



2012 Hudson County Open Space Advisory Board Recommendations Report



Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund



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A MESSAGE FROM THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

To: Hon. Thomas A DeGise, County Executive
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Since the inception of the Hudson County Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust in 2004, **over \$42 million** has been provided for local government agencies and non-profit organizations to preserve cultural and natural resources, improve recreational facilities, and restore historic sites. The **more than 100 projects** funded thus far have leveraged more than **\$100 million in additional funding** from other public and private sources. The program has become a success story on improving the quality of life for all residents in Hudson County.

The Open Space Advisory Board is especially pleased that the County Administration Freeholder Board understand the important role of the Open Space Trust Fund and reinstated the program for the 2011 calendar year. This year, the Advisory Board received **twenty applications requesting approximately \$8.7 million** for land acquisitions, park improvements, historic preservation and related projects. The overwhelming response from applicants has continued in our seventh year of the grant program and shows there is still much more work to be done in Hudson County. With only \$2 million dollars of funding available this year, the Advisory Board reviewed each application in depth. The Board visited each project site and applied a rigorous review based on criteria established in the Program Statement to formulate the recommendations found in this report.

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

Sincerely,



Joseph Liccardo
Chair



Henry Sanchez
Vice Chair

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I. INTRODUCTION

OUR MISSION

On June 26, 2003, the Hudson County Executive requested, and the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved a resolution authorizing the placement of a public question (referendum) on the general election ballot for the establishment of a County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund. On November 4, 2003, the ballot question was approved by a two-to-one majority of County voters.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders, by a resolution dated December 23, 2003, voted to establish the Hudson County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Trust Fund. The Trust Fund is funded through a property tax dedicated to acquire land for conservation, open space purposes, recreation facility enhancements, and historic preservation.

Entrusted by the County Executive and Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Hudson County Open Space Advisory Board has the 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.

PROGRAM STATEMENT

Eligible Projects Under the County's Trust Fund

1. Acquisition of land for conservation and recreation purposes.
2. Development and redevelopment of land existing or acquired for recreational, cultural, tourism and/or conservation purposes.
3. Preservation of historic properties, including the acquisition and historic preservation planning activities of such properties for historic preservation, or
4. Construction management and/or construction administration of an Open Space Trust funded recreation or historic preservation project.
5. Payment of debt service on indebtedness issued or incurred by the County of Hudson for any of the purposes stated in (1), (2), (3), or (4).
6. Up to 2% set-aside for the purposes of architectural design, engineering, planning, environmental, or historic preservation studies.

Who's Eligible?

- Hudson County
- The Hudson County Improvement Authority
- Any of the twelve (12) municipalities in Hudson County
- Local entities, non-profit corporations and qualified charitable conservancies located within Hudson County that have received tax exemption under section 501(c)3 of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code

Trust Fund Allocation

The Trust Fund is funded through a property tax assessment determined annually by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, at a rate not to exceed one cent (\$0.01) per \$100.00 of total County equalized valuation. All money collected through the property tax assessment is deposited into the Trust Fund.

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

The Advisory Board holds an annual pre-submission conference and meets monthly to review applications submitted for funding consideration. In addition to application review, the Advisory Board conducts on-site visits to potential projects sites and invites applicants to present proposals. A final report ranking and prioritizing projects with recommendations is submitted to the County Executive and Freeholder Board for their respective for consideration.

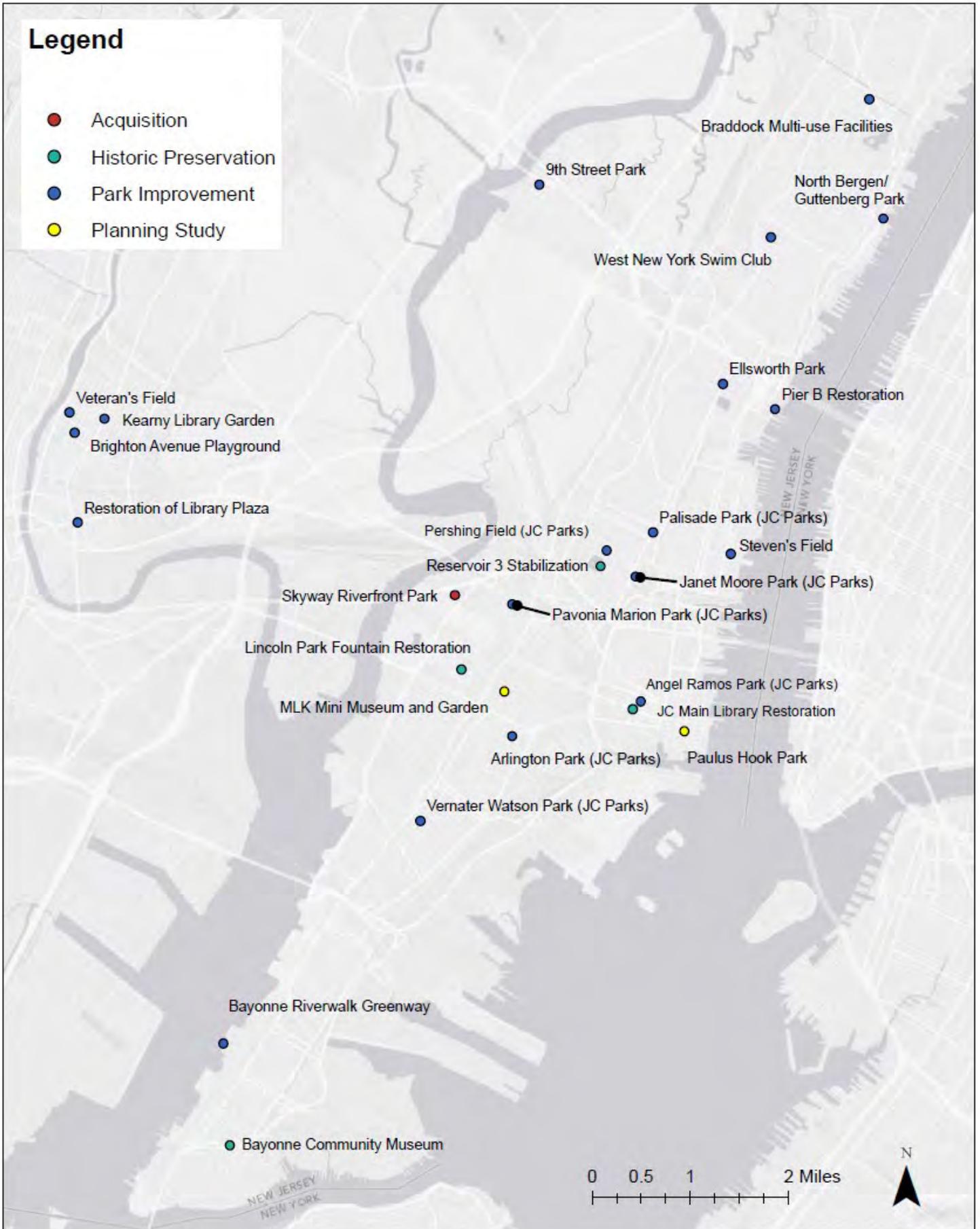


From Left to Right: Stephen Marks, Mario Tridente, Carter Craft, William LaRosa, Kernal Thomas, John Cellini, John Baier, Joseph Liccardo, Thomas McCann, Jacob DeLemos, Daniela Ciammaruconi (Henry Sanchez, not pictured)

II. APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

2012 Review Schedule	
Mandatory Pre-submission Conference for Interested Parties	October 26, 2011
Deadline for Submission of Applications	January 18
Presentations by Applicants to the Open Space Advisory Board	February 7 & 8
Site Visits	February 15 & 16
Advisory Board Recommendations Report	March 28
County Executive Recommendations	TBD
Public Hearing on Funding Recommendations	TBD
Anticipated Approval by Board of Chosen Freeholders	TBD

II. PROJECT REFERENCE MAP



III. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION PROJECTS

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Application No. OS-08—12
Skyway Riverfront Park, Jersey City

Project Description

The City of Jersey City is seeking funds for the acquisition of the 28-acre riverfront industrial parcel, which will be developed as the planned Skyway Riverfront Park. The concept master plan shows how the new multi-use public park will include recreational amenities, as well as a 1,900-foot long riverfront walkway along the Hackensack River.

