

Monmouth County Park System

*A Bird's Eye View
of the Parks*

Annual Report
2011



Bayshore Waterfront Park



*2011 Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners
(standing, back row, left to right) Kevin Mandeville, County Counsel Andrea Bazer,
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and Michael G. Harmon. (standing, front and center) Violeta Peters and Freeholder
Liaison to the Park System Lillian G. Burry. (seated) Melvin A. Hood and Park System
Secretary-Director James J. Truncer.*



*2011 Monmouth County Park System Department Heads
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Secretary-Director; Karen Livingstone, Public Information Officer; Spencer Wickham,
Chief of Land Acquisition and Design; and Assistant Director Bruce Gollnick. (seated,
left to right) Andrew Spears, Superintendent of Recreation and Michael Janoski, Assis-
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MAKING SMART DECISIONS FOR THE LONG-TERM

While the amount of open space in Monmouth County has increased by almost 3,000 acres in the past 10 years (see the County's Open Space Acreage: pp. 10-11), the parks employ about the same number of full-time staff today as in 2001-02. Volunteers play an increasingly important role in operations, performing many new and specialized tasks that were previously done by paid personnel. The value of their contributions of time reached an impressive half million dollars this year (see the Value of In-Kind Donations, Contributions & Grants: p. 17).

The return on investment from solar panel installations is another bottom-line improvement as park buildings now generate electricity to lower the electric bill, at times producing an excess that is sold back to the energy company. Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) sales from three completed solar projects netted the Park System \$40,139 in 2011 (read more about facility improvements: p. 12).

Along with measures to cut costs, the parks implemented a number of new strategies to boost revenue. Expanding site rentals, competitive golf pricing with incentives, and creative recreation programs that encourage repeat business have helped maintain steady income stream in a harshly competitive environment. (review the complete financial picture: pp. 18-19).

"We are grateful for the continued patronage of our loyal customers, as well as all the county residents who steadfastly support our mission to preserve and manage the county's precious open spaces."

*-Edward Loud, Chairman
Board of Recreation Commissioners*

THE VIEW FROM A DISTANCE

The Park System was in the unique position to look ahead in 2011, having celebrated 50 years of achievement for its golden anniversary in 2010. The retrospective provided a "bird's eye" perspective on how connected the parks are to the landscape and people of Monmouth County, and demonstrated a commonality we all share. As the economy continued to struggle in 2011, the Park System—along with everyone else—tightened its belt and found new ways to do more with less.



Claypit Creek, Hartshorne Woods Park

MCPS Managed 15,136 Acres of Land in 2011

Forest	8,233 acres
Field/Meadow/Lawn	4,270 acres
Water	925 acres
Paved/Developed Land	596 acres
Marsh	180 acres
Other/Unclassified	982 acres
TOTAL	15,186 acres

(right) This stunning flock of Great Egrets underscores the importance of preserving marshland habitats, such as the nearly 80 acres surrounding Bayshore Waterfront Park.

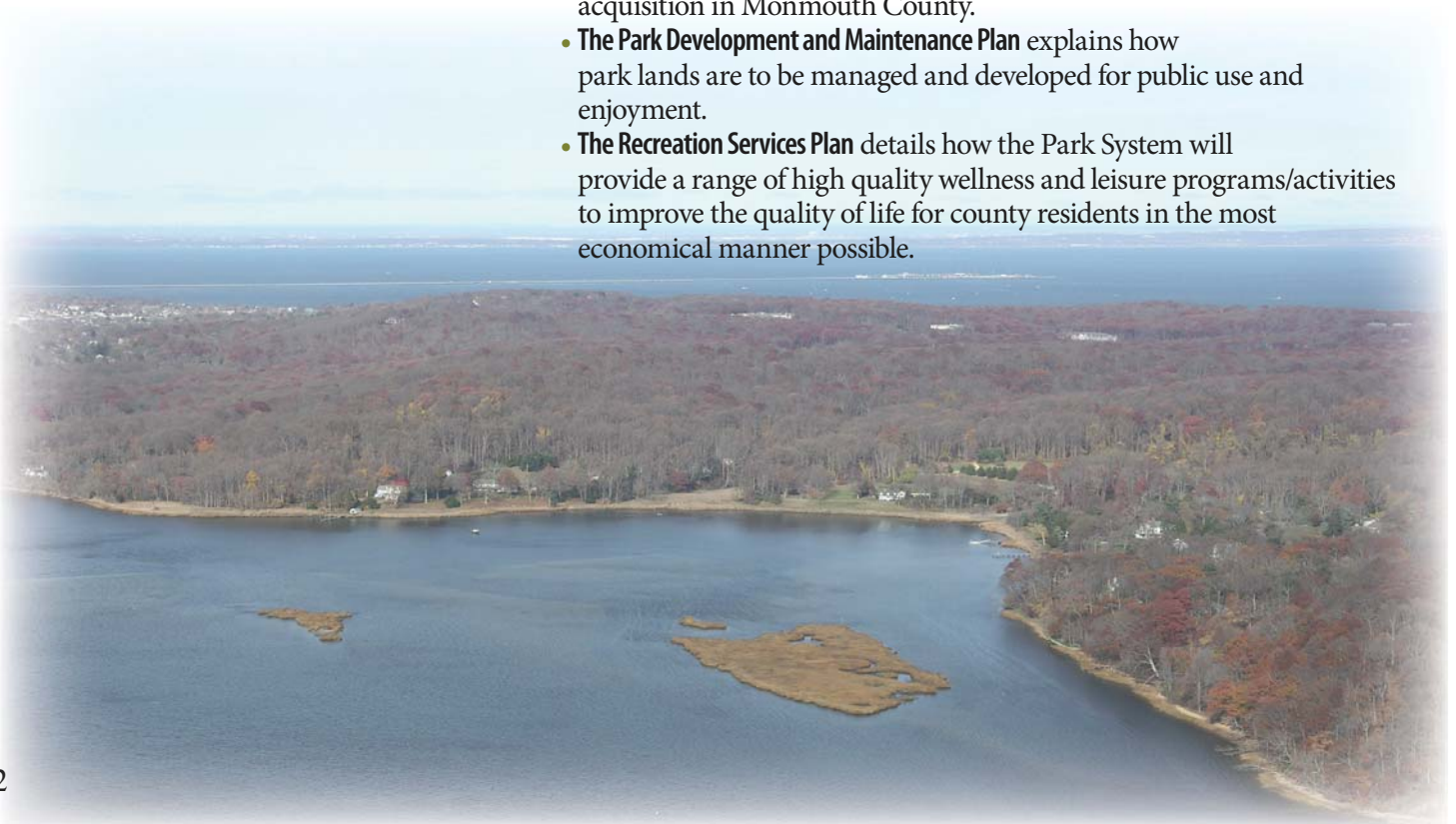
(below) Many acres of forest meet the water at Hartshorne Woods Park.



LOOKING AHEAD: SOLID PLANNING & OVERSIGHT

While it is impossible to foresee all the challenges that lie ahead, there is a certain constancy to park operations that comes from good planning. The Park System is cognizant of this, and regularly publishes three planning documents that describe the framework for land acquisition, park development and recreational services.

- **The Open Space Plan** sets out the objectives and priorities for land acquisition in Monmouth County.
- **The Park Development and Maintenance Plan** explains how park lands are to be managed and developed for public use and enjoyment.
- **The Recreation Services Plan** details how the Park System will provide a range of high quality wellness and leisure programs/activities to improve the quality of life for county residents in the most economical manner possible.



