



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James L. Seward

Seward Secures \$50k for Copes Corners Park

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BUTTERNUTS, 05/07/16 – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I-Oneonta) today announced a \$50,000 state grant he secured to help with improvements at Copes Corners Park in the Town of Butternuts. The announcement coincided with the grand re-opening celebration and ribbon cutting at the park.

“Copes Corners Park is part of the history in Butternuts and now it will continue to thrive for generations to come,” said Senator Seward. **“I commend the Copes Corners Park Committee and all of the volunteers that have dedicated countless hours to rebuilding this park, they are the reason**

the gates are open today.”

The capital funding secured by Senator Seward has been used to help with improvements to the park’s bathroom facilities, pavilions, and purchase of playground equipment.

“Our parks are vital recreational resource for local families and individuals as well as a drawing card that brings tourists to our part of the state. The upgrades at Copes Corners will make it an enviable location for visitors and help encourage longer stays that will result in a positive economic impact throughout the region,” Seward added.

The funding for Copes Corners Park was included in the 2015-16 state budget and secured by Senator Seward through the New York State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAMS).

Senator Seward also noted that a pair of New York State Parks in Otsego County will be receiving special funding through the *NY Parks 2020* plan. Glimmerglass State Park is receiving \$150,000 which will be used to replace the bathhouse roof and address ventilation issues that contributed to the deterioration of the roof. Robert V. Riddell State park is receiving \$75,000 which will be used for various park upgrades.