

THE SENATE
STATE OF NEW YORK
SENATOR PATRICK M. GALLIVAN
59TH DISTRICT

April 19, 2022

Congressman Chris Jacobs
8203 Main Street, Suite 2
Williamsville, NY 14221

Dear Congressman Jacobs:

I am writing in support of the Village of East Aurora's request to consider funding through the House Committee on Appropriations for several improvements in Hamlin Park.

The Village's application and proposal to obtain funds for critical infrastructure improvements within Hamlin Park is directly in concert with the priorities established in the New York Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and also the Western New York Region's 2011 Strategic Plan.

Benefits of the project include:

- Shared services between the Village Park and Town's Recreation Department to run numerous programs for area youth, encouraging outdoor activities and improving physical fitness for participants.
- Increase accessibility to make several pathways leading to the interior of the park handicapped accessible.
- Increased tourism in the Village overall. Visitors from all over Eric County region may plan full-day visits to the Village to include Hamlin Park and expanding up to the Main Street area, just two blocks from the Park, where numerous businesses - shops and restaurants - will benefit from the increased foot traffic.
- Amenities for community groups to use for various events, gatherings and fund-raising activities.

I fully support the Village of East Aurora's request for funding to help facilitate this important community project. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at 716-656-8544 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Patrick M. Gallivan
Senator - 59th District



DAVID DIPIETRO
Assemblyman 147th District

THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
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Small Business Committee

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MEMBER
Legislative Commission on
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Sincerely,

David J. DiPietro
NYS Assemblyman
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ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

HON. JOSEPH C. LORIGO
10TH DISTRICT LEGISLATOR
MINORITY LEADER

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Sincerely,



Hon. Joseph C. Lorigo
Minority Leader, Erie County Legislature
Legislator, District 10



AURORA PLAYERS

April 19, 2022

Dear Congressman Chris Jacobs;

My name is Reneé M. Ronan and I am the President of Aurora Players. Our organization puts on live theater productions in the heart of Hamlin Park. The historic Roycroft Pavilion is our home to a 208 seat theater, that welcomes people from all over Western New York for our shows over the last 87 Seasons. The Village of East Aurora has been an interictal part of the life of Aurora Players. We have had a wonderful working relationship that has help foster the arts here in this beautiful park.

When we realized that the Village of East Aurora was looking at some improvements to the park we became elated. This are some long needed additions to help the accessibility of the park to everyone in Western New York. They have taken into account all areas that are needed to better help serve the community that uses this park.

Our building is in need of some safety repairs that the village has seen to include in the plan. This will help to ensure Aurora Players can continue to provide wonderful live theater to the community for many seasons to come.

We greatly appreciate the community leaders of the Village of East Aurora and their vision to better our parks and recreation for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Reneé M. Ronan
President
Aurora Players
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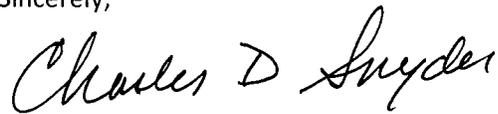
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Sincerely,



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Congressman Jacobs,

This letter is written in support of the grant application submitted by the Village of East Aurora requesting funding for major improvements to Hamlin Park.

Hamlin Park has always been a place where youth from the community were able to gather and play numerous sports including but not limited to basketball; baseball; soccer; tennis; and football. However, the fields and courts need replacement or substantial repair, and we have seen a decrease in use of the park because of these conditions. As I am sure you are aware, giving youth a safe place to participate in sports and activities outside promotes a healthier and safer community. Young people thrive when they are being active and occupied, and at the same time reducing police contacts.

Sincerely,

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Shane Krieger
Chief of Police

April 19, 2022

Congressman Chris Jacobs
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Congressman Jacobs:

This letter is written in support of the grant application being submitted by the Village of East Aurora requesting funding for several improvements in Hamlin Park.

The Village is requesting funds under the Parks Grant Program through the Environmental Protection Fund Grant Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage (EPF).

Hamlin Park is the center of our village. It is the first place many of our youth begin to experience activities outside the home. It is also a place that the entire community turns to when we feel inclined to hold an event or annual celebration. Our toddlers and teens all flock to Hamlin Park seeking an opportunity to meet people, congregate, and participate in physical activities. Our school community has used the park for different events, including Middle School Field Days and High School Baseball games. There is tradition at Hamlin Park.