QUANTIFYING NATURAL RESOURCES: MAPS & INVENTORIES

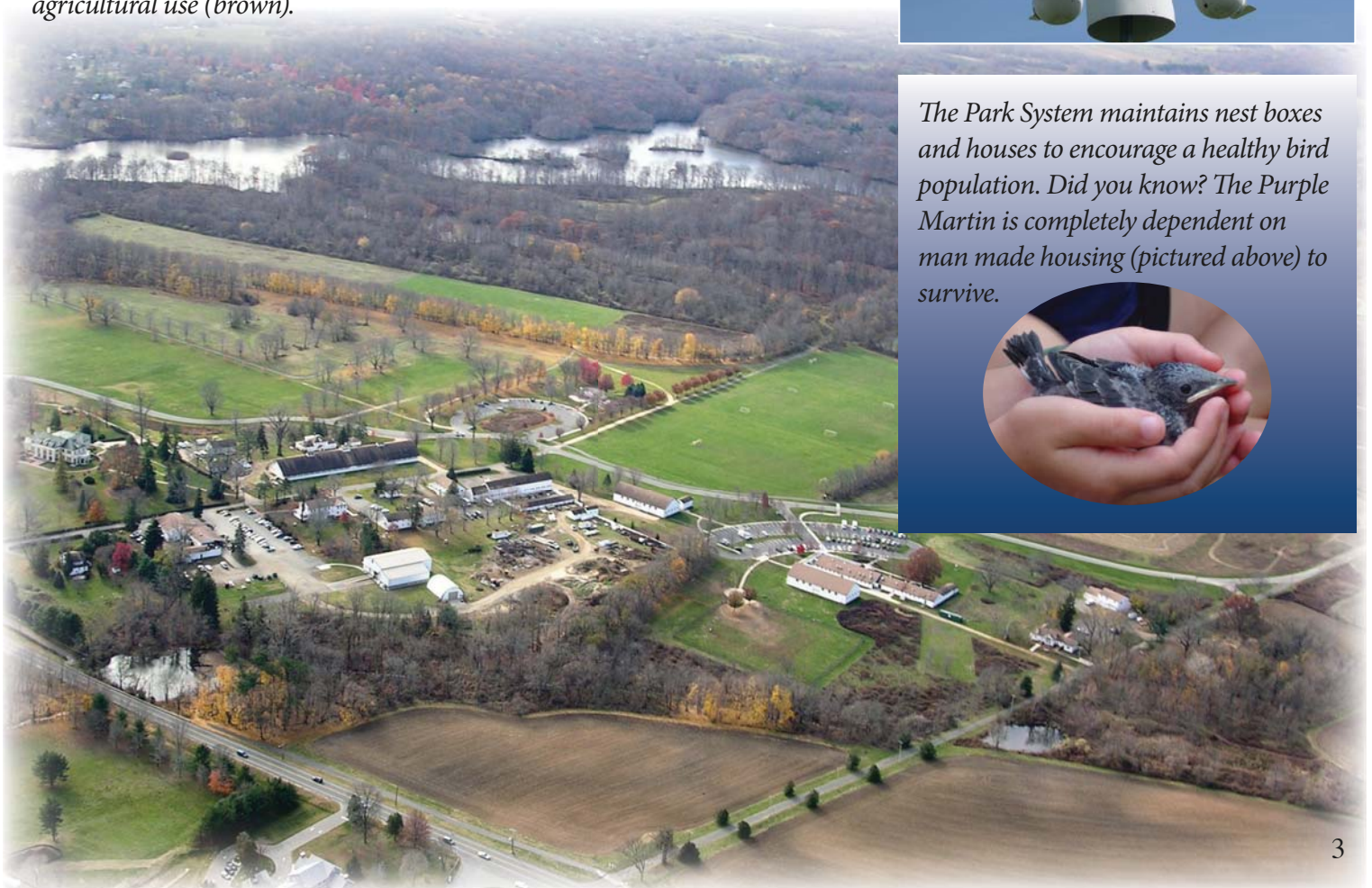
As stewards of the county's open space since 1960, the Park System has gathered information to help manage the resources within its boundaries. One of the first steps is to know what's happening on each of the 39 park properties.

Maps reveal land/water features, while inventories count plant and wildlife species. Monitoring bodies of water, trees, shrubs, grasses, birds, insects, and fish at parks and golf courses helps staff make informed decisions about how to manage the sites, and guides development and recreational opportunities.

Geographical Information System (GIS) maps detail the geography of each park which, among other purposes, helps find the most suitable site for facilities. Maps are consulted when designing a new trail for instance, and if that trail travels through an area of marshland or stream, staffers know to include boardwalk or bridge construction in the plan.

Natural Resource Inventories help monitor the composition and health of the ecosystems. They can determine if a certain species is in balance with the landscape and help formulate a response when it is not. Recently, when invasive plant species began overtaking important scenic vistas and other natural habitats, the Park System took action to control the damage and avoid the risk of losing these important features. Inventories also help find the best sites for visitors to enjoy specialized recreational activities such as fishing, birding or wildflower appreciation.

Thompson Park has fields of every variety; meadows managed for wildlife habitat, groomed for athletic use or play (green below) or reserved for agricultural use (brown).



2011 Plant/Wildlife Inventories

- Field Management
- Forest Health
- Aquatic Resources
- Species-Specific Inventories
 - Orchid/Wildflowers,*
 - Observable Wildlife,*
 - Endangered Species, Invasive Species,*
 - Overpopulated Species (deer, geese, etc.),*
 - Field Nesting Birds,*
 - Specimen/Estate Trees & Gardens*



The Park System maintains nest boxes and houses to encourage a healthy bird population. Did you know? The Purple Martin is completely dependent on man made housing (pictured above) to survive.



2011 MCPS Infrastructure and Equipment

- 459 Buildings & Structures
- 370 Directional Signs, plus over 200 Informational Signs
- 129 Miles of Trails (*over 32 miles paved*)
- 31 Miles of Park Roads
- 25 Miles Golf Cart Paths
- 11 Miles of Sidewalk
- 103 Fueling Stations/Storage Tanks
- 104 Septic Systems
- More than 85 Fire & Security Alarm Systems, Fire Hydrants and Fire Suppression Systems
- 185 Parking Lots (*paved and unpaved*)
- 176 Bridges and Boardwalks



INFRASTRUCTURE: KEEPING THE PARKS BEAUTIFUL

The Park System manages the infrastructure needed to support the recreational facilities and amenities that host more than 5 million visits each year. From modest greenhouses, barns and picnic shelters to the grand Visitor Center at Thompson Park, there are hundreds of buildings and structures in the parks. In addition to maintaining the appearance and integrity of each building, many other systems and facilities must be maintained so that people can safely arrive at and enjoy the parks.

Utilities, Water Control & Public Safety

The parks have an extensive network of utility systems: irrigation, water, electric, gas, phone and computer lines; HVAC and septic systems. Because Monmouth is a coastal county, there are also numerous water features: bay frontage in 3 parks, ocean frontage in 1 park, and 4 parks are next to potable water supplies; 23 parks have lakes/ponds, 36 have wetlands, and 28 protect rivers/streams. A supply of specialized control structures are needed to maintain these properties including culverts, dams, bulkheads, dunes, and jetties. Plus, numerous fences, retaining walls, gates, etc. are maintained to ensure public safety.

