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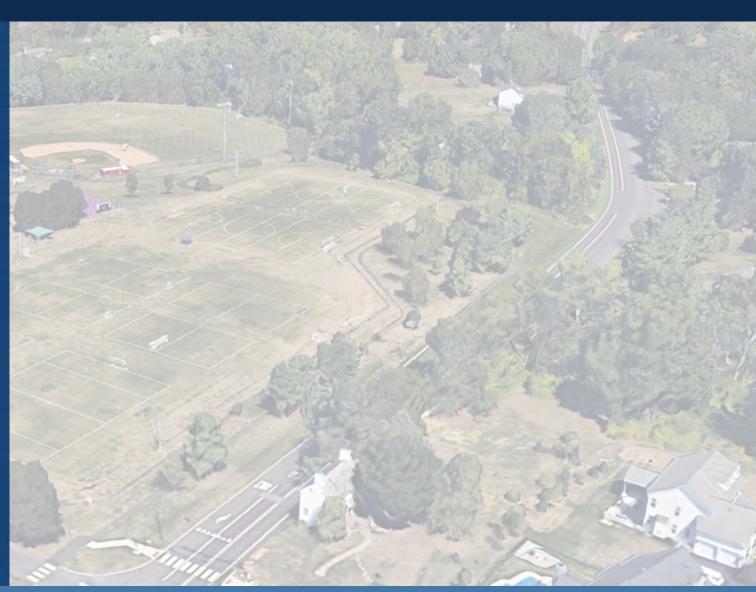
Project Schedule





Public Participation Update - 3 outreach venues

- Public Meeting #1
- Key Person Interviews (KPIs)
- Public Opinion Survey



Public Participation Update from Public Meeting #1

Key takeaways include:

Connectivity is important, both between existing parks / trails and between neighborhoods.

Top priorities include:

- Core Creek Park
- Middletown Community Park
- Connecting East and West portions of the Township

Restrooms are needed to encourage use of existing parks.



Public Participation Update: from *Public Meeting #1, cont...*

Key takeaways include:

- Access to natural areas / open spaces is a high priority, including creeks and meadows.
- Maintenance of riparian buffers could be improved.
- Playgrounds need to be upgraded to include sensoryfriendly and accessible play.
- Other desirable amenities include: turf and/or lit fields, public pool, additional pickleball courts, amphitheater.



Public Participation Update: Key Person Interviews

- Neshaminy School District
- Styer Farm/ Heritage Conservancy
- Bucks County Agencies
- Emergency Responders
- Woods Services
- Bucks County Intermediate
 Unit
- Neighboring P&R Dept.
 Representatives

- Senior Center Association Leadership
- Oxford Valley Mall
- Neighboring Boroughs
- Sesame Place
- St. Mary's Hospital
- Youth Athletic Associations
- P&R Department Staff



Public Participation Update: Public Opinion Survey

1094 responses as of March 27, 2025!

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Public Participation Update: Public Opinion Survey – Select Q&A

Q1: Where do you live?

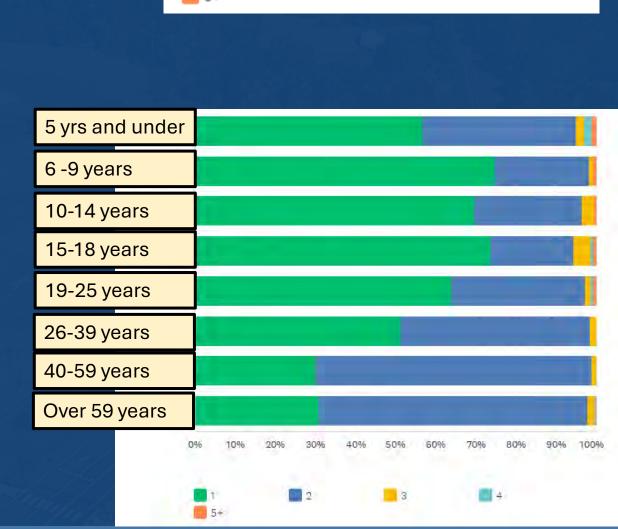
- 90% Middletown Township
- Remaining represent borough neighbors; Falls, Bristol, Lower Makefield, Lower Southampton; former residents!

Q2: How long have you lived here?

55% residents for >20 years

Q3: Ages within your household?

 Significant number of households with residents ages 0-25 years old.



Public Participation Update: Public Opinion Survey – select Q&A cont...

Q4: How frequently do you visit parks in MT?

