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2016 Annual Report

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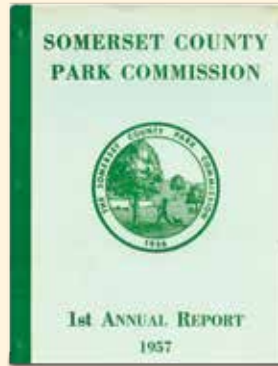
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The Somerset County Park Commission is committed to excellence in promoting stewardship of land and resources, providing outstanding recreation opportunities and leisure services, and fostering an environment which is service-oriented and responsive to public needs.

The Somerset County Park Commission does not discriminate in any manner against any person by reason of race, color, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, or religious or political affiliation.

Parks

"The recreation crisis in Somerset has reached the critical stage. Almost weekly, newspaper stories carry reports of large areas of land within the county being sold to developers. We cannot sit complacently while vacant acreage in woodlands, farms, and even swamps, in areas best suited for county parks, are falling under the developer's bulldozer in a continuous and spreading pattern. While a majority of this growth is sound and attractive, the trend could be dangerous if bold action is not quickly taken to preserve some of these areas for public parks." A Report on County Recreation - Somerset County 1956



The Park Commission celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2016! In the fall of 1956, members of the Somerville Junior Chamber of Commerce foresaw the critical need for a county park system. With a month before the November election, at which time a referendum to establish a county park system would be placed on the ballot, the group spoke to 50 groups and canvassed neighborhoods to rally support for the referendum question. Somerset voters overwhelmingly approved the formation of the County Park Commission on November 6, 1956.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders appointed nine Park Commissioners, and set in motion a series of events that have succeeded in keeping Somerset County green while providing world class active and passive recreation opportunities for 60 years. They had initiated a process that would help make Somerset County one of the most desirable locations in the entire country in which to live, work, and play. These first Commissioners, and all of the Commissioners who have followed for the next 60 years, have maintained a balance between open space and development, protecting the quality of life for generations to come.

Sixty years later, County parkland has grown from nothing to 14,557 acres, and is visited by more than 2 million park users each year. Park visitors still support the need for parks and share in the benefits offered by participation in outdoor recreation and leisure pursuits.

As per the Park Commission's mission, and a vision to implement best land practices, Park Commission staff coordinated a presentation on Emerald Ash Borer and forest management with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture and an Entomologist who specializes in the study

of invasive insects. Attendees included Park Commission staff, Somerset and Morris County and Municipal Departments of Public Works, Environmental Commissions, and the NJ Shade Tree Commission.

NJ Forest Fire Service conducted a prescribed burn at the EEC. While on walks with the public, Naturalists shared the importance that fire plays to maintaining meadow management and native species. The Colonial Park Gardens Supervisor presented a PowerPoint talk on "Native Deer Resistant Plants" to the Millstone and Bridgewater libraries. The Horticulture Department created an interpretive garden display for the Somerset County 4-H Fair, featuring a pollinator garden promoting the protection of pollinating insects and emphasizing the crucial role they play in our ecosystem.

The "Milkweed for Monarchs" program was initiated, with a \$15,000 bequest from Ms. Emily Fabiano to the Somerset County Park Foundation. More than 2,000 milkweed plants, the host plant for Monarch butterflies, were distributed free of charge to the public, in order to bolster declining Monarch butterfly habitats. Saplings were also distributed at the second annual Arbor Day Native Tree event, accompanied by a brochure which informed participants about proper planting methods.

Lord Stirling Stable hosted the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Annual Farm tour. Guests from the Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the NJ State Veterinarian's office, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Rutgers University Equine Science Center took part in the event. The tour highlighted the Best Management

Practices that have been instituted by the Stable from the use of compost to fertilize pastures to the eradication of invasive plants, erosion control, watershed protection, and the deer population control program.

There were 175,800 rounds of golf played on the five golf courses. The Learning Center at Neshanic Valley installed a High Definition Golf™ simulator. Regardless of weather, golfers now have 26 championship golf courses to play through revolutionary image processing software that combines high resolution digital images, satellite data, and geophysical data into 3D models of golf courses. Representations look real and are completely accurate everywhere on the course with every tree, bunker, and hazard reproduced exactly. Additionally, the simulator provides comprehensive and precise shot analysis including ball speed, club speed, launch angle, club face angle, ball spin, and spin axis at high accuracy. Among the courses available are Pebble Beach®, St. Andrews®, Pinehurst®, Kiawah Island®, Harbourtown®, and Bethpage Black®. The simulator exceeded the first year revenue projections.

Buck Garden and Colonial Park Gardens continued to be destinations for those who treasure nature, flowers, and tranquility. Almost 10,000 visitors perused Buck Gardens' rock outcroppings and plant-edged paths, and 14,400 visitors enjoyed Colonial Park Gardens' roses, perennials, and arboretum. In addition, the Colonial Park Perennial Garden attracted another 1,200 visitors for Rose Day and the Garden Party. Another 2,000 visitors participated in wedding ceremony and photography in the gardens.

In Colonial Park, 4,800 rounds of miniature golf were played at the putting course, and the paddleboats were rented 1,300 times. The four-acre leash-free dog area continued to be quite popular with 13,468 visitations. More than 20,000 visitors enjoyed the Environmental Education Center (EEC) trails, special events, and school and public programs.

Swimmers and sunbathers totaled 15,250 at Warrenbrook Pool. At the tennis centers, individual and league play court time at Green Knoll and Colonial Park Tennis Centers totaled 26,350 visitations. Baseball, softball, lacrosse, and football teams and leagues at the Torpey Athletic Complex totaled 69,000 players. The softball fields at North Branch Park, Duke Island Park, Torpey, and Quail Brook Park hosted 15,300 people. The Howe

Athletic Complex consists of a cricket field and five soccer fields. These fields hosted 7,800 people during 2016.