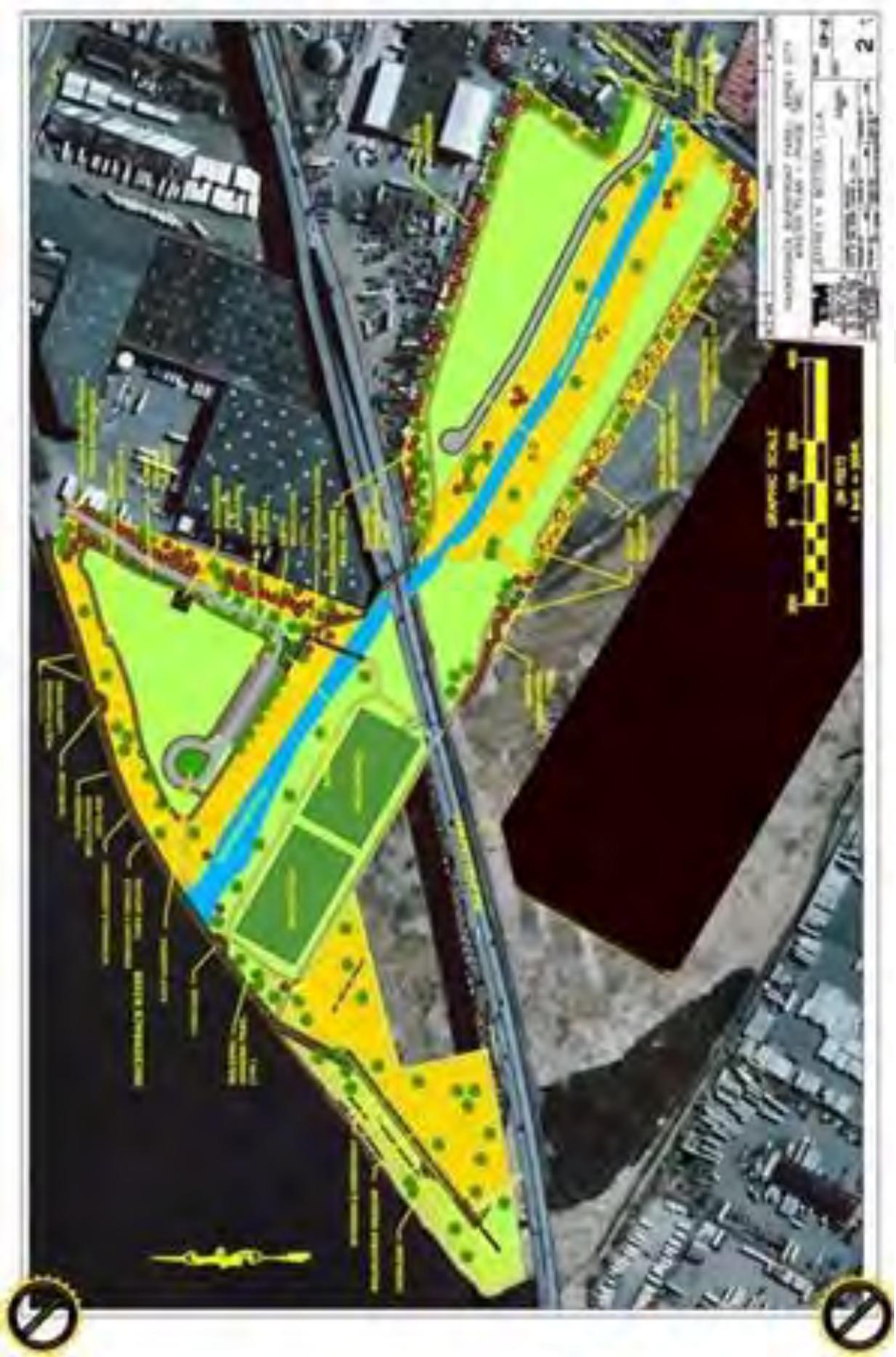
Summary

Project Name:	Skyway Riverfront Park
Applicant:	City of Jersey City
Municipality:	Jersey City
Total Project Costs:	\$12,628,000
Amount Requested:	\$1,000,000
Amount Matched:	\$8,957,000

Findings and Recommendations:

- The Advisory Board finds the project to be consistent with the Hudson County Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Plan.
- The Board recommends that the City provide additional planning for transit, highlighting Route 1&9.
- The Board recommends that the City address access concerns to enhance its status as a city park.
- The Board recommends that the City include boat launch with accessibility for kayaks if current conditions permit it.
- The Board recommends that the City submit a “Park Improvement” application to the Board for the park development .
- Depending on the conditions of Green Acres funds, The Board recommends that the City consider provide concessions to attract park visitors.

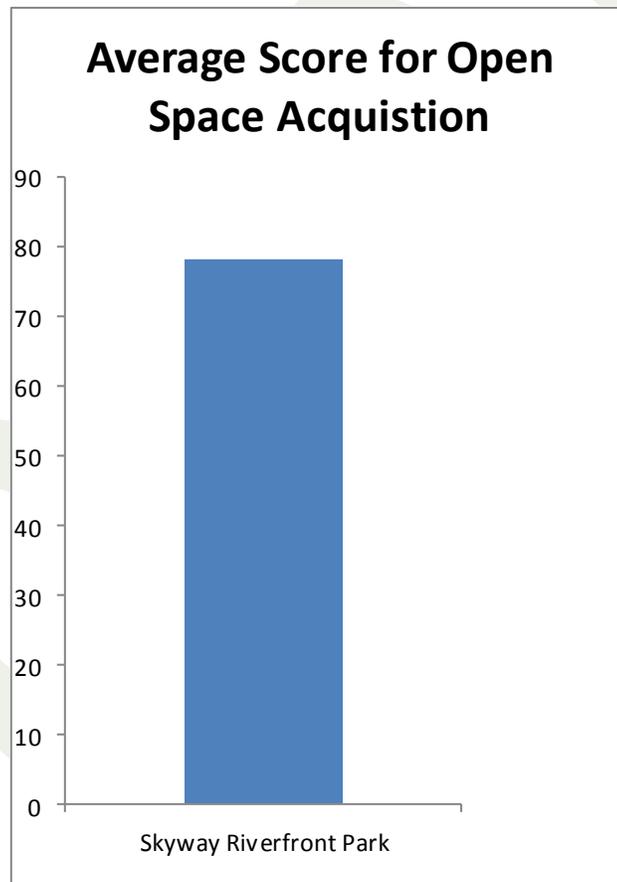




Site plan of proposed park amenities

Open Space Projects Ranked

Rank	Average Score	Median Score	Application No.	Project Title	Project Municipality	Amount Requested	Total Project Cost
1	79.4	80.0	OS-08-12	Skyway Riverfront Park	Jersey City	\$1,000,000	\$12,628,000



Maximum Potential Score = 137

IV. HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS

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Application HP-01-12

Window Restoration for Main Library, Jersey City

Project Description

The Jersey City Library requests funding for their window restoration project at the Jersey City Main Library. The proposed project calls for the replacement of the current aluminum, street-facing windows with new historically appropriate windows, glazed with insulated UV resistant coating, which will protect the library collections. The scope of the work also includes the restoration of the clear story windows in the penthouses that provide ventilation and illumination of fourth floor exhibition rooms, as well as a large stained glass window in the main stairwell.



