

## **APPENDIX**

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Testimony on S570  
December 8, 2014

Eileen Swan on behalf of New Jersey Conservation Foundation and the Keep It Green Coalition

Good Morning members of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee I thank you for the opportunity to speak today about the need to strengthen the process for diversions of preserved lands. It is fitting that we discuss this the same day as we speak about New Jersey's support of preservation. Lands that are preserved are intended to be in perpetuity and it is critical that diversions are a rare exception and if they must occur then the process upholds the public trust.

We support S570 but ask that you consider adding the following language:

- Prior to approving the diversion of State-preserved lands to other uses the State shall demonstrate that the proposed land diversion is necessary to satisfy a compelling public need by mitigating a hazard to the public health, safety or welfare or where such a diversion would yield a significant public benefit by improving the delivery of essential services to the public.
- Prior to approving a diversion of State-preserved lands, the State shall determine that there is no feasible alternative to the diversion that would satisfy the conditions described in the previous paragraph.
- The State shall hold a Scoping Hearing in advance of a formal proposal to divert State-preserved lands.

At the Scoping Hearing, the State shall:

1. Set forth the compelling public need for the diversion.
2. Describe its efforts to avoid the diversion.
3. Describe its efforts to seek alternatives to the diversion.
4. Solicit preliminary input from the public including suggestions from the public as alternative sites or methods that could be used to avoid the diversion.

At the formal hearing(s) on any proposed diversion as currently required under the Ogden-Rooney Act the State shall

- identify replacement land to compensate for the land that is proposed for diversion.
- make a determination that the proposed replacement land has a geographical, hydrological, ecological and/or recreational nexus to land proposed to be diverted; is of greater ecological value and/or recreational usefulness than the land proposed for diversion; and is of equal or greater market value than the land proposed for diversion.

If the State is unable to identify suitable replacement land, then the entity to which the diverted land will be conveyed shall pay into the Green Acres fund that was used to acquire the land proposed for diversion or another suitable Green Acres fund if the land proposed for diversion was not acquired with Green Acres funds at least two times the market value or acquisition cost price of the land proposed for diversion, whichever is greater.

The above requirements are in addition to any current legal requirements regarding the diversion of State-preserved lands.

Thank You



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Testimony on the implementation of Public Question 2  
December 8, 2014

Eileen Swan on behalf of New Jersey Conservation Foundation and The Keep It Green Coalition.

Good Morning members of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee I thank you for your leadership on continuing New Jersey's successful legacy of preservation. The voters of New Jersey responded and overwhelmingly supported Ballot Question #2. It is clear that they want clean water, preserved lands, parks, farmland and historic sites.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today to start the work of ensuring that the votes of NJ residents are supported by detailed implementing legislation. This very public process is part of the commitment to those voters as we make every effort to fund all the programs that make NJ livable.

One thing has been made clear in the last few months – we must all make do with less. All the programs discussed here are necessary for NJ and so we must meet the challenge of dividing the funds while recognizing the opportunities afforded by sustainable funding. In the most densely populated state there is a finite amount of undeveloped land left and it is critical that the most important resource lands are preserved. Over time the balance will shift from acquisition to stewardship and capital investment.

It has long been a goal of preservationists to set monies aside for stewardship and we now have that opportunity. KIG had set a goal of 10% to 20% of the funds going to stewardship but recognizing the need to continue to fund capital improvements in State Parks and Forests and Fish and Game lands we are advocating for 10% of the total funds to be allocated to this work.

We support 5% being allocated to stewardship of state preserved lands to be administered by Parks & Forestry and Fish & Wildlife; \$750,000 of those funds to SADC for Soil and Water Conservation grants on permanently preserved farmland, to be increased to \$1million after FY20.

Another 5% to be allocated to stewardship of county, local and non-profit preserved lands through matching grants similar to Green Acres acquisition and development grants.

New Jersey Conservation Foundation is an accredited Land Trust, that accreditation requires stewardship of preserved lands. NJCF manages more than 24,000 acres and provides training,

technical assistance, advocacy and support to the conservation community. We work to restore damaged habitats, monitor conservation easements, and promote public access to natural land. The stewardship funds discussed here should be projects beyond routine operations and maintenance and distinguished from development and capital improvements

We agree that the remaining funds should be allocated as KIG has testified:

- 4% for Historic Preservation

- 4% dedicated funds for the Blue Acres Program noting that there are also federal funds and the ability to use Green Acre funds. Often these funds go to undo the results of previous poor planning; development in floodplains for example. Homes built in the floodplain are purchased and the land returned to its natural state so that the ecological functions of wetlands can protect residents from flooding.

The rest of the funds should be divided as you have previously heard:

- 43.2% for the Green Acres Program

- 34% for State Acquisition
- 54% for County/Local Acquisition and Development
- 12% for Non-Profit Acquisition and Development

We are requesting that the division reflects the ability to leverage funds and so county and local should get a higher percentage to encourage them to maintain or increase local taxes and leverage state funds. There will be more competition for funds and so it is critical that we challenge all to make the best partnerships and bring funding to the table.

In the case of the non-profits 12% amounts to 3.8 million (was 11.5m under GSPT 1999-2007 and 10.4m 2007 bonds). Non-profits raise their own staff and administration costs and so bring added value to state funds. Land trusts/non profits also have relationships with landowners, fostered over years, and so can bring critical resource lands, into preservation. Non profits always seek to leverage state funds. NJCF has assisted in preserving more that 130,000 acres statewide. We are pleased to have an office in Camden and are working on a great opportunity to give more Camden residents access to parks and programs. We recognize the need to support parks in urban areas so that these residents can have access to healthy places to recreate and relax. We support the Green Acres formula that provides additional funding to cities and older densely developed suburban communities.

The SADC has always maintained flexibility with their funding; examining need and adjusting state and local funding to reflect that. We are asking for a percentage increase in the non-profit funding. Previously non-profits were getting 7.5m under GSPT 1999-2007 and 7m in the 2007 bonds. The percentage increase would amount to \$2.5m. New Jersey Conservation Foundation has been recognized by SADC as the state's leading nonprofit organization in number of farms preserved and total farmland acreage preserved. We lobby Congress for New Jersey's fair share of federal farmland conservation funding. NJCF is New Jersey's leading non-profit recipient of USDA Farm and Ranchland Protection Program funds. Just last month a 148 acre farm was preserved in Hamilton twp. the 9th most populous municipality with a population of 88,000 and a density of 2,240 per sq mile.

This sustainable funding plan for Green Acres and SADC, together with the extension of the dual appraisal process for landowners in the Highlands, keeps the promise of the Highlands Act. It is

time that the administration does due diligence in the Highlands and determines the number of affected lots still under 2004 ownership, determines interest in this landowner equity provision and responds accordingly.

We are in agreement that Funds generated from leases should be used first and foremost on the affected properties, and then to fund preservation and stewardship activities within the host state agency. It is an approach that is fair.

In an ideal world, protection of the environment, upon which future generations will depend, would be guarded zealously and funds would be provided routinely in the budget. That is not the status quo and so we have to divide the funds that you have fought for amongst programs that determine the future of the state and its economy. Every resident deserves to be able to rely on clean air, clean water and a dependable food supply it is a shame that these resources are threatened. You are our champions and you do the work in a transparent manner.

Thank you.



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Testimony on Implementation of Ballot Question  
December 8, 2014

Dear Senate Environment and Energy Committee,

I present this testimony on behalf of the **New Jersey Keep it Green Coalition**. The Coalition has over 185 member organizations who strongly supported Public Question 2 to finally establish a stable source of funding for the preservation and stewardship of state and local natural areas, parks, farmland and historic sites in New Jersey. This work is guided by the belief that every New Jersey resident deserves clean drinking water, well-maintained, accessible neighborhood parks, locally grown fresh foods, wildlife areas and historic sites. Our communities rely on these areas for a high quality of life, livable neighborhoods and sustainable economies.

We are grateful for the opportunity provided through the leadership of this Committee and through steadfast support of the sponsors of SCR84, particularly that of Senators Smith and Bateman, who provided the residents of the State with the opportunity to ensure a lasting legacy of funding. The citizens showed their continued strong support this November with 65% of voters, a majority of voters in every county, supporting the permanent funding for open space and stewardship. With funds completely dry for preservation, this need could no longer wait.

**Recommendations for Funding**

We are here today to discuss the 71% and 78% of funding which was not specifically set forth among the critical components of preservation and stewardship of natural areas, blue acres, parks, capital improvements, farmland and historic sites. Since the measure passed, we have worked both within the Coalition and externally with partners to try to develop recommendations which will help to inform the decisions made for implementation. These recommendations present a starting point and hopefully a framework which can be fleshed out. These also represent the consensus of the Coalition.

Generally, funds should be distributed among Green Acres, farmland and historic preservation largely in keeping with past practices that have proven successful and which the public strongly supports. We suggest some modifications, as described below:

- In recognition of the continued need to address capital improvements in State Parks, Forests, and Fish & Wildlife lands, 10% of the total funds dedicated to

Preservation and Stewardship should be allocated to capital improvements on state lands.

- 5% of the funds should be allocated to stewardship of state preserved lands equally divided among the Divisions of Parks & Forestry and Fish & Wildlife with a small portion dedicated to SADC for stewardship such as for Soil and Water Conservation Grants. We recommend that from FY16-19, \$750,000 should be made available to SADC for Soil & Water Conservation grants on preserved farmland. In FY20 and beyond, that amount should be increased to \$1 million annually.
- 5% of the funds should be allocated to stewardship of county, local and non-profit parks and preserved lands through competitive matching grants similar to Green Acres acquisition and development grants.
- The remaining Preservation and Stewardship funds should be allocated as follows:
  - 4% for Historic Preservation
  - 4% for the Blue Acres Program (Blue Acres should have dedicated funds; 4% is sufficient given federal funds and ability for local governments to also use Green Acres funds for Blue Acres projects)
  - 43.2% for the Green Acres Program
    - 34% for State Acquisition
    - 54% for County/Local Acquisition and Development (provides for optimal leveraging)
    - 12% for Non-Profit Acquisition and Development (provides for leveraging)
  - 28.8% for Farmland Preservation
    - 12% minimum for non-profit grants

It is critical to our coalition that funding for the Department, particularly for staffing in the Divisions of Fish and Wildlife and Parks and Forestry, be preserved. This measure establishes dedicated baseline funding for a number of critical preservation and environmental programs that should grow over time. However, difficult choices had to be made and many programs won't be funded at sufficient levels, especially in the short-run. We look forward to working with the committee and the legislature to identify other opportunities to more fully meet these needs through the budget and other means.

We are grateful that you are taking up this significant issue and gathering input from interested parties and we look forward to continued dialogue.





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## **Additional Testimony for the Record on the Implementation of Public Question 2**

The **New Jersey Keep it Green Coalition** has over 185 member organizations who strongly supported Public Question 2 to establish a stable source of funding for the preservation and stewardship of state and local natural areas, parks, farmland and historic sites in New Jersey.

We are grateful for the opportunity provided through the leadership of this Committee and through steadfast support of the sponsors of SCR84, particularly that of Senators Smith and Bateman, who provided the residents of the State with the opportunity to ensure a lasting legacy of funding. The citizens showed their continued strong support this November with 65% of voters, a majority of voters in every county, supporting the permanent funding for open space and stewardship.

## **Recommendations for Funding and Implementation**

We offer the following more detailed recommendations on the 'Preservation and Stewardship' aspects of the measure to supplement our testimony provided on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Generally, we believe that funds should be distributed among Green Acres, farmland and historic preservation programs largely in keeping with past practices that have proven successful. We suggest some modifications, as described below, and look forward to providing additional comments and details as the process moves forward.

- **4% for Historic Preservation** providing an estimated \$2.84 million annually FY16-19 and \$4.68 million annually thereafter. Language enhancing the permitted uses of these funds contained in S.577 should be incorporated.
- **4% for the Blue Acres Program** providing an estimated \$2.84 million annually FY16-19 and \$4.68 million annually thereafter. While dedicated funding for Blue Acres is necessary, federal funds are also available for buy-outs and county and local governments can and have used Green Acres grant funds for buy-outs as well.
- **43.2% for the Green Acres Program** providing an estimated \$30.672 million annually FY16-19 and \$50.544 million annually thereafter.
  - **34% for State Acquisition**
  - **54% for County/Local Acquisition and Development.** County and local governments are key partners in open space acquisition and park development

- projects and effectively leverage state funds. A slight increase in their percentage will help address funding constraints and continue important state and local partnerships. Existing provisions to benefit Urban Aid and densely/highly populated counties and municipalities should continue.
- **12% for Non-Profit Acquisition and Development.** Because nonprofit organizations are only eligible for state grants of up to 50% of the market value of a property, they must effectively leverage these funds by obtaining bargain sale prices from landowners and securing federal and private matching funds. Furthermore, non-profits reduce state costs by absorbing the soft costs of land transactions and providing public access to conservation lands that don't require state management. Unfortunately, the total pool and size of non-profit grants have fallen sharply, resulting in lost opportunities to leverage state funds with non-profit resources.
  - **28.8% for Farmland Preservation** providing an estimated \$20.448 million annually FY16-19 and \$33.696 million annually thereafter.
    - 12% minimum for non-profit grants. The SADC has not made sufficient funds available to non-profits on a consistent basis resulting in missed opportunities to effectively leverage funds.
  - In recognition of the continued need to address capital improvements in State Parks, Forests, and Fish & Wildlife lands, as well as critical needs for better stewardship of natural lands, **15% of the total funds dedicated to preservation and stewardship should be allocated to the NJ DEP for capital improvements (10%) and stewardship (5%) on state lands.** This would provide an estimated \$10.6 million annually over the first four years, and \$17.55 million annually thereafter.
  - Of the funds dedicated to capital improvements and stewardship on state lands, we recommend that from FY16-19, **\$700,000 should be made available to SADC for Soil & Water Conservation grants on permanently preserved farmland. In FY20 and beyond, that amount should be increased to \$1 million annually.** The remaining funds should be allocated 10% to the NJ DEP Division of Parks & Forestry, and Division of Fish & Wildlife for capital improvements and 5% split equally between the Division of Parks and Forestry and Fish and Wildlife for stewardship projects as above.
  - **5% of the funds should be allocated to stewardship of county, local and non-profit parks and permanently preserved lands through competitive matching grants.** Additional time and discussions are needed to better define stewardship and establish a clear process and guidelines for selecting stewardship projects. We will share further thoughts on this important issue as the process moves forward.

- **The Garden State Preservation Trust** should approve Green Acres, SADC, and NJ Historic Trust project recommendations- for acquisition, development and stewardship- as well as monitor and report on program expenditures.
- On an annual basis, the **NJ DEP, SADC, and the NJ Historic Trust** should be required to make public a report on all expenditures of Corporate Business Tax funds.
- Funds from leases on state lands (including structures) should be retained by those land units to meet their needs first, with any residual funds dedicated to the host agency. Funds from conveyances of state lands should be dedicated toward the acquisition of replacement lands.

**Funding for the Department of Environmental Protection, including watershed management, site remediation, and brownfields, as well as staffing and operations in the Divisions of Fish and Wildlife and Parks and Forestry, should be restored through the budget process and other means.** This measure ensures critical baseline funding for key programs with an emphasis on capital and stewardship projects rather than ongoing programs and staffing. Ongoing DEP programs and staffing should be funded through the annual budget rather than under the CBT dedication. We look forward to working with this committee and the Legislature to ensure adequate funding for DEP programs and staffing through the budget and other means.

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December 21, 2014

The Honorable Bob Smith, Chairman  
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Dear Senator Smith:

I was privileged to appear before your committee on Monday, December 8, to testify on behalf of our organization on the question of how best to distribute funds approved by the voters for preservation of open space and historic sites. Please allow me to follow up that testimony with the following observations.

In recent years, budget priorities have shifted away from preserving and enhancing open space, state parks and historic sites – no doubt out of necessity. But the cost has been high. Our parks and historic sites have seen their staffs and maintenance budgets cut to dangerous levels, near zero in some cases. Historic structures have been largely ignored and left to deteriorate, embarrassingly so in some cases. The support of the voters for Public Question 2 in the most recent election offers an opportunity to at least begin to reverse this dangerous slide.

The "historic community" in New Jersey includes organizations, and thousands of individuals, who voted "yes" on Public Question 2. They understand the priceless legacy at stake in preserving open space, farm land, parks and historic sites, but it should be clear: They did not do so with the understanding that parks and historic sites would continue to be ignored.

More than half of the military engagements in our nation's war for independence took place in New Jersey. We suspect that some of your colleagues may not even be aware of that. We know that our own school children aren't being taught much about it these days. Wouldn't it be shameful if the one area where the State can truly showcase that enormously important legacy – its state parks and historic sites – were left to deteriorate even further?

At our own park, we have visitors from all parts of the world. Many don't know much about New Jersey, but they want to see where Washington crossed the Delaware. They've heard about it all their lives...many have been taught about it in their schools. It's been called "America's First D-Day". What a gem the state has...if only it was aware.

We are grateful for the opportunity provided through the leadership of this committee, and through the steadfast support of the sponsors of SCR84, in particular your support and that of Senator Christopher Bateman. You have provided the voters of the state an opportunity to ensure a lasting legacy of funding for their parks, historic sites, farmland and open space. The voters showed their continued strong support for this on-going permanent source of funding just last month – by 65%, a majority of voters in every county. We believe it is imperative that the funding resulting from the support for Public Question 2 adequately addresses the growing need in our 30 state parks and 37 historic sites.

We're in no position to demand a particular percentage; we don't know enough about the needs of the various competing interests on the funds made available. But we sincerely request that you take these observations seriously as you deliberate this question. We strongly suggest that Parks and Historic sites be allocated 33%, with Green Acres Funding also allocated 33% and the other interested groups allocated percentages of the remaining 34%. The Parks and Historical Sites also deserve to be preserved in perpetuity along with open

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space for they are part of our heritage and must be addressed now!

If our organization can be of any further assistance, we stand ready to offer it. Thank you for your attention to this most important matter.

