



BROOME COUNTY

PARKS, RECREATION & YOUTH SERVICES

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2022

ANNUAL REPORT

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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

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

Director of Parks, Recreation & Youth Services

Administration

- Administration
- Facility
- Reservations
- Special Events
- Policy Procedures
- Security
- Public Relations
- Promotion
- Financial Efficiency
- Management
- Tourism
- Workforce
- Marketing

Parks

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

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/Coordination
- Program Assistance
- Children & Family Services Plan
- Integrated County Planning
- Grants**
 - Runaway & Homeless Youth
 - Youth Development
 - Gun Violence Prevention

INTRODUCTION

The Broome County Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Services is pleased to present its 2022 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, 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 2022, the department distributed over \$300,000 in NYS OCFS Youth Bureau funding to twelve youth programs in Broome County. These programs range from recreational programs to drug awareness initiatives, to run away and homeless case work. Broome County was awarded \$12,848 in Youth Sports Education Funding for programs to provide a variety of youth structured sports activities in under-resourced communities. In addition, the department has distributed over \$38,000 in ZBGA grants to Cornell Cooperative Extension for Finch Hollow Nature Center and over \$44,000 in grants for Broome County Snowmobile Clubs to help maintain the many miles of snowmobile trails that run 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 2022. 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

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|---|---|
|  Arena & Forum |  Law Department |
|  Aviation |  Library |
|  BMTS |  Mental Health |
|  Broome County Security |  Office for Aging |
|  Broome-Tioga Workforce |  OMB |
|  Buildings and Grounds |  Personnel |
|  Cornell Cooperative Extension |  Planning |
|  County Executive |  Regional Parks Committee Health |
|  CSSI |  Department |
|  Emergency Services |  Risk and Insurance |
|  Engineering |  Sheriff's Department |
|  En-Joie Golf Course |  Social Services |
|  Fitness Advisory Board |  Solid Waste |
|  Highway |  Stop DWI |
|  IT |  Triple Cities Hiking Club |





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, float fly's, 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
-  Scarecrow Contest & Display
-  Spiedie Fest/Balloon Rally
-  Support for the BAGSAI softball program
-  Trunk or Treat
-  WinterFest



2022 SPECIAL EVENTS

Miscellaneous

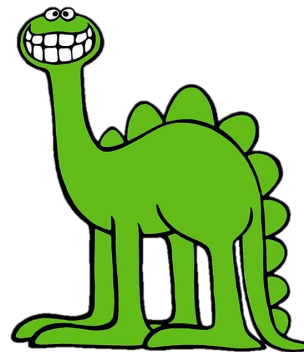
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>People</u>
Healthy Kids Running Series-Greenwood Park	May 8-June 5	150
Modelers of Binghamton Float F1—Cole Park	May 14 and 15	30
Empire State Car Show-Otsiningo Park	May 2	250
The Creative Hive	June 5	50
St. Johns Evangelist School Spring Concert-Otsiningo Park	June 7	350
Pride Palooza in the Park-Otsiningo Park	June 11	1000
Rugby Tournament-Otsiningo Park North	June 11	100
Broome County Triathlon—Dorchester Park	June 25	200
National Amateur Disc Golf Tournament -Nathaniel Cole Park	June 11-12	80
Equinox Broadcasting Car Show-Otsiningo Park	June 18	1000
Holistic Health & Wellness Fair-Otsiningo Park	June 25	200
36 th Annual Spiedie Fest/Balloon Rally--Otsiningo Park	August 5-7	Varied
Binghamton Bridge Pedal	August 13	120
ACHIEVE FIREWORKS	August 25	400
BC Federation of Sportsmen's Club Kids Fishing Derby—Cole Park	September 10	110
Mental Health Association "Wings of Hope" Walk -- Dorchester Park	September 10	100
I Run For . . . Dorchester Park	September 11	200
Binghamton LEAH Soccer Tournament—Otsiningo Park	September 17	150
Aero guidance Society Float Fly—Cole Park	October 1 & 2	20
Scarecrow Displays---Otsiningo Park	October 4-24	Varied
Confluence Running: Cross Country Series- Cole Park	October 16	200
Broome County Trunk or Treat--Otsiningo Park	October 17	4000
Confluence Running: Southern Tier Cross Country Series - Cole Park	October 30	200
BC Festival of Lights-Otsiningo Park	Nov 21-Jan 1	Varied

