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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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1.1 MISSION STATEMENT

1.1.1 Project Overview

In October 2024, the project technical team began working with the Middletown Township Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Greenways, and Trails Plan (CPROSGT) Steering Committee, to:

- Engage residents and interested partners in the community;
- Assess the conditions of open spaces, parks, and recreational facilities;
- Explore alternatives for additional facility development and recreational programming; and
- Utilize the previously completed Middletown Multimodal Improvement Plan (2024) to fine-tune trail options and pedestrian connections.

The project goal was to develop a concise plan with specific recommendations that are aligned with the 2020 Middletown Comprehensive Plan's vision for the future of the Township.

The CPROSGT Plan was completed within twelve (12) months. Like many communities across the nation, the COVID-19 pandemic has etched into the collective consciousness important lessons about the critical role of parks and outdoor spaces in healthy lives. Recreation and open spaces are high-value assets to families and businesses when choosing a place to call home.

Parks often symbolize the identity of a community. This is true in Middletown— where multiple generations have shared stories and memories of family and friends who have run to, played in, and explored cherished Township spaces. The Middletown community's enthusiasm for its parks is palpable.



1.1.2 Mission Statement

The final CPROSGT plan will serve as a vital planning document for the Middletown Township Parks & Recreation Department – and will serve as a companion guide to the: Middletown Multimodal Improvement Plan; the 2021 Middletown Climate Action Plan; and current and future Middletown Comprehensive Plans – by providing specific directions and implementation strategies for preferred improvements.

This CPROSGT was partially funded by a grant from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) administered by the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR), Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, and was prepared according to DCNR guidelines.

Middletown Township undertakes this CPROSGT planning effort to ensure that it provides:

1. Safe, accessible, and inclusive parks that promote healthy outdoor interactions.
2. Creative recreational programming for all ages and abilities to promote physical, mental, and social health.
3. Attention to preservation, maintenance, and sustainability of existing open spaces for natural systems to flourish.
4. Desired safe trail and sidewalk connections for pedestrians and cyclists between communities, to and through neighborhoods, and to parks.
5. Efficient stewardship of Township resources for the upkeep of spaces that are a source of community pride.

1.2 VISIONS & OPPORTUNITIES SUMMARY

The Middletown Township Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Greenways, and Trails Plan (CPROSGT) replaces the 2005 Middletown Millenium Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan and is anticipated to be adopted by Middletown Township.

The MT CPROSGT Steering Committee reviewed the 2020 Middletown Comprehensive Plan elements and established the following Vision Statements, Goals, and Opportunities:

Vision 1

Accessible, safe, modern Township parks

Goals

Create a stewardship management system to ensure that ADA-compliant, universal-accessibility features are incorporated within every Middletown Township park, including actions to:

- Deliver paths through each park.
- Prioritize phased facilities replacements based on condition, age, and universal accessibility.

Opportunities

1.1 Implement elements of the Middletown Township Park Accessibility Strategy
1.2 Adapt / update the Middletown Township Parks signage system
1.3 Implement the Twin Oaks Park Master Site Development Plan
1.4 Regularly update a municipal log of all recreation facilities
1.5 Develop a Township strategic tree canopy plan

Vision 2

Parks linked to neighborhoods by safe pedestrian and bicycle routes

Goals

Create safe bicycle and pedestrian access from Middletown neighborhoods to the nineteen (19) municipal parks, four (4) municipal preserves, five (5) Bucks County parks, and to the regional trails and bike routes that link Middletown and its neighboring communities, including actions to:

- Build the missing 'last half mile' linkages between parks and existing pathways / bike routes.
- Pursue partnerships to build missing connections to County and neighboring municipal trails.

Opportunities

2.1 Implement / update the priorities of the Middletown Township Park Accessibility Strategy
2.2 Select priority locations for pedestrian / biking connection improvements
2.3 Prioritize local neighborhood pedestrian / biking connections to the Lower Neshaminy Creek Greenway Trail
2.4 "Piggyback" municipal pedestrian / bicycle improvements on vehicular transportation partnership projects
2.5 Combine priority Ped-Bike improvements with related municipal, county, and state infrastructure goals

Vision 3

Recreation programming excellence

Goals

- Continue to diversify and expand program offerings for the diverse Middletown population while maintaining existing programming.
- Ensure recreation facilities are well-maintained and available for public use.
- Maintain efficient and sustainable program operations.

Opportunities

3.1 Create a system for confirming field / facility use and maintain public availability for some Middletown Township fields
3.2 Continue work to update agreements with local youth sports associations
3.3 Continue a regional approach to providing contractor / vendor-led offerings
3.4 Evaluate Parks and Recreation staffing needs for programming by season
3.5 Consider ways to strategically collaborate with the Neshaminy School District
3.6 Explore potential program offerings where Middletown Township might collaborate with other community members
3.7 Collaborate with the Heritage Conservancy at Styer Orchard
3.8 Create a new Middletown Community Center
3.9 Consider prioritizing environmental education and natural resource management
3.10 Review and update Middletown facility fee schedules
3.11 Explore new programming opportunities

Vision 4

Increased availability of and access to open space

Goals

- Permanently preserve all Township-owned open space
- Pursue opportunities to use natural greenway corridors to physically connect Middletown neighborhoods with schools, parks, commercial and civic places that exist within the Mill Creek, Queen Anne Creek and Neshaminy Creek watersheds.
- Explore and enhance appropriate passive recreation opportunities in Township preserved lands (Styer Orchard, Middletown Country Club, Langhorne Spring Water Company, Spring Valley Farm) that protect the health of the natural systems while bringing people closer to nature in their own neighborhoods.

Opportunities

4.1 Review deeds of Township-owned open space, recreation, and preserved lands
4.2 Re-evaluate the operational control and management of Styer Orchard
4.3 Review terms of conservation easement on Langhorne Spring Water Company (LSWC) Preserve
4.4 Conduct a feasibility study for the Middletown Country Club
4.5 Seek grant funding to implement Packages A & B of the 2016 Spring Valley Farm Master Plan
4.6 Rebrand existing greenways and Township-owned open spaces as Middletown 'Preserves'
4.7 Protect / restore riparian corridors for the irreplaceable value of their green infrastructure benefits
4.8 Partner with education / conservation organizations to teach local youth and parents

Vision 5

Efficient and sustainable Parks & Recreation management, maintenance, and administration

Goals

- Update record-keeping systems and agreement processes
- Refine contractor procurement processes / requirements
- Formalize the training of P&R staff and consciously build an open information-sharing culture

Opportunities

5.1 Address turf field management issues
5.2 Systematically transfer institutional knowledge of Parks and Recreation procedures to the next generations
5.3 Re-establish a dedicated, parks-focused maintenance group
5.4 Establish park maintenance data collection and accountability protocols
5.5 Create naturalization strategies for specific parks
5.6 Incentivize staff to obtain certifications and training
5.7 Explore partnering with Bucks County P&R for potential additional programming
5.8 Establish an Implementation Committee to oversee implementation of this plan

Vision 6

Township policy / ordinances support recreation needs with funding strategies that achieve multi-functional infrastructure improvements

Goals

- Employ modern remedies to transportation barriers that limit public access to recreation, using strategic, consistent incremental phases of planning, funding, and engineering.
- Review Township policy and ordinances to support the recreational and open space needs of the community.
- Coordinate funding strategies between finance, planning, parks & recreation, and public works departments to maximize the potential to capitalize and maintain park and open space improvements.

Opportunities

6.1 Create a Township Official Map and add priority connections
6.2 Include resources for park access improvements in annual Township budgets
6.3 Aggressively pursue modern multi-modal roadway improvements along Woodbourne Road at the SEPTA train station
6.4 Consider modifications to the Zoning Ordinance and the SALDO
6.5 Diversify parks funding sources

Definitions

Accessibility – refers to the design of facilities and spaces to be usable by people of all abilities, including compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Easement – is a legal agreement that allows the use of land for a specific purpose(s), such as conservation or public access.

Floodplain – is an area of low-lying land adjacent to a stream or river which stretches from the banks of its channel to the base of the enclosing valley walls, and which experiences flooding during periods of high flows.

Greenway – is usually a linear corridor of land set aside/ conserved for recreational use(s) and/or environmental stewardship.

Multimodal – refers to transportation systems that integrate multiple modes of travel, such as walking, biking, and public transit.

Naturalization – is the process of restoring land to a more naturally-functioning ecosystem, often by planting native vegetation, minimizing human intervention, and removing invasive species.

Open Space – are areas of land and water designated for use as active or passive recreation and/or for natural resource protection, including: parks, agricultural lands, natural lands such as wetlands, woodlands, etc., untended lands, and connecting greenways, blueways, and trails.

Passive Recreation – are activities that require minimal facilities, have low impact on the environment, and are commonly non-competitive, such as walking or birdwatching.

Active Recreation – includes play activities that involve physical exertion and often require structured facilities or equipment, such as sports or playgrounds.

Riparian – the interface between land and a water body such as a river, stream, lake, or wetland.

Stormwater Management – include practices and systems designed to control and reduce runoff from rain and storms to prevent flooding, erosion, and pollution of water bodies.

Watershed – is an area or region of land that drains into a specific river, river system, or other body of water.

Wetland – is an area of land where water covers the surface or saturates the soil for part of the year, and is characterized by the presence of water, specialized vegetation, and unique soil types.



Acronyms

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

BMP – Best Management Practices

C2P2 – Community Conservation Partnership Program

CPROSGT – Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Greenways, and Trails

DCNR – Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

DEP – Department of Environmental Protection

DOT – Department of Transportation

DVRPC – Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

LWCF – Land and Water Conservation Fund

MIP – Multimodal Improvement Plan

MTF – Multimodal Transportation Fund

NFWF – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

NSD – Neshaminy School District

PWD – Public Works Department

RCP – Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program

SALDO – Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance

SRTS – Safe Routes to Schools

SS4A – Safe Streets and Roads for All



INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

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1682

William Penn purchases 8,000 acres of land from the Lenni Lenape, including all of Middletown



1692

Middletown Township, one of five original townships in Bucks County, is formally established



1872-1899

The existing boroughs of Langhorne, Langhorne Manor, Hulmeville, and Penndel withdraw from Middletown Township creating its unique boundary.



1876

Attleboro, Middletown's largest development in the early 1700's, is renamed Langhorne



1952

Fairless Steel Works opens in neighboring Falls Township, spurring development in the region

2.1 TOWNSHIP PROFILE

2.1.1 Township History

Middletown Township was formally established in 1692 by William Penn and his surveyor General Thomas Holme. It shares similarities with many townships that were part of the original three counties that surrounded Philadelphia and attracted Swedish and Dutch colonists seeking a "new home" close to the major seaport and commercial and political hub of Philadelphia as well as lush and abundant farmland.

These early settlers were followed by waves of immigrants from the British Isles and by the development of rail and commerce. Langhorne Terrace and Parkland, on the western side of the Township, were developed as summer home communities; other parts of the Township, including Attleboro, now incorporated as Langhorne Borough, developed along rail lines that connected the community to Philadelphia and Trenton.

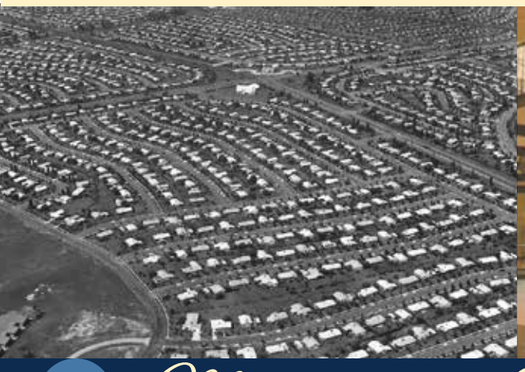
The early 20th century saw the rise of the automobile, which led to additional development in Middletown Township as Philadelphians moved away from the city to more rural areas. In 1952, US Steel opened the Fairless Steel Works in neighboring Falls Township, employing more than 8,000 workers by the early 1970's.

To house these workers, Levitt & Sons completed the largest planned suburban community in the country, Levittown in 1958, which sprawls across the southern half of the Township and three neighboring municipalities. (For more on the cultural landscape created by Levittown, see sidebar on page 14.)

There is a rich history of recreation in Middletown, as well. Levittown was exceptional in its creation of a "complete community" with areas in each neighborhood set aside for schools, churches, pools, parks, and greenbelts. Levittown had as many as five public pools, including the former pool at Forsythia Crossing Park. The Pinewood Pool, now operated by Falls Township, is the only pool that remains. Levittown's early greenways continue to provide respite to residents today, demonstrating the development's enduring recreation legacy.

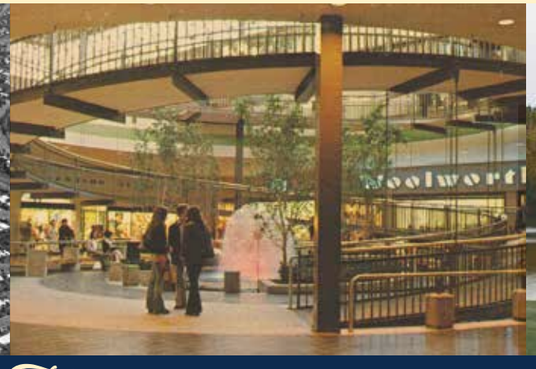
Pennsylvanians still seek out Middletown Township for its central location to many of the region's landmark attractions, educational opportunities, and commercial centers.

A timeline of relevant occurrences is shown on these pages.



1958

Levittown, one of the largest Philadelphia suburbs, is completed



1973

Oxford Valley Mall is completed



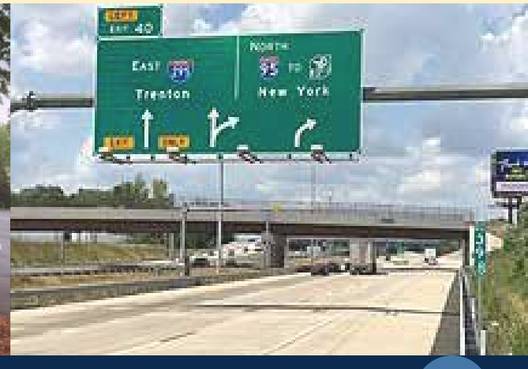
1977

Core Creek is dammed as part of a Bucks County flood control project, creating Lake Luxembourg



1980

The Sesame Place Amusement Park is completed



2018

After more than two decades of planning and construction, I-295 is completed, connecting the PA Turnpike to Trenton, NJ.



Levittown's Cultural Landscape

When it was built, Levittown was envisioned as the archetypical American suburb, and in striving to achieve that status, a unique cultural landscape was created that endures today.

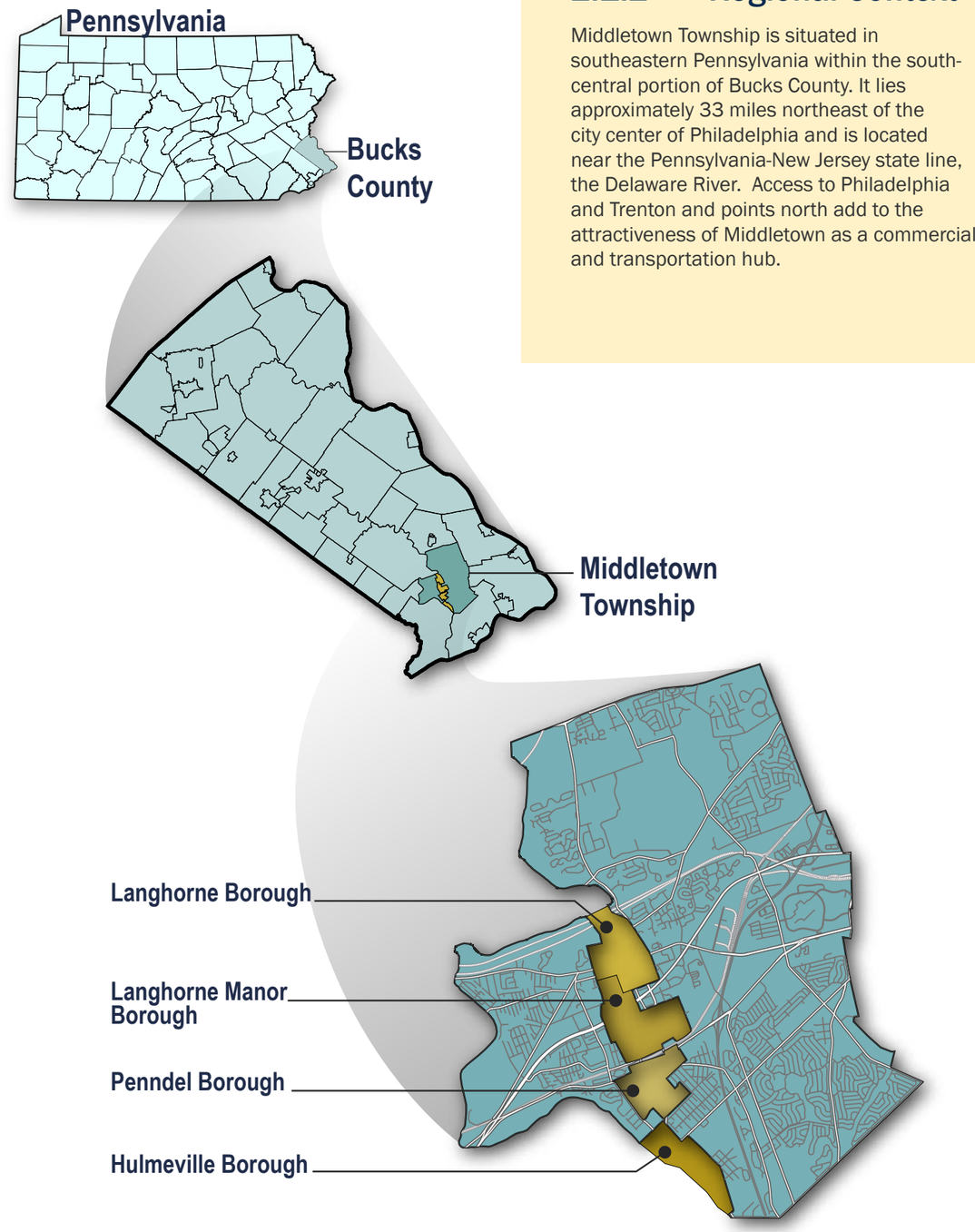
The "development" is divided into numerous neighborhoods. Within each neighborhood, every street begins with the same letter as the neighborhood (for example, in Quincy Hollow you can find Quill, Quartz, and Queens Bridge Roads, while Forsythia Gate contains Falcon, Firtree, and Flamingo Roads). With this naming convention, addresses could easily be located.

