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Edwards Reassures Public that Marina at Long Point State Park Remains Open

Mayville: -- Recent news concerning the closure of several State parks, including Long Point State Park near Bemus Point, has moved Chautauqua County Executive Gregory J. Edwards to remind the public that the Marina at Long Point remains open.

Earlier this week, Edwards spoke with Mark Thomas, Western New York Regional Director for NYS Parks, after news broke that Long Point State Park, including many other parks, would be barricaded until further notice.

Barriers went up at Long Point on Monday, May 17, but Edwards said there is still access to the Marina.

"Mr. Thomas reassured me that the Marina at Long Point State Park, as well as the concession area, will remain open for the remainder of the spring as well as the upcoming summer months," Edwards said.

Edwards encouraged residents and visitors to continue to plan on using the Marina at Long Point as a public boat launch for their recreational activities.

"The park is a huge asset to the region that provides inexpensive recreational and outdoor experiences," Edwards said. "I will continue to work with State and local officials to completely open Long Point for this summer season."

Earlier this year, New York Governor David Paterson, along with Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Commissioner Carol Ash recommended that over 50 parks and historical sites should close in order to save New York State millions of dollars.

Edwards is hopeful that once a State budget is in place, Long Point State Park will reopen entirely. The State budget is now over 1 1/2 months late.

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