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**BIKERS ENJOY** the reopened waterfront walkway on the south side of Liberty State Park in Jersey City.

## Liberty State Park walkway open again — view is beautiful

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A newly rehabilitated 1,000-foot walkway has reopened along the south end of Liberty State Park in Jersey City.

Sam Pesin, president of Friends of Liberty State Park said the walkway is now fully complete. It leads toward the southeast corner of the park, as well as toward the 1½-mile walk toward the northeast corner of the park, near the railroad terminal.

"Any enhancements for public use of Liberty State Park, which is one of the world's greatest urban parks, is wonderful. This walkway will make the park a more enjoyable place to walk, jog and bicycle," Pesin said.

Liberty State Park opened on Flag Day, June 14, 1976.

"It was New Jersey's Bicentennial gift to our nation," said Pesin.

The park's previous south side asphalt walkway fell into the water and eroded away. It has been fenced off and was reopened last Friday, according to Frank Gallagher, the administrator at Liberty State Park.

Funded by the state Department of Environmental Protection at a cost of \$2 million, the project has been planned for a number of years. It took two years to construct.

It now consists of brick pavers that are consistent with the Hudson River walkway and is 18 feet wide.