



Monmouth County Park System Mount Mitchill Memorial Twenty Year Anniversary Preparations

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Work on the monument includes cleaning and sealing of the eagle sculpture, replacement of sealant and patches on granite monument base, removal of calcium deposit stains under base, polishing, and gilding of all names in the monument base. In addition, general site improvements will continue, including landscaping and clearing invasive vegetation in the southeast portion of the site, next to the playground.

REASON FOR PROJECT:

9/11/2021 will mark the twenty year anniversary of the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks. Completed in 2004 to honor the victims of the attacks, the Memorial is undergoing monument repairs and site improvements. The gold letters are faded and almost illegible, the sealant is splitting and allowing water to infiltrate behind the granite panels which causes staining on the granite pavers.

DESIGN APPROACH:

Close care and attention to detail and symbolism, are being used to maintain the monument and the site, in order to best honor the victims of the terrorist attacks.



Split sealant in granite joints, faded gold letters, and calcium deposits under the monument are being repaired by a conservation firm.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Minimal disturbance to surrounding area and vegetation. Selective clearing of invasive plant material was done in the infiltration basin and replaced with native trees and shrubs.

PROJECT STATUS: Contract was awarded to Masonry Preservation Group, Pennsauken, NJ to perform granite repairs which are underway, and expected for completion by the end of July. Invasive and overgrown vegetation was removed in March 2021, with trees and shrubs planted April 2021. Repairs to the eagle were completed May 2021.

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