Respectfully,

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# THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF NEW JERSEY

*Preserve Now - Protect Forever*

December 8, 2014

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Dear Ms. Horowitz,

I attended the Senate Environment Committee hearing on December 8, 2014 in Trenton and, at the request of the Committee Chairman, am submitting my written comments herewith.

My name is David Epstein President of The Land Conservancy of New Jersey, a nonprofit land trust that has helped to preserve more than 20,000 acres of open space and farmland throughout the state. We are members of NJ Keep It Green, and thank the members of this committee for your strong support SCR-84. We believe that there are four key elements that are critical to ensuring that the Corporate Business Tax (CBT) referendum that was overwhelmingly approved by New Jersey voters on November 4 results in as much preserved land as possible.

## **1. Implementing Legislation**

We believe that it is absolutely essential to adopt bipartisan implementing legislation for the new CBT dedication. Without clear direction these funds could be diverted from reaching the programs that the public so clearly supports. We urge the legislature to adopt this legislation expeditiously to continue the high level of public trust that these programs have always enjoyed.

## **2. Role of the Garden State Preservation Trust**

As an original member of the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) in 1999, I strongly support the continuation of the GSPT to ensure public oversight of the significant state investment in these important programs. The GSPT has done a terrific job of monitoring and bringing transparency to the difficult job of selling bonds, disbursing public funds and managing account balances for three different state programs. The GSPT provides these services at minimal cost and helps keep the public confidence in these programs at a very high level. It is very important to the integrity of our state land conservation programs that we keep the GSPT intact.

### **3. Green Acres and SADC distribution levels**

Back in 2006, when the GSPT was generating more than \$200 million per year, municipal and county open space trusts were generating more than twice that amount of funding for land conservation. In other words, the state was able to leverage its investment in land conservation by generating an additional \$2 in local funds for each 1\$ of state funds. However, as the state funds dwindled and then disappeared, so did the local funds. While we don't have current statewide figures, we know that virtually every county open space trust and many local trusts have cut back their funding, some quite dramatically. Sussex County, which generated \$6.6 million from its Open Space Trust in 2006, generated \$120,000 this year. Morris County, which generated \$46 million in 2006, generated only \$6 million this year.

We believe that funding levels for Green Acres and SADC grants to local governments should be increased to 54% of the funds they receive to once again provide incentives to local governments to increase funding from their open space trust funds. Similarly, we believe that funding from Green Acres and SADC for nonprofits should be increased to 12% of the total funds they receive as well to provide incentives for increased private funding. Increasing Green Acres and SADC funding levels for local and nonprofit grants will leverage more funding land conservation in New Jersey and is a simple way to increase the bang of the very limited CBT buck.

### **4. Blue Acres**

We also strongly support separate funding for Blue Acres at a level of 4% of the CBT dedication. While this is below the level that was set for the 2007 Bond Act and the level proposed in S577 - these dedicated funds, when combined with the Sandy buyout funds, Federal Emergency Management Agency funds, local and county open space trust funds and Green Acres funds, should be sufficient to handle the demand for buying out flood prone properties throughout the state.

As an example of how to leverage flood buyout funds, The Land Conservancy began working with Pequannock Township in Morris County to develop a project known as the Pompton River Walk in 2005. The Pompton River forms the eastern border of the town. There are 66 homes in Pequannock that sit on the banks of the river and get flooded virtually every year. The town had worked with state and federal officials for 20 years without buying a single home. The River Walk Plan was established to buy out and demolish all 66 homes and create public access to the river through a walking path, boat launches and dedicated fishing sites in their place. We added the River Walk to the Town's open space plan and used a combination of local, county and Green Acres funds to purchase the first 23 homes. In 2012, FEMA funds finally became available and we were able to purchase 15 more homes through the Severe Repetitive Loss program and another five homes through FEMA federal emergency disaster funding that became available after the devastation caused by Hurricane Irene. Today, we have purchased and demolished 44 homes, or two thirds of the original goal. Although we have not used a single dollar of Blue Acres funding to date, there has never been a shortfall in the funding that we needed to purchase the targeted homes. We have begun a similar project with Oakland in Bergen County to buyout 12 homes on the Ramapo River.

To summarize, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey supports dedicating 4% of the CBT funds for Blue Acres and believe that these funds, combined with a variety of other available funds, will be sufficient to accomplish the important goal of moving people from harm's way and creating recreational opportunities in their place.

I thank you for the opportunity to testify about this important program and hope the Committee will develop legislation shortly that will help to ensure funding from this critical program that can begin to flow to open space preservation projects next year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Epstein", written over a light background.

David Epstein  
President



To: Senator Smith, Assemblywoman Spencer, Senate Environment and Energy Committee, Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee  
From: Debbie Mans and Greg Remaud, NY/NJ Baykeeper  
Date: January 7, 2015  
Re: Implementation of Public Question #2 (Open Space Funding)

NY/NJ Baykeeper ("Baykeeper") has been protecting, preserving and restoring the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary for 25 years. This area includes portions of New Jersey's most densely populated and underserved communities in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Union, Middlesex and Monmouth Counties.


Baykeeper supported and worked for the passage of Public Question #2. In addition to our comments during the Senate Environment and Energy Committee on December 8, 2014 please accept the following written comments. We look forward to working with you on the implementation of Public Question #2, which we believe should be done through enabling legislation rather than an administrative rulemaking.

- **Equity in funding distribution** for densely populated communities that not only includes cities like Jersey City and Newark, but the dozens of communities where populations of more than 5,000 people per square mile reside.
  - For decades, since the inception of the Green Acres Program, New Jersey has focused preserving large swaths of land in rural and less developed areas and done a fine job - preserving hundreds of thousands of acres. We have much to be proud in terms of preserving the Pinelands, areas of the Highlands, agricultural land and rural areas in between. That should continue.
  - However, this new open space funding should better reflect equity and the needs of the time, rather than an antiquated funding formula. Now the most pressing need is to preserve land in the highly developed communities where the bulk of New Jersey's population lives. After all, it is the people who are paying the tab for this open space protection.
  - When we continue to build our urban areas, like Jersey City, we need to supplement that development with additional parks, playgrounds and access to natural areas.
  - For decades residents in densely developed communities had limited access to the larger open space funding pot, while those living in rural areas had access to all major categories of open space funding.


- Most notably, if you live in an area of the state where there are no farms, like the entirety of Hudson County, 30-40% of the Garden State Preservation Trust is off the table right from the start because by definition it can only go to entitlement funding for *farmland*, rather than broader open space needs. So, at best, urban areas are fighting for a share of the remaining 60-70% of funding. If you live a rural or suburban area you have access to 100% of the open space funds.
  - Historically, *statewide funding* has gone primarily to acquire land and improve for our state parks and natural areas, which, understandably, are mostly rural.
  - Also, a large majority of the *NGO funding* goes to land trusts whose land acquisition portfolios are rural and suburban areas.
  - As an example, if you live in, West Orange you only have a fair shot at funding from one the four primary programs – through the Green Acres *local municipal program* and a greatly diminished shot at NGO funding.
  - Finally, it is critical to keep in mind that a portion of our new source of open space revenue comes from diverting CBT funds that would otherwise go to site remediation and Brownfield redevelopment – predominantly urban programs.
- **Resiliency:** There should be a larger state share for Blue Acres buyouts, which should include acquisition funds for undeveloped land that could be developed, as the program initially intended, and moving from just a reactive buyout approach.
  - **In sum, Baykeeper believes we need to level the playing field and devote more funds towards the local Green Acres program and Blue Acres and that the Agriculture Program should be no more than 15% of the total funding.**
- **Full funding and no cuts to the Divisions of Parks and Forestry and Fish and Wildlife**
    - Restore capital maintenance and improvement of state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas at no less than \$16M/year.
    - Revisit operating budget during the State budget process and fund in full.
  - **Dedication of lease money**
    - Liberty State Park will now see its lease and concession revenue, approximately \$700,000 – 850,000/year, diverted into the larger open space pot instead of going back into the park. Lease and concession monies must go back into the park unit they originate from.



- Additionally, the revenue generated from Liberty State Park's parking lots must go back into the park, not into the State General Fund. Approximately \$500,000/year.
- There is just not an environmental value, but an economic value of urban parks.
- We call for a revolving account for each park, especially Liberty State Park, where collected revenues must be kept within the park for stewardship.
- **Stewardship**
  - Baykeeper, in general, supports the stewardship position put forth by NJ Audubon, with the exception of going further for full restoration of state parks, forests, etc. monies.
- **Natural Resource Damages (NRD)**
  - Natural Resource Damages must go back into the impacted natural resource (nexus) for restoration and acquisition purposes, not towards the general fund and not for clean-up purposes, which are the responsibility of the polluter. Diverting NRD monies into the General Fund, such as with \$140 million from the recent environmental settlement on the Passaic River, further exacerbates the situation New Jersey currently finds itself in of less dedicated money for open space acquisition and stewardship.
  - Budget language that includes the diversion of environmental settlement money into the General Fund must be eliminated.

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Hello Judith L. Horowitz & Michael R. Molimock, Committee Aides

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Judith L. Horowitz & Michael R. Molimock, Committee Aides

Re: Implementation of Public Question #2

Thank you for your time and attention. While I'm an ardent supporter of preserving open space, am on the board of a NJ KeepItGreen (KIG) coalition member organization, the views expressed below are strictly my own. Am mainly concerned with the collateral damage looming for vital NJDEP programs cut by the passage of Public Question #2. Numerous KIG member organizations expressed serious concerns back in March 2014 about the cuts, but in their single-minded zeal to pass the amendment and secure their share of funding, they now seem to have forgotten the need to patch gaping holes.

The passage of the Open Space Amendment cuts Water Resources Dep't 67%, wipes out Site Remediation staff 100% (why?), their clean-up programs 72-82%, and zeroes out Parks & Forestry's capital budget 100%. These are hardly "*small*" and balanced cuts executed with a "*scalpel*." They dismantle already hobbled bureaus in a department once touted as a national model for state environmental protection. DEP is now increasingly unable to fulfill its mission to protect, regulate, enforce, and restore New Jersey's environment. The blows started with Gov. Whitman's 30% budget cuts to DEP in the early 1990s, and continue with both parties' successive diversions of DEP monies and fines into the General Fund to balance state budgets, culminating with the Governor's grab of \$140 million out of the \$190 million Passaic River settlement money. And now the stage for environmental internecine warfare with future diversions has been set.

The justification for raiding CBT monies appears to have been that (1) DEP never responded to inquiries and (2) it was assumed monies had been diverted so they weren't necessary. Given the relentless political meddling with the constant specter of further cuts, it's no wonder that DEP's ability to fulfill its public duty to protect and restore New Jersey's environment has been severely crippled. A month's delay in accounting for CBT spending from March to April, while wrong, should not have been totally unexpected, and explanations as to why should have been mere speculation. Given the anti-regulation, pro-business stance of the current administration, those reasons likely go far deeper than presumptive diversions. Moreover is the seizure of funds from an unlocked institution with doors left ajar justified in the absence of a full and proper inquiry?

Therefore its imperative that the Legislature, with the support of NJ Keep It Green, commit to RESTORING funds cut by the legislation BEFORE the "spoils" are allocated. This is what the public was expecting when they overwhelmingly passed the deceptively marketed amendment: "*funding to improve water quality, remove and clean up underground storage tanks, and clean-up polluted sites.*" Please do this is for the sake of all our citizens and for protecting our collective natural heritage and public health.

PARKS: Restore at least 16 million to Parks budget in the implementation process. Then provide them with a fair share of stewardship money. They already have a \$400 million backlog. It's only fair to all taxpayers, particularly those in more urban areas, who likely will be paying for open space acquisitions in other less accessible, rural, and wealthier areas.

WATER RESOURCES (INCLUDING NJ GEOLOGICAL SURVEY): Restore funding in the legislative session. Only Water Resources had the legal authority to can clean up surface waters. While preserving small tracts of land in upper watersheds helps to prevent future non-source point pollution from new development, it cannot clean up contamination at the source, nor will it

clean streams, rivers, and bays. Only DEP has the legal authority to promulgate, regulate, and enforce violations that degrade water quality. I sincerely hope that eventually with a new administration at the helm those waters will be more aggressively regulated. Moreover with the many pipelines bulldozing through our bedrock, this is no time to supposedly cut the NJ Geological Survey by \$1 million. Nor is it advisable to forever lose the expertise of those in charge of water quality and well water permitting.

**HAZARDOUS CLEAN-UPS:** Don't leave Site remediation without ANY personnel. Please restore salaries and funding. Only Site Remediation has the expertise to oversee contentious groundwater clean-ups. New Jersey has at least 15,000\* known hazardous waste sites with some very recently discovered ones dating from the 1970s. New sites are yet to be discovered. DEP employees in the trenches report that the need for clean-ups is NOT "sunsetting", nor are they being "drawn down," contrary to KIG's sales pitch. Moreover, despite the LSRP program, significant oversight is still required – a totally unsupervised LSRP is tantamount to putting the "fox IN the chicken house." Additionally, unaddressed clean-ups become ever costly, jeopardizing gains made in open space preservation. A DEP employee commented:

*"Yes, we all agree that we need to preserve open space, but that does not mean we let the rest be left to crud. Oh and news flash, not all open spaces that have been preserved or are destined for preservation are contaminant free! Where does the money come from to remediate those areas!? Sometimes I just take a step back and think they mean well, but they do not have the benefit of seeing the whole picture that I have the misfortune of seeing and experiencing, which by the way can leave one very fatigued at the end of the day... **This is a continuation of what I see as a very disturbing trend, the devaluation of the need to address existing contamination.** Most recently demonstrated by Christie's grab of a large portion of the Passaic River settlement. For that maneuver, it took the corporate attorneys less than 24 hours to say "so the impact of the contamination is not as serious as you lead us to believe since the money will not go towards the remediation." Best of luck to the DEP attorneys in the future presenting their case."*

**STEWARDSHIP:** No salaries should be paid out of stewardship grants to private organizations. KIG leaders incorrectly accused DEP of improperly helping themselves to CBT money for salaries, so why should those same CBT monies pay the salaries of private non-profits? After Gov. Whitman's 30% budget cuts to DEP CBT monies were constitutionally authorized in 1996, and later re-authorized to make up the shortfall and prevent politicians from raiding those funds. Nor should Stewardship Grants be available to non-profits to make monies from the sale of state forest timber. Stewardship grants will need some TRANSPARENCY and ACCOUNTABILITY so spending and outcomes can be tracked. This is particularly important in the instance of non-profits since OPRA requests don't apply. I've too often seen mixed results from stewardship projects where the details and follow-up were ignored.

**LASTLY:** I sincerely hope the Open Space Amendment's dismantling of core DEP Departments is not a last, irreversible, precedent setting step towards privatization, conveniently enabled for the Christie Administration by the collusion of KIG leaders and the Legislature. At a time when our state is at an energy supply crossroads, we cannot afford to permanently lose decades of invaluable institutional knowledge and never regain our regulatory authority.

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## **D&R CANAL WATCH**

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December 8, 2014

To: New Jersey Senate, Environment and Energy Committee  
Judith L. Horowitz & Michael R. Molimock, Committee Aides  
Re: Implementation of Public Question #2

No responsible agency—governmental or nonprofit—would think of “saving” a child without providing for its care. Green Acres has in the past done an admirable job of assuring that the properties purchased with its funds are cared for and monitored. Entrusted with the stewardship of many of these properties and historic sites, the Division of Parks and Forestry has taken seriously its responsibility and done an exemplary job, especially given drastic decreases in funding and staff in recent years.

An amendment similar to the one in question passed by the NJ legislature and voted in by citizens in 2006 provided a “stable source of funding” for Parks and Forestry. Beginning in 2007, this allotment amounted to 15% of a percentage (4%) of the Corporate Business Tax dedicated to certain NJ DEP agencies, including Water Quality and toxic site remediation; we are concentrating here on Parks, but the other significant losses—especially the two mentioned that involve hundreds of jobs—must also be addressed. With the passage of Public Question #2, that 15% for Parks was entirely eliminated. This amounted to an annual \$16-\$17 Million in 2007-2015 and was scheduled to rise to an annual \$32 Million in January 2016. It was the **ONLY MONEY the Department of Parks and Forestry had for historic preservation and other-than-routine capital expenditures and maintenance**. For a better understanding of the loss, please see the article on the next page of this letter. The child mentioned above will “age out” or die if care is denied; **without proper stewardship, preserved land and historic sites will deteriorate further and become more expensive to repair**. New Jersey citizens have a right to expect that their parks and historic sites will be treasured, preserved, maintained and enhanced.

In several places, the new legislation specifically calls for “the preservation and **stewardship** of open space (Green Acres), farmland, historic sites, and flood-prone areas.” **We propose that the amounts the Division of Parks and Forestry would have received had Public Question #2 not passed be restored by Green Acres and allocated on a stable basis: an annual \$16 Million from the \$71 Million that will be received annually through the year 2018, and \$32 Million after 2019 when the amount received will increase to \$117 Million.** Lesser amounts will severely cripple Parks in its responsibility to provide adequate stewardship for both existing and newly acquired open space, parkland and historic sites. Allocations short of a guaranteed annual allotment will jeopardize Parks’ ability to plan and budget for its capital maintenance and historic preservation.

**Please thoughtfully consider this proposal and allow the Division of Parks and Forestry a sufficient level of funding to maintain its stewardship of the properties entrusted to it.**

Barbara T. Ross  
Vice President

The D & R Canal Watch is a non-profit citizens’ organization formed in 1988 to help promote, enhance, and preserve the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park. Members number over 200 and are from each of the four counties and 22 municipalities that border the canal. New members are always welcome.