Summary:

Project Name:	Window Restoration at Jersey City Main Library
Applicant:	Jersey City Free Public Library
Municipality:	Jersey City
Total Project Costs:	\$1,363,000
Amount Requested:	\$1,009,000
Amount Matched:	\$354,000

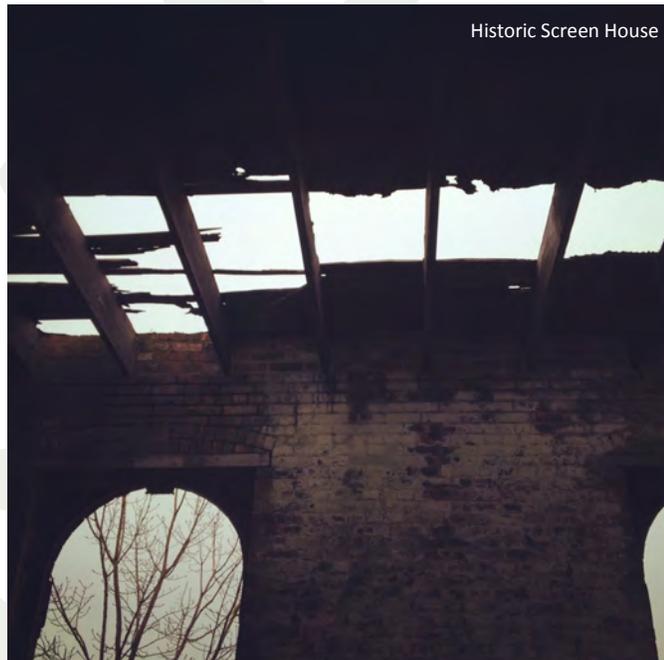
Findings and Recommendations :

- The Jersey City Main Library structure is not included on the state or national register of historic sites, however, the building is located within Jersey City's historic districts.
- The project appears to be more of a capital improvement than a true historic preservation project; and
- The Advisory Board recommends that the Library Board consider phasing the project based upon availability of funds.
- The Advisory Board recommends that the Library Board seek state and federal funding for energy efficiency improvements.
- The Advisory Board recommends that the Library Board consider designating the building as a state or federal historic landmark.
- The Advisory Board recommends that the Library Board prepare a historic preservation plan to prioritize preservation projects and examine other historic preservation projects for library branches. The historic preservation plan should also include improvements to make the building comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- The Advisory Board recommends that the Library Board explore the potential of creating a support organization, such as a "Friends of" group.

Application No. HP-10-12
Reservoir #3 Stabilization, Jersey City

Based on the historic structures report and subsequent investigations, the consultants hired by the City of Jersey City have deemed the stabilization of rapidly deteriorating existing structures as the top priority. These historic structures include a screen house, two gatehouses, and the reservoir berm with a stone retaining wall and interior revetment.

Having presented formally to the State Historic Preservation Office at the September 2011 meeting, the City anticipated a favorable ruling for the Reservoir #3's nomination to the State Historic Register.



Summary

Project Name:	Reservoir 3 Stabilization of Historic Structures
Applicant:	City of Jersey City
Municipality:	Jersey City
Total Project Costs:	\$646,646
Amount Requested:	\$596,644
Amount Matched:	\$0

Findings and Recommendations:

- The Board highly recommends that the City consider this a high priority and consider contributing to the stabilization of these historic structures. They are in danger of being lost beyond repair.
- The Board recommends that the City provide an ADA compliancy element in the entire project plan
- The Board recommends that the City continue with and expand programming for the Reservoir in its current state.

Bayonne Community Museum, Bayonne

The City of Bayonne is requesting funding for the restoration of the balcony and of the entry-doors at the Bayonne Trust Company building, which is currently as the Bayonne Community Museum. The museum will showcase the history of the community, host exhibits, and act as venue for community events.



Exterior of the former Bayonne Trust company building



Summary:

Project Name:	Bayonne Community Museum
Applicant:	City of Bayonne
Municipality:	Bayonne
Total Project Costs:	\$6,000,000
Amount Requested:	\$50,000
Amount Matched:	\$0

Recommendations

- The Board recommends that the City increase local share of funding.
- The Board recommends that the City have a Section 601 review of the plans to confirm that the balcony improvements will not jeopardize historic elements
- The Board recommends that the City provide more facility ADA compliancy.

Application No. HP-16-12
Lincoln Park Fountain Restoration, Jersey City

Project Description

The County is seeking funding for the restoration of the Lincoln Park Fountain, the focal point of historical significance within the County Park. The restoration activities include the rebuilding of the fountain basin and walls, the fabrication and installation of all the decorative elements on the center column, the spouting frogs, new mechanical and electrical systems incorporated, new underground service vault, new surrounding sidewalks and landscaping.

Summary

Project Name:	Lincoln Park Fountain Restoration
Applicant:	County of Hudson
Municipality:	Jersey City
Total Project Costs:	\$3,900,000
Amount Requested:	\$250,000
Amount Matched:	\$700,000

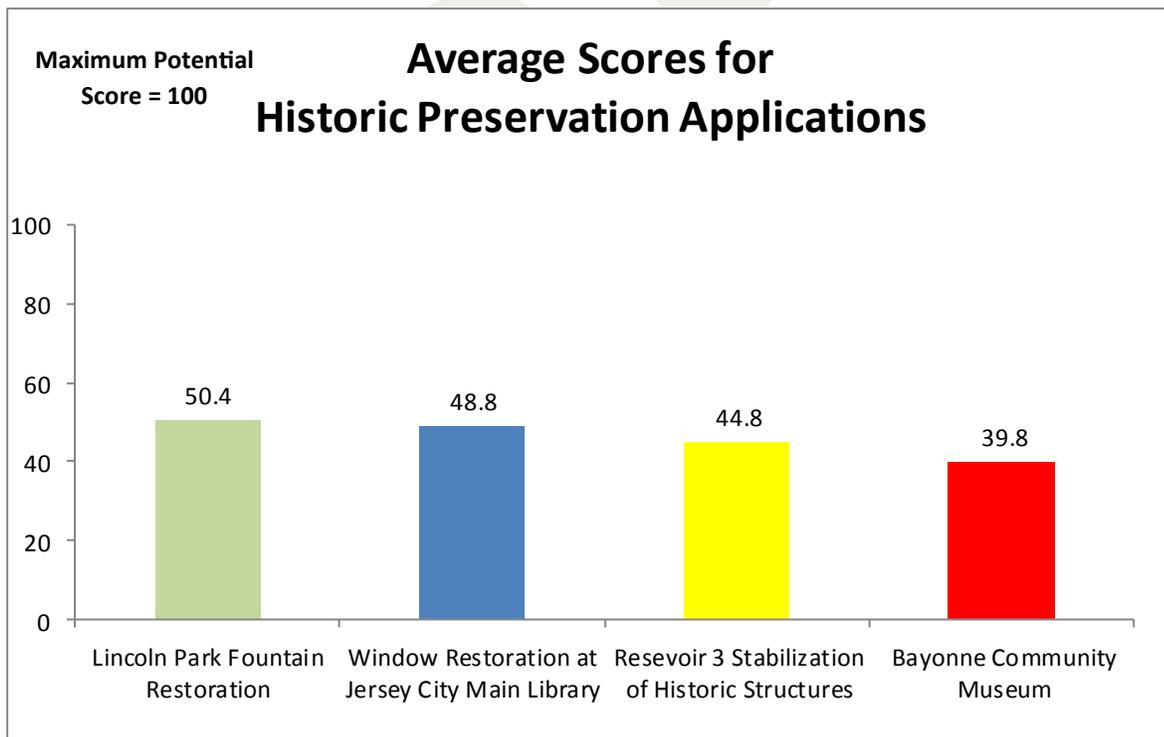
Findings and Recommendations:

- The Board recommends that the County provide interpretative signage for historical elements.



Historic Preservation Projects Ranked

Rank	Average Score	Median Score	No.	Project Title	Project Municipality	Amount Requested	Total Project Cost
1	50.4	53.0	HP-16-12	Lincoln Park Fountain Restoration	Jersey City	\$250,000	\$3,900,000
2	48.8	47.0	HP-01-12	Window Restoration at Jersey City Main Library	Jersey City	\$1,009,000	\$1,363,000
3	44.8	43.0	HP-10-12	Reservoir 3 Stabilization of Historic Structures	Jersey City	\$596,644	\$646,644
4	39.8	41.0	HP-13-12	Bayonne Community Museum	Bayonne	\$50,000	\$6,000,000



V. PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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Application No. PI-02-12
Ellsworth Park Improvements, Union City

Project Description

The City of Union City is seeking funds for improvements to Ellsworth Park. This project will modify this primarily passive park to be a multi-purpose facility with a picnic area and a bandshell/amphitheater. Other improvements include the development of water features and addition of modernized playground equipment, as well as the provision of landscaping, benches, and lighting.



