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PUBLIC SURVEY

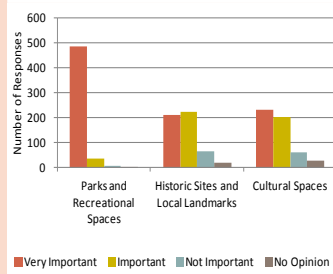


Image: Cycling the trails at Liberty State Marsh.

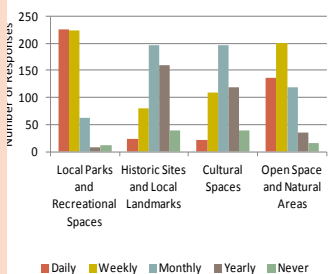
In preparing the Hudson County Open Space Reexamination, the Hudson County Division of Planning gathered input from a variety of stakeholders, including municipal officials, non-profit groups, and the public at large. The feedback collected from municipal administrators, parks department chiefs, town clerks, non-profit leaders, landscape architects, and redevelopment agents formed the basis of the *Existing Park Facilities, Objectives, and Goals* sections of the Reexamination. Opinions of County residents regarding open space and recreational activities were collected through an online survey, available in both English and Spanish, that was posted and advertised throughout the County.

The citizen survey entitled, Hudson County 2011 Open Space Survey (Attachment A), asked residents a variety of multiple-choice and open ended questions regarding the County's existing park facilities and future open space developments. The survey also focused on citizens' awareness of the Hudson County Open Space, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Trust Fund and their primary forms of media. Demographic and locational data was also gathered to better inform and contextualize survey analysis.

How important is each area to you or the members of your household?



How often do you or someone from your household visit each area?



Parks and local recreational space were consistently listed as top priorities. Historic sites, local landmarks and cultural spaces ranked high in importance.

RESULTS

Survey participants were asked to rate the importance of parks, historic sites, and cultural sites. Nearly all (98%) respondents valued parks as at least "Important", with 90% ranking them as "Very Important". Historic sites and Cultural Sites were deemed "Important" or "Very Important" by 84% of respondents. In light of these responses, we reiterate the significance of increasing open spaces and recreation, as well as the Historic Site Trust Fund, and the progress of the 2005 Open Space Plan.

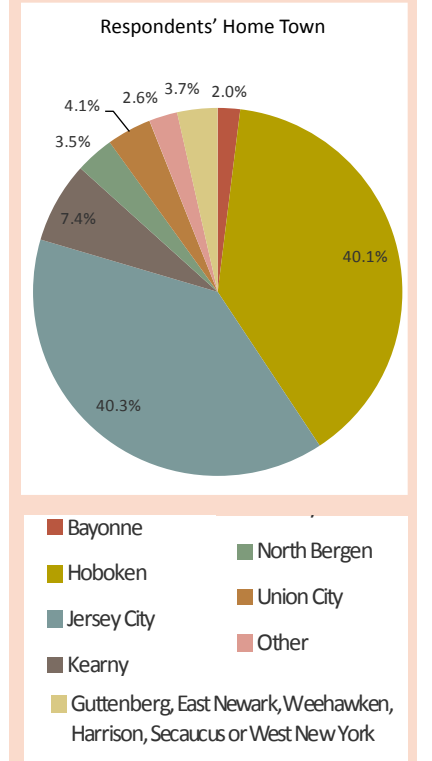
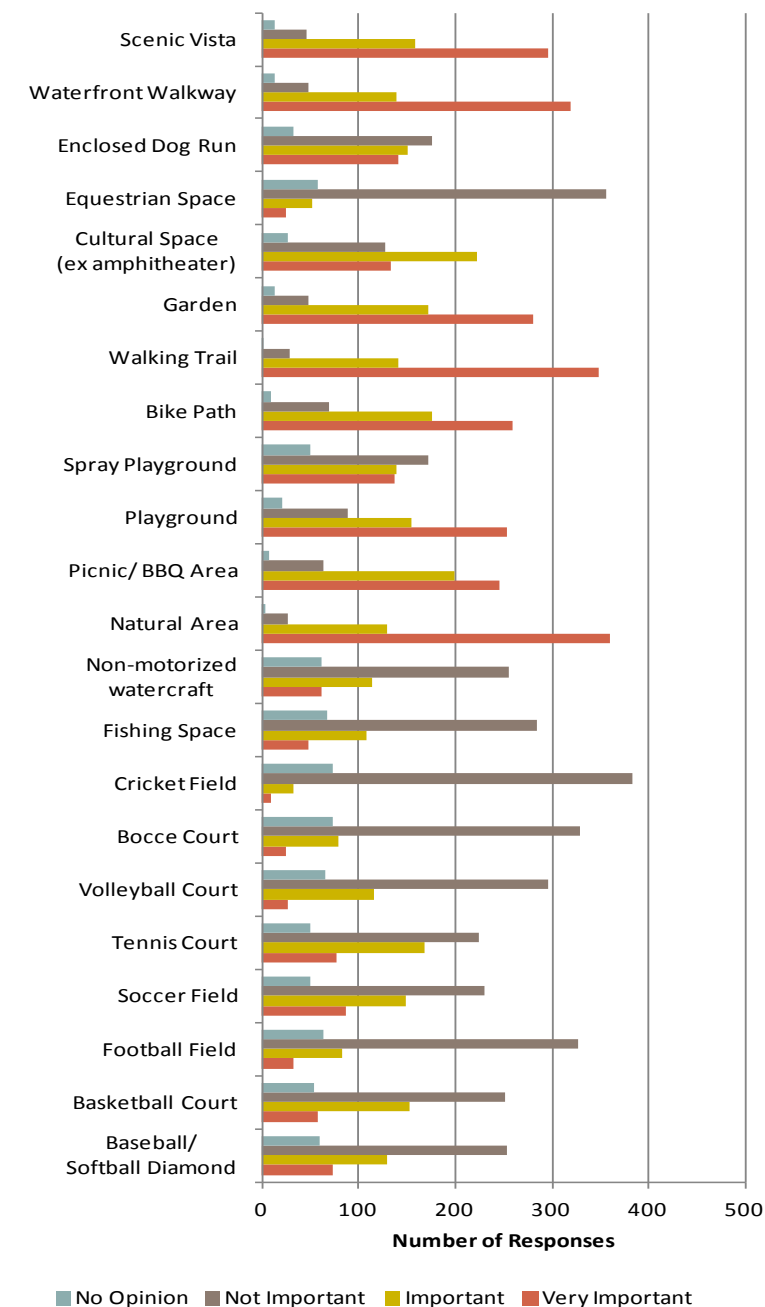
The survey asked residents how often they visited parks, historical sites, cultural spaces, and open spaces. A large number of respondents (40%) visit local parks every day, with 82% visiting parks at least once a week. Open spaces and natural areas were the second most visited area; 24% of respondents visited daily and 62% visited at least once a week. Historic sites and cultural landmarks were still popular amongst respondents (only 7% never visited) but on a monthly basis.

