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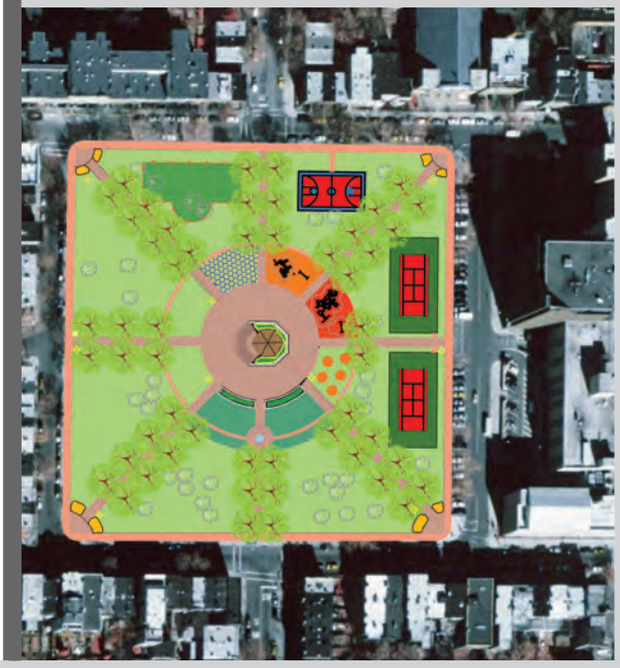

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Dear Mayor and Municipal Council:

On behalf of T&M Associates, I am pleased to present the Jersey City Recreation and Open Space Master Plan report. This report has been prepared with the assistance of numerous City agencies, neighborhood and block organizations, and the general public. It has been prepared to help define the type and amount of new or rehabilitated facilities and open space acquisitions which are needed to help maintain recreation as an important "quality of life" issue in Jersey City. The report is intended to be a flexible, practical and pragmatic guide, and it contains a concise implementation strategy to enable the numerous recommendations to become realities.

T&M Associates looks forward to presenting this document to you and the general public in April of 2008.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service on this important study. Following your review of this correspondence and the enclosed final report, should you have any questions whatsoever, kindly advise.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recreation is an important "quality of life" issue in Jersey City. Currently Jersey City is deficient in the amount of open space areas provided for its residents, as well as in the type and amount of recreation facilities. Accordingly, this master plan is intended to guide Jersey City for the next decade with a comprehensive program that recommends renovations and new facilities for its existing public parks, as well as the acquisition and development of land to create several new parks.

The following are key recommendations of the Jersey City Recreation and Open Space Master Plan:

1. **Rehabilitate existing recreation facilities.** Virtually all of the existing parks are in need of repair and also need to be improved to meet code compliance. Some existing facilities need to be reoriented or reconstructed with more durable materials such as synthetic turf for the athletic fields to allow increased use.
2. **Build new recreation facilities to meet public needs.** There is room in several of the existing parks to add needed facilities such as athletic fields, parking areas, skateparks, etc. Due to spatial constraints, maximum buildout needs to be achieved, where appropriate.
3. **Acquire and develop additional open space to create new parks.** Jersey City must aggressively continue to seek to acquire more park land in all wards, on an annual basis, to meet the recreational needs of its citizens. This report recommends the addition of nearly 100 acres of currently vacant land to the City park system.
4. **Prioritize the improvements over a 10 year period, on a ward by ward basis.** This Master Plan contains a detailed year by year, park by park matrix to guide the prioritized improvement program for existing and new parks.
5. **Construct greenways.** Jersey City must continue to acquire the necessary easements, use agreements, and land purchases where possible to maximize the recreational potential of its two waterfronts by constructing several miles of pedestrian and bicycle trails and related facilities along both the Hudson River and Hackensack River and along the route of the East Coast Greenway.
6. **Reconstruct a portion of the historic Morris Canal and delineate its former location.** Historical preservation and reconstruction are important aspects of Jersey City's heritage, including the former Morris Canal within Jersey City. Descriptive markers should be placed in strategic locations along its former route, and the western entry/exit portion of the canal should be reconstructed as part of the proposed Hackensack River Greenway Park there.
7. **Work closely with Hudson County and the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry to provide additional recreation facilities at Lincoln Park West and Liberty State Park.** These County and State parks within Jersey City presently contain over 100 acres of undeveloped land, which could enable the construction of both active and passive recreational facilities for use by Jersey City residents.
8. **Work closely with private developers to construct new parks and recreation areas.** Requiring developers to provide public parks and recreation facilities should be part of the site plan approval process.
9. **Continue to work closely with neighborhood associations and conservancies to improve existing parks.** Several parks have neighborhood organizations which act as stewards. These organizations represent their neighborhoods, and Jersey City should respond to their requests for park improvements, safety, and proper maintenance.

10. **Improve communication between the various City agencies and divisions.** Presently the various Divisions operate in a somewhat isolated manner administratively, and do not communicate effectively on projects impacting the City, including recreational opportunities.

11. **Aggressively seek available funding to finance the proposed park improvements and new park development.** All available sources of Federal, State, County and municipal funding should be aggressively pursued on an annual basis, to help defray the cost of the park acquisition and development projects.

12. **Update the Recreation and Open Space Master Plan periodically, and keep it flexible to respond to new opportunities.** The Recreation Master Plan should be reviewed annually, and the ten year prioritized improvement program must be able to accommodate unanticipated opportunities to acquire and develop new park sites.

Reservoir No. 3

Overview of the Master Planning Process

The City of Jersey City has a varied and dynamic history since its original incorporation in 1820 as the City of Jersey. As Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy has said: "Our City is a tapestry of nations, with people of all walks of life woven together to form the great fabric that is Jersey City." Jersey City is currently experiencing dramatic growth in both its population, real estate investment and construction, particularly adjacent to its Hudson River waterfront. In the last 25 years, Jersey City has added approximately 30,000 residents. Currently 8,000 housing units are under construction. Permits for an additional 10,000 homes have been issued. Planning is underway for tens of thousands more homes over the next 25 years. Along with this growth come increasing demands and opportunities to meet the recreational needs of its citizens.

The current administration recognizes that recreation is key to the quality of life enjoyed by the citizens of Jersey City. For many city dwellers, parks represent the best of daily urban living. In cities with a well-planned park system everyone can be within a ten-minute walk from a neighborhood park. Well designed and maintained parks also provide a positive financial impact for cities, including higher property values and enhanced adjacent retail opportunities. Parks help define the character of the surrounding community. To realize these benefits for residents the City has committed to improving its parks. In order to guide long-term improvements and public investment in its park system, the City recognized the importance of preparing a comprehensive park, recreation and open space master plan.

Jersey City initiated the park master planning process in January 2006, assisted by professional consultants. The process included an outreach program of public hearings to solicit the input of City residents and interest groups. Existing park facilities were also carefully evaluated. Each City park was inspected, photographed, and mapped to identify its condition and improvements needs. Recommendations were formulated for renovations and new recreation facilities in the existing parks, with associated construction cost estimates for the needed improvements. Proposed park improvements were prioritized by year, over a period of 10 years. Potential sources to help fund the construction of park improvements and acquire open space in the City were identified.

The need for public recreation and open space resource protection was analyzed, based on City land area and population. Deficiencies in the amount and type of recreational facilities offered to residents were highlighted. Opportunities for acquisition of much needed open space by the City were compiled. Discussions were initiated with representatives of County and State park systems regarding the possibility of shared use of existing and new recreational facilities.

The results of Jersey City's lengthy study are contained in this comprehensive Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. This plan document should be viewed as part of an ongoing planning process, with the improvement of the City park system as the goal. It is meant to be used as a practical, flexible guide toward achieving this goal, as well as to provide a vision and cohesive identity to the park system. The planning process will continue over the next ten years, and beyond, and will entail continued discussions between park advocacy groups, concerned residents and the City administration as those concerned work together to improve the entire City park system, park by park.

Physical Assessment of the Parks

One of the first key tasks in preparing the Recreation and Open Space Master Plan was to conduct an assessment of the physical condition of the facilities in all the parks. Therefore, in March of 2006 two park inspectors from the consulting firm visited the parks, accompanied by employees of the Public Works Department. One of the inspectors was a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (C.P.S.I.) who paid particular attention to the tot lots, The inspectors filled out a detailed five (5) page form, and recorded the amount and physical condition of all athletic fields, court sports, playgrounds, buildings, paths, lights, swimming pools, etc. The recreational facilities were inspected for possible code violations, safety hazards, maintenance requirements, grading and drainage issues, ADA compliance, etc. The inspectors also made notation on the Park Assessment Forms of possible additional recreational facilities which could be added to the individual parks, and which facilities could possibly be relocated, reoriented or removed from the parks. More than 1,000 digital photos of the existing conditions of the parks were taken as part of this assessment.

The completed Park Assessment Forms for all of the parks included in the Recreation and Open Space Master Plan have been compiled and bound in a separate document, and submitted to the Jersey City Division of Architecture, Division of Public Works, and the Department of Parks and Forestry.

Inspection of Hamilton Park

PUBLIC OUTREACH

In an effort to gain further input into the recreation need of City residents, the first series of public meetings were scheduled in the spring of 2006. These meetings were publicized in advance, via notices in local newspapers. The meetings were held in various locations on a ward by ward basis and were recorded on videotape. Specifically, the meeting dates and locations were as follows:

Ward	Date	Location
C&D	3/22/06	Pershing Field Community Center
E	4/13/06	City Hall
B&F	4/19/06	MLK Community Center
A	5/23/06	Moose Hall
A-F	5/17/06	City Hall

Attendance and residents' concerns varied from ward to ward. At some of the meetings, representatives of various park conservancies and neighborhood block associations presented detailed reports and studies on individual parks. Input received at the public outreach sessions was incorporated into the Preliminary Draft of the Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, where appropriate.

In an effort to gain further input into the recreation needs of City residents, a second series of public meetings was scheduled in the winter of 2007. These meetings were also publicized in advance, via notices in local newspapers and on the City's website. A draft of the plan was also posted on the City's website prior to the meetings. The meetings were again held in various locations on a ward by ward basis, and were recorded on videotape. Specifically, the meeting locations were as follows:

Ward	Date	Location
F	1/9/07	MLK Community Center
A	1/16/07	Moose Hall
E	1/23/07	City Hall
B	2/6/07	Lincoln Park
C	2/27/07	Pershing Field Community Center
D	3/1/07	School 28

The second series of public meetings gave residents an opportunity to respond to specific recommendations contained in the draft report regarding the parks and the long-term "visions" for improving and expanding Jersey City's park system. This additional input was incorporated into the final report, where appropriate, and helped shape specific recommendations for individual parks, as well as the entire park system.

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION LANDS
NEEDS ANALYSIS FOR JERSEY CITY

To determine the needs of Jersey City for open space and recreation lands, two distinct methodologies were utilized. The first analysis, called the Balanced Land Use approach, estimates the land area which should be owned and controlled by the City and dedicated for public use and access for outdoor recreation. The second analysis, called the Densely Populated U.S. Cities approach, compares the public open space acreages of densely populated cities in the United States. Analyses based on both methods are employed in this section.

Outdoor Recreation Needs

Recreation is required to maintain a healthy way of life. A person chooses a recreation activity in response to their internal needs and desires. The quality and quantity of recreational opportunities available to a community has a direct effect on the community's general quality of life. To satisfy the recreational needs and wishes of an entire community, many variables must be considered. Recreational opportunities must be available to serve a variety of different individuals. To ensure that the City can provide residents with a variety of needed recreation programs and facilities, there should be a core system of lands owned and controlled by the City and dedicated to local public recreation use.

Projected growth, population characteristics, and ethnic and cultural backgrounds are important considerations in recreation planning. Age and household characteristics influence individual and family recreation activity and the use of public parks. As persons age, the types of recreation that they engage in will change. Most people, over the course of their life span, will recreate in a local public park or participate in a publicly sponsored recreation activity. The use of public park and recreation facilities is significant in all age groups. Typically, households with children under the age of 12 are more likely to use parks frequently.

A review of current aerial mapping shows that there is almost no vacant land available for new residential development, park development, etc. Accordingly, new residential development will be limited to the demolition and replacement of existing buildings or infill development. However, as changes occur in ethnicity, age of residents, etc., public parks need to reflect changing values and priorities.

To analyze the current and future need for local park and recreation land, two methods were used. The Balanced Land Use method is based upon the allocation of land to different uses within a community. The Densely Populated U.S. Cities statistics compare a sample of densely populated cities and the acreage of park land provided per thousand people in each city.

Estimate of Need for Open Space and Recreation Land based upon Balanced Land Use Standard

The first estimation method is the Balanced Land Use approach. Balanced Land Use is the methodology utilized by the New Jersey Green Acres Program to calculate public open space needs. This approach estimates the *minimum* land area in Jersey City that should be dedicated as City-owned public open space. The approach takes into consideration that recreation and open space demands are generated by development, which will occupy the remaining land area of the City. The Balanced Land Use guidelines may be found in the 2003 - 2007 New Jersey Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), which is being updated by the Green Acres Program.

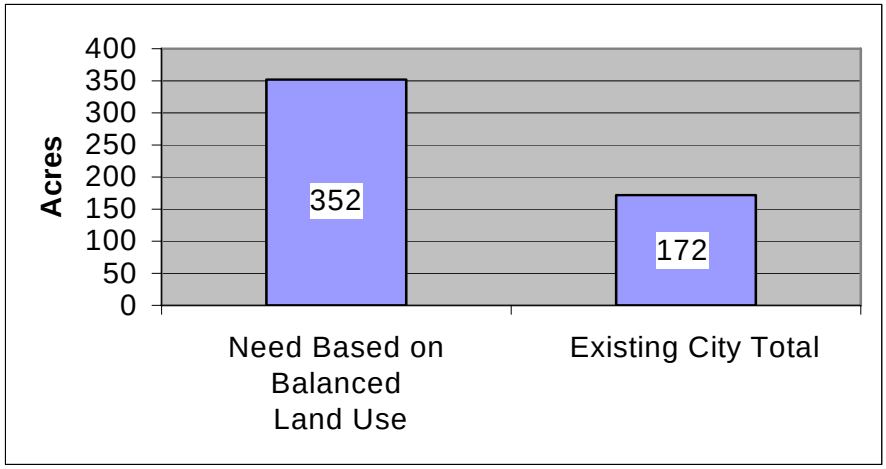
The Balanced Land Use standard indicates that individual municipalities should set aside 3% of their developed and developable area for recreation. The guidelines also suggest 7% be set aside by each county, 10% by the state, and 4% by the federal government. Undevelopable land such as wetlands and land preserved as open space by the County or State governments is subtracted out of the total land area to calculate the municipal need for public recreation and open space land.

EXHIBIT 1
BALANCED LAND USE CALCULATION

	ACRES
Total City Area =	13,589
(-) Undeveloped Wetlands and Floodplains =	355
(-) Federal, State, and County Parklands =	1,441
Total =	11,793
3% of Total =	352

Source: NJDEP GIS Data & T&M Associates

EXHIBIT 2
CITY OF JERSEY CITY
NEED FOR CITY OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION LANDS
(BALANCED LAND USE)



Using the Balanced Land Use standard, the estimated land required for local public recreation and open space in Jersey City is 352 acres (see Exhibit 1). Based upon the existing 172 acres of park and recreation land which is owned by the City or dedicated by easements for public open space, a 180-acre deficit exists in comparison to the minimum suggested by the Balanced Land Use criteria (see Exhibit 2). There are two considerations which mitigate this deficit, however.

First, the deficit of municipally owned parkland does not include substantial lands dedicated to public open space by City easement and use agreements with private landowners, through the construction of waterfront walkways and greenways. An excellent example is the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway in Jersey City. The Hudson River Waterfront Walkway has been planned since 1984 as a public walkway linking parks, piers and open space along the Hudson River waterfront. Prime open space along the Hudson River waterfront is made accessible to the public by the City's policy of encouraging developers to build the public walkway on their properties, including lighting, sitting areas and other amenities. At present, the City has facilitated the installation of approximately 2 ½ miles of the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway. Given the required minimum easement width of 30 feet, the area of the walkway is approximately 10 acres. The built 10 acres of the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway is included in the acreage of City-controlled park and recreation land. The area of the Walkway will more than double in Jersey City as developers build additional walkway sections to close the gaps in the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway.

Another example of this approach has been initiated along the Hackensack River, with the planned Hackensack River Greenway Trail. Here, with encouragement by the City, a developer has built a waterfront trail one-half mile long at the Society Hill property in Jersey City, adding approximately one-quarter acre of public open space. The City will increase the public open space and waterfront access along the Hackensack River by continuing to encourage developers to build the Hackensack River Greenway Trail on their properties. The resulting trail will connect with trails under currently under construction along the Hackensack River in the cities of Bayonne and Secaucus.

Other public greenways and trails have been planned which will benefit City residents in the future. These include the Liberty – Water Gap Trail and the East Coast Greenway Trail. The routes of these two trails cross the city in an east-west direction. The Morris Canal trail which traces the former Morris Canal route is another trail in the planning stage.

These initiatives demonstrate the City's efforts to maximize public open space in a cost effective way. The Hudson River Waterfront Walkway and other trail routes are shown on the Parks and Open Space map in this report.

Second, the City parkland deficit is mitigated by the accessibility of the parks to the people. There is a park within walking distance of most City residents. In addition, the existence of the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail transportation system increases the ease with which residents can travel throughout the city to whatever park facility they choose.

Comparison of Park Lands in Densely Populated U.S. Cities

Two of the most densely populated U. S. cities are New York City and Jersey City. In New Jersey the most densely populated cities are Jersey City, Newark and Camden. A standard of park acres per 1000 residents can be used to compare the amount of parkland provided in each city. The Trust for Public Land's Center for City Park Excellence provided the statistics for the densely populated U.S. Cities as shown in Exhibit 3 below. Based on park acres (the sum of federal, state, county and city recreational lands in each city) and population density, a statistic of park acres per 1000 residents is developed. By this criterion Jersey City has more parkland per 1000 residents than New York City, Camden, NJ or Newark, NJ. Jersey City's 6.4 park acres per 1000 residents compares favorably to New York City's 4.6 park acres per 1000 residents. Of the densely populated cities in New Jersey, Jersey City's statistic of 6.4 acres of parkland per 1000 residents compares favorably to Camden's 6.3 acres of parkland per 1000 residents, and to Newark's 2.9 acres of parkland per 1000 residents.

EXHIBIT 3
DENSELY POPULATED U.S. CITIES
Park Acres Per 1000 Residents

Densely Populated U.S. Cities	Population 2000 Census	Population Density (People per Square Mile)	Total Park Acres	Park Acres per 1000 Residents
San Francisco	777,000	15,500	5,773	7.8
Philadelphia	1,518,000	11,700	10,916	7.4
Jersey City	240,055	16,004	1,543	6.4
Camden	80,000	9,057	507	6.3
New York City	8,008,000	23, 700	37,008	4.6
Newark, NJ	274,000	11,400	803	2.9

Source: Trust for Public Land

RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE OPEN SPACE

This report recommends three ways that Jersey City can gain acreage in open space and recreation land to serve the City's growing population.

1. Acquire additional parklands. This report recommends that the City acquire nine properties totaling nearly 100 acres, including a proposed marina site. A description of each of the recommended City park acquisitions is included later in this report.

2. Work with other local jurisdictions to share recreation resources. It is crucial to the City that open space and recreation lands of other local jurisdictions such as the City Board of Education, the Hudson County Park System, and the State Park System provide recreation and cultural opportunities to City citizens.

Jersey City Board of Education. The athletic complex at Caven Point of 17.8 acres belongs to the Jersey City Board of Education, and is maintained by the City of Jersey City Department of Public Works. City residents and the schools depend on the use of this active recreation complex. The City should work to improve the cooperation between the City and the Board of Education, so that the City access to the Caven Point facilities is increased. The City should also encourage and contribute financially to improvements and possible future expansion of the Caven Point facility and other shared facilities with the Board of Education.

Hudson County Park System. County parks provide substantial recreational benefits to the citizens of Jersey City. The County has devoted the past 15 years to the improvement of each of its parks, and has added a ninth park, Laurel Hill County Park, to its inventory of public open space. The County parks serve as community parks for Jersey City residents, as well as regional parks for county residents.

Within the boundaries of Jersey City are two parks in the Hudson County park system, Lincoln Park and Washington Park. Lincoln Park, located in the western portion of Jersey City, is comprised of approximately 273 acres, and is divided by Communipaw Avenue/State Highway Routes 1&9, into Lincoln Park East and Lincoln Park West. Much of Lincoln Park West's 123 acres is presently undeveloped, and should be built out in the near future for both active and passive recreation. Washington Park consists of approximately 21 acres located in the northern portion of Jersey City, and the southern portion of Union City.

Liberty State Park. Liberty State Park, located on Upper New York Bay in the east central area portion of Jersey City, is comprised of 1212 acres of land and riparian rights. The park offers a variety of land and water-based passive recreation activities for visitors. The Liberty Science Center is a major interactive museum located in the western portion of the state park site. There are still sizeable areas within this park which should be built out or converted in the future for both active and passive recreation, per the park's master plan.

3. Plan for the additional construction of greenways and walkways. Jersey City has recognized greenways as an efficient and economical way to provide open space and recreation opportunities to its citizens. With the Hackensack River waterfront on its west boundary and the Hudson River waterfront on its east boundary, the City has plans for regional and county-wide greenways, paths and walkways which will allow its citizens to take advantage of existing rivers and former watercourses such as the Morris Canal. A more detailed discussion of key greenways and walkway routes in Jersey City can be found later in this report.

