

The Friends of Liberty State Park
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR LSP - Statement of Accomplishments
July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

We funded \$33,000 of \$93,000 cost of installing 50 flag poles for our stage flags. This iconic new amenity on Freedom Way, within view of Lady Liberty and Ellis Island and the Manhattan and Jersey City skylines, enriches LSP's American spirit!

Volunteer Garden Program and Funding of Trees to Beautify Liberty State Park

Over 5 million people a year visit LSP from around our state, nation and the world and therefore benefit from seeing the attractive plantings and trees throughout this urban waterfront park behind Lady Liberty and Ellis Island. The beauty of LSP has a positive impact on people's emotional, mental and spiritual health. We again focused on carrying out our beautification and conservation goals, by purchasing trees, plants, shrubs, flowers, and flower bulbs to beautify Liberty State Park. Almost every Saturday morning all year, we had gardening volunteers. Middle of the week volunteers, mostly corporate groups, also did volunteering. Our volunteers planted everything, except the trees we funded, and also did a tremendous amount of work in weeding and tree pruning. Plantings were done throughout LSP. **Garden brochure:** http://agnesdebethune.com/2013FOLSP_GardenBrochure/FOLSPGardenBrochureWebPage.html
We spent funds to buy more trees in the park and plants/bulbs for garden program.

Salt Marsh Clean up 4/8 (22nd annual) Over 60 volunteers cleaned up LSP Salt Marsh.

Co-sponsored Hudson County Earth Day Festival on April 22, 2017 at LSP.

Annual Walk for Liberty State Park April 22, 2017

We co-sponsored our 11th fundraising WALK in LSP on April 23. The Walk's purpose was to raise money to spend on park plantings, etc. and raise public awareness about LSP as a recreational resource. The event was successful as we raised funds from sponsors and from our members who walked and obtained pledges for their walk.

Annual Luncheon May 7, 2017

We had our 11th fundraising Recognition Luncheon on 5/7/16 and it was an inspiring gathering. We honored park leaders and dedicated volunteers. 225 people attended and we had positive publicity in the local newspapers and the Mayor came to thank us.

Promoted Jersey City's summer free concert series, Summerfest, held at LSP. Several hundred people come out each week for the outdoor Tues. and Sunday concerts. We promote these concerts to bring people out to enjoy music outdoors in the park.

Mailings to our members of newsletters/postcards/e-newsletters/social media postings to inform them and the general public of LSP info, issues, and events. Also, updating our website with current info and history for members & the public.