

PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON ERIE COUNTY PARKS MASTER PLAN

The Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry in conjunction with the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning have announced a public comment period to solicit public input on the updated Erie County Parks Master Plan ("the Plan"). The Plan is intended to create a framework for preservation, enhancement and improvement of existing Parks assets and landscape settings over the next 15-20 years. The Plan development was guided by extensive public outreach which included a park user survey of 5,000 random county residents and seven stakeholder meetings with 65 stakeholder groups providing input.

The Plan provides recommendations to improve each Park along with system-wide recommendations and guidance concerning partnerships to improve park maintenance and operations, improve public communications around park features and events, and preservation and restoration of natural systems and heritage features.

We want to hear what you think

Public Meetings on the Parks Master Plan are scheduled for:

- **Saturday October 20th, 2018 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Chestnut Ridge Park Casino, 6121 Chestnut Ridge Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127**
- **Saturday November 3rd, 2018 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Ellicott Creek Park Friendship House, Creekside Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150**
- **Thursday November 15th, 2018 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at Como Lake Park Casino, 2220 Como Park Blvd, Lancaster, NY 14086**

Representatives from the Parks Department, Department of Environment and Planning, and the consultant, Wendel Companies will be on hand to answer questions and gather feedback. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the Plan and submit specific park recommendations.

Hard copies of the Plan are available at the following locations:

- Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, 10th Floor, 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo;
- Orchard Park Public Library, S-4570 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park (available Friday);
- Newstead Public Library, 33 Main Street, Akron (available Friday);and
- Lancaster Public Library, 5466 Broadway, Lancaster. (available Friday)

The full plan can be reviewed [here](#), with online public comment on the Plan accepted through December 17, 2018.

We thank you in advance for participating in the Parks Master Planning process. Your input will continue to help guide the future of parks and recreation in Erie County.

Sincerely,

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