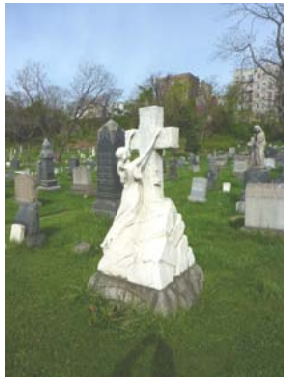


# 2010 Hudson County Open Space Advisory Board Recommendations Report



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



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County Executive**

December 21, 2010

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD**

To: Hon. Thomas A DeGise, County Executive  
Hon. Tilo Rivas, Freeholder Chairman

Since the inception of the Hudson County Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust in 2004, **over \$36 million in funding** has been provided for local government agencies and non-profit organizations to preserve cultural and natural resources, improve recreational facilities, and restore historic sites. We have seen dilapidated concrete jungles developed into ball fields and playgrounds. We’ve reconnected with the waterfronts of the Hudson, Hackensack, and Passaic Rivers with kayak boat launches and waterfront walkways. Our rich history and culture will soon experience a renaissance through museums and other interpretive means. The program has become a wild success story on improving the quality of life for all residents in Hudson County.

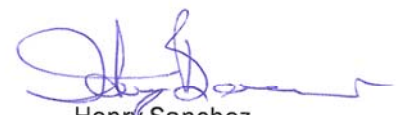
This year, the Advisory Board received thirty-one applications with **over \$25 million requested** for land acquisitions, park improvements, historic preservation and related projects. The overwhelming response from applicants has continued in our sixth year of the grant program and shows there is still much more work to be done in Hudson County. With only \$6.5 million dollars of funding available this year, the Advisory Board accepted the challenge of reviewing each application in depth. The Board applied a rigorous review based on criteria established in the Program Statement to formulate the recommendations found in this report.

Although there is never enough funding to go around, we are confident that the projects recommended by the Advisory Board for funding are deserving and will benefit the residents of Hudson County for generations to come. Please review the enclosed Recommendations Report and feel free to contact the Advisory Board should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Liccardo  
Chair



Henry Sanchez  
Vice Chair

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## I. INTRODUCTION

### 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 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.

## OPEN SPACE 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 primary responsibility of the Open Space Advisory Board is for the systematic review and recommendation of applications for funding consideration from the Trust Fund. The Advisory Board assists in the review, prioritization, and recommendation of projects for open space, recreation, and historic preservation purposes

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 recommendations is submitted to the County Executive for consideration.



*From Left to Right:* Stephen Marks, Mario Tridante, Carter Craft, William LaRosa, Kernal Thomas, John Cellini, John Baier, Joseph Liccardo, Thomas McCann, Jacob DeLemos, Daniela Ciammaruconi (Henry Sanchez, not pictured)



## II. APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

2010 Review Schedule	
Mandatory Pre-submission Conference for Interested Parties	January 20
Deadline for Submission of Applications	March 24
Presentations by Applicants to the Open Space Advisory Board	April 7—9
Site Visits	April 21—April 22
Advisory Board Recommendations Report	May
County Executive Recommendations	July
Public Hearing on Funding Recommendations	October 28
Anticipated Approval by Board of Chosen Freeholders	December 21





### III. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION

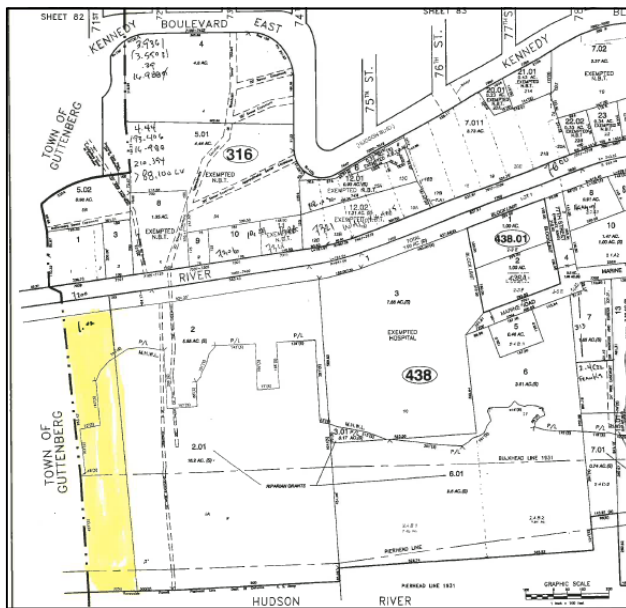
**Application No. OS-04-10**

**7200 River Road Property Acquisition, North Bergen**

**Project Description**

The Township of North Bergen proposes to acquire a waterfront parcel located at 7200 River Road on the border with Guttenberg. This vacant parcel of land is contiguous with the adjacent open space site to the south which was acquired by the Town of Guttenberg in 2005.

The proposed site would add an additional one acre of land and six acres of riparian rights. Upon acquisition, the Township of North Bergen plans to work in tandem with the Town of Guttenberg to develop a passive park including an extension of the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway.



**Summary**

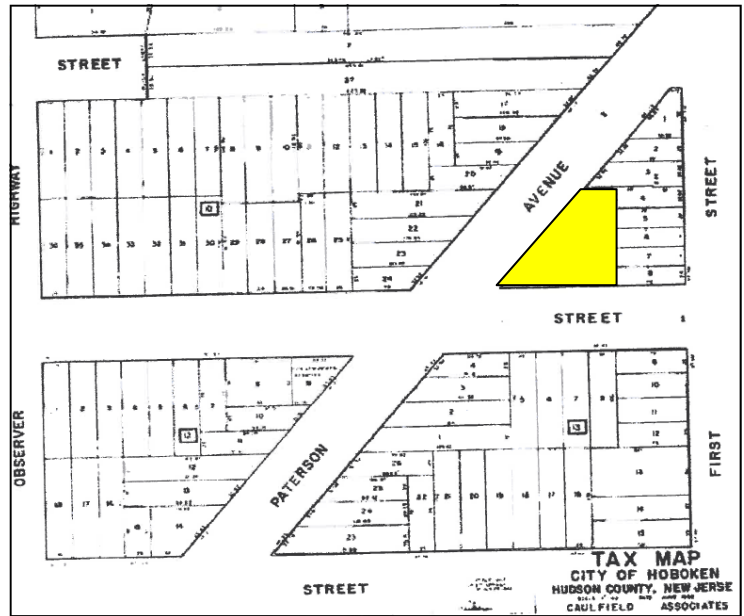
Project Name:	7200 River Road Property Acquisition
Applicant:	Township of North Bergen
Municipality:	North Bergen
Appraisal Value:	\$1,800,000
Total Project Costs:	\$2,000,000
Amount Requested:	\$2,000,000

**Recommendation** The Open Space Advisory Board recommends applicant determine responsibility of construction for the Hudson River Water Walkway under current land development approvals . Determi-

**Application No. OS-17-10**  
**Southwest Land Acquisition, Hoboken**

**Project Description** The City of Hoboken wishes to acquire available lots within Block 11, focusing interest on Lot 9, in the southwest section of the city along Paterson Ave. and Observer Highway.

