

Van Horne Park

Borough of Rocky Hill, Somerset County, New Jersey



Van Horne Park was created as a collaborative effort by the Borough of Rocky Hill and the Township of Montgomery. Van Cleef worked closely with a committee consisting of members of the Montgomery Township Committee and the Rocky Hill Borough Council including the Mayor of Rocky Hill, Brian Nolan, who headed up the committee, and Richard Bartolone, the Montgomery Township Landscape Architect, who was instrumental in creating the design of the park.

There are extensive wetlands along the southern portion of the park which required state permits to connect the walking trail from the park to Princeton Avenue. A bridge across Van Horne Brook was also required. The western portion of the park, or the active side, takes access from Route 206 through the shopping center parking lot. This portion of the tract is comprised of 2 multi-purpose fields that can accommodate soccer or football, two softball fields, a picnic pavilion and restroom facilities.

The eastern side of the site is comprised of more passive recreation consisting of a parking lot for only 30 cars, a walking trail connecting a gazebo, bocce courts, horseshoe pits, and a future pathway extension to connect through to the Schafer property. A small wooded area on the eastern side of the site is perfect for an outdoor picnic facility. Both sides of the property are connected by an 8' wide bituminous walking path that is wide enough to accommodate emergency and maintenance vehicles. This trail system also connects to the existing pond located just off Crescent Avenue.

Van Horne Park has proven to be an asset to both the Borough of Rocky Hill and the Township of Montgomery. The two communities share the park as well as the new-found feeling of two communities coming together as one.

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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- ☛ **Funding:** \$50,000 from New Jersey Trail Grant as well as additional funding from New Jersey State Green Acres
- ☛ Collaborative effort shared by two municipalities
- ☛ Wetlands Permitting
- ☛ New Van Horne Brook Bridge
- ☛ 100-car parking lot design
- ☛ Extensive active and passive recreational facilities and fields