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Stretch of waterfront walkway adds another half-mile of views

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Jersey City Mayor Jerramiah Healy joined open space advocates, Liberty National Golf Club officials and Assemblyman Anthony Chiappone of Bayonne yesterday for the opening of the newest half-mile stretch of the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway.

This portion of walkway, which connects Caven Point in the south to the public boat launching off Morris Pesin Drive in Liberty State Park, meanders through protected environmental land, the Port Liberte housing complex and around the Liberty National Golf Club.

The ribbon cutting came a day after the 33rd anniversary of the park's opening, said the event's emcee, Sam Pesin, president of the Friends of Liberty State Park.

The path was paid for by Liberty National Golf Club.

"We're excited we could be part of this walkway and extend the vision of the state and Jersey City," said Dan Fireman, co-owner of the club.

With the latest installment of the path, about 11.5 miles of the planned walkway are completed, said Helen Manogue, president of the Hudson River Waterfront Conservancy. Another seven miles, mostly located in Bayonne and Edgewater, have not been completed, she said.

The next installment of the walkway will connect Hoboken to Jersey City, Manogue said. Another section connecting Weehawken to Hoboken is in the works, she said.

