



Monmouth County Park System Landscape Restoration at Neptune City Waterfront Park, Shark River Park

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Monmouth County Park System (MCPS) recently acquired the properties located at 35 and 37 Riverview Ave, Neptune City which was formerly used as a marina and private residence. Past use of the site has resulted in a compacted sand parking area.

REASON FOR PROJECT: It is the intention of MCPS to create a public park at this site which is to be used for passive recreation, wildlife viewing, and nature programs. Proposed improvements include restoring the dock and installing walking paths; improving habitat, options for a proposed wildlife viewing platform and central patio area.

DESIGN APPROACH: The design will take into consideration the neighborhood access to the property and the river.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- The former marina use has resulted in a heavily disturbed and compacted site. This project will improve soil health and decrease runoff into Shark River. Ongoing restoration at the area of the former parking lot includes plantings of warm season grasses, flowering perennials, and beach tolerant shrubs to create a healthy plant community that will support native wildlife.
- This site is environmentally sensitive due to its location in the flood zone. Maintaining the site as a public park with minimal development and a natural shoreline will add flooding resilience.

PROJECT STATUS: Van Cleef Engineering, a local engineering firm, has been retained for the design and permitting of the proposed improvements. A topographical survey of the property has been completed and wetlands have been delineated to assist in the permitting review for this project. Van Cleef Engineering will prepare plans and specifications for public bidding. We anticipate a construction contract for the proposed improvements to be issued around the end of 2026, subject to obtaining all necessary permits from State and Local regulatory agencies.

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Coastal Pollinator Garden on site



Park Concept