• 33% - Several Days per Week

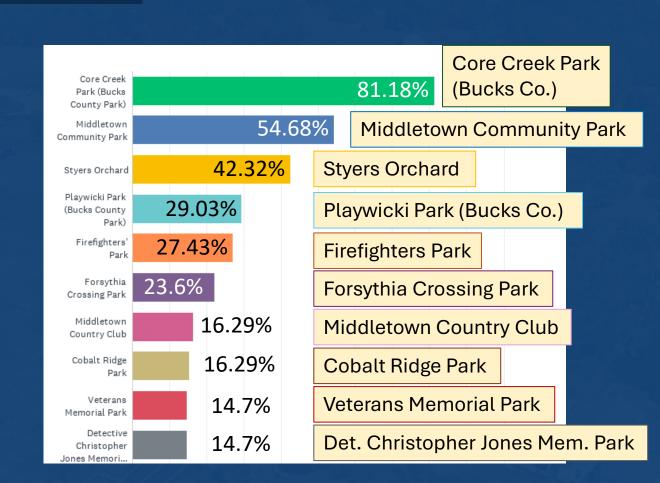
Q5: Top parks for visits in MT

Q14: How well are age groups served by parks/open space/programming in MT?

For each age group, 35%-45%-'Somewhat Well'

Q9: Are there an adequate # of parks/natural areas/trail available to you?

- Y = 66%
- N = 29%



Public Participation Update: Public Opinion Survey – select Q&A cont...

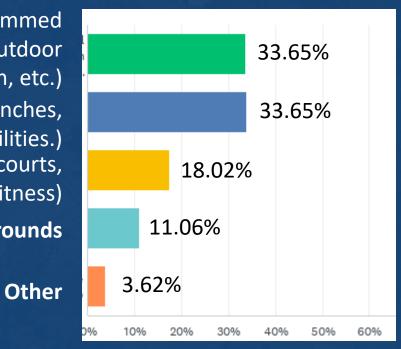
Q7: Favorite types of open space features?

Natural Features (un-programmed open space/wildlife habitat/outdoor education, etc.)

Passive Features (trails, benches, picnic facilities.)

Active Features (sports fields, courts, fitness)

Playgrounds



Q8: How do you travel to parks in MT?

- 48% walk!
- 20% bike!
- 87% use a car

Other: golf, disc golf, tennis courts, bike trails, nature...all of the above!

Public Participation Update: Public Opinion Survey – select Q&A cont...

Q10: What's missing...??

1. Trails/Sidewalks/Pathways in parks/Bike Lanes/Biking paths	33%
2. Bathrooms/Water Fountains/Benches	15%
3. Upgraded park amenities/ newer playground eq./ splash or spray pad	13%
4. Pool or more pickleball courts	6%
5. Areas of nature/ habitat/ more open space	4%
6. Athletic Fields: 'More' or turf	3%
7. Dog Parks	2%

Other: Indoor facility (Community Center); Security (cameras/lighting); maintenance; concern about ATV/4-wheeler use; tennis courts; basketball courts

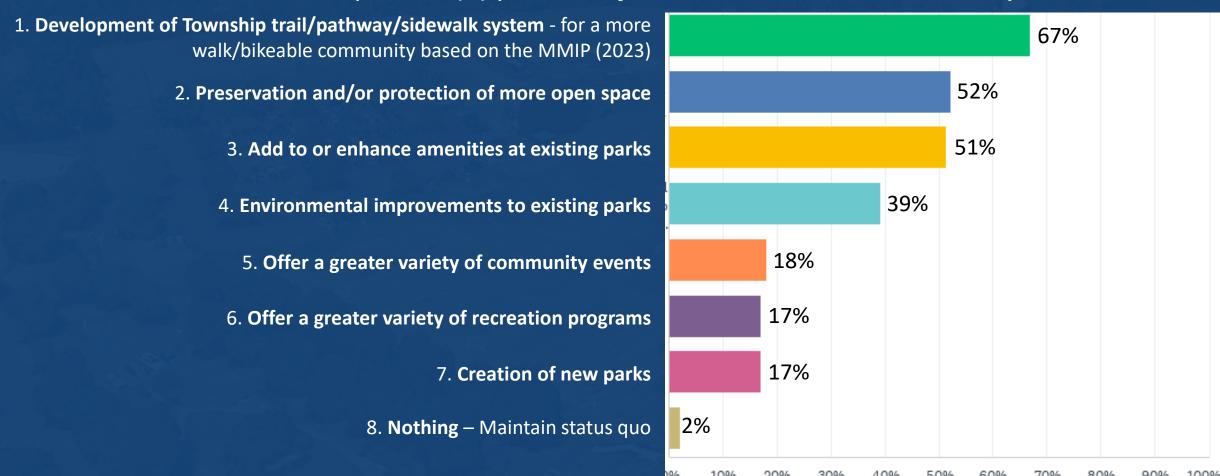
8. Other

24%



Public Participation Update: Public Opinion Survey

Q18: What should be the top three (3) priorities for MT P/R/OS in the next 3-5 years?



