



The County of Hudson

2017

Open Space
Advisory Board
Recommendations
Report

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INTRODUCTION

Through the fully reinstated 1 cent tax levy, funding was made available to provide grants for the 2016-2017 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-four (24) Letter of Intents requesting approximately \$14.4 million** in funding. Categorically, the County received Letters of Intent for **three (3) Historic Preservation Project, three (3) Open Space Acquisition projects, and seventeen (17) Park Improvement Projects**. In terms of project location by municipality: **Bayonne submitted (3); Guttenberg (3); Harrison (2); Hoboken (3); Jersey City (4); Kearny (1); North Bergen (1); Secaucus (1); Union City (1); Weehawken (2); and West New York (3).**

The 2016-2017 tax levy has collected approximately \$5,746,072 to allocate in grant funding. Each Letter of Intent was reviewed in depth by the Division of Planning staff in early 2017. 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 2016-2017 application summarization chart and a brief description of each 2016-2017 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 (9-14) 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/>

FUNDING GUIDELINES

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 Purposes

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

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, 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).

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.

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:

1. 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

1. 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.
2. The County Executive shall submit the Advisory Board's recommendations with his/her funding allocations to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for its consideration.

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.

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.

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.

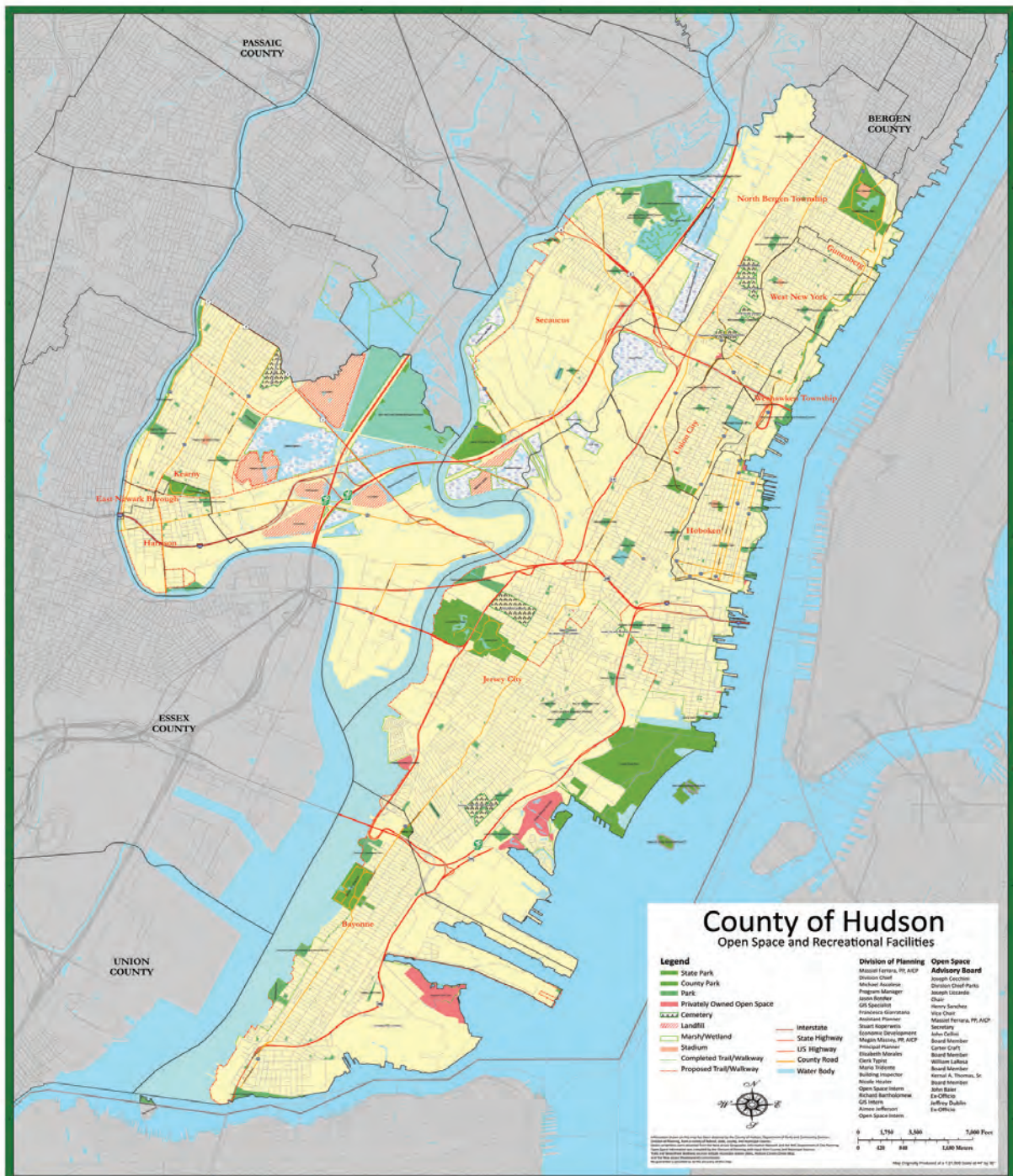
The primary responsibility of the Open Space Advisory Board is to systematically review applications for funding consideration for the Trust Fund. The Advisory Board assists with prioritization and recommendation of projects for open space, recreation, and historic preservation purposes.

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

2016-2017 Review Schedule	
Letter of Intent	October 14, 2016
One-on-One Meetings/Site Visits	September 2016- February 2017
Full Application	April 28, 2017
Advisory Board Presentations	May 12, 2017
County Executive Recommendations	June 13, 2017
Public Hearing on Funding Recommendations	August 10, 2017
Anticipated Approval by Board of Chosen Freeholders	September 28, 2017

2016-2017 Application Review Process & Letter of Intent

The following pages contain the Letter of Intent Checklist followed by a table listing the 7 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.



LETTER OF INTENT CHECKLIST

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current copy of <u>municipal tax map</u> (printed to 11" x 17" size) identifying block and lot to be acquired. 	Required		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current copy of Green Acres <u>Recreational and Open Space Inventory (ROSI)</u> 	Required		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Site Plans</u>, including landscape design and any floor plans. Plans should be prepared by a licensed professional (i.e. architect, 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		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakdown of construction and maintenance <u>cost estimates</u> including operations plan, prepared and signed and sealed by a licensed professional. 	Required		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Property ownership or lease</u> documents. 	Required		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Phased construction punch list</u> (ONLY items on this list will be reimbursable by HCOSTF grant) 	Required		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Contract documents</u> that include the credentials of the project team. 	Required		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Operation plan</u>- time line of phases 	Required		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Non Profits</u>-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		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Property appraisal</u> prepared in accordance with NJ DEP Green Acres Scope of Work for Appraisal Services, available online at the following webpage: http://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/appscope.pdf 	Required		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Preliminary assessment</u>, 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: http://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/prelim.htm 	Required		
	Yes	No	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Municipal resolution</u> authorizing the application (required for full application) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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: http://www.state.nj.us/dep/gis/depsplash.htm 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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: http://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/survey/scope.html 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital images, photographic slides, and/or prints of the project site, if available. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Letters of support</u> (i.e. municipal officials, local planning and zoning boards, neighborhood associations, residents). 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please review the <u>Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design</u> guidelines available on the web at: http://www.ada.gov/adastd94.pdf If applicable, have they been included in the Conceptual Site Plan? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>For Historic Preservation projects</u>: Adherence to the Interior Standards http://www.nj.gov/dep/hpo/3preserve/preserve.htm 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Type	Project Title	Municipality	Requested Amount
Park Improvement	Improvements to 52nd Street Playground	Bayonne	\$500,000
Park Improvement	Improvements to Sister Mariam Park	Bayonne	\$500,000
Park Improvement	Pocket Park Project	Guttenberg	\$216,627.50
Park Improvement	Sabello Field Renovation Project	Guttenberg	\$500,000
Park Improvement	Waterfront Cape May Street Park/Walkway - Park Development	Harrison	\$500,000
Historic Preservation	Cobblestone Rehabilitation	Hoboken	\$500,000
Park Improvement	Hoboken 9-11 Memorial	Hoboken	\$500,000

Previous Open Space Funding	Project Total Costs	Comments
	\$520,431	Not a municipal priority and limited local share.
	\$656,012	Not a municipal priority and limited local share.
	\$216,628	No official appraisal but would not be completed for full application. Cost estimate reflected both equipment and acquisition costs.
	\$1,374,000	Major Issue - lease with County isn't valid according to Green Acres; Issue with design as well.
	\$3,000,000	Property not acquired yet.
	\$500,000	Not eligible under program guidelines.
	\$1,467,000	Already out to bid. Did not fall into award timelines.