In 2016, 860 permits were issued for family picnics, dog and horse shows, scout camping, soccer, fitness instruction, softball, football, lacrosse, cross country track, cricket, walk-a-thons, and special events. The Flying Field buzzed with model airplane enthusiasts. Almost 4,300 people watched the hawks soar in Washington Valley Park, and another 33,000 visitors hiked and mountain biked there. 38,000 people did the same in the Sourland Mountain Preserve.

In 2016, 23,000 visitors interacted with horses at Lord Stirling Stable. Residents from more than 2,600 households within 19 Somerset County municipalities participated in a variety of activities from recreational riding lessons and trail rides to educational clinics and equestrian related public events throughout the year. Fifty birthdays were celebrated with a pony party, bringing 1,500 guests to the facility, while another 1,600 children were introduced to horses through the daily lead line and Pony Pals programs or free pony rides at special events. Themed trail rides and horse rentals enabled 1,375 riders to take in the beauty of the Stable's trail system or ride in one of the rings. Another 1,200 guests were able to enjoy the trails via tractor-drawn hay rides.

Almost 20,000 people visited the EEC in 2016. Programs led by the Naturalists include 241 public programs, 74 school groups, 19 birthday parties, 11 scout groups, 13 libraries, and 50 senior centers. Special events included the 1770s Festival, Swamp Search, Maple Sugaring, County Caper, Halloween, and the Festival of Trees.

A new trail was designed and constructed at Natirar Park. A new pen for small dogs was created at the leash-free dog area at Colonial Park. Park Maintenance staff began maintaining the fields at the new Mountain View Park athletic complex in Hillsborough. The Park is scheduled to open to general public in April 2017.

Park Commission staff met with Mamoudou Berete, a visiting scholar from Guinea in West Africa, who attended Rutgers University for the summer as part of the Mandela Fellowship Program. Environmental concerns regarding mining in Guinea were discussed, along with youth outreach and education.



Programs

Thanks to funding from the Somerset County Park Foundation, the Free Summer Concert Series continued to be the place to be on Sunday evenings. The group Beginnings, a Chicago Tribute Band kicked off the concert series playing all of the groups hits, accompanied by a deep horn section. Yeehaw, a top 40 Country band, performed the songs currently at the top of the charts. Joseph Leo Bwarie and his Orchestra performed American Standards. For the past eight years, he starred as Frankie Valli in the Broadway production of the Tony Award® winning musical *Jersey Boys*. Joe Zook and Blues Deluxe have previously performed with Muddy Waters and Sam & Dave, so their talent made for a great night of music. The season ended with the 3rd Annual Food Truck Fest and concert with Tramps Like Us, a Bruce Springsteen Tribute band, who played all of the Boss's hits, while the crowd enjoyed a range of culinary delights.

The annual Rose Day Festival was celebrated on a beautiful day in which more than 1,000 visitors enjoyed guided tours of the rose garden in full bloom, and browsed the crafts of local artisan vendors, while being entertained by musical performances. The annual Garden Party held the following month was also popular and included a performance by the NJ Youth Symphony String Quartet.

Colonial Park Garden staff hosted two new programs: *Tropical Houseplant Workshop* and *Thanksgiving Floral Arrangement Class*. Participants learned about a variety of houseplants and discovered how to grow these plants successfully. In the second program, participants learned how to create long-lasting fall holiday centerpieces with harvested flowers, fruits, and vegetables.

A new program at Buck Garden, *Bonsai for Beginners*, was introduced by bonsai expert, Fred Aufschlager. *Thankful Lights – Floating Luminaries* at Buck Garden, was enjoyed by many participants who decorated paper lanterns, lit them with tea-lights, and floated them on the Lower Pond “to awaken the spirit of nature within.” The annual Art and Photography Exhibit at Leonard J. Buck Garden included 52 paintings and photographs by 31 exhibitors. The 26th Annual Spring Plant Sale and Earth Day Celebration, held in conjunction with the Watnong Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society, included a sale of rare and unusual plants and garden lectures.

Swim lessons were offered at Warrenbrook Pool, where 202 children swam in classes ranging from toddlers to intermediate. Tennis lessons and tournaments drew 458 participants. Hatha Yoga instruction was offered throughout the year, with enrollment that filled two classes each season. The Duke Island Walkers group has grown to a steady number of 40 walkers per week. More than 1,500 people attended the Drive-in movies held on Fridays in July in Duke Island Park.

The Adult Bocce League maintained popularity during its sixth season with 14 teams competing throughout the spring. The NATS, held their championship title for a third season.

The Junior Golf program provided children from ages 6 to 17 the opportunity to learn from seasoned golf professionals. The golf courses hosted a variety of tournaments, beginning with the annual Welcome Back Tournament in April at all five courses. The annual William Anderson Match Play Championship was held in May. Multiple club demo days were conducted by Callaway and Ping Golf at the Learning Center. The Learning Center also hosted the Regional Qualifier for the Drive, Pitch, and Putt competition sponsored by the Masters, the PGA, and the USGA. For the third year in a row, the USGA held its Play Nine initiative day at Neshanic Valley. As part of the program, a Neshanic Valley professional staffer conducted a clinic for beginners.