Summary

Project Name:	Ellsworth Park Improvements
Applicant:	City of Union City
Municipality:	Union City
Total Project Costs:	\$3,542,169
Amount Requested:	\$500,000
Amount Matched	\$3,042,169

Findings and Recommendations:

- The Advisory Board finds that Ellsworth Park is on the City of Union City’s Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) and is therefore eligible for funding from the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund.
- The Advisory Board finds that the proposed park improvements are consistent with the Hudson County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Plan.
- The Advisory Board finds that it is costly to maintain a working fountain, however the visual, aesthetic, psychological, and emotional benefits of including a fountain generally outweigh the financial costs.
- The Advisory Board recommends that the City of Union City consider including “Wifi” service for park users to utilize and enjoy.
- The Advisory Board recommends that the City of Union City consider designating at least one handicapped parking space near each corner or park entrance for the benefit of park users.
- The Advisory Board recommends that the City of Union City consider installing anti-skid surfaces for the water features.

Application No. PI-03-12

PI-03-12: Kearny Library Garden

Project Description

The Town of Kearny is seeking funding for the construction of a passive garden recreation facility adjacent to the Main Library. The development and improvement activities include site preparation, infrastructure installation, park furnishing, and landscaping.

Current conditions at the proposed site

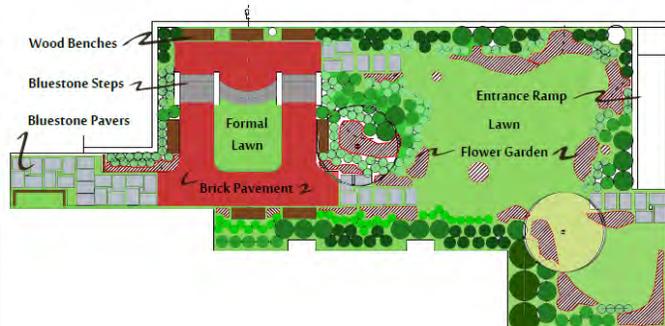


Exterior of the Kearny Library



The Kearny Library is a Carnegie Library

Proposed site plans for the Library Garden



Summary

Project Name:	Kearny Library Garden
Applicant:	Town of Kearny
Municipality:	Kearny
Total Project Costs:	\$189,847
Amount Requested:	\$100,000
Amount Matched:	\$ 39,847

Findings and Recommendations:

- The Advisory Board finds that the Kearny Main Library is not listed on the State or National Register of Historic Sites and not found on the Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) for the Town of Kearny.
- The Advisory Board finds that Kearny’s Main Library is a Carnegie Endowment Library and recommends that the Town of Kearny consider adding the building to the State and National Register of Historic Sites.
- The Advisory Board finds that the proposed Reading Garden is generally consistent with the Hudson County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Plan and therefore eligible for funding.
- The Advisory Board recommends that the Library consider adding WiFi capability for Reading Garden users to benefit and enjoy.
- The Advisory Board recommends that the Library consider turning out the roof downspouts to the vegetative garden area and making the landscaped areas into a “rain garden”.
- The Advisory Board recommends that the Library consider repairing or rehabilitating the existing retaining wall along its southerly property line.
- The Advisory Board recommends that the Library consider adding appropriate outdoor lighting for nighttime programming.

Application No. PI-04-12
Brighton Avenue Playground, Kearny

Project Description

The Town of Kearny requests funding for its proposed elements of the playground development at Brighton Ave. These development/restoration activities include the playground equipment for various ages, seating, rubberized safety surfaces, security system, fencing, landscaping, trash receptacles, and related infrastructure.

Current conditions at the proposed site with the completed paved parking lot



Aerial of the site in its former condition



Summary

Project Name:	Brighton Avenue Playground
Applicant:	Town of Kearny
Municipality:	Kearny
Total Project Costs:	\$367,800
Amount Requested:	\$100,000
Amount Matched:	\$73,202

Findings and Recommendations:

- The Advisory Board finds that the Brighton Ave. playground does not appear to be on Kearny’s Recreation Open Space Inventory (ROSI) and is therefore not recognized as a park or playground; and
- The Advisory Board recommends that the Town of Kearny amend its Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) to include the Brighton Avenue Playground as a designated park and playground; and
- The Advisory Board finds that recommends that the Town of Kearny consider “traffic calming” features to the park, such as fencing or wheel stoppers to avoid potential conflicts between park users and automobiles/motorists.
- The Advisory Board recommends that the Town of Kearny consider installing “green infrastructure” to reduce stormwater run-off and related non-point source pollution from the parking surface.
- The Advisory Board finds that the park functions as a “neighborhood” park attracting people from the immediate vicinity and that the proposed parking lot appears excessive in relation to the park space.
- The Advisory Board recommends that the Town of Kearny consider installing signs with park rules and limits on parking so the site does not become a permanent parking lot for neighborhood vehicles.

Application No. PI-05-12

All Season Surface Improvement at Veterans Field, Kearny

Project Description The Town of Kearny is seeking funding for the installation of an artificial field turf at Veteran's Park and other field improvements. This field surface will provide recreation space for all seasons, serving as softball/baseball fields, a football field, and soccer fields.

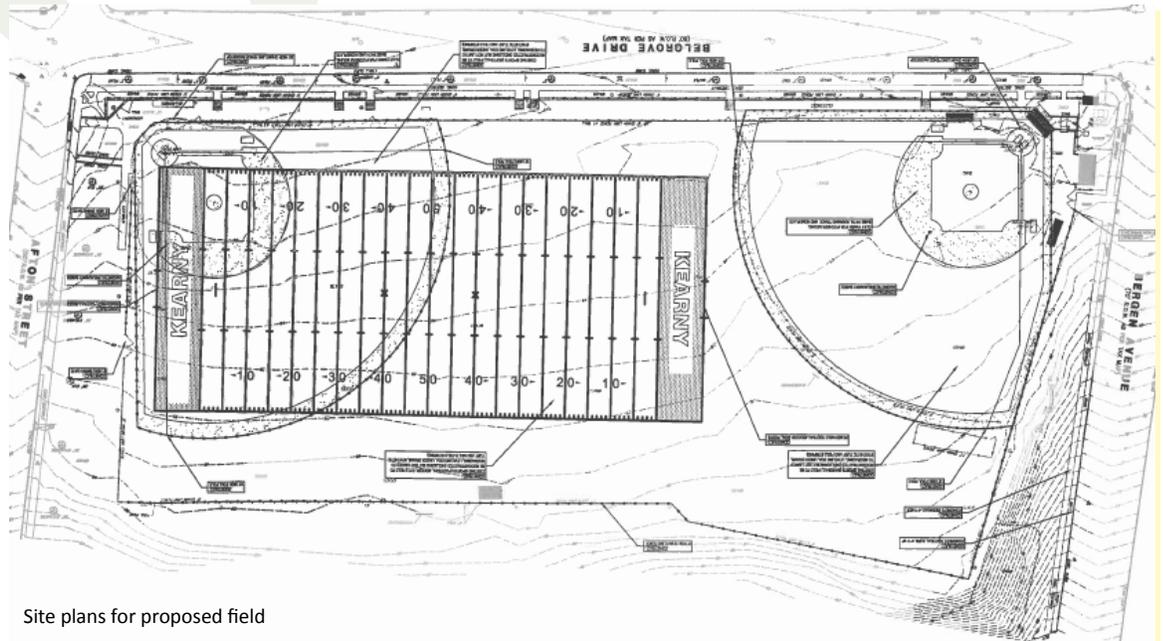
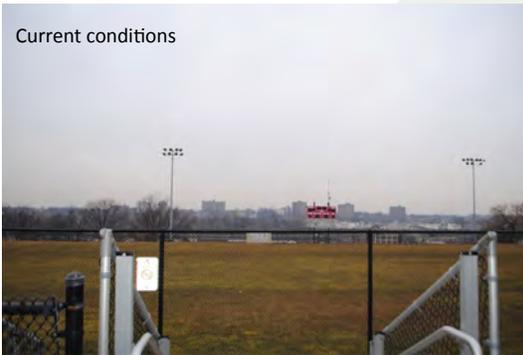
Summary

Project Name: All Season Surface Improvement at Veterans Field
Applicant: Town of Kearny
Municipality: Kearny
Total Project Costs: \$2,048,610
Amount Requested: \$100,000
Amount Matched: \$1,294,630



Findings and Recommendations:

- The Advisory Board finds that Veterans Field is listed on the Town of Kearny's Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) and that the proposed improvements are consistent with the Hudson County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Plan.



