

Online Public Comment - May 11 2024	
Entry #	After reviewing the Station 1 Boards, please provide your feedback and share your ideas in the comment box below:
1	[no response provided]
2	<p>After listening to all the critics, moneyed interests and their paid lackeys, there's still the pressure of projected guilt - because The City of Jersey City and its Jersey City Board of Education have budgeted Exactly ZERO MONEY for *New Sports Facilities, does NOT mean the DEP should be "Guilt Tripped" into PAVING precious, scarce LSP GREEN SPACE into ill-conceived "Sports Facilities", which the local politicians have chosen Not To Build to satisfy the important needs of their own constituents, thereby creating "Deficits" to be exploited politically. E.g. the LSP South Sport Facilities are an unintelligent, ill-conceived disaster, which will exacerbate already jammed traffic, and PAVE over precious LSP Green Space. Yes, by all means, Partner with Jersey City to guide them into creating much-needed New Sports Facilities *ON JERSEY CITY LAND*, NOT in LSP!!</p> <p>People have always come to LSP to escape Megalopolis and to peacefully enjoy precious Green Space, to commune with Mother Nature - this is the essence of the LSP and Caven Point experience.</p> <p>And LSP is surrounded by water on three sides - so, yes, use this waterfront for low impact, water-based, people-powered aerobic recreation - swimming, canoeing, kayaking, etc. And WALKING is an awesome aerobic Sport, to be Encouraged!!</p> <p>The Elephant in the Room - about a third of LSP is currently warehouses, etc. DEP should give these business owners sufficient notice to find Other Locations, and then take this property by Eminent Domain, to create even More GREEN SPACE. (NOT PAVED Sports Facilities!!!)</p> <p>Thank you, from someone who has volunteered in LSP for years, and planted trees there twenty years ago ~ [email redacted]</p> <p>---- NOTE ----- I've participated in these LSP events and have spoken at the Public Hearings twice todate, but have a schedule conflict preventing me from participating again. much though I'd like to. Keep LSP green, Green & *MORE GREEN, keep Planting MORE oxygen-producing TREES !!</p>
3	Passive, keep natural landscape, do not change. Thank you
4	I am most interested in nature oriented activities like hiking on trails and birdwatching.
5	[no response provided]

6	<p>Station 1 second image of LSP History Thanks for including the Friends of LSP. We began in 1988 and are an ORFO, an Officially Recognized Friends Organization of the DEP's Division of Parks and Forestry. We have co-led every statewide grassroots battle against privatization and commercialization plans for LSP and worked to improve LSP with over 1020 trees, the major funder of the gardens, grant toward the Pavilions, etc. As background, please see this link which I'll update this summer. Friends Mission & Accomplishments 1988 - 2022 summary</p> <p>Please delete the very outdated link to our 2009 version Friends of LSP brochure https://www.folsp.org/about//brochure_TWO_of_Friends_of_LSP.pdf</p> <p>And instead please use our website as a link www.folsp.org</p> <p>The latest revision was in 2015. I don't know where you even found that original one and we even took the 2015 version off our website because it's outdated. I only have a few left from over 2000 copies. We haven't updated it because we're waiting for a major brochure revision when the Revitalization Program has some final decisions (in addition to the Habitats Restoration and active recreation). Our "About" page https://www.folsp.org/about/about_folsp_lsp.html itself has hardly been updated (except for annual summer newsletters, etc.) because of our focus full time since summer of 2018 on the LSP Protection Act and the battle against the billionaire and his front groups, and the DEP starting its public meetings in Oct. 2020 and the current Revitalization Program.</p> <p>STATION 1 second Image FALSE HISTORY about 1983 – "LSP Action Program". This program never had a single public hearing! My father Morris Pesin and Audrey Zapp were on the LSP Public Advisory Commission at the time and this program came out of three consultants' Commission workshops and DEP wanted this "program" to be a cover for privatization and this "action program" included a 225 acre golf course in the interior of the park! It's NOT official at all!</p>
7	<p>I usually visit LSP on the weekends and the time of day varies. I engage in a variety of activiteies in the LSP South area of the park. These activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I often ride my bike along the paths along the waterfront and along Freedom Way - Nature walks on the trails in the natural area along Freedom Way and at Caven Point where I look for wildlife and identify plants. - Walking around the large lawn area to see what all the park vistors are doing there. - I have used the grills by the park offices and enjoyed eating outside with friends and family - I enjoy walking out on the jetties and looking out on the Hudson River <p>I grew up in Jersey City and have been coming to the park for decades now. I believe being able to engage in uses like the ones listed above are what makes LSP, in its current configuration, a fantastic park. Free and passive recreation uses should be expanded on when LSP is redesigned. There should be no development of commercial businesses, such as venues or stadiums, in the park. Additionally, the great lawn area is heavily used currently and should be preserved as open green space for unstructured recreation and occasional events.</p>

	<p>The second board on LSP history doesn't make it clear that my father Morris Pesin is the "father" of Liberty State Park! He envisioned the park in 1957, went with a reporter in the canoe 1958 and again in 1961(on the Statue's 75th birthday) to dramatize the close proximity of the abandoned waterfront to the Statue to publicize his idea of the state park on the Jersey City waterfront. he spearheaded the civic movement as the driving force to create LSP from 1958 to the park's opening in 1976. His NY Times obituary is at https://www.folsp.org/history/father_print.pdf The park's history sign on Liberty Walk on the eastern side of the South Overlook Lawn is at https://www.folsp.org/history/revised%20LSP%20historical%20sign%20-%20Morris%20Pesins%20Legendary%20Canoe%20Trip.pdf A county magazine story, "Daring to Dream", after he died, about his crusade to establish LSP, is at https://www.folsp.org/history/morrispesin.pdf Ted Conrad got involved in creating an architectural model which they showed in the County and Trenton and perform the Liberty Park Causeway and Park Association 1962 and Audrey got involved in the late 1960s and the three of them are the leading pioneers of the park. My father and Audrey Zapp led several major battles for a free and green People's Park and against commercialization in LSP's first 16 years before my father died and Audrey continued advocating for the park through the 2001 commercial waterpark battle.</p> <p>Also, FALSE HISTORY about 1983 – “LSP Action Program”. This program never had a single public hearing! My father Morris Pesin and Audrey Zapp were on the LSP Public Advisory Commission at the time and this program came out of three consultants’ Commission workshops and DEP wanted this “program” to be a cover for privatization and this “action program” included a 225 acre golf course in the interior of the park! It shouldn’t be mentioned in this history.</p>
8	Please use Friends of LSP website www.folsp.org instead of the outdated brochure
9	[no response provided]
10	<p>I want to ensure that natural areas, including Caven Point and Camp Liberty, are preserved as much as possible. There are so many man-made experiences already in this city; LSP is truly the only place where local kids and families can experience an un-curated, natural environment. My kids love exploring nature in the park, sledding in the winter (on the hill near the nature center), riding bikes without worrying about cars or traffic, etc. The one area we're particularly interested in seeing put to use is the abandoned rail yard. Otherwise, we're quite happy with the park as is and visit frequently for an experience we can't have elsewhere in the city. I truly hope future improvements don't spoil that with too much development, attracting traffic and other sources of noise, etc.</p>
11	[no response provided]
12	<p>To the greatest extent possible, the park should focus on passive recreation. Even the June 2021 active recreation survey noted above does not support space for organized team sports, such as baseball and football. Devoting space to these kinds of active recreational areas is a waste of space that could better be used for individual, family, and small group pursuits.</p>
13	<p>Keying in on the history of the park is very important. Please remember why it was created in the first place. For people to relax and enjoy the unparalleled views. To walk, run, picnic, and just provide open space in an area where it is needed desperately.</p> <p>That is still what people need most. It does not need anything resembling a stadium or arena. As somebody who has spent unreasonably long times getting out, Liberty State Park is not suited for events when thousands of people arrive or leave at the same time.</p>

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14	[no response provided]
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16	[no response provided]
17	support for the station # 1 due the large natural play area with transition habitat / trails + encouraged the preservation of unstructured Open Space for passive recreation and picnics space.
18	appreciate the research and outreach for this effort.
19	The park needs to focus on nature and passive recreation. It is a State park and not a city or county park geared for mostly male dominated sports which is exclusive. There is a reason why a state park needs to remain true to the mission, especially in this area of congestion and overdevelopment.
20	<p>Comments are both observation & request for more explanation:</p> <p>The Welcome panel says that Phase 2 will ensure "connectivity" btwn the N. Hub, Waterfront, & the interior area. Does that mean literal, physical connection (paths & egress), or visual & thematic transitions, or both?</p> <p>Doesn't the design for Phase1B need to be complete before how it connects to the rest of LSP can be planned?</p> <p>The clean-up of the interior area in Phase 1A is underway, but are the final design/construction plans for the landscaping & improvements in the area done & available publicly? (Beyond the conceptual layouts & renderings already shown.) To better judge what we want in the rest of the Park, & how all parts connect, the public needs to know as clearly as possible what the interior will be.</p> <p>The Welcome panel makes a distinction between the interior area - describing it as a great "central park" - and what it calls LSP's "perimeter", which implicitly will be less naturalistic, even outside of the designated 50 acre active South Active Recreation Hub. How will that deliberate & apparently dramatic split in the Park's character reflect key public concerns that the DEP reported earlier this year, including: "Preference for passive recreational activities; preserving the natural & peaceful character of the park; concerns about potential changes that could detract from the current tranquil & green space; importance of balancing the diverse needs of park users while maintaining its peaceful ambiance;" etc.?</p> <p>Since the first section of LSP opened, its waterfront has been arguably its greatest appeal & success, offering an extraordinary mix of dramatic vistas & peaceful quietude. Any changes to this must be very carefully considered - though habitat improvement would clearly fit one of the public's main priorities. Are there concrete examples of "nature-based" enhancements that may be proposed for the waterfront?</p>
21	I still feel the less disturbed remnants of the ecosystem the better; Development primarily benefits humans, of which there are far too many, everywhere

22	Keep LSP green! Existing transportation does not support development.
23	Nothing should be changed to the eastern side of Freedom Way. It should be left as is - a park that people like myself can walk through. The strip on the west side that borders the industrial area along McGovern Drive could be used for sports facilities but there should be no access from Freedom Way - only from Philip St. This way traffic that would include school buses won't be clogging the road and make it harder for people to access the parking lots along Freedom Way. The area along Freedom Drive should be blocked with trees to reduce the noise in the park. There should only be a walkway access to Freedom Way from the athletic fields.
24	Seems to preserve much of the existing area, which I think is good. As far as fields go, seems like soccer is best as it requires a large space and can be done in natural grass. Basketball is less important since that is typically played in neighborhood parks, and LSP is not that accessible for a just a meet-up.
25	The overall plan is very exciting. It appears to cover the diverse needs of a very diverse New York / New Jersey metropolitan multi-interest population. As a retired environmental science teacher, I am particularly interested in the promise that it holds to involve students in the nexus of high human populations and our dependence and effect on wetlands and beyond.
26	The Sports Facilities in Liberty State Park are totally inappropriate and out of place, and do Not serve the Majority of New Jersey tax players. Because the City of Jersey City and its associated Jersey City Board of Education have budgeted NO MONEY for *New Sports Facilities, does not mean precious scarce LSP Green Space should be PAVED OVER to implement what Jersey City etc have *Deliberately Chosen NOT to do. On the contrary, MORE Trees and Natural Green space must be created at every opportunity. Thank you for Protecting and Increasing scarce critical Green Space in this unique urban oasis!
27	I am interested in a community garden. But not interested in soccer or track and field space.
28	Thank you for your detailed plans to improve Liberty State Park and for preserving Caven Point which is one of my favorite destinations. Amid an increasingly urban landscape, children experience calm in green and open spaces. Regards, [name redacted]
29	My family is at Caven Point multiple times a week during soccer season, weeknights for practice and weekends for games. Our children have attended Camp Liberty during the summer. As a family we also visit the park to enjoy the waterfront on weekends, and we've held birthday parties and gatherings at both picnic areas.
30	Our family visits the area weekly to attend practice and games at Cavem Point
31	I tend to go to this area of the park mostly weekends but sometimes on weekday mornings for biking/ running/walking An indoor pool would be nice if it can be maintained and used during the winter months by locals

32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - my family go to the Park almost every day, and walk, bike and run around mostly the northern part of the park and waterfront - I would support basketball courts, baseball field, some tennis, badminton and pickleball courts, but please keep in mind whether pickleball may be a passing fad ...will you end up with unused courts in a few years? - I would love a all-year indoor pool so that the pool can be used in winter, especially located in the sea closest to the park entrance off Johnson Avenue, so it's easily accessible - I am absolutely against any stadium, arena or any large entertainment complex located in he center of the Park. It is important to keep the open fields that would support the natural habitat of birds and other animals, and is a buffer against flooding the local Jersey City neighborhoods. - the traffic problems and adverse environmental effects of any stadium or arena would be a disaster for the Park - having open fields is also important to preserve the precious open views of the harbor, rivers and New York City skyline - LSP is NOT a place that needs to fix the inadequacies of Jersey City's public parks.
33	<p>My suggestions-</p> <p>NO -pool, aquatic center, market space not needed</p> <p>YES- need more natural areas- gardens, fields, gardens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - need separate biking and walking trails (it is stressful to try to walk on trails in which people are riding bikes)- also need more trails for walking and for biking- need wide trails with room for dogs walkers on the walking trail, and beginning bikers and advanced bikers on the bike trails - need more playgrounds, fishing areas, picnic areas - pickle ball courts
34	[no response provided]
35	[no response provided]
36	Im super excited about the process and how you have tried to work with everyone..I can't wait
37	[no response provided]
38	I whole-heartedly agree with keeping the concept of NY's Central Park which allows for passive recreation (picnics, birding, walks, nature areas) with areas for active recreation - that do not involve large structures and cementing over the grounds.
39	[no response provided]
40	Fantastic

41	<p>I would note that the area designated as the future active recreation hub is a green space full of trees. I would suggest if our green spaces have to be sacrificed and destroyed like this, that as many trees as possible be preserved. Even areas that are meant for active recreation need shade. They also need to be constructed with water resiliency in mind. Rain gardens, tree pits, permeable paving, etc. All the constructed areas and removal of green space will add to the heat island effect we are all suffering with, greater exposure to UV rays and skin cancer (the number one cancer in the US) and water runoff. The existing picnic area is under trees and could be a model going forward.</p> <p>Liberty Park South is my usual destination for the park and I would walk along the water front, visit Caven Point, sit on the grass under trees, read, etc. I have been there both on weekends and weekdays, afternoons and evenings.</p>
42	<p>If there is to be any active recreation that could not be used as a passive green space, such as a baseball field, it would need to be open to public access a majority if not all of the time. This is public land, and it would not be fair to the citizens of New Jersey if they were not able to use the parks amenities because places like schools in Jersey City got priority over them. Multipurpose fields would be the best idea if there has to be some type of active recreation field, being the most efficient with the limited space we have. In general though I would be against most invasive active recreation fields, especially large structures such as anything indoors.</p>
43	I would like the walkway along the river and waterways to remain.
44	[no response provided]
45	We need an Open Space park for unstructured active recreation, passive recreation, and nature enjoyment, and for a sensible amount and kind of active recreation.
46	[no response provided]
47	<p>1) Southern Jersey City access to LSP: Develop safe access (pedestrian, biking, transit) to LSP from Greenville community area (Garfield Ave/ Bayview Ave. to Morris Pesin Dr.)</p> <p>2) Develop a research/ education space as part of the Nature Center, within the Central Railroad terminal to be revitalized, or an identified, designated location for ongoing research and education opportunities (lower & higher ed) regarding improving water quality within the Hudson, ecology, wetlands, climate change impact with regards to waterfront and interior clean up/ restoration. Leverage Hudson Raritan Estuary. Example: Anacostia Watershed Society.</p> <p>3) Improve access from Jersey City/ Hudson County and region thru EV transit from major area transit hubs and city/ county circular transit. Will require transportation study and investment to improve access that doesn't negatively impact LSP.</p> <p>4) Public open amphitheater is important creative use of space... local theater groups with international programming like Jersey City Theater Center can access space for festivals.</p>
48	Liberty State Park is my go-to for relaxing without cars, whether I am bicycling or walking.
49	I love LSP for allowing us living in Hudson County to experience nature. Biking, birding and just walking. We do not need another golf course. We need to protect what little nature we have left.

50	<p>Caven Point should remain as is with zero changes. Nature has taken its glorious course, and this spot should be kept clean and pristine.</p> <p>Any athletic fields in the southern area (as well as the northern area although I know that comment period is over) should have natural grass and not artificial turf. Using artificial turf, which causes injuries both to human athletes and to mother nature, should be strictly prohibited at Liberty State Park.</p> <p>This southern area should not be dominated by active recreation, and to the extent, substantial active recreation is planned for this area, it should be done on the needs based approach that is informed by an analysis of existing and planned recreation facilities from other governments such as the municipal government of Jersey City, the Jersey City, Board of Education, and Hudson County government.</p> <p>Along the shoreline and the current nature area, those spots should remain natural. There should also be a natural transition from the interior restoration area into any proposed athletic uses.</p>
51	The park is a reservoir of natural beauty and a flourishing ecosystem in the middle of an urban jungle extending from Bayonne to Fort Lee and from the Hudson River right into Essex County. Hence, we should take a long term view and preserve it for the future instead of short term focus on development of athletic facilities or commercial ventures. Also, as a State Park, it should maintain its charter rather with the surrounding towns/cities fulfilling their own obligations for providing sporting facilities to their residents. Broadly, I like the current plan that the DEP has come up with. Any effort to bring in commercial development or to expand the athletic facilities should be resisted.
52	[no response provided]
53	[no response provided]
54	This is very thoughtfully laid out.
55	Good to have wetland habitat restoration and preservation. For the long term future, all emphasis should be on the prioritization on the environment, when the environment functions properly, it will protect and serve us in the long term, and require the most cost effective maintenance, in comparison to the pavement, asphalt, and destruction of land in planning.
56	Track needed, regulation size (https://worldathletics.org/download/download?filename=596848ce-6afe-4f00-8eb0-62a019ee215e.pdf&urlslug=Track%20and%20Field%20Facilities%20Manual%202019%20Edition%20-%20Marking%20Plan%20400m%20Standard%20Track) for public use!
57	[no response provided]
58	[no response provided]
59	[no response provided]
60	I come to the park to walk on the waterfront walk way and to walk on the trails that are there. I enjoy the nature - plants and animals. I also enjoy seeing the people there. People have picnics, throw frisbees, fly kites, have impromptu ball games such as soccer and cricket. This is going on right now in Liberty State park. There is not a great need to section off lots of specific fields for games like soccer or baseball. This devoting the space to one type of game takes away the flexibility of the space for people to use it as they need.