The Levittown road network is also noteworthy. Within the development, there are no four-way intersections, except for major roads that pre-existed the neighborhoods. Each neighborhood is surrounded by a "drive" type of street with the same name as the neighborhood – and these drives each connect internal neighborhood "roads" to the larger regional road network.

Sidewalks are also a key part of Levittown's cultural landscape. Every Levittown neighborhood has sidewalks on all streets, to provide residents with opportunities for connection and exercise. The only exceptions are neighborhood called "The Gates" (Red Rose Gate, Forsythia Gate and Snowball Gate) which were intended for management and executive workers. These workers were expected to exercise and relax at the nearby country club rather than in their own neighborhoods like working-class residents, and so sidewalks were not created inside the "gates".

2.1.2 Regional Context

Middletown Township is situated in southeastern Pennsylvania within the south-central portion of Bucks County. It lies approximately 33 miles northeast of the city center of Philadelphia and is located near the Pennsylvania-New Jersey state line, the Delaware River. Access to Philadelphia and Trenton and points north add to the attractiveness of Middletown as a commercial and transportation hub.





2.1.3 Demographics & Economy

Population/Age/Race

Population Trends and Forecasts: 2015 – 2045

Middletown Township has a population of 46,040 as of the 2020 census, a 1.37% increase from the 2015 population. This represents roughly 7% of Bucks County. DVRPC municipal population forecasts indicate that Middletown Township population is expected to increase approximately 6% by 2045. This estimate is lower than the 7.57% population increase by 2045 expected in Bucks County overall.

Age

The largest increases in population in Middletown Township between 2011 and 2021 are:

- 65 to 69 years (+1.9%)
- 55 to 59 years (+1.7%)
- Under 5 years / 85+ years (both +1.4%)

The largest population decreases between 2011 and 2021 are:

- 50 to 54 years (-3.4%)
- 45 to 49 years (-2.2%)
- 15 to 19 years (-1.6%)

The growing segment of aging population is a demographic that seeks pedestrian connections to both active and passive recreational amenities as well as other destinations (transit, retail, etc.) as they navigate changes to mobility due to age. Similarly, the increase in young children in the Township represents a population requiring a variety of recreational opportunities including both active and passive recreation.

Racial Diversity

82.2% of Middletown Township's residents identify as White/ Caucasian. (This is also proportionate to Bucks County, which is 80.7% White/Caucasian). The past ten years have seen a shift in the racial composition of Middletown Township. The most notable of these changes is a 6.0% decrease in White residents, while the share of Black/African American residents rose 1%, Asian residents rose 1%, and Hispanic/Latino residents rose 1.7%. Also notable is a 2% rise in residents identifying as two or more races.

Income/Industry/Education

Median Household Income & Poverty

Middletown Township experienced a significant 22.8% growth in median household income from $78,292 (2011) to $101,356 (2021). This growth was replicated in neighboring municipalities such as Upper Makefield (+23.4%) and Bristol (+24.1%) and is also similar to the 23.4% growth experienced in Bucks County as a whole.

Middletown Township (4.7% to 4.5%) and Newtown Township (3.7% to 1.8%) were the only municipalities in Bucks County to see a reduction in the percentage of the population below the poverty level between 2012 and 2021. The neighboring municipalities of Bristol (8% to 9.9%) and Bensalem (6% to 9.9%) saw significant increases, while at the County level, Bucks saw an increase from 5.4% to 5.5%.

Educational Attainment

95.3% of Middletown residents have at least a high school diploma, while 38.9% have achieved at least a bachelor's degree. This level of attainment is similar to Bucks County, where 94.5% have a high school diploma and 42.9% have a bachelor's degree. Other notable statistics for Middletown include: 4.7% have no high school diploma and 17.3% have some college experience but did not finish their degree.

Commuting/ Vehicle Ownership

Method of Commute (2021)

- 79.4% driving alone
- 6.9% carpooling
- 2.2% use public transportation, and
- 10% work from home

The 2020 Census indicates an increase in the "work from home" category, which began to increase as a result of the impact of the COVID epidemic, but industry analysts agree that working from home is an established growing option for workers.

Vehicles Available by Household

Middletown statistics for vehicle ownership within the workforce population over the age of 16 years in the Township (23,902):

- No access to vehicle: 1.3%
- Access to 1 vehicle: 11.1%
- Access to 2 vehicles: 40.4%
- Access to 3 vehicles: 47.2%

These numbers of vehicles within the Township emphasize the importance of planning for and implementing safe multimodal connections to parks and open spaces.

Community Character

Middletown Township, like much of Lower Bucks County, is a highly developed suburban community. Remnants of the Township's agricultural past remain evident, particularly north of the Rt.1 corridor and CSX's Morrisville Train Line, though, outside of land preserved by the Township and/or County, the vast majority of agricultural lands have been developed. South of the Rt.1 corridor, the Township's suburban character dominates, particularly in the Levittown section, where neighborhoods are well connected internally, but often isolated from their surroundings unless using a motor vehicle.

2.2 METHODOLOGY: DATA COLLECTION AND SITE RECONNAISSANCE

The basis of the analysis efforts for this Plan was the compilation of the best available data from Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping sources and the updating of specific park, recreation and open space features through in-person site visits and conversations. Existing plans or records from the Township also were consulted.

The following sources provided the data presented in this Plan:

- Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA)
- Delaware Valley Planning Commission (DVRPC) GIS data and planning resources
- PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)
- Bucks County Planning Commission
- US Department of Agriculture
- US Geological Survey

Site reconnaissance tours were conducted multiple times throughout the study duration with and without Township staff, both formally and informally.

Formal reconnaissance included two full-day MT parks tours and full-day in-person MT P&R Department interviews with Public Works/Parks staff.

2.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public participation component of the CPROSGT included the following outreach elements:

- Public Meetings
- Key Person Interviews
- Focus Groups
- Attendance at two (2) MT P&R Special Events
- Online Public Opinion Survey

Steering Committee meetings were held to provide a forum to present technical data and analysis to Committee members and to solicit their specific comments on the information. Feedback at these meetings helped to inform materials presented at each subsequent Public Meeting. These meetings were open to the public.

All meeting materials for both Steering Committee and Public Meetings were posted to the Middletown Township website, and the public was invited to contact the consultant team directly with comments or questions. Public Meetings were held at the Middletown Township Municipal Center and virtually to allow for greater participation.

Notes from all Committee and Public Meetings are included in the Appendix of this report.



2.3.1 Public Meetings

Public Meeting #1: January 23, 2025 – Programming and Brainstorming

The consultant team and Township staff introduced the purpose, timeline, and elements of the CPROSGT study, basic geophysical data about the Township, and an introduction to the public opinion survey. The meeting presentation illustrated the scope of the MT parks, and described the resource analysis process and the range of definitions used for open space. A brainstorming session followed the presentation with participants invited to rotate between four breakout stations, each focused on parks within a different quadrant of the township.

Comments received included:

- Lack of pedestrian connections (trails, crosswalks) makes access to Core Creek Park difficult
- New trails should connect Core Creek Park to Styer Orchard
- Additional pickleball courts should be added at Core Creek and Middletown Community Parks
- Meadows and other naturalized areas should be added throughout the park system
- Twin Oaks Park could use additional maintenance, improved stormwater management, and additional parking
- A public pool is desired, particularly following the closure of the pool at Forsythia Crossing
- Patriot Path at Veterans Memorial Park could be extended, connected to Greenway trails
- Creek access at Cobalt Ridge Park is difficult because of "overgrown" riparian buffer
- New trails at Langhorne Spring Water Co. would be appreciated
- Firefighters' Park and playgrounds in general need more shade
- Invasive removal and native plant seeding would make great community events
- Connections between the eastern and western (Langhorne/ Parkland) portions of the township are important

Public Meeting #2: March 27, 2025 – Preliminary Concepts

The consultant team summarized the research and analysis to date, including: preliminary results of the online public opinion survey; feedback received at the first public meeting; initial takeaways from Key Person Interviews; and analysis of existing sidewalks, trails, open space, and wetlands.

The consultant team then presented four initial concepts for the plan:

1. Improve access to and, where appropriate, within MT open spaces
2. Improve pedestrian/bicycle connections to MT parks
3. Park facility improvements: maintain expectations of clean/safe/ready to use parks, with consistent capital funding, a sustainable fee schedule, and successional plan for continued success.
4. Continued strategic growth of programming to eliminate barriers for participation with processes and procedures memorialized.

Brainstorming followed in one online and three in-person breakout groups, focused on four questions:

1. Which Township or County Park would you most like to access by bike or walking? Comments included:

- Core Creek Park
- Middletown Community Center
- Middletown Community Park
- Styer Orchard
- Connections from Levittown to other neighborhoods

2. What would be your "Generational Project" (large-scale, money-is-no-object, dream project)? Comments included:

- Pedestrian tunnel at Woodbourne Rd.
- An amphitheater. Could be a source of income for the Township.
- Public pool/Splash pads
- Year-round restrooms
- Outdoor classrooms
- Turf field complex
- Indoor recreation facility

3. What are the top three (3) MT parks requiring major capital improvements?

- Middletown Community Park: Skate Park phase 2, Pickleball courts, connections to Township Line Road, more basketball courts, additional event parking
- Middletown Community Center: ADA accessible bathrooms
- Twin Oaks Park: field improvements, playground improvements, paved path around the park
- Simmons Park: new play equipment, consistent surfacing on the path
- Firefighters' Park: improved parking, water fountain, restrooms
- Trails at Forsythia Crossing Park

4. What is your assessment of recreational programming?

- Overall, the diversity and amount of programs is great!
- Is there room for more casual (non-competitive) athletics on MT park facilities?
- Important to maintain pickleball courts for drop-in use
- More diversity of non-sports programming would be appreciated

Public Meeting #3: May 15, 2025 – Draft Plan & Recommendations

The consultant team summarized public participation comments received to-date and presented six (6) draft visions for the plan, as well as preliminary recommendations for the plan. The "Visions" presented were:

1. Vision 1: Accessible, safe, modern Township parks
2. Vision 2: Parks linked to neighborhoods by safe pedestrian and bike routes
3. Vision 3: Recreation programming excellence
4. Vision 4: Increased availability and access to open space
5. Vision 5: Efficient and sustainable Parks and Recreation management, maintenance, and administration
6. Vision 6: Township policy/ordinances to support recreation needs, with funding strategies to achieve multi-functional infrastructure improvements.

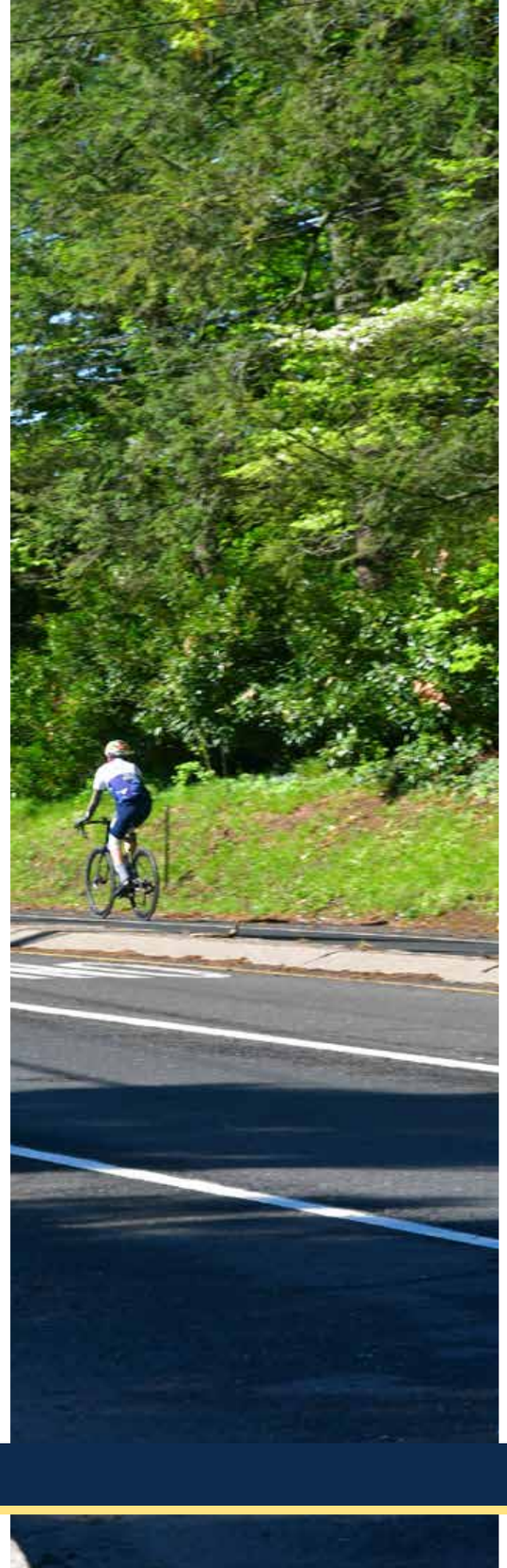
Recommendations included:

1. The Middletown Parks Accessibility Strategy
2. Priority Pedestrian-Bicycle Connections
3. Open Space: Improve access to and, where appropriate, within open spaces and celebrate open spaces as "preserves"
4. Field Use and Maintenance: Clarify division of maintenance responsibilities between Parks & Rec and youth athletic associations and track field use to coordinate maintenance activities
5. Implementation recommendations: revision to the Zoning Ordinance and SALDO to support open space provision and development and create a Middletown Official Map to express the Township's interest in acquiring specific lands for public purposes.

Discussion included questions about the potential for acquiring land to provide improved access to Core Creek Park, locating trailheads outside of neighborhoods, and the potential for a pool or splash pad to be included in the recommendations.

Public Meeting #4: October 6, 2025 – Presentation of Final Plan

To be written for final report



2.3.2 Key Person Interviews

A total of nine (9) Key Person Interviews were conducted with organizations and individuals who have knowledge, experience, and specific interests in advancing various aspects of recreation and open space services in Middletown Township. Conducted both virtually and in-person, these meetings established important perspectives of the varied ways that recreation and open space are integrated into everyday life in the MT community. Notes from Key Person Interviews are included in the Appendix Section 3.

Pertinent comments/information received from the KPIs are highlighted below:

Heritage Conservancy (HC)

- Styer Orchard is owned by the Township, operated by the farmer (who holds a lease on the property), and funding is controlled by HC. HC is interested in increasing programming at the property and is open to simplifying the relationship by potentially purchasing the property from the Township or by transferring funds to the Township with restrictions.
- HC holds the conservation easement at Langhorne Spring Water Company, and could be open to trail development, but additional information is needed.

Bucks County Staff

- Currently updating the Bucks County CRPOSP, focused on maintaining existing assets and increasing accessibility.
- Core Creek Park: exploring conversion of agricultural fields, plans for emergent wetlands at the north end of the lake as a water quality BMP.
- Core Creek – Neshaminy Greenway Trail to connect the Park to Woodbourne Road near Ellis Road will be completed in 2026.
- Partnership opportunities may exist around a potential indoor recreation center.

Emergency Responders

- Main priorities for improvements would be visibility into parks, lighting, and emergency access.
- Wayfinding system along trails for emergency responders and open-access AEDs would also be desirable amenities.

Middletown Senior Center Association

- Facility is owned by the Township and leased to the Senior Center for $1/yr.
- Township provides Summer Camp, classes, and rents some rooms individually to third parties.
- Current building does not meet Senior Center needs, particularly with the shortage of ADA-compliant restrooms.
- An addition and/or new two-story facility would be desirable.

Middletown Township Supervisors

- Supervisors would like to see deed restrictions on existing Township-owned open space properties to ensure development of these properties cannot occur.
- Supervisors hear many concerns about rezoning requests for higher-density development, would like recommendations for strengthening Zoning and SALDO.
- Improvements to the Woodborne Road Recreation Corridor would provide recreation connectivity in the Township and address multiple goals related to transportation, access, and drainage.

St. Mary Medical Center

- Existing trail network on St. Mary campus frequently used by the public, could provide “low-hanging fruit” for expansion of Township trail network.

Woods Services

- Currently working with PennDOT on Corn Crib Bridge design (connects Woods’ properties on north and south sides of Rt. 1) as part of PennDOT-RC3 (Rt. 1 Reconstruction Project).
- Woods is interested in “integrating” the campus with the larger neighborhood, could be open to providing access to Township residents to one indoor and two outdoor pools on campus as well as other recreational amenities.

Neshaminy School District

- Currently facilities are locked after school hours for safety and liability reasons.
- Athletic organizations are sometimes permitted to use school facilities under strict parameters, but costs are rising due to custodial staff overtime.

Neighboring Boroughs

- Langhorne Borough and Langhorne Manor Borough are interested in the idea of connecting neighborhoods to Langhorne Spring Water Company Preserve and other projects that provide safe pedestrian movement.



2.3.3 Focus Groups

Focus groups were selected by MT to engage a cross-section of voices into two (2) specific areas of interest to this CPROSGT report: Youth Athletic Organizations and Neighboring Parks & Recreation Directors.

Some cross-over existed between groups also represented in the Key Person Interview process. Valuable feedback was received during these meetings, as attendees reinforced priorities expressed within the selected topics or highlighted issues or groups within the Township that had not been considered.

Focus Group areas of interest and attendees are noted below with highlights of those discussions:

Athletic Organizations Focus Group

- Hulmeville Soccer Club
- Langhorne Athletic Association
- Middletown Athletic Association

Participants expressed a need for increased clarity of responsibilities for maintenance at Township-owned fields as well as the need for additional facilities based on current demand.

Neighboring Parks and Rec Directors Focus Group

- Bensalem Parks and Recreation
- Bristol Parks and Recreation
- Falls Township Parks and Recreation
- Lower Makefield Parks and Recreation
- Lower Southampton Parks and Recreation
- Northampton Township Parks and Recreation

Participants expressed a desire to collaborate on both new and continuing programming.

Notes from Focus Group sessions are included in the Appendix Section 4.