Existing Undeveloped Hackensack River Greenway Park Site
(Photo Courtesy of Hudson County Division of Planning)

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- Proposed Morris Canal Trail
- Proposed Liberty - Water Gap Trail
- Existing Trail
- Proposed Hackensack River Greenway Trail
- Existing Hudson River Walkway
- Proposed Hudson River Walkway
- East Coast Greenway

Parks and Open Space
City of Jersey City
Hudson County, New Jersey

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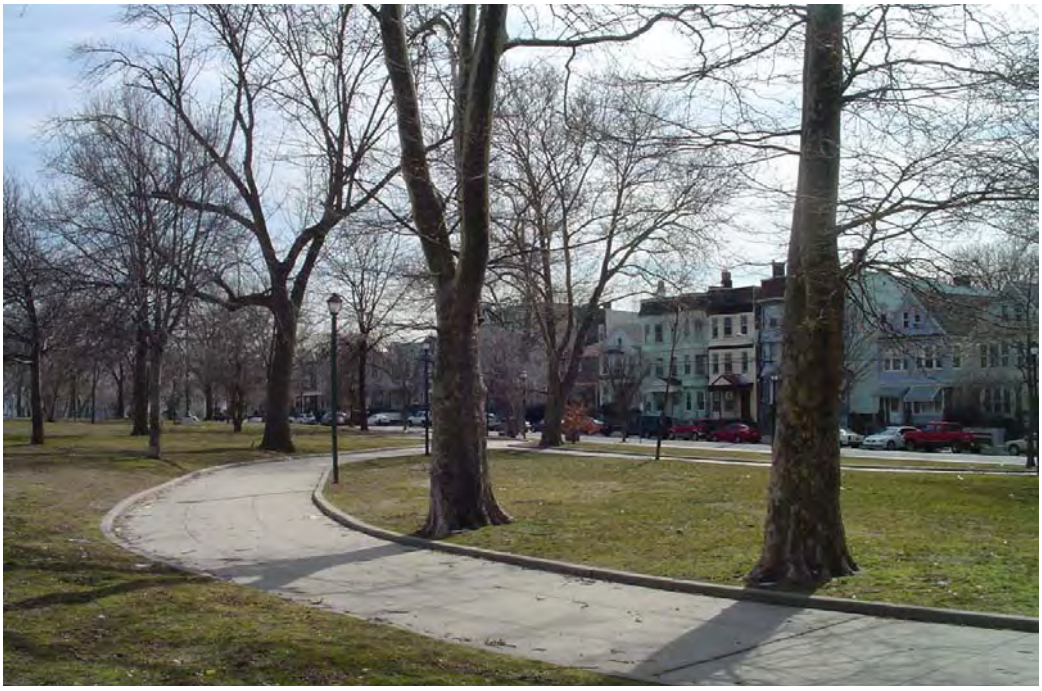
RECREATION FACILITIES NEEDS ASSESSMENT

This Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment has employed a variety of methods to acquire significant data which has been analyzed to determine the current and anticipated recreation needs of Jersey City residents. Recreation facility standards are to be viewed as an expression of community consensus about what is an acceptable level of service. Prior to 1996, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) published nationwide guidelines for the number of recreation facilities a community should provide according to population. The old standards state, for example, that 1 lighted adult baseball field should be provided for every 30,000 persons in a community, and that 1 basketball court should be provided for every 5,000 people.

Figure 1 located on the page 11 presents a tabulation which compares the quantity of existing City recreation facilities with suggested guidelines for a population's typical recreation needs. The NRPA has published guidelines for the number of recreation facilities according to population, as shown in Column B of Figure 1. Utilizing Jersey City's 2000 census population of 240,055, the quantity of recreation facilities suggested to meet the needs of a population of this size is shown in Column C. The difference in quantity between existing facilities and the facilities to meet the recreation needs of the current population, as suggested by the NRPA guidelines, is shown in Column D.

However, there is a growing recognition that such national guidelines do not take into account the difference in availability of land and other factors between rural, suburban and urban communities. Older, densely developed communities such as Jersey City find it difficult to meet the same recreational guidelines as rural and suburban areas. Each community has its own needs, and a shift has been seen away from reliance on an absolute national standard, toward guidance by the citizens of a community regarding recreation preferences and which park facilities best fit their stated needs. This enables developing practical and achievable goals and recommendations within a framework of available land and resources.



Columbia Park

In order to further accurately determine facility needs, in several well-attended public hearings the citizens of Jersey City were asked what recreation facilities were important to them, and what recreation facilities should be provided in their neighborhoods. Citizens responded with their preferences, for example, that Little League fields and dog park facilities should be provided in each neighborhood. Several organizations prepared detailed lists of amenities to be added to their local parks, for example at Mary Benson Park, Hamilton Park, and Pershing Field.

Additionally, there is a demonstrated need for additional athletic fields and courts for all organized league and team sports. This conclusion is derived from an analysis of data provided by the City for athletic team and organization signups and the athletic fields they use, for the years 2000 through 2005. A summary of the data is presented graphically in the charts on pages 12 through 16. The charts demonstrate the need for additional athletic fields for teams playing baseball, Little League, softball, soccer and football. In addition to these users, the Jersey City Recreation Department currently issues 75 permits for use of city athletic fields to other groups such as community block associations, businesses, non-profit groups, etc. This report recommends that, where possible, lighted athletic fields of synthetic turf be built as they provide many more hours of play than non-lighted, natural grass fields, and under intensive use they will remain playable without "resting" as is required for natural grass athletic fields.

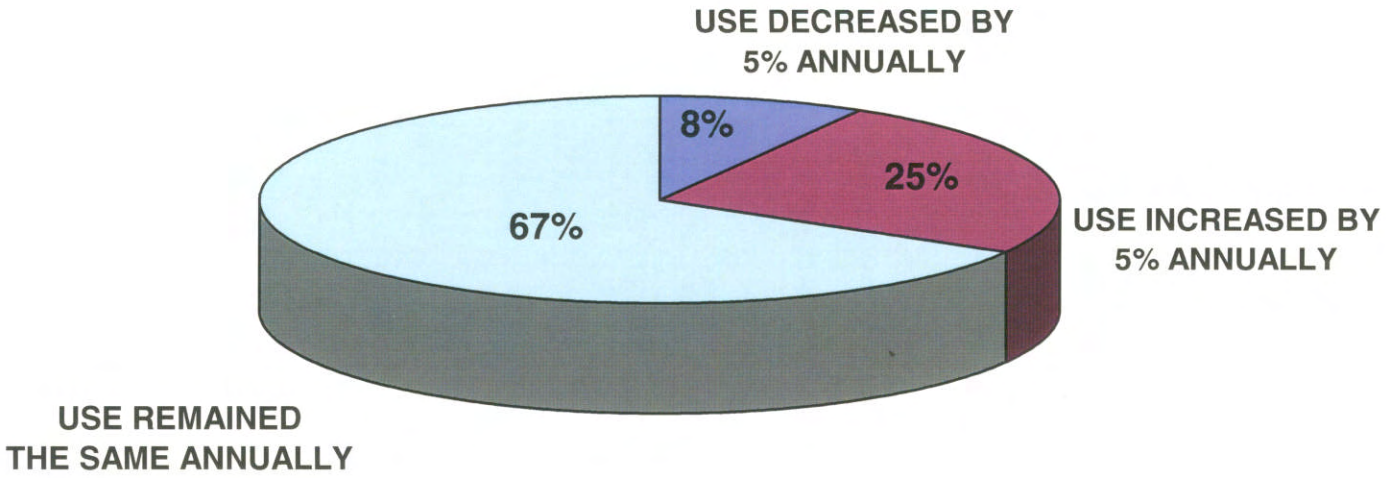
Finally, Jersey City public schools utilize city park facilities for their programs and activities, for gym class, field days, and graduation ceremonies. Public school student use of the city parks for school activities places additional demand on the park facilities.

Roberto Clemente Park

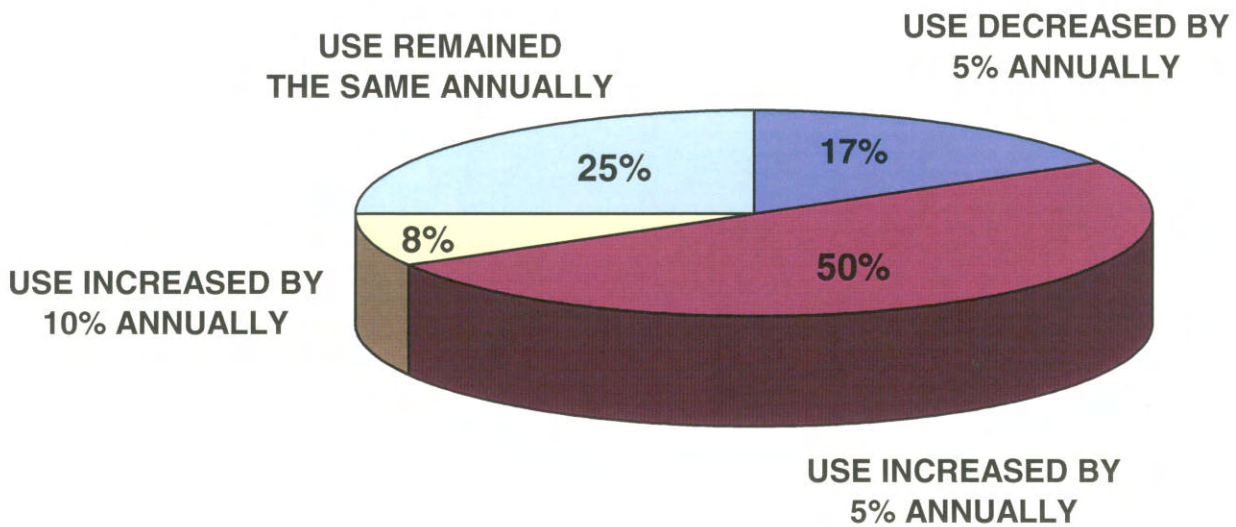
Figure 1
Comparison of Quantities of Existing Recreation Facilities and Guideline Quantities

	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D
	Quantity of Existing Recreation Facilities	NRPA Guideline	NRPA Guideline Quantity	Quantity Deficit
a. Adult Baseball Fields				
Lighted	7	1 per 30,000	8	1
Non Lighted	0	1 per 5,000	48	48
b. Youth/Little League Baseball Fields	7	For b & c,	For b & c,	For b & c,
c. Softball Fields	6	1 per 5,000	48 total	35 total
d. Basketball Courts	28	1 per 5,000	48	20
e. Bocce/Shuffleboard Courts	4	None	N/A	N/A
f. Football Fields	2	1 per 20,000	12	10
g. Handball Courts	1	1 per 20,000	12	11
h. Running Tracks	1	1 per 20,000	12	11
i. Soccer Fields	4	1 per 10,000	24	20
j. Field Hockey	0	1 per 20,000	12	12
k. Roller Hockey Rinks	0	None	N/A	N/A
l. Lacrosse Fields	0	None	N/A	N/A
m. Tennis Courts	13	1 per 2,000	120	107
n. Volleyball Courts	0	1 per 5,000	48	48
o. Swimming Pools	3	1 per 20,000	12	9
p. Ice Hockey Rinks, Indoor	1	1 per 100,000	2	1
q. Skate Parks	0	None	N/A	N/A
r. Indoor Recreation Center	1	None	N/A	N/A
s. Aquatic Center / Water Park	0	None	N/A	N/A

BASEBALL FIELDS USAGE: 2000-2005
12 EXISTING FIELDS



LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS USAGE: 2000-2005
13 EXISTING FIELDS



SOFTBALL FIELDS USAGE: 2000-2005
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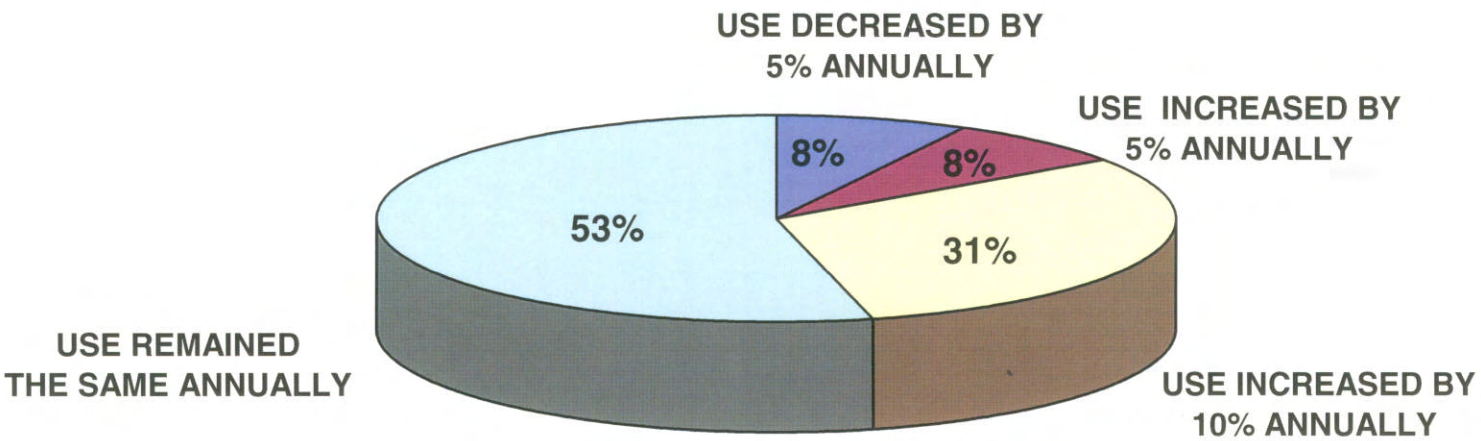

SOCCER FIELDS USAGE: 2000-2005
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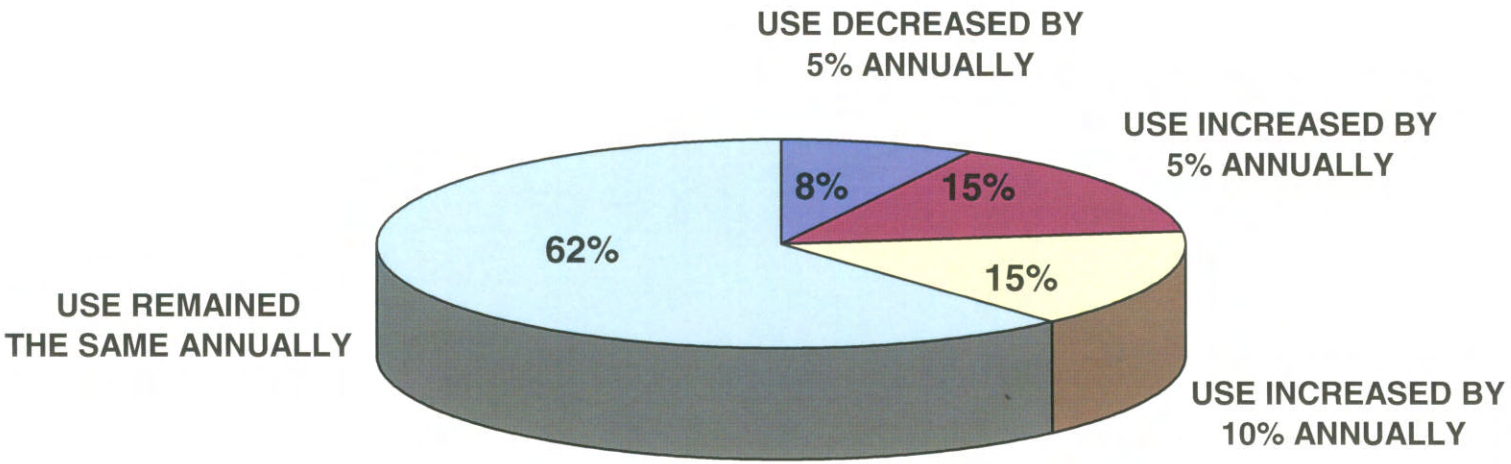
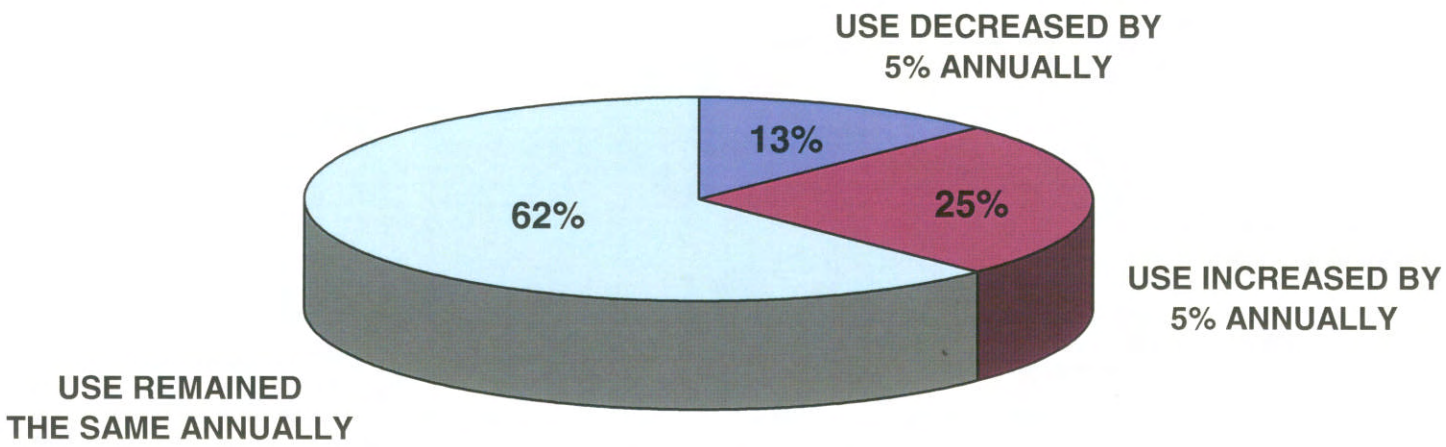


FOOTBALL FIELDS USAGE: 2000-2005
8 EXISTING FIELDS



RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE PARK FACILITIES

At the current rapid pace of redevelopment in Jersey City, the city's population is anticipated to expand significantly. In order to meet the current and future recreation needs of all segments of this burgeoning population, this report presents the following recommendations to increase park facilities.

New recreation facilities are proposed for city, county and state parks located in Jersey City, as follows.

I. Increase City Park Facilities

A. New City Park Facilities

1. Additional athletic fields are needed for organized league and team sports, and should be illuminated wherever possible. These include practice fields as well as playing fields. These new fields must be dimensioned to accommodate the needs of all age groups and genders. Synthetic turf fields should be constructed for particularly high use sites. Support facilities such as restrooms, storage facilities, etc. should also be provided. Based on evaluations of organized league and team needs and on discussions with local recreation leaders and officials, this report suggests that additional athletic field needs are as follows:

   - Baseball — 4-6 Fields
   - Little League — 10 Fields
   - Softball — 8-10 Fields
   - Football — 2 Fields
   - Soccer — 8 Fields
   - Field Hockey — 4 Fields
   - Lacrosse — 2 Fields

2. Additional court sports are needed throughout the City, at both indoor and outdoor locations. Based on evaluations of local needs and on discussions with local recreation leaders and officials, this report suggests that additional court sports needs, lighted where feasible, are as follows:

   - Basketball — 12 Courts
   - Tennis — 10 Courts
   - Roller Hockey — 6 Courts
   - Volleyball — 18 Courts

3. Additional swimming pools are needed. This report recommends that 2 additional exterior swimming pools should be built.

4. Skate parks are needed to accommodate the rapid increase in the popularity of this sport. Currently there are no public skate parks in the City. Reasonable fees could be charged for City and non-City users, which could make these facilities profitable. This report recommends that six skate parks should be built.

5. An indoor recreation center is needed of approximately 30,000 square feet, which would accommodate several multi-purpose courts (basketball, tennis, volleyball, etc.), an indoor jogging track, strength-training and cardiovascular exercise rooms, meeting rooms, etc. A 25 meter, 8 lane swimming pool could also be included in the construction of this facility. It is recommended that the City perform a market analysis via focus groups and detailed surveys to provide building programmers with the data needed to pinpoint how the facility would be used, number of users, specific facilities and their capacities, etc. The building could be partially self-funded via revenues from membership fees for individuals and groups, guest passes, pro-shop sales, food concessions, locker and towel rentals, rental of space to internal and external groups, etc.

6. An aquatic center or water park should be considered for construction potentially via private funding and operation. Such popular facilities traditionally include wave pools, circuitous slides, related aquatic facilities and food courts. Jersey City's large youth and young adult population could make such a facility profitable for an experienced developer/concessionaire. The benefit of a for-profit facility is that only those families or individuals who desire water park amenities would pay for them, via annual membership or guest fees. The water park could potentially be located on the same site as the proposed indoor recreation center. Both facilities would benefit from this proximity.

7. Children's playgrounds with interactive water fountains should be constructed in several of the existing parks.

8. Proposed trails with segments constructed and under construction include the Liberty-Water Gap Trail, the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway, and the Hackensack River Greenway Trail. A trail should be built to commemorate and delineate the location of the former Morris Canal, with interpretive signage. Additional walking and bicycle trails are needed throughout the City, providing a network that could link City, Hudson County and Liberty State Park recreation facilities.

B. Upgrade Existing City Park Facilities

1. Upgrade all existing tot lots for ADA and required 2007 Consumer Product Safety Commission compliance, as recommended in the detailed playground safety audits conducted for this study.

2. Areas for dog-owners to take their dogs to run are needed. The City should create several dog parks situated throughout the city, as separate areas within existing parks.

3. As existing parks are rehabilitated, athletic fields should be improved in ways which add to their service hours. Adding lights to existing athletic fields in non-residential areas will significantly extend their playing hours. Wherever possible, athletic fields

should be upgraded with synthetic turf. Because there is virtually no "down time" due to rain events and poor playing surface, synthetic turf fields offer significantly more hours of playing time than natural grass fields every year. A lighted, synthetic turf field can be scheduled for athletic events with virtually no breaks needed, except for occasional grooming of the field. In this way, via scheduling of the use of these field to maximize this advantage, Jersey City will make the most use of the athletic fields it possesses.

II. Increase County-Owned Park Facilities

Lincoln Park West. Lincoln Park West, totaling 123 acres, is located in Ward B due west of Lincoln Park East and US Highway 1 and 9. The park belongs to the Hudson County park system. A portion of the park is leased by Jersey City, consisting of an adult baseball field and a softball field, both lighted. Saint Peters College utilizes an adjoining athletic complex on the park site. A golf driving range occupies the northeastern portion of the park. Portions of the remaining area of the park consist of wetlands adjoining the Hackensack River, with a tidal pond. The County has recently completed nature trails and a dog run in the "natural" portion of the park.

A detailed environmental assessment of the undeveloped portion of the site should be conducted by the County to determine if the park can be developed for active recreational use, such as athletic fields. The site will also enable a lengthy section of the Hackensack River Greenway to be built.