In terms of facilities and activities that were most valued in County parks, there was a large divide between spaces for specific recreational activities and more passive open space. Tennis courts, basketball courts, baseball diamonds and soccer fields had more than 50% respond with "Important" or "Very Important". Natural areas, picnic areas, playgrounds, walking trails, biking paths, gardens, waterfront walkways, and scenic vistas all had a majority of "Very Important" responses. The most divided responses came for Dog Runs and Children's Spray Playgrounds with an even distribution amongst, "Not Important", "Important", and "Very Important". These

results reflect the diverse community throughout Hudson County. Single residents without children, young families who would use the recreational facilities, and older residents who might enjoy passive recreation.

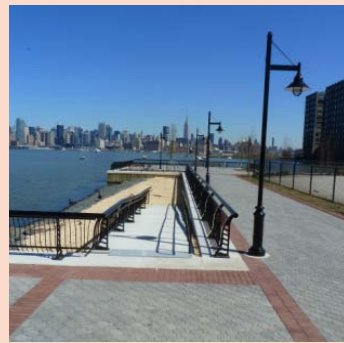
Finally, it should be noted that survey responses were slightly skewed. Of the 549 survey participants, 40% lived in Hoboken and another 40% lived Jersey City. The remaining 20% of responses were divided among the remaining ten municipalities. Given the unequal response representation, the survey should be used with caution. Further effort was made to obtain feedback through stakeholder outreach.

How important is each area to you or the members of your household?



Responses disproportionately represented the opinions of Hoboken and Jersey City residents. Hudson County will consider how to increase response rates from other municipalities for future surveys. Though a broader scope of resident opinion was not necessarily met through the survey, meetings with each municipality, non profit group and friends of group helped the county gain a better perspective.

MEETINGS WITH MUNICIPALITIES



Images: Flooding on Secaucus Road (above), new section of Hudson Waterfront Walkway (middle), the vacant lot that has developed into Weehawken Cove (below).



The Hudson County Division of Planning staff met with each municipality in the early part of 2013 to review previous responses from the 2011 stakeholder meetings. Previous questions were modified as per the feedback received. In addition, the Division of Planning also engaged in conversations about community priorities, progress, and concerns with each municipality. Municipalities were presented with an early partial draft of the Open Space Reexamination plan, including the “Relationship to Other Plans” section which described how the Reexamination Report supports and furthers the goals and objectives outlined in their local Master Plan and other planning documents. An aerial map of the municipality was handed out along with a map indicating funded Open Space Trust Fund Projects, and parks listed on the municipalities Recreation Open Space Inventory (ROSI). Stakeholders were asked to identify and confirm the location, size and name of the parks listed on the maps as well as identify future acquisitions and priorities.

Common priorities among the municipalities include increasing connectivity of waterfront walkways, converting vacant lots into greenspace, enhancing pedestrian facilities and addressing flooding issues—especially in light of recent storm damage, park improvements and historic projects.

Each municipality’s comments and open space priorities are listed within its corresponding section in Chapter 6: Open Space Resources.

NON-PROFIT FORUM

The goal of the non-profit forum was to present the draft vision of the Hudson County Open Space and Recreation Plan Reexamination Report. A significant part of the process in reexamining the Open Space Plan is conducting stakeholder outreach. The forum served as a platform for non-profit stakeholders in Hudson County and the region to contribute ideas of how to envision and connect open space, recreation, and historic preservation resources in our region. Dialogue with the organizations also explored ways in which Hudson County can assist non-profits in navigating through some of their constraints.

The first part of the forum gave an overview of the new Open Space Reexamination Report. At the end of the presentation, non-profits gave initial feedback on the report and voiced their questions and concerns with the Open Space Trust Fund. Concerns included lack of funding resources, development pressures and difficulty in partnering with the local municipality. For the second part of the forum, the nonprofit organizations broke into three groups: Regional Resources, Parks, and Historic Resources. These sessions revealed the following:

Regional Resources:

Concerns: There is a concern regarding development pressure and the preservation of open space, historic resources, and the Palisades along with continued public access to our waterfront.

