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Squadron Welcomes Restoration of Bbp Funding, \$40 Million Donation for Park Recreation

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BROOKLYN -- Today, State Senator Daniel Squadron issued the following statement after the Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation board approved \$66.5 million in funding from the City, including the fully-restored funding commitment secured in Senator Squadron's and Assemblymember Millman's agreement with the City last summer. Senator Squadron also welcomed the announcement of a \$40 million donation for recreation in the park:

Today, there were two pieces of great news for Brooklyn residents and the entire city regarding Brooklyn Bridge Park.

The BBPC board voted to approve \$66.5 million in funding from the City. By including the funding in this year's budget, the City will officially restore its full \$55 million commitment to the park -- which was a major win for the community under [the agreement Assemblymember Millman and I reached with the City last summer to move the park forward](#). The funding means real progress on the path to complete Brooklyn Bridge Park and is great news for all of us who have been fighting to make a real world-class park a reality.

[The community has also long fought to bring year-round active recreation with real community access to the park](#). The news that the park has been offered an incredibly

generous \$40 million donation to achieve this goal is a welcome step forward. We look forward to participating in a robust and open community conversation about how this donation can make such year-round, active, accessible recreation a reality in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

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