Walks/Runs (Otsiningo Park)

<u>Walks/Runs (Otsiningo Park)</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>People</u>
Triple Cities Runners Club January Freeze Races	Jan. 8-Feb. 5	500
Cupid Chase 5K	February 12	100
American Heart Association Walk	April 10	400
Alive with Autism Family Walk/Fun Day	April 30	250
Ann's 5K/Walk to Benefit Huntington's Disease	May 1	150
Binghamton Dollars for Scholars	May 7	200
Brookside Elementary PTA	May 14	50
Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma	June 5	300
YMCA Binghamton All Paws	June 12	150
Meals on Wheels 5K	August 13	100
Golisano Children's Hospital	August 14	300
TCRC Women's Distance Festival 5K	August 19	125
2022 Walk to Defeat ASL	August 27	400
Polka Fest/Jimmy Sturr Concert	August 28	1000
Sock Out Cancer 5K	September 11	80
2022 American Found. For Suicide Prevention "Out of the Darkness"	October 1	500
SUNY Broome PTA Club 5K Walk and Run	October 22	100
Triple Cities Runners Club "Pete Keyes Turkey Trot"	November 24	600

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

June	7	Beard of Bees
June	14	Devon Lawton & The In Laws
June	21	Sydney Irving & The Mojo
June	28	Junkyard Heights
July	5	Caviar & Grits
July	12	The Yada Yadas
July	19	The Shambles
July	26	Matthew Cornwell & L' Bonti
August	2	Wreckless Marci
August	16	Two Dollar Pistols



Movies in the Park

July	15	The Addams Family 2 (Nathaniel Cole Park)
July	22	Sing 2 (Dorchester Park)
August	12	The Goonies (Otsiningo Park)



Broome County Parks

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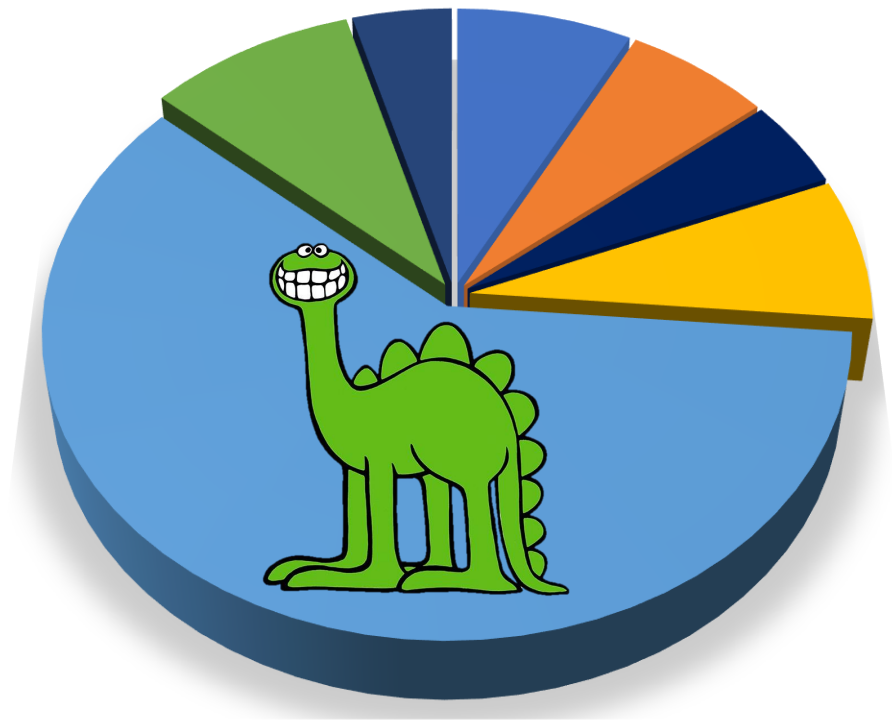
Parks Department Main Office..... (607) 778-2193
BAGSAI Softball Complex..... (607) 761-8095
Dorchester Park..... (607) 692-4612
Greenwood Park..... (607) 862-9933
Grippen Park..... (607) 778-6541
Hawkins Pond Nature Area..... (607) 693-1389
Nathaniel Cole Park..... (607) 693-1389
Otsiningo Park..... (607) 778-6541
Roundtop Picnic Area..... (607) 778-6541