Recommended Priorities: The discussion revolved around how to create more awareness of the existing resources in the County and the public’s right to access these resources.

Parks:

Concerns: Need for public to understand the importance of open space, its environmental benefits, and effect on quality of life issues.

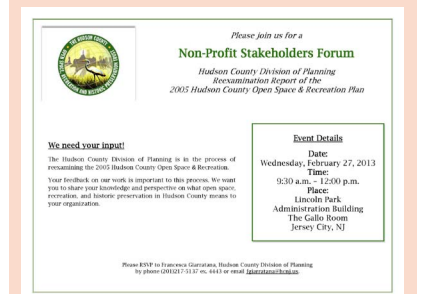
Recommended Priorities: This group seeks technical assistance in the form of governmental and legal advice to coordinate and comply with the waivers and insurance needed to run public programs at sites.

Historic Resources:

Concerns: This group discussed how to create linkages between sites to inform the public of the historic resources located throughout the county.

Recommended Priorities: They identified a need to raise awareness of the history and development of the West Bank of the Hudson as it relates to immigration, migration, architecture, and transportation.

This information was subsequently incorporated into the Reexamination Report and also contributed to the new program statement for the Open Space Trust Fund.



Images: Reexamination Report and collecting feedback for the restructuring of the Open Space Trust Fund at the Non-Profit Forum.

Non-Profit forum Flyer (bottom)

NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Hudson County has several nonprofit groups who advocate for open space, recreation, parks and historic preservation. Their passion and dedication have been an important catalyst for change. The groups range from single-site focused groups, such as the Friends of Liberty State Park and the Friends of the Loews, to a regional advocacy approach, such as Hackensack Riverkeeper and the Jersey City Parks Coalition.

Throughout the funding cycles of the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund, 20 Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund awards have been granted to nonprofits. They have accomplished great work despite having limited resources. (See Chapter 5: Open Space Trust Fund Projects section for more details.)

However, the County has found that reimbursement process of the Open Space Trust Fund proves to be a challenge for a number of projects. Without the funds to spend outright, multiple projects have been delayed. As has been the practice, the County has worked to forge multiple partnerships between the nonprofit and municipalities by adding the municipality as a co-grantee for their Open Space Trust award.

The County is committed to facilitating the work of nonprofit groups. As part of this reexamination process, the Division of Planning organized a workshop to gain input from all nonprofit groups. In the coming years, the County hopes to foster a working relationship with the dedicated members of our County's nonprofits.



WEBSITE:
www.bayonnenj.org/museum

LOCATION:
229 Broadway,
Bayonne, NJ

BAYONNE COMMUNITY MUSEUM

The former Bayonne Trust Company Building, an example of the beaux arts classicism style, operated as a bank from 1913 until 2001 when it was sold to the City of Bayonne. Today, the building, which has been designated as a local landmark by the Bayonne City Council and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is now the location of the Bayonne Community Museum. The Museum, a non-profit organization, is in the process of renovating the building for use as a cultural center dedicated to displaying the history of the City of Bayonne through the preservation of artifacts and objects related to Bayonne, curating exhibitions, and developing programs for the public.

The Bayonne Community Museum has received three Open Space Trust Fund grants, all of which have been awarded to aid them in renovating the interior of the building, including repair of electrical system and the addition of new facilities such as gallery space, offices, a reception area and ADA-compliant rest rooms.

BIKE HOBOKEN

Bike Hoboken is a citizen-based advocacy organization that aims to make Hoboken streets safe for cycling. Formed in 2010, it has over 600 members of all age groups and all biking experience levels. Their website is a resource for bicyclists in Hoboken. They provide a bike facilities map and safety tips. Bike Hoboken organizes social biking events, such as group rides. They also come together to advocate for municipal legislation and policy initiatives in the City of Hoboken, such as the implementation for new bike lanes.¹



WEBSITE:
www.bikehoboken.com

LOCATION:
no physical location

BIKE JERSEY CITY

Bike JC is a citizen-based advocacy organization that aims to make Jersey City streets safe for bicyclists by promoting traffic law enforcement, bicycle lane creation, additional bicycle rack placement, education, and group rides. Officially formed in December 2009, but informally meeting for over a decade, their goal is to work with neighborhoods, schools, and elected officials to make Jersey City the most bike-friendly city in the state. They are committed to helping bicyclists commute, exercise, enjoy scenic rides, ferry children to activities, and head out shopping in increasing numbers. They promote their organization through regular bike rides, happy hours, and get-togethers. The organization holds a major annual event, the Ward Tour, which is a 15-mile bike ride through all of Jersey City's wards.²

THE COALITION TO PRESERVE THE PALISADES CLIFFS (CPPC)

The Coalition to Preserve the Palisades is a non-political advocacy organization. In response to the rapid pace and dramatic effects of development along the Palisades Cliffs, the Coalition dedicates its efforts to promoting "responsible development that would preserve, enhance and protect" the area. The Cliffs, which were formed 200 million years ago, have become an icon for nature's environmental beauty in the Northeastern United States. The CPPC's membership is expanding and currently includes residents from Edgewater, North Bergen, Guttenberg, West New York, Weehawken, Hoboken, Jersey City, and Fair Lawn. The Coalition is currently garnering support from New Jersey Residents via an online petition to protect the Cliffs from the unintended consequences of development.

