

## Money can be found for an open park

Dear Editor:

The development of Liberty State Park is at a crossroads: Lease half of the park's open space for a golf course, with \$35 greens fees (looking to serve the New York market)...or...a "Central Park" type plan with family values at its heart: picnic areas, playgrounds, ballfields etc., along with gardens and natural areas. This park must serve all the residents of this county with open space, in an urban area where parks are in essence our backyards.

We cannot deny the vast majority of the public...access...to a large portion of our park. Not a park that stands in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

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with Green Acres money. The golf course would be financed by State of New Jersey backed bonds. Haven't we, as taxpayers, been stuck with enough of these bond "deals"?

If the state can find \$1.2 billion for pumping sand on the beaches at the shore, millions to acquire farmlands and watershed lands, and the millions of taxpayer dollars for the highway sound barriers...the money can be found. It's time Hudson County stopped being treated like the state's orphan child.

Would anyone consider a golf course in Central Park? Let's not sell Hudson County short.

Please let your voice be heard on Aug. 11!

You can write to DEP Commissioner Robert Shinn, CN 404, Trenton, NJ 08625 or Governor Whitman, State House, CN 001, Trenton, NJ 08625.

John Tichenor, President  
Friends of Liberty State Park

## Develop park family-style

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JOHN TICHENOR  
President, Friends of  
Liberty State Park  
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## On Liberty State Park

Dear Editor,

My family greatly appreciates Marion Kwartler's warm and comprehensive story (Aug. 20) about the meaningful tribute by the Jewish Family and Counseling Service of Jersey City, Bayonne, and Hoboken for my father Morris Pesin, who valued his opportunity to serve on the board of this effective agency.

As Ms. Kwartler wrote, my father strongly opposed the taking of one-half of Liberty State Park's open space for a golf course. He envisioned a Central Park-type future for this 550-acre park, with its potential to build a greater sense of community by welcoming people of all ages, colors, and ethnic backgrounds to share the experience of replenishment, relaxation, recreation, and nature.

We urge citizens to join our fight and tell the governor and other officials to support maximum public access to this precious park for our and future generations.

**SAM PESIN**  
Jersey City

*This letter was also signed by Ethel and Judy Pesin, the late Morris Pesin's widow and daughter.*

When local Jewish group had framed story about Morris Pesin hung in park visitors center