Extracted from an article in the public domain from an anonymous DEP employee:

"Capital projects are large projects as traditional as restrooms, roadways, bridges for trails, picnic pavilions, and overnight camping cabins and as complex as full restoration and conservation projects of historic sites, the building of new visitor centers, stabilization of bulkheads, etc. This was to help with the more than \$400 million backlog in projects at NJ Historic Sites. The backlog was due to sporadic (at best) to zero capital funding given to State Parks as part of their budget for years and years. Between the State Park Service and the Division of Fish & Wildlife, there are over 1900 buildings they are responsible for maintaining and over 1,500 miles of public roads and trails. That does not include bridges, dams, and other structures. And year after year, the state budget did not adequately supply the funds to care for them. The amendment passed in 2006 addressed this and gave a stable source of funding for major project.

"The money is desperately needed because the amount of visitation these sites have seen over the last ten years has increased dramatically, while infrastructure has continued to fail. Staffing levels have dropped to new lows because of retirements and attrition, while the amount of property and buildings the State Park Service is responsible for has only increased. With reduced staffing, you have less people to do basic maintenance to structures, which eventually turns into larger, more complex needs, which capital funding would address. And major natural disasters like Hurricane Irene & Sandy pummeled NJ State Parks & Historic Sites, requiring immediate repairs to buildings and bulkheads (think of the damage to the historic Liberty State Park terminal building or Island Beach State Park). Capital funding was funneled to these projects so that the parks could be reopened to the public, while the State continues to wait for FEMA reimbursements. Thus, other capital projects have been put completely on hold. I think you all get the idea. Our state-owned parks & historic sites require a lot of upkeep and maintenance, but it's all for the public! It's all so people can come and visit these places and enjoy everything the state has to offer! Staff want visitors to have the very best experience they can when they visit and offer as many opportunities for outdoor recreation and historic and natural education as possible! We live for this stuff, but funding and staffing continue to be a challenge."

**Senate Environment and Energy Committee  
Testimony on Implementation of Public Question #2  
December 10, 2014**

**Submitted by Kathleen Crotty, former Executive Director Senate Democratic Office**

Senator Smith and Members of the Senate Environment Committee:

Thank you for permitting me to submit this testimony regarding the implementation of SCR 84. I appreciate the committee's effort to obtain input on the use of the funds which will be available for open space and farmland preservation through the reallocation of the constitutionally dedicated corporate business tax revenue. My comments relate to the State's obligation to provide for stewardship of approximately 800,000 acres currently owned by the State as well as future acquisitions.

In 2006, after many years of reduced funding for maintenance of State parks, recreational facilities and wildlife areas, the Legislature proposed a constitutional amendment for submission to the voters which revised the distribution of the existing constitutionally dedicated CBT revenue to make a portion of the revenue available for capital projects in state parks and wildlife areas.

The final vote on this referendum suggests that the voters clearly understand the need for the State to maintain our parks, wildlife and recreation areas. The 2006 referendum received more votes overall and more Yes votes than the Green Acres referendum that appeared on the 2009 ballot. This outcome is more remarkable in that in 2009 there was a gubernatorial election – typically a year with much higher voter turnout.

At the time that the 2006 amendment was approved, the Department of Environmental Protection identified a backlog of over \$400 million in needed capital improvements in State parks and wildlife areas. In 2011, the Department of Environmental Protection issued a report which detailed the expenditure of the CBT revenue between 2007 and 2011 which totaled \$62 million for Parks and Forestry projects and \$12 million for Division of Fish and Wildlife projects. The list covers a variety of different projects from energy efficient improvements which decrease operating costs, to safety and ADA improvements and restoration of the Batsto Mansion.

Projects throughout the state were funded with the CBT revenue – from Fort Mott in Salem County to Island Beach State Park in Ocean County, the D & R Canal State Park (including the Hamilton Path Development) which runs through several counties, High Point in Sussex and New Bridge Landing in Bergen County. Residents throughout the state have benefited from these projects. A complete project list is available on the DEP website.

Although millions of dollars in CBT revenue have been expended for this purpose since 2006, the backlog - made worse by the severe weather conditions that have occurred over the past several years, particularly Irene and Sandy - is still very significant. A dedicated funding source for capital projects – to match up with the dedicated funding source for open space and farmland

acquisition - is necessary if there is any expectation that the State's parks and recreation and wildlife areas will remain accessible and safe.

It defies logic that the State would continue to acquire additional open space without the capacity to maintain the hundreds of thousands of acres already acquired under previous Green Acres programs. Stewardship of existing property is as important as the acquisition of additional acres.

Recognizing that the total amount of available funds will fall sort of overall needs, the Legislature will be required to set priorities for expenditure of available funds. Responding to the questions that Senator Smith provided, the following suggestions are offered for your consideration with respect to how the available CBT revenue will be allocated:

- Provide funding for capital projects in the same proportion as provided under the previous allocation.
- Limit the funding to State parks, forest and wildlife areas consistent with the current allocation. Much of the preserved farmland is privately owned and not accessible to the public. Landowners should be required to maintain their farmland as a condition of receiving a preserved farmland designation.
- Give funding priority to urban areas as there is a greater need for safe, accessible recreation in New Jersey's cities. This need will increase as the urban areas of New Jersey - like cities around the country - continue to gain population in contrast to suburban and rural areas.
- Limit the availability of capital funding to state parks, forests and wildlife areas. The need at the State level is significant and, under the best circumstances, will take many years to address.

Thank you for taking the time to review these suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Crotty

**NJ Senate Environment and Energy Committee**  
**Regarding 12/8/14 Public Hearing on the Enabling Legislation for Ballot Measure 2**  
12/7/14

Dear Chairman Senator Bob Smith and all Committee members,

We thank you for starting your crucial work on the enabling legislation for the constitutional amendment of ballot measure 2 - which was a wolf in sheep's clothing with its pernicious, severely harmful impact on Liberty State Park (LSP), the urban waterfront open space green oasis behind Lady Liberty and Ellis Island and one of NJ's and our nation's most priceless public spaces, and the disastrous impact on all state parks.

We strongly urge you to REQUIRE official testimony on the enabling legislation from NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin, Assistant Commissioner Rich Boornazian, and from Director Mark Texel of the NJ State Park Service. Their testimony is essential for you to hear the devastating impact of #2, and to hear their suggestions to rectify it.

As the amendment reads, state parks will lose all its lease and concession funds - one fourth of LSP's annual budget, approximately \$800,000, generated by the marina and two restaurant leases and the Statue Cruises ferry concession funds - needed for operations and maintenance - will be STOLEN, most likely to purchase open space in rural areas. The amendment destructively ends the guaranteed, dedicated funds for state parks, which was \$16 million this past year, and would force the DEP's State Park Service to stand in line and beg for open space funds each year. We urge you to reverse the major flaws of the constitutional amendment and provide at least \$16 million for parks in the coming year and more each year - with the backlog of \$400 million in capital improvements needed. We urge you to structure the enabling legislation to allow all parks to have a dedicated stable source of funding by keeping funds from lease, concessions, permits, etc. generated inside these parks. We will provide three recommendations in this letter.

We urge your leadership to rectify the injustice done especially to LSP and urban areas by the flaws in the constitutional amendment, which amounts to a flagrant case of ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE for the quality of life of the urban residents who use LSP as a peaceful recreation resource, a sanctuary from densely populated Hudson and nearby urban counties, and also it is a flagrant assault on this unique NJ resource, visited annually by over 5 million people from around NJ, our nation and the world. LSP, "The People's Park" features a 1.5 mile promenade with spectacular views of the Manhattan skyline and NY harbor, large lawns, gardens, picnic areas and playgrounds, paths and nature habitat, ferries to Lady Liberty/Ellis Island, Liberty Science Center, the historic Central Railroad of NJ Terminal; Nature Interpretive Center; NJ's Empty Sky 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Grove of Remembrance. Liberty State Park is the cornerstone of an economic tourism industry for northeast New Jersey and Hudson County.

This amendment is a major threat, jeopardizing the future of LSP and all state parks. The sustainability, operations and future improvement of Liberty State Park, as well as all state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas are at stake. The Friends of Liberty State Park, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer, 26 year old organization is also an Officially Recognized Friends Organization of the NJDEP's Division of Parks and Forestry. Our 800 members are mostly from Hudson County but also live throughout the state. We have joined many local and statewide organizations to advocate for LSP and fight against many battles against park commercialization and privatization. This amendment would be devastating to LSP and we urge you to do the right thing and reverse the injustices and make changes to save and improve LSP and all state parks for the benefit of the urban areas of our state where most of our population lives and needs open space parks and the benefit of visitors from everywhere.

***Below are the flaws with the constitutional amendment as it relates to LSP and all the state parks, forests, historic sites, and wildlife areas. Our recommendations follow.***

The amendment takes all Corporate Business Tax (CBT) funding that was previously designated to DEP for the capital maintenance and improvement of state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas and turns it over to Green Acres to make available for the acquisition, development and stewardship of parkland and open space throughout the state. This change takes away \$16 million annually of needed capital funds that go toward large scale capital projects in our state's most precious recreational, natural, historic and cultural resources. In this new paradigm under the amendment, the state DEP will need to compete for the capital funding against counties, municipalities and non-profit organizations for Green Acres funding. It must be noted that almost all New Jersey counties already have a dedicated tax revenue source for capital projects for parks in their communities. CBT was the only dedicated source of funding supporting our state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas. LSP has been a recipient of these capital funds in the past and it is critical that the funding be there in the future. Some examples of the millions of dollars of CBT funds that have assisted Liberty State Park in the past 6 years include:

- Construction of two new picnic pavilions, restroom and parking lot,
- Replacement of the HVAC system in the maintenance complex,
- Renovation to the historic CRRNJ Terminal Building,
- Removal of 1000 foot long obsolete concrete wall and beautification of the area,
- Improvement to the Park Office and Visitor Center, and
- Replacement of a 1000 foot long section of the Hudson River Walkway and bulkhead that had previously caved into the water.

In addition, the constitutional amendment reallocates money received from leases and other uses of State open space lands to pay for open space, farmland, and historic preservation throughout the state. This change will take away the lease and concession revenue that helps sustain the annual operating cost at Liberty State Park and deposits it into the Green Acres fund. Leases at LSP, such as Liberty Landing Marina which includes two restaurants and ferry service to NYC, the Statue Cruises ferry services to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and other concessions that provide amenities to the public such as bicycle rentals and food vending will now be diverted. Instead of these revenue funds going directly into the operation of the park they will now go toward funding open space in other parts of the state. This diverted amount of funding equates to approximately \$700,000 – 850,000 annually or approximately 20-25% of the Liberty State Park's operating budget. These funds help sustain the park operations and pay for things such as the park's electric, gas and water bills, repairs and upkeep of public restrooms, salaries of seasonal employees that assist with gardening, trash removal, snow clearing, landscaping and visitor services, equipment for the popular eco-kayak program, and maintenance of the grounds and buildings.

*The following are recommendations for enabling legislation that will hopefully fix these inequities to our state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas.*

**Recommendation #1:**

Dedicate 23% annually or no less than \$16 million of the Corporate Business Tax to DEP's capital improvement budget for state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas.

**Justification:**

23% of the total CBT funds represent approximately \$16 million. This amount was previously dedicated to DEP's capital improvement projects annually prior to the passing of Ballot Question #2. This funding will increase overtime as the tax increases. These funds will assist in the capital maintenance and improvements of the state's most important public recreation, open space, historical and cultural resources that DEP is charged with the responsibility of maintaining.



**Examples of projects that have benefited from CBT capital funding in the past include:**

new picnic pavilions at Liberty State Park,  
new visitor center at Monmouth Battlefield State Park,  
bathroom renovations at the Brendan Byrne State Forest campground,  
restoration of Waterloo Village,  
new boat ramp at Assunpink Wildlife Management Area,  
refurbishment and restoration of over 70 dams on state Fish and Wildlife properties,  
restoration Ringwood Manor,  
improvements to water quality on the state's largest recreational lakes,  
restoration of the historic fortification at Fort Mott State Park, and  
capital improvements of Batsto Mansion in Wharton State Forest.

**Recommendation #2:**

**Allow the DEP to hold onto ALL revenue collected from leases, concessions, permits and all other revenue from regulated fees and services derived from state parks, forests, recreation areas and historic sites. Direct the DEP to establish individual revolving financial accounts for each state park, forest, recreation area and historic site unit at its discretion. All fees collected from each park unit should be deposited into the unit's established revolving account and such funds should support the annual operations of each park unit.**

**Justification**

**Currently revenue collected from these sources is returned to the state's general treasury from the DEP. The establishment of revolving accounts and reallocation of the revenue sources would be an important step in establishing a stable source of funding for the operations of each state park, forest, recreation area and historic site. Examples of fees collected would come from:**

camping and cabin rentals, parks entrance fees, mobile sports fishing permits,  
boat launch permits, picnic facility rentals, parking passes, leases, concessions,  
special use permits, and services provided by state park staff.

This would allow the money generated at places like Liberty State Park, Island Beach, Waterloo Village and Ringwood State Park to stay in those parks to assist in the operations of those parks and therefore be less reliant on annual state budget appropriations.

### **Recommendation #3**

**Require that the revenue generated from Liberty State Park's parking lots be deposited into the Liberty State Park revolving account to help sustain the operation of the park instead of depositing those funds into the state's general treasury.**

### **Justification**

Two large parking lots were developed by the state in the 1990's to provide parking for ferry users to the Statue of Liberty and Liberty Science Center. These lots generate approximately \$500,000 of net revenue annually. Unfortunately, this revenue goes back to state's general treasury instead of the park operations. These should go toward sustaining Liberty State Park not into the coffers of the state.

**In closing, we hope that the state legislature will make right the flaws of the constitutional amendment by passing legislation that will create equities to the funding system of our state's precious state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas. We urge the legislature to take the opportunity to not just create a stable source of funding for Green Acres but to also help create a stable source of funding for our state assets by allowing them to keep the revenue generated at those facilities and to keep the \$16 million annually for capital projects.**


**We again strongly urge you to require DEP officials to appear before your committee to discuss the impacts of this constitutional amendment so that there can be broad consensus in any pending enabling legislation.**

Sincerely,

Sam Pesin, president and son of Morris Pesin, the "father" of Liberty State Park

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hi Kevil

Dylan from Senator Weinberg's office suggested I sent the Friends of Liberty State Park's position statement to you on the Enabling Legislation for ballot measure 2. I had sent it originally on Dec 7 but with the deadline coming up and the importance of the enabling legislation not severely hurting Liberty State Park and all state parks, I wanted to make sure that you read it and discussed it with Sen. Smith and your colleagues. I'm sending this as president of The Friends of LSP and the son of Morris Pesin, the "father" of Liberty State Park.

Thanks a lot. Please don't throw LSP and all state parks "under the bus" as the constitutional amendment does. As it now stands, LSP would lose 25% of its budget for operations and maintenance by losing its marina and restaurant leases and the Statue of Liberty ferry concession revenue. Also please let LSP keep its parking lot revenue and let the State Park Service get at least guaranteed \$16 million in the coming year.

Best Wishes,  
Sam

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Dear Senate Committee and Judy Horowitz

In addition to the Friends of Liberty State Park's three recommendations to your committee we also want to express very strong support for the excellent, wise and important recommendations submitted on January 7 from the New York/New Jersey Baykeeper for the enabling legislation for ballot measure 2.

Sam  
Sam Pesin president Friends of LSP

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## **Testimony on the Reassignment of State Park Services Funds to Support the Open Space Constitutional Amendment**

**Presented by the Lake Hopatcong Foundation**  
December 12, 2014

The Lake Hopatcong Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit organization that seeks to protect and improve Lake Hopatcong, very strongly asks that the state not abdicate its role in managing the health of the lake's waters. It has been our understanding that the management of the annual weed harvest, which removes phosphorus and weed biomass from the lake and helps improve the overall water quality, has been funded through the state's corporate business tax and therefore is at risk due to the passage of the open space amendment in November.

The continued funding of the weed harvesting program is essential to keep Lake Hopatcong, located in the Skylands Region in Morris and Sussex Counties, viable as a recreational resource. The relatively small investment maintains a resource unique in New Jersey which is enjoyed by thousands of New Jersey State residents and visitors each year. According to "The Economic Impact of Tourism in New Jersey" tourism growth in 2013 was centered in northern New Jersey. Ranked by growth, Morris and Sussex Counties were ranked first and second with 6.9 and 5.1 percent increase respectively.

Lake Hopatcong is not only an aquatic state park, but is also the state's largest lake and a major source of economic revenue for New Jersey via taxes, boating registrations, fishing licenses, and more. The state must properly fund the management of its waters and not allow the quality of the lake environment to deteriorate on its watch.

The evidence of the necessity of the weed harvest is shown in the following passage from the 2013 Lake Hopatcong Water Quality Monitoring Annual Report, which was prepared for the Lake Hopatcong Foundation and Lake Hopatcong Commission by Princeton Hydro, LLC of Ringoes, NJ:

"Many of the more shallow sections of Lake Hopatcong are susceptible to the proliferation of nuisance densities of rooted aquatic plants. Given the size of Lake Hopatcong, the composition of its aquatic plant community, and its heavy and diverse recreational use, mechanical weed harvesting is the most cost effective and ecologically sound method of controlling nuisance weed densities. One consistent advantage mechanical weed harvesting has over other management techniques, such as the application of aquatic herbicides, is that phosphorus is removed from the lake along with the weed biomass."

The Lake Hopatcong Foundation respectfully requests that the state take proper care of this incredible natural resource, which is a source of beauty, recreation, and commerce, and is a diverse ecosystem that needs to be protected. We respectfully urge the allocation of funds to continue essential weed harvesting as well as the overall management of Lake Hopatcong.

Thank you.



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Dear Senator Smith and Members of the Committee;

Our comments regarding Ballot Question #2.

We are strong proponents for our State Park System, recognizing these are public lands providing free, or almost free, access for the general public of NJ. Access to the Parks requires that the buildings and facilities are kept in good repair and to current standards.

ACR195 from 2006 was to provide a stable source of funding for key environmental programs as well as capital funding for our Parks. You were one of the supporters of that bill.

Now, some years later, SCR84 was promoted to provide a stable source of funding for Open Space purchases. The sad outcome of that bill was to strip ALL funding from the Parks, plus nearly decimate the environmental programs that are important for the health of NJ residents.

