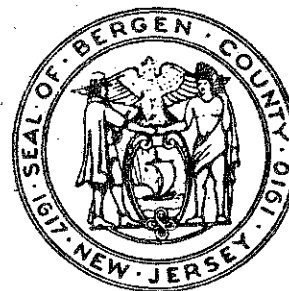


MAY 1 1962



1961

FIFTEENTH
ANNUAL
REPORT

**BERGEN
COUNTY
PARK
COMMISSION**

Administrative Building, Hackensack, N. J.

Annual Report

For 1961



BERGEN COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

Administrative Building, Hackensack, New Jersey

Development of the three new parks was paid for out of budget funds rather than bond funds. The Park Commission takes pride in the fact that these parks were developed on a pay-as-you-go basis.

ADDED RECREATION FACILITIES

Picnicking, camping, and hiking areas, ballfields, shuffleboard and horseshoe courts, and children's playgrounds completed in 1961 brought a dividend in pleasure from the Bergen County park investment.

Special attention was given the senior citizens. The County Park Commission installed shuffleboard courts in two parks and horseshoe courts in four parks, and two shelters were erected. Van Saun County Park in Paramus and River Edge acquired a senior center, with benches and picnic tables as well as a shelter and shuffleboard and horseshoe courts. Plans call for adding more facilities for Bergen's senior citizens.

Added recreation facilities made 1961 a year of fulfillment as well as a year of promise. As the Bergen County Park Commission reached the age of 15, it was endeavoring to strike a nice balance between providing current recreation areas and building for the future.

The days of land reclamation and site acquisition are not yet behind us. But the park network is shaping up. It extends from the southernmost portion, North Arlington, to the Northwest, Mahwah, and Northeast, Rockleigh. In the center of the County is the park offering the widest selection of activities, Van Saun Park in Paramus.

CREWS KEPT BUSY

Bergen County Park Commission crews worked all year, draining off wet lands, rerouting streams, digging lakes, con-

structing roads and paths and parking areas, planting trees and shrubs and grass, putting in ballfields, building shuffleboard and horseshoe courts — also picnic tables and fireplaces and benches, erecting shelters and refreshment stands, fashioning park signs and log play equipment, labeling nature trails, piping drinking water—and maintaining and patrolling the whole park system. The crews also erected a model fallout shelter at Van Saun Park in co-operation with the Bergen County Division of Civil Defense and Disaster Control.

QUITE A TURNOUT

A record total of some 850,000 County-park visits in 1961 topped by about 30 per cent the 1960 total, which had set a new high.

Revenue from the Rockleigh Bergen County Golf Course in 1961 reached \$121,945.66. There were 7,907 identification registrations in 1961, 522 annual family memberships, and 10 high school team memberships. Other income included greens fees, equipment rentals, lesson fees, pro shop proceeds, and refectory rental.

At the newer Bergen County Tennis Center in Van Saun Park the 1961 season's revenue totaled \$3,807.74. There were 1,283 identification registrations, 14 annual family memberships, and five high school team memberships. The Center had its first full season of operation in 1961.

Poor week-end weather affected use of both the golf course and the tennis center.

In addition to golf and tennis, County park activities include: baseball, camping, children's fishing, duck-feeding, football, hiking, horseshoe-pitching, ice-skating, model-airplane flying, model-boat sailing, picnicking, riding, shuffleboard, sledding, and soccer.

Also in the County parks are a children's zoo, miniature steam railroad, rose garden, and nature preserve.