61	[no response provided]
62	<p>Keep grubby Fireman and his wealthy cronies out of the park!!!!</p> <p>Plant natural trees and shrubs</p> <p>Have a mix of facilities for team and individuals to enjoy. NO MEGA-DOMES!!!</p> <p>Plan an area for environmental studies for individual students and school classes.</p> <p>Keep visitor parking on the west edge of the park, including marina/restaurant parking</p>
63	[no response provided]
64	This looks great!
65	[no response provided]
66	I love the idea of cleaning up the environmentally damaged area and protecting it as an ecological resource. I also think the small targeted recreation areas are smart.
67	I believe strongly since Jersey City is lacking in open space Liberty State Park (LSP) should not give into billionaires to destroy the peace and quiet of a vast amount of open space. The idea by the Friends of Liberty State Park to have the ball fields along the back of LSP along Burma Road is the right place for that. Creating stadiums and for profit businesses along the Hudson River will destroy the beauty and access to the Park since stadiums remain empty and locked up most of the time and businesses will just make it another downtown business district. The DEP should not monetize these great assess not only for Jersey City and Hudson County but also the State of NJ as it is the front yard of our State. My statements are the same for all of these station boards it goes against everything we believe in. [name redacted]
68	I don't feel that the Northern Athletic Hub, overlooking the Morris Canal Basin, is appropriate for the Park. This area is currently used, in part, for parking, picnicking, and family recreation, especially on weekends when the park is full or there is an event. Putting athletic facilities here does not adequately take into account how many people use the park at peak times. How will event, marina, and weekend parking be accommodated?
69	Ecological restoration and preservation to achieve resiliency must be the highest priority (Caven Point, South Cove and the forested area). any gardens should include only native plants to serve as a model of "landscaping" that can be included in visitors' own homes and neighborhoods allowing the visitors to create their own mini park to connect to LSP. Hardscapes and new buildings should be kept to a minimum in size and number.

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70	It terrifies me to think of any development near the Sullivan natural area and caven point. They are some of the only natural areas in all of jersey city. Both areas are critical to wildlife esp migratory birds. Those are the places people go to escape the city and connect with the earth. I beg you not to fill the area with sports facilities. Development is fine but not there, dont pave green space in a park. Gateway park is right up the street and it has sports fields. Berry lane Park is right up the street with sports fields. If people want space for sports, buy land and build it . Dont take away our only green spaces to create it. No to track field, no to soccer, no to tennis, no to ice rinks. I want paths through trees and fields and marsh. Dont buy the fireman pressure that we are somehow dying for sports fields. Just ignore him. Make the park like central park or prospect Park - look at the ratio of "development" to "green" and stop catering to every sport and trying to cram every type of field for them.. Do your job as park stewards to advocate for everyones right to nature and the right of nature to exist.
71	[no response provided]
72	[no response provided]
73	[no response provided]
74	[no response provided]
75	I am in favor of PHASE 1A and nothing else. The State Of New Jersey wasted \$15,000,000.00 on the official New Jersey 911 Memorial. TEAR DOWN THE WALLS
76	[no response provided]
77	I most typically come to LSP early in the morning on weekdays to run along the waterfront and use the activity equipment along Freedom Way. On weekends, my family and I occasionally use the playground by flag plaza. More often we go to the main playground on Freedom Way. We also ride bikes or scooters along the paths by the Nature Center and holly tree grove.
78	Look fine.
79	Conserve Caven Point as green space. NJ needs all the conserved land possible.
80	Let's protect more areas for habitat restoration, rather than people recreation. The recreation area slated for potential development for play fields is currently the only wooded area. These trees are important for cleaning the air and water, food & habitat for wildlife. Leave it and continue work to remove invasive plants and and restore natives. People can play elsewhere. There are so few places lefts near our urban centers to connect people with nature which is critical for our survival, that we should protect this one - every inch of it.
81	1. No sports fields on the south side of the park. 2. Restore the jetties through nature-based approach. upgrade picnic area. 3. Add signage and map of Caven Point along walkway near the park Administration office. 4. Keep nature and open space as a primary objective.
82	I love the initiative! I would humbly suggest making the track 6.2 miles, allowing it to be used for an official USATF 10K.

83	I typically come to LSP Southern and Waterfront areas on weeknights and weekends. I most commonly use these areas to ride my bike peacefully and away from cars. I also enjoy walking throughout the park's natural areas, especially Caven Point when in-season. These areas are a treasure and a natural oasis in our dense urban area!
84	[no response provided]
85	When will the human race learn? Their's too much destroying nature. In the name of progress. If we don't wake up this state will look like Long Island.
86	Liberty Park has come a long way. From eye sore area to a super stunning park. Thanks to Mr. Pesin's unwavering support, we have this gem in Jersey City that we can be proud of. This is the only green space that we have in the urban jungle.
87	<p>I kind of use the park at all sorts of random times since my schedule is pretty flexible, but mostly mornings and afternoons on weekdays. Right now I primarily ride my bike there and take advantage of programs run by the park, but wish there was more active stuff to do.</p> <p>I wouldn't go to concerts if there was a live music venue - I live in the north part of Hudson County, in West New York and the light rail is 1 mile from my house, so mass Transit isn't really an option. There are much better concert venues that are much easier to get to than if one was in LSP. Right now, I find its easier for me to go to music venues in NYC and Brooklyn rather than heading to the live music clubs in JC.</p>
88	Thanks for this summation.
89	<p>Typically visit LSP in the mornings 730am to 9am for daily walk, relaxation, garden viewing.</p> <p>We use LSP South on weekend and is used for bike riding, rollerblading, paddleboarding, flying kites, and picnics with the family.</p> <p>Our wish is for sports fields and recreation that is accessible for all, giving priority to the local community.</p> <p>Lincoln Park, for example, is often inaccessible due to the logistics of working with the county, even though it is centrally located in our city.</p> <p>There are empty sports courts across this city that are locked up and inaccessible to the local community for unknown reasons.</p> <p>The local pool is only open for one or two small time slots that caters only to a small group of people.</p> <p>Accessibility will require a system/technology/staff to oversee a fair distribution and flexibility of use to the local community.</p> <p>The worse would be to see all of this built, only to see it locked up and accessible only to the few.</p>
90	It is very hard to enter comments on these screens or navigate this survey but in general designs along the lines of what was done at Governors Island seem most suitable for a park in this urban environment. It is a state park and while there may be some athletic areas, the primary purpose is to be a wetlands type habitat and refuge for not only wildlife but residents of New Jersey and beyond. It is not simply an opportunity to build a lot of athletic facilities for the Jersey City schools.

91	<p>All of the ideas expressed in these Boards are well-articulated, balanced and deserving of careful consideration in the park's future redevelopment plans. I would only add that it is extremely important to ensure that all phases of the redevelopment plans must be carried out not in isolation of one another but with a view to how each phase integrates with the larger, complete whole. Otherwise, we run the risk of creating just a sum of disconnected parts and not a whole that is much greater than the sum of these parts. Great attention must also be given to connecting and showcasing all of the park's areas, especially its more remote places, such as Caven Point, that sometimes feel like distant, lesser-known and less-appreciated appendages.</p>
92	<p>Would still like to maintain as a natural State Park with no active sports or entertainment areas. Sports fields & courts which should be provided by the government of Jersey City & located at other areas of Jersey City. Liberty State Park as a natural area does not require the maintenance costs that proposed sports & entertainment areas & facilities would require. Additionally, there is an insurance cost for liability if sports and entertainment arenas, facilities were put in LSP.</p> <p>American Dream in the Meadowlands is also a result of NJ government trying to monetize the old Continental, Byrne, Izod arena and failed as it is unsustainable and so far has missed the 4th payment (perhaps more) on the bond debt that financed that debacle. NJ Taxpayers should not be put on the hook for yet another monetization of an asset that is not owned by Governor Murphy or the DEP but owned by NJ citizens.</p> <p>Finally, it is appalling, and should be illegal, for a Massachusetts resident billionaire to buy off NJ officials and promote false statements through his puppet People's Park Foundation with paid-off Bob Hurley & other bought off Jersey City representatives who apparently have no moral characters. I just don't understand that level of self-absorption and greed.</p> <p>[name redacted], Clifton, NJ</p>
93	<p>I support bike trails and bike activities. Also, kayak/boat activities, walking, and trails.</p> <p>**** Open the entrance to the middle of the park via Thomas McGovern Dr. Why is that always closed with a gate. Please open it. Opening it would relieve congestion on the weekends, especially on crowded days. It is NEVER open.***</p>
94	<p>I think putting Athletic Fields in northern area of 1B will create a ton of traffic into the ingress and egress of the State Park. I feel that is a mistake and should be relocated. Cars rushing to drop off children at a field at the entrance to a park presents a safety hazard to all.</p>
95	<p>Parking should be located at planned 1B area, and the current planned parking should swap where Athletic Fields are.</p>
96	<p>Just please keep the land beautiful and open with NO stadiums like the Meadowlands. The park is beautiful. keep the Firemans OUT.</p>
	<p>[no response provided]</p>

97	<p>I support Phase 1.</p> <p>I'm against Phase 2 because of it's location. A cultural/arts center should be closer to residents of Jersey City as it is not the reason people travel to STATE parks.</p>
98	more empty green grass areas and less ball fields. Green grass areas can be used all year round for a variety of uses from day to day
99	I love it. My son and I would come on weekends for bird watching and just to walk. I've also participated in cleanups of trash with LSP. One thing I would ask for is lots of benches for us old people to sit once in awhile and exercise stations aimed at disabled and elderly as they walk and can stop and do an exercise.
100	<p>Protect Caven Point- top priority.</p> <p>It seems that baseball field is the least desired and expensive too maintain so I vote to scrap it. Lincoln Park has amazing facilities which are unused and closer to the JC population center.</p> <p>Love all the passive rec opportunites. Active rec that won't become a cost burden or take up too much space is a plus.</p> <p>Keep cobble stone on Audrey Zapp,</p> <p>Don't disturb the marina parking lot,</p> <p>No to Stadiums, huge venues, community center, pools or anything that is big, expensive, will get damaged when we have the next flood. Use common sense, etc.</p>
101	<p>Thank you for the presentation. The historical timeline is interesting.</p> <p>I like the suggestions to extend natural features like floating marshes and maybe a wooden walkway to connect to Caven Point (Board 4, lower left). I hope that the southern edge there (Hudson River Waterfront Walkway) remains a place for walking, quiet observation, fishing, and boating.</p> <p>Thanks for all you do NJDEP!</p>
102	I am concerned with the extent of active recreation infrastructure that will be built. There is only a cursory mention of how people will access these facilities and the desire to use public transit/bike/walking. We live in a dense urban area highly devoid of large natural areas. We need to bring access of the park by means other than cars to the front of the conversation and we need to prioritize natural areas with a focus on a diversity of habitats that will thrive and attract wildlife.
103	[no response provided]
104	LSP should not focus on active recreation. Let's keep LSP as a passive space yo enjoy nature.

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105	If it wasn't for an active group of environmentalists and concerned citizens who realized the potential for what was an industrial wasteland, Liberty State Park would not exist. Whatever you do to the park in the upcoming development phases, please weigh heavily the input from the groups who have been involved with the park since its inception, such as Friends of Liberty State Park, the Sierra Club, etc., and take the advice from these recently formed astro-turf groups with a grain of salt.
106	The boards were visually very interesting. The timeline was especially clear.
107	I typically visit the park on a week day, mid morning to early afternoon for walking along the waterfront.
108	This is the right approach, with many fields and facilities considered. I would prefer that multi-use fields be considered so we can maximize the amount of time fields can be used vs. staying empty. This would reduce the amount of necessary fields, so we don't have lots of empty and unused fields.
109	As someone who uses Liberty State Park often for recreation (cycling, walking, playing with my toddler), I value the park for it's open space, natural environment and wildlife. Please continue to prioritize nature in the park over amenities — this is what makes Liberty Park special and unique within the limits of our busy city.
110	I am happy to see that the DEP is planning to take care of the wetlands and the shorelines in the southern end of the park. The natural habitats and greenspaces are the reason I go to Liberty State Park. I'm not big on active recreation, so I'm more interested in the environmental plans for the area.
111	To answer your question on the 5th panel above, I come to LSP on weekday mornings to traverse the waterfront walkway and to go through the Sullivan Natural Area, visit the Nature Center, and, in the open season, to visit Caven Point on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. I come to LSP in order to spend some time with the wildlife, foliage, open space and quiet. I also come for the unobstructed views of Ellis Island, Liberty Island, the Jersey Shoreline, the New York Bay. I also like to commemorate the history in which this whole area is steeped.
112	<p>I mostly use the Southern Areas today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekend Mornings/Afternoons - Weekday Mornings <p>How:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trails: Biking, Walking - Enjoying Nature, the fresh air, the water, the birds, the quiet, the vegetations trees/flowers, the wildlife - I once saw a seal! - The restrooms! - What I enjoy seeing: family's BBQing, walking about with their families, kids, playing, biking - What I *don't* enjoy seeing: groups of teens/adults using their parking lots for cars and motorcycle (clubs?), making noise, polluting, trash, broken trail bits falling into the water in disrepair for months
113	[no response provided]

114	<p>State parks should not need to make a profit, they are a public good. Everything it is should be free to use.</p> <p>Concession stands would be a great benefit and draw (and keep people there longer). But they should be Small Business Only, no food chains or store chains.</p> <p>No Corporate Sponsorship whatsoever. Corporations have plenty of places to advertise already, the park should be a place to refresh yourself without any logos or sales pitches.</p> <p>This should be a park useful for all people in New Jersey, but given the population of Jersey City, and it's proximity, it should be recognized that the majority of visitors will be from Jersey City.</p> <p>It should prioritize walking, biking and public transportation over cars. Can't do much about parking lots on north side, but south side should parking should be as far west as possible, and have shuttle buses to help people without bikes or unable to walk.</p>
115	<p>Really appreciate the mix of nature restoration and active/passive recreation.</p> <p>One important callout – I hope the wetlands projects can be better and much more directly connected to flood mitigation. Mill Creek used to run from the Bergen Hill in the Journal Square area down along the Turnpike Extension to Liberty State Park. Northeast Resiliency NJ is quixotically attempting to build a gigantic drainage pipe underneath the Turnpike Extension to replicate what Mill Creek already provided. I hope that while LSP project is limited to its area, more thought can be given to guiding runoff into the wetlands, not just as an exercise in creating wetlands for the sake of wetlands (a positive effort but not contextual necessarily to the resiliency needs). Reference: https://www.resilient-nj.com/</p>
116	<p>I come to the waterfront areas for water based bird observation and thoughtful reflection while looking at the water. I come to the park on the weekends between 10 AM and 3 PM.</p>
117	<p>Liberty State Park is my husband and my get away place, a place to get away from the over crowded, over polluted cities in New Jersey and the most spectacular place in the state. I worked at Christ Hospital Home Care during the 80's and 90's and it was the place I went, after driving around the county all day, to relax and put everything in perspective.</p> <p>It is also an important place for species other than ours. It is an important place for migratory birds, and a place where we can enjoy their beauty and share their habitat.</p> <p>Whatever "improvements" are made, the environmental impact needs to be our number one concern.</p>
118	<p>[no response provided]</p>

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Online Public Comment - May 11 2024	
Entry #	After reviewing the Station 2 Boards, please provide your feedback and share your ideas in the comment box below:
1	I like the fifth choice because it allows for a nature play area. I think it's really important for kids to be more attuned to nature since they are on their screen so much. I also like the transitions into the natural area, because it's more likely that parents will take their kids there if it is nearby and convenient, which it is in this plan.
2	Please see above comments in #1
3	Cross country & nature trails Multi-sport flex field Access to water front beach, kyacking, nature play, Inclusive play scapes for Adults & children Seating with shade structures (canopy seating)
4	I am most interested in kayaking and bike trails.
5	I like some Play and Water options, especially kayaking, the beachfront, and splash/fountain area for kids. The 3rd iteration appeals to me the most because it contains field and non field activities as well. I like the nature play areas and bike loop.

