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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,
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Director of Parks, Recreation & Youth Services

Administration

- Administration
- Facility
- Reservations
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- Tourism
- Workforce
- Marketing

Parks

- Maintenance
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- Outdoor Recreation
- Aquatics
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- 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 2023 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 2023, the department distributed over \$250,000 in NYS OCFS Youth Bureau funding to twelve youth programs in Broome County. These programs range from recreational programs to tutoring programs, to run away and homeless case work. Broome County was awarded \$44,141 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 Nature Based Education Programs and over \$47,000 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, staff, and employees, as well as its residents, for their support in 2023. 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
- 🏠 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



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, 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



2023 SPECIAL EVENTS

Miscellaneous

	<u>Dates</u>	<u>People</u>
Southern Tier Open 2023	April 22 & April 23	72
Healthy Kids Running Series-Otsiningo North	April 16-June 4	150
Modelers of Binghamton Float F1—Cole Park	May 20 & May 21	30
St. Johns Evangelist School Spring Concert-Otsiningo Park	May 23	300
The Father’s Heart	June 3	100
Pride Palooza in the Park-Otsiningo Park	June 10	1500
2023 Roadkill 7’s Rugby Tournament-Otsiningo Park North	June 10	100
Broome County Triathlon—Dorchester Park	June 24	175
Equinox Broadcasting Car Show-Otsiningo Park	July 8	2500
Holistic Health & Wellness Fair-Otsiningo Park	June 24	200
39 th Annual Spiedie Fest/Balloon Rally--Otsiningo Park	August 4-6	Varied
Binghamton Bridge Pedal	August 12	120
Praise in the Park	August 20	300
ACHIEVE FIREWORKS	August 31	100
Bonnamu	September 9	300
BC Federation of Sportsmen’s Club Kids Fishing Derby—Cole Park	September 16	50
Binghamton LEAH Soccer Tournament—Otsiningo Park	September 16	150
YMCA All Paws for Cause	September 17	100
Healthy Kids Running Series-Otsiningo North	September 17- October 22	150
Aero guidance Society Float Fly—Cole Park	September 23-24	24
Aloha Festival	September 30	500
Whitney Point Youth Club 5K	October 8	100
Scarecrow Displays---Otsiningo Park	October 2-22	Varied
Broome County Trunk or Treat--Otsiningo Park	October 22	3000
Confluence Running: Cross Country Series- Greenwood Park	October 29	150
BC Festival of Lights-Otsiningo Park	Nov 22-Jan 1	Varied

Walks/Runs (Otsiningo Park)

	<u>Dates</u>	<u>People</u>
Triple Cities Runners Club January Freeze Races	Jan. 7 -Feb. 4	500
Cupid Chase 5K	February 11	150
American Heart Association Walk	April 23	1500
Alive with Autism Family Walk/Fun Day	April 22	125
GiGi’s Playhouse Southern Tier	April 29	200
Brookside Elementary PTA 5K	May 6	100
Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma	June 4	150
Meals on Wheels Western Broome 5K	August 12	100
TCRC Women’s Distance Festival 5K	August 18	100
2023 Walk to Defeat ASL	August 19	500
Finish Lyme 5K	August 26	100
Polka Fest/Jimmy Sturr Concert	August 27	1000
SUNY Broome PTA Club 5K Walk and Run	September 3	100
Sock Out Cancer 5K	September 10	250
Golisano Children’s Hospital	September 23	200
2023 American Found. For Suicide Prevention “Out of the Darkness”	October 1	500
Triple Cities Runners Club “Pete Keyes Turkey Trot”	November 23	600
Ugly Sweater 5K	December 2	250

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

June	13	Matthew Cornwell & L' Bonti
June	20	The Yada Yadas
July	11	Messy Truth
July	18	The Gents
July	25	Sydney Irving & The Mojo
August	1	WildCard
August	8	Storm Front
August	22	Beard of Bees
August	29	Two Dollar Pistol
September	5	The Shambles

Movies in the Park

August	18	Maria Bros (Otsiningo Park)
September	15	Back to the Future (Otsiningo Park)

Broome County Parks 5K Series

July	7	Greenwood Park
July	21	Dorchester Park
August	4	Nathaniel Cole Park
August	18	Otsiningo Park



