

PARKS EMPHASIS

The Bergen County parks offer a rich variety of experiences because of their diverse settings and amenities. The Master Plan development guidelines recognize that diversity, while expanding on existing strengths. Organizing existing strength in Emphasis Categories will inform these planning guidelines.

617
Acres

1602
Acres

6279
Acres

714
Acres

SOCIAL/CULTURAL

Cultural experiences are closely linked to social communication and interaction with local narratives. These are found at places where important things happened, contributing to local cultural identity, and at places where larger groups can share experiences at cultural events. Parks with significant historic elements and parks with available event infrastructure are included in the social/cultural emphasis.

SPORTS

This emphasis builds on current opportunities for sports fields and physical activity. Types of amenities utilized for the sports experience include, but are not limited to, baseball fields, playgrounds, swimming facilities, and horseback riding.

NATURE PARKS

There is no park without nature, but not all parks provide the experience of the physical world undeveloped by humans. The preserved parklands in the north portion of the County have a great potential to provide a nature experience without damaging their current ecological value.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

The neighborhood emphasis indicates primary use by local residents. These parks often act as an extension of backyards, where it is possible to meet neighbors, walk casually, barbecue, and jog. These parks have a particular potential for foot or bicycle access.