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Legislator Lindsay Breaks Ground on First Handicapped Accessible Playground in Sayville



(Pictured L to R: Local Soccer Coach John Burke, County Executive Steve Bellone, Sayville Chamber Member Kay Cameron, Sayville Chamber President John Cox, Suffolk County Legislator Bill Lindsay, and Parks Commissioner Greg Dawson with local children)

(SAYVILLE)- Suffolk County Legislator Bill Lindsay joined County Executive Steve Bellone and local community members today to break ground on a state of the art playground that will be accessible for children with disabilities in the Cherry Avenue County Park in Sayville. Legislator Lindsay recently reallocated funding to

build the playground, which he hopes will be a fun, safe, and inclusive place for all children to play.

Flanked by the Suffolk Parks Commissioner, Greg Dawson, the Sayville Chamber President, John Cox, the Director of the Office for People with Disabilities, Frank Krotchinky, and County Executive Bellone, Lindsay pointed to his family as the inspiration to expand the use of this park to include a handicapped accessible playground.

“This playground really hits home for me, said Lindsay. “My youngest sister is handicapped and I know how difficult it was for my parents to find a safe and welcoming environment for her to play as a child. I am confident that this park will be extremely beneficial to all children as it can provide them with a greater level of confidence and acceptance as well as a place to play and stay active for years to come.”

Lindsay’s father, the former Presiding Officer of the Legislature, previously allocated the funding to be used for a community skate park at this location, however, after some push back from the community, Lindsay Sr. halted the plans and froze the funding for future use. Upon being elected, his son examined the property and knew that a playground would fit better with the community’s needs and add to the many attractions throughout Sayville.



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“As a community, we are always looking for ways to promote and develop positive change for our home,” said Sayville Chamber President John Cox. “I’m certain that this beautifully designed playground will further add to the overall scope of Sayville as a place to enjoy some of the best parks, restaurants, and businesses.”

The Cherry Avenue Playground, which will cater to children ages 2-13, will have top of the line playground equipment that can be accessed by a child in a wheelchair. The equipment will be surrounded by an interior safety surface and will have concrete walkways to increase the ease use for all children. The 77’ x 65’ play structure will include several slides, ramps, and recreational equipment.

The playground will be completed in 6 weeks’ time, pending inclement weather.

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