Type	Project Title	Municipality	Requested Amount
Park Improvement	Arlington Park Improvements	Jersey City	\$500,000
Park Improvement	Berry Lane Park - Skate Park	Jersey City	\$500,000
Park Improvement	NJCU Foundation Art Collection Preservation Project	Jersey City	\$22,575
Historic Preservation	Trust Company Building Historic Preservation	Weehawken	\$216,627.50
Park Improvement	Imperial Blvd. Connection	Wesr New York	\$500,000
Park Improvement	Historic Miller Stadium Infrastructure Improvement	West New York	\$506,875

Previous Open Space Funding	Project Total Costs	Comments
	\$598,041.03	Not a municipal priority.
	\$887,551	Not a municipal priority; will use other sources.
	\$22,575	No project details or operation/management plan; limited correlation to eligibility requirements.
	\$1,000,000	Not on historic register/no COE.
	\$672,125	Not eligible under program guidelines.
	\$1,013,750	Not on historic register/no COE.

2016 - 2017 OPEN SPACE FULL APPLICATION SUMMARIES

Arranged by Assigned Application Number

Applicants whose projects were recommended for full application submitted the full application on April 28, 2017. The full application included additional narratives, an initial finance sheet, cost estimates, a municipal resolution endorsing the project, and a required checklist for the 3 eligible categories for funding: Acquisitions, Park Improvements, and Historic Preservation. The 2013 funding guidelines encouraged partnerships between non-profit 501c(3)s and their local municipalities. The partnership ensures that the municipality is included in the application process and grant agreements if awarded.

The following section includes a description of the 10 full applications with a summary breakdown of costs, municipal match, and additional grants awarded to the project. The Board met in March to review each application and hear presentations from the applicants. Recommendations from the Open Space Advisory Board are included for each application below the cost breakdown. Board recommendations were made with regard to eligible costs for reimbursement through the Trust Fund, public accessibility, and additional activities to be considered on site. **Out of the 11 full applications, 10 are being recommended for funding as per the public posting.**

**REVISED MEETING NOTICE COUNTY OF HUDSON
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2017
OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND ALLOCATIONS**

Please Take Notice: As required by the State of New Jersey in N.J.S.A. 40:12-15, et seq., the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders will conduct a public hearing on the proposed allocations of its Open Space Trust Fund for Funding Year 2017 on **August 10, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.**, in the Freeholder Chambers, 567 Pavonia Avenue, 1st Floor, Jersey, City, New Jersey, at which time public comment will be taken.

In accordance with the N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.3(d), the County of Hudson is proposing the following funding allocations totaling \$5,746,072.37 from the Hudson County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the Trust Fund's 2017 funding cycle:

Open Space Acquisition Projects totaling \$1,800,000 as follows:

- Town of Harrison - \$900,000 for Waterfront Cape May Street Park/Walkway Acquisition
- City of Hoboken - \$900,000 for the Southwest Park Expansion Acquisition

Parks and Recreation Improvement Projects totaling \$3,446,072.37 as follows:

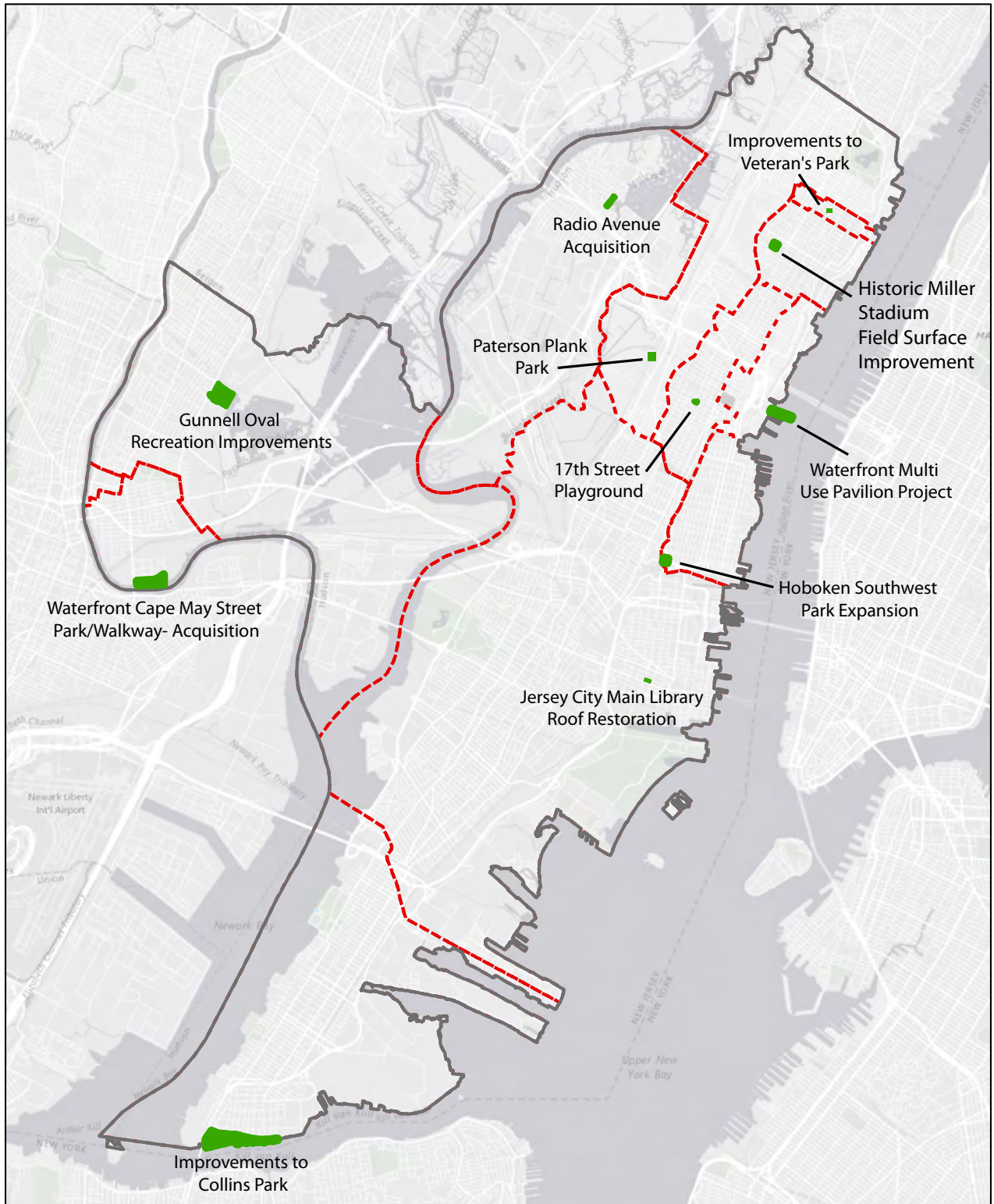
- City of Bayonne - \$448,000 for Improvements to Collins Parks
- Town of Guttenberg - \$329,073.10 for Improvements to Veteran's Park
- Town of Kearny - \$445,000 for Gunnell Oval Recreation Improvements
- Township of North Bergen - \$350,000 for Paterson Plank Park
- City of Union City- \$500,000 for 17th Street Playground Improvements
- Township of Weehawken - \$900,000 for the Waterfront Multi-Use Pavilion Project
- Town of West New York - \$473,999.27 for Miller Stadium Field Surface Improvement

Historic Preservation Projects totaling \$500,000 as follows:

- City of Jersey City - \$500,000 for the Restoration of Building Roof at the Main Library

The anticipated commencement date for these proposed projects is on or about September 28, 2017. The anticipated completion date for these proposed projects is by or about September 28, 2019.

The public may submit written comments to the County on or before the date of the public hearing, or request additional information, by contacting Alberto G. Santos, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, 567 Pavonia Avenue, 1st Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07306, (201) 795-6001.



Park Improvements Improvements to Collins Park

Project Description

Located along the Kill Van Kull next to the Bayonne Bridge, Phase I of the Collins Park Improvement Project will add additional amenities to the park for use by the Community of Bayonne, especially the community's youth. This project aims to complete a full reconstruction of walkways, playground area, and dog parks. There will also be improvements to sport facilities such as the reinvention of existing tennis courts, flag football/baseball field, basketball courts, volleyball court, as well as the construction of a new hockey rink, soccer court, and yoga area. Additionally a seated patio/altar area will be placed, providing ADA-compliant features throughout the park. The contract for the first phase has been awarded and will be completed by early 2018. A second phase will be constructed. This project will boast Bayonne's Collins Park as the new standard for future construction within Hudson County.