Also known as 100-108 Paterson Avenue, the triangular-shaped site of interest covers approximately 0.14 acres and would represent the first land acquisition for open space in the southwest quadrant of Hoboken. The City plans to acquire additional lots within Block 11 as part of a larger park acquisition and development plan.



**Summary**

Project Name: Southwest Park Land Acquisition  
Applicant: City of Hoboken  
Municipality: Hoboken  
Appraisal: \$2,100,000 (Block 11, Lot 9)  
Total Project Costs: \$2,100,000  
Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

**Recommendation** None.

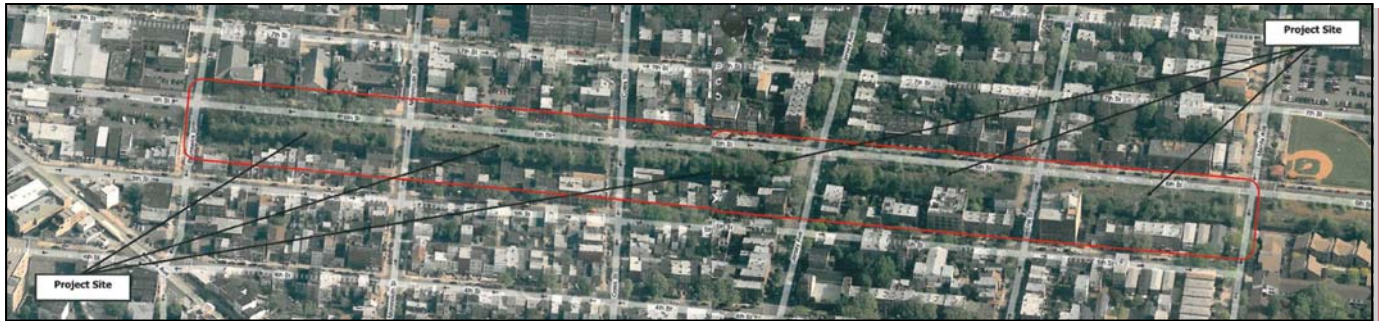
**Application No. OS-27-10**

**6th Street Harsimus Embankment Park Acquisition, Jersey City**

**Project Description** The City of Jersey City seeks funding assistance to acquire portions of the 6th Street Harsimus Branch Embankment located in downtown Jersey City. The entire site is comprised of eight parcels with two at grade-level and six stone embankments. The elevated portions of the Embankment are eligible to be listed with the NJ and National Registers of Historic Places and have received municipal landmark designation. Once acquired, plans are to create an ecohistoric/cultural tourism destination similar to the High Line Park in Manhattan.



Under this grant application, the City proposes to acquire Block 280, Lot 50A and Block 317, Lot 50A.



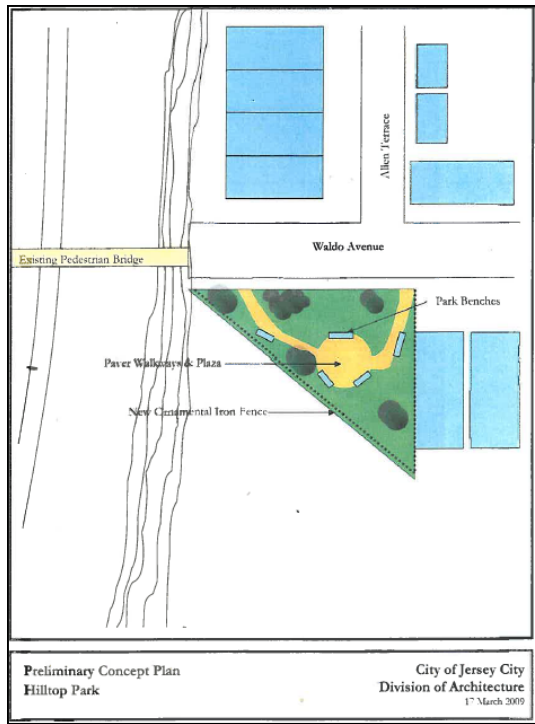
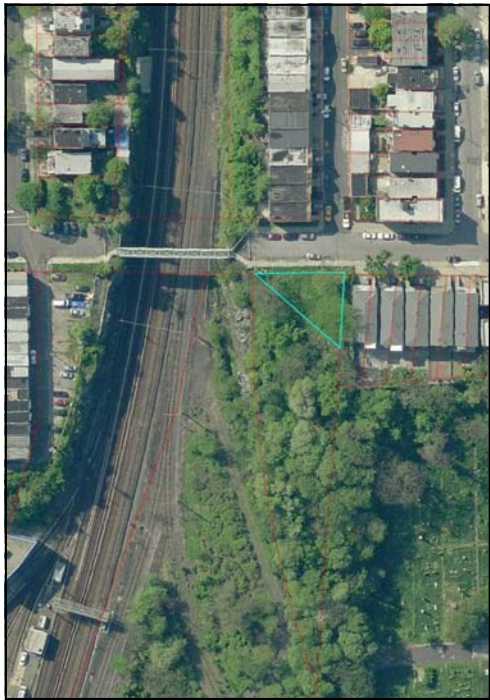
**Summary**

Project Name: 6th Street Harsimus Branch Embankment Park Acquisition  
 Applicant: City of Jersey City  
 Municipality: Jersey City  
 Appraisal: \$1,600,000 (Block 280, Lot 50A)  
 \$1,200,000 (Block 317, Lot 50A)  
 Total Project Costs: \$2,600,000  
 Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

**Recommendation** None.

**Application No. OS-28-10**  
**Hilltop Park Land Acquisition, Jersey City**

**Project Description** 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  
Appraisal: \$185,000  
Total Project Costs: \$185,000  
Amount Requested: \$185,000

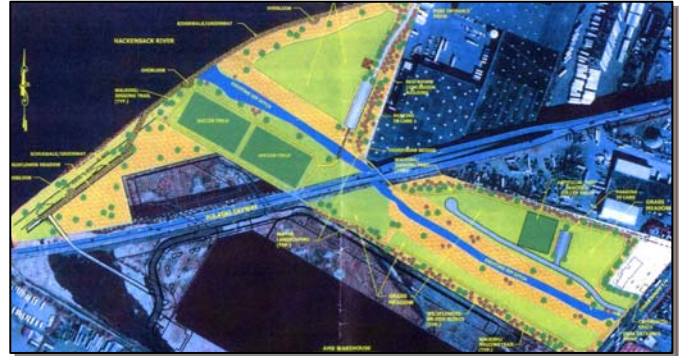
**Recommendation** The site is currently too small to support functional recreational use. The Advisory Board recommends the City approach Conrail Corp. with a proposal for a long-term lease.

**Application No. OS-29-10**

**Hackensack Riverfront Park Land Acquisition, Jersey City**

**Project Description** The City of Jersey City proposes to acquire approximately 28 acres of waterfront land along the Hackensack River. A multi-use recreational facility is planned with three new soccer fields, parking, pedestrian walkways, and grassy meadows. The Sip Avenue ditch is planned to provide improved drainage.

Located in the West Side/Marion section of Jersey City, the site consists of several parcels and is bisected by the Pulaski Skyway.