2023 GREENLIGHT NETWORKS GRAND SLAM PARK

Construction was completed in 2023 to convert an existing four-field dirt complex to 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 will host SUNY Broome's softball team, as well as Binghamton, Seton Catholic and Susquehanna Valley's high school teams this year. Section IV sectional and NYS Regional games will be played at the facility, and there are 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 2023 MASTER SCHEDULE

TOURNAMENTS/PLAY DAYS/CAMPS/FULL FACILITY

September 16-17 (Saturday-Sunday) – Bluechip Back to School Frenzy

September/October 30-1 (Saturday-Sunday) – RBI Fall Frenzy

October 14-15 (Saturday-Sunday) – Bluechip Bash for the Cash

October 21-22 (Saturday-Sunday) – Bluechip Halloween Havoc

October 28-29 (Saturday-Sunday) – Homerun Softball Halloween Classic



GREENLIGHT NETWORKS GRAND SLAM PARK 2024 MASTER SCHEDULE

BROOME SOFTBALL (FIELD ONE)

April 1st (Tuesday) – Doubleheader starting @ 3:00 PM

April 2nd (Wednesday) – Doubleheader starting @ 3:00 PM

April 9th (Wednesday) – Doubleheader starting @ 3:00 PM

April 13th (Saturday) – Doubleheader starting @ 1:00 PM

April 14th (Sunday) – Doubleheader starting @ 1:00 PM

April 16th (Wednesday) – Doubleheader starting @ 3:00 PM

April 25th (Thursday) – Doubleheader starting @ 5:00 PM

May 2nd (Thursday) – Doubleheader TBD

May 7th (Tuesday) – Make Up Day

BINGHAMTON HS SOFTBALL (FIELD TWO)

Schedule TBD

SETON CATHOLIC HS SOFTBALL (FIELD THREE)

March 28th (Thursday) – 5:00 PM

April 1st (Tuesday) – 11:00 AM

April 12th (Friday) – 5:00 PM

April 17th (Wednesday) – 5:00 PM

April 22nd (Monday) – 5:00 PM

April 24th (Wednesday) – 5:00 PM



SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY HS SOFTBALL (FIELD FOUR)

March 26th (Tuesday) – 5:00 PM
March 28th (Thursday) – 5:00 PM
April 8th (Monday) – 5:00 PM
April 20th (Saturday) – 11:00 AM
April 22nd (Monday) – 5:00 PM
April 27th (Saturday) – 11:00 AM
April 27th (Saturday) – 2:00 PM
April 29th (Monday) – 5:00 PM
May 1st (Wednesday) – 5:00 PM
May 3rd (Friday) – 5:00 PM



TOURNAMENTS/PLAY DAYS/CAMPS(FULL FACILITY)

