

MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

A Year of Unparalleled Recreation,  
Preservation and Community  
Engagement





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**W**ith great enthusiasm, we present to you the Annual Report for the year 2022, celebrating yet another exciting chapter in the story of our beloved Park System. Once again, we take pride in recounting the exceptional achievements, remarkable preservation efforts and enriching recreational opportunities that have defined the past year.

Spanning a vast expanse of over 18,000 acres, the Monmouth County Park System offers an abundance of activities and experiences for everyone. Whether you seek the serenity of sandy beaches, the thrill of a golf game, the tranquility of camping beneath the stars, the wonders of nature exploration, the joy of playgrounds, the calmness of paddling on pristine lakes, the memories made at our exciting events or the knowledge gained through educational programs, our parks stand ready to fulfill your desires.



In 2022, we remained resolute in our commitment to preserving open spaces, safeguarding water resources and protecting the historical landscapes and buildings that define our county's heritage. By employing sustainable practices and forging partnerships with other organizations and state entities, we have continued to be stewards of the land, ensuring its longevity for future generations. The preservation of these valuable natural and historical properties not only enhances the aesthetic appeal of our parks but also fosters environmental sustainability and reinforces the resilience of our community.

Throughout the year, our dedication to providing enriching experiences for all residents of Monmouth County remained unwavering. We proudly offered over 5,000 meticulously crafted programs and camps, immersing participants in captivating environments that forged lasting memories. These experiences not only nurture physical well-being but also foster social and emotional growth, positively impacting the quality of life for our county's residents and beyond. As a testament to the allure of our parks, we welcomed over eight million visitors in 2022, further reinforcing our role as a valued destination for recreation and leisure.

Our commitment to community engagement has been a driving force behind the success of our events. Throughout the year, we curated several exceptional gatherings that captivated families, fostered connections and celebrated the unique spirit of our community. These events serve as vibrant opportunities for laughter, knowledge, excitement and exploration, weaving the fabric of shared experiences and creating cherished moments that will be treasured for years to come.



Within the following pages of this Annual Report, we invite you to delve deeper into the myriad of opportunities, achievements and experiences that unfolded within our parks during 2022. As we recount our endeavors, we express our deepest gratitude to the unwavering support and enthusiasm of our community, partners, volunteers and dedicated staff. It is your collective efforts that have propelled us forward, enabling us to deliver invaluable recreational, preservation and community-building initiatives.



With excitement for the future, we eagerly anticipate the next chapter of our Park System's journey. Together, we will continue to nurture the natural wonders, engage our community and create enduring memories in the scenic landscapes that define Monmouth County.

## PARK SYSTEM VISITATION

Bayshore Waterfront Park	278,522
Bel-Aire Golf Course	56,228
Charleston Springs Golf Course	73,836
Clayton Park	35,421
Deep Cut Gardens	118,441
Dorbrook Recreation Area	649,832
East Freehold Showgrounds	241,968
Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area	132,717
Hartshorne Woods Park	307,886
Henry Hudson Trail	274,588
Historic Longstreet Farm	96,365
Historic Walnford	10,717
Holmdel Park	989,086
Hominy Hill Golf Course	49,591
Howell Park Golf Course	45,021
Huber Woods Park	108,547
Manasquan Reservoir	1,213,071
Monmouth Cove Marina	31,802
Mt. Mitchill Scenic Overlook	160,233
Perrineville Lake Park	21,686
Pine Brook Golf Course	32,013
Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park	1,267,821
Shark River Golf Course	52,261
Shark River Park	269,438
Tatum Park	208,012
Thompson Park	750,212
Turkey Swamp Park	260,781
Union Transportation Trail	38,767
Wolf Hill Recreation Area	664,051

**TOTAL 8,438,914**



# Park Accomplishments



*The hotter the summers gets, the more people come to cool off at **Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park**. This summer season we saw a total of 766,843 people enjoy the beach and sands of Seven Presidents.*