**Summary**

Project Name: Hackensack Riverfront Park Land Acquisition  
 Applicant: City of Jersey City  
 Municipality: Jersey City  
 Appraisal: \$12,382,000  
 Total Project Costs: \$12,000,000  
 Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

**Recommendation** The Advisory Board recommends that small boat access be considered in the development of the park.



**Application No. OS-31-10**

**Berry Lane Park Land Acquisition, Jersey City**

**Project Description**

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 and represent one of the largest city parks.

Proposals include rehabilitating the existing structures for indoor recreational space and providing additional entry points into the park.

Once the acquisition has been complete, the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency will commence site remediation in preparation for the construction of the park. This grant application is for 471 Communipaw Ave. and 139 Woodward Street, also known as the Steel Technologies Site.



**Summary**

Project Name:	Berry Lane Park Acquisition
Applicant:	City of Jersey City
Municipality:	Jersey City
Appraisal:	\$2,575,000
Total Project Costs:	\$5,845,500
Amount Requested:	\$600,000

**Recommendation** None.

**Application No. OS-19-10**  
**Russell Golding Park Expansion, Bayonne**

The proposed acquisition is for two parcels located on the north and south sides of Russell Golding Park on Avenue E and East 49th St. in Bayonne. Each parcel is a vacant brownfield. 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.

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
Appraisal:	\$1,215,000 (Block 393, Lots 19-21) \$1,350,000 (Block 393, Lot 16)
Total Project Costs:	\$2,565,000
Amount Requested:	\$2,265,000

**Recommendation** The Advisory Board commends the City of Bayonne for increasing the local match to \$300,000 for the proposed acquisition.



## LAND APPRAISAL SUMMARY

Application No	Project Title	Project Sponsor	Address	Parcels	Project Municipality	Appraised Value	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Local Share	Other Match	Total Match
OS-04-10	River Road Property Acquisition	Township of North Bergen	7200 River Road	Block 438, Lot 1.02	North Bergen	\$1,800,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
OS-17-10	Hoboken Southwest Park Land Acquisition	City of Hoboken & Hoboken SW Parks Coalition	100-108 Paterson Avenue	Block 11, Lot 9	Hoboken	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$1,100,000
			701-709 1st St.	Block 11, Lots 4-8		\$2,550,000					
			711-713 1st St.	Block 11, Lots 1-3		\$2,250,000					
OS-19-10	Russell Golding Park Expansion	City of Bayonne	796-812 Avenue E	Block 393, Lots 19-21	Bayonne	\$1,215,000	\$2,565,000	\$2,265,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
			752-764 Avenue E	Block 393, Lot 16		\$1,350,000					
OS-27-10	6th St. Harsimus Embankment Acquisition	City of Jersey City	626 Jersey Avenue	Block 280, Lot 50.A	Jersey City	\$1,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$1,000,000	\$550,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,600,000
			621-627 Jersey Avenue	Block 317.5, Lot 50.A		\$1,200,000					
			99-105 Coles St.	Block 354.1, Lot 50.A		\$1,100,000					
OS-28-10	Hilltop Park/Waldo Avenue Acquisition	City of Jersey City	Waldo Avenue	Block 502, Lot 11	Jersey City	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
OS-29-10	Hackensack Riverfront Park	City of Jersey City	Broadway and Sip Avenue	Block 1627, Lots 1.P, 2.A, 3.B, 5.A	Jersey City	\$12,682,000	\$12,682,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,125,000	\$10,557,000	\$11,557,000
				Block 1639.A, Lots 1.C, 3, 4, 4.C, 6.A, 7							
OS-31-10	Berry Lane Park	City of Jersey City	417 Communipaw Avenue	Block 2040, Lots 15 & C17	Jersey City	\$2,575,000	\$5,845,500	\$600,000	\$2,020,000	\$2,475,500	\$4,495,500





## OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION SUMMARY

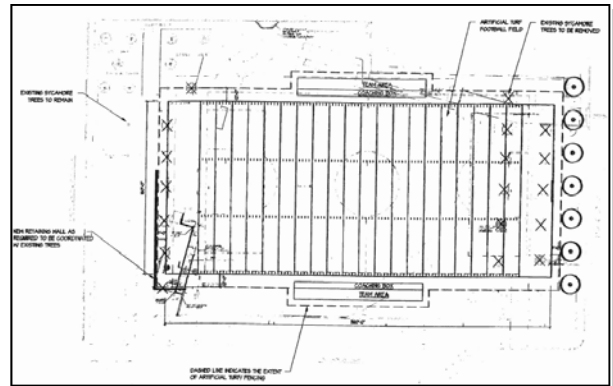
No.	Project Sponsor	Project Title	Project Address	Project Municipality	Average Score	Median Score	Amount Requested
OS-29-10	City of Jersey City	Hackensack Riverfront Park	Broadway and Sip Avenue	Jersey City	96.2	97.1	\$1,000,000
OS-04-10	Township of North Bergen	River Road Property Acquisition	7200 River Road	North Bergen	84.7	84.0	\$2,000,000
OS-27-10	City of Jersey City	6th St. Harsimus Embankment Acquisition	6th St.	Jersey City	86.7	83.7	\$1,000,000
OS-31-10	City of Jersey City	Berry Lane Park	Communipaw Ave.	Jersey City	72.3	75.7	\$600,000
OS-17-10	City of Hoboken & Hoboken SW Parks Coalition	Hoboken Southwest Park Land Acquisition	100-108 Paterson Avenue	Hoboken	67.6	66.7	\$1,000,000
OS-19-10	City of Bayonne	Russell Golding Park Expansion	Avenue E & East 49th	Bayonne	54.1	52.2	\$2,265,000
OS-28-10	City of Jersey City	Hilltop Park/Waldo Avenue Acquisition	Waldo Avenue	Jersey City	31.6	33.0	\$185,000

## IV. PARK & RECREATION IMPROVEMENT

### Application No. PI-01-10

#### Washington Park Improvements, Union City

The City of Union City proposes to install artificial turf over the existing little league field located along Palisade Avenue at Washington Park. The facility is planned to host football, soccer, and baseball recreational activities. The project includes improved grading, drainage, and additional landscaping. The proposed improvements will maintain the site's ADA accessibility and be maintained by existing city parks department staff.



### Summary

Project Name: Washington Park Improvements  
 Applicant: City of Union City  
 Municipality: Union City  
 Total Project Costs: \$2,000,000  
 Amount Requested: \$500,000

**Recommendation** The Advisory Board recommends that all trees removed as a result of the park improvement be replaced with trees of equivalent type and caliper.



### Application No. PI-02-10

#### Liberty Park Improvements, Union City

This project involves the development of a new playground facility on a currently vacant lot located on Liberty Place, west of Palisade Avenue in Union City. The proposed project consists of site clearance, new playground equipment, and safety surfacing. Lighting, landscaping, and benches will be installed, and the park will be handicapped accessible. The new facility will be maintained by the City's existing park staff.

