



Despite jump in visitation, New York SHSs still on chopping b

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Danube, N.Y. — The state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation announced last week that attendance at state was up one million over the previous year while, at the same time, parks and historic sites have been closing and cutting bac hours.

The steady decline in the state parks budget (18 percent over the last three years), mandated layoffs and early retirements r Home near Little Falls — closed through at least April 1 due to state budget concerns — are again on the chopping block. An shortened days, hours and seasons of operation have become the norm.

“This death by 1,000 cuts to the legacy of our magnificent state park system is appalling,” Robin Dropkin, executive director York, a statewide advocacy group, said Thursday. “Plus, given the significant economic impact of the state parks system, it is

Dropkin said in an e-mail she could not divulge the source of her information that Herkimer Home is slated to be closed for t say the source “is a reliable one.”

full story (<http://www.littlefallstimes.com/news/x512671806/Parks-Trails-official-says-Herkimer-Home-is-slated-for-closure>)