



**US Army Corps
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New York District

**Hudson-Raritan Estuary
Liberty State Park**

Jersey City, New Jersey

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: The Hudson-Raritan Estuary, Liberty State Park (LSP) study area is located in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, on the western side of Upper New York Bay. The project area is 234 acres of undeveloped semi-degraded parkland within a fenced area of LSP. LSP was built upon a former rail yard whose habitat has been degraded over decades by fill, which converted an estuary into an upland environment. In the absence of Federal action, it is anticipated that the study area ecosystem will remain in a degraded condition, with wetland areas dominated by invasive species. Additionally, some areas that are currently of higher functional value will continue to degrade unless significant management measures are undertaken. Restoration alternatives under investigation include reintroduction of tidal wetland habitat, protection and enhancement of freshwater wetlands, and management of allied terrestrial buffer habitats.

AUTHORIZATION: Liberty State Park constitutes the first interim response to the Hudson-Raritan Estuary Environmental Restoration Feasibility Study (HRE-Overall) being carried out under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' General Investigations (GI) Program. The study was authorized by a resolution of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, dated 15 April 1999, Docket 2596. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is the non-Federal sponsor for the HRE-Overall study; the State of New Jersey will be the sponsor for LSP construction.

STATUS: The Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for Liberty State Park was completed in fall 2005, and approved by HQ. Currently awaiting Congressional Authorization to advance to the Pre-Construction Engineering and Design (PED) Phase. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) will be the non-Federal sponsor for the project. Contingent upon authorization and full funding, construction could begin at LSP in 2009.

PROJECT COST:

Estimated Federal Cost (65%)	\$20,800,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost (35%)	<u>\$11,200,000</u>
Total	\$32,000,000

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