



TOWNSHIP OF
— MIDDLETOWN —
BUCKS COUNTY

Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Greenways, and Trails Plan



Public Meeting #1 – 01.23.25

Agenda

- Introductions
- Why Plan?
- Project Schedule
- Project Scope
- Public Opinion Survey
- Next Steps
- Breakout Groups



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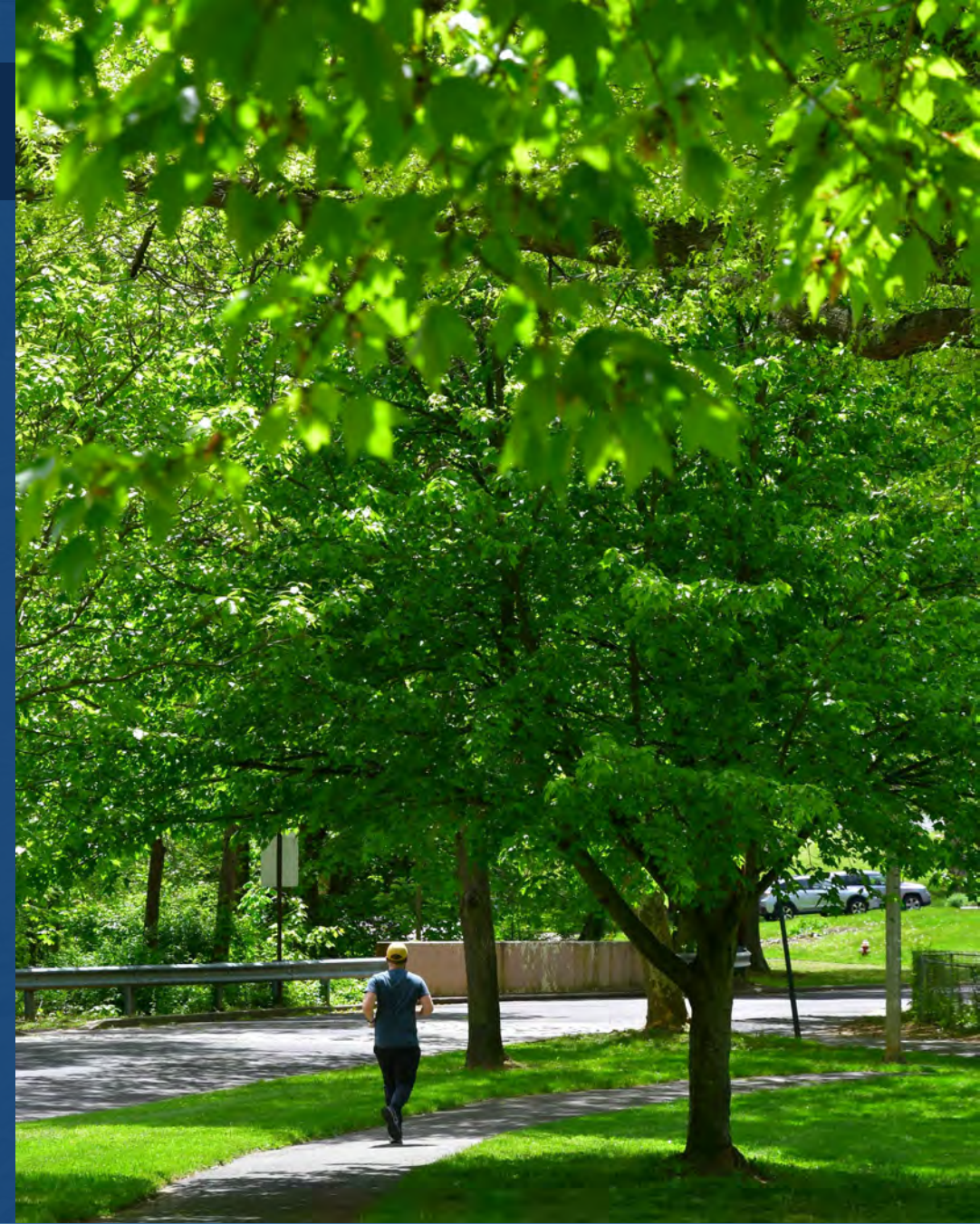
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Why Plan?



