

new york state senator Michael Gianaris

Senate Deputy Leader Gianaris, Community Leaders Laud Completion Of Maspeth Park Under K-Bridge

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Gianaris Had Pushed State DOT for Expedited Construction of the Park

MASPETH, N.Y. – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris and western Queens community leaders lauded the completion of work around the new Maspeth Park under the Kosciuszko Bridge. The \$17 million park boasts extensive recreational facilities and is walking distance from surrounding residential neighborhoods, including Sunnyside, Blissville, and West Maspeth. Work on the park, which was agreed to pats part of the Kosciuszko Bridge renovation, was completed by the New York State Department of Transportation.

"This recreation space is a long-overdue addition to our neighborhood, and I am glad the work is finally done," said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris.** "I was proud to advocate for this project and look forward to joining our community members enjoying the space soon."

Danielle Brecker, Community Board 2 Chair, said, "The community and Community Board 2 has long advocated for this park under the Kosciuszko Bridge. We are thrilled that our advocacy along with that of Senator Gianaris has finally made it a reality and area residents who have gone far too long without enough green and park space will be able to be in community together this new park."

Tom Mituzas, Secretary, Blissville Civic Association said, "The Blissville community, located in south-east Long Island City, just on the other side of the cemetery from these parks is very pleased to see their completion - it's a dream come true! Pedestrians & cyclists who traverse the Kosciuszko Bridge along with the residents of Laurel Hill and nearby South Sunnyside (via the 43rd Street underpass) and Blissville (via Review Avenue) will now have a park within walking distance where they can rest, play or exercise. We are thrilled and above all filled with much gratitude. Thank you."

Roe Dario, Communities of Maspeth and Elmhurst Together said, "It's great to see a vacant space transformed into a park for local residents. The trees and other plants will help with the environment especially since the park is near an expressway."