Application No. PI-06-12
Restoration of Liberty Plaza, Harrison

Project Description

The Town of Harrison seeks funds for improvements to the Harrison Library Plaza. The proposed Plaza project activities include the restoration of the library and plaza stairs, replacement of hand and guard rails, walkway reinforcements, masonry restoration, column replacement, shrub replacement, and landscaping.

Summary

Project Name:	Restoration of Liberty Plaza
Applicant:	Town of Harrison
Municipality:	Harrison
Total Project Costs:	\$242,390
Amount Requested:	\$242,390
Amount Matched:	\$0

Findings and Recommendations:

- The Advisory Board finds that the Harrison Library has received a “Certificate of Eligibility” (COE) from the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office and is therefore eligible for funding for historic preservation project.
- The Advisory Board finds that the great lawn in front of the library and post office is not listed on the Town of Harrison’s Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI).
- The Advisory Board finds that the great lawn/green space in front of the library and post office is “off-limits” to visitors and library users.
- The Advisory Board finds that the Town of Harrison’s proposed site improvements at the Library site do not appear to preserve a historic feature or enhance a park or open space.
- The Advisory Board recommends that the Town of Harrison consider preparing a historic preservation plan for the library and consider putting the great lawn/green on the Town’s Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) or prepare and execute a public access/conservation easement to preserve the great lawn/green space in perpetuity and let visitors enjoy the green space.



Application No. PI-07-12

Pier B Restoration

Project Description

The City of Weehawken is seeking funding for the construction of a walkway pier on the Hudson River at the site of former Pier B with several "pods" for passive and active recreation. The pier will increase public access to the waterfront, promote eco-tourism, provide linkages to the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway, and comply with ADA standards.

Summary

Project Name: Pier B Restoration
Applicant: Township of Weehawken
Municipality: Weehawken
Total Project Costs: \$3,058,372
Amount Requested: \$500,000
Amount Matched: \$2,558,372

Findings and Recommendations:

- The Board recommends that the City increase more public engagement in the project planning.
- The Board recommends that the City define ingress and egress lines.
- The Board recommends that the City provide ADA accessibility and a designated handicapped parking space.
- The Board recommends that the City follow the Hudson River waterfront guidelines.

Site plans for proposed pier



Application No. PI-09-12
Citywide Multi-park Rehabilitation Phase I

Project Description

The City of Jersey City is requesting funds for improvements at seven (7) city parks. These activities will include resurfacing of playground areas, replacement of outdated equipment, and general maintenance items. The cost items listed for funding will complete Phase 1 of the City's planned improvements. The seven targeted parks are Pershing Field (Ward C), Pavonia Marion Park (Ward C), Janet Moore Park (Ward C), Vernater Watson Park (Ward A), Angel Ramos Park (Ward E), Arlington Park (Ward F), and Riverview Fisk Park (Ward D).

Summary

Project Name:	Citywide Multi-park Rehabilitation Phase I
Applicant:	City of Jersey City
Municipality:	Jersey City
Total Project Costs:	\$1,900,000
Amount Requested:	\$1,000,000
Amount Matched:	\$900,000

Findings and Recommendations:

- For future applications, the Board recommends that the City does not consolidate multiple projects into one application OR if there is one application, highlight an overarching theme that would provide cost efficiency for all the projects.

Current unsatisfactory conditions at various Jersey City parks



Application No. PI-11-12
Improvements to Steven's Field

Project Description

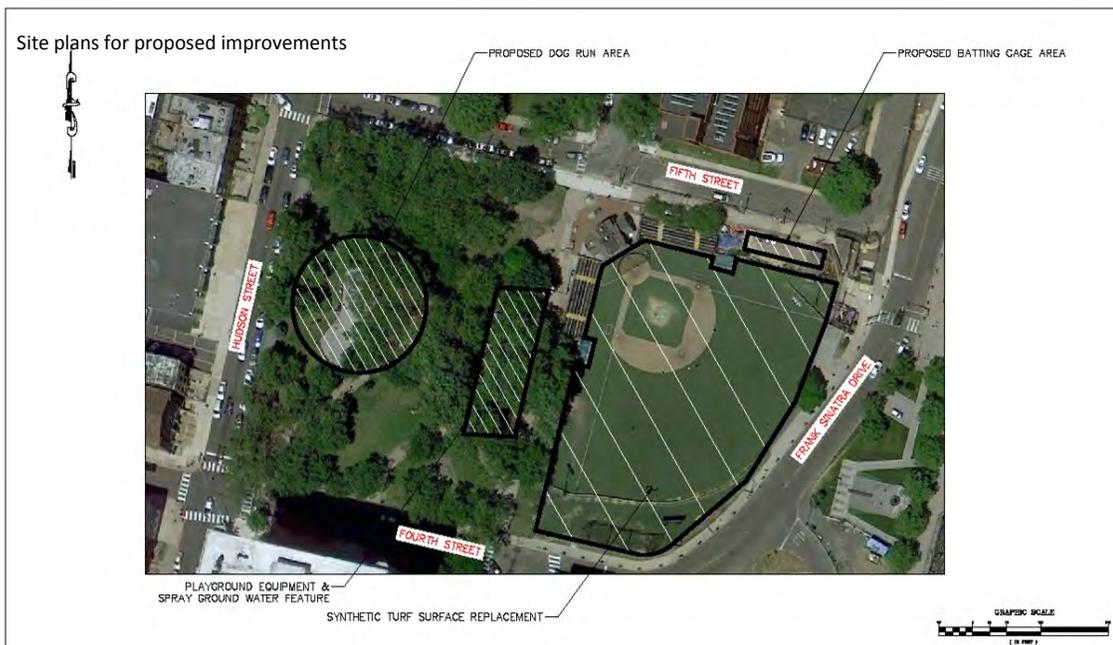
The City of Hoboken is seeking funding for improvements to the open space facilities at Stevens' Field and surrounding area. The Stevens' Field activities will be the installation of the artificial turf and a batting cage. The children's area will be improved by an updated playground with new play equipment and spray area. Also, the project will include a refurbished dog run and the addition of a bus shelter.

Summary

Project Name:	Improvements to Steven's Field adjoining Playground and Dogrun
Applicant:	City of Hoboken
Municipality:	Hoboken
Total Project Costs:	\$731,000
Amount Requested:	\$500,000
Amount Matched:	\$231,000

Findings and Recommendations:

- The Board recommends that the City provide ADA compliant elements for the new spray ground.



Application No. PI-12-12

Bayonne Riverwalk Greenway Bay

Project Description

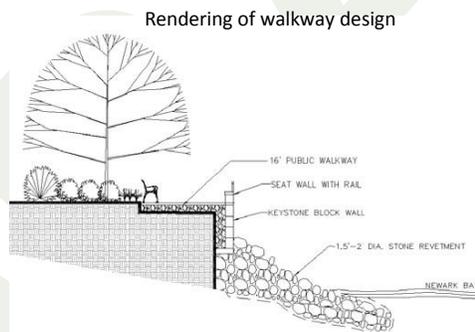
The City of Bayonne requests funding for the construction of a riverfront walkway through Bayonne’s Veteran’s Park to connect to the walkway at Stephen B. Gregg Hudson County Park. The project will maximize public access to the waterfront with full ADA compliancy and provide new recreational opportunities.