2.3.4 Public Opinion Survey

The consultant team, in collaboration with Middletown Township staff, crafted a 22-question public opinion survey to assess resident and park user sentiments on current park and recreational programming offerings in Middletown. Several questions were intended to gauge public sentiment on the preservation of open space within the Township.

The survey was launched to the public in October 2024, and public response was very strong, with over 1,500 responses recorded through May 2025.

Highlights of the public opinion survey include:

- Active use of the park system in Middletown, with almost 60% of respondents reporting using a park several times per week
- Strong public support for safe pedestrian connections
- Strong public support for the preservation of natural open spaces

The complete summary of the online public opinion survey can be found in the report Appendix Section 5.

2.4 SUMMARY OF EXISTING PLANNING DOCUMENTS

2.4.1 Prior Plan: 2005 Millennium Park Plan

The previous Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan (known as the Millennium Park Plan and completed in 2005) produced an inventory, analysis, and recommendations based the Township's needs and desires at the time.

Highlights of the plan included:

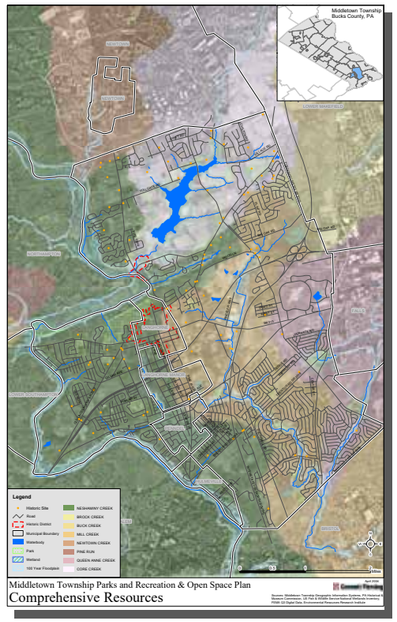
- A focus on conservation of natural resources
- Recommendations to consider the parks as a system through marketing and infrastructure improvements
- Recommendations to build greenways and trail connections
- Recommendations to consider constructing an indoor recreation facility to provide for life-long recreation opportunities
- Recommendations to invest in the Parks and Recreation Department at a level "commensurate with responsibilities and resources."

The Township has made significant progress toward multiple goals and objectives set out in the Millennium Park Plan. In 2024, approximately 40% of Parks and Recreation Department revenue came from non-tax sources, representing a doubling of this number from 2005.

The acquisition of the Saba Property (now frequently referred to as Saba Open Space) represents a significant step towards conserving natural resources in the Township.

The Middletown Multimodal Improvement Plan (see below) provides a master plan for bicycle and pedestrian trails, also recommended in the Millennium Park Plan.

Other significant Township developments toward Millennium Park Plan goals include: the development of the 2010 Twin Oaks Park Master Plan; field development and renovations at Simmons, Jones, and Firefighters' Parks; expanded programming and program staff; and the move to using RecDesk for recreation program registration.



2.4.2 Middletown Township Comprehensive Plan (2020)

The Township's Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2020, is subtitled "Connecting Our Community to Embrace the Future."

Goals from the Recreation section include:

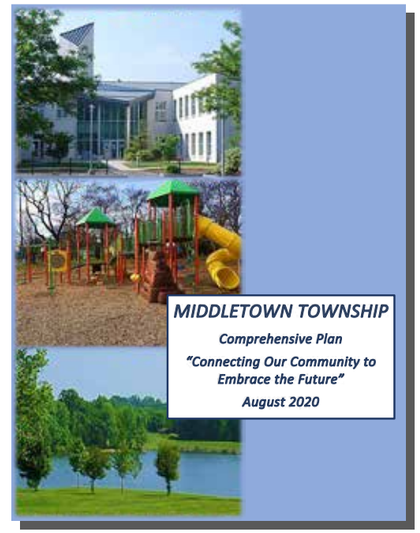
- Create greater community cohesion by connecting parks and recreation facilities.
- Invest in the parks and recreation facilities to sustain and enhance the quality of life.
- Establish greater walkability and bikeability in and surrounding the parks.

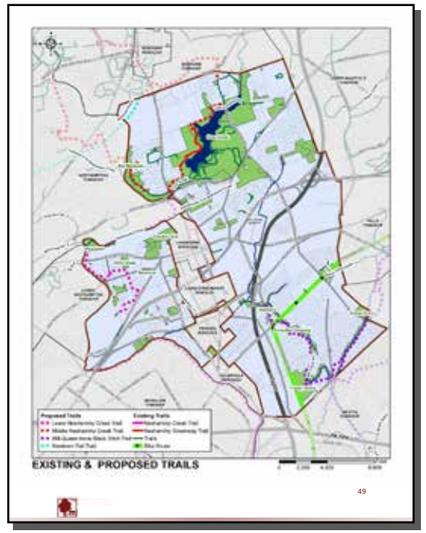
Strategies include:

- Recreation Strategy #1: Coordinate with Bucks County in greenway planning and implementation. Greenway sections include: Lower Neshaminy Creek Trail, Middle Neshaminy Creek Trail, Newtown Loop Trail, Newtown Rail Trail, and Mill-Queen Anne-Black Ditch Creek Trail
- Recreation Strategy #2: Update the Middletown Millennium Plan's Recreation, Parks, & Open Space Plan (This strategy provided the impetus for the creation of this CPROSGT plan)
- Recreation Strategy #3: Implement existing master plan for Twin Oaks Park
- Recreation Strategy #4: Continue practice of upgrading existing facilities
- Recreation Strategy #5: Maintain preserves
- Recreation Strategy #6: Increase public access to open space and recreation properties controlled by others
    - Implementation steps include: Initiate discussions with Neshaminy School District to provide access to Idlewood Environmental Study Center;
    - Work with HOA's with open space properties along proposed trails to ensure trail alignment takes open spaces into account.

Relevant goals from the Sustainability section include:

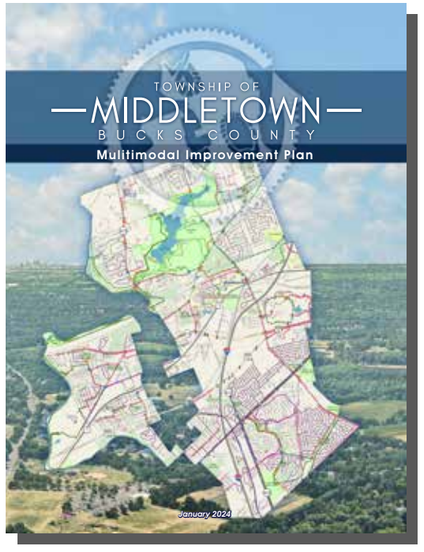
- Sustainability Strategy #2: Improve the stormwater management system to mitigate pollution and flooding: Incorporate "green" approaches to stormwater management, such as planting specific trees and shrubs in parks, open space, and preserved areas that help serve that purpose.





2.4.3 Middletown Multimodal Improvement Plan

The Middletown Multimodal Improvement Plan was adopted in 2023 as an element of the Township 2020 Comprehensive Plan. Some MIP opportunities align with the CPROSGT including strategies to improve connectivity within the Township for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and mobility aid users. Recommendations for connections to parks and open spaces in the Township include sidewalks, side paths, bike lanes, crosswalks, and bike parking, among others. A full list of parks-related recommendations is included in Appendix Section 6.

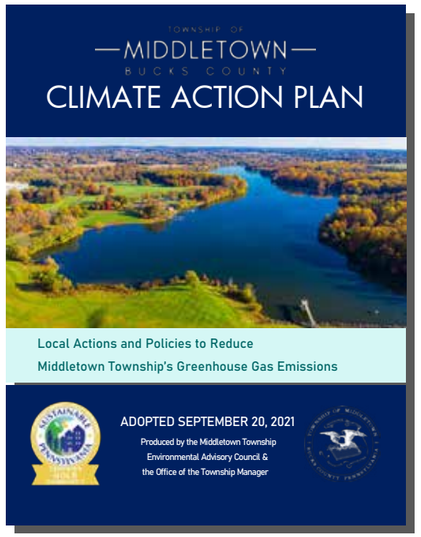


2.4.4 Middletown Climate Action Plan

The Middletown Climate Action Plan, adopted in 2021, is the first local climate action plan prepared in Bucks County. The Plan provides goals for the Township's greenhouse gas emissions reductions and identifies how these efforts could improve the Township's climate resilience. Actions relevant to this planning effort include:

- WR-2E: Deploy recycling containers at Township parks to prevent littering and to divert recyclables from solid waste stream.
- TR-1B: Partner with PennDOT to expand the local bike lane network and to make roadways safer for bicyclists.
- TR-1C: Improve sidewalk connectivity between residential and commercial developments.

The plan notes that "Actions that reduce impervious surfaces can reduce the potential for flooding by retaining stormwater in place. These types of actions include … expanding or restoring green space".



2.4.5 Bucks2040 Vision Plan

Bucks2040 Vision Plan is a comprehensive and vision plan for the county and was adopted in January 2024. Though the plan is wide-ranging, addressing a variety of issues, parks and recreation are relevant to many areas of the plan, as shown below.

Seven (7) issues of greatest importance have been established:

1. Make housing more attainable
2. Promote economic opportunity
3. Expand our travel options
4. Act on climate change
5. Improve our infrastructure
6. Enhance our parks and trails
7. Protect our farmland and natural resources

Sections of Bucks2040 relevant to this CPROSGT include:

Expand our travel options

- Walkable and bicycle-friendly communities
- Green infrastructure

Act on climate change

- Increasing transportation options
- Natural resource protection

Improve our infrastructure

- Green infrastructure

Enhance our parks and trails

- The land development process
- Standardized trail development
- "People-first" planning
- Municipal parks and recreation plans
- Interconnected public realm

Protect our farmland and natural resources

- Landscaped and connected green spaces



2.5 ZONING AND SALDO ORDINANCES

2.5.1 What are Zoning & SALDO?

Zoning ordinances are laws that regulate land use by determining which uses are permitted in specific locations, with associated requirements and limits, such as size, height, impermeable coverage, setbacks/buffers, building density, intensity of land uses, and protection of natural and historic resources.

A Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) determines municipal design standards, procedures, or other requirements that all developments must adhere to in Middletown Township.

Municipalities may amend these types of ordinances to reflect results of planning efforts and changes in economic and environmental conditions. Amendments to zoning and SALDO can also take the form of “overlay” districts that apply additional regulations based on a parcel’s location. This MT CPROSGT will make recommendations to ordinances based on the regulations currently in place.

2.5.2 Relevant Current Municipal Ordinances

- Chapter 337: Parks and Recreation (Rules and Regulations)
- Chapter 363: Property Maintenance (Section 102.L Weeds)
- Chapter 430: Stormwater Management and Earth Disturbance
- Chapter 431: Stormwater Management for Neshaminy Creek Watershed
- Chapter 440: Subdivision and Land Development
    - Article IV: Design Standards
    - Section 402: General standards
    - Section 423: Open space
    - Section 424: Recreation areas and community facilities
    - Article V: Required Improvements: Section 520: Community facilities
- Chapter 500: Zoning
    - Article VII: OR Open Recreation District
    - Article XII: MR Multi-Residential District (open space standards)
    - Article XVII: GB General Business District (open space standards)
    - Article XXVI: Natural Resource Protection Standards; Open Space and Buffers



2.6 INVENTORY

For the purposes of this CPROSGT, a current inventory is provided for the following items critical to understanding both open space and recreation in Middletown:

- Natural Lands/Geophysical Inventory
- Open Space Inventory
- Trails & Connections Inventory
- Parks & Recreation Facilities Inventory

Additional information related to this inventory is provided in the Appendix.

2.6.1 Natural Lands / Geophysical Inventory

Geology & Soils

The local history of Middletown and the Delaware Valley demonstrates that the area's rich agricultural land attracted the area's early European colonists, many of whom were farmers. Agricultural soils predominate in Middletown and several creeks traverse the Township. These natural elements still influence Middletown Township development. More information about the Township's natural resources follows.

Hydric Soils

Hydric soils are found along streams and wetlands in Middletown Township. Hydric soils form under saturated conditions. Ponding and flooding for long periods create anaerobic (lacking oxygen) conditions and allow these soils to support wetland ecosystems. Typically, these soils are found along waterways as well as in delineated wetlands.

Agricultural Soils

The qualities of prime agricultural soils and "soils of statewide importance" are defined by the US Dept. of Agriculture as well as Pennsylvania criteria and can produce a crop high yield when managed with acceptable farming practices. The Delaware Valley has an abundance of these types of soils, particularly in areas that are desirable for development due to their relatively flat topography.

Fig. 2.1 Soils Map

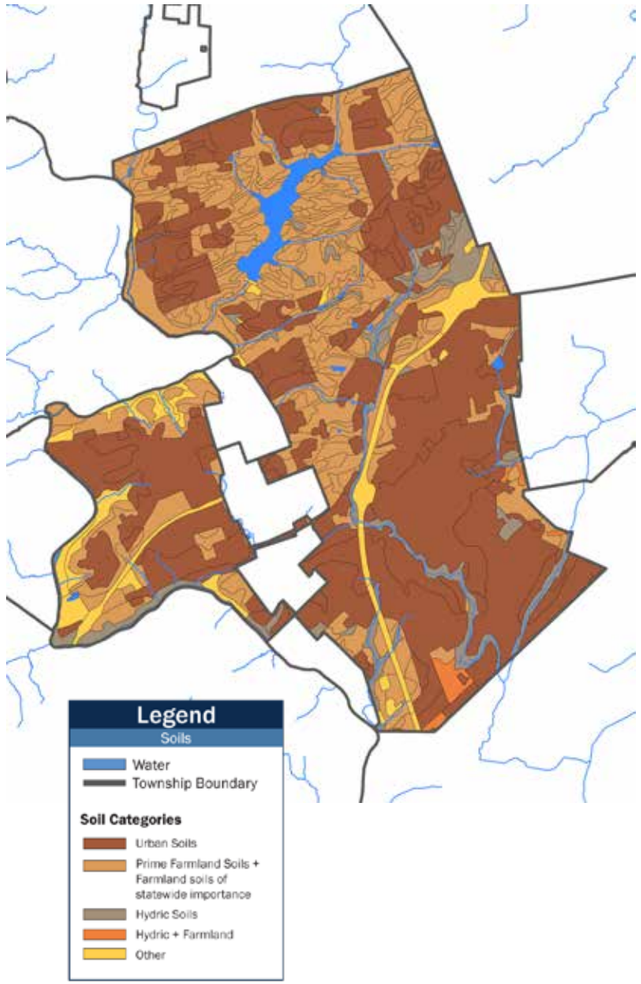
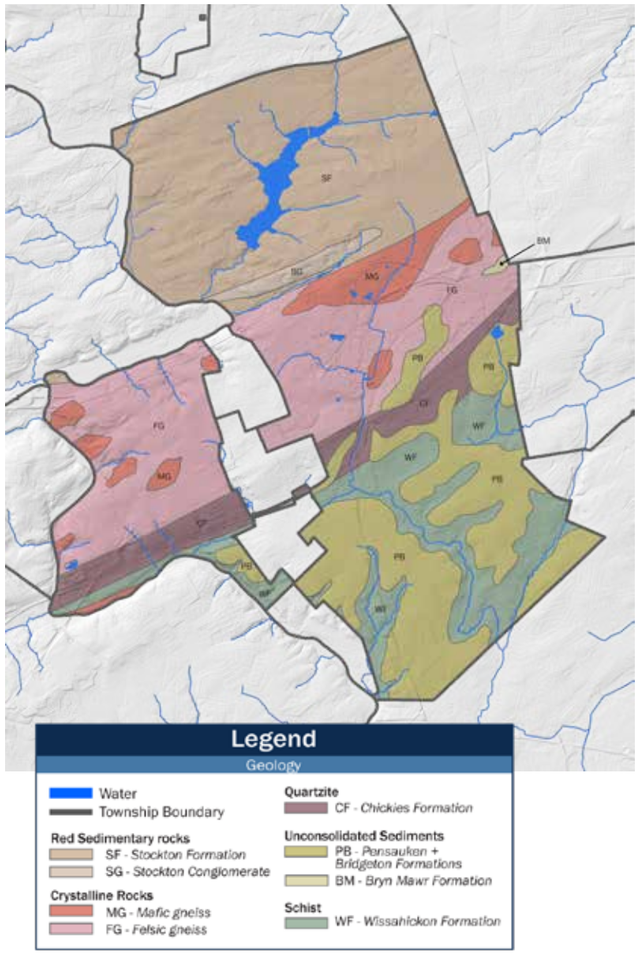


Fig. 2.2 Geology Map



Geology

Middletown geology divides the Township into three distinct areas: the Stockton Formation in the northern third of the Township composed of sedimentary rock; crystalline and quartzite rock, including Chickies Formation, through the center and western portions of the Township, and a combination of unconsolidated sediments and schist in the southern part of the Township, marking the inland edge of the Atlantic Coastal Plain.

The Stockton Formation is composed primarily of sandstone, shale, and siltstone. The groundwater in the Stockton Formation often has a high sulfate content, which may be a result of industrial contamination and urbanization.

South of the Stockton Formation, gneissic rock and the quartzite Chickies Formation mark the Fall Zone, a 900-mile escarpment that marks the boundary between the Piedmont and Atlantic Coastal Plain physiographic provinces. The gneissic rocks form hills of medium to high relief with steep and stable slopes.

The unconsolidated sediments consist of the Pensauken and Bridgeton Formations. The geometry and provenance of sand and gravel indicate that these formations were deposited by a large river that once flowed through the area. The Wissahickon Formation consists of rocks of sedimentary and volcanic origin, and schist, a metamorphic rock that has large flaky crystals and visible minerals.

Watersheds

The vast majority of Middletown Township is contained within four (4) main watersheds. The Core Creek watershed is a "sub" watershed of the Neshaminy Creek watershed, and the Queen Anne Creek watershed is a "sub" watershed of the Mill Creek watershed. Both the Neshaminy Creek watershed and the Mill Creek watershed empty into the Delaware River.

Small areas of the Township fall into three additional watersheds. Portions of the east-central Township, primarily north of Route 1, fall into the Brock Creek watershed, which flows into Buck Creek before reaching the Delaware River. The Newtown Creek watershed crosses into Middletown in the far northwest corner of the Township before flowing into Neshaminy Creek. A small area in the southeast corner of the Township falls into the Otter Creek watershed.