Neshanic Valley also hosted the qualifier for the Metropolitan Golf Association's Public Links qualifier. Each golf course conducted its own club championship, and the annual county championship was conducted at Green Knoll, Quail Brook, Spooky Brook, and Warrenbrook. The second annual Warrenbrook Women's Association outing was a great success. Rounding out tournament play for the year was the annual Thanksgiving Day event.

In October, Callaway Golf's chief golf club designer, Roger Cleveland hosted two short game clinics. The Somerset County high school championships were again held at Neshanic Valley.

At Lord Stirling Stable, a total of 12,300 group lessons and 886 private lessons were taught to riders. The accomplishments of 314 riders were spotlighted during five horse shows, where all were able to demonstrate the skills they achieved through riding lessons. Almost 400 equestrians participated

in a five-ride Hunter Pace series with a year-end championship.

Lord Stirling Stable offered a new grooming program featuring a “parent and me” activity in which the youth “taught” their parents how to groom a horse – using the skills that they acquired during Summer Workshops or the Horse Care Workshops. This activity provided a great parent/child interaction opportunity. Also new in 2016, and based on customer request, an Adult Summer Workshop was developed and implemented. Similar to the junior rider programming, the Adult participants gained horse knowledge and hands-on experience in a variety of topics. Throughout the year, Lord Stirling Stable hosted 35 events and special rides. Participation in these events exceeded 5,400 people.

The Academy of Saint Elizabeth completed its 7th anniversary of riding at Lord Stirling Stable, when 22 students earned either a Varsity or Junior Varsity letter. The girls logged more than 530 hours of riding time through lessons and two horse shows. The school year culminated with a performance of the Saint Elizabeth Mounted Drill Team.

The Therapeutic Recreation Department (TR) provides recreation opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities. TR promotes an active leisure lifestyle that improves social, physical, cognitive, and emotional functioning and health while enhancing abilities. With a focus on skill development through participation in recreation programs, the department is able to provide social and learning experiences as well as community integration through the use of structured activities. The programs help individuals develop the skills needed to enhance functional independence in the community and promote an improved quality of life. Programs are offered for four age groups; children ages 7-12, teens ages 13-17, young adults ages 18-30, and adults 31 and older.

Camp Okee Sunokee is a six-week camp experience for children with learning disabilities or Aspergers Syndrome that provided lasting memories and friendships. “A Summer of Fun” set the theme for fun activities that helped to improve each camper's social skills, while participating in a variety of recreation opportunities. Campers this year were treated to a Somerset Patriots baseball game and met some of their favorite players in the dugout. TR Adventurers, a program designed for campers who had

outgrown the structure that Okee Sunokee offered had a summer of challenging activities. From Lost River Caverns, Monser Mini Golf, iPlay America to the Silver Ball Museum arcade, swimming, and Dave & Buster's Arcade they were always on the go!

In Summer Adventure, a two-week summer program for teens and young adults, participants explored new recreation experiences and developed lifelong leisure skills through trips, outdoor activities, swimming, and cooking. Highlights included Dorney Amusement Park, canoeing and archery, bowling at Laser Tag at Colonial Bowling, a day at the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and the Silver Ball Museum in Asbury Park.

The annual Sourlands Smackdown is New Jersey's only outdoor bouldering event. In five years, this event has grown from a handful of climbers, to a fun day of competitive climbing with more than 100 climbers from five states participating. During Adopt-A-Boulder, also at the Sourlands, climbers/boulderers donated their time doing trail work in the park. In 2016, climbers, hikers, and mountain bikers added a loop trail through two new bouldering areas near the Roaring Rocks section of the Preserve. On National Trails Day, volunteers assisted Park Rangers on a project at Washington Valley Park. A new sustainable trail was built to replace one that had been closed due to erosion.

The Environmental Education Center continues to stimulate awareness and understanding of the natural world through environmental, cultural, and recreational learning experiences. Naturalist-led canoeing and kayaking programs included trips on the Passaic River, Delaware and Raritan Canal, Trenton Marsh, the Wading River, Cedar Creek, the Lehigh River, and the Rancocas River. To fulfill public requests the EEC offered its first stand up paddle boarding program for adults, which included a day of instruction and paddling at Spruce Run Reservoir. Naturalists began aligning EEC-led school programs to match the New Jersey Department of Education Next Generation Science Standards which incorporate hands-on, STEM-based learning to enhance science, math, and engineering knowledge for youth.

Naturalists added a variety of educational bird watching experiences including an overnight spring trip and a one-day fall migratory bird watch to Cape May. Between both trips, participants were able to identify 85 different species of birds. In the fall, Naturalists and Park Rangers assisted the public to identify migratory hawks at Washington Valley's Hawk Watch. Saturday morning bird walks at Lord Stirling Park also drew the attention of ambitious birders of all skill levels.

The EEC launched the new Biomimicry-based school program, titled *Finding Answers in Nature: Architecture and Stickiness*. Following an introduction to Biomimicry in the recently renovated STEM lab, students proceed to explore the trails and look to nature for modern day engineering solutions. Naturalists conclude the program with hands-on experiments. *Finding Answers in Nature* has been well received by more than 400 students.

Summer programs were offered for a variety of ages. *Coyote Kids* highlighted habitat and animal exploration through hands-on natural artifacts, water play, crafts, and hiking for children ages 4-6. *Eco Explorers and AWESIM Kids* provided watercraft instruction, hiking, field trips, and science-based lessons for children ages 7-9 and 10-12 respectively. *Xtreme Adventure* challenged teens ages 13-16 with white water rafting, rock climbing, stand up paddling, and kayaking day trips as well as an overnight paddling trip to Sedge Island in Barnegat Bay.