We do not believe Open Space should have trumped ACR195 promised allocations; we believe there could have been alternate means to support Open Space purchases. This was an appalling move between the Senators and the Keep It Green group to decimate Park funding. After the public of NJ voted for ACR195 in support of those programs, it is unbelievable and stunning that the same Senators would do an about face.

Among your issues for discussion:

1. Some GA funds should be used to promote urban parks, forests and most importantly health! with access to fresh produce and encourage more farmer's markets.
2. Guaranteed funding for Blue Acres? I understand there is a lot of FEMA money currently being used for Blue Acres. So perhaps GA funding not needed at this time. However, some funding should be used to encourage various municipalities to stop issuing any building permits in or near flood plain and to prohibit filling in wetlands. This will reduce many flooding issues.
3. GA distribution: We believe the State Parks/Forest should, at the least, remain at the 2014 level of \$16 million as was promised in ACR 195. They must maintain adequate repairs and condition of facilities used by the public. Otherwise, we shall see access becoming very limited to Park buildings. And this should not mean that the bulk of any GA money should be diverted to high profile locations like Liberty State Park and Island Beach State Park. There needs to be developed a priority list where major repairs must and should be done. Then money can then be allocated appropriately to the State Parks.
4. Defining Stewardship: According to Merriam-Webster: Defined as the "conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care (stewardship of natural resources)". Therefore stewardship in this State should allow funding for our Parks to continue to care for the public and historic buildings that have been entrusted to them. They are in trust for the people of NJ. Applying "stewardship funding" towards Open Space or Farmland Preservation is not fulfilling the definition of stewardship. Again, the \$16 million that was promised to State Parks per ACR195 should be continued so their stewardship may continue.

Land purchases are not stewardship, it is preservation. And most definitely, GA money should not accrue to the non-profits to fulfill their own administrative costs.

5. Future role of Garden State Preservation Trust: We agree there needs to be a stable source of funding, but definitely not at the expense of the programs and dollars already voted upon via ACR195. There needs to be some format, other than CBT money to support this program. Perhaps a very small percent of the sales tax; raise the sales tax by one cent and use that for the GSPT program. There cannot be the continued 'rob Peter to pay Paul' mentality through this State.
6. New priorities for open space acquisition to add to the law? This we don't understand, unless it's to further decimate environmental funding. Any additions to the law should be done by active public notice and with input from the public.

We think many people were dismayed to learn the outcome of this vote for SCR84. We don't think people actually realized the kind of money shift that would occur, in other words a case of deceptive advertising. The Fiscal Outlook chart from your legislative offices should have been made very public to inform the voters properly.

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Sincerely,

Estelle Anderson / Robert Jonas

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**OLSaideSEN**

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**From:** Anne Marie Price  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** State park funding  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sun 12/7/2014 9:35 PM

I am writing to you, pleading for our state park funding. As an environmental educator, a scout leader, and a mother I greatly value our NJ state park system. I also feel very strongly about the need for open space preservation. The very tight knit community of naturalists have been at odds over this issue. I strongly believe it was a horrible decision to take the funding that should be used for our state parks. In 1987 and 1988, as an intern from Rutgers I worked in Washington's Crossing State park. I witnessed first hand how critical the upkeep of the park property can be. Please consider reinstating the funding that was promised to our state treasures. It is essential for the preservation of our wonderful parks.

Sincerely, Anne Marie Price

Naturalist, Kateri Environmental Center

Active member, ANJEE. Alliance of NJ Environmental Educators

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**From:** Sallie Hadley [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** state park funding  
**Attachments:**  
**Sent:** Mon 12/8/2014 1:57 AM

I'm very upset with the funding being taken away from our state parks. They NEED repairs, they need attention. Some of the historic buildings need to be fixed now.

I'm glad I pay attention to wording on questions. You guys realize that MOST people are for open space. Putting the question with the words open space can really be bad in misleading people. Please restore funding to the state parks!!!! I expect taxes to go there. This is a historic state. We have over 400,000 acres to care for. People are watching that you fund them correctly.

Hadley

Sallie

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**From:** Pat Heaney [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** State Park Funding  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Mon 12/8/2014 7:32 AM


Dear Committee Members,

I am writing about my concern over the loss of funding the our state parks. I understand that the people of our great state voted for the open space ballot question; I do not think they fully understood the impact it would have on our current State Parks. I am a lifelong resident of NJ and frequent our wonderful parks. I would hate to see them fall into disrepair over a lack of funding. I hope you will see fit to reinstate State Park funding to take care of their maintenance and increase the educational programming at the parks. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely  
Patricia Heaney  
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**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Revised Res. 189-2014  
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All,

I made a error in the voting block. Please see revised resolution.

Thank you.

Doris J. Flynn  
 Byram Municipal Clerk

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**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM  
RESOLUTION NO. 189 - 2014**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT RESTORATION OF FUNDING TO  
STATE PARKS PROGRAMS WHICH WILL SUFFER CUTS DUE  
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TO PUBLIC APPROVAL OF NEW JERSEY BALLOT QUESTION 2**

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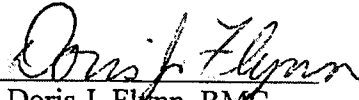
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#### BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Gray	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Kash	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion			X		
2nd				X	
Yes		X	X	X	X
No					
Abstain	X				
Absent					


Attest:

I certify that the Byram Township Council, at a meeting held on December 16, 2014 adopted the foregoing resolution.

  
Doris J. Flynn, RMC

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**Cc:**  
**Subject:** in support of Byram Council resolution re: State Parks funding  
**Attachments:**  DOC064.PDF(105KB)

To: New Jersey Senate Environment and Energy Committee

From: **Byram Township Environmental Commission**

Re: Implementation of Public Question 2; for the support of State Parks and Historic Sites

On December 16, 2014 the Byram Township Council passed a resolution calling for the restoration of funding for New Jersey's State Parks and Historic Sites, as part of the implementation of Ballot Question 2. The resolution also calls for income from concessions agreements to be dedicated for the use of the host park.

These are serious issues for our State, where there is already a \$400 million backlog of work needed at our Parks. It is especially serious for Byram Township, which is home to Allamuchy Mountain State Park and Waterloo Village, premier attractions for our residents and for visitors to our Township. Byram's economic future depends on these attractions, as does the character and beauty of our Township.

Byram has been actively involved in the revival of Waterloo Village and the improvement of Allamuchy's Sussex Branch Trail. In the course of that work, Byram's officials and volunteers were made very aware that Parks funding was already inadequate.

Now, Ballot Question 2 is poised to divert even more funding from the Parks.

In response to that unacceptable outcome of Ballot Question 2, the Township Council is calling for a full restoration of funding for capital improvements and stewardship at State Parks and historic sites, at 5% of the Corporate Business Tax.

The Council's Resolution 189-2014 (which is attached) also requests that no taxpayer funds be allocated to non-profit NGOs for stewardship of their lands, since other funding sources are available for that work.

The Township's Environmental Commission fully supports our Council's Resolution. The Commission is very active in creating and maintaining Byram's trail network, which links to the Allamuchy Mountain State Park trails, including Sussex Branch and the Highlands Trail, and to networks in neighboring towns. The Commission published a 2014 Byram Trails Guide and has partnered with the NY-NJ Trail Conference, the 'Salt Shakers' local running club, and the Commission's own trails volunteer group to enlarge and maintain our trails.

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## Byram Township Council Speaks Up For New Jersey State Parks and Historic Sites

by scott\_olson

In response to the New Jersey Senate Environment and Energy Committee's December 8, 2014 hearing on implementation of Public Question 2 (*you can read press reports of that meeting here and here*), the Byram Township Mayor and Council passed the resolution below supporting restoration of funding to state parks and historic sites at their meeting last night.

As I've stated before, with passage of Question 2 came serious financial impacts on our state parks and historic sites, severely limiting their ability to fund capital projects, such as building or repairing restrooms, roads, and bridges. With a \$400 million backlog of repairs, new construction and improvements to existing facilities in state parks and historic sites, dedicated funding has been virtually eliminated. The State Legislature now has before it the task of divvying up the \$71 million of Corporation Business Tax (CBT) funds which were diverted from current programs and assigning them to programs as allowed under the constitutional amendment approved by voters.

These cuts have the potential for major impact on the local economy of Byram Township – and any other municipality hosting a state park or historic site – as you can see by reading the resolution, and we took full advantage of this opportunity to make our feelings and concerns known to the Senate Environment and Energy Committee. The committee left a 30-day window open for submission of comments, so if you or your municipal governing body have strong feelings about how these public funds are used, you can submit your comments to them via email to [OLSAideSEN@njleg.org](mailto:OLSAideSEN@njleg.org) through January 7, 2015.

While the December 8 hearing was only the first of what I'm sure will be many on this subject, it has become obvious that assignment of funds and implementation of programs will become a contentious process, with members of the 'Keep It Green' coalition lobbying heavily for their interests and not necessarily those of our state parks and historic sites.

Please take this and every opportunity to make your thoughts and concerns known to our legislators. They need to hear from all of us.

**Speak up and be part of the solution!**

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**BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

December 16, 2014

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**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Comments Re: Ballot question # 2  
**Attachments:**  Ltr re- lsp ballot.pdf(5MB)

**Sent:** Thu 12/25/2014 7:23 PM

Please read enclosed information for recommendations to the committee about the language in the enabling legislation concerning ballot question # 2. We will not accept any withdrawal of current funding for the state parks, especially, Liberty State Park (LSP). We want you to alter the enabling language to include the necessary funding to keep the operations/maintenance attainable within the current LSP budget. Allowing the changes this bill to become law will ultimately short-change and bring the LSP budget into crisis mode. We cannot allow that to happen. Please read the enclosed pdf file and make a wise and sane choice in favor of its' recommendations.


Thank you for your considerations,

Michel Cuillerier  
Save Our Space  
[REDACTED]  
West Orange NJ 07052

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**From:** michel cuillerier [REDACTED] **Sent:** Thu 12/25/2014 7:28 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Ballot Question # 2 Recommendations  
**Attachments:**  [Ballot # 2 recommendations.pdf\(188KB\)](#)

Please read the pdf file. I am sending you more information concerning your damaging language in the current ballot question # 2.

Thank you for your consideration

Michel Cuillerier  
VP FOLSP.org  
[REDACTED]

West Orange  
NJ 07052

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# Friends of Liberty State Park

To preserve, protect, conserve, and promote Liberty State Park

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All supporters of Liberty State Park and all state parks, forests and recreation areas

The Ballot Measure 2 Constitutional Amendment language had a pernicious, severely harmful impact on Liberty State Park and a disastrous impact on all state parks and forests.

**Until Friday, January 8th at 5pm**

*THE SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE is seeking testimony from the public (original hearing in Trenton was on 12/8) on the implementation of Ballot Measure Public Question 2 with Enabling Legislation - whose language is what this important advocacy is directed to.*

The public may address comments and questions to Judith L. Horowitz or Michael R. Molimock, Committee Aides at (609)847-3855, fax (609)292-0561, or e-mail: [OLSAideSEN@njleg.org](mailto:OLSAideSEN@njleg.org). Written and electronic comments, questions and testimony submitted to the committee by the public, as well as recordings and transcripts, if any, of oral testimony, are government records and will be available to the public upon request.

After reading the background explanation, please cut & paste the 3 recommendations & justifications below, which are excerpts from the Friends statement.

## BACKGROUND EXPLANATION

Without key changes through the Enabling Legislation, the Constitutional amendment jeopardizes the future of LSP and all state parks. The sustainability, operations and future improvement of LSP, as well as all state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas are at stake.

We urge you to email or call the Committee leadership to rectify the injustice done especially to LSP and urban areas by the flaws in the constitutional amendment, which amounts to a flagrant case of ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE for the quality of life of the urban residents who use LSP as a peaceful recreation resource, a sanctuary from densely populated Hudson and nearby urban counties, and also it is a flagrant assault on this unique NJ resource, visited annually by over 5 million people from around NJ, our nation and the world. LSP,

As the amendment reads, state parks will lose all its lease and concession funds - one fourth of LSP's annual budget, approximately \$800,000, generated by the marina and two restaurant leases and the Statue Cruises ferry concession funds - needed for operations and maintenance - will be lost, most likely to purchase open space in rural areas. The amendment destructively ends the guaranteed, dedicated funds for state parks, which was \$16 million this past year, and would force the DEP's State Park Service to stand in line and beg for open space funds each year.

**PLEASE CUT AND PASTE This Salutation and THESE RECOMMENDATIONS & JUSTIFICATIONS INTO YOUR EMAIL OR PUT YOUR APPEAL FOR THE ENABLING LANGUAGE TO SAVE PARK'S FUNDING IN YOUR WORDS and put your name at end.**



**OLSAideSEN@njleg.org**

**NJ Senate Environment and Energy Committee  
Regarding Enabling Legislation for Constitutional Amendment in Ballot Measure 2**

**Dear Judith L. Horowitz or Michael R. Molimock,**

*The following are recommendations for enabling legislation that will hopefully reverse the inequities to our state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas.*

**Recommendation #1:**

**Dedicate 23% annually or no less than \$16 million of the Corporate Business Tax to DEP's capital improvement budget for state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas.**

**Justification:**

23% of the total CBT funds represent approximately \$16 million. This amount was previously dedicated to DEP's capital improvement projects annually prior to the passing of Ballot Question #2. This funding will increase overtime as the tax increases. These funds will assist in the capital maintenance and improvements of the state's most important public recreation, open space, historical and cultural resources that DEP is charged with the responsibility of maintaining.

**Recommendation #2:**

**Allow the DEP to hold onto ALL revenue collected from leases, concessions, permits and all other revenue from regulated fees and services derived from state parks, forests, recreation areas and historic sites. Direct the DEP to establish individual revolving financial accounts for each state park, forest, recreation area and historic site unit at its discretion. All fees collected from each park unit should be deposited into the unit's established revolving account and such funds should support the annual operations of each park unit.**

**Justification**

Currently revenue collected from these sources is returned to the state's general treasury from the DEP. The establishment of revolving accounts and reallocation of the revenue sources would be an important step in establishing a stable source of funding for the operations of each state park, forest, recreation area and historic site.

**Recommendation #3**

**Require that the revenue generated from Liberty State Park's parking lots be deposited into the Liberty State Park revolving account to help sustain the operation of the park instead of depositing those funds into the state's general treasury.**

**Justification**

Two large parking lots were developed by the state in the 1990's to provide parking for ferry users to the Statue of Liberty and Liberty Science Center. These lots generate approximately \$500,000 of net revenue annually. Unfortunately, this revenue goes back to state's general treasury instead of the park operations. These should go toward sustaining Liberty State Park not into the coffers of the state.

**Friends of Liberty State Park Full Statement to The Senate Environment and Energy Committee on Enabling Legislation for making Ballot Measure 2's constitutional amendment into law:**

**Word version**

**PDF version**

**Friends of Liberty State Park**  
**PO Box 3407 Jersey City, NJ 07302**  
**pesinliberty@earthlink.net www.folsp.org**

**NJ Senate Environment and Energy Committee**

**Regarding**

**12/8/14 Public Hearing on the Enabling Legislation for Ballot Measure 2      12/7/14**

Dear Chairman Senator Bob Smith and all Committee members,

We thank you for starting your crucial work on the enabling legislation for the constitutional amendment of ballot measure 2 - which was a wolf in sheep's clothing with its pernicious, severely harmful impact on Liberty State Park (LSP), the urban waterfront open space green oasis behind Lady Liberty and Ellis Island and one of NJ's and our nation's most priceless public spaces, and the disastrous impact on all state parks.

We strongly urge you to REQUIRE official testimony on the enabling legislation from NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin, Assistant Commissioner Rich Boornazian, and from Director Mark Texel of the NJ State Park Service. Their testimony is essential for you to hear the devastating impact of #2 and to hear their suggestions to rectify it.

As the amendment reads, state parks will lose all its lease and concession funds - one fourth of LSP's annual budget, approximately \$800,000, generated by the marina and two restaurant leases and the Statue Cruises ferry concession funds - needed for operations and maintenance - will be STOLEN, most likely to purchase open space in rural areas. The amendment destructively ends the guaranteed, dedicated funds for state parks, which was \$16 million this past year, and would force the DEP's State Park Service to stand in line and beg for open space funds each year. We urge you to reverse the major flaws of the constitutional amendment and provide at least \$16 million for parks in the coming year and more each year - with the backlog of \$400 million in capital improvements needed. We urge you to structure the enabling legislation to allow all parks to have a dedicated stable source of funding by keeping funds from lease, concessions, permits, etc. generated inside these parks. We will provide three recommendations in this letter.

We urge your leadership to rectify the injustice done especially to LSP and urban areas by the flaws in the constitutional amendment, which amounts to a flagrant case of ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE for the quality of life of the urban residents who use LSP as a peaceful recreation resource, a sanctuary from densely populated Hudson and nearby urban counties, and also it is a flagrant assault on this unique NJ resource, visited annually by over 5 million people from around NJ, our nation and the world. LSP, "The People's Park" features a 1.5 mile promenade with spectacular views of the Manhattan skyline and NY harbor, large lawns, gardens, picnic areas and playgrounds, paths and nature habitat, ferries to Lady Liberty/Ellis Island, Liberty Science Center, the historic Central Railroad of NJ Terminal; Nature Interpretive Center; NJ's Empty Sky 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Grove of Remembrance. Liberty State Park is the cornerstone of an economic tourism industry for northeast New Jersey and Hudson County.

This amendment is a major threat, jeopardizing the future of LSP and all state parks. The sustainability, operations and future improvement of Liberty State Park, as well as all state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas are at stake. The Friends of Liberty State Park, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer, 26 year old organization is also an Officially Recognized Friends Organization of the NJDEP's Division of Parks and Forestry. Our 800 members are mostly from Hudson County but also live throughout the state. We have joined many local and

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statewide organizations to advocate for LSP and fight against many battles against park commercialization and privatization. This amendment would be devastating to LSP and we urge you to do the right thing and reverse the injustices and make changes to save and improve LSP and all state parks for the benefit of the urban areas of our state where most of our population lives and needs open space parks and the benefit of visitors from everywhere.

