



**2022**

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY  
BOARD  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
REPORT**



**OPEN SPACE  
TRUST FUND**

HUDSON COUNTY • DIVISION OF PLANNING

**PENDING ADOPTION**

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# INTRODUCTION TO THE HUDSON COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

## ABOUT THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

Through funds collected in previous tax levies, funding was made available to provide grants for the 2022 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 public entity.

The County received fifteen (15) Letter of Intent requests requesting approximately \$6 million in funding. Categorically, the County received Letters of Intent for two (2) Historic Preservation Projects and thirteen (13) Park Improvement Projects. In terms of project location by municipality: Bayonne hosts (1); East Newark (3); Guttenberg (1); Hoboken (2); Jersey City (3); Kearny (1); North Bergen (2); Weehawken (1); and West New York (1).

The trust fund has approximately \$3,000,000 to allocate in grant funding. Due to the limited amount of funding, municipal applicants were made aware that award amounts will be less than in previous funding cycles. Each Letter of Intent was reviewed in depth by the Division of Planning staff in late 2021. 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 2022 LOI summarization chart and a brief description of each 2022 full application.

## MISSION STATEMENT

On June 26, 2003, the Hudson County Executive requested, and the Hudson County Board of County Commissioners 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 County Commissioners, 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 County Commissioners, 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 County Commissioners, 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 [hcnj.us/planning](http://hcnj.us/planning).

## 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 County Commissioners 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).

## 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 County Commissioners, 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 County Commissioners.
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 County Commissioners, 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 County Commissioners for its consideration where the project is located.

## **COMMISSIONER 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 County Commissioners shall authorize final approval for the project funding no earlier than 45 days after the public hearing.

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## **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 County Commissioners. 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 Board of County Commissioners for their consideration.

# GRANT AGREEMENT

1. Applicants that have been approved for funding will have two (2) months from the date of Commissioner 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 Commissioner 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 Commissioner 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.

Additionally, grantees must agree to a publicity agreement.

**2022**

**REVIEW**

**CYCLE**

\*Subject to change

## REVIEW SCHEDULE

Planning staff meets with municipalities individually	October 13 - October 28, 2021
Letters of Intent submittal due	December 6, 2021
Planning staff site visits	As necessary
Full application submittal period	January 21 - February 14, 2022
Applicant presentations to Open Space Advisory Board and planning staff	February 22, 2022
Public hearing on funding recommendations	April 13, 2022
Anticipated approval by Board of County Commissioners	June 9, 2022*



# LETTER OF INTENT CHECKLIST

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

# PROJECTS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

	PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT	TYPE	REQUESTED AMOUNT	PROJECT TOTAL COST	COMMENTS
East Newark	Searing Playground Improvements	Municipality	P.I.	\$27,000.00	\$27,550.00	Not the municipal priority.
	Veterans Playground Improvements	Municipality	P.I.	\$27,450.00	\$27,450.00	Not the municipal priority.
Guttenberg	Fireman's Memorial Park Development	Municipality	P.I.	\$500,000.00	\$802,986.00	No property documentation.
North Bergen	46th Street Field Improvements Project - Park Improvements	Municipality	P.I.	\$2,487,538	500,000.00	Not the municipal priority.
Jersey City	Old Bergen Church Cemetery Restoration	Old Bergen Church	H.P.	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	Outstanding grant balance.

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.

COUNTY OF HUDSON



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**THOMAS A. DE GISE  
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March 22, 2022

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 **\$3,000,000** in funding awards to the Board of County Commissioners for the following projects:

- PI-01-22 City of Bayonne - \$267,165 for Improvements to Sister Miriam Teresa Park
- PI-02-22 Borough of East Newark- \$19,000 for East Newark Recreation Center – Phase 2
- PI-03-22 City of Hoboken - \$192,101 for Hoboken Waterfront Rehabilitation - 16th Street Bulkhead
- PI-04-22 City of Hoboken - \$250,000 for Hudson River Waterfront Walkway Railing Replacement
- PI-05-22 City of Jersey City - \$435,000 for Pavonia Marion Park Improvement Project
- HP-06-22 City of Jersey City - \$500,000 for Loew's Theatre Jersey City Exterior Rehabilitation
- PI-07-22 Town of Kearny - \$236,734 for Kearny Roller Hockey Rink Rehabilitation
- PI-08-22 Township of North Bergen - \$500,000 for 46th Street Field Improvements Project
- PI-09-22 Township of Weehawken - \$300,000 for Weehawken Waterfront Walkway Rehabilitation
- PI-10-22 Town of West New York - \$300,000 for Miller Park Improvements – Phase 3

Sincerely,

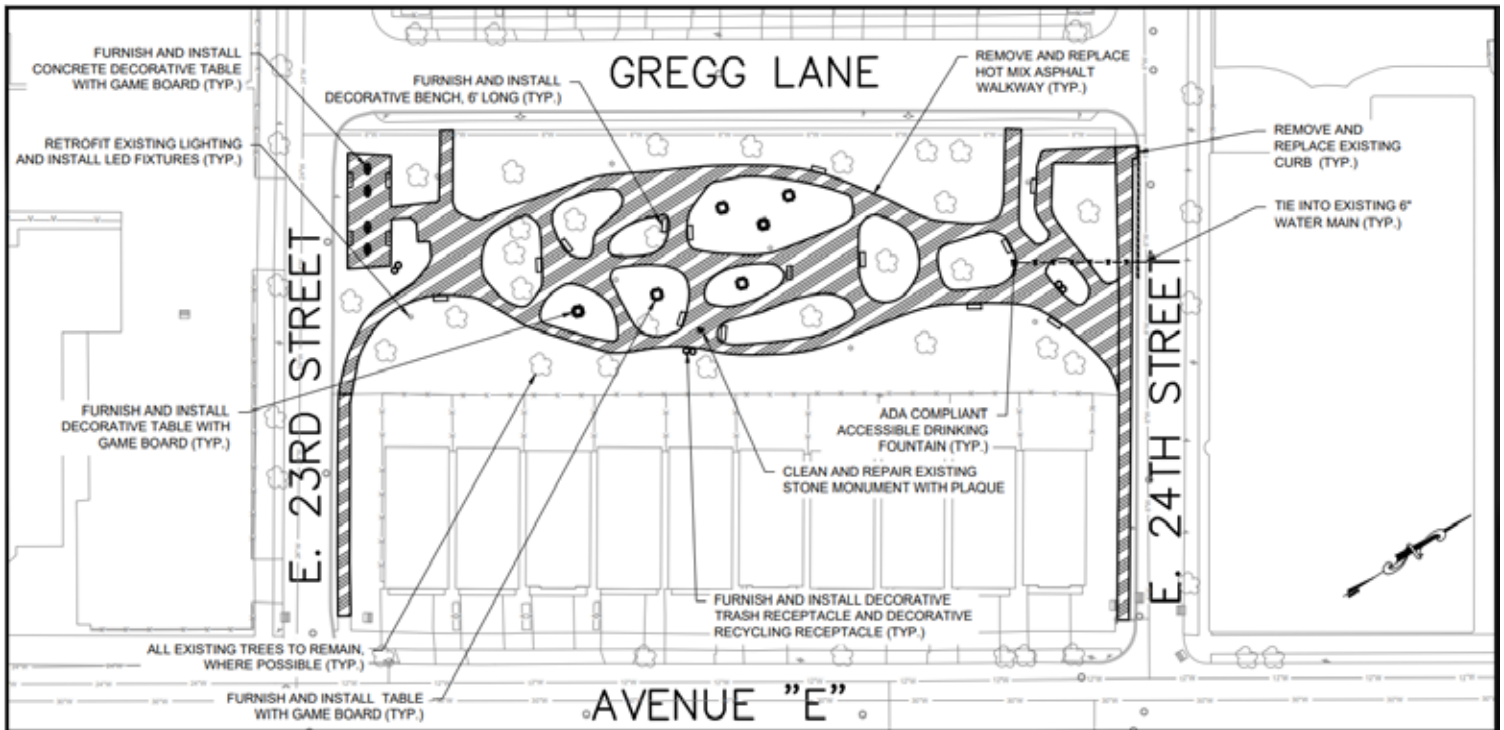
  
Thomas A. DeGise

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Thomas DeLeo, Director of Parks and Community Services  
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Francesca Giarratana, PP, AICP, Division Chief, Planning

Located along Gregg Lane, between E. 23 Street and E. 24th Street, encompassing approximately one (1) acre, the existing passive park is outdated and the existing walkways are in disrepair with various tripping hazards existing. The City is proposing an enhancement of the park by removing and replacing the walkway to achieve ADA compliance, installing an ADA accessible drinking fountain and improved amenities. A complete revitalization of the park will enable Bayonne to re-establish Sister Miriam Teresa Park as an attractive destination for passive recreational activities within the County. The scope of work will include the removal of all existing physical features with the exception of existing shade trees, installation of a new walkway, benches, picnic tables, ADA accessible picnic tables and drinking water fountain and decorative landscaping.

**Applicant:** City of Bayonne  
**Project Address:** Gregg Lane between E. 23rd St. and E. 24th St.

**Total Project Costs:** \$302,737  
**Requested Amount:** \$302,737  
**County Executive Recommendation:** \$267,165







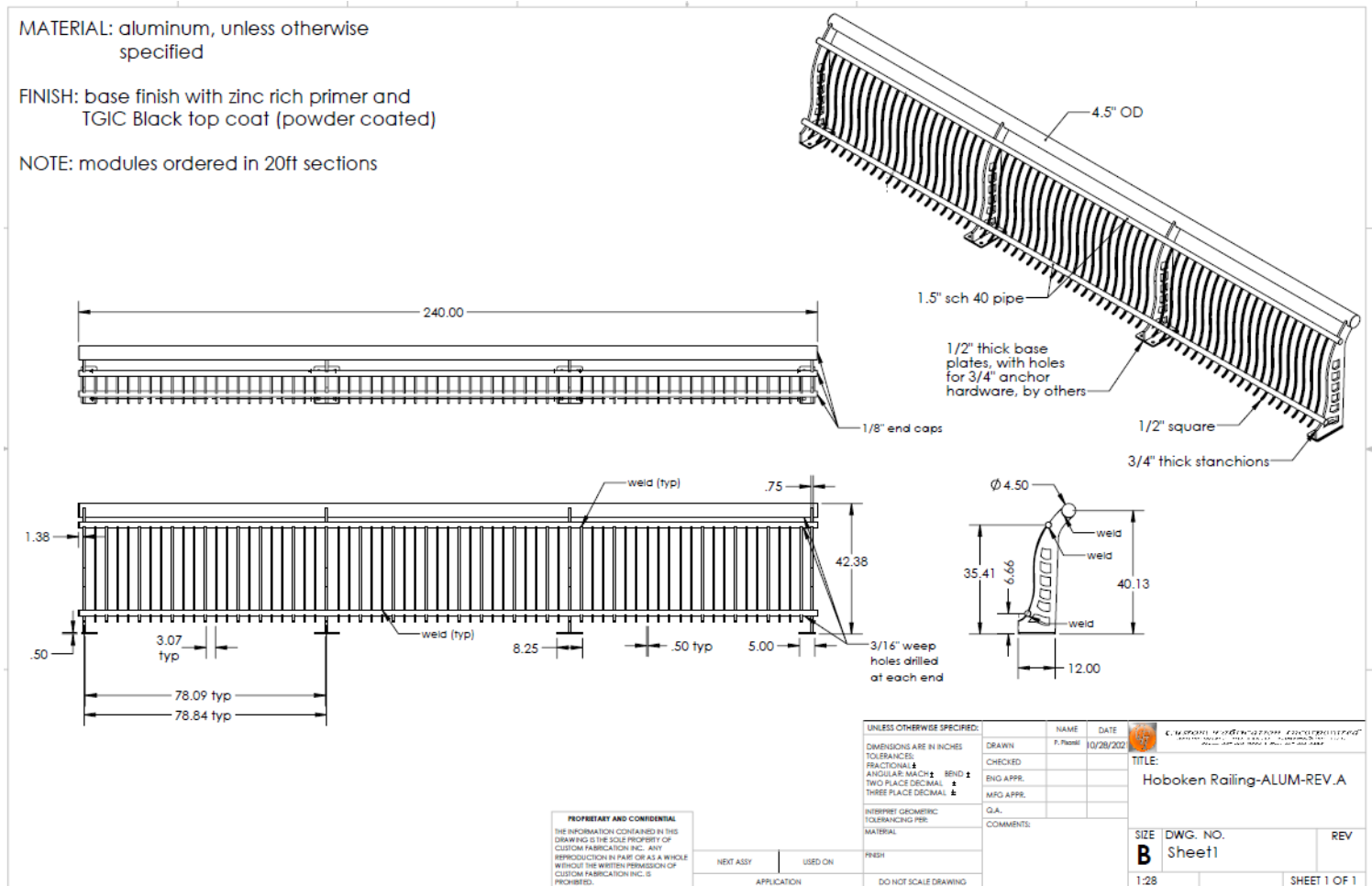
# HUDSON RIVER WATERFRONT WALKWAY RAILING REPLACEMENT

PI-04-22

The City of Hoboken is requesting funding from the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund to support the redevelopment of the Waterfront Walkway - specifically the replacement of the existing safety railing. The City is undertaking a multi-phase effort to restore the safety railing essential to preserving public access to the waterfront. New railings will be purchased in lengths of 20-feet and installed through a shared services agreement with local trade unions. The City plans to provide a continuous, uninterrupted waterfront walkway path. The Hudson River Waterfront Walkway - which spans the length of Hoboken but also extends throughout the Hudson River waterfront in Hudson County - is a multi-use path that allows for walking, biking, jogging, fishing, access to transit, and other activities.

**Applicant:** City of Hoboken  
**Project Address:** Hudson River Waterfront  
 (Sinatra Park from WWII Memorial to Weehawken)

**Total Project Costs:** \$600,000  
**Requested Amount:** \$500,000  
**County Executive Recommendation:** \$250,000



The City of Jersey City is requesting funds to replace a playground in the Pavonia Marion Park in the West Side and Journal Square section of the City. The current play structure is heavily utilized by youth and has experienced significant wear and tear. This project seeks to replace the existing play structure, install a new fence and install new lighting. The updates to the park will increase the parks visitors by creating a more attractive facility with updated amenities. The park will create an atmosphere that brings people outdoors to enjoy programs, exercise, and watch their children play.

This project will compliment the adjacent Martucci Field project, which was awarded \$500,000 from the Trust Fund in 2020. Any unused funds in the 2020 Pavonia Marion Park award may be reprogrammed to the playground.

<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>City of Jersey City</b>
Project Address:	1020 West Side Avenue
Total Project Costs:	\$2,194,941
Requested Amount:	\$500,000
<b>County Executive Recommendation:</b>	<b>\$435,000</b>





# LOEW'S THEATRE JERSEY CITY EXTERIOR REHABILITATION

HP-06-22

As part of a major commercial redevelopment of the surrounding area, the venue will be refitted and restored to fully function as a first-class stage for a wide range of live entertainment, serving both commercial events as well as local community programming. This increase requires major improvements. The City of Jersey City, in partnership with the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency, requests funding for the exterior rehabilitation of the nearly century-old theatre. One rehabilitated, Loew's Jersey Theatre will transform Journal square as an arts and entertainment district, with one of the most flexible, technological and advanced historic stages in the Northeast.

<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>City of Jersey City, in partnership with the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency</b>
Project Address:	54 Journal Square Plaza
Total Project Costs:	\$4,728,600
Requested Amount:	\$500,000
Other Funding Sources:	New Market Tax Credits, Historic Tax Credits, NJ EDA – Economic Recovery Act, Capital Bond Contribution/RAB
<b>County Executive Recommendation:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>



The Town of Kearny request funding to rehabilitate the Corbett Roller Hockey Facility, located in municipal parkland between Passaic Avenue and the Passaic River. The roller hockey facility has existed at this location for more than 20 years and has been enjoyed by generation of residents and hockey players. The Town of Kearny's Recreation Department and Kearny High School Athletic Department each have hundreds of residents and school children who play hockey at the facility each season. The structure and surface of the facility are beginning to show their age from wear and tear, as well as from use and needs to be rehabilitated. This is the most important pending project for the municipality.

<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Town of Kearny</b>
Project Address:	325 Passaic Avenue
Total Project Costs:	\$287,395
Requested Amount:	\$287,395
<b>County Executive Recommendation:</b>	<b>\$236,734</b>



Pictured: Existing conditions

# 46TH STREET FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

PI-08-22

The Township of North Bergen is seeking grant funding through the Hudson County Open Space program for 46th Street Park, one of the largest recreational facilities in North Bergen. The baseball field at the 46th Street Park is a major facility, used every day during the season for spring and fall youth baseball and occasionally for recreational football. As part of a major park rehabilitation project, the natural grass baseball field will be outfitted with synthetic turf and a complex drainage system for both baseball and softball. This field rehabilitation will also include the replacement of light fixtures and fencing, installation of a press box, scoreboards, covered bleachers, on-field bull pens, and the construction of new dug outs.

**Applicant:** Township of North Bergen  
**Project Address:** 1223 46th Street

**Total Project Costs:** \$3,399,697  
**Requested Amount:** \$500,000  
**County Executive Recommendation:** \$500,000



PLANS PREPARED BY:  
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**46TH FIELD IMPROVEMENTS**  
 1223 46TH BLOCK 150, LOT 54  
 NORTH BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, 07047

GRAPHIC SCALE  
 1" = 100' ±

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# WEEHAWKEN WATERFRONT WALKWAY REHABILITATION

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The Township of Weehawken request funding to keep its waterfront assets in safe condition for the public to enjoy. The area to be improved by this project is part of an NJDEP Conservation Easement and is considered a part of the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway. The pier that extends out into the Hudson River is meant exclusively for passive recreation and is open to the public, however it is in a state of disrepair and needs to be rehabilitated due to safety concerns. The stairs which provide street level access to the pier will be reconstructed and the railings will be replaced. The surface of this 26,000 square foot pier is comprised of concrete slabs which will be replaced and weatherized for safety.

<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Township of Weehawken</b>
Project Address:	600 Harbor Boulevard
Total Project Costs:	\$2,300,000
Requested Amount:	\$500,000
<b>County Executive Recommendation:</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>



Pictured: Existing conditions

# MILLER PARK IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 3

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Phase III Improvements will enhance the recreational capacity of Miller Park’s playgrounds, basketball courts, and passive areas for enjoyment by local youth, seniors and the community at large. Many of the older existing amenities have fallen into disrepair and there is ample open space for increased amenities. Phase III also proposes the installation of a public fitness area to address resident demand and help counter negative health trends within this neighborhood. Other proposed features of the project include lighting, landscaping and security improvements such as cameras and fencing. Furthermore, this project will complement Phases I & II of the already installed and operating Miller Spray Park (within the park), and will serve as a featured complement to the world class urban ballpark across the street, Miller Stadium.

**Applicant:** Town of West New York  
**Project Address:** 5709 Jackson Street

**Total Project Costs:** \$2,000,000  
**Other Funding Sources:** \$500,000 (2020 Hudson County Open Space Award - Phase 2)  
**Requested Amount:** \$500,000  
**County Executive Recommendation:** \$300,000

