



ALBANY COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

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Hon. Joanne Cunningham
Chairperson, Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

April 19, 2025

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Albany County Department of Parks and Recreation respectfully requests authorization to submit modifications to personnel line items and a budget amendment establishing new positions. These proposed changes will have a fiscal impact and are integral to strengthening our Department's operational capacity in response to increasing public demand and the continued growth of our facilities and programs.

Over the past several years, we have seen a substantial rise in participation, a plethora of programs offered, and a marked increase in usage of our parks and recreational facilities. This surge is a testament to the success of our leadership's initiatives, a dedicated and maximized staff, and the strong community interest in the services we provide. As our footprint has grown, we require a workforce that adequately supports, manages, and sustains this expansion. The requested personnel adjustments and budget amendments are necessary steps to ensure that we can maintain high standards of service, safety, and accessibility for all Albany County residents and visitors.

The attached budget amendment provides a detailed outline of the proposed changes, including revisions to specific personnel line items and the creation of new positions necessary for our department's continued growth and operational effectiveness.

We sincerely appreciate your time and thoughtful consideration of this request. Your continued support has been vital to our mission of enhancing the quality of life in Albany County through inclusive, high-quality recreational services and spaces. We look forward to working together to ensure that our parks and programs remain a source of pride and enjoyment for our entire community.

Sincerely,





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