



The County of Hudson

2016

Open Space Advisory Board Recommendations Report

May 18, 2016



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INTRODUCTION

Through the partially reinstated tax levy, funding was made available to provide grants for the 2015-2016 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, and any local entities, non-profit corporations, and qualified charitable conservancies located within Hudson County that receive tax exemption under section 501(c)3.

The County received **fifteen (15) Letter of Intent** requesting approximately **\$8.9 million** in funding. Categorically, the County received Letters of Intent for **two (2) Historic Preservation Projects, two (2) Open Space Acquisition projects, and eleven (11) Park Improvement Projects**. In terms of project location by municipality: **Bayonne submitted (1); Guttenberg (1); Harrison (1); Hoboken (3); Jersey City (3); Kearny (1); North Bergen (1); Secaucus (1); Union City (1); Weehawken (1); and West New York (1)**.

The 2015-2016 funding cycle recommended \$2,417,873 in grant funding. Each Letter of Intent was reviewed in depth by the Division of Planning staff at the end of 2015. 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 2015-2016 application summarization chart and a brief description of each 2015-2016 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/>



**Berry Lane Park
Baseball Field**

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 timeline 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.

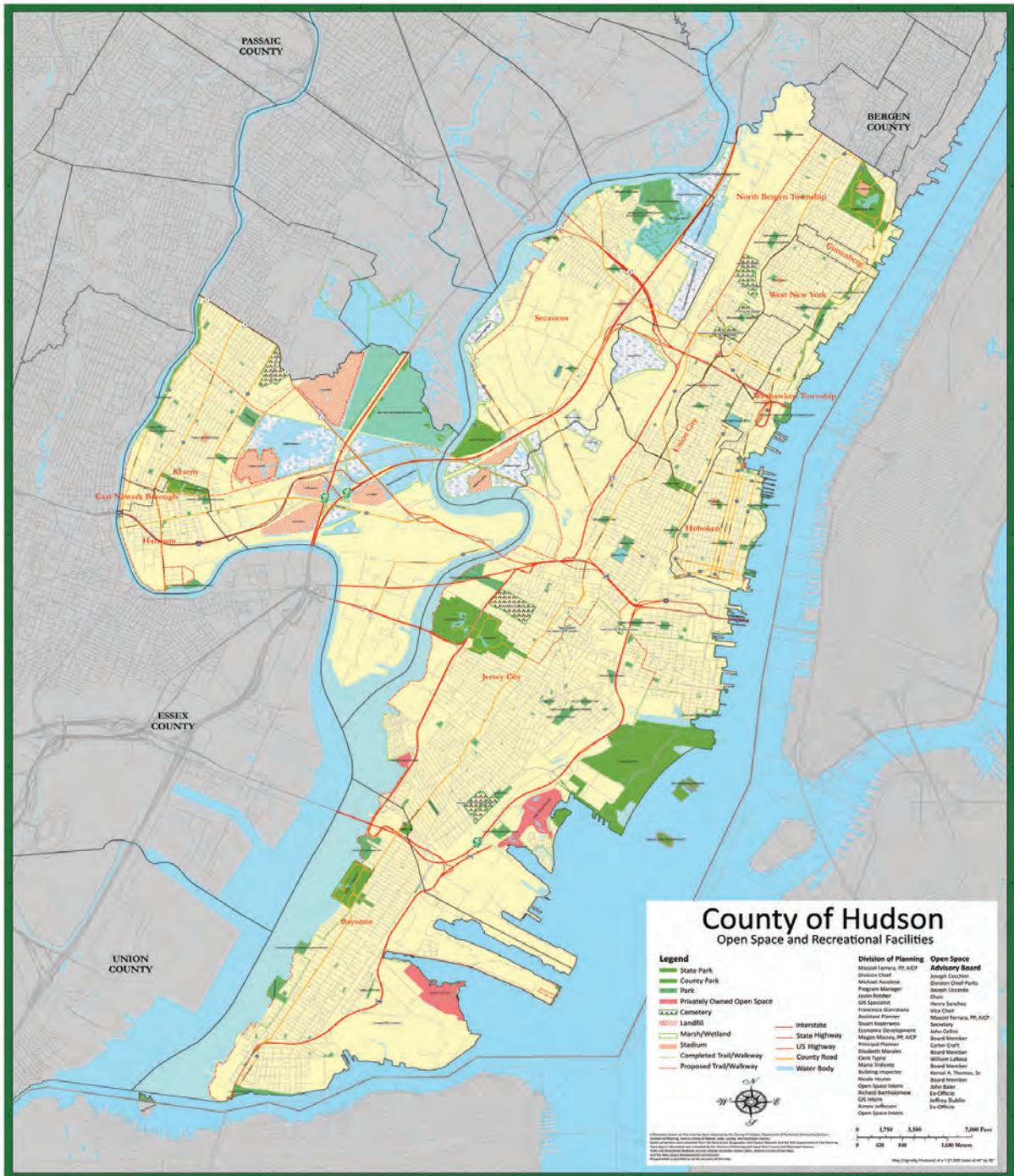
The primary responsibility of the Open Space Advisory Board is to systematically review applications for funding consideration for the Trust Fund. The Advisory Board assists with prioritization and recommendation of projects for open space, recreation, and historic preservation purposes.

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

2015- 2016 Review Schedule	
Letter of Intent	September 30, 2015
One-on-One Meetings/Site Visits	November 2015- January 2016
Full Application	March 18, 2016
Advisory Board Presentations	March 30, 2016
County Executive Recommendations	May 11, 2016
Public Hearing on Funding Recommendations	June 23, 2016
Anticipated Approval by Board of Chosen Freeholders	September 8, 2016

2015-2016 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 reviewed and discussed each application to determine its completeness, and the recommendations were presented to the County Executive for 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 <u>NJ DEP i-Map</u> 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"/>

Hudson County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Fund

Type	Project Title	Municipality	Requested Amount	
Park Improvement	Pier B Restoration Project	Weehawken	\$500,000	
Park Improvement	Southwest Resiliency Park Block 12	Hoboken	\$500,000	
Park Improvement	Multi-Park Updates	Guttenberg	\$458,613	
Park Improvement	Riverview Fisk Park Retaining Wall	Jersey City	Not provided	
Historic Preservation	Restoration of Interior at the Main Library	Jersey City	\$800,000	
Open Space Acquisition	Harrison Little League/Playground Project	Harrison	\$950,000	
Open Space Acquisition	Northwest Resiliency Park BASF	Hoboken	\$1,000,000	

Other Share Amount	Previous Open Space Funding	Project Total Costs	Comments
\$35,000	\$500,000	\$535,000	Municipality withdrew their application for this year's funding cycle and will apply for a more comprehensive design in the next round of funding.
\$4,162,943	\$2,977,000	\$4,662,973	City's 2nd priority. (Due to the limited funding, the municipalities were asked to prioritize their Letter of Intent requests.)
\$111,387		\$570,000	Limited local match, and delay in spending down funds for previous HCOSTF project.
\$0		Not provided	No documented partnership with the City of Jersey City (required in the Funding Guidelines). No project details, such as site plans or cost estimates; and no local match.
\$1,200,000		\$2,000,000	Limited guaranteed local match and delay in spending funds for 2012 HCSTF award for the Library Restoration.
\$0		\$950,000	Lack of local match and missing required documentation, including property appraisal, recent land survey, and preliminary assessment. The County will work with the Town in using the County's Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant to assist with this acquisition.
\$7,605,000		\$7,805,000	The County will work with the City in using the County's Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant to assist with this acquisition.