Summary

Project Name:	Bayonne Riverwalk Greenway
Applicant:	City of Bayonne
Municipality:	Bayonne
Total Project Costs:	\$976,900
Amount Requested:	\$500,000
Amount Matched:	\$0

Recommendation

- The Board recommends that the City increase local share.
- The Board recommends that the City consider formulating waterfront access plan.
- The Board recommends that the City provide more ADA signage.



Project Description

The City of West New York is seeking funding for the rehabilitation of the Swim Club and for the construction of a sprayground at Miller Park. The major rehabilitation item for the pool area is the improvement of the pool drainage, including the piping. The sprayground will serve as an additional water facility for residents, alleviating the overcrowding at the Swim Club.

Summary

Project Name: Improvements to West New York Swim Club
Applicant: Town of West New York
Municipality: West New York
Total Project Costs: \$1,784,582
Amount Requested: \$446,146
Amount Matched: \$0

Findings and Recommendations:

- The Board recommends that the City consider the inclusion of handicapped chair lift.
- The Board recommends that the City provide accessibility for van loading/unloading for groups.
- The Board recommends that the City suggest for future applications, the City submit separate applications for separate sites.



Application No. PI-17-12

James J Braddock Multi-Use Active and Passive Recreational Facilities

Project Description

The County is seeking funds for a 15.6-acre park improvement project for James J. Braddock Park in North Bergen, which will provide an equal balance of passive and active recreational facilities. The four (4) components are: a multi-use field (an overlay of soccer and football fields on existing baseball/softball fields), the creation of a new restroom facility, a reforestation area with a sustainable irrigation system, and the creation of landscaped Veteran's Memorial Gardens. The entire project will be graded, provide ADA compliant pathways and facility entrances, and incorporate LEED elements when possible.

Summary

Project Name:	Braddock Multi-Use Active and Passive Recreational Facilities
Applicant:	County of Hudson
Municipality:	North Bergen
Total Project Costs:	\$7,542,905
Amount Requested:	\$250,000
Amount Matched:	\$2,750,000

Findings and Recommendations:

- The Board recommends that the County construct ADA compliant sidewalk with shade trees to create a vegetated buffer.
- The Board recommends that the County design the County seal on the fields/courts.
- The Board recommends that the County include signage at the Memorial Garden for environmental and ADA compliant elements.



Proposed site plans



Aerial of current conditions at Braddock Park

Application No. PI-18-12
9th Street Park Renovation

Project Description

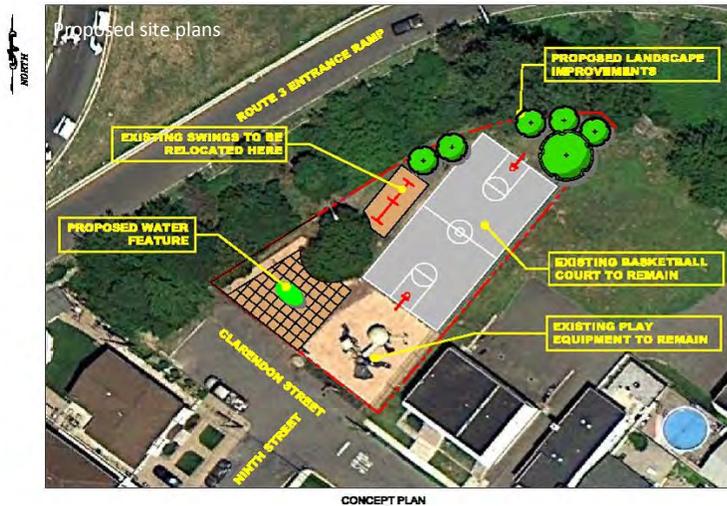
The Town of Secaucus is seeking funding for the renovation of the 9th Street Park, which is about a half-acre pocket park. The improvements include the resurfacing of the existing basketball court, landscaping, the installation of a rubberized play surface to enhance ADA access for one of the play structures, the creation of a water feature, replacement of the existing basketball hoops and swing set, and the installation of new fencing around the park.

Summary

Project Name:	9th Street Park Renovation
Applicant:	Town of Secaucus
Municipality:	Secaucus
Total Project Costs:	\$166,409
Amount Requested:	\$149,409
Amount Matched:	\$17,000

Findings and Recommendations:

- The Board recommends that the City position the swing set away from the basketball court OR put up fencing



Aerial map (to the left); Rendering of proposed improvements (below)



Current conditions (two to the right)



Aerial of current conditions at Braddock Park

Application No. PI-19-12
North Bergen/Guttenberg Waterfront Park

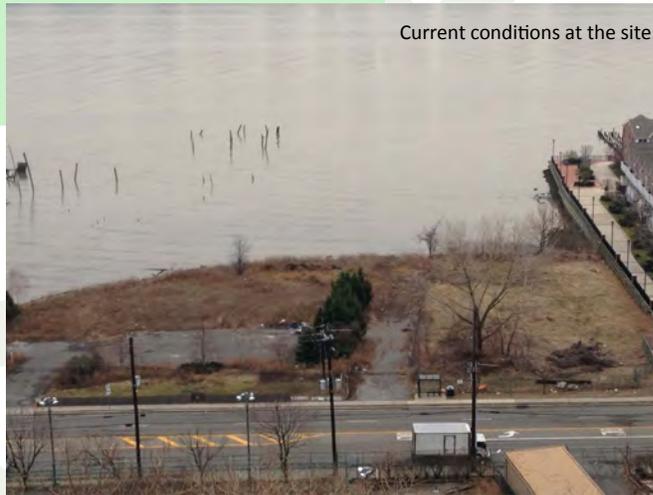
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This joint application from Guttenberg and North Bergen is for a 1.5 acre multi-use park development, situated on a piece of Hudson River waterfront property. The park will be Guttenberg's first formal park and North Bergen's only waterfront park. The new park will include contain an amphitheater, a playground, a picnic area, covered seating area, benches, a walking path, open grassy areas, and an extension of the Hudson River Walkway.

Summary

Project Name:	North Bergen/Guttenberg Waterfront Park
Applicant:	Township of North Bergen/ Town of Guttenberg
Municipality:	North Bergen/ Guttenberg
Total Project Costs:	\$3,240,085
Amount Requested:	\$1,240,000
Amount Matched:	\$1,600,085

Current conditions at the site



Findings and Recommendations: None.

