county executive’s message

Thirty years ago, developing an artist colony was an effective re-use of the former missile base. Today, the artists in residence at Essex County Riker Hill Art Park reflect the diversity and depth of talent of our thriving Essex County arts community. We invite you to witness the beauty of the rolling hills and spectacular views from the park and experience the creativity happening inside the studios.

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.
Essex County Executive

visitor information

Hours of Operation
The grounds at Riker Hill Art Park are open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. There are winding trails, outstanding views of West Essex and outdoor sculptures for the public’s enjoyment. Artists’ studios are open twice a year, on the first weekends in June and November, for an Open House and Art Sale. During this semi-annual event, visitors can watch artists at work and purchase art work in the gallery.

Classes
Artists-in-residence maintain their own teaching studios and class schedules. To contact artists who are offering classes, please visit www.essexcountynj.org and download the Riker Hill Artist Directory.

Directions
From points East/Garden State Parkway: Take Route 280 West to Exit 4A (Eisenhower Parkway South). Turn left onto Beaufort Avenue. Park entrance is on the left.
From points West: Take I-80 East. Take Exit 47A and merge onto I-280 East. Take Exit 4A (Eisenhower Parkway South). Turn left onto Beaufort Avenue. Park entrance is on the left.
Use the intersection of "Beaufort Avenue and Tamarack Drive" when obtaining driving directions from the Internet.
about us

Essex County Riker Hill Art Park is a former United States Army Nike Missile Tracking Base in Livingston, NJ. The 42-acre complex was purchased from the federal government for one dollar in 1974. The buildings, which once housed army facilities, have been transformed into 38 artist studios. Artists-in-residence work in various disciplines such as painting, fine metal jewelry, ceramics, pottery, glass-blowing, fine prints, photography, and sculpture.

To receive an application to rent an artist’s studio at Essex County Riker Hill Art Park, please contact the Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs at 973.239.7056 or essexarts@parks.essexcountynj.org. Applications are also available at www.essexcountynj.org