

Lundine Introduces Kinzua Recreation Bill

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A bill that would allow Cattaraugus County's master plan for recreation facilities around Kinzua Reservoir to be completed was introduced Thursday in the Senate and House of Representatives by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Rep. Stanley N. Lundine.

The bill would restore federal assistance to the development of local water recreation projects and authorize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to pay for 50 percent of the projects. The purchase cost of land devoted to recreation can now be included in the 50 percent local share.

In addition to helping with the comple-

tion of the Kinzua recreation facilities, the bill would protect a complicated cost allocation agreement previously implemented with the Corps of Engineers and could save Cattaraugus County and the state several million dollars, according to a spokesman in Lundine's Washington office.

The cost of the Kinzua project is \$8 million, with 50 percent to be paid by the county and state.

In a floor statement in support of the bill, Moynihan said, "This bill will allow Cattaraugus County to complete its master plan for recreation facilities around Kinzua Reservoir. The area around this reservoir offers particularly attractive recreation resources for the residents of Jamestown, Salamanca, Olean, Dunkirk, Fredonia and Buffalo."

Lundine estimated that the bill would save the county nearly \$25,000 under the current plan.

In introducing the legislation in the House, Lundine said, "The addition of recreational development can often change the complexion of a federal project from one which protects buildings, to one which serves people. The corps has shown that the difference can be at a very small additional money investment with a very large public return."