

2018 OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT





OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND HUDSON COUNTY • DIVISION OF PLANNING



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INTRODUCTION TO THE HUDSON COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

ABOUT THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

Through the fully reinstated 1 cent tax levy, funding was made available to provide grants for the 2017-2018 funding cycle in the categories of open space acquisition, historic preservation rehabilitation plans and capital projects, and park and recreation improvements. Grants are made available to the County of Hudson, any of the twelve (12) Hudson County municipalities, the Hudson County Improvement Authority, any local entities, non-profit corporations, and qualified charitable conservancies located within Hudson County that receive tax exemption under section 501(c)3 and partner with the host municipality.

The County received twenty-five (25) Letter of Intents requesting approximately \$11.6 million in funding. Categorically, the County received Letters of Intent for four (4) Historic Preservation Project, one (1) Open Space Acquisition projects, and twenty (20) Park Improvement Projects. In terms of project location by municipality: Bayonne submitted (2); Guttenberg (2); Harrison (1); Hoboken (3); Jersey City (6); Kearny (1); North Bergen (1); Secaucus (2); Union City (3); Weehawken (1); West New York (1); and Hudson County (2).

The 2017-2018 tax levy has collected approximately \$7,000,000 to allocate in grant funding, before subtracting debt service. Each Letter of Intent was reviewed in depth by the Division of Planning staff in early 2018. Additionally, the staff conducted one-on-one meetings and site visits with every proposed project. The applicants also made presentations to the Open Space Advisory Board. The following report includes the County Executive's funding recommendations, funding guidelines of the Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Trust Fund, an explanation of the Open Space Advisory Board, a 2017-2018 LOI summarization chart and a brief description of each 2017-2018 full application.

MISSION STATEMENT

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 responsibility 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.

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 is deposited into the Trust Fund.

The following pages (4-7) are an excerpt from the 2013 Funding Guidelines pages. For the full version, please visit our website at http://www.hudsoncountynj.org/open-space-recreation-and-historic-preservation-trust-fund/

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

The following entities are eligible to participate in the application process for funding consideration from the Trust Fund:

- 1. The County of Hudson;
- 2. All Hudson County government agencies and its affiliates;
- 3. Any of the twelve (12) municipalities in the County of Hudson; and
- 4. Local entities, non-profit corporations, and qualified charitable conservancies located within the County of Hudson that have received tax exemptions under section 501(c) 3 of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code. Local entities are required to partner with the local municipality where the project is located.

ELIGIBLE COSTS

The following costs are deemed to be consistent with the purposes and intent of the Trust Fund and shall be eligible for application:

- 1. The acquisition of land for conservation and recreation purposes. Note: Applicants are required to place the County on the deed when purchasing the property.
- 2. Construction management and/or construction administration of an Open Space Trust funded recreation or historic capital project or rehabilitation plan.
- 3. Up to 50% of the costs of preparing a historic preservation plan for the preservation, rehabilitation, restoration or reconstruction of a historic property under the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Such projects must result in the completion of site/construction plans related to all proposed historic preservation activities.

ELIGIBLE PURPOSES

Eligible purposes, as voted by referendum, and approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders are:

- 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, this includes historical capital projects and historical rehabilitation plans; or
- 4. Payment of debt service on indebtedness issued or incurred by the County of Hudson for any of the purposes stated in (1), (2), or (3).

INELIGIBLE PURPOSES

The following purposes are considered ineligible to receive funding:

- 1. Any maintenance, care, custodial, or policing expenditures associated with active and passive recreation, and historic sites.
- 2. Lands that are and will remain predominantly covered by buildings or structures not appropriate for environmental education, recreational use, or historic preservation.
- 3. Activities that will have a significant adverse impact on environmental resources or open space values.
- 4. Items that were not listed in the original grant agreement between the County and the applicant.
- 5. Sweat equity, an interest of increased value in a property earned from labor by the owner toward upkeep or restoration.
- 6. Soft costs, such as architectural design, engineering, planning, surveying, permitting, fees, legal, administrative, or environmental costs.
- 7. The preparation and completion of historic preservation studies with the aim of obtaining a Certification of Eligibility from the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office or for the purposes of determining the eligibility or the nomination of a property or structure for the State or National Register of Historic Places.

ALLOCATION

The Trust Fund will be funded through a property tax assessment to be 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.

