

John C. Bartlett Jr. County Park at Berkeley Island



After Hurricane Sandy we partnered with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Barnegat Bay Partnership and Stevens Institute of Technology to incorporate new design and construction strategies including the use of living shorelines. Living shorelines mimic natural conditions by using nature's own time-tested examples along with a small component of engineered structures like breakwaters and shoals. The result is a more sustainable and environmentally friendly shoreline. The most obvious benefit is a beautiful shoreline with native plants; but the ecological benefits include the creation of habitat for shellfish, fish, birds, and mammals. Living shorelines also improve the water quality by capturing runoff and providing for beneficial bacteria and other organisms. The long-term benefits include a stable, resilient shoreline that is able to withstand and recover from future storms.



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Situated on a scenic peninsula jutting out into the calm waters of Barnegat Bay, John C. Bartlett, Jr. County Park's location provides possibly the best view of the Bay in Ocean County.



It also features a family-oriented spray park, playground, walking paths, small picnic areas, bait stations and more. The crabbing/fishing pier at the park is one of the County's most popular. Bring a picnic lunch and spend the day sunning, fishing, or crabbing from the 100' pier.



Facilities:

- Spray park
- Picnic Area with tables & grills
- Handicapped Accessible Areas
- Conservation Areas
- Fishing & Crabbing
- Bocce Courts & Horseshoe Pits
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Covered Pavilion
- Cement Walking Path

For more information on group picnics reservations visit www.oceancountyparks.org or call (732) 506-9090



Ocean County Freeholder John C. Bartlett Jr. left behind an indelible mark on Ocean County's Department of Parks and Recreation – a department that was near and dear to him for all of the 39-years he served as a Freeholder. Freeholder Bartlett died Dec. 12, 2018 following his hard fought battle with the cancer. He left behind a legacy in a park system that is second to none in the state. His vision will forever provide open space, and areas for active and passive recreation for all those who live and visit Ocean County now and far into the future and that will forever be priceless.