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Tough Mudder Draws Mayor Fulop, Thousands to Liberty State Park

JERSEY CITY – Today at Liberty State Park, Mayor Steven Fulop, along with thousands of other athletes, participated in the Tough Mudder challenge. The event features a 10+-mile course and to place in Liberty State Park, highlighting the value of public open space as a potential venue for high-profile events.

"Liberty State Park is national treasure, and the perfect place to host an event like The Tough Mudder," said **Mayor Fulop**, "It brings in visitors and commerce without changing the nature of the park.

Added Fulop, "I would say I'm looking forward to participating... but maybe I should wait and see the obstacles first."

Nearly, 8,000 competitors and friends are expected to attend the event, which will continue through into Sunday.

"The Friends of Liberty State Park are delighted that this very cool and unique major event will take place in our treasured urban state park on the Jersey City waterfront," said **Sam Pesin, the President of Friends of Liberty State Park**, a group dedicated to preserving the park. "We are grateful to Jersey City Mayor Steve Fulop for his strong support in bringing Tough Mudder here with its 'extreme' endurance course for participants and the fun experience for spectators."

The Tough Mudder recently made a \$50,000 donation to Friends of Liberty State Park, which will go towards future park restorations. In addition, Tough Mudder is a long-time supporter of Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) and its mission to honor and empower Wounded Warriors. To date, Tough Mudder participants have raised more than \$8.7 million for WWP.

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