- 1. All of the money collected through the property tax assessment will be deposited into the Trust Fund and shall thereafter be disbursed for the following types of projects:
 - a. Land Acquisition Projects,
 - b. Development/Redevelopment Improvements for Recreation/Conservation Projects,
 - c. Historic Preservation Capital Projects and Rehabilitation Studies
- 2. Applicants shall not request more than \$2,000,000 for a regional Open Space Acquisition or more than \$1,000,000 for a local Open Space Acquisition. Regional acquisitions are deemed to serve the residents of two or more communities as defined by municipality, zip code, or public high school. Local acquisitions are deemed to serve the residents of only one community as defined by municipality, zip code or public high school. An exception will only be considered based upon the extraordinary nature of the acquisition and its merit.
- 3. Applicants shall not request more than \$1,000,000 for a regional Recreation, Conservation, Historic Preservation Capital or Rehabilitation project, or more than \$500,000 for a local Recreation, Conservation, Historic Preservation Capital Project or Rehabilitation Plan. Regional projects are deemed to serve the residents of two or more communities as defined by municipality, zip code, or public high school. Local projects are deemed to serve the residents of only one community as defined by municipality, zip code, or public high school. An exception will only be considered based upon the extraordinary nature of the project and its merit.
- 4. Any unexpended funds allocated to a specific project and determined by the County of Hudson as no longer needed for that project will return to the Trust Fund.
- 5. Indebtedness by the County of Hudson for eligible purposes as stated above will be set aside in an amount equal to the annual debt payment requirement prior to the annual allocation determination for new applications/ projects.

ADVISORY BOARD REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

The Hudson County Division of Planning shall provide staff support and technical assistance to the Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board shall:

- Schedule a time line for the Letter of Intent process. Initial letter of interest will be submitted by interested applicants prior to full proposal. A Letter of Intent Form will be created for their use. Applicants must demonstrate how their project meets the new goals and objectives outlined in the 2013 Reexamination Report. They must have all required documentation, list matching funding, and show how the project is shovel ready.
- 2. Schedule one-on-one meetings with the applicant and Open Space support staff and at least one member of the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Board to review applicant's Letter of Intent. Once the Letter of Intent is deemed complete, applicant will be required to submit a full application to the Advisory Board.
- 3. Determine application completeness and eligibility according to the program statement approved by the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
- 4. Review each application and rank each application according to the criteria established in said program statement and the 2013 Open Space Reexamination Report.
- 5. Forward the Advisory Board's recommendations to the County Executive for his/her consideration and funding allocation.
- 6. Upon final approval by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Advisory Board shall prepare an annual report.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED PROJECTS

- Upon receipt of the Advisory Board's recommendations by the County Executive, the County Executive shall formulate funding allocations for eligible projects for a 30-day review period.
- The County Executive shall submit the Advisory Board's recommendations with his/ her funding allocations to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for its consideration where the project is located.

FREEHOLDER FUNDING APPROVAL

- 1. Upon the release of the County Executive's funding allocations, the Division of Planning shall schedule at least one public hearing held at least thirty (30) days after the transmittal of funding recommendations in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.1 et seq., to solicit public comment on the proposed grant award recommendations.
- 2. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.3b the Board of Chosen Freeholders shall authorize final approval for the project funding no earlier than 45 days after the public hearing.

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS

Any interest earned on the investment of funds of the Trust Fund shall be retained within the Trust Fund to be used for Trust Fund purposes as described herein.

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. 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 to systematically review applications for funding consideration for the Trust Fund. The Advisory Board assists with prioritization and recommendation of projects for open space, recreation, and historic preservation purposes.

A final report ranking and prioritizing projects with recommendations is submitted to the County Executive and Freeholder Board for their consideration.