***Below are the flaws with the constitutional amendment as it relates to LSP and all the state parks, forests, historic sites, and wildlife areas. Our recommendations follow.***

The amendment takes all Corporate Business Tax (CBT) funding that was previously designated to DEP for the capital maintenance and improvement of state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas and turns it over to Green Acres to make available for the acquisition, development and stewardship of parkland and open space throughout the state. This change takes away \$16 million annually of needed capital funds that go toward large scale capital projects in our state's most precious recreational, natural, historic and cultural resources. In this new paradigm under the amendment, the state DEP will need to compete for the capital funding against counties, municipalities and non-profit organizations for Green Acres funding. It must be noted that almost all New Jersey counties already have a dedicated tax revenue source for capital projects for parks in their communities. CBT was the only dedicated source of funding supporting our state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas. LSP has been a recipient of these capital funds in the past and it is critical that the funding be there in the future. Some examples of the millions of dollars of CBT funds that have assisted Liberty State Park in the past 6 years include:

Construction of two new picnic pavilions, restroom and parking lot,

Replacement of the HVAC system in the maintenance complex,

Renovation to the historic CRRNJ Terminal Building,

Removal of 1000 foot long obsolete concrete wall and beautification of the area,

Improvement to the Park Office and Visitor Center, and

Replacement of a 1000 foot long section of the Hudson River Walkway and bulkhead that had previously caved into the water.

**In addition, the constitutional amendment reallocates money received from leases and other uses of State open space lands to pay for open space, farmland, and historic preservation throughout the state. This change will take away the lease and concession revenue that helps sustain the annual operating cost at Liberty State Park and deposits it into the Green Acres fund.** Leases at LSP, such as Liberty Landing Marina which includes two restaurants and ferry service to NYC, the Statue Cruises ferry services to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and other concessions that provide amenities to the public such as bicycle rentals and food vending will now be diverted. Instead of these revenue funds going directly into the operation of the park they will now go toward funding open space in other parts of the state. This diverted amount of funding equates to approximately \$700,000 – 850,000 annually or approximately 20-25% of the Liberty State Park's operating budget. These funds help sustain the park operations and pay for things such as the park's

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electric, gas and water bills, repairs and upkeep of public restrooms, salaries of seasonal employees that assist with gardening, trash removal, snow clearing, landscaping and visitor services, equipment for the popular eco-kayak program, and maintenance of the grounds and buildings.

***The following are recommendations for enabling legislation that will hopefully fix these inequities to our state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas.***

**Recommendation #1:**

Dedicate 23% annually or no less than \$16 million of the Corporate Business Tax to DEP's capital improvement budget for state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas.

**Justification:**

23% of the total CBT funds represent approximately \$16 million. This amount was previously dedicated to DEP's capital improvement projects annually prior to the passing of Ballot Question #2. This funding will increase overtime as the tax increases. These funds will assist in the capital maintenance and improvements of the state's most important public recreation, open space, historical and cultural resources that DEP is charged with the responsibility of maintaining.

**Examples of projects that have benefited from CBT capital funding in the past include:**

new picnic pavilions at Liberty State Park,  
new visitor center at Monmouth Battlefield State Park,  
bathroom renovations at the Brendan Byrne State Forest campground,  
restoration of Waterloo Village,  
new boat ramp at Assunpink Wildlife Management Area,  
refurbishment and restoration of over 70 dams on state Fish and Wildlife properties,  
restoration Ringwood Manor,  
improvements to water quality on the state's largest recreational lakes,  
restoration of the historic fortification at Fort Mott State Park, and  
capital improvements of Batsto Mansion in Wharton State Forest.

**Recommendation #2:**

Allow the DEP to hold onto ALL revenue collected from leases, concessions, permits and all other revenue from regulated fees and services derived from state parks, forests, recreation areas and historic sites. Direct the DEP to establish individual revolving financial accounts for each state park, forest, recreation area and historic site unit at its discretion. All fees collected

from each park unit should be deposited into the unit's established revolving account and such funds should support the annual operations of each park unit.

### **Justification**

Currently revenue collected from these sources is returned to the state's general treasury from the DEP. The establishment of revolving accounts and reallocation of the revenue sources would be an important step in establishing a stable source of funding for the operations of each state park, forest, recreation area and historic site. Examples of fees collected would come from:

camping and cabin rentals, parks entrance fees, mobile sports fishing permits,  
boat launch permits, picnic facility rentals, parking passes, leases, concessions,  
special use permits, and services provided by state park staff.

This would allow the money generated at places like Liberty State Park, Island Beach, Waterloo Village and Ringwood State Park to stay in those parks to assist in the operations of those parks and therefore be less reliant on annual state budget appropriations.

### **Recommendation #3**

Require that the revenue generated from Liberty State Park's parking lots be deposited into the Liberty State Park revolving account to help sustain the operation of the park instead of depositing those funds into the state's general treasury.

### **Justification**

Two large parking lots were developed by the state in the 1990's to provide parking for ferry users to the Statue of Liberty and Liberty Science Center. These lots generate approximately \$500,000 of net revenue annually. Unfortunately, this revenue goes back to state's general treasury instead of the park operations. These should go toward sustaining Liberty State Park not into the coffers of the state.


In closing, we hope that the state legislature will make right the flaws of the constitutional amendment by passing legislation that will create equities to the funding system of our state's precious state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas. We urge the legislature to take the opportunity to not just create a stable source of funding for Green Acres but to also help create a stable source of funding for our state assets by allowing them to keep the revenue generated at those facilities and to keep the \$16 million annually for capital projects.

We again strongly urge you to require DEP officials to appear before your committee to discuss the impacts of this constitutional amendment so that there can be broad consensus in any pending enabling legislation.


Sincerely,

Sam Pesin, president Friends of Liberty State Park PO Box 3407 Jersey City, NJ 07302  
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**From:** Linda barth [REDACTED] **Sent:** Thu 1/1/2015 2:27 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:** SenSmith@njleg.org; Bateman, Sen. D.O.  
**Subject:** comments re Ballot question 2  
**Attachments:**  2014 Ballot question -- League position.doc(47KB)

Dear Senator Smith,

Attached please find a letter from the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey concerning our stand on the enabling legislation for ballot question 2.

Thank you for your attention to this very important funding matter.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Barth

Executive Director, League of Historical Societies of New Jersey

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January 1, 2015

The Honorable Bob Smith, Chairman  
Senate Environment & Energy Committee  
State House, PO Box 099  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0099

Dear Senator Smith:

Founded in 1966, the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey represents over two hundred organizations throughout New Jersey and is the largest historical association in the state. On behalf of its 50,000 members, the League is compelled to comment on the question of how best to distribute funds approved by the voters in the November 2014, changing the New Jersey Constitution for preservation of open space and historic sites, and avoid a tragic unintended consequence that could irrevocably damage our state parks and historic sites.

The history community in New Jersey includes tens of thousands of members of nonprofit societies, libraries, schools, historic commissions, and other historic and cultural organizations. Many more educators, genealogists, preservationists, and members of the public who value the historic fabric of our state overwhelmingly voted "yes" on Public Question 2. But many of these voters did not realize that the state parks and historic sites would lose much of their funding from the Corporate Business Tax. In addition, many voters did not understand that parks and historic sites would continue to be ignored. While New Jersey voters understand the priceless legacy at stake in preserving open space, farmland, parks, and historic sites, they were largely unaware of the unintended consequence of the loss of funding for our state parks.

In recent years, budget priorities have shifted away from preserving and enhancing open space, state parks, and historic sites. But the cost has been high. Our parks and historic sites have seen their staffs and maintenance budgets cut to dangerous levels, near zero in some cases. Many historic structures have been largely ignored and left to deteriorate.

There is currently a \$400 million-plus backlog of repairs, new construction, and improvements to existing facilities in state parks and historic sites, but the ballot question did not address this need. Thus, the passage of Question 2 could have serious financial impact on state parks and historic sites, severely limiting their ability to fund capital projects, such as building or repairing restrooms, roads, and bridges, since past dedicated funding through the Corporation Business Tax (CBT) has been virtually eliminated.

In addition, unless the enabling legislation changes it, all state park lease and concession revenue would leave the parks. For some, like Liberty State Park, that is approximately \$800,000 a year, about 25% of LSP's annual budget for operations and maintenance.

In 2013, heritage tourism generated \$2.8 billion. It contributed \$335 million directly to the state's coffers in sales taxes. Ecotourism, which includes visits to state parks and wildlife management areas, had similar numbers. The final numbers for 2014 are not in yet, but the mid-year numbers are trending to a 3% increase in heritage tourism. The impact of neglecting our historic sites, which draw significant numbers of visitors annually, would be staggering. If historic sites are neglected, or worse, closed, there is no reason to visit. State parks with limited hours will not attract visitors. The majority of heritage and ecotourism visitors stay more than 2 nights. The domino effect of a decrease in heritage and ecotourism will seriously affect the income generated from the state occupancy tax, which pours about \$8 billion into the state treasury every year. To cut or eliminate funding for state parks and historic sites is short-sighted and potentially devastating to the citizens of NJ. In the absence of tourism and the dollars it generates, each household in the state would have to contribute an additional \$1440 to simply maintain current state revenue. We ask the committee to give serious consideration to the impact of the distribution of funding under the new referendum.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposed legislation and thank you and Senator Bateman for sponsoring SCR84. Your support has provided the voters with an opportunity to ensure a lasting legacy of funding for their parks, historic sites, farmland, and open space. It is imperative that the money adequately support the growing need in our 30 state parks and 37 historic sites. **We strongly suggest that parks and historic sites as well as Green Acres be allocated 33% each, and the other interested groups allocated percentages of the remaining 34%.**

**We strongly suggest that the enabling legislation guarantee that ongoing funds for parks and historic sites should be at least as much is currently expended.**

Our parks, historic sites, and open spaces deserve to be preserved in perpetuity, because they are part of our heritage. If the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey can be of any further assistance, we stand ready to offer it. Thank you for your attention to this most important matter.

Sincerely,

Jane McNeill, President

League of Historical Societies of New Jersey

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**From:** Ruth Mitchell [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation Recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sun 12/28/2014 8:48 PM

**Please!!!**

Allow the State Park Service to hold onto ALL revenue collected from leases, concessions, permits and all other revenue from regulated fees and services derived from state parks, forests, recreation areas and historic sites. LSP has been able to do this for years with its revenue from marina/restaurants leases and ferries to Lady Liberty. Direct the DEP to establish individual revolving financial accounts for each state park, forest, recreation area and historic site unit at its discretion.

*All fees collected from each park unit should be deposited into the unit's established revolving account and such funds should support the annual operations of each park unit. LSP has had such a revolving account but measure 2 would end it.*

**Liberty State Pk is a wonderful place -so well run and beautiful - a tribute to the USA.** The current funding enables it to be maintained so well providing green space and spectacular space for all to enjoy.

The parking lots generate revenue that should remain with the Park rather than go to the State's general coffers. **Pls keep the parking lot revenue with the Park to maintain it.**

**And, lastly,**

Dedicate 23% annually or no less than \$16 million of the Corporate Business Tax to DEP's capital improvement budget for state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas.

I use the Park multiple times per week and purposely patronize the restaurants to support our Park.

Your help is needed to not defund our Park!!

Thank you,  
Ruth Mitchell

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 This message was sent with high importance.

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**From:** Luc Fletcher [REDACTED] **Sent:** Tue 12/30/2014 4:07 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** NJ State Park funding  
**Attachments:**

As a citizen and taxpayer in NJ, I urge the Committee to state in Ballot Measure 2's enabling legislation that LSP and all state parks should keep the revenue generated in each park, and that the State Park Service should get dedicated funds each year.

sincerely,  
Lucian Fletcher

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**From:** CHARLES L VIERSEN [REDACTED] **Sent:** Tue 12/30/2014 5:37 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation Recommendations  
**Attachments:**

Dear Senate Environment and Energy Committee:

I strongly urge the Committee to state in Ballot Measure 2's enabling legislation that Liberty State Park and all state parks will keep the revenue generated in each park. I also urge the Committee to ensure the State Park Service will get dedicated funds each year - at least \$16 million for 2015 to at least match the previous year funding. It is imperative that our State Parks receive funding for upkeep and lowering the extremely large \$400 million backlog in capital improvements. Liberty State Park in particular serves a very large community in Jersey City and Bayonne, providing crucial green space for recreation and the environment.

In addition, I also urge the Committee to state in Ballot Measure 2's enabling legislation that the revenue generated from Liberty State Parks's parking lots are to remain with Liberty State Park instead of going into New Jersey's general treasury.

Underfunded parks with huge maintenance backlogs must not become a piggy bank for the state's general fund. There are many avenues to increase revenues for New Jersey without robbing our already stressed state parks.

Sincerely,

Charles Viers

Jersey City, NJ 07302

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** morton goldfein [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure2  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 11:07 PM

Bad idea.

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**From:** Dennis Chrzanowski [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 12:57 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** liberty state park  
**Attachments:**

Dennis Chrzanowski

[REDACTED] I was always under the impression that the Democrats for whom I support is for the working stiffs. If legislation permits the aforementioned park to be added to the newly created state agency, it would mean that large plots of land at Liberty State Park would either be leased or sold to for profit corporations for who the hell knows what purpose. Perhaps you need to be reminded that there is a park along the Hudson River in Manhattan that stretches for several miles. If Manhattan can keep their waterfront as parkland why can't the same be done for Liberty State Park. News Radio 88 stated that waterfront condos will be built at Liberty State Park which sucks. A Democrat named Prieto supports this legislation; maybe we should elect democrats that don't act like conservatives and get rid of guys like Prieto.

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**From:** harry kafka [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 2:30 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** LSP  
**Attachments:**

Please don't change the park.  
Keep all business development out of the park.  
It is the one place to get away from the urban congestion.

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**From:** Jill [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations"  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 2:33 PM

Veto Bill 3969 until Liberty State Park is removed from the Meadowlands Act!

There is language in the bill that was snuck in at the 11th hour that would remove Liberty State Park from DEP jurisdiction and place it under the (inappropriate, bogus & irrelevant IMO) MRC (Meadowlands Regional Commission). This step would pretty much ensure that our beloved park, open, free and green would be raped by developers who 30 years ago couldn't have cared less, but now are drooling at the chance to monetize this unique phenomenon. Water parks, golf courses, casinos, Formula One and commercial concessions of every kind have been fought back for the few slender decades of the park's existence. It is truly a people's park and ought to stay that way. Here are 1200 acres of waterfront opportunity waiting to be exploited unless the people stop it. The "business model" doesn't work when you are talking about a unique, irreplaceable resource. If this property goes private, you can kiss it goodbye.

I am sick and tired of the exploitation of pretty much everything but especially the environment in New Jersey at the hands of politicians who certainly seem to have been bought by the developers. For ONCE prove that this is not the case.

I expect an answer.

Sincerely,  
Jill Pustorino

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**From:** Beth Mueller [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 4:02 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

As a runner who frequents Liberty State Park (LSP), I am writing to oppose any further commercialization of LSP. I am a Jersey City homeowner, who feels that the natural beauty of LSP - in the midst of such an urban environment - is a major attraction in itself. It is widely used by the community, and is a cherished retreat from traffic and the bustle of the city. Please leave it under the control of the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Parks and Forestry, to whom it has been entrusted, so that it can remain the priceless treasure that it is today.

Best Regards,

Beth Mueller  
[REDACTED]

Jersey City, NJ 07306

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**From:** [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sun 1/4/2015 12:51 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation Recommendations  
**Attachments:**

Dear Senators:

We are members of the Friends of Liberty State Park (FOLSP) and am deeply concerned about the latest move to have the Governor vote to have this treasure- LSP - moved from the auspices of the Department of Environmental Preservation to the autonomous Meadowlands Regional Commission. I can hardly believe that this jewel of NJ is just shy of the Governor's vote to be put on the "auction block" where commercial and real estate interests will be encouraged to come in and take this open space from the public, in an urban area where open green space is so rare and desperately needed. The public has a legitimate concern when it comes to talk of putting in a water park, race track, or luxury residences, private concert venue, that will snatch this green space from us or severely limit our access to it.

LSP is a state park and there is nothing of it's type in the city. It is accessible by public transportation making it a destination for people locally as well as from NYC who would like to enjoy the views of the harbor, ride a bike, take a walk, fly a kite, visit the playground, and/or have a picnic- all just a PATH/light rail away in Jersey City. Sounds heard should be that of children and families having a good time laughing, and birds flying, not of race cars roaring across a course in a park! Liberty State Park should remain as it is- welcoming to all without charge (except parking). The restaurants in the park, concession stands, and parking lot revenues from the Liberty Science Center, marina, ferries, and park itself provide a steady income stream that needs to be kept in the park's coffers for it's upkeep and development as a park- trees and flowers, more paths, benches and shelters, and not given to the state. These monies have been kept for the park for these purposes and should remain this way.

Let's start the year off right and continue to protect and nurture this treasure- Liberty State Park- as a park for the public to enjoy for many generations. Any other uses of this space should be abandoned and prohibited.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Albin & Michael Puder

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**From:** Theta Pavis [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sun 1/4/2015 8:21 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Liberty State Park needs to be available for all  
**Attachments:**

Please don't let private companies get involved with Liberty State Park!

The taking of  
lease/concession revenue from LSP amounts to ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE for  
the urban residents who use LSP

Thank you.

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Theta Pavis

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**From:** Manny Urquiza [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sun 1/4/2015 10:07 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation  
**Attachments:**

I do not agree with the  
"Hackensack Meadowlands Agency consolidation act" and I think it will do a great injustice to our Liberty State  
Park.  
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**From:** ee mckeown [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sun 1/4/2015 10:20 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

I am writing to urge Governor Christie to veto Bill 3969 until Liberty State Park is removed from the Meadowlands Act.

