

MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM

# The Many Things We Do Within The Park System



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

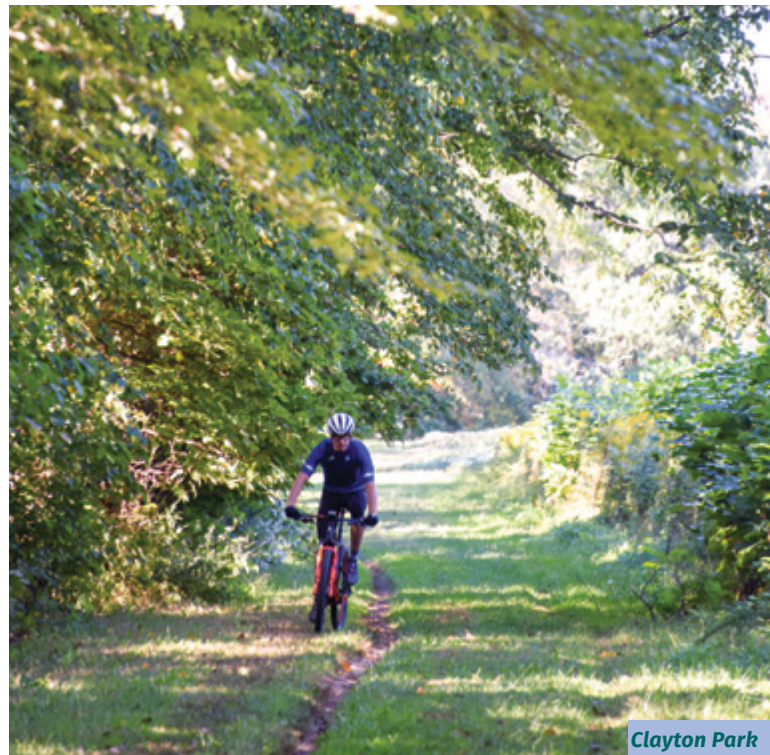




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Manasquan Reservoir

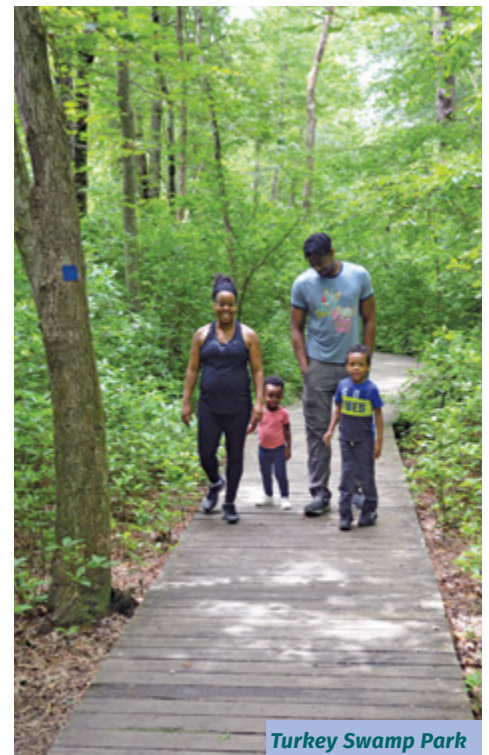


Clayton Park

The Monmouth County Park System offers something for everyone. Whether you like to relax on a beach, play a round of golf, go camping, venture out on a trail, explore nature, visit a playground, paddle the calm waters of a lake, make memories at an event, or learn new things during a program, we have what you are looking for in 18,003 total acres of park land which include 37 parks, six golf courses and 148 miles of trails.

In 2021, the Park System continued its mission to preserve open space, protect water resources and historic landscapes and buildings, and provide recreational opportunities for the residents of Monmouth County. We currently offer over 5,000 quality programs and camps each year, providing enriching experiences in beautiful settings that make lasting memories, contribute to our visitors physical, social and emotional well-being, and improve the quality of life for county residents.

In 2021, the parks attracted over 8 million visitors. The Park System provides numerous recreation facilities (see page 18) and hosts six events yearly for families to enjoy. Explore the enclosed details in this Annual Report to learn more.



