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A new footbridge leading from Downtown Jersey City to Liberty State Park was officially dedicated to the late wife of the park's founder today.

The bridge, dubbed the Ethel Pesin Liberty Footbridge, replaces a bridge that was destroyed last year during Hurricane Sandy.

Pesin, who died in February at 98, helped her husband, Morris, in his 18-year journey to establish Liberty State Park, and became a park champion in her own right after his death in 1992.

"The footbridge naming is a deeply meaningful honor for my mother, whose park and community activism, and her compassion, made a real difference in people's lives," Pesin's son, Sam, said at the dedication.

Sam Pesin heads the Friends of Liberty State Park.