(Top, right) With its barns and large Equestrian Center surrounded by fenced paddocks, exercise ring, and run-in shelters, it is obvious that Sunnyside Recreation Area has something to do with horses.

(Above) This immature Red-tailed hawk (it won't develop its distinctive red tail until the second year) perches on a small portion of the parks' extensive system of split rail fencing, often used to separate sections of park property from nearby roadways.

Up & Running: Vehicles & Equipment

The equipment used to clear brush, remove downed trees, demolish old buildings, dig trenches, mow grass, plow snow, and transport visitors, staff and equipment from site to site require constant upkeep to remain in sound working order. Staff purchase, repair and safely operate everything from mini-buses and bucket loaders to mowers and leaf-blowers—almost 2,500 vehicles and pieces of equipment in all.

MCPS 2011 Vehicle/Equipment Inventory:

- 322 licensed vehicles (*trucks, cars, vans, tractors, etc*)
- 1,604 lawn mowers, leaf blowers, etc.
- 297 golf carts
- 254 boats (*kayaks, canoes, motor & pontoon boats*)

(Right) Some park fields are mowed on a limited schedule to encourage nesting bird species. One common field species seen throughout the parks is the Red-winged Blackbird.

(Below) These Cormorants have an enviable view of the Manasquan Reservoir (and whatever food it may contain) from their perch atop decaying trees along the water's edge.



MCPS Facilities in 2011

- 13 Playgrounds, plus a Skateplex and Sprayground
- 13 Boating Sites, including 2 sites with rentals
- 15 Fishing Sites
- 73 Campsites: Family, Group and Cabin
- 14 Athletic Fields
- 12 Tennis Courts
- 12 Picnic Shelters & Buildings
- 8 Golf Courses
- 2 Historic Sites
- 7 Activity Centers (*Visitor, Creative Arts, Horticultural & Program*)
- 2 Environmental Centers

(Right) Flowering trees at Holmdel Park are a spectacular sight each April attracting artists, photographers and other admirers.

(Below) Chickens and roosters are among many “working” species at Historic Longstreet Farm. Others include: sheep, cows, mules, pigs and horses.



SITES FOR HEALTHY OUTDOOR RECREATION

In addition to trails, there are dozens of “play” features to help county residents access and enjoy the parks. From park staples such as playgrounds and ball fields to special amenities such as boat rentals and campsites, the county parks are a safe and attractive way to experience the outdoors on a regular basis, or for the first time.

As the number of working farms in NJ continues to diminish, public agricultural sites have become a point of interest for area families. The Park System maintains two historic sites to demonstrate the culture and activities of the past so people may connect to its animals, equipment and activities. Plus, specialty gardens and arboretums preserve local flower and tree species residents may no longer see in their own neighborhoods.

With more than 5,000 programs, activities and special events offered each year, there is never a shortage of something to do in the parks. As the popularity of certain sports (consider tennis and soccer, for example) has changed over time, the parks offer a new line-up of programs to mirror people’s evolving recreational interests. This is also true for entertainment



and activities offered at large annual events such as the Monmouth County Fair and Thompson Park Day. The parks now offer many free and drop-in activities to encourage park visitation and expose visitors to new outdoor adventures.

In addition to tailored recreation that fits a specific age or interest, the Park System continues to serve the county's special populations through programs with the Urban and Therapeutic Recreation divisions. At the Coastal Activity Center in Asbury Park for example, young residents are introduced to new recreation options 3 days/week after school; they are also brought into the parks to enjoy unique outdoor adventures and trips. For individuals with disabilities, the Park System offers tailored programs as well as inclusion services so adults and children with special needs may enjoy non-therapeutic recreation programs whenever possible.

Recreation Trends in the Parks

- Geocaching, Digital Photography
- Archery, Kayaking
- Theater, Fashion
- Cooking
- Vegetable Gardening
- Weight-loss Tailored Fitness
- Parent/Child Golf Classes
- Family Hikes & Camping Trips

(Right) Many people are surprised to learn that Eastern Bluebirds, a species normally associated with spring, are actually year-round residents in Monmouth County.

(Below) Deep Cut Gardens' geometric parterre, features the Park System's official rose garden. This is the place to visit to learn about gardening or appreciate some beautifully grown flowers,vegetables (in season), shrubs and trees.



2011 PARK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Community Connections

To encourage more widespread attendance at county programs and events, staff provided activities and information at statewide events such as the **Spirit of the Jerseys History Fair** at Allaire State Park and the NJ Fish and Wildlife Wild Outdoor Expo at Colliers Mills Wildlife Management Area.

In 2011, the MCPS hosted 8 professional media shoots--including photography for magazines as well as video for commercials, independent movies, and even a reality TV show--generating substantially more revenue than in previous years.



The Park System marked the **10th Anniversary of 9/11 at Mount Mitchell Scenic Overlook** with a special ceremony, speakers and more than 500 visitors. The site was also open for extended evening hours for people who wished more solitary or quiet contemplation.

As more and more communication now occurs online, the Park System added Twitter to its social media efforts in 2011. Did you know? MCPS answers more than 1,500 inquiries via email each year through info@monmouthcountyparks.com.

In 2011, 25 youth community service workers completed 530 hours in the parks.



New Programs & Activities

Urban Recreation programs this year included family options as well as a dinner and sleep-over extensions of the after-school program.

New this year was a formal Docent Training Program for individuals interested in becoming front desk volunteers (answering questions, fielding phone calls, etc.) at some of our more popular sites.

A Roving Naturalist visited dozens of sites in 2011 to take park visitors on spontaneous nature hikes. Staff also offered **new nature programs by campfire** at Turkey Swamp Park.



Trunk or Treat, an alternative family activity for Halloween, allowed participants to dress up in costume, decorate their car trunks and exchange candy (and ideas).

New cooking classes featuring ethnic recipes such as Thai or Mexican cuisine, cake decorating, and food preparation for children were all popular in 2011, as were "foodie" education programs featuring famous NJ-grown foods (such as asparagus).

Free Safari Adventure Packs helped park visitors enjoy self-guided nature tours at the Huber Woods Park Environmental Center.



As more and more coastal residents take up paddling, **kayak/canoe rentals** and drop-in programs are expanding, especially at the new Claypit Creek Section of Hartshorne Woods Park.

Modeled after TV's *Amazing Race*, the First Annual Family Funtathlon at Thompson Park was a hit as 20 teams and families competed against each other and the clock in a series of outdoor challenges, including biking, canoeing, archery and more!

Treasure seekers looking for gold and riches enjoyed a Pirate Discovery Quest at the Manasquan Reservoir, featuring a boat ride and a map-guided land-based trek to dig up buried treasure.



Improved Services & Incentives

Opportunities for the public use of park space grew in 2011 with more sites and buildings opening for private use/rental. The parks hosted more than a dozen agency/organization meetings this year, as well as **15 wedding ceremonies** and 100 wedding photos (mostly at Deep Cut Gardens).



Staff at Sunnyside Recreation Area welcomed 4 new horses on loan, including two Shetland ponies that may provide novel and non-threatening introduction to grooming and horsemanship for individuals intimidated by larger horses. **Two wild Mustangs** from Rutgers University were also adopted into the site's Young Horse Teaching and Research Program.

Expanding inclusion services with special accommodations and coaching are helping more **individuals with special needs enjoy mainstream recreation** in the parks. During 2011, 14 children with disabilities participated in 40 programs, camps and swim lessons with assistance.



