## Thomas Edison Park. UPDATE: #3

## **National Park Service Deed Restrictions.**

When Federal Government turned this this park property over to Middlesex County in 1964, it placed a deed restriction on future use of the property, stating that

- It must remain a park.
- Any change in the Program of Utilization of the Park must be approved by the National Park Service (NPS).
- Status reports on the use of the park must be sent to the NPS.
- All fees paid for use of the park must "remain in the park" for maintenance or improvement.

The National Park Service has determined that the proposed 14 plastic field fee-based Destination Athletic Complex will require:

- a detailed Environmental Assessment.
- a public hearing.
- a 90-day comment period.
- Review by the NPS.
- Decision by the NPS. (The NPS has not approved any fee-based
- Destination Athletic Complexes on a Federal Lands to Parks sites)

As of November 13, 2023, the County has not yet submitted a draft Environmental Assessment to the NPS for review.

The County also has not made public the Community, Innovation and Opportunity Strategic Investment Plan (CIO Plan), which describes the proposed Destination Athletic Complex. How can the public and the NPS review the EA without being able to review the CIO Plan?

## What can we do?

Participate in the **Environmental Assessment** and public comment period required by the National Park Service. We will get the word out when the date has been set.

We have to let them know that we don't want our park destroyed and that we don't need a destination athletic complex.