*Although there are countless beautiful areas throughout the Park System where celebrating an event or having a ceremony make for a perfect occasion, **Tatum Park** continues to be the most popular and sought after having held 18 ceremonies in the year of 2022.*

# Golf Accomplishments



*As an almost year-round sport, there's plenty of time to get in a ton of rounds at any of our six golf courses. During 2022, a total of 308,950 rounds were played.*



*If you have a competitive edge or just want to compete for fun, there are plenty of tournaments throughout the year. In 2022, 17 golf tournaments were held with 1,178 total participants.*



# Visitor Services Accomplishments



*Visitor Services successfully ran 332 camps serving 5,708 campers at 14 locations throughout Monmouth County.*



*The E. Murray Todd Half Marathon returned in 2022 with 146 competitors.*



*Our Community Recreation division approved 30 agencies and scheduled and/or facilitated 107 Rec Assist programs for groups, serving approximately 4,058 participants.*



*Free concerts in the park remain popular in the warmer months.*



*Park System Naturalists conducted 452 reserved group programs with a total of 10,708 participants.*



*Over 100 students participated in the SPUR riding lessons for each session, the spring session having the best enrollment with 97 students.*



*Twelve children enjoyed their time after school at the Coastal Activity Center Afterschool Program in Asbury Park three days a week.*





*There were over 5,000 programs offered in 2022. Some of the most popular programs and classes offered were pottery, senior hikers, pickleball, hiking, painting, mahjong, morning farm chores, golf, tennis, swimming, flower arranging, cooking classes, children's ceramics and soccer.*