Awards Received in 2011

NJ Monthly Magazine 2011 Readers Choice Awards selected Henry Hudson Trail the Best Biking Trail; Hominy Hill the Best Public Golf Course; and Hartshorne Woods Park the Best Hiking Trail.

Asbury Park Press readers voted Deep Cut Gardens one of the Best Koi Ponds and Water Gardens in Monmouth County.

NJ DEP Historic Preservation Office and NJ Historic Sites Council awarded The New Jersey 21st Annual **Historic Preservation Award to the Huber Woods Environmental Center** for its exterior restoration.



US Environmental Protection Agency awarded a \$12,400 Environmental Education Grant to MCPS Naturalists for **Field Day at the Bay**, an educational program for teachers/students about the Bayshore Region estuary held at Bayshore Waterfront Park and Monmouth Cove Marina.

THE COUNTY PARKS IN 2011 • ACRES OF OPEN SPACE

Open Lands

Baysholm Tract.....	71
Yellow Brook Tract.....	369

Recreation Areas

DeBois Creek Recreation Area.....	165
Dorbrook Recreation Area.....	535
Sunnyside Recreation Area.....	135
Wolf Hill Recreation Area.....	92
Deep Run Recreation Area.....	55

Regional Parks

Bayshore Waterfront Park.....	227
Big Brook Park.....	415
Clayton Park.....	438
Hartshorne Woods Park.....	794
Holmdel Park.....	565
Huber Woods Park.....	376
Perrineville Lake Park.....	928
Shark River Park.....	977
Tatum Park.....	366
Thompson Park.....	667
Turkey Swamp Park.....	2,217

Special Use Areas

Deep Cut Gardens.....	54
East Freehold Showgrounds.....	81
Historic Longstreet Farm.....	9
Historic Walnford.....	36
Manasquan Reservoir.....	1,204
Monmouth Cove Marina.....	11
Mount Mitchill Scenic Overlook.....	12
Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park.....	38

Unclassified

Durand Tract (leased to Freehold Twp.).....	94
Weltz Park.....	169

Conservation Area

Fisherman's Cove.....	55
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Golf Courses

Bel-Aire.....	114
Charleston Springs.....	781
Hominy Hill.....	262
Howell Park.....	311
Pine Brook.....	61
Shark River.....	176

Greenways

Crosswicks Creek.....	1,556
Henry Hudson Trail (HTT).....	109
Manasquan River.....	357
Metedeconk River.....	289
Union Transportation Trail (UTT).....	15

