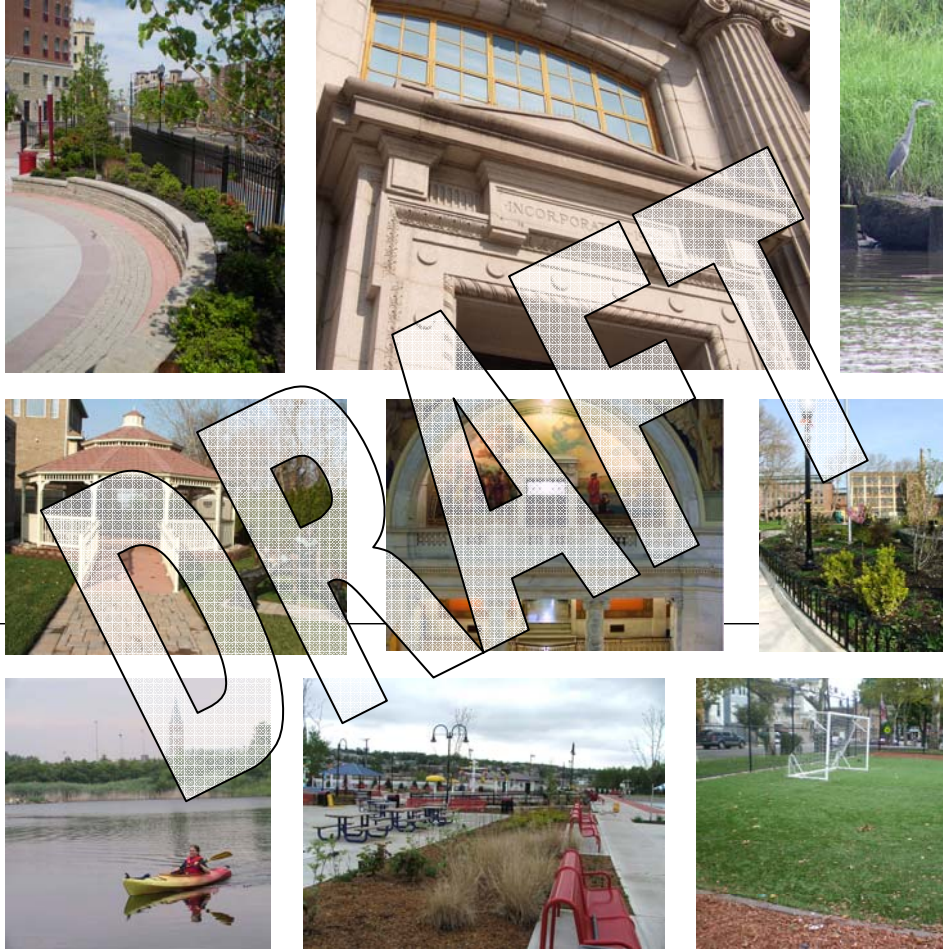


2009 Hudson County Open Space Advisory Board Recommendations Report



**Open Space, Recreation
& Historic Preservation
Trust Fund**



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County Executive**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

Dear Friends:

It’s been almost five years since the inception of Hudson County’s first Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust fund. On behalf of the Open Space Advisory Board, we are happy to report that to date, over \$26 million in funding has been approved for local government agencies and non-profit organizations working to preserve open space, rehabilitate recreational facilities, and restore historic and cultural resources.


The preservation of open space along the Hudson, Hackensack, and Passaic Rivers was achieved ensuring that public access to the waterfront remained a high priority in Hudson County. Countywide athletic facilities were improved with the installation of synthetic turf at several parks. The children of Hudson County are now enjoying rehabilitated playgrounds and a new swimming pool facilities. Hudson County has also been supportive of efforts to preserve our rich culture and history with funding the restoration of landmark buildings, monuments, and museums. Nature lovers residents, and tourists alike are enjoying the benefits of new, passive parks, scenic vistas, and habitat restorations.

This year, the Advisory Board received thirty-eight applications with over \$30 million requested for land acquisitions, park improvements, historic preservation projects, and related studies. The overwhelming response from applicants, exhibited with our highest number of applications, shows there is much more work to be done in Hudson County.

Although there is not enough funding to go around, we are confident that projects recommended by the Advisory Board for funding are deserving and will benefit the residents of Hudson County. We urge you to review the enclosed Draft Recommendations Report and provide comment at the public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, June 24th at 6:30 pm at the Lincoln Park Administration Building in Jersey City. Once all comments have been received, the Advisory Board will then submit their recommendations to the County Executive for consideration.

Sincerely,


Joseph Liccardo
Chair


Henry Sanchez
Vice Chair



OUR MISSION

On June 26, 2003, the Hudson County Executive requested, and the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved a resolution authorizing the placement of a public question (referendum) on the general election ballot for the establishment of a County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund. On November 4, 2003, the ballot question was approved by a two-to-one majority of County voters.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders, by a resolution dated December 23, 2003, voted to establish the Hudson County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Trust Fund. The Trust Fund is funded through a property tax dedicated to acquire land for conservation, open space purposes, recreation facility enhancements, and historic preservation.

Entrusted by the County Executive and Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Hudson County Open Space Advisory Board has the duty to review, prioritize, and recommend projects for open space, recreation and historic preservation funding that meet the goals and objectives outlined in the Hudson County Open Space & Recreation Plan.

PROGRAM STATEMENT

Eligible Projects Under the County's Trust Fund

1. Acquisition of land for conservation and recreation purposes.
2. Development and redevelopment of land existing or acquired for recreational, cultural, tourism and/or conservation purposes.
3. Preservation of historic properties, including the acquisition and historic preservation planning activities of such properties for historic preservation, or
4. Construction management and/or construction administration of an Open Space Trust funded recreation or historic preservation project.
5. Payment of debt service on indebtedness issued or incurred by the County of Hudson for any of the purposes stated in (1), (2), (3), or (4).
6. Up to 2% set-aside for the purposes of architectural design, engineering, planning, environmental, or historic preservation studies.

Who's Eligible?

- Hudson County
- The Hudson County Improvement Authority
- Any of the twelve (12) municipalities in Hudson County
- Local entities, non-profit corporations and qualified charitable conservancies located within Hudson County that have received tax exemption under section 501(c)3 of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code

Trust Fund Advisory Board

The Trust Fund Advisory Board consists of 9 members appointed by the County Executive with the advice and consent of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, who participate in the approval process by reviewing, prioritizing and recommending projects for funding. Advisory Board members are representatives of county government, conservation, environmental, historic preservation, parks and recreation, and business communities.



The Advisory Board holds an annual pre-submission conference and meets monthly to review applications submitted for funding consideration. In addition to application review, the Advisory Board conducts on-site visits to potential projects sites and invites applicants to present proposals. A final report ranking and prioritizing projects with funding recommendations is submitted to the County Executive for consideration.

Trust Fund Allocation

The Trust Fund is funded through a property tax assessment determined annually by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, at a rate not to exceed one cent (\$0.01) per \$100.00 of total County equalized valuation. All money collected through the property tax assessment will be deposited into the Trust Fund and shall be apportioned approximately in the following manner:

- No less than 40% for Land Acquisition Projects. However, if no applications for Land Acquisition Projects are submitted, then the funding shall be held in reserve for the next funding cycle.
- No more than 60% funding available for Development/Redevelopment, Improvement for Recreation or Conservation Projects and Historic Preservation projects in any given funding cycle.
- Up to 2% funding available for planning and study activities (non-construction) in any given funding cycle.

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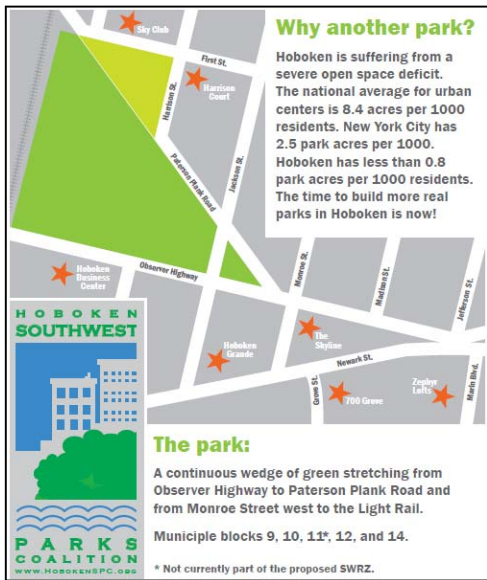
APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

2009 Review Schedule	
Mandatory Pre-submission Conference for Interested Parties	January 28
Deadline for Submission of Applications	March 24
Presentations by Applicants to the Open Space Advisory Board	April 6—9
Site Visits	April 27—April 28
Draft Advisory Board Recommendations Report	May 27
Public Hearing and Final Advisory Board Recommendations Report	June 24
Consideration by Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders	August

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION

Southwest Park Land Acquisition, Hoboken Application No. OS-11-09

The City of Hoboken proposes to acquire over 6 acres of land located in the southwest section of the city along Paterson Ave. and Observer Highway. Triangular in shape, the site encompasses Blocks 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14 and is located south of the 2nd Street Light Rail Station. Located within the 100-year floodplain, the applicant proposes to acquire a number of impervious parcels and transform them as parkland.



Why another park?