I am writing to urge the New Jersey State Senate to remove Liberty State Park from the Meadowlands Act.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth McKeown  
Jersey City, NJ

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**From:** B-D Williams [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sun 1/4/2015 1:19 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:** Sam Pesin; Rolando Lavarro City Council; Daniel Rivera City Council; Joyce Watterman City Council; Diane Coleman; Khemraj Ramchal City Council; Richard Boggiano; Candice Osborne City Council; Michael Yun; Frank Gajewski City Council; Steven Fulop; Bill Odea Freeholder; Cunningham, Sen. D.O.; Yvonne Balcer; Gerald Balmir C/o L. McKaskill; Eugene Mc Knight; CAS Friends; Jim Legge; Angel Vargas  
**Subject:** Liberty State Park  
**Attachments:**

Dear Representatives,

Please Protect Liberty State Park (The Peoples Park) from over commercialization & privatization. LSP needs protecting & vital resources that will not only maintain its purpose & quality of services, but continue to augment its open space beauty. It is one of Jersey City & New Jersey's treasures. The Friends of Liberty State Park are to be commended & respected for all their time honored hard work and contributions in making LSP what it is today.

Their voices resonate with the people for a just resolution.

As a artist, life long resident, military veteran & senior citizen I support the Friends of LSP in all its endeavors in making the park an urban oasis for all.

Sincerely, Daoud- David Williams (Jersey City, N.J.)

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**From:** [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sun 1/4/2015 3:08 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Liberty state park  
**Attachments:**

Please do not give away liberty state park to those who will only abuse. Keep the park for the people not corporations or a governor who will sell it

Tom dwyer veteran

Sent on the new Sprint Network from my Samsung Galaxy S@4.

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**From:** Agnes [REDACTED] **Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 4:38 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendation  
**Attachments:**

To the Governor of the State of New Jersey

I am writing to request that you veto the "Hackensack Meadowlands Agency Consolidation Act" Assembly Bill 3969 before you—until the Liberty State Park amendment is removed from it (I refer to the section starting p26; line 36). There is language in the bill introduced at the 11th hour, during the holidays, I suppose in an attempt to avoid public scrutiny, that would remove Liberty State Park from DEP jurisdiction and place it under the (inappropriate, in my opinion) MRC (Meadowlands Regional Commission).

This step would pretty much ensure that our beloved park, open, free and green would be vulnerable to exploitation by developers who 30 years ago could not have cared less, but now are drooling at the chance to monetize this unique phenomenon. Water parks, golf courses, casinos, Formula One and commercial concessions of every kind have been fought back by the efforts of ordinary citizens, for the few slender decades of the park's existence. It is truly a people's park and ought to stay that way. What would you think if they allowed Central Park to be taken over by private enterprise? Unthinkable, right? Well, here is a [REDACTED] of waterfront opportunity waiting to be exploited unless we (that includes you, governor) the people stop it. Just because Liberty State Park doesn't have the long legacy of patrician endowments that keeps Central Park the way it is doesn't mean we have to cave to the biggest spenders. The "business model" doesn't work when you are talking about a unique, irreplaceable resource. If this property goes private, we can kiss it goodbye.

Liberty State Park is the second most-visited state park in our nation. With unsurpassed, scenic features—the powerful panorama of the harbor, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the majestic skyline—a vast green space with infinite open sky, LSP is unique among public spaces, an oasis of calm in the heart of America's densest population center. Let's not kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. This open acreage ought to remain open for succeeding generations as a legacy to our good stewardship.

I ask you to consider the recommendations listed below:

**Recommendation #1:**

Allow the State Park Service to hold onto ALL revenue collected from leases, concessions, permits and all other revenue from regulated fees and services derived from state parks, forests, recreation areas and historic sites. LSP has been able to do this for years with its revenue from marina/restaurants leases and ferries to Lady Liberty. Direct the DEP to establish individual revolving financial accounts for each state park, forest, recreation area and historic site unit at its discretion. All fees collected from each park unit should be deposited into the unit's established revolving account and such funds should support the annual operations of each park unit. LSP has had such a revolving account but measure 2 would end it.

**Justification**

Currently revenue collected from these sources is returned to the state's general treasury from the DEP. The establishment of revolving accounts and reallocation of the revenue sources would be an important step in establishing a stable source of funding for the operations of each state park, forest, recreation area and historic site.

**Recommendation #2:**

Require that the revenue generated from Liberty State Park's parking lots be deposited into the Liberty State Park revolving account to help sustain the operation of the park instead of depositing those funds into the state's general treasury.

**Justification**

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Two large parking lots were developed by the state in the 1990's to provide parking for ferry users to the Statue of Liberty and Liberty Science Center. These lots generate approximately \$500,000 of net revenue annually. Unfortunately, this revenue goes back to state's general treasury instead of the park operations. These should go toward sustaining Liberty State Park not into the coffers of the state.

Recommendation #3:

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Justification:

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Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Agnes deBethune

[REDACTED]  
Jersey City, NJ 07304

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**OLSaideSEN**

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**From:** Maura Thompson [REDACTED] **Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 9:23 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

Governor Christie,

Please veto this bill: Hackensack Meadowlands Agency Consolidation Act.

I am a lifelong resident of NJ. A very proud Jersey Girl. Liberty State Park is my most favorite space in NJ, and believe it or not - in the US!

I have more memories than I can list in this email that are tied to that park. It belongs to me and all of your fellow Jerseyans. Please veto the Hackensack Meadowlands Agency Consolidation Act.

Kind regards,  
Maura Thompson

*cdoy*

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**From:** Ken Malkin [REDACTED] **Sent:** Tue 1/6/2015 10:41 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

The taking of lease/concession revenue from Liberty State Park amounts to environmental injustice for the urban residents who use (the park) as a peaceful public resource.

Kenneth H. Malkin  
[REDACTED]

Hillsdale, NJ 07642

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**From:** Donna Coulson [REDACTED] **Sent:** Fri 12/26/2014 10:37 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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Donna C. Coulson, M.S., Professional Certified Coach

Coaching, Speaking, Training

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Jason Renker [REDACTED] **Sent:** Fri 12/26/2014 10:40 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

I am a firm supporter of our state public parks, and I believe that revenue generated within their boundaries should be kept within the park system, preferably within the budget of the originating park. And so, I support the following recommendations:

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[REDACTED]  
Jersey City, NJ

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 12/27/2014 12:58 AM

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**From:** Annie Kessler [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation Recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 12/27/2014 7:32 AM

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Megan Klim [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** State Parks Services  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 12/27/2014 9:11 AM

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Sincerely,  
Megan Klim

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Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 12/27/2014 2:10 PM

*To whom it may concern,*

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Thank you,  
Karen Zavian\*

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## FOLSP Board Member

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** LSP  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 12/27/2014 4:09 PM

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Bill Armbruster [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sat 12/27/2014 4:12 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Greetings:**

I am a lifelong resident of New Jersey and a longtime resident of Jersey City. I am also a member of Friends of Liberty State Park, one of my favorite places in the world. It is also one of my son's favorite places. Over the years we have had many long walks there together. He is a member of the United States Army and recently returned from his second deployment in Afghanistan. One of the first things he wanted to do when he arrived here in Jersey City was to go for a walk at Liberty State Park.

I am deeply concerned about the possible ramifications of the Ballot Measure 2 for LSP's financing. The loss of revenues that could be diverted away from the park would deeply affect the park's future.  
Therefore, I urge you to adopt the following recommendations:

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Thank you,

Bill Armbruster

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Jersey City, NJ 07306

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Margaret Meyers [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sat 12/27/2014 4:31 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation Recommendations  
**Attachments:**

Season's Greetings,

I am resident of Port Liberté which sits alongside Liberty State Park (LSP). This park is unique in the city and the rest of the state and I urge you to consider the following proposals:

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Many thanks for all your hard work on behalf of NJ residents.

Best wishes for the new year,

Margaret Meyers

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Steven Advensky [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 12/27/2014 4:35 PM

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**THANKS!!! Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!!!**

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**From:** Patricia Guida [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sat 12/27/2014 4:34 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

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**From:** Whitney Bernard [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sun 12/28/2014 12:00 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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**From:** [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sun 12/28/2014 9:16 AM  
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**Cc:**  
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**OLSaideSEN**

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**Subject:** measure 2  
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This amendment is a major threat, jeopardizing the future of LSP and all state parks. The sustainability, operations and future improvement of Liberty State Park, as well as all state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas are at stake. The Friends of Liberty State Park, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer, 26 year old organization is also an Officially Recognized Friends Organization of the NJDEP's Division of Parks and Forestry. Our 800 members are mostly from Hudson County but also live throughout the state. We have joined many local and statewide organizations to advocate for LSP and fight against many battles against park commercialization and privatization. This amendment would be devastating to LSP and we urge you to do the right thing and reverse the injustices and make changes to save and improve LSP and all state parks for the benefit of the urban areas of our state where most of our population lives and needs open space parks and the benefit of visitors from everywhere.

***Below are the flaws with the constitutional amendment as it relates to LSP and all the state parks, forests, historic sites, and wildlife areas. Our***

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## ***recommendations follow.***

The amendment takes all **Corporate Business Tax (CBT) funding that was previously designated to DEP for the capital maintenance and improvement of state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas and turns it over to Green Acres** to make available for the acquisition, development and stewardship of parkland and open space throughout the state. This change takes away \$16 million annually of needed capital funds that go toward large scale capital projects in our state's most precious recreational, natural, historic and cultural resources. In this new paradigm under the amendment, the state DEP will need to compete for the capital funding against counties, municipalities and non-profit organizations for Green Acres funding. It must be noted that almost all New Jersey counties already have a dedicated tax revenue source for capital projects for parks in their communities. CBT was the only dedicated source of funding supporting our state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas. LSP has been a recipient of these capital funds in the past and it is critical that the funding be there in the future. Some examples of the millions of dollars of CBT funds that have assisted Liberty State Park in the past 6 years include:

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- Renovation to the historic CRRNJ Terminal Building,
- Removal of 1000 foot long obsolete concrete wall and beautification of the area,
- Improvement to the Park Office and Visitor Center, and
- Replacement of a 1000 foot long section of the Hudson River Walkway and bulkhead that had previously caved into the water.

In addition, the constitutional amendment reallocates money received from leases and other uses of State open space lands to pay for open space, farmland, and historic preservation throughout the state. This change will take away the lease and concession revenue that helps sustain the annual operating cost at Liberty State Park and deposits it into the Green Acres fund. Leases at LSP, such as Liberty Landing Marina which includes two restaurants and ferry service to NYC, the Statue Cruises ferry services to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and other concessions that provide amenities to the public such as bicycle rentals and food vending will now be diverted. Instead of these revenue funds going directly into the operation of the park they will now go toward funding open space in other parts of the state. This diverted amount of funding equates to approximately \$700,000 – 850,000 annually or approximately 20-25% of the Liberty State Park's operating budget. These funds help sustain the park operations and pay for things such as the park's electric, gas and water bills, repairs and upkeep of public restrooms, salaries of seasonal employees that assist with gardening, trash removal, snow clearing, landscaping and visitor services, equipment for the popular eco-kayak program, and maintenance of the grounds and buildings.

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**Sent:** Wed 12/31/2014 4:48 PM

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This amendment is a major threat, jeopardizing the future of LSP and all state parks. The sustainability, operations and future improvement of Liberty State Park, as well as all state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas are at stake. The Friends of Liberty State Park, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer, 26 year old organization is also an Officially Recognized Friends Organization of the NJDEP's Division of Parks and Forestry. Our 800 members are mostly from Hudson County but also live throughout the state. We have joined many local and statewide organizations to advocate for LSP and fight against many battles against park commercialization and privatization. This amendment would be devastating to LSP and we urge you to do the right thing and reverse the injustices and make changes to save and improve LSP and all state parks for the benefit of the urban areas of our state where most of our population lives and needs open space parks and the benefit of visitors from everywhere.

***Below are the flaws with the constitutional amendment as it relates to LSP and all the state parks, forests, historic sites, and wildlife areas. Our recommendations follow.***

The amendment takes all Corporate Business Tax (CBT) funding that was previously designated to DEP for the capital maintenance and improvement of state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas and turns it over to Green Acres to make available for the acquisition, development and stewardship of parkland and open space throughout the state. This change takes away \$16 million annually of needed capital funds that go toward large scale capital projects in our state's most precious recreational, natural, historic and cultural resources. In this new paradigm under the amendment, the state DEP will need to compete for the capital funding against counties, municipalities and non-profit organizations for Green Acres funding. It must be noted that almost all New Jersey counties already have a dedicated tax revenue source for capital projects for parks in their communities. CBT was the only dedicated source of funding supporting our state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas. LSP has been a recipient of these capital funds in the past and it is critical that the funding be there in the future. Some examples of the millions of dollars of CBT funds that have assisted Liberty State Park in the past 6 years include:

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- Replacement of the HVAC system in the maintenance complex,
- Renovation to the historic CRRNJ Terminal Building,
- Removal of 1000 foot long obsolete concrete wall and beautification of the area,
- Improvement to the Park Office and Visitor Center, and
- Replacement of a 1000 foot long section of the Hudson River Walkway and

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bulkhead that had previously caved into the water.

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**Examples of projects that have benefited from CBT capital funding in the past include:**

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- new visitor center at Monmouth Battlefield State Park,
- bathroom renovations at the Brendan Byrne State Forest campground,

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restoration of Waterloo Village,  
new boat ramp at Assunpink Wildlife Management Area,  
refurbishment and restoration of over 70 dams on state Fish and Wildlife properties,  
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camping and cabin rentals, parks entrance fees, mobile sports fishing permits,  
boat launch permits, picnic facility rentals, parking passes, leases, concessions,  
special use permits, and services provided by state park staff.

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We again strongly urge you to require DEP officials to appear before your committee to discuss the impacts of this constitutional amendment so that there can be broad consensus in any pending enabling legislation.

Sincerely,

Sam Pesin, president Friends of Liberty State Park PO Box 3407 Jersey City, NJ 07302  


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**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

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**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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**Sent:** Tue 12/30/2014 8:49 PM

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**From:** Lisa Simms [REDACTED] **Sent:** Wed 12/31/2014 9:28 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendation  
**Attachments:**

Dear Senate Environment and Energy Committee,

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In addition, please require that the revenue generated from Liberty State Park's parking lots stay in the park! These funds should **NOT** go into New Jersey's general treasury. The taking of lease/concession revenue from Liberty State Park amounts to environmental injustice for urban residents who use the park as a peaceful public resource. More than 5 million people visit the park annually and these dollars need to support park services!

Thank you.

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**Lisa Simms**  
**Jackson, NJ**

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Seth Lubin [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Enabling legislation for constitutional amendment in ballot measure 2  
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**Sent:** Tue 12/30/2014 10:52 PM

**NJ Senate Environment and Energy Committee  
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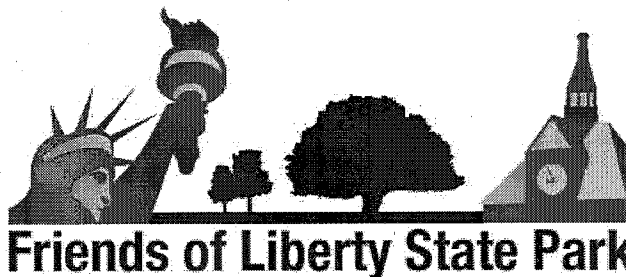
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**From:** Pam Russell [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
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**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation Recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Wed 12/31/2014 11:46 AM

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**THANKS!!! Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!!!**

Thanks for all your support of Liberty State Park!

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**To:** OLSaideSEN  
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**From:** Melanie Long [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Just learned of this terrible addition to Prieto's bill!  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Thu 1/1/2015 12:30 PM

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Melanie Long

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**From:** PETER REED [REDACTED] **Sent:** Thu 1/1/2015 1:40 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

To whom it may concern;

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Regards,  
Peter Reed

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**From:** Tia Biasi [REDACTED] **Sent:** Thu 1/1/2015 4:37 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:** Sam Pesin  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

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Jersey City, NJ  
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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Diane Nelson [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** State Question No. 2 Funds for Open Space  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Thu 1/1/2015 7:35 PM

To: NJ Chairman Smith and Assembly Chairwoman Spencer

The public voted overwhelmingly to approve State Question No. 2 because we believe it is important for our state to continue the purchase of open spaces through the Green Acres Program.

The public recognizes that our State is the most densely populated state within the union and therefore it is imperative that important lands be preserved to protect our dwindling natural resources, our forests, wetlands, and other sensitive areas. Purchase of forested areas within the New Jersey Highlands should be given priority .

We must purchase these critically important tracts of land before they are lost to development. Unfortunately, the issue of preserving open space has been confused by the insertion of the words '**steward**' and '**to care for open space**' in the ballot interpretive statement. Special interests have claimed that funds are needed to build roads, recreational facilities, tree harvesting, etc. Essentially, any project these special interests desire is claimed to come under the banner of stewardship. Please ensure that priority for funds is allocated for the purchase of important natural resource properties.

To be good stewards of the land we should preserve the environmental integrity of the assets that provide clean air and water

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Diane Nelson

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Marc J. Kornutik [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations.  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 8:47 AM

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Liberty Landing Marina  
Sailor & Slipholder

From MK's iPhone 6

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Maureen Haight  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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**Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 10:33 AM

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**OLSaideSEN**

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**From:** Christina Brown [REDACTED] **Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 10:41 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** State Parks  
**Attachments:**

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Christina M. Brown  
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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Daniel Levin [REDACTED] **Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 10:43 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** ASSEMBLY, No. 3969 - Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Paul Melia [mailto:Paul.Melia@NJSL.org]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 10:50 AM

Dear Sirs,

As a New Jersey resident currently residing in South Orange but who lived in Jersey City for 16 years, I am deeply saddened by the callous tone and structure of this legislation. I have volunteered at Liberty State Park, before and after Hurricane Sandy, to help maintain this community treasure. In fact, I strolled on the beach of the park just yesterday - New Year's Day.

I appreciate the efforts of the New Jersey Senate to maximize every dollar spent and to generate revenue but taking the revenue that has been earned, in part, thanks to the efforts of volunteers who use that income to improve and maintain the very park where the income was generated, has a truly distasteful "stealing candy from infants" aspect.