Summary

Project Name: Improvements to Collins Park
 Applicant: City of Bayonne
 Municipality: Bayonne
 Application #: PI-01-07
 County Freeholder District: 1

Total Phase I Costs:	\$1,719,675
Total Project Costs:	\$3,073,573
Local Share:	\$573,573

Other Shares:	\$2,000,000 - Port Authority
	\$52,071 - Reprogrammed funds from previous HC OSTF awards

County Executive Recommendation: \$448,000



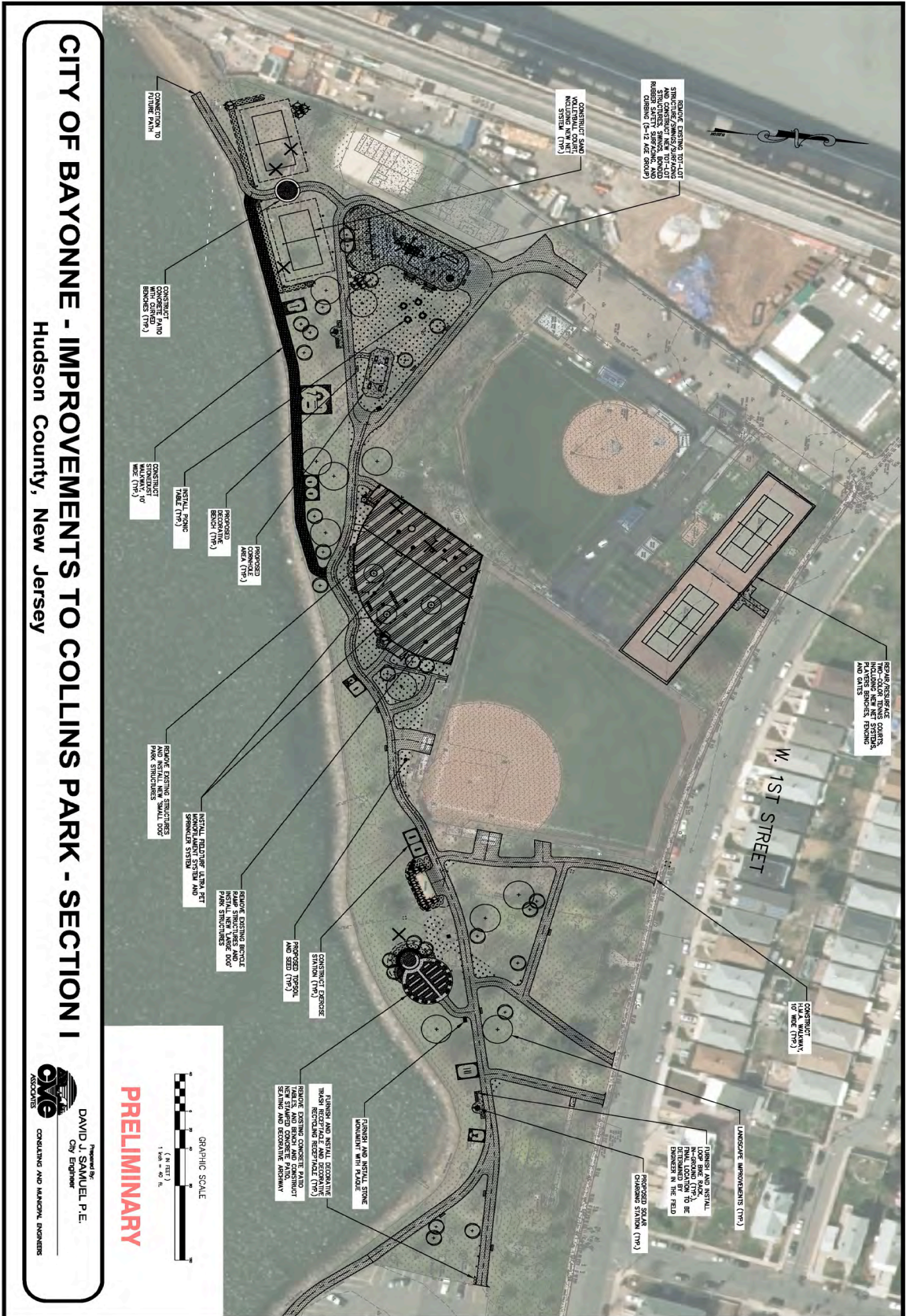
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Improvements to Collins Park
West 1st St. Between J.F.K Blvd and Avenue C
Bayonne NJ, 07002
Blocks 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, & 392
Lots 1-8, 1-2, 1-6, 1-4, 1-2, 1-2, & 1-15

0 335 670 1,340 Feet



Collins Park
Site Plan



CITY OF BAYONNE - IMPROVEMENTS TO COLLINS PARK - SECTION I
 Hudson County, New Jersey

DAVID J. BEL, P.E.
DAVID BEL & ASSOCIATES
 CONSULTING AND MANAGER ENGINEERS

PRELIMINARY

GRAPHIC SCALE
 1" = 50'
 1" = 100'



Collins Park
Existing Conditions - Dog Park



Collins Park
Existing Conditions - Playground

Park Improvements Improvements to Veteran's Park

Project Description

Due to its small size and high population, Guttenberg is the most densely populated town in the county as well as the country. Consequently, the limited space within Guttenberg's borders results in a limited amount of open space for the community. Existing open space in the town must be of high quality to ensure that Guttenberg residents have their recreation requirements met. This is especially important for the "low-moderate" income demographic, as numerous studies link open space and improvements in public health within areas of poverty. Therefore, the town is proposing an improvement project for Veteran's Park. The improvements include new playground equipment and new picnic tables. They also include amenities such as water fountains, benches, new surfaces, fencing, and plumbing/electric system upgrades. The expected completion of this project is early 2018.

Summary

Project Name: Improvements to Veteran's Park
Applicant: Town of Guttenberg
Municipality: Guttenberg
Application #: PI-02-17
County Freeholder District: 7

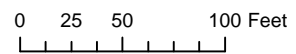
Total Project Costs: \$479,073
Local Share: \$150,000

County Executive Recommendation: \$329,073



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Veterans Park Renovation Project
315-23 69th St
Guttenberg NJ, 07093
Block 20, Lot 16





**Veteran's Park Improvements
Existing Conditions - Picnic Tables**



**Veteran's Park Improvements
Existing Conditions - Playground**

Park Improvements Waterfront Cape May Street Park/Walkway Acquisition

Project Description

The purpose of the Waterfront Redevelopment Plan is to redevelop and revitalize around 250 acres of the former industrial waterfront area along the Passaic River, in order to provide the community of Harrison with improved recreation and amenities. The town is seeking funding to assist with the acquisition of a 9-acre site that will continue to implement the walkway along the Passaic River. The proposed park will include fitness stations, dog park, vistas, a food truck plaza, playing fields, wetland creation, and also signage relating to the ecology of the waterfront. The acquisition of this site will ensure public access to the Passaic River, a valuable resource that is currently sorely neglected and grossly underutilized. The acquisition is expected to be completed by December 2018 and park development is expected to be completed in 2019.

Summary

Project Name: Waterfront Cape May Street Park/Walkway Acquisition
 Applicant: Town of Harrison
 Municipality: Harrison
 Application #: OS-03-17
 County Freeholder District: 9

Total Estimated Property Costs: \$3,735,000

Other share: \$1,800,000 - NJDEP Office of Natural Resource Restoration: Passaic River - (Received)
 \$825,000 (approximately) Green Acres Local Government Assistance (2014) - (Received)
 \$213,225 Green Acres Local Government Assistance (2017) - (Pending)