Hoboken is suffering from a severe open space deficit. The national average for urban centers is 8.4 acres per 1000 residents. New York City has 2.5 park acres per 1000. Hoboken has less than 0.8 park acres per 1000 residents. The time to build more real parks in Hoboken is now!

The park:

A continuous wedge of green stretching from Observer Highway to Paterson Plank Road and from Monroe Street west to the Light Rail.

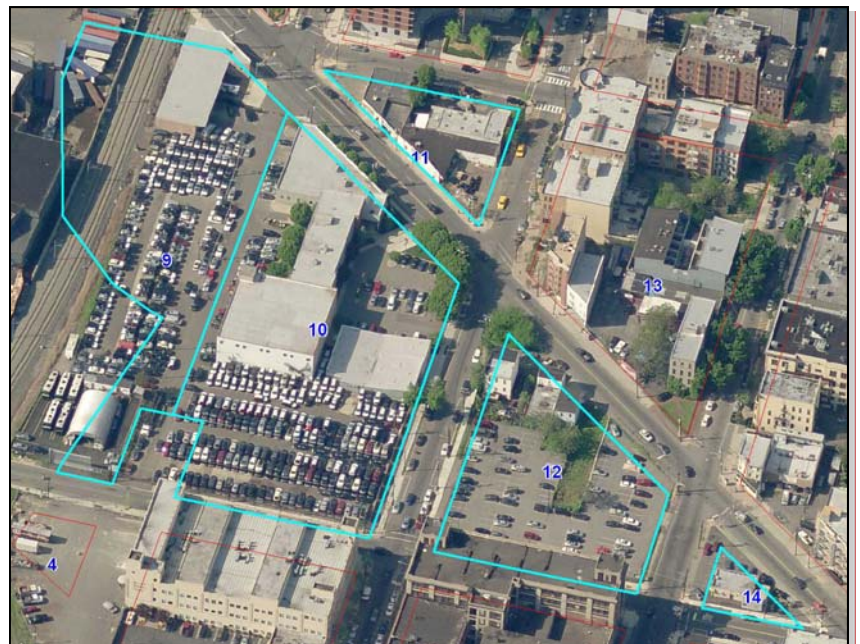
Municipal blocks 9, 10, 11*, 12, and 14.

* Not currently part of the proposed SWRZ.

HOBOKEN SOUTHWEST

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The City of Hoboken, in partnership with the non-profit Southwest Parks Coalition, submitted a petition of public support and land appraisals for each parcel.

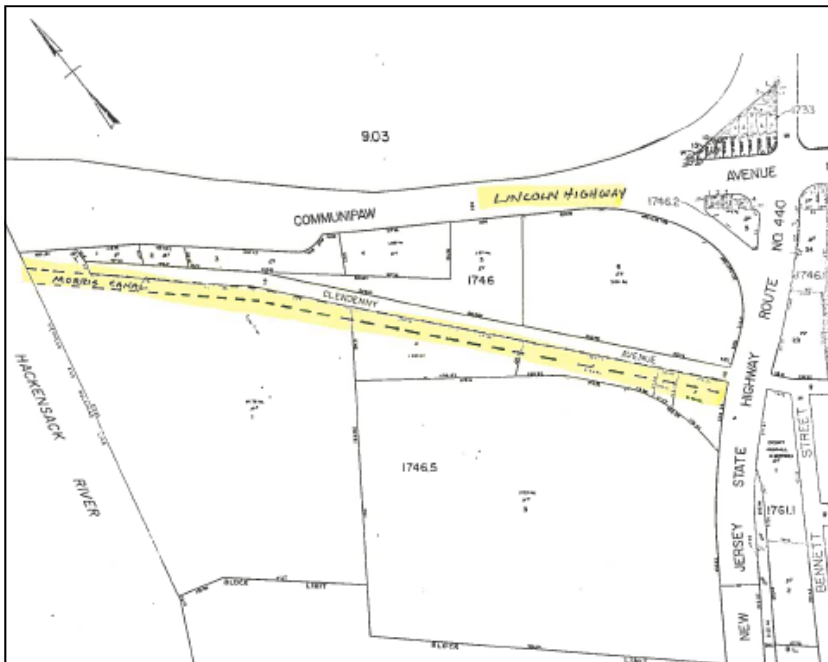


Summary

Project Name: Hoboken Southwest Park Land Acquisition
 Applicant: City of Hoboken/Southwest Parks Coalition
 Municipality: Hoboken
 Total Project Costs: \$16,000,000
 Amount Requested: \$3,000,000

801 Route 440 Land Acquisition, Jersey City
Application No. OS-12-09

The Hudson County Division of Parks seeks funding to acquire vacant land at the former site of the Hudson Motor Lodge located at the intersection of Route 440 and Communipaw Ave. Located just south of Lincoln Park West, proposed plans are to create a contiguous link along the historic Morris Canal to existing waterfront open space at the Hackensack River. The site is part of the proposed Hackensack River Greenway Park identified in the 2008 Jersey City Open Space and Recreation Master Plan and will add an additional 5 acres of recreational space. Once acquired, the site will undergo remediation by the responsible party identified as Honeywell International, Inc.



Summary

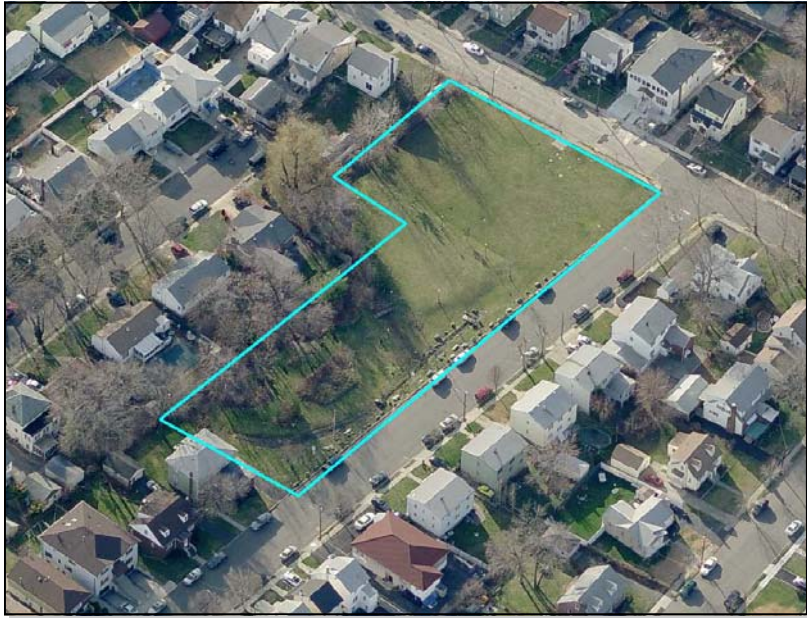
Project Name: 801 Route 440
Land Acquisition
Applicant: Hudson County
Division of Parks
Municipality: Jersey City
Total Project Costs: \$3,300,000
Amount Requested: \$1,650,000





**Keystone Properties Land Acquisition, Secaucus
Application No. OS-18-09**

The Town of Secaucus seeks to acquire the development rights at the former Keystone Site located at 22 Raydol Avenue and Humboldt Street. Currently known as “Fountain Park”, the 1.3-acre site has been subject to ongoing remedial measures by the US EPA. In 1994, ownership of the site was conveyed to the Town, and it was landscaped as a passive park. The Town wishes to maintain the site as a passive park and prevent residential or commercial development.



Summary

Project Name:	Keystone Properties Land Acquisition
Applicant:	Town of Secaucus
Municipality:	Secaucus
Total Project Costs:	\$1,700,000
Amount Requested:	\$1,700,000

Russell Golding Park Expansion, Bayonne
Application No. OS-24-09

Russell Golding Park is a heavily used active recreation park located along Avenue E at East 49th Street in Bayonne. The City is interested in acquiring several vacant lots on Block 393 to expand the size of the park and provide more recreational space to the surrounding neighborhood. Lots 19 through 21 are located to the north of the park covering approximately 25,000 square feet. Lot 16, to the south, is approximately 16,000 square feet in size. Both sites were former gas stations and have been substantially remediated. The City of Bayonne hopes to add both passive and active recreation elements, extending the park by an additional acre.