As part of the 2016 Family Program Series, families created romantic floral arrangements during "*Romance and Flowers for Your Valentine*", learned interesting butterfly facts and saw live butterflies at the "*The Butterfly Guy*" presentation, and participated in discussion and made a take-home craft during "*Insects and Camouflage*".



People

Volunteer efforts are crucial to the success of Park Commission programs and events. During 2016, individual volunteers contributed 7,054 hours of service throughout the park system. If converted into paid staff hours, this would be the equivalent of more than \$188,300. Group and corporate volunteers also donated service time in 2016. Their combined 868 hours assisting the Park Rangers and the Environmental Education Center staff equates to more than \$23,200 in additional savings to the Park Commission.

Environmental Education Center volunteers contributed 1,842 hours in 2016. Volunteers assisted with a variety of tasks such as gardening, special events, maple sugaring, invasive removal, research projects and data collection, animal care, canoeing and kayaking, naturalist programs, and hosting the front desk. Through volunteer efforts the EEC was able to maintain beautiful grounds for all to enjoy, use data collected to develop a proper deer management plan, run wonderful programs for the public, and welcome and assist visitors to the park. In addition, a core group of volunteers from Somerset County Volunteer Services are working with EEC staff to demolish and rebuild the beloved Boondocks Boardwalk.

Buck Garden volunteers serve as guides to lead tours and help with hands-on projects planting throughout the garden. One of Buck Garden's volunteers, John Hosmer, received the Volunteer of the Year Award at the 2016 Evening of Recognition. Buck Garden's relationship with the Master Gardener program continued to thrive. Two autumn-inspired displays were hosted in the Visitor Center produced by the Somerset County Master Gardeners. Volunteers help the Colonial Park Gardens to flourish as well. Members of the Jersey Shore Rose Society and the Penn-Jersey Rose Society donated their time and sweat on Volunteer Rose Pruning Day.

Volunteers are an integral part of the riding program at Lord Stirling Stable, serving in roles from clerical help in the office and teaching assistants during lessons, to grooming horses and mucking stalls. More than 110 volunteers contributed 3,833 hours to help ensure a continued tradition of excellent programming at the stable. The generosity of 1,080 hours of additional volunteer assistance at the Stable enabled the therapeutic T.R.A.I.L.S. program to have

side-walkers for 36 youth and adults with disabilities. Volunteers also helped to plan and implement other special functions such as the Private Horse Hunter Paces, Family Fun Day, and various educational programs and clinics.

The Friends of Lord Stirling Stable promote and support the educational and recreation programs of the Stable. Annually they donate the proceeds of their special events to the Park Commission to help maintain the horses and facility. In 2016, the Friends presented a check in the amount of \$18,063 from events. The annual Holiday for Horses campaign raised funds to be used toward the purchase of equipment and supplies. An additional \$12,684 was given for the purchase of lesson horses, and almost \$3,000 in medical supplies was purchased by the Friends. The total Friends contribution to the Stable for 2016 was \$36,117.

Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award candidates made improvements at various parks to fulfill their project requirements. Christopher Solan, Troop 84, identified and posted signs for the Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail at Washington Valley Park. Four other Eagle Scout candidates completed projects at the EEC to improve the park and fulfill their project requirements. Ben Hands, Troop 56, built a bulletin board and painted the inside of the West Observation Blind. Andrew Ingling, Troop 351, built and installed pollinator boxes. Evan Kupsch, Troop 555, removed vegetation to uncover early 1900s farm equipment and researched the equipment to create informational signs. Kyle Watkins, Troop 555 replaced trail markers and maps and added new connecting trail markers to our trails. Girl Scout Sravanthi Polavarapu, Troop 80882, built and planted vertical garden planter boxes that can be reused each year. Girl Scout Maia Sirabian, Troop 45244, created a short video welcoming new riders to Lord Stirling Stable, illustrating what to expect for their first lesson and explaining basic horse safety. For their silver award, Girl Scout Troop 60956, in collaboration with the TR Department and Branchburg Recreation, planned and implemented a Color Fun Run/Walk for people with disabilities. Members of Girl Scout Troop 60803, planted a Colonial Garden in the Discovery Gardens area of the EEC.

Four corporations and two high schools each contributed a day of volunteering at the EEC. Aon Hewitt, L'Oréal, and PSE&G planted trees and assisted with meadow restoration projects. REI restored a path in the Arboretum and lined it with decorative Belgium block. Montgomery High School environmental club and Oak Knoll School removed invasive plants and planted native trees and shrubs as part of a habitat restoration project. In total 326 volunteer hours were donated to the EEC by these organizations.

With the help of many volunteers, including Eastern Mountain Sports, Jersey Off-Road Bicycle Association, Burlington YMCA, Roche Molecular, Celgene, Sourland Conservancy, Roche Environmental Commission, Hi-Tech Landscaping, Access Fund, REI, various scout groups, and the Volunteer Park Patrol, 542 hours were donated for trail maintenance and park beautification projects. On National Trails Day, Park Rangers, Jersey Off-Road Bicycle Association, Eastern Mountain Sports, and volunteers worked side by side to conduct general maintenance and cleanup at Washington Valley Park. On Adopt-A-Boulder Day, volunteers from Access Fund added a connecting trail to a bouldering area in the Sourland Mountain Preserve.

The corporate and community partners of Park Commission programs and facilities are both generous and dedicated to providing a better quality of life. Both in-kind sponsorship and financial contributions were received, enabling the Park Commission to enhance the quality of programs and events offered.