COMMUNIPAW AVENUE BLOCK ASSOCIATION (CABA)

The Communipaw Avenue Block Association (CABA) "is a group of concerned residents and business owners working to restore the Jersey City Lafayette area to a clean, healthy, safe and drug free environment." The group has been instrumental in continued upkeep, the development of a park master plan, and park programming for Rev. Dr. Ercel F. Webb Park, renamed for the pastor of nearby Monumental Baptist Church who organized cleanups of the park on a monthly basis throughout the mid-twentieth century. In 2007 CABA received a grant from the HCSTF to install an irrigation system to provide efficient water delivery to six community garden beds for passive recreation.³

EAST COAST GREENWAY ALLIANCE

The East Coast Greenway Alliance formed in 1991 as a non-profit membership organization. Their mission is "to partner with local, state and national agencies and organizations to promote the establishment, stewardship, and public enjoyment of a traffic-free multi-user trail linking cities and towns from Maine to Florida."

The East Coast Greenway is a long distance, city-to-city, multi-modal transportation corridor for cyclists, walkers, and other non-motorized users. The goal is to connect existing and planned trails that are locally owned and managed to form a continuous, safe, green route which can be easily identified by the public through signage, maps, user guides, and common services. In total, the Greenway will be a 2,600-mile path linking East Coast cities from Maine to Florida, with 92 miles through New Jersey, attracting residents and visitors alike. The East Coast Greenway is planned as an off-road facility with on-road bicycle and sidewalk connections only where necessary. A paved or firm trail surface will accommodate



WEBSITE:
www.bikejc.org

WEBSITE:
www.cabajc.org

LOCATION:
Serves the Lafayette/Communipaw neighborhood of Jersey City, NJ which also includes Rev. Dr. Ercel F. Webb Park.



WEBSITE:
www.greenway.org

LOCATION:
5315 Highgate Dr., Suite 105
Durham, NC

Educational Arts Team

WEBSITE:
www.educationalartsteam.org

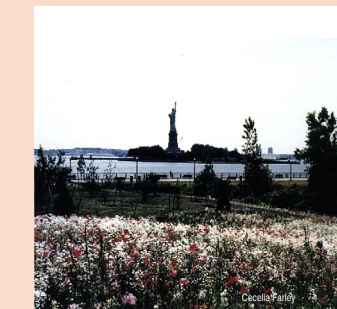
CAMP LIBERTY'S WEBSITE:
www.camplibertynj.org

LOCATION:
300 Morris Pesin Drive
Jersey City



WEBSITE:
www.embankment.org

LOCATION:
The Embankment is located on 6th Street in Jersey City, and stretches six blocks between Marin Boulevard and Brunswick Street



WEBSITE:
www.folsp.org

LOCATION:
Liberty State Park

multiple users, including road bicycle and walkers. On-road bicycle facilities and sidewalks will provide safe bicycling and walking linkages. An estimated 81% of the proposed route would be off-road, or 52 of the nearly 64 miles of the ECG through northern New Jersey. The East Coast Greenway may provide another trail through Hudson County. Its proposed path would follow the Bergen Arches from Jersey City across Secaucus and Kearny in the western part of the County.⁴

EDUCATIONAL ARTS TEAM

Since 1974 the Educational Arts Team has provided a range of educational and social workshops for children, families and teachers including in-school and after-school programs, and a summer day camp at Camp Liberty. Their programs enhance academic subjects and promote positive social experiences and relationships through focusing on the visual and performing arts for elementary and middle school students.⁵

The non-profit received two HCOSTF grants. In 2005 the group was awarded a grant to assist in repairing and resurfacing the in-ground pool at Camp Liberty in addition to installing a new fence around the site. The grant provided funds to design and install an ADA compliant entrance, walkway, and chair lift for the in-ground pool. Camp Liberty serves children and their families in Jersey City and the surrounding County with four, two week summer camp sessions where campers participate in a wide variety of educational, cultural, and recreation programs.⁶

EMBANKMENT PRESERVATION COALITION

The Embankment Preservation Coalition is a nonprofit organization that seeks to preserve the Pennsylvania Railroad, Harsimus Stem Embankment, located along 6th Street between Marin Boulevard and Brunswick Street in downtown Jersey City as a historic monument with cultural and ecological value. The organization formed as a result of a 1998 working group of neighbors that were concerned about the plans to demolish the site and redevelop it. The Coalition's advocacy resulted in the site's listing on the State Register of Historic Places in 1999 and the determination of its eligibility for the National Register in 2000. The Embankment was also declared a Municipal Landmark in 2003.

The Harsimus Branch Embankment is a section of the former freightway that transported goods from the American Heartland into New York Harbor in the early-twentieth century. The Embankment is no longer used as a railroad, but the elevated structure composed of sandstone and granite remains, bordering the roughly contemporaneous Harsimus Cove and Hamilton Park National Historic Districts. The site currently provides habitat for wildlife and slows rainwater from entering Jersey City's combined sewer system. It serves as an open space resource, though it is not currently publicly accessible. The Coalition is working with the City of Jersey City to secure the site as a historic landmark and for reuse as a key part of the East Coast Greenway, a 3000-mile walking and bicycling trail from Maine to Florida.⁷

FRIENDS OF LIBERTY STATE PARK, INC.

The Friends of Liberty State Park (FOLSP) is a volunteer run organization that is an officially recognized Friends Organization of the NJ Division of Parks and Forestry. Liberty State Park is the largest park in Hudson County and serves as a local and regional park. The park boasts panoramic views of New York Harbor including Ellis Island and Liberty Island. The 1212-acre park provides a range of recreational

opportunities such as the state's largest playground, which was first organized by FOLSP.