### Summary



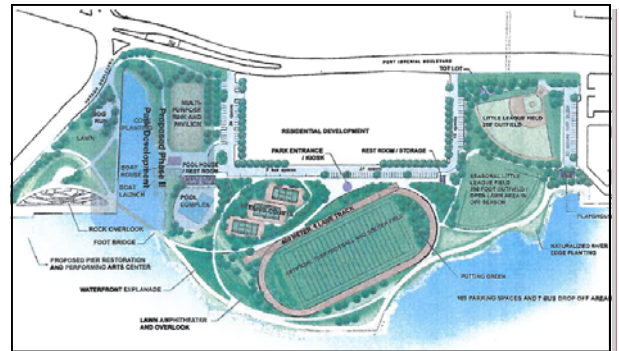
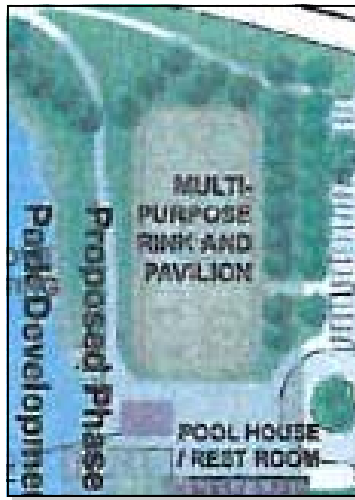
Project Name: Liberty Park Improvements  
 Applicant: City of Union City  
 Municipality: Union City  
 Total Project Costs: \$350,000  
 Amount Requested: \$350,000

**Recommendation** None.



**Application No. PI-05-10**  
**Multi-use Waterfront Pavilion, Weehawken**

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: Township of Weehawken  
 Municipality: Weehawken  
 Total Project Costs: \$4,000,000  
 Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

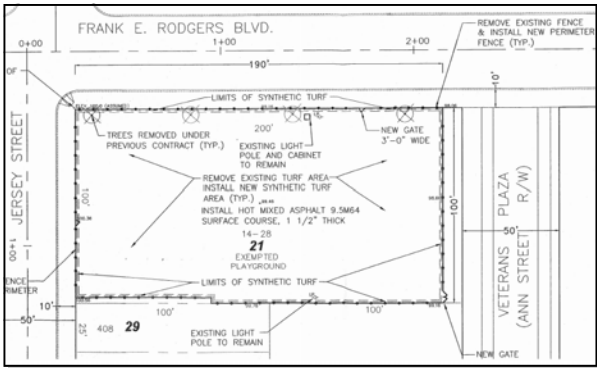
**Recommendation** The Advisory Board recommends that cultural elements be incorporated into the park development.



**Application No. PI-06-10**

**Turf Soccer Field at Harrison Courts, Harrison**

The Town of Harrison is seeking funding to remove and replace the existing synthetic turf soccer field located at 14-28 Frank E. Rodgers Blvd. A new synthetic turf with improved drainage and chain link fence is proposed to improve the playing surface and overall safety of the site. The site is currently used by youth soccer, t-ball, cheerleading squads, and organized touch football leagues.



**Summary**

Project Name: Turf Soccer Field at Harrison Courts  
 Applicant: Town of Harrison  
 Municipality: Harrison  
 Total Project Costs: \$327,545  
 Amount Requested: \$327,545

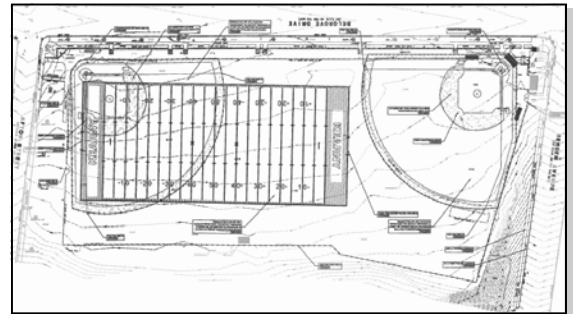
**Recommendation** The Advisory Board recommends a safety survey be conducted to remove all obstructions from inside the field including light poles, junction boxes, trash receptacles, and benches. Shade trees should be planted along Frank E. Rodgers Blvd.



**Application No. PI-07-10**

**All Season Surface Improvement at Veterans Field, Kearny**

**Project Description** The Town of Kearny plans to redevelop and refurbish the athletic fields at Veterans Field. New, artificial turf will be installed for multipurpose use including improved drainage, landscaping, and recreational amenities.



**Summary**

Project Name: All Season Surface Improvement at Veterans Field  
 Applicant: Town of Kearny  
 Municipality: Kearny  
 Total Project Costs: \$2,048,610  
 Amount Requested: \$350,000



**Recommendation** None.

**Application No. PI-08-10**

**Development/Construction of Brighton Ave. Playground, Kearny**

**Project Description** 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.



**Summary**

Project Name: Development/Construction of Brighton Ave. Playground  
 Applicant: Town of Kearny  
 Municipality: Kearny  
 Total Project Costs: \$822,240  
 Amount Requested: \$200,000

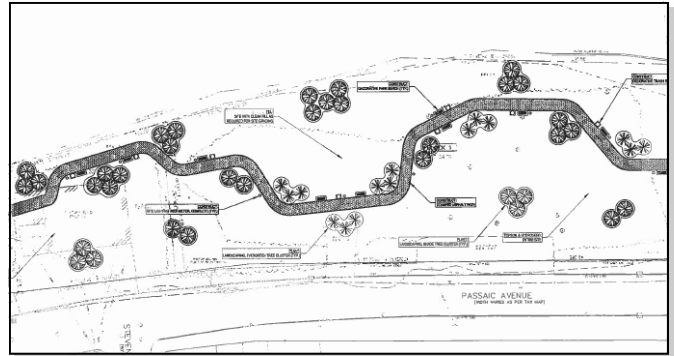
**Recommendation** The Advisory Board recommends removal of the proposed parking lot due to the nature of the park development as a neighborhood pocket park.

**Application No. PI-09-10**

**Maguillian Property Riverbank Park Development, Kearny**

**Project Description**

The Town of Kearny is seeking funding assistance to develop the Maguillian Property located between Passaic Ave. and the Passaic River. This site was acquired by the town and is currently undergoing environmental remediation. Plans are to connect the existing Riverbank Park with pathways, landscaping, lighting, benches, and ADA compliant access.



**Summary**

Project Name: Maguillian Property Riverbank Park Development  
 Applicant: Town of Kearny  
 Municipality: Kearny  
 Total Project Costs: \$566,514  
 Amount Requested: \$300,000



**Recommendation** None.

**Application No. PI-11-10**

**Renovation of 1st St. Park, Jersey City**

**Project Description**

Led by the Village Neighborhood Assoc., this project aims to redevelop 1st St. Park located in downtown Jersey City. The existing site has been cleared and will be redeveloped as a mostly passive park with new seating, plantings, water feature, and child play area.



**Summary**

Project Name: Renovation of 1st St. Park  
 Applicant: Jersey City Parks Coalition/  
 Village Neighborhood Association  
 Municipality: Jersey City  
 Total Project Costs: \$348,575  
 Amount Requested: \$298,575

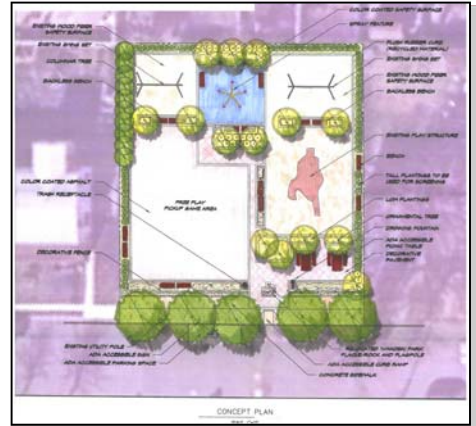


**Recommendation** The Advisory Board commends the project sponsors for their proposal to recapture stormwater runoff to supplement irrigation needed for new plantings.