County Executive Recommendation: \$900,000



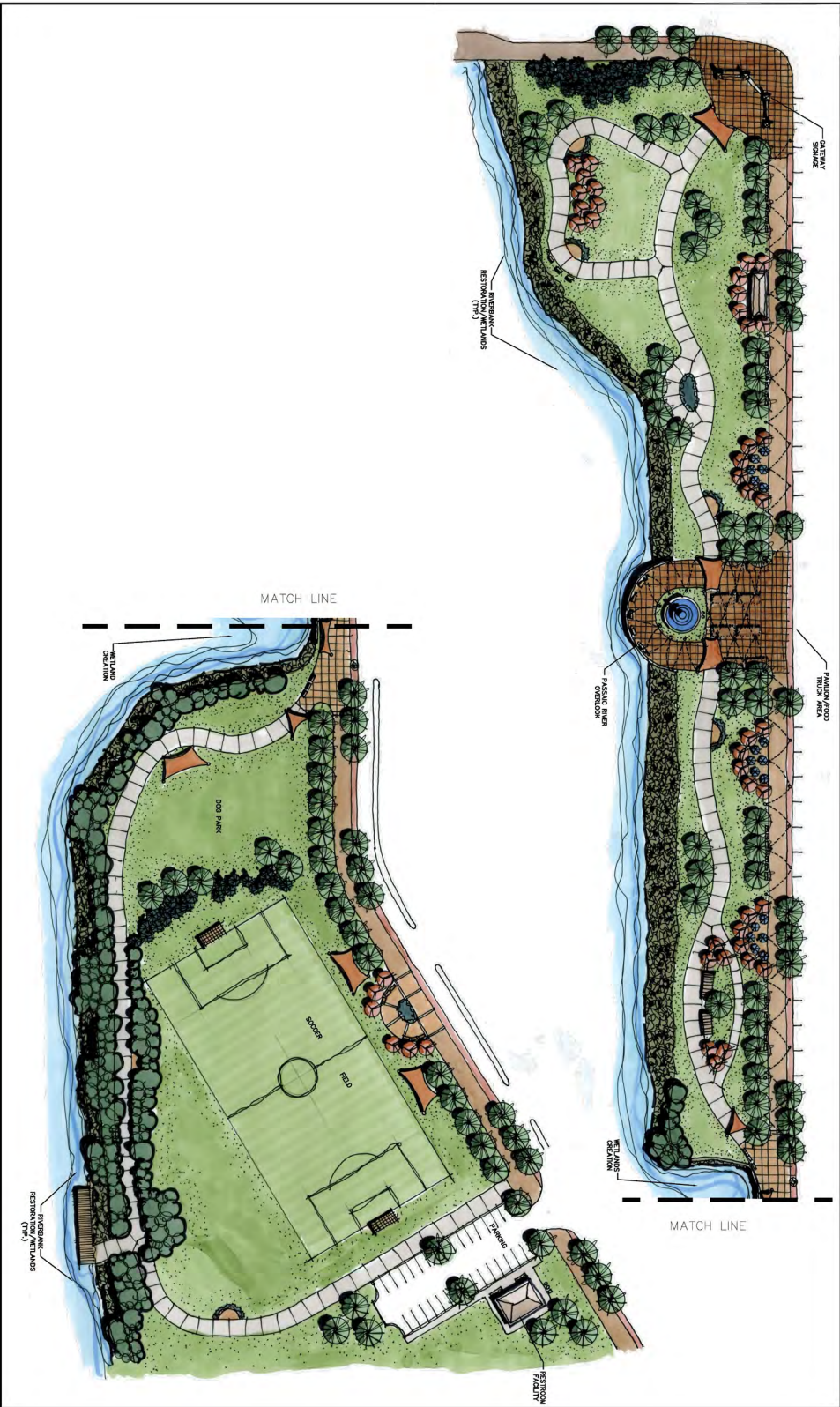
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Waterfront Cape Walkway Acquisition
Cape May Street
Harrison NJ, 07029
Block 143, Lots 7.01 & 7.02

0 120 240 480 Feet



Waterfront Cape May Street Park Concept Plan



CAPE MAY STREET PARK

BLOCK 143, LOTS 7.01, 7.02 & 43
TOWN OF HARRISON, HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MidAtlantic
Engineering Partners

PREPARED BY: CFTJ
SCALE: NTS
PROJECT NUMBER: DEH-63
DATE: 09/07/16



**Waterfront Cape May Street Park
Existing Conditions - Waterfront View**



**Waterfront Cape May Street Park
Existing Conditions - Cape May St. (Walkway Site)**

Park Improvements Southwest Park Expansion

Project Description

The City of Hoboken seeks funding to expand Southwest Park by adding 39,000 square feet of vacant land and improve upon the Southwest neighborhood's limited green space. This project will not only provide Hoboken residents with additional space for recreation, but will work to mitigate storm water damage as well. Upon receiving funding, the city will engage in a robust, community-driven public planning process to determine best practices for planning and design. This including includes passive and active recreational opportunities, as well as green infrastructure. The city will consider using green infrastructure to capture storm water, reduce non-point source pollution, and lessen the effects of combined sewer overflows and back-ups during rain events. The city will acquire the property by the end of 2017.

Summary

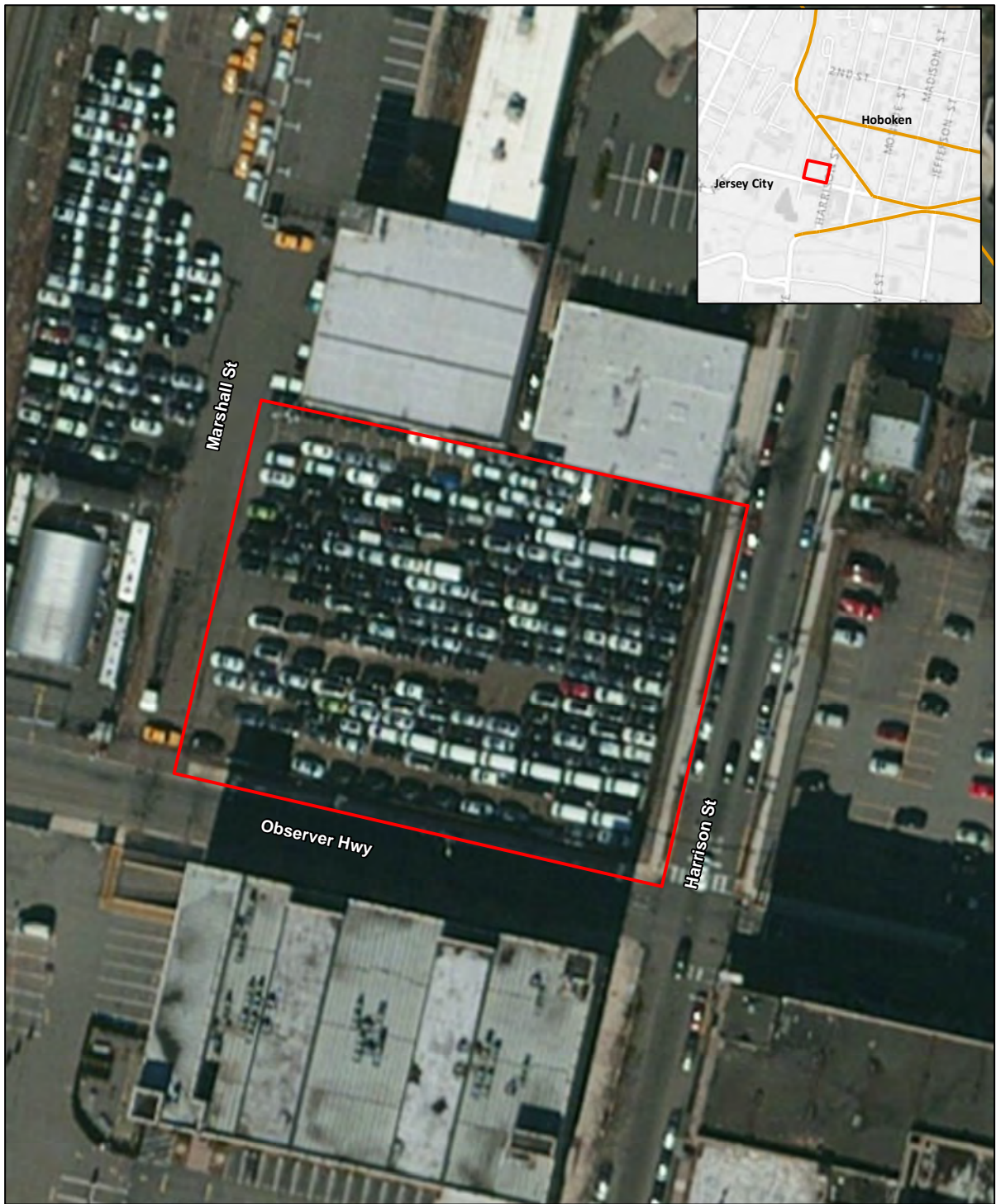
Project Name: Southwest Park Expansion
 Applicant: City of Hoboken
 Municipality: Hoboken
 Application #: OS-04-17
 County Freeholder District: 5

Total Estimated Property Costs: \$5,000,000

Other Share: \$1,000,000 - Green Acres Grant (2017)

The city will contribute its local share through City Open Space Trust Funds and possibly through pending awards from Green Acres and/or NJ Infrastructure Trust Fund Loan Program.

