

CAPITAL PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

PARK AREA: Mount Mitchill Scenic Overlook
PROJECT NAME: Mount Mitchill Granite Plaza Repairs
TYPE OF FACILITY: 9-11 Memorial

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Mount Mitchill Scenic Overlook is situated on the coastal bluffs 266' above the Sandy Hook Bay, with a commanding view of lower Manhattan. The 42-foot diameter, central granite plaza was installed in 2004 as one component of Monmouth County's 9-11 Memorial. At the center of the plaza is a limestone eagle sculpture on a polished granite pedestal base.

The work included in this contract will replace the Memorial Plaza's granite tiles and mortar/setting bed, the surrounding concrete band and the immediately adjacent concrete walkway due to cracking, lifting, and settling. The two-foot square granite tiles will be replaced to match the existing granite tiles, joints, and finishes, though the replacement granite will be lighter in color than the existing granite. The quarry vein for the original granite color is closed.

JUSTIFICATION:

Grout in the tile joints is failing. With grout not holding in the joints, water seeps in through the open joints, and in combination with freeze/thaw cycles, is problematic, causing tiles to heave, creating uneven walking surfaces.

Mount Mitchill is a popular destination for those desiring to pay respect to the 147 Monmouth County men and women who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. It is also a place to enjoy the beautiful views of Sandy Hook Bay and the New York City skyline. For ADA accessibility compliance, safety, and aesthetics, the settled concrete slabs, and cracked and heaved granite tiles must be replaced as part of Monmouth County Park System's commitment to maintain the Memorial and site in top condition. This project will restore the beauty and accessibility of the plaza as we prepare for the 22nd anniversary of the attacks September 2023.

SCHEDULE OF PROJECT:

Construction – April 3rd thru mid-August 2023.
Contractor – Masonry Preservation Group, Pennsauken, NJ

PHOTOGRAPHS:



9-11 Memorial Plaza – aerial view



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