2015-2016 OPEN SPACE FULL APPLICATION SUMMARIES

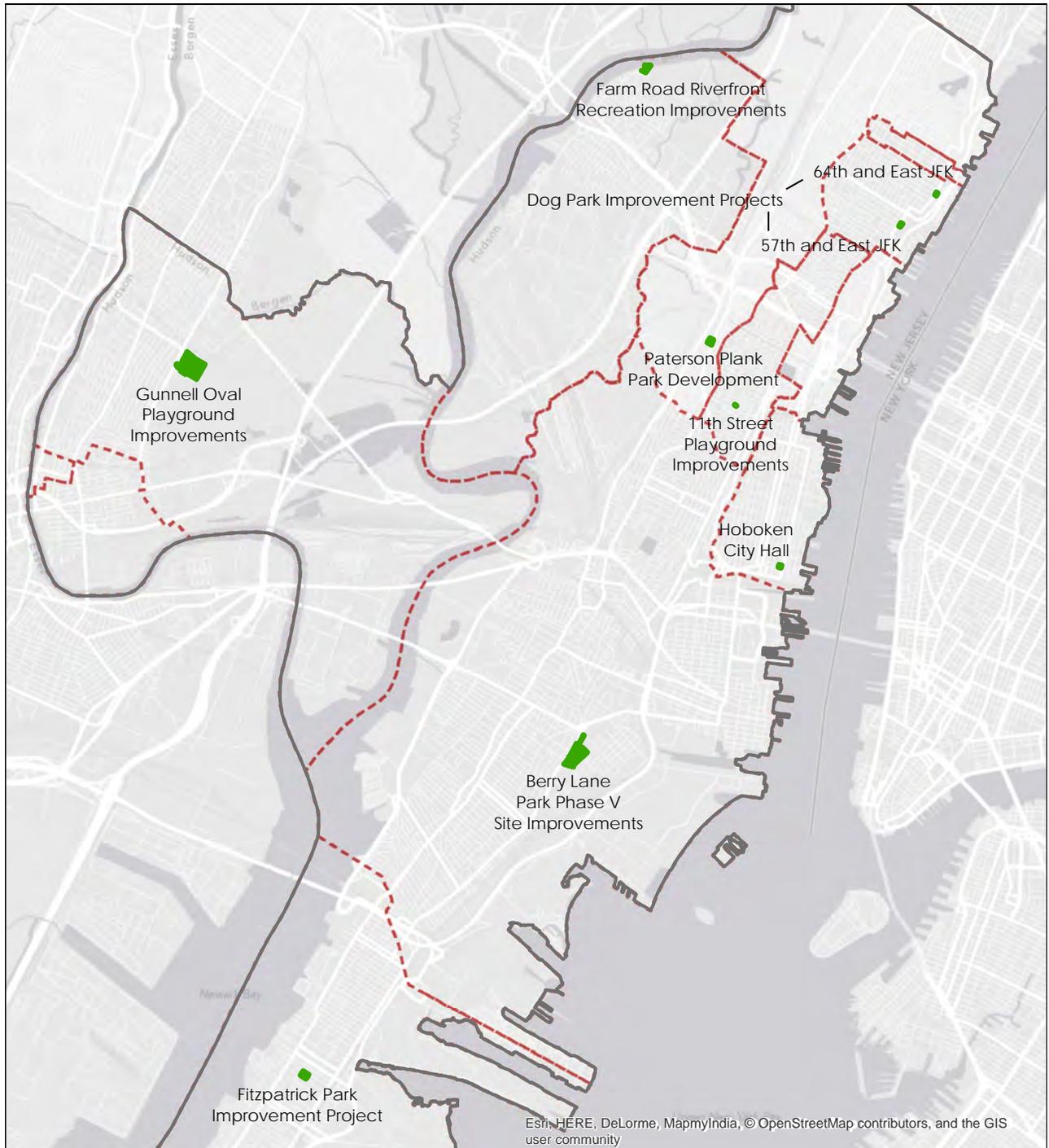
Arranged by Assigned Application Number

Applicants whose projects were recommended for full application submitted the full application on March 18, 2016. 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 8 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 8 full applications, 8 are being recommended for funding as per the County Executive letter dated May 11, 2016.**



2016 Open Space Advisory Board Recommendations



Project Name



County Boundary



Municipal Boundaries

0 0.5 1 2 Miles



COUNTY OF HUDSON



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THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

May 11, 2016

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Dear Chairman Liccardo & Members of the Board:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and 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 **\$2,417,837.00** in funding awards to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the following projects:

- HP-01-16: City of Hoboken, **\$350,000.00** for the Hoboken City Hall Historic Preservation
- PI-02-16: City of Union City, **\$250,000.00** for the 11th Street Playground Improvements
- PI-03-16: Town of West New York, **\$225,000.00** for the Dog Park Improvement Project
- PI-04-16: Township of North Bergen, **\$300,000.00** for the Paterson Plank Park Development
- PI-05-16: Town of Secaucus, **\$317,873.00** for the Farm Road Riverfront Recreation Improvement
- PI-06-16: City of Bayonne, **\$250,000.00** for the Improvements to Francis G. Fitzpatrick Park
- PI-07-16: Town of Kearny, **\$500,000.00** for the Gunnell Oval Playground Improvements
- PI-08-16: Jersey City Redevelopment Agency, **\$225,000.00** for the Berry Lane Park Phase V Site Improvement

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas A. DeGise".

Thomas A. DeGise

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Open Space Historic Preservation Hoboken City Hall Historic Preservation Project

Project Description

The full project consists of the rehabilitation of the historic Hoboken City Hall following a Preservation Master Plan prepared by HMR Architects, which will preserve the history and restore the original decorative details of the building while reconfiguring and adapting it to allow it to serve the present day needs and functions for the City of Hoboken. The award from the Open Space Trust Fund will allow the City to complete the initial and most critical components of the project, including the removal of the outdated telephone and computer network wiring, installation of a modern telephone and fiber optic network, and upgrading the networks and connection for a new back-up generator. City Hall serves as the City's emergency headquarters so the network upgrades and connections to the back-up generator are critical. In future phases, restoration of historic stonework, cleaning and repainting of the exterior, replacement of windows and doors, repairing and refinishing of floors, repainting with historic colors, as well as installation of new plumbing, electrical, and heating and cooling systems will be completed.

Summary

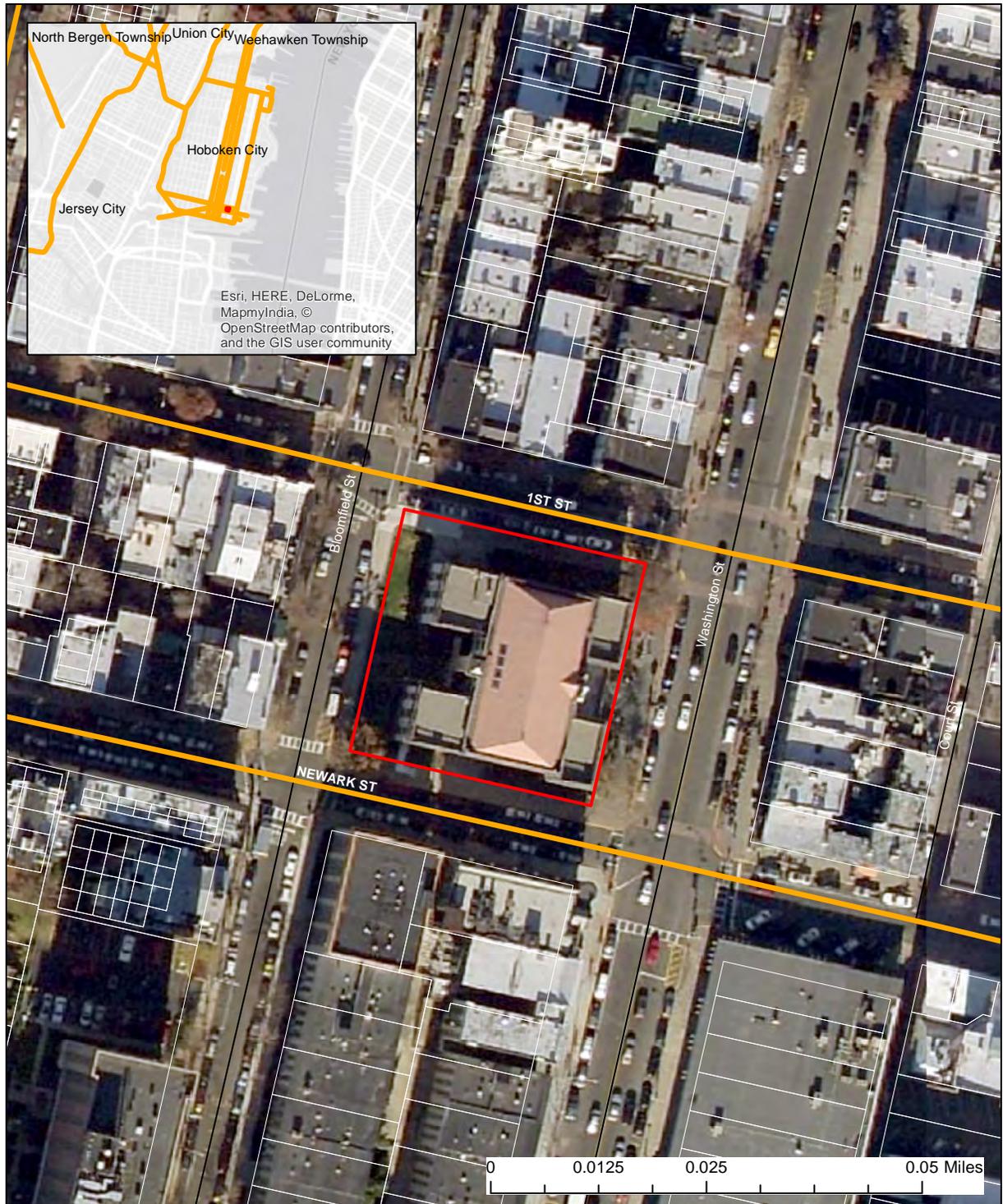
Project Name: Hoboken City Hall Historic Preservation Project
Applicant: City of Hoboken
Municipality: Hoboken
Application #: HP-01-16

Total Project Costs:	\$700,000
Recommended Award Amount:	\$350,000
Local Share	\$350,000

HCOSTF Advisory Board Recommendations:

The Board recommends this project for funding. It is a priority for the City and the City has matching funds in place. The project is shovel ready.

