



**PARKS ARE ESSENTIAL**

**Did you know that...**

**PARKS HEAL PEOPLE AND THE PLANET**

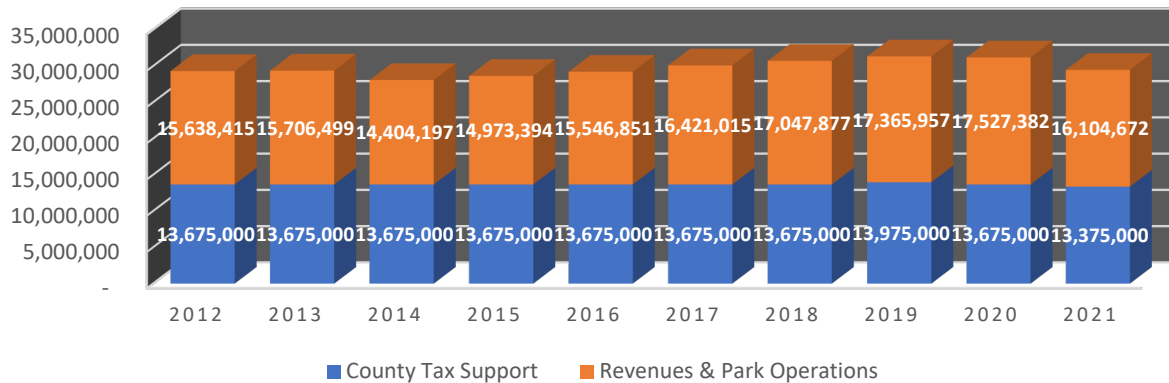
**PARKS WERE CRITICAL DURING THE PANDEMIC**

**MORRIS COUNTY PARKS RECEIVED THREE TIMES MORE VISITORS**

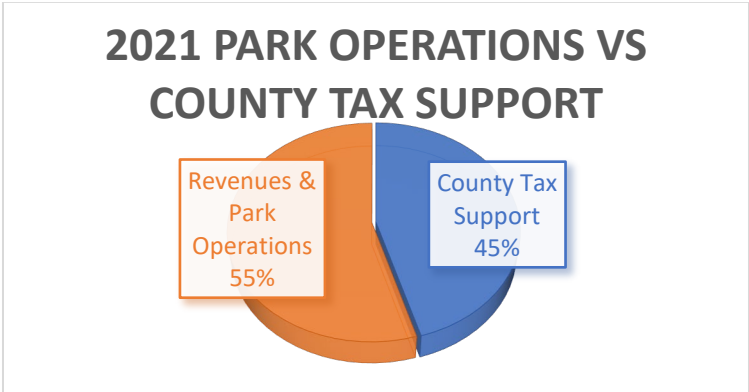
**SO – IF YOU LOVE YOUR PARKS – SUPPORT YOUR PARKS!**

**The Morris Park Alliance provides vital support to the Morris County park system ensuring residents have continued access to green open spaces, enrichment programs, and educational resources that foster personal and community wellness, environmental sustainability, and economic growth.**

### MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION 10 YEAR BUDGET TREND



Throughout the pandemic the Morris Park Alliance supported Morris County Parks despite the fact that income and staff were reduced while use greatly increased. Parks were a saving grace to many who were stuck at home, juggling home schooled children, while working from home, unable to gather with family and friends, isolated from their social network. Donors like you responded by providing funds for a picnic shelter at Central Park of Morris County, memorial benches and trees throughout the park system, support for the cooperative garden, and virtual school programs in environmental education, and began supporting outdoor fitness equipment at Central Park and new exhibits at the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center. These **contributions helped provide a lifeline for visitors**, but their needs continue. You can help ensure that parks and programs remain available as an essential service for all. **Help us help you and your neighbors continue to enjoy healthy and happy outdoor experiences!**



**“The parks were a lifesaver for me. I walked at Loantaka Brook often!”**

**“Thank you so much for offering the environmental webinar to our students – they were excited and interested.”**



Community awards returned in 2022 – Mendham Borough summer camp

- Park Alliance Board**
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  - Matthew Tal, Park Commission liaison