Proposed site plans over-layed onto an aerial map

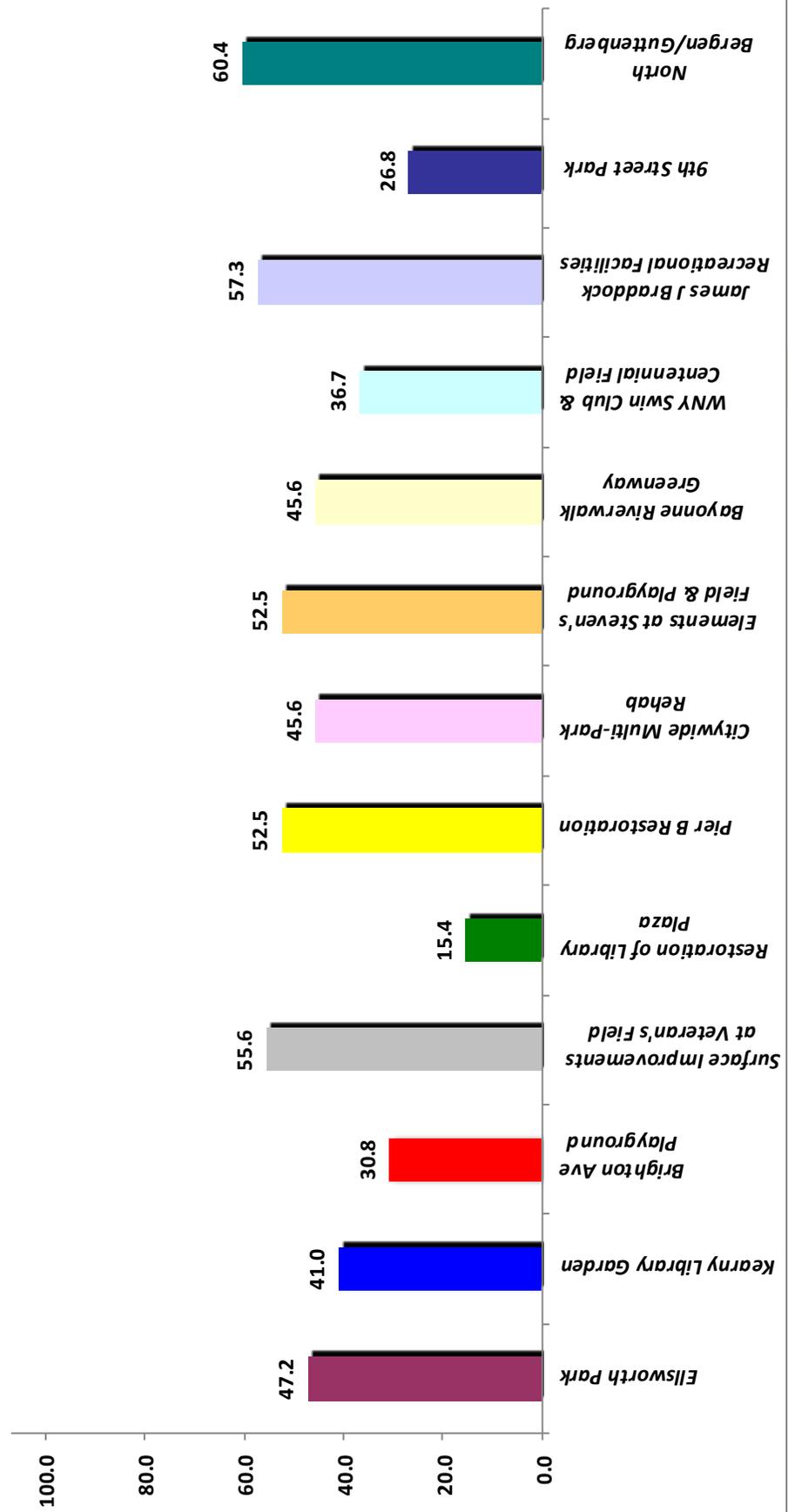


Park Improvement Projects Ranked

Rank	Average Score	Median Score	No.	Project Title	Project Municipality	Amount Requested	Total Project Cost
1	60.4	59	PI-19-12	North Bergen/ Guttenberg Waterfront Park	North Bergen/ Guttenberg	\$1,240,000.00	\$3,240,085.00
2	57.25	56	PI-17-12	James J Braddock Multi-Use Active and Passive Recreational Facilities	North Bergen	\$250,000.00	\$7,542,905.00
3	52.5	55	PI-07-12	Pier B Restoration	Weehawken	\$500,000.00	\$3,058,372.00
4	52.5	52	PI-11-12	Improvements to Ste- ven's Field, Adjoining Playground & Dogrun	Hoboken	\$500,000.00	\$731,000.00
5	48.6	49	PI-05-12	Installation/ Construction of All Season Surface Im- provement at Veter- an's Field	Kearny	\$100,000.00	\$1,644,630.00
6	47.2	43	PI-02-12	Ellsworth Park Im- provements	Union City	\$500,000.00	\$3,542,169.00
7	45.6	46	PI-09-12	Citywide Multi-Park Rehabilitation Phase 1	Jersey City	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,900,000.00
8	45.6	45	PI-12-12	Bayonne Riverwalk Greenway Bay	Bayonne	\$500,000.00	\$976,900.00
9	41	42	PI-03-12	Kearny Library Garden	Kearny	\$100,000.00	\$189,847.00
10	36.7	38	PI-14-12	Improvements to WNY Swim Club & Centen- nial Field	West New York	\$446,146.00	\$1,784,582.00
11	35.8	34	PI-04-12	Development & Con- struction of Brighton Ave Playground	Kearny	\$100,000.00	\$367,800.00
12	26.8	25	PI-18-12	9th Street Park Reno- vation	Secaucus	\$149,409.00	\$166,409.00
13	15.4	15	PI-06-12	Restoration of Liberty Plaza	Harrison	\$242,390.00	\$242,390.00

Average Scores for Park Improvement Applications

Maximum Potential
Score = 107



VI. PLANNING, ENGINEERING, AND HISTORIC STUDIES

Application No. PS-15-12
Planning Study for the Renovation of Paulus Hook Park

Project Description

The Historic Paulus Hook Association (HPHA) is requesting funding for a Planning, Engineering, Historic, and Environmental Study for Paulus Hook Park (also known as the Four Corner Park). The park is currently underutilized and is made up of disconnected parcels of land. The planning concept that the organization envisions will enhance the intersection as a unifying point through design and traffic-calming measures.

Summary

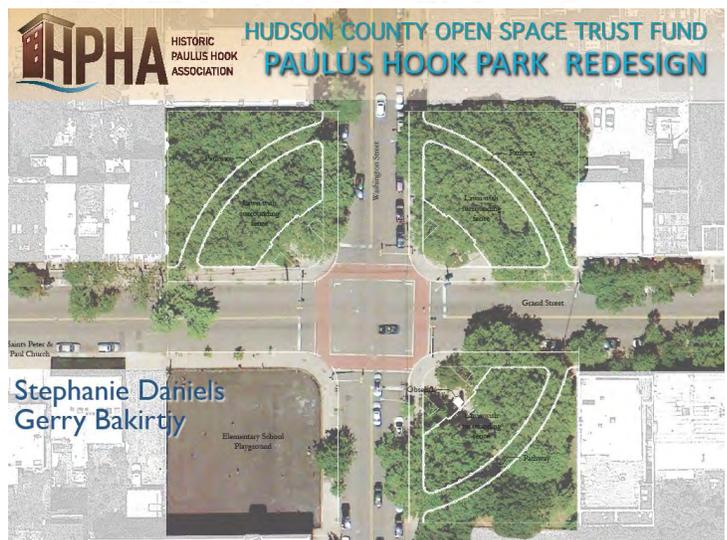
Project Name:	Planning Study for the Renovation of Paulus Hook Park
Applicant:	Historic Paulus Hook Association
Municipality:	Jersey City
Total Project Costs:	\$200,000
Amount Requested:	\$100,000
Amount Matched:	\$100,000

Recommendation

- Consider a strategic plan/approach if archeological sites are found



Current conditions at the site



Aerial map of the site

Application No. PS-20-10
MLK Mini Museum and Garden

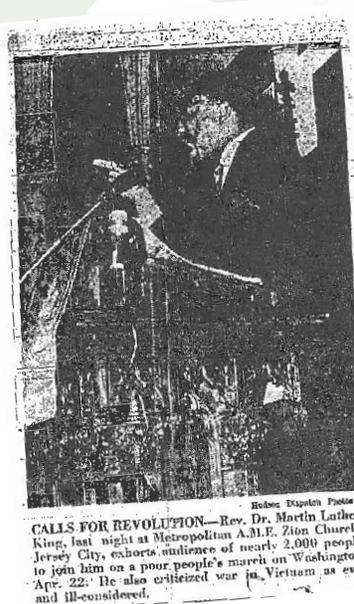
Project Description Metro-Spec, Inc., the community development arm of Metropolitan AME Zion Church, is seeking funding for a strategic planning study to enhance the potential creation of their Martin Luther King Mini-Museum. They propose to acquire the vacant lots around the church to plant a garden and provide a paved parking lot for visitors. The group is also looking to explore energy alternatives for the Church and the feasibility of providing central air conditioning,

