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## SENATOR DEFRANCISCO AND MAYOR MINER DEDICATE NEW SOCCER FIELDS AT SCHILLER PARK

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Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner and State Senator John A. DeFrancisco dedicated new soccer fields during a ceremony at Schiller Park today. The fields were made possible with a state grant secured for the city of Syracuse through Senator DeFrancisco's office. Construction on the fields was completed in late September and they will be available for public use in spring 2018.

“These fields will be an asset to the Syracuse community for generations to come. Schiller Park has been a center for sports, recreation, and activities for many years and these new fields will continue to make it a hub for our community,” said Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner. “This park is now home to families from many nations who can now enjoy soccer and outdoor recreation for years to come.”

“I was very pleased to help obtain funds for this important project,” said Senator John A. DeFrancisco. “The new soccer fields at Schiller Park in Syracuse will create a safe recreational area for our youth to hone their skills in soccer and to participate in many other sports.”

The new fields were made possible with a \$100,000 grant from Senator DeFrancisco. While construction on the fields was completed in September, the fields will be available for public use in spring 2018, once the sod has fully grown in. Signage reminding park patrons will be posted around the fields in English, Arabic, Somali, Swahili, Nepali, and Spanish. The new fields will be able to accommodate one regulation adult soccer game or two youth games at the same time. The fields will also be home to other sporting and recreation activities.

The Miner administration has made significant investments in city parks. Schiller Park has received new playgrounds and exercise equipment and opened the Butternut Community Police Center in the Lou Bova Community Center, located in the park.