Somerset County Park Commission is also proud of its staff, 187 fulltime and 350 part-time employees who bring creativity to programs, dedication to their job, and offer unparalleled service to the public. Their efforts result in year-round programs and special events, as well as acquisition, development, and maintenance of parkland, gardens, playgrounds, golf courses, and trails.

The Park Commission appreciates these endeavors, and recognizes employees for their dedicated service. As part of the 60th Anniversary, the Park Commission management team planned and sponsored a picnic to thank front-line employees for their hard work and dedication. Additionally in 2016, service awards were presented to 28 employees for their years of service to the

Commission ranging from five years and 40 years. Three Park Commission employees retired in 2016; former Golf Shop Assistant Fred Lau with 10 years of service, former Recreation Manager Karren Newman with 13 years of service, and former Duke Island Park Foreman Dennis Razzano with 37 years of service.



Information and Visitor Services

Social Media continued to be an important method to communicate with the public about programs, facilities, and events. Several options exist depending upon one's interests, including the main Facebook page: *SomersetCountyParkCommission*, as well as Facebook pages specifically for the EEC, Lord Stirling Stable, Neshanic Valley Golf Course, Buck Garden, Colonial Park Gardens, Park Rangers, and athletic field inclement weather playing conditions. There is an Instagram page for the EEC and Colonial Park Gardens. Twitter pages are also available at <https://twitter.com/scparksnj>, <https://twitter.com/EECscpc>, and <https://twitter.com/RebelThePony>.

This year the EEC Facebook page was expanded. The Naturalists are not only sharing information on upcoming events and programs, but also including educational nature-based video clips. And a new section was added to the website entitled *Ecological Stewardship* to provide comprehensive information on Tree Management, Composting, Native Habitats, Rain Gardens, Insect & Disease Management, Monofilament Recycling Program, and Watershed Management.

Several publications to market programs and events are printed including park and special event brochures and flyers, the quarterly volunteer newsletter, the park program guide, and the Park Commission website. The seasonal program guide, *Parks, Programs, and People*, details programs, facilities, and special events. The guide is also emailed to an extensive mailing list, as opposed to being mailed through the post office, saving

paper and money. The Park Commission website also continues to provide information about upcoming programs and events. Each of the five golf courses also has a website, and they are all updated daily, to promote their use to the general public.

In February 2016, the Golf Division staffed a booth at the annual New Jersey Golf Show. This three-day event attracted 7,000 visitors, with whom staff was able to interact to share course information and distribute brochures.

The Black Friday Sale occurred for a week after Thanksgiving, due to its popularity and success. The Holiday Gift Certificates can be redeemed for greens fees, merchandise at any of the five course golf shops, registration, club fittings, and all other golf related purchases. The seven-day sale in 2016 generated more than \$700,000.

The Therapeutic Recreation Department assisted six municipal recreation departments with the inclusion of people with disabilities in their summer camps and sport programs they offer to their residents, and also assisted the County Library with inclusion. Upon assessing the individuals, TR staff made recommendations for program adaptation/modification and behavior management support based on each individual's needs.

The staff of the Park Commission also believes strongly in working collaboratively with other non-profit agencies, whose mission and goals parallel those of the Park Commission. In 2016, the agencies to which staff volunteered their time include

the Alliance of New Jersey Environmental Educators, American Therapeutic Recreation Association, Basking Ridge Business Association, Bernards Township Adopt-A-Road, Garden State Gardens Consortium, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey, Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Jersey Shore Rose Society, Let's Move!, Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association, National 4-H Horse Round-up, National Golf Foundation, National Recreation and Park Association, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, New Jersey/Eastern Pennsylvania Therapeutic Recreation Association, New Jersey Native Plant Society, New Jersey Recreation and Park Association, New Jersey State Golf Association, North American Rock Garden Society—Watnong Chapter, North American Association of Environmental Education, Penn-Jersey Rose Society, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Professional Golfers Association of America, Rutgers Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Somerset County, Rutgers Equine Science Center, Somerset County 4-H Association, Somerset County Business Partnership, Somerset County Library System, Somerset County Police and Fire Training Academy, United States Equestrian Federation, United States Golf Association, and United States Golf Teachers Federation.



Planning and Land Acquisition

During 2016, seven parcels of open space were acquired totaling 105 acres. The total Open Space Inventory is now 14,457 acres.

The largest acquisition was 90 acres of wooded property in the Sourland Mountain Preserve in Hillsborough. The preservation of the property advances the goal of preserving the unique ecological environment that is the Sourland Mountain region. The Sourland Mountain contains more than 20,000 contiguous forested acres, which protect the water supply to the headwaters of several significant streams flowing to the D&R Canal, Millstone, Raritan, and Delaware Rivers. The Sourlands support many rare plant and animal species, and provide nesting and migratory stopover habitat for more than 100 species of migratory birds. The acquisition of this land increases the acreage of the Sourland Mountain Preserve in Somerset County to 6,000 acres.

The 10.4 acre Cline property in Bridgewater is a completely wooded parcel with more than 1,100 feet of frontage on the North Branch of the Raritan River. The acquisition of this property continues the preservation of land along the County's major waterbodies while allowing additional public access to the river for passive recreational activities such as hiking and fishing.

With the assistance of New Jersey Conservation Foundation, 73 acres were acquired in the Sourland Mountain Preserve in Hillsborough Township in 2015. The remaining 4.5 acres of the property were acquired in 2016. Existing improvements will be removed allowing the property to revert to its natural state. The property, which is located near the intersection of Wertsville and Montgomery Roads, is contiguous to other open space lands acquired in recent years and will encourage the expansion of the Preserve to the Hunterdon County border, where many local, county, and nonprofit preservation initiatives are currently underway. Somerset County and NJCF have been working together on a Management Plan that outlines planning and management activities most appropriate for the health and public enjoyment of the land. Preliminary planning has begun for nature and equestrian trails on and around the property.