Lincoln Park East. The County anticipates building recreational improvements to Lincoln Park East in Jersey City, to be completed in 2008. These improvements will provide extended hours of play for existing athletic facilities, via the replacement of natural turf fields with synthetic turf fields at baseball diamonds 10 and 11 in Lincoln Park East. A new synthetic football field overlay will be positioned in the outfield area of the two baseball diamonds. The facilities will be lighted.

Laurel Hill Park. Located in adjacent Secaucus the County anticipates building recreational improvements to include a lighted synthetic turf soccer field, a lighted grass baseball field with irrigation, and a lighted grass cricket field with irrigation, to be completed in 2008. Future planned improvements include two lighted grass soccer fields.

III. Increase State-Owned Park Facilities

Liberty State Park

Consisting of 1,122 acres, this waterfront park offers views of the Manhattan skyline, and ferry service to nearby Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. The park has almost 600 acres of upland areas which contain lawns, wildflower meadows, trails, and a waterfront walkway, and approximately 525 acres of tidal areas.

The park can be used to help alleviate the recreation facilities shortage faced by Jersey City in the following ways:

a. Convert the existing pool and camp property known as the Cabana Club into an athletic fields complex. The site is located at the corner of Burma Road and Morris Pesin Drive.

b. Convert the existing lawn area located west of Phillip Street into a soccer field.

	Adult Baseball Fields	Youth/Little League Baseball Fields	Softball Fields	Basketball Courts	Bocce/Shuffleboard Courts	Exercise/Cross-country Trail	Football Fields	Handball Courts	Open Play Fields	Running Tracks	Soccer Fields	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	Boat Launches	Fishing Piers/Jetties	Spray/Wading Pools	Swimming Bathhouses (Dressing Rooms)	Swimming Pools	Natural Areas/Wildlife Refuge	Picnic Areas - Single Family	Picnic Areas - Group	Bicycle/Running Trails	Amphitheaters / Stages	Botanical Gardens	Historic Structures	Children's Playgrounds	Senior Citizens & Community Centers	Skateboard Park	Roller Hockey Courts	Park Walkways	Park Shelter Buildings	Park Restroom Buildings	Concession Stands	Monuments	Drinking Fountains	Lighting	Landscaping	Sitting Areas	Parking
1. Audubon Park				1*								2*														X				X*				X		X	X	X	
2. Bayside Park		2*		4				1*				2*																		X*	X			X			X	X	
3. Columbia Park																										X				X				X		X	X		
4. Ferris Triangle Park																														X						X	X	X	
5. Martyniak-Enright Park																														X					X	X		X	
6. Metro Field	1*				1																																		
7. Muhammed Ali Park				2*								1																							X			X	
8. Ralph Taylor Memorial Park	1																																						X
9. Thomas McGovern Park		1*							1*			1*																			X							X	
10. Vernater Watson Park																																			X		X	X	
11. William Gallagher Park																1										X				X							X	X	

Key:

* Lights (Sports Field)
a. Synthetic Turf
b. Outdoor Swimming Pool
c. Indoor Swimming Pool

Summary of Existing Park Facilities
City of Jersey City
Ward A

	Adult Baseball Fields	Youth/Little League Baseball Fields	Softball Fields	Basketball Courts	Bocce/Shuffleboard Courts	Exercise/Cross-country Trail	Football Fields	Handball Courts	Open Play Fields	Running Tracks	Soccer Fields	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	Boat Launches	Fishing Piers/Jetties	Spray/Wading Pools	Swimming Bathhouses (Dressing Rooms)	Swimming Pools	Natural Areas/Wildlife Refuge	Picnic Areas - Single Family	Picnic Areas - Group	Bicycle/Running Trails	Amphitheaters / Stages	Botanical Gardens	Historic Structures	Children's Playgrounds	Senior Citizens & Community Centers	Skateboard Park	Roller Hockey Courts	Park Walkways	Park Shelter Buildings	Park Restroom Buildings	Concession Stands	Monuments	Drinking Fountains	Lighting	Landscaping	Sitting Areas	Parking
1. Boyd McGuinness Park																														X				X	X	X	X		
2. Hackensack River Greenway																			X																				
3. LaPointe Park																X				X						X				X						X	X		
4. Lt. R. B. Grover Memorial Park																														X				X			X		
5. Terriago Playground																																					X	X	

Key:

∗ Lights (Sports Field)
a. Synthetic Turf
b. Outdoor Swimming Pool
c. Indoor Swimming Pool

Summary of Existing Park Facilities
City of Jersey City
Ward B

	Adult Baseball Fields	Youth/Little League Baseball Fields	Softball Fields	Basketball Courts	Bocce/Shuffleboard Courts	Exercise/Cross-country Trial	Football Fields	Handball Courts	Open Play Fields	Running Tracks	Soccer Fields	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	Boat Launches	Fishing Piers/Jetties	Spray/Wading Pools	Swimming Bathhouses (Dressing Rooms)	Swimming Pools	Natural Areas/Wildlife Refuge	Picnic Areas - Single Family	Picnic Areas - Group	Trails-Bicycle/Running	Amphitheaters/ Stages	Botanical Gardens	Historic Structures	Children's Playgrounds	Senior Citizens & Community Centers	Skateboard Park	Roller Hockey Courts	Ice Skating Rink	Park Walkways	Park Shelter Buildings	Park Restroom Buildings	Concession Stands	Monuments	Drinking Fountains	Lighting	Landscaping	Sitting Areas	Parking
1. Apple Tree House																									X															X
2. Brett Triangle																															X							X		
3. Janet Moore Park																										X					X							X		
4. Pavonia Marion Park			1*	2*	1												1	1b								X					X						X			
5. Pershing Field	1*	1*		2*	1					1		4				1	1	1c								X				1	X		X		X	X	X	X		X
6. Reservoir No. 3																			X																					
7. Sgt. Anthony Park				1*																						X					X					X	X	X	X	
8. Tumulty Park																			X																					

Key:

∗ Lights (Sports Field)
a. Synthetic Turf
b. Outdoor Swimming Pool
c. Indoor Swimming Pool

Summary of Existing Park Facilities
City of Jersey City
Ward C

	Adult Baseball Fields	Youth/Little League Baseball Fields	Softball Fields	Basketball Courts	Bocce/Shuffleboard Courts	Exercise/Cross-country Trail	Football Fields	Handball Courts	Open Play Fields	Running Tracks	Soccer Fields	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	Boat Launches	Fishing Piers/Jetties	Spray/Wading Pools	Swimming Bathhouses (Dressing Rooms)	Swimming Pools	Natural Areas/Wildlife Refuge	Picnic Areas - Single Family	Picnic Areas - Group	Bicycle/Running Trails	Amphitheaters / Stages	Botanical Gardens	Historic Structures	Children's Playgrounds	Senior Citizens & Community Centers	Skateboard Park	Roller Hockey Courts	Park Walkways	Park Shelter Buildings	Park Restroom Buildings	Concession Stands	Monuments	Drinking Fountains	Lighting	Landscaping	Sitting Areas	Parking
1. Edward Crincoli Park												1*				X										X								X			X	X	
2. Leonard Gordon Park				1*							1[d]	2*														X				X				X	X	X	X		
3. Riverview - Captain Fisk Park				2*	1				1												X			X						X	X			X		X	X	X	
4. Terrace Ave. (Undeveloped)																			X																				

Key:

* Lights
a. Synthetic Turf
b. Outdoor Swimming Pool
c. Indoor Swimming Pool
d. Informal

Summary of Existing Park Facilities
City of Jersey City
Ward D

	Adult Baseball Fields	Youth /L. L. Baseball Fields	Softball Fields	Basketball Courts	Bocce/Shuffleboard Courts	Exercise/Cross-country Trail	Football Fields	Handball Courts	Open Play Fields	Running Tracks	Soccer Fields	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	Boat Launches	Fishing Piers/Jetties	Spray/Wading Pools	Bathhouses (Dressing Rooms)	Swimming Pools	Natural Areas/Wildlife Refuge	Picnic Areas - Single Family	Picnic Areas - Group	Bicycle/Running Trails	Amphitheaters / Stages	Botanical Gardens	Historic Structures	Children's Playgrounds	Senior/Community Centers	Skateboard Park	Roller Hockey Courts	Park Walkways	Park Shelter Buildings	Park Restroom Buildings	Concession Stands	Monuments	Drinking Fountains	Lighting	Landscaping	Sitting Areas	Parking
1. Alexander F. Santora Park																																					X		
2. Angel Ramos Park				1/2 *																						X											X	X	
3. City Hall Park																																		X			X	X	
4. Dr. Rizal Park																																		X			X		
5. First Street Park					X																					X													
6. Fitzgerald-Holota Park																																					X	X	
7. Gateway Park Complex		1*	1	1*			1a*				1a*															X				X			X			X		X	
8. Hamilton Park					1							2*														X				X	X				X	X	X	X	
9. J. Owen Grundy Park															X								X													X	X	X	
10. Laurel Court Park																																							
11. Mary Benson Park			1*	1*																						X				X									
12. Paulus Hook Park																														X				X			X	X	
13. Roberto Clemente Park		1*																													X								
14. Roberto Clemente Sports Complex	1*	1*		1*																						X			1*		X	X	X	X		X		X	
15. Van Vorst Park																				X						X				X					X	X	X	X	
17. York Street Park																														X						X			
18. 16th Street Park				2																																X			

Key:

* Lights (Sports Field)
a. Synthetic Turf
b. Outdoor Swimming Pool
c. Indoor Swimming Pool

Summary of Existing Park Facilities
City of Jersey City
Ward E

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	Adult Baseball Fields	Youth/Little League Baseball Fields	Softball Fields	Basketball Courts	Bocce/Shuffleboard Courts	Exercise/Cross-country Trail	Football Fields	Handball Courts	Open Play Fields	Running Tracks	Soccer Fields	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	Boat Launches	Fishing Piers/Jetties	Spray/Wading Pools	Swimming Bathhouses (Dressing Rooms)	Swimming Pools	Natural Areas/Wildlife Refuge	Picnic Areas - Single Family	Picnic Areas - Group	Bicycle/Running Trails	Amphitheaters / Stages	Botanical Gardens	Historic Structures	Children's Playgrounds	Senior Citizens & Community Centers	Skateboard Park	Roller Hockey Courts	Park Walkways	Park Shelter Buildings	Park Restroom Buildings	Concession Stands	Monuments	Drinking Fountains	Lighting	Landscaping	Sitting Areas	Parking
1. Arlington Park				1*																						X					X					X	X		
2. Arthur Ashe Park				1																																			
3. Cornelius Parker Park																			X											X						X		X	
4. Dr. Edith Bland Phillips Park				1												1										X				X				X					
5. Dr. Lena Edwards Park				2*																						X										X	X		
6. Fairmount Triangle																																					X		
7. Fulton Avenue Park																1																				X			
8. Harmon Street Pool																1		1b												X	X					X			
9. Isetta McDuffy Park																																					X		
10. McGinley Square Park																																					X	X	
11. Monticello Avenue Park																										X				X						X	X		
Monticello Park A (Storm Ave.)				2																																			
Monticello Park B (Reed St.)																														X							X		
Monticello Park C (Emory St.)																														X							X	X	
12. Oak Street Park																																					X		X
13. Pope Triangle																																				X			
14. Rev. Ercel F. Webb Park									X												X					X							X	X	X	X	X		
15. Skinner Memorial Park																														X									
16. Summit Cornelison Park																																					X		
17. Terry DeHere Park				1*																																	X		
18. Virginia Avenue Park				1/2																						X				X									

Key:

* Lights
a. Synthetic Turf
b. Outdoor Swimming Pool
c. Indoor Swimming Pool

Summary of Existing Park Facilities
City of Jersey City
Ward F

IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXISTING INDIVIDUAL PARKS

Presently Jersey City has 65 parks on its inventory totaling 143 acres. In addition, there are 29 acres of greenways. The following improvement program is based on comments received at the numerous public meetings, inspections and assessments of the condition of existing facilities in each park, and from data collected in the needs assessment portion of this study.

- *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to these existing parks are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes. Ultimately each park will be individually designed, with considerable input from neighborhood/ward residents. Detailed environmental and engineering site analyses will also need to be conducted prior to any actual construction.*

Jersey City's 65 parks fall into five distinct categories. The first group consists of parks heavily built-out and used for active recreation, such as the Roberto Clemente Sports Complex and Bayside Park. The next group consists of small "vest pocket" neighborhood parks, such as Dr. Edith Bland Philips Park and Janet Moore Park. The third group consists primarily of small parks that are memorials to noted residents, such as Skinner Memorial Park. The fourth group consists of fairly large, formal and sometimes historical parks that contain a mixture of active and passive recreation facilities, such as Hamilton Park and Van Vorst Park. The fifth group consists of sites the City owns which are currently undeveloped. This group consists of Reservoir No. 3, Hackensack River Greenway Park, and Veteran's Park at Freedom Point.

This section of the report includes a description and inventory of existing facilities in each park, followed by proposed renovations of existing park features and facilities, such as athletic fields, court sports, etc. In addition, special attention was paid to the existing condition of the children's playgrounds. The State of New Jersey has established October 18, 2007 as the date for equipment compliance for publicly and privately owned playgrounds, per the Consumer Products Safety Commission Handbook for Public Playgrounds. Where appropriate, the improvement program also recommends the construction of new facilities such as synthetic turf athletic fields, gazebos, walking trails, decorative lighting, etc.

The associated construction cost estimates for all recommended improvements are stated in 2008 dollars. The proposed improvements to the parks are to be implemented over a ten year program. The recommended year for construction of all the improvements is indicated in the Park Prioritization Summaries for Wards A-F found later in this report.

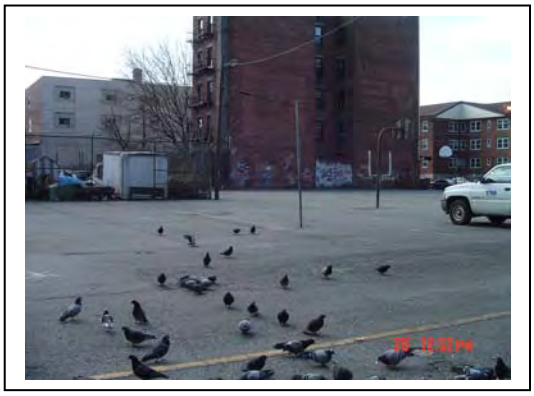
Riverview-Fisk Park

1. 16th STREET PARK - Block 258, Lots 19-26

16th Street Park, encompassing 0.46 acres, is located in Ward E on 16th Street and Erie Street. Essentially the entire site is paved with blacktop. The park should be redesigned, with much of the pavement removed.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Basketball Court	2
Roller Hockey	1



● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Repave and colorcoat basketball court. Replace backboards.	$38,000
	Total for part A	***$38,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
1)	Site Work	$54,000
2)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$19,500
3)	New park signage	$4,000
4)	New grassed area	$13,000
5)	Children's playground	$300,000
6)	Concrete walkways	$15,500
7)	Fencing (ornamental and chain link)	$49,000
8)	Landscaping (shade trees, shrubs, evergreen trees)	$13,000
9)	Utilities – (Decorative lighting, electric service, etc.)	$41,500
10)	Permit fees	$1,500
	Total for part B	***$511,000***
	Total	**$549,000**
11)	Contingencies (10%)	$54,900
12)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$82,350
	Total Project Cost	**$686,250**
	Total Project Say	**$690,000**

2. ALEXANDER F. SANTORA PARK - Block 303, Lots A1-A4

Alexander Santora Park, encompassing 0.15 acres, is located in Ward E on Grand Street. This pocket park consists of a small lawn panel with four trees and five concrete benches.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Grassed area	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS	Cost
None	0

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

1)	Site work	$21,000
2)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, game tables, etc.)	$27,500
3)	New park signage	$4,000
4)	Fencing	$29,500
5)	Flower beds	$1,000
6)	Landscaping (shade trees, shrubs, evergreen trees)	$22,500
7)	Concrete walkways	$35,000
8)	Utilities (lighting, irrigation, electric service, etc.)	$62,000
9)	Permit fees	$1,200
	Total	**$203,700**
10)	Contingencies (10%)	$20,370
11)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$30,555
	Total Project Cost	**$254,625**
	Total Project Say	**$255,000**

3. ANGEL RAMOS PARK - Block 273, Lots 22-25

Angel Ramos Park, encompassing 0.23 acres, located in Ward E on Wayne Street. generally in good condition and is

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Basketball Half-Court, Lighted	1
Children's Playground	1
Game tables	2
Benches	4

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS	Cost
1) Repair tripping hazard at edge adjoining children's playground rubber safety surface	$1,350
2) Spot repairs to rubber safety surface	$5,000
3) Resurface and colorcoat half-court basketball court	$10,000
Total for part A	***$16,350***
B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES	
4) Site work	$8,500
5) New park signage	$4,000
6) Concrete walkways (powerwash)	$3,500
7) Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$10,000
8) Flower beds	$1,000
9) Landscaping.) (shade trees, shrubs, evergreen trees)	$22,500
Total for part B	***$49,500***
Total	**$65,850**
10) Contingencies (10%)	$6,585
11) Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$9,877
Total Project Cost	**$82,312**
Total Project Say	**$85,000**

4. APPLE TREE HOUSE - Block 1871, Lot 34

Apple Tree House Park, encompassing 0.48 acres, is located in Ward C on Academy Street. It was acquired several years ago, with funding assistance from Green Acres.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Historic House	1
Parking Area	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

None, renovation currently underway.

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

None, renovation currently underway.

5. ARLINGTON PARK (WILLIAM THORTON PARK) - Block 1949, Lot P

Arlington Park, encompassing 3.52 acres, is located in Ward F on Grand Street and Arlington Avenue. It is primarily a passive park with large lawn panels and mature trees.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Basketball Court, Lighted	1
Children's Playground	1
Gazebo	1
Lighting	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

		Cost
A.	**RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS**	
1)	Resurface and colorcoat basketball court. Replace backboards	$35,000
2)	Repair gazebo	$75,000
3)	Trim existing trees	$25,000
4)	Comply with regulations of the American with Disabilities Act. (ramps, railings, signage, etc.)	$100,000
	Total for part A	***$235,000***
B.	**RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES**	
5)	Site work	$66,300
6)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$45,000
7)	New park signage	$4,000
8)	Flower beds	$3,500
9)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, etc.)	$65,000
10)	Possible dog run	$100,000
11)	Decorative lighting	$75,000
12)	Overseed lawn panels	$25,000
13)	Decorative fencing	$300,000
	Total for part B	***$683,800***
	Total	**$918,800**
13)	Contingencies (10%)	$91,880
14)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$137,820
	Total Project Cost	**$1,148,500**
	Total Project Say	**$1,150,000**

6. ARTHUR ASHE PARK - Block 1969, Lots 97A & 98A

Arthur Ashe Park, encompassing 0.12 acres, is located in Ward F on Minerva Street, and is presently in a state of disrepair.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Basketball Court	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

		Cost
1)	Reconstruct and colorcoat basketball court	$45,000
2)	Remove fencing	$5,000
3)	Install new 10' high fencing	$15,000
	Total for part A	***$65,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

4)	Site work	$16,620
5)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$15,000
6)	Site fencing	$7,500
7)	New park signage	$4,000
8)	Flower beds	$500
9)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, etc.)	$10,500
10)	Paths	$6,000
11)	Half-court basketball court	$20,000
12)	Game tables	$10,000
	Total for part B	***$90,120***
	Total	**$155,120**
13)	Contingencies (10%)	$15,512
14)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$23,268
	Total Project Cost	**$193,900**
	Total Project Say	**$195,000**

7. AUDUBON PARK (MAJOR JOHN DESMOND PARK) - Block 1283.5, Lot 1A

Audubon Park, encompassing 3.43 acres, is located in Ward A on Kennedy Boulevard and Audubon Avenue. It is nearly square in configuration, and encompasses a full block with a mixture of active and passive recreation.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Basketball Court	1
Tennis Courts	2
Children's Playground	1
Fountains	1
Lighting	
Benches	

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Mill, resurface, and colorcoat basketball court	$25,000
2)	Mill, resurface, and colorcoat tennis courts (2). New nets and posts.	$50,000
3)	Reset walkway pavers	$30,000
4)	Trim existing trees	$10,000
5)	Overseed lawn panels	$15,000
	Total for part A	***$130,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
6)	Site work	$75,000
7)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$30,000
8)	New park signage	$4,000
9)	Flower beds	$1,000
10)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$25,000

11)	Additional lighting	$50,000
	Total for part B	***$185,000***
	Total	**$315,000**
12)	Contingencies (10%)	$31,500
13)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$47,250
	Total Project Cost	**$393,750**
	Total Project Say	**$394,000**

8. BAYSIDE PARK - Block 1466, Lots P.1 & P.2

Bayside Park, encompassing 9.23 acres, is located in Ward A on Garfield Avenue. It is one of the largest parks in Jersey City, and contains a pleasant mixture of active and passive recreation. Many of the facilities are lit for night-time use.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Youth/Little League Baseball Fields, Lighted	2
Basketball Courts, Partially Lighted	2
Basketball Half-Courts, Partially Lighted	2
Tennis Courts, Lighted	2
Concession Area	1
Park Restroom Building	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

None, currently in the design phase.

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

None, currently in the design phase.

Consultants have been retained and the design work is currently underway. Primary components of the project involve improving circulation and safety while providing new and rehabilitated areas of interest, that will include a children's playground, interactive water feature "spray ground", multi-use area, rehabilitated bleachers and field(s); sports field lighting, pedestrian lighting, basketball courts, picnic area, multi-use field, new field house, storage facility, and security improvements.

9. BOYD McGUINESS PARK - Block 1825, Lot C.1

Boyd McGuiness Park, encompassing 0.22 acres, is located in Ward B on Kennedy Boulevard and Duncan Avenue. It consists primarily of a memorial, with a diagonal path running through the pocket park.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Monument	1
Lawn Panel	1
Drinking fountain	1
Lighting	
Benches	

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Repair walkways	$10,000
	Total for part A	***$10,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
2)	Site work	$10,000
3)	New park signage	$4,000
4)	Flower beds	$1,000
5)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$5,000
6)	New drinking fountain	$5,000
7)	Seating area(s)	$10,000
8)	Decorative lighting	$5,000
9)	Enhance existing monument area	$10,000
10)	Permits	$5,000
	Total for part B	***$55,000***
	Total	**$65,000**
11)	Contingencies (10%)	$6,500
12)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$9,750
	Total Project Cost	**$81,250**
	Total Project Say	**$85,000**

10. BRETT TRIANGLE - Block 1856.1, Lot 1

Brett Triangle, encompassing 0.02 acres, is located in Ward C on Garfield Avenue. It presently consists of a lawn panel with some Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.).