County Executive Recommendation: \$350,000



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Project: Hoboken City Hall Historic Preservation Project
94 Washington Street, Hoboken
Block 199, Lot 1



Hoboken City Hall 94 Washington Street, between Newark Street and 1st Street

TREATMENT RECOMMENDATIONS
PROPOSED SCHEMATIC DESIGN

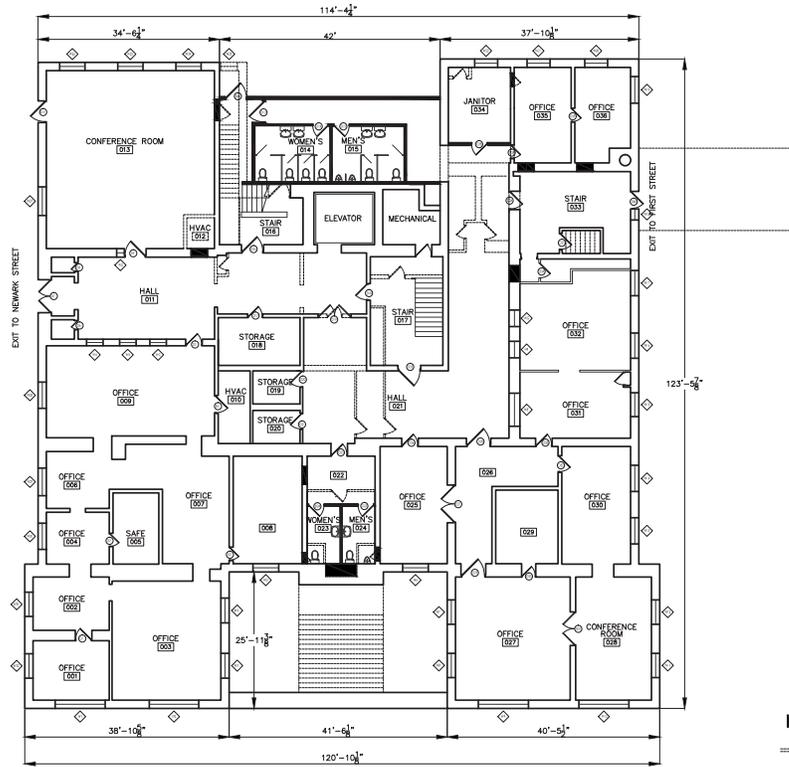


FIGURE 6
Ground Floor Plan
Scale: 1/16" = 1'-0"

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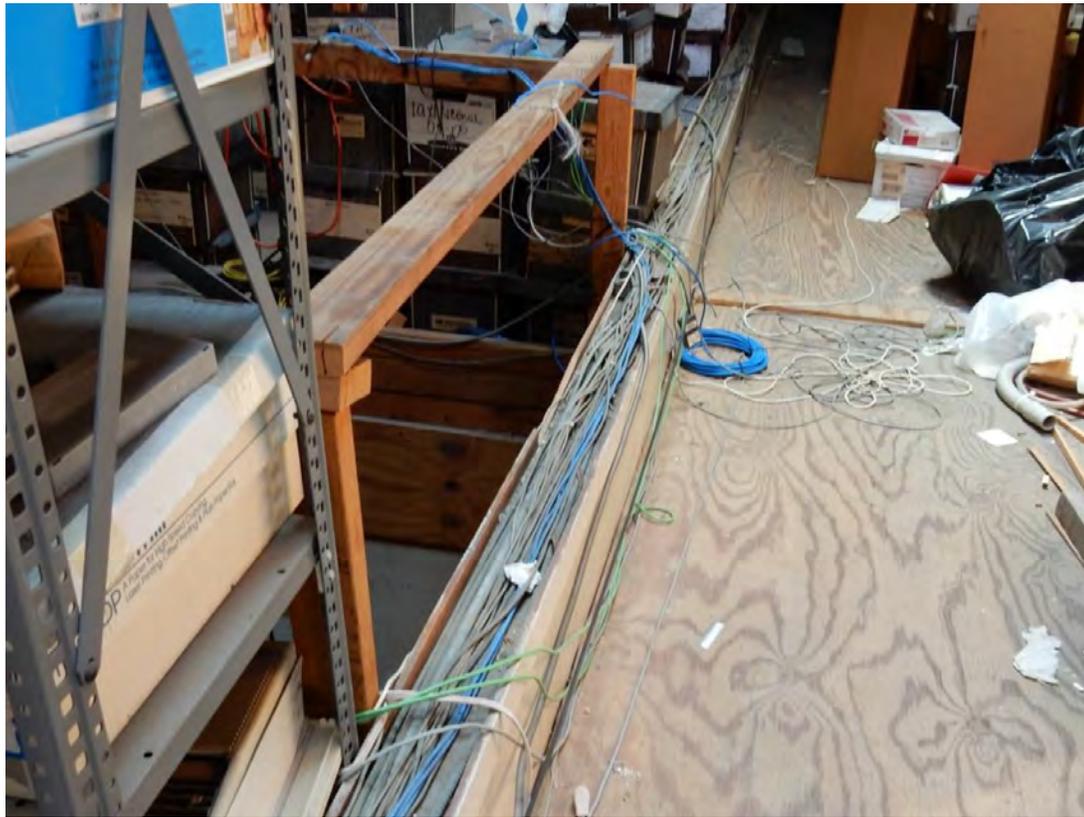
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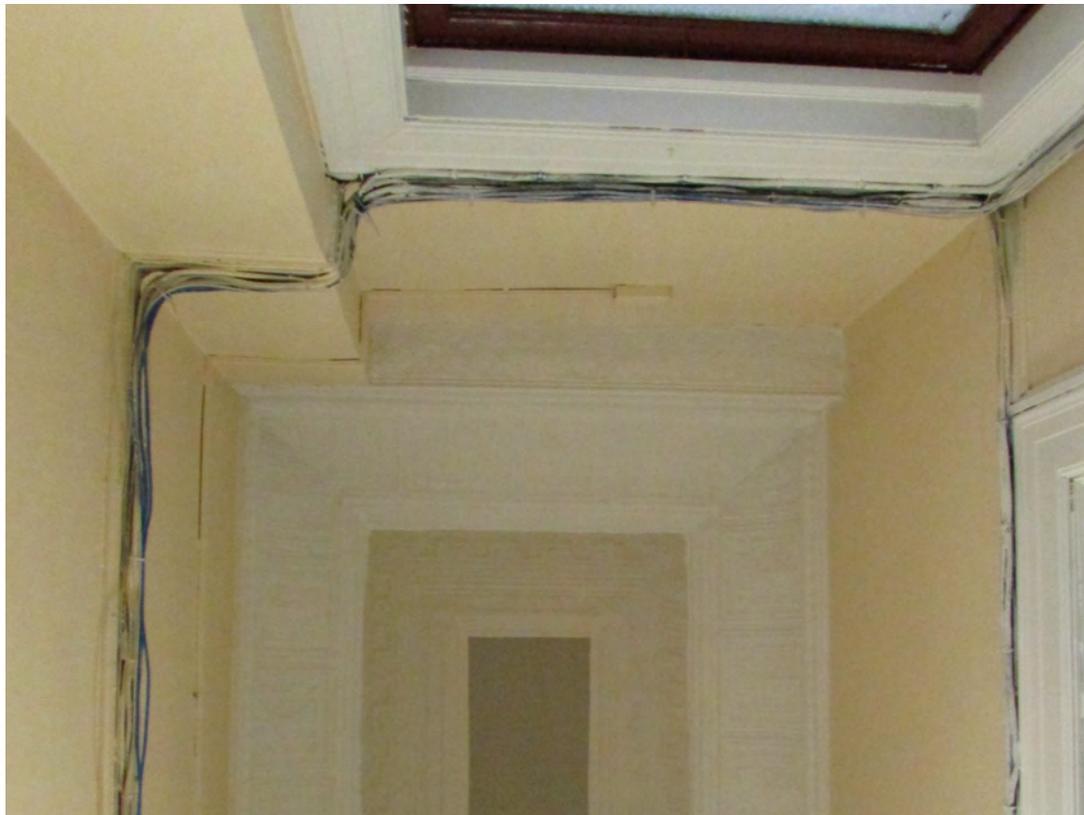
Hoboken City Hall Ground Floor Plan