**Application No. PI-12-10**  
**Improvements to Ivanoski Park, Secaucus**

**Project Description** The Town of Secaucus proposes to rehabilitate Ivanoski Park located off County Avenue in the southeast part of town. The proposed park improvements include existing play structure to remain, a new water spray area, new benches and picnic tables, rubberized curbing around mulched areas. The existing asphalt/concrete would be replaced and new landscape plantings added with improved drainage.



**Summary**

Project Name: Improvements to Ivanoski Park  
 Applicant: Town of Secaucus  
 Municipality: Secaucus  
 Total Project Costs: \$145,525  
 Amount Requested: \$130,525



**Recommendation** The Advisory Board recommends that ADA access be improved with new sidewalk along the street frontage and handicapped accessible ramps.

**Application No. PI-13-10**

**Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery Gatehouse Improvements, Jersey City**

**Project Description** The Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery, located at 435 Newark Ave., requires emergency repairs to the gatehouse at the entrance of the cemetery. The caretaker gatehouse, originally built in 1831, has experienced damage to the roof and cracked masonry.

**Summary**

Project Name: Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery Gatehouse Improvements  
 Applicant: Jersey City Parks Coalition  
 Municipality: Jersey City  
 Total Project Costs: \$53,396  
 Amount Requested: \$40,000

**Recommendation** None.



**Application No. PI-15-10**

**Berlin Wall Installation of “Memorials for Peace” Jersey City**

**Project Description** The County of Hudson is seeking funding assistance for the construction and installation of the Berlin Wall along the south lawn of Harborside Plaza 10 in Jersey City. The “Memorials for Peace” exhibit will include interpretive signage, interactive kiosk, and ADA accessibility to provide a cultural attraction, tourist icon and open space amenity along the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway.

**Summary**

Project Name: Berlin Wall Installation of “Memorials for Peace”  
 Applicant: County of Hudson  
 Municipality: Jersey City  
 Total Project Costs: \$406,518  
 Amount Requested: \$133,000

**Recommendation** None.



**Application No. PI-16-10**

**Washington Park Assoc. Community-based Park Improvements, Jersey City**

**Project Description** The Washington Park Assoc. proposes several upgrades including LEED/permaculture landscaping, recycling bins, bicycle racks, and ADA accessibility improvements. In addition, the non-profit organization proposes a modular community garden, finial/column repairs throughout the park, improved signage, exercise stations, and new picnic tables.

**Summary**

Project Name: Washington Park Association  
 Community-based Park Improvements  
 Applicant: Washington Park Association  
 Municipality: Jersey City  
 Total Project Costs: \$338,936  
 Amount Requested: \$338,936

**Recommendation** The Advisory Board has deemed the application deficient without a resolution from the Freeholder Board authorizing the submission. It is recommended the Washington Park Association develop a memorandum of agreement with the Hudson County Division of Parks on a list of proposed improvements.







**Application No. PI-18-10**

**Reconstruction of Hudson River Waterfront Walkway, Hoboken**

**Project Description** The City of Hoboken has applied for funding assistance to repair two sections along the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway. The waterfront walkways at 5th St. and 7th St. along Sinatra Drive have collapsed due to deterioration of the wood pilings by shipworms. The areas are currently closed to public access and are need of repair to prevent further damage to the walkway.



**Summary**

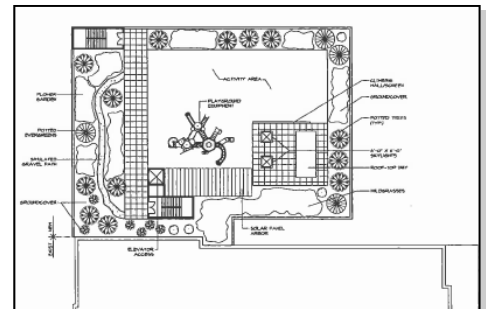
Project Name: Reconstruction of the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway  
 Applicant: City of Hoboken  
 Municipality: Hoboken  
 Total Project Costs: \$9,824,300  
 Amount Requested: \$1,000,000



**Application No. PI-22-10**

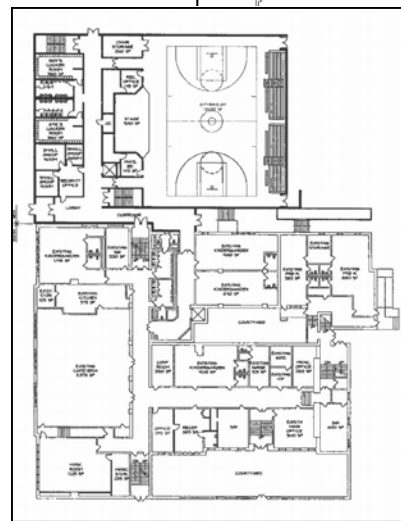
**Guttenberg Community Center, Guttenberg**

**Project Description** The Town of Guttenberg seeks funding assistance to construct a community center next to the Anna Klein School on 69th St. Planned atop the community center is an outdoor park. Inside the center, multipurpose space is proposed for plays, concerts, aerobics classes, and other cultural activities. The structure will be fully ADA-compliant.



**Summary**

Project Name: Guttenberg Community Center  
 Applicant: Town of Guttenberg  
 Municipality: Guttenberg  
 Total Project Costs: \$20,233,320  
 Amount Requested: \$5,000,000



**Recommendation** None.

**Application No. PI-24-10**

**Donnelly Park Improvements, West New York**

**Project Description** Donnelly Park in West New York is in need of structural, drainage, and other improvements. Structural and drainage problems have emerged and currently continue to degrade and threaten the integrity of the steep slope on which the eastern edge of the park rests. 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: \$1,355,000

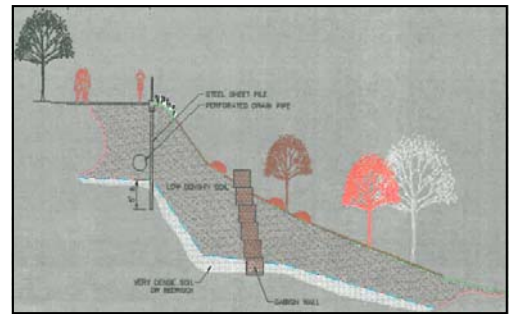


**Recommendation** None.

**Application No. PI-25-10**

**Veterans Park Improvements, West New York**

**Project Description** Veterans Park in West New York is in need of structural, drainage, and other improvements. Structural and drainage problems have emerged and currently continue to degrade and threaten the integrity of the steep slope on which the eastern edge of the park rests. 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: **Veterans Park Improvements**  
 Applicant: Town of West New York  
 Municipality: West New York  
 Total Project Costs: \$2,315,000  
 Amount Requested: \$1,565,000



**Recommendation** None.



**Application No. PI-26-10**

**Improvements to Swim Club and Centennial Field, West New York**

**Project Description** The Town of West New York is in need of funding assistance to repair areas of the park that have been damaged due to erosion and poor drainage. There are public safety hazards surrounding the grounds of the pool facility, soccer field, and concrete paths connecting Boulevard East and Port Imperial Blvd.