Bernards Township donated a 0.33 acre parcel to the County within the Second Watchung Greenway. While small, the parcel is contiguous to existing preserved County open space, and helps to continue the preservation efforts along the Second Watchung ridge and provides access to the Greenway from existing residential neighborhoods.

Somerset County Park Commission continued to manage farming rights licenses on 28 parcels, with acreage of 1,266 acres. Thirteen hunting license agreements were managed on parcels containing 1,680 acres. Revenue from these two programs earns the park system \$181,258.



Awards and Honors

The Rudolf W. van der Goot Rose Garden in Colonial Park received the prestigious World Federation of Rose Societies Award of Garden Excellence in 2015, but the recognition ceremony was not held until 2016. The World Federation of Rose Societies, founded in 1968, by representatives from Rose Societies of 39 countries, recognizes outstanding rose gardens around the globe through an award given every three years. The ceremony was held in October in the Rose Garden, when the Somerset County Park Commissioners and staff formally accepted the World Federation of Rose Societies Award of Garden of Excellence. Several members of the van der Goot family were in attendance, in addition to Freeholders, Park Commissioners, staff, and Lois Fowkes of the World Federation of Rose Societies.

The Leonard J. Buck Garden was featured in the Fall 2016 edition of Pennsylvania Horticulture Society's GROW Magazine. The article was entitled "DISCOVER Leonard J. Buck Garden – Our Regions Hidden Pockets of Green". Additionally, Buck Garden visitation was enhanced in the fall due to several on-line and newspaper articles.

The Colonial Park Gardens won the Courier News "The Best of the Best" Reader's Choice Award.

Warrenbrook Golf Course has earned a Certificate of Environmental Stewardship from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. All five Park Commission golf courses have received multiple environmental awards. All courses have also earned River Friendly status from the New Jersey Water Supply Authority, and are recognized as Groundwater Guardians by the Groundwater Foundation. The NJDEP Environmental Stewardship award is given

for "voluntary and proactive measures taken to go beyond compliance in an effort to improve the environment and ensure a sustainable future."

Neshanic Valley Golf Course received two prestigious awards in 2016 from the American Registry for Excellence. They are "America's Top 5% Most Honored Businesses" a "Must Play Course in the Middle Atlantic Region". Neshanic Valley also received an award from Callaway Golf as one of the top club fitters in the country.

The Park Commission earned recognition as a recipient of a 2016 Smart Workplaces award. The statewide program, administered locally through RideWise, recognizes employers who provide commuter transportation programs for employees. The 2016 award is the fifth consecutive recognition for the Park Commission. Smart Workplaces recognizes the achievement of NJ employers who have developed and implemented alternative commute programs. The program honors employers that provide commuter benefits to help employees address limited or expensive parking, reduce traffic congestion, and minimize the environmental impacts associated with drive-alone commuting.

The Therapeutic Recreation department was once again a recipient of a \$1,000 grant from the Garden Club of Somerset Hills, which the Somerset County Park Foundation matched with an additional \$1,000. With these funds, the department was able to continue to collaborate with Richard Hall Community Mental Health Center, and provide horticulture activities which are commensurate with patient treatment goals.

The Somerset County Park Foundation donated funds in 2016 to assist with program scholarships, based on financial need for Therapeutic Recreation programs and Junior

Golf. Their generous contribution enabled the production of the six performances in the free Summer Concert Series. Additional program support was provided for Arbor Day and the Rose Day Festival. Capital projects were funded for several Buck Garden improvements, through donations from the Helen R. Buck Foundation. Replacement of canoes and kayaks for the popular paddling programs were funded from another donor through the Park Foundation. The Foundation also purchased a new Sprinter Van to transport participants to TR programs.

Through bequeaths from the Dameo Family, a horse was purchased for the Stable for the therapeutic riding program. The Park Foundation also provided marketing assistance to create videos for TR and for the EEC for the new Exhibit Hall. The Somerset County Park Foundation served as the official sponsor of "Autograph Sundays", a Somerset Patriots program at all home games played on Sundays throughout the 2016 season. The reverse side of the autograph poster listed all of the Park Commission spring and summer special events, programs, lessons, and tournaments, reaching an audience of 5,000 children. Throughout the past 15 years, the valuable financial assistance provided by the Somerset County Park Foundation to enhance Park Commission programs, services, and facilities totals close to \$1.5million.

Stable Manager Marge Margentino received the 2016 Outstanding Women of Somerset County award for work in the area of environmental stewardship and initiatives. Therapeutic Recreation Manager Dina Trunzo received two awards this year. The first was for Administrative Excellence from the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association, and the second was for Distinguished Service and Advocacy from the NJ Commission on Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities.



Non-Profit Organizations and Partnerships

Academy of St. Elizabeth

Access Fund

Alliance of New Jersey Environmental Educators

The American Chestnut Foundation

Audubon International

Basking Ridge Garden Club

Bernards Township Protective Association

Bradley Gardens Rescue Squad

The Camera Naturalists

Centenary College Equine Science Club

Central Jersey Stream Team

Country Hills Volunteer Fire Department

Eagle Scouts

Ben Hands, Troop 56

Andrew Ingling, Troop 351

Evan Kupsch, Troop 555

Chris Solan, Troop 84

Kyle Watkins, Troop 555

Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Troop 60803

Girl Scout Troop 60956

Sravanthi Polavarapu, Troop 80882

Maia Sirabian, Troop 45244

Friends of the Boudinot-Southard-Ross Estate

Friends of the Great Swamp

The Friends of Lord Stirling Stable

The Garden Club of Somerset Hills

The Garden Conservancy

Governor Livingston High School

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Great Swamp Watershed Association

Groundwater Foundation

Halos for Angels, Inc.