Hoboken City Hall Front Exterior



**Hoboken City Hall
Existing Conditions- Wiring**



**Hoboken City Hall
Existing Conditions- Non code compliant electrical panel**

Park Improvements 11th Street Playground Improvements

Project Description

The project will involve the rehabilitation of the 11th Street Playground to provide new improved play equipment and to add water features. The project will also include grading and drainage improvements, a significant amount of landscaping, and will make the park handicapped accessible. The rehabilitated facility will provide a needed active play area for neighborhood children and other residents of the southern portion of the City. Union City has limited available land to provide new facilities and the development of an improved playground at an existing recreational site would provide a safe, modern, state of the art facility. The facility will be maintained by the City's parks department with existing staff.

Summary:

Project Name: 11th Street Playground Improvements
Applicant: City of Union City
Municipality: Union City
Application #: PI-02-16

Total Project Costs: \$924,386
Recommended Award Amount: \$250,000
Local Share : \$674,386

HCOSTF Advisory Board Recommendations:

The Board recommends this project for funding. It is a City priority and is shovel ready. Construction has begun and it is anticipated to be complete by Spring 2016.

County Executive Recommendation: \$250,000



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Project: 11th Street Playground Improvements
Southeastern corner of 11th Street and West Street
Block 47, Lots 7, 8



11th Street Playground Improvements South side of 11th Street, between Bergenline Avenue and West Street



**11th Street Playground Improvements
Construction Progress**



**11th Street Playground Improvements
Construction Progress**

Park Improvements Dog Park Improvement Project

Project Description

The project consists of the renovation of 2 dog parks—at Donnelly Park (57th Street) and Verrazano (64th Street) Dog Park. The improvements include the installation of ADA compliant water fountains, full installation of canine grass surfacing and corresponding irrigation system, and replacement of dog exercise equipment. The Advisory Board recommended that the project include a maintenance gate, double, self-closing entrance gates, and a re-design of the water line to provide water to both the small and large dog areas of the parks. The Township adjusted the site design to incorporate these changes.

Summary

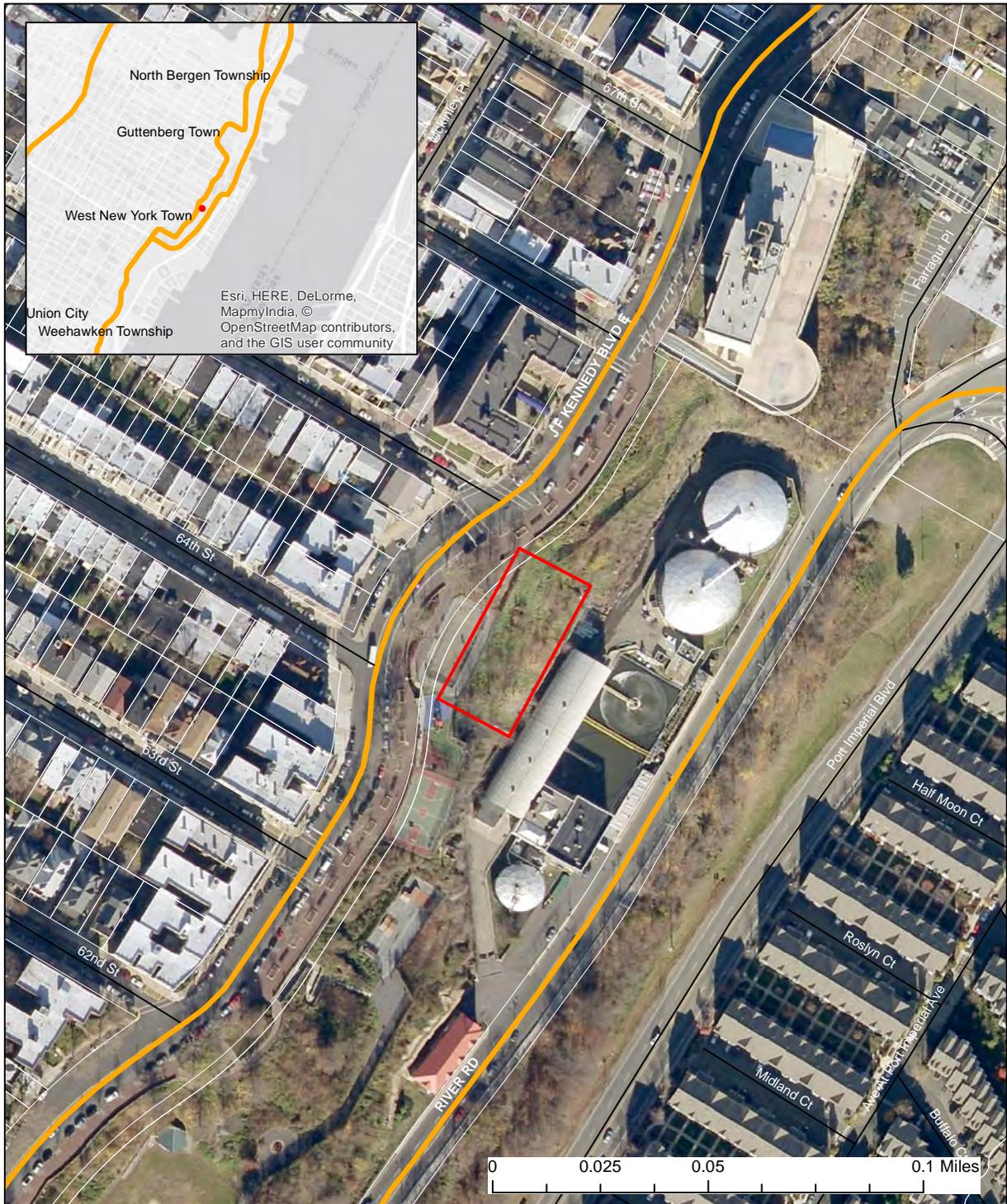
Project Name:	Dog Park Improvement Project
Applicant:	Township of West New York
Municipality:	West New York
Application #:	PI-03-16

Total Project Costs:	\$546,695
Recommended Award Amount:	\$225,000
Local Match:	\$274,945

HCOSTF Advisory Board Recommendations:

The Board recommends this project for funding. It is a priority of Township and it is shovel ready.

County Executive Recommendation: \$225,000



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Project: Dog Park Improvement Project
64th Street and East JFK Boulevard, West New York
Block 38, Lot 10.01
Approximate location drawn on map



Dog Park Improvement Project- Donnelly Dog Park John F. Kennedy Boulevard East, Between 64th Street and 65th Street

