

# Carey plan could bring 152M for parks in city

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Gov. Carey is proposing today a \$750 million state bond issue that would mean up to \$152 million for parks and recreation projects in the city, The Post has learned.

Included would be \$25 million for Central Park restoration work, as well as money to refurbish the Rockaway Beach and Coney Island boardwalks and parks in every borough.

## JOB STIMULATION

Although details could not be obtained on other projects to be funded by the issue, a spokesman for Carey confirmed that its major thrust would be to keep business in the state and develop jobs.

The Legislature must approve Carey's plan before it is submitted to the voters in November. It is subject to change.

Something for all boroughs in proposed bond issue. Page 11.

While the bond issue itself will be for \$750 million, state sources said, matching federal funds could more than double the amount of money available for projects.

Half the money for city parks projects—about \$75 million—would come from the bond issue, the sources said, while the remainder would come from matching federal funds.

A unique feature of the issue, the sources said, is a provision that funds for city projects be spent within five years and only on those projects. Carey had promised in his State of the State Address in January that he would curb the practice

where voters approve bond issues only to watch as the money is never spent.

At least 19 popular parks, recreation and historic preservation proposals in the city would benefit from the Carey plan. All have been stalled by the fiscal crisis. They include:

- Restoration of decayed or vandalized facilities in Central Park, \$25 million.
- Repairs in Riverside and Bryant Parks, \$2 million.
- Restoration of the Tweed Courthouse and City Hall, about \$810,000.
- Repair of Rockaway Beach and Coney Island boardwalks, \$2 million.
- Restoration of the Sailor's Snug Harbor building on Staten Island, \$2 million.
- Rehabilitation of Prospect Park, \$5.12 million.

The bond issue has been

designed, according to government sources, to allow the state to take maximum advantage of federal matching fund programs.

For example, 50 per cent matching grants are available from the U. S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in the Interior Dept. for many of the city park proposals. Projects would thus be paid for with bond monies and federal, state and local funds.

## SOME U. S. FUNDS

The local funds could be obtained, the sources said, by using federal community development and revenue sharing money.

Included on the partial projects list obtained by The Post are two citywide projects, eight in Manhattan, two each in Queens, Brooklyn and The Bronx, and three in Staten Island.