6	<p>There needs to be more images of NATURE PLAY which is an important feature in all 3 map configurations and also written examples of NATURE PLAY and its benefits, such as:</p> <p>NATURE PLAY may include textures from the earth such as hollow tree logs, tree stumps, boulders, plants, and drainage paths, Rope bridges, treehouses, streams, Small hills or mounds, etc.</p> <p>instead of a traditional steel and plastic playground structure that includes slides and climbers.</p> <p>"Research indicates that, when children play and learn in nature, they do so with more vigor, engagement, imagination, and cooperation than in wholly artificial environments, and that symptoms of attention deficit and depression are reduced. Experts agree that children need access to nature the same way they need good nutrition and adequate sleep".</p> <p>"Nature Play Images" and got to https://bit.ly/3ykP1ex</p> <p>Besides, the children and youth developmental and fun benefits of Nature Play Areas. they'll also be important as a perfect visual, psychological and visionary transition and buffer to the spectacular 165 acres of habitats and trails.</p> <p>Regarding the choice of the 3 configuration maps - we feel LSP should include baseball (especially as there may be a Jackie Robinson Foundation donation) so that rules out map 3.</p> <p>Either 1 or 2 seems fine and we're interested in what the majority expresses.</p> <p>A huge concern is that the lights and Public Address System and crowd noise from the ballfields area will negatively impact people's peaceful enjoyment of interior nature trails and impact birds so the direction of the lights and volume of the PA system are a big decision!</p>
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7	<p>I think the track and field sport areas should be kept to a minimum in the redesigned park. These types of fields take up a lot of space and are used by a limited amount of people and during limited times of year because they usually require a permit to use and are only used during specific seasons. I think any of the court and racket sport areas would be appropriate. Brooklyn Bridge Park has an excellent looking court and racket area which uses limited space efficiently, this could be used as a model for LSP's active recreation. However, I do think active recreation should be kept to a minimum, it is not the responsibility of a state park to provide active recreation opportunities to city and county residents. State parks are for preserving cultural and natural resources and providing public access to these resources.</p> <p>Some of the options on the play and water and adventure and wheel boards offer opportunities to better connect with the natural and cultural resources in and around LSP. Bike paths, kayaking and paddle boarding allow for people to move around the park in different ways and to see nature and historic from different perspectives. The skate park, bouldering, and nature play areas take up smaller amounts of space and can be used by a wide range up park visitors all year long. I don't think the zip line, roller rink, ropes course, community pool or aquatics center are appropriate because these areas would require complicated management such as lots of maintenance and staff to watch users.</p> <p>If I have to pick a scenario for the active recreation hub board, I would choose iteration 3. I like that this one has a larger nature play area, I think that would transition into the natural area to the north well and a flex field which allows a greater variety of uses on the sports field area.</p>
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9	<p>Like iteration 3.</p> <p>Definitely should also add soccer field in the addition south area - that one could/should be built first.</p> <p>Worried about access to athletic area is the only way in and out via freedom way?</p>
10	<p>It seems a shame to destroy natural woodlands in favor of athletic facilities, even though my children are athletes in several local leagues. Of the three iterations proposed, I prefer ITERATION 1, as it focuses on quieter sports that only require open space and has the most nature-based play space.</p>
11	<p>#2 is most appealing design.</p>

12	There is far too much emphasis on team sports and other organized sports. Why are football and baseball fields even being considered when they got less than 10% interest in the June 2021 active recreation survey? Opportunities for individual, or informal group ad hoc recreation should be paramount. LSP should stay a park— not a theme park or sports center or other venue for these kinds of organized recreational activities. There are no other state parks that are burdened with this level of institutional recreational facilities.
13	Fields and tracks would be my first preference. Courts could work if pickle ball (especially noisy) would be placed far away from where most people gather. A bike path would have appeal as well.
14	Iteration 3 is most interesting to me... I really like the connectivity of nature play alongside the multi-use fields and appreciate the inclusion of more unconventional activities such as rock climbing and parkour... I do not feel a baseball field is best located here... it is idle about 22 hours a day and not of great use/benefit to public
15	I like iteration 2 because it provides for basketball and tennis courts. It does take away from nature play, but there are other areas for that. I am most concerned for the many animals that live in Liberty State Park and urge those who will make the improvements to protect the habitat of so many species who have been driven out of our urban areas by Condomania! Thank you! [name redacted] Zip code 07305
16	Image 1 or 2 are fine.
17	The basketball and tennis courts should go on the LSP's North Side We support the Nature Play area with open trails Please we should keep forever the open space and unique view of the Hudson. Thanks for your work.
18	I struggle to see where people coming in can park. And even if there's improved access via public transit, some of these activities involve bikes that imply cars to reach the area unless it's for locals, only. Of the choices, Fields and Tracks seems to require the least maintenance, and I often think maintenance is the first thing to be cut. Traffic can be intolerable and I could see that being additionally so if there are large scheduled activities.
19	I worry that the parking that currently exists for the Nature Center seems to disappear in these processes.
	Iteration 3 seems the most inclusive but is still too large of a foot print. Still sticking with passive recreation. Flexible fields.

	<p>Fields & Track: Multipurpose fields make most sense, ensuring widest use. Question: Is lighting being considered for fields & tracks? If so, how will this impact the bulk of the Park, esp. the area adjoining S. Hub being restored in Phase 1A, in terms of wildlife & visitor experience?</p> <p>Court & Racket: Tennis, racketball, and similar courts outside of the S. Hub have the potential to harm the natural and tranquil nature of the park –a key public worry ID-ed by the DEP. To avoid this, such courts should be limited in number & scattered, & built with a minimalist design & neutral colors to avoid visually dominating their surroundings. Handball courts, by their physical nature, would be inappropriate. Lighting would not be acceptable.</p> <p>Adventure & Wheel: Many depicted activities require some degree of supervision for safety. What is planned in this regard?</p> <p>Play & Water: Kyacking in the Hudson is not new at LSP; can paddle-boarding be made as safe? Does “community pool” mean that only nearby residents would be allowed to use it? Surely it's not suggested that a river beach could be used for wading into the Hudson? What would stop people from trying? High concept designs like "nature play" & "themed play" often do not engender repeat or long-term interest & are high maintenance.</p> <p>Some relatively small, simple playgrounds (swings, slides, see-saws, climbing bars, basic sprinklers) could be scattered outside of the South Hub, provided they do not include very large or massive/dense elements, use naturalistic colors, and are otherwise designed to harmonize with their settings. Lighting must be carefully designed to avoid ruining nighttime vistas.</p> <p>Inclusive play should be incorporated into some of the playgrounds.</p> <p>S. Hub Iteration 2 makes best use of space by incl the most asked for facilities, incl good quantities of b'ball & tennis courts.</p>
20	How will noise from S. Hub be contained and not disturb the tranquility of other areas -another key pubic concern?
21	[no response provided]
22	Keep LSP green! Existing transportation does not support development.
23	[no response provided]
24	I like option 1 or 2. Dont need a bunch of powered equipment as in 3.
25	Before I became a teacher I had done my doctoral research in field primatology. That said, anything that gets people into the open air, engaged with the Earth (even as a playing surface) works for me. As a teacher, the History of Liberty State Park could be integrated into school sports curriculums through engaging kids in some form of Lenape sports like Pahsaheman. Since it was a bit like modern football, but men against women, the Phys Ed Dept. of a school could take the curriculum and coordinate with the Social Studies Dept. and more.

26	<p>We totally support the improvement and expansion of Water-based Sports facilities, shelters & public toilets in the South. We totally REJECT the LSP Southern Athletics Hub - Traffic here is ALREADY a Nightmare, and Will Get MUCH WORSE with this ill-conceived plan. NO New Sports Facilities should be created *Anywhere in LSP - Jersey City & its JCBOE should build New Sports Facilities INSIDE Jersey City to satisfy ALL local community DEFICITS, NOT on scarce LSP Green Space!</p> <p>The purpose of LSP is provide an oasis of natural oxygen producing Green Space in this *highly polluted* urban megalopolis. Please do Not PAVE any existing green spaces, but take every opportunity to create MORE green space in LSP.</p>
27	I like the improved bike path. But would rather not see other adventure themes or soccer or track and field.
28	Morris Pesin Drive Parcel.
29	<p>Iteration 3 seems like the best use of space that would maximize the number of people actually using the facilities at any given time. I appreciate the full space allotted to multi-use fields as well as the basketball, bike, and skating sites. It would be great to fit a track if some combination of other configurations is an option. However, there is already a lot of public park space in downtown JC reserved for baseball that sits empty most of the year, so I would not support another baseball facility if we're trying to get the most use out of the space.</p> <p>In terms of the other priorities, a natural running trail would be wonderful if safety could be ensured. And this park is the best place in the area to bike, so any connected bike paths and trails are a plus.</p>
30	<p>Regarding Fields and tracks, I have a strong preference for soccer fields due to the popularity of the sport and the lack of field space in Jersey City.</p> <p>For court and racket, I prefer basketball because based on occupancy of other parks in Jersey City it serves more people than other sports</p> <p>For water and adventure wheels my preference is for activities that don't require supervision because that will lead to closures in the future due to lack of funding</p> <p>My preference is Iteration 3. I believe Jersey City is well served with baseball fields and no need of a new one is necessary.</p>

31	<p>I will not use any of the sports fields or courts but I understand that some people may want this. I would just ask that if Jersey City is going to be using the State park for these facilities that it is limited to what really cannot be provided in Jersey City. The State park should not be providing a majority of facilities for Jersey City.</p> <p>Multi-use fields/courts - Yes better use of space for more flexibility</p> <p>Minimal courts - too much paving over of natural land, also consider that Pickle ball may be a passing fad, Multi-use</p> <p>Bike path through park - yes</p> <p>No to mountain biking - creating artificial landscaping not appropriate</p> <p>No pumptracks - loud vehicles and dangerous if people ride vehicles in park to get to those areas</p> <p>No rock climbing or bouldering - rock climbing gyms should exist on private land - they have to be monitored and staffed.</p> <p>No skate park - more paved over area - there is one very close at Berry lane park</p> <p>No rope courses or zip lines- have to be monitored and staffed</p> <p>No Parkour -</p> <p>No Ice skating - limited use and has a lot of maintenance and staffing required</p> <p>Roller blading can be on bike paths</p> <p>Nature play seems most appropriate for the park and allows more nature - no to themed play - will become dated, old and tired</p> <p>I would only want an indoor pool because there is a water play and outdoor pool very close to liberty state park in Bergen lafayette that can only be used in the summer.</p> <p>Yes to Kayaking, paddleboarding and a beach that would hopefully be utilizing natural areas that are there rather than paved over areas.</p> <p>I prefer INTERATION #2</p> <p>My biggest concerns are - not paving over too much of the land with courts, skate parks etc</p> <p>ongoing maintenance for the future (for example water parks are expensive to maintain)</p>
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32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes to Soccer, Football, Baseball and cricket fields...ideally some of the fields would be able to be used for different sports? - yes to X-country/ trail run - no to lacrosse or field hockey, unless they could use the same fields as other more popular sports - yes to basketball, tennis courts. - Yes to other (multi-use) courts if they can be multi-use courts. We do not want some courts to end up being unused and deteriorating. - no to handball, ping pong - yes to bike and mountain biking paths - conditional yes to a skate park (IF the skate park will actually be used - perhaps consider how busy is the nearby skate park at Berry Lane Park in JC?) - No to pump tracks - conditional NO to rock climbing, bouldering, ropes course or zip lines - they're expensive, require maintenance and staff, and I'm doubtful they'd be used that much - YES to an INDOOR community pool - NO to aquatics center - it'd be expensive to maintain - YES to outdoor swimming pool/barge - ITERATION 2 is the best for the Southern Athletics Hub
33	[no response provided]
34	Playing fields, basketball courts, bike & running & skating trails as well as a playground & large splash pad area would all be welcome additions & well used with limited liability to the city. I believe we can combine some of the above & create a very peaceful green space that our citizens would enjoy for generations.
35	I like the idea of a track. I am part of a large running community in Jersey City and the only available nearby track is in Lincoln Park. It is a great track, but hard to get to in the mornings, and I am sure local high schools and colleges, which do not have their own tracks, would appreciate another option.
36	I am more into the fields and tracks - alot of the other stuff feels a little like it will be overcrowded and busy and much of it already exists at Newport...I can't decided between the different flows I think I like iteration 1 the best..
37	I'd really love to see the integration of a running track and *indoor* swimming area; downtown Jersey city lacks both of these, with the nearest being at Pershing field and Lincoln Park. Especially for adults, these provide safer and more accessible options closer to the growing population downtown. Of the three versions provided, iteration 2 seems to serve the most variety of needs and I'd vote for that. But I can't overemphasize the need for indoor water.
38	I am most supportive of the Play + Water and Adventure + Wheel activities as they dovetail with the natural resources of the park, don't require many if any buildings and provide terrific play and learning activities for families. I do support Fields + Tracks but am very concerned about the traffic that will come along with it (many of the people on the teams will likely each arrive in a car). I think a key priority is to find a NEW entryway into the park that will directly lead to this area. Attracting many more users for these athletic areas without figuring out how to divert cars will significantly increase the traffic and make the park harder to access for everyone!!
39	[no response provided]

40	Would love to see more multi use areas
	<p>I notice the nature play areas are crammed into the smallest area possible. I think that should be expanded to as large and continuous an area as possible . I also think that the fields should be reduced.</p> <p>I don't think a state park needs to host big soccer tournaments. Why is this a priority? The fields absolutely should not be artificial. The DEP, I am sure does not need to be constantly reminded of the environmental and health hazards artificial turf poses.</p> <p>I would guess the first iteration might be the best. The third one is the worst and carves up the nature play area so much it is almost non-existent. It is relegated to a little bit of green around tennis courts and skate areas.</p> <p>The courts you have pictured are very bleak and are environmental wastelands.</p> <p>The waterfront beach area is hugely important, should be left natural(no structures like pirate ships that would end up in a landfill in 10-15 years). Beach areas can and need to be experienced as they are. with sand and wildlife and learning opportunities. Kayaking would be a good activity. Please do NOT ruin the waterfront with a waterpark type area or cement chlorine filled pool. An aquatics center that is all cement like pictured would wreck the waterfront for water sports. Gross.</p>
41	The nature play pictures and inclusive/sensory playgrounds are great. Please include as much of those as possible.
42	I am the opinion that LSP should stay a place that is mainly filled with passive greenspace and nature paths, something which is sorely lacking from a majority of the surrounding city area. If I had to choose from one of the 3 proposed ideas in the LSP Southern Athletics Hub image, I would most likely choose Iteration 1, which leaves the most amount of open space and focuses on the use of multi-use fields. Iteration 2 and 3 start to get too cluttered and start reserving the space for activities that may not be available to everyone. I also think camp liberty should be left considerably untouched unless the developments are for the benefit of the camp. Same goes for the pavilion field, it is public event space, something that we don't see much of in Jersey City.
43	My priorities for Fields and Tracks: soccer, track and field, cross country/track, flex multi-use fields, baseball, softball.I don't object to the others (except for football); they're just not priorities. I don't want the area to be too crowded.
	Love the ideas for cross country/trail run, flex/multi-use fields, nature play, inclusive/sensory play, water play, swimming barge, and waterfront beach. I think it's important that we have flexibility with whatever fields are built so that they get maximum usage and don't just sit empty.
44	Iteration 3 seems the best integrated and has space between activities.

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45	With regards to Station 2 images, especially its 5th image with 3 configurations of the Interior's 50 acres of active recreation facilities (to have baseball, we suggest image 1 or 2, with image 1 having a large, contiguous Nature Play area for children and youth and a transition area to the habitats/trails area; image 2 includes basketball and tennis (courts could also go on LSP's North Side) and Station 4 requests your vision and favorite LSP uses of the South Side and Waterfront, which must forever be mostly be Open Space, picnics, playgrounds, periodic special events and need for jetties renovation!
46	Iteration 2! Trails and passive recreation are preferred Track and field is important Not important to fill every square foot of park with active recreation Please don't pave over more of the park interior for more parking lots. Let's encourage alternative forms of transportation (walking, cycling, bus).
47	Top 4 Picks in order of preference: - Field & Track: Soccer, Track & Field, Baseball/ Softball, Flex-Multi Use, Cross Country/ Trail (incorporate with walking trails) - Court Racket: Basketball, Tennis, Volley Ball, Handball - Play & Water: Pool/ Water Play for youth/ toddlers, Nature Play, Inclusive/ Sensory/ ADA, Kayak/ Paddle - Adventure & Wheel: Bike Path, Skate Board, Rock Climb/Bouldering combined, Rope Course - LSP Southern Athletics Hub: Prefer Iteration #2 (Reduction of a Tennis Court and a Basketball Court could allow for a Rock Climbing/ Bouldering venue). Iteration #2 appears more in sync with preferred programming options. Baseball Field can also be use as Softball Field. - Pavilion Field: Recommend a Flex-Multi Use venue - Morris Pesin Parcel: Space for Research Venue or Aquatic Center
48	Our family does not need more sports facilities. We do need expansion of the Nature Center.
49	No development please.
50	Any of the proposed that Fics should be based upon input from coaches of high school, sporting teams, and then conjunction with Jersey City, Hudson County and Jersey City border of education officials, as I stated above. Track and field facility and tennis courts could work here. I'm not sure baseball field is needed in light of Cave point and fields at Bayside Park but the local schools can use another regulation size. Perhaps that could work. Again any baseball field should be natural grass. I like the natural play area. The barbecue area under the beautiful sycamore trees should be left as is that is one of the most utilized spots in our park. I am against any athletic uses along Mauers present Drive.