**Summary**

Project Name: **Veterans Park Improvements**  
 Applicant: Town of West New York  
 Municipality: West New York  
 Total Project Costs: \$660,000  
 Amount Requested: \$500,000



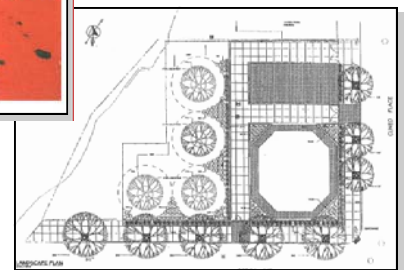
**Recommendation** None.

**Application No. PI-30-10**

**Citywide Park Improvements, Jersey City**

**Project Description** The City of Jersey City is conducting a multi-park improvement program at six parks located throughout the city. The City plans to demolish and prepare for new surfacing at each park. ADA-compliant play equipment is planned. The following parks are considered:

- Pershing Field Park
- Janet Moore Park
- Pavonia Marion Park
- Arlington Park
- Angel Ramos Park
- Vernater Watson Park



**Summary**

Project Name: Citywide Park Improvements  
 Applicant: City of Jersey City  
 Municipality: Jersey City  
 Total Project Costs: \$959,562  
 Amount Requested: \$959,562

**Recommendation** Application lacked sufficient details on each project. The Advisory Board recommends additional public support accompany each project identified in the application.



### Park Improvement Summary

No.	Project Sponsor	Project Title	Project Address	Project Municipality	Average Score	Median Score	Amount Requested
PI-15-10	County of Hudson	Berlin Wall Installation of "Memorials for Peace"	Harborside Plaza 10	Jersey City	77.5	76.6	\$133,000
PI-16-10	Washington Park Association	Washington Park Assoc. Community Based Park Improvement Proposal	Jersey City & Union City Border	Jersey City	71.1	74.0	\$338,936
PI-18-10	City of Hoboken	Reconstruction of Hoboken's Hudson River Waterfront Walkway	5th Street & 7th Street & the Hudson	Hoboken	72.7	74.0	\$1,000,000
PI-05-10	Township of Weehawken	Weehawken Multi-Use Waterfront Pavilion	Port Imperial Blvd. & Baldwin Ave.	Weehawken	73.8	69.8	\$2,000,000
PI-09-10	Town of Kearny	Maguillian Property River Bank Park Development	589-629 Passaic Ave.	Kearny	60.7	62.7	\$300,000
PI-01-10	Park Improvement	Washington Park Improvements	Palisade Ave. & 2nd St.	Union City	61.2	61.0	\$500,000
PI-07-10	Town of Kearny	Installation/Construction of All Season Surface Improvement at Veterans Fld	Passaic, Bergen, Belgrove & Afton Sts.	Kearny	52.3	55.3	\$350,000
PI-11-10	Jersey City Parks Coalition/Village Neighborhood Assoc.	Renovation of 1st St. Park	384-388 1st St.	Jersey City	52.0	54.4	\$298,575
PI-25-10	Town of West New York	Veterans Park Improvements	JFK Blvd. East and 57th Street	West New York	48.4	50.7	\$1,565,000
PI-02-10	City of Union City	Liberty Park Improvements	Liberty Place	Union City	45.4	48.5	\$350,000
PI-24-10	Town of West New York	Donnelly Park Improvements	JFK Blvd. East and 57th Street	West New York	48.2	47.2	\$1,355,000
PI-22-10	Town of Guttenberg	Guttenberg Community Center	301 69th Street	Guttenberg	42.1	39.9	\$5,000,000
PI-06-10	Town of Harrison	Refurbish Turf Soccer Field at Harrison Courts	14-28 Rodgers Blvd. S.	Harrison	39.6	38.0	\$327,545
PI-13-10	Jersey City Parks Coalition	Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery Emergency Gatehouse Improvements	435 Newark Ave.	Jersey City	38.1	38.0	\$40,000
PI-12-10	Town of Secaucus	Improvements to Ivanoski Park	Charles St.	Secaucus	34.3	36.0	\$130,525
PI-26-10	Town of West New York	Improvements to the West New York Swim Club and Centennial Field	JFK Blvd. East and Defino Drive	West New York	33.4	33.9	\$500,000
PI-08-10	Town of Kearny	Development & Construction of Brighton Ave Playground	Brighton Ave. between Bergen & Wilson Ave.	Kearny	28.9	27.6	\$200,000
PI-30-10	City of Jersey City	Citywide Park Improvements	Citywide parks	Jersey City	29.6	27.0	\$959,562



## V. HISTORIC PRESERVATION

### **Application No. HP-03-10**

### **Interior Restoration at Ellis Island Laundry/Hospital Building, Jersey City**

**Project Description** The non-profit organization, Save Ellis Island, Inc., is seeking funding assistance to complete the restoration of the Laundry/Hospital Building on Ellis Island. Approximately 80% of the interior restoration work has been complete. The organization is requesting additional funds to complete the restoration of plaster walls, wood and concrete flooring, and ceilings. New partitions, interior doors, lighting fixtures, and fire protection sprinklers also remain to be completed.



### **Summary**

Project Name: Interior Restoration at Ellis Island  
Laundry/Hospital  
Applicant: Save Ellis Island, Inc.  
Municipality: Jersey City  
Total Project Costs: \$1,213,169  
Amount Requested: \$350,000

**Recommendation** The Advisory Board recommends additional fundraising to be increased and continued. The organization should increase efforts to bring more residents of Hudson County to the newly restored facilities at Ellis Island.

**Application No. HP-10-10**

**Reservoir #3: Stabilization of Historic Structures, Jersey City**

**Project Description** The City of Jersey City is seeking funding assistance to stabilize the historic structures at Reservoir #3 in the Heights section of Jersey City. Emergency stabilization includes securing structures from further damage due to vandalism, weather, and unstable masonry conditions. Failed or missing roofing will also be repaired.



**Summary**

Project Name: Reservoir #3: Stabilization of Historic Structures  
Applicant: City of Jersey City  
Municipality: Jersey City  
Total Project Costs: \$590,750  
Amount Requested: \$590,750

**Recommendation** The Advisory Board recommends considerations be made to include ADA accessibility.



**Application No. HP-03-10**  
**Bayonne Community Museum, Bayonne**

**Project Description** 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: \$6,000,000  
Amount Requested: \$241,700

**Recommendation** The Advisory Board recommends a review of ADA accessibility in particular wheelchair access from the rear entrance.



## Historic Preservation Summary

No.	Project Sponsor	Project Title	Project Address	Project Municipality	Average Score	Median Score	Amount Requested
HP-03-10	Save Ellis Island, Inc.	Interior Restoration of 1st Floor at Ellis Island Laundry Hospital Outbuilding	Ellis Island	Jersey City	72.7	68.7	\$350,000
HP-21-10	City of Bayonne/Bayonne Community Museum	Bayonne Community Museum	229-231 Broadway	Bayonne	57.6	57.0	\$241,700
HP-10-10	City of Jersey City	Reservoir 3 Stabilization of Historic Structures	113-63 Central Ave.	Jersey City	57.8	55.5	\$590,750





## VI. PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, ENGINEERING, HISTORIC PRESERVATION STUDIES

### Application No. PS-14-10

#### Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery Restoration Project, Jersey City

**Project Description** The Jersey City Parks Coalition proposes to conduct a study of the historic nature at the Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery. The purpose is to extensively research the history of the cemetery, survey its historic features, provide a list of restoration priorities, provide engineering reports, and create a restoration plan. The proposal also seeks to address ADA accessibility and historic interpretation.