TOTAL ACRES OWNED AND/OR

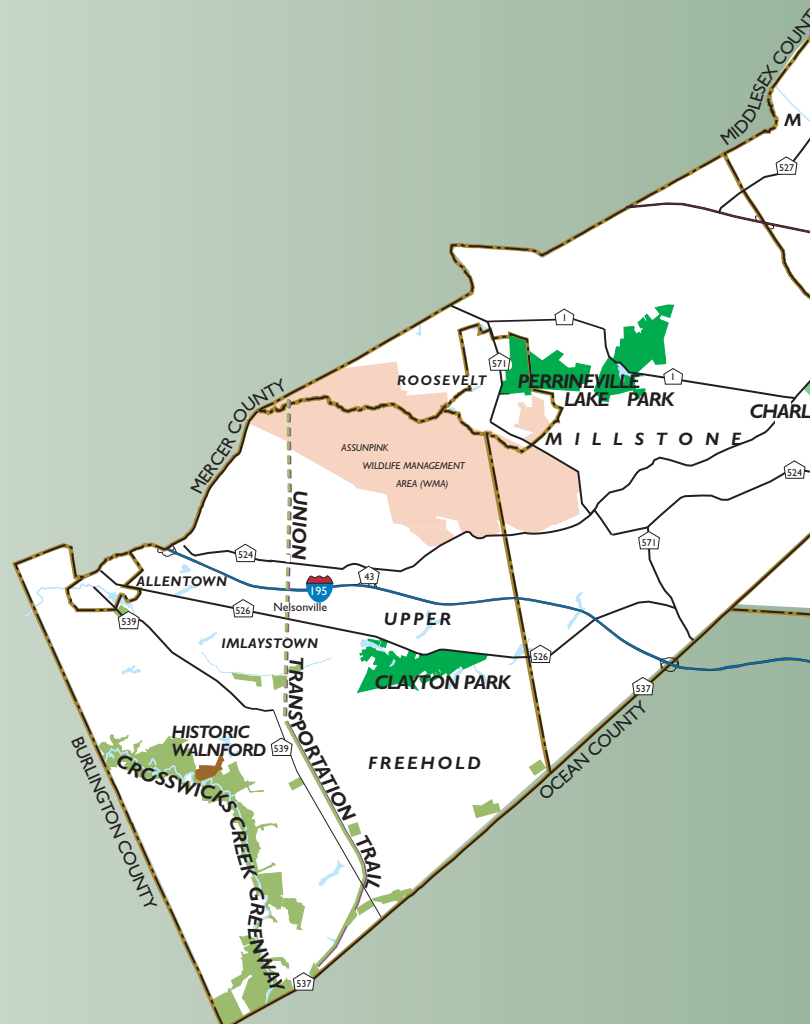
MANAGED BY THE PARK SYSTEM.....15,186*

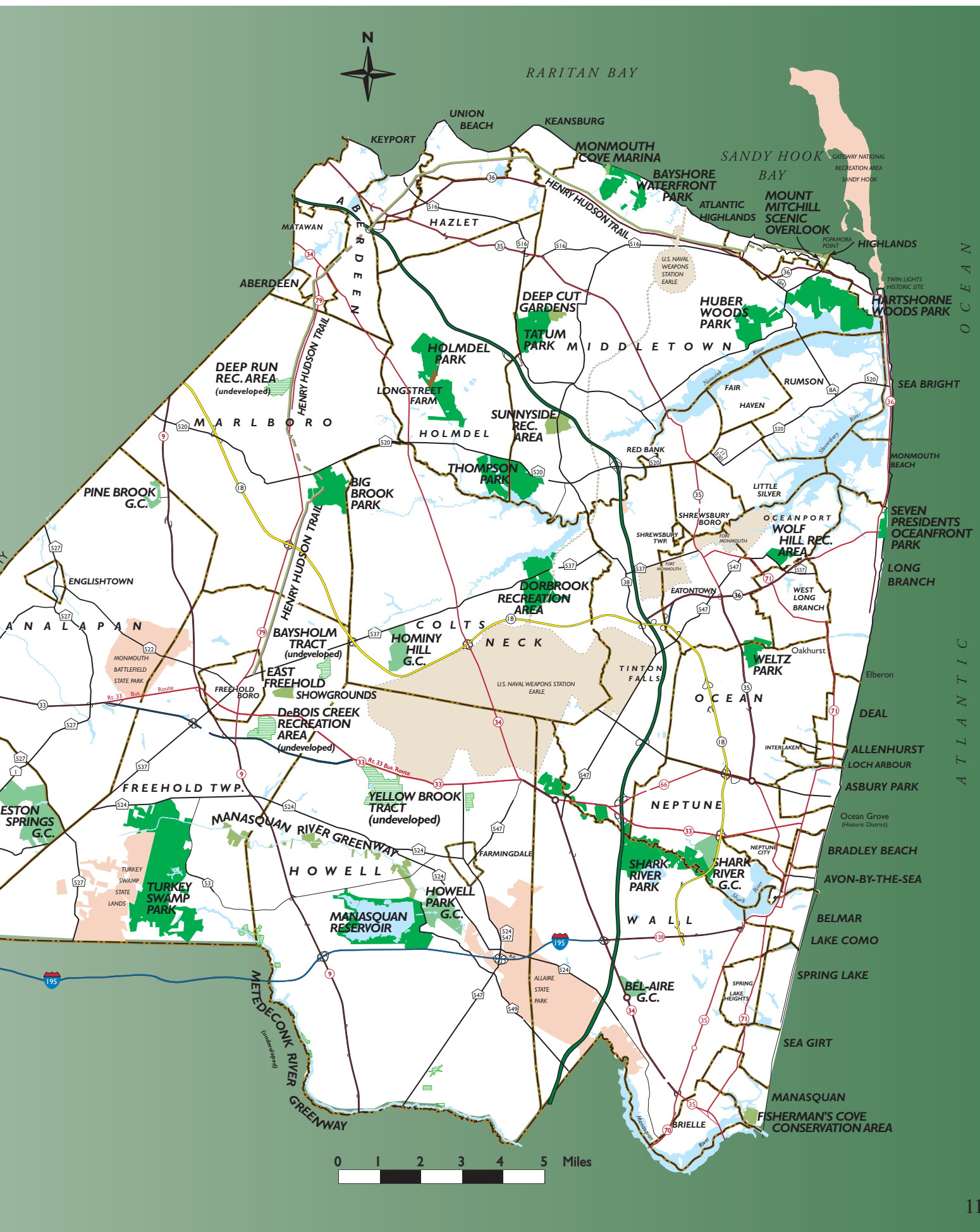
EASEMENTS.....2,559†

TOTAL ACRES.....17,744

*This number includes 1,052 acres at the Manasquan Reservoir owned by the NJ Water Supply Authority and leased to the Park System for perpetual use, and 83 acres of the HHT owned by the county and managed by the Park System.

†This number includes 103 acres of HHT under 20 year lease from NJ Transit as an easement, and 63 acres of UTT under permanent easement from JCP&L as a right of way.





2011 NEW PARK FACILITIES & IMPROVEMENTS

New Facilities

- A second 2-mile section of the Union Transportation Trail opened in 2011; there are now 4 miles of linear trail to enjoy in Upper Freehold.
- Big Brook Park in Marlboro formally opened to the public with establishment of a new parking lot and 1-mile trail connector to the south section of the Henry Hudson Trail.
- Golfers enjoyed a new golf experience at Bel-Aire with the addition of a water feature (that doubles as an irrigation pond) on the 7th hole, thoughtful redesign of the 7th and 8th holes to “open up” the course, and expansion of the 10th hole for a challenging new length of play not formerly seen at this course.



Park Improvements

- Two new solar panel installations at the Creative Arts Center and Central Supply building at Thompson Park bring the Park System total to four. Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) sales from three of the completed solar projects topped \$40,000 in 2011.
- The Shelter Building bathrooms at busy Holmdel Park have been renovated and expanded.
- Accessibility improvements continued at Monmouth Cove Marina with new walkways. New sidewalks and stamped concrete walkways at Hominy Hill were completed in 2011.
- Removal of invasive plant species at 3 sites helped restore the natural features, habitat and scenic views at Thompson Park’s Track Loop, Fisherman’s Cove, and Hartshorne Woods Park’s Battery Loop.
- The playground at Tatum Park received necessary upgrades, along with a parking lot at Thompson Park.
- Major repairs are ongoing throughout the parks following damage from Hurricane Irene in late August (including new trail bridges and boardwalks, road and trail repairs, marina docks, fishing piers, the mill at Walnford, and golf course repairs from flood damage).

(Above) A crisp fall day at the newly renovated Bel-Aire Golf Course.



(Right) Big Brook Park formally opened in 2011.

(Below) Solar panels on the Creative Arts Center in Thompson Park.

(Bottom, left) Volunteers at Hartshorne Woods Park expand a portion of the Battery Loop Trail leading up to Lewis Overlook.

(Bottom, right) The bridge to Howell Park Golf Course flooded after Hurricane Irene.



NEW PARK LAND IN 2011

The Monmouth County Park System acquired a total 506 acres of land in 2011 at a cost of \$6.5 million. Of this total, 156 acres were acquired as fee simple (owned outright), and another 350 acres were acquired as conservation or public access easements.

The bulk of this year's land acquisition occurred in the developing Metedeconk River Greenway. Preserving this stream corridor along the Ocean/Monmouth County border protects a potable water supply and nearby watershed. Eventually, this site will offer fishing and boating access, as well as a link between Turkey Swamp Park and parks in Ocean County.

Many of these purchases were made possible with technical and/or financial assistance from the Monmouth Conservation Foundation.

ACRES ACQUIRED IN 2011

Location	Acres
Shark River Park.....	0.4
Manasquan Reservoir.....	0.4
Crosswicks Creek Greenway.....	10
Metedeconk River Greenway.....	137
Yellow Brook Tract.....	0.3
Union Transportation Trail.....	8.6
SUBTOTAL	156
Easements Purchased in 2011.....	350
TOTAL	506

2011 PARK ATTENDANCE

Bayshore Waterfront Park.....	161,409
Bel-Aire Golf Course, 18-hole.....	24,029
Bel-Aire Golf Course, 9-hole.....	10,575
Clayton Park.....	17,156
Charleston Springs Golf Course.....	47,843
Deep Cut Gardens.....	74,048
Dorbrook Recreation Area.....	696,260
East Freehold Showgrounds.....	123,275
Fisherman's Cove Cons. Area.....	42,519
Hartshome Woods Park.....	192,988
Henry Hudson Trail.....	179,942
Historic Longstreet Farm.....	105,483
Historic Walnford.....	9,878
Holmdel Park.....	917,500
Hominy Hill Golf Course.....	33,450
Howell Park Golf Course.....	31,325
Huber Woods Park.....	105,465
Manasquan Reservoir.....	1,130,591
Monmouth Cove Marina.....	11,617
Mount Mitchill Scenic Overlook.....	204,548
Perrineville Lake Park.....	8,229
Pine Brook Golf Course.....	20,711
Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park.....	489,632
Shark River Golf Course.....	33,626
Shark River Park.....	138,424
Tatum Park.....	80,196
Thompson Park.....	385,677
Turkey Swamp Park.....	167,321
Union Transportation Trail.....	7,583
Wolf Hill Recreation Area.....	129,534
TOTAL PARK VISITS IN 2011.....	5,580,834

THANK YOU 2011 PARK VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to all the 2011 volunteers who donated their time and talent. Another great year in the parks was made even better by their exceptional contribution of energy. The Park System would like to acknowledge the following volunteers for reaching a special milestone in 2011: Andrew Damato, Pat Bernstein and David Roche each exceeded 1,000 lifetime hours, while James Henry reached 6,000 lifetime hours in the parks (see photos, below).