BERGEN COUNTY PARK COMMISSION
CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROPERTIES
COMMITTED OR ACQUIRED FOR PARK PURPOSES
BOND AND BUDGET ACCOUNTS

Close December 31, 1961

AREAS	SUB-TOTALS		TOTALS	
	Acreage	Costs	Acreage	Costs
OVERPECK CREEK				
Purchased or Committed	125.79	\$180,874.00		
Municipal Properties Acquired	957.06	45,311.19	1,082.85	\$ 226,185.19
Riparian Rights Committed				
PASSAIC RIVER				
Purchased or Committed	49.93	\$121,321.00	130.99	\$ 121,321.00
Municipal Prop's Acquired or Committed	81.06			
SADDLE RIVER				
Purchased or Committed	492.52	\$543,705.00		
Municipal Prop's Acquired or Committed	61.28	3,000.00	562.57	\$ 546,706.00
Private Properties donated	8.77	1.00		
SOUTHWEST BERGEN				
Purchased or Committed	0.12	\$ 2,200.00	87.65	\$ 2,202.00
Municipal Properties Acquired	87.53	2.00		
VAN SAUN				
Purchased or Committed	138.09	\$194,561.73	139.34	\$ 194,561.73
Private Properties donated	1.25			
NORTHWEST BERGEN				
Purchased or Committed	1,201.58	\$635,313.71	1,203.91	\$ 635,313.71
Municipal Properties Acquired	2.33			
NORTHEAST BERGEN				
Purchased or Committed	160.65	\$127,806.75		
Municipal Properties Acquired	0.32			
Private Properties donated	13.08		174.05	\$ 127,806.75
PASCACK BROOK				
Purchased or Committed	24.67	\$ 53,321.88	134.67	\$ 53,321.88
Municipal Properties Acquired	110.00		97.13	\$ 208,486.00
PASCACK VALLEY				
Purchased or Committed			0.08	\$ 10.00
HACKENSACK RIVER				
Purchased or Committed			3,613.24	\$2,115,914.26
SUMMARY OF LAND ACQUISITION				
Private Properties Purchased or Committed			*2,290.56	\$2,067,600.07
Private Properties donated			23.10	1.00
Municipal Properties acquired or committed			1,299.58	3,002.00
Riparian Rights Committed—45,311.19 linear ft.				45,311.19
			3,613.24	\$2,115,914.26

NOTE: *The above total of private properties purchased or committed comprising 2,290.56 acres at a cost of \$2,067,600.07 averages \$902.66 per acre.

LAND ACQUISITION
PROPERTIES COMMITTED OR ACQUIRED
BOND AND BUDGET ACCOUNTS

Close December 31, 1961

Description	SUB-TOTALS		TOTALS	
	Acres	Cost	Acres	Cost
PRIVATE PROPERTIES				
COMMITTED OR ACQUIRED				
Reported close of Dec. 31, 1960	2,306.38	\$2,048,391.07		
Cost of adjustments — 1961		—		
Acreege adjustments — 1961	<u>5.83</u>		2,300.55	\$2,048,391.07
PRIVATE PROPERTIES				
COMMITTED OR ACQUIRED—1961				
Five (5) additional parcels of land with appurtenances were committed or acquired in two (2) areas			13.11	\$ 19,210.00
MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES				
COMMITTED OR ACQUIRED				
Reported close of Dec. 31, 1960	1,284.61	\$ 2.00		
Acreege adjustments — 1961	<u>4.91</u>			
	1,279.70	\$ 2.00		
MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES				
COMMITTED OR ACQUIRED—1961				
Borough of Fair Lawn	<u>19.88</u>	\$ 3,000.00	1,299.58	\$ 3,002.00
RIPARIAN RIGHTS COMMITTED				
Reported close of 12/31/60 —				
45,311.19 linear feet			—	45,311.19
			<u>**3,618.24</u>	<u>\$2,115,914.26</u>

NOTE: **Approximately 190 acres of park lands in the Overpeck Creek Area are being taken by the State of New Jersey for the Bergen-Passaic Expressway. The exact acreage taken will be deducted after the State definitely establishes the line of taking.

