



Monmouth County Park System 40 Stall Barn Rehabilitation, Thompson Park

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Built c. 1880 as a training stable for Brookdale Farm, the 40 Stall Barn is the most prominent of Thompson Park's historic barns and one of the largest and finest stables erected in the golden age of thoroughbred racing in New Jersey. The two-story timber-framed barn measures 296 feet by 64 feet, with 40 intact box stalls and an enclosed perimeter walkway partially paved with wooden blocks.

The historic preservation project includes repair and restoration of the entire 19,000 SF building. When completed, the barn will be open for the first time to the public for self-guided tours and exhibits focusing on the famous horses who were raised and trained here as well as the horsemen and renown trainers who worked at Brookdale Farm.

REASON FOR PROJECT:

The 40 Stall Barn is the finest remaining 19th century horse barn in Monmouth County. The Park System has preserved the historic barn as part of Thompson Park, and this project will repair the building for continued use while providing public access to the building for self-guided tours.

DESIGN APPROACH:

All proposed work will follow *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*.

PROJECT STATUS:

The construction contract was awarded to Shorelands Construction of Monmouth Beach, NJ on October 10, 2023 in the amount of \$2,642,000. Construction has begun and is expected to be complete in summer 2024.

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40 Stall Barn, Thompson Park. View North.



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