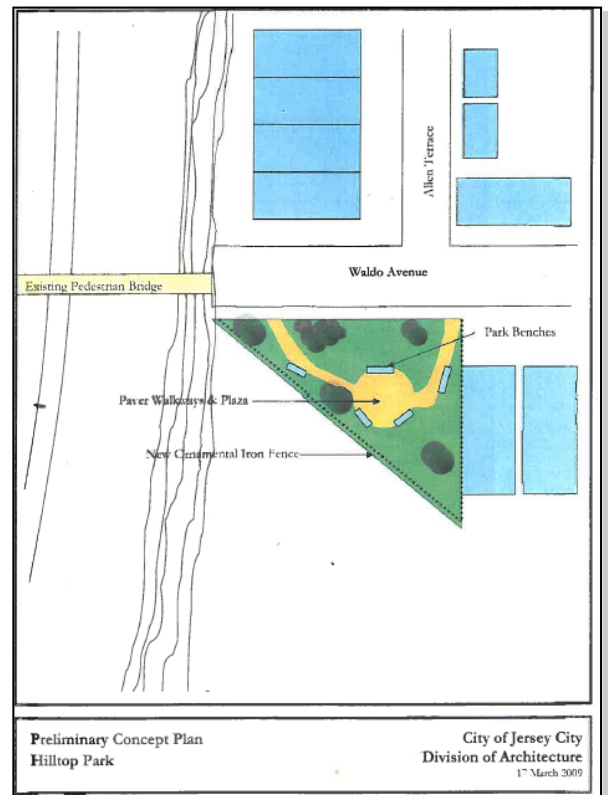


Summary:

Project Name: Russell Golding Park Expansion
 Applicant: City of Bayonne
 Municipality: Bayonne
 Total Project Costs: \$2,565,000
 Amount Requested: \$2,465,000

Hilltop Park Land Acquisition, Jersey City Application No. OS-34-09

Located at the dead end of Waldo Avenue in the Hilltop section of Jersey City, this site sits vacant within a residential neighborhood. The City of Jersey City proposes to acquire a portion of Lot 11, Block 502 to be preserved as passive open space. The parcel is currently owned and maintained by Conrail Corporation as a railroad right-of-way. Preliminary plans are to acquire and improve the site with landscaping, benches, lighting, and pathways.



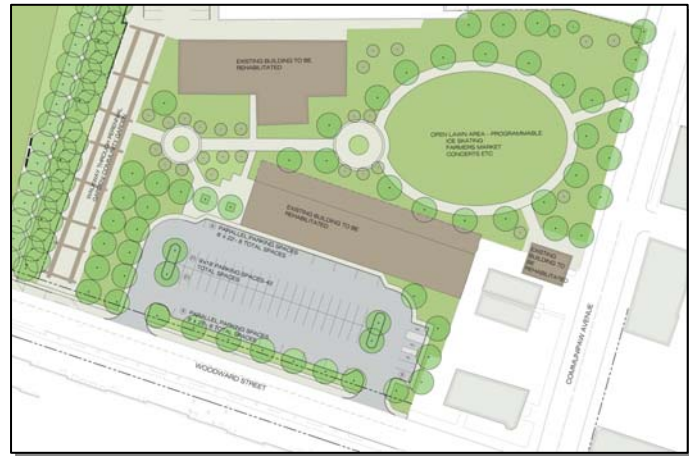
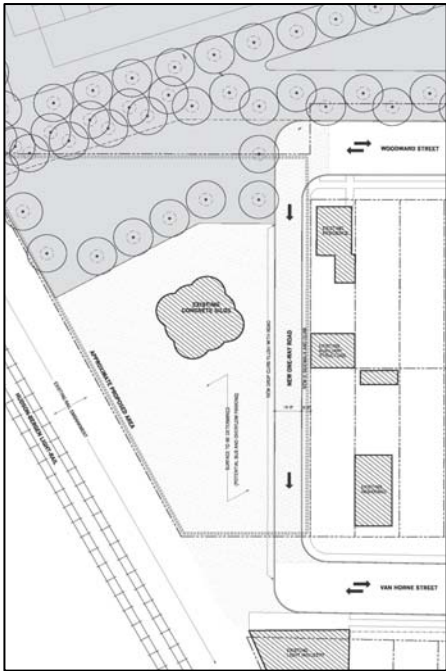
Summary:

Project Name: Hilltop Park Land Acquisition
 Applicant: City of Jersey City
 Municipality: Jersey City
 Total Project Costs: \$185,000
 Amount Requested: \$185,000

Berry Lane Park Land Acquisition, Jersey City Application No. OS-36-09

The City of Jersey City has been acquiring several lots along Garfield Avenue and Berry Lane in the Morris Canal Redevelopment area, near the Garfield Avenue Light Rail station. Planned as a new, 17-acre park, the proposed acquisitions would increase contiguous recreational space. Proposals include rehabilitating the existing structures for indoor recreational space and providing additional entry points into the park.

Once acquisition has been complete, the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency will commence site remediation in preparation for the construction of the park.



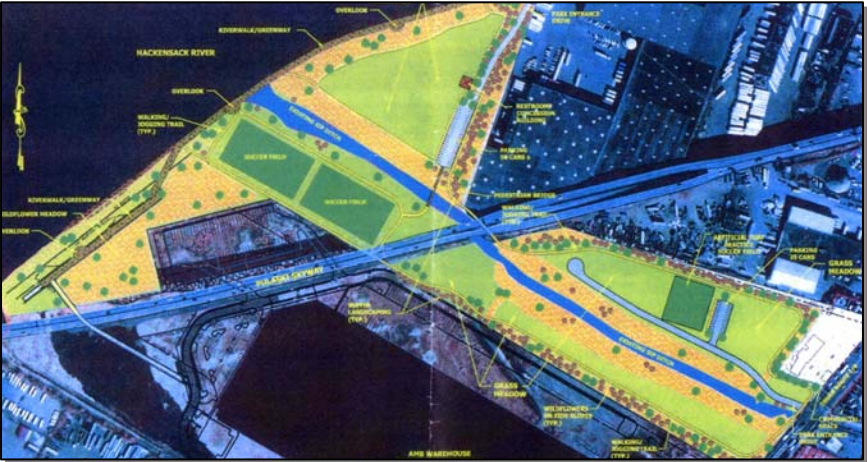
Summary:

Project Name: Berry Lane Park Expansion
 Applicant: City of Jersey City
 Municipality: Jersey City
 Total Project Costs: \$3,719,750
 Amount Requested: \$1,000,000



Hackensack Riverfront Park Land Acquisition, Jersey City Application No. OS-38-09

Under the Hackensack River Edge Redevelopment Plan, an open space district was created along the Hackensack River on the former PJP landfill site. Several parcels are targeted for acquisition by the City of Jersey City to develop the new riverfront park. Proposed plans include active and passive recreational elements, environmental restoration of the Sip Avenue ditch, and construction of a waterfront walkway. Upon completion, the park will provide public access to the Hackensack River where non exists.



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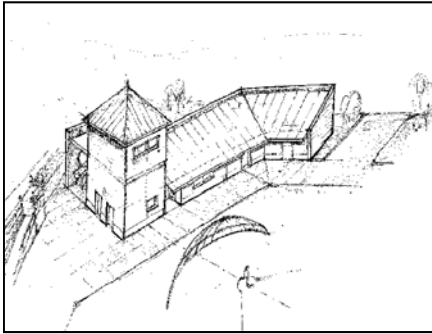
Project Name:	Hackensack Riverfront Park Land Acquisition
Applicant:	City of Jersey City
Municipality:	Jersey City
Total Project Costs:	\$12,000,000
Amount Requested:	\$2,000,000



PARK & RECREATION IMPROVEMENT

LEED Improvements at Veteran's Field, Kearny Application No. PI-01-09

Veteran's Field, located at Bergen Avenue and Belgrove Drive in Kearny, is undergoing a transformation to a modern athletic facility with new lighting, play surface, and a reconstructed field house. Previously awarded \$97,000 in open space funds, the Town is seeking additional funding assistance to construct the field house with the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Plans include demolition of the existing stand, construction of a concession stand with storage, ADA restroom facilities, 2nd floor announcer booth, solar panels, and wind turbines.



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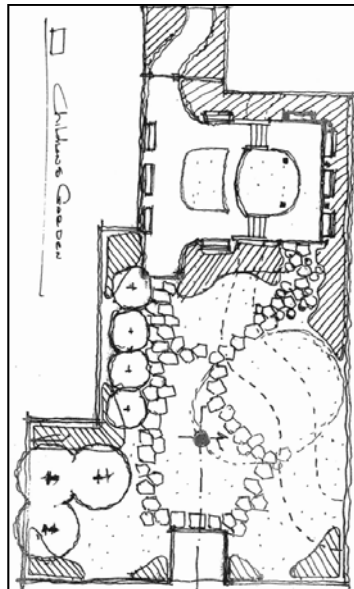
Project Name:	LEED Improvements at Veteran's Field
Applicant:	Town of Kearny
Municipality:	Kearny
Total Project Costs:	\$567,000
Amount Requested:	\$100,000

Reading Park at Kearny Main Library, Kearny Application No. PI-02-09

The Town of Kearny plans to construct a reading garden on the grounds of the main library located on Kearny Avenue. The site is currently fenced-in and landscaped with lawn, shrubs, and trees. The Town proposes to open the area with an ADA-accessible entrance from Kearny Avenue and install pavers, lighting, outdoor furniture, and additional landscaping.

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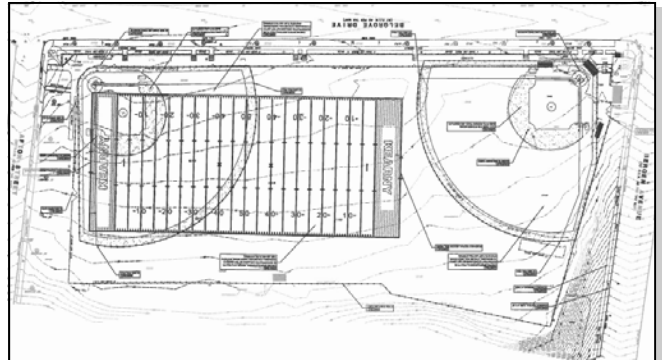
Project Name:	Reading Park at Kearny Main Library
Applicant:	Town of Kearny
Municipality:	Kearny
Total Project Costs:	\$154,887
Amount Requested:	\$50,000





All Season Multi-surface Improvement at Veteran’s Field, Kearny Application No. PI-03-09

The Town of Kearny has plans to install an all-seasons playing surface to serve the active recreational activities at Veteran’s Field. The surface for softball/baseball, football, and soccer fields will be replaced with synthetic turf, improved drainage, and site restoration for safety and ADA accessibility. The planned improvements will increase available playing time and expand recreational opportunities with the more durable playing surface.