Summary

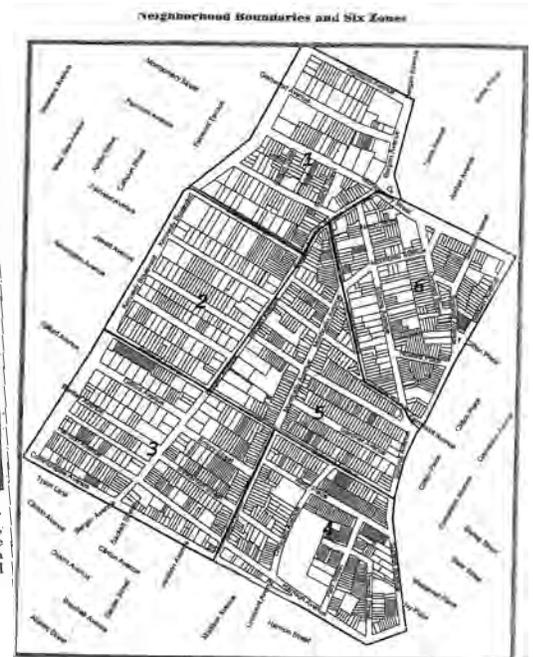
Project Name: MLK Mini Museum and Garden
Applicant: Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church/ Metro-Spec
Municipality: Jersey City
Total Project Costs: \$250,000
Amount Requested: \$50,000
Amount Matched: \$0

Recommendation

- Conduct (or hire a consultant to) a strategy planning study to evaluate existing uses and make recommendations for the use of the land. This will allow the organization to be in better position to apply for funding from the Trust or other sources.
- Engage the Board of Trustees, residents, and stakeholders in this process
- Do not include religious-associated statues or other design elements
- Recruit volunteers for clean up
- Apply for a conservation/public access easement



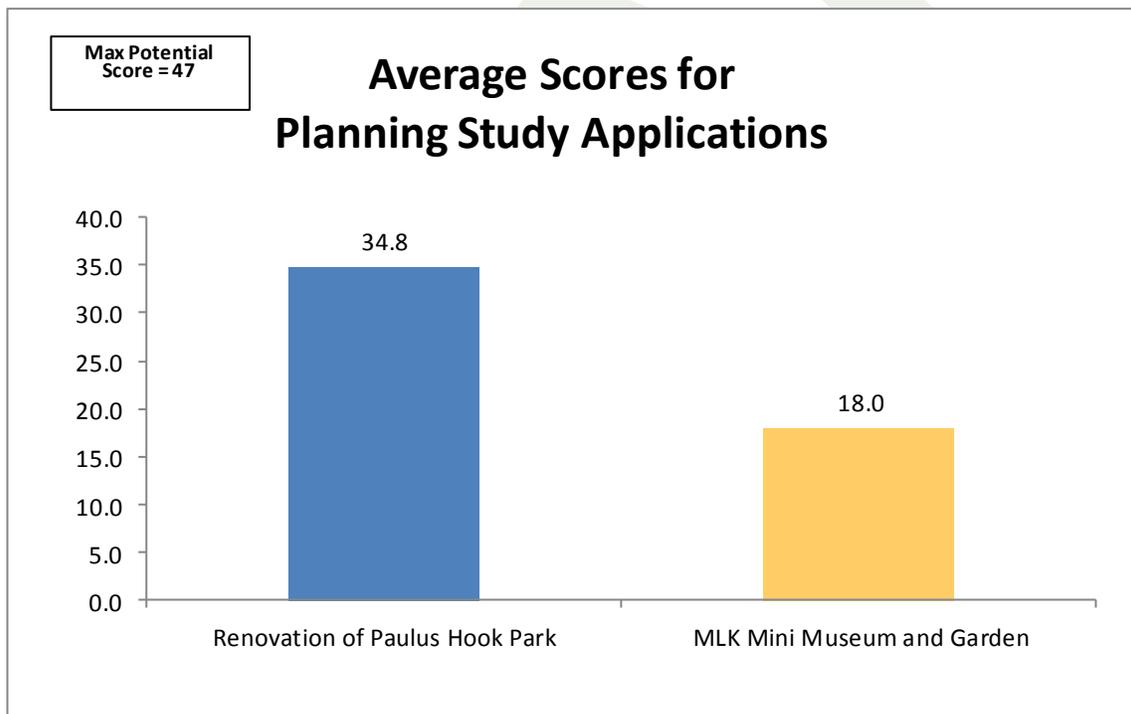
Newspaper article documenting MLK's visit to the church



Neighborhood map

Planning, Engineering, & Historic Preservation Studies Ranked

Rank	Average Score	Median Score	No.	Project Title	Project Municipality	Amount Requested	Total Project Cost
1	33.8	34.0	PS-15-12	Planning Study for the Renovation of Paulus Hook Park	Jersey City	\$100,000	\$200,000
2	18.0	0.0	PS-20-12	MLK Mini Museum and Garden	Jersey City	\$50,000	\$250,000



VII. APPLICATION SCORE, RANK, & FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Rank	Average Score	Median Score	Application No.	Project Title	Project Municipality	Amount Requested	Total Project Cost	County Executive Recommendation	Freeholder Approval
1	78.4	79.0	OS-08-12	Skyway Riverfront Park	Jersey City	\$1,000,000	\$12,628,000		

B. Historic Preservation Score, Rank, and Funding Recommendations

Rank	Average Score	Median Score	No.	Project Title	Project Municipality	Amount Requested	Total Project Cost	County Executive Recommendation	Freshholder Approval
1	50.4	53.0	HP-16-12	Lincoln Park Fountain Restoration	Jersey City	\$250,000	\$3,900,000		
2	48.8	47.0	HP-01-12	Window Restoration at Jersey City Main Library	Jersey City	\$1,009,000	\$1,363,000		
3	44.8	43.0	HP-10-12	Reservoir 3 Stabilization of Historic Structures	Jersey City	\$596,644	\$646,644		
4	39.8	41.0	HP-13-12	Bayonne Community Museum	Bayonne	\$50,000	\$6,000,000		

C. Park & Recreation Improvement Score, Rank, and Funding Recommendations

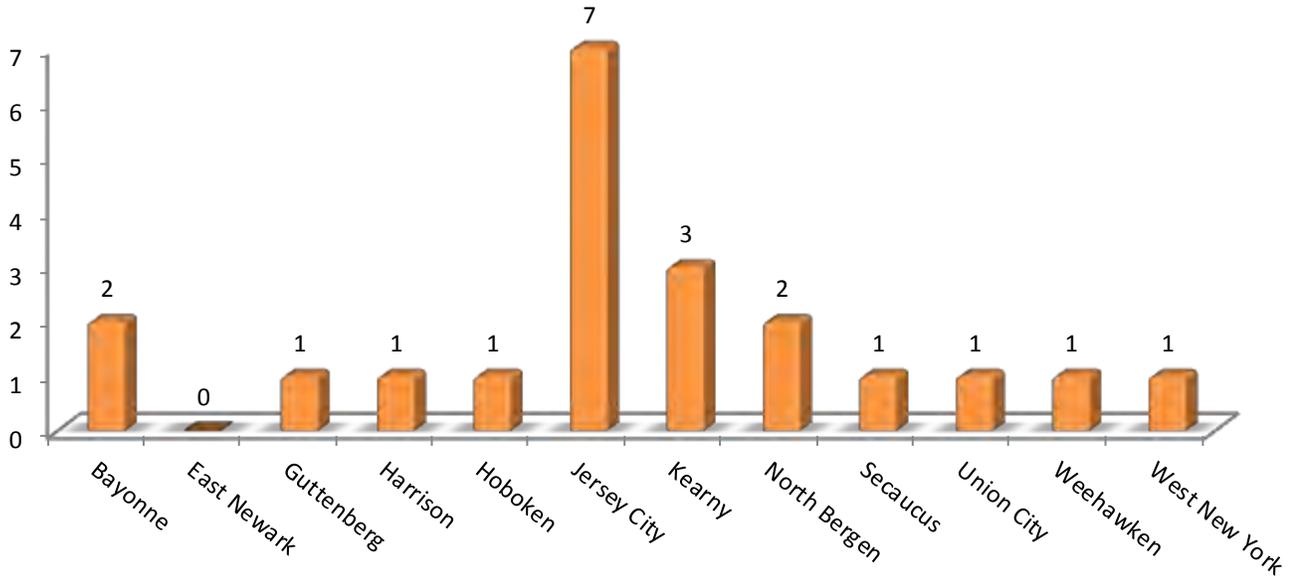
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Score, Rank and Funding Recommendations

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Number of Applications by Municipality



Number of Applications Based on Applicant Type