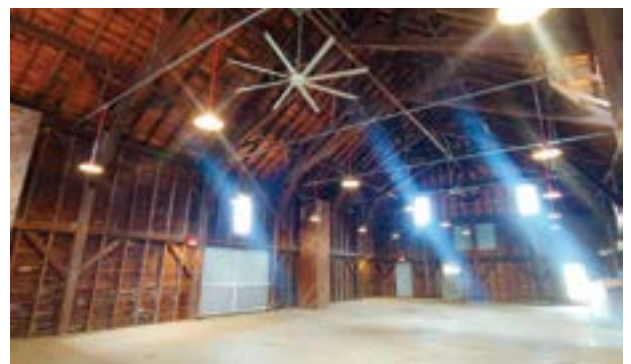
# Park & Facility Improvements



**Hominy Hill Golf Course** Clubhouse Renovation



**Thompson Park**  
Playground Equipment Renovation



Phase 1 of Adaptive Reuse Restoration of  
**Historic Timolat Barn**





New Flooring at  
**Sunnyside Equestrian Center**



New Parking Lot at  
**Historic Portland Place**

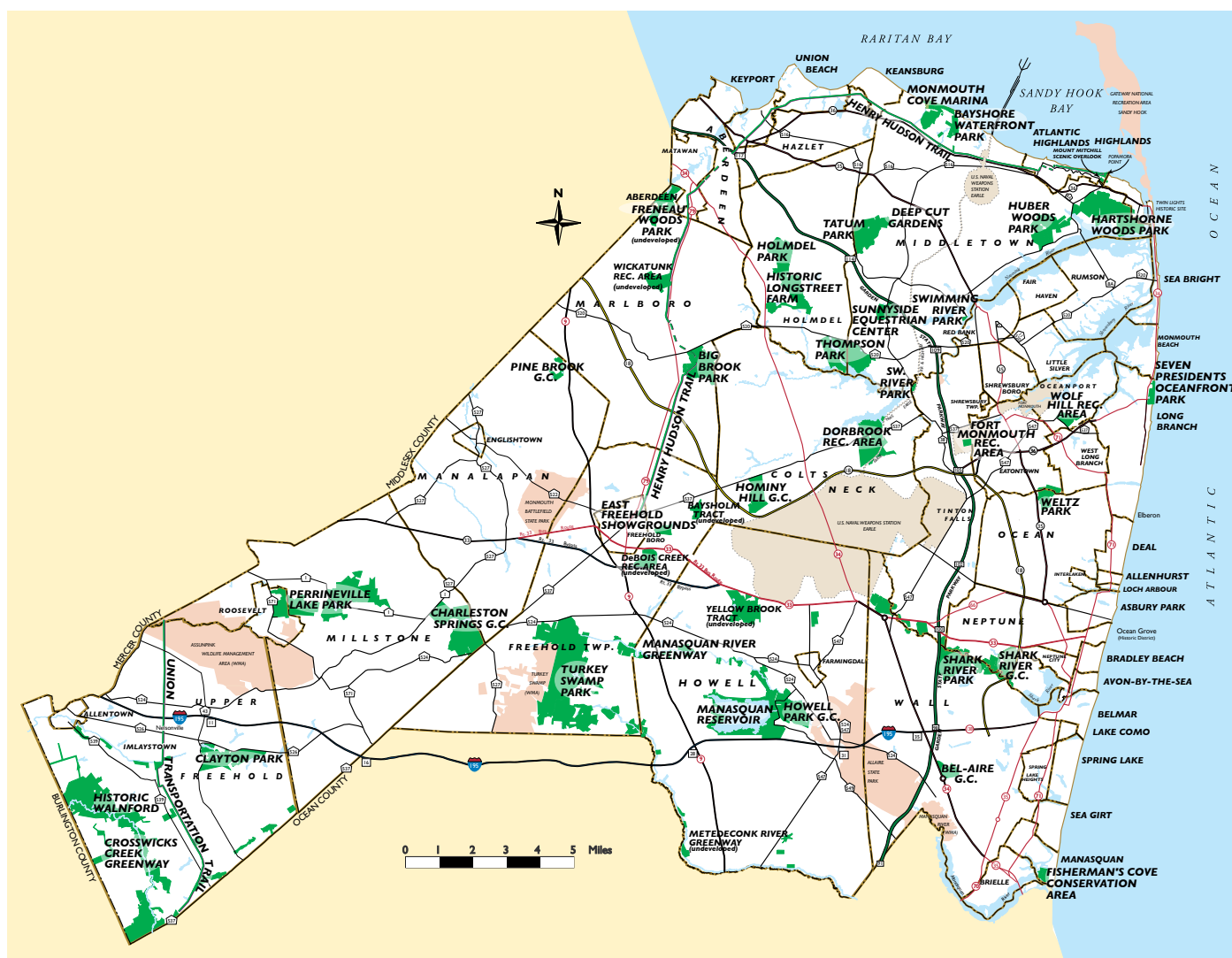


New Foot Bridge at  
**Freneau Woods Park**



# 2022 Land Acquisition

**A** total of almost 89 new acres (16 parcels) were added to the park properties in 2022. The Park System now owns/manages 18,091 acres in 43 park areas and golf courses across Monmouth County. In 2022, 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 2022

Shark River Park	2	Crosswicks Creek Park	9
Hartshorne Woods Park	16	Metedeconk River Greenway	51
Manasquan Reservoir	1	Perrineville Lake Park	6
Manasquan River Greenway	4		

<b>Land Additions</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Easements</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>

## 2022 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	1,272
Charleston Springs Golf Course	820	Pinebrook Golf Course	61
Clayton Park	450	Seven President Oceanfront Park	38
Crosswicks Creek Park	2,360	Shark River Golf Course	176
Deep Cut Gardens	54	Shark River Park	992
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	812	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		
Howell Park Golf Course	353		
Huber Woods Park	390		
Manasquan Reservoir**	1,348		
Manasquan River Greenway	526		

### Undeveloped Sites

Baysholm Tract	71
DeBois Creek Recreation Area	165
Metedeconk River Greenway	594
Yellow Brook Tract	430

<b>Total Acres Owned and/or Managed by the Park System</b>	<b>18,091</b>
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\*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.



