

# Bruso Announces Start of Work on Como Lake Park Dam

*Como Lake Park is a top priority for Bruso: he has worked closely with community members and the Erie County Parks Department on revitalization efforts since taking office in January*

(Lancaster, NY) Erie County Legislator John Bruso today announced the commencement of rehabilitation work on the Como Lake Park dam. This week, the Erie County Department of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Department of Public Works began work on the dam and the creek/lake embankment.

"This work is essential to our community's long-term goals for Como Lake Park," said Bruso. "As the contractors work on replacing the gates of the dam, they will also test the sediment collected behind the dam for contaminants in order to evaluate the potential removal of the sediment."

The rehabilitation work includes removing and replacing the dam's slide gates, removal of deteriorated concrete, and erosion work. The accumulated sediment behind the dam in the lake will also be tested. The work is expected to last most of the summer, with an expected completion date sometime near the end of August. During that time, the lake will be drained and the flow in Cayuga Creek will be maintained.

Bruso also praised the commencement of the rehabilitation work by the Poloncarz Administration and thanked them for their efforts to improve the park. "I would like to thank County Executive Poloncarz and Parks Commissioner Daniel Rizzo for their efforts and for listening to the residents of the 8<sup>th</sup> legislative district to fix the dam and improve the lake."

Understanding the central role the park plays in community life in the 8<sup>th</sup> District, upon taking office Legislator Bruso began reaching out to residents and community leaders and toured the park with the Parks Commissioner. The County is developing a master plan for the park which is expected to be released later this year.

Established in 1923, Como Lake Park is a 534 acre park located along the banks of Cayuga Creek in both the village and town of Lancaster. Access is free and it is open to the public year-round.