FOLSP's mission is to advocate for, protect, beautify, and promote Liberty State Park (LSP). The group works to promote their mission by encouraging public participation in decision-making process for LSP and serves as a member of the LSP Public Advisory Committee. They hold spring clean-ups of the salt marsh, run a series of history programs, and have a robust garden program that maintains the parks' extensive flower beds and trees. The group was awarded an Open Space Trust Fund grant in 2009 for a group picnic pavilion area to provide the public with ADA-accessible facilities including restrooms, signage, and sheltered picnic tables. The facility was completed in the summer of 2012.⁸

FRIENDS OF THE LOEW'S, THE LANDMARK LOEW'S JERSEY THEATRE

In August of 1986 the Loew's Jersey Theatre located in Journal Square was closed to the public and was scheduled for demolition the following spring. A group of local preservationists organized to protect the Loew's Jersey Theatre and over a six year period developed a successful argument for the City of Jersey City to purchase the building. Originally, the theatre was opened in 1929 as one of the five Loew's Wonder theatres or Movie Palaces which were lavish theatres built throughout the region. The preservation group established themselves as the Friends of Loew's nonprofit who are dedicated to restoring the theater to serve as a center for arts and entertainment in Journal Square and Jersey City. Today the Landmark Loew's Jersey Theatre is owned by the City of Jersey City and is listed as a New Jersey Registered Historic Site.

The nonprofit has a unique construction program where volunteers work to restore the theatre on the weekends with funds raised by the nonprofit. With the assistance of Hudson County and Jersey City the nonprofit is working towards their goal to inspire and inform Hudson County residents and the region with a diverse range of programming and performing arts styles.⁹

FRIENDS OF THE SECAUCUS LIBRARY

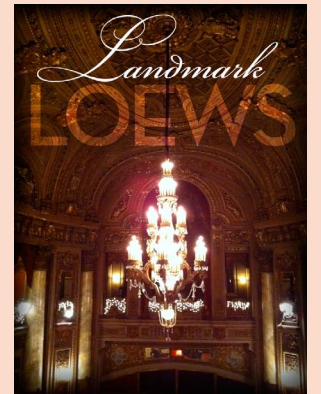
The Friends of Secaucus Library is a volunteer-run organization that works to promote the Secaucus Public Library as an educational and cultural resource for all age groups in the community. The Friends provide support and programming in a variety of ways including an annual mini-fair and book sale and children's art month. The group also developed a plan to create the Children's Reading Garden located at Secaucus's Public Library, which was partially funded by the HCOSTF in 2007. The garden is enclosed with decorative fencing and includes unique seating areas for reading.¹⁰

HACKENSACK RIVERKEEPER, INC.

The Hackensack Riverkeeper is an organization dedicated to advocating for the protection of the Hackensack River as a valuable ecosystem that serves as habitat for numerous species and contributes to the quality of life for the communities within its watershed. Riverkeeper promotes their mission through environmental advocacy, conservation, and education programs. Their eco-programs include eco-cruises, paddling activities beginning at the Paddling Center at Laurel Hill County Park, river cleanups, birdwalks, and presentations. In 2008 the group was awarded a HCOSTF grant to install an ADA compliant, floating dock used to launch canoes and kayaks at Laurel Hill County Park, the location of their field office. In



Liberty State Park



WEBSITE:
www.loewsjersey.org/

LOCATION:
54 Journal Square
Jersey City



WEBSITE:
<http://secaucus.bccls.org/friendsoflibrary.html>

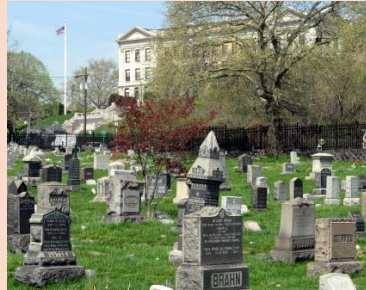
LOCATION:
1379 Paterson Plank Road
Secaucus



WEBSITE:
www.hackensackriverkeeper.org

LOCATION:
Field Office and Paddling Center:
Laurel Hill County Park, End of
New County Road, Secaucus

addition to the floating dock, which was completed in 2009, the group utilized the remainder of the grant funds to install wayfinding water trail signage.¹¹



WEBSITE:
www.jerseycitycemetery.org

LOCATION:
435 Newark Avenue
Jersey City

THE HISTORIC JERSEY CITY & HARSIMUS CEMETERY

Established in 1829, the Jersey City and Harsimus Cemetery is a blend of two styles, the colonial-era burial ground and the rural cemetery style. Located on approximately five and a half acres east of Bergen Hill, the cemetery was a burial ground for Jersey City residents including Civil War Soliders.

By 2007, the cemetery was in poor condition and the following year, a new volunteer board of trustees was formed. The non-profit is committed to the restoration of the historic cemetery grounds, caretaker house, and historic monuments. One of their goals is to have the cemetery listed on the New Jersey and National Historic Landmark Registers. The nonprofit's vision also includes opening a museum with a visitor center that explores Jersey City history and the cemetery. In 2009 the Jersey City Parks Coalition, in partnership with the board of directors of the cemetery, was awarded a HCOSTF grant to restore the pathways, blue-stone pavers and fallen tombstones to provide safe access throughout the grounds.¹² In 2010, the Cemetery was awarded a HCOSTF grant to conduct a historical study for the cemetery.



WEBSITE:
www.paulushook.org

LOCATION:
Paulus Hook Neighborhood, Jersey City

HISTORIC PAULUS HOOK ASSOCIATION

The Historic Paulus Hook Neighborhood Association was first organized in the 1970s in response to development pressure and concern for the demolition of historic properties in the Paulus Hook Neighborhood located near downtown Jersey City. The organization successfully advocated for the Paulus Hook Neighborhood to be listed as a historic district with the State of New Jersey. Today the organization continues to work towards improving the quality of life throughout the neighborhood and advocates for open space, historic preservation, and responsible development.