Turkey Swamp Park





Thompson Park



Monmouth County Fair



Turkey Swamp Park



Charleston Springs Golf Course



Deep Cut Gardens

## Quick Facts 2021 Summary See Pages 18-19

### PARK SYSTEM VISITATION

BAYSHORE WATERFRONT PARK	276,246
BEL-AIRE GOLF COURSE	57,411
CHARLESTON SPRINGS GOLF COURSE	79,984
CLAYTON PARK	32,400
DEEP CUT GARDENS	195,795
DORBROOK RECREATION AREA	735,251
EAST FREEHOLD SHOWGROUNDS	221,611
FISHERMAN'S COVE CONSERVATION AREA	139,759
HARTSHORNE WOODS PARK	495,552
HENRY HUDSON TRAIL	272,347
HISTORIC LONGSTREET FARM	102,522
HISTORIC WALNFORD	12,581
HOLMDEL PARK	1,096,379
HOMINY HILL GOLF COURSE	45,054
HOWELL PARK GOLF COURSE	45,465
HUBER WOODS PARK	114,781
MANASQUAN RESERVOIR	1,412,586
MONMOUTH COVE MARINA	31,487
MT. MITCHILL SCENIC OVERLOOK	187,283
PERRINEVILLE LAKE PARK	18,911
PINE BROOK GOLF COURSE	32,416
SEVEN PRESIDENTS OCEANFRONT PARK	827,315
SHARK RIVER GOLF COURSE	52,606
SHARK RIVER PARK	331,494
TATUM PARK	190,963
THOMPSON PARK	840,171
TURKEY SWAMP PARK	289,673
UNION TRANSPORTATION TRAIL	34,643
WOLF HILL RECREATION AREA	496,228
	8,668,914



# 2021 Park Accomplishments



For fun in the surf and sand, as well as to cool off from the heat, 430,078 people enjoyed the beach at **Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park** during the summer season.



For winter fun in the parks people visit the sled hill at **Holmdel Park**. There were 26 days of sledding bringing out 11,399 sledders.



The Floral Design Club is one of the many popular program offerings at **Deep Cut Gardens**.





Turkey Swamp Park

Families and groups looking to hold a gathering or celebration outside often opt to rent a shelter building at one of our parks.



Weddings are popular at **Tatum Park**, a beautiful spot to celebrate your special day. Thirteen couples shared their nuptials here.



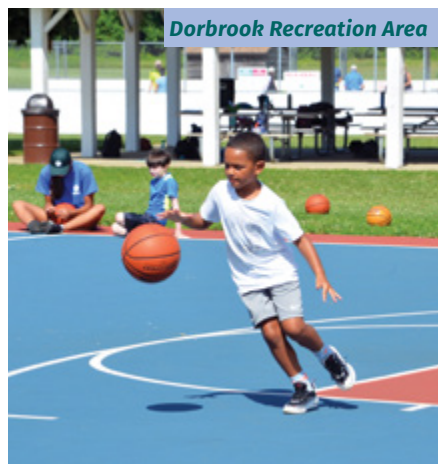
People looking to dock and store their boat locally often head to **Monmouth Cove Marina** where our helpful and friendly staff are always eager to assist.



People saw **Historic Walnford** in a different light during Nighttime Lantern Tours.



# Visitor Services Accomplishments



Dorbrook Recreation Area

A total of 365 camps ran successfully serving 5,769 campers throughout 17 locations in Monmouth County. There is a camp for everyone with a choice of fine arts, traditional day camps, themed camps, outdoor adventures, nature, equestrian, sports, STEM, performing arts, culinary arts, and therapeutic recreation.

Programs have been more popular than ever with many selling out quickly with waiting lists. Program sales in the Winter, Spring, Camp/Swim, Summer and Fall Parks & Programs Guides were the highest they have been for over the last ten years.



Thompson Park



Thompson Park

New daytime and evening art classes were added at the Creative Arts Center including ongoing portrait painting, oil painting techniques, stain glass ornaments, watercolor classes, unique printmaking, and paper clay sculpture workshop. The Creative Arts Center offers fine art programs for both children and adults in various mediums as well as summer camps and gallery exhibits.

The Create Like Kids' Baking Championship program at Fort Monmouth Recreation Center continued to be popular along with Nailed It! The Recreation Challenge, The Baking Lab, Flashlight Fun Nights, American Girl® Doll Design, and the Cut-Up Cakes series. Fort Monmouth Recreation Center has a lot to offer children and adults from exercise classes, mahjong, pickleball, open gym, open swim, summer camps, culinary arts, birthday parties, craft classes and much more.



Fort Monmouth Recreation Center



Thompson Park

The Creative Arts Festival was one of the first events to return in the spring of 2021. At that time we still had to social distance while listening to the musicians.



