

SJTA READI Project – Osprey Nesting Platforms



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- **Overview of READI Program**
- **Osprey Platform Component of READI**
- **Permitted and Installed Platform Locations**
- **Stakeholders and SUCCESS!!!**





Overview of READI Program



- **Roadway Environmental Advancement Initiative (READI)**
 - **Education to local community**
 - **Promote Tree Planting including Arbor Day and Earth Day initiatives**
 - **Environmental Stewardship at SJTA owned and operated facilities (ACE, ACY)**
 - **Roadside Pollinator Plantings and management (35 acres)**
 - **Bat and Bird Habitat Creation and Enhancement**





Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)



- **Conservation status in NJ:
Threatened (breeding)**

- **In 1950 over 500 nests along the coastline***
- **In 1974 only 50 nests remained***
- **In 1993 200 nests along the coastline***
- **Today over 600 nesting pairs and growing!**

**Stats from Conserve Wildlife NJ*

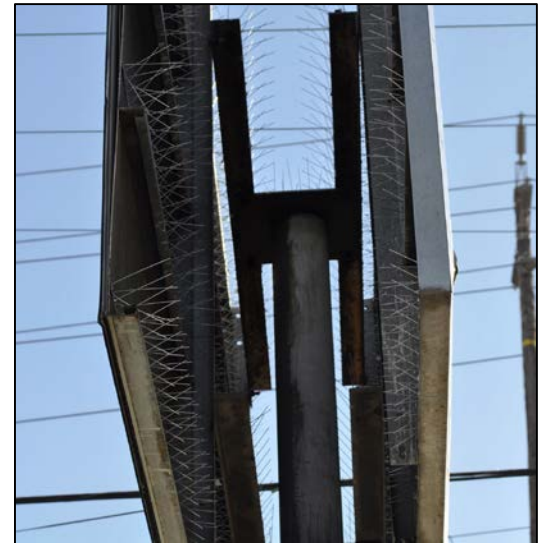




Osprey along the AC Expressway

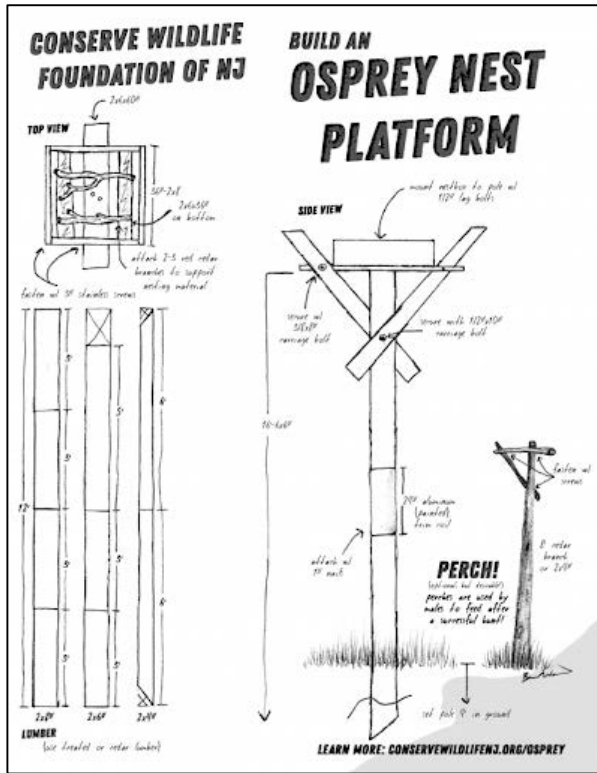


- **SJTA recognized that Osprey mortality was rising due to bird strikes on the ACE;**
- **SJTA worked with advertising companies to install deterrents to existing billboards along the ACE;**
- **In 2019 as part of READI Program, SJTA started installing Osprey Nesting Platforms in and around Atlantic City.**





Approved Osprey Nesting Platforms





Other Observations





Thank You Stakeholders





It's a Group Effort