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Analysis

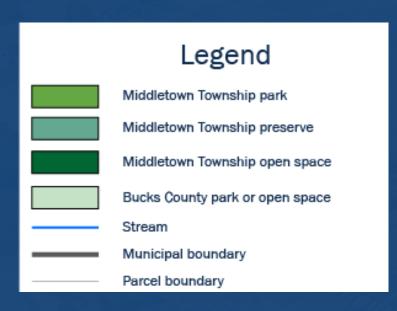


Analysis: Existing "Open Space" in MT

	Middletown (2020)	Middletown (2040) (Projection)	National Recreation & Park Association Average	National Recreation & Park Association Average
Population of Jurisdiction	46,040	53,391	20,000-49,999	50,000-99,999
Acres of Parkland/Open Space	997	997		
Residents per park (median)	2,002	2,321		
Acres of Parkland per 1,000 Residents (median)	22	19	11	10

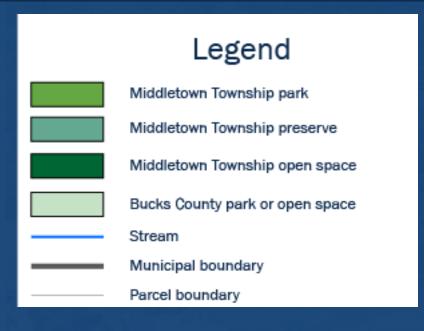
Total Parks and Open Space: **997 ac.**

Parklands: **187 ac.** Open Space: **810 ac.**





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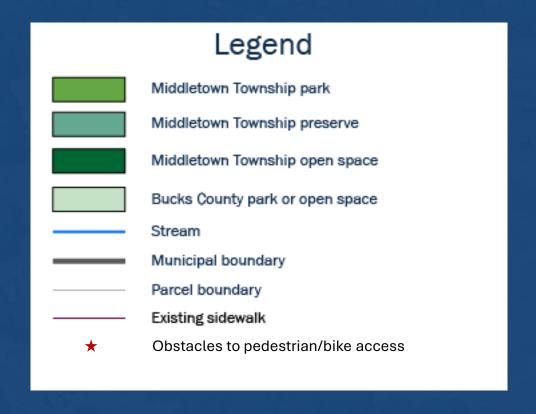