Thompson Park

Thompson Park Day returned in 2021 and many families came out to enjoy the day!



Wind & Sea Festival

Local residents discover all that the Bayshore has to offer at the Wind & Sea Festival while they enjoy their day at Bayshore Waterfront Park.

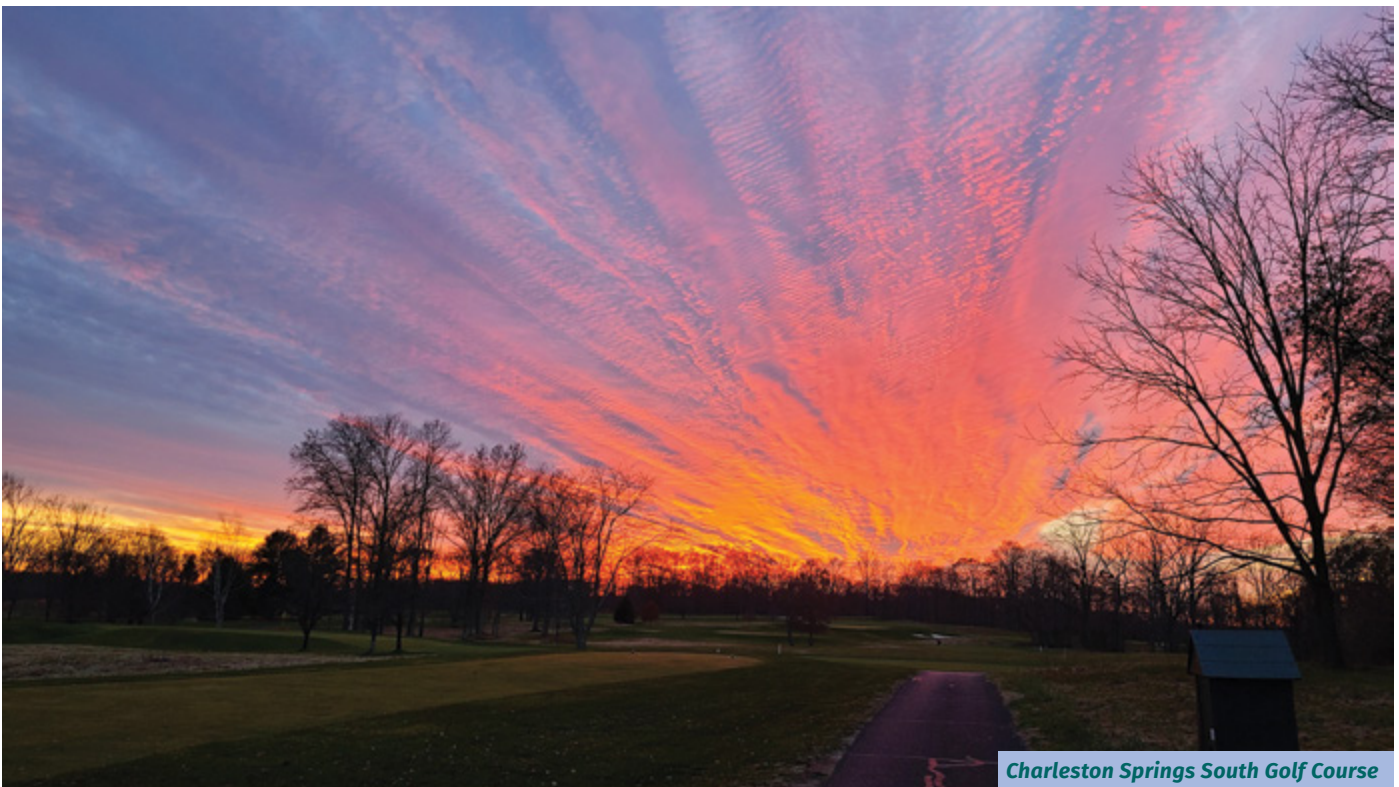


# Golf Accomplishments



The serenity and beauty of a sunrise or sunset on a golf course is one of a kind. On our six golf courses a total of 312,936 rounds were played.

*Charleston Springs South Golf Course*



*Charleston Springs South Golf Course*



Enjoying a warm fall day at **Charleston Springs Golf Course**



Sixteen golf tournaments were held with 1,104 golfers participating. Pictured is our Polar Bear Tournament at **Charleston Springs Golf Course**.





