The Friends of Liberty State Park  www.folsp.org
Updated Summary from 2018 30th birthday statement

The Friends is an all-volunteer, 501c3 NJ non-profit organization dedicated to protecting, improving and beautifying Liberty State Park. Our official mission is “to preserve, protect, conserve and promote Liberty State Park”. We strive to work with park supporters, park staff and elected officials to have a positive impact on LSP’s evolution into a “park for the ages” as a continuing legacy to the future.

We are a park advocacy group and also an "ORFO", an Officially Recognized Friends Organization" of the NJDEP Division of Parks and Forestry.

We advocate for the overwhelming broad public consensus for a free and green, inclusive non-privatized and non-commercialized People’s Park for all to enjoy.

We have needed to stand up for the park by co-leading – with the NY/NJ Baykeeper - several major grassroots battles against overwhelmingly unpopular park privatization and commercialization plans. Before the Friends began in 1988, there were major grassroots battles with caring urban supporters and Coalitions to Save LSP with local, regional and statewide groups. Defeated plans since 1988 include the 1990’s golf course plans, commercial amphitheater, commercial waterpark, Governor Christie’s all-out privatization assaults including Suntex yacht marina's plan for LSP’s non-commercial southside and Liberty National Golf Course’s 2018 plan to privatize LSP’s Caven Point Natural Area (revived in 2019).

The Friends of LSP look forward to the passage of the LSP Protection Act to establish a new day for LSP so we can only focus on positive improvements and collaborations for this great NJ and American park. Our accomplishments include funding over 900 trees; funding over 16 gardens as part of LSP’s Volunteer Gardening Program; promoting LSP at many events; championing the large size of the 1999 Green Park playground and facilitating the 2018 replacements of both park playgrounds; getting a $200K Hudson County grant toward the popular Picnic Pavilion Field; 24 years of annual salt marsh cleanups; supporting LSP nature and history programs and funding 1/3 of the cost of relocating 50 new state flag poles. Recently spending $18,000 to purchase 4 beautiful bulletin boards for the park.