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2022 GENERAL ATTENDANCE

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



2022 General Attendance	
Dorchester	122,014
Greenwood	102,318
Grippen	74,372
Nathaniel Cole Park	118,530
Otsiningo North	145,339
Otsiningo Park	1,519,504
Roundtop Picnic Area	69,069
TOTAL	2,151,146

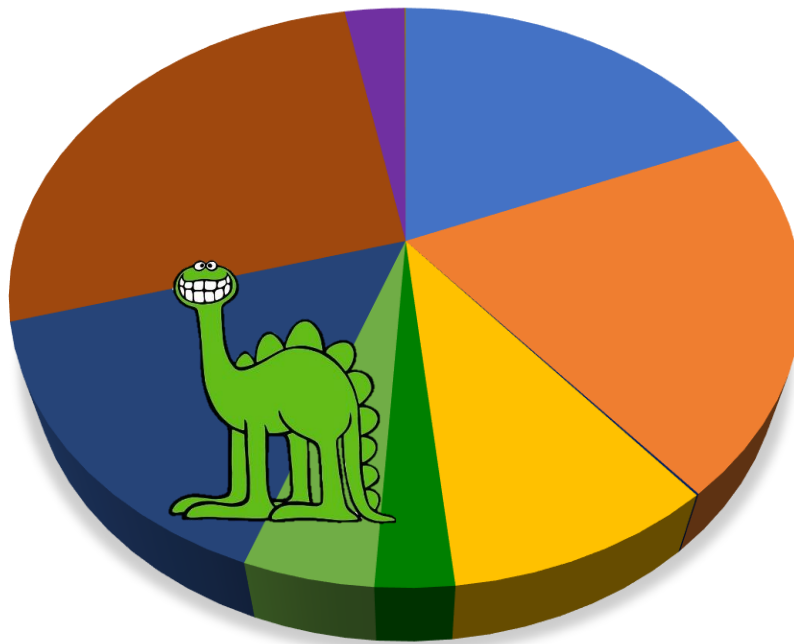
*Aqua Terra, Hawkins Pond, & BAGSAI do not have attendance counters

2022 GENERAL PARK PROGRAMS ATTENDANCE

	Aqua-Terra	Dorchester	Greenwood	Nathaniel Cole	Otsiningo	Grippen	Roundtop	Total
Recreation Swimming		3937	4360	11675				19,972
Boat Rentals								
Rowboats/Canoes		235	408	612				1255
Paddleboats		1998	2006	2579				6583
Kayaks		2180	272	373				7838
Sailboats		340						340
Stand Up Paddleboards		43		0				43
Family Camping			7490					7490
Group Camping		229	65	976				1270
Stage					6320			6320
Shelter Reservations		9899	7425	12399	11577			41,300
Group Day Outings		268	243	976	847			2,334
Cross-Country Ski Rental			493					493
Cross-Country Ski Trail Pass			514					514
Softball/Baseball				0	0			0
Soccer				0	9010			9010
Volleyball				0	2360			2360
Rugby					140			140
Winter Attendance (December-March)		17,454	15,372	27,141	207,440	12,323	29,628	309,358

2022 PARKS, RECREATION & YOUTH SERVICES







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



2022	
Parks and Recreation Revenue	
Boating	\$42,053.09
Camping	\$45,754.32
Donations	\$200
Food Concession	\$20,917.84
Grounds Rental	\$6,025.70
Miscellaneous	\$10,032.46
Shelter Rental	\$59,491.84
Ski Rental	\$6,638.75
Uniform	\$131.91
TOTAL	\$191,245.91









DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EXPECTED PROJECTS

Administration & Recreation Accomplishments 2022





-  Administered NYS OCFS Youth Development and Runaway Homeless Youth funding to thirteen 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: 16th Annual Broome County Parks Triathlon, Beach Bash, WinterFest, the 7th Annual Scarecrow Contest, 5K Race Series, Broome Bands Together Summer Concert Series, Movies in the Park and the 4th Annual Trunk or Treat
-  Updated the Broome County Parks Special Events Permit
-  Year six of Reserve America reservation system implemented for all camping and shelter reservations

Invasive Species Initiative Accomplishments 2022




In 2022 Broome County Parks in collaboration with Binghamton University, Finger Lakes PRISM, and Cornell Cooperative Extension worked on several projects to get a handle on the invasive species issue in Broome. These efforts include:

-  Attending workshops to keep Broome County Parks up to speed on the latest updates with invasive in NYS.
-  Mapping invasive species across all Broome County Parks using iMapInvasives
-  Tabling to inform the public about what invasive species to look out for in Broome and what to do if you spot them has been done at Broome County Parks various events in an attempt to educate the public about the issues with invasive
-  The Broome County Parks has begun using its Instagram (@broomecountyparks) to post informative content about invasive species, including spotted lantern fly and hemlock woolly adelgid
-  The setup of spotted lantern fly traps throughout Broome County's various parks
-  The staff at Broome County parks has made great effort to attend the many workshops and seminars about invasive species held by Finger Lakes PRISM and Cornell Cooperative Extension. This information is then used to inform Broome's next steps in controlling invasive species populations and to continue to educate the public.
-  The traps are checked roughly every two weeks and the numbers of spotted lantern flies caught or spotted in the parks is monitored using GPS in tandem with ArcGIS software to track their spread
-  Various efforts in community outreach/education




Aqua Terra Wilderness Area Accomplishments 2022

-  Invasive Species Mapping
-  Signage installed
-  Spotted Lanternfly Trap and Monitoring
-  Trail cleanup

For 2023

-  Install benches, picnic tables and grills
-  Park cleanup
-  Refresh millings along park road

Hawkins Pond Nature Area Accomplishments 2022

-  Cleaned up and cleared trails
-  Invasive Species Mapping
-  Spotted Lanternfly Trap and Monitoring



For 2023

- 🌳 Ash Tree Removal
- 🌳 Install newly built walking bridges
- 🌳 Repair entry road and parking lot

Round-Top Picnic Area Accomplishments 2022

- 🌳 All new wood signs
- 🌳 Bathroom upgrades
- 🌳 Cleared trail for easier access for Endicott EMS/Fire
- 🌳 New locks installed
- 🌳 Spotted Lanternfly Trap and Monitoring
- 🌳 Tree work

For 2023

- 🌳 Install benches
- 🌳 New shelter signs
- 🌳 Trail work
- 🌳 Tree removal

BAGSAI Softball Complex Accomplishments 2022

- 🌳 Bathroom facility renovated
- 🌳 Exterior building renovated
- 🌳 Invasive Species Mapping

For 2023

- 🌳 Batting cages and bullpens
- 🌳 Four new turf fields
- 🌳 Full facility lighting
- 🌳 New spectator accommodations
- 🌳 Total facility renovation

Grippen Park Accomplishments 2022

- 🌳 Chipped Christmas Trees
- 🌳 Invasive Species Mapping
- 🌳 Removed dirt BMX Track from facility













For 2023

- 🌳 Cleanout catch basins
- 🌳 Existing building slab repair
- 🌳 New shelter signs
- 🌳 Total facility renovation
- 🌳 Tree trimming



















Dorchester Park

2022 Accomplishments

-  Acquired new beach wheelchair
-  Ash tree and damaged/falling tree removal from trail, group camp, and main park
-  Built 5 new and replaced over 100 boards on existing picnic tables
-  Exposed and cleaned out culvert pipe under park entrance driveway
-  Installed 4 new grills and repaired 8 old ones damaged by flood
-  Installed new ADA compliant playground
-  Installed new ADA compliant kayak dock
-  Poured new concrete pad for East shelter fountain to replace one damaged by rental group
-  Removed moss from shelter and restroom roofs. Repaired damage done by moss and water
-  Replaced chlorinator and check valves in pumphouse
-  Sealing and repairs to cracks in main trail along dam
-  Whitney Point Rotary cutout and mapped new trail along East side of lake to North bridge












For 2023

-  Add sand to beach
-  Backfill downhill side of trail along dam
-  Build two new guard chairs
-  Finish sealing pedestrian bridge
-  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
-  Removal of ash trees
-  Remove leaning/dead/fallen trees around group camp and shop/office areas
-  Repair and stain trim to main shop (building #1)
-  Repair rotting wood in South Shelter restroom ceiling/roof
-  Replace skylight panels on out buildings
-  Replace windows in workshop
-  Stain ceiling on East Shelter
-  Trim trees throughout park























Greenwood Park

2022 Accomplishments

-  Built new tables and changed many tables boards
-  Helped with April emergency storm cleanup
-  New bridge installed
-  New entrance gates installed
-  Pesticide applications at Greenwood for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, Emerald Ash Borer and Japanese Knotweed
-  Regrading and rolling of trails
-  Removed contaminated sand area
-  Removed many Ash and other dead trees
-  Repairs to effluent buildings and drainage
-  Setup temp replacement docks
-  Wellhouse change out electrical boxes, installed new light, new sump pump, replumbed from well to holding tank