# 2021 Park & Facility Improvements



**Claypit Creek Area** Parking and Circulation Improvements at **Hartshorne Woods Park**



**Portland Place** Visitor Improvements at **Hartshorne Woods Park**



**Portland Place** Gardens and Plantings at **Hartshorne Woods Park**



**Portland Place** Tower Reconstruction





Seven Presidents Pavilion Roof Replacement



Claypit Creek at Hartshorne Woods Park

Paving Projects at various parks



Wood Shingle Roof Replacement for the Farmhouse and Ice House at Longstreet Farm

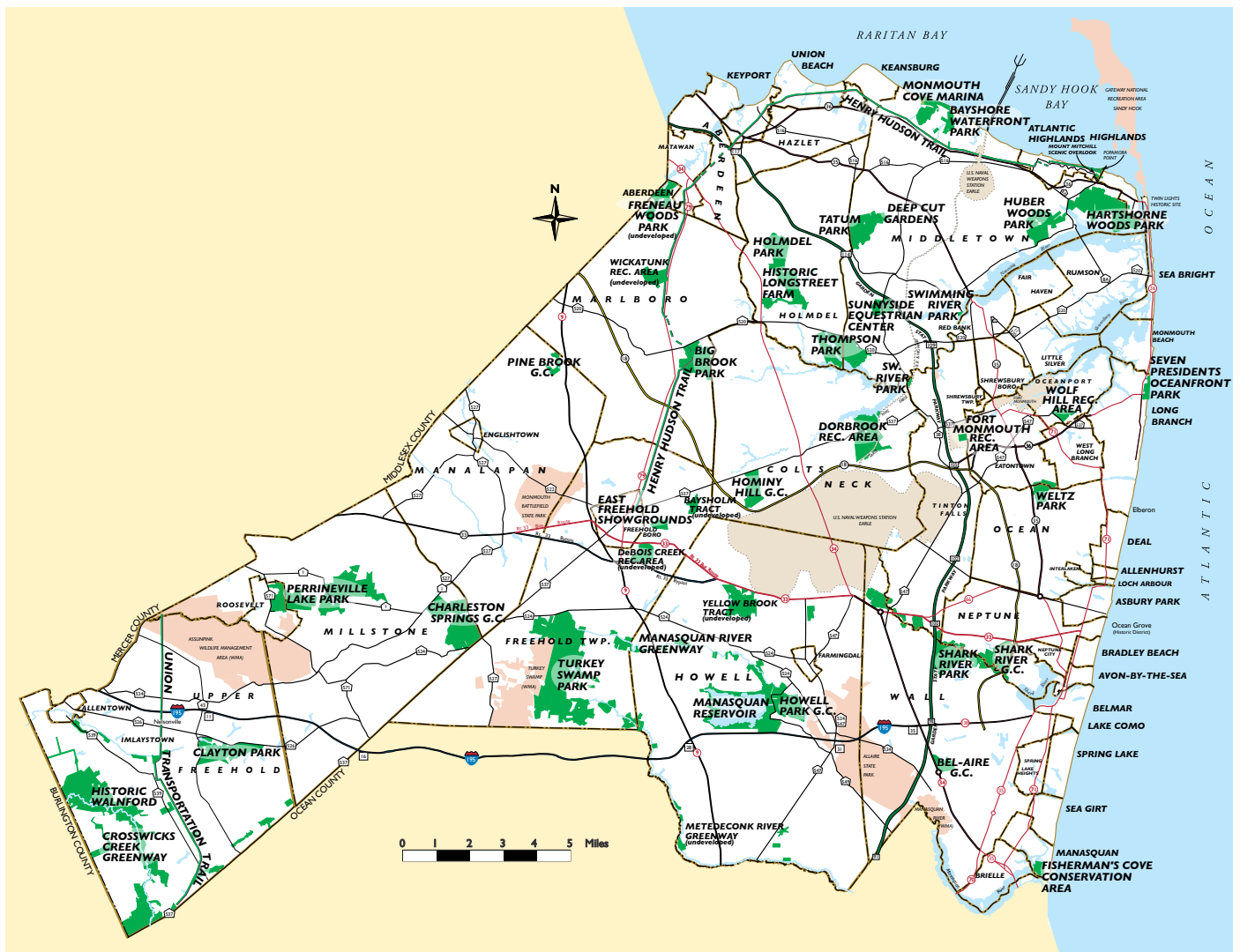


Building Battery Lewis trail and Rocky Point Trail re-route at Hartshorne Woods Park.



