

## **Friends of LSP's statement against former Gov. Christie's last attack on LSP's sanctity: Liberty National Golf Course Proposal for LSP's Caven Point Natural Area Peninsula**

The Friends of LSP strongly urges Governor Murphy's NJDEP to reject the Liberty National Golf Course proposal submitted in response to former Governor Christie's DEP's RFP, to lease away the Liberty State Park 21 acre Caven Point Natural Area Peninsula for golf holes.

The Public Good choice is clear - preserving the NJ Registered LSP Caven Point Natural Area, bought for eternity with state and federal funds as an urban natural area for conservation and public recreation, or lease it away for 24 year to a multimillionaires' golf course for a pittance.

**PLEASE EMAIL [officeofleases@dep.nj.gov](mailto:officeofleases@dep.nj.gov) "to urge the DEP to reject the Liberty National Golf Course proposal to lease away the LSP Caven Point Natural Area."**  
**Suggested Subject line: Reject Golf Course proposal for LSP Caven Point"**

Caven Point is critical ecologically as a wildlife habitat and nesting grounds and is priceless recreationally with public access for breathtaking wildlife viewing all year round from the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway, and with access from October to April onto a boardwalk in a seasonal bird nesting area and onto a natural beach, and with access from April to October on guided walking and kayak tours led by LSP naturalists.

With the inevitable 42 year overwhelming majority opposition to LSP privatization and new inevitable fierce opposition to this outrageous plan and with the state and federal protections associated with the funding sources, this will be a lost cause for Liberty National Golf Course, which can easily use its own land where it wanted the casino and 95 story tower, or purchase nearby available private land or National Guard land.

Link to LSP Caven Point Natural Area Peninsula **Fact Sheet** <http://bit.ly/2G99Cml>

We urge Governor Murphy's DEP to reject this plan. He and other elected officials can work with Liberty National to find an alternative solution for their space needs and to protect this rare, special, unique, amazing LSP urban natural area on the Upper New York Bay.

### **3 alternatives for Liberty National's space needs:**

1. The golf course owns land right next to their Club House. It's where they wanted and got approvals for three very tall towers before the economy crashed about a dozen years ago and it's where they wanted their casino, 95 story tower and another tower. Their renderings are at <http://bit.ly/2GpH0pd> So they actually have their own private land where they can build a staging area and where they can put the Academy on the first floor of any tower. The former golf course owner had plans for 3 towers in the same location.
2. There is National Guard land adjacent to the golf course which the golf course buy.
3. Paul Fireman can buy the Barrys' land for sale at Porte Liberte and use it for their tournament staging area and the Academy and build condos on also if they want to, but the Golf Course is seeking to get this priceless, unique, special public natural area at a pittance for 24 years.