Core Creek Watershed

The Core Creek watershed traverses much of the northern third of the Township in the Stockton Formation described above, including all of Core Creek Park, before meeting Neshaminy Creek.

Neshaminy Creek Watershed

The Neshaminy Creek watershed includes most of the western portion of the Township and Neshaminy Creek forms the western border of Middletown. The Neshaminy Creek Greenway includes a planned Bucks County trail system extending from Doylestown in the north to the Delaware River.

Mill Creek Watershed

The Mill Creek watershed cuts generally north to south through the central portion of the Township. The Mill Creek Greenway represents a key opportunity for Middletown to enhance connectivity.

Queen Anne Creek Watershed

The Queen Anne Creek watershed in Middletown occupies the eastern boundary of the Township before flowing into Mill Creek. At the southern end of the watershed, the Queen Anne Greenway offers opportunities to expand the Township trail system and enhance riparian buffers.

Wetlands / Floodplains / Other Natural Resources

Wetlands

Wetlands are areas that are defined by certain soil types and are saturated enough to support specific types of vegetation. Wetlands are one of the most biologically diverse ecosystems in the world, providing important environmental services such as flood control and nurseries for animal and fish habitats. Even wetlands that are considered seasonal provide habitat for many varieties of plants and animals. Pennsylvania has lost more than half of its natural wetlands to development. Even when man-made wetlands are built, they rarely match the effectiveness of natural wetlands.

There are some wetlands and hydric soils scattered throughout the Township. Most notable is the area referred to as the Saba Wetlands in the northeastern portion of the Township, near the boundary with Lower Makefield Township. Other wetland areas can be found along the Townships waterways, including a notably large wetland areas along Neshaminy Creek west of Core Creek Park and in Chickenfoot Park along Queen Anne Creek.

Floodplains

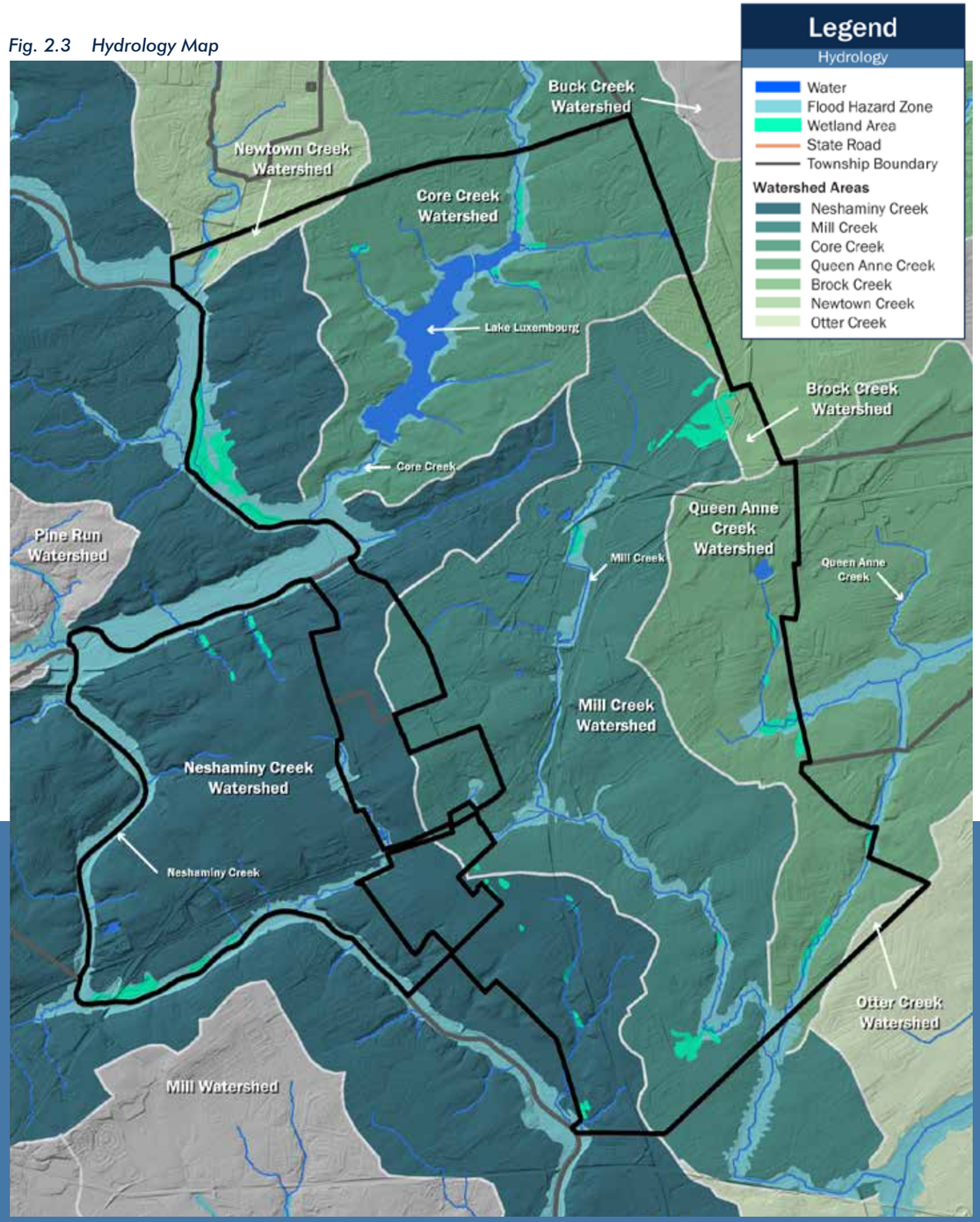
Floodplains are low-lying areas next to streams, rivers, or waterways that are subject to periodic complete or partial flooding during rain events. Floodplains act as storage areas during storm events and as groundwater recharge zones to replenish aquifers. Naturally vegetated floodplains can help trap and reduce the amount of suspended sediment and upland runoff effects that may otherwise reduce water quality. Rainfall runoff, which may otherwise produce flooding in downstream sections of a watercourse, is contained in floodplains.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) authorizes the studies that map the elevations of storm levels. Noted as 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year storms, these numbers reflect not how often they occur, but rather the percentage chance of exceedance in any given year.

Protection of floodplains from development is vital not only for natural habitats and cultural resources, but also for life and property.



Fig. 2.3 Hydrology Map

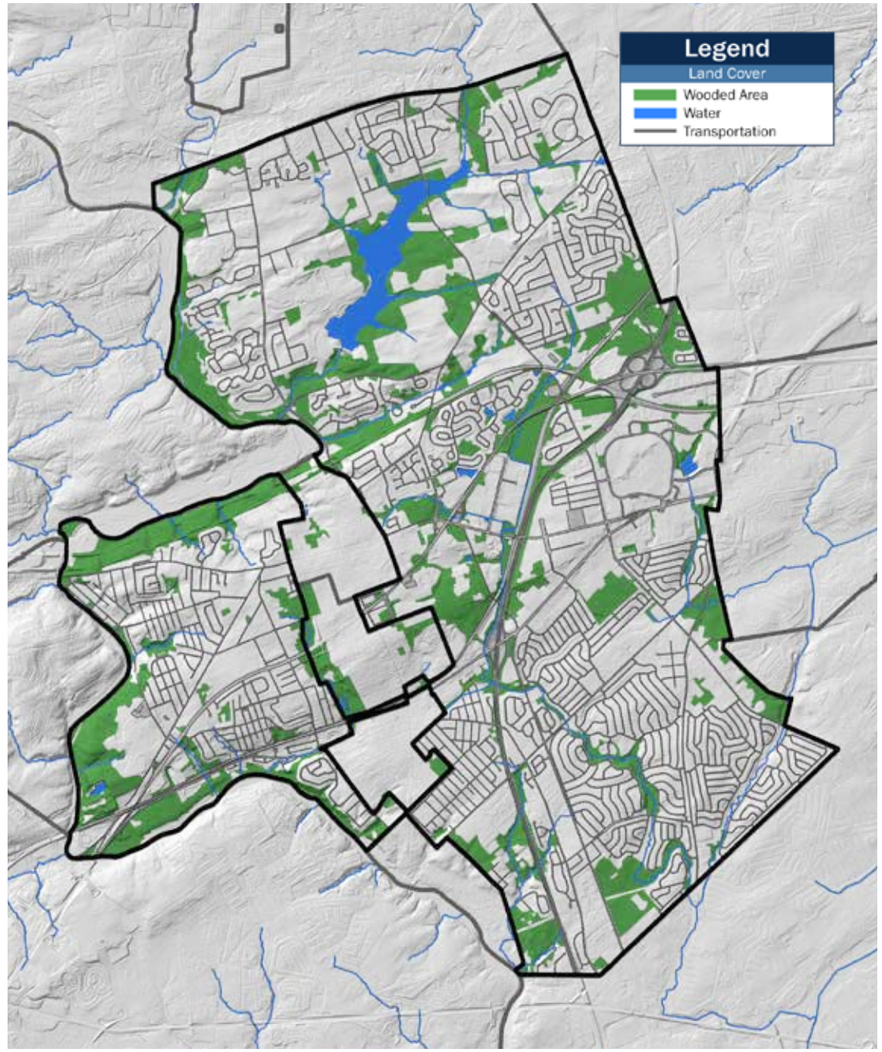


Woodlands & Greenways

Most native woodlands that existed within Middletown were cleared long ago for the establishment of agricultural lands. More recently, they have been cleared for the development of industrial and residential developments.

Existing forest canopy today within Middletown can best be described as sparse woodland patches that are highly fragmented, due to the large network of regional highways located within the Township. The Township's largest contiguous forested areas can be found along waterways include Neshaminy Creek and Mill Creek. Additional wooded areas are located near the intersection of Rt. 1 and I-295, within Core Creek Park, and within the open space areas known as Langhorne Spring Water Company and Saba Wetlands.

Fig. 2.4 Canopy Cover Map



Topography & Steep Slopes

Areas of steep slopes (defined as topography that has greater than 15% slope) are predominantly found along streambanks in Middletown. Some additional steep slopes are located along the highways and rail lines that cross the Township.

The areas of highest elevation are generally found in the central and western parts of the Township. Topography declines towards Neshaminy Creek and the Delaware River, with the lowest elevations along Neshaminy Creek south and west of the Parkland neighborhood.

Fig. 2.5 Elevation and Steep Slopes Map

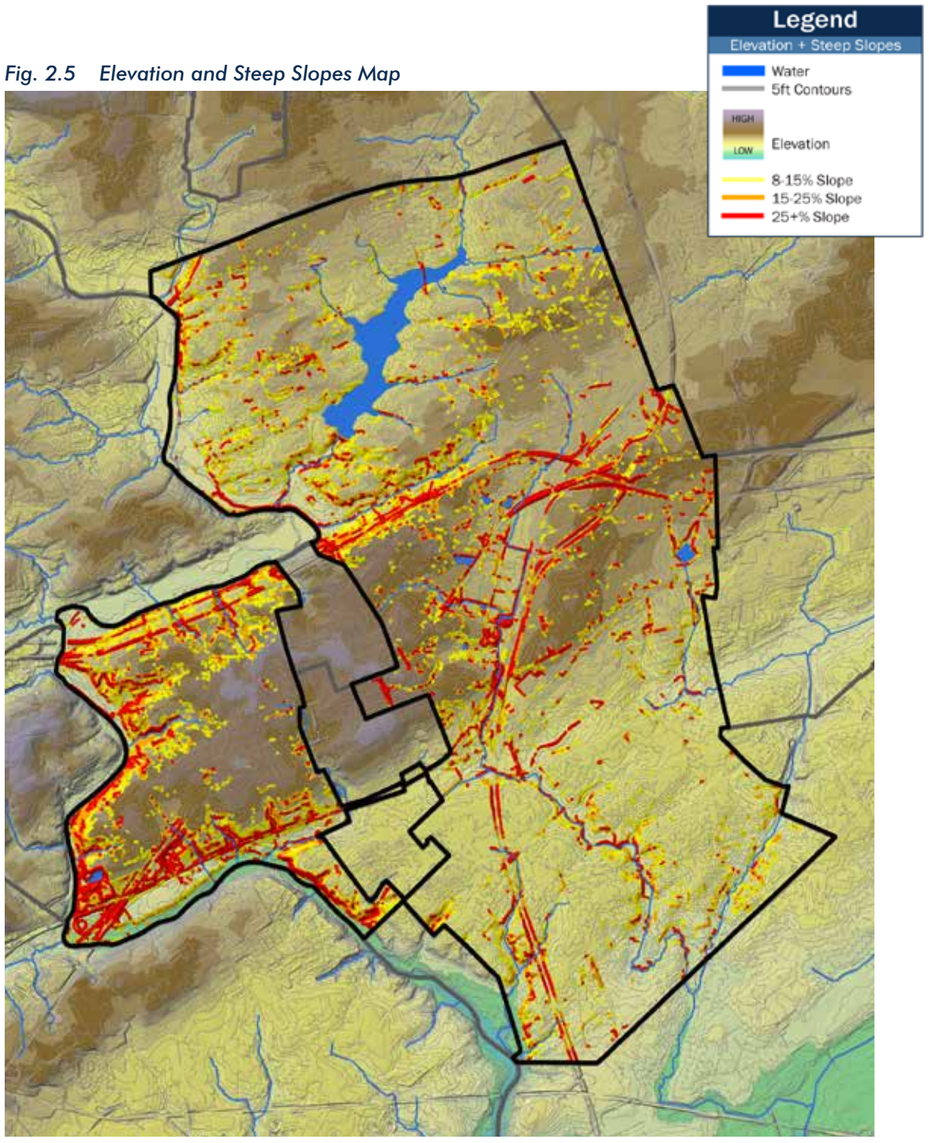
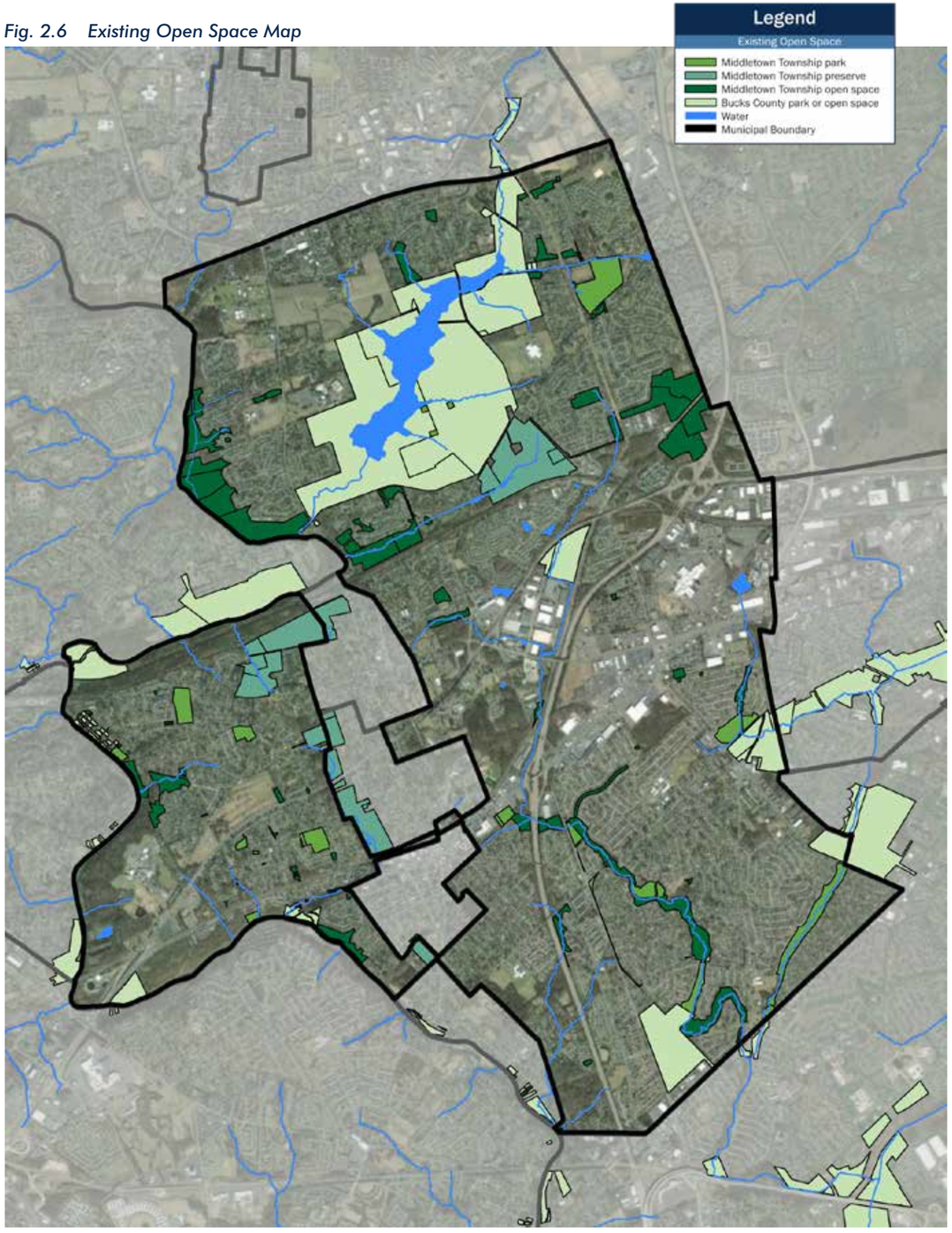


Fig. 2.6 Existing Open Space Map



2.6.2 Historic & Cultural Resources

The 2020 Middletown Comprehensive Plan provided an inventory of Historic Sites in the Township originally compiled in 1993 by the Middletown Historic Preservation Commission. This list has not been officially updated since that time. A quick search of PA-SHARE, the states directory of historic resources, reveals 15 sites in Middletown that have applied for and been found eligible for historic designation since the completion of the report. These sites include the Middletown Crossroads Hotel, located at 970 Durham Rd., the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad District, and the Levittown Historic District, covering much of the Township east of New Rodgers Road/Veterans Highway and south of Business Route 1.

A full list of historic resources can be found in Appendix Section 8.