GRANT AGREEMENT

- 1. Applicants that have been approved for funding will have two (2) months from the date of Freeholder approval of the required Hudson County funding resolutions to execute a Grant Agreement with the County.
- 2. Upon execution by both parties of the grant agreement, projects are expected to progress at a reasonable pace, subject to the specifics of a particular project. After two (2) years from the Freeholder award date, any unexpended award funds remaining will be forfeited and returned to the Open Space Trust Fund.
- 3. The Grant Agreement shall include a phased punch list for eligible costs. Reimbursement of funds through the County of Hudson will only be processed after a site inspection for each phase.
- 4. Throughout the life of the grant, awarded applicants will be required to submit quarterly progress reports to the Hudson County Division of Planning.
- 5. A deed of conservation easement or historic preservation restriction held by the County of Hudson shall be filed with the Office of the County Register upon completion of land acquisition, park and recreation improvement, or historic preservation capital project or rehabilitation plan.
- 6. Applicants must agree to place any funded parkland on the NJ Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) before final payment of grant monies. No change in use or diversion of funds shall be allowable for any funded park or recreation project without following the procedures set forth in the grant agreement.
- 7. Failure to uphold any other aspects of the executed grant agreement may result in the forfeiture of funds. Unused funds will revert back to the Trust Fund. Applicants must seek Open Space Advisory Board approval for any deviations from the original grant agreement. Deviations that are above 10% of the total funded project cost will require Freeholder Board approval. No deviations will be approved in the last 6 months of the grant agreement.
- 8. The grant recipient may request one (1) year extension. The extension shall be granted at the discretion of the County. Extension requests will be considered in cases of natural disasters or other unforeseen circumstances in which the applicant had no control over. If the applicant fails to complete the project within the 1 year time frame, the grant agreement and the unused funds shall be forfeited.
- 9. Reprogramming of funded projects are granted at the discretion of the County. Only municipalities are allowed to request a reprogramming to a shovel-ready project within the same municipality. Shovel-ready projects are considered projects that have a selected contractor in place or are under construction. Reprogramming can only be awarded to Park Improvement projects and Historical Capital projects. No more than 50% of the total funded project award amount can be used for reprogramming.
- 10. Applicants that have been approved for a grant award from the County shall fund all costs incurred in connection with the acquisition of any land or interest therein, including, but not limited to the costs for appraisals, wetland delineations, environmental assessment, engineering, property survey, title search, legal expenditures, structure demolition and removal, and other such costs associated with the acquisition of land or interest therein.
- 11. Banking or stockpiling of Trust Fund grants is not permitted. Failure to complete the project within the grant contract time period will result in forfeiture of the grant for failure to comply with the terms of the Trust Fund grant agreement.
- 12. Two months prior to the dedication/rededication/opening ceremony of the project, the applicant must contact the Division of Planning.
- 13. Temporary construction signage specs will be provided in the applicant's grant agreement.
- 14. Permanent signage specs will be provided in the applicant's grant agreement.



REVIEW SCHEDULE

Planning staff met with municipalities individually	November 2017 - December 2017
Letters of Intent submittal period	November 29, 2017 - January 19, 2018
Planning staff site visits	February 2018
Open Space Advisory Board inital meeting	February 27, 2018
Full application submittal period	April 6, 2018 - May 4, 2018
Municipal presentations to Open Space Advisory Board and planning staff	May 1, 2018
County Executive recommendations	June 12, 2018
Public hearing on funding recommendations	July 12, 2018
Anticipated approval by Board of Chosen Freeholders	September 13, 2018