Why Plan?

- Plan for **current needs** and **future growth** of Middletown's open space, recreation system, and environmental resources.
- Parks, trails, and open space are important areas where residents of all ages, ethnicity, economic status, and abilities will interact and **create community building experiences**.
- Community facilities are **essential green infrastructure** that provide physical, spiritual, and health benefits.
- Make the community **attractive** to residents and businesses.



Previous & Current Planning

Bucks County
Comprehensive parks,
Recreation & Open Space
Plan---currently
underway

**Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan
Update:
Middletown Millennium Plan
2005**



Spring Valley Farm
PARK MASTER PLAN
Middletown Township

TWIN OAKS PARK

MASTER SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP, PA

FOR
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS &
RECREATION
MAY 2010

TWIN OAKS PARK CONCEPT

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Multimodal Improvement Plan

January 2024

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
Comprehensive Plan
"Connecting Our Community to
Embrace the Future"
August 2020

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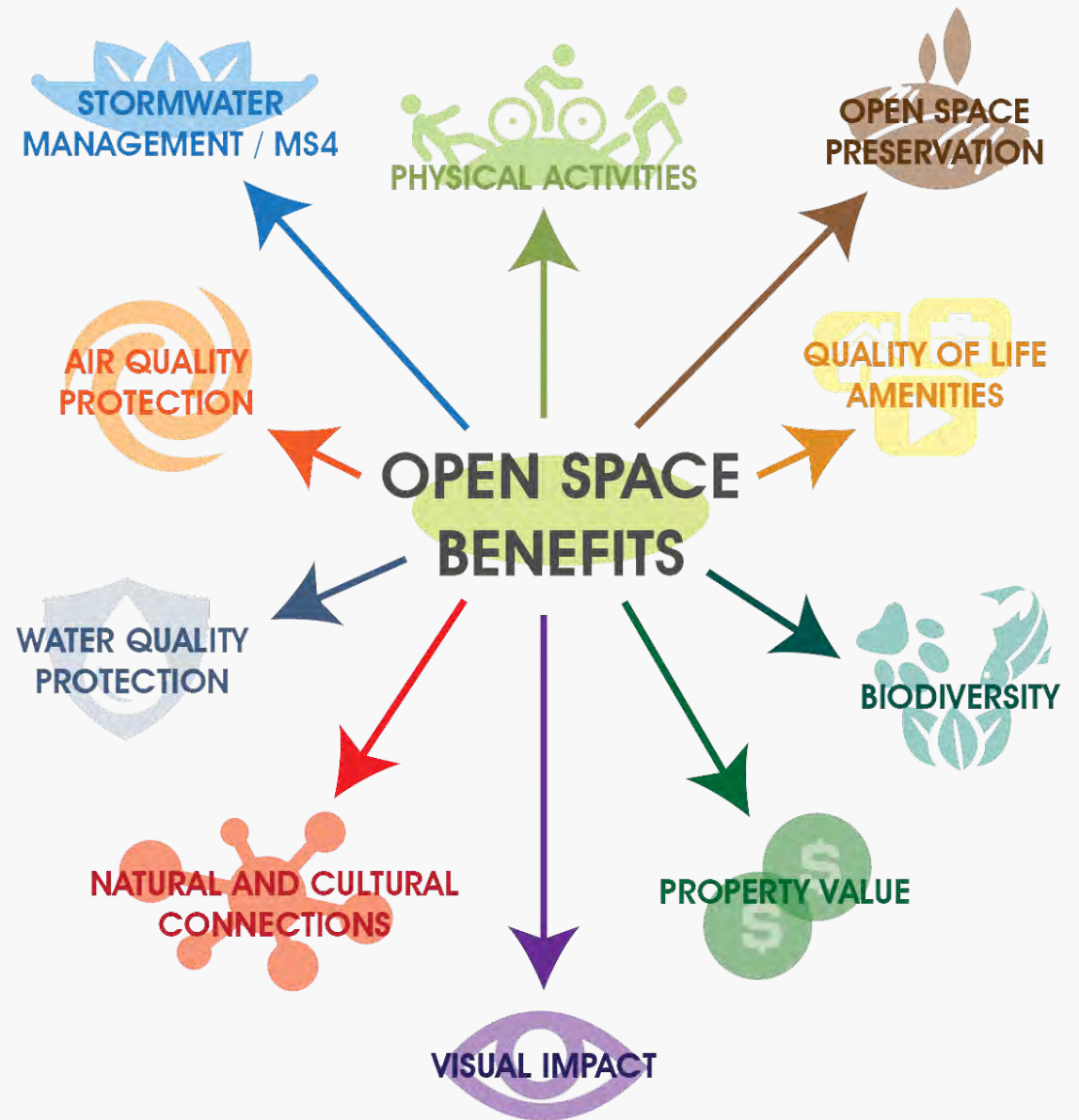
CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Local Actions and Policies to Reduce
Middletown Township's Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Open Space Definition