# 2022 Park Partners



## 2022 Volunteer Value Report

- 746 Volunteers provided 16,545 hours of service to the Monmouth County Park System.
- Independent Sector has valued time served by volunteers in New Jersey at \$32.39 per hour.
- 16,545 hours of volunteer service times \$32.39 equals \$535,892.
- The value of service provided by Park System Volunteers in 2022 is \$535,892.

## 2022 VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

 **746**  
Volunteers



**16,545**  
Hours of Service

**2,220**  
Trail Maintenance

**4,010**  
Gardening/  
Pruning

**1,814**  
SPUR Equestrian

**1,329**  
Special Events

**1,149**  
Park Clean Ups

Here are the individuals who volunteer 40+ hours with Park System in 2022. Names with an \* volunteered 100+ hours.

Werner Aehlich*	Donna Fugit	Trinh Nguyen*
Jodee Anderson	Jim Gault*	Brooke Norton
Andrew Antonioli*	Loma Gault	Jim Pegg
Charlotte Applegate*	Mark Gorman*	Bill Perkins
Basil Baccash*	Beth Gough	Thomas Puskar
Donna Baginsky	Susan Halle	Steve Ralling
Larry Batori	Kevin Harjes	Steven Reed*
Cindy Bellino*	Ellen Harrold	Margo Reynolds
Patricia Bernstein	Melanie Hernandez	Carolina Rivera-Colon
Chris Bremseth*	Amanda Hintelmann*	Michael Roche
Tracey Brown	Dawn Johnson	Rocky Rockhill
Joan Bruno	Alison Kugler	Linda Rovder*
Don Bunnell	Art Lackner*	Beth Rys
Rose Buono-Zimmer*	Gale Lackner	Walter Salzmann*
Sandy Burn	Bob Laue*	Fritz Schwager*
Maureen Byrne	Olivia Layton	Harry Shiau
Judy Cappello	Susan Levantino	Samantha Shwartz
Joan Capriotti	Elizabeth Lilleston	Holly Sieka
Bobbie Carey	Anna Lindberg*	Carla Sinclair*
Tullio Carfagno	Dan Lingelbach*	Carol A. Smith
Susan Cartmell	Jeanette Lingelbach	Rita Smith
Chung Chang*	Gerry Lingner*	Carol Smolinski
Polly Chu	Lois Lyons*	Leon 'Lee' Stab
James Church	Joseph Mazzatta	Nancy Stab*
Beth Clarke*	Alice Mccadin	David Steward
Dennis Costa*	Cathie Merker	Eleanor Swanson*
Marie Costa*	Gene Miller	Hailey Tay
Denise Day*	Jayne Miller	Elise Teepe
Matthew DeFelice	Mary Jean Milner	Sunanda Thali
Megan Delaney	Eileen Murphy*	Rosemary Tunncliffe
Louise Delcollo*	Grace Musumeci*	Eva Valiant
Joan Dubois*	AnneMarie Narcini	David Wardell
Pat Duplak	David Nass*	Elaine Weigl
Kathy Elderhost	Laurie Nass	CJ Weir
Nancy Enderseen	Bridget Neiman*	Brian Wilson*
Kathleen Evans	Les Neiman*	Peter Zampella
Steve Fratini	Han Nguyen*	



Founded in 1991, this non-profit facilitates sponsorship and hosts fundraising events/activities to raise money for special projects in the parks. In 2022, this

included funding for exhibits and artifacts at Historic Portland Place and renovations to the Timolat Farm barn. The Friends placed 11 new memorial park benches as a tribute to the memory of loved ones. Additional funding was provided for the Park System's mobile nature center, Nature on the Move. Plus, the Friends funded Purple Martin houses in key locations. 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)



Special People United to Ride (SPUR) is a nonprofit organization that supports therapeutic horseback riding and equestrian programs at Sunnyside Equestrian Center. During 2022, the Equestrian Center offered many programs with an average attendance of over 100 SPUR riders per session.