Bergen County Park Commission
Gentlemen:

I have examined the financial records of the Commission for the year ending December 31, 1961 and, as a result of this examination, I submit the following:

BUDGET FUNDS	
SURPLUS, JANUARY 1, 1961	\$ 10,581.33
PLUS: CANCELLATION OF PRIOR YEARS' COMMITMENTS	8,088.81
ADJUSTED SURPLUS, JANUARY 1, 1961	\$ 18,670.14
BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS—1961	770,985.00
	\$789,655.14
EXPENDITURES:	
Salaries and Wages	\$529,421.33
Office Operating Expenses	23,853.14
Engineering and Drafting	2,873.40
Land Acquisition	4,620.36
Legal Expenses	5,485.00
Field Operating Expenses	47,163.56
New Field Equipment	18,728.09
Park Maintenance Materials	117,851.78
	749,996.66
	\$ 39,658.48
LESS: RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS — 1961	29,022.97
SURPLUS, DECEMBER 31, 1961	\$ 10,635.51
BOND ISSUES	
BALANCE AVAILABLE, JANUARY 1, 1961	-\$293,463.19
COUNTY PARK BONDS AUTHORIZED — 1961	303,000.00
	\$596,463.19
LESS: DISBURSED AND COMMIT- TED FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENTS	64,837.94
BALANCE AVAILABLE, DECEMBER 31, 1961	\$531,625.25

All vouchers were examined and found to be properly approved. Checks issued in payment of these vouchers were compared with both the voucher and the entry in the financial records. These were found to be correct.

Cash in banks was reconciled with the book figures.

J. EDWARD SCHIERLOH,
Certified Public Accountant
(N. J. & N. Y.)

BERGEN COUNTY PARK COMMISSION 1961

HAROLD J. HOLLENBECK
President

ALVIN G. YHLEN**
Vice President

WILLIAM STAUBACH
Secretary

RUDOLPH A. TRAVERS***
Vice President

DR. GEORGE L. KINGSLOW
Ass't. Secretary

HAROLD M. DAVISON

BERNARD H. JOHNSON

PETER J. RUSSO

GEORGE M. GILLETTE, JR.

PETER MORAITES*

JAMES A. McFAUL
Exec. Director

HERBERT H. HANDELMANN
Staff Director

GEORGE A. DUFFY, *Counsel*

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 1961

ANTHONY PEPE
Director

EDMUND E. FIELD, JR.

ALBERT MOSKIN

JOHN K. POLLITT

MRS. STEWART F. ALEXANDER

ARTHUR W. VERVAET

ALFRED S. WALDEN

CASSIUS H. DALY, JR.

ROBERT L. OLSON

WILLIAM R. SMITH

MILTON T. LASHER

Exec. Administrator

County Counsel

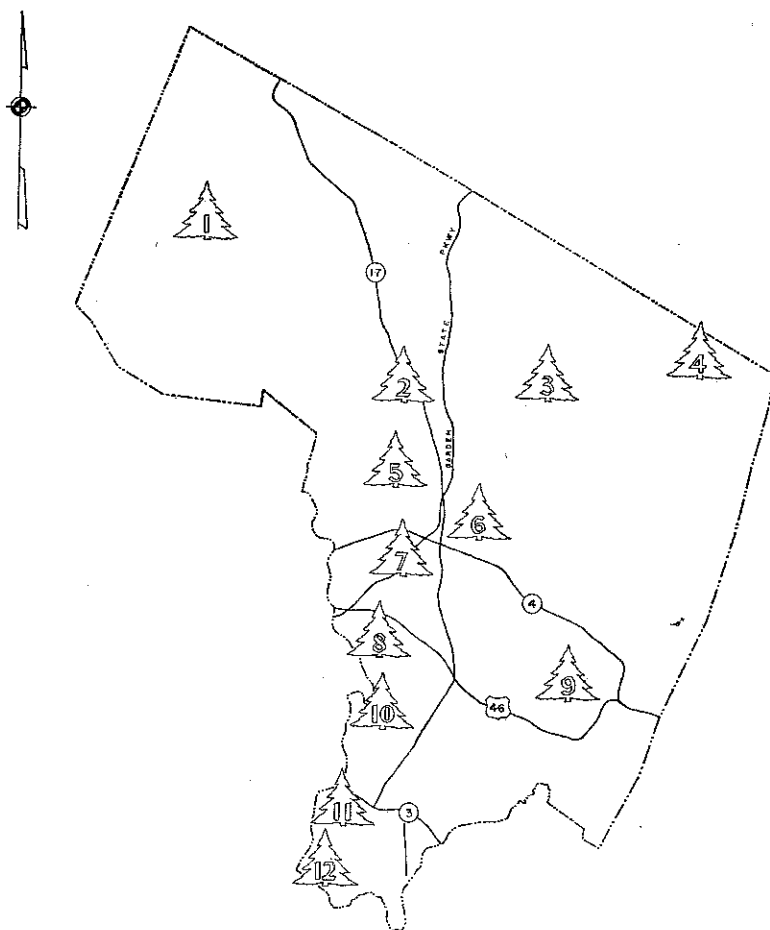
RICHARD L. NELSON
Ass't. Exec. Administrator

