

# New York City State Parks



The New York City region includes 5 state parks with a combined annual attendance of over 5.5 million

## *Highlights*

- Riverbank is a one-of-kind urban park, rising 68 feet above the Hudson River
- Gantry Plaza is a 12-acre riverside park with spectacular view of the city skyline
- Roberto Clemente's facilities include a multi-purpose recreation building and an Olympic-size pool complex

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## New York City State Parks Annual Attendance

### New York City Region

Riverbank	3,301,585
Roberto Clemente	1,112,641
Gantry Plaza	687,815
East River	405,062
Clay Pit Ponds	61,772

Total attendance at the region's 5 parks  
5.56 million

### Economic Impact

An economic impact study\* estimates that in 2008-09, over 700 jobs were created and \$61 million in local economic activity was generated by State Parks in the New York City Region

### Quality of Life

The recreational and natural resources created by the area's parks and historic sites benefit this region by:

- Maintaining the state's ecosystem and biodiversity
- Providing opportunities for recreation
- Reducing the negative effects from pollution
- Improving health outcomes
- Preserving areas of historic importance
- Influencing business location decisions by making the community a better place to live

\*Source, *The NYS Park System: An Economic Asset to the Empire State*: Political Economy Research Institute, Univ. of Mass, Amherst, March, 2009

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## Regional Capital Needs

The backlog of capital projects in the New York City Region is estimated to exceed \$60 million

### *High Impact Projects Include*

#### Park/Project

Riverbank

*Exterior Building repairs*

Riverbank

*Replace surface on outdoor running track*

Roberto Clemente

*Major renovation of park's pavilions, land areas and playground*

East River

*Shoreline Restoration*

#### Cost

\$5,000,000

\$1,000,000

\$7,000,000

\$1,000,000