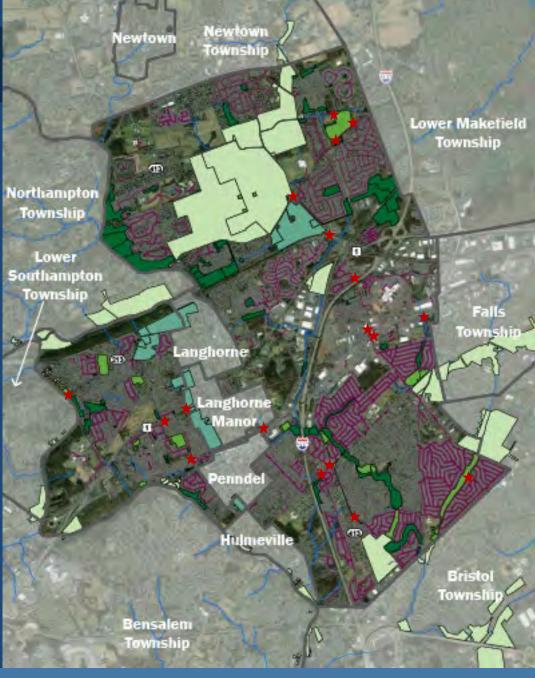
Analysis: Existing Trails





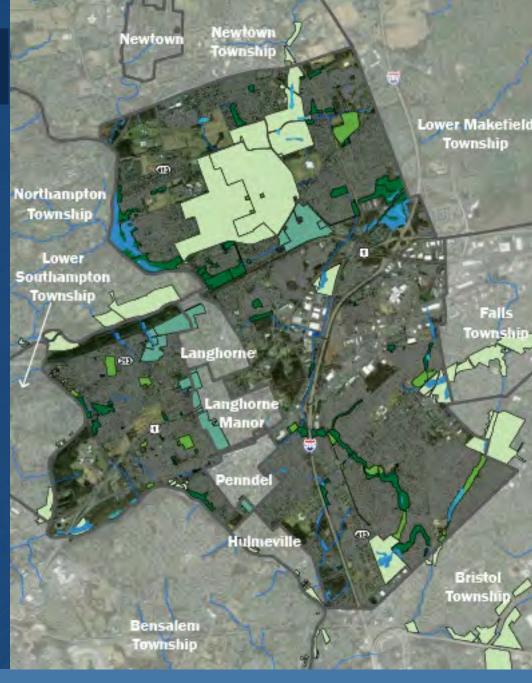
Analysis: Existing Sidewalks





Analysis: Existing Wetlands





Initial Concepts (four)



Initial Concepts: 1. Open Space (non-developed areas)

- Improve access to, and within certain open spaces
- Celebrate open spaces as "preserves" (ecologically important)
 - Langhorne Spring Water Preserve
 - Levittown riparian confluence "V area"
 - Mill Creek Preserve: Expand trails; restore ecology; connect Veterans Memorial Park, Forsythia Crossing, Upper Orchard
 - Queen Anne Preserve: improve connections between Cobalt Ridge and Quincy Hollow Parks
 - Neshaminy **Preserve**

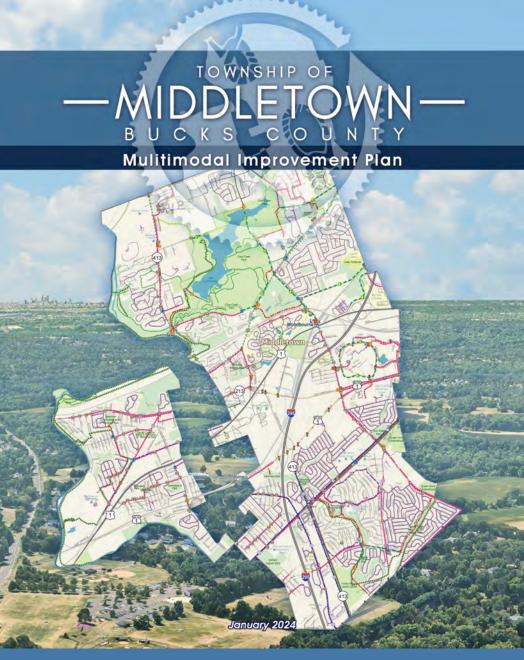


Initial Concepts:

2. Pedestrian/bike connections to Parks







Initial Concepts:

2. Pedestrian/bike connections to Parks, cont....

West

- Det. Christopher Jones Memorial Park
- Corp. Harry J. Simmons, Jr.
 Memorial Park
- Firefighters Park

North

- Core Creek Park
- Middletown Community Park
- Styers Orchard

South

- Forsythia Crossing /
 Veterans Memorial Park
- Cobalt Ridge/ Upper Orchard Park

There are currently missing connections to all of these parks.

Where are other missing connections?

Initial Concepts:

3. Park Facility Improvements

- Maintain expectations of Clean / Safe / Ready to Use
- Need consistent capital project funding and implementation
- Guarantee access and enjoyment for all
- Adopt and update sustainable fee schedule
- Successional planning for success

