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FISHERMAN'S COVE NEW BULKHEAD IS COMPLETE

MANASQUAN — Rocks never looked so good! Visitors to the Monmouth County Park System's Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area in Manasquan may notice the site looks better than ever. What they might not know is that it's thanks to the completion of a bulkhead replacement and shoreline revetment project that took the efforts of several government organizations – the Monmouth County Park System, the Borough of Manasquan, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection - and over a decade of hard work.

“This masterful work at Fisherman's Cove is a result of a collaborative effort on the part of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, absorbing 75% of the cost, Monmouth County and the municipality of Manasquan both sharing 25% of the cost. It is an example of the Monmouth County Park System protecting and displaying its many natural resources,” said Monmouth County Freeholder Lillian G. Burry, who is the Park System liaison.

The project was honored on Thursday, May 30 when local officials gathered at the site.

Monmouth County Freeholders Deputy Director Serena DiMaso, Freeholder John P. Curley,

Freeholder Lillian G. Burry, and Board of Recreation Chairman Edward J. Loud joined Manasquan Mayor George Dempsey, former Mayor John Winterstella, and Superintendent of Public Works Tom Nicastro to mark the project's completion. State DEP engineers Jenna Scott and Debbie Voelbel were also present.

Structurally needed, the project features 360 feet of steel bulkhead, a four-rail stainless steel handrail, and 203 feet of stone shoreline revetment. The bulkhead runs along the Manasquan Inlet and into Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area. Other features of the project include a 500-foot sidewalk, grading, curbing and paving. The project dates back to 2001 when representatives from Manasquan and the county asked for assistance from the DEP in replacement of deteriorated bulkhead and restoration of eroded shoreline. After a lengthy process, construction began in November 2012 by Bird Construction of Bayville. Its completion will help stabilize the shoreline.

Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area is one of the last undeveloped sites along the Manasquan River. It is a great place to fish, bird watch, or walk along the beach. The site is open daily. Admission and parking are free. For more information about Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area or the Monmouth County Park System, please visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com or call the Park System at (732) 842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the Park System TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks, and Recreation agency.



PICTURED – (l to r) Celebrating the completion of the Fisherman’s Cove bulkhead are Tom Nicastro, Superintendent of Department of Public Works in Manasquan; Spence Wickham, Monmouth County Park System’s Chief of Acquisition and Design; Jim Hannon of Bird Construction; Jenna Scott, NJDEP Environmental Engineer; Debbie Voelbel, NJDEP Coastal Engineering; Serena DiMaso, Monmouth County Freeholders Deputy Director; Edward J. Loud, Board of Recreation Chairman; Lillian G. Burry, Monmouth County Freeholder; John P. Curley, Monmouth County Freeholder; George Dempsey, mayor of Manasquan; and John Winterstella, former mayor of Manasquan.



PICTURED – The completed project runs from the Manasquan Inlet into Fisherman’s Cove Conservation Area.