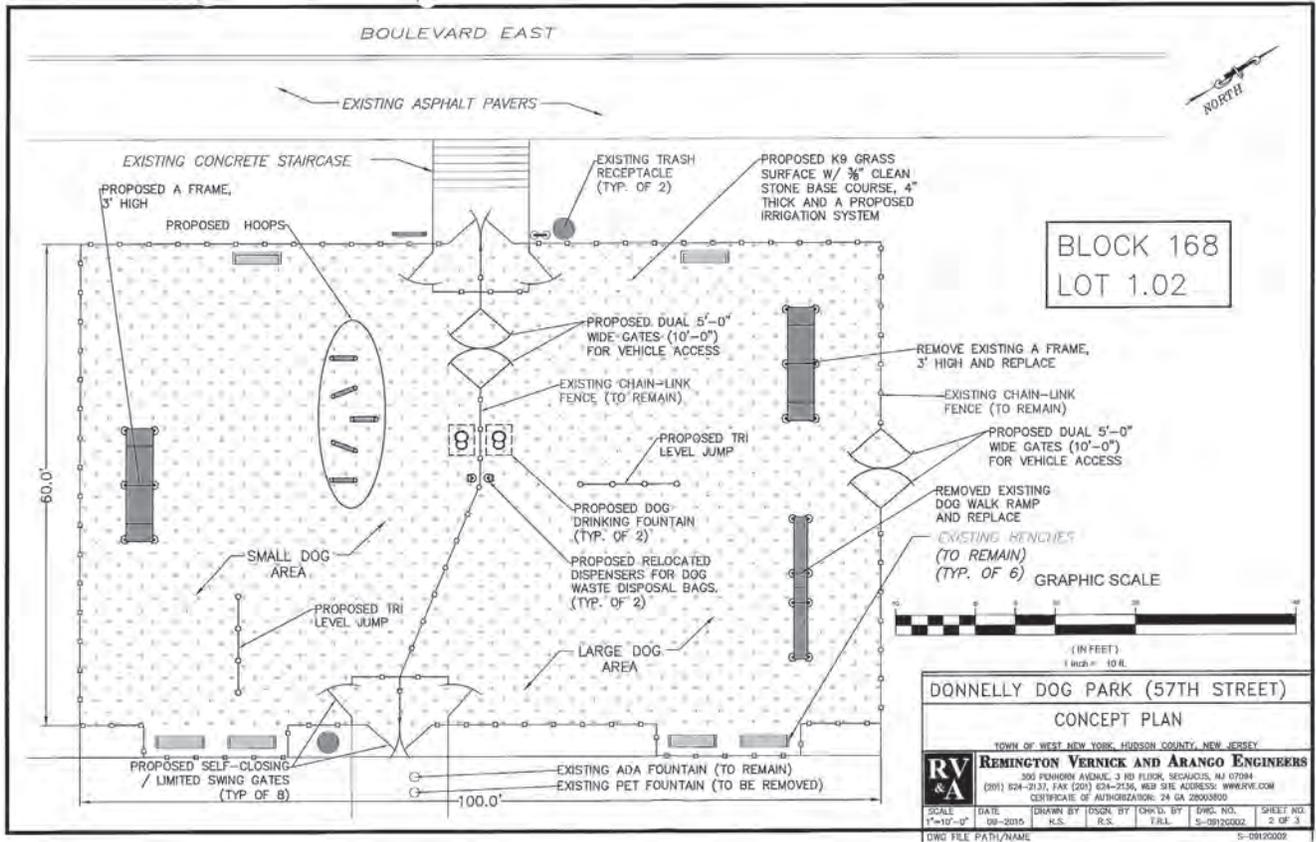


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Project: Dog Park Improvement Project
57th Street and East JFK Boulevard, West New York
Block 168, Lot 1.02
Approximate location drawn on map



Dog Park Improvement Project- Verrazano Dog Park John F. Kennedy Boulevard East, Between 56th Street and 57th Street



**Dog Park Improvement Project- Donnelly Dog Park
Site Plan**



**Dog Park Improvement Project- Donnelly Dog Park
Existing Conditions**



**Dog Park Improvement Project- Verrazano Dog Park
Existing Conditions**

Park Improvements Paterson Plank Park Development

Project Description

Paterson Plank Park will be a new municipal park and parcel added to the ROSI. 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. The park will be surrounded by a perimeter fence and will include a supporting parking area.

Summary

Project Name: Paterson Plank Park Development
Applicant: Township of North Bergen
Municipality: North Bergen
Application #: PI-04-16

Total Project Costs:	\$977,866
Recommended Award Amount:	\$300,000
Local Share:	\$457,866
Other Matching Funds	\$220,000 (CDBG)

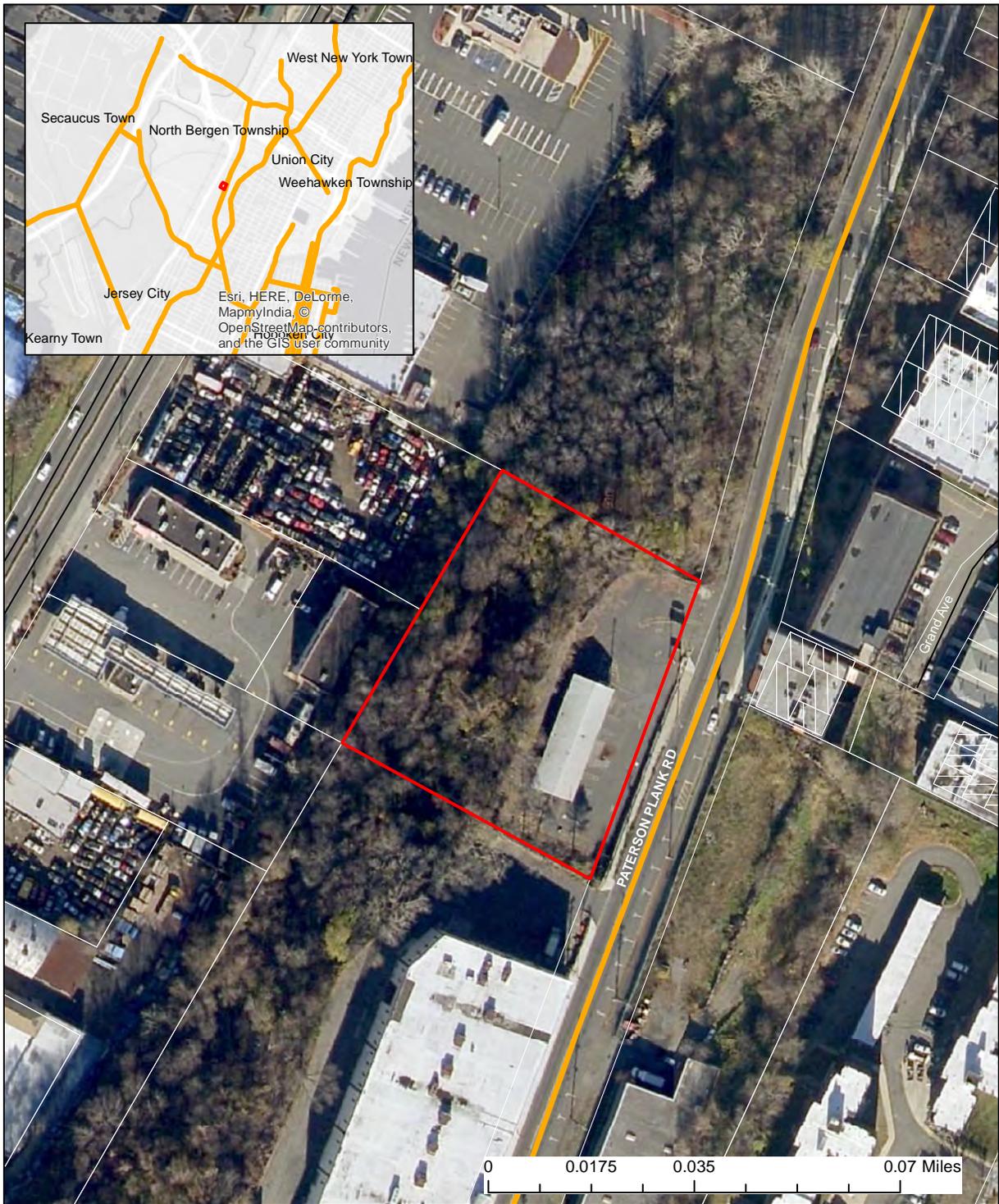
HCOSTF Advisory Board Recommendations:

The Board recommends this project for funding. This is a Township priority and it is shovel ready.

The Board recommends the following:

- The park should have a single access point, off of Paterson Plank Road.
- The Township should explore additional traffic calming measures, such as additional signage along Paterson Plank Road near the access to the park.
- All environmental and geotechnical permitting shall be submitted to the Board when completed.