Open spaces are areas of land and water designated for use as active or passive recreation and/or for natural resource protection. Open space includes:

- Parks with both active and passive recreation
- Agricultural lands – including orchards
- Natural lands such as wetlands, woodlands, etc.
- Untended lands
- Connecting greenways, blueways, and trails



Project Schedule



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Public Meeting #2 – Preliminary Concepts	Thursday, March 20, 2025	7pm-9pm
<i>Committee Meeting #3</i>	Thursday, April 1, 2025	5:30pm-7pm
Public Meeting #3 – Draft Plans and Recommendations	Thursday, May 15, 2025	7pm-9pm
<i>Committee Meeting #4</i>	Thursday, June 26, 2025	5:30pm-7pm
Public Meeting #4 – Middletown Supervisors Meeting - Final Plan Presentation	Monday, August 11, 2025	7pm-9pm



Project Scope



Project Scope (1 of 2)

Existing Conditions Inventory & Data Collection

- Site Reconnaissance
- Mapping
- Review of Township Ordinances and Previous Plans

Purpose, Goals, Objectives

- SC team will develop goals with the Township, committee & residents
- Will be revised/refined as the plan advances

Public Participation

- 4 Committee Meetings
- 4 Public Meetings
- 15 Key Person Interviews
- 1 Focus Group
- Public Opinion Survey
- Meetings with City Staff



Project Scope (2 of 2)

Recreation Facilities & Open Space Inventory & Analysis

- Benchmark Similar Communities
- Stormwater Analysis
- Opportunities for new trails/connections and park space

Personnel, Administration, Maintenance, Programs & Service

- Recommendations

Design Process & Recommendations

- Cost Estimates
- Funding Strategy
- Implementation Matrix
- Draft Plan – 30-Day Public Review
- Final Plan & Report



Public Opinion Survey



Public Opinion Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MT-CPROSGT>

Average time to complete survey:
< 8 minutes



Please!
GIVE US YOUR OPINION

Please take this Public Opinion Survey to shape the future of Middletown Township's parks, recreation, and open space system.

Thank you for your time and participation. Your input is invaluable.

