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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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