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NEW RENOVATIONS TO THE FULTON AVENUE PARK TO BE UNVEILED

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and the City of Jersey City will unveil new plans for the **Fulton Avenue Park** at **11 a.m.** on **Monday, January 28th, 2013**, at **MLK Drive** and **Fulton Avenue**. The renovations will create a beautiful green place for the community for passive recreation and is which expected to be complete for enjoyment by the summer of 2013.

“The recreational needs of our community both in developing destination parks for everyone and smaller parks where neighbors can socialize and spend time outdoors with their children are extremely important,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Not only will Fulton Avenue Park be a place for the community to congregate, but it will also help beautiful the neighborhood and improve the quality of life.”

Fulton Avenue Park encompasses 0.29 acres, located in Ward F on Fulton Avenue and Martin Luther King Drive.

The park design, facilitated by the Department of Public Works/Division of Architecture, is a result of community group meetings, as well as input from At-Large Councilwoman Viola Richardson, Ward F Councilwoman Diane Coleman (as well as previous Councilwoman Michele Massey) and Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and is in accordance with the Parks Master Plan. Renovations will include site demolition and new amenities to create a new passive neighborhood community pocket park.

The renovations will add multi-use space for recreational programming and community events, perimeter fencing, shade trees, infrastructure for security cameras, seating areas, game tables and landscape planter areas with areas for community flower planting.

The improvements and renovations to the park are being fully funded by money from the settlement between PPG and the City. Under the settlement, PPG agreed to remediate 20 chromium contaminated sites in Jersey City, including the site of their former manufacturing on plant on Garfield Ave, where PPG is currently in the process of excavating some 700,000 tons of contaminated soil.

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As part of the settlement, PPG agreed to pay \$1,150,000 into an environmental escrow fund for environmentally beneficial projects like this.

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