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Democrats Back Transfer of Durand Eastman Beach to City

Rochester, New York – May 22, 2006: Minority Leader Carla Palumbo and members of the Democratic Caucus of the Monroe County Legislature held a press conference this morning to state their support to transfer management of Durand Eastman Beach to the City of Rochester.

“The city and county have met to discuss the parameters of the beach and it is my understanding that Mayor Duffy remains committed to two things: insuring the safety of children and families at Durand Eastman as early as this summer; and ultimately taking the measures needed in order to safely provide for swimming in this area on a permanent basis,” said Palumbo.

For years, Monroe County Legislature Stephanie Aldersley, D-Irondequoit, has been advocating to open Durand Eastman Beach to the public for swimming. “I was pleased to participate in the discussion between the city and county regarding Durand Eastman. The fact that the city is willing to assume control of the beach is good news, and I am excited to work with Mayor Duffy and the County Executive to make it happen. People want Durand Eastman Beach open for swimming,” stated Aldersley.

Democrats originally voted in opposition to the beach transfer proposal, which had been submitted by Legislature President Wayne Zyra, because the referral had never been discussed with the city. Mayor Duffy had not called for the return of the beach and was not given any advance notice of the Zyra proposal.

Now that the county and city have met, Democrats are looking at the beach transfer as an opportunity for intergovernmental cooperation to resolve an ongoing issue. Democrats called upon the County Executive to move forward and work with the city on the matter, and as a team address the mutual goals of the community, the county and the city.

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