Over 100 Hours

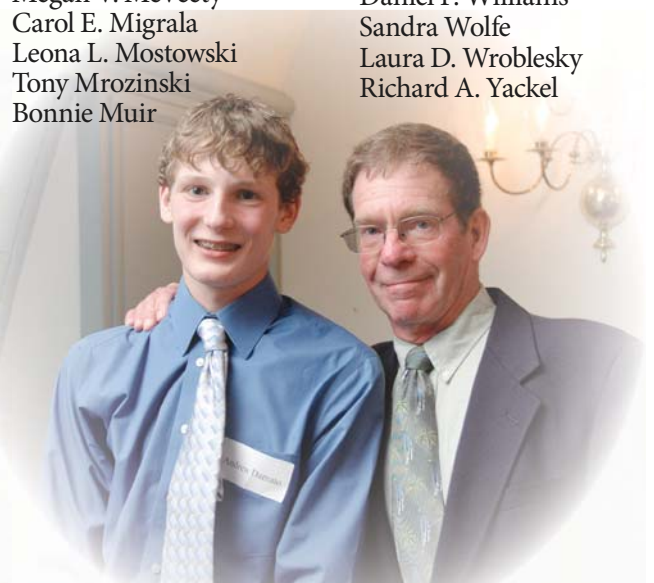
Werner Aehlich
Andrew Antonioli
Mary R. Baechle
Patricia Bernstein (1,000 lifetime hours)
Christine Bremseth
Emma Caccavale
Larry Canale
Sharon Capriotti
Barbara Carroll
John P. Connors
Andrew Damato (1,000 lifetime hours)
Louise DelCollo
Barbara Duggan
Gladys Elena Dunn
Harden Fowler
Ruth Gariepy
Judith A. Green
James Henry (6,000 lifetime hours)
Joyce Henry
Kiley A. Hetem
Stephanie Marie Hunt
Gerry Lingner
Lois Lyons
Michael S. Mastropaolo
Deirdre A. Messina
Barry I. Miller
William Murphy
Eileen Murphy
Frank Nofi
Alex Osnato
Deborah A. Palumbo
Taylor A. Polito
Ellen Rice
David E. Roche (1,000 lifetime hours)
Linda A. Rovder
Kelly Shafer
Natalie C. Siclare
Eleanor C. Swanson
Monica C. Valente
Barbara A. Venanzini
Elaine M. Weigl
Paul J. Zarella

40-99 hours

Pam Adams
Angela Antonaccio
Samantha Antonaccio
Mark Daniel Bankin
Joy A. Barrie
John Bauer
Jim Baye
Anita Belkin-Evans
Joan Berg
Rosemary E. Bettikofer
Pete Brady
Sandy Burn
George Byard
Mary Byrne
Nik Caporossi
Pam A. Carlsen
Robert Carlson
James Carney
Julia Castellano
Kevin N. Chambers
Elizabeth M. Clarke
Lance C. Cox
Linda Csernica
Judy Curry-Phipps
Eric Dalton
Robert D. DeBarba
Sandra De Murley
Franki DeSaro
Lisa C. D'Orazio
Jennifer R. Dumas
Barbara L. Eckert
Rachel A. Elice
Deborah Elsinger
Patricia A. Farrell
Brett C. Farrell
Fred R. Feldman
Michael Flatley
Carol D. Fornwald
Taylor A. Franzreb
Victoria M. Frotton

Julia Guercio
Susan L. Halle
Patrick Hannan
Laura C. Hardy
Laura M. Harold
Paula Harvey
Amanda Hintelmann
Julie Hunt
Mayah J. Irizarry
Linda Jensen
Kevin S. Johnson
Justin M. Johnson
Sharon Keenan
Edward W. Keller
Ed Keller
Edward P. Kelly
Kyle J. Kelly
Caitlin Klein
Olivia M. Knecht
Katha A. Larity
Linda Lawton
Laura Lazzari
Sarah J. Lin
Natalie D. Lindsay
Jeanette Lingelbach
Patricia Mahon
Madeline J. Makstein
Ralph Maratea
Debbie Matulonis
Norman T. Mayers
Marie B. Mazza
Corinne H. Mazzocchi
Maureen A. McCahery
Elaine A. McColgan
Patrice McCoy
Caitlin E. McGrane
Megan V. McVeety
Carol E. Migrala
Leona L. Mostowski
Tony Mrozinski
Bonnie Muir

Janice Mundy
Akwas S. Owusu-Akyaw
Kristen Palframan
Joan E. Phillips
Betty Randall
Robert L. Randall
Theresa E. Reese
Leslie E. Roche
Anthony Rosati
Christine L. Rowland
Gail C. Sanderson
Jay Schaeffer
Stephen Schinkel
Barbara Schinkel
Marlis Schlegel-Steadman
Alexa J. Schyerynec
Carol Smith
Brittany L. Snyder
Sarah A. Stewart
Jason M. Stone
Jennifer M. Streltsova
Alex Sundt
Dianne L. Swenson
Ellen B. Terry
Gail B. Tewell
Margo Thornton
Patricia A. Thul
John R. Townend
Molly Tumulty
Joseph Turtel
Olivia C. Vaccaro
Emma Q. Wade
Jackie West
Joel Whitman
Cara M. Wiebalk
Harmon Willey
Daniel F. Williams
Sandra Wolfe
Laura D. Wroblesky
Richard A. Yackel



Community Groups

Alpha Sigma Tau Monmouth University
AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassadors
Boy Scout Troop 59
Boy Scouts Troop 66
Brookdale Community College
Brownie 45
BSA Troop 116
BSA Troop 258
Camp Arrowhead Travelers
Camp Arrowhead YMCA
Central Jersey Geocaching
Cross Road Youth Group
Cub Scouts Pack 159
Envirotactics
Freehold Intermediate School Travelers
(YMCA)
Girl Scout Troop 45
Ithaca College
Jersey Off Road Bicycle Association
Manasquan Environmental Commission
Master Gardeners of Monmouth County
Millstone Trailblazers
Monmouth University
Navesink Swimming River Group
Pack 159 Cub Scouts
Port Monmouth Elementary
Princeton University
Richard Stockton College of NJ
Roger Williams University
Rose Society
Rutgers, State University of
New Brunswick
S.C.A.D. University
SEARCH Day Program
Southern Monmouth
Chamber of Commerce
St. Gabriel's Catholic Church

Staples Inc.
The University of Scranton
Timberland Stores
Timothy Christian
Tinton Falls Middle School
Troop 137 Hazlet
Troop 434, Boy Scouts of America
Troop 59 Eagle Scout
VA Master Gardener
Walgreens
Wall High School Environmental Club
William R. Satz School
YMCA Camp Arrowhead
Youth Partnership

School Groups

Academy of Allied Health & Science
Aldrich School
Allentown High School
Allied Health & Science
Ardena Elementary School
Barkalow Middle School
Bayshore Middle School
Biotechnology High School
Bolger Middle School
Christian Brothers Academy
Colts Neck High School
Communications High School
Farmindale Elementary
Freehold Boro High School
Freehold Township High School
Hazlet Middle School
High Technology High School
Holmdel High School
Howell High School
Howell Middle School North
Howell Middle School South
Keyport High School

Lafayette College Delta Delta Delta
Lake Riviera Middle School
Lakehurst Elementary
Long Branch Middle School
Manalapan High School
Manalapan-Englishtown Middle School
Manasquan Elementary School
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Marlboro High School
Marlboro Memorial Middle School
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Matawan Regional High School
Mater Dei High School
Middletown High School North
Middletown High School South
Monmouth Regional High School
Mt. Lebanon High School
Ocean Township High School
Ranney School
Raritan High School
Red Bank Catholic High
Red Bank Regional High School
Robbinsville High School
Roosevelt Elementary
Rumson Fair Haven
St. John Vianney High School
St. Rose High School
St. Rose of Lima
Thompson Middle School
Thorne Middle School



(Far left) Pat Bernstein, shown leading horse and rider, is a long-time volunteer at the Sunnyside Equestrian Center.

