



Monmouth County Park System Swimming River Park Phase 1 – Remediation & Site Improvements PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A new County Park is being created on the border of Middletown and Red Bank, along the Swimming River just prior to its confluence with the Navesink River. The 11 acre property formerly known as Chris' Landing was named "Swimming River Park" and became a component of the Swimming River Greenway, which currently contains 16 acres of County owned parcels, along with other State and municipal owned lands. The long-term goal is to acquire additional adjacent properties as they become available to help protect the Swimming River watershed.

The property functioned as a private boating facility since the 1960's. Middletown Township had been interested in the acquisition of the property for a public park for many years, and in 2015 it was acquired by the Park System with assistance from the Monmouth Conservation Foundation.

REASON FOR PROJECT:

This addition to the Park System provides scenic views of Red Bank and the Navesink and Swimming Rivers. The acquisition of a former privately owned boat ramp now provides additional public access to the river for fishing, crabbing, wildlife observation, and exploration of the picturesque marshes and coves in the Swimming River watershed.

DESIGN APPROACH:

The Park System is working with NJDEP to improve water quality for the Swimming River watershed and secure public access to the river. The Park System intends to expand recreational opportunities by redesigning the site and replacing all the facilities. The park improvements will be built to current code, provide accessibility, and increase public access.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Environmental investigative work disclosed the presence of dredge materials, historic fill and asphalt millings on the property. Funds for the remediation were set aside by the former owner as part of the site purchase. Environmental permits and a remediation plan were completed with assistance from Brinkerhoff Environmental Services.

PROJECT STATUS:

The construction contract for Phase 1 Remediation and Site Improvements was awarded to Precise Construction, Inc. of Freehold, NJ on March 21, 2022 for \$2.5 million, which includes site remediation, new boat ramp and bulkheading, sidewalks and a perimeter path, and parking. Construction is scheduled to be completed by March 2023. A contract for dredging the area around the new boat docks is complete. The installation of shade trees is the final component of Phase 1 Improvements and is scheduled for Spring 2023.

Spiegle Architectural Group is under contract for architectural and engineering services to design the proposed boathouse (Phase 2). This Phase is still being designed.

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SWIMMING RIVER PARK

PHASE 1
LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT
FALL 2022 - SPRING 2023

PHASE 2
VISITOR CENTER &
BOAT RENTAL