* Resigned

** Term Expired 10/31/61

*** Elected V. P. 11/13/61

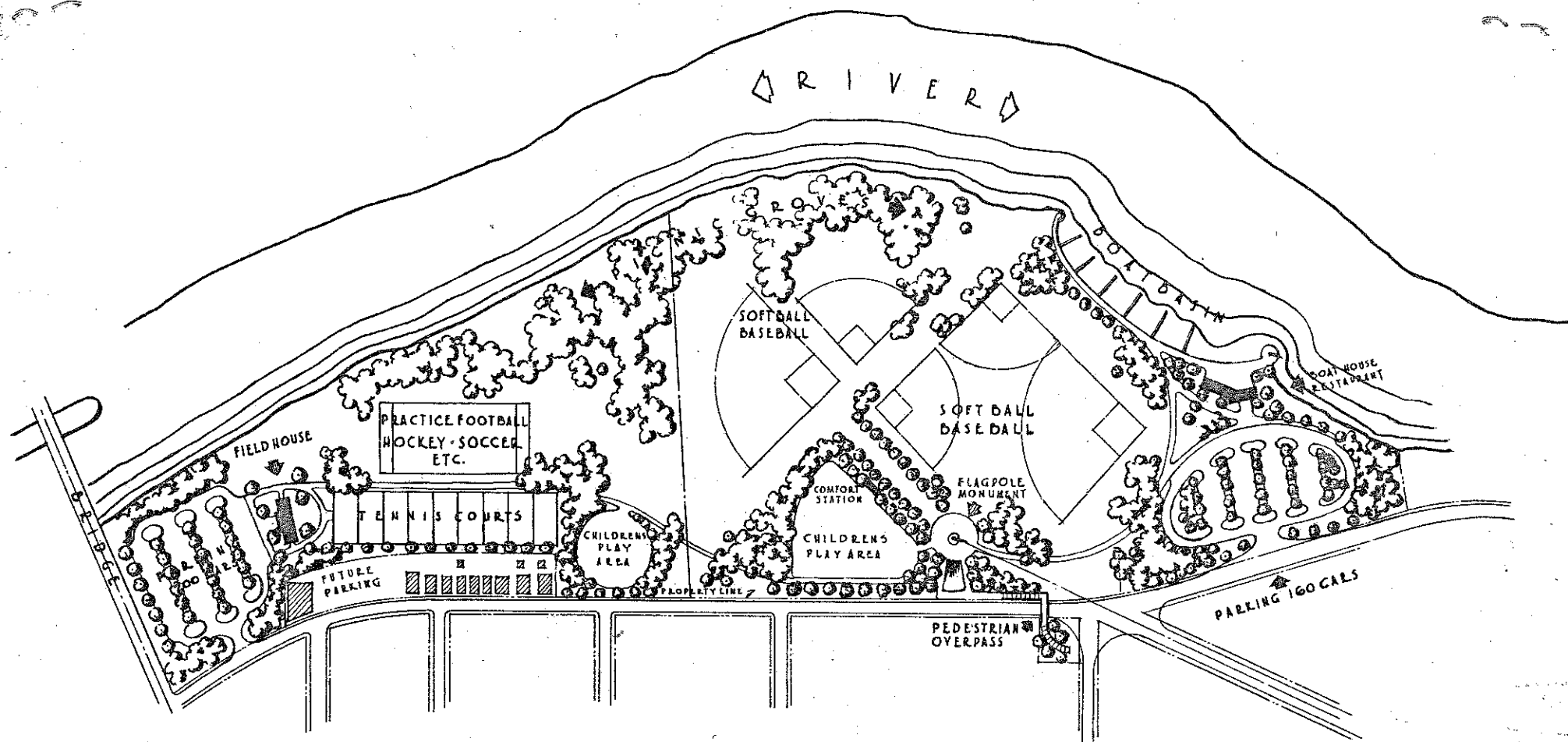
BERGEN COUNTY PARK SYSTEM



See opposite page for legend.

BERGEN COUNTY PARKS

1. **CAMPGAW MOUNTAIN COUNTY RESERVATION**
Entrance on Campgaw Road, Mahwah
2. **WILD DUCK POND COUNTY PARK**
Entrance on E. Ridgewood Avenue, Ridgewood
3. **PASCACK BROOK COUNTY PARK**
Entrance on Emerson Road, Westwood
4. **OVERBROOK COUNTY PARK**
Entrance on Westwood Avenue, Westwood
5. **ROCKLEIGH BERGEN COUNTY GOLF COURSE**
Entrance on Paris Avenue, Rockleigh
6. **DUNKERHOOK COUNTY PARK**
Entrance on Dunkerhook Road, Paramus
7. **VAN SAUN COUNTY PARK**
Entrance on Forest Avenue, Paramus, or Continental Avenue, Paramus
8. **SADDLE BROOK COUNTY PARK**
Entrance on Saddle River Road, Saddle Brook
9. **COUNTY PARKS IN GARFIELD:**
Memorial Field
Entrance on Outwater Lane
20th Century Field
Entrance on Gaston Avenue
Dahnert's Lake
Entrance on Midland Avenue
Belmont Hill
Entrance on Botany Street
Belmont Oval
Entrance on Spring Street
10. **OVERPECK COUNTY PARK**
