

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR John W. Mannion

New York State Parks Announces Solar Energy Project At Green Lakes State Park For Climate Week

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NEW YORK – To recognize Climate Week, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) today announced that a new solar array will be installed to provide carbon-free, sustainable power at Green Lakes State Park in Fayetteville. This shift to power Green Lakes with solar builds on New York's nation-leading climate goals and Governor Kathy Hochul's effort to increase use of renewable energy across all state properties.

"State Parks is proud of our commitment to reduce our carbon footprint and reach our renewable energy goals," **said State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid.** "By utilizing solar energy at Green Lakes State Park, we are not only protecting our environment and invaluable public resources, but also ensuring a brighter future for generations to come."

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State Senator John Mannion said, "The new solar array at Green Lakes State Park is another step forward in New York's efforts to power our state parks with renewable energy and reduce carbon emissions. Installing solar panels at Green Lakes continues a string of recent investments and upgrades including \$3 million to improve accessibility, facilities, and amenities that improve the park and the visitor experience. I am grateful for Governor Hochul's continued support for Central New York and to all our OPRHP workers who keep our parks pristine and enjoyable family destinations."