Why would you, in this time when the US economy is finally strengthening, hand over funds that have been earned by hard, dedicated efforts to a new organization (Meadowlands Regional Commission) that contains well-known troubled entities like the NJ Sports and Exposition Authority? This maneuver stinks like the backroom dealings from The Sopranos.

Privatization is not the "end all, be all" answer so many "leaders" think it is. For every High Line success, there are many, many more failures.

Please find three recommendations below that I support regarding this situation.

Please don't ruin a true NJ success story with this ham-fisted money grab.

Sincerely Yours,  
Paul Melia

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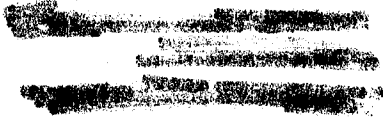
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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Juanita Bleecker [mailto:jbleecker@dep.state.nj.gov]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation Recommendation  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 11:27 AM

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Sent from my iPad

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Richard Bleecker [REDACTED] **Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 11:33 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation Recommendations  
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Richard Bleecker

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Kris Reiss [redacted]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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**Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 12:09 PM

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**From:** Helen Weinberg [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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**Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 12:21 PM

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**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Gretchen Scheiman [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 12:30 PM

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Una Ratmeyer [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:** rolratmeyer@aol.com; pesinliberty@earthlink.net  
**Subject:** Hackensack Meadowlands Consolidation Act  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 12:39 PM

**I am deeply disturbed by the insertion of a paragraph into the Hackensack Meadowlands Consolidation Act linking Liberty State Park with the Meadowlands. Therefore, I urge the Senate to reconsider their vote on this act, or at least to remove the amendment regarding LSP.**

**My husband and I use the free and open space of Liberty State Park on a regular basis. We do not see any reason to change the control of LSP from the Department of Environmental Protection to an autonomous commission. Please consider the following recommendations.**

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Alessandra Rafferty [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN; Alessandra Rafferty  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 1:42 PM

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Holly Carley [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
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**Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 3:01 PM

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**From:** Roland Millman [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislations recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 3:41 PM

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** ALZ [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 4:23 PM

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Thank you for your attention,  
Andrea Zuckerman

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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**Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 5:44 PM

**To all legislators****Regarding Measure 2's Enabling Legislation:**

As a resident of Jersey City and one who loves Liberty State Park as a beautiful and wonderful gem of nature, I strongly urge legislators to preserve LSP as it now exists, without the ugly intrusion of commercial enterprises.

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Sincerely,  
Anthony Cafiero

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Liberty State Park  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Fri 1/2/2015 8:02 PM

## Please accept my recommendations on projected changes to Liberty State Park

Thank you,

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Darnelle Richardson [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 3:12 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

Dear Senate Committee,

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We deserve it!

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Darnelle L. Richardson, MA. Ed., DTM

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Bill Armbruster [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 7:12 AM

Greetings:

I am a resident of Jersey City and a frequent visitor to Liberty State Park. I am deeply concerned about the implications of this legislation for the future. It's absurd that the Meadowlands Commission should have any jurisdiction over the park. I fear that this would lead to commercial development of the park. Liberty State Park should remain under the sole jurisdiction of the DEP's Division of Parks and Forestry. Please accept the recommendations below.

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Jersey City, NJ 07306

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** robin shay [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 8:55 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Ruth Grauert [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendation  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 9:07 AM

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Meghan Shay- [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 9:41 AM

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** tom mcglynn [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 9:56 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Protection of Liberty State Park  
**Attachments:**

As a resident of Jersey City and a New Jersey state voter, I strongly support the following recommendations concerning the Hackensack Meadowlands Consolidation Act :

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**From:** William Price [REDACTED]  
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**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 9:58 AM

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**THANKS!!! Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!!!**

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Thanks for all your support of Liberty State Park!

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**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 10:38 AM

Dear Senate and Environment Committee Members,

I am against the negative impact that ballot measure 2 will have on Liberty State Park and all other state parks. I urge you to include the recommendations outlined below in enabling legislation. The state parks provide peaceful recreation resources and needed sanctuary for all visitors and this quality of life issue must be preserved.

I support the following recommendations to ensure that there is an immediate fix to the inequities this bill has created against the preservation of our state parks, recreation areas, wildlife management, and historic sites:

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**Examples of projects that have benefited from CBT capital funding in the past include:**

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new visitor center at Monmouth Battlefield State Park,  
bathroom renovations at the Brendan Byrne State Forest campground,  
restoration of Waterloo Village,  
new boat ramp at Assunpink Wildlife Management Area,  
refurbishment and restoration of over 70 dams on state Fish and Wildlife properties,  
restoration Ringwood Manor,  
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special use permits, and services provided by state park staff.

This would allow the money generated at places like Liberty State Park, Island Beach, Waterloo Village and Ringwood State Park to stay in those parks to assist in the operations of those parks and therefore be less reliant on annual state budget appropriations.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Paula Jensen

  
Jersey City, NJ. 07305

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**Please do not allow these revenue streams for state parks go into the general fund but to the DEP and then the parks and historic sites to create a stable source of funding.**

Roger Heitmann

  
Jersey City NJ  
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**OLSaideSEN**

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**Subject:** Regarding Enabling Legislation for Constitutional Amendment in Ballot Measure 2  
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As a Jersey City resident and neighbor of LSP as well as frequent user, I am concerned. I live in Port Liberté, which borders the park.

Dr. Susan Eisen  
 Holistic Chiropractic

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**Friends of Liberty State Park Full Statement to The  
Senate Environment and Energy Committee on Enabling  
Legislation for making Ballot Measure 2's constitutional  
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Word version

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Sincerely,

Bernadette McGreevy

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**Cc:**  
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**Attachments:**

Dear Elected Officials,

I am a resident of Jersey City and proud of Liberty State Park and all it offers to our city and the state. You have the power to make sure that those in an urban area, many without access to the open spaces available in rural or even suburban areas, will have a superb State Park for many years to come.

I urge you to make sure this gem in the State of New Jersey is sustained properly and improved as needed over the years to come. Measure 2 hurts the park and will be disastrous for Jersey City and the State of New Jersey.

To remedy this, I urge you to

**1. Allow the State Park Service to hold onto all the revenue it collects from leases, concessions, permits and all other revenue from regulated fees and services derived from state parks, forests, recreation areas and historic sites, and use revolving financial accounts to make sure each unit (including Liberty State Park) can use those funds generated within that unit for its annual operations.**

Liberty State Park has been able to do this for years with its revenue from marina/restaurants leases and ferries to Lady Liberty. I ask that you direct the DEP to establish individual revolving financial accounts for each state park, forest, recreation area and historic site unit at its discretion and allow those fees from a park unit to only be deposited to that unit's revolving account for the annual operations of that same unit.

Measure 2 would end this practice by returning all the revenue to the State's general treasury - to the detriment of Liberty State Park and other areas under the State Park service. Reallocating the funds from the units back to the parks, forests, recreation areas and historic sites would stabilize the finances of those parks and locations.

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**3. It is not just operating budgets that need to be sustained, but capital improvements. Before Measure 2, \$16 million annually was dedicated to the DEP's capital improvement projects. DEP needs this funding to do the capital maintenance and improvements that cannot be funded from operating budgets. I ask that you dedicate 23% annually, or no less than \$16 million of the Corporate Business Tax to the DEP's capital improvement fund for capital maintenance and improvements.**

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** sjmalecki [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
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**Subject:** Liberty State Park  
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**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 2:48 PM

Dear Michael R. Molimock and all Committee members,

We thank you for starting your crucial work on the enabling legislation for the constitutional amendment of ballot measure 2 - which was a wolf in sheep's clothing with its pernicious, severely harmful impact on Liberty State Park (LSP), the urban waterfront open space green oasis behind Lady Liberty and Ellis Island and one of NJ's and our nation's most priceless public spaces, and the disastrous impact on all state parks.

We strongly urge you to REQUIRE official testimony on the enabling legislation from NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin, Assistant Commissioner Rich Boornazian, and from Director Mark Texel of the NJ State Park Service. Their testimony is essential for you to hear the devastating impact of #2 and to hear their suggestions to rectify it.

As the amendment reads, state parks will lose all its lease and concession funds - one fourth of LSP's annual budget, approximately \$800,000, generated by the marina and two restaurant leases and the Statue Cruises ferry concession funds - needed for operations and maintenance - will be STOLEN, most likely to purchase open space in rural areas. The amendment destructively ends the guaranteed, dedicated funds for state parks, which was \$16 million this past year, and would force the DEP's State Park Service to stand in line and beg for open space funds each year. We urge you to reverse the major flaws of the constitutional amendment and provide at least \$16 million for parks in the coming year and more each year - with the backlog of \$400 million in capital improvements needed. We urge you to structure the enabling legislation to allow all parks to have a dedicated stable source of funding by keeping funds from lease, concessions, permits, etc. generated inside these parks. We will provide three recommendations in this letter.

We urge your leadership to rectify the injustice done especially to LSP and urban areas by the flaws in the constitutional amendment, which amounts to a flagrant case of ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE for the quality of life of the urban residents who use LSP as a peaceful recreation resource, a sanctuary from densely populated Hudson and nearby urban counties, and also it is a flagrant assault on this unique NJ resource, visited annually by over 5 million people from around NJ, our nation and the world. LSP, "The People's Park" features a 1.5 mile promenade with spectacular views of the Manhattan skyline and NY harbor, large lawns, gardens, picnic areas and playgrounds, paths and nature habitat, ferries to Lady Liberty/Ellis Island, Liberty Science Center, the historic Central Railroad of NJ Terminal; Nature Interpretive Center; NJ's Empty Sky 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Grove of Remembrance. Liberty State Park is the cornerstone of an economic tourism industry for northeast New Jersey and Hudson County.

This amendment is a major threat, jeopardizing the future of LSP and all state parks. The sustainability, operations and future improvement of Liberty State Park, as well as all state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas are at stake. The Friends of Liberty State Park, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer, 26 year old organization is also an Officially Recognized Friends Organization of the NJDEP's Division of Parks and Forestry. Our 800 members are mostly from Hudson County but also live throughout the state. We have joined many local and statewide organizations to advocate for LSP and fight against many battles against park commercialization and privatization. This

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amendment would be devastating to LSP and we urge you to do the right thing and reverse the injustices and make changes to save and improve LSP and all state parks for the benefit of the urban areas of our state where most of our population lives and needs open space parks and the benefit of visitors from everywhere.

***Below are the flaws with the constitutional amendment as it relates to LSP and all the state parks, forests, historic sites, and wildlife areas. Our recommendations follow.***

The amendment takes all Corporate Business Tax (CBT) funding that was previously designated to DEP for the capital maintenance and improvement of state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas and turns it over to Green Acres to make available for the acquisition, development and stewardship of parkland and open space throughout the state. This change takes away \$16 million annually of needed capital funds that go toward large scale capital projects in our state's most precious recreational, natural, historic and cultural resources. In this new paradigm under the amendment, the state DEP will need to compete for the capital funding against counties, municipalities and non-profit organizations for Green Acres funding. It must be noted that almost all New Jersey counties already have a dedicated tax revenue source for capital projects for parks in their communities. CBT was the only dedicated source of funding supporting our state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas. LSP has been a recipient of these capital funds in the past and it is critical that the funding be there in the future. Some examples of the millions of dollars of CBT funds that have assisted Liberty State Park in the past 6 years include:

- struction of two new picnic pavilions, restroom and parking lot,
- lacement of the HVAC system in the maintenance complex,
- novation to the historic CRRNJ Terminal Building,
- noval of 1000 foot long obsolete concrete wall and beautification of the area,
- rovement to the Park Office and Visitor Center, and
- lacement of a 1000 foot long section of the Hudson River Walkway and bulkhead that had previously caved into the water.

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**Examples of projects that have benefited from CBT capital funding in the past include:**

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new visitor center at Monmouth Battlefield State Park,  
bathroom renovations at the Brendan Byrne State Forest campground,  
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refurbishment and restoration of over 70 dams on state Fish and Wildlife properties,  
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Sincerely,

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** James Certoma [mailto:jcertoma@gmail.com]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 3:27 PM

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Mary Mills [mailto:marymills10@gmail.com]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling recommendations and justifications  
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**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 3:45 PM

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Shlomit Sheila Geisler [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 4:09 PM

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Sally O'Driscoll [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:** Sally O'Driscoll  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 4:24 PM

To the Senate environment and Energy Committee:

As a 20-plus year resident of Jersey City who uses Liberty State Park several times a week -- and someone who votes in EVERY election -- I am writing to urge you to please let Liberty State Park keep the revenue that is generated in the park.

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As a Jersey City voter, I beg you to give serious consideration to these recommendations, and to keep Liberty State Park, which is a treasure, as beautiful as it is today.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Sally O'Driscoll  
[REDACTED]

Jersey City, NJ 07306

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** linda sofer [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** LSP: NO PRIVATIZATION  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 4:51 PM

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Paul Gelbman [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation Recommen  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 5:48 PM

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** John koepp [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 6:21 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Regarding Enabling Legislation for Constitutional Amendment in Ballot Measure 2  
**Attachments:**

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Respectfully Yours,  
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Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 7:42 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** VETO Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations - DO NOT GIVE LSP OVER TO DEVELOPERS....KEEP THE PARK FOR THE CITIZENS OF NJ

**Attachments:**

Please do not take away the away the future of Liberty State Park....

To quote the Star Ledger editorial, "This bill is an abomination. A state park is public space, and this one is hallowed ground – not only for New Jerseyans, but for any of the five million people who pass through annually."

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Carolyn Castagna [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 8:38 PM

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This message was sent with high importance.

**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Lia Dudine [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation - IMPORTANT  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 1/3/2015 10:19 PM

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Resident of Bayonne, NJ and former resident of Jersey City, NJ

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** danalee [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sun 1/4/2015 1:54 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Robert Salsbury [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sun 1/4/2015 3:22 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

NJ Senate Environment and Energy Committee  
Regarding Enabling Legislation for Constitutional Amendment in Ballot Measure 2

Dear Judith L. Horowitz or Michael R. Molimock, [REDACTED]

I've just heard about the recent legislation which would move jurisdiction of Liberty State Park away from DEP. I think this is a very bad idea. I live quite near the park and use it almost every day; it's a jewel and something people come from far and wide to enjoy. To allow additional private development of the land would be a huge mistake. I can quite honestly say that LSP is one of the primary reasons I still live (and pay taxes) in New Jersey.

I've been instructed by the Friends of Liberty State Park to include these recommendations. This group has helped maintain the park for years and I trust their recommendations.

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Thanks very much for your time.

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Robert Salsbury  
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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Amy bullis [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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Thank you for reviewing these recommendations on this important issue!

This will largely impact the quality of life on the local residents and visitors/tourists who enjoy the green park for its nature and open space. This includes wildlife that use the park for its habitation including the migration of monarch butterflies and many species of birdlife.

Amy Bullis

[REDACTED]

Jersey City NJ 07302

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Liberty State Park  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sun 1/4/2015 5:21 PM

To email address: [OLSaideSEN@njleg.org](mailto:OLSaideSEN@njleg.org)  
 Subject: Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations

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Sincerely,

Mari OMahony

  
Jersey City, NJ 07305

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** nancy shanes [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sun 1/4/2015 5:48 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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Nancy Shanes

  
Jersey City NJ 07305

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Chris Santarpio [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sun 1/4/2015 6:20 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

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Chris Santarpio

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** camille [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sun 1/4/2015 6:36 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:**  
**Attachments:**

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**From:** Mary Qualls [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sun 1/4/2015 8:09 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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[REDACTED]

Jersey City, NJ. 07305

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**From:** David Rosenberg [REDACTED] **Sent:** Sun 1/4/2015 10:04 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Liberty State Park  
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Jersey City, NJ 07305

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Meah, Yasmin [REDACTED] **Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 7:06 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

Dear Senate Committee:

Regarding State Park Ballot Measure 2, as a resident of Jersey City I am requesting that you allow State Parks to hold onto the revenue generated by each park to allow a stable source of funding for the operations of each state park. Here are my specific recommendations regarding ballot measure 2.

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Thank you.

Yasmin S. Meah MD  
[REDACTED]  
Jersey City, NJ 07302

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**OLSaideSEN**

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**From:** Carol Kobak [REDACTED] **Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 8:57 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Melissa Scagnelli [REDACTED] **Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 9:38 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

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**To:** OLSaideSEN  
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**Subject:**  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 10:31 AM

To email address: [OLSAideSEN@njleg.org](mailto:OLSAideSEN@njleg.org)

Subject: Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations

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James B. Kobak, Jr.

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Jersey City, NJ 07305

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**OLSaideSEN**

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**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 10:47 AM

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Yours truly,  
Steven Dworkin

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**From:** Sabrina Valvo [REDACTED] **Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 10:57 AM  
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**Cc:**  
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**From:** chris\_woods [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation Recommendations  
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**Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 11:15 AM

Hello -

I am a Jersey City resident, living right next door to Liberty State Park. It is a jewel. When I take visitors to LSP for the first time, they are incredulous that this amazing open, green, and public space exists in upper New York Bay and find it breathtaking. It is truly an irreplaceable urban oasis and deserves to be protected and preserved for future generations.

Visiting the park on a daily basis, I experience firsthand the incredible diversity of wildlife. Just yesterday, I saw Buffleheads, Grebes, Brants, Gadwalls, Black ducks, warblers, and an American kestrel - birds you might expect to see at Sandy Hook, but not in Jersey City!

As an active member of Friends of Liberty State Park and citizen of the great state of New Jersey, I want to ensure that LSP is there for all to enjoy. Please follow the recommendations of FOLSP, which are outlined below.