County Executive Recommendation: \$900,000



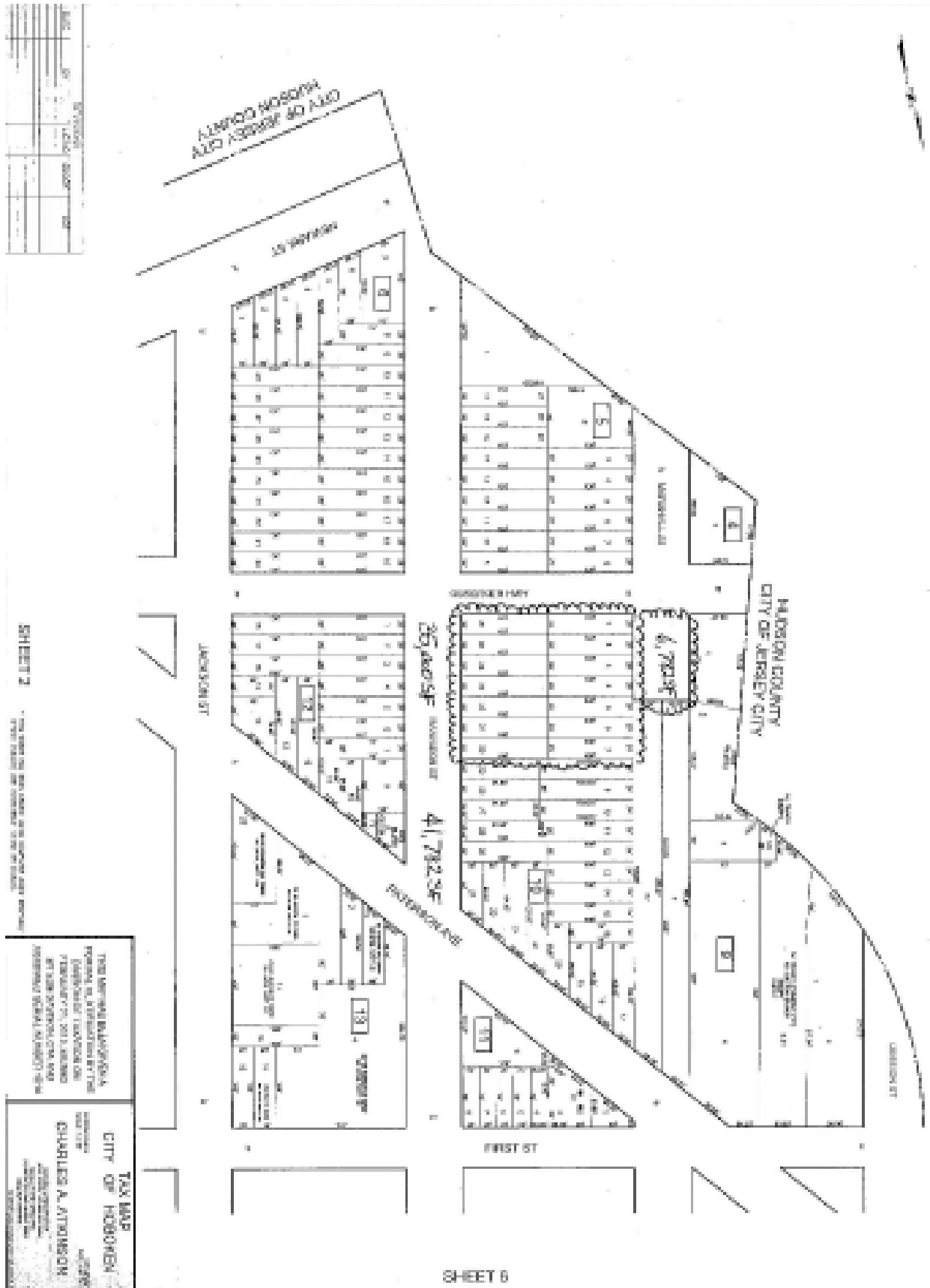
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Southwest Park Expansion
51 Marshall Street
Hoboken NJ, 07030
Block 10, Lots 1-7 & 30-36

0 20 40 80 Feet



Southwest Park
Site Plan





**Southwest Park
Existing Conditions**



**Southwest Park
Existing Conditions**

**Historic Preservation
Jersey City Main Library Roof Restoration**

Project Description

Located in the center of the Van Vorst Park Historic District, the Jersey City Free Public Library has been providing knowledge and information to its community for centuries. The library is requesting funding for the project to assist with its second phase, which calls for the restoration and replacement of deteriorating features within the structure. Specifically, this includes restoration of mansard roof structures, slate roofing, ornamental copper cresting at the roof perimeter, and rooftop penthouse. In addition, extensively corroded sheet metal walls of the penthouse will be replaced. Restoration of penthouse windows includes reglazing and replacement of the detective sash and installation of motorized operators of the windows for ventilation of the fourth floor exhibition halls. The project also calls for replacement of deteriorated copper ornaments at the mansard roof crest.

Summary

Project Name: Jersey City Main Library Roof Restoration
Applicant: City of Jersey City
Municipality: Jersey City
Application #: HP-05-17
County Freeholder District: 3

Total Project Costs: \$978,000
Local Share: \$478,000

County Executive Recommendation: \$500,000



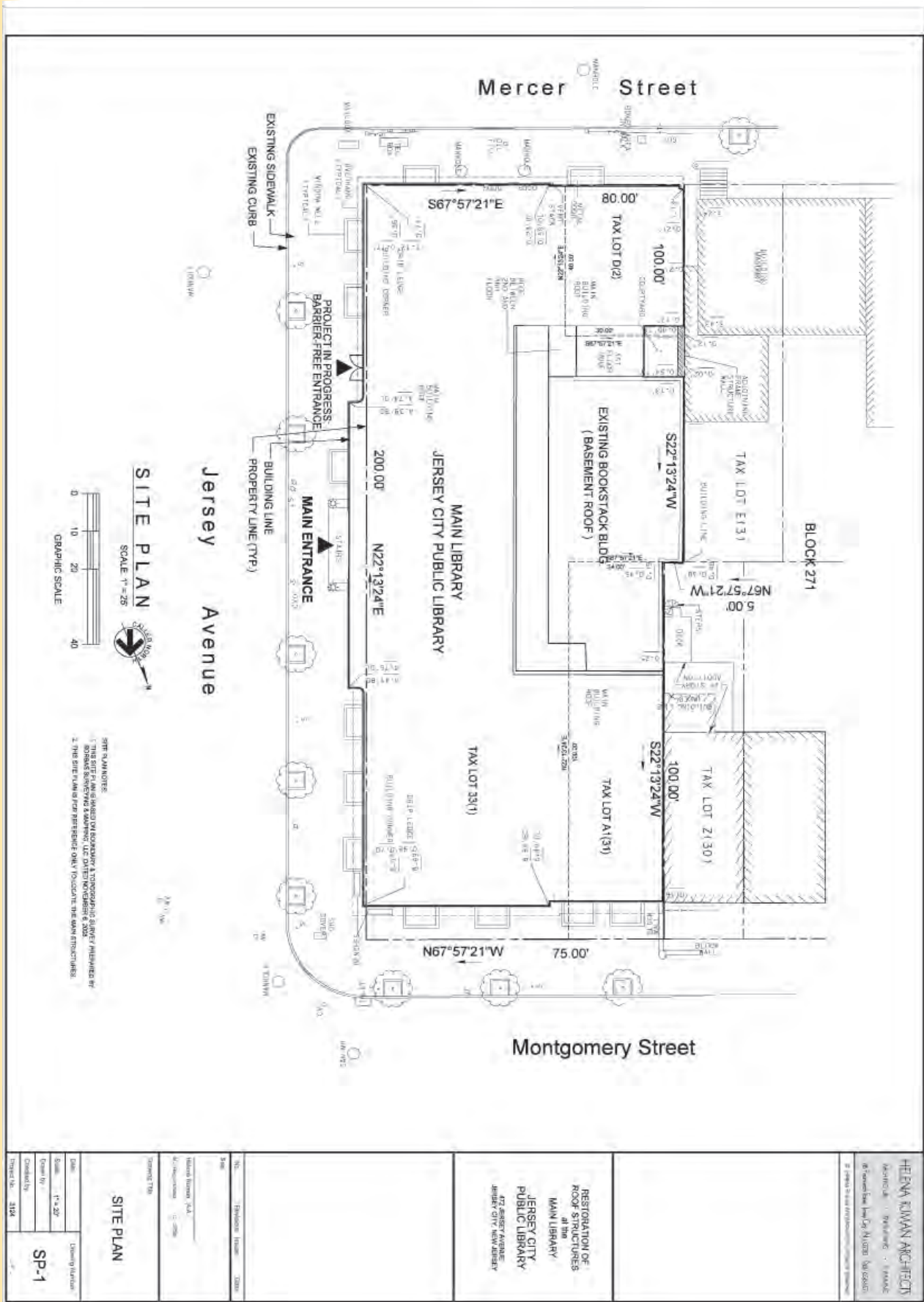
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Restoration of Roof at Main Library
472 Jersey Avenue
Jersey City NJ, 07302
Block 12804, Lot 1

0 25 50 100 Feet



Main Library
Site Plan





Main Library Roof Restoration
Existing Conditions - Ornamental Copper Cresting



Main Library Roof Restoration
Existing Conditions - Penthouse

**Park Improvements
Gunnell Oval Recreation Improvements**

Project Description

In order to further provide recreational opportunities for the community of Kearny, the town is seeking funding for a complete renovation of the existing Gunnell Oval Recreational Complex. Funding will assist with improvements including a proposed playground area, fitness areas, picnic areas, basketball courts, tennis courts, baseball, softball, and soccer fields. The project also seeks to improve stormwater management and will achieve this through a direct runoff collection via artificial turf underdrain systems, detention systems for volume control, water quality units, and improved outfalls to the tidal Kearny Marsh with backflow preventer. Coupled with elevating the fields out of the floodplain, these improvements provide a more resilient development while strengthening the adjacent critical environmental resources.

