



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

### PROJECT INFORMATION

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#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Monmouth County Park System recently acquired the properties located at 35 and 37 Riverview Avenue, Neptune City, which were formerly used as a marina and private residence. Past use of the site has resulted in a compacted sand parking area.

It is the intention of the Park System to create a public park at this site, which is to be used for passive recreation, wildlife viewing, and nature programs. The project will be split into two phases. Phase 1 consists of removing part of the existing parking area and installing vegetation and will take place in Spring 2025. The work included in Phase 1 includes removing invasive plant species, amendments to the soil on the former parking area, and installation of native shrubs and herbaceous plants. The area near the street will remain as sand parking delineated by split rail fencing for visitors to access the site.

Phase 2 includes restoring the dock and installing walking paths, and explores options for a proposed wildlife viewing platform and central patio area. The Park System is in the process of engaging a consultant for the design and permitting requirements of the Phase 2 project.

#### **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS (Obstacles/Opportunities):**

- 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. The area of the former parking lot will be planted with a selection 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.

#### **SCHEDULE OF PROJECT:**

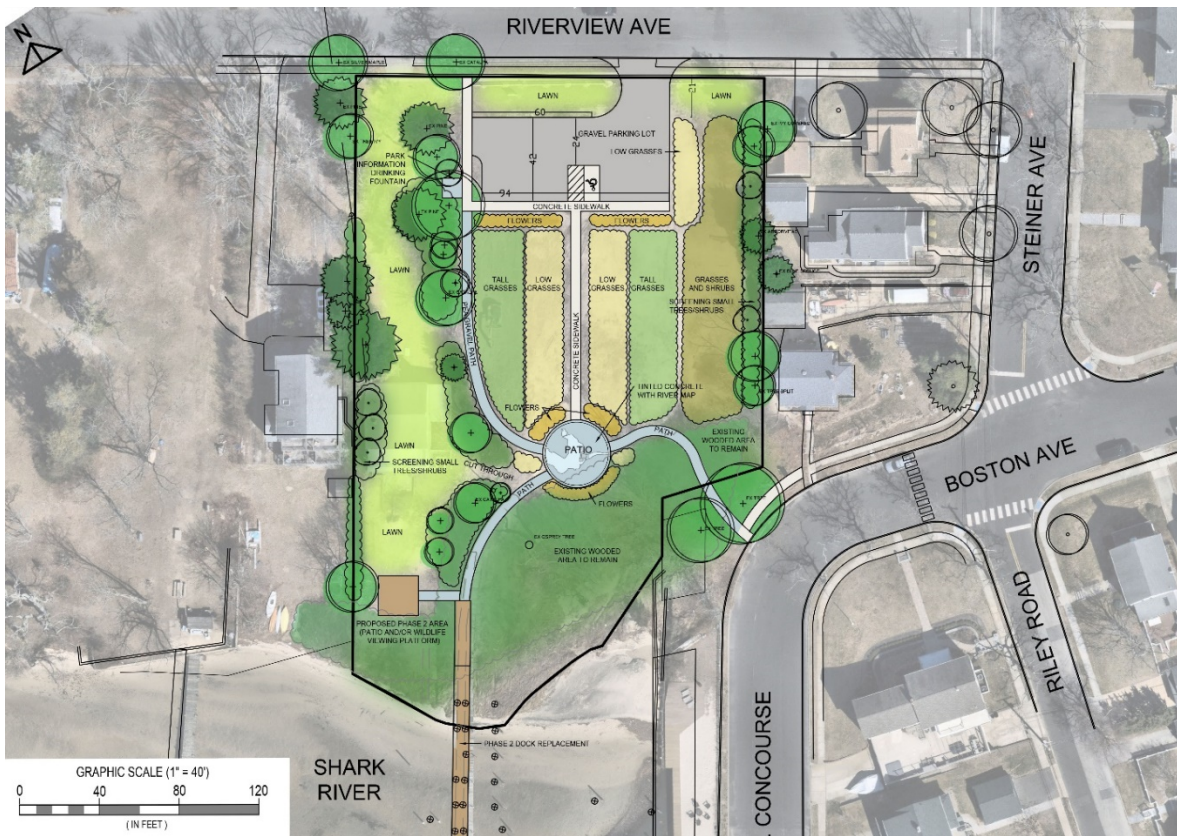
- Phase 1 Planting and Restoration: Spring 2025
- Phase 2 Dock and Amenities: Construction to be determined, pending environmental permit approvals

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**PHOTOGRAPHS:**



**Existing Conditions**



**Landscape Concept**