



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 enhance 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 protection, preserving, and restoring significant natural areas

Parks, Recreation & Youth Services

Director of Parks, Recreation & Youth Services

Administration

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- Seasonal Employees
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- 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 2025 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 and a new recreational facility featuring a new ice-skating rink. 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 2025, the department distributed over \$500,000 in NYS OCFS Youth Bureau funding to twenty-seven 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 \$43,921 in Youth Sports Education Funding for programs to provide a variety of youth structured sports activities in under-resourced communities. Along with \$92,802 for local Youth Team Sports. In addition, the department has distributed over \$50,678 in ZBGA grants to Cornell Cooperative Extension for Nature Based Education Programs and over \$49,359 in grants for Broome County Snowmobile Clubs to help maintain the many miles of snowmobile trails that run through Broome County.

2025 has been another year of growth for the Department – the official opening of Grippen Community Park brought dozens of pickleball players, ice skaters and families to the Parks, spurring economic development and generating revenue for Broome County. Overall feedback has been very positive, and we are looking forward to more improvements at this location in 2026.

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 2025. 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 host 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 requires 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-Otsiningo
-  Broome Bands Together Concert Series-Grippen
-  Broome County Beach Bash
-  Broome County Parks 5K Series
-  Broome County Parks Photo Contest
-  Broome County Parks Triathlon
-  Movies in the Park
-  Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally
-  Broome County Parks Scarecrow Contest & Display
-  Broome County Parks Trunk or Treat
-  Broome County Parks Fall Festival
-  Broome County Parks Deck the Park



2025 SPECIAL EVENTS

<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>People</u>
Special Olympics-Greenwood	February 8	100
Punishers for Puppies-Otsiningo	May 10	100
Modelers of Binghamton Float F1-Cole Park	May 17 -18	60
BC Salutes our Veterans-Otsiningo Park	May 30	500
The Father's Heart "Jesus in the Park"-Otsiningo Park	June 7	200
Binghamton Pride Palooza -Otsiningo Park	June 14	1000
Broome County Triathlon—Dorchester Park	June 28	250
Equinox Broadcasting Car Show-Otsiningo Park	July 12	2000
40 th Annual Spiedie Fest/Balloon Rally--Otsiningo Park	August 1-3	Varied
Grace Point Church "Praise in the Park"	August 23	400
Achieve "Savor the Summer"	August 28	Varied
Disc Golf Tournament-Nathaniel Cole Park	September 6	120
BC Federation of Sportsmen's Club Kids Fishing Derby—Cole Park	September 13	150
Binghamton LEAH Soccer Tournament—Otsiningo Park	September 20	175
Polka Fest/Jimmy Sturr Concert – Otsiningo Park	September 28	1000
Aero guidance Society Float Fly—Cole Park	September 27-28	50
Scarecrow Displays---Otsiningo Park	October 1-24	Varied
Broome County Trunk or Treat--Otsiningo Park	October 19	3000
BC Festival of Lights-Otsiningo Park	Nov 17-Jan 4	Varied
<u>Walks/Runs (Otsiningo Park)</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>People</u>
Triple Cities Runners Club January Freeze Races	Jan. 4 -Feb. 1	375
Cupid Chase 5K	February 8	200
Healthy Kids Running-Otsiningo Park	April 13-May 18	750
Alive with Autism Family Walk/Fun Day	May 3	100
GiGi's Playhouse Southern Tier 5K	May 17	400
Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma	June 8	75
TCRC Women's Distance Festival 5K	August 15	85
Bleeding Disorders of the Southern Tier	August 17	75
Walk for Wellness BMINDS	September 6	200
Sock Out Cancer 5K	September 7	100
Healthy Kids Running Series	January 4-February 4	750
YMCA Binghamton All Paws for a Cause	September 14	200
Golisano Children's Hospital	September 27	300
Meals on Wheels	October 4	100
Out of the Darkness	October 5	450
Springbrook	October 11	300
Willow Running "Boos and Brews 5K"	October 18	200
Visions 5K with Emily Mackay	November 2	150
Triple Cities Runners Club "Pete Keyes Turkey Trot"	November 28	800
Willow Running "Ugly Sweater 5K"	December 8	200

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

June	3	The Shambles
June	17	The Yada Yadas
June	24	Sydney Irving
July	1	Dinner with Sinners
July	15	The Bro Bro's
July	22	Wound Tight
August	12	Melanie and the Boys
August	19	Rusty Junk
August	26	Caviar & Grits
September	3	Remnant