County Executive Recommendation: \$300,000

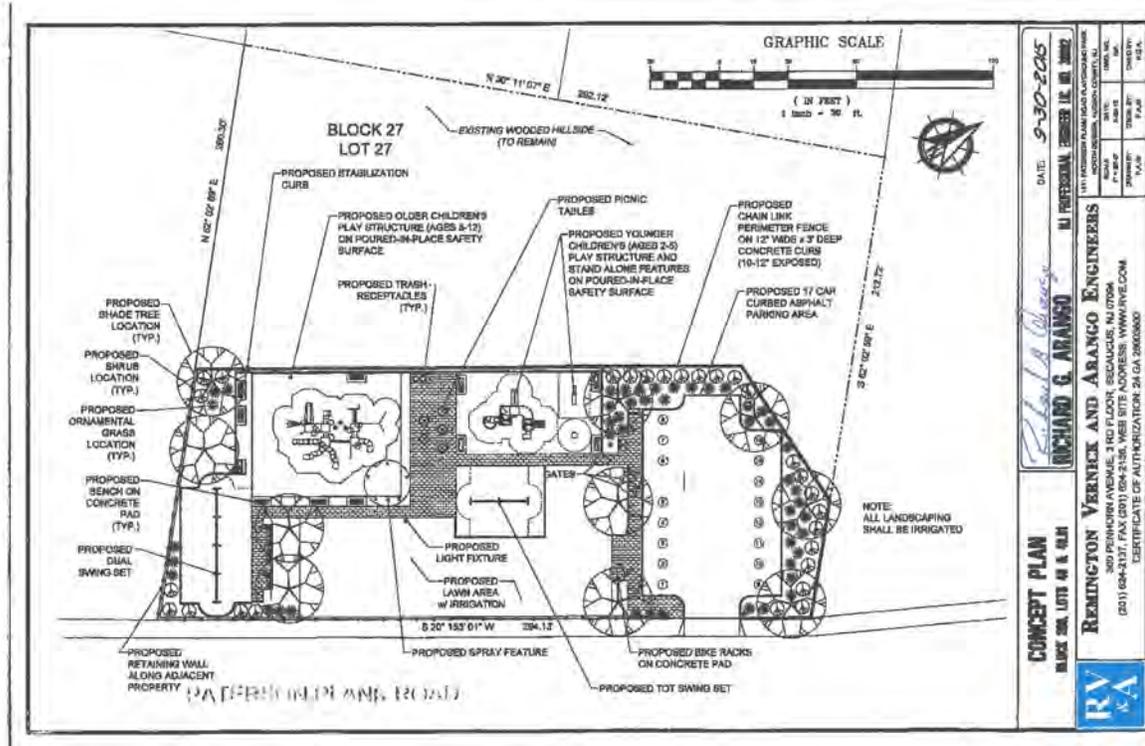


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Project: Paterson Plank Park Development
1811 Paterson Plank Road, North Bergen
Block 27, Lot 27



Paterson Plank Park Development West Side of Paterson Plank Road



Paterson Plank Park
Concept Design



Paterson Plank Park
Existing Conditions



**Paterson Plank Park
Existing Conditions**



**Paterson Plank Park
Existing Conditions**

Park Improvements Farm Road Riverfront Recreation Improvement

Project Description

This project is proposed as part of an official agreement with the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA). An MOU has been finalized whereby the parcel will be developed to provide waterfront access and active and passive recreational opportunities. The park features will include a walking path, shade trees, benches, and a dog park with separate areas for large and small dogs. It also has a supporting parking lot. The site is adjacent to two municipally-owned parcels, and it is intended to connect all the parcels into one large waterfront park in the future.

Summary

Project Name: Farm Road Riverfront Recreation Improvement
Applicant: Town of Secaucus
Municipality: Secaucus

Total Project Costs: \$869,402
Recommended Award Amount: \$317,873
Local Match \$551,529

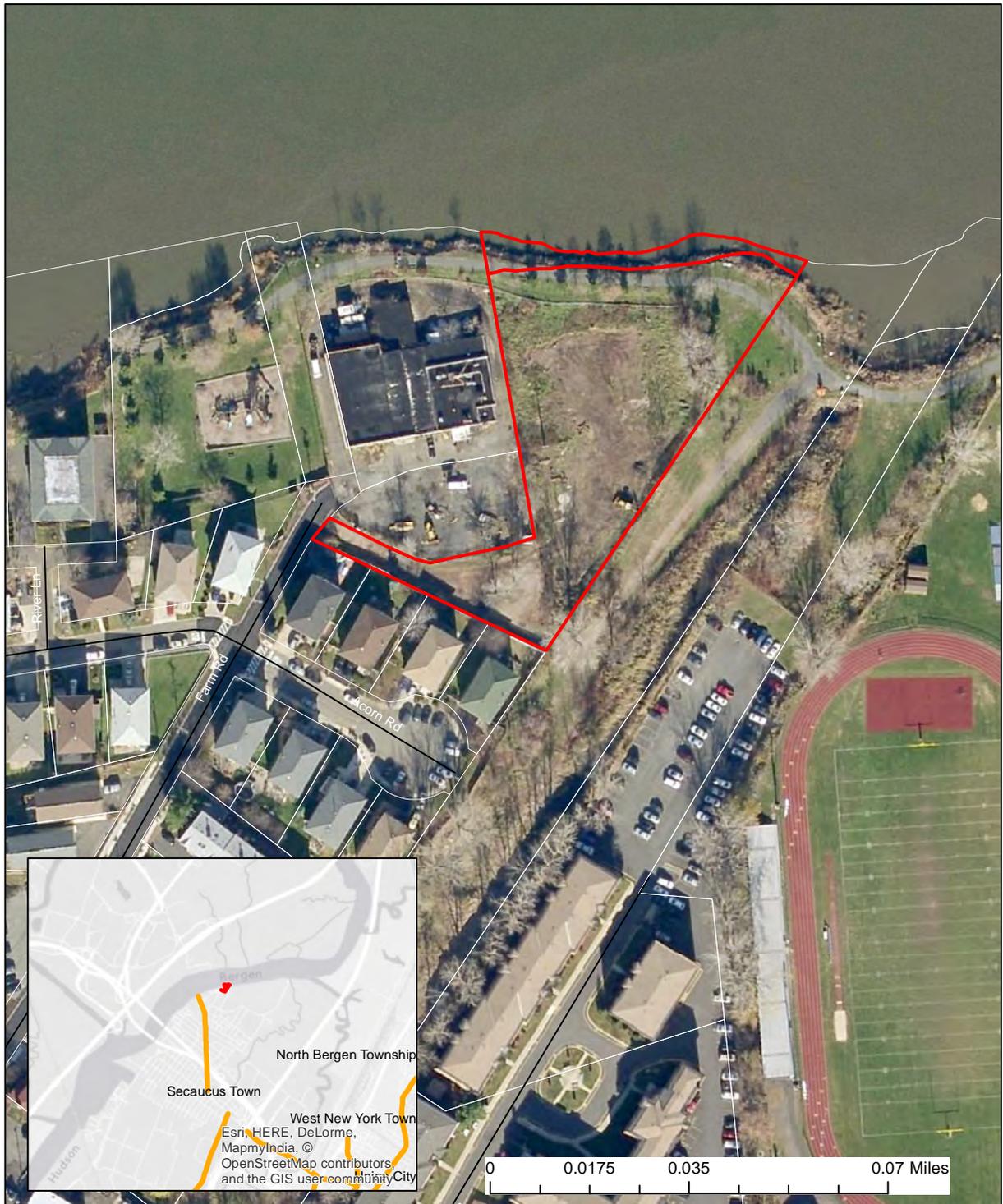
HCOSTF Advisory Board Recommendations:

The Board recommends this project for funding. This is a Town priority with a proposed start date in early 2016 with a completion date in September 2016.

The Board recommends the following:-

- A yellow curb be painted and no parking signs be added at the end of the access road (at the corner of Farm Road) so no cars will park along there and inhibit emergency access.
- A Concept Plan should be developed for the future phases of the park.