	<p>Fields + Tracks: I would prioritize soccer given the ubiquity of the sport across the world and the large immigrant population in the surrounding areas. Given the increasing population of South Asian origin, cricket will also quickly become a dominant sport in the area. Given the natural surroundings, cross country is something unique the park could offer.</p> <p>Court + Racket: I would prioritize tennis and volleyball. I would not prioritize basketball as there are already courts available elsewhere and it would be relatively easy for the cities to build additional facilities.</p> <p>Play + Water: I would prioritize swimming pools. This is something the area lacks entirely. There should be at least one covered and heated facility that can be used in the winter. Other water sports on the river like paddle boarding would be welcome. Nature play is again something unique this park could offer.</p> <p>Adventure + wheel: I would prioritize a separate bike lane in a loop around the park for serious cyclists to separate them from the casual ones / families who would use the lanes in the park. Ice skating / roller skating would also bring something new to the area.</p> <p>Southern Athletics Hub: I like iteration 3 - having a large multiuse field brings more flexibility to how it can be used.</p>
51	Other LSP South zones: This area could be focused on kids facilities - half sized soccer fields, small aquatic facilities etc.
52	[no response provided]
53	[no response provided]
54	<p>Yes for Soccer, softball, track and field, field hockey and baseball, volley ball and multisport. Actually, the multi-sport field is the best idea.</p> <p>Community Pool! YES</p> <p>Bike-path, yes!</p> <p>I like Iteration #2.</p>
55	Please do not appease the wealthy few over the sake of middle and lower class many. The destruction of land for a few hungry developers is foolish.
56	[no response provided]
57	[no response provided]
58	<p>Open Space park for unstructured active recreation, passive recreation, and nature enjoyment, and for a sensible amount and kinds of active recreation.</p> <p>I am big on water sports, like paddle boarding, kayaking, swimming.</p> <p>We need a covered all year round swimming pool!</p> <p>Cross country running and walking is something we also need.</p>
59	I like the iteration 1 plan for Station 2. It is less busy and it has a larger Nature Play area in one spot.

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60	A little of this would be an improvement. Maybe a few basketball courts or fields, but not too much. Every proposal I've seen has had too much. Maybe some children's play areas with water play. Maybe an iceskating rollerskating, a little skate park. But not too much. I guess iteration 2 is the one I like the best
61	[no response provided]
62	[no response provided]
63	I like the Adventure & Whell option.
64	Very excited about all the programming!
65	For the athletics hub I like iteration 1. Please observe the activity on the field on the southern shoreline on a summers day. It is a favorite picnic ground.
66	I'm not one for a lot of sports so I like the multi use fields in Number 3. I also am most excited about water activities! I love to paddleboard at LSP and would love a pool.
67	[no response provided]
68	None of the proposed scenarios are appropriate or well-thought out. All would require additional staffing, expanded and expensive maintenance, and greater liability for the Park. Open fields for pick-up games of soccer, cricket, and the like would be much more appropriate for the nearby community, would require little maintenance or additional staffing, and would bring no extra liability. Long-term funding for the Park is a concern. Is there any plan for long-term funding? Is there any guarantee that the State Legislature will provide the finances necessary to staff and maintain these facilities long-term? Recent history suggest otherwise.
69	The most important and impactful component is to maximize the Nature Play area to provide safe, unstructured exploration and nature play for the health and benefit for young children. Fields and courts are available at schools etc. but natural areas are almost nonexistent in urban areas.
70	3 includes the most green space and activities that encourage interaction with nature. I think these things can encourage an appreciation of nature which the park should encourage.
71	[no response provided]
72	I reviewed the options. Option 1 Nature play and water front beach will keep the open, natural feel of the park, give insects and animals space to live and allow visitors to take a break from the city. The more nature the better for mental health and recreation. Water can drain into the ground, preventing flooding. The park willll feel similar to iconic central Park.
73	I like images 2 and 3.
74	[no response provided]
75	I am in favor of PHASE 1A and nothing else. The State Of New Jersey wasted \$15,000,000.00 on the official New Jersey 911 Memorial. TEAR DOWN THE WALLS. We do not need any active recreation; this is already provided throughout the city and would be a big WASTE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS
76	[no response provided]

	<p>Iteration 3 is clearly the best. It seems to most naturally flow from the restored habitat and trails from 1A into a transition zone with nature-based play. You then have good court-based activities the community can enjoy. Finally, the multi-use field will help fulfill the community's need for various sports – in particular soccer which is a clear favorite.</p> <p>Do not put any base ball fields in LSP. Jersey City already has plenty and, honestly, they sit idle and unused most of the year. A complete waste of space.</p>
77	Iterations 1 & 2 are equally bad in that they give over too much space to athletic fields that will spend most of their time unused.
78	I prefer iteration 3.
79	Passive open space and trails for birding.
80	No recreation, no fields of grass, courts or playgrounds. Leave it wooded.
81	<p>Stop adding more and more sports fields, there is already 60 acres dedicated for such.</p> <p>LSP is not the solution for all of the Jersey City's and Hudson County's athletic field shortcomings</p>
82	I love the diversity and richness of the suggestions.
83	We should not build any more redundant fields/courts - that is, fields/courts which already exist abundantly in Jersey City. This is especially true of basketball courts, tennis courts, and baseball/softball fields. For that reason, I'm having a hard time getting excited about any of the 3 iterations presented, as they all include some of these redundant fields/courts. A few pickleball, badminton, and handball courts would be nice. Love the idea of a nature play area and would also love to see more publicly accessible kayaking opportunities. A fully protected (separated from cars) bike path is my highest priority among the options presented. No matter which programming options are chosen, it's absolutely critical that these activities remain 100% FREE. There should be no admission fees as this is a public park and will inevitably exclude people.
84	[no response provided]
85	[no response provided]
86	I do not agree with any of these proposed athletic hubs. Leave the green space alone.

87	<p>I like iteration 3 the most, though would like to see some of the more expanded options for Nature Play that are included in Iterations 2 & 3.</p> <p>Personally wouldn't use any of the fields, but seems like keeping flexibility for multiple-use as opposed to dedicated uses would best serve over the long term.</p> <p>Beach volleyball would be great provided you can find a spot that's relatively protected from the wind. Plus, courts don't take up too much space. I'd stay away from recommending pickleball courts, even though I play - the area is likely too windy to get good games in. At the moment, pickleball is the "in" sport, but what happens when people move on to the next fad - you're stuck with courts that would need to be repurposed.</p> <p>I love the idea of nature play areas and water play, but not a swimming pool or beach. We should be encouraging use of the water through kayaking and paddle boarding. And extensive biking paths for road bikes and cruisers, not mountain biking. And the ropes course could be something really fun since the JC area is so urban.</p>
88	<p>I prefer cricket field and trail run for the field and tracks, volleyball for the court and racket, nature play and water beach for the play and water, and bike paths and free running for the adventure and wheel. I prefer iteration 3.</p>

89	<p>We'd love to see lacrosse fields - but this is a flexible sport that can be played on football or soccer fields, but it does require special goals. If these goals can be available on the fields, that would be wonderful.</p> <p>Baseball fields seem to be the least flexible for everyone's use because of the need to maintain the bases and grass. We have many baseball fields in Lincoln Park and across this city that are not in use. They require being locked up to maintain the greens and dugouts and while wonderful for our baseball teams, are inaccessible to everyone else.</p> <p>Most excited by Iteration #3 - again, because it caters to a greater diversity of recreation activities, it does not cut off space for inflexible baseball fields, but maximizes space for flexible sports fields.</p> <p>Wherever there are sports fields, there will be sports gear and spectators, which means a ton of cars will need parking. Those with their own water sports equipment will also need car access. Please allow for a smart roundabout for easy equipment drop off and parking away from those who want to enjoy the park for relaxation, peace and quiet in the interior. (Perhaps a ski resort model as inspiration? A large drop-off area in the park with substantial parking available off-site or on the West side of Phillip Street?) Please also allow easy access from the freeway instead of directing cars to the northern entrance through the park that will disrupt the peace and quiet of the interior and intensify traffic at the northern entrance and on Phillip Street into downtown.</p> <p>Love the idea of an aquatics center at Moris Pesin Parcel.</p> <p>We also vote for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pickleball Beach Volleyball Community Pool or Swimming Barge Waterfront Beach Aquatics Center - can this please have air compressor units for people to inflate their personal paddleboards and kayaks? This will reduce congestion in drop-off and pick-up and make it safer if people can come with their gear deflated. Bike Path Pump Track Roller Skating
90	<p>I think the water activities are the most desirable and most in keeping with the history and what I understand to be the underlying purpose of a great urban park. A track and a few courts or fields might not be too disruptive in the manner of Central Park in NYC but they should be kept to a minimum.</p>

91	While all of these active recreational themes have a certain appeal, I believe that it is important to create a space that emphasizes as many natural landscape features (shade trees, native grasses, rain gardens, etc.) and pervious, high-albedo surfaces (pervious pavers, porous, low-carbon concrete, natural stone, wood decking, etc.) as possible. With the rising temperatures and precipitation rates, it is critical that this space not become a paved, unbearable urban heat island that is only utilized during cooler times of the day and year. A couple of other points: 1) if off-road cycling infrastructure is going to be introduced here, please take measures to ensure that this activity is confined here and does not leak out into the park at large. I have personally witnessed many times when cyclists have taken liberty to ride off-road in areas that are not designated for such activity. This despoils natural areas and presents a hazard to other park visitors ; 2) each of the activity concept areas shows large abutting spaces designated for "Supporting Infrastructure." Please better define this term and ensure that it does not become a Trojan Horse for commercial venues, with the exception of a small refreshments area.
92	[no response provided]
93	I support bike trails and bike activities. Also, kayak/boat activities, walking, and trails. Add pickleball courts. I like iteration 3 because it had activities for biking. Why no pickleball courts?
94	<p>I believe that positive impact to a community should not simply fields and courts, but think outside the box. One example is at Randall's Island in New York, Liberty State Park which could include a non-profit equestrian school and horse stable.</p> <p>This program is currently being done on 3 acres at Randall's Island with 93 year old Dr. George Blaire. It's been in existence over 54 years and it has served thousands of students and provided thousands of hours of horseback riding instruction to students ranging in age from 5 years old and above who would never get the chance otherwise being from a city. Youth can volunteer to take care of horses. https://www.nycridingacademy.org</p> <p>Another idea is a Butterfly Garden. These are things that can expand other than sports with balls and do not have the sound of Bats cracking balls in a natural environment.</p> <p>An area designated to practicing free Yoga facing the water is also a great idea for all community and those who may not have had the chance to do so which can promote mental health.</p>
95	[no response provided]
96	Will there be beautiful new bike paths that not only traverse beautiful natural areas of the park but on which one can ride at fairly high speeds (such as 14 mph, which is how fast I currently ride on Freedom Way)? I hope so.
97	I am not in favor of any of the plans displayed in Station 2. There are about 25 NJ state parks (not counting state marinas, forests and wildlife refuges). Are there plans to put cultural centers, pickleball courts or zip lines in those parks? If there is a local need for active recreation it is the responsibility of local officials to budget for those activities or facilities, not state officials or task force members.
98	Mixed use fields, inclusive and nature playgrounds, beach areas, bike paths, and bike/skate parks, and rock climbing areas are priorities for me.
99	[no response provided]

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100	<p>Iteration #3 looks cool.</p> <p>I love baseball, but you can't play small pickup games. There are plenty of fields that don't get used in JC. They are costly to maintain, and when not being used for a game they need to be closed off to protect the grass, so it is wasted open space that people can't access 90% of the time.</p> <p>Please build with long term sustainability in mind.</p>
101	<p>I am not really on board with putting lots of sports facilities into LSP, although I know you have been pressured into doing that.</p> <p>There is already a problem of too many cars going in on weekends. (I know transportation issues will be dealt with later.)</p> <p>I would not participate in any sports myself, so I leave the debate to others.</p>
102	<p>Iteration 3 has the best balance of use in my opinion. If Jersey City is to maintain and build fields I hope they are not artificial turf. We really need to minimize the active recreation field for organized sports. It is not the role of a state park to provide facilities for organized sports. We need areas to enjoy nature, that can be accessed by walking, and or biking, not in vehicles. I oppose any kind of commercial venues charging admission and causing traffic jams!</p> <p>Soccer, bike paths and mountain bike single trek paths with skill zones are my preference. Climbing, bouldering, and pump tracks too.</p>
103	<p>It looks like a lot of the woodlands will be removed to make way for more playing fields. Why I think having fields available in the park is necessary, trees provide shade, absorb carbon, and numerous studies have shown forests have a positive effect on mental health. In such an urban environment without many natural play areas, why was the decision only for more hot, open playing fields, and not to clean-out, but leave, the woods?</p>
104	<p>Bike path and walking path are great. If I want to zipline, skateboard or kayak there are many other places where I can do that. LSP should be for the enjoyment of nature and wide open spaces.</p>
105	<p>I think flexibility and climate resiliency should be your guiding principles, so perhaps iteration No. 3 best fits these goals.</p>
106	<p>As the parent of a young child, the element I am most excited about is the "nature play" area – there are very few opportunities for children to interact with nature in the area. I would most strongly support designs that have the largest nature play areas.</p>
107	<p>Programming ideas: play areas for children, bike paths, beach, community pool</p>
108	<p>I very much appreciate the thinking that went into this planning.</p> <p>Iteration 3 is a balance that supports athletic fields and in addition open spaces and flexible nature play spaces for people to enjoy. Focusing playing fields at this part of the park will allow access to all new jersey residents and allow direct access from the highway, increasing their use.</p> <p>I'm intrigued by the swimming barge and the water access, which should be increased off the southern part of the park and into the water areas near the golf course. There's plenty of underutilized water access over there.</p>
109	<p>Trails for running, walking and cycling, opportunities for nature play, and waterfront beaches would be ideal uses of this beautiful part of the park.</p>

110	I like iteration 1 the best; iteration 2 is okay. I do not like iteration 3 because I don't think parkour and a skatepark are a good idea in Liberty State Park. Those both sound dangerous; plus, there is a skatepark not too far from LSP already. Iteration 1 is the best because it allows for extensive nature play without completely getting rid of the active recreation of the multiuse fields. Iteration 2 is okay, although less ideal, since it has less nature play area and it isn't as contiguous. However, iteration 2 does allow for tennis and basketball in addition to the multipurpose fields. Iteration 3 is too chaotic!
111	Some cities have been very creative in developing multi-use spaces with movable equipment so that there is flexibility in what sports are played. In this way, when one sport season is over, the same space can be repurposed for the next seasonal sport. If possible, sports fields can be kept with grass in order to preserve as much oxygen-replenishing, carbon dioxide-absorbing chlorophyll in living ground cover, as opposed to AstroTurf which does the opposite. As for court sports, there is no way to create facilities for all possible sports, but, at least, where possible, it might be best to create facilities for whatever sports are currently most in demand. Where possible, a balanced approach is best. This should not be a zero-sum game where one group wins at the expense of everyone else. As much as possible, go for the inclusive, both/and approach rather than either/or.
112	<p>As this is a STATE park, that should be committed to both ecology and nature, and people interacting with this, taking into account it's special place adjacent to a major city with lack of green space as well as both local and tourist populations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on nature and people interacting with nature and the local habitat - Kayaking -Nature Play - Natural Beach - Trails and an opportunity to learn about the natural ecology of the area, flora, fauna - Open space <p>If there are going to be courts/parks/playgrounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free play (not organized sports - we don't need the congestion, the noise, of multi-field tournaments) - Fields for community and family multi-use <p>We need adequate rest rooms, sanitation, trash receptacles.</p> <p>Clarify and clean up access from public transport, signage how to get here. Beautify and properly sign and direct entry from public transport: the road (Johnston) from the LSP light rail stop - currently it's unclear how to enter from Johnston on foot, under the turnpike to a uneven and often flooded and overgrown trail that leads into the Park — this is unacceptable - this section of road should mimic the beauty of the park entry - a nice, wide trail lined with trees — better coordinate with the city to ensure adequate evening lighting, safety.</p> <p>Keep the picnic tables and a space for grilling, for families to gather and enjoy the park - many of the families who use this park don't have alternative outdoor spaces. Their kids don't have open spaces to run around, to just enjoy open space and nature. To enjoy the waterfront, the view, the history of the location, the quiet, the natural habitat: flora, fauna, animals: deer, geese, ducks, seals, fish!</p> <p>The Liberty Science Center is too expensive for families without significant means. The park should offer alternative learning - the nature center and park programming is Great!</p> <p>If we do build an organized anything - we have a lack of teaching swimming - a major life skill - In the area.</p>

113	<p>Iteration 3 seems most well rounded as the popular spots at the time may change. Mixing them together allows the place to not go to waste for long periods of time.</p> <p>The focus on skate, bike and parkour also would gives teens a place to stay like children have with the playground. It provides an area for more than people that are interested in sports</p>
114	<p>Sand or Grass for volleyball/badminton would be ideal. The less pavement, the better.</p> <p>Multipurpose courts. What racquets sports are popular will always change, and who arrives on a given day in a given season changes as well.</p> <p>Add more empty grass areas. Most sports can be played causally on empty grass fields. And can use the size needed based on the skill/size of the participants. And can also be used for picnics, events, kite flying, etc. It's more flexible.</p> <p>We have designated ball sports fields on the north side. So restrict the multipurpose field in size and provide other types of active recreation.</p>
115	<p>I strongly prefer Iteration 3 and the diversity of sports and activities represented. The large flex field could accomodate a variety of programming and the openness of the fields offers future flexibility with kinds of sports as well. Jersey City is sorely lacking in soccer field space and simultaneous soccer field space despite the sport's enormous popularity. I also appreciate diversifying the activity with a climbing area and a pump track. Ideas around a ropes course are great as well.</p> <p>I really don't think any additional baseball fields in Liberty State Park could be a good use because Jersey City is completely saturated with them already. They are under-utilized and already dominate park space here. In fact there are some 20-odd baseball/softball fields in Jersey City already using a tremendous amount of land area for very few people to play at a time. Given the amount of current excess baseball capacity, it would be unrepresentative to take a smaller preference and add more when the status quo is already high-proportion baseball fields. I am also concerned about the lack of greenery on dirt fields that would only contribute to a lack of water absorption and moderation of temperatures with grass.</p>
116	I would like the cricket pitch, multi-sport court, and the waterfront beach. I prefer Iteration 3.
117	<p>Having the unobstructed views of the fields, the marshlands, Manhattan, the river are an important part of LSP.</p> <p>I am concerned with putting up fences, buildings, walls, other obstructions to the flow and restfulness of the park. The place to rent boats sounds like a lovely idea, and wouldn't have much impact on the environment. As it is now, there are miles of paths for biking, skating, walking, running. We don't need to tear up natural habitats to build "mountain biking skill zones". Please....</p> <p>There are acres of grassy fields where people play frisbee, get spontaneous ball games together without fences and obstructions. Let's leave it that way. And a pool? Which will have fences surrounding it as well as a building for changing, etc....that certainly would be lovely on a hot day but I don't see anything in the plans about where this pool would be. Hopefully way back, maybe near the science center so it doesn't obstruct the parks view for the thousands of visitors who come to the park.</p>

