



Essex County Parks Archives

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Upcoming:

Workshops for Non-Profits

The Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs is offering free workshops on grant writing basics (Mon, May 6) and accessibility planning (Mon, May 20) for history non-profits and local government units. Information sessions on the Local History Grants (\$500-\$5000) will follow in June. For more details and to register call 973-735-6230.

News:

We're on Facebook!

Follow us on Facebook over the next two years as we document the history of the very first county park system. In addition to recounting the system's establishment, we plan to highlight many other events throughout the history of the ECPS.

Look up the Archives of the Essex County Park System on Facebook and be sure to like the page!

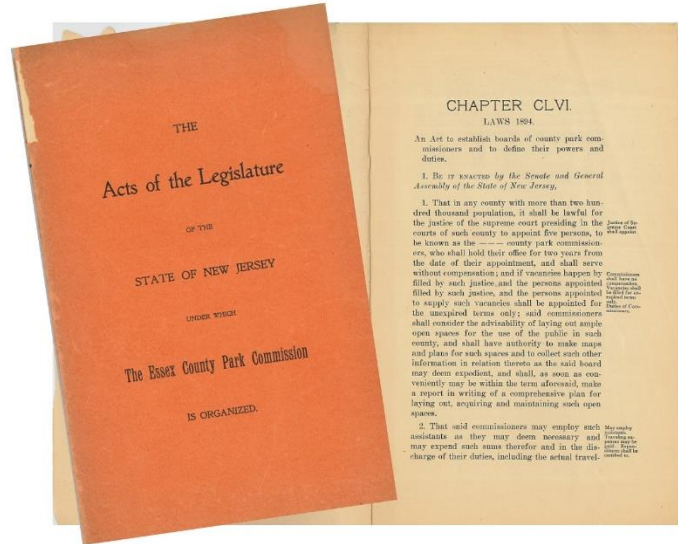


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Open Space Legislation for a Preliminary Park Commission

The bill to create a commission for Essex County to map out and report on a plan for a park system was introduced to the New Jersey legislature on April 26, 1894 as Senate Bill No. 205. Initially referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations, it then passed the Senate and the Assembly. On May 8, Governor Werts signed it into law.

The law authorized the presiding justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court to appoint a commission of five persons for the term of two years, to “consider the advisability of laying out ample open spaces for the use of the public.” In addition, the commission would have the “authority to make maps and plans of such spaces and to collect ... other information in relation thereto.” Finally, the commission was to “make a report in writing of a comprehensive plan for laying out, acquiring, and maintaining such open spaces.” They were permitted to hire staff. Total expenses over the term of the committee were not to exceed \$10,000.

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