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Monmouth County Park System Access Improvements to Hillside Road Area at Shark River Park, Neptune Township, New Jersey

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

In 2023, the Monmouth County Park System purchased the residential property located at 728 South Riverside Drive in Neptune Township to improve access to the Hillside Road Area of Shark River Park. Proposed improvements include a pedestrian path between South Riverside Drive and Hillside Road, demolition of the existing residential house, invasive species management, and landscaping.

REASON FOR PROJECT:

The proposed improvements will provide pedestrian access between South Riverside Drive and Hillside Road to facilitate neighborhood access to the riverfront park located on Hillside Road.

DESIGN APPROACH:

The design will take into consideration the neighborhood access to this property and pedestrian connectivity to the existing river access at the Hillside Road Area Park. The demolition of the existing house will be coordinated with the proposed improvements to ensure stability of the slope and to minimize construction impacts.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Consideration will be given to adjacent wetlands, riparian zones, stormwater management, and vegetation. Dust control and safety measures will be implemented during the demolition and construction phases.

PROJECT STATUS: CME Associates, a local engineering firm, has been retained for the design and permitting of the demolition and proposed improvements. A topographical survey of the property has been completed and the adjacent wetlands have been delineated to assist in the permitting review for this project. CME Associates will prepare plans and specifications for public bidding. We anticipate a construction contract for the demolition and construction of proposed improvements to be issued by the end of 2025, subject to obtaining all necessary permits from State and Local regulatory agencies.

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Project Location Map with Monmouth County Park System properties shown in Green.