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Lawn Panel	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

	Cost
None	0

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

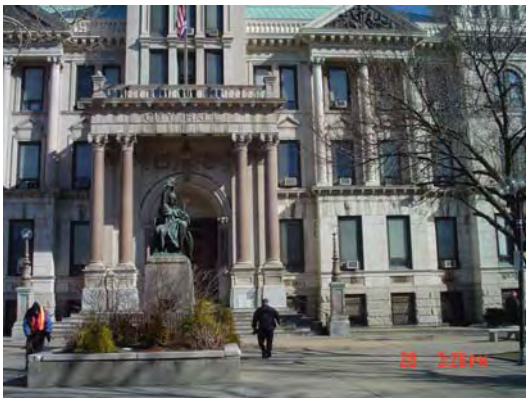
1)	Site work	$5,000
2)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$10,000
3)	New signage	$4,000
4)	Flower beds	$1,000
5)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$5,000
6)	Utilities (irrigation, electric for irrigation, etc.)	$10,000
	Total	**$35,000**
7)	Contingencies (10%)	$3,500
8)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$5,250
	Total Project Cost	**$43,750**
	Total Project Say	**$45,000**

11. CITY HALL PARK - Block 201, Lot CH

City Hall Park, encompassing 0.48 acres, is located in Ward E on Grove Street, and includes the area immediately surrounding City Hall.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Monument	1
Seating Areas	2



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A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS	Cost
None	$0

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

1)	Site work	$106,500
2)	Replace concrete plaza and sidewalks with decorative pavers	$300,000
3)	Seating areas	$50,000
4)	Plaza lighting	$50,000
5)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$50,000
6)	Raised planters	$75,000
7)	Pennants and banners	$10,000
8)	Tie the plaza into the proposed "streetscape" along Grove Street	$100,000
9)	Utilities (electric service, etc.)	$75,000
	Total	**$816,500**
10)	Contingencies (10%)	$81,650
11)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$122,475
	Total Project Cost	**$1,020,625**
	Total Project Say	**$1,020,000**

12. COLUMBIA PARK (GREENVILLE MEMORIAL) - Block 1374, Lot WB

Columbia Park, encompassing 4.72 acres, is located in Ward A on Kennedy Boulevard. It is primarily a passive park, with numerous curvilinear paths, lawn panels, and large trees.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Children's Playground	1
Flagpole	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Repair wall by children's playground	$3,500
2)	Replace children's playground rubber safety surface	$125,000
3)	Repair/replace children's playground fence gate	$500
4)	Trim existing trees	$12,500
	Total for part A	***$141,500***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
5)	Site work	$131,460
6)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$40,000
7)	New park signage	$4,000
8)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$50,000
9)	Small parking area (convert to angle parking)	$60,000
10)	Gazebo / pavilion	$300,000
11)	Water spray pad	$250,000
	Total for part B	***$835,460***
	Total	**$976,960**
12)	Contingencies (10%)	$97,696
13)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$146,544
	Total Project Cost	**$1,221,200**
	Total Project Say	**$1,225,000**

13. CORNELIUS PARKER PARK - Block 1950, Lots T.23 & R

Cornelius Parker Park, encompassing 0.91 acres, is located in Ward F on Madison Avenue and Clinton Avenue. It contains some mature trees and grade changes, which give the site design potential, but is presently in disrepair. In 2006, the City added land to the park. Subject to negotiations with developers, the City may add two more parcels to the park.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Plaza	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A.	**RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS**	Cost
1)	Resurface paths	$20,000
2)	Remove perimeter fencing	$5,000
3)	Trim existing trees	$5,000
4)	Drainage	$15,000
5)	Replace children's playground equipment	$300,000
	Total for part A	***$345,000***

B.	**RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES**	
6)	Site work	$66,750
7)	Retaining wall replacement	$900,000
8)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$15,000
9)	New park signage	$4,000
10)	Flower beds	$1,000
11)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$20,000
12)	Security lighting	$10,000

13)	Improve access safety	$5,000
14)	Seating areas	$35,000
15)	Gazebo	$100,000
16)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, etc.)	$50,000
17)	Permits	$10,000
	Total for part B	***$1,216,750***
	Total	**$1,561,750**
18)	Contingencies (10%)	$156,175
19)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$234,262
	Total Project Cost	**$1,952,187**
	Total Project Say	**$1,955,000**

14. DR. EDITH BLAND PHILIPS PARK - Block 1305, Lots D.7 & D.8
Block 1304, Lot A.6

Dr. Edith Bland Philips Park, encompassing 0.30 acres, is located in Ward F on Wilkinson Avenue. It has recently been reconstructed, and is in good condition.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Basketball Half-Court	1
Spray Pool	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

		Cost
A.	**RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS**	
1)	Resurface and colorcoat basketball half-court. Replace backboard	$15,000
	Total for part A	***$15,000***
B.	**RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES**	
2)	Site work	$6,500
3)	Power wash existing concrete	$7,500
4)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$10,000
5)	New park signage	$4,000
6)	Flower beds	$1,000
7)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$5,000
	Total for part B	***$34,000***
	Total	**$49,000**
8)	Contingencies (10%)	$4,900
9)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$7,350
	Total Project Cost	**$61,250**
	Total Project Say	**$65,000**

15. DR. LENA EDWARDS PARK - Block 2074, Lots 12, 13.A-15.A, 16, 17, 21 & 22

Dr. Lena Edwards Park, encompassing 0.77 acres, is located in Ward F on Johnston Avenue. It contains active recreation facilities, and is a well-designed neighborhood park.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Basketball Court, Lighted	2
Children's Playground	1
Benches	

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Resurface and colorcoat basketball courts. Replace backboards	$40,000
2)	Repair children's playground safety surface	$35,000
3)	Add drainage to children's playground area	$12,000
	Total for part A	***$87,000***
B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
4)	Site work	$45,000
5)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$10,000
6)	New park signage	$4,000
7)	Flower beds	$1,000
8)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$10,000
9)	Additional seating areas	$20,000
10)	Replace and relocate court sport lighting	$125,000
11)	Utilities	$35,000
12)	Permits	$10,000
	Total for part B	***$260,000***
	Total	**$347,000**
13)	Contingencies (10%)	$34,700
14)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$52,050
	Total Project Cost	**$433,750**
	Total Project Say	**$435,000**

16. DR. RIZAL PARK

Dr. Rizal Park, encompassing 1.1 acres, is located in Ward E on Columbus Drive. It is primarily a memorial park with a monument and lawn panel. This park is not entirely City owned.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Flagpoles	2
Statue	1
Lawn Panel	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

	Cost
None	0

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

1)	Site work	$6,000
2)	Enhance monument area	$3,000
3)	Flower beds	$1,000
4)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$7,500
5)	Lighting	$10,000
6)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, etc.)	$15,000
	Total	**$42,500**
7)	Contingencies (10%)	$4,250
8)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$6,375
	Total Project Cost	**$53,125**
	Total Project Say	**$55,000**

17. EDWARD CRINCOLI PARK - Block 922, Lots 10A,11A,12,13,13.A,14-17,17A,&18

Edward Crincoli Park, encompassing 0.45 acres, is located in Ward D on Terrace Avenue and Thorne Street. It has steep slopes, and is adjoined to currently undeveloped Terrace Avenue Park.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Tennis Court, Lighted	1
Spray Bollard	1
Children's Playground	1
Benches	

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

Renovations to be completed October 2006

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

Routine maintenance

18. FAIRMOUNT TRIANGLE PARK

Fairmount Triangle Park, encompassing 0.23 acres, is located in Ward F on Fairmount and Baldwin Avenue.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Plaza	1
Raised Planting Bed	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

	Cost
None	0

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

1)	Site work	$6,000
2)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$5,000
3)	New park signage	$4,000
4)	Flower beds	$1,000
5)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$5,000
6)	Decorative lighting	$10,000
7)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, etc.)	$15,000
	Total	**$46,000**
8)	Contingencies (10%)	$4,600
9)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$6,900
	Total Project Cost	**$57,500**
	Total Project Say	**$58,000**

19. FERRIS TRIANGLE PARK - Block 1366.1, Lot 62.B

Ferris Triangle Park, encompassing 0.23 acres, is located in Ward A on Old Bergen Road, Cator Avenue and Rose Avenue. It consists primarily of landscaped seating areas.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Plaza	1
Raised Planting Bed	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

		Cost
A.	**RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS**	
1)	Trim existing trees	$2,000
2)	Replace concrete sidewalks adjacent to the park	38,000
	Total for part A	***$40,000***
B.	**RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES**	
3)	Site work	$4,500
4)	New park signage	$4,000
5)	Flower beds	$1,000
6)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$5,000
7)	Decorative lighting	$5,000
8)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, etc.)	$15,000
	Total for part B	***$34,500***
	Total	**$74,500**
9)	Contingencies (10%)	$7,450
10)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$11,175
	Total Project Cost	**$93,125**
	Total Project Say	**$95,000**

20. FIRST STREET PARK - Block 1410, Lots 25-27

First Street Park, encompassing 0.12 acres, is located in Ward E on First Street. The park is presently in severe disrepair. The park could be expanded in the future through the acquisition of the adjacent property.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Bocce Court (Not usable)	1
Children's Playground (Not usable)	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Property encroachments must be resolved	N/A
2)	Remove all existing structures	$30,000
3)	Re-grade site	$12,000
4)	Remove perimeter fence	$4,000
	Total for part A	***$46,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
5)	Site work	$110,000
6)	Drainage	$12,000
7)	New park signage	$4,000
8)	Flower beds	$1,000
9)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$15,000
10)	Paths	$30,000
11)	Fencing	$50,000
12)	Children's playground	$300,000
13)	Interactive play fountain	$200,000

14)	Lighting	$15,000
15)	Seating areas	$25,000
16)	Permits	$5,000
17)	Utilities (electric service, water, irrigation, etc.)	$75,000
	Total for part B	***$842,000***
	Total	**$888,000**
18)	Contingencies (10%)	$88,800
19)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$133,200
	Total Project Cost	**$1,110,000**
	Total Project Say	**$1,110,000**

21. FITZGERALD - HOLOTA PARK - Block 204, Lots 1-6

Fitzgerald - Holota Park, encompassing 0.14 acres, is located in Ward E on Newark Avenue. There is a PATH station here, and an adjacent plaza area.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Plaza	1
Pavilion	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

None, currently under construction.

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

None, currently under construction.

Current renovations underway via a "pilot" program where a developer has agreed to reconstruct and maintain the park.

22. FULTON AVENUE PARK - Block 1337, Lot 6.B

Fulton Avenue Park, encompassing 0.29 acres, is located in Ward F on Fulton Avenue and Martin Luther King Drive. It is presently in disrepair.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Basketball Backboard on Building Wall	1
Spray Pool (Not Working)	1
Benches	

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Remove all existing pavements, appurtenances, etc. Remove graffiti.	$15,000
	Total for part A	***$15,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
2)	Site work	$35,000
3)	Drainage	$15,000
4)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$10,000
5)	New park signage	$4,000
6)	Flower beds	$1,000
7)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$15,000
8)	Paths	$35,000
9)	Half-court basketball court	$25,000
10)	Game tables	$5,000
11)	Seating areas	$20,000
12)	Community gardens	$25,000

13)	Lighting	$25,000
14)	Spray Bollard	$10,000
15)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, water, etc.)	$25,000
16)	Permits	$5,000
	Total for part B	***$255,000***
	Total	**$270,000**
17)	Contingencies (10%)	$27,000
18)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$40,500
	Total Project Cost	**$337,500**
	Total Project Say	**$340,000**

23. GATEWAY PARK COMPLEX-Block 2134, Lots 5&25PT / Block 2134.5, Lots PL.2Block 2137, Lot PL.2 / Block 2138, Lot 8 / Block 2139, Lot A3.PL

Gateway Park Complex, encompassing 6.30 acres, is located in Ward E on Bright Street and Merseles Avenue. It consists of an active recreation complex, with illuminated athletic fields and court sports.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Little League Baseball Field, Lighted	1
Softball Field	1
Basketball Court, Lighted	1
Combination Football/Soccer Field, Synthetic Turf, Lighted	1
Children's Playground	1
Concession Building	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

		Cost
1)	Resurface and colorcoat basketball court; replace backboards.	$25,000
	Total for part A	***$25,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

2)	Site work	$96,000
3)	New park signage	$8,000
4)	Flower beds	$2,000
5)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$60,000
6)	Replace children's playground equipment and safety surface	$300,000
7)	Add warning track to Little League baseball field	$15,000
8)	Add warning track and lights to softball field	$145,000

9)	Seating areas	$20,000
10)	Drinking fountain	$5,000
11)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, water, etc.)	$55,000
12)	Permits	$5,000
	Total for part B	***$711,000***
	Total	**$736,000**
13)	Contingencies (10%)	$73,600
14)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$110,400
	Total Project Cost	**$920,000**
	Total Project Say	**$920,000**

24. HACKENSACK RIVER GREENWAY PARK

Hackensack River Greenway Park, encompassing 33.88 acres, is located in Ward B on Lincoln Highway (Comunipaw Avenue), adjacent to the Hackensack River. It is currently undeveloped, and a portion of the former Morris Canal is still present on site, as are large areas of freshwater wetlands.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Natural Areas/ Wildlife Refuge	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS	Cost
None (site is presently undeveloped)	0

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

1)	Site work	$925,000
2)	Park access road	$350,000
3)	Drainage and storm water management	$350,000
4)	Baseball field, lighted, synthetic turf	$1,500,000
5)	Multi-purpose fields, lighted, synthetic turf (2)	$2,500,000
6)	Shelter building with deck, restrooms and concession areas	$500,000
7)	Catwalk, with nature observation area and interpretive signs	$300,000
8)	Restoration of Morris Canal	$250,000
9)	Parking for 120 cars, lighted	$450,000
10)	Possible boat launch and trailer parking area, + access road	$250,000
11)	Paths	$250,000
12)	Footbridge over Morris Canal	$100,000
13)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.) (benches, etc.)	$75,000
14)	Seating areas	$50,000
15)	Park signage	$20,000

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES (continued)

16)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$200,000
17)	Wetland restoration	$150,000
18)	Fencing	$250,000
19)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, water, etc.)	$100,000
20)	Permits	$55,000
	Total	**$8,625,000**
21)	Contingencies (10%)	$862,500
22)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$1,293,750
	Total Project Cost	**$10,781,250**
	Total Project Say	**$10,780,000**

25. HAMILTON PARK - Block 283.1, Lot PK

Hamilton Park, encompassing a full city block and 5.57 acres, is located in Ward E on West Hamilton Place. It has a pleasant mixture of active and passive recreation, and is well maintained in part by the Hamilton Park Neighborhood Association. Based on the results of a community-wide study and on the assessment of the park master plan consultant, it is recommended that the original "spoke and wheel" design be reconstructed at the park. This report acknowledges the considerable input and assistance by this Neighborhood Association regarding the proposed redesign and recommended renovations to this historic 200 year old park.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Basketball Court, Lighted	1
Tennis Courts, Lighted	2
Children's Playground	1
Gazebo	1
Drinking Fountain	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Resurface and colorcoat basketball court, and replace backboards	$25,000
2)	Resurface and colorcoat tennis courts (2)	$60,000
3)	Drainage	$400,000
4)	Gazebo rehabilitation	$300,000
5)	Realign and resurface paths	$200,000
6)	Remove and replace seating areas	$40,000
7)	Relocate and replace children's playground	$300,000
8)	Relocate chess/checkers table area	$10,000
9)	Overseed lawn panels	$25,000
10)	Trim existing trees	$25,000
	Total for part A	***$1,385,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

		Cost
11)	Site work	$290,000
12)	Enhance park entrances with Landscaping and paving	$80,000
13)	New park signage	$8,000
14)	Flower beds	$2,000
15)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$50,000
16)	Picnic areas	$10,000
17)	Formal gardens	$75,000
18)	Victorian era fountain	$150,000
19)	Dog run	$150,000
20)	Security lighting	$150,000
21)	Irrigate planting beds	$60,000
22)	Children's playgrounds for 2-5 and 6-12 year olds	$600,000
23)	Interactive play fountain	$300,000
24)	Historic plaque	$6,000
25)	Community bulletin board	$10,000
26)	Adjacent streetscape improvements / infrastructure	$500,000
27)	Utilities (electric service, water, etc.)	$200,000
28)	Permits	$25,000
	Total for part B	***$2,666,000***
	Total	**$4,051,000**
29)	Contingencies (10%)	$405,000
30)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$607,650
	Total Project Cost	**$5,063,750**
	Total Project Say	**$5,100,000**

26. HARMON STREET POOL - Block 1941, Lots 17-22

Harmon Street Pool, encompassing 0.52 acres, is located in Ward F on Communipaw Avenue. It consists of a now inactive swimming and wading pool, and support structures. It has been unused for several years, and is in disrepair. It is the recommendation of this report to demolish the existing facility and construct a new neighborhood park with a variety of active and passive facilities. Adjacent to nearby Ercel Webb Park there will be a new pool constructed to replace the old facility at Harmon Street.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Wading Pool	1
Swimming Pool, Outdoor	1
Plaza	1
Pump House	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS — Cost

None (see below)

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

1)	Site work	$275,000
2)	Drainage	$100,000
2)	Walkways	$125,000
3)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$25,000
4)	Flower beds	$1,000
5)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$40,000
6)	Children's playground for 2 – 5 and 6 – 12 year old children, with rubber safety surface	$600,000
7)	Spray pool with rubber safety surface	$300,000
8)	Extreme skate park	$600,000

9)	Seating areas with sun shelter		$50,000
10)	Drinking fountain		$5,000
11)	Permits		$10,000
12)	Utilities (water)		$50,000
		Total	**$2,181,000**
13)	Contingencies (10%)		$218,100
14)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)		$327,150
		Total Project Cost	**$2,726,150**
		Total Project Say	**$2,730,000**

27. ISETTA McDUFFY PARK - Block 1952, Lot 41A

Isetta McDuffy Park, encompassing 0.07 acres, is located in Ward F on Bramhall Avenue.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Raised Planting Bed	1
Lawn Panel	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

		Cost
A.	**RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS**	
	None	0
B.	**RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES**	
1)	Site work	$5,000
2)	Flower beds	$2,000
3)	Irrigation	$8,000
4)	Additional plaza/seating area	$15,000
5)	Community bulletin board	$4,000
6)	Park graphic/mural on adjacent blank wall	$5,000
7)	Monument/memorial to Isetta McDuffy	$5,000
	Total	**$44,000**
8)	Contingencies (10%)	$4,400
9)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$6,600
	Total Project Cost	**$55,000**

28. J. OWEN GRUNDY PARK - Block 8, Lot 6

J. Owen Grundy Park, encompassing 0.39 acres, is located in Ward E on Exchange Place at the foot of Montgomery Street. Dramatic views across the Hudson River are available from this site. J. Own Grundy Park is currently undergoing a comprehensive rehabilitation that includes a new seawall bulkhead, lighting, seating, decking, pavilions, railing, shade structures, and provisions for emergency services.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Stage Area	1
Waterfront Promenade	1
Lighting	
Benches	

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

Currently under construction, including a new bulkhead, seating areas, decorative lighting, pavilions and shade structures, and decorative railings.

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

Currently under construction.