Broome Bands Together Summer Concert Series -West (Grippen Community Park)

June	19	Beard of Bees
July	17	Dirt Farm
August	4	A Country Mile



Movies in the Park

June	13	Mona 2 (Otsiningo Park)
July	18	Mufasa (Nathaniel Cole Park)
August	16	Jurassic Park (Otsiningo Park)

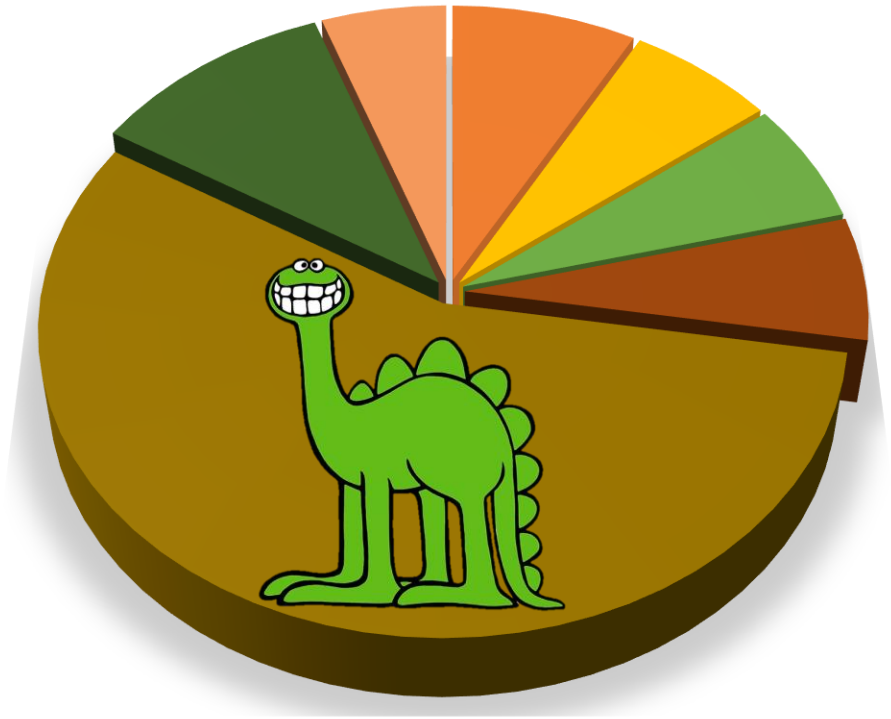
Broome County Parks 5K Series

July	10	Greenwood Park
July	24	Dorchester Park
August	7	Nathaniel Cole Park
August	21	Otsiningo Park



2025 GENERAL ATTENDANCE

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



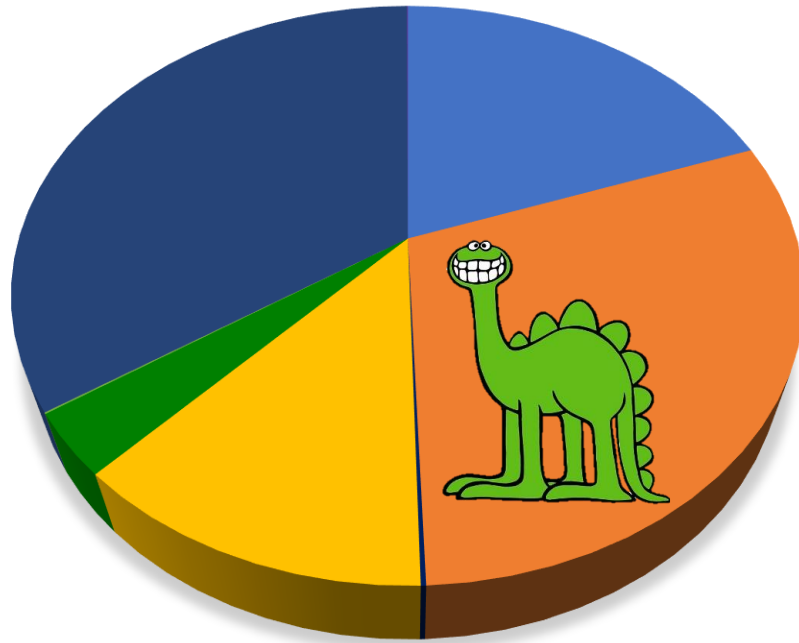
2025 General Attendance	
Dorchester	100,666
Greenwood	92,555
Grippen	85,737
Nathaniel Cole Park	69,601
Otsiningo North	151,211
Otsiningo Park	1,145,926
Roundtop Picnic Area	76,896
TOTAL	1,722,592

