace dugout roofs

Dorchester 2021 Projects

- Pour concrete grill apron at the North shelter
- Replace playground equipment with modern equipment

Greenwood 2021 Projects

- Update street lighting in the campground
- Campground bathroom and shower upgrades

Grippen Park 2021

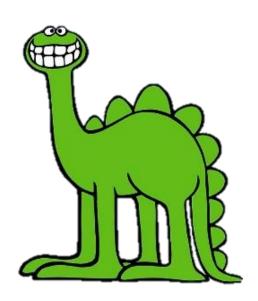
- Add bleachers for spectators
- Add score board
- Build dugouts
- Regrade field

Cole 2021 Projects

- Renovate the concession stand
- Replace rotted wall on maintenance building
- Update lighting with LED

Otsiningo 2021 Projects

- Resurface the main roadway
- Reside north restrooms and park office



Hawkins Pond 2021 Projects

- 🗎 Remove and replace heaved shelter floor
- kemove and replace rotted shelter siding
- Remove and replace roof

Roundtop 2020 Projects

- Resurface roadways
- 🗎 Take down all dead Ash Trees in park



2020 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

	Salaries Full Time	Salaries Temporary	Employee Benefits	Operating Expenses	Total
Administration	\$114,637.18		\$125,356.38	\$191,811.48	\$431,805.04
Recreation	\$42,449.70	\$214,944.65	\$54,317.19	\$50,585.42	\$362,346.96
Parks	\$842,670.39	\$141,281.30	\$634,974.17	\$197,603.59	\$1,816,529.45
Total	\$999,757.27	\$356,275.95	\$814,647.74	\$440,000.49	\$2,610,681.45

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 to 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 Legis lature. The Youth Bureau then applies to the NYS Office of Children and Family Services or the Division of Criminal Justice for program funding and enters into contracts with the agencies. The Youth Bureau also leads the efforts in planning for services for youth throughout Broome County.



2020 Broome County Youth Bureau

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

<u>Program</u>	Agency	<u>Funded 2020</u>
4-H Education Center at Finch Hollow	Cornell Cooperative	\$27,500
Compeer Youth Mentoring Program	Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier	\$10,000
Gateway	Catholic Charities	\$10,000
Special Hockey Fest & Camp	Life is Washable, Inc.	\$5,000
Pathways	Johnson City School District	\$10,000
Playground Program	Town of Vestal Recreation Department	\$1,500
Library Program	Town of Vestal Recreation Department	\$1,500
Waterman Nature Program	Town of Vestal Recreation Department	\$2,000
Safe Harbour	Crime Victims Assistance Center	\$20,000
Vines	Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments	\$10,000
Teen Transitional Living Program	RHYA/Part 2	\$47,100
Broome County Youth Bureau	Administrative	\$34,000
Broom County General Recreation	Administrative	\$29,164
Runaway & Homeless Youth Coordinator	Admin- RHYA/ Part 1	\$3,907

2020 Advisory Board

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			Family Violence Prevention
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