29. JANET MOORE PARK - Block 722.B, Lots 3 & 7.A

Janet Moore Park, encompassing 0.30 acres, is located in Ward C on New York Avenue and Ogden Avenue, and is immediately adjacent to Tumulty Park.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Children's Playground	1
Benches	

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A.	RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS	Cost
1)	Trim street trees	$1,000
2)	Over seed lawn area	3,500
	Total for part A	***$4,500***

B.	RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES	
3)	Site work	$15,000
4)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$15,000
5)	New park signage	$4,000
6)	Flower beds	$1,000
7)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$20,000
8)	Decorative lights	$20,000
9)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, etc.)	$20,000
	Total for part B	***$95,000***
	Total	**$99,500**
10)	Contingencies (10%)	$9,950
11)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$14,925
	Total Project Cost	**$124,375**
	Total Project Say	**$125,000**

30. LaPOINTE PARK - Block 1839, Lots 38, 39, 40.A & 41.A

LaPointe Park, encompassing 0.26 acres, is located in Ward B on Stuyvesant Avenue and Dekalb Avenue. The park is gated and locked when not in use.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Children's playground	1
Spray Play Area	1
Plaza with Seating	1
Picnic area	
Benches	
Lighting	

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Repair rubber surface at spray play area	$10,000
	Total for part A	***$10,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
2)	Site work	$7,500
3)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$10,000
4)	New park signage	$4,000
5)	Flower beds	$1,000
6)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$10,000
7)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, etc.)	$15,000
	Total for part B	***$47,500***
	Total	**$57,500**
8)	Contingencies (10%)	$5,750
9)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$8,625
	Total Project Cost	**$71,875**
	Total Project Say	**$72,000**

31. LAUREL COURT PARK - Block 208, Lot 65

Laurel Court Park, encompassing 0.05 acres, is located in Ward E on Laurel Court. This well maintained park contains a World War II memorial and seating area.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Monument	1
Seating Area	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

	Cost
None	$0

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

1)	Site work	$5,000
2)	New park signage	$4,000
3)	Flower beds	$1,000
4)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$5,000
5)	Flag Poles	$6,000
6)	Decorative Lighting	$5,000
7)	Utilities (electric service, etc.)	$10,000
	Total	**$36,000**
8)	Contingencies (10%)	$3,600
9)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$5,400
	Total Project Cost	**$45,000**

32. LEONARD GORDON PARK - Block 935, Lot 30

Leonard Gordon Park, encompassing 5.81 acres, is located in Ward D on Kennedy Boulevard, Liberty Avenue and Manhattan Avenue. It contains both active and passive recreation facilities, and dramatic views of Secaucus.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Basketball Court	1
Soccer Field (Informal)	1
Tennis Courts	2
Children's Playground	1
Monuments	1
Drinking Fountain	1
Roller Hockey Area (Informal)	1
Bourglum Statues	

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Overseed lawn areas	$45,000
2)	Repair walkways and steps	$375,000
3)	Repair gazebo	$200,000
4)	Resurface and colorcoat basketball court, and replace backboards	$25,000
5)	Resurface and colorcoat tennis court (1)	$25,000
6)	Trim existing trees	$17,500
7)	Powerwash children's playground equipment	$3,500
	Total for part A	***$691,000***

B.	RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES	Cost
8)	Site work	$300,000
9)	Wall repair around basketball court	$25,000
10)	New park signage	$4,000
11)	Flower beds	$1,000
12)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$75,000
13)	Reconstruct children's playground safety surface	$85,000
14)	Seating areas	$45,000
15)	Picnic areas	$10,000
16)	Dog run	$50,000
17)	Convert one (1) tennis court to a skatepark	$375,000
18)	Fencing (10' high chain link)	$100,000
19)	Decorative lighting	$175,000
20)	Sports lighting	$175,000
21)	Permits	$10,000
22)	Utilities (electric service, etc.)	$10,000
	Total for part B	***$1,440,000***
	Total	**$2,131,000**
23)	Contingencies (10%)	$213,100
24)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$319,650
	Total Project Cost	**$2,663,750**
	Total Project Say	**$2,665,000**

33. LINCOLN PARK WEST

Lincoln Park West is located in Ward B on Lincoln Highway (Communipaw Avenue). The park is the property of the Hudson County Park Commission and is leased by Jersey City. An athletic field complex is at this site.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Adult Baseball Field, Lighted	1
Softball Field, Lighted	1
Natural Areas/ Wildlife Refuge	1
Drinking Fountain	1
Parking Area	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

		Cost
1)	Upgrade athletic field lighting; add padding to the base of light poles	$250,000
2)	Resurface and re-stripe the parking lot	$65,000
3)	Re-grade the three (3) fields	$225,000
4)	Sod the three (3) fields	$200,000
5)	Irrigation for the three (3) fields	$175,000
6)	Add drainage and warning track mix	$200,000
7)	Relocate drinking fountain	$5,000
	Total for part A	***$1,120,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

8)	Site work	$165,000
9)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$30,000
10)	Bleachers that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act	$100,000
11)	Walkways	$50,000
12)	Permits	$10,000

13)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, etc.)	$70,000
	Total for part B	***$425,000***
	Total	**$1,545,000**
14)	Contingencies (10%)	$154,500
15)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$231,750
	Total Project Cost	**$1,931,250**
	Total Project Say	**$1,935,000**

34. LT. R.B. GROVER MEMORIAL PARK - Block 1300A, Lot 84.8/Block 1300B, Lot 10.D

Lt. R.B. Grover Memorial Park, encompassing 0.39 acres, is located in Ward B on Broadman Parkway. It consists primarily of a fenced-in monument area and adjacent lawn panel.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Monument	1
Lawn Panel	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Overseed lawn panel	$10,000
2)	Resurface path	$7,500
3)	Trim existing trees	$3,500
	Total for part A	***$21,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
4)	Site work	$30,000
5)	New park signage	$4,000
6)	Children's playgrounds, 2 – 5 & 6-12 year old children	$600,000
7)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$10,000
8)	Flower beds	$1,000
9)	Enhance monument area	$8,000
10)	Seating areas	$5,000
11)	Picnic tables	$4,000
12)	Permits	$5,000
	Total for part B	***$667,000***
	Total	**$688,000**
13)	Contingencies (10%)	$68,800
14)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$103,200
	Total Project Cost	**$860,000**

35. MARTINIAK - ENRIGHT PARK - Block 1379, Lots 2E & 3

Martiniak-Enright Park, encompassing 0.21 acres, is located in Ward A on Pamrapo Avenue and Old Bergen Road. This triangular shaped park is essentially undeveloped.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Monument	1
Drinking Fountain	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Repair drinking fountain	$2,500
2)	Remove concrete curbing	$4,500
3)	Reconstruct path.	$30,000
4)	Overseed lawn panel	$8,000
5)	Trim existing trees	$3,000
	Total for part A	***$48,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
6)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$47,000
7)	New park signage	$4,000
8)	Flower beds	$1,000
9)	Buffer Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$7,000
10)	Install street trees in planting pits in adjacent sidewalk	$3,000
11)	Children's playground, 2 – 5 year old children	$300,000
12)	Seating area with shade structure	$45,000
13)	Permits	$5,000
	Total for part B	***$412,000***
	Total	**$460,000**
14)	Contingencies (10%)	$46,000
15)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$69,000
	Total Project Cost	**$575,000**

36. MARY BENSON PARK - Block 439, Lots A & PT.3

Mary Benson Park, encompassing 2.95 acres, is located in Ward E on Merseles Street and East Newark Avenue. Initially a park more passive in nature, the park use over the years has changed to become an active facility. Historic documents, if found, could help dictate future use of the site to again be a more passive park.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Softball Field	1
Basketball Court	1
Soccer Field (Informal)	1
Children's Playground	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Re-grade infield area of the softball field, and add a warning track	$25,000
2)	Repair dugouts	$8,000
3)	Resurface and colorcoat basketball court, and replace backboards	$25,000
4)	Resurface walkways	$10,000
5)	Repair children's playground equipment. Remove graffiti	$20,000
6)	Repair perimeter fence	$10,000
7)	Overseed turf areas	$10,000
	Total for part A	***$108,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		Cost
8)	Site work	$100,000
9)	New synthetic turf softball field with synthetic turf soccer overlay	$800,000
10)	Play equipment for 2 – 5 year old children	$225,000
11)	New park signage	$4,000
12)	Flower beds	$1,000
13)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$50,000

14)	New seating area at the basketball court	$5,000
15)	Seating and picnic area with shade structure	$45,000
16)	New walkways	$25,000
17)	Permits	$5,000
	Total for part B	***$1,260,000***
	Total	**$1,368,000**
18)	Contingencies (10%)	$136,800
19)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$205,200
	Total Project Cost	**$1,710,000**
	Total Project Say	**$1,700,000**

37. McGINLEY SQUARE PARK - Block 1896.5, Lot A

McGinley Square Park, encompassing 0.30 acres, is located in Ward F on Montgomery Street. This busy urban square has deteriorated badly but still has considerable potential to be redesigned as a dynamic urban plaza and seating area.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Plaza	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Remove all existing pavement	$10,000
2)	Install lawn	$20,000
3)	Trim existing trees	$2,000
4)	Add drainage	$20,000
	Total for part A	***$52,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
5)	Site work	$95,000
6)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$25,000
7)	New park signage	$4,000
8)	Flower beds	$1,000
9)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$50,000
10)	Raised Planters	$75,000
11)	Plaza/patio with concrete pavers, etc.	$150,000
12)	Decorative curbing	$15,000
13)	Seating areas	$40,000

14)	Decorative lighting	$30,000
159)	Small platform	$25,000
16)	Decorative fountain	$100,000
17)	Permits	$5,000
18)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, etc.)	$60,000
	Total for part B	***$675,000***
	Total	**$727,000**
19)	Contingencies (10%)	$72,700
20)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$109,050
	Total Project Cost	**$908,750**
	Total Project Say	**$910,000**

38. METRO FIELD - Block 1275.1, Lot 1

Metro Field, encompassing 2.33 acres, is located in Ward A on Westside Avenue. The site consists of a baseball field and support facilities.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Adult Baseball Field, Lighted	1
Bocce/Shuffleboard Courts	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

		Cost
1)	Refurbish dugouts	$10,000
2)	Re-grade baseball field. Add drainage and warning track	$150,000
3)	Remove bocce courts	$5,000
	Total for part A	***$165,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

5)	Site work	$135,000
6)	New park signage	$4,000
7)	Pad the base of light poles	$8,000
8)	Bleachers which comply to the Americans with Disabilities Act	$30,000
9)	Drinking fountain	$5,000
10)	Picnic tables/food court beyond outfield	$10,000
11)	New field house	$650,000
12)	Permits	$25,000
13)	Utilities (electric service, water, sewer, etc.)	$150,000

	Total for part B	***$1,017,000***
	Total	**$1,182,000**
14)	Contingencies (10%)	$118,200
15)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$177,300
	Total Project Cost	**$1,477,500**
	Total Project Say	**$1,480,000**

39. MONTICELLO AVENUE PARK

This park actually consists of four separate sites totaling approximately 0.6 acres scattered along Monticello Avenue, at Clinton and Storms Avenue, and Reed and Emory Streets in Ward F.

At the .16 acre site at Monticello and Clinton Street, the following is recommended:

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Children's Playground	1
Seating Area	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Remove existing children's playground and all structures on site	$40,000
2)	Remove existing pavement	20,000
3)	Trim existing trees. Remove badly leaning tree	2,000
	Total for part A	***$62,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
4)	Site Work	$52,000
5)	Children's playground with rubber safety surface	$300,000
6)	Drainage	$20,000
7)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.), including existing planter at park entrance	10,000
8)	Security lighting	5,000
9)	Seating areas	5,000
10)	Park signage	4,000

11)	Drinking fountain	5,000
12)	Permits	$10,000
13)	Utilities (electric service, water, etc.)	$10,000
	Total for part B	***$421,000***
	Total	**$483,000**
14)	Contingencies (10%)	$48,300
15)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$72,450
	Total Project Cost	**$603,750**
	Total Project Say	**$605,000**

MONTICELLO AVENUE PARK

At the .14 acre site at the intersection with Storms Avenue, the following is recommended:

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Basketball Half-court	2

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS — Cost

1)	Resurface and colorcoat two half-court baseball courts. Replace backboards	$25,000
	Total for part A	***$25,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

2)	Site work	$5,000
3)	Seating area	$15,000
4)	Park signage	$4,000
5)	Street trees in planting pits in adjacent sidewalk	$2,000
	Total for part B	***$26,000***
	Total	**$51,000**
6)	Contingencies (10%)	$5,100
7)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$7,650
	Total Project Cost	**$63,750**
	Total Project Say	**$65,000**

MONTICELLO AVENUE PARK

At the .20 acre site at the intersection with Reed Street, the following is recommended:

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Lawn Panels	2
Paved Path	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

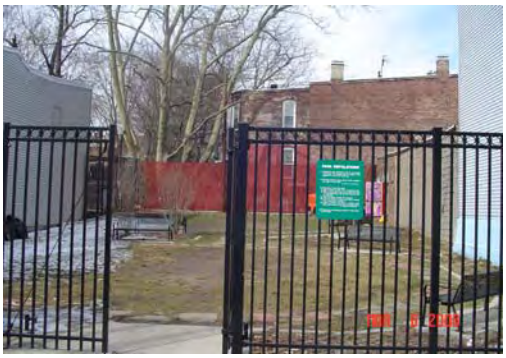
A.	**RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS**	Cost
1)	Overseed lawn panel	$800
2)	Remove deteriorated shrubs	$200
3)	Remove/reposition sidewalk within park	$1,000
	Total for part A	***$2,000***

B.	**RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES**	
4)	Site work	$45,000
5)	Children's playground for 2-5 year old children	$300,000
6)	Drainage	$10,000
7)	Seating area	$15,000
8)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$10,000
9)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$10,000
10)	Drinking fountain	$5,000
11)	Park signage	$4,000

12)	Paver walkway	$8,000
13)	Permits	$10,000
14)	Utilities (water)	$10,000
	Total for part B	***$427,000***
	Total	**$429,000**
15)	Contingencies (10%)	$42,900
16)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$64,350
	Total Project Cost	**$536,250**
	Total Project Say	**$540,000**

MONTICELLO AVENUE PARK

At the .10 acre site at the intersection with Emory Street, the following is recommended:



INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Lawn Panel	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

		Cost
A.	**RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS**	
1)	Remove slate walkway	$2,000
2)	Overseed lawn panel	$500
	Total for part A	***$2,500***
B.	**RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES**	
3)	Site work	$5,000
4)	Paver walkway	$15,000
5)	Park signage	$4,000
6)	Drinking fountain	$5,000
7)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$6,500
8)	Utilities (water)	$10,000
	Total for part B	***$45,500***
	Total	**$48,000**
9)	Contingencies (10%)	$4,800
10)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$7,200
	Total Project Cost	**$60,000**

40. MUHAMMED ALI PARK

This park consists of two unconnected lots in Ward A along Van Nostrand Avenue, totaling approximately ½ acre. The City should consider acquiring the lots between the two park parcels, to enable the potential development of a larger multi-purpose neighborhood park.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Tennis court	1
Planters	6
Game tables	3
Lighting	

At the western lot, the following is recommended:

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS FOR WESTERN LOT

		Cost
1)	Remove pavement at the former tennis court	$20,000
2)	Remove game table and concrete planters	$2,000
3)	Replace missing park sign	$4,000
	Total for part A	***$26,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES FOR WESTERN LOT

4)	Site work	$125,000
5)	Drainage	$25,000
6)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$5,000
7)	Flower beds	$1,000
8)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$10,000
9)	Children's playground for 2 – 5 and 6 – 12 year old children, with rubber safety surface	$600,000

10)	Spray pool with rubber safety surface	$150,000
11)	Small skate park	$150,000
12)	Seating areas with sun shelter	$30,000
13)	Drinking fountain	$5,000
14)	Permits	$10,000
15)	Utilities (water)	$10,000
	Total for part B	***$1,121,000***
	Total	**$1,147,000**
16)	Contingencies (10%)	$114,700
17)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$172,050
	Total Project Cost	**$1,433,750**
	Total Project Say	**$1,435,000**

At the eastern lot, the following is recommended:

A.	**RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS FOR EASTERN LOT**	Cost
1)	Resurface and colorcoat basketball court, and replace backboards	$25,000
2)	Remove lighting	$10,000
	Total for part A	***$35,000***
B.	**RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES FOR EASTERN LOT**	
3)	Site work	$12,000
4)	New park signage	$4,000
5)	Seating areas	$30,000
6)	Lighting	$20,000
7)	Utilities (electric service, etc)	$10,000
	Total for part B	***$76,000***
	Total	**$111,000**
8)	Contingencies (10%)	$11,100
9)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$16,650
	Total Project Cost	**$138,750**
	Total Project Say	**$140,000**

41. OAK STREET PARK - Block 1970

Currently this .62 acre site has badly deteriorated, and there are no existing facilities worthy of being retained. This situation allows the City to redesign the entire site, and provide an outstanding neighborhood site in the very center of Ward F.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Seating area	
Railings	

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Demolition of site structures	$40,000
	Total for part A	***$40,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
2)	Site work	$69,000
3)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$25,000
3)	New walks	$30,000
3)	Planter walls	$125,000
4)	New park signage	$4,000
5)	Flower beds	$1,000
6)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$40,000
7)	Skate park	$250,000
8)	Seating area	$10,000
9)	Lawn panel with passive area	$10,000
10)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, etc)	$40,000

	Total for part B	***$604,000***
	Total	**$644,000**
11)	Contingencies (10%)	$64,400
12)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$96,600
	Total Project Cost	**$805,000**

42. PAULUS HOOK PARK - Block 68, Lot 1

This park actually consists of four vest-pocket parks in Ward E at the intersection of Grand Street and County Route 627 totaling 0.92 acres. There is considerable historic value to this former 1776 campsite of George Washington during the Revolutionary War. The southwestern corner of the site is currently occupied by the Board of Education. This portion should be re-established as a park. This report acknowledges the input and assistance of the Historic Paulus Hook Association regarding the proposed redesign and recommended renovations to this historic park.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Lighting	
Monument	
Landscaping	
Paths	

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Repair concrete walkways	$100,000
2)	Repair retaining wall of the raised planting beds	$20,000
3)	Trim existing trees	$5,000
	Total for part A	***$125,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
1)	Site work	$50,000
2)	Flower beds	$3,000
3)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$45,000
4)	Decorative lighting	$30,000
5)	Intersection pavement improvements	$100,000
6)	Decorative pavement at pedestrian crossings	$50,000

7)	New Belgian block curbing	$15,000
8)	Children's playground	$150,000
9)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, etc)	$40,000
	Total for part B	***$483,000***
	Total	**$608,000**
11)	Contingencies (10%)	$60,800
12)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$91,200
	Total Project Cost	**$760,000**
	Total Project Say	**$760,000**

43. PAVONIA MARION PARK - Block 1852, Lot 4-13, 26.A & 53-57

This park consists of two separate areas along West Side Avenue at the intersection with Pavonia Avenue totaling 3.40 acres in Ward C. The area south of Pavonia Avenue consists primarily of an athletic field. The area to the north consists of court sports and a swimming pool.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Softball Field, Lighted	1
Basketball Court, Lighted	2
Children's Playground	1
Bocceball/ Shuffleboard Court	1
Swimming Bathhouse	1
Swimming Pool, Outdoor	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

The following recommendations are made for the southern portion of the park:

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS FOR SOUTHERN PORTION OF PARK		Cost
1)	Site work	$45,000
2)	Install synthetic turf feild	$500,000
3)	Replace the backstop, team benches and bleachers	$50,000
4)	Repair dugout roofs	$3,000
5)	Topsoil and overseed all lawn areas	$15,000
6)	Remove perimeter walls	$10,000
7)	Permits	$10,000
8)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, etc)	$70,000
	Total	**$703,000**
9)	Contingencies (10%)	$70,300
10)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$105,450
	Total Project Cost	**$878,750**
	Total Project Say	**$880,000**

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES FOR SOUTHERN PORTION OF PARK

None

The following recommendations are made for the northern portion of the park:

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS FOR NORTHERN PORTION OF PARK

		Cost
1)	Site work	$47,000
2)	Resurface and colorcoat basketball courts (2), and replace the backboards	$25,000
3)	Upgrade the court sports lighting	$75,000
4)	Remove the bocce court	$2,000
5)	Make locker room repairs in pool building	$20,000
6)	Make restroom repairs in pool building	$40,000
7)	Remove and replace park walkways	$45,000
8)	Repair children's playground safety surface	$50,000
9)	Replace children's playground perimeter fence	$35,000
10)	Make general repairs to children's playground equipment	$20,000
11)	Trim existing trees	$5,000
12)	Permits	$45,000
13)	Utilities (electric service, etc)	$30,000
	Total	**$439,000**
14)	Contingencies (10%)	$43,950
15)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$65,850
	Total Project Cost	**$548,800**
	Total Project Say	**$550,000**

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES FOR NORTHERN PORTION OF PARK

None

44. PERSHING FIELD - Block 835, Lot N

Pershing Field, encompassing 13.45 acres, is located in Ward C on Central Avenue. It is one of the largest City parks, and is opposite the Reservoir #3 site. This report acknowledges the considerable input and assistance by the Pershing Field Garden Friends regarding the proposed redesign and recommended renovations to this park, most of which are contained in their park master plan and report dated March 22, 2006. Prior to any actual renovations and new construction, the PFGF will again be consulted for their input and review of the construction budget and final plans. Their report is listed in this Master Plan as a companion report.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Adult Baseball Field, Lighted	1
Youth/Little League Baseball Field, Lighted	1
Basketball Court, Lighted	2
Bocce/ Shuffleboard Courts	1
Running Track (Cinder)	1
Spray/ Wading Pool	1
Swimming Bathhouses	1
Swimming Pool (Indoor)	1
Children's Playground	1
Community Center	1
Monument	1
Drinking Fountain	1
Other (Ice Skating Rink)	1
Tennis courts	4

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

		Cost
1)	Relocate and colorcoat basketball courts to the southern portion of the park, and construct by Pershing Plaza	$80,000
2)	Resurface and colorcoat tennis courts. Reset net posts and upgrade lighting	$100,000

	3)	Overseed lawn panels	$37,000
A.		**RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS (continued)**	Cost
	4)	Trim existing trees	$25,000
	5)	Add warning track to baseball fields	$30,000
	6)	Re-grade fields, add drainage	$150,000
	7)	Bath house dressing room floors needs non-slip surface. Replace tiles as needed	$100,000
	8)	Replace missing tiles on floor on indoor swimming pool. Repair broken lane hooks	$75,000
	9)	Add electrical power outlets to snack bar	$10,000
	10)	Repair community center room, replace damaged fascia board and repaint	$250,000
	11)	Renovate men's and women's lavatories	$200,000
	12)	Improve office and storage area	$20,000
	13)	Remove and replace several trees along walking path that borders Central Avenue	$50,000
	14)	Relocate and upgrade seating	$75,000
	15)	Restore "America Triumphant" monument	$25,000
	16)	Restore memorial markers along park paths	$15,000
	17)	Upgrade plantings at Vietnam Veterans Memorial and path. Add benches and lighting	$60,000
	18)	Reconfigure railing and bench placement at Korean War Memorial. Add lighting	$50,000
	19)	Reconstruct running track with all-weather surface	$1,000,000
		Total for part A	***$2,352,000***
B.		**RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES**	
	20)	Site work	$435,000
	21)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$100,000
	22)	New park signage	$8,000
	23)	Flower beds	$10,000
	24)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$50,000
	25)	Resituate children's playground with all new equipment to the northwest corner	$300,000

26)	Dog run	$150,000
27)	Enhance park entrances	$75,000
28)	Concession and storage building for athletic fields	$250,000
29)	Skatepark	$150,000
30)	Upgrade and add decorative lighting	$150,000
31)	Permits	$10,000
32)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, etc)	$80,000
	Total for part B	***$1,768,000***
	Total	**$4,120,000**
31)	Contingencies (10%)	$412,000
32)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$618,000
	Total Project Cost	**$5,150,000**
	Total Project Say	**$5,150,000**

45. POPE TRIANGLE PARK - Block 1914, Lot P

Pope Triangle Park, encompassing .02 acres, is located in Ward F on Summit Avenue, Baldwin Avenue and Clifton Place. This site is currently undeveloped.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Plaza	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

Cost

None

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

1)	Site work	$6,000
2)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc	$5,000
3)	New park signage	$4,000
4)	Flower beds	$1,000
5)	Decorative pavers	$20,000
6)	Seating area	$10,000
	Total	**$46,000**
7)	Contingencies (10%)	$4,600
8)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$6,900
	Total Project Cost	**$57,500**
	Total Project Say	**$60,000**

46. RALPH TAYLOR MEMORIAL PARK - Block 1360.75, Lots A.3-A.7

Ralph Taylor Memorial Park, encompassing 0.26 acres, is located in Ward A on Ludlow Street. It is presently underutilized, despite a public school being located just across the street.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Grass Field	1
Parking Area	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Remove existing pavement	$25,000
	Total for part A	***$25,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
2)	Site work	$60,000
3)	Drainage	$10,000
4)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$15,000
5)	New park signage	$4,000
6)	Flower beds	$1,000
7)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$15,000
8)	Children's playground	$300,000
9)	Seating areas	$35,000
10)	Decorative lighting	$50,000
11)	Permits	$5,000
12)	Utilities (electric service, etc)	$30,000
	Total for part B	***$500,000***
	Total	**$525,000**

13)	Contingencies (10%)	$52,500
14)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$78,750
	Total Project Cost	**$656,250**
	Total Project Say	**$660,000**

47. RESERVOIR No. 3 - Block 835, Lot 1S

Reservoir No. 3, encompassing 13.13 acres, is located in Ward C on Central, Summit and Jefferson Avenue. It is contiguous to Pershing Field. It was a water holding facility until it was closed in the 1970's, and is still entirely surrounded by imposing stone walls.