(Center, left) Andrew Damato (left) is a lifeguard volunteer at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, pictured with Lifeguard Supervisor Mike Fowler.

(Center, right) David Roche is a multi-skilled volunteer with Cultural Services and Outdoor Adventures. He is seen here demonstrating archery at the Park System's annual Outdoor Adventure Expo.

(Far right) Volunteer Jim Henry devotes his time in multiple park areas, but really excels pruning the park gardens.

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR 2011 PARK PARTNERS



In 2011, 1,088 volunteers contributed over 24,000 hours of service to the Park System. From staffing the front desk at some of our visitor and environmental centers to maintaining trails and gardening, our skilled volunteers have become integral to park operations. Volunteers with the Equestrian Program at Sunnyside Recreation Area—our largest volunteer corp—logged over 6,000 hours in 2011.

Want to make a difference in the parks? Call 732-832-4000, ext. 4283, or email mkelly@monmouthcountyparks.com.

Volunteers are integral to park operations.



SPUR

A non-profit charitable organization, SPUR raised money to build the state-of-the-art Sunnyside Equestrian Center, home of the Therapeutic Equestrian Program that serves children and adults with neurological impairment, learning disabilities, cerebral palsy, MS and other special needs. SPUR also funds the purchase of horses and equipment, staff training, and in 2011 provided 96 “riderships.” Contact SPUR at 732-224-1367 or by visiting www.spuronline.org.



Children can improve skills and coordination by handling and riding a horse.



Monmouth County

Friends of the Parks

This non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, comprised of more than 350 citizen and business members, is committed to supporting the Monmouth County Park System. Since 1991, the Friends have provided over \$2.2 million in funding exclusively for park enhancements. Highlights from 2011 include: \$52,344.01 for exhibits to illustrate the ecology of the Bayshore Waterfront at the new Activity Center, \$5,686 for outdoor panels that explain how Hartshorne Woods Park once contributed to the nation’s WWII defense of the Atlantic Ocean, and \$18,000 for activities for volunteers, urban youth, and young adults with disabilities. To learn more, visit www.friendsofmonmouthcountyparks.com or call the Friends Office at (732) 975-9735.

The annual Friends-sponsored golf tourney raises funds for special park projects.



The Monmouth Conservation Foundation (MCF), founded in 1977, is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving land and protecting the natural resources of Monmouth County. Since its inception, MCF has helped to preserve over 6,500 acres of open space and farmland. In 2011, MCF joined with the Monmouth County Park System and other state and local partners to preserve Princeton Nurseries, a 1,900 acre farm which will protect stream corridors, wetlands, woodlands, and prime agricultural lands. Though the Municipal Outreach Program, established in 2002, MCF has also helped many towns achieve their open space and farmland preservation goals. For more information, please visit www.monmouthconservation.org or call 732-671-7000.



MCF helped preserve Princeton Nurseries, which will connect thousands of acres of existing parkland and greenways.

2011 VALUE OF IN-KIND DONATIONS, CONTRIBUTIONS & GRANTS (unaudited)

Donations and Contributions

Friends of the Park

RAP Programs	\$13,200.00	
Therapeutic Recreation	2,338.00	
Volunteers	2,175.00	
Park Benches and Memorial Donations	2,677.00	
Bayshore Waterfront Activity Center	52,344.00	
Employee Education & Training	1,947.00	
Employee Recognition Dinner	3,000.00	
Fisherman's Cove Native Plantings	254.00	
Hartshorne Woods Wayside Exhibit	5,686.00	
Historic Longstreet Farm	2,045.00	
Historic Walnford China	469.00	
Manasquan Reservoir Playground Equipment	5,674.00	
Tony's Place Concrete Sculptures	8,886.00	
Trails Tools	651.00	
		\$101,346.00

Miscellaneous Donated Items **\$6,385.00**

Monmouth Conservation Foundation (MCF)
Acquisition and Support Services **\$26,500.00**

Monmouth University Urban Rec. Camps **\$14,370.00**

Special People United to Ride (SPUR)
Scholarships \$30,000.00
In Kind Donations/Equipment & Misc. Items 2,600.00
\$32,600.00

Sponsorships - Monmouth County Fair **\$23,500.00**

Grants

N.J. Clean Energy Program-Solar Panels at Sunnyside \$143,523.64
U.S. EPA-Estuary Education Program 12,400.00 **\$155,923.64**

Volunteer Hours*

1,088 volunteers for a total of 24,162 hrs @ \$21.36/hr **\$516,100.32**

Community Service Hours*

25 individuals for a total of 530 hrs @ \$21.36/hr **\$11,320.80**

TOTAL **\$888,045.76**

* Based on Points of Light value

2011 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(unaudited)

Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Fund Balances

For Year Ending December 31, 2011

	Totals	General	Trust	Cash Donations
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$10,596,164	\$	\$10,491,888	\$104,276
INCOME				
County Appropriation*				
Salaries/Wages	17,407,561	17,407,561		
Other Expense Approp.†	1,673,171	1,673,171		
Revenue				
Donations	257,086			257,086
Golf Courses	9,051,407	5,644,861	3,406,546	
Parks	2,369,719	1,101,120	1,268,599	
Monmouth Cove Marina	910,258		910,258	
Visitor Services	2,142,066		2,142,066	
Total Funds	\$33,811,268	\$25,826,713	\$7,727,469	\$257,086
EXPENDITURES				
Personnel	18,434,805	17,201,904	1,232,901	
Operations	7,800,715	1,593,651	6,127,088	79,976
General Revenue Returned to Treasurer				
Golf Courses	5,644,861	5,644,861		
Parks	1,101,120	1,101,120		
Total Expenditures	\$32,981,501	\$25,541,536	\$7,359,989	\$79,976
Excess (Deficit) in Revenues	828,014	285,177	365,727	177,110
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$11,425,931	\$285,177	\$10,859,368	\$281,386
Capital Cash & Open Space Expenditures: ‡				
Site Improvements		\$6,510,192		
Land Acquisition		4,562,401		
Line Item Capital - Equipment (additional & replacement)		1,358,735		
Total		\$12,431,328		