Helen R. Buck Foundation

Investors Bank Foundation

Jersey Off-Road Bicycle Association

Lord Stirling School

Middle Earth

Montgomery High School

New Jersey Audubon Society

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife

New Jersey Forest Fire Service

New Jersey Native Plant Society

New Jersey Special Olympics

New Jersey Water Supply Authority

North American Rock Garden Society – Watnong Chapter

Oak Knoll School

The Pennsylvania State University

Richard Hall Community Mental Health Center

Ridge High School

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County, Master Gardeners Program

Rutgers University Equine Science Center

Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary

Somerset County Association of Chiefs of Police

Somerset County Business Partnership

Somerset County Park Foundation

Somerset County Volunteer Services

Somerset Hills Garden Club

Somerset Signal Senders

United States Department of Agriculture – APHIS

United States Department of Agriculture – Wildlife Services

United States Fish and Wildlife Service

United States Golf Association

United States Tennis Association

Volunteer Park Patrol



Corporate and Individual Partners

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| 3M | Genie's Weenies | PSE&G |
| The Actuarial Advantage* | GUESS* | Qual-Lynx/QualCare* |
| Advance Realty* | Chuck Hackel/Northwestern Mutual Financial* | REI |
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| Balken Risk Management* | Horsemen's Outlet | ShopRite of Somerset |
| Barton Nursery, Inc. | Ray and Christine Hughes* | Michael Skibee* |
| Senator Kip Bateman* | The Hughes Family* | Somerset County Association of Chiefs of Police* |
| Lainie and John Beavin | Hughes-Plumer & Associates* | Somerset County Business Partnership* |
| Bent Spoon | Hyatt House | Somerset County Sheriff's Superior Officers Association FOP Lodge 89* |
| Dawn and Gary Bernstein* | Investors Bank* | Somerset Patriots Baseball Club* |
| Kay Birkholt | Dave Keogh* | Somerset Savings Bank* |
| Bridgewater Marriott | KeyScripts* | SSP Architectural Group* |
| Buckley Revocable Trust | LaFontaine & Budd Insurance Co.* | Dr. Fred Sterritt/Raritan Valley Orthodontics* |
| Karen Burke | LaGuardia & Associates Entertainment | Storr Tractor Company* |
| Callaway Golf | La Hoja Cigar Company 1962* | Sunrise Creek Deli and Grocery |
| Cammops Hardware & Lawn Products* | Mike LaValva* | Suplee, Clooney & Company* |
| Chimney Savers* | L'Oréal | The Torpey Family* |
| Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli* | Lowenstein Sandler, PC* | Unity Bank* |
| Cooper, Cottell & Taylor, LLC* | Rudy and Melonie Marano | Uri Their |
| Courier News | Messinas | Vanderbeek Family Foundation* |
| Dameo Trucking* | Metro Exhibits* | Anthony Ventola* |
| Dean's Natural Food Market | MillerCoors* | Villa Plaza @ Bridgewater* |
| Deep Eddie Vodka* | Mophie* | Visionary Art* |
| Della Pello Paving* | Robert Mulcahy* | Vollers* |
| DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum* | Munich Reinsurance America* | Karen Walker |
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| Bob Fazen* | New Jersey Risk Managers & Consultants* | Margaret Whiting |
| Fedway Associates Inc.* | Northeast Lock Corporation* | Willis Towers Watson* |
| Final Touch Landscaping* | Peter Palmer | WithumSmith + Brown* |
| Finch Services* | Dot Paluck* | WMGQ Magic Radio |
| Flemington Car and Truck Country* | Peapack Gladstone Bank* | Susan Woodford |
| Four Seasons Nursery and Landscape Company | Pfizer | Zeus Scientific* |
| Fullerton Auto Group* | Princeton Tec | |
| Fulton Bank of New Jersey* | Purcell, Mulcahy, Hawkins, Flanagan, and Lawless* | |

*Somerset County Park Foundation event sponsor of a program that directly benefits the Somerset County Park Commission

2016 Volunteers

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Divya Agrawal
Earlyne Alexander
Deborah Alexander
Vanessa Almeida
Liz Anthony
Kathleen Apt
Amy Armanizer
Liz Askin
Chris Assmann
Fred Aufschlager
Pamela Babcock
Elizabeth Baker
Kathy Ballone
John Beavin
Lainie Beavin
Maya Beckman
Sara Benaglio
George Berger
Kay Birkholt
Rob Blash
Nita Blatt
Lewis Blatt
Amanda Bleka
Don Bogardus
Chas Bohrer
Jose Botelho
Chris Brawley
Michele Brennan
Louise Bridge
Christine Bridge
Marianne Brigham
Emily Rose Brown
Nancy Brown
Kierstyn Brown
Leah Buccino
Gwen Bunker
Kathryn Bush
Mark Cable
Pia Cardillo
Sydney Carlin
Jennifer Carlton
Linda Carter
Diane Cawley
Catherine Chen
Claudia Ciufu
David Clapp
David Clark
Ruth Claus
Lee Cleary
Jeanne Cocuzza
Adrian Corus
Cynthia Cuzzo
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Marian DeSimone
Dave DeSimone
Sandeep Dhagat