County Executive Recommendation: \$317,873

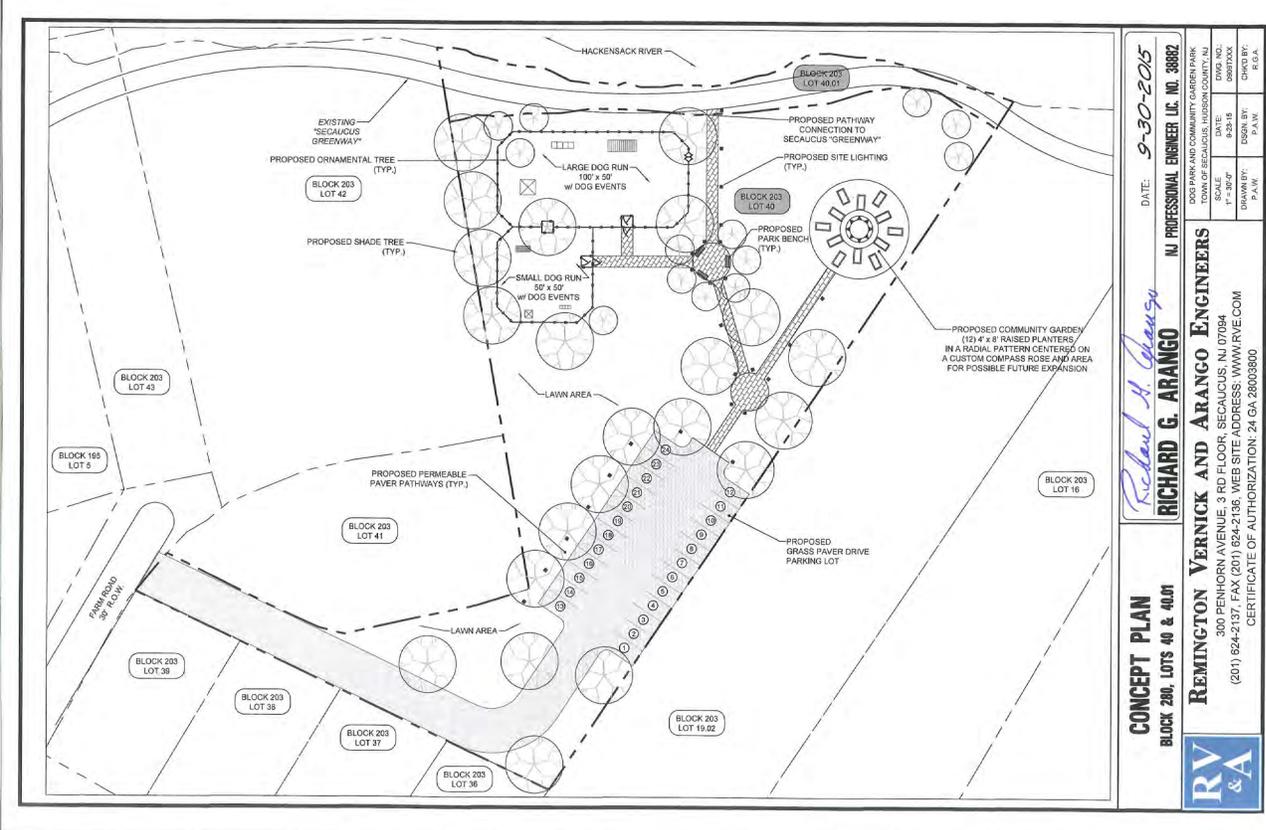


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Project: Farm Road Riverfront Recreation Improvements
1159 Farm Road, Secaucus
Block 203, Lots 40, 40.01



Farm Road Park Foot of Farm Road



Farm Road Park
Site Plan



Farm Road Park
Existing Conditions



**Farm Road Park
Existing Conditions**



**Farm Road Park
Construction Progress**

**Park Improvements
Fitzpatrick Park Improvement Project**

Project Description

The proposed project will rehabilitate Fitzpatrick Park, located in central Bayonne on Avenue C between 26th and 27th streets. The park improvements include ADA compliant walkways, a playground area for 2-5-year-olds, a playground area 5-12-year-olds, a roller hockey rink, a patio area with picnic tables, game tables, a splash park area that includes a recirculation system, fencing, a bicycle rack, water fountain, pet waste station, pet drinking fountain, and lighting and landscaping improvements.

Summary

Project Name: Fitzpatrick Park Improvement Project
Applicant: City of Bayonne
Municipality: Bayonne
Application #: PI-06-16

Total Project Costs: \$871,390
Recommended Award Amount: \$250,000
Municipal Match: \$671,390

HCOSTF Advisory Board Recommendations:

The Board recommends this project for funding. This is a City priority and is shovel ready. The proposed project start is early 2016 and the project is to be completed by late 2016.

County Executive Recommendation: \$250,000



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Project: Fitzpatrick Park Improvement Project
Avenue C, between 26th and 27th Street, Bayonne
Block 178, Lot 1



Fitzpatrick Park Improvement Project Avenue C, between 26th Street and 27th Street



**Fitzpatrick Park
Existing Conditions**



**Fitzpatrick Park
Existing Conditions**

Park Improvements Gunnell Oval Playground Improvements

Project Description

This application is for playground improvements proposed as part of a larger project for the complete renovation of the Gunnell Oval Recreational Complex, located on the east side of Kearny off of Schuyler Avenue at the edge of the Meadowlands, as a modern artificial turf sports complex. The playground improvements include surfacing, ADA-accessible playground equipment, monument sign, shade canopy, and decorative fencing and gate. The Gunnell Oval Recreational Complex was damaged by flooding during Hurricane Sandy. The proposed drainage improvements at the site will help to mitigate flooding damage during future storm events.

Summary

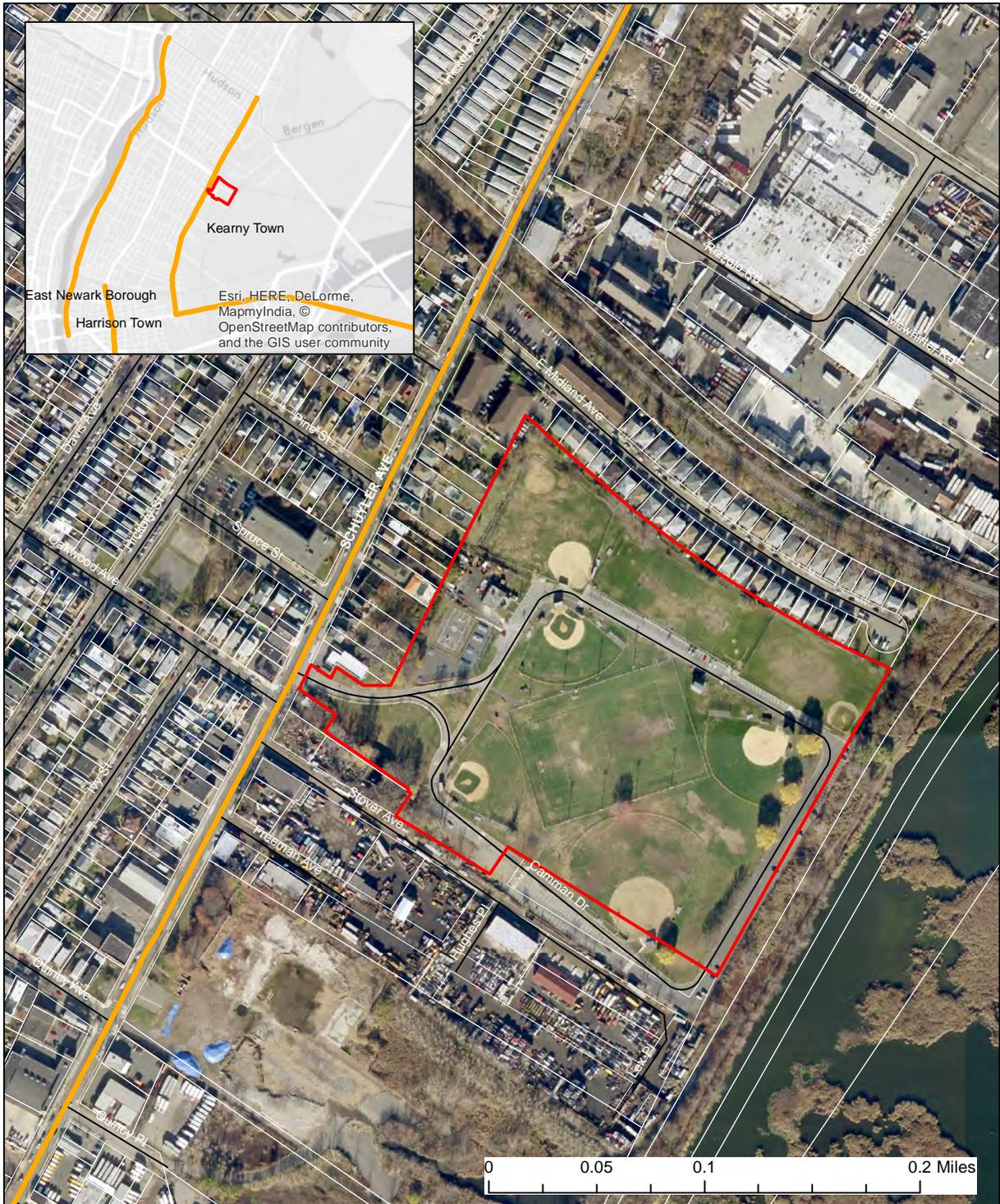
Project Name: Gunnell Oval Playground Improvements
Applicant: Town of Kearny
Municipality: Kearny
Application #: PI-07-16

Total Project Costs:	\$21,419,607
Recommended Award Amount:	\$500,000
Local Match:	\$2,493,605.20
Other Matching funds:	\$17,326,001.80 (NJFIT loan)
Other Matching funds:	\$1,100,000 (Green Acres)

HCOSTF Advisory Board Recommendations:

The Board recommends this project for funding. This is a Town priority and it is shovel ready. The Board recommends that additional shading in the picnic area and playground be considered. The proposed project start date is in Spring 2016 with a completion date in Spring 2017.