#### **Summary**

Project Name: Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery Restoration  
 Applicant: Jersey City Parks Coalition  
 Municipality: Jersey City  
 Total Project Costs: \$84,000  
 Amount Requested: \$64,000

**Recommendation** None.



### Application No. PS-20-10

#### Neighborhood Parks Planning Study, Bayonne

**Project Description** The City of Bayonne is seeking funding assistance to conduct a planning study on four existing neighborhood parks. Each city-owned park is outdated, underutilized, and in need of modern design and amenities. The City proposes to evaluate existing conditions and create plans to rehabilitate each park. The following parks are considered:

- Dr. Morris Park
- Francis Fitzpatrick Park
- Sister Miriam Theresa Park
- Edward F. Clark Park



#### **Summary**

Project Name: Neighborhood Parks Planning Study  
 Applicant: City of Bayonne  
 Municipality: Bayonne  
 Total Project Costs: \$50,000  
 Amount Requested: \$45,000



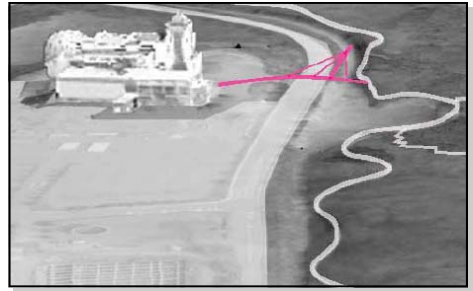
**Recommendation** None.



**Application No. PS-03-10**

**Engineering Study for Pedestrian Bridge at Liberty State Park, Jersey City**

**Project Description** 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:	\$50,000
Amount Requested:	\$50,000

**Recommendation** None.



## Planning, Engineering, & Historic Preservation Studies Summary

No.	Project Sponsor	Project Title	Project Address	Project Municipality	Average Score	Median Score	Amount Requested
PS-14-10	Jersey City Parks Coalition	Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery Historic Study	435 Newark Ave.	Jersey City	21.6	22.4	\$64,000
PS-23-10	Liberty Science Center	Engineering Study for Pedestrian Bridge in Liberty State Park	222 Jersey City Boulevard	Jersey City	10.6	11.0	\$50,000
PS-20-10	City of Bayonne	Bayonne Neighborhood Parks Planning Study	Citywide parks	Bayonne	5.9	6.0	\$45,000



## VII. APPLICATION SCORE, RANK, & FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

### A. Open Space Acquisition Score, Rank, and Funding Recommendations

Rank	Average Score	Median Score	Application No.	Project Title	Project Municipality	Amount Requested	Total Project Cost	County Executive Recommendation	Freeholder Approval
1	96.2	97.1	OS-29-10	Hackensack Riverfront Park	Jersey City	\$1,000,000	\$12,682,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2	84.7	84.0	OS-04-10	River Road Property Acquisition	North Bergen	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,835,000	\$1,835,000
3	86.7	83.7	OS-27-10	6th St. Harisimus Embankment Acquisition	Jersey City	\$1,000,000	\$2,600,000	\$0	\$0
4	72.3	75.7	OS-31-10	Berry Lane Park	Jersey City	\$600,000	\$5,845,500	\$0	\$0
5	67.6	66.7	OS-17-10	Hoboken Southwest Park Land Acquisition	Hoboken	\$1,000,000	\$2,100,000	\$0	\$0
6	54.1	52.2	OS-19-10	Russell Golding Park Expansion	Beyonne	\$2,265,000	\$2,565,000	\$0	\$0
7	31.6	33.0	OS-28-10	Hilltop Park/Waldo Avenue Acquisition	Jersey City	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$0	\$0



## B. Park & Recreation Improvement Score, Rank, and Funding Recommendations

Rank	Average Score	Median Score	Ito.	Project Title	Project Municipality	Amount Requested	Total Project Cost	County Executive Recommendation	Freeholder Approval
1	77.5	76.6	PI-15-10	Berlin Wall Installation of "Memorials for Peace"	Jersey City	\$133,000	\$406,518	\$133,000	\$116,750
2	71.1	74.0	PI-16-10	Washington Park Assoc. Community Based Park Improvement Proposal	Jersey City	\$338,936	\$338,936	\$100,000	\$100,000
3	72.7	74.0	PI-18-10	Reconstruction of Hoboken's Hudson River Waterfront Walkway	Hoboken	\$1,000,000	\$9,824,300	\$500,000	\$500,000
4	73.8	69.8	PI-05-10	Weehawken Multi-Use Waterfront Pavilion	Weehawken	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
5	60.7	62.7	PI-09-10	Maguillian Property River Bank Park Development	Kearny	\$300,000	\$566,514	\$300,000	\$300,000
6	61.2	61.0	PI-01-10	Washington Park Improvements	Union City	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
7	52.3	55.3	PI-07-10	Installation/Construction of All Season Surface Improvement at Veterans Fld	Kearny	\$350,000	\$2,048,610	\$100,000	\$100,000
8	52.0	54.4	PI-11-10	Renovation of 1st St. Park	Jersey City	\$298,575	\$348,575	\$295,000	\$295,000
9	48.4	50.7	PI-25-10	Veterans Park Improvements	West New York	\$1,565,000	\$2,315,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
10	45.4	48.5	PI-02-10	Liberty Park Improvements	Union City	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0	\$0
11	48.2	47.2	PI-24-10	Donnelly Park Improvements	West New York	\$1,355,000	\$2,005,000	\$0	\$0
12	42.1	39.9	PI-22-10	Guttenberg Community Center	Guttenberg	\$5,000,000	\$20,233,320	\$100,000	\$100,000
13	39.6	38.0	PI-06-10	Refurbish Turf Soccer Field at Harrison Courts	Harrison	\$327,545	\$327,545	\$325,000	\$325,000
14	38.1	38.0	PI-13-10	Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery Emergency Gatehouse Improvements	Jersey City	\$40,000	\$53,396	\$0	\$0
15	34.3	36.0	PI-12-10	Improvements to Ivanoski Park	Secaucus	\$130,525	\$145,525	\$100,000	\$100,000
16	33.4	33.9	PI-26-10	Improvements to the West New York Swim Club and Centennial Field	West New York	\$500,000	\$660,000	\$0	\$0
17	28.9	27.6	PI-08-10	Development & Construction of Brighton Ave Playground	Kearny	\$200,000	\$822,240	\$0	\$0
18	29.6	27.0	PI-30-10	Citywide Park Improvements	Jersey City	\$959,562	\$959,562	\$0	\$0