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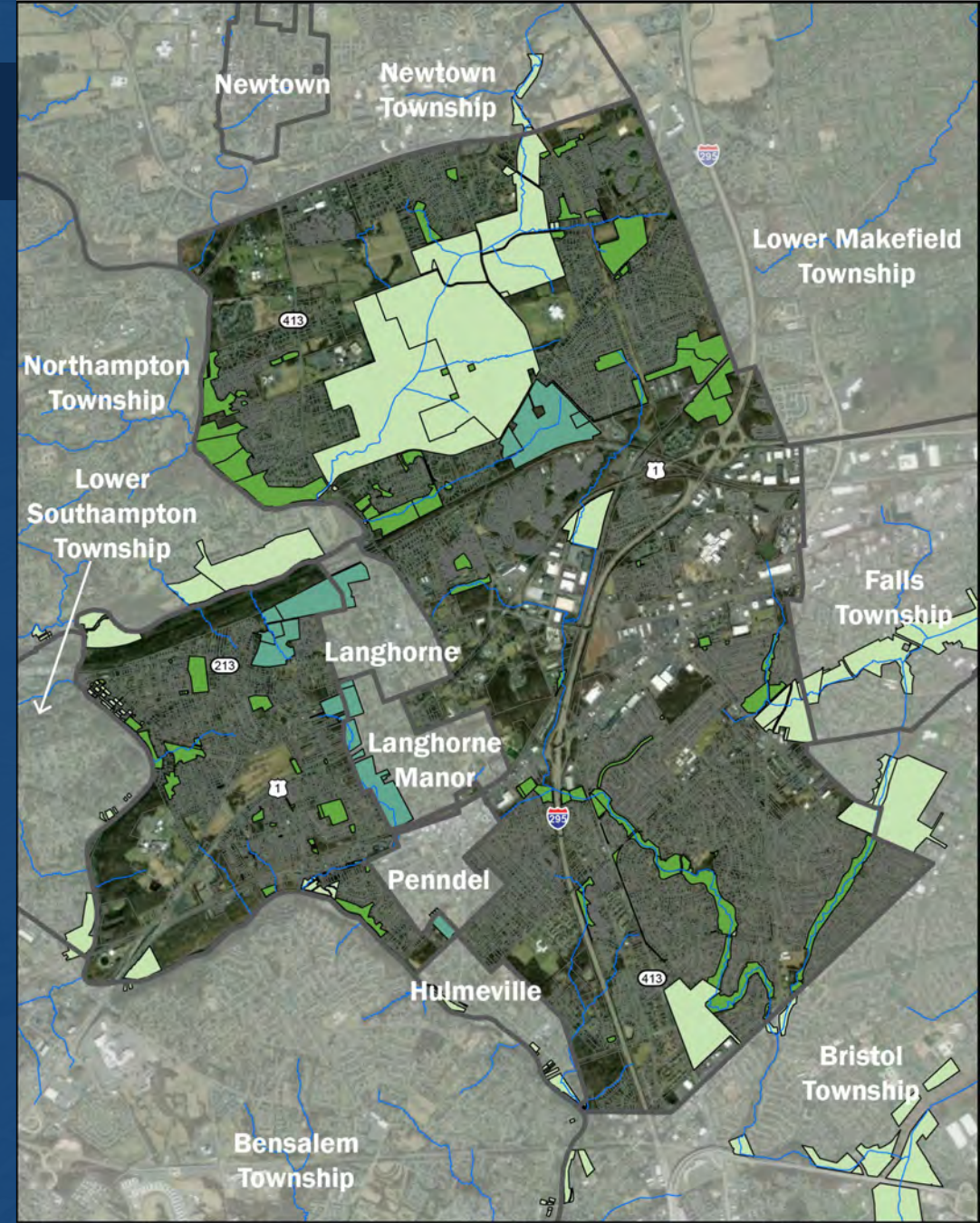
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Next Steps



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- Publicize Public Opinion Survey
- Continue analysis and mapping of existing conditions
- Continue review and analysis of administration and programming
- Begin Key Person Interviews
- Develop preliminary concepts