2025 PARKS RENTALS AND ACTIVITIES

	Aqua-Terra	Dorchester	Greenwood	Nathaniel Cole	Otsiningo	Grippen	Roundtop	Total
Recreation Swimming		1,711	4,281	10,125				16,117
Boat Rentals								
Rowboats/Canoes		206	262	818				1,286
Paddleboats		1,328	1305	1,819				4,452
Kayaks		980	177	342				1,499
Sailboats		45						45
Stand Up Paddleboards		13		11				24
Family Camping			6,282					6,282
Group Camping		216	444	24				684
Stage					5,100			5,100
Shelter Reservations		6,925	7,163	8,546	6,688	223	2,022	31,567
Group Day Outings	13	441	684	1599	2927	207	47	5,938
Cross-Country Ski Rentals			105					105
Cross-Country Ski Trail Passes			123					123
Cross-Country Season Passes			15					15
Ice Skating						1,323		1,323
Softball/Baseball				0	2,275	0		2275
Soccer					7,577			7,577
Volleyball					2,275			2,275
Rugby					0			0
Winter Attendance (December- March)		15,500	8,793	10,623	185,169	8,562		228,647

2025 PARKS, RECREATION & YOUTH SERVICES REVENUE

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



2025	
Parks and Recreation Revenue	
Boating	\$ 30,720.75
Camping	\$ 36,366.51
Donations	\$ 716.45
Food Concession	\$ 55,697.47
Grounds Rental	\$ 87,796.49
Sponsorships	\$ 21,284.09
Shelter Rental	\$ 52,348.35
Ski Rental	\$ 2,585.19
Uniform	\$ 63.96
TOTAL	\$287,579.26

2025 RECREATION & YOUTH SERVICES EXPENSES

	Salaries Full Time	Salaries Temporary	Employee Benefits	Operating Expenses	Total
Administration	\$269,517.93			\$433,870.25	\$958,371.67
Recreation/Parks	\$1,315,621.85	\$498,11.70	\$498,111.70	\$536,312.13	\$3,268,051.95
Total	\$1,585,139.78	\$498,11.70	498,111.70	\$970,182.38	\$4,226,423.62



Administrative Accomplishments

- Administered NYS OCFS Youth Development, Runaway Homeless Youth funding to fifteen youth programs in Broome County
- Administered NYS OCFS Youth Sports and Education Funding to fourteen agencies in Broome County
- Administered NYSOPRHP Snowmobile Trail Grant-in-Aid program to two local snowmobile clubs
- Administered NYS Zoos, Botanical Gardens, and Aquaria (ZBGA) Operational Support Grant to Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Conducted the following Broome County Parks Events: 19th Annual Broome County Parks Triathlon, Beach Bash, 4th 5K Series, Broome Bands Together Summer Concert Series, Movies in the Park, 7th Annual Trunk or Treat and 10th Annual Scarecrow Contest
- Implemented CivicRec Reservation software to manage registration and reservations, facility management, ticketing, point of sale, reporting, marketing, resource allocation and more Streamlining and simplifying the process

For 2026

- Continue towards fully electronic time keeping and form submission
- Continue working towards a simplified on-boarding process for Seasonal Employees
- Add programming at Grippen Community Park to include Broome Bands Together West, Pickle Fest, Fall Festival, Winter Festival and Holiday Events

Parks and Recreation Accomplishments

AquaTerra Wilderness Area

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

For 2026

- Brush removal along parking lot.
- Continue parking area improvements



Dorchester Park

- Added three new planters and updated existing ones
- Assisted in search of a missing person.
- Built and installed new reserved signs at Shelters
- Built one new guard chair
- Cleaned up from two major floods
- Installed two new memorial benches
- Memorial tree planted
- New floor installed inside front half of boathouse
- Painted restroom doors North and beach complex
- Pressure washed and sealed pedestrian bridge
- Removed fallen tree from paint shop roof
- Removed twelve more ash trees
- Repaired and replaced grills, kiosk, and gates destroyed by ice and flood waters.
- Repaired trail benches along dam trail
- Replaced skylight panels in cold storage room that were damaged by wind and broken treetops
- Sealed walkway to beach
- Stained soffit to north restrooms and beach complex
- Stump grinding and backfilling ten stumps