Sincerely,

Chris Woods  
[REDACTED]

Jersey City, NJ 07304

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**From:** Stephanie Daniels [REDACTED] **Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 11:24 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

To Whom It May Concern:

Please forgive that I cut and pasted this, and know that if I had the time I would have rewritten it. As it is, the recommendations are clear and concise, and I urge you to heed them. Liberty State Park is open space enjoyed by visitors of all socio-economic levels from throughout the state. Located in an underserved part of an urban city, Jersey City, Liberty State Park often becomes the only vacation many visitors ever get.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Daniels  
[REDACTED]  
Jersey City NJ 07302  
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**From:** Gina Davison [REDACTED] **Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 11:25 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

I'm writing to voice my support in vetoing the "Hackensack Meadowlands Agency Consolidation Act" until the Liberty State Park amendment is removed from it. I agree with other members of my community that it would be dangerous to remove Liberty State Park from DEP jurisdiction and regulation. Anything that promotes/allows private development in this public space that we very much depend on, is a threat to our community. [REDACTED]

I support the following recommendations: [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your time.

Best,  
Gina Davison

[REDACTED] Jersey City, NJ

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Nikolis, Jessie Rae [Jessie.Carroll@VerizonWireless.com]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** NJ Senate Environment and Energy Committee - Regarding Enabling Legislation for Constitutional Amendment in Ballot Measure 2  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 11:37 AM

Dear Judith L. Horowitz or Michael R. Molimock,

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Thank You,

Jessie Nikolis | Verizon Wireless | NJA | Sr Analyst-Finl Plang & Anlys

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**From:** Dom J. Buccafusco [REDACTED] **Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 11:53 AM  
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**Cc:**  
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**OLSAideSEN**

**From:** [REDACTED] **CHERYL STAR**  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Liberty State Park NEWS  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 12:39 PM

To email address: [OLSAideSEN@njleg.org](mailto:OLSAideSEN@njleg.org)

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Name

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From: Port Liberté HOA Board of Directors <portlibertehoa@yourcommunitybulletins.com>

To: Cheryl Star

Sent: Sun, Jan 4, 2015 5:17 pm

Subject: Liberty State Park NEWS

## Liberty State Park Important News!!

Dear Port Liberté Residents,

Sam Pesin, head of Friends of Liberty State Park (FOLSP, <http://www.folsp.org/index.htm>) and son of the late founder of Liberty State Park, Morris Pesin, is asking for all who love the park to help protect it from current major threats.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Name Cheryl Star

Address [REDACTED]  
Jersey City, NJ 07305

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**What's going on:** Legislation was passed containing language that gives an autonomous agency the power to approve and implement all future plans/development of Liberty State Park and takes the control away from the NJDEP. Also, ballot measure 2's constitutional amendment language took major funds from LSP and other state parks. LSP property has the most close up and spectacular views of downtown NYC and open spaces for all to enjoy. Because of this, advocates of the park have had to fight off all kinds of purposed development over the years. The goal of Friends of Liberty State Park is to keep the park as an environmental oasis and free from commercial development.

### Two ways you can help to protect LSP:

**1) Call Governor Christie** to keep LSP under full control of the DEP with public participation. Please call (609) 292-6000 and urge Governor to veto the Hackensack Meadowlands Agency Consolidation Act until the LSP amendment is removed.  
**2) Email the Senate Environmental and Energy Committee with public comment** to rectify Ballot Measure 2's harm in taking funding from Liberty State Park: [OLSAideSEN@njleg.org](mailto:OLSAideSEN@njleg.org) For ease of cutting and pasting recommendations, please click on this link [http://www.folsp.org/preservation/save\\_fund\\_lsp.htm](http://www.folsp.org/preservation/save_fund_lsp.htm) or feel free to copy and email mine at the bottom of the page.

Please note the **firm deadline of Thursday, January 8th**, 5:00pm, in which public comments will be taken.

Here are links to excellent news article and editorial on this major threat to LSP:

<http://www.northjersey.com/news/advocates-see-hidden-threat-to-liberty-state-park-bill-could-spark-development-1.1183958>

[http://www.nj.com/opinion/index.ssf/2015/01/gov\\_christies\\_agenda\\_threatens\\_liberty\\_state\\_park\\_editorial.html#incart\\_river](http://www.nj.com/opinion/index.ssf/2015/01/gov_christies_agenda_threatens_liberty_state_park_editorial.html#incart_river)

Please feel free to forward this to anyone you know that would be interested in protecting Liberty State Park.

Thank you, Port Liberte Homeowners Association Board of Directors

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To email address: [OLSAideSEN@njleg.org](mailto:OLSAideSEN@njleg.org)

Subject: Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Joe Esposito [REDACTED] **Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 3:42 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation Recommendations  
**Attachments:**

Hello--

I am writing to hammer home that ballot measure 2's Enabling Legislation should allow Liberty State Park and all state parks keep the revenue generated in each park, and that the State Park Service should get a dedicated fund each year - at least \$16 million (last year's amount) in the coming year from the open space pot.

Liberty State Park is far too great an asset to the state to allow it to become privatized through a seemingly autonomous agency.

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Thank you for your time. Please execute what is right for our beloved state.

Sincerely,

Joe Esposito

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Dileo, Donna [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Save Liberty State Park  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 3:44 PM

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**From:** Patricia Hilliard [REDACTED] **Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 4:26 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Please Oppose putting LSP under Meadowlands Commission  
**Attachments:**

Please vote in opposition to putting Liberty State Park under the Meadowlands Commission. Liberty is a state park and should be entirely under the control of the NJ Park Service, DEP, Parks and Forestry. To put Liberty State Park under the Meadowlands Commission would over-burden an agency that has enough on its plate already.

--Patricia Hilliard  
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Bayonne NJ 07002  
[REDACTED]

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Karen Van de Castle [vdc2@glail.com]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Mon 1/5/2015 9:58 PM

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Sincerely,

Karen Van de Castle

Jersey City, NJ 07305

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Alma Malabanan-McGrath [mailto:amcgrath@gmail.com]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Public Opinion re: Ballot Measure 2 with Enabling Legislation  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Tue 1/6/2015 12:05 AM

RE: NJ Senate Environment and Energy Committee  
Regarding Enabling Legislation for Constitutional Amendment in Ballot Measure 2

Dear Judith L. Horowitz and/or Michael R. Molimock,

As a hard-working and tax-paying voter and resident of Jersey City, I kindly ask you both to consider and share the grave concerns I have about the last minute inclusion in Ballot Measure 2, which specifically primes the stage to allow the new commission to "evaluate, approve and implement any plan or plans for the further preservation, development, enhancement or improvement of Liberty State Park". I ask that the last minute inclusion of Liberty State Park in this legislation be removed.

It has been reported that a spokesman for Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto claimed that the new commission would not have any control over Liberty State Park. If this is the case, then why the last minute inclusion? I ask that the last minute inclusion of Liberty State Park in this legislation be removed.

Vincent Prieto supports open spaces in NJ's urban areas. Governor Christie supports open spaces in NJ's urban areas. Liberty State Park is indisputably precious open space that requires champions to keep it this way. Is the Assembly Speaker and the Governor willing to do everything in their power to secure open spaces in NJ's urban areas, shore up Liberty State Park's preservation and insulate the DEP's stewardship over Liberty State Park? If the answer is yes, then they should support and implement the removal of the last minute inclusion of Liberty State Park in this legislation.

In the absence of deleting the inclusion of Liberty State Park in this legislation, the following are recommendations for enabling legislation that will hopefully reverse the inequities to our state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites and wildlife management areas.

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Sincerely,

Alma Malabanan-McGrath  
Jersey City, NJ 07306  
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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Richard Cordner [mailto:rcordner@njleg.com]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Tue 1/6/2015 10:45 AM

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Richard Cordner

Jersey City, NJ 07306

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** TIMOTHY SNYDER [mailto:timothy\_snyder@stcglobal.net]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** NJ Senate Environment and Energy Committee Regarding Enabling Legislation for Constitutional Amendment in Ballot Measure 2

**Sent:** Tue 1/6/2015 10:54 AM

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Jersey City, NJ 07306

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**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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**Sent:** Tue 1/6/2015 1:02 PM

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Bess Morrison

[REDACTED]

Jersey City, NJ 07305

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Luba Timchinna [REDACTED] **Sent:** Tue 1/6/2015 1:55 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** PLEASE SAVE LIBERTY STATE PARK from the Meadowlands Regional Commission!!!!  
**Attachments:**

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Luba Timchinna

[REDACTED]


Jersey City, NJ. 07302

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**From:** Christine-C.Bes [REDACTED] **Sent:** Tue 1/6/2015 2:23 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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Resident of Jersey City



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Jersey City, NJ

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**From:** Reena Nawani [REDACTED] **Sent:** Tue 1/6/2015 3:36 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Regarding Enabling Legislation for Constitutional Amendment in Ballot Measure 2  
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**From:** vince winters [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Tue 1/6/2015 3:59 PM

Dear Governor,

Please see below and kindly consider all points - as a resident of Jersey City my family and I enjoy Liberty State Park as it presently is. We urge you not to make any changes - however, I offer you recommendations and justifications as listed below.

Respectfully,  
Vincent J. Winters  
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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Lisa Johnson [mailto:lisa.johnson@dep.state.nj.gov]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Tue 1/6/2015 4:13 PM

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We are against the negative impact that ballot measure 2 will have on Liberty State Park and all other NJ state parks. We urge you to include the recommendations outlined below in enabling legislation. The state parks provide peaceful recreation resources and needed sanctuary for all visitors. These benefits to quality of life must be preserved.

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Sincerely,

Kevin & Lisa Johnson

  
Jersey City, NJ 07305

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**OLSaideSEN**

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**From:** Lissa Elisabeth Welles, IBCLC [REDACTED] **Sent:** Tue 1/6/2015 4:37 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** state ballot measure public question 2  
**Attachments:**

Dear Judith L. Horowitz and Michael R. Molimock,

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Thank you,

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** MrJSpringer@aol.com [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:** brian.hamilton@comcast.net  
**Subject:** open space funds use  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Tue 1/6/2015 4:43 PM

Hello - I understand you are taking comments on the open space money use.

**FIRST PRIORITY - RECREATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF NEW JERSEY (BEFORE THEY ALL LEAVE)**

**VERY LAST PRIORITY - GIVING MONEY TO NGOS BECAUSE SAY THEY LOVE THE ENVIRONMENT**

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So instead of lining the pockets of the avaricious environmental NGOs maybe the State could consider making the existing open space usable for our families.

Joseph Springer  
[REDACTED]

Southampton NJ 08088

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**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations - Liberty State Park  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Tue 1/6/2015 10:27 PM

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**From:** Steve Fusco (steven.m.fusco@gmail.com)  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** DEP Park Funding  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Wed 1/7/2015 10:28 AM

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Registered Landscape Architect

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**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Parklands  
**Attachments:**

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**Subject:** Friends of Liberty State Park  
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**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Regarding Enabling Legislation for Constitutional Amendment in Ballot Measure 2  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Wed 1/7/2015 10:50 AM

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Sincerely,

Randall Blecher

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**From:** Kelly Hartford [mailto:k.hartford@njmail.com]  
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Thank you for your consideration,

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**From:** A.B. [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:** McHose Littell, Asw. D.O.  
**Subject:** Ballot Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Wed 1/7/2015 11:44 AM

Attn: The Senate Environment and Energy Committee

Locally in the northwestern corner and top of NJ, High Point State Park [HPSP] and it's added Green Acres' parcels will be negatively impacted, if the funds anticipated previous to the ballot question do not come through. The Parks division sorely needs assurance of stable funding and of over 20% of the Corporate Business Tax [CBT] funds to be dedicated towards state park & historic sites capital projects - many of which will remain backlogged, while our NJ state parks remain understaffed and underfunded as compared to previous years.

This Fall, I saw interpretative signs at HPSP in need or replacement, some structures and their roads overdue for repair or maintenance, as the Park lacks sufficient manpower and funds to attend to these and smaller projects - particularly after losing the labor assistance they once had available from the now closed Deckertown Tpke. correctional facility.

I also urge the committee to state in Ballot Measure 2's enabling legislation that ... all state parks should retain all the revenue generated in each park from concessions or fees, and that the State Park Service should get dedicated funds allotted each year - and request the full restoration of funding for capital improvements and stewardship at State Parks and historic sites at 23% of the Corporate Business Tax -- with at least \$16 million to be assured for this coming year from the open space funds, which was last year's amount.

This had been anticipated to be increased up to \$32 million in order to help put a dent into the \$400 million overall backlog awaiting attention in capital improvements, before the ballot measure passed.

In addition, I urge the language require that whatever revenues are generated at each park or historic site remains there, dedicated to that entity - in order to enable each to enhance, repair or improve facilities there... instead of the funds being pooled into New Jersey's general treasury, for use by the other agencies - particularly non-governmental organizations (NGO's) which are eligible for other funding and also generate funds via the programs they themselves run.

We lost Kuser Mansion due to a lack of oversight and maintenance. HPSP has been given added jurisdiction over Green Acres acquired parcels which are totally separate from the footprint of the designated "park".

One of these, the site of the former Rock View Hotel, last used as Rock View Golf Course and located along the Delaware River - retains a building which most likely needs to be demolished. Its flat roof was no longer intact and water was impacting the structure last year.

Will it also now be left in benign neglect, rather than be attended to? Until that structure is addressed, the site cannot be improved for any potential use - due to this potential hazard.

As is, Montague has more Non-Taxable land under jurisdiction of the State - High Point State Park & Stokes State Forest] than under the Federal Government - through their Tocks Island acquisitions.. as well as under Fish & Wildlife and NJ Lands Trust and Nature Conservancy. High Point State Park is a draw to tourists, hikers, birdwatchers, fishermen, campers, etc. and benefits residents and local businesses in the community by its existence. However, unless its roads and structures are better maintained - it will lose attractability. Park personnel are now stretched to oversee other units and more cannot be done with less.

Thank you for your attention.

Alicia C. Batko  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Nina (Krauss) Reinhardt [mailto: [REDACTED]] **Sent:** Wed 1/7/2015 11:51 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Regarding Enabling Legislation for Constitutional Amendment in Ballot Measure 2  
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Sincerely,  
Nina Krauss  
Morristown, NJ

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Terry Loboda [mailto:terry.loboda@njleg.com]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Recommendations  
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**Sent:** Wed 1/7/2015 1:29 PM

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**From:** Joseph Loboda [mailto:loboda.jeph@gmail.com] **Sent:** Wed 1/7/2015 1:35 PM  
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**Cc:**  
**Subject:** I Love NJ State Parks  
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**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** SAVE LIBERTY STATE PARK!  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Wed 1/7/2015 3:47 PM

**NJ Senate Environment and Energy Committee  
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Jersey City Resident since 2001

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**From:** Marcus Prince [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:**  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Wed 1/7/2015 3:47 PM

Change the language on the bill.

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** michael.pushkin@gmail.com [mailto:michael.pushkin@gmail.com]  
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**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Recommendations to sustain LSP  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Wed 1/7/2015 6:44 PM

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** JILL KOPROSKI [REDACTED] **Sent:** Wed 1/7/2015 9:33 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

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**From:** jmeyer@embankment.org [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Thu 1/8/2015 11:24 AM

I hope it is not too late to add my voice to this important issue!

I urge you to follow the recommendations below and to let Liberty State Park and all state parks keep the revenue that is generated in each park. I also urge you to dedicate at least 16 million \$ to the open space allocation for use by the State Park Service.

My name is Jennifer Meyer, I reside at 495 Monmouth Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302  
I am a registered voter and I vote in all elections.

I urge you to do the right thing by LSP and our other priceless State Parks.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Meyer  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Robin Lall [REDACTED] **Sent:** Thu 1/8/2015 11:58 AM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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Dear Senate and Environment Committee Members,

We are against the negative impact that ballot measure 2 will have on Liberty State Park and all other NJ state parks. We urge you to include the recommendations outlined below in enabling legislation. The state parks provide peaceful recreation resources and needed sanctuary for all visitors. These benefits to quality of life must be preserved.

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**Examples of projects that have benefited from CBT capital funding in the past include:**

- new picnic pavilions at Liberty State Park,
- new visitor center at Monmouth Battlefield State Park,
- bathroom renovations at the Brendan Byrne State Forest campground,
- restoration of Waterloo Village,
- new boat ramp at Assunpink Wildlife Management Area,
- refurbishment and restoration of over 70 dams on state Fish and Wildlife properties,
- restoration Ringwood Manor,
- improvements to water quality on the state's largest recreational lakes,

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- camping and cabin rentals, parks entrance fees, mobile sports fishing permits,
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- special use permits, and services provided by state park staff.
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Best,  
Frank Fiore

Sent from my iPhone

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**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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**Sent:** Thu 1/8/2015 12:41 PM

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**From:** Laurence Borrione [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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Please do not change the Liberty State Park status. This would violate the American Spirit if this bill was passed, stealing the park from the DEP and the public and giving it to a politically connected commission.

Could you imagine Central Park in the same situation? ....

Please keep this gem protected, it isa national treasure.

Thank you,

Laurence Borrione  
[REDACTED]

Jersey City, NJ 07304

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**From:** Lillian Ferrari [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations --FULLY support  
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**Sent:** Thu 1/8/2015 1:05 PM

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Jersey City

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**Subject:** protection of state parks  
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Sincerely Yours  
Vishwanath Dookie

Jersey City Resident (15 years)

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**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation recommendations  
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**Sent:** Thu 1/8/2015 2:00 PM

I hope it is not too late to add my voice to this important issue!

I urge you to follow the recommendations below and to let Liberty State Park and all state parks keep the revenue that is generated in each park. I also urge you to dedicate at least 16 million \$ to the open space allocation for use by the State Park Service.

My name is Peter Zirnis, I reside at 495 Monmouth Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302  
I am a registered voter and I vote in all elections.

I urge you to do the right thing by LSP and our other priceless State Parks.

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

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**OLSaideSEN**

**From:** Ellen [REDACTED]  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Measure 2 Enabling Legislation Recommendations  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Thu 1/8/2015 3:20 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Broudy  
Jersey City, NJ

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Joanne Gucciardo [REDACTED] **Sent:** Thu 1/8/2015 2:46 PM  
**To:** OLSaideSEN  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Liberty State Park  
**Attachments:**

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