Construction documents for this project will be out by Fall of 2017 and the estimated park opening will be Fall of 2018.

Summary

Project Name: Gunnell Oval Recreation Improvements
Applicant: Town of Kearny
Municipality: Kearny
Application #: PI-06-17
County Freeholder District: 9

Total Project Costs: \$21,394,975

Other Share: \$56,273 - Reprogrammed funds from previous HC OSTF award

The Town will utilize a pending loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Program (NJEIFP) and a Green Acres award for the full project cost.

County Executive Recommendation: \$445,000



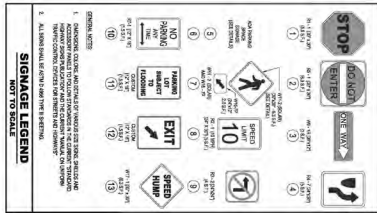
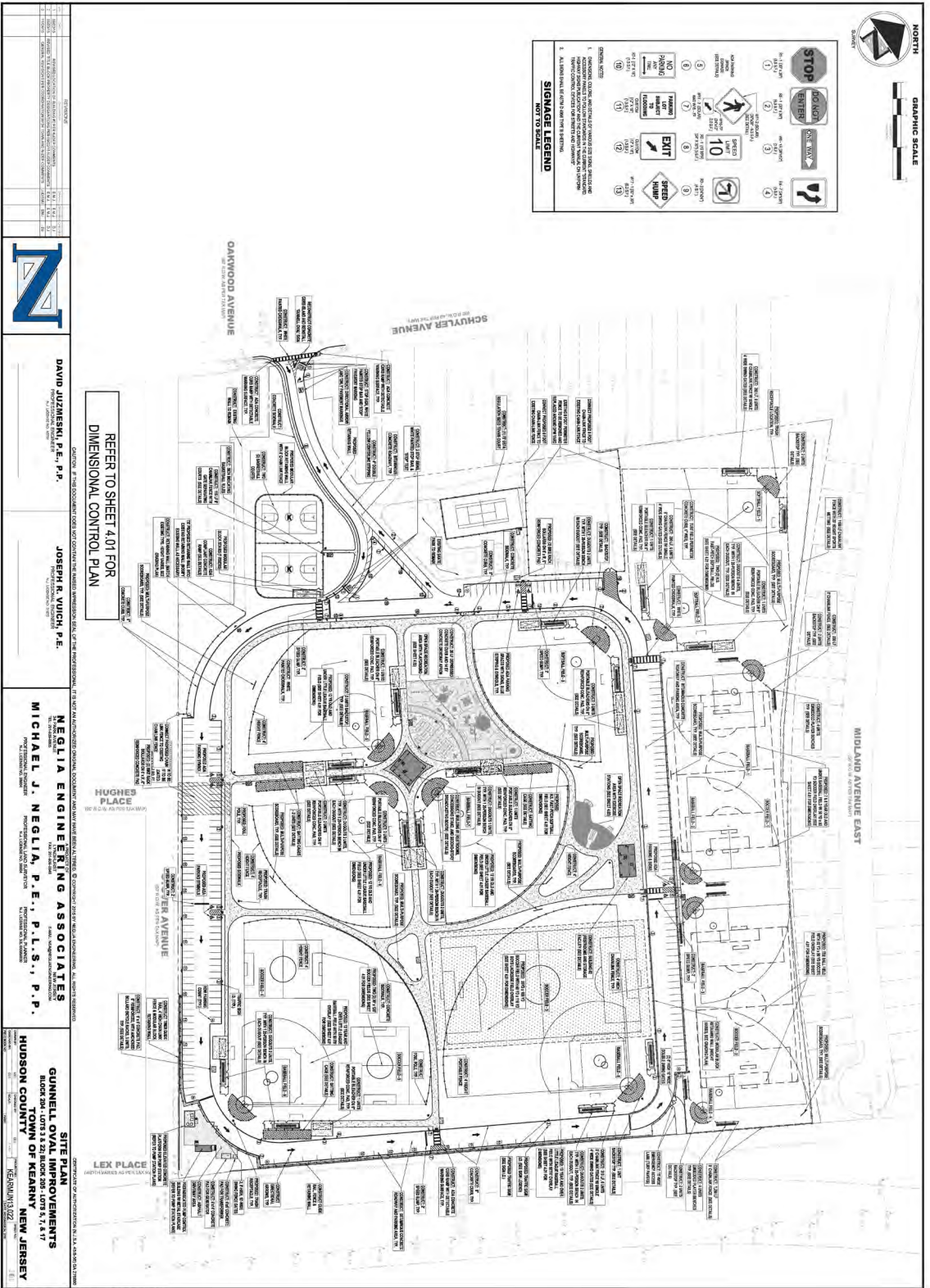
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Gunnel Oval Recreation Improvements
Camman Drive
Kearny, NJ 07032
Block 204, Lot 3

0 95 190 380 Feet



Gunnell Oval Improvements Site Plan



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SITE PLAN
GUNNELL OVAL IMPROVEMENTS
BLOCK 254 - LOTS 1, 2; BLOCK 255 - LOTS 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TOWN OF KEARNY
HUDSON COUNTY



Gunnell Oval Improvements
Existing Conditions - Basketball Courts



Gunnell Oval Improvements
Existing Conditions - Baseball Fields

Park Construction Paterson Plank Park

Project Description

The town of North Bergen is seeking funding to construct a park, in order to improve upon the limited open space on Paterson Plank Road. The park will include amenities such as play structures designated for two different age groups, two swing sets, a spray feature, an irrigated lawn for passive and active use, picnic tables, and a scenic viewpoint overlooking the New Jersey Meadowlands. The park will also feature shrubs, shade trees, bicycle racks, and trash receptacles. In addition, the park will be surrounded by a perimeter fence and will include a supporting parking area. Through the construction of Paterson Plank Park, the town of North Bergen hopes to provide its residents with adequate opportunities for recreation. To also ensure adequate use, a crosswalk and safety improvements will be installed across the street. Since the developer for the adjacent property will complete the demolition on the site, construction is set to begin in the spring of 2018 to complement the development's construction schedule. Park development is estimated to be completed by the end of 2018.

Summary

Project Name: Paterson Plank Park
 Applicant: Town of North Bergen
 Municipality: North Bergen
 Application #: PI-07-17
 County Freeholder District: 8