For 2026

- Backfill washed out area along bottom side of trail across dam
- Build new gates to replace entrance gate and gate to group camp
- Build two new guard chairs
- Continue to excavate channel where docks go and creek above bridge
- Continue to remove Ash trees and falling trees around group camp area
- Create planter around north memorial bench
- Finish sealing cracks in trail along dam
- Have Highway repaint roadway and parking lot lines
- Install two new drinking fountains
- Install fountain at North restrooms and Guard complex
- Paint and stain entrance sign
- Paint shop roof with rust converter
- Paint wheelchair logo in handicapped spots in boat launch parking lot
- 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 stain trim on main shop
- Repair waterline to North fountain
- Replace rotten wood on South restroom roof
- Seal walkway to beach
- Stain North and South shelter ceilings



Greenwood Park

- Added fill and drainage to campsites
- Added sand to beach and volleyball area after washouts
- Built new metal frame tables, replacing the last of the old wooden tables
- Camp bathroom building interior renovation, outside is mostly complete
- Continued to remove dead Ash trees around park
- Hosted Scout Council Camporee in April
- Installed new grills, replace old, rusted ones
- New fire ring pads installed in campground to replace old crumbling ones
- New John Deere tractor was purchased, replacing old New Holland tractor
- New metal roofs are installed on shelters and secondary bathroom buildings
- New modern fuel system installed and implemented
- New oil and wood burning furnace installed
- New woodchips in park playground area, made water diversion ditch to prevent washout
- Painted shelters and secondary bathroom building in new park's color scheme
- Plan and organize ice fishing derby for early 2026
- Prep for and open for cross-country skiing in December
- Removal of water chestnut from entire lake
- Removed and replaced rotted floor in office bathroom, repair leak in ski shop ceiling
- Removed old flooring in men's beach bathroom, new walls in shower area
- Removed old, compact woodchips from camp playground, edged area and filled with new woodchips
- Repair breaks in camp power lines
- Repair breaks in main water line
- Replace burnt out power outlets in campground
- Trail work – particularly drainage/ditches, removing downed trees, cut back overgrowth
- Training completed and began implementing new County Connect and Civic Rec systems

For 2026

- Adding more native vegetation, especially wildflowers for pollinators
- Complete all campground bathroom outside renovations including new walkway
- Continue painting all buildings in new park color scheme
- Continue removal of dead ash trees and other problem trees, replace as we can
- Continuing to improve drainage and water runoff issues to prevent washout problems
- Continue to look for potential uses for open areas beyond campground
- Develop and implement new lake health management plan
- Host Ice Fishing Derby
- Look into creation of "Friends of Broome County Parks" group
- Look into Fatbike trails/other winter uses for park
- Look into generator to keep water system pressurized during power outages
- Patch roadway to hold over until entire park gets repaved in 2027
- Perform full fisheries survey via DEC, create lake depth contour map for public
- Repair and modernize electric system in campground
- Replace old paddle boats

Hawkins Pond Nature Area

- On-going Trail cleanup/maintenance

For 2026

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



Nathaniel Cole Park

- Added millings to maintenance road
- Added several long baskets to Disc Golf Course
- Added stairs to Disc Golf Course
- Added trail head access from beach area
- Cleared and leveled old brush area on Disc Golf
- Cleared brush and debris from disc golf course
- Cleared trees on Disc Golf Course
- Continue clearing out old garbage dump
- Continued to work on drainage on disk golf course
- Fixed curbing on beach
- Fixed Electric and water line to Shelter 1&2 Restroom
- Landscaping around the park
- Painted entire main restroom facilities
- Paved parking lots near shelter 3
- Removed dead trees
- Repaired bridges on Disc Golf
- Repaired Shelter 3
- Shelter 1 and 2 constructions completed
- Shelter 4 restroom renovations
- Started roadway to septic tank
- Trail maintenance