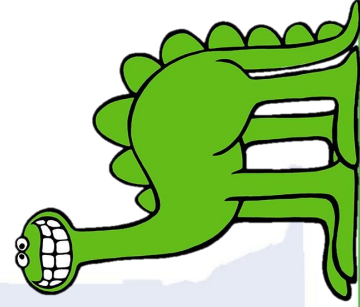
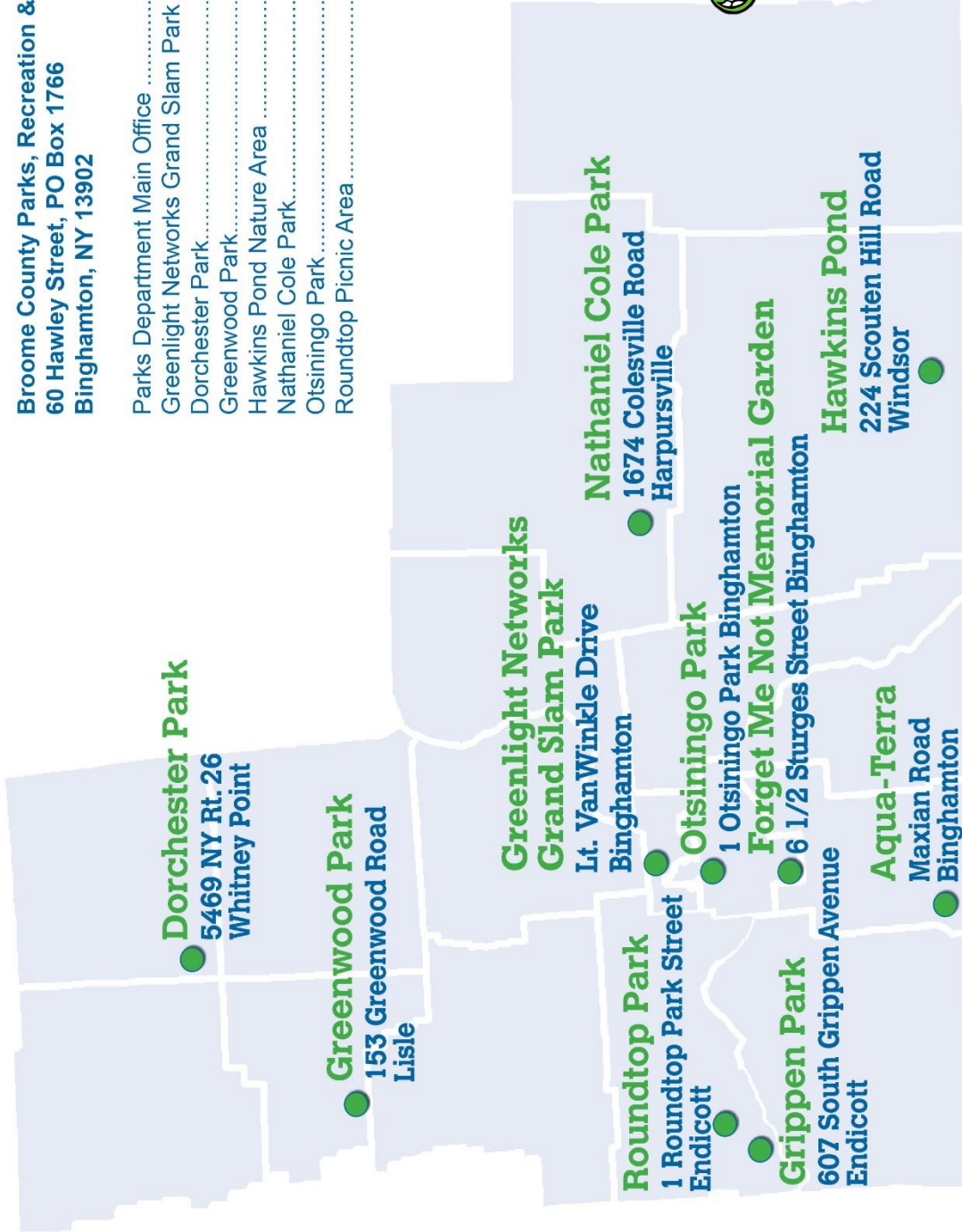
May 4-5 (Saturday-Sunday) – James Ace Morabito Tournament GRAND OPENING
May 18-19 (Saturday-Sunday) – USSSA Homeruns for Our Troops
May 25th (Saturday) – Section IV Finals
May 26th (Sunday) – Section IV Finals Rain Date May 30th (Thursday) – HS Softball Regional Finals
May 31st (Friday) – HS Softball Regional Finals Rain Date
June 1-2 (Saturday-Sunday) – Homerun Softball Battle on the Diamond
June 8-9 (Saturday-Sunday) – USSSA Turf Wars
June 15-16 (Saturday-Sunday) – RBI Lightning Summer Solstice
June 22-23 (Saturday-Sunday) – Homerun Softball Battle Royale
June 28-30 (Friday-Sunday) – Bluechip Future All American
July 5-7 (Friday-Sunday) – Bluechip Independence Day Extravaganza
July 11-14 (Thursday-Sunday) – STOP DWI **Camp Thursday
July 15 (Monday) – Binghamton University/Broome County Parks Softball Camp
July 19-21 (Friday-Sunday) – Homerun Softball Summer College Showcase **Camp then games Friday
July 27-28 (Saturday-Sunday) – Homerun Softball End of Season Blast