For 2023

-  Add sand to beach
-  Address issues with runoff from parking lot to beach area
-  Dead Tree Removal including Ash Trees
-  Equipment upgrades
-  Install bench/planter combo
-  Install boot brush stations
-  Install new docks
-  Install new garage doors at shop
-  Install new hot water heaters for beach restrooms
-  Install new pad at shelter 3 and fix drainage around
-  New pad in Shelter 3
-  Remove the old phone/info booth by concession,
-  Replace shelter 2
-  Replumb bathrooms and improve shower stalls
-  Structural Improvements: replace rotting wood and stain buildings
-  Trail Upgrades, new mowers
-  Upgrade chlorinator system in pumphouse
-  Upgrades to bathrooms
-  Upgrades to campsites and fire pits
-  Upgrades to lighting at campground



Nathaniel Cole Park

2022 Accomplishments

- 🏠 Bathroom renovation
- 🏠 Department wide equipment mobilization for auction
- 🏠 Installed boot brush stations
- 🏠 Installed speaker system at waterfront
- 🏠 Refurbished boat house (painted, new letters)
- 🏠 Renovated both kiosks (maps, roofs, structure)
- 🏠 Renovated picnic tables
- 🏠 Safety and drainage work for disk golf
- 🏠 Spring storms cleaned up
- 🏠 Tree removal around shelter and around park


















For 2023

- 🏠 Add beach sand
- 🏠 Beach sand and maintenance of curbs at beach
- 🏠 Bridge repair at Hawkins Pond
- 🏠 Finish drainage work on disk golf
- 🏠 Install new docks
- 🏠 Lake trail maintenance
- 🏠 Landscaping around the park
- 🏠 Mow the park
- 🏠 New road to shelter 1 and 2
- 🏠 Pole barn maintenance
- 🏠 Removal of dead trees
- 🏠 Repair water shut offs
- 🏠 Salt bay maintenance
- 🏠 Shelter 4-bathroom renovations
- 🏠 Shelter replacement













Otsiningo Park

2022 Accomplishments

-  Built and installed new soccer field goals
-  Cut back Japanese Knotweed from walking trails
-  Cut down and removed dead Ash Trees and other trees
-  Installed benches
-  Installed new heaters in pipe chase at Otsiningo North
-  Installed new Spiedie Fest sign
-  Lighting update in garage to LED
-  Prepare and Setup for BC Festival of Lights Events
-  Red Oak seedlings planted with Roosevelt Elementary School
-  Removed, built, and replaced picnic tables
-  Replace Hartley on south bathroom
-  Replaced soccer goals at Otsiningo North
-  Replaced volleyball nets
-  South bathrooms renovated (paint, install new hand dryers, add new partitions, refinish concrete floor, install LED lighting)
-  Took over responsibility and control of Otsiningo North
-  Trees planted near Peace Garden
















For 2023

-  Construction of Dog Park at Otsiningo North
-  Fill in low spots that flood around park with topsoil
-  Fix and install new tables and grills
-  Install drinking fountain on South bathroom
-  Install new benches
-  Install wall mounted fountain at Otsiningo North
-  New Shelter Signs
-  Otsiningo North kiosk upgrades
-  Otsiningo North sign with new Hartley and lettering update
-  Paint North Bathroom
-  Repair all existing drinking fountains
-  Reside office building
-  South Shelter renovations




Construction Crew

2022 Completed Projects




-  Assisted with BC Festival of Lights setup and breakdown
-  Assisted with Spiedie Fest set up and tear down
-  Drainage for new playground and concrete walkway at Dorchester Park
-  Enlarged stage parking lot
-  Fence and back stop demolition at Bagsai
-  Installed ADA boat launch and concrete walkway at Dorchester Park
-  Installed bridge on trail
-  Installed conduit pipe across the roadways for future projects before new blacktop was installed at Otsiningo
-  Installed millings along new blacktop
-  Removed BMX track, dirt, telephone poles and concrete TIE-Beams in the floor from Grippen Park
-  Removed concrete apron around building and blacktop walkways
-  Removed large dead ash trees and white pine trees at Roundtop
-  Tree removal for new softball fields