The City has decided that only passive recreational use of the site is appropriate, due to existing environmental conditions and regulatory agency constraints. Any proposed passive recreational development at Reservoir No. 3 will first require the preparation of a thorough natural resources inventory and environmental assessment. A freshwater wetlands delineation was completed in January 2008, and a structural assessment of the reservoir walls and buildings is currently underway. Permit applications will need to be prepared and submitted to various regulatory agencies, including the NJDEP.

This report acknowledges the considerable input and assistance by the Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance, an organization of conservancies, neighborhood associations and park groups. The Preservation Alliance has prepared a concept plan of the site which proposes a wildlife sanctuary and the enhancement of existing natural habitats. The City should work closely with the Preservation Alliance throughout the design and development process of this unique park site.

			Cost
A.	**RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS**		
	1)	Perimeter wall repair	$2,000,000
	2)	Pump house and gate houses restoration	$2,500,000
B.	**RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES**		
	1)	Site work	$1,000,000
	2)	Drainage	$250,000
	3)	Stormwater management area	$160,000
	4)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$100,000
	5)	Pedestrian bridge	$150,000
	6)	Elevated jogging path and fencing	$1,000,000
	7)	Environmental center and deck	$650,000
	8)	Storage building with deck roof	$400,000
	9)	Entrance ramps and gates	$65,000
	10)	Boardwalk - 6' wide	$60,000
	11)	Nature trail - 8' wide	$100,000
	12)	New park signage	$12,000
	13)	Fishing pier	$100,000
	14)	Flower gardens	$20,000
	15)	Wetlands restoration	$175,000
	16)	Landscaping (trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$175,000
	17)	Canoe dock	$100,000
	18)	Seating areas	$35,000
	19)	Permits	$85,000
	20)	Utilities (electric service, sewer, water, etc.)	$600,000
		Total	**$9,737,000**
	21)	Contingencies (10%)	$973,700
	22)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$1,460,550
		Total Project Cost	**$12,171,250**
		Total Project Say	**$12,171,000**

48. REV. ERCEL F. WEBB PARK - Block 2057, Lot 18

Rev. Ercel F. Webb Park, formerly known as Lafayette Park, encompassing 4.43 acres, is located in Ward F on Lafayette Street. It contains a mixture of active and passive recreation, and most facilities are in good condition from recently being redesigned and rebuilt. The City is building a new pool adjacent to Ercel Webb Park.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Picnic Areas (Group)	1
Children's Playground with Rubberized Safety Surface	1
Park Entrance	1
Monuments (Flag Poles)	1
Drinking Fountain	1
Gazebo	1
Footpaths	3

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

		Cost
1)	Trim existing trees	$6,000
	Total for part A	**$6,000**

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

2)	History trail	$50,000
3)	Security cameras	$40,000
4)	Basketball court	$40,000

5)	Irrigation and electric service for irrigation	$70,000
	Total for part B	***$200,000***
	Total	**$206,000**
6)	Contingencies (10%)	$20,600
7)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$30,900
	Total Project Cost	**$257,500**
	Total Project Say	**$258,000**

49. RIVERVIEW – FISK PARK - Blocks 768 & 769

Riverview – Fisk Park, encompassing 5.53 acres, is located in Ward D on Palisade Avenue and Ogden Avenue. This park contains a blend of active and passive recreation, and dramatic views to Manhattan. Created in the 1890s, it was designated as a city landmark in 1978. This report acknowledges the input and assistance by the Riverview Neighborhood Association regarding the recommended renovations to this historic park.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Community Garden	1
Children's playground	1
Basketball Court, Lighted	1
Basketball Half-court, Lighted	2
Picnic Areas (Single Family)	1
Park Shelter Building / Gazebo	1
Spray bollard	1
Benches	
Lighting	

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A.	**RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS**	Cost
1)	Resurface and colorcoat basketball courts. Replace backboards	$25,000
2)	Repair and resurface walkways	$200,000
3)	Restore gazebo	$300,000
4)	Trim existing trees	$25,000
5)	Upgrade seating areas	$20,000
6)	Upgrade overlook walkway with pavers	$100,000
7)	Expand spray pool	$100,000
8)	Repair retaining wall	$300,000
	Total for part A	***$1,070,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

9)	Site work	$125,000
10)	New park signage	$4,000
11)	Resurface bocce ball court	$10,000
12)	Decorative lighting	$100,000
13)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$55,000
14)	Permits	$5,000
15)	Utilities (electric service, etc)	$25,000
	Total for part B	***$324,000***
	Total	**$1,394,000**
16)	Contingencies (10%)	$139,400
17)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$209,100
	Total Project Cost	**$1,742,500**
	Total Project Say	**$1,750,000**

50. ROBERTO CLEMENTE PARK - Block 231, Lot A (Portion)

Roberto Clemente Park, encompassing 1.84 acres, is located in Ward E on Manila Avenue between 6th and 7th Street. The park consists of an illuminated athletic field and support facilities.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Adult Baseball Field, Lighted	1
Concession Stand	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

		Cost
1)	Site work	$30,000
2)	Install synthetic turf field	$600,000
3)	Overseed turf areas	$10,000
4)	Permits	$5,000
5)	Dugout repairs	$7,000
	Total	**$652,000**
6)	Contingencies (10%)	$65,200
7)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$97,800
	Total Project Cost	**$815,000**

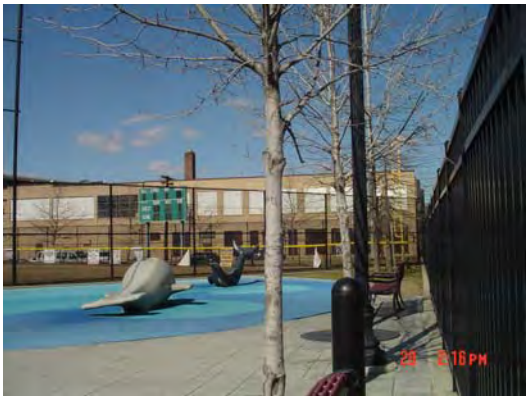
B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

None

51. ROBERTO CLEMENTE SPORTS COMPLEX - Block 418, Lot A

Roberto Clemente Sports Complex, encompassing 6.43 acres, is located in Ward E on Brunswick Street. It has been designed for various forms of active recreation.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES



Facility	Amount
Adult Baseball Field, Lighted	1
Youth/Little League Baseball Field, Lighted	1
Basketball Court, Lighted	1
Children's Playground	1
Roller Hockey	1
Concession Stand	1
Plaza with Seating	1

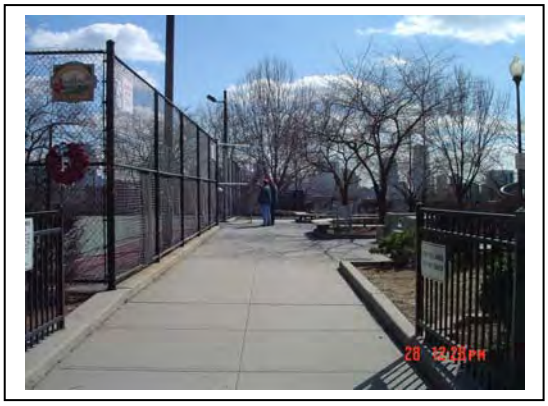
● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

		Cost
A.	**RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS**	
1)	Resurface roller hockey rink. Repair dasher boards	$150,000
2)	Install new basketball backboards	$5,000
	Total for part A	***$155,000***
B.	**RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES**	
3)	Site work	$54,000
4)	Shade structure in plaza area	$40,000
5)	Convert lawn panel to skate park	$250,000
6)	Permits	$5,000
	Total for part B	***$349,000***
	Total	**$504,000**
7)	Contingencies (10%)	$50,400
8)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$75,600
	Total Project Cost	**$630,000**

52. SGT. ANTHONY PARK - Block 551, Lots 17-18

Sgt. Anthony Park, encompassing 0.58 acres, is located in Ward C on Palisade Avenue. This neighborhood park has both active and passive recreation facilities.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES



Facility	Amount
Dog Run	1
Basketball Court, Lighted	1
Children's playground	1
Sitting Area with Game Tables	1
Community Gardens	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

		Cost
A.	**RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS**	
1)	Resurface/colorcoat basketball court. Replace backboards and fencing	$75,000
2)	Overseed lawn panels. Replace shrubs	$10,000
3)	Trim existing trees	$3,000
	Total for part A	***$88,000***
B.	**RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES**	
4)	Site work	$40,000
5)	Spray pool	$100,000
6)	Irrigated flower beds	$5,000
7)	Drinking fountain	$5,000
8)	Additional decorative lighting	$25,000
9)	Memorial plaque to Sgt. Anthony and park signs	$15,000
10)	Utilities (electric service, water, etc)	$55,000
	Total for part B	***$245,000***
	Total	**$333,000**
11)	Contingencies (10%)	$33,300
12)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$49,950
	Total Project Cost	**$416,250**
	Total Project Say	**$420,000**

53. SKINNER MEMORIAL PARK - Block 1485, Lot 3

Skinner Memorial Park, encompassing 0.14 acres, is located in Ward F on Wilinson and Randolf Avenue. Currently this park is undeveloped except for a walkway, and is in disrepair.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Lawn Area	1
Walkway	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

		Cost
A.	**RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS**	
1)	Reposition and reconstruct concrete walkway	$25,000
	Total for part A	***$25,000***
B.	**RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES**	
2)	Site work	$51,000
2)	Children's playground for 2 – 5 year old children	$300,000
3)	Drainage	$15,000
4)	Sitting area	$25,000
5)	Drinking fountain	$5,000
6)	New park signage	$4,000
7)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$15,000
8)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$5,000
9)	Utilities (electric service, water, etc)	$35,000
	Total for part B	***$455,000***
	Total	**$480,000**
10)	Contingencies (10%)	$48,000
11)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$72,000
	Total Project Cost	**$600,000**

54. SUMMIT - CORNELISON PARK - Block 1919, Lot 1

Summit - Cornelison Park, encompassing 0.50 acres, is located in Ward F on Clifton Place and Fairmount Avenue. This park is currently undeveloped, with a lawn panel and wooded area.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Grassy Slopes Woods	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS — Cost

None

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

1)	Site work	$85,000
1)	Children's playground	$300,000
2)	Picnic area	$10.000
2)	Retaining walls	$75.000
3)	Footpaths	$20,000
4)	Decorative lighting	$18,000
5)	Park signage	$4,000
6)	Seating area	$15,000
7)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$20,000
8)	Drinking fountain	$5,000
9)	Small paved parking area	$65,000
10)	Drainage and storm water management area	$125,000
9)	Utilities (electric service, water, etc)	$35,000
	Total	**$777,000**
10)	Contingencies (10%)	$77,700
11)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$116,550
	Total Project Cost	**$971,250**
	Total Project Say	**$975,000**

55. TERRACE AVENUE PARK

Terrace Avenue Park, encompassing .09 acres, is located in Ward D on Terrace Avenue and Hillside Road, immediately adjacent to Edward Crincoli Park. It is wooded and slopes gently to the west, and is currently undeveloped.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Wooded Area	1

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

None at this time

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

None at this time

56. TERRIAGO PLAYGROUND -

Terriago Playground, encompassing .40 acres, is located in Ward E on Seventh Street between Brunswick Street and Monmouth Street.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Plaza	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Trim existing trees	$1,000
	Total for part A	***$1,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
2)	Site work	$40,000
3)	Children's playground for 2 – 5 year olds, with rubber safety surface	$125,000
4)	Drainage	$25,000
5)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$5,000
6)	New park signage	$4,000
7)	Plaza with decorative pavement	$50,000
8)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$25,000
9)	Utilities (electric service, water, etc)	$35,000
	Total for part B	***$309,000***
	Total	**$310,000**
10)	Contingencies (10%)	$31,000
11)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$51,150
	Total Project Cost	**$387,500**
	Total Project Say	**$390,000**

57. TERRY DEHERE PARK - Block 1947, Lot G.27

Terry Dehere Park, encompassing 0.40 acres, is located in Ward F on Garfield Avenue. The area of the park west of the basketball court formerly contained an above-ground swimming pool but is now vacant and could be re-developed.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Basketball Court, Lighted	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Mill and grade basketball court to drain, resurface and colorcoat basketball court	$30,000
2)	Repair basketball court fencing	$12,000
3)	Replace bleachers	$15,000
	Total for part A	***$57,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
4)	Site work	$75,000
5)	Sitting areas	$50,000
6)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$15,000
7)	Children's playground with spray fountain	$400,000
8)	Park signage	$4,000
9)	Park appurtenances (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)	$50,000
10)	Utilities (electric service, water, etc)	$35,000
	Total for part B	***$629,000***
	Total	**$686,000**
11)	Contingencies (10%)	$68,600
12)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$102,900
	Total Project Cost	**$857,500**
	Total Project Say	**$860,000**

58. THOMAS McGOVERN PARK - Block 1253.7, Lot A1

Thomas McGovern Park, encompassing 2.44 acres, is located in Ward A on Sycamore Road. It has been developed primarily for active recreation, and many facilities are lighted for night-time use.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Sitting Area	1
Open Play Field	1
Tennis Court, Lighted	1
Children's playground	1
Shelter Building (Concession, Press Box)	1
Little League Baseball Field, Lighted	1
Roller Hockey, Lighted	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

		Cost
1)	Resurface and colorcoat tennis court	$65,000
2)	Remove roller hockey rink. Install lawn panel	$100,000
3)	Add warning track mix to Little League field	$20,000
4)	Overseed all lawn areas	$12,000
5)	Repair children's playground safety surface	$70,000
	Total for part A	***$267,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

6)	Site work	$80,000
7)	Skate park	$250,000
8)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$50,000
9)	Permits	$5,000

	Total for part B	***$385,000***
	Total	**$385,000**
10)	Contingencies (10%)	$65,200
11)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$97,800
	Total Project Cost	**$815,000**

59. TUMULTY PARK - Block 722.2, Lot 21.C

Tumulty Park, encompassing 0.49 acres, is located in Ward C on New York Avenue and Ogden Avenue, immediately adjacent to Janet Moore Park. It is currently wooded and undeveloped.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Wooded Area	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

	Cost
None (park is undeveloped)	0

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

1)	Site work	$21,000
2)	Dog run	$50,000
3)	Footpaths	$30,000
4)	Park signage	$4,000
5)	Sitting areas	$30,000
6)	Permits	$5,000
	Total	**$140,000**
7)	Contingencies (10%)	$14,000
8)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$21,000
	Total Project Cost	**$175,000**

60. VAN VORST PARK - Block 270.5, Lot 5

Van Vorst Park, encompassing 1.84 acres, is located in Ward E on Montgomery Street. It is an elegant, primarily passive park near City Hall.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Gazebo	1
Fountain	1
Children's Playground	2
Community gardens	1
Picnic tables	
Benches	

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

			Cost
A.	**RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS**		
1)	Sealcoat stamped concrete walkways		$20,000
2)	Trim existing trees		$10,000
		Total for part A	***$30,000***
B.	**RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES**		
3)	Site work		$15,000
4)	Landscaping		$10,000
5)	Permits		$5,000
6)	Irrigate lawn panel		$35,000
		Total for part B	***$65,000***
		Total	**$95,000**
7)	Contingencies (10%)		$9,500
8)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)		$14,250
		Total Project Cost	**$118,750**
		Total Project Say	**$120,000**

61. VENETER WATSON PARK - Block 1346, Lots 29.B, 31.B & 32.B

Veneter Watson Park, also known as Stevens Avenue Park, encompassing 0.24 acres, is located in Ward A on Martin Luther King Drive. This neighborhood park consists primarily of a children's playground and associated seating. It was reconstructed in 2001 and is generally in good condition.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Children's Playground	1
Drinking Fountain	1
Benches	

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Replace rubber safety surface beneath children's playground equipment	$100,000
2)	Trim existing trees	$2,000
	Total for part A	***$102,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
3)	Site work	$20,000
4)	Decorative lighting	$12,000
5)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$10,000
6)	Irrigated floral beds	$10,000
7)	Utilities (electric service, water, etc)	$35,000
	Total for part B	***$87,000***
	Total	**$189,000**
8)	Contingencies (10%)	$18,900
9)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$28,350
	Total Project Cost	**$236,250**
	Total Project Say	**$237,000**

62. VETERAN'S PARK AT FREEDOM POINT - Block 2, Lots A and C

Veteran's Park, an undeveloped park site of 6.95 acres, is located in Ward E at the terminus of Essex Street adjacent to the Goldman Sachs Tower. There are dramatic views across the Hudson River to Manhattan from the site. A concept master plan for this site 22can be found on the following page.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

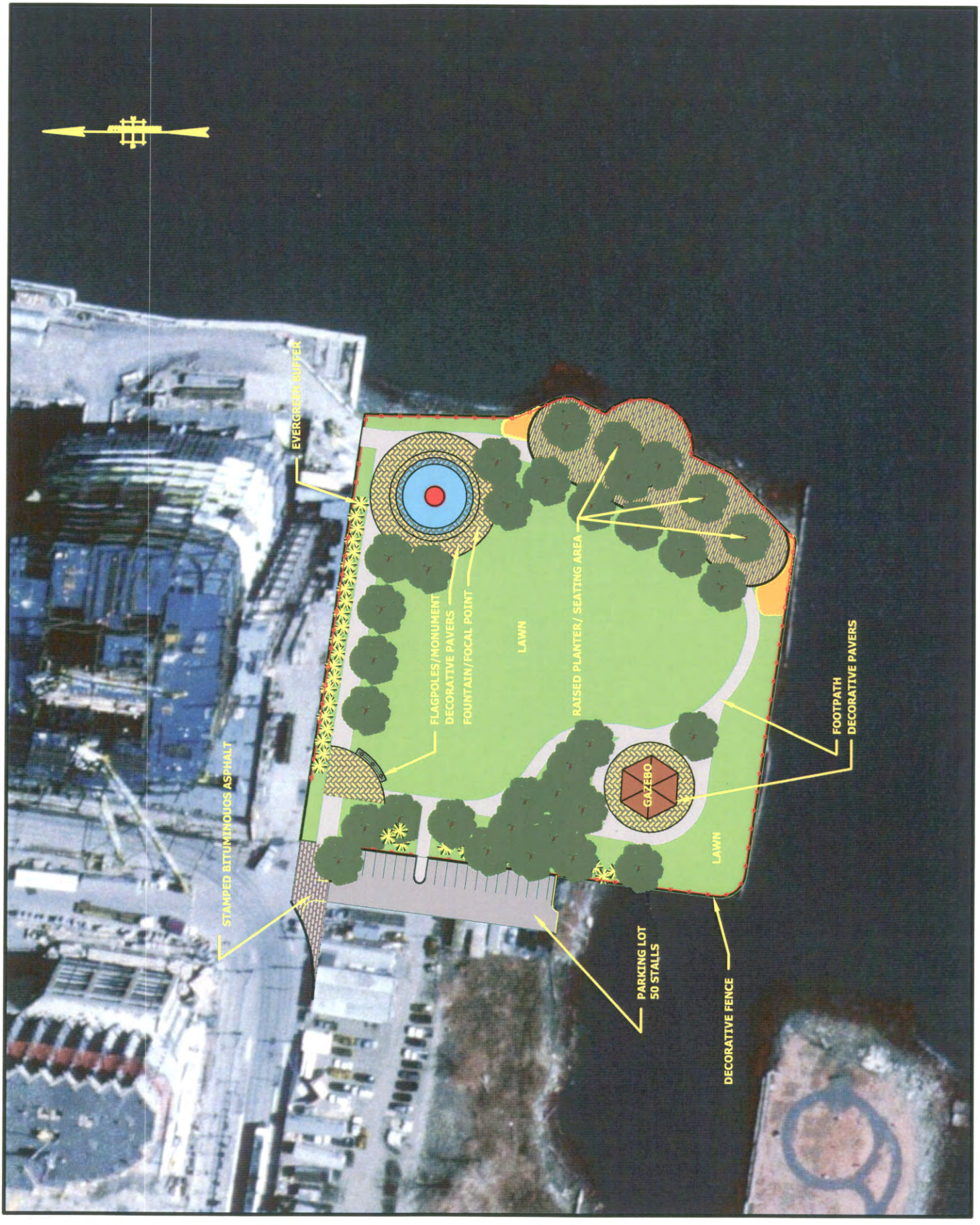
Facility	**Amount**
None	None

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS — Cost

None. Site is previously un developed.