# 2021 Land Acquisition

A total of 208 new acres (12 parcels) were added to the park properties in 2021. The Park System now owns/manages 18,003 acres in 43 parks and golf courses across Monmouth County. Another 323 acres (18 parcels) of open space were protected as easements. In 2021, the Park System continued making progress towards the attainment of Monmouth County's long-range, open space goal of 21,017 acres preserved for public park and recreation purposes.





## Parks That Expanded Acreage In 2021

Crosswicks Creek Park	2	Manasquan River Greenway	5
Freneau Woods Park	1	Metedeconk River Greenway	3
Hartshorne Woods Park	2	Union Transportation Tract	1
Howell Park Golf Course	4	Yellow Brook Tract	50
Manasquan Reservoir	140		
		<b>LAND ADDITIONS</b>	<b>208</b>
		<b>EASEMENTS</b>	<b>323</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>529</b>

## 2021 Park Acreage

Bayshore Waterfront Park	229	Monmouth Cove Marina	10
Bel-Aire Golf Course	132	Mount Mitchill Scenic Overlook	12
Big Brook Park	432	Perrineville Lake Park	1,266
Charleston Springs Golf Course	820	Pinebrook Golf Course	61
Clayton Park	450	Seven President Oceanfront Park	38
Crosswicks Creek Park	2,351	Shark River Golf Course	176
Deep Cut Gardens	54	Shark River Park	991
Dorbrook Recreation Area	540	Sunnyside Recreation Area	135
Durand Tract (leased to Freehold Twp.)	94	Swimming River Park & Greenway	18
East Freehold Showgrounds	81	Tatum Park	366
Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area	55	Thompson Park	667
Fort Monmouth Recreation Area	9	Turkey Swamp Park	2,388
Freneau Woods Park	313	Union Transportation Trail (UTT)	115***
Hartshorne Woods Park	797	Weltz Park	169
Henry Hudson Trail (HHT)	234*	Wickatunk Recreation Area	115
Historic Longstreet Farm	9	Wolf Hill Recreation Area	92
Historic Walnford	36	Miscellaneous Trail Corridor (1)	1
Holmdel Park	664		
Hominy Hill Golf Course	262	<b>Undeveloped Sites</b>	
Howell Park Golf Course	353	Baysholm Tract	71
Huber Woods Park	390	DeBois Creek Recreation Area	165
Manasquan Reservoir	1,348**	Metedeconk River Greenway	542
Manasquan River Greenway	522	Yellow Brook Tract	430
		<b>TOTAL ACRES OWNED AND/OR MANAGED BY THE PARK SYSTEM</b>	<b>18,003</b>

\*83 acres of the HHT are owned by the county and assigned to the Park System; another 104 acres are under 20 year lease from NJ Transit.

\*\*1,052 acres at the Manasquan Reservoir are owned by the NJ Water Supply Authority and leased to the Park System for perpetual use.

\*\*\*64 acres of UTT are under permanent easement from JCP&L as a trail right-of-way.



# 2021 Park Partners



## 2021 Volunteer Value Report

- 753 Volunteers provided 15,400 hours of service to the Monmouth County Park System.
- Independent Sector has valued time served by volunteers in New Jersey at \$31.41 per hour.
- 15,440 hours of volunteer service times \$31.41 equals \$483,714.
- The value of service provided by Park System Volunteers in 2021 is \$483,714.

## 2021 VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



**753**  
Volunteers



**15,400**  
Hours of Service

**4,358**  
Gardening & Pruning

**1,340**

Special Events

**1,871**

Trail Maintenance

**1,662**

SPUR  
Equestrian

**747**

Trail Marking &  
Signing

**945**

Outdoor  
Adventures

**713**

Program  
Assistance

**657**

Beach Sweeps

**786**

Creative Arts

Here are the individuals who volunteer 40+ hours with Park System in 2021. Names with an \* volunteered 100+ hours.

