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PUBLIC URGED TO TAKE ONLINE SURVEY ON BOND LAKE  
FARNHAM SAYS OPPORTUNITY TO HELP COUNTY REVAMP PARK

LEWISTON—Niagara County residents will have an opportunity to shape improvements at Bond Lake Park in the town of Lewiston by taking an online survey set up by Niagara County Parks & Recreation.

The one-page survey, which takes less than five minutes to fill out, is available through the county website at [www.niagaracounty.com/parks](http://www.niagaracounty.com/parks). It will be used to help the Niagara County Department of Public Works prepare a grant application through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation.

"We're urging the people to help us with this short survey for a grant to improve our parks system," said Legislator Gerald K. Farnham, R-Lockport, the vice chairman of the County Legislature's Public Works Committee. "The purpose of this grant application to New York State Parks will be improving the site and usage—and the types of usage—for Bond Lake."

Farnham, who made the announcement on behalf of the Public Works Committee and Committee Chairman Clyde L. Burmaster, R-Ransomville, said lawmakers on the committee were supportive of the grant application, noting that it presented an opportunity for county taxpayers to recover some of the tax dollars they send to Albany every year.

"Grants are taxpayers' dollars—monies that we have sent to New York," Farnham said. "If we can be successful in this grant, those monies will come back to enhance our parks and give our county taxpayers something back—someplace for them to go with their families and their children and for them to enjoy a weekday or a Sunday afternoon."

Farnham said the survey was extremely easy to take, and provides county residents a direct voice in their government. After residents complete the online survey, they're asked to click the button labeled "submit by email" to send results to Parks & Recreation.

"We're asking you to just take five minutes and complete a short survey," Farnham said. "It's a number of questions asking about your priorities and what you'd like to see in the park, do you go to the park, what types of things do you like to do when you go to the park, what types of things would you like the park to improve on."

The county is making the survey available to residents during August.

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