Veterans Memorial Park



Twin Oaks Park baseball field

2.6.3 Park Inventory & Analysis

Open Space Inventory

A map of existing Township and County-owned open spaces in Middletown Township can be found on page 39. Information about the ownership and operation of these open spaces is publicly available; for the purpose of this report, the map delineates existing open spaces as parks, preserves, or open space.

The vast majority of dedicated open space land in Middletown is owned and stewarded by the Township. A portion of the open space, including Styer Orchard and the Langhorne Spring Water Company property are protected with conservation and/or agricultural easements held by the Heritage Conservancy. This preservation arrangement has been successful for many years, with recent interest from the Heritage Conservancy in revisiting these relationships. Additional information can be found below under Opportunities 4.2 and 4.3.

Open space requirements for developments

Middletown Township requires that open space be provided in all subdivisions, multifamily residential developments, and mobile home parks. Where deemed essential by the Board of Supervisors, the Township may require an additional 1,500 square feet of open space per residential dwelling unit dedicated to recreation areas and/or community facilities. A fee-in-lieu of open space or recreation areas is permitted, though the amount of this fee is not specified in the SALDO. Recommendations to strengthen the open space requirements and fee-in-lieu calculations can be found below under Opportunity 6.3.

Publicly Owned Open Spaces

Most open spaces in Middletown Township are not named; instead, they are presented merely as Township-owned property that is undeveloped and largely inaccessible to the public. One notable exception in the Langhorne Spring Water Company property described below under Preserved Lands.

Neshaminy Creek “Preserve”

Along Neshaminy Creek, west and south of Core Creek Park, the Township owns approximately 170 acres of open space, referred to (in this report) as the Neshaminy Creek Preserve. These lands are largely wooded and provide a fairly healthy riparian buffer for Neshaminy Creek. A trail within the Preserve extends north from Newtown-Langhorne Road. The trailhead is unsigned, and no parking is provided. This preserve could also be considered part of the larger Neshaminy Creek Greenway, a passive greenway corridor extending from Peace Valley Park near Doylestown in Upper Bucks County to the Delaware River.

Saba Wetlands “Preserve”

In the northwestern portion of the Township, an 83-acre open space known as the Saba Wetlands straddles the SEPTA rail line and Big Oak Road. Largely wooded, this open space also preserves extensive wetland areas. No public access is provided.

Idlewood “Preserve”

In the Idlewood neighborhood on the western side of the Township, nearly 30 acres of open space make up the proposed Idlewood Preserve. Heavily wooded, this area provides stormwater management services for the surrounding neighborhood. No public access is provided, but several local roads crisscross the property. This preserve could also be considered part of the Neshaminy Creek Greenway.

Greenways

Much of the open space in Middletown Township can be considered greenways, including both the Neshaminy Creek and Idlewood "Preserves" – which primarily deliver resource protection and passive recreation. In contrast, the greenways described below may be suitable for passive and perhaps some specific, appropriate active recreation with attention still given to resource protection.

Mill Creek Greenway

The Mill Creek Greenway extends from Delaware Park near the southeastern corner of Langhorne Manor Borough through the Frosty Hollow Tennis Center to the southern border of the Township. This greenway, largely occupied by the forested riparian buffer of Mill Creek, also includes several parks: Veterans Memorial Park; Forsythia Crossing Park, and Upper Orchard Park. This greenway represents a prime opportunity to improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity in the Township.

Queen Anne Creek Greenway

In the southern half of the Township, the Queen Anne Creek Greenway extends from Queen Anne Park in the east to the southern border of the Township where the creek crosses into Bristol Township before joining Mill Creek. This Greenway is mostly considered parkland and includes Cobalt Ridge and Quincy Hollow Parks. Together with the Mill Creek Greenway, these properties contain more than 110 acres of open space and an additional 60+ acres of designated park land.

Other Township Open Space

In addition to its larger preserved open spaces, the Township manages several small open spaces scattered throughout the Township. These properties are largely wooded, and many of them include portions of Township waterways. Public access is limited or nonexistent.

Privately Owned Open Spaces

Middletown Township has several privately owned open spaces, in addition to the open spaces described above. Most remaining open spaces in the Township are already slated for development, including the former Stone Hill Farm area on the north side of Core Creek Park and a large area of open space between Business Route 1 and Neshaminy Creek.

Idlewood Environmental Study Area

The Idlewood Environmental Study Area occupies approximately 133 acres of the Neshaminy High School property. Located in Neshaminy Creek floodplain, this wooded area provides trails and environmental education opportunities for the high school and the community. Damage from the emerald ash borer forced the closure of the Study Area in 2018, but subsequent restoration efforts have allowed the trails to re-open to the public.

Woods Services

In recent years, Woods Services has greatly improved its open space resources – which are locates largely between I-295 and Route 1, include upland forest and grasslands in addition to several recreational amenities. Though currently open only to residents, Woods Services has expressed interest in providing recreational and open space access to the broader public.

St. Mary Medical Center

The St. Mary Medical Center Campus is located adjacent and northwest of Core Creek Park, and includes nearly 90 acres of open space. This campus includes an asphalt trail system that links to the Core Creek Park trail system as well as to the neighborhood sidewalk network in the Sturbridge and Hampton Bridge neighborhoods. This network is unofficially open to the public, and formalizing this public access would provide an opportunity for the Township to expand its effective trail network.

Other Privately Owned Open Spaces

Additional open spaces in Middletown include Our Lady of Grace Cemetery in the Parkland neighborhood and several small HOA controlled open spaces in neighborhoods throughout the Township. These spaces provide passive recreational opportunities for the surrounding neighborhood, but do not draw in visitors from other parts of the Township.

Trails and Connectivity

For definition purposes an existing trail is a pathway of sufficient width to accommodate both pedestrians, bicycles or motorized mobility devices (generally 8'-10' wide) and can occupy a dedicated section as part of a roadway or be located off road to connect areas of particular interest. The existence of "trails" by this definition in Middletown is restricted to County or Middletown parks with some very limited trails serving individual neighborhood green spaces.

Core Creek Trails

Core Creek Park includes approximately seven (7) miles of trails, both asphalt and natural surface. These trails form an incomplete loop around Lake Luxembourg with large gaps at the southeastern and northwestern corners. Proposed trails will link the existing Core Creek trail system to the future Neshaminy Creek Greenway as well as trails to Newtown. In recent years, connections between the Core Creek trail system the trail along Langhorne-Yardley Road (see below) have been constructed, providing access to Middletown Community Park.

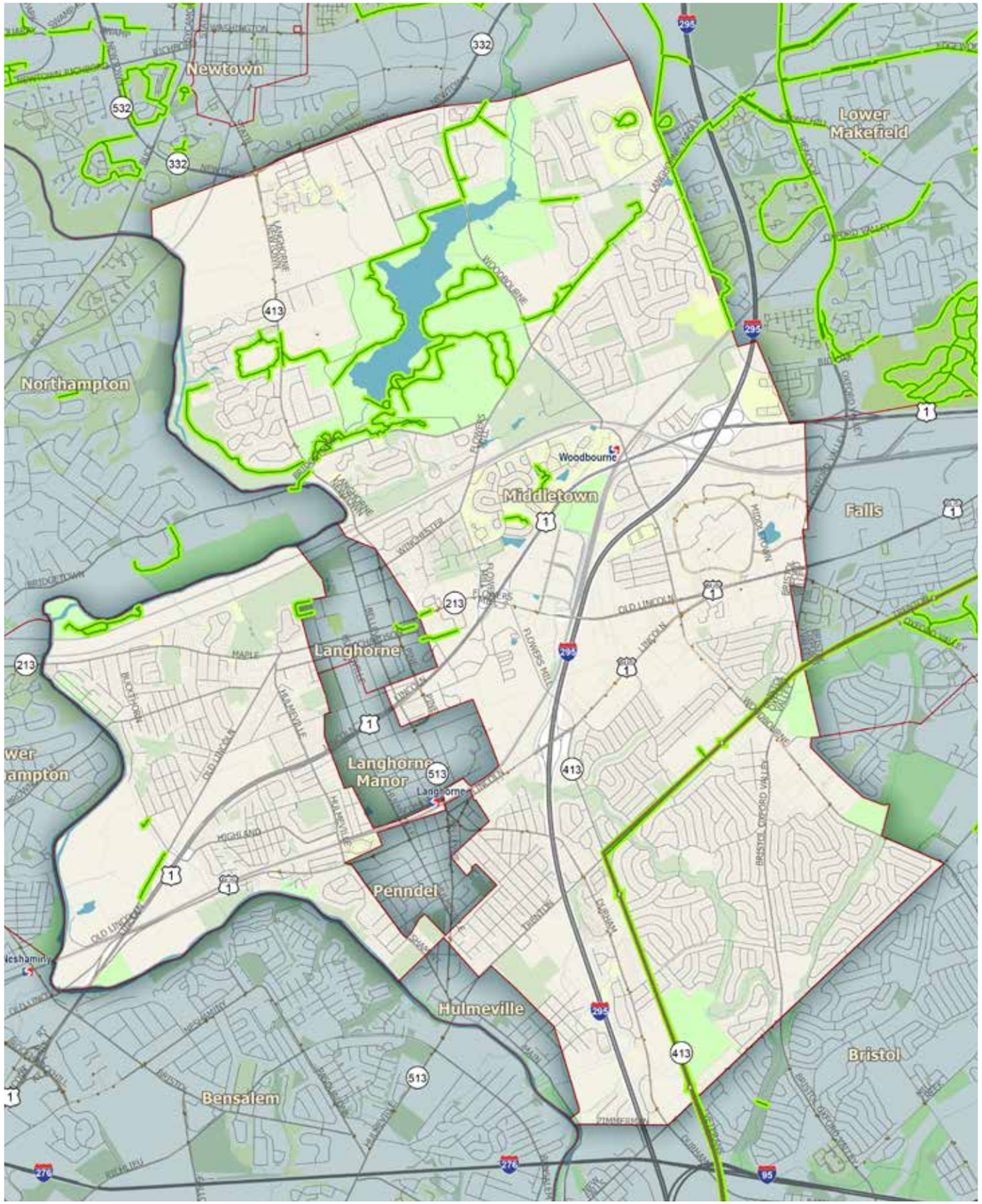
Langhorne-Yardley Road

The multi-use trail along Langhorne-Yardley Road stretches from Woodbourne Road at Maple Point Middle School in the west to Middletown Community Park in the east. Largely within the Langhorne-Yardley Road right-of-way, this trail provides access to the Core Creek trail system but does not connect with the existing trail on Township Line Road in neighboring Lower Makefield Township. Bridging this disconnect represents a crucial connection opportunity for the Township and would greatly improve connectivity.

Neshaminy Creek Trails

The proposed Neshaminy Creek Greenway is a Bucks County trail that will extend from Peace Valley Park near Doylestown in the north to the East Coast Greenway along the Delaware River in the south, passing through Middletown Township. Existing trails in Middletown along the proposed route include the Neshaminy Creek Preserve trail described above.

Fig. 2.7 Existing on and off road trails





Middletown Township Parks & Recreation Facilities

Middletown owns and operates 23 parks and preserved open space sites. These sites fall into four categories of facilities: Community Parks, Neighborhood Parks, Mini Parks, and Preserved Lands.

For a full matrix of MT park facilities and amenities, see Appendix Section 9.

Community Parks

Community parks are larger parcels (generally 15 acres or larger) that can provide both passive and active recreation. One thing all community parks have in common is that they are typically destination parks that bring in visitors from outside of the municipality.

The following list of Middletown Community Parks includes notes on history, location, and observations taken during site reconnaissance visits:

Raymond P Mongillo, Sr. Community Center

The Middletown Community Center is home to the Middletown Senior Citizens' Association, and occupies a former public-school building in the Highland Park neighborhood. The single-story building, built in the 1950s, contains offices and classrooms for senior programming as well as rental spaces for community organizations and a small weight room. Some, but not all, restrooms are ADA-compliant and the building is showing signs of age; a new roof will be necessary in the next five years.

Behind the Community Center building are three pickleball courts, a playground with a pavilion, two (2) bocce courts, and a community garden with 13 4'x8' raised beds and 14 planting barrels. The pickleball courts are heavily used. Mature canopy trees provide shade along the perimeter of the property, except at the rear of the property where an unprogrammed lawn area exists. The parking lot contains 82 parking spaces.

In addition to the Senior Center programming, the Middletown Parks & Recreation Department provides programs at the Senior Center. Most popular among these programs is the Summer Recreation Program.

Middletown Community Park

Middletown Community Park is the Township's premier recreation complex and the most well-used park in the system. The 42-acre park contains five (5) baseball/softball (diamond) fields, four (4) soccer/multi-use fields, and a basketball court. All sports fields are lit. The park also includes a playground, two pavilions with tables and seating, a skate park, and an electronic kick wall. The kick wall provides opportunities for training and competitive games. Restrooms are provided both at the concession stand near the playground and at the concession stand for the four diamond fields in a cloverleaf formation.

An asphalt trail system extends most of the way around the perimeter of the park and connects to a side path along Langhorne-Yardley Road. The side path extends to Woodbourne Road to the southwest where it connects to Core Creek Park. The Community Park Barn provides space for recreation programming and events year-round and provides additional restroom facilities for the park.

The Langhorne Athletic Association (LAA) and the Langhorne-Neshaminy United Soccer Club provide maintenance of the fields, which are well cared for and heavily used spring through fall. Benches and/or bleachers are provided for viewers, but no shade is available for sports viewers. Play equipment is generally in good condition, though the climbing wall appears to be missing several holds and one of the access ramps for the playground is in poor condition. The skate park is well-used; informal (mostly wooden) ramps have been added by users at the edge of the skate park to supplement existing features.



Middletown Community Park playground



Asphalt trail at Middletown Community Park



Skate park at Middletown Community Park

Twin Oaks Park

Twin Oaks Park is host to nearly half of Middletown Township-managed diamond fields, and is the Township's second most well-used park, behind only Middletown Community Park. The 18-acre park contains eight (8) baseball/softball fields and two (2) soccer fields, connected by one quarter mile of walking paths. Lighting is provided for four (4) of the diamond fields. The fields are well-maintained, though dugout quality (seating and shade) varies from field to field. All fields are maintained by Middletown Athletic Association (MAA), the primary user of the park. Fencing along Trenton Road features large advertisements for local businesses.

A large parking lot near the corner of Trenton Road and Woodbourne Road provides more than 130 parking spaces. Beneath the parking lot, an underground basin manages stormwater flow from Trenton Road. A second parking lot near the corner of Trenton Road and Twin Oak Drive at the eastern corner of the park provides an additional 38 parking spaces.

The park is bisected by Queen Anne Creek. Deep drainage swales flow into the creek on the north and south sides of the park, and a semi-naturalized riparian buffer has formed along these swales, isolating the park from the adjacent neighborhood to the north. Despite these stormwater management efforts and the underground basin beneath the main parking lot, flooding remains a serious issue at the park.

A small playground adjacent to the creek is in poor condition with no safety surfacing. No barrier is provided between the playground and the creek. A concession building south of the playground also provides restrooms for the park; the building appears to be in poor condition and is located in the Queen Anne Creek floodplain. A batting cage and field maintenance facilities are located between the concession building and the main parking lot.

A master plan for Twin Oaks Park was completed in 2010 but has remained largely unimplemented, apart from the expansion of the main parking lot. The master plan eliminates the existing soccer fields and one diamond field, reorienting several of the remaining diamond fields so that batters face northeast, in accordance with DCNR recommendations. It also proposes an expanded parking area, an enhanced and expanded play area, and a new concession building located out of the Queen Creek floodplain and relocates the batting cages.



Baseball fields and bleachers at Twin Oaks Park



Twin Oaks Park playground



Queen Anne Creek culvert at Twin Oaks Park



Basketball court at Firefighters' Park



Firefighters' Park playground

Firefighters' Park (formerly Poplar Park)

Firefighters' Park, formerly known as Poplar Park, is also one of the Township's most popular parks. The 15.2-acre park contains two (2) baseball/softball fields, two (2) multi-use fields, two (2) full basketball courts, and eight (8) pickleball courts, as well as a playground with an ADA-accessible perimeter path. The park is served by three parking lots, with more than 70 parking spaces. Though there are no permanent restroom facilities, portable restrooms are typically located near the playground and near the pickleball courts.

The park looks out over Neshaminy Creek, which runs approximately ½ mile to the southwest, providing expansive views of the region. A large stormwater basin occupies the lowest parts of the park. Large canopy trees provide some shade, particularly in the northern portion of the park, but some are starting to decline due to age. The park is well-connected to the surrounding neighborhood, particularly to the north, though sidewalks end at the park boundary and do not continue through the park.

Herbert Hoover Park

Herbert Hoover Park is a large complex of soccer fields adjacent to the Neshaminy School District (NSD) Herbert Hoover Elementary School. The park is owned by NSD and leased by the Township for $1/year. The township maintains the eight unlighted soccer fields which are used by the Hulmeville Soccer Club.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood Parks can loosely be described as parks that are generally smaller than community parks (typically 5-15 acres) but may use the space to fulfill different programming needs. In Middletown, the ability to reach neighborhood parks without using a car is severely limited. Walking from adjacent developments is often unsafe due to a lack of crosswalks and automobile-centric infrastructure and parking is a necessary park component.

Cobalt Ridge Park

Cobalt Ridge Park, along with Quincy Hollow Park, is embedded within the larger (43 acre) Queen Anne Creek Greenway. This Greenway runs along Queen Anne Creek from Queen Anne Park (a Bucks County Park, see below) on Woodbourne Road to New Falls Road on the Township's southern boundary. Though sidewalks run most of the length of the Greenway, no formal trails exist within the park.

Cobalt Ridge Park includes a playground with accessible play amenities and two half-court basketball courts. Musical equipment in the playground appeared to be vandalized and is missing the hammers necessary for play. Several mismatched benches are located in the shade of trees neighboring the playground. The riparian buffer is wooded with primarily native tree species; the shrub and ground layers of the woodland contain a mix of native and invasive species, with some areas of the creek banks open, providing views of the creek.



