



Monmouth County Park System Portland Place Visitor Access Improvements, Hartshorne Woods Park PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Portland Place, a historic Hartshorne family property, was donated to the Park System in 2008 by Daniel Ward Seitz, a Hartshorne descendant. Consistent with the terms of the bequest and the site master plan, the 4.7-acre riverfront property will be managed as a historic site within Hartshorne Woods Park. With a combination of funds from the Seitz bequest and the county capital budget, the Park System has restored the main house and has listed the property on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Park System will now begin to design and construct the support facilities necessary for the site's intended use. These improvements will be located on the adjoining park property. The project will be accomplished in several phases as budget allows and will include rehabilitation of two historic outbuildings (a barn and water tower), a small new restroom building, parking, accessible walkways, and landscaping. The first phase of this project is now underway and includes the rehabilitation of the barn and water tower and the construction of a small restroom building as part of a welcome area for visitors entering the site.

REASON FOR PROJECT:

Support facilities are required for the site's intended use. Portland Place offers a unique opportunity to interpret a historic property that is closely related to the history of Hartshorne Woods as a whole, while also providing opportunities for passive recreation and enjoyment of the riverfront setting.

DESIGN APPROACH:

All proposed building work will follow *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*. The restroom building will be located adjacent to the barn and will be designed to look like a historic outbuilding, architecturally similar to the existing buildings in scale, materials and design.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Future site improvements will require a CAFRA permit.

PROJECT STATUS:

Settembrino Architects of Red Bank, NJ is under contract to prepare plans and specifications for the rehabilitation of the historic outbuildings and the new restroom building.

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