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**WILSON PARK RECEIVES OVER \$100K FACE LIFT**

**Elizabeth, NJ, September 18, 2007** - Mayor Chris Bollwage announced the complete restoration of Wilson Memorial Park located on Newark Avenue. Improvements were made possible with funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) "Good Neighbor Landscaping Program" and the environmental group Groundwork Elizabeth.

"We are excited to have restored Wilson Park with the help of Assemblyman Joe Cryan, NJDOT, and Groundwork Elizabeth," said Mayor Bollwage. "It is with such great partners that we continue to revitalize all our parks and recreational areas. Investing in our environment will ensure that families and residents will be able to enjoy the outdoors for generations to come."

The Good Neighbor Landscaping Program allows participating municipalities to enhance the environment along busy state roadsides by soliciting information from the community. It permits participants to address landscaping elements that can minimize the adverse effects of a highway where engineering solutions are prohibitive.

With the help of Assemblyman Joe Cryan and Groundwork Elizabeth, the City was able to secure approximately \$200,000 in funding for improvements to Wilson Park which include: new paths, signage, and landscaping throughout the park.