

# New Bridge Landing study funded

RIVER EDGE – State, county and local officials announced Thursday that historic New Bridge Landing will receive \$100,000 in state funding to perform an archaeological study to identify artifacts and pave the way for future park improvements.

The money will also be used for renovations to the Steuben House, which is more than three centuries old and contains a museum, and for landscape planning, said John Watson, deputy commissioner for the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Supporters of the site are hope-

ful that on Tuesday, voters will approve Ballot Question No. 2, which would provide \$15 million a year until 2015 and \$32 million a year beginning in 2016 for maintenance and capital improvements at parks, historic sites and wildlife areas. The funding would come from revenues generated through the Corporate Business Tax Fund.

Officials say that if the ballot question is approved, they will attempt to secure money for a visitor center on a former junkyard site that became part of the park when it was purchased last year.

The park, which touches Tea-

neck, New Milford and River Edge, was the site of an important bridge crossing for George Washington and his Revolutionary troops across the Hackensack River in retreat from British troops in 1776.

“This site has been called the crossroads of the American Revolution,” said State Sen. Loretta Weinberg, D-Teaneck, who has been involved with preservation efforts for New Bridge Landing for years and helped to obtain the \$100,000.

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