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## Ritchie Helps Cut Ribbon on City of Oswego's New Lakeside Park

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State Senator Patty Ritchie recently joined City of Oswego Mayor Billy Barlow, as well as other city officials and staff to cut the ribbon on the new "Lakeside Park."

Located on the shore of Lake Ontario at the end of East 10 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Street in Oswego, the site was previously a dead-end road leading to a grave driveway. Now, the area is paved, as well as boasts a new volleyball court, pavilion area, benches, picnic tables, a small kayak launch and other small attractions and amenities.

"With the new Lakeside Park, the City of Oswego has taken a gravel lot and transformed it into something that can be used by children, families and individuals for many years to come," said Senator Patty Ritchie. "I'm pleased to support this project, and thank Mayor Barlow and his colleagues, along with City staff for their efforts to make it possible."

"Our new Lakeside Park makes wonderful use of our limited east side waterfront space and successfully converts an underutilized gravel driveway into a flexible, beautiful, welcoming public area," said Mayor Billy Barlow. "We're continuing to create more public amenities and attractions throughout the Oswego community and Lakeside Park is the first of many projects to come as we transform our waterfront. I'd like to thank Senator Patty Ritchie for providing the funding to allow us to do this project and look forward to doing more similar projects in the future," Barlow said.

The park was made possible in part through a \$100,000 grant secured by Senator Ritchie. According to City officials, there are plans in the future to light the area and bring electrical service to Lakeside Park in the near future.