Entrances on: Fort Lee Road, Leonia
Roosevelt Avenue, Palisades Park
DeGraw Avenue, Teaneck
11. **WALLINGTON COUNTY PARK**
Entrance on Wallington Avenue, Wallington
12. **RIVERSIDE COUNTY PARK, NORTH AREA**
Entrance on Riverside Avenue, Lyndhurst
12. **RIVERSIDE COUNTY PARK, SOUTH AREA**
Entrance on River Road, North Arlington



PARK FEATURES

1. BOAT HOUSE-TO INCLUDE MAINTENANCE, STORAGE & FOOD CONCESSION
2. BOAT BASIN TO ACCOMMODATE POWER BOATS & OTHER SMALL CRAFT
3. BASEBALL DIAMONDS
4. CHILDRENS PLAY AREA WITH SHELTER
5. PARKING FOR 360 CARS
6. PICNIC GROVES WITH SHELTERS & OPEN AIR FIRE PLACES
7. RECREATION AREAS FOR UNORGANIZED SPORTS.
8. PRACTICE FOOTBALL, SOCCER, AND HOCKEY FIELD.



SCALE 1"=100'

SKETCH PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT of A 50 ACRE COUNTY PARK

BERGEN CO. PARK COMMISSION

FRANK C. OSMERS - PRES.

A. THORNTON BISHOP - VICE PRES.

J. R. H. DAVEY - SEC.

EDGAR I. WILLIAMS

W. J. ALFORD, III

PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF A. CARL STELLING - CONSULTANT