Broome County Parks

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 Binghamton, NY 13902

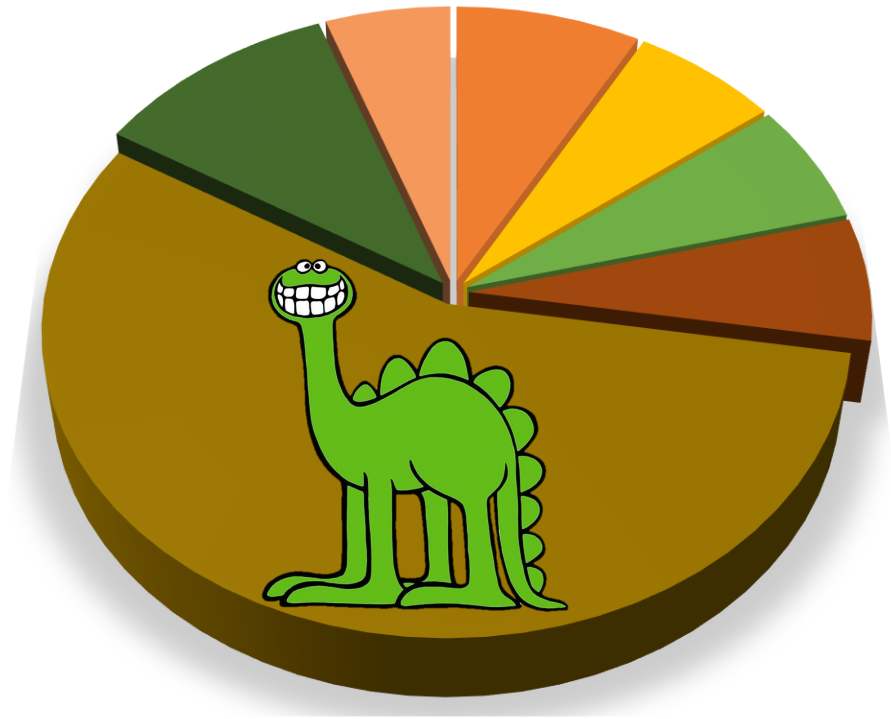
Parks Department Main Office (607) 778-2193
 Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park (607) 761-8095
 Dorchester Park (607) 692-4612
 Greenwood Park (607) 862-9933
 Hawkins Pond Nature Area (607) 693-1389
 Nathaniel Cole Park (607) 693-1389
 Otsiningo Park (607) 778-6541
 Roundtop Picnic Area (607) 778-6541



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2023 GENERAL ATTENDANCE

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



2023 General Attendance	
Dorchester	116,435
Greenwood	93,224
Grippen	91,838
Nathaniel Cole Park	93,248
Otsiningo North	154,473
Otsiningo Park	804,627
Roundtop Picnic Area	78,607
TOTAL	1,432,452

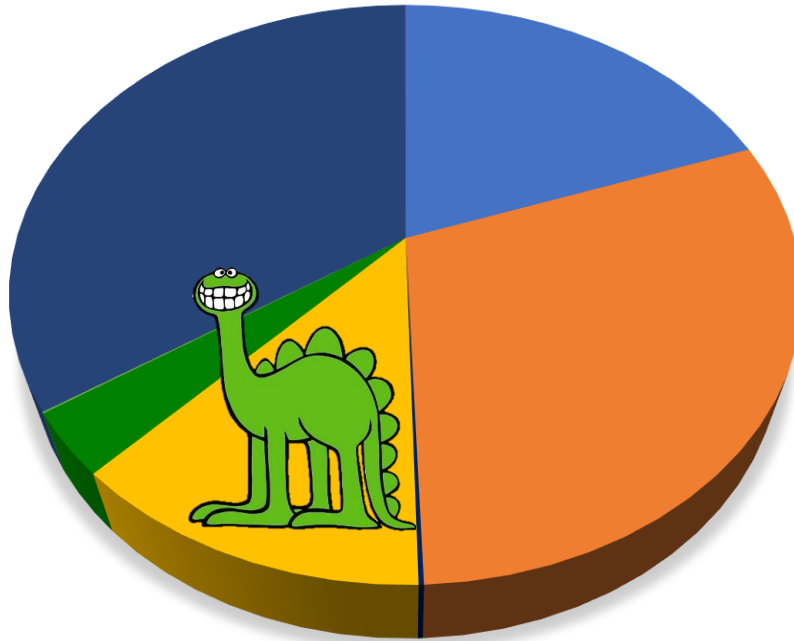
*Aqua Terra, Hawkins Pond, & Greenlight Networks
Grandslam Park do not have attendance counters

