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## **County Executive Ryan McMahon Opens New Exhibition at Beaver Lake Nature Center**

*Theme focuses on different habitats*

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** – County Executive J. Ryan McMahon, II officially opened an all-new permanent exhibition today at Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville. The exhibit was designed to connect the Nature Center’s visitors to the outdoors, reaching the widest possible audience with Beaver Lake’s message.

The theme of the exhibition centers on the five different habitats found at the Nature Center (wetlands, lake, forest, fields, and edge) as well as the natural and human history of Central New York. Additionally, there is a life size beaver lodge to crawl through and an exhibit that focuses on how all citizens can be good environmental stewards. A variety of methods and learning styles are used to reach people from different backgrounds, ages, and with different learning needs.

County Executive McMahon said, “This new exhibit is a great addition to our already outstanding park at Beaver Lake. Thank you to the Friends of Beaver Lake and our other community partners who made this possible.” McMahon continued, “A special thank you to our parks staff who work hard every day to ensure the people of Onondaga County continue to enjoy our world-class parks system and have the best experience possible.”

Beaver Lake Nature Center, founded in 1970, offers the community year-round opportunities to discover, explore and connect with the natural world with its uniquely diverse habitats. "Through educational activities and programs, BLNC sets an example for and inspires the community to discover and act upon the importance of stewardship and preservation of our natural world," said County Executive McMahon.

The Nature Center, an Onondaga County Park, is located 3 miles west of Baldwinsville off of Route 370. Admission is \$5 per vehicle. For more information, call the Nature Center at 315-638-2519 or visit [www.OnondagaCountyParks.com](http://www.OnondagaCountyParks.com).

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