Werner Aehlich\*

Andrew Antonioli\*

David Armstrong

Basil Baccash\*

Adam Barelka

Larry Batori

Michael Bauer

Cindy Bellino\*

Patricia Bernstein

Nancy Bowe

Chris Bremseth\*

Joan Bruno

Don Bunnell

Rose Buono-Zimmer

Sandy Burn\*

Gabriella Cannin\*

Judy Cappello

Joan Capriotti

Bobbie Carey\*

Susan Cartmell\*

Chung Chang

James Church

Beth Clarke

Dennis Costa\*

Marie Costa

Denise Day\*

Louise Delcollo\*

Ella Dougherty

Rachel Dryer

Joan Dubois

Nancy Endresen

Harden Fowler

Steve Fratini

Jim Gault\*

Loma Gault\*

Michael Gendelman

Mark Gorman\*

Ellen Harrold

Amanda Hintelmann\*

Kalpana Jhaveri\*

Dawn Johnson

Alison Kugler

Art Lackner\*

Gale Lackner

Bob Laue

Susan Levantino\*

Elizabeth Lilleston\*

Anna Lindberg\*

Dan Lingelbach\*

Jeanette Lingelbach\*

Gerry Lingner\*

Chelsea Livingstone

Lydia Locke\*

Lois Lyons\*

Alice Mccaddin

Cathie Merker\*

Mary Jean Milner

Eileen Murphy\*

Grace Musumeci\*

David Nass\*

Laurie Nass

Bridget Neiman\*

Les Neiman\*

Han Nguyen

Brooke Norton

John Olson\*

Michael Pado

Anton Panasenکو

Bill Perkins

Eileen Reed

Steven Reed\*

Ann Reilly

Sueann Romano

Linda Rovder\*

Walter Salzman\*

Carla Sinclair\*

Carol A. Smith

Rita Smith\*

Carol Smolinski

Leon 'Lee' Stab

Nancy Stab

David Steward

Lynn Stone

Andrew Su

Eleanor Swanson

Colette Tabor

Hailey Tay

Sunanda Thali\*

Rosemary Tunnicliffe

Maribel Veras

Molly Wedlock

Elaine Weigle

Chris Weir

Mason Weiss

John Wheelock

Brian Wilson

Peter Zampella



## **FRIENDS of the Monmouth County Park System, Inc.**



Founded in 1991, this non-profit facilitates sponsorship and hosts fundraising events/activities to raise money for special projects in the parks. In 2021, this included the Nature on the Move, mobile environmental center van (pictured). The Friends placed 22 new memorial park benches as a tribute to the memory of loved ones and funded renovations to the Timolat Barn in Huber Woods Park. Funding continued for Recreation Assistance Programs such as: camp scholarships, after school programs and park excursions. Additionally, funding was provided for volunteer programs and therapeutic recreation programs. [www.friendsofmonmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.friendsofmonmouthcountyparks.com)



For 40 years, Special People United to Ride (SPUR) a non-profit organization has supported therapeutic horseback riding and equestrian programs at Sunnyside Equestrian Center. 2021 was year of rebuilding, restructuring and regrowth, as Sunnyside embarked on positive changes that will surely be seen in the years to come. The fall session ran with 92 SPUR students, seven youth riders, and nine Equine Psychology 101 participants. The SPUR camps ran successfully with 20 students, split between two camps. Approximately 40 new volunteers joined the SPUR program, attending four volunteer training workshops throughout the year. [www.spuronline.org](http://www.spuronline.org)

## **MCF** MONMOUTH CONSERVATION FOUNDATION



Monmouth Conservation Foundation (MCF), now celebrating its 45th year, is dedicated to saving open space, creating parks, preserving farmland, protecting wildlife, teaching environmental sustainability, and safeguarding waterways throughout Monmouth County. MCF has assisted with the preservation of nearly 8,550 acres and is one of 446 accredited land trusts out of 1,700 nationwide. Jointly, MCF and Monmouth County are working to expand and enhance park lands to ensure that the County remains a highly desirable place for people and wildlife.

[www.monmouthconservation.org](http://www.monmouthconservation.org)

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# Financial Statement

2021 UNAUDITED

Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Fund Balances  
For Year Ending December 31, 2021

	Totals	General	Trust	Cash Donations
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$12,704,820</b>		<b>\$12,550,185</b>	<b>\$154,635</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
County Appropriation				
Salaries/Wages	20,429,320	20,429,320		
Other Expense Approp.	1,890,652	1,890,652		
Revenue				
Donations	9,096			9,096
Golf Courses	15,941,157	9,746,764	6,194,393	
Parks	2,779,975	1,204,851	1,575,124	
Monmouth Cove Marina	1,400,422		1,400,422	
Visitor Services	3,061,134		3,061,134	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$45,511,756</b>	<b>\$33,271,587</b>	<b>\$12,231,073</b>	<b>\$9,096</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Personnel	\$21,954,925	19,684,245	2,270,680	
Operations	\$9,108,032	1,435,608	7,663,328	9,096
New Jersey State Sales Tax	276,725	276,725		
General Revenue Returned to County Treasurer				
Golf Courses	9,746,764	9,746,764		
Parks	1,204,851	1,204,851		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$42,291,297</b>	<b>\$32,071,468</b>	<b>\$10,210,733</b>	<b>\$9,096</b>
Excess (Deficit) in Revenues	3,220,459	1,200,119	2,020,340	
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$15,925,279</b>	<b>\$1,200,119</b>	<b>\$14,570,525</b>	<b>\$154,635</b>
<b>Capital Cash &amp; Open Space Expenditures: <sup>(a)</sup></b>				
Site Improvements		\$30,235,257		
Land Acquisition		14,896,006		
Line Item Capital - Equipment (additional & replacement)		1,025,187		
Offset to Maintenance, Personnel, & other expenses		8,416,728		
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>\$54,573,178</b>		