In recent years it has become apparent that Hamlin Park badly needs repairs and upgrades. The tennis courts were removed because they were deemed unsafe and non-repairable. Our basketball court is decades old and has many unsafe aspects to it, including the condition of the blacktop surface that was built over 30 years ago. Probably the most glaring need at Hamlin Park is the need to become handicapped accessible. Currently there are stone pathways and parking restrictions that make our park difficult for any handicapped person to maneuver. There are several aspects to the park that are in disrepair and could greatly benefit from improvement. Our school community has used the park less over the past few years due to some of the conditions. We would love to see Hamlin Park improve so we can consistently and safely continue to use it.

I know that with the assistance of this grant our park could again become the destination park that it once was. We, in East Aurora, watch our neighboring communities rethink and rebuild their parks, and we often see the benefits of these new and improved spaces that are created. Our community members, and especially our youth, would greatly benefit from an improved, more handicapped accessible, and more safe, Hamlin Park. Please consider Hamlin Park for this grant.

In closing, I would like to reiterate my enthusiastic support of the Village's grant application for funding for improvements in Hamlin Park. I strongly encourage the committee performing grant reviews to approve this application.

Sincerely,

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Athletic Director, East Aurora Schools



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April 19, 2022

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Dear Congressman Jacobs,

On behalf of the Friends of Hamlin Park, I write to extend our support for the Village of East Aurora's funding request for several improvements in Hamlin Park. Our group was formed by village residents and park neighbors in 2020, working together to bring more community-based and family-oriented activities to the park and to support long-term improvements.

The Village will use these park improvement funds for critical projects, which advance the following important goals:

Preserving and Promoting Local History

- Hamlin Park was established in 1899, 25 years after the incorporation of the Village. Since its inception, the Park has been a centerpiece of Village life. The baseball field, for example, has been played on continuously for more than 127 years.
- Hamlin Park is just one block South of the Roycroft Campus, a national historic landmark that was home to a community of artists and craftspeople from 1895 to the late 1930s. The Pavilion building in Hamlin Park was built by the Roycrofters as a gift to the Village in 1903. Today it is home to the Aurora Players theater company, who have performed there since the 1940s.
- **Hamlin Park is the center of our deeply historic village**, one that is culturally thriving today—even as many Main Streets and villages in New York state struggle to attract residents, tourists, and economic development. This grant award will help the Village and local residents continue park traditions and build on our vibrant history.

- Our Friends of Hamlin Park group plans to host talks and events in the park, to engage residents young and old in this abundant history that still informs the character of our village and park today.

Public Facilities and Amenities Available for Community Use

- As village residents living beside Hamlin Park, the value of our central village green space was never clearer than throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. While many of us stayed at home, worked from home, and oversaw our children's e-learning from home, Hamlin Park provided a precious escape and much needed outdoor space for family outings and small group activities. We saw firsthand that **shared, public green space is critical to our public health and community well-being.**
- Long before COVID and no doubt long after it, many community groups use the park year-round for events, gatherings, and fundraisers for important local needs. The proposed improvements will bring even more community-based activities and beneficial events into our park.

Increased Accessibility

- The Village's request includes funding to make several pathways leading to the interior of the park ADA accessible. This will encourage people with disabilities to increase their use of the park and its offerings, and will also be more accessible for senior citizens and people with small children (pushing strollers, wagons, etc) to use the park and enjoy all that it has to offer.

Promoting Tourism

- East Aurora attracts day visitors from within the Western New York region. They visit shops and restaurants on our renowned Main Street, just two blocks from Hamlin Park. They visit the historic Roycroft Campus, as well as the state park beyond the village. As neighbors of the park, we do not see many of these day tourists visiting the park, a shame given its historical significance at the center of our Village.
- We would welcome more visitors to the park, and believe that it could become a draw for visitors to our Village on par with our historic Main Street. However, **this will not happen without significant investment in our park.**
- Friends of Hamlin Park, in conversation with the Village, are bringing additional community-based fitness, art, and other activities to the park like chess and astronomy. As these activities grow, they can help introduce tourists to the park and encourage them to return to the Village for additional day trips.
- We're told by long-term park neighbors that the former tennis courts used to draw players from across the region. Funding new courts through this grant would return Hamlin Park to the circuit of regularly visited courts for regional tennis players and tournaments.

The park improvements proposed by the Village of East Aurora are badly needed. Paths in the park are inaccessible to people using wheelchairs, the basketball court—used for town recreation programs in the summer and used as critical public space for young people for much of the year—needs complete reconstruction, and the layout of the parking and pedestrian entrances needs safety improvements.

As Friends of Hamlin Park, we are activating local residents in support of Hamlin Park and what it can offer. **Significant funding is necessary to realize a long-term vision for the Park that is worthy of its history and location, and that opens the park to more residents and visitors.** We ask for your support of this funding request.