For 2026

- Build roof over new outdoor boiler
- Clear material from dumpster/overflow parking area
- Clear overgrown areas to add picnic spots
- Clear/fix walking paths through Disc Golf course
- Continue building road to septic tank for pumping
- Continue clearing East Bank
- Continue clearing hazardous trees from Disc Golf Course
- Continue maintenance of curbing around beach
- Continue pole barn maintenance
- Continue to remove dead trees throughout the park
- Repair concrete pads on Disc Golf Course
- Replace culvert pipes on lake trail and Disc Golf
- Replace Shelter 4 restroom roof
- Trail Maintenance
- Update playground near Shelter 1 and 2
- Work on drainage on Disc Golf Course



Otsiningo Park

- Cleared out riverbank
- Improved drainage around park
- Installed 2 new drinking fountains/bottle fill stations
- Painted maintenance building and entrance booth
- Replaced tables and grills
- Remarked soccer corners

For 2026

- Continue clearing the riverbank and storm damaged trees
- Continue replacing tables and grills
- Continuing tree work throughout the park
- Planting new trees
- Renovate south bathrooms
- Repair and replace roof of Park Office
- Replace roof north shelter
- Replace rotting steel doors
- Stage Area renovations/ADA accessibility Project (Ryan's crew)



Round-Top Picnic Area

- Clear both overlooks
- Continued tree removal where necessary
- On-going trail clean-up/maintenance
- Replaced tables and grills

For 2026

- Clear both overlooks
- Continued tree removal where necessary
- On-going trail clean-up/maintenance
- Replaced tables and grills



Grippen Community Park

- CAT6 cable for cameras
- Install bottle fill station
- Install flooring in office
- New shelter roof
- Set-up ice rink for winter
- Tree work

For 2026

- Install concession floor
- Storage shelving
- Install Dog Park
- Install Wind Screen



Construction Crew Projects

- ADA Compliant walkway ramp, seating area and larger parking lot at OTSININGO stage
- ADA walkway at OTSININGO park for playground accessibility
- Assisted with BC festival of lights set up and tear down
- Assisted with SPIEDIE Fest set up and tear down
- Bathroom renovations at Greenwood Park
- Crime Victims Memorial wall
- Installed concrete slab and pavilion, ADA walkway at Greenlight Grand Slam Park
- Installed concrete slab and underground piping for outdoor wood boiler at Cole Park
- Mowed overlook and what trails we could mow with are big tractors at Hawkins Pond
- Mowed the boat launch at Grippen park
- Mowing dams and outflows at Greenwood, Cole and Hawkins Pond
- Planted the best charmas tree ever at Grippen park
- Pumped down sediment pound 3X so Gorick could repair out flow pipe
- Removed 6 large beaver dams at Aqua-Terra Park (flooding the roadway)
- Repaired water line leaks at Greenwood Park
- Repaired water line leaks at OTSININGO Park
- Snow Removal / salting at OTSININGO , Grippen, Round top and En-Joie
- Tree clean-up at OTSININGO Park after major windstorm in July

For 2026

- ADA walkway to camp bathrooms at Greenwood Park
- Beaver Control at all parks as need
- Cleaning up storm damaged trees and debris piles left from July's 2025 windstorm
- Festival of light set up and take down
- Finishing landscape around new ADA walkways at sounds stage Otsiningo
- Finish installing siding on camp bathhouse at Greenwood Park
- Help Otsiningo Park with installing new standing seam roof on shop and pavilions
- Helping HVAC install wood boilers at Greenwood Park and Dorchester
- Installing Recycled telephone pole at Aqua-Teera to coral off road vehicles
- Plowing /salting OTSINIGO, Grippen, Roundtop and En-Joie
- Removing brush along creak at Aqua-Terra
- Running power to flagpole and new pavilion at Greenlight Grand Slam Park
- Spiedie Fest setup and take down.
- Storm water and ground water drainage at Greenwood Park old pine grove area
- Tree work at all parks
- Water shed responsibility at all the parks



2025 GREENLIGHT NETWORKS GRAND SLAM PARK

Broome County Parks is extremely proud of the progress and success achieved at Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park over the past year. Significant investments were made to enhance the facility, including the installation of a new parking lot gate and a complete renovation of the concession stand. As we look ahead, Broome County remains committed to building on this momentum through continued strategic improvements that enhance the experience for athletes, spectators, and visitors alike—ensuring Grand Slam Park remains a premier destination for years to come.

From May through November, the state-of-the-art facility welcomed more than 40,000 visitors, including athletes, coaches, umpires, tournament staff, families, and supporters from across New York State and beyond. Grand Slam Park served as the primary venue for numerous high-profile events, including the New York State Public High School Girls Softball Championships, the 45th Annual James “Ace” Morabito Memorial Tournament, and multiple tournaments hosted by BlueChip Softball, Homerun Softball, and Section IV Championships.