**Note:**

(a) not included in above statement of expenditures

Capital items listed are not amortized

Appropriation does not include salary adjustments, fringe benefits, insurance, information technology support, and legal services



# 2021 Income & Expenditures

## 2021 MCPS Income By Source \$45,511,756



County  
Appropriation  
49%  
\$22,319,972



Donations  
0%  
\$9,096



Golf Courses  
35%  
\$15,941,157



Parks  
6%  
\$2,779,975



Monmouth Cove  
Marina  
3%  
\$1,400,422



Visitor Services  
7%  
\$3,061,134

## 2021 MCPS Expenditures \$42,291,297 (excluding Capital)



New Jersey  
State Sales Tax  
0%  
\$276,725



General Revenue  
Returned to  
Treasurer  
25.90%  
\$10,951,615



Operations  
(supplies, utilities,  
services,  
contracts, etc.)  
21.54%  
\$9,108,032



Personnel  
51.91%  
\$21,954,925



# Value Of In-Kind

## Donations, Contributions & Grants

2021 (UNAUDITED)

### DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

#### Friends of the Park

Benches for Various Parks	\$68,064.00	
Creative Arts Center	\$898.00	
Deep Cut Gardens	\$1,349.00	
Dune Grass	\$479.00	
Monmouth County Fair	\$147.00	
Historic Services	\$2,264.00	
Hospitality	\$569.00	
Huber Woods Park	\$100.00	
Lions Sensory Den	\$4,391.00	
Historic Longstreet Farm	\$425.00	
Naturalists	\$382.00	
Portland Place	\$1,044.00	
Therapeutic Recreation Assistance	\$961.00	
Timolat Farm	\$107,963.00	
Tree Donations	\$1,940.00	
Training	\$392.00	
Urban Recreation Assistance	\$16,298.00	
Visitor Services/Nature Van	\$17,643.00	
Volunteer Services	\$482.00	

\$225,791.00

#### Land

\$1,227.00

Donation from Twp. Of Aberdeen to Freneau Woods Park \$1,227.00

#### Miscellaneous Donated Items

\$1,200.00

#### Monmouth Conservation Foundation (MCF)

Support Services \$11,000.00 \$11,000.00

#### Monmouth University Urban Rec. Camps

\$5,775.00

#### Special People United to Ride (SPUR)

Scholarships \$21,372.25

In Kind Donations/Equipment & Misc. Items

Instructor Training \$21,372.25

#### Sponsorships - Monmouth County Fair

\$0.00

### GRANTS

NJ State Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund - \$39,084.53

Swimming River

Green Acres Program - Freneau Woods \$1,250,000.00

\$1,289,084.53

### VOLUNTEER HOURS(a)

753 volunteers for a total of 15,400hrs @\$31.41/hr \$483,714.00

**TOTAL**

**\$2,039,163.78**

(a) Based on Points of Light value 2020



## 2021 Monmouth County Commissioners

*Director*

**Thomas A. Arnone**

*Deputy Director*

**Susan M. Kiley**

**Lillian G. Burry**

**Nick DiRocco**

*Liaison to the Park System*

**Ross F. Licitra**

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## 2021 Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners

*Chairman*

**Kevin Mandeville**

*Vice Chair*

**Michael G. Harmon**

**Thomas E. Hennessy Jr.**

**Mark E. Zelina**

**David W. Horsnall**

**Patricia M. Butch**

**Thomas W. Adcock**

**Anthony Fiore**

*Secretary-Director*

**James J. Truncer**

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## 2021 Monmouth County Park System Administration