118	<p>Respect to All:</p> <p>Do not need "Flooding" Do not need- rats, mice, skunks, opossums, bugs, rodents and allergy promoting weeds, etc, The contaminated land would better serve as a parking lot with addl routes out of the park to alleviate the tremendous traffic. Skyliners (Disney world) monorails and trams would assist. Views of a golf course are calming and beautiful. Perhaps the 3 holes they want will be viewable to the public. Green houses of organic vegetables growing for all I visualized when seeing the grass where train tracks were once. A STATE SPORTS university for middle school & up affordable to all. The best athletes get private lessons. The cost the majority cannot offer to their children. Boarding facilities. Academics can be available offered days, afternoons, nights. I am a sports grandma. My grandson, [name redacted] is 9. Politics in kids sports is disgusting. Dad's coaching for their own & their friends. Real coaches for all!</p> <p>[name redacted] has played and tried ice hockey, surfing, skiing, snowboarding, skateboarding, horse riding , zipping and jr PGA. He is exposed to many sports. This with all the other sports I mentioned would be an asset for the state in the sport/olympic world. Hudson County schools do not offer sports. Maybe bowling. Kids are missing out. Sports are offered in places . Most are costly and favoritism. Don't let me go there.</p> <p>I have many out of the box ideas.</p> <p>My name is [name redacted]</p> <p>I live at [address redacted] Jersey City, NJ 07305</p> <p>Email: [email redacted]</p> <p>North, East, West can all reach Liberty State Park in an hour. South towards Cale May is further for students.</p> <p>I thank you for this opportunity to vent.</p> <p>Also, many people are unaware of the proposals.</p> <p>Mailings. Flees, schools, churches, organizations would have been helpful getting the info out to all. So many are unaware of this project.</p> <p>[name redacted]</p> <p>Thank you again for this consideration.</p> <p>All the best!!!</p>
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Online Public Comment - May 11 2024	
Entry #	After reviewing the Station 3 Boards, please provide your feedback and share your ideas in the comment box below:
1	[no response provided]
2	Please see above comments in #1
3	<p>Prefer all 3 themes. Journey framework Need transportation from exterior to interior of the park) Need transportation within the park : Need buses from light rail to LSP Need more Citibikes within LSP</p>
4	I most interested in the Ripples conceptual framework.
5	I lean in the direction of supporting environmental health because this protects and supports the natural beauty of the park for everyone. Conceptual framework #2 Ripples interests me the most due to the focus on ecology and nature.
6	<p>STATION 3 Blank box</p> <p>We feel these station three boards are too abstract and don't have enough details to understand what the impact in reality details will be, and board two shows the overlap and we feel all three of the goals and themes are interactive and overlapping. Between core doors and ripples and journeys elements of all of them look good but the journey one seems to make the most sense and be emphasizing the natural elements of this waterfront park in this densely populated in concrete city and county.</p> <p>LSP is public green free urban scarce open space behind Lady Liberty and in a densely populated and concrete city. The overwhelming majority, the broad public consensus, many tens of thousands of people have strongly advocated during LSP's 48 years for LSP's primary purpose to be for unstructured active recreation, passive recreation, and nature enjoyment.</p> <p>LSP is a priceless, essential, relaxing urban oasis which serves as a mental, emotional, physical and spiritual public health resource. LSP is a cultural, historical, recreational, and natural resource - a local, NJ, national and international treasure with iconic panoramic views of the Statue, Ellis Island, NYC, NY harbor, Hudson River and Upper NY Bay.</p> <p>"Freedom Way Corridor" recommendations:</p> <p>Maybe there's space for another sensibly located playground and shaded picnic tables to be near a shuttle bus stop but not interfering with Green Park's 88 acres of unstructured OPEN SPACE and Green Ring base for festivals footprints which have gone southward in the past from the Green Ring.. Also there needs to be the safest bike paths possible in both directions of Freedom Way (it was suggested to perhaps lessen the space on Freedom Way islands for those bike paths as it'd be hard to do with the "Belgian blocks" having been installed on the eastern side of Freedom Way). Also water fountain stations along Freedom Way and if possible next to Liberty Walk.</p>

7	All the goals and themes outlined on these boards are important to me. Liberty State Park currently does a great job of fostering these goals and themes and the existing uses should be expanded on. It's hard to say which framework appeals to me most, I think I would have to say the "Ripples" framework. I do think ecological and natural programming should be expanded on. I also like the idea of incorporating natural edges wherever possible.
8	<p>I feel these station three boards are too abstract and don't have enough details to understand what the impact in reality. and board to it shows the overlap and I feel all three of the goals and themes are interactive and overlapping. Between core doors and ripples and journeys elements of all of them look good but the journey one seems to make the most sense and be emphasizing the natural elements of this waterfront park in this densely populated in concrete city and county.</p> <p>LSP is public green free urban scarce open space behind Lady Liberty and in a densely populated and concrete city. The overwhelming majority, the broad public consensus, many tens of thousands of people have strongly advocated during LSP's 48 years for LSP's primary purpose to be for unstructured active recreation, passive recreation, and nature enjoyment.</p> <p>LSP is a priceless, essential, relaxing urban oasis which serves as a mental, emotional, physical and spiritual public health resource. LSP is a cultural, historical, recreational, and natural resource - a local, NJ, national and international treasure with iconic panoramic views of the Statue, Ellis Island, NYC, NY harbor, Hudson River and Upper NY Bay.</p> <p>"Freedom Way Corridor" recommendations:</p> <p>Maybe there's space for another sensibly located playground and shaded picnic tables to be near a shuttle bus stop but not interfering with Green Park's 88 acre festivals footprints. Also there needs to be the safest bike paths possible in both directions of Freedom Way (it was suggested to perhaps lessen the space on Freedom Way islands for those bike paths as it'd be hard to do with the "Belgian blocks" having been installed on the eastern side of Freedom Way). Also water fountain stations along Freedom Way and if possible next to Liberty Walk.</p>
9	Like journey
10	[no response provided]
11	Ripples is most exciting. More interactive.
12	These drawings are not detailed enough to really distinguish among the options.
13	Journeys seems truest to the park's heritage. I really don't get what Corridors has to do with Liberty State Park in particular. Please respect its history. Don't ruin it with "improvements" that are anything but that.
14	<p>Of the 3, I am drawn to Ripples the most... I like the interactivity of the perimeter with the interior natural spaces and feel that the 'edges' will likely be the most interesting space in the park (like in natural ecosystems intersections between habitats host the most biodiversity).</p> <p>Also am curious why Caven Point isn't colored green for environmental health? This is the absolute ecological gem of the park so am considered if it will be programmed for alternative uses beyond very light passive recreation (hiking).</p>

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15	[no response provided]
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17	<p>Encourage environmental health. No community garden, on the south part of the park. The Garden for the community must be allocated CLOSE TO Johnson Avenue. or close to Liberty Science Center to be accessible for senior's or parents with children without transportation.</p> <p>The Park must enhance passive activities, respecting nature, birds' pathways, environmental learning. No commercial avenues, the park must remain free and open to all., for future generations.</p>
18	<p>I am for anything that preserves and increases the natural area and provides an escape from the increasingly packed urban environment. I believe the "Ripples" approach approaches this best of the three given options.</p> <p>I fear the pressures of private economics, which we have already seen to have fought with disinformation (outright lies), would overwhelm and slight incursion they gain.</p> <p>Jersey City's inability to provide sports facilities for its residents shouldn't become the state park's burden.</p>
19	<p>Solely looking at these slides Journey seems to have the best flow and seems to allow the best use of the lawns and open space along the waterway. I have a concern that Caven point is not considered environmental health. This area which limits access during specific times needs to be protected with the proposal of water access. How will the state protect the endangered birds that nest here?</p>

	<p>Having dealt w' design issues from initial concept, to programming, to construc docs, I know conveying goals & themes can be daunting. But with due respect, this presentation is confusing even to me, & likely more so to those w' less experience in design.</p> <p>I impute: Environmental - An ecological focus similar to a nature preserve - yes? Contextual Heritage - Encompasses passive park programming. Based on public comments, many people (incl me) see these 2 themes as closely linked.</p> <p>But you include LSP's history & waterfront legacy in Cntx Hrtg. Does this refer to pre- or colonial times, or the industrial era? Or does it refer to LSP's own hist of returning the waterfront to public enjoyment after 100+ years of industry? All were interests expressed to the DEP. Concrete examples are needed to judge how any/all of this could be reflected in design.</p> <p>Social Activation - This mostly means active recreation - yes? While some called for this, even more have expressed wariness in past DEP engagements. The compromise was: some larger active rec facilities in the North (specifics not yet finalized); & in the South a 50 acre Hub. + areas off Pesin Dr. where larger facilities such as fields, track, pool, etc will be contained.</p> <p>But your options show Activation outside of the S Hub. Adding confusion, picnicing is shown in both Activation & Cntxt Hrtg (passive). & there is no consideration of practical differences btwn (A) fields, tracks, dirt bike courses, etc., vs (B) small-to-medium picnic areas, playgrounds & maybe tennis-type courts that may make it acceptable to scatter some B but not A outside the S. Hub.</p> <p>Clarifying themes is vital, & will make it easier to understand the need for, & nature of transitions.</p> <p>Based on my assumptions about themes: Of the 3 frameworks - if I must pick 1: Corridors - but w' most Activation not east of Freedom Way. And I would add some of the Cntxt Hrtg shown west of river walk in Journeys, & enviro. trail overlay from Ripples.</p>
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21	[no response provided]
22	Keep LSP green! Existing transportation does not support development.
23	Of the three - I would prefer Journeys as it seems like it would have less impact on changing the nature of the park. I believe that in a crowded area such as Hudson County - we need a quiet place to walk and enjoy nature. We are paving over so much and we are losing the peace of nature. Walking on the trails early in the morning is relaxing and peaceful- we should take that away.

24	<p>I support the environmental health direction. That is the most scarce commodity in the area, and should be maintained and expanded where possible. I grew up in an urban area, and we had to take field trips to go into natural areas. JC is very fortunate to have a fairly natural area so close to the congested areas.</p> <p>However a big related but un-covered problem is that the access from the Greenville area of JC (where the most underserved live) is terrible! There isn't even a safe walking path from say Garfield/Ocean Ave to LSP south end. You must walk across the narrow turnpike extension ramp, then walk in the street with heavy traffic before getting to Caven Point Road, where an actual sidewalk begins. This multi-jurisdictional failure needs to be addressed if anybody really cares about service the south end of JC.</p>
25	<p>While protection of a critical environment is first on my mind it does not exist in isolation from the other goals. The three plans are multiplicative rather than additive in the benefit that they provide for the project as a whole. As a retired teacher, each element of this plan screams..."You can make a lesson out of this!" Actually, you can make a whole school's curriculum out of this.</p> <p>I was born in Jersey City, lived the earliest years of my life in North Bergen, lived through my teenage years in Bergen County, over 50 years in New York City, and now in Weehawken. The New York Harbor was the first thing that my immigrant ancestors ever saw in coming to America. The view made their anxieties and dreams of a new life concrete. I am a great fan of Caven Point and never thought that a plan for Liberty State Park could be this comprehensive or emotionally inspiring to us, as inheritors of the tragedy and promise of America.</p>
26	The theme of Environmental Health is key, specially since LSP is situated in Hudson County, one of the Most Polluted counties in the USA. As New Jersey faces increasing pressure for more urbanization and more paved surfaces, it becomes even more critical to EXPAND the amount of GREEN SPACE in LSP, a unique oasis of scarce natural green space, perfect for quiet peaceful relaxation and rejuvenation.
27	Caven point needs to be left undisturbed. I do not want to see any corridors, ripples or journeys.
28	Environmental Health, although I endorse and appreciate all three.
29	The corridors approach seems like the most practical. People can access the part of the park they're using and leave when they finish, without creating unnecessary routes where traffic builds up and affects other areas and groups. I appreciate the additional natural space this allows too, the connection of the park to the local ecosystem is important and beautiful.
30	[no response provided]
31	<p>Environmental health is the most important to me</p> <p>Social activation would be the next priority</p> <p>I am struggling to understand the differences between the different framework</p> <p>I think I prefer the Corridors design because it prioritizes my environmental concerns with less impact from the active recreation but maybe with some ripple built in depending on how the flow affects the natural section</p>
32	<p>I'd like if Environmental Health had the top priority, followed by Social Activation, and last the Contextual Heritage</p> <p>I like the "Ripples" conceptual framework, with perhaps some corridors to make access easier to parts of the Park.</p>

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33	[no response provided]
34	[no response provided]
35	[no response provided]
36	conceptually all are interesting...I think each has value .I simultaneously want a lot of nature undisturbed and I like the fields and new stuff too..
37	[no response provided]
38	I think the Goals & Themes are SPOT ON! Making the park accessible to all ages and abilities, maintaining the wildlife elements (that support river wildlife and bird sanctuaries), enhancing the natural beauty while providing fun activities and learning opportunities for families - without the need large structures (i.e. arenas) - is very exciting. So looking forward to the next stages.
39	I lean towards nature and the cultural boards. Protecting natural resources.
40	[no response provided]
41	<p>Environmental health is the number one priority. In the light of the accelerating climate catastrophe it is telling that this is STILL debated within the context of a state park in a much abused urban area. The children everyone says they prioritize are becoming increasingly hopeless of their futures. It is imperative that the adults in charge give them some hope and protect and prioritize their environment s and give them the means to experience it without the interference of organized sports(which are overwhelmingly prioritized in our schools ,city parks and neighborhoods).</p> <p>The "ripples" concept intersperses the more "active" areas throughout and would absolutely destroy any sense of peace and uninterrupted space/nature. By locating playgrounds etc throughout it makes the entire area a playground and hugely overemphasizes activities over nature. They would completely dominate the space, crowding out every other experience with noise and possible collision with bikes etc..</p> <p>The Nature Center and the trails behind it are vitally important, in my mind.</p> <p>I think I would choose the Journey option as picnic areas/ playgrounds would be mostly in one area and therefore be a kind of destination. I think "traveling" to a playground, for a child, becomes part of the experience. As does heading towards the lawn, or nature trail etc. The best parks I have been in growing up had areas that became destinations. Like an area that bloomed in the spring called Daffodil hill, a bridge called the Cinderella bridge, natural features like particular rock formations or glacier lakes. Each area became a "spot" and a place where you might spend the day or a few hours. Some areas were big fields. Nature centers or historic spots within the park were important. Large swaths of asphalt courts were not. I think active recreation should be appropriate to the park. Access to the water and kayaking both are important. Motorized sports should be forbidden due to noise and pollution.</p>
42	While I find some of the ideas on the slide interesting, I don't see any reason why there can't be some overlap. I must say that I believe environmental preservation and health is the most important of the 3. We can always build ball parks and such in other parts of the city. Once we tear up and replace certain parts of the park it is gone forever. In an area with already limited green space it is important that we preserve and protect as much of the park as possible for future generations. This especially prevalent for areas of the park such as Caven Point, which has been under threat of development in the past.

43	I can't figure out what any of these terms, descriptions, and diagrams mean in real life, even with your diagrams of Corridors, Ripples, Journeys, whatever, Just keep a lot of green and open space, the beautiful uninterrupted walkways along the water, and nature and the environment for everyone to enjoy. Include and expand these other things—"social activation" and so on with that in mind.
44	solutions, and balance natural + social activation. Journey and Ripples both seem like good frameworks. I like the idea of having discovery moments that preserve views and have natural edges to transitions.
45	[no response provided]
46	Much prefer to prioritize environmental health Corridors framework resonates with me
47	Goals & Themes: The 3 goals of environmental health, contextual heritage and social activation are equally important and interconnected to each other. The challenge is finding cooperative balance between the 3 in development of a new thriving ecosystem. Conceptual Frameworks: Prefer aspects of both Corridors and Journey. Both extend passive use along the water front's northeast end. Both protect the wetlands area of south. Both seem to strive better for balance between preservation, passive and active spaces. Other aspects... - Economic development with concessions can bring more opportunity to local Jersey City/ County small business vendors. - A dedicated Visitor Center near the entrance way can improve navigation and information distribution about how best to take advantage of the park. = -- - Include Research Center as part of the Nature Center for inclusive engagement with education (lower/ higher) and researchers. - Suggest middle area near waterfront of Journey Framework be slated as green/ environmental health space. - Kayak/ Paddleboat access provides opportunity to connect to the waterfront.
48	All the natural areas in the south should be preserved; I am surprized that the gold course was wver allowed since I have lived in Hudson County for 32 years and have ALWAYS voted against it.
49	We need to retain what little nature we have left. No development.
50	Environmental health is my number one priority and I like the corridors.
51	Goal + Themes for LSP-South: Given the surrounding urban sprawl and the lack of green spaces, Environmental Health should be the focus. The ecosystem must be preserved. The other two aspects can be achieved without LSP but the environmental aspect cannot. I would like a design that keeps the three aspects separate, so that nature does not overlap with active spaces or vice-versa. Also, Caven point should be preserved and not used for recreational or sporting activity of any sort.