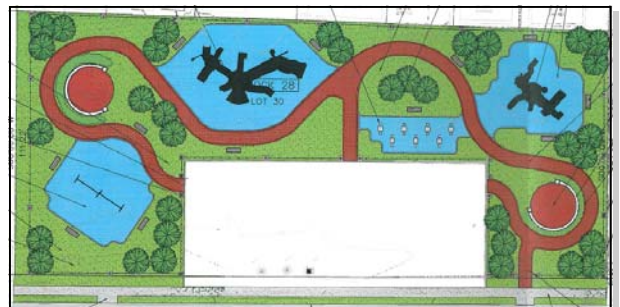


Summary:

Project Name: All Season Multi-Surface Improvement at Veteran’s Field
 Applicant: Town of Kearny
 Municipality: Kearny
 Total Project Costs: \$2,048,610
 Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Brighton Avenue Playground, Kearny Application No. PI-04-09

Located along Brighton Avenue, the proposed playground will serve the neighborhood residents with a new playground children ages 3 to 5 and 5 to 12 years old. The Town of Kearny proposes to develop the vacant site to include landscaping, benches/seating, and playground safety surfaces. The Town will also install a security and lighting system with fencing and trash receptacles.



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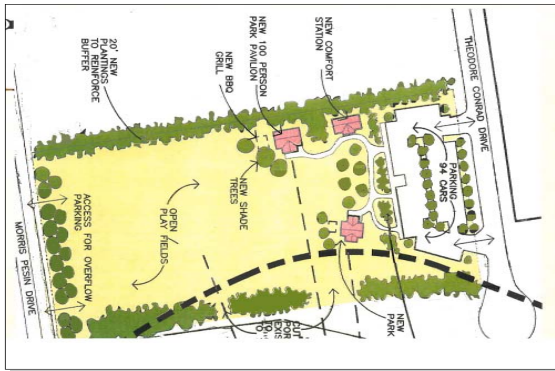
Project Name: Brighton Avenue Playground
 Applicant: Town of Kearny
 Municipality: Kearny
 Total Project Costs: \$822,240
 Amount Requested: \$543,360



Group Picnic Pavilion at Liberty State Park

Application No. PI-05-09

The Friends of Liberty State Park are sponsoring this application for funding to construct a group picnic pavilion on “Freedom Field” at the terminus of Theodore Conrad Drive. Group picnic reservations are reported as the largest request from the Hudson County community, and Liberty State Park management turns down many requests each year. The project aims to alleviate the missed opportunities for group picnicking by constructing a new, sheltered picnic area with restroom facilities and parking.

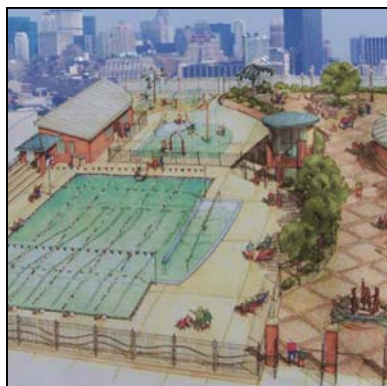
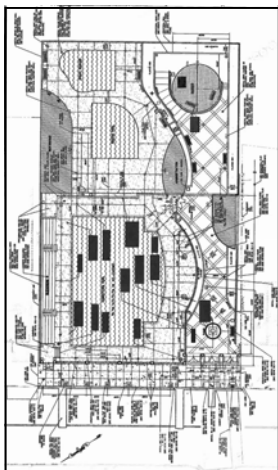


Summary:

Project Name: Group Picnic Pavilion at Liberty State Park
 Applicant: Friends of Liberty State Park
 Municipality: Jersey City
 Total Project Costs: \$2,000,000
 Amount Requested: \$250,000

**Fireman’s Memorial Park Improvements, Union City
 Application No. PI-06-09**

The City of Union City is constructing an outdoor recreational facility complete with two pools and a water play area along Palisade Avenue overlooking the Hudson River waterfront with views of the Manhattan skyline. The park will transform the site of the Doric Temple and Doric Park to an ADA-accessible swimming pool facility with an Olympic pool, wading pool, water play area, restrooms, and park administration facilities.



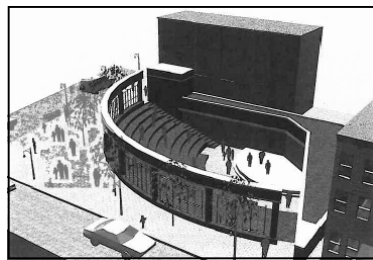
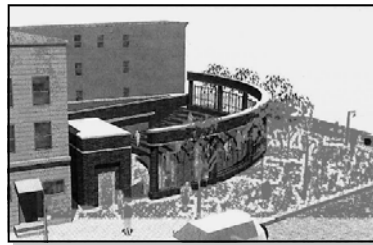
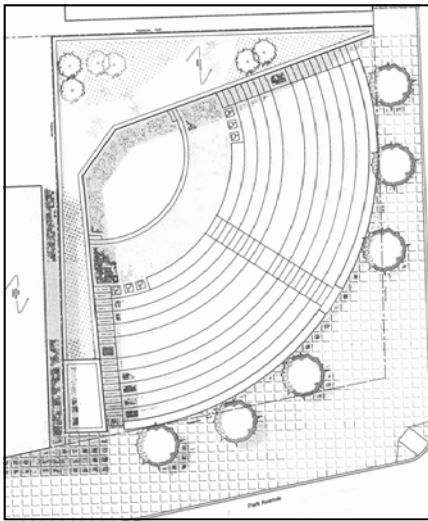
Summary:

Project Name: Fireman’s Memorial Park
 Applicant: City of Union City
 Municipality: Union City
 Total Project Costs: \$5,257,663
 Amount Requested: \$500,000



Park Avenue Amphitheatre, Union City
Application No. PI-08-09

The City of Union City is seeking funding assistance to develop 8815 Park Avenue into an amphitheatre complete with a stage, storage, and seating. The new facility will be used for theatrical and musical performances to be maintained and operated by the city's Parks and Recreation Department. The planned amphitheatre will also be fully compliant with ADA guidelines.



Summary:

Project Name: Park Avenue Amphitheatre
 Applicant: City of Union City
 Municipality: Union City
 Total Project Costs: \$2,744,865
 Amount Requested: \$564,580

Renovation of Camp Liberty Multi-purpose Outdoor Space, Jersey City
Application No. PI-09-09

Educational Arts Team operates and maintains Camp Liberty located at Theodore Conrad Drive in Jersey City. The non-profit group proposes to resurface the existing handball court and replace the existing fence. The handball court has become overgrown with weeds and is in need of rehabilitation. Camp Liberty hopes to provide recreational opportunities on the handball court for 30 to 40 children attending summer camp.



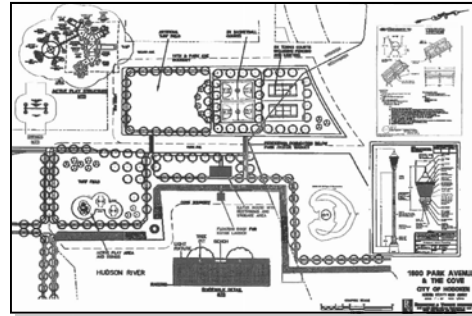
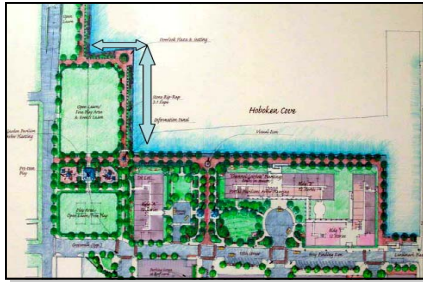
Summary:

Project Name: Renovation of Camp Liberty Multi-purpose Outdoor Space
 Applicant: Educational Arts Team
 Municipality: Jersey City
 Total Project Costs: \$65,550
 Amount Requested: \$60,550



Hoboken Cove Park Development, Hoboken
Application No. PI-010-09

The City of Hoboken is seeking funds to assist in constructing a new park at Hoboken Cove along 15th Street at Park Avenue. The active and passive recreational area will include children’s playground, the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway, boathouse rental facility, basketball and tennis courts, benches, and lighting. In addition to the recreational amenities, the city plans to connect Hoboken Cove Park to the planned 1600 Park Avenue Park across Park Avenue.