According to preliminary figures released by Visit Binghamton, Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park generated more than \$5.3 million in total economic impact during the 2025 season. This impact reflects spending on overnight accommodation, dining, transportation, retail, and other local services—providing a substantial boost to the Broome County economy.



GREENLIGHT NETWORKS GRAND SLAM PARK 2025 MASTER SCHEDULE

<u>Teams</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>People</u>
BINGHAMTON HS SOFTBALL	March -May	500
SETON CATHOLIC HS SOFTBALL	March -May	350
Elmira Varsity Doubleheader	April 19	200
James Ace Morabito Tournament	May 2-4	2,700
STACS	May 17	150
Blue Chip Memorial Day Mayhem	May 23-25	1,800
Section IV Championships	May 31- June 1	4,300
NYSPPHSAA Class C Regionals	June 4	400
NYSPPHSSA Softball Championships	June 12-14	7,900
RBI Summer Solstice	June 20-22	2,400
Blue Chip Future All-American	June 27-29	2,000
Bluechip Independence Day Extravaganza	July 4-6	983
Homerun Summer Slam/College Showcase	July 11-13	3,600
Diamond Dynamics Softball Camp	July 17	100
STOP DWI	July 18-20	4,700
Homerun Softball Summer College Showcase	July 19-21	590
Homerun Softball End of Season Blast	July 25-27	3,300
Homerun Softball Camp	July 28	125
Cara Martin Camp	August 14-16	100
RBI 12U Double Header	September 28	150
Fall Rumble	October 3-5	883
Blue Chip Softball New York State College Showcase	October 18-19	1,900
Homerun Softball Pumpkin Classic	October 24-26	1,900
Last Look Showcase	October 31-2	1,700

*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
-  BMTS
-  Binghamton University
-  Broome County Security
-  Broome-Tioga Workforce
-  Buildings and Grounds
-  Cornell Cooperative Extension
-  County Executive
-  Coughlin & Gerhart LLP
-  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
-  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 \$500,000 in grant funding to the Broome County Youth Bureau for local youth sports organizations. These funds were disbursed to community organizations, which included the Whitney Point Civic Association, Children's Home of Wyoming Conference, The Bridge Community Center, and YMCA of Broome County. 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.



2025 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 2025</u>
Afterschool Program	The Bridge Community Center	\$15,000
Basketball	Binghamton Bull Dogs Sports Complex	\$20,000
Broome County General Recreation	Administrative	\$5,316
Broome County Youth Bureau	Administrative	\$26,000
CARES DAD Program	CARES Advocates for Families Inc.	\$10,000
Children's Summer Program	ACHIEVE	\$8,000
City of Binghamton Youth Sports	City of Binghamton	\$12,000
EACH1TEACH1	CARES Advocates for Families Inc.	\$15,000
Family Connection Center	Catholic Charities	\$17,000
Johnson City Youth Soccer	Johnson City Soccer Association	\$14,000
Harpursville Youth Sports	Harpursville Youth Sports Association	\$15,000
Playground/Library Program	Town of Vestal Recreation Department	\$8,000
Nature Based Education Programs	Cornell Cooperative	\$27,500
Port Dickinson Youth Sports	Port Dickinson Community Association	\$14,000
Runaway & Homeless Youth Coordinator	Admin- RHYA/ Part 1	\$3,907
Safe Harbor	Crime Victims Assistance Center	\$20,000
Sports Youth	Town of Vestal Recreation Department	\$8,000
STCC Youth Membership Program	Children's Home of Wyoming Conference	\$17,000
Teen Transitional Living Program	RHYA/Part 2	\$135,213
Vines	Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments	\$18,000
Whitney Point Civic Baseball	Whitney Point Civic Association	\$11,098
Youth and Police Initiative	New York State University Police	\$10,000
Youth Sports	Windsor Youth Sports and Recreation Association	\$10,000
Youth Sports	Town of Colesville	\$3,000
YMCA Kids STEM Summer Camp	YMCA of Broome County	\$5,000
YMCA Youth Wellness/Athletics	YMCA of Broome County	\$12,921

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Youth Bureau

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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Dorchester Park (607) 692-4612
Greenwood Park (607) 862-9933
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