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52	please protect the migration and natural gathering areas from development so that we can support the birds that live in New Jersey and those that migrate here to rest and raise their young there is no greater joy combined with need than to protect our avian wildlife as we all have learned the contiguous lands in forest and near our coasts are crucial for all of life We benefit from supporting the cycle of life even though some of us humans forget we are inextricably connected to the thread of existence it's not just for the beauty but without the wonder and beauty of birds all our key ecological systems suffer
53	[no response provided]
54	Environmental Health and contextual heritage are the 2 I am most concerned about. I like Corridors to preserve more natural areas.
55	Please place all priority on the health of the environment, do not make a decision to appease developers for them to make their fortunes off the backs of our suffering. Do what is right for all people, for all time.
56	[no response provided]
57	[no response provided]
58	Ripples would be my choice.
59	I prefer the first framework because there is the most focus on environmental health, which I think should be the main focus of our state park. The other two frameworks seem to be either too chopped up or not have enough emphasis on environmental health.
60	I like the Journey. One big reason is that it seems more open than the other two and it flows better. but still the journey has too much development
61	Pick this version please
62	[no response provided]
63	Ripples is my choicce.
64	[no response provided]
65	Corridors, Ripples, Journey, I don't understand these. Your explanations are laden with jargon that is incomprehensible to me.
66	I've long said NJ doesn't do enough to highlight its culture and history.
67	[no response provided]
68	First and foremost, Caven Point must remain and undeveloped natural area. It is an important site for breeding and migratory birds, occasional mammals, and native plants. The DEP has the data, but it is not reflected in any of these boards. The old jettys should be stabilized and made part of an extended walkway, excellent for views. The goals, themes, and frameworks outlined here are not very clear, so I don't understand the implications. If they could be restated clearly it would be a big help.
69	[no response provided]
70	Journey keeps the natural areas more protected from the noise and ruckus of sporting events. I think it's important to think of important issues of noise, light and sound pollution when you're trying to use the areas in different ways. If there a sports game going on I want to be as far away as possible since I'll be trying to use the Merlin app to try to and find cool birds.
71	[no response provided]
72	[no response provided]

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73	[no response provided]
74	[no response provided]
75	Corridors, Ripples, Journey are exciting. Everything about the ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH of the park and promoting nature is good; everything else is bad.
76	[no response provided]
	<p>Main focus of the park should be environmental health and contextual heritage.</p> <p>Conceptual framework 3 is the best because it creates a natural flow between habitat preservation, social activity, and contains the active recreation elements to a defined space.</p> <p>Framework 2 is pretty bad. The park would be a mishmash of random active recreation areas, too limited habitat restoration. Just doesn't really do anything well.</p>
77	Framework 1 is the worst because of how blocked off and segmented the park is. This idea can be immediately discarded as bad.
78	I prefer Ripples.
79	[no response provided]
80	The less development the better.
	Promotion of nature based, historical, cultural and waterfront heritage with only small playgrounds, structures.
81	Add nothing that would change the open view and natural character of the quieter south side of the park
82	I like vision #3 because it has a nice balance and symmetry to it.
	While I find these conceptual frameworks a bit hard to understand, I think that the Journey framework excites me the most. It keeps the waterfront areas the most intact without chopping it up awkwardly like in the Ripples framework. It also maintains the park's Great Lawn better than the other options. That area should remain as-is.
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84	[no response provided]
85	[no response provided]
	<p>I stand for the Environmental Health – focus on performance, environmental health, and resiliency.</p> <p>I'm ok with the contextual heritage but in a smaller scale.</p> <p>No, on social activation. This can be built elsewhere.</p>
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	Environmental Health really resonates with me. I like Framework 1 the best as it seems like it creates more quiet spots for immersing in and enjoying nature vs. having human activity everywhere.
87	
88	Environmental health is my priority for Station 3. I prefer the ripples framework.

89	<p>All three are important to our family.</p> <p>We are most excited by the Journey's Concept. This allows for three separate experiences in the park that wouldn't disrupt one another. Sports can be combined into more of a singular interior area and you wouldn't need to traverse through the park to find available fields or parking. There is a greater likelihood of a more organized entry for sports families and equipment wielding vehicles. (Again, as much as we can create a smart drop-off roundabout and keep vehicles outside the park, the better.)</p> <p>The Journey concept also optimizes the waterfront for relaxation and cultural/tourist purposes. Because the yellow cultural areas seems to also include kayaking and aquatics, there is something for everyone to optimize the parts of the park that serve them.</p> <p>The goal being to keep the environmental experience of the park, quiet, serene and relaxing and apart from the area that is more like a sports complex. The sports don't require trees or a water view. This also reserves the waterfront for those who are there to truly be present with the view and the water.</p> <p>Answer to 'What If' - What if the marina of boats felt less like a private parking lot and more like a beautiful walkway accessible for all to enjoy? What if the marina was not just for the elite, but so active that the average person or tourist could be taken out on the Hudson for a ride? What if LSP was accessible by NY Waterway? What if the gardens were more like arboretums? What if you could walk through LSP on a rainy day and never have to step in a puddle because of all the french drains everywhere? What if LSP had a place for gas fire pits for evening enjoyment along the waterfront? A little pier with lights and electricity for a small jazz band and salsa dancing? What if there was a walkway bridge from Paulus Hook so you could access the park from downtown? What if there was local concessions always open across the park? What if there were horse-drawn carriages?</p>
90	[no response provided]
91	<p>As I said above, it is vitally important to thoughtfully connect all phases of the part's redevelopment into a cohesive, integrated whole. I believe that it is particularly important to ensure that all natural areas, be they on land, sea or in the air, are woven together in a way that provides protected corridors for both wildlife and people alike to make their way about the entire park. Of all the concepts presented here, Journey appears to offer the most inclusive, best-connected design. That being said, even it allows for Social Activation" areas in more than one area. Depending on the exact type of "Social Activation" introduced, this could have a disruptive, disconnecting effect. For this reason, I think that it would be best if it were confined to a single specially designated and equipped area. Finally, the Contextual Heritage areas along the harbor-facing piers just south of Morris Pesin Drive, might be redeveloped to thematically celebrate the area's rich history of marine life, local seafood, sailing, and sustainable coastal economics. There is a possibility of creating a truly spectacular harbor-centric cultural hub, one that will both draw in, educate and inspire visitors as well as better connect nearby but as of yet still detached areas, such as Caven Point.</p>
92	[no response provided]

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93	This one is really confusing and too abstract. You should really send staff down there on the weekends in the spring and summer to see that the south part of the park is used by a huge number of people for grilling and picnics. And the primary reason for this (aside from the BBQ or grilling stations) is that people can park close to the fields and jetties so they don't have a far distance to carry all of the stuff they bring for grilling and picnics, like canopies, grills, coolers, chairs, food, etc. I don't see anything in any of the proposals for these activities which currently take place by hundreds if not thousands of people. Try getting a parking spot on the weekend when the weather is above 65 F.
94	[no response provided]
95	[no response provided]
96	My only comment is please just make the wild areas such as the wetlands as wild and unmanicured as possible. And limit the amount of pavement, especially pavement that is white or some other color that feels sterile. Thank you for all you are doing.
97	My full support for the ideas expressed in Station 3, but I need details if the implementation plan.
98	I don't really understand the three concept frameworks, but an environmental focus is important to me, there are space already in jersey city for the other areas though they are also important to me
99	[no response provided]
100	I'll weigh on the side of environmentalism.
101	Most important thing is that the golf course stays in it's current foot print and Caven Point is protected.
101	I prefer the "Ripples" concept because it seems that more of the waterfront is kept for natural beauty and observation.
102	These conceptual frameworks are somewhat confusing to me. I want natural surfaces maximized for drainage and impermeable surfaces minimized. The more natural and environmental health focused the better! LSP's waterfront's Great Green Lawn between Freedom Way and Liberty Walk must forever be open space for unstructured recreation and periodic special events - better bike lanes are needed - and the south side needs renovated jetties. Caven Point must be protected by DEP, but enhancements are welcomed and its Protection Act must be passed.
103	I guess the Ripples, though I think more wooded space would be more beneficial than more fields.
104	I would focus 80-90% on environmental health. The other frameworks are too prominent and take too much space.
105	Perhaps No. 3 is my preferred iteration. I'm interested in paths, nature and passive recreation.
106	The ripples framework looks very exciting and like a good way to help citizens interact with natural transition zones in ecosystems.
107	First choice is social activation for an accessible park for all ages that balances natural and social activation. Second choice is environmental/health for restoring ecology and protecting park access.

	I'm very concerned that Caven Point is not considered environmental health - it needs to be protected and not redeveloped. That area is essential to not be redeveloped or paved.
108	Amongst the three designs - the corridor approach is preferred because it groups activities and would reduce traffic as people drive from spot to spot, which would likely see in the Ripples approach.
109	Please prioritize the environmental health of Liberty State Park. (Conceptual Framework 1 looks best, here).
110	I'm big on the ideas to help protect the environment and historical integrity of the park. I think contextualizing the park's proximity and importance to the immigration experience is very important. (I believe there are plans to do this at the railroad terminal, but it would be nice to do it along the southside of the park across from Ellis Island, too.) Most importantly, I think maintaining the natural integrity of the park is vital. I like the Journey framework because it limits the area for active recreation to a central location and allows for natural and historical exploration throughout the majority of the park.
111	The Corridor approach appears to be the least invasive.
	Focus: Environmental Health, contextual Heritage.
	The Journey map to me seems the most beautiful for nature and for bringing families in to enjoy alternative areas of the park.
112	Focus on how to take care of nature and habitat. Offer opportunities for viewing and appreciating nature and the special heritage of the area, preserving views and peace, and an opportunity to learn how to coexist with nature.
113	A mix of all 3 sounds nice, but heritage has the most vague discretion. Not sure what the water fronts legacy is. Excited to come to the talk on the 21th if they have more detail
	Focus on Environmental Health and Social Activation. There is plenty of contextual heritage available at the Railroad Terminal, and Ellis Island.
114	Journey has the most green grassy fields. I think that is lowest cost and highest flexibility. That excites me the most.
115	I appreciate more meadow buffers because currently LSP is far too grass heavy and barren in many ways. I would love to see native wildflower plantings in the existing and new land areas. I also think the park could use more concessions to activate the park and support activity in the park throughout the day. Concessions would also better support those that walk or bike to the park and are NOT driving to the park with a big trunk full of own supplies. There also needs to be multiple Citibike stations and bike rentals *in* the park as well.
116	I like the corridor concept because of marina based water front boat launches and the nature center next to the wildlife area.
117	Environmental health and contextual heritage, those should be the main focus of the park, in my opinion. It is already available for ball games, biking, skating, running, playing tag, picnicking, and lets not forget just relaxing and enjoying the beauty of this natural, incredible place
118	[no response provided]

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Entry #	After reviewing the Station 4 Boards, please provide your feedback and share your ideas in the comment box below:
	<p>of the South Side/Waterfront, which must forever mostly be Unstructured Open Space, picnics, playgrounds, nature, periodic special events, jetties renovation!</p> <p>The park is already developed, and the proposed development – see my comments in stage 2 are a thoughtful extension. Personally, I think it is most important to maintain the south side/waterfront, i.e. the natural areas the foster bird life – and allow passive viewing of same. I am totally against any further expansion of the existing golf course. Not only because the area is big enough right now, but it would encroach upon the side/waterfront/natural area.</p> <p>Another consideration is that this golf course is a private enterprise, and this is public land. The owner really has no legal or moral rights to this land. It doesn't matter if the owner is offering incentives – once that land is gone, it will never come back. And development of this land would prevent users and current generations from benefiting from rapidly decreasing natural areas.</p> <p>Yet another consideration is that of global warming. Leaving natural areas are restoring compromise to areas to their natural state helps the ecology of the area – all creatures, including humans, weather, etc.</p>
1	I like that in general, open space allows for picnics, playgrounds, nature, periodic special events and jetty renovation.
2	Please see above comments in #1
3	<p>I am a 20 local Jersey City Resident</p> <p>Our family visit LSP 2 - 3 times a week</p> <p>Passive recreation: walk and ride bikes</p> <p>We love the Nature Center, Caven point, play grounds</p> <p>Participate in music and art exhibits the the park</p> <p>Visit the RR Terminal and Empty Sky Memorial, Take out of town family and friends to the park, picnic, or take a quick drive and spend 45 mins just to find peace in the open space!</p> <p>We volunteer with the Jersey City Parks Coalition and Friends of Liberty State Park</p> <p>Have held family and friends celebrations & reunions</p> <p>Enjoy the restaurants</p>
4	I am most interested in the natural educational programing.
5	I enjoy passive recreation in the park as well as walking; also I enjoy the nature center and its programs.

6	<p>STATION 4</p> <p>There CAN'T be a Sports Fields in the Pavilion Field. You suggest soccer as those who pay the fee to reserve the large or small pavilion for the day – for their family reunion, church, nonprofits/corporations/ firefighters, etc. barbecue/ picnic/field play for all ages at their gatherings and celebrations, etc. have the right to use the lawn space in between and to the south of the two pavilions. The Pavilion application states that their reservations includes the “access to open lawn space”! Also, the pavilion bathroom was built to accommodate pavilion reservations. The large pavilion accommodates up to 120 people and the small pavilion one up to 80 people. Plus there is not any extra parking spaces in lots 3 and 4 to handle Saturday and Sundays soccer games! (Picnic Reservation people use the lot designated only for their use - Lot 5! Another main reason that this is an unworkable idea is that people are having their wonderful peaceful gatherings in both pavilions and they don't want to hear cheering and noise from adjacent soccer fields on lawns they have a right to use for unstructured play by those coming to their pavilion events! There's going to be 50 acres of free active recreation in the interior and one to three fields on the north side and that is a tremendous amount so please eliminate this very bad idea of taking away the lawn space which is part of the picnic pavilion reservations.</p> <p>The SOUTH SIDE OF LSP is the PASSIVE RECREATION SIDE and it is outrageous and irresponsible for a soccer field to be proposed in the Pavilion Field, aside from the fact that picnic pavilion users are entitled in their reservation to have the "ACCESS TO OPEN LAWN SPACE" by the pavilions - the lawn in between the large pavilion (holds 120 people) and the smaller pavilion (holds 80 people) and lawn on the southern side of the small pavilion.</p> <p>People having wonderful peaceful gatherings have their reservation's right to these lawns!</p>
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7	<p>The uses that resonate with me are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - daily visitor/family uses - tourist uses - natural/educational programming - passive uses - play and celebratory uses - park event and seasonal uses - park stewardship <p>Basically everything except "athletic uses/active recreation"</p> <p>Liberty State Park is currently an AMAZING park. I believe the current uses should be expanded on. I think active recreation opportunities, such as large sports fields, will only detract from what LSP has to offer. Sports fields will take up a lot of space, they can only be used by a limited amount of people at limited times of year, and they require a lot of parking. Commercial venues and stadiums should NOT be built in the park. I imagine LSP offering even more green space and access to nature to people in an insanely dense urban area. I can imagine the park providing a wide range of ecological services, serving as an example of how nature can persevere against all odds, coexist with intense urban uses, and improve the quality of life for many, many people from all walks of life.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
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8	<p>LSP's SOUTH SIDE of the South Overlook Lawn and the jetties and the Pesin Drive Grove is the PASSIVE RECREATION SIDE of LSP, though in the Lawn there is often some kicking and throwing of balls, use of kites and frisbees etc.</p> <p>Examples of LSP unstructured active recreation are walking, running, bicycling, throwing and kicking balls, pickup ballgames, children using playgrounds, dog walking, kite flying, kayaking, etc. Examples of LSP passive recreation are picnics and barbecues, relaxing on blankets, view-watching, birding, fishing, photography, etc. Examples of LSP nature enjoyment are enjoying the trees and flowers and birds (300 species live in or migrate through), the pond and trail by the Nature Center, Caven Point's bird sanctuary's Natural Area boardwalk and beach, and the creation of the spectacular, Interior diverse nature habitats and six miles of paths will be created after the upcoming remediation of the low level historic fill from the railroad era.</p> <p>Structured active recreation sports facilities is not the primary purpose of LSP, just as in Central Park, the classic model of urban parks as a green oasis of scarce open space and nature. The DEP in 2021, changed its statewide policy and allowed such facilities LSP. The DEP is planning to establish 50 acres of such structured recreation on the south side of LSP's Interior, and also some acres outside the Interior.</p> <p>There CAN'T be a Sports Fields in the Pavilion Field. You suggest soccer but those who pay the fee to reserve the large or small pavilion for the day – for their family reunion, church, nonprofits/corporations/ firefighters, etc. barbecue/ picnic/field play for all ages at their gatherings and celebrations, etc. have the right to access the lawn space in between and to the south of the two pavilions! . The large pavilion accommodates up to 120 people and the small pavilion one up to 80 people. . Pavilion application states their reservations includes the “access to open lawn space!</p>
9	[no response provided]
10	<p>A huge part of the community already use and enjoy LSP. The lightrail makes it accessible via public transportation.</p> <p>My family uses it for: walking, biking, picnicking, sledding, soccer/ball playing, walking the trails, nature center. We have had amazing experiences foraging and having dinners in the park, as well as going in guided walks of Caven Point (and walking CP on our own in the off season).</p> <p>Prioritize: clean air, nature, quiet (the helicopters are constant and awful!), clean up the water and surrounding areas, views of NYC</p>
11	A perfect day would be my family biking into the park, playing soccer and tennis and having a picnic in nature.
12	<p>There should be a commitment to provide more open space, more emphasis on passive recreation and ad hoc activities, more focus on conservation and sustainability and resilience.</p> <p>There should be less of a built environment, less infrastructure, and less space devoted to active recreation and team sports.</p>

