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## **MINER, MAGNARELLI ANNOUNCE OVER \$350,000 COMING FOR NORTH SIDE PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS**

*Magnarelli Secures \$203,500 for New Soccer Field at Grant Middle School, \$150,000 in Funding For Upgrades to the Community Center Gym*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner and Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli announced more than \$350,000 in funding from the State of New York for parks and recreation projects on the City’s Northside. Standing in the Magnarelli Community Center gymnasium, the pair of leaders announced \$150,000 in upgrades to the facility’s indoor basketball courts and \$203,500 in funding to construct a soccer field at Grant Middle School, which adjoins McChesney Park.

“The Northside has a growing population with many young people in need of recreational activities,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “This funding will go a long way in making sure our young people have the facilities they need.”

**Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli** said, “Neighborhood residents have advocated for additional recreational facilities to encourage children to not only be physically active but also and most importantly to be involved in productive and supervised activities. Basketball is extremely popular at the Center and these new improvements will allow more youth to be involved. Soccer is becoming one of our most desired sports and these new fields will add a vital resource to many of our Northside families.”

\$203,000 in funding was secured to turn what is now an unused baseball diamonds behind Grant Middle School into a soccer field. This field will be used by school district as well as parks department recreational programs. These funds were made possible through grants secured by the Assemblyman.

The Magnarelli Community Center at McChesney Park is used by over 350 seniors and 250 youth every week for a variety of programming. This funding will go to new basketball backboards, a divider curtain for the gym, and new safety pads doubling the basketball courts now available for play. This funding was also the result of a grant from Assemblyman Magnarelli.

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