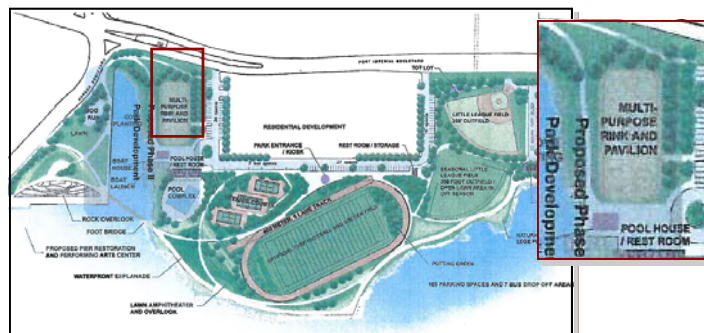


Summary:

Project Name: Hoboken Cove Park Development
 Applicant: Hoboken
 Municipality: City of Hoboken
 Total Project Costs: \$4,108,850
 Amount Requested: \$600,000

Multi-use Waterfront Pavilion, Weehawken
Application No. PI-013-09

The Township of Weehawken requests funding to support the development of the waterfront multi-use pavilion located along the Hudson River waterfront at Port Imperial Boulevard. In Phase II of the development, the outdoor ice skating rink with deck and basketball court overlay will be installed to expand year-round availability of recreational facilities. The waterfront park will be fully compliant with ADA guidelines.



Summary:

Project Name: Multi-use Waterfront Pavilion
 Applicant: Weehawken
 Municipality: Township of Weehawken
 Total Project Costs: \$2,000,000
 Amount Requested: \$250,000

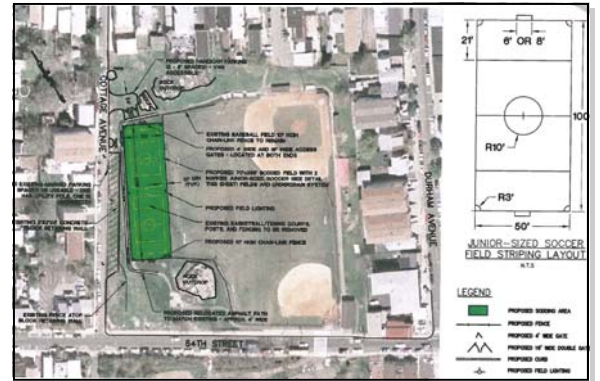
64th Street– Stan Newman Soccer Fields, North Bergen Application No. PI-14-09

The Township of North Bergen proposes to convert unused tennis/basketball courts to two junior soccer fields. The current basketball courts have deteriorated and remain closed to the public due to safety hazards. Plans are to replace the court surface with two junior-sized, natural grass soccer fields with field lighting, irrigation system, fencing, drainage, and additional site work.



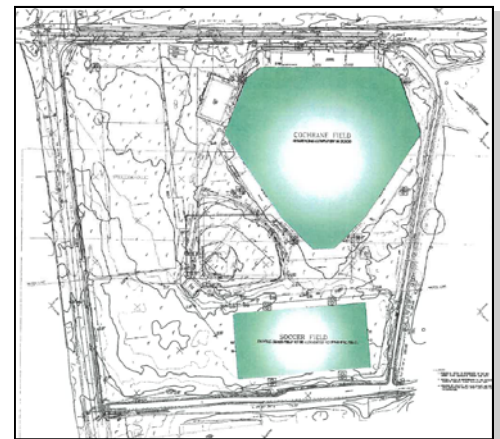
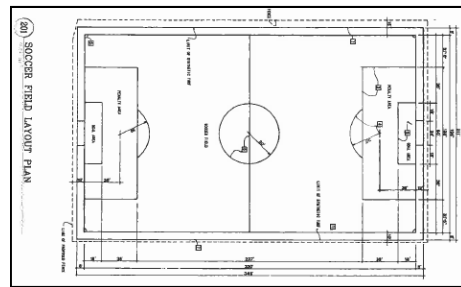
Summary:

Project Name: 64th Street– Stan Newman Soccer Fields
Applicant: Township of North Bergen
Municipality: North Bergen
Total Project Costs: \$435,000
Amount Requested: \$435,000



Caven Point Synthetic Turf Soccer Field, Jersey City Application No. PI-17-09

Jersey City Public Schools is sponsoring an application for funds to convert the existing natural grass soccer field at the Caven Point Recreational Complex to synthetic turf for durability and increased playing time. The grass field is currently inadequate at servicing the intense use of soccer in a highly populated, urban environment and is in need of major repairs. The applicant also plans on adding sports lighting to extend playing for nighttime use.



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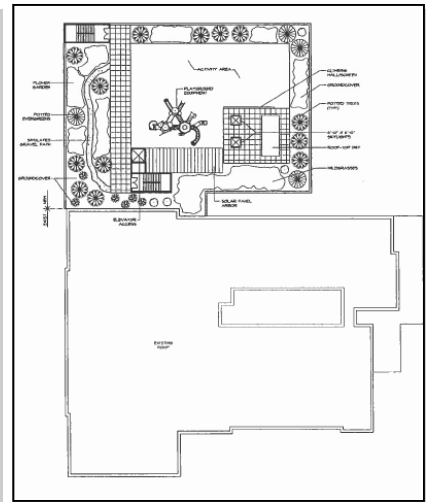
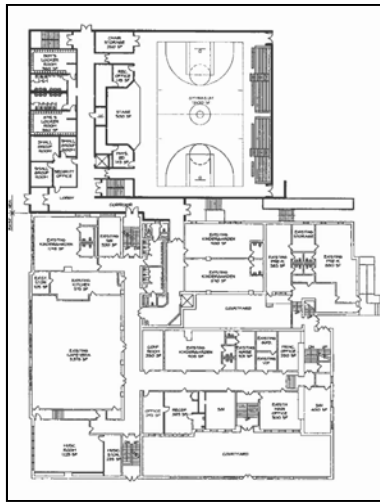
Project Name: Caven Point Synthetic Turf Field
Applicant: Jersey City Public Schools
Municipality: Jersey City
Total Project Costs: \$2,200,000
Amount Requested: \$1,450,000

Guttenberg Community Center, Guttenberg
Application No. PI-19-09

The Town of Guttenberg, in conjunction with the Anna L. Klein School, is seeking funding assistance to construct a community center and school annex at 301 69th Street. Once constructed, residents of Hudson County will have access to the rooftop garden space, indoor gymnasium, and multi-purpose rooms. The town expects to host concerts, plays, and other cultural activities within the three-story cultural center.

Summary:

Project Name: Guttenberg Community Center
 Applicant: Town of Guttenberg
 Municipality: Guttenberg
 Total Project Costs: \$20,000,000
 Amount Requested: \$5,000,000

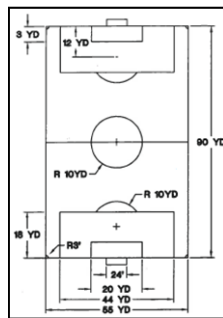


Braddock Park Soccer Field, Guttenberg/North Bergen
Application No. PI-20-09

The Town of Guttenberg leases space in Braddock Park for use as a baseball/softball field serving the town's athletic leagues. While the field is in need of upgrades to the playing surface, the town would also like to extend the dimensions appropriate for soccer. Plans are to re-sod the field, improve drainage, add an irrigation system, add field lighting, and construct a retaining wall to extend the playing area. The completed project will result in an improved baseball/softball field, and the addition of much a needed soccer field for area residents.

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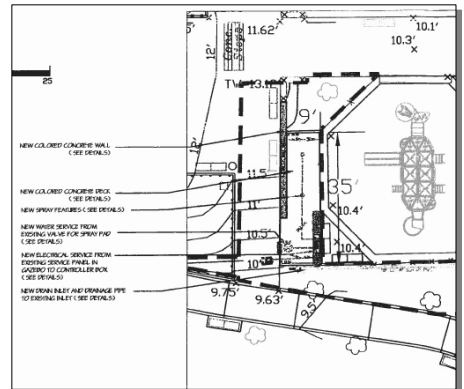
Project Name: Braddock Park Soccer Field
 Applicant: Town of Guttenberg
 Municipality: North Bergen
 Total Project Costs: \$1,172,000
 Amount Requested: \$750,000





Van Vorst Park Sprayground, Jersey City
Application No. PI-21-09

Van Vorst Park, located on Montgomery Street in downtown Jersey City, is used intensely by the neighborhood residents and is home to the only children’s playground in the area. The non-profit Jersey City Parks Coalition is sponsoring the application for funds to construct a water feature adjacent to the existing playground. The proposed project includes water spray features, concrete separating wall, and drainage improvements.



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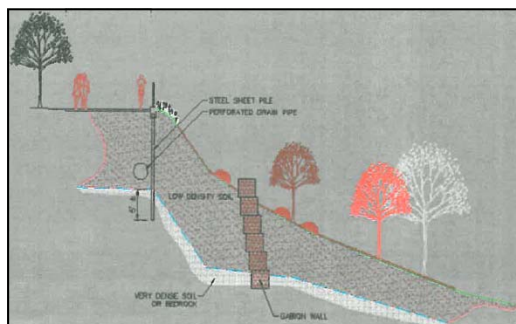
Project Name: Van Vorst Park Sprayground
 Applicant: Jersey City Parks Coalition
 Municipality: City of Jersey City
 Total Project Costs: \$171,700
 Amount Requested: \$80,000

Veteran’s Park Improvements, West New York
Application No. PI-22-09

Veteran’s Park in West New York provides unparalleled views of the Hudson River and Manhattan skyline Boulevard East between 57th and 60th Street. The park was renovated in 1995 through a Green Acres grant; however, it is now experiencing structural and drainage problems due to the steep slopes of the Palisades. A portion of the walkway is now closed due to the safety hazards. The town would like to rehabilitate the damaged retaining wall and create a pathway to link the park to the section below.