LETTER OF INTENT CHECKLIST

•	Current copy of <u>municipal tax map</u> (printed to 11" x 17" size) identifying block and lot to be acquired.	Required		
•	Current copy of Green Acres Recreational and Open Space Inventory (ROSI)	Required		
•	<u>Site Plans</u> , including landscape design and any floor plans. Plans should be prepared by a licensed professional (i.e. arechitect, engineer, planner, landscape architect, etc.) Site plans should identify all existing and proposed facilities and any areas of grading, drainage, or proposed tree clearing.	Required		
•	Breakdown of construction and maintenance <u>cost estimates</u> including operations plan, prepared and signed and sealed by a licensed professional.	Required		
•	Property ownership or lease documents.	ł	Required	l
•	Phased construction punch list (ONLY items on this list will be reimbursable by HCOSTF grant)	Required		
•	Contract documents that include the credentials of the project team.	Required		
•	Operation plan- time line of phases	Required		
•	Non Profits- letter of endorsement from host municipality as well as an agreement that if selected for funding the municipality will partner with the local nonprofit as a co-grantee on the grant agreement	Required		
•	Property appraisal prepared in accordance with NJ DEP Green Acres Scope of Work for Appraisal Services, available online at the following webpage: <u>http://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/appscope.pdf</u>	Required		
•	Preliminary assessment , as defined by N.J.A.C.7:26E-3.1, conducted on the property to identify the presence of any potentially contaminated areas of concern. The report should be conducted in accordance with NJ DEP Green Acres requirements available online at: <u>http://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/prelim.htm</u>	Required		
		Yes	No	N/A
•	Municipal resolution authorizing the application (required for full application)			
•	<u>Aerial map</u> , if available. An aerial map may be generated using the NJ DEP i-Map environmental mapping tool available on the web at: <u>http://www.state.nj.us/dep/gis/depsplash.htm</u>			
•	<u>Property survey</u> signed and sealed by a NJ Licensed Land Surveyor. The survey should be prepared according to the NJ DEP Green Acres Standard Scope of Survey Services, available online at following webpage: <u>http://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/survey/scope.html</u>			
•	Digital images, photographic slides, and/or prints of the project site, if available.			
•	<u>Letters of support</u> (i.e. municipal officials, local planning and zoning boards, neigh- borhood associations, residents).			
•	Please review the <u>Americans with Disability Act</u> (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design guidelines available on the web at: <u>http://www.ada.gov/adastd94.pdf</u> If applicable, have they been included in the Conceptual Site Plan?			
•	For Historic Preservation projects: Adherence to the Interior Standards http://www.nj.gov/dep/hpo/3preserve/preserve.htm			

SUBMITTED LETTERS OF INTENT - NOT FULL APPLICATION

	PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT	TYPE	REQUESTED AMOUNT
Bayonne	Improvements to Russell Golding Park	Municipality	P.I.	\$500,000.00
Guttenberg	New Splash Park Facility	Municipality	P.I.	\$404,846.00
Hoboken	Union Dry Dock Open Space Acquisition	Municipality	O.S.	\$1,000,000.00
Hoboken	City Hall Historic Project: Phase 2	Municipality	H.P.	\$500,000.00
Jersey City	Audubon Park Lighting Improvement	Municipality	P.I.	\$167,879.25
Jersey City	Phase 3 Renovation of the Main Library	Jersey City Public Library	H.P.	\$300,000.00
Jersey City	Complete Restoration of the Historic Ellis Island	Save Ellis Island, Inc.	H.P.	\$500,000.000
Secaucus	Secaucus Ice Rink House - 2nd Floor Addition	Municipality	P.I.	\$500,000.00
Union City	Washington Park Beautification Upgrade	Washington Park Association	P.I.	\$350,000.00

PROJECT TOTAL COST	COMMENTS
\$1,865,000.00	Timeline for Turnpike construction pushes project back for next year.
\$623,346.00	Approval from Hudson Regional Fire & HCIA still needed. Possible environmental issues.
\$11,500,000.00	Pending negotion.
\$1,214,599.00	Not the municipal priority.
\$167,879.25	Not the municipal priority.
\$600,000.00	No City partnership. No other guaranteed funds.
\$1,052,515.00	No City partnership. No other guaranteed funds. Not shovel ready.
\$1,300,000.00	Not the municipal priority.
\$350,000.00	Overlap with other County projects.

The following pages contain the Letter of Intent Checklist followed by a table listing the 9 Letters of Intent that were not recommended to full application. The comments section to the far right of the chart indicates the reasoning behind each application not moving forward. Recommendations for full application were based on the submission of all required checklist items, a local match from the municipality, the priority of the municipality and whether the project was deemed "shovel-ready". The Division of Planning staff and Open Space Advisory Board reviewed and discussed each application to determine its completeness and the recommendations were presented to the County Executive for his final determination.



IMPROVEMENTS TO NEIL A. DE SENA PARK

Neil A. DeSena Park has suffered declining visitor use, due mainly to its antiquated layout and lack of features. A complete revitalization of the park will enable Bayonne to re-establish the park as an attractive destination for recreational activities within the County. The project will boast Bayonne's Neil A. DeSena Park as the new standard for future park construction within Hudson County.



<u>Total Project Costs</u>: <u>Requested Amount</u>: <u>Local Share</u>: <u>Other Shares</u>: <u>County Executive Recommendation</u>: **\$692,000.00 \$500,000.00** (\$192,000.00) --

Landscaping

\$500,000.00





IMPROVEMENTS TO VETERANS PARK (PH. II)

The Town of Guttenberg wishes to further improve Veterans Park so that local residents may continue enjoying free access to a public area that safely promotes physical engagement, helping Guttenberg's youth to build self-confidence and develop interpersonal skills. Funding will be used to complete several capital improvements within the park, including park benches, synthetic grass play area (including drainage), one pocket-sized basketball court, and twenty-one parking spaces.

