

New Bridge park shares grant from state trust

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RIVER EDGE – The Historic New Bridge Landing Park is one of 27 historic sites throughout the state slated to share more than \$3 million in historic preservation grants from the New Jersey Historic Trust.

In total, \$3,889,813 will be

awarded for the preservation and conservation of historical structures in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Union and Warren counties.

Historic New Bridge Landing Park, located in parts of New Milford, Teaneck, Hackensack and River Edge, will receive \$20,625 from the fund.

That money that will be used to

fund the Historic New Bridge Landing Implementation Plan, according to Deb Fisk, vice chairwoman of the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission.

"There will also be matching funds from the Blauvelt Demarest Foundation used to complete the plan," she said.

The entire cost of the project is excepted to be \$27,000.

The implementation plan calls for mapping environmental areas in the park and having a basic design analysis completed, Fisk said.

Fisk said BTM Associates and Hunter Research, companies that specialize in archeological and historical research and planning, will

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do the necessary work.

Out of those plans will come a blueprint for pathways through the area, plantings, signage and lighting for the 18-acre site that was recently given state park status by Gov. James McGreevey.

Fisk said that the commission is "very excited about this."

"It is our next big step," she said.

Fisk also said that the trust received a record 144 application for grants this year from historic sites throughout the state.

"We are rather proud that our application was one of the ones

that was chosen," she said.

Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Susan Bass Levin said that the grant funding for preservation projects throughout the state "is an investment in both our past and our future."

"Through the trust," she said, "New Jersey recognizes the role that historic preservation plays in creating dynamic and diverse communities."

The program was created to initiate and promote historic preservation throughout the state and encourage joint preservation efforts by public and private sectors.

It funds both capital projects and planning projects for historic preservation.