



## **Monmouth County Park System**

### **Monmouth 250 Monument and Plaza at Swimming River Park**

## **PROJECT INFORMATION**

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### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Swimming River Park is a recent addition to the Park System. It offers views of Red Bank and the Navesink River. The 18-acre site has a public boat ramp, kayak launching, docks for fishing and crabbing, wildlife observation, a memorial plaza, and a paved walking path around the park perimeter.

The Monmouth 250 Revolutionary War Memorial will consist of 1,300 S.F. bluestone plaza and 250 S.F. brick paver walk that connects into the existing perimeter paved path. 1,100 S.F. paved path section adjacent to proposed plaza will be re-aligned as part of this contract to accommodate the proposed plaza.

Plaza will feature three groupings of bronze sculptures on granite bases. Work includes installation of four light pole concrete footings (poles, fixtures, controls, & wiring by others), irrigation, pvc conduits and pull box for site electric & irrigation, shrub & perennial plantings, and four benches.

### **REASON FOR THE PROJECT:**

The plaza and sculptures for Swimming River Park are part of a larger, county-wide celebration to commemorate America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2026. It will feature seven life size human bronze figures arranged in three groupings, representing scenes of the Revolutionary War.

### **DESIGN APPROACH:**

The design of the plaza and sculpture figures will commemorate a milestone in our nation's history while offering a new facility to the park that offers views of the river and a patio area with benches for visitors to relax.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- This is a remediation site, with a geotextile cap across the site, 18"-2' below grade.
- To minimize light pollution, disruption to aquatic life in and around the adjacent riverway which is sensitive to artificial light, and to prevent light from shining into the water or the sky, proposed light fixtures are proposed only where needed to provide light on the monument figures. Fixtures are tubular, shielded, directed downward, and use warm-colored bulbs. Lights will be on timers.

**PROJECT STATUS:**

- The site improvement project was awarded to Brennan Brothers Contracting, LLC of Old Bridge, NJ 10/20/25 in the amount of \$275,758.
- Construction is scheduled to commence December 2025 with completion on or before 5/1/2026. Visitors should expect some disruption in the construction area. A section of the paved path will be inaccessible during construction.

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