Total Project Costs: \$1,022,015
 Local Share: \$522,015

Other Share: \$150,000 - previous HC OSTF award

County Executive Recommendation: \$350,000



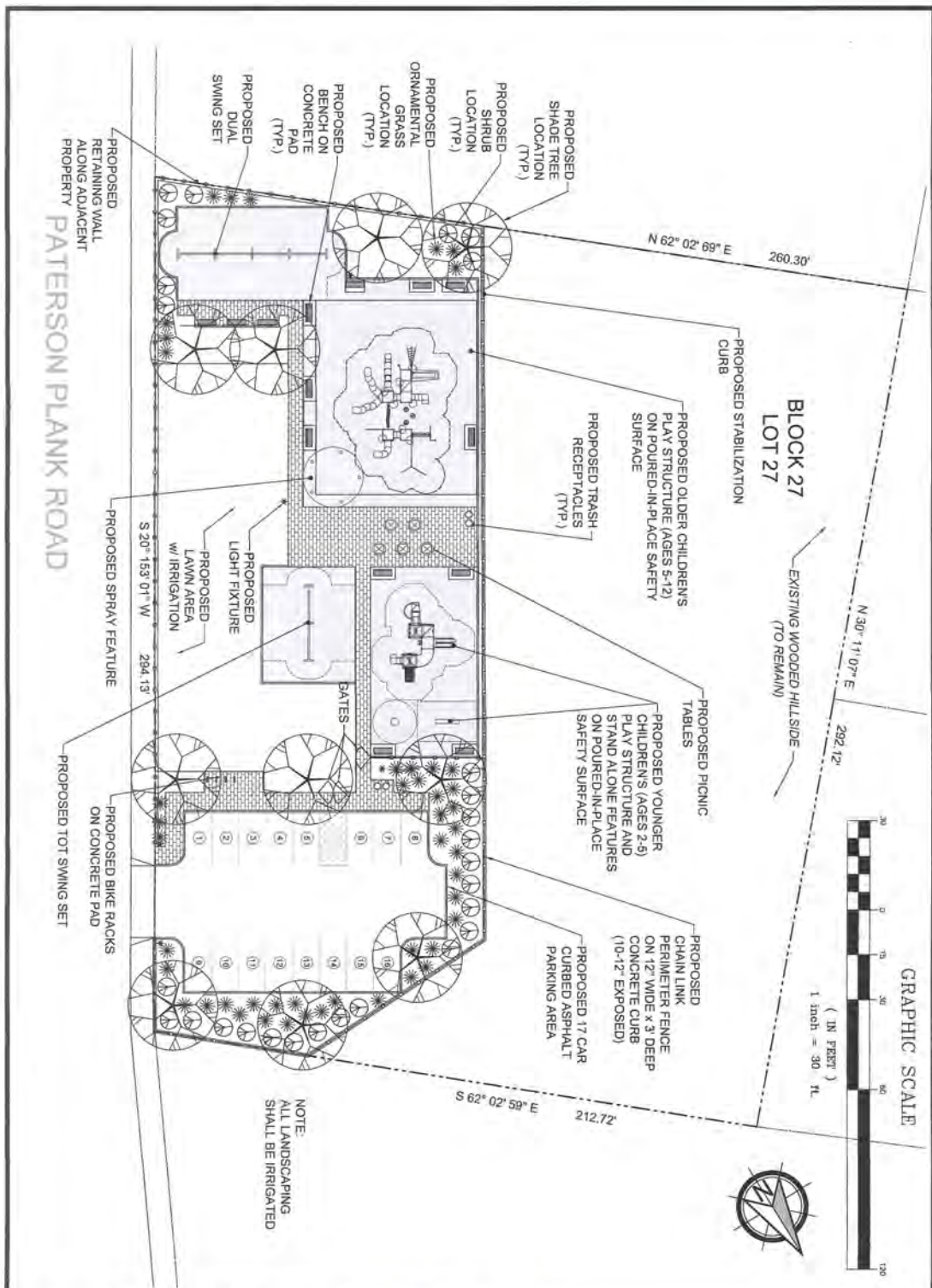
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Veterans Park Renovation Project
315-23 69th St
Guttenberg NJ, 07093
Block 20, Lot 16

0 60 120 240 Feet



Paterston Plank Park
Concept Plan



NOTE:
ALL LANDSCAPING
SHALL BE IRRIGATED

<p>CONCEPT PLAN BLOCK 280, LOTS 40 & 40.01</p>		<p><i>Richard G. Arango</i> RICHARD G. ARANGO NJ PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER LIC. NO. 38882</p>		<p>DATE: 9-30-2015</p>						
<p>REMINGTON VERNICK AND ARANGO ENGINEERS 300 PENHORN AVENUE, 3 RD FLOOR, SECAUCUS, NJ 07094 (201) 624-2137, FAX (201) 624-2136, WEB SITE ADDRESS: WWW.RVE.COM CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION: 24 GA 28003800</p>		<p>1811 PATERSON PLANK ROAD PLAYGROUND PARK NORTH BERGEN, HUDSON COUNTY, NJ</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>SCALE: 1" = 30'-0"</td> <td>DATE: 9-30-15</td> <td>DWG. NO.:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DRAWN BY: P.A.W.</td> <td>DSGN. BY: P.A.W.</td> <td>CHKD BY: R.G.A.</td> </tr> </table>			SCALE: 1" = 30'-0"	DATE: 9-30-15	DWG. NO.:	DRAWN BY: P.A.W.	DSGN. BY: P.A.W.	CHKD BY: R.G.A.
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Paterson Plank Park
Existing Conditions



CONCEPT PLAN FOR A PROPOSED
GREEN ACRES PARK
PATERSON PLANK ROAD, NORTH BERGEN,
HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



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Paterson Plank Park
Concept Rendering

Land Acquisition Radio Avenue Land Acquisition

Project Description

In an area bordered by the NJ Turnpike and NJ State Highway 3, Secaucus seeks to strengthen critical resources and wildlife habitat with the preservation of these twelve lots. With the Monarch Butterfly suffering major population loss recently, a Monarch Butterfly Meadow along Radio Avenue would demonstrate an ecological landscape approach that supports the surrounding wetlands habitat. The project also seeks to reduce pollution and erosion from excess storm water with a rain garden, which will capture polluted rainwater before it can reach storm drains. Ultimately, the land acquisition will improve the environmental qualities of Secaucus and thus improve the quality of life for its residents. The town has completed their initial phases of the butterfly garden.

Summary

Project Name: Radio Avenue Land Acquisition
Applicant: Town of Secaucus
Municipality: Secaucus
Application #: OS-08-17
County Freeholder District: 8

Total Project Costs: \$2,500,000

Other Share: \$200,000 - Reprogrammed funds from previous HC
OSTF award

County Executive Recommendation:

The County will use its existing Planning Incentive Grant to reimburse the Town for this acquisition.



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Radio Avenue Open Space Land Acquisition
24-50 Radio Avenue
Secaucus NJ, 07094
Block 183, Lots 27-33 & 35-39

0 70 140 280 Feet



SHEET NO. 33



Radio Avenue
Tax Map

TAX MAP
TOWN OF SECAUCUS
 HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
 JOSEPH M. LYNCH, NO. 8273
 333 MEADOWLAND PKWY, SECAUCUS, N.J.
 SCALE: 1" = 100' DECEMBER 31, 1982
 TO SHOW CONDITIONS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1981

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
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Radio Avenue
Existing Conditions



Radio Avenue
Existing Conditions

Park Improvements 17th Street Playground (Veteran's Park) Improvements

Project Description

The 17th Street Playground (to be renamed Veteran's Park) is located in a neighborhood of low and moderate income households who in many cases lack their own on site open space; an improved playground will provide a much needed recreational opportunity. The project will provide improved play equipment and the addition of water features. This project will also include grading, drainage improvements, and significant amount of landscaping to mitigate stormwater damage. In order to meet ADA requirements, the project will also plan improvements towards handicapped accessibility. The rehabilitated facility will provide a much needed active play area for neighborhood children and other residents of the southern portion of the city. The contract for construction has been awarded and will be completed by the end of 2017.

