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Salvaged Docks from River Barge Park and Marina to Provide New Recreational Opportunities on Passaic River

NUTLEY, N.J. – As part of the agency’s commitment to sustainable design principals at the River Barge Park and Marina site in Carlstadt, the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission recently salvaged and donated floating docks to the Passaic River Boat Club. The docks will be used to encourage the return of recreational boating to the lower Passaic River.

“This is a great first step towards boaters, kayakers and canoeists enjoying outdoor exploration available right in their own backyard,” said Assemblyman Frederick Scalera (D-36). “Community spirit in the project, matched by a generous donation, brings us all closer to a better local environment.”

The club plans to install the docks as part of the Nutley Boat Ramp Restoration Project, located on the north side the Park Avenue Bridge in the Township of Nutley. The project would provide the first unencumbered high and low tide public access point to the river to be built by an advocacy group.

To further encourage residents and visitors to enjoy the river, the Passaic River Boat Club recently held its first annual cleanup day at the site, and plans to add catch-and-release fishing tournaments and maritime heritage festivals to the calendar.

“We are glad for the chance to be a good neighbor to the Passaic River, where forward-thinking concern for the environment mirrors our own preservation, enhancement and park development initiatives throughout the Meadowlands,” said NJMC Executive Director Robert Ceberio. “With five new waterside parks opened or underway, including a state-of-the-art marina in Carlstadt, we commend the Passaic River Boat Club for their efforts to bring people back to the water.”

The NJMC recently broke ground on River Barge Park and Marina, a 4-acre waterside park that will celebrate the human history of the Hackensack River as well as its continued environmental recovery. Principals of sustainable development have been

included in the park's design, including reuse of materials from former structures, recovery of historic Southern Long Leaf yellow pine timbers in three derelict barges, and refurbishing of maritime artifacts to be placed along trails.

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