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## Mercer County Park

Indoor Tennis Facility  
Mercer County, NJ



"This Indoor Tennis Center will serve generations of our residents and introduce the game of tennis to more people than ever before. In tennis terms, it's an ace."

- Brian Hughes, Executive  
Mercer County Park Commission

## Background

Mercer County Park Commission Tennis Facility has received the 2008 United States Tennis Association Outstanding Facility Award. The award was presented as part of the Technical Committee meeting at the USTA Semi-Annual meeting in New York City September 1, 2008. The facility has had a positive impact on the quality of life in the region.

The USTA's Outstanding Facility Award Program was established to encourage high standards in tennis facilities and to respond to and recognize those facilities whose efforts make a positive statement about the vitality of the game.

The public tennis facility presently boasts twenty-eight courts in total, comprised of twenty-two outdoor courts, sixteen of which are lit for night games, and six covered courts with additional amenities such as an observation deck for spectators, bathrooms, lockers, and offices together encompassing 19 acres of the 2,500 acre Mercer County Park.



"This is a very unique building and it's a tremendous upgrade for us, it's fully insulated, there is no echo effect, and it retains heat in the winter and cool air in the summer. It's a fantastic structure and we're fortunate to have a building of this caliber in Mercer County." - Marc Vecchiola, Tennis Director

## Scope of Work

Universal Fabric Structures, Inc., a Quakertown, Pennsylvania-based manufacturer of fabric structures, was selected to supply the structure to cover the six courts and observation deck, the structure is 354' in length and 118' wide and is equipped with heat and air conditioning.



## Solution

The building is insulated to be more energy efficient and save on heating and cooling costs. In fact, according to Vecchiola, as of December 22 they had not yet had to turn the heat on in the building. At the time of that statement the wind-chill temperature outside was -5 degrees Fahrenheit. However, inside the building the temperature was roughly 65 degrees.

Two of the six courts are situated on a lower elevation and feature bleachers that will allow for a showcase atmosphere during tournament and league play. The facility is a regular host of many major tennis championships such as USTA Adult Sectional Championship, USTA Senior Sectional Championship, Mercer County Boy's and Girl's High School Championships, NJSIAA Boy's and Girl's High School State

Championships, Northeast Conference Collegiate Championships, Special Olympics, The National Breast Cancer Awareness Tennis Outing, and many more.



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#### About Mercer County Park

The Mercer County Park Commission Tennis Facility consists of 6 indoor courts and 22 outdoor courts. The Mercer County Tennis Facility is operated and maintained by the Mercer County Park Commission. The tennis facility encompasses 19 acres of beautiful Mercer County Park. The new 6-court indoor facility has a second-floor viewing lounge overlooking the courts. The facility was the recipient of the U.S.T.A.'s 2008 prestigious National Outstanding Facility of the Year award. The award was presented in New York City during the 2008 U.S. Open. Selection criteria included: overall layout and adaptation of site, excellence of court surface and lights, ease of maintenance, accommodations, aesthetics, amenities and programming

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#### About Universal Fabric Structures

Universal Fabric Structures (USA) is committed to providing high quality, cost effective, engineered fabric structure systems based on customer-driven needs. Established in 1983, the company has delivered on this commitment providing solutions for military, sport, industrial, and commercial and event applications. Projects include industrial enclosures (including rentals) for warehousing, aviation and environmental remediation. ISO 9001:2008 certified



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