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13	<p>Keep Liberty State Park largely as it is. A place for relaxation. Better and more numerous bathrooms would be nice. So would some more food options. There could be something between very basic and highest end. But the appeal of the Lawn is the simply, the Lawn. The appeal facing South is the enjoying the view Are the jetties in good shape to endure? They should be.) Can the picnic areas be improved? What do we need for the next generation of kids to have the best play area/playground experience while being true to the park?</p> <p>How do we get people who do not have cars to and around the park? It would be nice if there were access for those people as well.</p> <p>Liberty State Park has been a special place for over four decades. Please keep it as an open space refuge where people can come, relax, run, walk, and bike as it reaches its fiftieth birthday in two years. Events should be of a small scale. That is what the park can accommodate. Hopefully, the Park will be similar in many ways when it reaches the age of 100 to what it is today. Any enhancing of the park has to be true to its spirit and why it was created at all.</p>
14	<p>My desired uses of the park would include: Running, biking, and walking the waterfront; Natural programming (learning about the ecosystems); Kayaking and using an Aquatic Center (sauna please!); and some active recreation (ultimate frisbee).</p>
15	<p>For increased accessob;otul I support electri shuttle buses or go-carts for people who cannot walk from place to place.</p> <p>I also support playgrounds designed for children with developmental disabilities (both physical and cognitive).</p>
16	<p>Large unstructured areas</p> <p>Picnics</p> <p>Playgrounds</p> <p>Nature trails</p> <p>Periodic events</p> <p>Jetties renovation</p>
17	<p>[no response provided]</p>
18	<p>Improving mobility to and within the park would help prevent the crush of cars needed to visit it.</p> <p>I hope we preserve if not increase the park's incredible value as a way station for migrating birds on the Atlantic flyway. LSP is recognized as a key birding hotspot.</p> <p>The crushingly urbanized Jersey City area can not afford to lose this natural oasis.</p>
19	<p>More nature and passive recreation. I feel strongly that the South Side and Waterfront must be mostly and forever for Open Space, picnics, playgrounds, periodic special events and need for jetties renovation.</p>

	<p>I live in JC, and go to the South, Waterfront, & North of LSP w' friends, family, visitors, & by myself to admire the scenery, play, picnic, relax. I've also gone to many events in the CNJ Terminal, outdoor concerts & Fourth of July fireworks.</p> <p>Perfect Day at LSP: There isn't one such day, but a variety: solitude, hanging out w' others, sitting, walking, running, reading, exercising, fishing, tossing a frisbee with a friend, playing a pick-up game with many, nature-watching, gazing in awe at the man-made skyline. Sometimes all of these "days" are enjoyed on just 1 day.</p> <p>Inclusive: I reject any suggestion that LSP is not now inclusive. From the Park's 1st day, there's been no place with a greater diversity of people equally sharing in it. This includes young people, who have always known how to play & have fun there even without the facilities now proposed. Perhaps more than sports, activities to help kids feel closer to nature & history would add to their experience.</p> <p>Ease of access for physically challenged is a concern for any park, needing design & operational attention. Given LSP's size & location, internal transportation, public transit & - yes - more perimeter parking are critical.</p> <p>Our Community (JC & all NJ): LSP is an ideal, & also a real place of nature & fun, built out of ruined industry, now surrounded by expensive development, that gives respite to everyone.</p> <p>LSP South Character: The south part has always been a mix of formal (the Flag Circle) & informal (picnic tables) - sometimes a bit noisier than other areas, though never so much you can't still stretch out & relax.</p> <p>The waterfront is a blend of quietude & wonder -this should not change.</p> <p>But all of LSP is mostly a natural canvas upon which everyone has the freedom to paint a day out for themselves. So the concern must be that changes DO NOT put too many lines, pre-made directions & restrictions on that canvas, or add commercial pressures, or diminish the most important color: green</p>
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21	[no response provided]
22	Keep LSP green! Existing transportation does not support development.
23	My typical day at LSP is spent walking around the nature trails and along the waterfront.

24	<p>Drinking fountains and dog water troughs would be great!</p> <p>As said before a safe way to walk/bike ride from Greenville section of JC to LSP</p> <p>Today, we frequently use LSP for dog walks, typically weekly. Our church has an annual bbq in the south end picnic area. I typically take visitors to LSP to see Ellis Isl and SoL.</p>
25	<p>I think that my vision for one additional use of Liberty State Park is evident from my previous remarks. The collaboration between the Park and Schools, in both New Jersey and New York is essential. If you've ever taken a ride on the Staten Island Ferry with tourists from other parts of the world you'd hear their joy at seeing the Statue and their interest in Ellis Island. They can trace their countrymen's history through the factories of the New Jersey Harbor. They can dig in to the history of the United States...a place that interested them enough to spend bundles of money to visit. This could be as much a tourist destination as a place for residents. Many of our own kids have no idea how their own well-being and histories are tied to the Harbor and the Park. When I taught in Brownsville I had a great assistant principal that agreed that my class would visit Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge monthly. The students, from a land of concrete, violence, and barely a tree in sight got a great deal out of our trips. We analyzed the water, microbiome, plants and birds monthly and created a layered display of how the Refuge changed from February to June. During Parent-Teacher Night they were proud of showing what they had learned layer by layer. These were tough Brownsville over-age, under credit young adults who mostly knew the seasons by the difference in wardrobe. I wish you could have heard all of us laugh when their teacher got all muddy gathering samples of dirt and water to bring to the classroom for analysis. Liberty State Park holds even more promise because of its central location.</p>
26	<p>A day at Liberty State Park is a wonderful opportunity for quiet, peaceful relaxation, meditation and rejuvenation in an abundance of Natural GREEN SPACE - a perfect antidote to the debilitating pressures of frantic urban work and traffic environment. Its riverfront and water views are special. Improving access to quiet *Water-based Sports Facilities* will be perfect low impact additions, currently unavailable anywhere else - critically these Water-based Sports will NOT encroach on LSP Green Space.</p>
27	[no response provided]
28	[no response provided]
29	<p>LSP is one of the reasons we chose to move to Jersey City 18 years ago. It's a beautiful place, a haven of open space and connection to the water. It's grown more welcoming over the years as the trees have gotten taller and spread their shade and the access from Jersey Ave. opened up. There are ideal days that involve coming to hang out and bike around with the kids, play on the fields, and just relax. There are ideal days that are meeting up with friends to barbecue and celebrate, appreciating the accessibility by car for older family members who are less mobile and the bathroom facilities for all. We've had memorable winter days sledding against an incomparable backdrop, back (not so long ago) when it used to snow. In the future, the dream of having high quality athletic facilities like the ones we've visited in other NJ communities and always wished we had here offers other ideal days of cheering on our kids and friends at competitions and being able to host visiting teams with pride.</p>

	My family would use the park sport facilities weekly to participate in organized sports.
	Access from the light rail and shuttle busses would be necessary to facilitate access to families that don't own a car.
30	Food courts within the park would attract more visitors
31	Daily /family uses of the park is most important to me with natural/educational activities - Caven point is a very important area to preserve I would most enjoy passive activities with occasional concerts.
	Please prioritize:
	1) Daily/Family uses, First Time/Tourist (we bring visitors and new people to the Park all the time, and they're all blown away)
	2) Natural / Educational activities (Caven Point is a gem, and having the proximity to the forthcoming Scitech sCity (https://www.scitechscity.com) may branch a synchronicity to having LSP and SciTech close to each other)
	3) Passive recreation
32	4) Occasional concerts, summer camps, summerfests and maybe a winter garden too
33	[no response provided]
34	[no response provided]
	I spend 3-4 mornings a week in LSP and it is an oasis and a treasure. My co-runners and I have seen deer, foxes, seals, hawks, eagles, giant snapping turtles and scores of birds. I love stopping to talk to the numerous bird enthusiasts about what they have seen that day. Caven Point is such a treasure and needs protection.
	Having open, natural spaces in our dense urban are is so important for our environment and habitat, the future of the community, and our current health. As a physician, I am aware of the growing literature around the importance of tree canopy to help cool our city in the summer, and the link between noise levels an other health outcomes, like cognitive status. I am not an environmental engineer, but I trust scientists and not the people who make false claims about how creating more wetlands can lead t more flooding. As it has been pointed out dozens of times in these discussions, wetlands act like a sponge to help absorb tidal surges. Having more commercial venues, which will involve traffic and more parking lots, would completely ruin the amazing natural resource that LSP is. Such commercialization would be amazingly short-sited, contribute to worsening health of our community, and cheat future generations of the benefits of natural spaces
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36	so my biggest vision fro this is to have more public transport and cut off cars from a lot of this...parking lots and roads take away from my "ideal day"
37	[no response provided]

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38	Stay the course with your Goals & Themes, building on the natural beauty of the park while providing passive and active activities. Continue to fight the good fight against political and financial interests that do not care about the people that use the park and care only for their self-interests and profits. We support your courage and efforts.
39	Providing public transportation from the light rail to the south end and east end of the park would allow those who do not own a vehicle access to the park. Also, walkways or side walks or trails would be helpful.
40	Great
41	<p>The most important thing to me is nature/natural habitats, birds, wildlife, and vegetation. Peace and quiet is a commodity you cannot build with venues, cement, amenities. Having time in nature is in very short supply in an area that has been totally abandoned to the greed of developers. Walking on trails, identifying wildflowers, birdwatching, walking along the waterfront, etc. are the activities for which I would almost exclusively use the park.</p> <p>When you note recreation you put it exclusively in "active" recreation. By which I would assume open fields available to everyone would be demolished, cut up, fenced off, covered with artificial surfaces and would be dedicated to more formal team play. How much of our park is going to be sacrificed to special interests? People need unstructured play. Every single area of the park does not have to be loaded up with active recreation.</p>
42	In my opinion the Southside and Waterfront must forever stay as an open space area, accommodating things such as picnics, special events, and green space. I also think that areas like the jetties and already present playgrounds could be looked at in terms of repair/renovation.
43	<p>I do not go to LSP daily. I would go much more often if public transportation to the park were available. I'm 76; on days I can walk, I do; I do not ride a bike; I can drive but, honestly, parking is a nightmare in my neighborhood and I am reluctant to give up my spot and then have to drive around endlessly looking for a spot when I get home.</p> <p>I go to LSP to walk and relax, primarily along the waterfront, mostly in the north end of the park, although I sometimes go to the south end of the park (by car). I go to the Summerfest Concerts at both ends of the park, which are great and should continue. I like that people bring their own chairs or blankets to sit on the grass. Expand the park's music programs, and add theater, year round—which I know is in the plan. I also go to LSP for 5K races (as a spectator these days). But please— NO BIG \$\$ AMPHITHEATER OR SPORTS COMPLEX like billionaire Paul Fireman and his surrogates relentlessly pursue. That is disgusting!</p> <p>Preserving nature and wildlife should be a vital component of LSP revitalization and expansion, which so far it seems to be. It's one of the few green, open spaces in Jersey City where people of all ages can see and learn about nature and wildlife. The Nature Center and the trails that are proposed help make that possible. I'm in favor of active recreation, for sure, but that should not replace that.</p> <p>I am very disheartened that billionaire Paul and his surrogates continue to spread lies about flooding and have succeeded in convincing (buying off?) heads of nonprofits and elected officials in the state of this.</p>

44	<p>We need better transportation within the park and must be mindful of how people get there. We don't want traffic jams or unsafe pedestrian crossings in the surrounding areas.</p> <p>My ideal day in the park involves running or walking and seeing beautiful flowers and birds. I would picnic more if there were shady areas. We need more shady trees.</p>
45	These images look promising are too abstract
46	<p>Prefer a central park-like park.</p> <p>Please don't pave over more of the park interior for more parking lots. Let's encourage alternative forms of transportation (walking, cycling, bus).</p>
47	<p>1) Southern Jersey City access to LSP: Develop safe access (pedestrian, biking, transit) to LSP from Greenville community area (Garfield Ave/ Bayview Ave. to Morris Pesin Dr.)</p> <p>2) Increase local (Jersey City & Hudson County) awareness and education of LSP history, importance of natural preservation and benefits.</p> <p>3) Improve access from Jersey City/ Hudson County and region thru EV transit from major area transit hubs and city/ county circular transit. Will require transportation study and investment to improve access that doesn't negatively impact LSP.</p> <p>4) Improve outreach of programming to promote accessibility to local area.</p> <p>5) Make access by local arts and culture and other grassroots groups for programming less onerous - streamline process of engagement and requests, balanced with care and protection of LSP.</p>
48	Our best vision for all of LSP: a place of natural beauty where fishing, crabbing, birdwatching, seal watching and bicycling as well as picnics and walking can be enjoyed by all without cost except for my tax dollars.
49	No development
50	Daily local
51	<p>My typical day at LSP is focused on Natural / Educational Programming, Passive Uses / Leisure.</p> <p>LSP can be a more inclusive park by offering something that most urban population cannot access - nature. By focusing on nature, LSP can provide the urban population with the same benefits that are enjoyed by other part of the Garden State.</p> <p>My ideal day at LSP consists of walking through the parts of the park that are green and wooded. I enjoy going to the Nature Center and participating in their programs.</p> <p>My vision for the Park is that of a natural habitat and oasis in the middle of the urban sprawl.</p>
52	[no response provided]

53	<p>Please consider this instead of former version just sent. I see that my former comments had typos (Eye allergy is very bad).</p> <p>I have attended many meetings about plans for Liberty State Park virtually and have considered the Visioning Boards. I am generally strongly in favor of the DEP's plans to preserve and create natural habitats including wetlands, meadows, and urban forest plantings that provide flood resilience and environments that attract and sustain birds and other wildlife as well as humans--nearby residents and more far flung visitors.. As I and so many others have previously urged--there is nothing more needed and sustaining for urban dwellers than nature. Members of the public from all over Jersey City and Hudson County and those who visit from more distant locations have strongly voiced their support for a Liberty State Park where nature is preserved and sustained.</p> <p>We don't need more golf courses or commercial arenas or other venues that destroy nature and bring unwanted traffic to the city. We don't want another Meadowlands.</p> <p>Please sustain Liberty State Park as a nature haven where people from near and far can enjoy and learn more about nature and environmental resilience and sustainability</p> <p>[name redacted], Jersey City</p>
54	<p>Passive use, Educational programming, bike trails and Kayaking!</p> <p>I enjoy the waterfront views. I love trees, geese and bird watching.</p> <p>More places to sit and enjoy nature.</p> <p>Create more trails through planting more plants and trees.</p> <p>More places to picnic.</p> <p>KEEP THE TREES!</p> <p>Leave Caven Point alone.</p> <p>build a community center like the Bethune Center...with a pool.</p>
55	<p>Make LSP one for all</p>
56	<p>I run at (mostly through) the park. Would stop and stay if there was an official track there.</p> <p>https://worldathletics.org/download/download?filename=596848ce-6afe-4f00-8eb0-62a019ee215e.pdf&urlslug=Track%20and%20Field%20Facilities%20Manual%202019%20Edition%20-%20Marking%20Plan%20400m%20Standard%20Track</p>
57	<p>Urban nature, birding, and observing other wildlife (seals, rabbits, turtles, etc.) is so critical at Liberty Park. I am the co-founder of the Feminist Bird Club of Jersey City, a local community organization that brings diverse people into nature to explore and appreciate our natural environment. We often take groups around Caven Point, the Nature Center and its path and pond; this is such a treasure for the Jersey City public (and beyond!). It is extremely important that we keep these areas open and available for humans and wildlife (including keeping it clean, and making sure that we take appropriate measures during migration). Thank you for all your work in keeping these areas semi-wild and welcoming to our non-human friends.</p>
58	<p>My vision/ favorite LSP uses of the South Side/Waterfront, is having them mostly be Unstructured Open Space, picnics, playgrounds, nature, periodic special events, jetties renovation!</p>

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59	<p>I love how much thought has gone into these plans for the renovations of the park.</p> <p>As an environmentalist, I hope that there will be ample space for animals and wild life to thrive at Liberty State Park. My family has come to the park for 40 years, and what attracts us most is the proximity to nature, the trees, water and wild life. I understand the need for more active recreation, but I hope it doesn't make the park too busy and that it still maintains the peaceful ambiance that it has had for years. My son used to go to the Nature Center to learn about birds, bats and other wildlife. I hope that you continue to support nature inquiry for children. I love the idea of Nature Play because it helps children to develop young children's physical, cognitive, and social skills through an exploration and discovery of the natural world</p>
60	<p>I enjoy nature, come to LSP with my family for a picnic, I like the 5K races. I don't want a lot of corporate things or big concerts. This is not the place for that. I would like to see less cars and less parking in the park. There's a big parking lot just outside the park. Maybe people could use that and take trollies or shuttles around the park. I'd also like to see more bike paths. In Lincoln Park they made the roads all one way and had bike and walking paths on one side of all the streets.</p> <p>Maybe add some healthy inexpensive food options for families. Allow local businesses and food trucks in the park</p>
61	[no response provided]
62	[no response provided]
63	[no response provided]
64	[no response provided]
65	I uses for the southern end are leisure, passive and nature observation.
66	My ideal day at LSP is paddleboarding and then picnicking or perhaps going to a market at the train terminal.
67	[no response provided]
68	<p>If you have been to the park recently, you would see that it is already very inclusive and accessible. Strolling through the park on a busy weekend, how many languages do you hear? The goal should be to enhance these by taking what is successful about the park (open space, great views, interesting history, a place for families to get together) and improve them.</p> <p>An ideal day: meet friends, bike or walk along the waterfront trail, if I have binoculars or a camera I check out the birds in the cove, get something to eat and sit and enjoy the view while I eat and chat, Maybe fly a kite with the kids, relax, unwind.</p> <p>My vision for LSP south is to have a place where I can go to relax, think clearly, maybe take a walk or bike, get something to eat, enjoy a view unlike any in the world.</p> <p>In my community, LSP-south is one of the few places we can go to get away from the hassles and breathe some fresh air, maybe hang out with friends, or maybe just to get some peaceful time. I don't see how you plan for this area meets any of my needs.</p>