2023 GENERAL PARK PROGRAMS ATTENDANCE

	Aqua-Terra	Dorchester	Greenwood	Nathaniel Cole	Otsiningo	Grippen	Roundtop	Total
Recreation Swimming		3,766	4,006	13,979				21,751
Boat Rentals								
Rowboats/Canoes		366	293	605				1,264
Paddleboats		1,822	1,899	2,048				5,769
Kayaks		261	1,461	266				1,988
Sailboats		80						80
Stand Up Paddleboards		17		0				17
Family Camping			5896					5896
Group Camping		190	113	50				353
Stage					10,210			10,210
Shelter Reservations		10,690	6,785	12,213	9,525	610	2,850	42,673
Group Day Outings	161	580	311	352	4,364	0	0	5,768
Cross-Country Ski Rentals			0					0
Cross-Country Ski Trail Passes			0					0
Cross-Country Season Passes			0					0
Softball/Baseball				0	20	0		20
Soccer					12,160			12,160
Volleyball					492			492
Rugby					150			150
Winter Attendance (December-March)		7,271	15,380	10,665	114,062	12,005	3,978	163,361

2023 PARKS, RECREATION & YOUTH SERVICES






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






2023 Parks and Recreation Revenue	
Boating	\$ 32,036.83
Camping	\$ 49,090.05
Donations	\$ 292.23
Food Concession	\$ 20,532.90
Grounds Rental	\$ 5,681.60
Miscellaneous	\$ 127.30
Shelter Rental	\$ 56,414
Ski Rental	\$ 0
Uniform	\$ 58.81
TOTAL	\$164,233.72

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EXPECTED PROJECTS




Administration & Recreation Accomplishments 2023

-  Administered NYS OCFS Youth Development, 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: 17th Annual Broome County Parks Triathlon, Beach Bash, 5K Series, Broome Bands Together Summer Concert Series, Movies in the Park, 5th Annual Trunk or Treat and 8th Annual Scarecrow Contest
-  Year six of Reserve America reservation system implemented for all camping and shelter reservations

Aqua Terra Wilderness Area Accomplishments 2023








-  Invasive species mapping
-  Repair entrance road
-  Trail cleanup

For 2024



-  Install benches, picnic tables and grills
-  Parking area improvements
-  Trail improvements







Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park Softball Complex Accomplishments 2023

-  Bathroom facility renovated
-  Batting cages and bullpens
-  Exterior building renovated
-  Four new turf fields
-  Full facility lighting
-  New spectator accommodations
-  Total facility renovation

For 2024

-  Accessible Wi-Fi
-  Concession Stand




Grippen Park Accomplishments 2023

-  Chipped Christmas trees
-  Invasive species mapping
-  Prepped facility for renovations
-  Repaired concrete flood slab




For 2024

-  Full facility renovation project

Hawkins Pond Nature Area Accomplishments 2023

-  Cleaned up and cleared trails
-  Invasive Species Mapping
-  Installed three bridges

For 2024

-  Ash Tree Removal
-  Repair entry road and parking lot
-  Rebuild Kiosk at parking area



Round-Top Picnic Area Accomplishments 2023

- 🌳 Installed new benches
- 🌳 Paved roadways
- 🌳 Tree work

For 2024

- 🌳 Improve parking area
- 🌳 Install Viewfinder
- 🌳 Replace tables and grills



Dorchester Park

2023 Accomplishments

- 🏡 Added sand to beach
- 🏡 Assisted Army Corp with removal of log jam at dam gate
- 🏡 Built 2 new guard chairs
- 🏡 Cleaned flood debris out of channel where ADA docks are set up
- 🏡 Installed 3 new fountains
- 🏡 Installed ADA playground communication sign
- 🏡 Planted 20 trees with the help of Soil & Water Conservation team
- 🏡 Removed diseased and damaged ash trees
- 🏡 Removed moss from shelter and restroom roofs. Repaired damage done by moss and water
- 🏡 Repaired air system in pump house
- 🏡 Sealing and repairs to cracks in main trail along dam
- 🏡 Stained East Shelter ceiling
- 🏡 Whitney Point Rotary finished clearing of North trail























For 2024

- 🏡 Backfill downhill side of trail along dam
- 🏡 Build gates to replace entrance, office, and group camp gates
- 🏡 Clean flood debris out of channel
- 🏡 Clean out culvert pipes and ditch along route 26
- 🏡 Continue removal of ash trees
- 🏡 Dig up North fountain and find and repair leak
- 🏡 Evans Mechanical repair transfer pumps in pumphouse
- 🏡 Finish sealing pedestrian bridge
- 🏡 Pour new concrete pad for North Shelter and install new grill
- 🏡 Pressure wash and paint North restroom and beach house
- 🏡 Put aluminum roof coating on paint shop roof
- 🏡 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
- 🏡 Trim trees throughout park






