The Equine facilitated learning program for school groups along with youth horseback riding were also offered in 2022. Hosting four volunteer workshops throughout the year, SPUR added 32 new volunteers to the program. Hosted at Sunnyside was the 2022 SPUR horse show for over 60 riders, the Halloween Horse Parade, and the holiday party "Breakfast with Santa" for SPUR families and participants. 2022 was a successful year being able to provide these special programs for our community.



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



Monmouth Conservation Foundation (MCF), established in 1977, is dedicated to creating parks, saving open space, preserving farmland, teaching environmental sustainability,

safeguarding waterways, and protecting wildlife. Its charitable work ensures a permanent legacy of open space and natural habitat throughout the county, as Monmouth's only county-wide land trust. To date MCF has assisted with the preservation of 4,331 acres of county parklands – 24% of the Park System's 18,000 acres – and nearly 9,000 acres overall in Monmouth County. It is one of 459 accredited land trusts out of 1,100 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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# 2022 Financial Statement

## 2022 Unaudited

Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Fund Balances for Year Ending December 31, 2022

	Totals	General	Trust	Cash Donations
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$17,987,718</b>		<b>\$17,833,049</b>	<b>\$154,669</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
County Appropriation				
Salaries/Wages	21,230,584	21,230,584		
Other Expenses Approp.	1,885,082	1,885,082		
Revenue				
Donations	8,124			8,124
Golf Courses	16,346,927	10,011,449	6,335,478	
Parks	3,793,894	1,357,118	2,436,776	
Monmouth Cove Marina	1,478,298		1,478,298	
Visitor Services	2,703,185		2,703,185	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$47,446,094</b>	<b>\$34,484,233</b>	<b>\$12,953,737</b>	<b>\$8,124</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Personnel	\$23,048,704	20,578,978	2,469,726	
Operations	\$10,784,866	1,420,265	9,361,273	3,328
New Jersey State Sales Tax	280,802		280,802	
General Revenue Returned to County Treasurer				
Golf Courses	10,011,449	10,011,449		
Parks	1,357,118	1,357,118		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$45,482,939</b>	<b>\$33,367,810</b>	<b>\$12,111,801</b>	<b>\$3,328</b>
Excess (Deficit) in Revenues	1,958,359	1,116,423	841,936	
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$19,950,873</b>	<b>\$1,116,423</b>	<b>\$18,674,985</b>	<b>\$159,465</b>
Capital Cash & Open Space Expenditures: <sup>(a)</sup>				
Site Improvements		\$17,950,321		
Land Acquisition		6,603,225		
Line Item Capital - Equipment (additional & replacement)		66,094		
Offset to Maintenance, Personnel, & other expenses		12,638,238		
<b>TOTAL .....</b>		<b>\$37,257,878</b>		

(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

# 2022 Income & Expenditures

## 2022 MCPS Income By Source \$47,446,094



County  
Appropriation  
49%  
\$22,319,972



Donations  
>1%  
\$8,124



Golf Courses  
34%  
\$16,346,927



Parks  
8%  
\$3,793,894



Monmouth Cove  
Marina  
3%  
\$1,478,298



Visitor Services  
6%  
\$2,703,185

## 2022 MCPS Expenditures \$45,482,939 (excluding Capital)



New Jersey  
State Sales Tax  
0.62%  
\$280,802



General Revenue  
Returned to  
Treasurer  
25%  
\$11,368,567



Operations  
(supplies, utilities,  
services,  
contracts, etc.)  
23.71%  
\$10,784,866



Personnel  
50.68%  
\$23,048,704



# Value Of In-Kind Donations, Contributions & Grants

2022 (unaudited)

## DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

### Friends of the Park

Benches for various parks	\$20,466.00	
Creative Arts Center	\$2,040.00	
Deep Cut Gardens	\$538.00	
Historic Longstreet Farm	\$561.00	
Naturalists	\$4,330.00	
Marketing/Euro Stickers	\$235.00	
Portland Place	\$94,126.00	
Therapeutic Recreation Assistance	\$369.00	
Timolat Farm	\$74,032.00	
Tree Donations	\$1,078.00	
Training	\$105.00	
Community Rec. Assist	\$14,511.00	
Visitor Services/Nature Van	\$2,885.00	
Volunteer Services	\$512.00	
		<b>\$215,788.00</b>

### Land

		<b>\$0.00</b>
Miscellaneous Donated Items		<b>\$0.00</b>
Monmouth Conservation Foundation (MCF)		
Support Services	\$11,000.00	<b>\$11,000.00</b>
Monmouth University Rec. Assist Camps		<b>\$5,875.00</b>
Special People United to Ride (SPUR)		
Scholarships	\$21,816.75	
In Kind Donations/Equipment & Misc. Items	7,730.00	
Instructor Training	798.00	
		<b>\$30,344.75</b>
Sponsorships - Monmouth County Fair		<b>\$1,000.00</b>

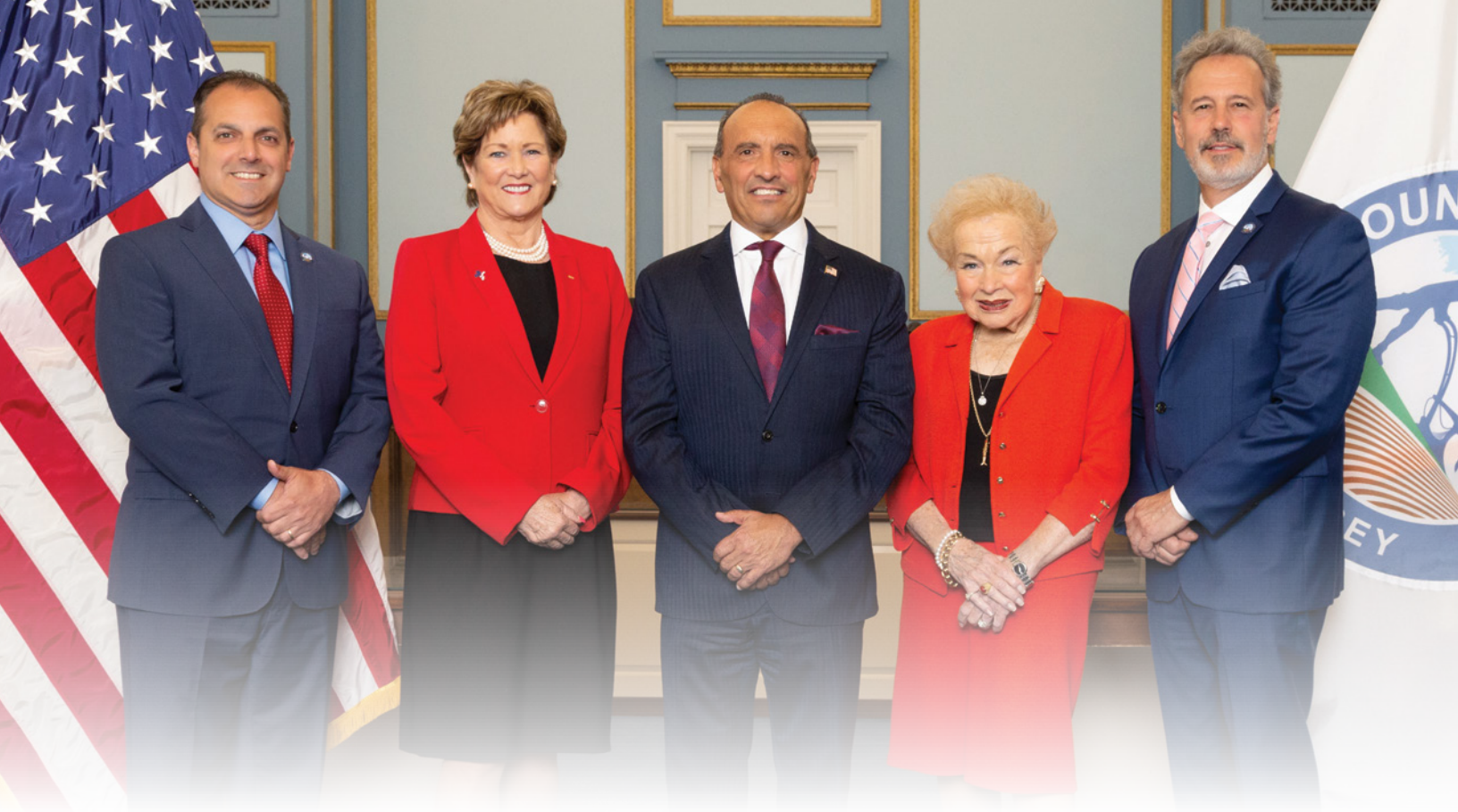
