

RESOLUTION NO. 448

AMENDING THE 2023 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WITH FUNDING TO ENHANCE PARKS AND FACILITIES THROUGHOUT ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 10/10/23

By Peter, A. Joyce, Feeney, Beston, Clay, Cleary, Commisso, Lekakis, McLaughlin, Miller, Plotsky, Reidy, Reinhardt, Ricard, Rosano, Simpson, Willingham, R. Joyce, Mayo and Ward:

WHEREAS, Over the last three years, the youth and residents of the County of Albany have spent more time outdoors at parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities enjoying fresh air and exercise when it was otherwise difficult because of the pandemic, and

WHEREAS, The 2023 Albany County Budget set aside money to improve the quality of life of the residents of the County through the Albany County Improvement Initiative, and

WHEREAS, Investing in our parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities throughout the county is vital to the enjoyment residents get from those features of our communities, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Parks and Recreation provides recreational programing, including facility development, to the citizens of Albany County, through a comprehensive approach that combines effective programming and experienced staff, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Department of Parks and Recreation is hereby authorized to establish a program for the development of parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities throughout the County, to the extent possible under General Municipal Law § 119-o to help improve the lives of the residents and visitors of the County of Albany, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Parks and Recreation is further authorized to work with municipalities within Albany County to determine which parks, playground and recreational facilities would best be served through funding from the Albany County Improvement Initiative, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That upon the determination of potential funding recipients, the Department of Parks and Recreation is requested to report the findings to the Legislature with any proposed intergovernmental agreements that would be

required to provide for the improvement and funding of such facilities, and be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the 2023 Albany County Budget is amended to carry out this programming as follows:

Decrease Appropriation Account A8020.4 by decreasing Line Item A8020 4 4903 Albany County Improvement Initiative by \$150,000

Increase Appropriation Account A7410.4 by \$150,000 by increasing Line Item A7410 4 4449 Special Programs by \$150,000

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Audit and Finance Committee – 10/10/23

Favorable Recommendation Audit and Finance Committee – 10/26/23