Summary:

Project Name: Veteran’s Park Improvements
 Applicant: Town of West New York
 Municipality: West New York
 Total Project Costs: \$2,315,000
 Amount Requested: \$1,000,000



Donnelly Park Improvements, West New York
Application No. PI-23-09

Donnelly Park in West New York includes a number of active and passive recreational facilities along Boulevard East. The park has been suffering from erosion damage and is in need of repair to prevent further disturbance of the steep slopes along the Palisades. The Town proposes to rehabilitate the existing walkway with structural improvements including sheet piling, drainage, and appropriate plantings along the steep slopes. In addition, the town wishes to renovate the basketball courts and install bicycle racks and benches.

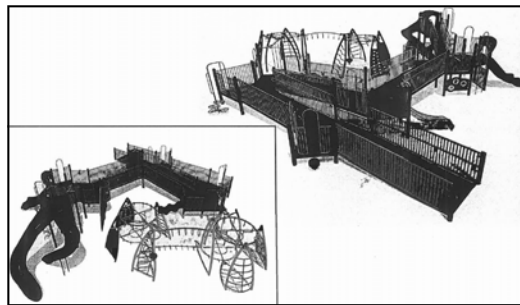
Summary:

Project Name: Donnelly Park Improvements
 Applicant: Town of West New York
 Municipality: West New York
 Total Project Costs: \$2,005,000
 Amount Requested: \$1,000,000



Al Sloatsky Playground, Bayonne
Application No. PI-25-09

Al Sloatsky Park, located at the south end of Bayonne at the foot of the Bayonne Bridge, is planned for renovation of the existing playground equipment. The City of Bayonne proposes to install ADA-compliant playground equipment to meet the needs of the city’s handicapped residents. The park currently has out-of-date playground equipment which will be replaced with modern facilities.



Summary:

Project Name: Al Sloatsky Playground
 Applicant: City of Bayonne
 Municipality: Bayonne
 Total Project Costs: \$110,000
 Amount Requested: \$100,000



Harbor View Park- Phase III, Bayonne
Application No. PI-27-09

The City of Bayonne is currently constructing Harbor View Park at the end of the Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor. Anchored by the monument, “To the Struggle Against World Terrorism,” the completed park will include a section of the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway. Phase III of the park will conclude with the construction of the walkway and amphitheatre-style seat wall.



Summary:

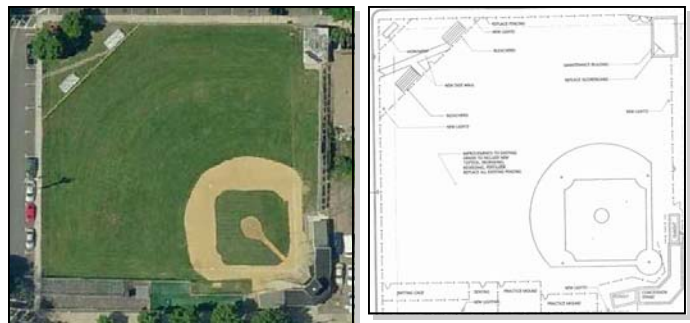
Project Name: Harbor View Park- Phase III
 Applicant: City of Bayonne
 Municipality: Bayonne
 Total Project Costs: \$1,000,000
 Amount Requested: \$500,000

Little League Field Improvement, Harrison
Application No. PI-29-09

The Town of Harrison is seeking funding assistance to renovate the facilities at their little league field located on Harrison Avenue. The town proposes to resurface the existing baseball field, add solar-powered lighting, replace the scoreboard, and replace all existing fencing. The planned improvements are aimed at extending the allowable playing time for night use.

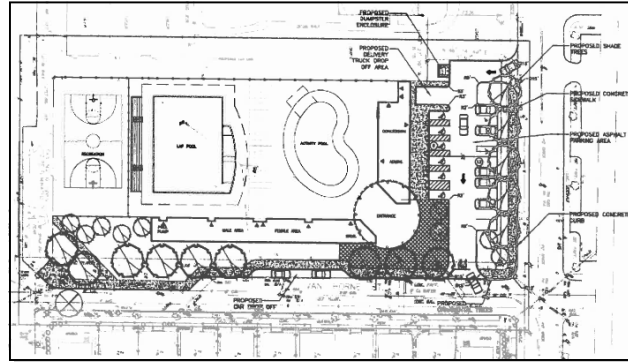
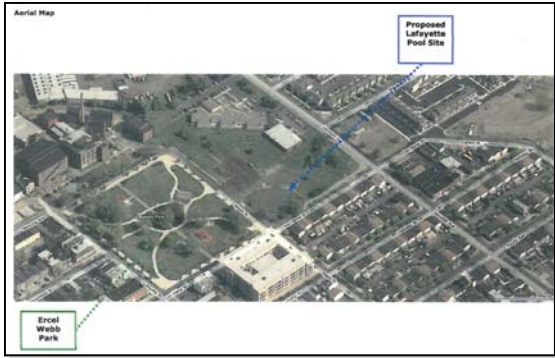
Summary:

Project Name: Little League Field
 Improvements
 Applicant: Town of Harrison
 Municipality: Harrison
 Total Project Costs: \$350,000
 Amount Requested: \$350,000



Lafayette Pool, Jersey City
Application No. PI-30-09

The City of Jersey City proposes to construct a new active recreational facility adjacent to Ercel Webb Park in the Lafayette neighborhood. The planned community swimming pool and basketball court aims to provide a much needed outdoor element for the residents of Jersey City. The site of the ADA-compliant pool facility will be built on city-owned land and include an administration building, locker rooms, restrooms, lap pool, and activity pool.

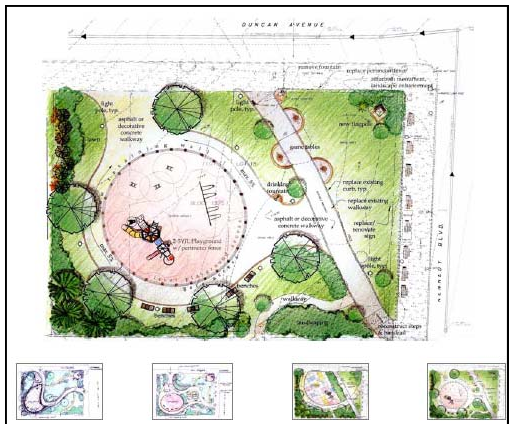


Summary:

Project Name: Lafayette Pool
 Applicant: City of Jersey City
 Municipality: Jersey City
 Total Project Costs: \$3,038,000
 Amount Requested: \$500,000

Boyd McGuiness Park Improvement, Jersey City
Application No. PI-32-09

The City of Jersey City acquired land adjacent to the existing Boyd McGuiness Park through a county open space grant in hopes of expanding the available recreation area in the neighborhood. Located at Kennedy Boulevard and Duncan Avenue, the city plans on redeveloping the park to include upgraded playground area, passive walking paths, game tables, benches, landscaping, and improved lighting.



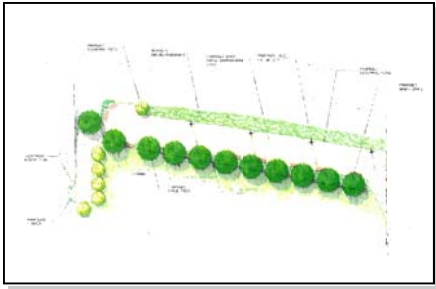
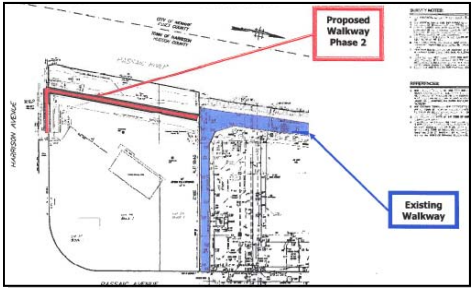
Summary:

Project Name: Boyd McGuiness Park
 Applicant: City of Jersey City
 Municipality: Jersey City
 Total Project Costs: \$880,000
 Amount Requested: \$350,000



Passaic River Waterfront Walkway- Phase II, Harrison Application No. PI-37-09

The Town of Harrison is seeking funding assistance to complete a section of the Passaic River Waterfront Walkway at Harrison Avenue and Bridge Street. Currently, the waterfront walkway along behind the Hampton Inn at Passaic Avenue requires an extension of approximately 200 feet to reach the bridge at Bridge Street leading into the City of Newark. As Phase II, the Passaic River Waterfront Walkway will be ADA compliant and include signage, decorative fencing, benches, extensive shrub and tree plantings, and improved lighting.



Summary:

Project Name:	Passaic River Waterfront Walkway– Phase II
Applicant:	Town of Harrison
Municipality:	Harrison
Total Project Costs:	\$575,547
Amount Requested:	\$250,000

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

City Hall Lobby Restoration, Union City Application No. HP-07-09

The City of Union City proposes to repair the entrance lobby, staircase, and ceiling of City Hall. Located at 3715 Palisade Avenue, City Hall is eligible for inclusion on the NJ and National Registers of Historic Places. An example of Richardsonian Romanesque municipal building, the three story, brick building was constructed circa 1880 and is in need of restoration of the plaster, scagliola, marble, and terrazzo elements.



