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CITY TO UNVEIL RENOVATED WEBSTER POND

*Popular Valley Section Park Recently Recipient of Major
Renovation, Installation of Retaining Wall and Sidewalks*

*Miner: Completed Project is a Terrific Milestone for Valley
Neighbors*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The City of Syracuse will proudly re-open Webster Pond after a lengthy renovation. During construction, a new retaining wall was built to preserve water quality in the park’s well known pond and also construct improved sidewalks for visitors. The park will officially be re-opened with a ceremony at 5:30 PM.

“Seeing this project completed is a terrific milestone for our Valley neighbors,” said Mayor Stephanie A. Miner. “We are thrilled to see it reach this point and welcome visitors to a newly renovated treasure in our city parks. Thanks to the hard work of Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli in securing funding for this project and the tremendous effort of our Parks and Recreation staff, this project has been a success.”

The renovations were made possible by a series of three grants provided by Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli (D-Syracuse). Two grants, one for \$10,000 and one for \$15,000, were received from the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Another grant for \$20,000 was received from the New York Department of State. With this funding, a retaining wall and rain garden were constructed in the park to manage runoff from Valley Drive from entering the Webster Pond. Additionally, two sidewalks around the popular pond were constructed.



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Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli said, "The improvements to Webster Pond have been a long time coming. With the addition of the new retaining wall, pathway and landscaping, residents and visitors can more easily access this beautiful nature area and it remains a safe habitat for the wildlife. Areas such as these, within the city limits, are a valuable resource to our community and I am proud to have provided the resources to enhance our neighborhoods' quality of life."

"We are excited to finally unveil this work and let the people of the community have their park," said Baye Muhammad, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation, and Youth Programs. "This was important work and it has helped to preserve the park for years to come."

"I would like to thank the Department of Parks and Recreation, Assemblyman Magnarelli, and the Webster Pond Angler's Association for making all this possible. Valley residents enjoy this resource greatly and this was an important improvement to preserve this for years to come." Said Third District Common Councilor Bob Dougherty, who represents the area.

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