PI-02-18

Seating

ERAAS Applicant: Town of Guttenberg 101 **Project Address:** 69th Street County Freeholder District: 7 New/Improved Amenities: ----Play equipment Safety surfacing Splash park Musical equipment

Total Project Costs:\$611,271.00Requested Amount:\$367,003.45Local Share:(\$79,731.00)Other Shares:(\$79,731.00)Reprogrammed Open Space Funding (May 2018):(\$164,536.55)County Executive Recommendation:\$335,463.45





CAPE MAY STREET WATERFRONT PARK

PI-03-18

The purpose of the Waterfront Redevelopment Plan is to redevelop and revitalize over 250 acres of the former industrial waterfront area along the Passaic River. The Town of Harrison has been awarded a grant to assist with the development of a park on an 8-acre site that will continue to enhance the Passaic River waterfront. The town is on a strict timeline with the NJDEP Office of Natural Resource Restoration to complete the design of the park by the end of 2018.



Applicant: Town of Harison

Project Address: Cape May St.

County Freeholder District: 9



Total Project Costs:	\$3,750,000.00
Requested Amount:	\$500,000.00
Local Share:	(\$0.00)
Other Shares: NJDEP Office of Natural Resource Restoration	(\$3,000,000.00)
Reprogrammed Open Space Funding (May 2018):	(\$204, 470.99)
County Executive Recommendation:	\$450,000.00

New/Improved Amenities:

- Fitness stations
- Dog park
- Overlooks of the Passaic River
- Food truck plaza
- Soccer fields
- Wetlands
 - Interpretive signage relating to ecology and wetlands







MADISON STREET PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

A highly utilized facility within the City of Hoboken, Madison Street Park is a valuable and established asset to families and children living in the neighborhood. The proposed improvements will not only provide aesthetics and creativity to the neighborhood, but will also ensure that the needs of Hoboken's growing community are met safely.



<u>New/Improved</u> <u>Amenities:</u>

Play equipment

PI-04-18

- Safety surfacing
- Splash park
- Musical equipment
- Seating

 Total Project Costs:
 \$758,444.50

 Requested Amount:
 \$500,000.00

 Local Share:
 (\$257,444.50)

 Other Shares:
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 County Executive Recommendation:
 \$500,000.00



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BERRY LANE PARK - SKATE PARK

The City of Jersey City is requesting \$500,000 from the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund to support the construction of a skate park facility at Berry Lane Park. The 12,000 square foot skate park was designed in consultation with the local skating community. When completed, the facility will the first poured-in-place concrete skate park in Hudson County and one of few in the State of New Jersey.



<u>New/Improved</u> <u>Amenities:</u>

 Poured-in-place concrete skate park

PI-05-18

\$887,551.13
\$500,000.00
(\$12,551.13)
(\$25,000.00)
(\$350,000.00)
\$500,000.00







RIVERVIEW FISK PARK REHABILITATION

The City of Jersey City has worked with the local Community Group Riverview Neighborhood Association (RNA) to develop a park improvment plan. The plan calls for the removal of dangerous trees and neglected hardscaping. New trees, benches, pavers, electric service, multi-use syntheitic turf green space, and a bocce court. The space will be programmed with farmers markets and community events.



Total Project Costs: **Requested Amount:** Local Share: Other Shares: County Executive Recommendation:

\$1,543,788.00 \$500,000.00 (\$1,043,788.00)(\$ --)

\$500,000.00

PI-06-18

- Artificial turf
- Seating
- Retaining walls
- Landscaping
- Traffic improvments





OLD BERGEN CHURCH CEMETERY PROJECT

Phase one of the project is focused on securing and rehabilitating 183 (of 544) markers most in need of repair. Phase two will build and update access paths through a process of community outreach and ADA compliance. Phase three is a small columbarium and cosmetic repairs to the fencing and retaining wall.