Greenwood Park

2023 Accomplishments

-  Added new sand to beach
-  Built new tables and changed tables boards
-  Dead tree removal throughout park(drop, chip, cleanup)
-  Fixed electrical issue at campground
-  Fixed water line break at shelter 3
-  Invasive species mapping
-  Installed boot brush station
-  Installed new drainage system
-  Installed new ditches
-  Installed new large stone placed in parking lot
-  New equipment 2 Bobcat Zero Turn Mowers, John Deere Tractor, Chipper, Wood Splitter, Weedeaters
-  New garage doors at Maintenance shop
-  New support beams at boathouse
-  Painted restroom buildings, concession building and boathouse
-  Poured new fire ring pad at site 33
-  Poured new pad at Shelter 3 and fixed drainage
-  Regrading and rolling of trails
-  Repaired Pine Grove roof
-  Tore off back wall on concession building and replaced with new siding and window
-  Wellhouse change out electrical boxes, installed new light, new sump pump, replumbed from well to holding tank



For 2024

-  Continue to remove bushes around buildings
-  Install new docks with new anchoring system
-  New back deck for guards
-  New flooring in bathrooms
-  Paint concession/guard building on the inside
-  Patch/pave road way to campground
-  Pine Grove logging
-  Regrade Pine Grove and create an open picnic area with new trees
-  Removal of tree stumps
-  Remove the old phone/info booth by concession
-  Replumb bathrooms and improve shower stalls
-  Revamp concession
-  Stain all 4 shelters
-  Trail Upgrades
-  Upgrades to all bathrooms
-  Upgrades to campground playground – edge and add chips
-  Upgrades to campsites and fire pits
-  Upgrades to lighting at campground
-  Upgrades to sand volleyball court – square, edge and add sand



Nathaniel Cole Park

2023 Accomplishments

- 🏡 Add new beach sand
- 🏡 Bathroom renovation
- 🏡 Department wide equipment mobilization for auction
- 🏡 Invasive species mapping
- 🏡 Installed boot brush stations
- 🏡 Installed speaker system at waterfront
- 🏡 Lake Trail maintenance
- 🏡 Refurbished boat house (painted, new letters)
- 🏡 Renovated both kiosks (maps, roofs, structure)
- 🏡 Renovated picnic tables
- 🏡 Safety and drainage work for disk golf
- 🏡 Salt Bay maintenance
- 🏡 Spring storms cleaned up
- 🏡 Tree removal around shelter and around park
- 🏡 Updated concession rental signs
- 🏡 Water system repairs



For 2024

- 🏡 Add beach sand
- 🏡 Beach sand and maintenance of curbs at beach
- 🏡 Bridge repair at Hawkins Pond
- 🏡 Concession Stand maintenance
- 🏡 Continue 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
- 🏡 Shelter 4-bathroom renovations
- 🏡 Shelter replacement



Otsiningo Park

2023 Accomplishments

- 🏡 Added new sand to volleyball court
- 🏡 Cleared out overgrown riverbank in areas to make room for new picnic areas
- 🏡 Constructed dog park at Otsiningo North
- 🏡 Hosted Broome Bands Together Summer concert series and Movies in the Parks
- 🏡 Invasive species mapping
- 🏡 Installed communication boards at all playgrounds
- 🏡 Installed new benches
- 🏡 New wood chips at playgrounds
- 🏡 Remove and replaced broken tables and grills
- 🏡 Repaired and improved garden plot water access
- 🏡 Replaced Hartley and letters on park signs
- 🏡 Repurpose clay from BAGSAI, sent to other municipalities
- 🏡 Set up and tear down of Festival of Lights and Spiedie Fest

For 2024

- 🏡 Continue clearing out riverbank and construct new riverfront picnic areas
- 🏡 Continue replacing tables and grills
- 🏡 Improve drainage around park
- 🏡 Improve soccer field turf
- 🏡 Install new drinking fountains and bottle fill stations throughout the park
- 🏡 New siding on maintenance building



