



Robert P. Astorino, Westchester County Executive

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ALL-WEATHER ATHLETIC FIELDS OPENED IN YORKTOWN

County Executive Robert P. Astorino and Yorktown Town Supervisor Susan Siegel were joined by other town and county officials to inaugurate the new Woodlands Legacy Ballfields complex in Yorktown, on Thursday, May 5.

“These fields are an important addition to the variety of recreational parks in our county,” Astorino said. “This is our legacy to our kids, who can enjoy healthful sports and have fun for many years to come. I thank the Board of Legislators for its continued support for this initiative and to all those involved who made this possible, especially our partners in the Town of Yorktown.”

Siegel added, “It's been a long time coming but I believe this was worth the wait. We have an abundance of youth athletes here in Yorktown who will be delighted to play at this beautiful, state-of-the-art facility.”

Two county legislators praised the project.

County Legislator Michael Kaplowitz, whose district includes Yorktown, New Castle and Somers, said, “Having conceived the Woodlands Legacy Ballfields project over ten years ago and been part of the initial and continuing team that helped make this fantastic athletic complex a reality, I am thrilled for the Yorktown community to see its completion. These ballfields are the culmination of a lot of hard work and cooperation among a number of groups and individuals, and will serve as an important community resource for many years to come.”

County Legislator John Testa of Peekskill said, “Quality recreational facilities are essential for the quality of life of a community. Working together, Yorktown and the County have created a facility all can be proud of that will serve the community for generations. Congratulations to those involved in Yorktown for getting this project accomplished.”

The complex includes an all-weather, multi-purpose field with lights, which will accommodate soccer, football and lacrosse; and one natural-grass, 60-foot field for softball and Little League baseball. The \$6 million project was funded by the Westchester Legacy program. Ground on the project was broken in 2007.

The fields were built through a cooperative effort by the county's departments of Parks, Planning and Public Works, and will be maintained and operated by the Town of Yorktown under an inter-municipal agreement with the county. All county residents will have access to the fields by arrangement with the Yorktown Parks and Recreation Department.

The Legacy program was created to provide capital funds to address the shortage of active-recreation areas in the county.

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