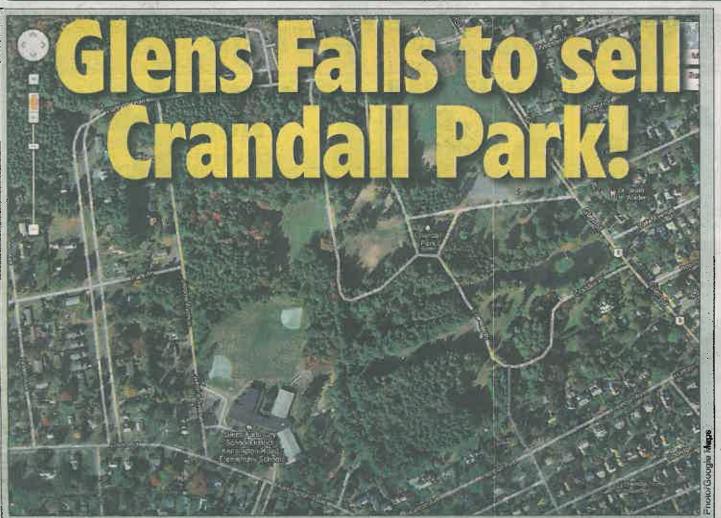


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## abi buyer's amb

City of Glens Palls officials are putting finishing touches on a blockbuster deal to sell Crandall Park for \$135-million to an Abu Dhabi group that intends to build "a worldwide destination" that it calls "the first true theme park for the new millennium."

In the works is "a state-of-theart attraction with environmental and nanotechnology thrusts." GlobalFoundries in the Town of Malta and the Cuomo administration are already on-board.

A park publicist said, "We'll have the most thrilling, breathtaking rides in the universe. These aren't your run-of-the-mill coasters - on these you'll experience being a molecule during nuclear assion, and you it battle cancer and invasive species, using cutting-edge science."

A new exit off the Northway

## \$135-million buy; plan is cutting edge nano-enviro theme park to the world'

will take guests directly to the park underground through Cole's Woods. All parking will be underground. Hoffman Car Wash is providing the conveyor system to move vehicles. Having the car washed will be optional.

Glens Falls residents will receive free admission to the park, as North Creek residents ski free at Gore Mountain. They'll have first dibs on jobs, too.

"People want a game-changer. Well, this is a game-changer. said a top city official who asked not to be quoted "until the i's are dotted and the t's are crossed."

A councilman said, "It's great to get this land back on the tax rolls." He said that once the park is operating, property taxes will be eliminated and residents will each receive "at least" \$1,000 an-

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## Adirondack drone

Four unmanned, computer-controlled drones will begin surreptitiously patrolling skies above the Adirondacks starting this summer, The Chronicle learned.

The drones were purchased with a \$50-million grant provided by the environmental group Protect the Adirondacks!, but it strenuously denied rumors that its executive director Peter Bauer and Glens Falls attorney John Caffry will control the drones from their laptop computers.

The drones will not be armed 'at this time," said a release.

"They will provide a wealth of real-time data and observations. If a kid pees into the Schroon River, we'll know about it instantly," one official enthused.

We can accurately track the movements and populations of bears, deer, cougars, eagles, feral swine and snowmobilers."

The drones will be equipped with DNA Detector, the CIA's latest breakthrough, enabling the drone crew to know not only what is happening, but who is doing it, based on the government's huge but top-secret database.

"If the Koch brothers set foot anywhere inside the Blue Line, we'll know about it," she said.

"The drones will also be invaluable in the fights against invasive species, global warming, Lyme disease and drunken hunters," she said.