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES — Cost

1)	Site work	$350,000
2)	Lawn panel	$200,000
3)	New park signage	$10,000
4)	Riverfront promenade	$1,000,000
5)	Gazebo/sun shelter	$300,000
6)	Floral gardens	$20,000
7)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$150,000
8)	Water feature/fountain	$100,000
9)	Parking lot (20 cars)	$60,000
10)	Drainage and storm water management area	$75,000
11)	Seating areas/plazas	$500,000
12)	Decorative fencing / Railing	$500,000
13)	Permits	$50,000
14)	Utilities (electric service, water, irrigation, etc)	$200,000
	Total	**$3,515,000**
15)	Contingencies (10%)	$351,500
16)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$527,250
	Total Project Cost	**$4,393,750**
	Total Project Say	**$4,395,000**



CONCEPT PLAN - VETERAN'S PARK AT FREEDOM POINT
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63. VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

Virginia Avenue Park, encompassing 0.23 acres, is located in Ward F on Virginia Avenue. This small neighborhood park is generally well-maintained and in good condition.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	Amount
Basketball Half-Court	1
Children's Playground	1
Benches	

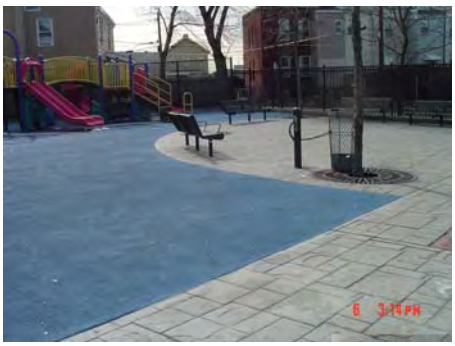
● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Resurface and colorcoat basketball half-court	$17,000
2)	Seating for game tables	$5,000
3)	Trim existing trees	$500
4)	Repair benches	$5,000
5)	Children's playground	$25,000
	Total for part A	***$52,500***
B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
6)	Site work	$12,000
7)	Decorative lighting	$20,000
8)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$5,000
9)	New park signage	$4,000
10)	Utilities (electric service, etc)	$15,000
	Total for part B	***$56,000***
	Total	**$108,500**
11)	Contingencies (10%)	$10,850
12)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$16,275
	Total Project Cost	**$135,625**
	Total Project Say	**$135,000**

64. WILLIAM GALLAGHER PARK

William Gallagher Park (formerly knows as Woodland Avenue Park), encompassing 0.17 acres, is located in Ward A on Wilkinson Avenue. It was renamed in honor of William "Billy" Gallagher.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES



Facility	**Amount**
Spray/ Wading Pool	1
Children's playground	1
Benches	

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A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS		Cost
1)	Replace rubber children's playground surface	$65,000
2)	Replace damaged children's playground equipment	$60,000
3)	Trim existing trees	$1,000
4)	Overseed lawn panels	$3,000
	Total for part A	***$129,000***

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES		
5)	Site work	$15,000
6)	Landscaping (shade trees, evergreen trees, shrubs, lawn, etc.)	$5,000
7)	Raised planters with seasonal flowers, irrigated	$25,000
8)	Utilities (electric service, irrigation, etc)	$15,000
	Total for part B	***$60,000***
	Total	**$189,000**
9)	Contingencies (10%)	$18,900
10)	Engineering fees (survey, design, inspection) (15%)	$28,350
	Total Project Cost	**$236,250**
	Total Project Say	**$240,000**

65. YORK STREET PARK

York Street Park, encompassing 0.50 acres, is located in Ward E on the foot of York Street, adjacent to the Hudson River. Dramatic views exist to Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Facility	**Amount**
Boardwalk over the Hudson River	1

● *All proposed recommendations and costs for improvements and renovations to this existing park are for preliminary planning and grant application purposes.*

A. RECOMMENDED RENOVATIONS

Currently under construction

B. RECOMMENDED NEW FACILITIES

Currently under construction

PRIORITIZATION OF RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS FOR EXISTING PARKS

For each of the parks in Jersey City's park system, a program of improvements is recommended based on the physical inventory of the park, the public outreach sessions, and the results of the needs assessment process. The proposed improvements are prioritized by year, over a period of 10 years, with an approximate cost for the improvements. Financing for the proposed park improvements is potentially available from a variety of funding sources, as discussed in a following section of this report.

The park-by-park prioritization is based on the following criteria:

a. The improvements will be implemented over a period of 10 years, with one park per year per each ward being the goal.

b. During Years 1 and 2, all parks in the park system will receive improvements such as new entrance signage with landscaping, and tree maintenance, in order to make each park more visible, accessible, and usable.

c. For reasons of efficiency and cost savings, construction of similar improvements in several parks could be slated in a particular year. For example, in one year several parks could have athletic fields and court sports built or repaired. In another year, there could be an emphasis on reconstructing playgrounds, and so forth.

d. It is intended that this prioritization system be flexible, so that urgent needs, which may not be possible to foresee and which may arise, can be addressed. This may entail deferring the completion of less urgent improvements to a later date as necessary.

A park prioritization summary, in matrix form, follows on the next pages of this report, on a ward by ward basis. The costs have been prorated by 5% each year from the 2008 construction costs previously shown for the individual parks, to cover inflation and anticipated labor and material cost increases. The total construction cost for all renovated and new facilities in the existing parks is approximately $82,000,000.

PARK PRIORITIZATION SUMMARY - EXISTING PARKS
WARDS A-F JERSEY CITY

	YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6		YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		PARK
Park & Ward	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	TOTALS
1. Columbia Park (A)	$142K	$1.08M																			$1.22M
2. Hackensack River Greenway (B)	0	$10.78M																			$10.78M
3. Apple Tree House (C)	Underway	Underway																			Underway
4. Reservoir No.3 (C)	0	$12.17M																			$12.17M
5. Edward Crincoli Park (D)	0	0																			0
6. Riverview - Fisk Park (D)	$1.34M	$405K																			$1.75M
7. Hamilton Park (E)	$1.73M	$3.33M																			$5.06M
8. Fitzgerald-Holata Park (E)	Underway	Underway																			Underway
9. J. Owen Grundy Park (E)	Underway	Underway																			Underway
10. York Street Park (E)	Underway	Underway																			Underway
11. Summit Cornelison Park (F)	0	$975K																			$975K
12. Audubon Park (A)			$137K	$336K																	$473K
13. Janet Moore Park (C)			$5K	$126K																	$131K
14. Tumulty Park (C)			0	$210K																	$210K
15. Oak Street Park (F)			$42K	$803K																	$845K
16. Pope Triangle (F)			0	$63K																	$63K
17. Bayside Park (A)					In Design	In Design															In Design
18. Pershing Field (C)					$2.59M	$1.95M															$4.54M
19. Leonard Gordon Park (D)					$760K	$2.17M															$2.93M
20. Mary Benson Park (E)					$149K	$1.73M															$1.88M
21. Terriago Playground (E)					$1K	$428K															$429K
22. Cornelius Parker Park (F)					$380K	$2.16M															$2.54M
23. Harmon Street Pool (F)					0	$2.73M															$2.73M
24. Muhammed Ali Park (A)			$70K	$1.74M																	$1.81M
25. Lt. R.B. Grover Memorial Park (B)							$24K	$965K													$989K
26. Pavonia Marion Park (C)							$1.63M	0													$1.63M
27. Arlington Park (F)							$338K	$983K													$1.32M
28. Dr. Lena Edwards Park (F)							$100K	$400K													$500K
29. Martyniak-Enright Park (A)									$58K	$632K											$690K
30. William Gallagher Park (A)									$155K	$133K											$288K
31. Boyd McGuinness Park (B)									$12K	$90K											$102K
32. Sgt. Anthony Park (C)									$132K	$404K											$499K
33. Van Vorst Park (E)									$46K	$97K											$143K
34. Arthur Ashe Park (F)									$78K	$156K											$234K
35. Fulton Avenue Park (F)									$18K	$390K											$408K
36. Thomas McGovern Park (A)											$334K	$685K									$1.02M
37. LaPointe Park (B)											$12.5K	$77.5K									$90K
38. 16th Street Park (E)											$48K	$815K									$863K
39. First Street Park (E)							$67K	$1.20M													$1.27M
40. Isetta McDuffy Park (F)											0	$69K									$69K
41. McGinley Square Park (F)											$65K	$1.08M									$1.15M
42. Metro Field (A)													$264K	$2.1M							$2.36M
43. Ralph Taylor Memorial Park (A)													$33K	$825K							$858K
44. Lincoln Park West (B)													$1.46M	$1.05M							$2.51M
45. Gateway Park Complex (E)													$32.5K	$1.16M							$1.19M
46. Dr. Edith Bland Philips Park (F)													$20K	$65K							$85K
47. Monticello Avenue Park (F)													$33K	$42K							$75K
Monticello Park A (Storms Ave.) (F)													$3K	$34K							$37K
Monticello Park B (Reed St.) (F)													$3K	$699K							$702K
Monticello Park C (Emory Street) (F)													$3K	$74K							$77K
48. Ferris Triangle Park (A)															$54K	$74K					$128K
49. Brett Triangle (C)															0	$61K					$61K
50. City Hall Park (E)															0	$1.38M					$1.38M
51. Dr. Rizal Park (E)															0	$74K					$74K
52. Paulus Hook Park (E)											$160K	$810K									$970K
53. Fairmount Triangle (F)															0	$78K					$78K
54. Skinner Memorial Park (F)															$34K	$764K					$798K
55. Veneter Watson Park (A)																	$143K	$189K			$332K
56. Roberto Clemente Park (E)																	$1.14M	0			$1.14M
57. Roberto Clemente (E) Sports Complex																	$217K	$665K			$882K
58. Terry DeHere Park (F)																	$80K	$1.12M			$1.2M
59. Virginia Avenue Park (F)																	$74K	$116K			$190K
60. Alexander F. Santora Park (E)																			0	$336K	$336K
61. Angel Ramos Park (E)																			$24K	$100K	$124K
62. Laurel Court Park (E)																			0	$65K	$65K
63. Rev. Ercel F. Webb Park (F)																			$9K	$386K	$395K
64. Terrace Avenue Park (D)	0	0																			0
65. Veteran's Park (E)			0	$4.40M																	$4.40M
TOTAL	$3.21M	$28.74M	$254K	$7.68M	$4.81M	$11.87M	$2.16M	$3.55M	$499K	$1.87M	$460K	$3.48M	$1.85M	$6.05M	$88K	$2.43M	$1.65M	$2.09M	$35K	$864K	$82.2M

PARK PRIORITIZATION SUMMARY - EXISTING PARKS WARDS A-F JERSEY CITY (YEARS 1-5)

	YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6		YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		PARK
Park & Ward	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	TOTALS
1. Columbia Park (A)	$142K	$1.08M																			$1.22M
2. Hackensack River Greenway (B)	0	$10.78M																			$10.78M
3. Apple Tree House (C)	Underway	Underway																			Underway
4. Reservoir No.3 (C)	0	$12.17M																			$12.17M
5. Edward Crincoli Park (D)	0	0																			0
6. Riverview - Fisk Park (D)	$1.34M	$405K																			$1.75M
7. Hamilton Park (E)	$1.73M	$3.33M																			$5.06M
8. Fitzgerald-Holata Park (E)	Underway	Underway																			Underway
9. J. Owen Grundy Park (E)	Underway	Underway																			Underway
10. York Street Park (E)	Underway	Underway																			Underway
11. Summit Cornelison Park (F)	0	$975K																			$975K
12. Audubon Park (A)			$137K	$336K																	$473K
13. Janet Moore Park (C)			$5K	$126K																	$131K
14. Tumulty Park (C)			0	$210K																	$210K
15. Oak Street Park (F)			$42K	$803K																	$845K
16. Pope Triangle (F)			0	$63K																	$63K
17. Muhammed Ali Park (A)			$70K	$1.74M																	$1.81M
18. Veteran's Park (E)			0	$4.40M																	$4.40M
19. Bayside Park (A)					In Design	In Design															In Design
20. Pershing Field (C)					$2.59M	$1.95M															$4.54M
21. Leonard Gordon Park (D)					$760K	$2.17M															$2.93M
22. Mary Benson Park (E)					$149K	$1.73M															$1.88M
23. Terriago Playground (E)					$1K	$428K															$429K
24. Cornelius Parker Park (F)					$380K	$2.16M															$2.54M
25. Harmon Street Pool (F)					0	$2.73M															$2.73M
26. Lt. R.B. Grover Memorial Park (B)							$24K	$965K													$989K
27. Pavonia Marion Park (South) (C)							$1.63M	0													$1.63M
28. Arlington Park (F)							$338K	$983K													$1.32M
29. Dr. Lena Edwards Park (F)							$100K	$400K													$500K
30. Martyniak-Enright Park (A)									$58K	$632K											$690K
31. William Gallagher Park (A)									$155K	$133K											$288K
32. Boyd McGuinness Park (B)									$12K	$90K											$102K
33. Sgt. Anthony Park (C)									$132K	$367K											$499K
34. Van Vorst Park (E)									$46K	$97K											$143K
35. Arthur Ashe Park (F)									$78K	$156K											$234K
36. Fulton Avenue Park (F)									$18K	$390K											$408K
37. First Street Park (E)							$68K	$1.20M													$1.27M
TOTAL	$3.21M	$28.74M	$254K	$3.28M	$4.81M	$11.87M	$2.16M	$3.55M	$499K	$1.87M											$63.0M

PARK PRIORITIZATION SUMMARY - EXISTING PARKS WARDS A-F JERSEY CITY (YEARS 6-10)

	YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6		YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		PARK
Park	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	TOTALS
1. Thomas McGovern Park (A)											$334K	$685K									$1.02M
2. LaPointe Park (B)											$12.5K	$77.5K									$90K
3. 16th Street Park (E)											$48K	$815K									$863K
4. Isetta McDuffy Park (F)											0	$69K									$69K
5. McGinley Square Park (F)											$65K	$1.08M									$1.14M
6. Paulus Hook Park (E)											$160K	$810K									$970K
7. Metro Field (A)													$264K	$2.1M							$2.36M
8. Ralph Taylor Memorial Park (A)													$33K	$825K							$858K
9. Lincoln Park West (B)													$1.46M	$1.05M							$2.51M
10. Gateway Park Complex (E)													$32.5K	$1.16M							$1.19M
11. Dr. Edith Bland Philips Park (F)													$20K	$65K							$85K
12. Monticello Avenue Park (F)													$33K	$42K							$75K
Monticello Park A (Storms Ave.) (F)													$3K	$34K							$37K
Monticello Park B (Reed St.) (F)													$3K	$699K							$702K
Monticello Park C (Emory Street) (F)													$3K	$74K							$77K
13. Ferris Triangle Park (A)															$54K	$74K					$128K
14. Brett Triangle (C)															0	$61K					$61K
15. City Hall Park (E)															0	$1.38M					$1.38M
16. Dr. Rizal Park (E)															0	$74K					$74K
17. Fairmount Triangle (F)															0	$78K					$78K
18. Skinner Memorial Park (F)															$34K	$764K					$798K
19. Veneter Watson Park (A)																	$143K	$189K			$332K
20. Roberto Clemente Park (E)																	$1.14M	0			$1.14M
21. Roberto Clemente (E) Sports Complex																	$217K	$665K			$882K
22. Terry DeHere Park (F)																	$80K	$1.12M			$1.2M
23. Virginia Avenue Park (F)																	$74K	$116K			$190K
24. Alexander F. Santora Park (E)																			0	$336K	$336K
25. Angel Ramos Park (E)																			$24K	$100K	$124K
26. Laurel Court Park (E)																			0	$65K	$65K
27. Rev. Ercel F. Webb Park (F)																			$9K	$386K	$395K
28. Terrace Avenue Park (D)	0	0																			0
TOTAL											$619.5K	$3.54M	$1.85M	$6.05M	$88K	$2.43M	$1.65M	$2.09M	$33K	$867K	$19.23M

PARK PRIORITIZATION SUMMARY
WARD A - JERSEY CITY

	YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6		YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		PARK
Park	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	TOTALS
1. Audubon Park			$137K	$336K																	$473K
2. Bayside Park					IN DESIGN	IN DESIGN															IN DESIGN
3. Columbia Park	$142K	$1.08M																			$1.22M
4. Ferris Triangle Park															$54K	$74K					$128K
5. Martyniak-Enright Park									$58K	$632K											$690K
6. Metro Field													$264K	$2.1M							$2.37M
7. Muhammed Ali Park			$70K	$1.74M																	$1.81M
8. Ralph Taylor Memorial Park													$33K	$825K							$858K
9. Thomas McGovern Park											$334K	$685K									$1.02M
10. Veneter Watson Park																	$143K	$189K			$332K
11. William Gallagher Park									$155K	$133K											$288K

KEY
K = $ 1,000
M = $ 1,000,000

WARD A TOTAL: $ 9,189,000
TOTAL ALL WARDS: $82,200,000

PARK PRIORITIZATION SUMMARY
WARD B - JERSEY CITY

	YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6		YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		PARK
Park	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	TOTALS
1. Boyd McGuinness Park									$12K	$90K											$102K
2. Hackensack River Greenway	0	$10.78M																			$10.78M
3. LaPointe Park											$12.5K	$77.5K									$90K
4. Lincoln Park West													$1.46M	$1.05M							$2.5M
5. Lt.R.B.Grover Memorial Park							$24K	$965K													$989K

KEY
K = $ 1,000
M = $ 1,000,000

WARD B TOTAL: $ 14,461,000
TOTAL ALL WARDS: $82,200,000

PARK PRIORITIZATION SUMMARY
WARD C - JERSEY CITY

	YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6		YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		PARK
Park	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	TOTALS
1. Apple Tree House	Renovations Underway	Renovations Underway																			Renovations Underway
2. Brett Triangle															0	$61K					$61K
3. Janet Moore Park			$5K	$126K																	$131K
4. Pavonia Marion Park							$1.63M	0													$1.63M
6. Pershing Field					$2.59M	$1.95M															$4.54M
7. Reservoir No. 3	0	$12.17M																			$12.17M
8. Sgt. Anthony Park									$132K	$404K											$536K
9. Tumulty Park			0	$210K																	$210K

KEY

K = $ 1,000

M = $ 1,000,000

WARD C TOTAL: $19,278,000
TOTAL ALL WARDS: $82,200,000

PARK PRIORITIZATION SUMMARY
WARD D - JERSEY CITY

	YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6		YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		PARK
Park	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	TOTALS
1. Edward Crincoli Park- To Be Completed Oct. 2006	0	0																			0
2. Leonard Gordon Park					$760K	$2.17M															$2.93M
3. Riverview - Fisk Park	$1.34M	$405K																			$1.75M
4. Terrace Ave. (Undeveloped) No Recommended New Facilities	0	0																			0

KEY

K = $ 1,000

M = $ 1,000,000

WARD D TOTAL: $ 4,680,000
TOTAL ALL WARDS: $82,200,000

KEY
K = $ 1,000
M = $ 1,000,000

PARK PRIORITIZATION SUMMARY
WARD E - JERSEY CITY

	YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6		YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		PARK
	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	TOTALS
1. 16th Street Park											$48K	$815K									$863K
2. Alexander F. Santora Park																			0	$336K	$336K
3. Angel Ramos Park																			$24K	$100K	$124K
4. City Hall Park															0	$1.38M					$1.38M
5. Dr. Rizal Park															0	$74K					$74K
6. First Street Park							$67K	$1.20M													$1.27M
7. Fitzgerald-Holota Park Currently Under Construction																					0
8. Gateway Park Complex													$32.5K	$1.16M							$1.19M
9. Hamilton Park	$1.73M	$3.33M																			$5.05M
10. J. Owen Grundy Park Currently Under Construction																					0
11. Laurel Court Park																			0	$65K	$65K
12. Mary Benson Park					$149K	$1.73M															$1.88M
13. Paulus Hook Park											$160K	$810K									$970K
14. Roberto Clemente Park																	$1.14M	0			$1.14M
15. Roberto Clemente Sports Complex																	$217K	$665K			$882K
16. Terriago Playground					$1K	$428K															$429K
17. Van Vorst Park									$46K	$97K											$143K
18. Veteran's Park at Freedom Point			0	$4.40M																	$4.40M
19. York Street Park Currently Under Construction																					0

WARD E TOTAL: $20,196,000
TOTAL ALL WARDS: $82,200,000

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PARK PRIORITIZATION SUMMARY
WARD F - JERSEY CITY

	YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6		YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		PARK
Park	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	Renovations	New	TOTALS
1. Arlington Park							$338K	$983K													$1.33M
2. Arthur Ashe Park									$78K	$156K											$234K
3. Cornelius Parker Park					$380K	$2.16M															$2.54M
4. Dr. Edith Bland Phillips Park													$20K	$65K							$85K
5. Dr. Lena Edwards Park							$100K	$400K													$500K
6. Fairmount Triangle															0	$78K					$78K
7. Fulton Avenue Park									$18K	$390K											$408K
8. Harmon Street Pool					0	$2.73M															$2.73M
9. Isetta McDuffy Park											0	$69K									$69K
10. McGinley Square Park											$65K	$1.08M									$1.15M
11. Monticello Avenue Park													$33K	$42K							$75K
Monticello Park A (Storms Ave.)													$3K	$34K							$67K
Monticello Park B (Reed St.)													$3K	$699K							$702K
Monticello Park C (Emory St.)													$3K	$74K							$77K
12. Oak Street Park			$42K	$803K																	$845K
13. Pope Triangle			0	$63K																	$63K
14. Rev. Ercel F. Webb Park																			$9K	$386K	$395K
15. Skinner Memorial Park															$34K	$764K					$798K
16. Summit Cornelison Park	0	$975K																			$975K
17. Terry DeHere Park																	$80K	$1.12M			$1.2M
18. Virginia Avenue Park																	$74K	$116K			$190K

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K = $ 1,000
M = $ 1,000,000

WARD F TOTAL: $ 14,511,000
TOTAL ALL WARDS: $ 82,200,000

ACQUISITION RECOMMENDATIONS TO CREATE NEW CITY PARKS

Jersey City must continue to seek and purchase sites for the construction of new parks. Vacant land is at a premium, and many potential park sites or additions to existing parks could require extensive environmental remediation before construction can commence. The City must also attempt to evenly distribute the construction of new parks throughout Wards A to F.

The following improvement program for nine new park sites is based upon the findings of the Needs Assessment contained earlier in this report, as well as numerous site inspections throughout the City and the recommendations of various City and County agencies and neighborhood coalitions. The nine sites would add nearly 100 acres to the City's open space inventory. This acreage would substantially reduce the current deficit for parks and recreation area. The nine sites, when eventually developed, would also enable Jersey City to construct a wide variety of active and passive recreational facilities. These, in turn, could enable the current facilities deficits to be substantially reduced. This section of the report includes a description of the current condition of the sites, and a general recommendation for proposed facilities which could be constructed at these new sites, such as athletic fields, court sports, children's playgrounds, etc. The proposed improvements at these new sites are also to be implemented as part of the 10 year program proposed for the existing City parks.

