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THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS APPROVE MILLION DOLLAR BID FOR RIKER HILL PARK IMPROVEMENTS

(Newark, NJ) – On May 15, 2019, the Essex County Freeholder Board voted unanimously to approve a \$1,186,010.00 bid from APS Contracting, Inc., to make multiple improvements and refurbishments to Riker Hill Park. The 204-acre complex, located in Livingston, NJ, was purchased in 1969 through the Green Acres Program, and is a destination site for residents in the surrounding area and beyond.

The park improvement projects will consist of multiple construction based refurbishments to various areas of the park, with a focus on the 42-acre Riker Hill Art Park. These improvements include new concrete sidewalks and curbs, soil erosion and sediment control, building concrete stairs and hand rails, facade treatments, ensuring that the park is ADA compliant, and installing new signage in and around the park.



Brendan W. Gill
Freeholder President

Livingston Mayor Al Anthony spoke about the future improvements and their impact on the community. He stated, “I’d like to personally thank Livingston resident Pat Sebold for all of her work on this, all of the Freeholders, and the county executive as well. Much needed improvements will bring hours and hours of entertainment and recreation to all of the residents in Essex County.

President Gill added, “Anytime we can help preserve a historic site such as Riker Hill Art Park, it is a good thing. As President of the Board, and a longtime advocate of enhancing our open space areas, I was happy to move this process along and ensure that the park remains a beautiful site for all to enjoy.”

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