PI-07-18



Total Project Costs:
Requested Amount:
Local Share: Cemetery Restoration Project Fund
County Executive Recommendation:

\$298,090.50 \$298,090.50 (\$72,000.00) \$100,000.00





GUNNELL OVAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Gunnell Oval Improvements project proposes the complete renovation of the existing Gunnell Oval recreational complex as a modern artificial turf sports complex. Primarily funded through the NJEIT Loan Program, this project seems to improve on-site storm water management through the installation of new controls in replacement of the deficient existing gravity network. This year's application is seeking funding for the remaining recreational improvements proposed



Total Project Costs:
Requested Amount:
Local Share: (includes \$21,650,000.00 bond ordinance)
Other Shares: Green Acres
NJEDA Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund
Previous HCOSTF funding (2015 and 2016)
County Executive Recommendation:

\$25,851,290.00 \$500,000.00 (\$22,166,839.00) (\$2,100,000.00) (\$84,451.00) (\$1,000,000.00) \$500,000.00

- Tennis courts
- Volleyball court

PI-08-18

- Baseball/
 Softball fields
- Soccer fields





POLICEMEN'S MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENT PI-09-18

The park is located in the Township's downtown area, within walking distance to residences and in close proximity to public transportation. Policemen's Memorial Park is in need of improvements as conditions have declined and upgrades have not been made causing concern for escalating repair costs and safety of equipment, in addition to not meeting standards for ADA compliance.



<u>Applicant</u>: Township of North Bergen

Project Address: 1455 Union Tpke.

County Freeholder District: 8





<u>Total Project Costs</u>: <u>Requested Amount</u>: <u>Local Share</u>: <u>Other Shares</u>: <u>County Executive Recommendation</u>: \$899,531.00 \$500,000.00 (\$399,531.00) (\$ --) \$500,000.00 <u>New/Improved</u> <u>Amenities:</u>

- Playground equipment
- ADA-compliant surfacing
- Fencing
- Basketball court striping
- Splash park
- Picnic and game tables





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MEADOWLANDS PKWY INDOOR SPORTS FACILITY PI-10-18

There has always been a clamoring need for additional recreation programs and facilities for soccer and football in Secaucus. This proposal is unique in that it provides a structure that can be used year-round because the field is enclosed and climate-controlled. In addition to separate rooms that will provide space for wrestling, cheerleading, offices, and changing rooms, the facility will also be used to hold events and program.

> Applicant: Town of Secaucus

Project Address: 50 Meadowlands Pkwy.

County Freeholder District: 9



New/Improved Amenities:

Indoor multipurpose facility

Total Project Costs: **Requested Amount:** Local Share: Other Shares: County Executive Recommendation:

\$4,520,000.00 \$500,000.00 (\$4,020,000.00) (\$ --) \$500,000.00









38TH STREET PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

The 38th Street Park is located in a neighborhood of low and moderate income households. Residences in this area lack open space and the improved playground facility will provide a much needed recreational opportunity. The rehabilitated facility will provide a needed active play area for neighborhood children and other residents of the northwestern portion of Union City. The facility will be maintained by the City's parks department.



<u>Total Project Costs</u>: <u>Requested Amount</u>: <u>Local Share</u>: <u>County Executive Recommendation</u>:

\$196,376.25 \$187,025.00 (\$9,351.25) \$187,025.00



WASHINGTON PARK

This project includes a rehabilitation of the fieldhouse, lighting and landscaping. Union City has limited available land to provide new facilities and the provision of an improved facility at an existing recreational site would provide a safe, modern, state of the art facility. The facility will be maintained by the City's parks department.

PI-12-18



<u>Total Project Costs</u>: <u>Requested Amount</u>: <u>Local Share</u>: <u>Other Shares</u>: <u>County Executive Recommendation</u>: \$323,410.00 \$308,000.00 (\$15,410.00) (\$ --) \$308,000.00





WEEHAWKEN PIER B ENHANCEMENT AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Also known as South Park, the development of Pier B has spanned roughly 15 years throughout both planning and construction phases, with full completion slated after this sixth and final pod is installed. The proposed pedestrian bridge is intended to connect Pier B and South Park, providing linear access between the two recreational campuses, preventing pedestrians from walking along the vehicle heavy Harbor and Port Imperial Boulevards and eliminating the risk of injury.



<u>Applicant</u>: Township of Weehawken

Project Address: Harbor Blvd.