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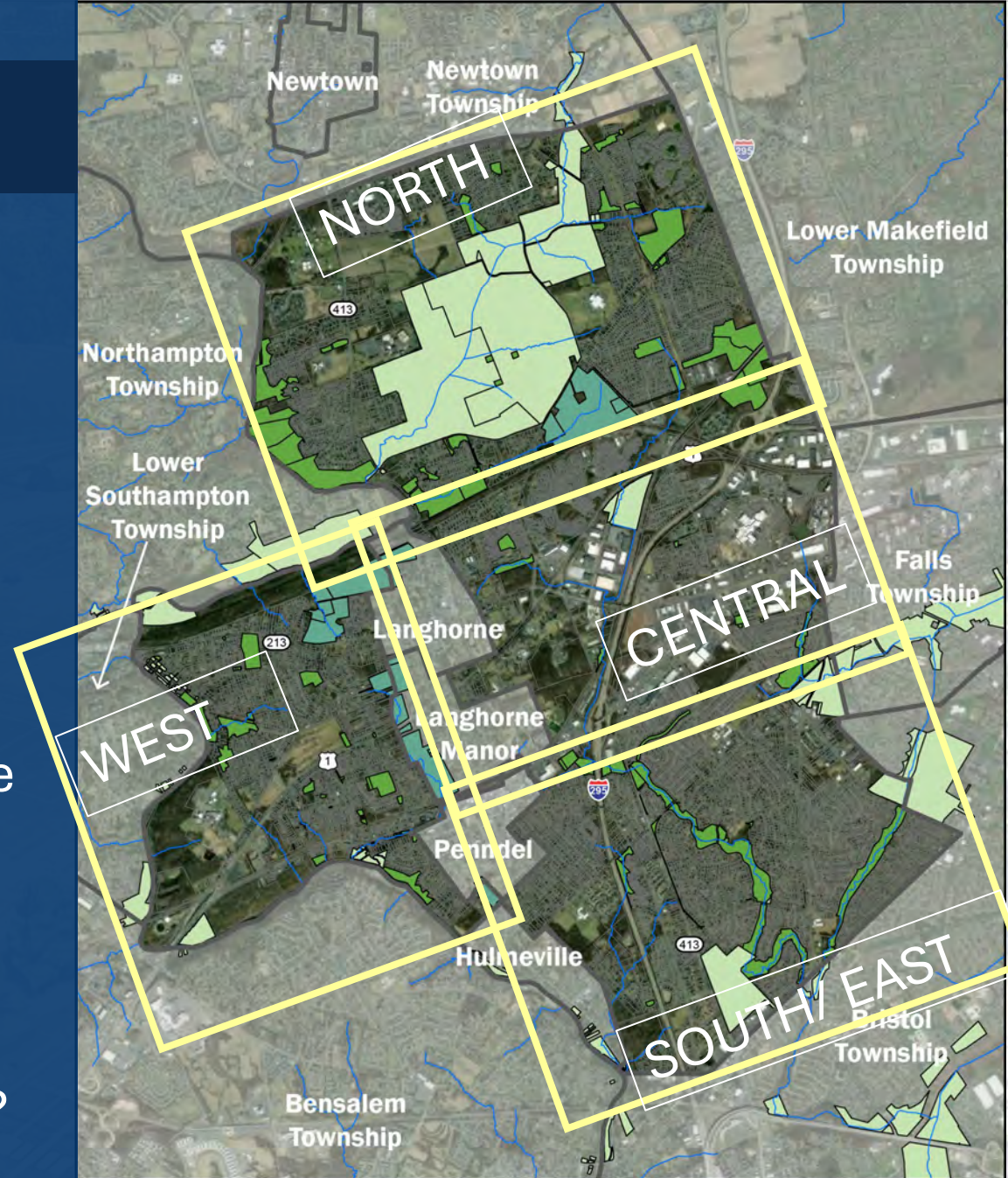
Breakout Groups

Four groups:

- North
- Central
- West
- Southeast (Levittown)

Questions for discussion include:

- What do you like best about the parks? What are your favorite memories?
- How do these parks benefit the communities they are in?
- What are the obstacles in getting to the parks?
- Where do you think new trails should be added?



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