Thank you for your consideration.



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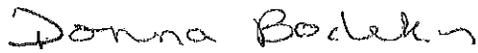
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Donna Bodekor
Director

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I am writing this letter in support of the grant application being submitted by the Village of East Aurora requesting funding for Hamlin Park.

The Village is requesting funds to support many important goals that impact all citizens that reside or visit the Village of East Aurora. Specifically these goals include:

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East Aurora Little Loop Football

- The East Aurora Little Loop Football program has been around for over 60 years! This program has seen its ups and downs but is still a proud tradition in our town. Over the past few years I have been affiliated with EALL from coaching to administrative board member. Here are just a few of the much-needed improvements:
 - Scoreboard
 - Announcer booth
 - Bathrooms/Snack Shack/Equipment Shed (We are currently using 1 building for all 3)

- Outdoor lighting
 - Field drainage
- As the President for EALL, our board has talked about the need for these improvements for many years. Additional support and funding would go a long way in preserving this proud football community.

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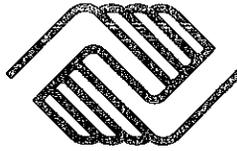
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I want to show my passionate support of the Village’s grant application for funding improvements in Hamlin Park. I also want to encourage the committee conducting the grant reviews to approve this application. Thank you for your support and time.

Sincerely,

Annie Seifert
East Aurora Little Loop President



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF EAST AURORA

April 19, 2022

Village of East Aurora
571 Main Street
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Sincerely,

Gary D. Schatrum
Chief Executive Officer



To Whom It May Concern:

The Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce is writing in support of the grant application being submitted by the Village of East Aurora requesting funding for several improvements in Hamlin Park.

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Gary D. Grote
Executive Director

April 19, 2022
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Dear Congressman Jacobs,

I am writing this letter to support the grant application being submitted by the Village of East Aurora requesting funding for needed improvements to Hamlin Park. These improvements were identified by many individuals in our Village through a Village Board Committee on which I served. This committee met with the various users of the Park resources, and in addition distributed a public survey to all Village residents to seek their input and prioritization of the needs.

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Enhances Public Facilities and Amenities Available for Community Use

Hamlin Park is used throughout the year by numerous community groups (Kiwanis, Boys and Girls Club, The Garden Club) and Youth Sports Programs (LaCrosse, Football, Soccer, et al) for various events, gatherings and fund-raising activities. The Park improvements proposed to be made with this grant funding will enhance opportunities for all stakeholders.

Preserves and Promotes Local History

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In closing, as a former member of the Villages Board of Trustees and now a member of one of our community's Services organizations, I enthusiastically endorse and support the Village's grant application to fund improvements in Hamlin Park and wholeheartedly encourage the committee performing grant reviews to approve this application.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Shea, President
East Aurora Rotary Club 2020-2022

April 19, 2022

Congressman Chris Jacobs
8203 Main Street
Suite 2
Williamsville, NY 14221

This letter is written in support of the grant application being submitted by the Village of East Aurora requesting funding for several improvements in Hamlin Park.

Specifically, the components of the grant proposal advance several important goals, including the following items.

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Promoting Shared Services Among Local Governments and Other Public Entities

- Hamlin Park, as a Village Park, is used by the Town of Aurora Recreation Department to run numerous programs for area youth, encouraging outdoor activities and improving physical fitness for participants.
- The Park is used for local school programs, including the use of the baseball diamond by the Varsity High School team, which is an ideal location within walking distance of hundreds of Village homes with residents who enjoy attending the games and supporting the local team.
- The Town and Village share maintenance responsibilities for the park through an intermunicipal agreement, optimizing efficiency and saving local taxpayer dollars.

Promoting Tourism

- Should grant funds be awarded to the Village for many improvements in Hamlin Park, the Park will become increasingly popular to all population segments. It is also predicted that with more persons visiting the Park, this will result in increased tourism in the Village overall. Visitors from all over the Erie County region may plan full-day visits to the Village to include Hamlin Park and expanding up to the Main Street area, just two blocks from the Park, where numerous businesses – shops and restaurants – will benefit from the increased foot traffic.

Public Facilities and Amenities Available for Community Use

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The impact Hamlin Park has on our community can never be properly conveyed in a letter. On a daily basis, we have hundreds of park attendees that would benefit from a grant like this. I strongly encourage the committee performing grant reviews to approve this application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Musshafen", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Chris Musshafen
Director of Recreation and Aquatics
Town of Aurora Recreation Department
(716) 652-8866