Cobalt Ridge Park playground



Queen Anne Creek in Cobalt Ridge Park

Det. Christopher Jones Memorial Park

Jones Memorial Park is a 15.9-acre park, divided roughly in half from east to west, creating an active recreation park to the north along W Maple Avenue and a passive, “natural area” to the south. Within this natural area, a large, naturalized basin manages stormwater from the surrounding neighborhood. A short trail through the natural area links the active park to the neighborhood at Clearview Avenue. A native tree search invites visitors to learn about the trees around them, with answers to the search provided on the Township website. The sign introducing the tree search in the park is in poor condition and difficult to read.

The north side of the park includes a softball field, a multi-use field which overlaps with the softball outfield, and a playground with two shaded seating areas. The playground is beginning to deteriorate from age and appears ready for renovation. The entrance road wraps around the east and south sides of the active areas of the park, with 58 parking spaces distributed along the length of the entrance road. An asphalt walking path connects to sidewalks on Alscot Lane to the west of the park, looping around the sports fields and playground to link with the natural area path. Several benches are provided along the length of the path.



Det Christopher Jones Memorial Park signage



Shaded seating areas at Det Christopher Jones Memorial Park

Forsythia Crossing Park

Forsythia Crossing Park is located along Mill Creek between the Forsythia Crossing and Snowball Gates neighborhoods in the Levittown section of Middletown Township. The park contains a playground with seating, picnic tables, a small pavilion, and the Township’s only roller hockey rink, which was recently renovated. A walking path encircles the park, crossing the access road twice via cobblestone crosswalks.

A flat turf area in the center of the park provides space for community events like Groovin’ at the Gates, inaugurated in 2024, which features local vendors, food trucks, live music, and beer and wine. Lighting is provided in the two parking lots, which provide more than 50 parking spaces, and along a short portion of the walking path.

The park formerly held a public pool. The Samuel Everitt School building, now home to the Bucks Intermediate Unit, lies adjacent to the park to the north, but no connection exists between the school and the park. Informal paths exist along Mill Creek on the park’s south side, but no formal trails exist along the creek.



Forsythia Crossing Park playground



Hockey rink at Forsythia Crossing Park

Lance Corporal Harry J. Simmons Jr. Memorial Park (formerly Veterans Memorial Park)

Simmons Memorial Park is a seven (7) acre park located on Brownsville Road in the Langhorne section of the Township. It is heavily programmed with a baseball field, two (2) basketball courts, Middletown’s only Township-owned tennis courts (3), and a large playground with swings. A small building adjacent to the playground provides restrooms for the park.

A walking path loops around the perimeter of the park and connects to sidewalks on nearby Butterworth Lane, though no sidewalk is provided on Brownsville Road. The path also passes through a memorial plaza with flags, benches, and landscaping at the entrance to the park dedicated to Lance Corporal Harry J. Simmons Jr., the first Langhorne resident killed in the Vietnam War. Adjacent to the memorial plaza is a small, naturalized stormwater basin. A large parking lot off Brownsville Road provides 61 parking spaces.

Some confusion exists around the name of this park. Simmons Memorial Park was formerly known as Veterans Memorial Park and long-time residents frequently use this former name, which is now used for the mini park located on New Rodgers Road near the Department of Public Works office. The former name still appears on Google Maps.



Stormwater basin at Lance Corporal Harry J. Simmons Jr. Memorial Park

Tareyton Estates Park

Tareyton Estates Park (5.0 acres) is located in the center of the Tareyton Estates neighborhood in north-central Middletown. Much of the park is unprogrammed turf with a ring of mostly mature trees roughly at the perimeter of the park. These trees are in varying condition with some healthy trees and others nearly or entirely dead. The park also has a small playground with swings, several picnic tables, benches, and trash receptacles. The southeast corner of the park is home to a small, landscaped area with additional benches. Little shade is available in the park, particularly in the playground area. A sidewalk extends the length of the perimeter of the park, providing a walking loop and connections to the surrounding neighborhood.



Playground at Tareyton Estates Park

Mini Parks

Mini Parks are small parks with minimal programming – usually 1-3 elements that do not require much space. While these minimally programmed spaces sometimes lie within larger parcels, most of these facilities are smaller than 5 acres. Some are primarily devoted to conservation and passive recreation – typically trails or nature viewing areas.

Delaware Park

Delaware Park (11.2 acres) formerly included trails, a picnic area, and a playground. Following significant flooding in 2000, the US Army Corps of Engineers constructed a flood control levee along Mill Creek, eliminating virtually all programmed spaces within the park. Today, the park is largely unprogrammed with a 0.1-mile trail connecting Wyoming Ave. to the levee as well as a small stormwater basin. The remainder of the park is a riparian woodland.

Detweiler Park

Detweiler Park is a 2.4 acre, unprogrammed property in the western Middletown neighborhood of Parkland. Other than a small plaque on Fox Court commemorating the donation of the park to the Township, there are no improvements in the park.

Harris Park

Harris Park is a 2.6 acre unprogrammed property located on the banks of Neshaminy Creek in Parkland. Access from Harris Drive is unmarked and nearly impossible to enter. No improvements are provided in the park, though it does provide potential trail access along Neshaminy Creek.

Lions Playground

Lions Playground is located at the corner of Trenton Road and New Rodgers Road in the Snowball Gate neighborhood. The 1.4-acre park contains a mid-sized playground and small turf areas, separated from the busy roads by a low railing. The playground is being renovated in 2025, and two (2) ADA compliant parking spaces will be added.



Queen Anne Creek in Quincy Hollow Park

Periwinkle Park

Periwinkle Park is largely unprogrammed 3.4-acre property located on Neshaminy Creek at the foot of the Brownsville Road Bridge. A small storage building at the northern end of the park is unused because of its location in the floodplain. Because of the easy access to Neshaminy Creek, the park is often used as an informal kayak and boat launch, though no formal amenities are provided. The park is slated to serve as a staging area for the renovation of the Brownsville Road Bridge in 2025-26.

Quincy Hollow Park

Quincy Hollow Park, like Cobalt Ridge Park, is located in the larger Queen Anne Creek Greenway. The park consists of a basketball court with benches and garbage cans. The basketball court asphalt is deteriorating and needs to be restriped.



Sunflower Park playground and gazebo

Sunflower Park

Sunflower Park is the Township's smallest self-contained park at only 0.4 acres. Located in the Parkland neighborhood, it contains a small playground with seating and a small gazebo, shaded by a tall canopy of mature trees. The playground is well-used by the neighboring private preschool, which also has its own private play equipment. Park signage is clear and easy to find.

Upper Orchard Park

Upper Orchard Park is located in the Upper Orchard neighborhood, adjacent to Mill Creek, where it forms part of the unorganized Mill Creek Greenway. The 0.9-acre park contains two half-court basketball courts and a small playground, separated by a large turf area. Around the playground, several benches and trash cans are provided, though shade is limited. The riparian buffer along Mill Creek is naturalized with a dense woodland composed of largely native tree species.

Veterans Memorial Park

Veterans Memorial Park is located on New Rodgers Road, adjacent to the Township's Department of Public Works office and Mill Creek. The 1.25-acre park includes a short memorial trail around a turf area with memorials to veterans of 20th-century American wars. The Casey Jones, a decommissioned WWII tank, provides a particularly striking memorial in the park. The small picnic shelter is well cared for and contains a spigot for drinking water. A natural surface trail signed as the Hero's Walk extends from the memorial trail into the woodland along Mill Creek.

Some confusion exists around the name of this park. Simmons Memorial Park was formerly known as Veterans Memorial Park and long-time residents frequently use this former name. As a result, this park is difficult to locate on Google Maps.



Veterans Memorial Park



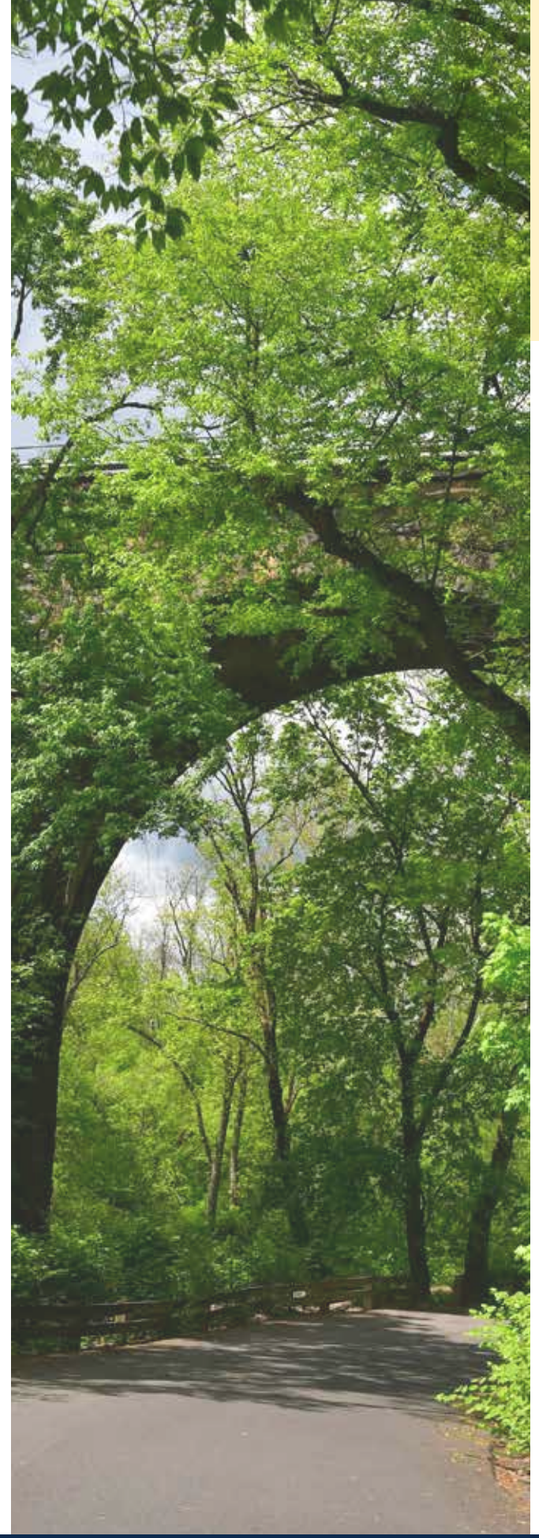
Veterans Memorial Park memorial plaque



Picnic shelter at Veterans Memorial Park



Signage along the Heroes Walk trail



Preserved Lands

In addition to Middletown's parks, the Township owns four (4) of what it calls "Preserved Lands." These lands vary widely in character and include an orchard, a golf course, forested natural areas, and a historic farm. These properties are not considered parks by the Township but form an important part of the open space network and provide a variety of active recreational opportunities for residents.

Styer Orchard

Styer Orchard is located southeast of Core Creek Park near the intersection of Woodbourne Road and Langhorne-Yardley Road, and is Middletown's only preserved agricultural land. The property is owned by the Township and operations are leased long term to a farmer, who also lives on the property. The Heritage Conservancy holds the easement on the property and manages funding.

The majority of the property at Styer Orchard is dominated by farm fields, including row crops and orchards, with associated outbuildings concentrated near the center of the property. A large commercial building on Woodbourne Road provides space for a farm market. The farmhouse next door provides housing for the farmer who leases the property. A wooded natural area roughly bisects the property from east to west, extending north to Langhorne-Yardley Road and Woodbourne Road along two waterways. Two pavilions have been constructed recently on the property, providing space for outdoor education programming.

Middletown Country Club

The Middletown Country Club, similar to Styer Orchard, is owned by the Township with operations and management leased long-term to a private company. The 110-acre property contains an 18-hole golf course and formerly housed the Township's only public pool. This pool shut down in early 2020 after falling into disrepair. The clubhouse offered rentable event space indoors with catering and a restaurant, though in recent years these services have been greatly reduced or eliminated.

Langhorne Spring Water Company

The Langhorne Spring Water Company property occupies more than 80 acres on the former lands of the Langhorne Spring Water Company, which provided water from springs on the property to the surrounding community, starting in the late 1800's. The land, mostly within Langhorne Manor Borough, was purchased by the Township between 1993 and 2014 to preserve the high-quality woodlands which exist on the property. A conservation easement is held by the Heritage Conservancy.

The property contains a barn built in 1890 that is currently in poor condition. A collection of historic development plans and maps of Middletown is stored in the barn, though no catalogue of this collection exists. A house on the property is occupied by the caretaker. An old water tower and boulder with a memorial plaque mark the entrance drive to the house. Though no public access is provided on the property, informal trails have been created.

Spring Valley Farm

Spring Valley Farm, located near the southwestern corner of the Township where it meets the Boroughs of Hulmeville and Penndel, is a historic farm property dating back to the 17th century. Ownership records for the property are included in Appendix Section 10.

The 10.7-acre property includes a historic house currently occupied by the caretaker, a stone barn, and a springhouse. Three smaller parcels on the northwest side of the property are heavily wooded. Two unnamed tributaries to Neshaminy Creek flow across the property. To the northeast of Spring Valley Farm is Penndel Memorial Field, a heavily programmed park owned by the Borough of Penndel, with three diamond fields, two basketball courts, and a football field which overlaps with the diamond field outfields.

The Spring Valley Farm property was acquired by the Township in 2013, and a master plan was developed in 2016. The master plan emphasizes landscape elements including restoration of woodland and riparian areas, and the creation of a sizable meadow. It also proposes the creation of an amphitheater, a play area with a pavilion, a restroom/concession building, and an outdoor classroom. It also proposes removing the barrier between the property and Penndel Memorial Field to allow for the expansion of the southernmost diamond field into a full-size baseball field. Little progress has been made toward implementation of this master plan; some members of the Middletown Township community have expressed that, due to the location of the property, it will provide more benefit to Borough residents than to Township residents.

Bucks County Parks

Core Creek Park

At 1,200 acres, Core Creek Park is the premier park in Middletown and home to the Bucks County Parks and Recreation Department. Centered around Lake Luxembourg, the park features four (4) soccer fields, two (2) baseball/softball fields, eight (8) tennis courts, three (3) playgrounds, eleven (11) pavilions, four (4) picnic areas, and the Township's only off-leash dog park. Approximately seven (7) miles of multi-use trail wind through the Park's natural areas to link the active recreation amenities above. Fishing in Lake Luxembourg is a popular activity, and two boat launches provide access to the lake. A boat rental facility provides kayaks, canoes, pedalboats, and row boats to rent. Four restrooms are distributed throughout the park.

A new master plan for Core Creek Park is identified as a high priority in the Bucks County Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan.

Playwicki Park

Playwicki Park is a 33-acre park perched on the banks of Neshaminy Creek. Much of the park is forested, and a significant portion of the park is not publicly accessible, as it is on an island in Neshaminy Creek.

The park features a basketball court and a small playground, as well as two (2) pavilions, two (2) picnic areas, and restrooms. A 1.1-mile natural surface trail extends into the forested part of the park

Frosty Hollow Tennis Center

Frosty Hollow Tennis Center is located on 90 acres at the southern edge of Middletown Township, near the confluence of Mill Creek and Queen Anne Creek, and is home to ten (10) tennis courts and a practice wall. Six (6) of the courts have lights. The courts host adult tennis leagues and the Bucks County Tennis Association's Learn, Practice, and Play programs. The remainder of the property is heavily wooded.

Chickenfoot Park

Chickenfoot Park is a 59-acre, largely passive park located across Trenton Road from Twin Oaks Park. Most of the park is heavily wooded, with areas of wetlands, particularly on the northern half of the park. The wooded portion of the park extends into Falls Township. The park also contains two (2) baseball/softball fields located on Woodbourne Road, one with a skinned infield and one without. The unskinned field is accessible via an accessible ramp descending from the gravel parking lot on Woodbourne Road.

Both fields are in somewhat poor condition and additional maintenance is needed. The forthcoming Bucks County Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan will recommend pursuing an MOA with the Township for management of the park.

Queen Anne Park

Queen Anne Park is a largely passive, forested park located primarily in Falls Township along Queen Anne Creek. A portion of the park extends into Middletown Township along Woodbourne Road. The portion of the park in Middletown includes a baseball/softball field with a skinned infield and small gravel parking lot.

Community / NRPA Benchmarking

Benchmarking is an analysis tool that compares communities of similar size and geographical type using criteria that compares recreational amenities that are contained within their boundaries.

Middletown Township was compared with: City of York (York County, PA), Haverford Twp. (Delaware County, PA), Evesham Twp. (Burlington County, NJ), Penn Hills Twp. (Allegheny County, PA), and neighboring Northampton Twp (Bucks County, PA). The numbers used in this analysis were derived from on-the-ground investigations (Middletown only) and from observations based on aerial photographs provided by Google.

Benchmarking is also used to compare Middletown's facilities against a metric determined by the National Park and Recreation Association (NRPA) based on population.

Community benchmarking and NRPA Standards cannot address the uniqueness of a community. Each community must evaluate its own specific needs. If a community has a strong youth sports program like Middletown, that community may require more fields than the averages suggest. Information below is derived from the National Park and Recreation Associations NRPA 2022 Agency Performance Review report and other NRPA reports.

A comparison of national averages for communities with 20,000 to 49,999 residents and between 50,000 to 99,999 residents is reviewed below and results are contained in Appendix Section 11.

NRPA provides information from over 1,000 park and recreation departments across the United States. The information provided by NRPA should be used as guidance only. Highlights of Middletown's comparison against NRPA metrics:

- NRPA & Community Metrics: Middletown needs additional playgrounds
- NRPA & Community Metrics: Middletown has an abundance of rectangular fields (soccer / multi-purpose)
- Community Metrics: Middletown has a need for basketball courts

It should be noted that Bucks County facilities are not included in the benchmarking values. There exists a tacit understanding between the County and the Township that the County provides tennis courts while the Township provides pickleball courts. When County-managed tennis courts are included, Middletown exceeds the NRPA metric significantly. Similarly, when County-managed dog parks and playgrounds are included in the benchmarking values, Middletown meets or exceeds the NRPA metrics.