## GRANTS

**\$0.00**

## VOLUNTEER HOURS (a)

746 volunteers for a total of 16,545 hrs @ \$32.39/hr	<b>\$535,892.55</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$799,900.30</b>

(a) Based on Points of Light value 2021



## **2022 Monmouth County Commissioners**

*Director, Thomas A. Arnone • Deputy Director, Nick DiRocco  
Lillian G. Burry • Susan M. Kiley  
Liaison to the Park System, Ross F. Licitra*

## **2022 Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners**

*Chairman, Kevin Mandeville • Vice Chair, Anthony Fiore • Michael G. Harmon  
Thomas E. Hennessy Jr. • David W. Horsnall • Patricia M. Butch • Thomas W. Adcock  
Lori Ann Davidson • Brian Foster • Secretary-Director, James J. Truncer*

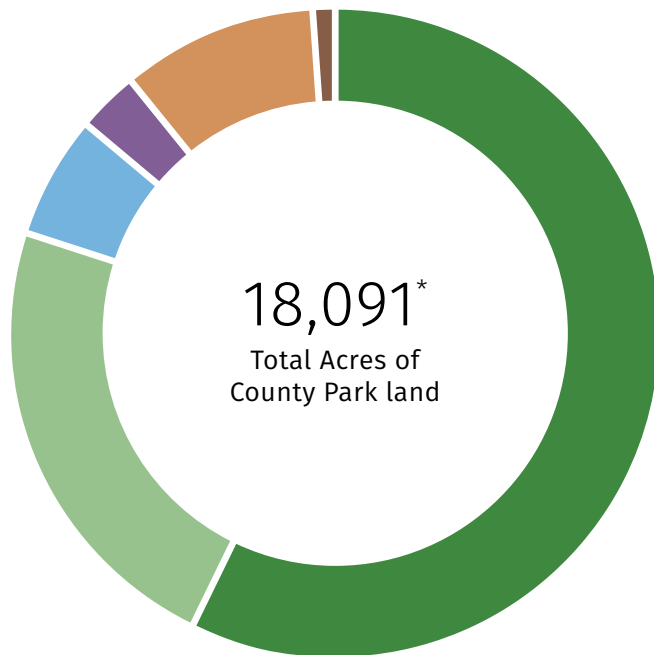
## **2022 Monmouth County Park System Administration**

*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  
Director of Personnel, Kevin Dunn • Director of Development, Maria Wojciechowski  
Public Information Officer, Karen J. Livingstone • Purchasing Agent, Jennifer Kaczala  
Chief Clerk of Administration, Barbara Berry*



