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Ribbon Cutting for New Kiosk at the Fish Hatchery at Powder Mills Park on November 2, 2018

On Friday, November 2 at 4:00 p.m., the Riedman Foundation, in conjunction with the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce and the Pittsford Rotary will be holding a ribbon cutting to unveil a new kiosk at the Powder Mills Park Fish Hatchery.

The new kiosk offers interpretive panels that provide valuable insight on the rich history of the fish hatchery, its role in sustaining species of trout within the Irondequoit Creek fishery, the operation of the hatchery through the seasons of the year and educational information on the fish themselves. The kiosk will provide visitors with a better understanding of the reason for its existence, the importance of its location and the vital role it plays in sustaining the population of trout in our local waterways.

Funding for the new kiosk was provided by the Riedman Foundation and the Pittsford Rotary "Pittsford Rotary is extremely pleased to be able to bring this educational tool to the Pittsford Community and all those that visit Powder Mills Park and the Fish Hatchery. It is our hope that we inspire anglers and environmentalists of all ages to continually visit and support the Park and this community gem."

The Fish Hatchery at Powder Mills Park was established in 1933 as a cooperative effort between the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries and Monroe County. It was closed in mid-December 2002 due to County budget cuts and then re-opened in the Fall of 2003 when the Riedman Foundation entered into a partnership with the County to provide funding for staff, maintenance and operational support, as well as make capital improvements. The Riedman Foundation hosts the Opening Day Trout Derby, a family-friendly celebration of the hatchery's operations and illuminates the important role it plays in strengthening the area's environmental ecosystem.

The Fish Hatchery at Powder Mills Park is open all year long. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to visit with staff and learn how Hatchery operations positively affect our local environment. Hatchery staff is on duty Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. most weekends. The hatchery phone number is (585) 586-1670.