	Middletown (2020)	Middletown (2040) (Projection)	National Recreation & Park Association Average	National Recreation & Park Association Average	Current Number	Additional to meet benchmark (2020)	Additional to meet benchmark (2040)
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			
Facility					**Current Number**	**Additional to meet benchmark (2020)**	**Additional to meet benchmark (2040)**
Playgrounds	3,542	4,107	3,105	3,707	13	1.83	1.40
Basketball courts	6,139	7,119	7,501	8,363	8	-1.36	-1.12
Diamond fields (total)	2,708	3,141	3,007	3,675	17	-1.69	-2.47
Tennis courts	9,208	10,678	5,461	5,865	5	3.43	4.10
Rectangular fields: multipurpose	1,918	2,225	3,333	4,070	22	-8.19	-8.88
Dog parks	0	0	27,508	55,135	0	1.67	0.97
Swimming pools	0	0	27,081	46,353	3	-1.30	-1.85
Community gardens	46,040	53,391	27,262	56,150	1	0.69	-0.05
Skate parks	46,040	53,391	33,167	60,904	1	0.39	-0.12
Regulation 18-hole golf courses	46,040	53,391	32,812	68,208	1	0.40	-0.22
Ice rinks	46,040	53,391	19,770	29,378	1	1.33	0.82
Pickleball courts	15,347	17,797	7,737	10,500	11	-5.05	-5.92

Fig. 2.8 NRPA Benchmarking

10-Minute Walk/Drive Access Analysis

PA DCNR and the Trust for Public Lands provide data on trailhead, water, and recreational access.

Data on access to trailheads and water are provided as "10-minute drive" access, meaning a person living in the area could reach a trailhead or water access point by car within 10 minutes of their home.

Data on access to recreation – in this report – is provided as "10-minute walk" access, meaning a person living in the area could reach "open-access lands and trailheads" by walking within 10 minutes of their home. Areas outside of the 10-minute walk or drive "service areas" are defined as low, medium, or high need based on combinations of criteria that may include: density, population, youth, and low-income households.

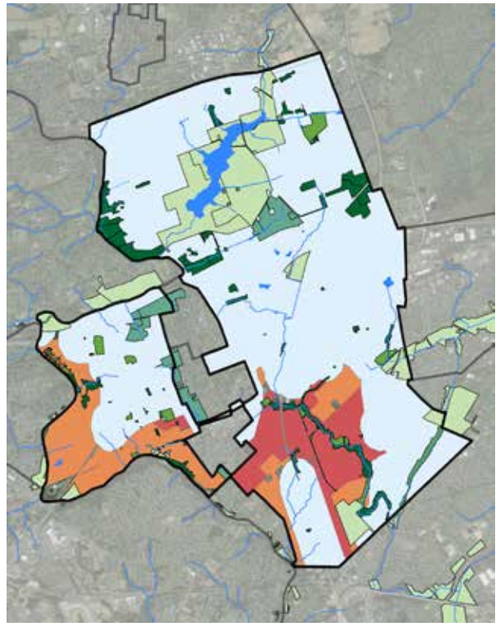
Ten-minute walk access to recreation in Middletown Township is generally good, though less so than access to water and trails. Significant gaps in access exist throughout the Township, particularly along the western edge, including west of Core Creek; much of the western border of the Township along Neshaminy Creek; much of the area between Hulmeville Borough and I-295, and the central quadrant of the Township, largely between Styer Orchard and Business Rt. 1.

An additional area of high need is in the Red Rose Gate and Cobalt Ridge neighborhoods, east of Mill Creek. Much of the need for recreation access can be attributed to connectivity issues rather than a lack of recreational opportunities, as can be seen in how close some areas of "need" are to existing parks and open spaces.

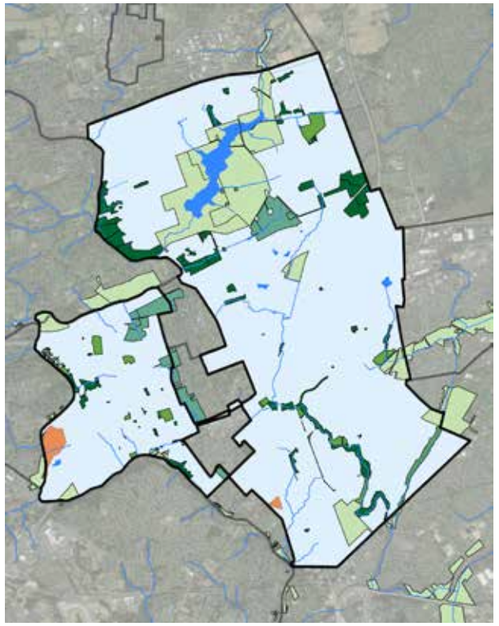
Middletown Township generally has good access to trails and water. Only two small areas, one near Neshaminy High School (NHS) and the other immediately northeast of Hulmeville Borough, have a medium need for access to a trailhead. If the trails within the Idlewood Environmental Study Area (which was not open to the public at the time the data were recorded) were included in the study, the area near NHS would have trail access.

Water access in Middletown is also good, though less accessible than trail access. In the western part of the Township, a significant area, notably paralleling Neshaminy Creek, has a medium need for water access and a small area south of Firefighters' Park has a high need for water access.

Much of the southern quadrant of the Township also shows a high need for water access, particularly along the Mill Creek/ New Rodgers Road corridor. Two areas in this quadrant, one northeast of Hulmeville Borough and another east of Mill Creek between Trenton Road and Harvest Road, have a medium need for water access. Much of the need for water access could be satisfied by the installation of a formalized boat launch/water access point on Neshaminy Creek in the western portion of the Township.



10-Minute Drive: Water Access



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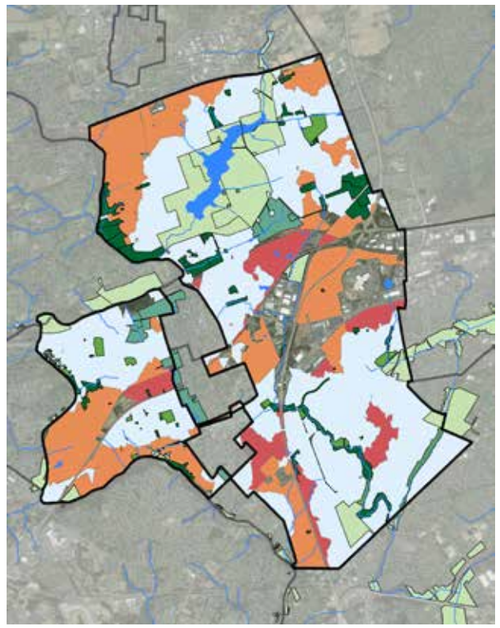


10-Minute Walk: Recreation Access



Fig. 2.9 10-Minute Walk/Drive Access

2.6.4 Recreation Programming Inventory & Analysis

The Middletown Township Park & Recreation Department offers a robust number of programs for the community. Averaging about 300 program sessions and three (3) to five (5) special events per year, the department does a superb job providing all its residents with diverse offerings throughout the year.

Programs include enrichment programs for all ages, introduction to skateboarding, adult fitness, pickleball for different abilities, a variety of summer camps, and sports leagues. Many of those programs regularly fill up and generate a wait list. The department's special events are targeted toward multiple generations and are highly popular. In addition to staffed programs, the department maintains relationships with for-profit and non-profit groups to satisfy other community recreation needs.

Township-led Programming

The MT Parks & Recreation Department currently has four (4) full-time staff that contribute to the Township-led programming efforts. Including other administrative duties, the two (2) staff Program Specialists, focus primarily on developing and delivering recreation programming. The other two (2) staff members, the Director and Assistant Director, have active roles in some events or programs, with their year-round recreation responsibilities more limited. The Township relies on many seasonal staff to deliver Township-led programs like Summer Rec, adult fitness classes, pickleball, and others.

Third-party-led Programming

Like many other parks & recreation departments in the region, Middletown Township relies on contractors and specialized community partners to provide a greater variety of recreation opportunities to the residents of Middletown.

Contractor-Led Programming

By partnering with third-party contractors for some programs, the department is able to continue its measured growth and satisfy the community's need for more programming while limiting the need to increase part-time and full-time recreation staff. The quality is normally high for these "canned" programs, where the contractors specialize in a specific recreation interest, which enables the department to offer a greater variety of programs to the community without finding instructors and/or investing in equipment and supplies. These relationships allow the department to generate positive net revenue with very little risk and time invested.

Athletic Organizations

Middletown Township is fortunate to have a large number of partners offering youth and adult competitive and recreational athletic opportunities to the community. Residents register directly with and are served by these groups. Without these volunteer-led partnerships, the Township would likely need to increase staff and provide a larger programming budget to satisfy the community desire for athletic programming. Many of these organizations utilize Township-owned facilities and, if not outlined in an agreement, the Township is responsible for daily and seasonal maintenance, and all or some of the capital expense needs.

The athletic organizations that utilize Township fields and courts for their programs include:

- Bucks County Tennis Association
- Bucks County Senior Softball League
- Christian Fellowship Softball League
- Hulmeville Soccer Club
- Langhorne Athletic Association
- Langhorne-Neshaminy United Soccer Club
- Our Lady of Grace Soccer
- Lower Bucks Lacrosse
- Lower Bucks Softball League
- Middletown Athletic Association
- Neshaminy Wildcats Athletic Association

Middletown Senior Citizen Association

The Middletown Senior Citizen Association is a membership-based group operating out of the Middletown Senior Center, a Township-owned facility. The Middle Township Parks & Recreation Department provides support to the Middletown Senior Citizen Association, which boasts a variety of programs and important socialization opportunities for older adults in the community. Low-cost meals for its members are also provided by the group.

***Styer** Orchard*

Middletown Township owns the Styer Orchard property but maintains a long-term lease of the land for the farm and store. Recreation staff have worked with the operator and the Heritage Conservancy, which holds the easement on the land, to offer unique programs on site that promote the farm and its operations. The Heritage Conservancy recently installed a pavilion and outdoor classroom space to serve as an additional venue for Township-led programs.

Other Recreational Programming

Other organizations providing program offerings in Middletown Township include:

Bucks County Parks and Recreation

- Bucks County Senior Games
- Adult tennis leagues (Frosty Hollow Tennis Center)
- Youth tennis programs (Frosty Hollow and Core Creek Tennis Courts)

Neshaminy School District

- Youth athletics including: Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, and Wrestling

The Heritage Conservancy

Woods Services

Sesame Place

Private gyms

Analysis

Since the pandemic, the Department has steadily increased the number of programs and sessions offered to the public. Sessions have increased by nearly double (162 sessions in 2021 to 302 in 2024) resulting in increased revenue for the department.

Surprisingly, for a municipal entity in a suburban setting, the number of recreation programs skew more towards adults than school-age children, which traditionally would be a foundational demographic of a parks & recreation department.

In 2024, 219 of the 302 sessions offered by the department were identified as “Adult” programs, which represents 73% of the annual programs. Many of the adult-focused programs are fitness and wellness-based. The greater number of adult programs being offered correlates to the results of the survey with households indicating that 19% have participated in an adult program and only 4% have participated in a youth program. While more adult program sessions are being offered by the department, youth and teen programs generate more than double the number of participant registrations while also generating more than 75% of the department’s program revenue.

While continued growth of adult programs is encouraged, there are opportunities for greater growth in youth programming. Teen-focused programming, which is frequently a difficult niche market for public recreation, is limited currently, but has potential for expansion.

Analyzing program cancellation rates (the percentage of programs offered that do not reach the minimum number of participants) is one tool that can be used to determine if a department is offering a good mix of recurring and new programs. Having some canceled programs is common and may be a result of staff trying out a new program idea, which should be encouraged.

Middletown Parks & Recreation’s program cancellation rate ranges from 16% (2021) to 36% (2022) with a 5-year historic mean of 28%. If 2021 is removed then the mean increases to 31%. While a definitive program cancellation rate across the country isn’t readily available, the accepted industry standard to target is between 20% to 25%. Based on that suggested target, Middletown Township is slightly above the desired program cancellation rate.

Cancellation rates of adult programs offered by the department have traditionally fallen within the industry standard of 25% while the youth program cancellation rate is much greater at a range of 40% (2023) to 61% (2022). The program cancellations were not associated with any one type of offering, but art programs were a notable category that was frequently canceled due to low enrollment. Common reasons for no or low enrollment in a program include a day or time not being convenient or conflicting with another popular activity, the program’s topic is not of interest to that audience, or insufficient or ill-targeted publicity. When a program is canceled, there is a direct and/or indirect expense to the department with no off-setting revenue because staff time has been invested in program development, marketing, etc.

Programming Facilities

Middletown Township operates its programs at a variety of Township parks and other facilities in the community. The two primary Township-owned indoor locations for programs are the Community Park Barn and the Raymond P. Mongillo Sr. Community Center. These two facilities are essential to the Parks & Recreation Department’s ability to offer year-round programs including its very popular Summer Rec camps, adult fitness & enrichment programs, and senior programming (operated by the Middletown Senior Citizens Association.) These venues also serve as the primary rental sites for private use. During evenings and weekends, the uses of those facilities is overseen by the Department’s part-time Building Monitors.

Ensuring that these facilities remain maintained and operational is important for the Department to be able to generate revenue and provide safe, clean spaces for participants and renters.

2.6.5 Administration Analysis

The office of the Parks and Recreation Department serves as the central administrative and contact point for residents, businesses, and community groups of Middletown to register for programs, reserve fields and facilities, and learn about the park system.

The Department is responsible for:

- All department programs and events
- Processing permits for facilities like field, court, and room use
- Processing special event applications for park use
- Responding to complaints, questions, problems, suggestions
- Coordinating with contractor-led program leaders and subcontracted maintenance staff
- Managing relationships with a variety of community partners
- Identifying, proposing, and implementing park capital projects

Current Full-time Department Staffing:

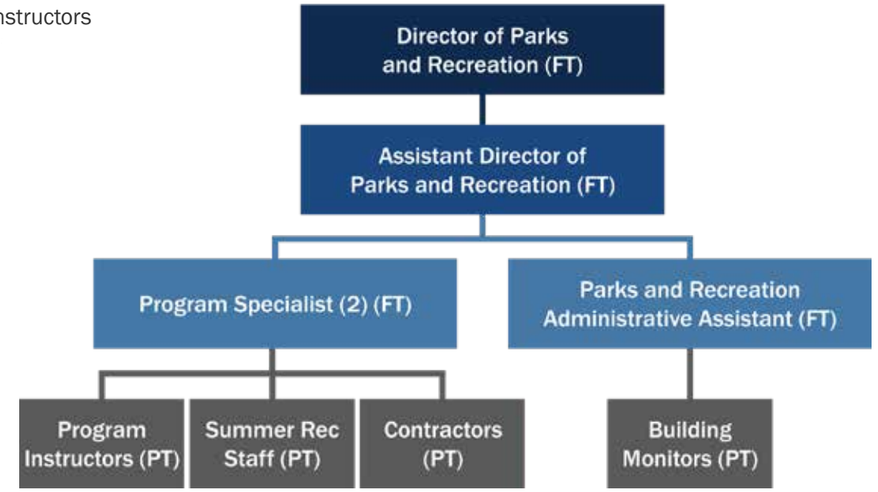
- Director (1)
- Assistant Director (1)
- Program Specialist (2)
- Administrative Assistant (1)

The general staff consensus is that there is a sufficient number of full-time staff to meet the current administrative and programming needs of the department, but if services are expanded, then additional staff may be needed.

The current Director will be retiring in the first quarter of 2026. It has not yet been determined if/how the other staff positions will be impacted by this departure.

Current Part-Time & Seasonal Staffing:

- Various Program Instructors
- Summer Rec Staff
- Building Monitors



Prior to the COVID pandemic, the Department operated a seasonal internship program, but that position has not been filled since. From a department need standpoint, there is a desire to see this position return.

Expenses related to maintaining the parks are included in the Parks & Recreation Department budget. All park maintenance staff and operations fall under the Public Works Department. Previously, staff dedicated to maintenance of the parks were under the direction and supervision of the Parks & Recreation Director, but that staff has been absorbed into the Public Works Department's labor force.

The Parks & Recreation staff work in collaboration with two Board of Supervisors-appointed groups - the Parks & Recreation Board and the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Individuals interested in serving on these committees are required to submit a board/commission volunteer application to be considered for appointment.

The Parks & Recreation Board, in coordination with staff: oversees Township parks and open space; establishes and implements recreation activities; and plans for future recreation opportunities. A member of the Parks & Recreation staff attends the Board's monthly public meetings. Many of the Parks & Recreation Board members also serve as essential volunteers at the Department's seasonal special events.

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) advises the Board of Supervisors on matters concerning the conservation and preservation of natural resources, such as wetlands or floodplain areas, throughout the Township. The EAC is also responsible for organizing environmental-focused community events. A member of the Parks & Recreation staff also attends the EAC's monthly public meetings.

CAPRA Accreditation Analysis

The NRPA's Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) is the only national accreditation body for park and recreation organizations. According to the NRPA website, *"accreditation is a valuable measure of an organization's overall quality of operation, management, and service to the community. It serves as the foundation for a comprehensive management system of operational best practices. Achieving CAPRA accreditation is the best way to demonstrate that your organization and your staff provide your community with the highest level of service."*

Lower Makefield Township Parks and Recreation is the only accredited agency in Pennsylvania.

CAPRA accreditation includes 154 National Accreditation Standards across ten (10) subject areas:

1.0 Agency Authority, Role and Responsibility
2.0 Planning
3.0 Organization and Administration
4.0 Human Resources
5.0 Financial Management
6.0 Programs and Services Management
7.0 Facility and Land Use Management
8.0 Public Safety, Law Enforcement and Security
9.0 Risk Management
10.0 Evaluation, Assessment and Research.

According to the NRPA website, *"To achieve accreditation, an organization must comply with all 36 Fundamental Standards and 106 of the 118 Non-Fundamental Standards upon initial accreditation (90%) and 112 of the 118 Non-Fundamental Standards upon reaccreditation (95%)."*

Accreditation lasts for five years before reaccreditation must be pursued. To maintain accreditation in the interim, the agency must complete a comprehensive annual report demonstrating how the standards are maintained and pay an annual fee.

Current practices at the Middletown Township Parks and Recreation Department appear to satisfy many of the CAPRA accreditation requirements; however, current practices and procedures appear not to satisfy several of the 36 Fundamental Standards. These Fundamental Standards include, but are not limited to:

2.5 Strategic Plan
6.1 Recreation Programming Plan
6.3.1 Outreach to Diverse Underserved Populations

The process of CAPRA accreditation would have benefits for Middletown Township, including providing standards for a wide range of administrative and management practices. As mentioned on the NRPA website, the process can also help secure financial support and reduce costs. However, the rigors of the review process and cost of accreditation are not insignificant and may outweigh the benefits given Middletown's historical success applying for external grant funding, limited staffing, and the lack of funding specifically dedicated to CAPRA-accredited parks agencies.