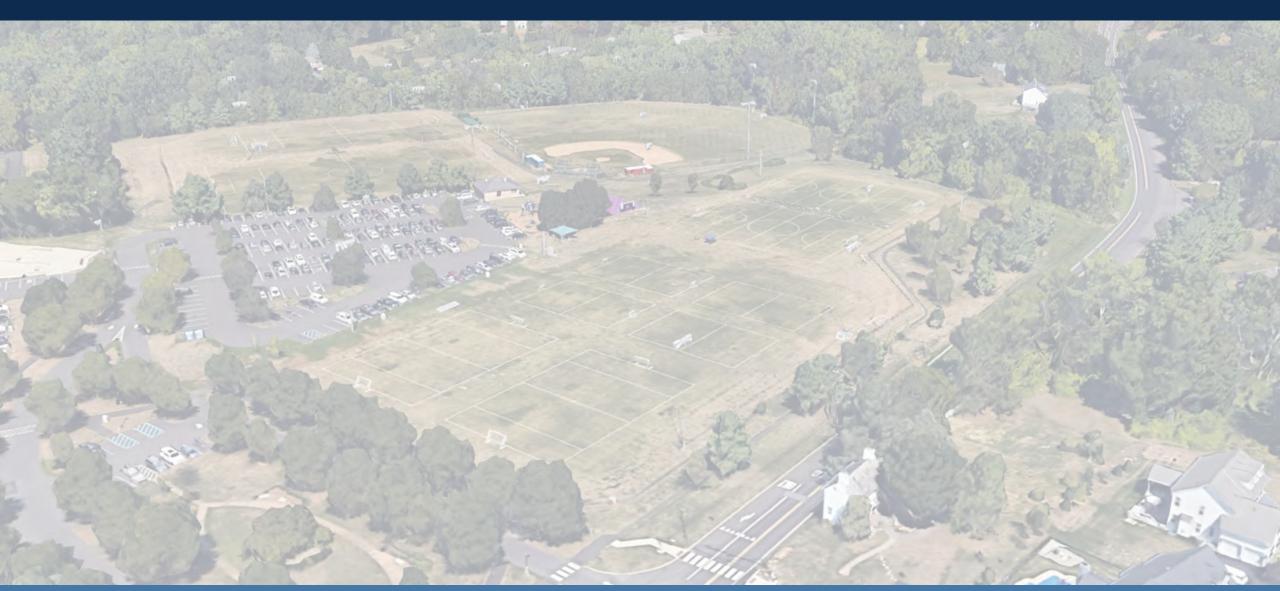


Initial Concepts: 4. Programming

- Continue strategic and measured growth
- Eliminate barriers for participation
- Memorialize processes and procedures for public information



Next Steps



Public Opinion Survey

Average time to complete survey: Less than 8 minutes

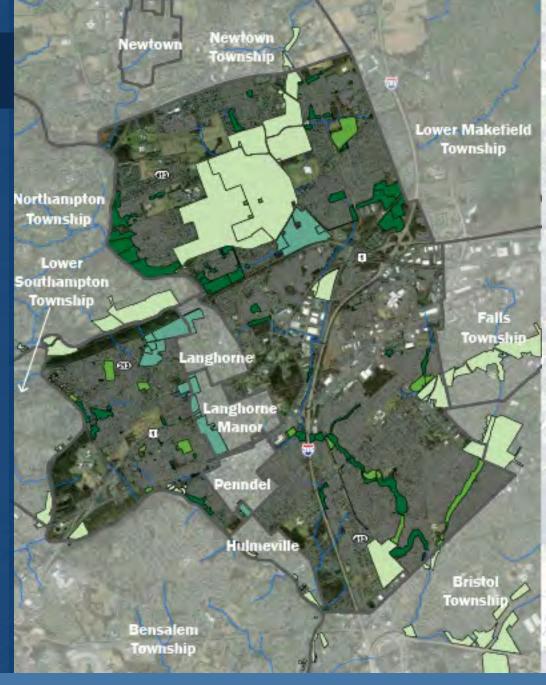
Help enlist survey takers

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Next Steps

- Formalize CPROSGT Vision
 with Steering Committee (April 1st CM#3)
- Continue publicizing Public Opinion Survey
- Continue analysis/ mapping/ site reconnaissance of existing conditions
- Continue analysis of administration / programming
- Complete Key Person Interviews
- Develop initial concepts into recommendations



Next Steps – upcoming meetings

Meeting Type	Date	Time
Committee Meeting #1	Thursday, October 24, 2024	5:30pm-7pm
Committee Meeting #2	Thursday, January 16, 2025	5:30pm-7pm
Public Meeting #1	Thursday, January 23, 2025	7pm-9pm
Public Meeting #2	Thursday, March 20, 2025	7pm-9pm
Committee Meeting #3	Thursday, April 1, 2025	5:30pm-7pm
Public Meeting #3 – Draft Plans and		
Recommendations	Thursday, May 15, 2025	7pm-9pm
Committee Meeting #4	Thursday, June 26, 2025	5:30pm-7pm
Public Meeting #4 – Middletown Supervisors Meeting - Final Plan Presentation	Monday, August 11, 2025	7pm-9pm



Breakout Sessions (three groups)



Breakout Sessions

Three Groups

Questions for discussion include:

- Which Township or County Park would you most like to access by bike or by walking? And can you now?
- What would be your 'Generational Project' a large-scale goal?
- What are the top three (3) Township Parks requiring facility capital improvements (playground replacements; bathrooms; parking; drainage)?
- What is your assessment of programming available to ALL members of the community?

Online Feedback:

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Thank You

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