County Freeholder District: 7

PI-13-18

<u>New/Improved</u> <u>Amenities:</u>

- Walkway bridge
- Kayak launch

Total Project Costs: Requested Amount: Local Share: Other Shares: Green Acres County Executive Recommendation:

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\$2,419,200.00 \$596,000.00 (\$823,200.00) (\$1,000,000.00) \$500,000.00







RECREATION AND SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS AT PATRICIA MCELDOWNEY FIELD

Just short of 62nd Street along JFK Boulevard East, this natural surface softball field is limited in its recreational use, vulnerable to inclement weather, and this area of the park is subject to crime. Parks and recreational space are scarce within the Town and its existing open spaces need to be enhanced to ensure durability, availability and playability for its citizens.



<u>Total Project Costs</u>: <u>Requested Amount</u>: <u>Local Share</u>: <u>Other Shares</u>: *Pending Federal Funds (CDBG)* <u>County Executive Recommendation</u>: \$1,102,750.00 \$506,600.00 (\$96,150.00) (\$500,000.00) \$500,000.00 Landscaping

Seating

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MERCER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The Parks Division plans to implement several park improvements, including a new playground surface, rehabiliation of the football field, and installation of new park amenities. The Parks Division will also be going out to bid for design and construction of a new spray park. As part of another project, the Parks Division will be installing CCTV cameras (funded through the capital budget) to coincide with these upgrades.

PI-15-18



Total Project Costs:	\$833,920.54
Requested Amount:	\$500,000.00
Local Share:	(\$333,920.54)
Other Shares:	(\$)
County Executive Recommendation:	\$500,000.00

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LAUREL HILL SHORELINE RESTORATION

Shoreline restoration is part of the \$4.9M Phase IV Improvements to Laurel Hill Park, funded in part by HCIA and Green Acres. The Hudson County Division of Parks has applied to the Open Space Trust Fund specifically for the Laurel Hill Shoreline Restoration component of the larger project. The bulkhead is in need of repair due to storm surges and tides which have eroded the shoreline. The shoreline is critical for water recreation to accomodate kayaks and boating.



Total Project Costs:	\$517,500.00
Requested Amount:	\$450,000.00
Local Share:	(\$67,500.00)
Other Shares:	(\$)
County Executive Recommendation:	\$450,000.00

PI-16-18

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June 5, 2018

Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Board C/O Division of Planning Bergen Square Center 830 Bergen Avenue, Floor 6A Jersey City, NJ 07306

Dear Members of the Board:

Thank you Advisory Board Members for your continued diligence and hard work in evaluating applications for funding consideration from the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund. Your dedication and volunteer time spent for this difficult task is truly appreciated.

After review of your Recommendations Report, I will recommend a total of **\$6,830,488.45** in funding awards to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the following projects:

- PI-01-18 City of Bayonne \$500,000 for Improvements to Neil A. DeSena Park
- PI-02-18 Town of Guttenberg \$335,463.45 for Improvements to Veterans Park (Phase II)
- PI-03-18 Town of Harrison \$450,000 for Cape May Street Waterfront Park/Walkway
- PI-04-18 City of Hoboken \$500,000 for Madison Street Park Playground Improvements
- PI-05-18 City of Jersey City \$500,000 for Berry Lane Park Skate Park
- PI-06-18 City of Jersey City \$500,000 for Riverview Fisk Park Rehabilitation
- HP-07-18 Old Bergen Church (Jersey City) \$100,000 for Old Bergen Church Cemetery Open Space
 Project
- PI-08-18 Town of Kearny \$500,000 for Gunnell Oval Recreation Improvements
- PI-09-18 Township of North Bergen \$500,000 for Policemen's Memorial Park Improvements
- PI-10-18 Town of Secaucus \$500,000 for Meadowlands Parkways Indoor Sports Facility
- PI-11-18 City of Union City \$187,025 for 38th Street Playground Improvements
- PI-12-18 City of Union City \$308,000 for Washington Park Improvements
- PI-13-18 Township of Weehawken \$500,000 for Weehawken Pier B Enhancement and Pedestrian Bridge
- PI-14-18 Town of West New York \$500,000 for Recreation and Safety Enhancements at Patricia McEldowney Field
- PI-15-18 Hudson County Division of Parks \$500,000 for Mercer Park Improvements
- PI-16-18 Hudson County Division of Parks \$450,000 for Laurel Hill Park Shoreline Improvements

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Sincerely,

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