Summary:

Project Name: City Hall Lobby Restoration
 Applicant: City of Union City
 Municipality: Union City
 Total Project Costs: \$271,784
 Amount Requested: \$256,284

Loew's Jersey Theatre Restoration, Jersey City Application No. HP-15-09

The non-profit Friends of the Loew's organization has been working to restore the Loew's Jersey Theatre at Journal Square to provide a multi-cultural theatre venue. Previously awarded funding in 2008, the Friend's of the Loew's is in need of additional funding to complete the fire escapes, emergency exit doors, and loading doors. The theatre is not able to be used at full capacity until these life safety items have been completed.

Summary:

Project Name: Loew's Jersey Theatre Restoration
 Applicant: Friends of the Loew's
 Municipality: Jersey City
 Total Project Costs: \$336,126
 Amount Requested: \$336,126



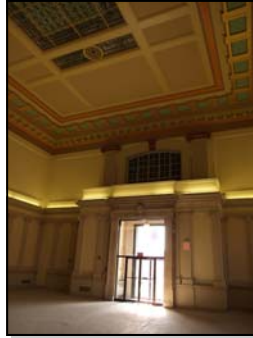


Bayonne Community Museum, Bayonne
Application No. HP-26-09

Located at the former Bayonne Trust Company building, the planned Bayonne Community Museum is a preservation and restoration effort of the two story, Beaux-Arts style building. Built in 1912, the site is listed on the NJ and National Registers of Historic Places. Previously awarded funds to preserve the historic features, the building is in need of a new HVAC and completion of the main floor terrazzo, window renovations, lighting, stairway, and marble coping. The future museum is planned to host historic exhibitions and community events.

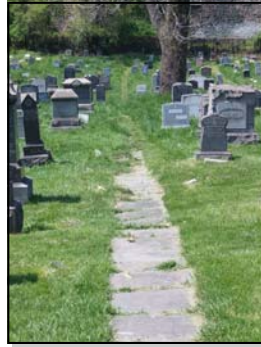
Summary:

Project Name: Bayonne Community
Museum
Applicant: City of Bayonne
Municipality: Bayonne
Total Project Costs: \$400,000
Amount Requested: \$300,000



Historic Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery Restoration Project, Jersey City
Application No. HP-28-09

The Jersey City Parks Coalition is sponsoring an application to restore the Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery located along Newark Avenue in Jersey City. Dating back to 1829, the 6 1/2-acre cemetery is in need of restoration of the grounds and caretaker buildings. The pathways and landscape have become overgrown and the blue-stone pavers and fallen tombstones are in need of resetting. In this Phase I of the project, the cemetery Board of Directors wish to rehabilitate the caretaker house with masonry restoration, roof replacement, electrical upgrade, and garage renovation.



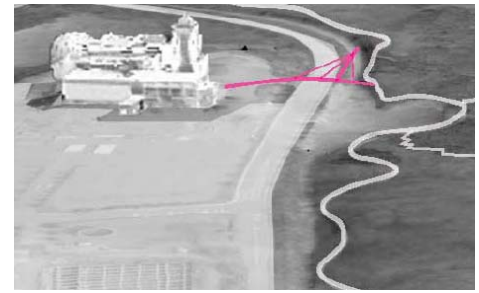
Summary:

Project Name: Historic Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery Restoration Project
Applicant: Jersey City Parks Coalition
Municipality: Jersey City
Total Project Costs: \$474,810
Amount Requested: \$367,710

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, ENGINEERING, HISTORIC PRESERVATION STUDIES

Engineering Study for Pedestrian Bridge at Liberty State Park, Jersey City Application No. PS-16-09

The Liberty Science Center is seeking funding assistance to conduct an engineering study for a pedestrian bridge from Liberty Science Center across Phillip Street to Liberty State Park. The proposed pedestrian bridge would link to a set of new trails to be built throughout the interior of Liberty State Park. In addition, the applicant hopes to address pedestrian safety in Liberty State Park by providing for a non-vehicular bridge into the park.



Summary:

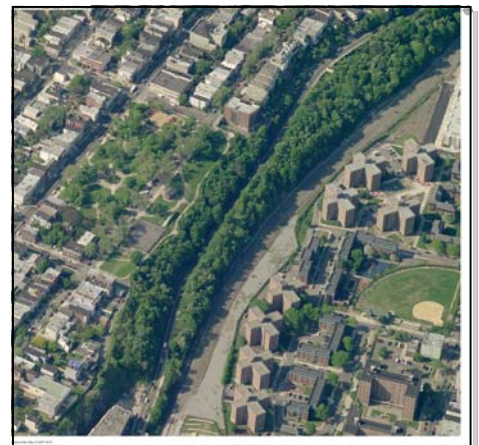
Project Name: Engineering Study for Pedestrian Bridge at Liberty State Park
 Applicant: Liberty Science Center
 Municipality: Jersey City
 Total Project Costs: \$271,784
 Amount Requested: \$256,284

Palisades Steep Slopes Study, Jersey City Application No. PS-31-09

The Palisades runs along the base of Riverview/Fisk Park in Jersey City creating an area of steep slopes. The City of Jersey City is seeking funding to assess the conditions of the steep slopes along the Palisades and to prepare a restoration plan to prevent further erosion and runoff damage.

Summary:

Project Name: Palisades Steep Slopes Study
 Applicant: City of Jersey City
 Municipality: Jersey City
 Total Project Costs: \$100,000
 Amount Requested: \$100,000





**City Hall Study, Jersey City
Application No. PS-33-09**

City Hall, located at 280 Grove Street in Jersey City, is in need of a preservation plan to address the deterioration of historic elements. The City of Jersey City proposes to renovate City Hall to LEED standards while incorporating restoration and preservation of the building. The multi-faceted approach is to develop a preservation plan, implement sustainable design practices, and bring awareness to the historic nature of the building through nomination to the NJ and National Registers of Historic Places.

Summary:

Project Name: City Hall Study
Applicant: City of Jersey City
Municipality: Jersey City
Total Project Costs: \$100,000
Amount Requested: \$100,000



**Harmon Street Pool Study, Jersey City
Application No. PS-35-09**

The site of the former Harmon Street Pool is located mid-block between Harmon Street and Communipaw Avenue in Jersey City. The pool is vacant and no longer in use as a public park. The City of Jersey City is seeking funding assistance to prepare a plan to redevelop the site.

Summary:

Project Name: Harmon Street Pool Study
Applicant: City of Jersey City
Municipality: Jersey City
Total Project Costs: \$50,000
Amount Requested: \$50,000





APPLICATION SUMMARY

Open Space Acquisitions

Application		Applicant	Location	Total Project Costs	Local Match	Amount Requested
OS-12-09	801 Route 440 Acquisition	County of Hudson	Jersey City	\$3,300,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000
OS-11-09	Hoboken Southwest Park Land Acquisition	City of Hoboken and Hoboken SW Parks Coalition	Hoboken	\$16,000,000	\$13,000,000	\$3,000,000
OS-18-09	Keystone Property Acquisition of Development Rights	Town of Secaucus	Secaucus	\$1,700,000	\$0	\$1,700,000
OS-24-09	Russell Golding Park Expansion	City of Bayonne	Bayonne	\$2,565,000	\$100,000	\$2,465,000
OS-36-09	Berry Lane Park Acquisition	Jersey City	Jersey City	\$3,719,750	\$2,719,750	\$1,000,000
OS-38-09	Hackensack Riverfront Park Acquisition	Jersey City	Jersey City	\$12,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$2,000,000
OS-34-09	Hilltop Park Acquisition	Jersey City	Jersey City	\$185,000	\$0	\$185,000
Total:				\$39,469,750	\$27,469,750	\$12,000,000



Park and Recreation Improvements

Application		Applicant	Location	Total Project Costs	Local Match	Amount Requested
PI-01-09	LEED Improvements at Veteran's Field	Town of Kearny	Kearny	\$567,000	\$367,000	\$200,000
PI-02-09	Reading Park for the Main Library	Town of Kearny	Kearny	\$154,887	\$104,887	\$50,000
PI-03-09	All Season Multi-Surface Improvement at Veteran's Field	Town of Kearny	Kearny	\$2,048,610	\$1,048,610	\$1,000,000
PI-04-09	Brighton Avenue Playground	Town of Kearny	Kearny	\$822,240	\$278,880	\$543,360
PI-05-09	Group Picnic Pavilion Area at Liberty State Park	Friends of Liberty State Park, Inc.	Jersey City	\$2,000,000	\$1,750,000	\$250,000
PI-06-09	Fireman's Memorial Park	City of Union City	Union City	\$5,257,663	\$4,757,663	\$500,000
PI-08-09	Union City Amphitheatre	City of Union City	Union City	\$2,744,865	\$2,180,285	\$564,580
PI-09-09	Camp Liberty Multi-purpose Outdoor Space	Educational Arts Team, Inc.	Jersey City	\$65,550	\$5,000	\$60,550
PI-10-09	Hoboken Cove Park Development	City of Hoboken	Hoboken	\$4,108,850	\$3,508,850	\$600,000
PI-13-09	Weehawken Multi-Use Waterfront Pavilion	Township of Weehawken	Weehawken	\$4,000,000	\$1,900,000	\$2,000,000
PI-14-09	64th St Park/Stan Newman Soccer Field	Township of North Bergen	North Bergen	\$435,000	\$0	\$435,000
PI-17-09	Caven Point Synthetic Turf Field	Jersey City Public Schools	Jersey City	\$2,200,000	\$750,000	\$1,450,000