*Secretary-Director*

**James J. Truncer**

*Assistant Director*

**Andrew J. Spears**

*County Park Superintendent of Parks*

**Thomas Fobes**

*County Park Superintendent of Golf*

**Michael Janoski**

*Superintendent of Recreation*

**Patricia Conroy**

*Chief of Land Acquisition and Design*

**Gail Hunton**

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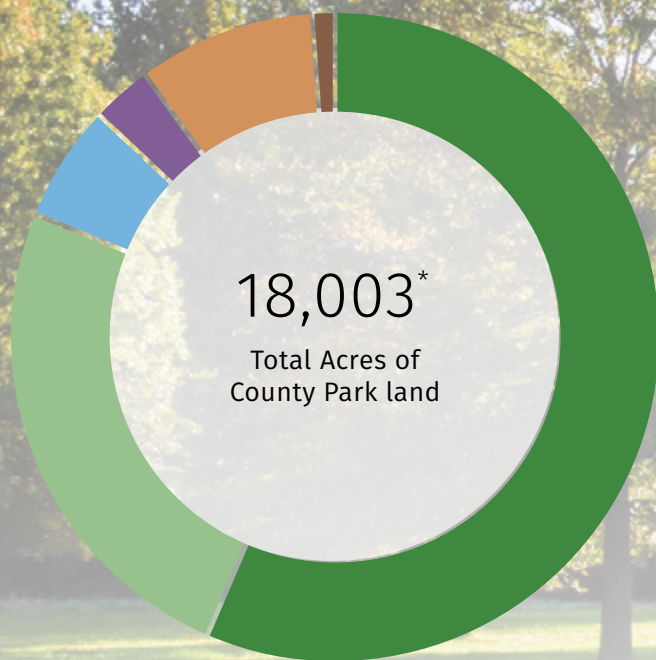
*Chief Clerk of Administration*

**Barbara Berry**



# 2021 Quick Facts

## Land



208 New Acres Acquired in 2021\*

43 Number of Parks & Golf Courses

\* Excluding easements; represents approx. 6% of Monmouth County's total acreage 301,804.

## Recreation Facilities



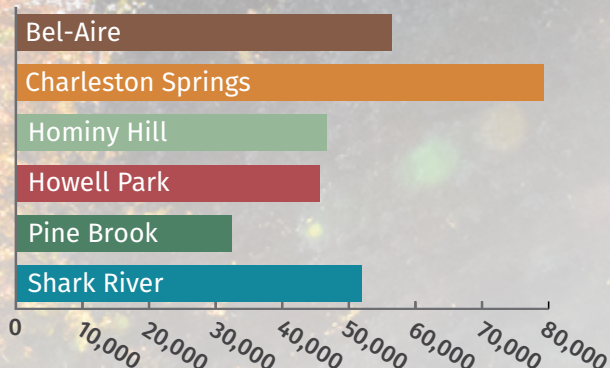
Athletic Fields (Rentable) (Soccer 8, Softball 4, Flag Football 1 and LAX/FH field 1)	14
Ball Courts (Tennis -12, Pickleball-13 and Basketball-6)	31
Beaches with Lifeguards	1
Boat Rental Sites	3
Campgrounds (74 individual campsites and 3 cabin areas)	2
Environmental Centers	2
Historic Sites	8
Picnic Shelters/Buildings/Tents	15
Playgrounds	16
Pools	5
Visitor/Activity Centers	16



## GOLF



312,191  
Total Rounds Played

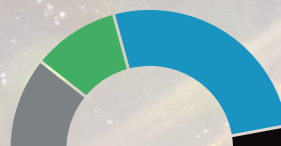


745 Total Rounds Played  
Bel-Aire/Pine Brook Foot Golf

### GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Number of Tournaments	Number of Participants
16	1,104

## TRAILS



148  
Total Miles of Trails

- Paved: 32
- Easy: 30
- Moderate: 76
- Challenging: 10

## RECREATION PROGRAMS\*



5,178  
Number of Programs Offered



93,983  
Program Attendance

\*Includes Visitor Services, Golf, Historic Sites, plus school/other group programs and birthday parties.

## VISITATION



8,668,914  
Total County Park Visits



1,843,549  
Visits to Park System Website

Monmouth County Fair Visitors 95,300

Thompson Park Day 10,532

Harvest Home Festival 4,243

Wind & Sea Festival 2,156

Creative Arts Festival 6,243

Walnford Day 550

## PERSONNEL



- Full-time Staff 347
- Hourly/Part-time Staff (Seasonal) 492
- Program Staff/Instructors 62
- Volunteers 753  
Provided 15,400 hours of service





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mobile environmental center van)



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