Consultants inspect "The Fields" possible park site

1. 6TH STREET EMBANKMENT - Block 247, Lot 18; Block 280, Lot 7; Block 317.5, Lot 1; Block 354.1; Block 389.1; Block 415, Lot 2

This unusual 5.6 acre property in Ward E is a former Conrail right of way consisting of elevated land above 6th Street, from Brunswick Street to Marin Boulevard.

The City should continue to encourage the developer to set aside portions of the property for passive open space, possibly including separate bicycle and pedestrian paths, gardens and seating areas either at grade or elevated (if possible). Several bridges would also have to be constructed to span the cross streets below if an elevated park is desired.

6th Street Embankment Property

The Hudson-Bergen Light Rail passes in close proximity of this proposed park, with the Pavonia Newport Station and the Harsimus Cove Station located to the east of the 6th Street Embankment. Owned by New Jersey Transit and operated by the 21st Century Rail Corporation, the light rail system connects the towns of Bayonne, Jersey City, Hoboken, Weehawken and North Bergen. The embankment site could support an extension of the Light Rail that would go through the Bergen Arches to the Frank R. Lautenberg Rail Station. This would relieve traffic congestion in the city, and simultaneously provide a green space with pedestrian paths.

2. BERRY LANE PARK – Block 2040, Lots 15-25

Berry Lane Park, encompassing 14.7 acres, is located in Ward F on Berry Lane. This park is currently undeveloped. A concept master plan for the site has been prepared as shown below. This site has been selected for development in the near future, and the preparation of construction documents to create this park is underway.

Facilities planned for the park include two baseball fields and a soccer field, all constructed with synthetic turf. There will be a natural turf amphitheatre, two basketball courts, a tot lot, a park restroom/storage building, a gazebo/sun shelter, and parking for 100 cars.

CONCEPT PLAN – BERRY LANE PARK
JERSEY CITY

SCALE: 1": =250'

T&M ASSOCIATES

3. THE FIELDS - Block 1505, Lot 23

This site in Ward A consists of 16.78 acres and has a current industrial use on a portion of the property. The southern portion of the property, approximately 6 acres, is undeveloped land potentially available for other uses. Located near the border of Jersey City and Bayonne, this area adjoins Conrail Railroad lines and the New Jersey Turnpike. If access can be provided to the site it has the potential to be developed into an active recreation complex.

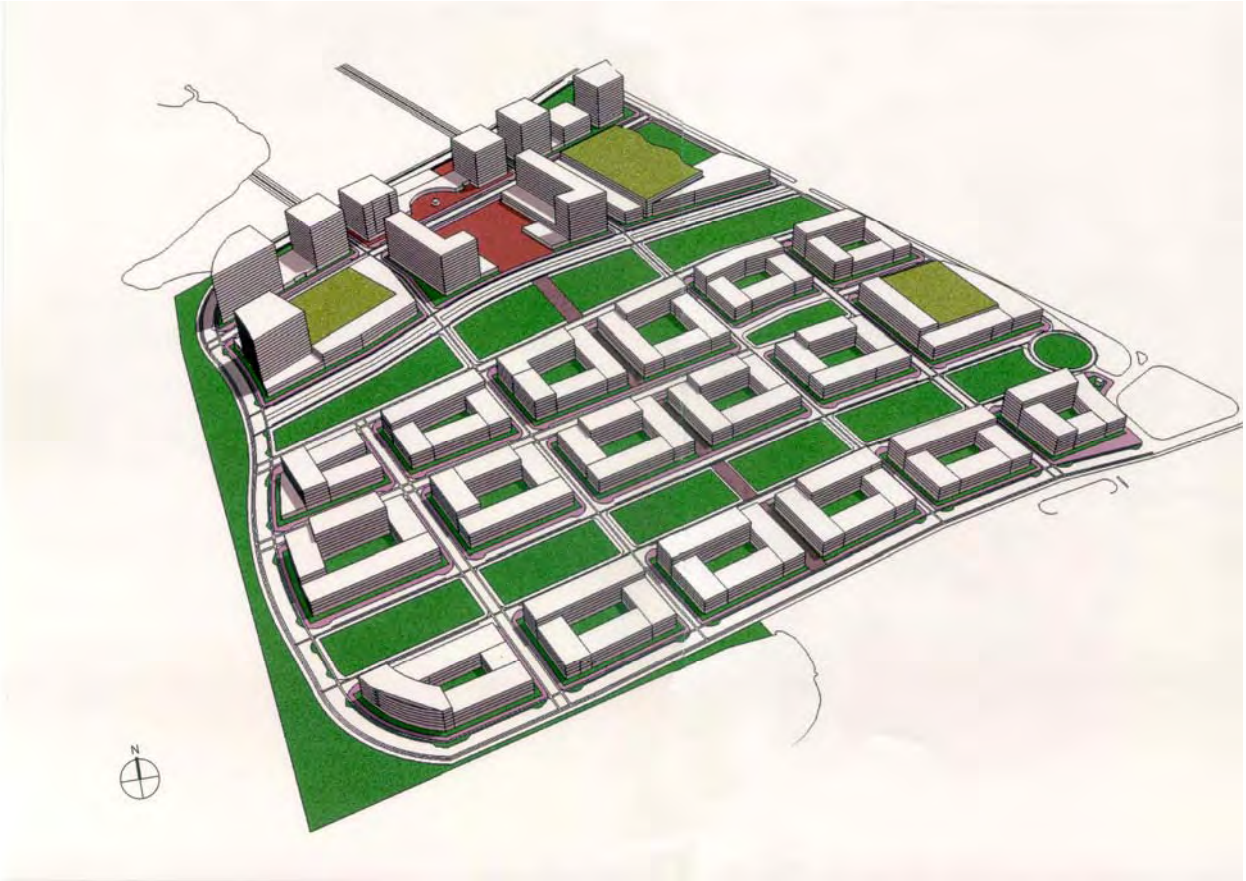
4. HACKENSACK RIVER GREENWAY PARK EXPANSION – Block 1746, Lots 4, 5, 6

This site in Ward B consists of approximately 8 acres and adjoins the existing undeveloped Hackensack River Greenway Park site to the north. With 2000 feet of frontage along Communipaw Avenue and NJ State Highway Route 440, it is comprised of the former Colony Diner site and an area currently used by a trucking company for its operations. The site can also be accessed on foot or by bicycle from Lincoln Park West under the existing highway bridge.

5. HONEYWELL SITE – Part of Block 1290.1, Lot 11

This project is located in Ward A immediately adjacent to the Hackensack River and slightly south of the Hackensack River Greenway Park site. This area consists of mixed uses and vacant land, and has been designated as the Bayfront Redevelopment Area.

It is the City's intent long-term to convert this area into a mixed-use community consisting of residential and commercial redevelopment. It is the recommendation of this report that a 20 acre portion of the Honeywell site, including land immediately adjacent to the Hackensack River be set aside for recreational development. It could also enable an additional section of the proposed Hackensack River Walkway to be constructed. This site acquisition and development are anticipated to be financed privately, and not by the City.



Axonometric View of the Bayfront Redevelopment Plan,
provided by Jersey City Planning Department

6. JERSEY CITY MARINA

This ambitious project located in Ward E would involve the construction of a marina near the eastern terminus of Second Street. Proposed facilities would include approximately 250 boat slips, a wave screen, and a public fishing pier. The Jersey City Redevelopment Agency is currently partnering with the developer of the adjacent site to provide restrooms and storage space to support the marina. This project could also enable an additional section of the proposed Hudson River Walkway to be constructed.

A concept plan prepared by Jersey City can be viewed below.

7. PULASKI PARK - Block 11701, Lot 9; Block 11707, Lots 1&2

This proposed project of almost 25 acres is located in Ward B adjacent to the Hackensack River near the Pulaski Skyway. Portions of the property adjoin the proposed distribution center, and are a former landfill. The property's acquisition would enable the extension of the Hackensack River Greenway an additional 4/10 mile north of Duncan Avenue. Environmental issues and remediation of the site must be addressed prior to constructing the active any passive recreational facilities.

8. HILLTOP PARK - Part of Block 502, Lot 11

Located near Journal Square, this vacant site of 0.10 acres would be suitable for a vest pocket park, and is likely to be heavily used in this busy district.

9. COLGATE PARK - Block 33, Lots J, K, 17, 19

Colgate Park is a privately owned park encompassing 0.6 acres which is located in Ward E, near the proposed Veteran's Park at Freedom Point. Currently in disrepair, the park site has water views to the south toward Liberty State Park and to the east toward Manhattan. The City should acquire this site and the adjacent U.S. government-owned parcel of waterfront land and connect these two sites via a promenade to Veteran's Park at Freedom Point.

Existing Park

Proposed Waterfront Acquisition

GREENWAYS AND WALKWAYS

Key greenways and walkways proposed in Jersey City are the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway, the Hackensack River Greenway, and the Morris Canal trail. The East Coast Greenway and the Liberty-Water Gap Trail are also proposed to pass through Jersey City. These routes are shown on the Parks and Open Space map in this report.

Hudson River Waterfront Walkway. The Hudson River Waterfront Walkway was conceived as a continuous public walkway along the Hudson River in New York and New Jersey. The project provides additional recreation space for walking, jogging, and biking, and has the potential to stimulate economic development along its path. In New Jersey the Walkway route extends from Fort Lee to Bayonne. Over the past several years almost 8 miles of the Walkway have been constructed along the Jersey City waterfront at Liberty State Park and by developers through privately owned sites. Unbuilt gaps in the Walkway route through Jersey City currently total about 9 miles.

Hackensack River Greenway, also known as the Hackensack RiverWalk, is a planned 8-mile walkway, much of it in Jersey City, along Newark Bay in Bayonne to Bellman's Creek in North Bergen. Its construction will provide a continuous pedestrian and bicycle path along the Hackensack River, linking parks, retail offices, and residential areas.

Morris Canal Trail. The Morris Canal helped bring prosperity to Jersey City. The canal was constructed to bring coal from the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania to eastern markets. The original canal ran from Phillipsburg to Newark, and was completed in 1831. In 1836 a 12-mile extension was built at sea level from the eastern section of Newark through Kearny and Jersey City, with tide locks at both ends. During high tide, salt water was allowed to flow into the canal from the Hudson River, and was retained in the canal by the tide locks during low tide. As railroads rose in prominence, the usefulness of canal systems for shipping raw materials and finished goods declined. By 1915 there was no commercial traffic on the Morris Canal, and it was abandoned in 1924. Little remains of this once vital waterway in Jersey City.

The Morris Canal's eastern end was near the present intersection of Washington and Dudley Streets, near the City's undeveloped Veteran's Park at Freedom Point. Today a statue commemorates the Morris Canal here. The canal route proceeded west, then south to the present border of Bayonne, and turned north and then west to the Hackensack River. The V-shape of the canal route in Jersey City was determined by the rocky soil of the Palisade Ridge, which was difficult to dig.

This report recommends that the canal's route through Jersey City be delineated by a bike and walking path, with distinctive markers along the way. Interpretive signs should be placed to show historic photographs, describe canal operations, and tell the stories of those people who built and worked on the Morris Canal. Additionally, the western edge of the canal should be reconstructed to replicate original conditions, at the proposed Hackensack River Greenway Park.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recreation is an important "quality of life" issue in Jersey City. Currently Jersey City is deficient in the amount of open space areas provided for its residents, as well as in the type and amount of recreation facilities. Accordingly, this recreation master plan is intended to guide Jersey City for the next decade with a comprehensive program that recommends renovations and new facilities for its existing public parks, as well as the acquisition and development of land to create several new parks, and also to provide greenways along its 11 miles of waterfront.

Following are the key recommendations of the Jersey City and Recreation and Open Space Master Plan:

1. **Rehabilitate existing recreation facilities.** Virtually all of the 65 existing parks are in need of repair and also need to be improved to meet code compliance, particularly the numerous children's playgrounds. Some existing facilities need to be reoriented or reconstructed with more durable materials such as synthetic turf for the athletic fields to allow increased use, as well as adding lights to increase park and field usage.
2. **Build new recreation facilities to meet public needs.** There is room in several of the existing parks to add needed facilities such as athletic fields, parking areas, skateparks, pools, etc. Due to spatial constraints, maximum buildout needs to be achieved, where appropriate. Passive as well as active recreation must be provided for, as well as the needs of senior citizens.
3. **Acquire and develop additional open space to create new parks.** Jersey City must aggressively continue to seek to acquire more park land in all wards, on an annual basis, to meet the recreational needs of its citizens. This should include sites which will require environmental remediation. Although the emphasis should be on active recreation, this should also include sites which will preserve environmentally sensitive areas.
4. **Design and install a uniform, graphically bold logo and theme for all park entrance and internal signage.** This will create a system-wide identity for the City parks.
5. **Prioritize the improvements over a 10 year period, on a ward by ward basis.** This Master Plan contains a detailed year by year, park by park matrix to guide the prioritized improvement program for existing and new parks, along with associated construction costs. It should be carefully followed and utilized annually, to assure success.
6. **Construct greenways along both the Hudson River and Hackensack River.** Jersey City must continue to acquire the necessary easements, use agreements, and land purchases where possible to maximize the recreational potential of its two waterfronts by constructing eleven miles of pedestrian and bicycle trails and related facilities. These greenways should be connected via other trails to provide a network of non-motorized access to both shorelines.
7. **Reconstruct a portion of the historic Morris Canal and delineate its former location.** Historical preservation and reconstruction are important aspects of Jersey City's heritage, including the former Morris Canal within Jersey City. A bicycle and pedestrian pathway should be created along its former route, using current roadway rights of way. Descriptive markers should be placed in strategic locations along its former route, and the western entry/exit portion of the canal should be reconstructed as part of the proposed Hackensack River Greenway Park in Ward B.
8. **Work closely with Hudson County and the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry to provide additional recreation facilities in Lincoln Park and Liberty State Park.** These County and State parks within Jersey City presently contain over 150 acres of undeveloped land, which could enable the construction of both active and passive recreational facilities for use by

Jersey City residents. Existing facilities including athletic fields should also be upgraded with sports lights and synthetic turf.

9. **Work closely with private developers to construct new parks and recreation areas.** Requiring developers to provide new public parks and recreation facilities for their projects submitted to the City Planning Board and Zoning Board should be part of the site plan approval process. Improvements to existing parks near proposed developments should also be required. Incentives to the developers could be included as part of this process. Private investment and development of certain types of recreation facilities such as water parks and indoor recreation centers should also be encouraged and explored.

10. **Continue to work closely with neighborhood associations and conservancies to improve existing parks.** Several parks have neighborhood organizations which act as stewards. These organizations ably represent their neighborhoods, and Jersey City should respond to their requests for park improvements, safety, and proper maintenance. Regular meetings between these associations and City agencies should be conducted. A "Partnership for Parks" program should be established for all existing parks to build advocacy between the City and these park conservancies. The City should encourage the development of park conservancy groups and work closely with them. A City employee should be designated to coordinate with citizen groups and should be provided with the resources needed for this key responsibility.

11. **Improve communication between the various City agencies and divisions.** Presently the various Divisions operate in a somewhat isolated manner administratively, and do not communicate effectively on projects impacting the City, including recreational opportunities.

12. **Aggressively seek available funding to finance the proposed park improvements and new park acquisition and development.** All available sources of Federal, State, County, municipal and private funding should be aggressively pursued on an annual basis, to help defray the cost of the park acquisition and development projects. Grant money in particular should be sought.

13. **Update the Recreation and Open Space Master Plan periodically, and keep it flexible to respond to new opportunities.** The Recreation and Open Space Master Plan should be reviewed annually, and the ten year prioritized improvement program must be fluid enough to accommodate unanticipated opportunities to acquire and develop new park sites.

14. **Promote the installation of athletic facilities on "green" rooftops.** Rooftops, particularly of large buildings, may be designed as parks for both passive and active recreation. Athletic fields are feasible through the use of synthetic turf. Green rooftops provide environmental benefits by intercepting storm water and reducing flooding. Green roofs also benefit building owners by increasing property value.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

In order to achieve results from the recreation master planning effort, the City must consistently implement the recommendations of the Recreation and Open Space Master Plan on an annual basis. To do so, City agencies must effectively communicate with each other on a continuing basis. The City must build cohesive partnerships with concerned citizens to improve the park system. The City should foster the establishment of local park conservancies. In addition the City must aggressively seek funding annually from federal, state and local sources to fund the open space acquisition and park improvements recommended by the Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

1. **Initiate a Partnership-for-Parks program.** Groups of progressive citizens in Jersey City have come together to raise awareness for the needs some of the existing parks in Jersey City, such as Hamilton Park, Pershing Park and Mary Benson Park. Other groups have formed to preserve open space sites such as Reservoir No. 3. The City can partner with local efforts by initiating a "Partnership-for-Parks" program that proactively develops and coordinates the activities of volunteers, neighborhood associations and non-profit organizations. The partnership effort can create community service programs that build advocacy for the City parks. Toward this goal, it is recommended that the City designate or hire a City employee for the job of fostering the Partnership-for-Parks initiative. Furthermore the City should institute regular meetings between City agencies and citizen leaders in the Partnership-for-Parks initiative.

   In turn the City could implement ways to develop public awareness of the value of parks and their cultural and natural resources, and the need to respect the environment through educational programs, exhibits, interpretive park signage, and outreach to schools, park organizations and volunteer groups. To acknowledge the importance of the efforts of volunteer groups, the City could publicly recognize citizen park partner groups for their service to neighborhood parks.

2. **Support the Growth of Local Park Conservancies.** A nationwide trend is growing for non-profit park conservancies to support and even take over responsibilities from local governments. Park conservancies can be formed in Jersey City to help ensure the upkeep and success of the parks, particularly the smaller "pocket" parks. The role of the park conservancies may include seeking grants, fundraising for restoration of the park amenities, upkeep of park amenities and promoting safety by monitoring the parks and reporting violations of City ordinances within the parks. A park conservancy can build public awareness of their park by providing information to the public on the historical significance or other aspect of their park via a brochure or a website, by producing an exhibit or event in the park, etc.

   Key to the success of park conservancies is a strong alliance with the public sector. The City's partnership with park conservancies is important to potential donors to the parks, such as foundations and corporations who look for high public commitment, and to the state Green Acres Program which provides grants to non-profit groups. Through fostering and supporting the development of park conservancies, the City of Jersey City can gain trusted adjuncts to local government in the improvement of the City parks.

3. **Apply to the Green Acres Program for funding of park improvements and open space acquisition.** Currently Jersey City utilizes this source of funding by applying on an annual basis for grants and loans. The City should continue to aggressively seek this source of funding to help finance the program proposed in the Jersey City Recreation Master Plan. Municipalities that have both an open space tax and a recreation master plan adopted by the municipality and approved by Green Acres are eligible for the most favorable funding categories. If Jersey City did this it would be eligible for 75% matching grants for acquisition projects and supplemental loan funding, when available. Jersey City park development projects are also eligible for 50% matching grants and supplemental funding, when available.

4. **Apply to other funding sources for funding of park improvements and open space acquisition.** To successfully implement the park improvement program, plus acquire additional land for recreation purposes, Jersey City must aggressively apply for and secure funding from the following Federal, State, County and local sources:

   a) **U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).** As a CDBG entitled community, Jersey City can apply annually for redevelopment grants for a variety of projects, including parks. The amount of the grants will vary annually, based upon the fluctuating Federal allocation. To date the City has had good success in securing needed funds. The Jersey City Redevelopment Agency often prepares the grant applications on behalf of the City. The parks must be in a designated low to moderate income area, based on census tract data.

   b) **U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration**. The Transportation Enhancement Program (SAFETEA-LU) provides grant funds for facilities for bicycles and pedestrians; historic restoration, landscaping and beautification; archaeological planning and research; waterfront promenades, and greenway acquisition of scenic easements and sites. All work must have a relationship to surface transportation. Formerly called TEA-21 it is now known as the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

   c) **Hudson County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund**. Eligible projects are the acquisition of land for conservation and recreation purposes; development or redevelopment of land existing or acquired for recreational and/or conservation purposes; and preservation of historic properties, including the acquisition of such properties for historic purposes. Jersey City has successfully applied to this funding source in the past for its projects.

   d) **Hudson County Improvement Authority.** The H.C.I.A. makes loans to municipalities for a variety of public improvement projects, including for land acquisition and the development of existing or new parks. Loan amounts vary annually depending on available funds, and would have to be guaranteed by the City. An application would have to be prepared and submitted by Jersey City, and then reviewed by the H.C.I.A. and the Board of Freeholders for possible approval.

   e) **Private Developer Contributions.** Presently several major developers are constructing large commercial and residential projects in Jersey City, particularly along the Hudson River waterfront. Providing public recreation areas and riverwalk links as part of these developments should be a condition of site plan approval. If necessary, municipal planning and zoning ordinances could be amended to make this a requirement of the approval process, or incentives could be provided to encourage same.

The parks slated for Year 1 improvements which need funding are Columbia Park, Hackensack River Greenway Park, Reservoir No. 3, Riverview - Fisk Park, Hamilton Park, and Summit-Cornelison Park. Two or more of these funding sources should be applied for per park. Typically the Green Acres Program funds a maximum of one development project and one acquisition project per applicant each year. This process should then be repeated annually for each park slated for improvements in the following calendar year.

The funding process should move forward in conjunction with meetings with the various neighborhood associations and park conservancies, review and input by the various City agencies, conducting environmental due diligence and permit acquisition, the preparation of individual park master plans for the impacted sites, and the hiring of consultants to prepare the contract documents leading to the construction of the park improvements.

If Jersey City commits to faithfully following the recommended steps to implement the Recreation and Open Space Master Plan during each of the next ten years, the City will achieve a park system of which it can be justly proud. A revitalized park system will meet the recreation needs of residents, enhance the local sense of community, improve the quality of life of citizens and further define Jersey City as a desirable place to live, work and recreate. The revitalization of the park system is thereby integral to the successful, ongoing transformation and renaissance of Jersey City.

Hamilton Park