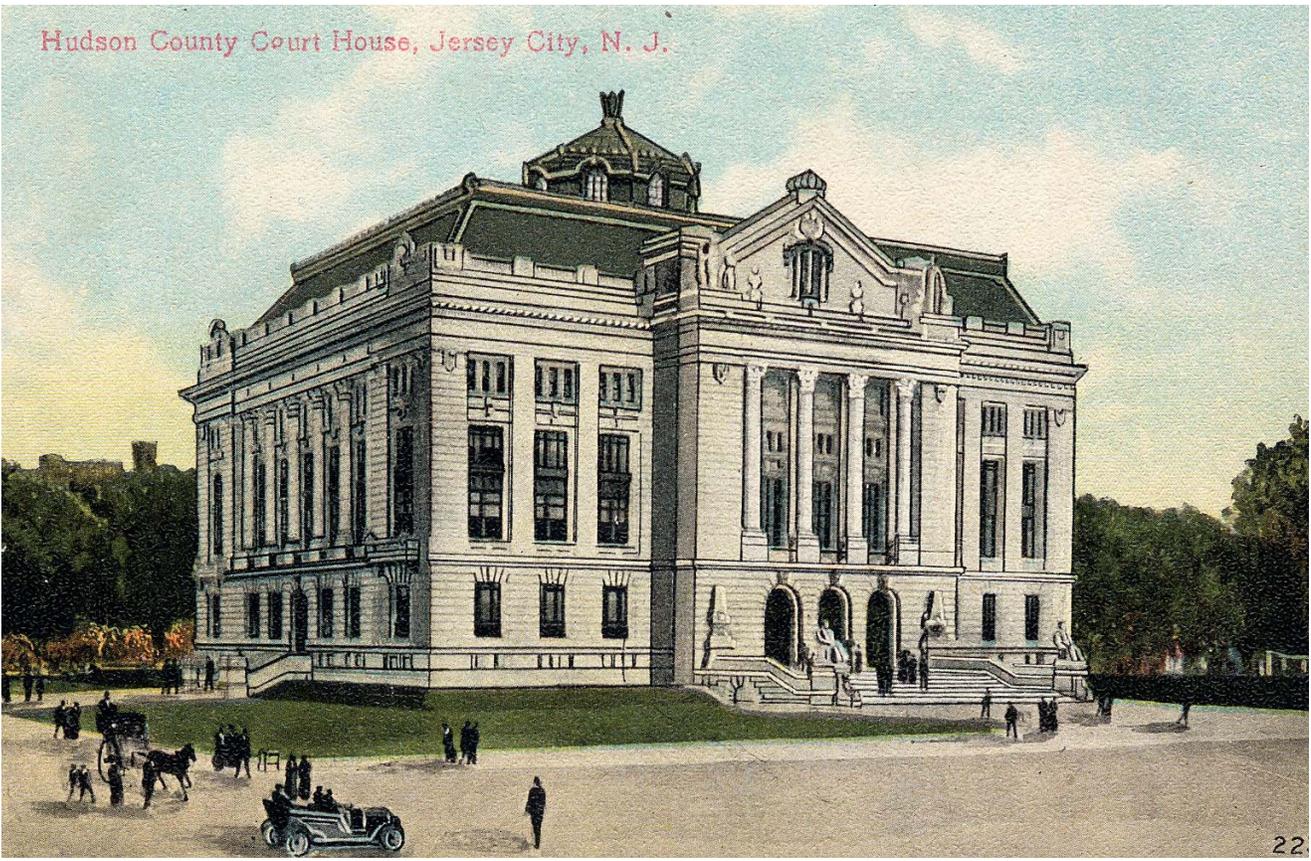
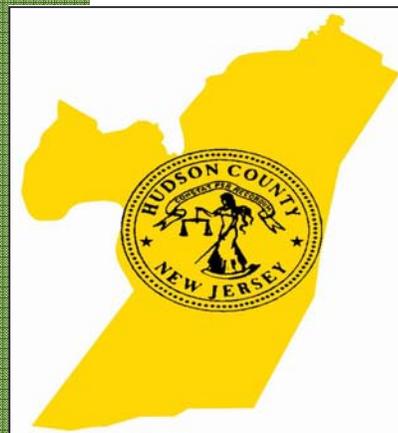


2006 Recommendations Report

Hudson County Court House, Jersey City, N. J.



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**Open Space,
Recreation &
Historic
Preservation
Trust Fund**

Hudson County



Hudson County Executive
Thomas A. DeGise

Message from the Open Space Advisory Board

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Dear Friends:

It is our pleasure to present the 2006 Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund “Draft” Report. This year the Hudson County Open Space Advisory Board received 24 applications for funding, hosted presentations by all twenty-four applicants and conducted site visits.

The board found that while many of the projects were worthy, there was not enough money to fund them all. In fact, the board received requests for nearly \$18 million in funding in contrast to the \$9.3 million which was available this year. The board employed a rigorous point system to score and rank the proposals. Successful applications were "project ready," exhibited strong local support, and fit within the Open Space Trust Fund formula (no less than 50% for acquisition, no more 25% for park improvements, and no more than 25% for historic preservation).

Enclosed is a "Draft" copy of the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund 2006 Annual Report. The board will be conducting a public hearing at 7:00 pm on June 14, 2006 in the Lincoln Park Administration Building in Jersey City, NJ. The public hearing will give members of the general public and applicants an opportunity to comment on the "Draft" report. Finally, on June 28, 2006 the board will vote to forward the report to the County Executive and Board of Chosen Freeholders for their respective consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Crew
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Richard Rutkowski Park, Bayonne (2005 Funded Project)



Apple Tree House, Jersey City (2005 Funded Project)



Lowe's Theater, Jersey City (2005 Funded Project)

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

Entrusted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Board, has the duty 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.



Ferry Terminal, Ellis Island (2005 Funded Project)



Guttenberg Waterfront Park (2005 Funded Project)



1600 Park Ave, Hoboken (2005 Funded Project)



Acquisition of the Petrillo Site, Secaucus

Eligible Projects under the County's Trust Fund:

- ◆ Acquisition of land for conservation and recreation purposes
- ◆ Development and redevelopment of land existing or acquired for recreational and/or conservation purposes
- ◆ Preservation of historic properties, including the acquisition of such properties for historic purposes

Who's Eligible?

- ◆ Hudson County
- ◆ County Agencies
- ◆ Any of the twelve (12) municipalities in Hudson County
- ◆ Local entities, non-profit corporation and qualified charitable conservancies located with Hudson County that have received tax exemption under section 501 (C) 3 of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code



*Hudson River Waterfront Walkway,
Weehawken Cove*

Trust Fund 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, who participate in the approval process by reviewing, prioritizing and recommending projects for funding. Advisory Board members are representatives of county government and conservation, environmental, historic preservation, parks and recreation, and business communities.

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 will be deposited into the Trust Fund and shall be apportioned approximately in the following manner:
 - No less than 50% for Land Acquisition Projects
 - No more than 25% for Development/Redevelopment, Improvement for Recreation or Conservation Projects
 - No more than 25% for Historic Preservation Projects



North Street Youth Soccer Field, Bayonne



Bell Playground, Kearny



Hudson County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Historic Preservation Trust Fund



Hudson County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Historic Preservation Trust Fund

2005 Funded Projects

1. North Street Youth Soccer Field, Bayonne
2. Harbor View Park, "The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor", Bayonne
3. North 40 Park Project, Bayonne
4. Renovation of Camp Liberty Pool, Jersey City
5. Interior Restoration of the Ellis Island Ferry Terminal Building, Jersey City
6. Restoration and Renewal Looe's Jersey Theatre, Jersey City
7. Apple Tree House, Jersey City
8. Hudson River Waterfront Walkway at Westhacker Cove, Hoboken
9. Acquisition of 1500 Park Avenue, Hoboken
10. Maple Street Garden, Westhacker
11. Guttenberg Waterfront Park, Guttenberg
12. Acquisition of the "Petritio" Site, Secaucus
13. Development/Reconstruction of Ball Playground, Kearny

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2006 Review Schedule	
Dissemination of the applications to municipalities and non-profit organizations	January 11, 2006
Mandatory Pre-submission conference for interested parties	January 25, 2006
Deadline for submissions of applications	March 27, 2006
Applicant presentations to the Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Board	April 26—April 28, 2006
Site visits by the Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Board	May 15– May 17, 2006
Open Space Trust Fund Application Review Meetings	May 18— May 19, 2006 May 24, 2006
Open Space Trust Fund Draft Report Meeting	May 31, 2006
Public Hearing on the Draft Report	June 14, 2006
Open Space Trust Fund Final Report Meeting	June 28, 2006
Submission to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for approval	To be determined
Notification sent to the applicants	To be determined



PJP Landfill, Jersey City

Hudson County plans to acquire a 51.44 acre former landfill site for multi-use active and passive recreation. The PJP landfill site is listed on the Hudson County Open Space Plan Priority Acquisition list.

NJDEP is supervising the remediation process and final design of the cap.



PJP Landfill, Jersey City

Hudson County Community College—Journal Square, Jersey City

The College proposes to acquire an adjacent parking lot for passive open space to complement the new Culinary Arts building façade at Journal Square. Purchase is scheduled for Summer 2007. HCCC with the assistance of the Journal Square Restoration Corporation will maintain the park.



Hudson County Community College Culinary Arts School, Jersey City



Passaic River Waterfront Walkway, Harrison

The Town of Harrison is seeking funds for Phase II development of the Riverwalk, that will provide open space, access to the Passaic River and enhance the area's transportation network. The Park will be fully ADA compliant and will be maintained and operated by the Town of Harrison.



Passaic River Walkway, Harrison

North Bergen Pool Complex

The Township of North Bergen is constructing a new 14 acre 3- pool complex with picnic areas and landscaping to replace the original facility that was closed due to soil contamination. The proposed plans are ADA compliant. The park will be maintained and operated by the Township of North Bergen.



Rendering Courtesy of the PMK Group



North Bergen Pool Complex (aerial view)



38th Street Amphitheater, Union City

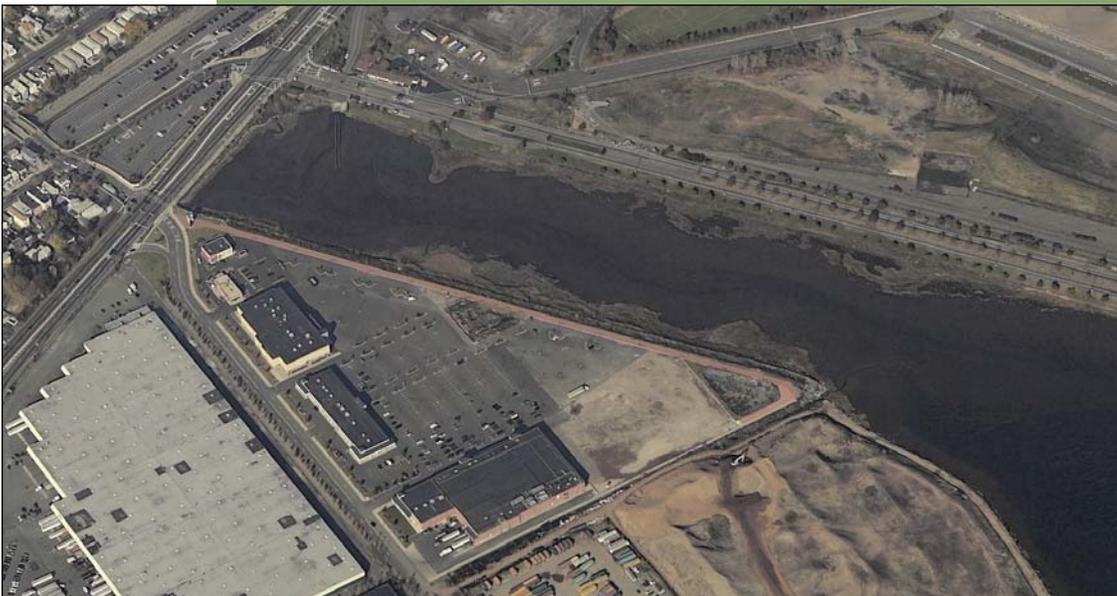
The City of Union City proposes developing an amphitheater with stage, storage and seating for theatrical and musical performances. The city's Parks Dept. will maintain and operate the Theater which will be completely ADA compliant. Construction is scheduled to begin Spring 2006.



38th Street Amphitheater, Union City

Fishing Pier—The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor, Bayonne

The City of Bayonne is proposing a fishing pier along the southern shoreline of the Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor. The Fishing Pier is part of the peninsula's Redevelopment Plan and will connect to the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway and provide beautiful vistas of the harbor and the new Bayonne Golf Course.



Fishing Pier, Bayonne Harbor



Washington Park Soccer Field, Union City

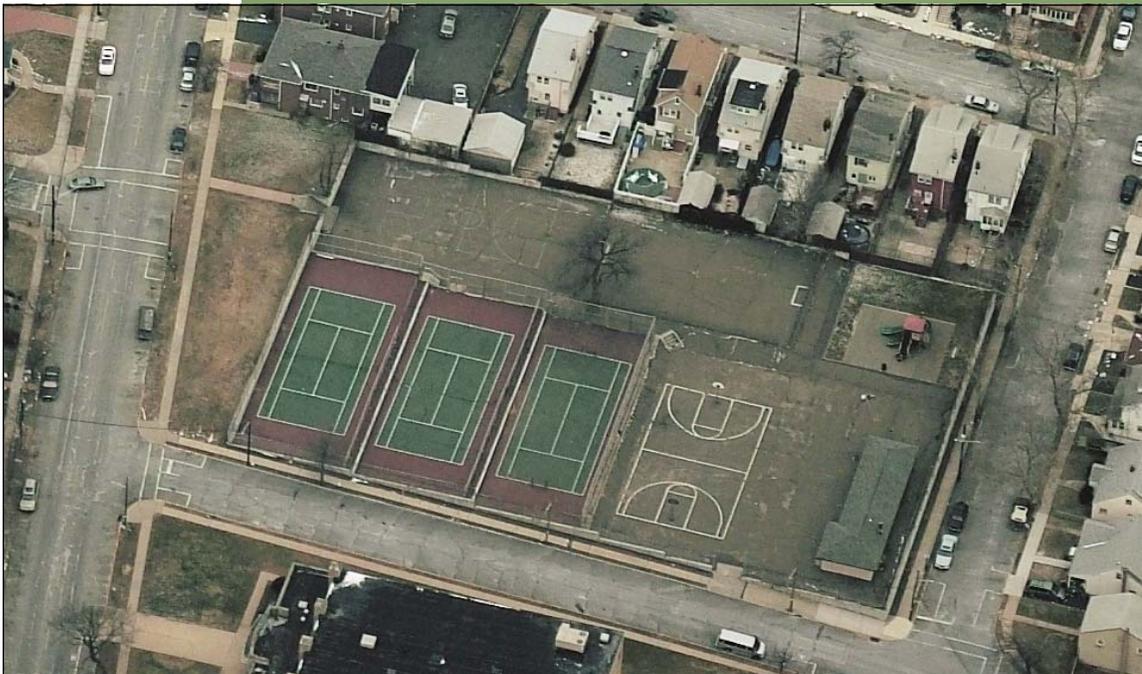
The City of Union City proposes developing a new synthetic turf soccer field at Washington Park. The park will be available to youth soccer leagues from Union City, Jersey City and other Hudson County municipalities. The City's Parks Dept. will maintain and operate the park. Plans for the park are completely ADA compliant. Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2006.



Washington Park Soccer Field , Union City

Development/ Reconstruction of Belgrove Drive Playground, Kearny

The Town of Kearny has plans to renovate Belgrove Drive Playground by adding new playground equipment for toddlers, upgraded tennis and basketball courts and a passive recreation area. Plans for the park are completely ADA compliant. Construction is scheduled to begin immediately.



Belgrove Drive Playground, Kearny



Camp Liberty Pool—Renovations for ADA Compliance, Jersey City

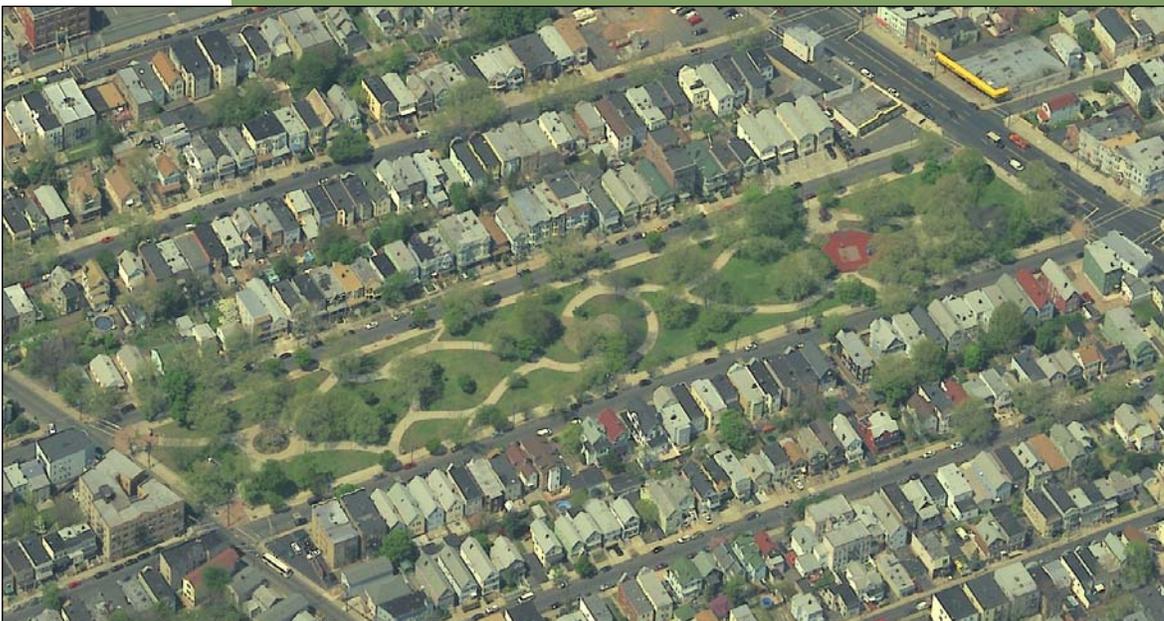
The Education Arts Team, Inc. is seeking funds to upgrade the pool and surrounding facilities for ADA compliance. Plans call for adding a wheelchair lift and ramps to the pool and shower facilities as well as making the stage area and the new art house more ADA accessible. Construction is scheduled to begin in late Summer 2006.



Camp Liberty, Jersey City

Columbia Park, Jersey City

The City of Jersey City plans for park improvements and renovations to replace the toddler playground equipment, new lighting and asphalt, landscaping, fencing and drainage. Plans for the park are ADA compliant.



Columbia Park, Jersey City



Interior Restoration of the Ellis Island Laundry/ Hospital Outbuilding, Jersey City

Save Ellis Island, Inc. plans to restore the interior the Laundry/ Hospital Outbuilding for adaptive reuse for exhibit and interpretive space. Their future plans are to complete restoration of all the buildings and grounds in order to reopen all of Ellis Island to the public. The plans are fully ADA compliant.



19th Century Dryer, Ellis Island, Jersey City

Lighting Restoration of the Hudson County Courthouse, Phase 2

Hudson County plans to restore the historic lighting fixtures throughout the Courthouse as part of a Phase II construction plan. The Courthouse is listed on both the national and state historic registries and houses state courts, county departments and serves a cultural center for all Hudson County residents.



Courthouse Rotunda, Brennan Courthouse, Jersey City



Bayonne Community Museum (former Bayonne Trust Company Building) , Bayonne

The Bayonne Community Museum and the City of Bayonne plan to restore and preserve the former 1912 Bayonne Trust Company Building for adaptive reuse as a community museum. The building received local landmark designation and national and state designations are pending. The plans are fully ADA compliant.



Bayonne Trust Building, Bayonne (exterior)

Reservoir No. 3, Jersey City

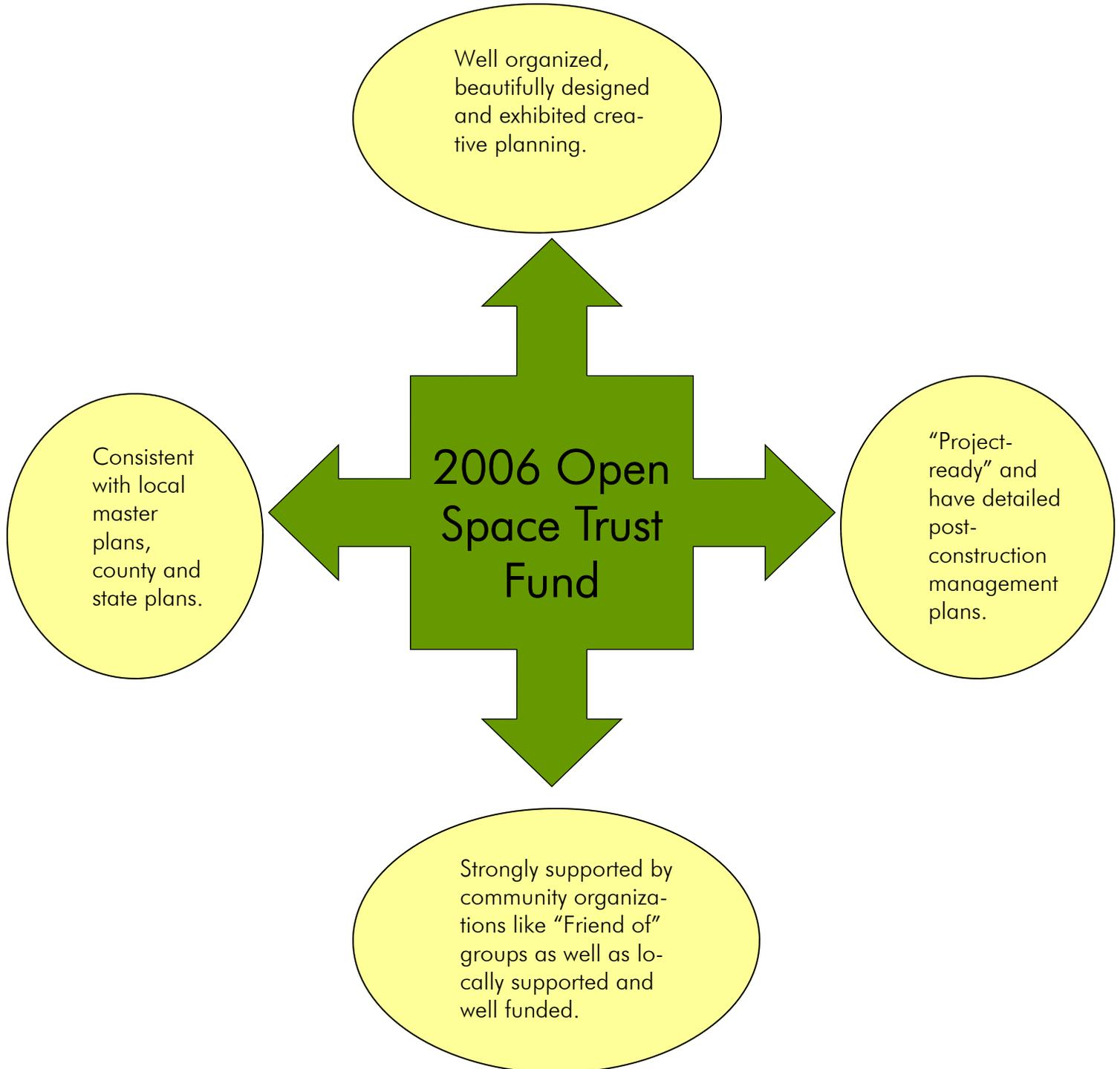
The City of Jersey City is seeking funds for a study to preserve the historic walls, pump stations and existing structures.



Reservoir 3, Jersey City



During the review process, the Open Space Advisory Board found that many of our successful projects exhibited the following qualities:





OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS			Maximum Points: 124
Applicant	Project Name	Score	Percentage Score
Hudson County	Acquisition of the PJP Landfill	92	74.19%
Hudson County Community College	Open Space for Hudson County Community College	50	40.32%
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS			Maximum Points: 75
Applicant	Project Name	Score	Percentage Score
Save Ellis Island, Inc	Interior Restoration of the Ellis Island Laundry/Hospital Outbuilding	60	80.00%
Hudson County	Lighting Restoration for Hudson County Court House, Phase 2	53	70.67%
Bayonne	Bayonne Community Museum (former Bayonne Trust Company Building)	51	68.00%
Friends of the Loew's, Inc.	Restoration and Renewal- Loew's Jersey Theatre	47	62.67%
Jersey City	Reservoir 3	39	52.00%
PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS			Maximum Points: 108
Applicant	Project Name	Score	Percentage Score
Harrison	Passaic River Waterfront Walkway Project	92	85.19%
North Bergen	North Bergen Pool Complex	81	75.00%
Union City	38th Street Amphitheater	69	63.89%
Bayonne	Fishing Pier- The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor	69	63.89%
Guttenberg	Building the Guttenberg Waterfront Park	64	59.26%
Hoboken	Pier C Development	62	57.41%
Union City	Washington Park Soccer Field	61	56.48%
Kearny	Development/Reconstruction of Belgrove Drive Playground	60	55.56%
Educational Arts Team, Inc	Camp Liberty Renovations for ADA Compliance	60	55.56%
Jersey City	Columbia Park Project	59	54.63%
Jersey City	Second Street Pier	59	54.63%
Jersey City	Oak Street Park Project	57	52.78%
Weehawken	Louisa Park Improvements	51	47.22%
Hoboken	1600 Park Development	45.5	42.13%
Jersey City	Muhammed Ali Park Project	45.5	42.13%
Pershing Field Garden Friends	Pershing Field Garden Friends (PFGF) Community-Based Proposal	42.5	39.35%
Jersey City	Citywide Open Space Master Plan	23	21.30%



Recommended Open Space & Historic Preservation Projects

Open Space Acquisitions

Applicant	Project Name	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Amount Recommended-% of Total Cost	Recommended Bonding (\$5,775,000.00)	2005 -2006 Trust Fund Amount (\$3,525,000.00)
Hudson County	Acquisition of the PJP Landfill	\$15,550,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	25.72%	\$4,000,000.00	
Hudson County Community College	Open Space for Hudson County Community College	\$1,300,000.00	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00	50.00%	\$650,000.00	
TOTAL (50% Min of Trust Fund):							\$0.00

Historic Preservation Projects

Applicant	Project Name	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended (\$2,325,000.00)	Amount Recommended-% of Total Cost	Recommended Bonding (\$5,775,000.00)	2005 -2006 Trust Fund Amount (\$3,525,000.00)
Save Ellis Island, Inc	Interior Restoration of the Ellis Island Laundry/ Hospital Outbuilding	\$2,898,868.00	\$875,000.00	\$100,000.00	3.45%		\$100,000.00
Hudson County	Lighting Restoration for Hudson County Court House, Phase 2	\$3,200,000.00	\$1,700,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	50.00%	\$1,125,000.00	\$475,000.00
City of Bayonne	Bayonne Community Museum (former Bayonne Trust Company Building)	\$5,000,000.00	\$325,000.00	\$300,000.00	6.00%		\$300,000.00
City of Jersey City	Reservoir 3	\$400,000.00	\$325,000.00	\$300,000.00	75.00%		\$300,000.00
Pershing Field Garden Friends	"America Triumphant" WWI Statute	\$217,730.00	\$217,730.00	\$25,000.00	11.48%		\$25,000.00
TOTAL (25% Max of Trust Fund):							\$1,200,000.00



Park Improvement Projects									
Applicant	Project Name	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended (\$2,325,000.00)	Amount Recommended % of Total Cost	Recommended Bonding (\$5,775,000.00)	2005 -2006 Trust Fund Amount (\$3,525,000.00)		
Harrison	Passaic River Waterfront Walkway Project	\$3,908,948.00	\$500,000.00	\$425,000.00	10.87%		\$425,000.00		
North Bergen	North Bergen Pool Complex	\$8,518,900.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$750,000.00	8.80%		\$750,000.00		
Union City	38th Street Amphitheater	\$1,725,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$325,000.00	18.84%		\$325,000.00		
Bayonne	Fishing Pier- The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor	\$889,310.00	\$450,000.00	\$325,000.00	36.55%		\$325,000.00		
Union City	Washington Park Soccer Field	\$320,494.79	\$162,565.00	\$75,000.00	23.40%		\$75,000.00		
Kearny	Development/ Reconstruction of Belgrove Drive Playground	\$1,566,003.00	\$783,001.50	\$300,000.00	19.16%		\$300,000.00		
Education Arts Team, Inc.	Camp Liberty Renovations for ADA Compliance	\$105,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00	23.81%		\$25,000.00		
Jersey City	Columbia Park	\$390,758.00	\$290,758.00	\$100,000.00	25.59%		\$100,000.00		
TOTAL (25% Max of Trust Fund):		\$17,424,413.79	\$3,736,324.50	\$2,325,000.00		\$0.00	\$2,325,000.00		



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