Aida Diaz
Elizabeth Dietrich
Thomas Dietrich
Laura Doeringer
Janie Donul
Marilyn Dotegowski
Jeff Drobits
Fran Duggan
Laura Dunn
Kathleen (Tille) Emmert
Beth Engelsman
Olivia Erikson
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Carol Falcone
Allison Farber
Danny Farber
Betty Fisher
Joan Fitzhugh
Emma Folkart
Natalie Fontana
Lexi Franchi
Butch Futrell
Austin Gao
Marguerite Gargiula
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Alison Gause
Eileen M. Gavin
Julia Gehringer
Laurel Gehringer
Robin Gehringer
Lexi George
Ellen Giannini
Tory Gilberti
Paige Gilberti
Tom Gockel
Marion Gordon
Tom Gordon
Dot Green
Marjorie Grill
Alex Gruber
Sera Guven
Pelin Guven
Bev Hahn
Keke Hammell
Carol Hansen
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Amanda Vogel
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Elizabeth Wade
Bryan Wagner
Esther Warner
Carol Weingaertner
Martha Wells
Mike Wells
Diane Wilkinson
Nancy Williams
Nancy Willis
Jennifer Wong
Vivian Yi
Julie Yu
Leslie Zarnowski
Katie Zhu
Vivian Zhu
Coleen Zurawski
Norm Zurawski
Natalie Zurek
Lisa Zwartkruis



Financials

SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION / CURRENT FUND
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2016
Statutory Basis

ASSETS

Current Fund:

| | BALANCE |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | DECEMBER 31, 2016 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 1,077,327.17 |
| Change Funds | \$ 8,050.00 |
| Petty Cash Funds | \$ 2,400.00 |
| | \$ 1,087,777.17 |

Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:

| | |
|-----------|------------------------|
| Inventory | \$ 37,495.19 |
| | \$ 1,125,272.36 |

Grant Fund:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 8,057,324.74 |
| County Grant Accounts Receivable | \$ 9,182,597.10 |

LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND FUND BALANCE

Current Fund:

Liabilities:

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Appropriation Reserves | \$ 194,807.73 |
| Encumbrances Payable | \$ 419,479.51 |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 141.00 |
| | \$ 614,428.24 |

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets | \$ 37,495.19 |
| Fund Balance | \$ 473,348.93 |
| | \$ 1,125,272.36 |

Grant Fund:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Encumbrances Payable | \$ 2,248,921.02 |
| Reserve for County Grant Appropriated | \$ 5,808,403.72 |
| Fund Balance | \$ 8,057,324.74 |

\$ 9,182,597.10

SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION / CURRENT FUND

Statement of Revenues - Statutory Basis

Year Ended December 31, 2016

YEAR 2016

REALIZED

| | | |
|---|----|----------------------|
| Fund Balance Anticipated | \$ | 502,527.00 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue: | | |
| County | \$ | 9,466,598.00 |
| Other Anticipated Revenues: | | |
| Green Knoll Golf Course/ Pitch and Putt | \$ | 1,181,852.70 |
| Neshanic Valley Golf Course | \$ | 2,377,675.49 |
| Quail Brook Golf Course | \$ | 1,006,069.13 |
| Spooky Brook Golf Course | \$ | 1,098,581.94 |
| Warrenbrook Golf Course | \$ | 615,138.66 |
| | \$ | 6,279,317.92 |
| Neshanic Valley Performance/Learning Center | \$ | 703,499.21 |
| Colonial Park Paddleboats/Putting Course | \$ | 37,729.00 |
| Green Knoll Tennis Center | \$ | 58,702.26 |
| Environmental Science | \$ | 195,848.32 |
| Lord Stirling Stable | \$ | 775,689.16 |
| Therapeutic Recreation | \$ | 97,293.77 |
| Warrenbrook Pool | \$ | 160,706.21 |
| Concessions | \$ | 53,918.55 |
| Licenses/Leases | \$ | 273,503.48 |
| Interest on Investments and Deposits | \$ | 40,182.11 |
| Medical Expenses | \$ | 36,238.08 |
| Park Reservations | \$ | 228,042.20 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ | 67,212.65 |
| Other Revenues | \$ | 9,007,882.92 |
| Budget Totals | \$ | 18,977,007.92 |
| Non-Budget Revenue | \$ | 3,121.05 |
| | \$ | 18,980,128.97 |

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - Statutory Basis

Year Ended December 31, 2016

Revenue and Other Income Realized:

YEAR 2016

| | | |
|--|----|----------------------|
| Fund Balance Utilized | \$ | 502,527.00 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated: | | |
| County of Somerset | \$ | 9,466,598.00 |
| Other Revenues | \$ | 8,779,840.72 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated | \$ | 3,121.05 |
| Other Credits to Income: | | |
| Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves | \$ | 33,891.51 |
| Reserve for Park Reservations | \$ | 228,042.20 |
| Reserves Canceled | \$ | 12,662.20 |
| County of Somerset Contribution of Pension Costs | \$ | 1,099,570.00 |
| Total Income | \$ | 20,126,252.68 |

Expenditures

Budget Appropriations:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|---------------|
| Operations | \$ | 18,559,804.62 |
| Employers' Share of Pension Costs | \$ | 1,099,570.00 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ | 19,659,374.62 |

| | | |
|-------------------------|----|-------------------|
| Excess in Revenue | \$ | 466,878.06 |
| Fund Balance, January 1 | \$ | 508,997.87 |
| | \$ | 975,875.93 |

Decreased by:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----|-------------------|
| Utilization as Anticipated Revenue | \$ | 502,527.00 |
| Balance, December 31 | \$ | 473,348.93 |

People and Places







*Somerset County
Park Commission*

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