2.6.6 Maintenance Analysis

Maintained by full-time and seasonal Public Works staff, Middletown Township's parks are generally regarded as clean, safe, and well-maintained, but it is evident that upgrades are needed as some park amenities are nearing the end of their useful lifecycles. The Public Works Director dictates day-to-day maintenance activities within the parks – in coordination with the Parks & Recreation Director. The Public Works Director has recently assigned one of the department's Foremen to oversee maintenance operations in the parks in an effort to more effectively prioritize park projects.

The primary maintenance activities that occur within the parks include:

- Mowing operations
- Trash clean-up
- Playground safety checks and upkeep
- Athletic field maintenance (in a limited number of parks)
- Snow clearing
- Assistance with set-up/breakdown of parks & recreation programs and special events
- Complete capital improvements as requested, and time allows

The Public Works Department currently employs 22 full-time staff. Besides the one Foreman position that was recently assigned to focus on park maintenance, there is not a dedicated park maintenance team, but the following staff regularly operate in the parks completing mowing and trash-related activities:

Trash clean up and emptying of trash cans

- Equipment Operator 3 (1)

Mowing operations

- Operator of gang mower (2)
- Mowing crew (1 FT, 1 Summer Staff) (2)
- Mowing crew (2 PT) (1)





2.6.7 Budget Analysis

The Parks & Recreation Department's budget represents approximately 4% of the Township's overall operating budget. The Department has been at the same millage rate since 2015.

2025 Operating Budget

Parks & Recreation Department Budgeted Revenue: $1,774,000

- $745,000 (42%) derives from program fees, rentals, and donations/contributions.
- Non-resident fees are implemented for programs and range from an additional 10% to 50%, depending on the activity.
- In general, programs operate at a net positive income generated.
- The highest net revenue program is Summer Rec followed by the Basketball League.

Parks & Recreation Department Budgeted Expenses: $1,842,350

- $892,200 (48%) derives from a direct pass-through to the Public Works Department for park maintenance expenses.

The Department has operated with a slight deficit in recent years, but the gap has been lessening as "charges for services" (participant fees) have steadily risen since the COVID pandemic. There is an expectation that the Department operates in a self-sustaining manner.

Capital improvement budgets vary greatly from year to year and are not part of this data, but it should be noted that the Department previously derived most of its capital improvement expenses from the P&R Capital Fund (funded through development fees). That fund is nearly depleted and other possible funding sources need to be explored to maintain long-term financial solvency. Recently, the Township has been successful in securing state grants to supplement the funding of some needed capital projects.

3 OPPORTUNITIES

3.1 ACTION PLAN MATRIX

Opportunities are organized as an Action Plan Matrix. The Action Plan summarizes each goal and provides corresponding opportunities to achieve that goal.

The Action Plan will serve as a 'living' document for Middletown that can be easily referenced and periodically updated by municipal partners to track progress on the goals.

Vision 1

Accessible, safe, modern Township parks

The Middletown community envisions its parks to be accessible, safe, and inclusive recreation facilities that deliver people to healthy outdoor places where they may interact comfortably and peacefully.

Actions

Create a stewardship management system to ensure that ADA-compliant, universal-accessibility features are incorporated within every Middletown Township park, including actions to:

- Deliver walking paths through each park.
- Prioritize phased facilities replacements based on condition, age, and universal accessibility.

Vision 2

Parks linked to neighborhoods by safe pedestrian and bicycle routes

The Middletown community desires the safe bicycle and pedestrian routes described in the 2024 Multi-modal Improvement Plan (MIP) to connect Township neighborhoods to parks, preserves, and open spaces inside Middletown Township, and to the regional trails and bike routes that extend into neighboring municipalities.

Actions

Create safe bicycle and pedestrian access from Middletown neighborhoods to the nineteen (19) municipal parks; four (4) municipal preserves; five (5) Bucks County parks, and to the regional trails and bike routes that link Middletown and its neighboring communities, including actions to:

- Build the missing 'last half mile' linkages between parks and existing walkway / bike routes.
- Pursue partnerships to build missing connections to County and neighboring municipal trails.

Vision 3

Recreation programming excellence

Middletown residents and Township staff will continue to work collectively to ensure the Township legacy of excellent programming by continuing to serve all ages and abilities, and to promote physical, mental, social, and emotional health for all users.

Actions

- Ensure recreation facilities are well-maintained and available for public use.
- Continue to diversify and expand program offerings for the diverse Middletown population while maintaining existing programming.
- Maintain efficient and sustainable program operations.

Vision 4

Increased availability of and access to open space

The Middletown community seeks to add recreation opportunities to the Township park system through strategic acquisitions that increase acreage under municipal stewardship, as well as improve public access to Township-owned open space.

Actions

- Permanently preserve all Township-owned open space
- Pursue opportunities to use natural greenway corridors to physically connect Middletown neighborhoods with schools, parks, commercial and civic places that exist within the Mill Creek, Queen Anne Creek and Neshaminy Creek watersheds.
- Explore and enhance appropriate passive recreation opportunities in Township preserved lands (Styer Orchard, Middletown Country Club, Langhorne Spring Water Company, Spring Valley Farm) that protect the health of the natural systems while bringing people closer to nature in their own neighborhoods.

Vision 5

Efficient and sustainable Parks & Recreation management, maintenance, and administration

Middletown Township will continue its mission to deliver excellent park and recreation experiences to the community who take pride in their neighborhoods and history.

Actions

- Update record-keeping systems and agreement processes
- Refine contractor procurement processes / requirements
- Formalize the training of P&R staff and consciously build an open information-sharing culture

Vision 6

Township policy / ordinances support recreation needs with funding strategies that achieve multi-functional infrastructure improvements

Middletown Township seeks to balance development with quality-of-life needs and the modernization of infrastructure that can serve multiple needs: transportation, ecological restoration, stormwater management, and recreation.

Actions

- Employ modern remedies to transportation barriers that limit public access to recreation, using strategic, consistent incremental phases of planning, funding, and engineering.
- Review Township policy and ordinances to support the recreational and open space needs of the community.
- Coordinate funding strategies between finance, planning, parks & recreation, and public works departments to maximize the potential to capitalize and maintain park and open space improvements.

Vision 1: Accessible, safe, modern Township parks

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Goals

Create a stewardship management system to ensure that ADA-compliant, universal-accessibility features are incorporated within every Middletown Township park, including actions to:

- Deliver paths through each park.
- Prioritize phased facilities replacements based on condition, age, and universal accessibility.

Overview

Safe pedestrian routes and interconnected neighborhoods, parks, and open space were the resounding priorities identified by the public opinion surveys for both the *2024 MT Multimodal Improvement Plan (MIP)* and this CPROSGT study. Public comments received during this study indicate that residents seek out parks and open space for peaceful experiences, only to find passage into the parks stressful due to access and safety concerns.

Universally accessible park features are lacking in multiple Middletown parks and many parks lack accessible internal routes to amenities such as playgrounds and sports fields. A concerted effort can prioritize updating park amenities to provide access for people of all abilities.

The implementation of park-specific signage across Middletown parks can visually link these vital assets by creating a strong sense of identity and also subtly differentiate them graphically from the neighborhood signage where they are located.



Electronic kick wall at Middletown Community Park



Firefighters' Park playground

Opportunity 1.1 Implement elements of the Middletown Township Park Accessibility Strategy

- Implement elements of the MT Park Accessibility Strategy for compliant access within park boundaries to facilities including parking, restrooms, playgrounds, etc. (the MT Park Accessibility Toolbox).
- Inventory the conditions of all internal park paths, from park boundaries and parking lots and between amenities to ensure that viable ADA-compliant routes exist to park features.
- Prioritize parks lacking ADA-compliant routes.
- Include internal park accessibility components on future grant applications.



Firefighters' Park bleachers

Access to open space and recreational venues must not be limited to those whose physical abilities enable it. The intent of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) is to structure universal access to improve the quality of life for all. Federal guidelines for ADA compliance in parks and open space are specific. Not all areas require impervious surfaces.

The MT Park Accessibility Strategy offers a set of tools to provide ADA-compliant access within park boundaries to all facilities, such as parking, restrooms, playgrounds, and sports fields. These tools include: sidewalks (paths within park-adjacent rights-of-way or adjacent to park entrance drives); paths (paths outside of the right-of-way); and crosswalks. Other tools included in the Middletown Multimodal Improvements Toolbox may also be useful, though typically most of those will effectively be implemented outside of park boundaries.

Implementing the MT Park Accessibility Strategy can begin with an inventory of existing conditions of park paths to ensure that viable ADA-compliant routes exist to all park features. Some routes may be made accessible with simple repairs to existing park paths. Other routes may require the Township to construct new paths or to regrade existing paths. Priority should be given to parks that lack ADA-compliant routes. Implementation should also include analysis of the approach to each park: Are there sidewalks that lead to the park? Are there curb cuts to provide ADA-compliant access to the park with clearly marked crosswalks?

An additional consideration of the MT Park Accessibility Strategy is the accessibility of the facilities themselves. Are there universally accessible play elements included in playgrounds? Can active recreational facilities like basketball or volleyball courts be adapted for use by people with mobility limitations?

Two of the most frequent reasons reported for individuals not visiting parks were the lack of shade and restrooms. Both served as deterrents for more frequent and longer stays in the parks. A system-wide park strategy can be adopted that prioritizes increasing the density of the tree canopy



Fig. 3.1 Firefighters Park Concept

in each park, especially around amenities where active recreation is occurring like playgrounds and sport courts.

In locations where tree planting may not be possible, like the skatepark, or where shade is more urgently needed, the installation of manufactured shade structures should be considered. Additional operating funds may be budgeted each year to fund the needed shade elements and these may also be partially funded by grant-funded capital improvements.

Two case studies below demonstrate how the MT Park Accessibility Strategy may be applied to improve accessibility at Middletown Parks.

Case Study: Firefighters' Park

Firefighters' Park largely lacks an internal path system that would create accessible routes to the various amenities in the park. These amenities include three (3) parking lots, two (2) diamond fields, a soccer field, two (2) basketball courts, a playground, and eight (8) pickleball courts. Existing paths connect one parking lot to the basketball courts, another parking lot to the playground and a path that encircles the playground, and the third parking lot to the pickleball courts.

The MT Accessibility Strategy proposes additional accessible connections throughout the park. A proposed sidewalk along Poplar Street connects the northeastern parking lot to the northwestern parking lot, continuing along Duxbury Drive to the entrance drive for the pickleball court parking lot. The sidewalk extends along this entrance drive to connect to a path along the north side of the pickleball courts. Crosswalks at all entrance drives, across Poplar Street at Hulmeville Road, and across Duxbury Drive at Poplar Street connect the proposed sidewalks to the existing sidewalk



Fig. 3.2 Middletown Community Park Concept

network. Internal paths provide accessible connections between the three parking lots and all other amenities in the park.

In addition to providing accessible routes to all amenities within Firefighters' Park, the path system proposed as part of the MT Park Accessibility Strategy creates two pedestrian loops around and through the park. One extends around the perimeter of the active recreation portions of the park, providing views toward Neshaminy Creek overlooking the stormwater basin at the southern end of the park. A smaller loop includes sidewalks on Poplar Street and Duxbury Drive, extending to the pickleball courts before cutting north to the northwestern parking lot through the center of the park.

Case Study: Middletown Community Park

Middletown Community Park is largely well-connected with accessible routes providing connections between various parts of the parking lot and many of the amenities in the park. These amenities include a large parking lot, five (5) diamond fields, four (4) soccer fields, four (4) multi-use fields, a basketball court, a playground, a skate park, an electronic kick wall, two (2) pavilions, and the Community Park Barn. Existing paths connect the parking lot to all five diamond fields, one of the soccer fields, the skate park and basketball court, and the Township's sidewalk network.

The MT Accessibility Strategy proposes additional accessible connections, largely on the eastern half of the park. New paths provide connections to soccer and multi-purpose fields. Additional short path sections finish the connection between existing paths and the playground and electronic kick wall and link disconnected sections of the park's internal path network. At several locations in the parking lot, crosswalks are provided to grassy shoulders of the vehicular circulation system. These connections should be paved to ensure accessibility.

Proposed paths may provide further connections to the Township's sidewalk network. Crosswalks are proposed where the internal pedestrian network of the park crosses the entrance drive. Sidewalks and crosswalks are proposed on Langhorne-Yardley Road and Village Road to link the sidewalk network.

Most, if not all, of the recommended improvements at Middletown Community Park could be constructed in-house by Public Works staff. Alternatively, if additional park improvements are planned, the accessibility improvements described above could be included in that work.

In addition to accessibility improvements, the proposed connections in Middletown Community Park complete the perimeter trail loop, a desired amenity in the park based on feedback from the public opinion survey.



Parking Lot at Middletown Community Park



Skate Park at Middletown Community Park with user provided wooden ramps.

Opportunity 1.2 Adapt / update the Middletown Township Parks signage system

- Add/modify the details of the Middletown Township signage and branding systems to ensure a comprehensive graphic and informational approach for all levels of signage that make parks functional, safe and attractive.

In recent years, Middletown Township has installed identity signage at the entrances to many neighborhoods and parks throughout the Township. This signage has helped create a recognizable brand for the Township and has significantly improved wayfinding by standardizing design with reflective white lettering on a blue background. This standardized signage may create some confusion, where parks and neighborhoods signage have the same graphic design and, in many cases, the same name.

The Township can consider changing the background color of park signs from blue to green to clearly identify which signs are for neighborhoods and which are for parks. Township Preserves could be identified with signage using a brown background to distinguish them from Middletown parks.

Typical park signage systems may include branding, directional, safety, informational, and interpretive displays. Many Middletown parks lack clearly posted rules and hours, or have rules posted for specific park amenities but not for the park as a whole. Using signage at each park that dovetails with the established MT graphic brand will make it simpler for visitors to locate and use.



Signage example: blue finish



Signage example: green finish



Signage example: brown finish

Opportunity 1.3 Implement the Twin Oaks Park Master Site Development Plan

- Implement elements of the 2010 Twin Oaks Park Master Site Development Plan.

Middletown developed a master site development plan for Twin Oaks Park in 2010, but implementation has been limited. Many of the issues identified in the master site development plan remain relevant to this day, including limited parking, flooding, accessibility within the park, and degradation of grass fields due to overuse.

The Township can revisit the 2010 master site development plan to ensure improvements will continue to serve the Township's needs, then implement elements of the plan to ensure that the park is safe, accessible, and modern. These elements may include:

- Playground updates and expansion to create universal play opportunities
- Playground updates to reduce or eliminate access to Queen Anne Creek from the play area
- An accessible internal pedestrian path system
- Reorientation of fields to meet contemporary field standards. Reorientation will likely require the elimination of one or more of the existing playing fields; the Township should work to ensure other baseball facilities are available (see Opportunity 5.7)
- Improved vehicular circulation, particularly on the west side of the park
- Stormwater management improvements.

Implementation may be performed in phases to ensure field access is disrupted as little as possible. Additional fields at Chickenfoot Park and Queen Anne Park, both Bucks County Parks, could accommodate some, if not all, of the displaced field use.



2010 Twin Oaks Park Master Site Development Plan


Facilities building at Twin Oaks Park

Opportunity 1.4 Regularly update a municipal log of all recreation facilities

The Parks & Recreation Department should annually update its resource catalogue of all parks and preserve sites (elements tagged by location), including, but not limited to: equipment model/ source, age; noted damage; area occupied by play equipment; required fall zones, maintenance requirements, etc.

This log should also include anticipated replacement dates for all equipment including playgrounds. A replacement schedule for playgrounds should be shared publicly, when appropriate.



Climbing wall at Middletown Community Park



Picnic table at Tareyton Estates



SimPlay3 Outdoor Little Sharing Library at Twin Oaks Park

Opportunity 1.5 Develop a Township strategic tree canopy plan

- Update the Township's tree inventory and assess the current Township canopy
- Develop and implement a strategic tree canopy plan for the Township

Public engagement for this CPROSGT plan demonstrated a great deal of interest in additional shade. As temperatures continue to rise due to climate change, residents want more shaded sidewalks and trails to reach their destinations, additional shaded seating at parks to relax out of the heat of the sun, and more shade on playground surfaces so that children can continue to enjoy them during the heat of the summer. Tree canopy cover is, in most cases, the most cost-effective method of enhancing shade in parks as well as other public spaces.

The benefits of trees in public spaces are numerous. Not only do trees help lower ambient temperatures and provide relief from the urban heat island effect, they help to filter the air we breathe, reducing rates of asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Research has shown that trees also have positive impacts on mental health and well-being. Urban trees help slow and soak up stormwater, reducing the demand placed on stormwater management systems and storm sewers even as rainfall intensifies. And they help to capture carbon dioxide from the air, further slowing the impacts of climate change.

The Township can consider developing a strategic tree canopy plan to ensure the future health of the urban canopy. The first step to this plan will be to update the Township's existing tree inventory and assess the shade needs of different areas of the Township, both inside and outside of parks and open spaces. The plan would then establish priorities and a timeline for tree planting, keeping in mind that trees have a defined lifespan and will need to be replaced over time to keep the urban canopy healthy. The Township may work with a team of experts, including arborist, forester, and landscape architect to create the plan and ensure that appropriate tree species are selected for planting in the various conditions present in the Township. Species selection considerations include sun exposure, pollutant exposure, hydrology, root area, soil type, maintenance, and habitat diversity. In addition to the professionals listed above, DCNR provides resources for selecting the best native trees in a variety of conditions. The plan might also include guidance and references to resources for property owners, since the majority of the land area within the Township is on privately-owned parcels. Those guides are available on the DCNR website here: https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/conservation/wild-plants/landscaping-with-native-plants.

Vision 2: Parks linked to neighborhoods by safe pedestrian and bicycle routes

The community desires Middletown Township to implement the safe bicycle and pedestrian routes, as described in the 2024 Multi-modal Improvement Plan (MIP) to connect Township neighborhoods to parks, preserves, open spaces inside the Township, and to the regional trails and bike routes that extend into neighboring municipalities.

Goals

Create safe bicycle and pedestrian access from Middletown neighborhoods to the nineteen (19) municipal parks; four (4) municipal preserves; five (5) