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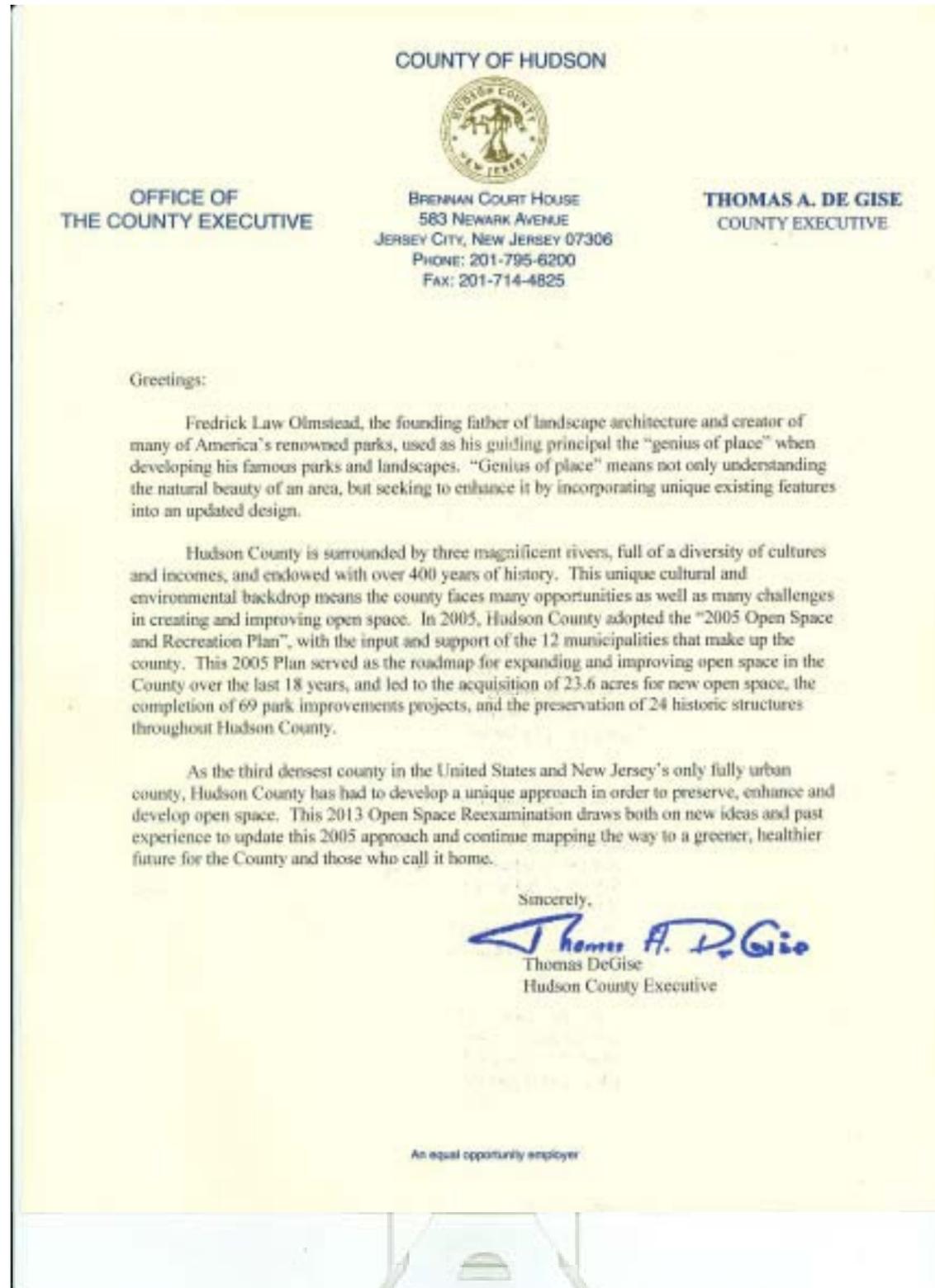
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Appendix A: Open Space Trust Fund Resolutions

Source: The Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders

A-1. 2003 –Establishing the Trust: Requesting Approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to Established a Dedicated Trust by Rider for the County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (Resolution#928-12-2003)

A-2. 2005 Projects: Authorizing Distribution of Monies Deposited into the Hudson County Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (Resolution #405-10-2005)

A-3. 2006 Projects: Expression of Approval of Recommended Projects and Authorizing the Distribution of Funds (Resolution #319-8-2006)

A-4. 2007 Projects: Accepting the Recommendations of the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Board (Resolution #326-8-2007)

A-5. 2008 Projects: Accepting the Recommendations of the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Board (Resolution #327-8-2008)

A-6. 2009 Projects: Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of the Hudson County Open Space Fund Advisory Board's 2009 Report and Approving the Recommendations from Hudson County Executive for Funding Allocations (Resolution #374-9-2009)

A.7. 2010 Projects: Authorizing Project Funding for the 2010 Hudson County Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Allocations (Resolution #567-12-2010)

A.8. 2011 Extensions/Reprogramming: Authorizing One year Grant Extensions and Reprogramming Requests to Open Space Trust Fund Grantees for Numerous Open Space Acquisition, Park Improvement, and Historic Preservation Projects Throughout the County (Resolution# 320-8-2011)

A-9. 2012 Projects: Authorizing Final Approval for the 2012 Hudson County Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Projects – November 15, 2012 to November 14, 2015 (Resolution #566-11-2012)

A-10. 2012 Extensions: Authorizing One Year Grant Extensions to Open Space Trust Fund Grantees for Numerous Open Space Acquisition, Park Improvement, and Historic Preservation Projects Throughout the County – August 9, 2013 to August 8, 2013 (Resolution#412-8-2012)

A-11. 2012 Reprogrammings:

- Authorizing the Reprogramming Requests to Open Space Trust Fund Grantees for Numerous Open Space Acquisition, Park Improvement, and Historic Preservation Projects Throughout the County – August 9, 2013 to August 8, 2015 (Resolution#412-8-2012)
- Authorizing the Reprogramming of the Hudson County Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund to the Harrison Shade Tree Planting Program (Resolution #312-6-2012)
- Authorizing the Reprogramming of the Hudson County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Funds to Park Improvements to Buchmuller Park in Secaucus (Resolution #491-9-2012)
- Authorizing the Reprogramming of Hudson County Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Funds to the City of Jersey City (Resolution #365-6-2012)

Appendix B: Reexamination Report Supporting Documents

B-1. Public Survey for Reexamination Report. Posted on the website in English and Spanish from March 2011 through August 2011.

Appendix C: Open Space & Historic Preservation Data

C-1: New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. Last updated 4.5.13.

Source: The NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Historic Preservation Office

C-2: Hudson County Recreation & Open Space Inventory (ROSI)

Source: The NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Historic Preservation Office

C-3: Hudson County MODIV Vacant Land Inventory

Source: MODVI data

C-4: Hudson County Open Space GIS Inventory

Source: Hudson County Division of Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since the publication of the Hudson County Open Space and Recreation Plan in 2005, the County has made strides towards expanding, connecting, and improving the regional open space matrix.

Major accomplishments were the acquisition of waterfront properties to complete “gaps” along the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway and the Hackensack and Passaic river waterfronts, including sites such as Weehawken Cove Park (sponsored by the Township of Weehawken and the City of Hoboken), Guttenberg/North Bergen Waterfront Park (sponsored by the Town of Guttenberg and the Township of North Bergen), Lincoln Park West in Jersey City, and the Passaic River Waterfront Walkway in Harrison. These and other acquisitions increased the County’s total open space to 5,403 acres, up from the 4,008 acres listed in the 2005 Plan.

Though many of the 2005 goals and objectives remain pertinent, the County faces new challenges such as diminishing federal and state funding, development pressures, and climate change. To address these challenges and explore new opportunities, the County has prepared this 2013 Open Space & Recreational Plan Reexamination Report in collaboration with the 12 municipalities and various stakeholders. This Report begins with a review of progress made under the 2005 plan; an overview of all the regional, county, municipal open space resources; and an examination of federal, state, county and municipal initiatives. Through this reexamination, the County has developed 5 new goals: Environmental Justice, Recreation, Connectivity, Urban Ecosystems and Greenspaces and Acquisition. These 5 goals encompass the goals and objectives from the 2005 Open Space Plan and 2008 Master Plan along with 7 newly proposed objectives: Hackensack & Passaic Rivers, Public Access, Active Design Guidelines, Complete Streets, Bike Share, Low Impact Development and Urban Forestry.

This Reexamination Report also provides updates on the County’s Open Space Trust Fund and the overall status of the County’s open space. A newly included chart of implementation tools is provided for future open space acquisition, development and historic preservation.