HPHNA is designated by City of Jersey City to raise funds for and maintain the Paulus Hook Park located at the four corners of the intersection of Washington Street and Grand Street. Their intent for the park redesign is to ensure that all four corners create a place for the public to gather, are cohesive and appear as one park and maintain the historic and geographic significance of the site. Much of the neighborhood prior to European settlement was wetlands and was subsequently filled in. Because the park is above sea level, it was the location of a British-held Revolutionary War fort. One corner contains a monument that commemorates the Battle of Paulus Hook.¹³



WEBSITE:
www.hobokencoveboathouse.org

LOCATION:
Near the intersection of Frank Sinatra Drive and Maxwell Place on Hoboken's waterfront

HOBOKEN COVE COMMUNITY BOATHOUSE

The Hoboken Cove Community Boathouse is a volunteer driven non-profit public boathouse that is dedicated to promoting free access to the Hudson River for Hoboken and the surrounding area. In partnership with the City of Hoboken, the Boathouse has offered free kayaking, serving over 8,000 paddlers. Their kayak season at Maxwell Place begins in late May and continues through September based on the weather.

In 2007 the Hoboken Cove Community Boathouse was awarded a HCOSTF grant to construct a public boathouse at Hoboken Cove. The boathouse is planned to install a pre-fabricated building with ADA-compliant restroom facilities. The proj-

ect is now part of the planned 1600 Park and Hoboken Cove Park, which are also HCOSTF funded municipal projects.¹⁴

HOBOKEN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Hoboken Historical Museum is an institution committed to collecting and exhibiting material culture related to the history of Hoboken. Located in the former Bethlehem Steel machine shop, which is now known as the Shipyard, the museum produces curated exhibits, offers educational programs, lectures, and tours, and is a venue for films and plays. The Museum's upper gallery is an exhibition space for local artists. Past exhibits in the lower gallery have looked at the history of crossing the Hudson River in "Driving Under the Hudson: A History of the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels." One of the more recent exhibits, which was open from January 2013 to the end of June 2013 was titled, "Mapping the Territory: Hudson County in Maps, 1840 - 2013."¹⁵

HUDSON RIVER WATERFRONT CONSERVANCY

Formed in 1988 to ensure that the public has the right to free and unobstructed access to the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway (HRWW), the Hudson River Waterfront Conservancy is made up of waterfront stakeholders including local governments, developers, property owners and citizens. The HRWW is a 30-foot wide pathway planned and completed in some sections for over 18 linear miles from the Kill van Kull in Bayonne to the George Washington Bridge on the Hudson River. The waterfront walkway was adopted through the 1988 New Jersey Administrative law requiring landowners to provide twenty-four hour access in accordance with the Hudson River Design Standards and Guidelines. Approximately 85% of the planned walkway at the river edge has been completed.

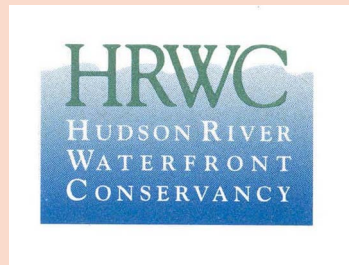
The nonprofit Conservancy collaborates with the NJDEP to review and comment on Waterfront Permits, and provides alerts and reports about the maintenance of the walkway. The NJDEP is responsible for enforcement of these elements. Repair and maintenance of the Walkway is the obligation of the owner of waterfront land.

The Conservancy hosts a series of walking tours every year called Walk the Walkway that introduces the public to the pathway and which allows for discussion of the challenges the Conservancy and the DEP encounter in requiring the development and maintenance of the Walkway.¹⁶



WEBSITE:
www.hobokenmuseum.org/

LOCATION:
1301 Hudson Street
Hoboken



WEBSITE:
www.hudsonriverwaterfront.org

LOCATION:
Hudson River Waterfront Walkway runs along the Hudson River from the tip of Bayonne 18.5 linear miles to the George Washington Bridge.



WEBSITE:
www.jclandmarks.org

JERSEY CITY LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY

The Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy formed in the late 1990s as a result of the increase in development and the desire to preserve Jersey City's historic resources. The early members realized that groups of active and like-minded residents existed throughout Jersey City and that a coalition organization could facilitate a citywide approach.

The non-profit organization works with a diverse constituency including neighborhood associations, religious institutions, students, and artists advocating at the local and state level to preserve local landmarks. Their current campaigns include collaborating with local organizations on the restoration of the Peter Stuyvesant Monument and advocating for the stabilization of the Hudson and Manhattan Railroad Powerhouse. Their full campaign list is available at their website.

As part of their overall mission to promote Jersey City's historic and cultural resources, the Conservancy offers a range of programs including walking and bus tours providing opportunities for residents and visitors to learn about the rich narrative of Jersey City history. The Preservation Windows is another initiative of the Conservancy to provide public history in Jersey City. The exhibition space is generously supported by the Mack-Cali Realty Corporation who provides the window space along Greene Street between Morgan Street and Christopher Columbus Drive at their Harborside Financial Center located in downtown Jersey City near the waterfront.¹⁷



WEBSITE:
www.jcparks.org

JERSEY CITY PARKS COALITION

The Jersey City Parks Coalition (JCPC) is a partnership of 22 members which include park groups and neighborhood associations dedicated to increasing and enhancing parks throughout Jersey City. Founded in 2005, the Coalition asserts that parks contribute to an improved quality of life and aid in revitalizing neighborhoods. Their goal is to continue building an organization that promotes best practices in parkland management while at the same time providing a platform for community empowerment and civic engagement.

