

# NJMC NEWS RELEASE

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### **NJMC to Rededicate World Trade Center Memorial Cove on Sept. 11**

*9/11 Memorial Was Severely Damaged by Superstorm Sandy*

**LYNDHURST, N.J.** – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC) will rededicate its World Trade Center Memorial Cove on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 8:46 a.m., the time that the first hijacked jetliner hit the North Tower of the Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. The memorial, located in DeKorte Park at the edge of the marsh next to the NJMC administration building, provides a clear view of the lower Manhattan skyline, including the new One World Trade Center. The memorial sustained significant damage from Superstorm Sandy and has been reconstructed.

“The World Trade Center Memorial Cove provides a tranquil place to reflect upon and honor the nearly 3,000 brave men and women who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, and it is very important to the Commission following the damage from Superstorm Sandy that this hallowed spot be restored,” said Marcia Karrow, Executive Director of the NJMC. “It is with heavy hearts that we commemorate this sad day in our nation’s history by rededicating this memorial.”

The Memorial Cove consists of a free-form wooden deck with two projecting piers, suggesting shadows of the fallen towers. The piers are proportioned after the World Trade Center, and each one has 110 boards representing the 110 floors of the towers. The memorial also includes a steel silhouette of the towers and a spot from which visitors can view where the towers stood against the Manhattan skyline. The NJMC’s 9/11 Memorial was originally dedicated in March 2003.

Flooding from Superstorm Sandy ripped the deck and projecting piers from their supporting pilings, requiring the entire deck to be rebuilt. The dedication plaque and serpentine benches were salvaged and reinstalled. Plantings at the site have been redesigned, using mostly native species, to add color and to attract butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds.

The quote on the plaque is from the 19th century American orator Robert Ingersoll. It reads: “In the night of death, hope sees a star, and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing.”

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