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## MAYOR BREAKS GROUND ON NEW GRIER PLAYGROUND

**ELIZABETH, May 19, 2010** – Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Councilman William Gallman and Recreation Director Paul Addressa broke ground this morning on the new Grier playground.

“With the evident growth of population particularly in Elizabethport, the need for additional recreational services has increased,” said Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, “committed to the preservation of open space, through this initiative the City of Elizabeth will remove an underutilized parcel in the community and create a new and safe recreational site.”

Funded in part through a Union County Open Space Trust Fund grant, the new playground will be located on the corner of South Park Street and New Point Road. In addition to new trees, fencing, sidewalks and curbing, the proposed playground will include two designated play areas, one for children ages two to four and one for children five to twelve years old.

“We are transforming this site into a new playground for the young residents of Elizabethport,” said William Gallman, Councilman of the Fifth Ward. “By continuing Elizabeth’s ongoing revitalization and development efforts, we are creating an exciting place for children to enjoy and improving the quality of life throughout the community.”

Grier Playground is scheduled to open this upcoming July.