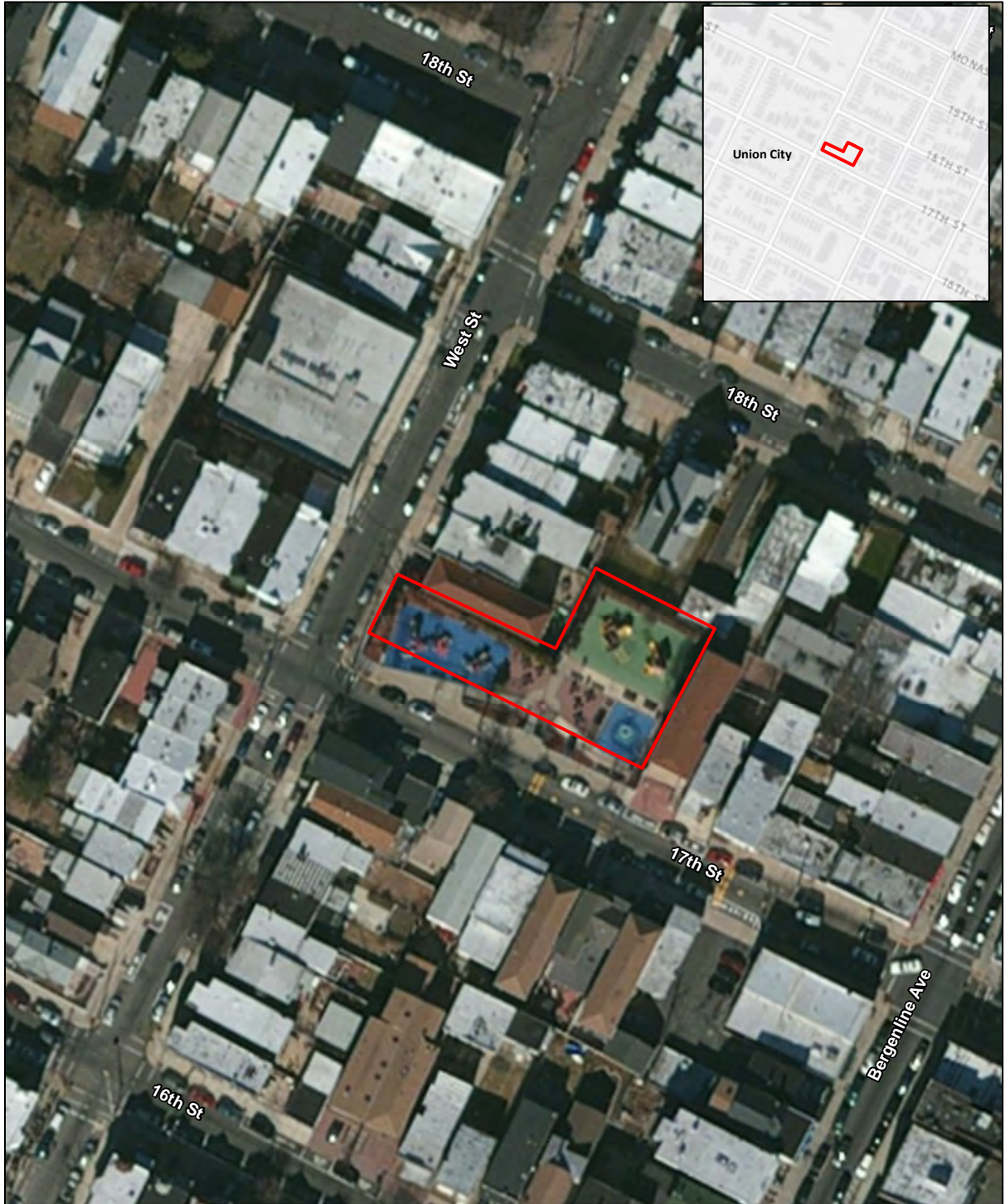
Summary

Project Name: 17th Street Playground Improvements
Applicant: City of Union City
Municipality: Union City
Application #: PI-09-17
County Freeholder District: 6

Total Project Costs: \$1,163,755
Local Share: \$628,755

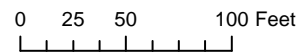
Other Share: \$35,000 - Reprogrammed funds from previous HC
OSTF award

County Executive Recommendation: \$500,000



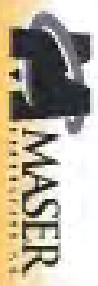
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17th St. Playground Improvements
NE Corner of 17th St and West St
Union City NJ, 07087
Block 91, Lot 22



17th St Playground
Site Plan

VETERAN'S PARK, UNION CITY, NJ





**17th St Playground
Existing Conditions - Tables**



**17th St Playground
Existing Conditions - Playground Equipment**

Park Improvements Waterfront Multi-Use Pavilion Project

Project Description

The proposed enhancements call for the addition of an outdoor ice hockey rink with surrounding deck, a floor cover to convert the rink into a basketball court in the warmer months, and an open space pavilion. These new elements will add to the diverse recreational options this complex currently provides and the capabilities of this multi-purpose rink will ensure that this facility will be utilized year-round. The Township of Weehawken believes this proposal will greatly enhance the quality of life for our residents and further incline residents of Hudson County to choose Weehawken's Waterfront Park when deciding upon where to engage in active recreation. Construction is set to begin in 2018 and the full build out will span about 2.5 years.

Summary

Project Name: Waterfront Multi-Use Pavilion Project
Applicant: Township of Weehawken
Municipality: Weehawken
Application #: PI-10-17
County Freeholder District: 7

Total Project Costs: \$10,656,907

Other share: \$1,000,000 - Green Acres Grant

County Executive Recommendation: \$900,000



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Waterfront Multi-Use Pavilion Project
400 Park Avenue Weehawken NJ 07086
Block 36.04 & Lot 6, 6.01



Weehawken Waterfront Recreation Complex and Park
Site Plan





Weehawken Waterfront Recreation Complex and Park



Weehawken Waterfront Recreation Complex and Park

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Park Improvements Historic Miller Stadium Field Surface Improvement

Project Description

Miller Stadium has been at the core of West New York's athletic success since 1914 and continues to be a historic centerpiece that countless youth have been able to enjoy. However, due to the increasing population density in West New York, recreational opportunities are becoming an increasingly valuable commodity. Therefore the town is seeking funding for an improvement project that will alleviate congestion and open up adequate space for recreation. Improvements to the stadium field include the installation of a synthetic turf, replacement of the backstop, a new scoreboard, new bleachers, and the installation of a new gate entrance. The project will be awarded before the end of 2017 and will be completed by 2018.

Summary

Project Name: Historic Miller Stadium Field Surface Improvement
Applicant: Town of West New York
Municipality: West New York
Application #: PI-11-17
County Freeholder District: 7

Total Project Costs: \$1,555,625

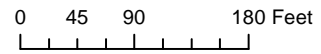
The Town plans to use CDBG and capital funds to cover the full project cost.

County Executive Recommendation: \$473,999.27

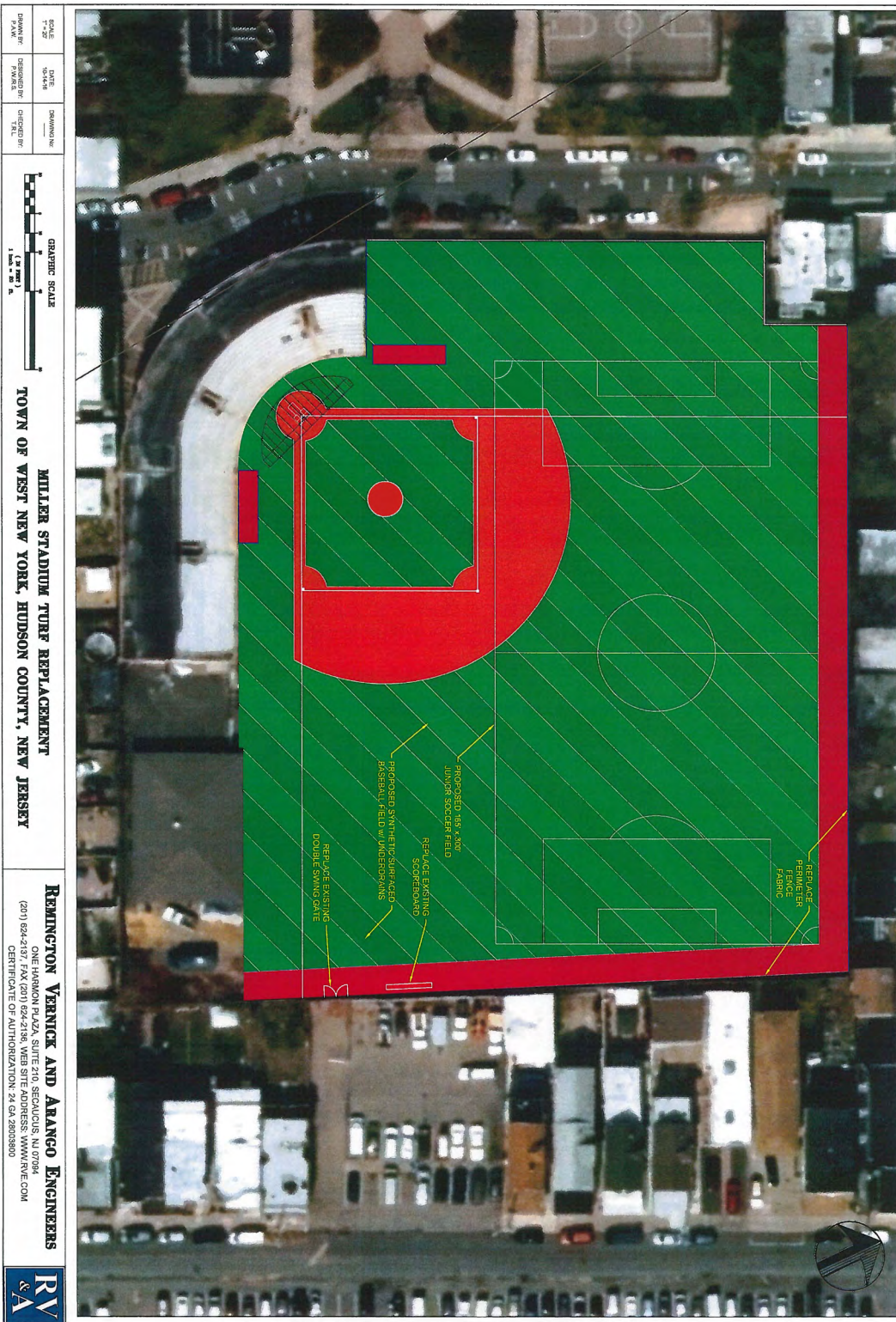


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Historic Miller Stadium Field Surface
5808 Jackson St,
West New York NJ, 07093
Block 126, Lot 50



Miller Stadium Field Surface Improvements Site Plan





Miller Stadium Field Surface Improvements
Existing Conditions - Backstop



Miller Stadium Field Surface Improvements
Existing Conditions - Bleachers