

Key Features

- ◇ Revitalization of Historic Park
- ◇ Improved Lake Access
- ◇ ADA Compliant Kayak Launch
- ◇ Replacement of Concrete Breakwall with Rip-Rap
- ◇ New Public Amenities Building
- ◇ ADA Compliant Timber Boardwalk
- ◇ Improvement of Utilities and Public Facilities
- ◇ Aquatic Habitat Enhancement

GRANTEE: **VILLAGE OF CELORON**

Lucille Ball Memorial Park Improvements



Pictured above is the Lucille Ball Memorial Park timber boardwalk, which was completed in 2018. Work included the installation of approximately 390 linear feet of timber boardwalk atop the new stone breakwall and 64 helical piles to stabilize the project site. The park now offers visitors a modern paddlecraft launch, pictured below right, from which to access the Chadakoin River and the South Basin of Chautauqua Lake and improved public infrastructure, pictured below left.



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Pictured at left is the Lucille Ball Memorial Park Amenities Building in June of 2020 shortly after substantial construction and landscaping was completed. The ADA-accessible building now offers expanded amenities to residents and visitors enjoying the shores of Chautauqua Lake.

PROJECT PARTNERS



- The Village of Celoron completed extensive improvements to Lucille Ball Memorial Park and the surrounding waterfront between 2015 and 2020 as part of a multi-part waterfront revitalization effort. In 2009 the Village earned a Environmental Protection Fund grant award to develop a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan, which was completed in 2012. This effort was leveraged into three grants from the New York Department of State over the following eight years to bring the project to fruition.
- Phases I through III of the park improvements were completed in 2018 and included the replacement of a failing ~430-foot-long concrete seawall with a heavystone sloped/irregular shoreline, addition of an approximately 60-foot-long rootwad revetment for shoreline habitat enhancement at the eastern end of the new breakwall, installation of a new timber boardwalk atop helical piles, removal of two wooden docks, utilities work, installation of benches and trash-receptacles along the boardwalk, and installation of a prefabricated floating handicapped-accessible kayak/canoe launch with gangway.
- Phase IV focused on the construction of a new amenities building for the park, including ADA-compliant restrooms, a drinking fountain, a security system, and a storage area.
- Architectural and engineering services were performed by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (Phase I-III) and LaBella Associates (Phase IV). Construction was performed by Scott Lawn Yard (Phase I-III) and G.L. Olson (Phase IV). Intertek PSI performed construction material testing, and FSC Systems installed site security systems. The Alliance provided project management, grant administration, and grant writing services.
- Additional private-public investments include parking lot rehabilitation, new basketball courts, and a rebuilt boat launch to further reinvigorate the historic park as a regional destination for tourists, residents, and Chautauqua Lake enthusiasts of all ages.