# 2022 Quick Facts –

## Land



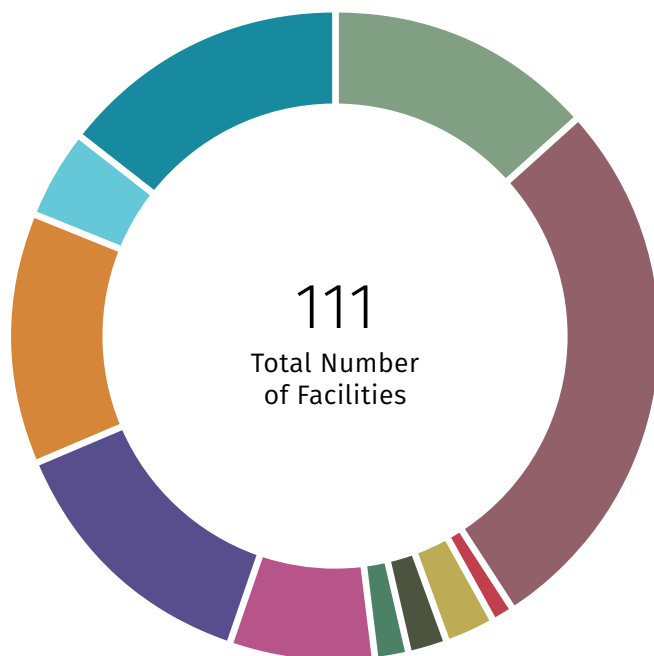
89 New Acres Acquired in 2022\*

43 Number of Parks & Golf Courses

Forest	58%	Wetland	3%
Field	23%	Developed/Impervious	10%
Water	6%	Beach	<1%

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

## Recreation Facilities

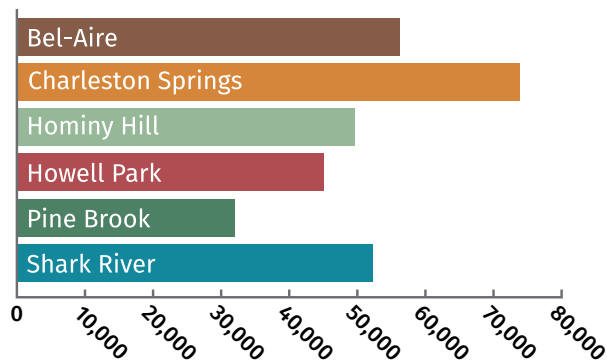


Athletic Fields (Rentable) <i>(Soccer 8, Softball 3, Rugby 1 Flag Football 2 and LAX/FH field 1)</i>	15
Ball Courts <i>(Tennis -12, Pickleball-13 and Basketball-6)</i>	31
Beaches with Lifeguards	1
Boat Rental Sites	3
Campgrounds <i>(74 individual campsites and 3 cabin areas)</i>	2
Environmental Centers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

## GOLF



308,950  
Total Rounds Played

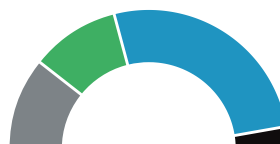


424 Total Rounds Played  
Bel-Aire/Pine Brook Foot Golf

### GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Number of Tournaments	Number of Participants
17	1,178

## TRAILS



147.5

Total Miles of Trails

● Paved: 31.5  
● Easy: 30  
● Moderate: 78  
● Challenging: 8

## RECREATION PROGRAMS<sup>\*</sup>



5,292

Number of  
Programs Offered



145,511

Program  
Attendance

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

## VISITATION



8,438,914  
Total County Park Visits



1,968,199  
Visits to Park System Website

Monmouth County Fair Visitors 96,000

Thompson Park Day 13,000

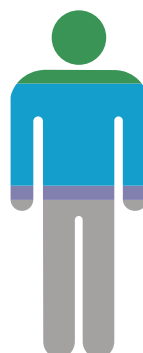
Harvest Home Festival 2,200

Wind & Sea Festival 2,200

Creative Arts Festival 800

Walnford Day 707

## PERSONNEL



● Full-time Staff	345
● Hourly/Part-time Staff (Seasonal)	482
● Program Staff/Instructors	67
● Volunteers	746

Provided 16,545 hours of service





# James J. Truncer

## 1936-2023

*Celebrating A Lasting Legacy  
for the People of Monmouth County forever.*

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