

### I LOVE MY PARK DAY – 2012

2012 was the first year for this annual event which takes place in all the state parks within New York State on the first Saturday in the month of May. This is a volunteer effort to clean up and promote New York's parks. For our inaugural event, the Friends sponsored a general cleanup of various planters and flower beds within the park, with the assistance of volunteers from the area. A circular garden bed was redesigned by a local landscaper incorporating some leftover sandstone from the era when the Civilian Conservation Corp. built the various shelters and other projects to develop Hamlin Beach State Park. Flowers were planted in the new garden and mulch was spread. The final project was the planting of seedlings. Sponsors for the event were Firlit Landscape Design, Kirby's Farm Market, VanPutte Gardens, Wegmans, and Kroneys Pizza.

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The projects became more ambitious. A lot of the work was concentrated in Area 3 of the park. There was the redevelopment of the previously abandoned horseshoe pits, planter box construction, additional flowerbeds were redeveloped, benches were constructed, stage canopy support construction, additional trees were planted and further cleanup was done at the CCC/POW Site at 968 Moscow Rd. The generous sponsors were Lakeshore Luxuries, Home Depot, Target, Tops, Partyka Farms, Kirbys Farm Market, Van Putte Gardens, Lowes, Walmart, Wegmans, Krony's Pizza, Pizza Shack and Mark's Pizza.