Construction Crew

2023 Completed Projects

- 🏗️ Assisted Dorchester Park with installing and removing docks
- 🏗️ Assisted with BC Festival of Lights setup and breakdown
- 🏗️ Assisted with Spiedie Fest set up and tear down
- 🏗️ Constructed PetSafe dog park at Otsiningo North- installed concrete walkways and water line
- 🏗️ Delivering salt/sand mix to all parks.
- 🏗️ Digging up electric vault and replacing wire splices at Cole Park
- 🏗️ Installed bridge on walking trail at Greenwood Park.
- 🏗️ Installed flagpole for Wi-Fi device at Greenwood Park.
- 🏗️ Reinstalled score boards at Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park
- 🏗️ Removed and replaced concrete shelter floor at Greenwood Park.
- 🏗️ Removed large hanging storm damaged limbs at round top.
- 🏗️ Repaired bridge footer at Aqua Terra.
- 🏗️ Snow plowing and salting at Otsiningo, Grippen and Round Top
- 🏗️ Tree removal and trimming at Otsiningo along river trail.
- 🏗️ Tree removal for new softball fields at Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park

2024 Construction Crew Projects

Dorchester 2024 Projects

- 🏗️ Upgrade maintenance building heating system

Greenwood 2024 Projects

- 🏗️ Beaver control at pound out flow.
- 🏗️ Replace 2 older shelters
- 🏗️ Replace waterline/ install well
- 🏗️ Update street lighting in campground
- 🏗️ Campground bathroom renovations

Grippen Park 2024 Projects

- 🏗️ Relocate bleachers

Nathaniel Cole 2024 Projects

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

Otsiningo 2024 Projects

- 🏗️ Renovate shop area and electrical for better efficiency and maintenance
- 🏗️ Upgrade electric for BC Festival of Lights and Spiedie Fest

Aqua Terra 2024 Projects

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

Hawkins Pond 2024 Projects

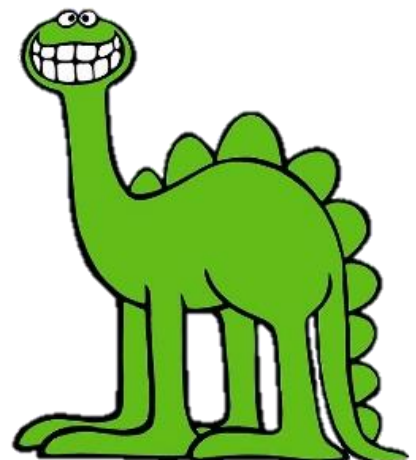
- 🏗️ Remove and replace shelter floor

Roundtop 2024 Projects

- 🏗️ Tree work

Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park 2024 Projects

- 🏗️ Remove marked trees, concrete, and black top



2023 Departmental Expenses

	Salaries Full Time	Salaries Temporary	Employee Benefits	Operating Expenses	Total
Administration	\$ 128,557.80		\$ 191,992.10	\$279,055.92	\$599,605.82
Recreation	\$108,895.13	\$337,417.29	\$90,037.62	\$24,295.44	\$560,642.48
Parks	\$877,603.01	\$232,778.18	\$766,254.23	\$340,988.27	\$2,217,623.69
Total	\$1,115,055.94	\$570,195.47	\$1,048,280.95	\$644,339.63	\$3,377,871.99



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 2023, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services distributed over \$40,000 in grant funding to the Broome County Youth Bureau for local youth sports organizations. These funds were disbursed to community organizations, which included the Binghamton Bull Dogs: Better Ballers program, She’s Got Game and Future Stars Camp, and the City of Binghamton Parks and Recreation Youth Sports. 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.



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

<u>Program</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Funded 2023</u>
Afterschool Program	The Bridge Community Center	\$7,500
Better Ballers/She's Got Game/Future Stars	Binghamton Bull Dogs Sports Complex	\$24,935
Broome County General Recreation	Administrative	\$5,862
Broome County Youth Bureau	Administrative	\$25,500
Children's Summer Program	ACHIEVE	\$7,500
EACH1TEACH1	CARES Advocates for Families Inc.	\$15,000
Family Connection Center	Catholic Charities	\$15,000
Library Program	Town of Vestal Recreation Department	\$1,500
Nature Based Education Programs	Cornell Cooperative	\$27,500
Playground Program	Town of Vestal Recreation Department	\$1,500
Runaway & Homeless Youth Coordinator	Admin- RHYA/ Part 1	\$13,117
Safe Harbor	Crime Victims Assistance Center	\$15,000
Summer Playground Program	City of Binghamton	\$11,250
Teen Transitional Living Program	RHYA/Part 2	\$74,327
Vines	Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments	\$13,125
Waterman Nature Program	Town of Vestal Recreation Department	\$1,750
Youth Sports	City of Binghamton Parks & Recreation	\$19,206



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