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## **BROOKS LAUNCHES INNOVATIVE ECOPARK WEBSITE**

*User-friendly website provides residents with essential recycling information*

Expanding upon Monroe County's commitment to protecting the local environment, Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced the official launch of the ecopark website, the latest project in parallel development with the County's ecopark. The ecopark is a one-of-a-kind facility scheduled to be fully operational on September 21, 2011, and will be a one-stop-drop for difficult to dispose of recyclables.

*"The ecopark website serves as a valuable resource that answers residents' most important recycling questions," said Brooks. "This unique website is the direct result of the strong partnership between Waste Management of New York and the County's very own Department of Environmental Services, and further enhances our efforts in sustaining our local environment for future generations."*

The ecopark website, which can be accessed at [www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark), contains many convenient links containing information about recycling, reuse and the proper disposal of unwanted residential waste. The "ecopark Prospector," a useful navigation tool found on the right-hand side of the homepage, offers alternative local vendor options if the ecopark is unable to accept certain household items.

Hours of operation for regular collections and dates for special collections can be found at [www.monroecounty.gov/des-eco-hours](http://www.monroecounty.gov/des-eco-hours). Regular collections will allow for the disposal of items such as: e-waste, appliances (without refrigerant), propane tanks, scrap metal, clothing, fluorescent lights and bulky plastics. Special collections will allow for the disposal of regular collection items as well as household hazardous waste, appliances (containing refrigerant), tires and pharmaceuticals. Some of these items will be subject to a small fee. Household hazardous waste disposal still requires an appointment.

No other facility in the nation has the ability to simultaneously accept household hazardous waste, pharmaceuticals and recyclables. The ecopark will be located adjacent to the Greater Rochester Airport at 10 Avion Drive in Chili, and will serve as an enhancement of the award-winning household hazardous waste program that has decades of proven environmental stewardship.

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