Park & Recreation Improvements (continued)

Application		Applicant	Location	Total Project Costs	Local Match	Amount Requested
PI-19-09	Guttenberg Community Center	Town of Guttenberg	Guttenberg	\$20,233,320	\$7,500,000	\$5,000,000
PI-20-09	Braddock Park Synthetic Turf Soccer Field	Town of Guttenberg	North Bergen	\$1,172,000	\$0	\$750,000
PI-21-09	Van Vorst Sprayground	City of Jersey City	Jersey City	\$171,700	\$80,000	\$80,000
PI-22-09	Veterans Park Improvement	Town of West New York	West New York	\$2,315,000	\$1,315,000	\$1,000,000
PI-23-09	Donnelly Park Improvements	Town of West New York	West New York	\$2,005,000	\$1,005,000	\$1,000,000
PI-25-09	Al Sloatsky ADA Playground	City of Bayonne	Bayonne	\$110,000	\$10,000	\$100,000
PI-27-09	Harbor View Park Phase III	Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority	Bayonne	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
PI-29-09	Little League Field Improvement	Town of Harrison	Harrison	\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000
PI-30-09	Lafayette Pool	City of Jersey City	Jersey City	\$3,038,000	\$2,538,000	\$500,000
PI-32-09	Boyd McGuiness Park Development	City of Jersey City	Jersey City	\$880,000	\$530,000	\$350,000
PI-37-09	Passaic River Waterfront Walkway	Town of Harrison	Harrison	\$575,547	\$325,547	\$250,000
PI-17-09	Caven Point Synthetic Turf Field	Jersey City Public Schools	Jersey City	\$2,200,000	\$750,000	\$1,450,000
Total:				\$56,255,232	\$30,454,722	\$17,533,490



Historic Preservation

Application		Applicant	Location	Total Project Costs	Local Match	Amount Requested
HP-15-09	Loews Jersey Theatre Restoration	Friends of the Loew's, Inc.	Jersey City	\$336,126	\$0	\$336,126
HP-26-09	Bayonne Community Museum	City of Bayonne	Bayonne	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$300,000
HP-07-09	City Hall Lobby Restoration	City of Union City	Union City	\$271,784	\$15,000	\$256,284
HP-28-09	Historic Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery Restoration	Jersey City Parks Coalition	Jersey City	\$474,810	\$108,100.00	\$367,710
Total:				\$1,482,720	\$223,100	\$1,260,120

Planning, Environmental, Engineering, and Historic Preservation Studies

Application		Applicant	Location	Total Project Costs	Local Match	Amount Requested
PS-16-09	Engineering Study for Pedestrian Bridge at LSP	Liberty Science Center	Jersey City	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
PS-33-09	City Hall Historic Preservation Plan	City of Jersey City	Jersey City	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
PS-35-09	Harmon Street Re-use Study	City of Jersey City	Jersey City	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
PS-31-09	Palisades Steep Slope Study	City of Jersey City	Jersey City	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Total:				\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000

Open Space Applications (Maximum Points: 137)

Application		Applicant	Location	Total Median Score	% Median of Max Score	Total Avg. Score	% Avg. of Max Score	Amount Recommended
OS-12-09	801 Route 440 Acquisition	County of Hudson	Jersey City	92	67%	88	64%	\$600,000
OS-38-09	Hackensack Riverfront Park Acquisition	City of Jersey City	Jersey City	84	62%	81	59%	\$600,000
OS-36-09	Berry Lane Park Acquisition	City of Jersey City	Jersey City	71	51%	66	48%	\$0
OS-11-09	Hoboken Southwest Park Land Acquisition	City of Hoboken and Hoboken SW Parks Coalition	Hoboken	69	50%	67	49%	\$500,000
OS-24-09	Russell Golding Park Expansion	City of Bayonne	Bayonne	47	34%	45	32%	\$400,000
OS-18-09	Keystone Property Acquisition of Development Rights	Town of Secaucus	Secaucus	47	34%	45	33%	\$400,000
OS-34-09	Hilltop Park Acquisition	City of Jersey City	Jersey City	24	17%	26	19%	\$0
							SUBTOTAL:	\$2,500,000

Park Improvement (Maximum Points: 110) Applications								
Application		Applicant	Location	Total Median Score	% Median of Max Score	Total Avg. Score	% Avg. of Max Score	Amount Recommended
PI-10-09	Hoboken Cove Park Development	City of Hoboken	Hoboken	82	74%	80	73%	\$350,000
PI-05-09	Group Picnic Pavilion Area at Liberty State Park	Friends of Liberty State Park, Inc.	Jersey City	73	66%	72	65%	\$200,000
PI-27-09	Harbor View Park-Phase III	Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority	Bayonne	64	58%	62	56%	\$350,000
PI-37-09	Passaic River Waterfront Walkway	Town of Harrison	Harrison	64	58%	61	55%	\$250,000
PI-30-09	Lafayette Pool	City of Jersey City	Jersey City	60	55%	62	56%	\$0
PI-13-09	Weehawken Multi-Use Waterfront Pavilion	Township of Weehawken	Weehawken	59	54%	61	56%	\$0
PI-03-09	All Season Multi-Surface Improvement at Veteran's Field	Town of Kearny	Kearny	57	52%	54	49%	\$350,000
PI-06-09	Fireman's Memorial Park	City of Union City	Union City	56	50%	72	65%	\$350,000
PI-02-09	Reading Park for the Main Library	Town of Kearny	Kearny	53	48%	53	48%	\$50,000
PI-01-09	LEED Improvements at Veteran's Field	Town of Kearny	Kearny	52	47%	52	47%	\$175,000
PI-17-09	Caven Point Synthetic Turf Soccer Field	Jersey City Public Schools	Jersey City	47	43%	49	44%	\$0
PI-04-09	Brighton Avenue Playground	Town of Kearny	Kearny	46	42%	39	36%	\$0
PI-22-09	Veterans Park Improvements	Town of West New York	West New York	46	42%	44	40%	\$350,000
PI-23-09	Donnelly Park Improvements	Town of West New York	West New York	45	40%	43	39%	\$350,000
PI-32-09	Boyd McGuinness Park Development	City of Jersey City	Jersey City	45	41%	44	40%	\$140,000
PI-25-09	Al Sloatsky ADA Compliant Playground	City of Bayonne	Bayonne	42	39%	41	38%	\$50,000
PI-19-09	Guttenberg Community Center	Town of Guttenberg	Guttenberg	42	38%	44	40%	\$0
PI-21-09	Van Vorst Sprayground	Jersey City Parks Coalition, Inc.	Jersey City	42	38%	41	37%	\$40,000
PI-08-09	Union City Amphitheatre	City of Union City	Union City	40	37%	44	40%	\$200,000
PI-29-09	Little League Field Improvement	Town of Harrison	Harrison	38	35%	36	33%	\$175,000
PI-09-09	Camp Liberty Multipurpose Outdoor Space	Educational Arts Team, Inc.	Jersey City	34	31%	33	30%	\$0
PI-14-09	64th St Park/Stan Newman Soccer Field	Township of North Bergen	North Bergen	32	29%	33	30%	\$235,000
PI-20-09	Braddock Park Synthetic Turf Soccer Field	Town of Guttenberg	Guttenberg/North Bergen	22	20%	21	19%	\$0
						SUBTOTAL:		\$3,615,000

Historic Preservation (Maximum Points: 97) Applications

Application		Applicant	Location	Total Median Score	% Median of Max Score	Total Avg. Score	% Avg. of Max Score	Amount Recommended
HP-15-09	Loews Jersey Theatre Restoration	Friends of the Loew's, Inc.	Jersey City	62	63%	58	60%	\$0
HP-26-09	Bayonne Community Museum	City of Bayonne	Bayonne	54	55%	52	54%	\$150,000
HP-07-09	City Hall Lobby Restoration	City of Union City	Union City	46	47%	44	46%	\$100,000
HP-28-09	Historic Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery Restoration	Jersey City Parks Coalition, Inc.	Jersey City	40	42%	39	40%	\$25,000
SUBTOTAL:								\$275,000

Planning, Engineering, Historic, or Environmental Study (Maximum Points: 47) Applications

Application		Applicant	Location	Total Median Score	% Median of Max Score	Total Avg. Score	% Avg. of Max Score	Amount Recommended
PS-16-09	Engineering Study for Pedestrian Bridge at LSP	Liberty Science Center	Jersey City	20	41%	21	45%	\$25,000
PS-33-09	City Hall Historic Preservation Plan	City of Jersey City	Jersey City	16	34%	16	33%	\$25,000
PS-35-09	Harmon Street Re-use Study	City of Jersey City	Jersey City	8	17%	8	16%	\$25,000
PS-31-09	Palisades Steep Slope Study	City of Jersey City	Jersey City	7	15%	6	14%	\$0
SUBTOTAL:								\$75,000