

TOWN OF YATES PARK

YATES, NEW YORK



COMPLETION DATE
2022

LOCATION
Yates, New York

CLIENT
Town of Yates

MRB Group was retained by the Town of Yates to re-envision the Yates Town Park as part of the Governor's Lake Ontario Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI). As a result of high-water levels and flooding in 2017 and 2019, the park has experienced substantial erosion and scouring along the shoreline, and standing water due to poor runoff conditions.

MRB Group developed a conceptual park design consisting of integrative stormwater management, landscape architecture, and green infrastructure improvements to the shoreline and interior including the construction of car-top kayak launch and an ADA-compliant lookout point (pier).

Features of the park's interior include:

- Active and passive recreation opportunities
- New playground
- Ten-foot wide pedestrian nature trail around the perimeter of the park
- Pavilion with accessible bathroom facilities

Innovative rain gardens were incorporated as a nature-based solution for stormwater management and runoff. They are a low-visibility, low-maintenance enhancement that will provide improved water quality.

Located adjacent to the parking areas, the gardens consist of native plantings specifically designed to address the park's ponding and standing water challenges. Interpretive signage integrated along the waterfront, trail, and within the rain gardens will promote the town's resilience strategy and provide learning opportunities for residents and visitors.