2023 Construction Crew Projects



Dorchester 2023 Projects

-  Upgrade maintenance building heating system




Greenwood 2023 Projects

-  Replace 2 older shelters
-  Replace waterline/ install well
-  Update street lighting in campground




Grippen Park 2023

-  Fill in tie beams
-  Relocate bleachers




Cole 2023 Projects

-  Renovate concession stand
-  Replace deteriorated shelters
-  Upgrade electric to east side of park

Otsiningo 2023 Projects

-  Building dog park at Otsiningo North
-  Renovate shop area and electrical for better efficiency and maintenance
-  Replace broken underground wires that are used for Spiedie Fest

Aqua Terra 2023 Projects

-  Grub brush along creek (beaver control)
-  Install entrance gate
-  Install recycled phone poles guardrail to coral off-roading


Hawkins Pond 2023 Projects

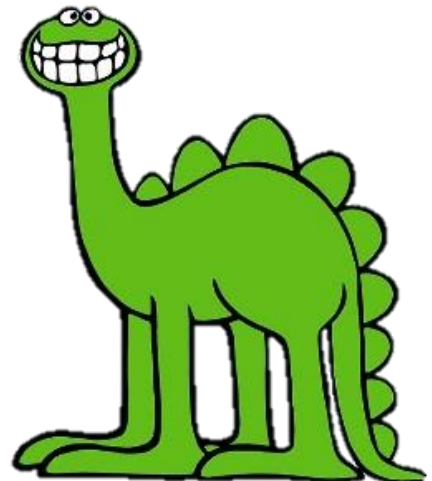
-  Remove and replace shelter floor

Roundtop 2023 Projects

-  Resurface roadway

Bagsai Projects

-  Remove marked trees, concrete, and black top



2022 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

	Salaries Full Time	Salaries Temporary	Employee Benefits	Operating Expenses	Total
Administration	\$96,193.79		\$145,890.28	\$287,912	\$529,996.82
Recreation	\$46,933.93	\$292,844.31	\$65,857.43	\$57,298	\$462,933.85
Parks	\$951,102.17	\$145,554.30	\$724,968.94	\$260,115	\$2,081,740.43
Total	\$1,094,229.89	\$438,398.61	\$936,716.65	\$605,325	\$3,074,671.10



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 or the Division of Criminal Justice for program funding and enters contracts with the agencies. The Youth Bureau also leads the efforts in planning services for youth throughout Broome County.

Gun Violence Prevention

In 2022, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services distributed \$300,000 in grant funding to the Broome County Youth Bureau for local youth organizations. These funds were disbursed to community organizations, which included the YMCA of Broome County, Binghamton Bull Dogs, and the City of Binghamton School District to provide and support positive development activities for youth and young adults aged 14 to 24, who are at risk of being perpetrators or victims of gun violence in neighborhoods experiencing high gun violence.



2022 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 2022</u>
4-H Education Center at Finch Hollow	Cornell Cooperative	\$27,500
Broom County General Recreation	Administrative	\$25,000
Broome County Youth Bureau	Administrative	\$34,000
Community Schools Summer Zones	Binghamton University	\$12,500
Family Connection Center	Catholic Charities	\$20,316
Library Program	Town of Vestal Recreation Department	\$1,500
Pathways	Johnson City School District	\$5,000
Playground Program	Town of Vestal Recreation Department	\$1,500
Runaway & Homeless Youth Coordinator	Admin- RHYA/ Part 1	\$16,887
Safe Harbour	Crime Victims Assistance Center	\$39,005
STCC Youth Membership Program	Children's Home of Wyoming Conference	\$5,000
Summer Playground Program	City of Binghamton	\$15,000
Teen Transitional Living Program	RHYA/Part 2	\$95,689
Vines	Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments	\$15,000
Virginia Ave Park/ JC Youth Facilities	Johnson City Youth Softball & Baseball	\$7,848
Waterman Nature Program	Town of Vestal Recreation Department	\$2,000



2022 Advisory Board

Name	Email	Representing
Beth Roberts	bar75@cornell.edu	Cornell Cooperative Extension – Broome County
Cheryl Sullivan	csullivan@co.broome.ny.us	Broome County Attorney
Christ Streno	cstreno@vestalny.gov	Vestal Police
Christine Battisti	christine@cvac.us	Crime Victims Assistance Center
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Heidi Mikeska	Heidi.Mikeska@broomecountyny.gov	Promise Zone
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