County Executive Recommendation: \$500,000



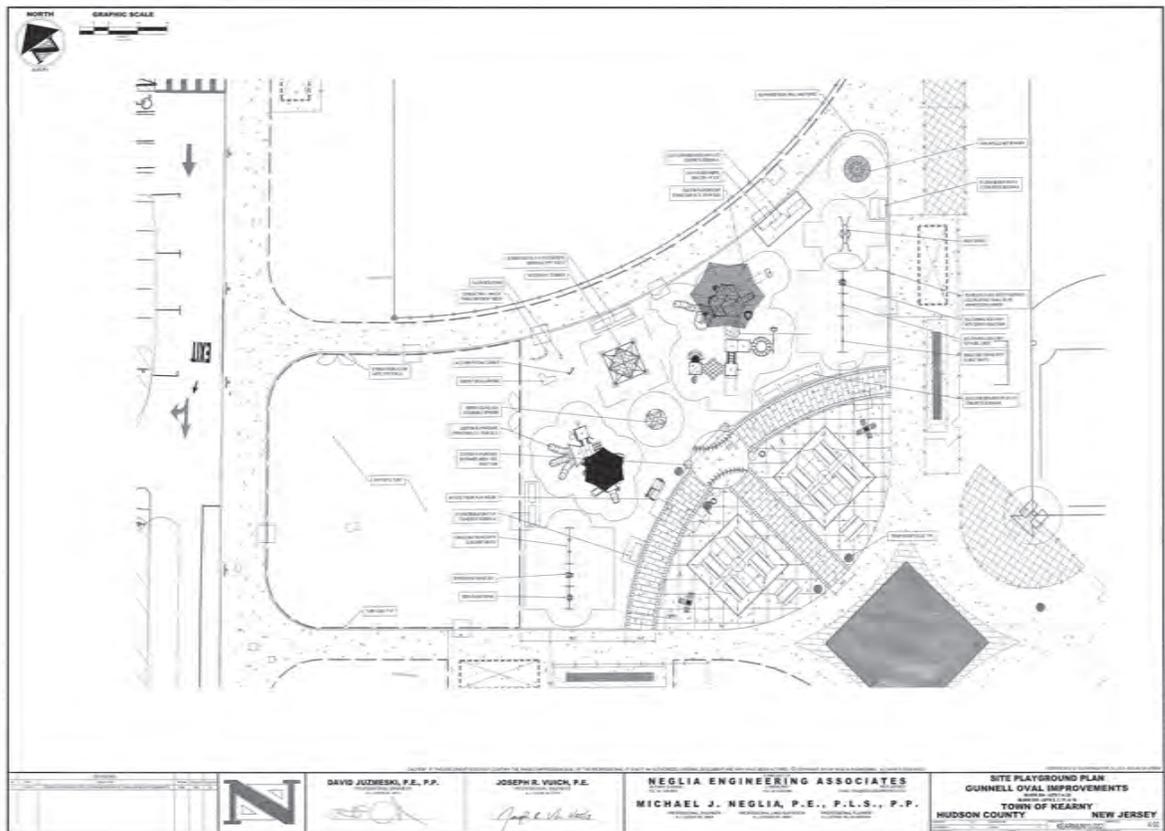
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Project: Gunnell Oval Playground Improvements
Camman Drive, Kearny
Block 204, Lot 3



Gunnell Oval Playground Improvements

East side of Schuyler Avenue, between E Midland Avenue and Stover Avenue



**Gunnell Oval Improvements
Playground Site Plan**



**Gunnell Oval Improvements
Proposed Playground Equipment**

Park Improvements Berry Lane Park- Phase V Site Improvement

Project Description

The proposed project is the 5th phase of Berry Lane Park, located in Jersey City's Bergen-Lafayette neighborhood just a block from the Garfield Avenue Station of the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail. A former brownfield in the densely populated, low income neighborhood is being remediated and transformed into the city's largest park. Phase V of the project proposes a 12,000 sq. ft. skate park. The plans for the skate park, which will feature a poured concrete bowl as well as above ground features, were developed with the engagement of the local skateboarder community, and the project was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation.

Summary

Project Name: Berry Lane Park- Phase V Site Improvement- Skate Park
Applicant: Jersey City Redevelopment Agency
Municipality: Jersey City
Application #: PI-08-16

Total Project Costs: \$887,551.13
Recommended Award Amount: \$225,000
Local Share: \$637,551.13
Other Matching funds: \$25,000 (Tony Hawk Foundation)

Previous HCOSTF Award Totals: \$5.4 million (previous phases)

HCOSTF Advisory Board Recommendations:

The Board recommends this project for funding. It is a City priority and it is shovel ready.

County Executive Recommendation: \$225,000

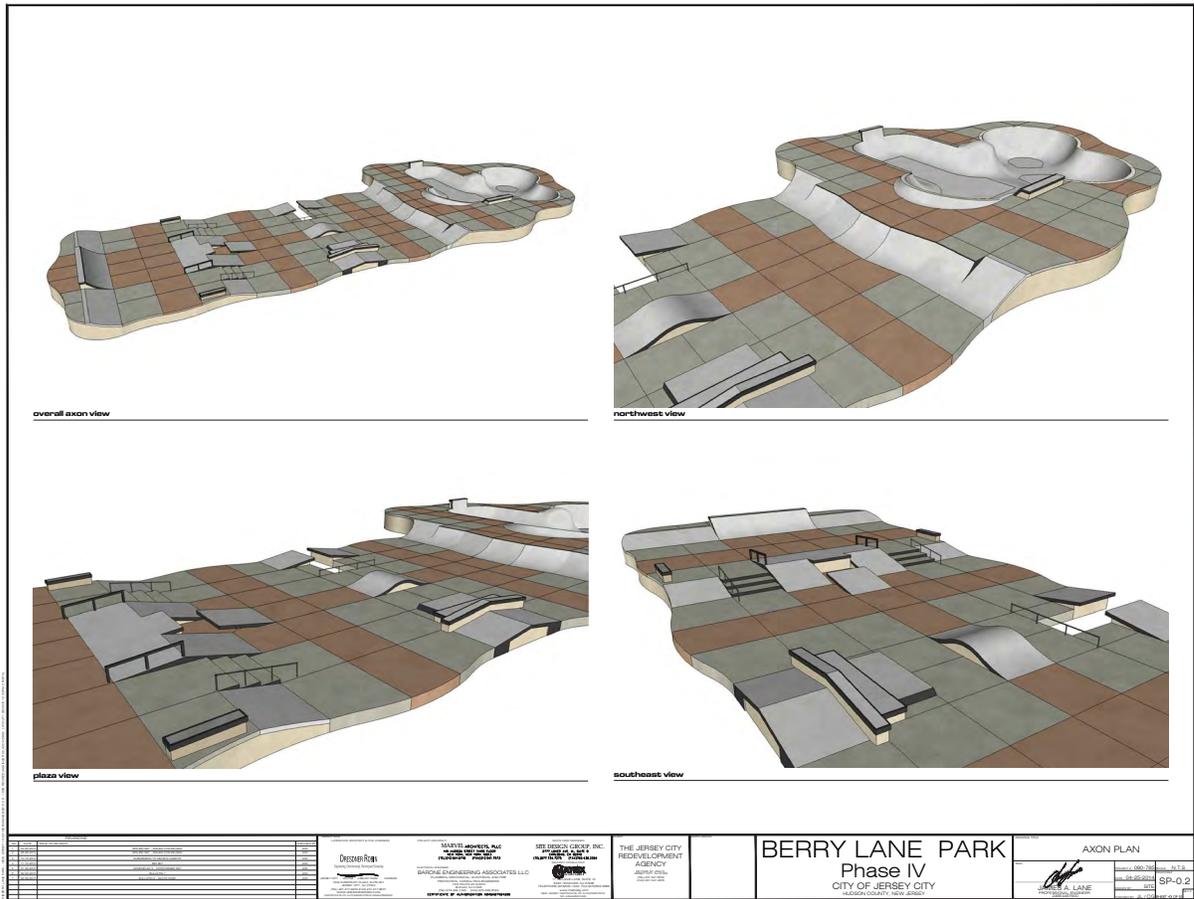


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Project: Berry Lane Park-Phase V Site Improvement
1 Berry Road, Jersey City
Block 1890, Lots 1,2,18; Block 19808, Lots 1,3-5,8-20



Berry Lane Park Phase V Improvement Berry Lane Between Garfield Avenue and Woodward Street



**Berry Lane Park Phase V Improvement
Skate Park Plans**



**Berry Lane Park Phase V Improvement
Construction Progress**



**Berry Lane Park Phase V Improvement
New Athletic Field**



**Berry Lane Park Phase V Improvement
Construction Progress**