### C. Historic Preservation Score, Rank, and Funding Recommendations

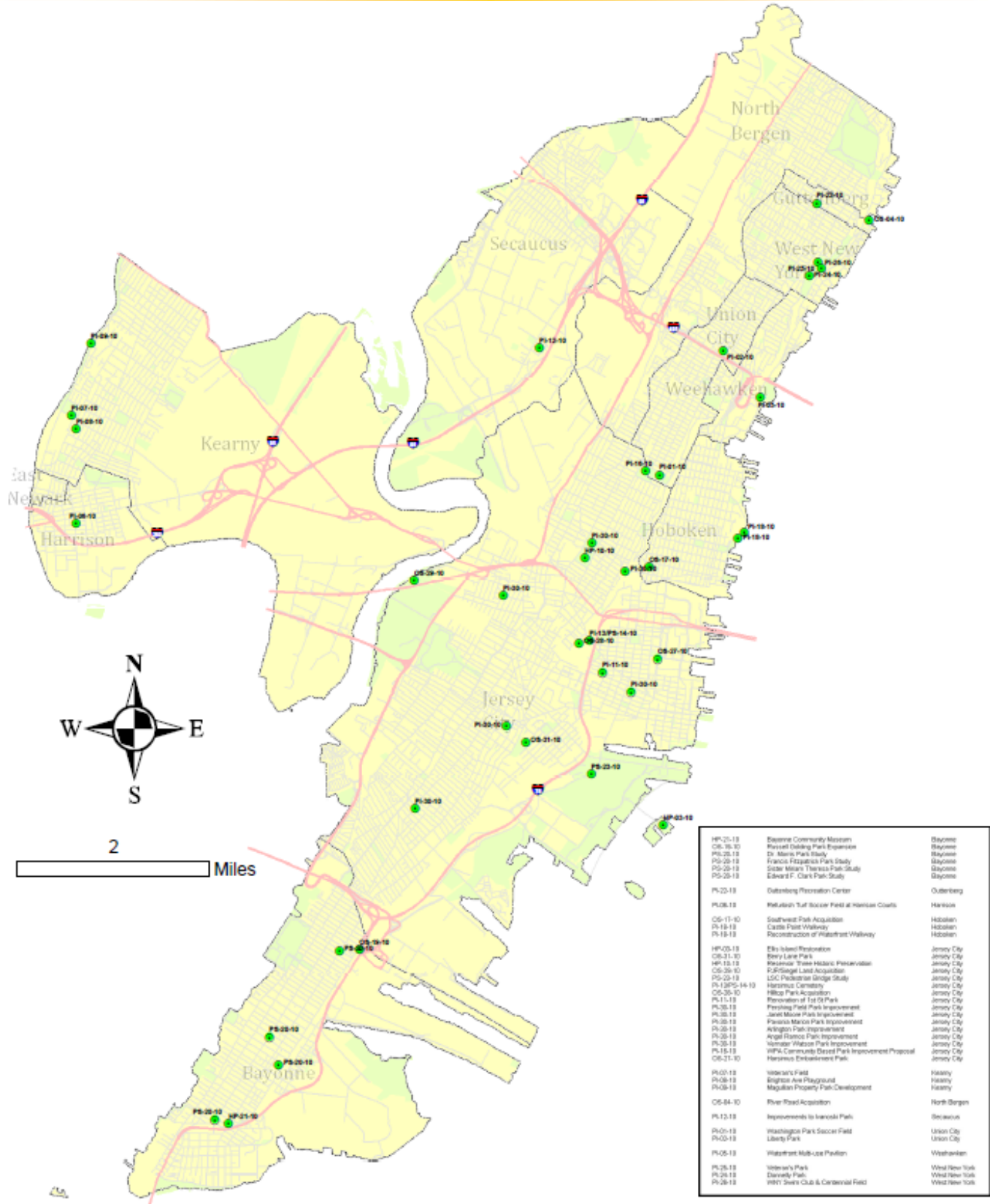
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1	72.7	68.7	HP-03-10	Interior Restoration of 1st Floor at Ellis Island Laundry Hospital Outbuilding	Jersey City	\$350,000	\$1,213,169	\$0	\$0
2	57.6	57.0	HP-21-10	Bayonne Community Museum	Bayonne	\$241,700	\$6,000,000	\$240,000	\$240,000
3	57.8	55.5	HP-10-10	Reservoir 3 Stabilization of Historic Structures	Jersey City	\$590,750	\$590,750	\$0	\$50,000



D. Planning, Environmental, Engineering, and Historic Preservation Studies  
Score, Rank and Funding Recommendations

Rank	Average Score	Median Score	No.	Project Title	Project Municipality	Amount Requested	Total Project Cost	County Executive Recommendation	Freeholder Approval
1	21.6	22.4	PS-14-10	Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery Historic Study	Jersey City	\$64,000	\$84,000	\$0	\$16,250
2	10.6	11.0	PS-23-10	Engineering Study for Pedestrian Bridge in Liberty State Park	Jersey City	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
3	5.9	6.0	PS-20-10	Bayonne Neighborhood Parks Planning Study	Bayonne	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$45,000	\$45,000

# VIII. PROJECT REFERENCE MAP



HP-25-10	Bayonne Community Museum	Bayonne
OS-16-10	Reynold Dabing Park Expansion	Bayonne
PI-25-10	Dr. Marie Park Study	Bayonne
PS-20-10	Francis Fitzpatrick Park Study	Bayonne
PS-20-10	Sister Mary Theresa Park Study	Bayonne
PS-20-10	Edward F. Clark Park Study	Bayonne
PI-22-10	DeBartolo Recreation Center	Outerbearing
PI-08-10	Rehabilitate Tuff Soccer Field at Harrison Courts	Harrison
OS-17-10	Southwest Park Acquisition	Hoboken
PI-18-10	Castle Point Walkway	Hoboken
PI-18-10	Reconstruction of Waterfront Walkway	Hoboken
HP-25-10	Ellis Island Foundation	Jersey City
OS-31-10	Berry Lane Park	Jersey City
HP-10-10	Reynold Tree Historic Preservation	Jersey City
OS-20-10	R-3 Single Lot Acquisition	Jersey City
PS-20-10	LSC Pedestrian Bridge Study	Jersey City
PI-12PS-14-10	Harmonia Cemetery	Jersey City
OS-20-10	Hilip Park Acquisition	Jersey City
PI-11-10	Renovation of Tot 9 Park	Jersey City
PI-20-10	Penning Field Park Improvement	Jersey City
PI-20-10	Jarvis Moore Park Improvement	Jersey City
PI-20-10	Parsons Marcus Park Improvement	Jersey City
PI-20-10	Arington Park Improvement	Jersey City
PI-20-10	Angel Franco Park Improvement	Jersey City
PI-20-10	Homer Watson Park Improvement	Jersey City
PI-15-10	WPA Carroussel Grand Park Improvement Proposal	Jersey City
OS-21-10	Harmonia Embankment Park	Jersey City
PI-07-10	Veteran's Field	Healy
PI-08-10	Brighton Ave Playground	Healy
PI-08-10	Magellan Property Park-Development	Healy
OS-04-10	River Road Acquisition	North Bergen
PI-12-10	Improvements to Inavski Park	Secaucus
PI-07-10	Washington Park Soccer Field	Union City
PI-03-10	Liberty Park	Union City
PI-05-10	Waterfront Multi-use Pavilion	Weehawken
PI-26-10	Veteran's Park	West New York
PI-24-10	Darvilly Park	West New York
PI-26-10	WNY South Club & Central Field	West New York

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