The Coalition promotes public engagement and stewardship of Jersey City parks through a variety of events such as park cleanups and annual spring planting events which have been funded by Goldman Sachs, various corporate sponsorships and other fundraising activities. JCPC also initiated and organizes the annual fall BIG DIG in collaboration with the City of Jersey City. In its first year, 2011, the Coalition with over 600 volunteers planted 18,000 tulip and daffodil bulbs at parks, selected open spaces, churches, and historic sites. In April 2012 the Coalition and the City won a National Make a Difference Day award sponsored by USA Magazine for the event. They received a \$10,000 prize which directly funded the next BIG DIG event. The second annual BIG DIG produced an even larger initiative with the Coalition planting an additional 50,000 bulbs, with over 1000 volunteers, in every ward of Jersey City.¹⁸



WEBSITE:
www.jerseycitymuseum.org

LOCATION:
350 Montgomery Street,
Jersey City

JERSEY CITY MUSEUM

The Jersey City Museum, located in downtown Jersey City, is an art museum which promotes the art and historical and industrial material culture of regional importance. Founded in 1901 as part of the Jersey City Public Library, the Museum's collection consists of American art and material culture from throughout the regions dated from the colonial era to the present. This includes ceramics and glass pieces from the American Pottery Company and the related Jersey Glass

Company formerly located in the Paulus Hook neighborhood in Downtown Jersey City. It also houses the collection of August Will, a German-American artist whose work consists of pastel and watercolor landscapes of life in New York City and then in Jersey City in the late-nineteenth century.

In 2010 the Museum closed its doors due to financial difficulty. The building was purchased by the Jersey City Medical Center and the Museum negotiated to use the first floor gallery space and theater for its programming. In June of 2012 the Museum reopened, exhibiting the work of August Will and Charles Linford, which included images of Hudson County from the nineteenth century.¹⁹

JERSEY CITY RESERVOIR PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

The Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance is a member-based organization that seeks to preserve Reservoir No. 3, the former water works service station that was part of Jersey City's municipal water system. The Reservoir is composed of three structures, a 30-foot-deep trap rock tub with a 20-foot perimeter wall with stones designed in the Egyptian-Revival Style and two pump houses which have Romanesque-Revival features. In the 1980s the Reservoir was no longer used as a water source and drained. In subsequent years, the tub refilled with stormwater and the surrounding site reforested, becoming a place for wildlife. The Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance, formed in 2002, manages the site, providing limited access for bird watching, kayaking and other scheduled events. The overall vision of the Alliance for the Reservoir is to create a public passive park with the historic buildings re-adapted as a visitor center and museum focusing on the cultural, historic, and environmental attributes of the site to ensure the preservation of the historic structures and conservation as a site for wildlife habitat.

The Alliance spearheaded an initiative to obtain public and private funding to develop and maintain the Reservoir as a public open space and historic site. The Alliance has received two grants from the HCOSTF. The first was awarded in 2006 and helped fund the research and writing of the Reservoir No. 3 historic structures and cultural landscape report identifying potential uses and preservation needs for the site. The Alliance received a 2010 grant based on the recommendations from the Historic Structures Report to partially fund the emergency stabilization of the Reservoir's Gatehouse No. 1, Gatehouse No. 2, screen house, and surrounding retaining wall.²⁰

LIBERTY HISTORIC RAILWAY, INC.

Liberty Historic Railway, Inc. was formed in 2010 as a non-profit. The group's objective is to provide historic railway transportation services for the public within Liberty State Park, and connectivity to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty National Monument. From the nineteenth century until the late 1960s the Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal was the waterfront passenger terminal serving commuters, interstate travelers, and immigrants leaving Ellis Island for their new homes in America. The main building and ferry docks have been restored; however the adjoining Train Shed, also listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places, is in dire need of stabilization.

The non-profit Liberty Historic Railway (LHR) funded the 2012 update of The Liberty State Park Train Shed Historic Preservation Plan, originally published in 2001 by Curtis and Ginsberg Architects. Based on recommendations from the plan, the LHR is working to secure funding for the stabilization and eventual restoration of the Train Shed. The Liberty Historic Railway envisions re-adapting the Train Shed



WEBSITE:
www.jcreservoir.org

LOCATION:
Jersey City Reservoir No. 3 is located in the Heights neighborhood, up the hill from Hoboken.



WEBSITE:
www.lhry.org

LOCATION:
Central Railroad of New Jersey's Jersey City Terminal located at Liberty State Park

to be a space for public programming, displaying historic railcars and railway artifacts, and potentially serve as a terminus for a trolley shuttle connecting with the Hudson Bergen Light Rail station and Liberty Science Center. In 2012 the Hudson County Board of Freeholders voted unanimously in a resolution to support the Liberty Historic Railway's application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for transportation enhancement funds to stabilize the Train Shed and Preservation New Jersey added the structure to its list of endangered structures.²¹

METROPOLITAN WATERFRONT ALLIANCE

The Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is a coalition of over 600 organizations that recognize the significance of the New York and New Jersey Harbor in the development of the region and the continued importance of the harbor as a resource as it is revitalized and redeveloped. Through the MWA Task Forces, the Alliance is a driving force in the creation of the Waterfront Action Agenda, a wide-ranging set of harbor related policies. The Action Agenda was adopted by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's administration in 2011 and became the foundation for New York City's Vision 2020: the Comprehensive Waterfront Plan for New York City. This Plan sets out a series of strategies which include: a working waterfront, blue highways, a green harbor, a waterfront town, and a well-designed edge.