69	My vision for LSP is an open, free green space with native plants, great views and spaces for picnic, playgrounds, nature enjoyment, passive recreation and relaxation and peaceful reflection and just calm atmosphere.
70	Please for the love of God add Citibike stations in the actual park like prospect Park in Central Park. The closest Citibike station you have to walk a good mile to get anywhere in the park all the way next to the Liberty light rail station outside the park. It makes getting to the park via City bike almost impossible unless you carry your bike with you the whole time which is expensive and defeats the purpose of bike share as it leads to bike hogging. Also right now joggers and bikes and walkers have to use the same paths. going along the waterfront as a biker, you have to very carefully avoid people and it's dangerous for both parties. Lincoln Park now has a bike loop and the LSP Should have the same. There should be a bike lane on the waterfront and a bike lane on the main routes into the park. Especially since riding a bike on cobblestone will give you a concussion.
71	Keep an open space park!! Leisure activities are what makes it special. Walking. Running. Biking. Kids playground. Gathering in the Bbq and picnic areas.
72	Love Unstructured Open Spaces for picnics, playgrounds, nature, periodic special events, and the jetties renovation.
73	South Side/Waterfront should mostly be Unstructured Open Space, picnics, playgrounds, nature experience, fishing.
74	I'm sorry that this presentation is so big, over-complicated and difficult to read (I am an elderly person). Please understand that my personal history affects my reaction more than all these graphics. I have lived next door to the park since before it was a park. I have walked every inch of it, when I was young and strong —and before the fences went up. I love this open space and resent any efforts to clog it up with "facilities" and "amenities". Yes, well-located bathrooms and a few picnic tables [which they already have] are necessary, particularly since the park is a long walk from even the nearest neighborhood. Because the acreage is so expansive, intra-park transport is essential! However, less is more in terms of gee-gaws! Basic playground amenities like swing-sets and a couple of sports courts are necessary, but ought to be kept at a minimum. This park is about open space in the middle of one of the most crowded areas on our planet. It is a place to go for contact with our Mother Earth and solace and meditation for those who live cheek by jowl in the big city. We do not need extra sports venues because every neighborhood, including the adjoining Bergen-Lafayette [where I have lived most of my life] is already well-equipped with such, which are easier to access for the local residents—we already have brand new tennis courts, basketball, baseball, you name it over at Berry Lane. We also have the Dr. Lena Edwards Park. Both of these are within walking distance of the neighborhood, as compared with the long hike into Liberty. Don't let people try to fool you into thinking that the "minority" neighborhoods are under-served. Gently landscaped open areas are most valuable. It allows us to ground ourselves in the midst of the chaos of urban life. Unobstructed views of the harbor are essential. And re-opening the wooded area that I used to love so much would make me very happy.
75	My ideal day is to BIKE to Liberty State Park, with a framework as in Station 3 where i can see rabbits, all types of birds, sea lions, trees, plants, flowers, stop at a bathroom, and bike out of the park. Anything that attracts more automobile traffic is bad. This park should not be a destination for tourists or a place for sports or events. IF anything would be considered for the southern end it should be another marina because everyone likes to see nice boats. TEAR DOWN THOSE HIDEOUS 911 WALLS.
76	We have taken our grandchildren's family to the park on beautiful summer days for picnics and strolling/scootering along the paths. The only thing needed was more parking on the high-use days.

	Accessible park – Create a dedicated mass transit option with an exclusive right-of-way to easily move people around the park so they do not have to drive and park or walk from one end of the park to the other.
77	Ideal day: Play areas / explore with kids, walk along the water, have a picnic, enjoy nature.
78	Strolling and birding with a scope.
79	[no response provided]
80	Nature, educational programming, passive use and conservation/restoration.
81	1. Passive communal spaces for individuals and groups of people to enjoy. 2. No active recreation in this area of the park. 3. Nature, seasonal, historic and cultural programming.
82	I believe the best option for the LSP southern portion of the park is to build out what is being proposed and dismiss plans for concert and football arenas.
83	By far, my typical day at LSP is focused on daily (local) uses -- primarily biking, walking, and enjoying nature. I occasionally attend social events (picnics, etc.) in the park as well. My vision for the future of LSP-South, and really the whole park, bans cars entirely. There is frankly zero reason for cars to enter the interior of the park. Central Park banned cars from the interior, and it has made the park infinitely nicer and safer. There is plenty of precedent for this. Liberty State Park should follow suit and cater fully to people, not cars!
84	graduation party at the pavilion, I have walked here or in Lincoln Park with friends regularly since 2020. My oldest son's first birthday party was in the shady playground picnic area and his high school graduation party was at the pavilion. In the interim, his third birthday party included a nature walk touching, smelling and tasting plants with the wonderful staff at the interpretive center. I've attended music, earth day, 5ks to raise funds for my kids' school, and other events in the park. All four of my kids had the wonderful opportunity to escape the concrete of Jersey City at Camp Liberty over the past 20 years.
85	[no response provided]

86	<p>LSP is already accessible park. So this is not an issue.</p> <p>My typical day at Liberty state Park is defined by / focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passive Uses / Leisure Programming • Daily (Local) Visitor / Family Uses • LSP Employee / Park Stewardship • First Time Visitor + Tourist Uses <p>My vision for the future of LSP South is more trees for beauty and shade. Mangrove trees for more sanctuary of wildlife and protection from the storm surge like hurricane Sandy. Attracts more volunteers to assist and help LSP thrive.</p> <p>Table map:</p> <p>I have a memory here: LSP is the 1st park since I moved here in the United States when I was young. I was in awe of the green space in front of the New York skyline. Twin towers were still standing at that time. It was such an amazing moment.</p> <p>This is the Hidden Gem: Yes, I called this a gem since I made my first steps here. Where else in this earth can we find such a magnificent park like this?</p> <p>What if LSP had... my answer is, wish or hope for more spaces. Cancel that greedy golf course and plant trees there instead. Golf course is a big pollutant and wastes too much of our community's drinking water. I know it's an uphill battle with people with billions of monies. But common people like us are hopeful.</p> <p>My Waterfront Spot... NYC skyline. Phase 2 has lots of friendly, beautiful birds. We need to preserve this wildlife. These area gives us calmness, tranquility and helps us revitalize from our stressful urban environment. LSP is out oasis here in Jersey City. Please keep it green.</p>
87	<p>I think you've covered most of the general types of uses. For me that would be Daily (Local) Use, Natural/Environment Programming and Athletic and Passive Uses.</p> <p>I think the park would be more inclusive if better mass Transit options existed to get people to the park. For folks with accessibility issues, or even folks who just have a lot of stuff (like a cooler) that they're bringing in, the light rail stops are too far from the park.</p> <p>An ideal day would be cycling throughout the park, stopping to enjoy and walk along nature trails, flora and fauna, find a nice spot to enjoy a picnic, and then maybe sneak in a game or two of beach volleyball or do some kayaking.</p> <p>In the future, I just see a park where more people are gathering, being active, and enjoying being outside and can be surprised by regular interactions with local and migrating wildlife.</p>

88	I mostly go to LSP for the nature.
89	<p>My typical use is Daily Local Visitor Family use.</p> <p>LSP can be more inclusive by having a smart system by which you can make reservations in the park, and staff that would oversee this system.</p> <p>Jersey City currently suffers from lack of staff/technology/oversight that make our sports resources inaccessible for all and places the keys in the hands of a handful of people that the community cannot access.</p> <p>LSP can also be more accessible with more insight into how people are entering the park. (1) Many walking locals and tourists, for example, enter from under the freeway at the LSP Lightrail stop, then walk through the loading dock of the Science Center, then behind it, to enter the park. They will always take this route over walking along Johnston Ave path to the north.</p> <p>Other driving NJ residents are coming to picnic every weekend. They enter from the Freeway and should be directed to an easy BBQ/equipment drop-off roundabout before being directed to (ideally off-site) parking away from the quiet interior.</p> <p>Other tourists arrive by large buses and cars for the specific intent of taking the ferry. Like all major tourist attractions, they should have clear directions on how and where to park that creates minimal air/noise pollution and minimal conflict with sports families, BBQ families, environmental leisurists, etc.</p> <p>Logistically speaking, the more clear step-by-step directions visitors have on how and where to drop-off and park, the better. Ideally, where they are not stepping all over each other.</p> <p>An ideal day at LSP South would be arriving for a family swim at the community pool or swimming barge, with a nice clean place to change into dry clothes. Followed by a picnic in the park. Or a kayak or paddleboard at the aquatic center, with easy load and unload from the car and a place to change. VISION: an ACCESSIBLE modern park that caters to all.</p>
90	I am a quite senior citizen but greatly value bike riding and occasionally walking there. Caven Point is a special jewel that should be preserved. I have helped with clean ups of the shores and nature area and believe these are important activities. It is important to me to see families and children sharing time in the park. Games are important but being involved with the history, the environment and the natural world is more important.
91	As I have mentioned in earlier surveys, LSP in general, and LSP-South in particular, offer Jersey City a truly unique and indispensable opportunity for visitors to escape their urban surroundings and experience the relative peace, quiet and awesome beauty of its wide open and more secluded natural spaces. The park already has all of these amazing natural assets. It is our privilege and responsibility to ensure that they are preserved and celebrated for both our enjoyment and that of generations to come.
92	[no response provided]
93	<p>I use LSP daily to bike ride and walk. During the spring and summer we picnic and grill with the family.</p> <p>**** Open the entrance to the middle of the park via Thomas McGovern Dr. Why is that always closed with a gate. Please open it. Opening it would relieve congestion on the weekends, especially on crowded days. It is NEVER open.***</p>
94	[no response provided]
95	[no response provided]
96	[no response provided]

97	The state could fund in partnership with NJT, local government or private industry shuttle buses to and from light rail stations or designated locations throughout Jersey City to bring people to the park. They could have a " perfect " family or date or friends day at LSP, enjoying the open space, views and picnic BBQ fooling around with the kids or grandchildren.
98	[no response provided]
99	[no response provided]
100	<p>LSP is accessible. It has bike lanes, walking paths, ferry ports, a marina and parking lots. You can literally get there by any means of transportation other than aerial means. Anybody who is complaining is being unhelpful.</p> <p>I like going to the park to walk around, passive rec, nature activites, walk my dog, have a picnic. We really don't need any active rec, but nothing wrong with a basketball or tennis court or two.</p> <p>LSP south is great place to bring your dog, have a picnic, fishing, etc.</p>
101	<p>The wooden walkway near the boat launch area is nice for sitting and watching and looking at the water. We used to go there, but also walked out onto the piers to see people fishing and observe waterbirds. On the longer promenade area, we bicycled in years past. I would love to be able to walk along a nature trail connecting to Caven Point, because I have never been there.</p> <p>Accessibility! There has been no good way to get to LSP by public transportation for years now, since no more NJTransit bus (there was one from the Heights) and no more shuttle from the Light Rail Station, all of which should be covered by Jersey City. Even the Via doesn't get you to LSP.</p> <p>The pedestrian bridge at the north end is good. In the south, it is dangerous to cross the highway (especially for young people) and a long walk, why not a pedestrian bridge there?</p> <p>Within the park some small unobtrusive shuttle buses would be excellent, hopefully electric.</p>

	<p>I would add a dot by all of the squares in the first slide except active recreation, some will inevitably be added, but it should be minimal.</p> <p>By Incorporating bike lanes or multi-use paths the parks will be more accessible. Currently to reach the science center from the Jersey Avenue bridge (an absolute travesty to have opened that to car traffic !) it is unsafe to bike or walk. Safe car free transit is the most important accessibility issue.</p> <p>An ideal day is to bike to the park and enjoy the waterfront, an interpretive hike led by NPS naturalist, a picnic and open air concert on the lawn, a walk through Caven Point at acceptable times of the year and some quiet time contemplating plants and the surrounding nature.</p>
102	LSP South should stay natural with minimal vehicular traffic, no large organized sports, more natural and adventure based.
103	I love Liberty State Park. I love birding along the waterfront in the winter and picnicking in the summer. I love that the interior is going to finally be remediated. More picnic tables near the waterfront would be great. I am interested in the idea of kayaking around the point, but I would be concerned with any boats with motors being allowed in the sensitive wetland areas. With some background in nature walks along an urban beach, please keep in mind there will be glass, trash, and hypodermic needles that will wash on-shore - so I guess I would be concerned with the upkeep. Any beach will need to be monitored after every high tide to ensure there were no public safety issues. I am of the camp that Liberty State Park should be kept more natural, as that is what is missing in this urban area. Central Park has one of the highest migrating bird numbers because the birds do not have a lot of spaces to drop down and rest/feed during migration in this area. I would think that, being on the Atlantic Flyway migratory pathway, bird migration/biodiversity of habitats would also be a priority, though it looks to be dominated by more and more sports fields. Keeping a larger area of woods would be my preference when visiting the park.
104	LSP is already super accessible. It should be less accessible to cars and more accessible to bicycles and pedestrians.
105	Much of this area now serves as a picnic/get-together area for what appears to be recent immigrants; perhaps people with limited access to open spaces for families and friends to convene. Please preserve this aspect of the park.
106	[no response provided]
107	My typical visit to the park is defined by activities in daily (local) visitor/family uses.
108	<p>The future of LSP-South is in providing access, facilities and opportunities for New Jersey's residents - including enhanced water access, open fields for athletic use, and flexible use fields that can provide the most opportunity to the most people.</p> <p>I use the entirety of the park - north to south, and the southern portion is an opportunity but it should have a balance of development. Too much development or redevelopment of Caven Point is unnecessary and will hurt the ecosystem of the park and its wild life.</p>
109	[no response provided]
110	[no response provided]

111	<p>My typical visit to LSP involves a several-mile hike along the waterfront, Sullivan Natural Area, and Nature Center. This involves appreciating the green spaces, forest land, flora and fauna in a quiet, open setting before having to return back to the crowded, noisy urban area. I again wish to register my opposition to any thoughts of a large commercial concert venue, sports arena or expansion of the golf course. If there are athletic facilities, they need to be free and open to all, even if it might involve reserved, scheduled space when necessary. I leave that part of the planning open to those who would be actually using those facilities. I would not be using the athletic facilities myself.</p>
112	<p>I personally use the park for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leisure activity: walking/biking/getting into nature - Nature programming - local/daily visitor <p>But I appreciate the tourist/visitor, and those passing through to get to the Statue of Liberty and to see the harbor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fix the broken signage (about the water fowl/animals - some are damaged/illegible) - Add better entrance signage, information about the park on entry, and from the LSP light rail (I field a ton of questions from confused tourists and locals alike) - Slow down traffic at the park entrance - we need hard stop lights here - a round about will be dangerous to foot traffic as cars speed by here to get to the turnpike since the bridge opened.
113	<p>- Fix uneven foot trails that regularly FLOOD on Johnston entering the park from the local community and LSP light rail - sometimes it's impassable on foot,</p> <p>Having a nice running trail that goes around the park would be nice. Trails that are more focused on nature like how it is by the center of the park would be nice, but more important would be having a way to walk on the science center end of the park</p>

	<p>I'd like to be able to take a morning or evening walk or bike ride there.</p> <p>Sit and have conversations or people watch.</p> <p>Walk on trails and soak in a natural setting.</p> <p>I would enjoy bouldering or Volleyball or Badminton.</p> <p>Having a place to check out equipment would be ideal.</p> <p>Water play area for kids would be great for hot summer days. Misting stations for adults, too.</p> <p>I'd like to be able to spend the day there with a picnic, or get some concessions (real food, not junk food).</p>
114	Greenville and Lafayette neighborhoods of Jersey City live closest to the South Side. Focus groups to get their needs met would be worth while.
115	We need safe routes for biking and walking into Liberty State Park from multiple directions. Please consider the wastefulness of the huge amount of parking lots in the park today and that it is not easy to get to even from many parts of Jersey City though they appear physically near. If it were safer to travel into the park, many more people will be able to take advantage of the new activated park programming and ecological restoration and active recreation.
116	The park can be more inclusive without steps. My perfect day would be a day playing with the water and thoughtfully reflecting on my thoughts while looking at the water. My vision for the future of the water front area is an area open for all to doing kayaking and canoeing.
117	<p>LSP is inclusive as it is, and accessible to all.</p> <p>I have enjoyed many concerts, active recreation including skating, biking, walking, picnicking, bird watching, and relaxing in this amazing place.</p> <p>On the hottest days in the summer my husband and I drive to LSP and find a bench on the southern end of the park under one of the many trees that have been planted along the walkway and enjoy the amazing cool breeze that is almost always blowing there and it is like a different world.</p> <p>Many evenings after work when I was working at Christ Hospital, a friend and I would put on our inline skates and skate the entire parameter of the park. It was all well lit so we did this even in the dark and cold nights of winter.</p> <p>We have gone there with family and played ball games or frisbee on many of the great open spaces, taking up very little room so many others could do the same.</p> <p>The wildness, openness and views are so much of what makes LSP special.</p> <p>The children can ride their bikes on the many walkways.</p> <p>Don't over develop it.</p>
118	[no response provided]