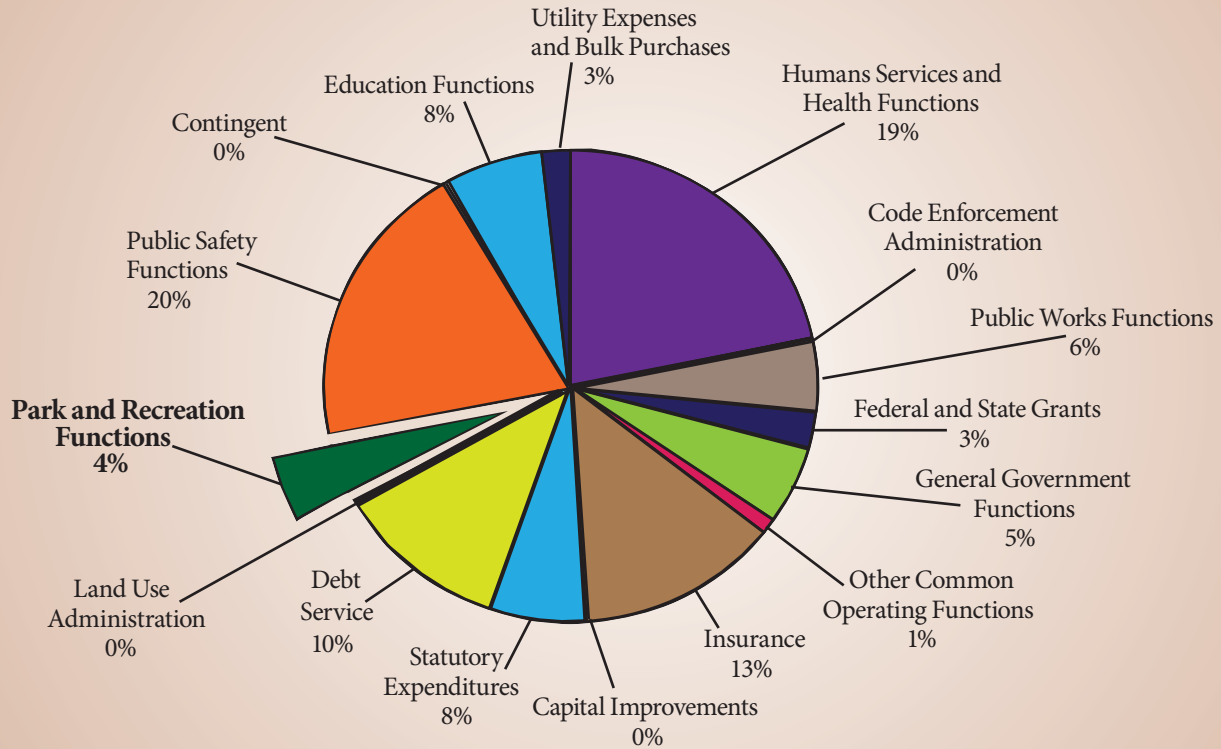
Notes:

* Appropriation does not include salary adjustments, fringe benefits, insurance, and legal services

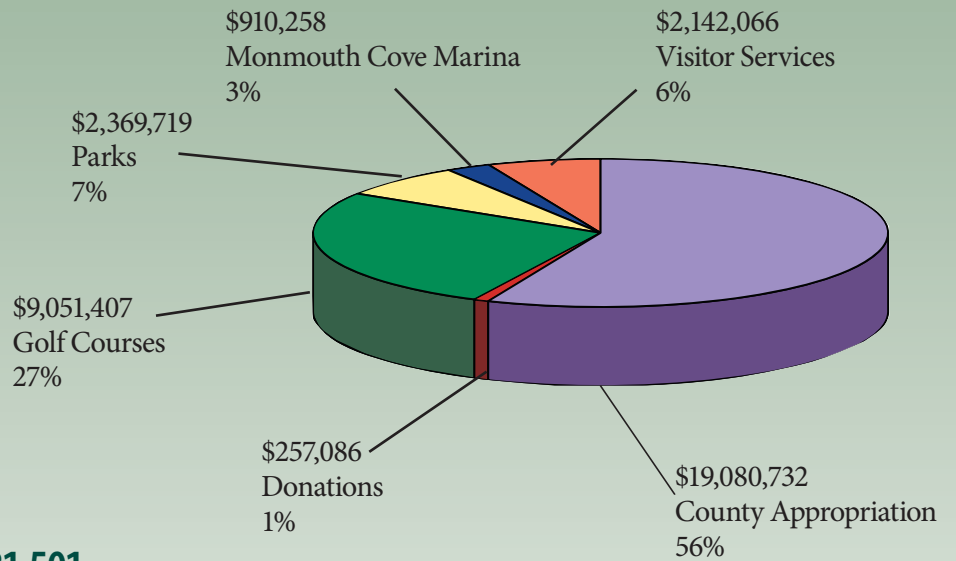
† Funded by the Open Space Preservation Tax

‡ Not included in above statement of expenditures
Capital items listed are not amortized

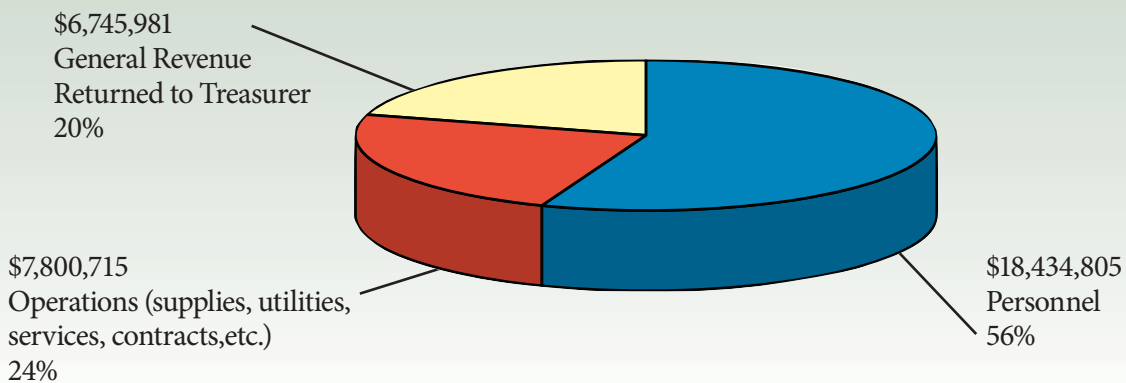
2011 MONMOUTH COUNTY BUDGET



2011 MCPS REVENUE BY SOURCE \$33,811,268



2011 MCPS EXPENDITURES \$32,981,501



2011 COUNTY PARK SYSTEM QUICK FACTS

Land & Trails

Total Acres in Monmouth County.....	301,804
Total Acres in Park System*	15,186
Acres Acquired in 2011*	156
Largest Park (in Acres) – Turkey Swamp Park.....	2,217
Total Miles of Park System Trails	129
Acres Managed as Natural Fields.....	1,773

Visitation

Population of Monmouth County†	630,380
Total County Park Visits in 2011.....	5,580,834
Park with Highest Visitation – Manasquan Reservoir.....	1,130,591
Summer Visits to Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park.....	296,939
Visits to Park System Website.....	724,458

Recreation Programs

Number of Recreation Programs Offered.....	5,026
Total Recreation Program Attendance.....	102,392
Urban & Community Recreation Program Participation.....	17,605
Monmouth County Fair Attendance.....	65,000

Golf

Total Number of Golf Courses	8
Acres of Land in Golf Courses.....	1,705
Total Rounds of Golf Played in 2011.....	201,559
Individual Course with Most Rounds Played—Shark River.....	33,626
Resident Golf ID Cards Sold	18,511

Park System Personnel

Full-time Staff.....	338
Hourly/Part-time Staff.....	316
Program Staff‡.....	151
Volunteers.....	1,088
Total Volunteer Hours	24,162

*Excluding easements

† 2010 U.S. Census

‡ Estimate: Peak Season Average



(Top) Black Skimmer
 (Center) Penguin, as part of a nature program
 (Bottom) Lesser Yellowlegs
 (Inset) White-eyed Vireo



2011 Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Standing - Amy A. Mallet and Thomas A. Arnone
Seated - Deputy Director John P. Curley, Director Robert D. Clifton,
and Lillian G. Burry



The bird viewing area at Huber Woods Environmental Center in Middletown (Locust) is open every day of the year.



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