In addition to MWA's policy initiatives, the organization sponsors a number of projects, events, and conferences including the City of Water Day. The City of Water Day is an annual event that serves as a forum to understand the challenges and possibilities of the waterfront. The day-long event is also an opportunity to learn, recreate and celebrate the harbor.

City of Water Day is a unique and high-profile annual event that focuses wide-scale public attention on the challenges and opportunities facing our waterfront and highlights solutions. This free, day-long festival on Governors Island and in Liberty State Park inspires people with the vision of a world class regional waterfront. MWA accomplishes this through waterfront entertainment, recreation, dialogue, hands-on learning, and civic engagement, in a way not replicated at any other Harbor event in the region. In 2012, 25,000 people participated in the Festival and hundreds of thousands learned of the event and the potential of the waterfront through extensive media coverage.²²

SAVE ELLIS ISLAND, INC.

Formed in 1999, Save Ellis Island is the designated fundraising partner of the National Park Service at Ellis Island. The organization has developed a fundraising campaign to restore, rehabilitate, and reuse the twenty-nine buildings on the south side of Ellis Island. In addition, the non-profit researches, develops and operates workshops for professional development and programs for student groups from kindergarten to college that are designed to inform groups of the experiences of immigrants who arrived to the island.

The Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund awarded a grant in 2005 to the non-profit for the restoration of the Ferry Terminal Building. It is one of the contributing historic structures of Ellis Island's listing on the National Register of Historic Places and the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. In 2006, Save Ellis Island received a HCOSTF grant to assist in the restoration of the Ellis Island Laundry and Hospital Outbuilding with interior safety improvements. This restoration project enables visitors to visit the south side of Ellis Island and the steam laundry within

the immigrant hospital building, which was boarded up for almost 60 years. In 2007 the Ferry Terminal opened to the public and now houses an exhibit, which describes immigrant experiences with health inspections and treatments in the Ellis Island hospital complex.²³

VAN VORST PARK ASSOCIATION

The Van Vorst Park Association (VVPA) works to maintain a high quality of life for the local community. The Association promotes the general welfare by addressing prejudice and discrimination, defending human and civil rights, eradicating community deterioration, advancing education, and maintaining public parks, buildings, and monuments. VVPA hosts frequent events, which range from a movie night in Van Vorst Park to holiday celebrations to educational programming to boost neighborhood appreciation.²⁴

VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Village Neighborhood Association is dedicated to serving The Village area of Downtown Jersey City. Their goals include increasing public safety, promoting the arts, and fostering awareness of the historical past of The Village for its residents, and to the city of Jersey City as a whole. The organization also seeks to provide residents a forum to express ideas, and to share those ideas with the community. The Association places an emphasis on improved quality of life, effective communication, and action.²⁵

WASHINGTON PARKS ASSOCIATION (WPA)

Washington Parks Association (WPA), started in 2008 and is a volunteer run nonprofit that is dedicated to maintaining and improving Washington Park, which is located in Jersey City and Union City and is a part of the Hudson County Parks system. The organization is committed to enhancing the quality of life of the surrounding neighborhoods through a variety of park improvements. They sponsor a number of events, including the Big Dig (in collaboration with the Jersey City Parks Association and the City of Jersey City) and an annual fall bulb planting event. The association also hosts a volunteer-run garden club that maintains three community gardens in Washington Park. In partnership with Riverview Neighborhood Association, WPA hosts Movies in the Park, a series of free movie nights in a variety of park locations. WPA also hosts an annual free event called Washington Park LIVE! Arts and Music in the Park. Located in the Gazebo area of Washington Park, the event showcases the work of local artists and has dance, music and fitness artist performances. In 2010, WPA was awarded funds by the HCOSTF to provide assistance in park improvements LEED landscaping, bicycle racks, improved signage, community garden, finial/column repairs, recycling facilities, ADA improvements, picnic tables, and exercise/fit trail equipment enabling them to further their organizational goals.²⁶

WEST BERGEN/LINCOLN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

Since 2000, the West Bergen/Lincoln Park Neighborhood Coalition has worked to improve the quality of life in both neighborhoods through a variety of civic improvements such as tree plantings, spring annual plantings, and neighborhood cleanups. The Coalition promotes the preservation of the neighborhoods' cultural and historic resources and have worked to stop development that is not compatible with the area. Dedicated to preserving the unique architectural



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www.waterfrontalliance.org

LOCATION
241 Water Street, 3rd Floor
New York, NY



WEBSITE:
www.saveellisland.org

LOCATION:
500 International Drive
Suite 120
Budd Lake, NJ



WEBSITE:
www.vvpa.org

LOCATION:
Van Vorst Park is located just south of Downtown Jersey City, between Montgomery and York Street.



WEBSITE:
www.jcvillage.org

LOCATION:
The area is surrounded by Christopher Columbus Dr. to the south, 6th street to the north, Mary Benson Park to the west and Coles Street to the east.



WEBSITE:
www.wpanj.org

LOCATION:
Washington Park is located on the border between Jersey City and Union City



LOCATION:
83 Wayne Street
Jersey City

character of local homes and to promoting the social history in the neighborhoods, the Coalition in collaboration with the City of Jersey City has hired a consultant to pursue two historic districts, one in the West Bergen neighborhood, and the other in the Lincoln Park neighborhood.

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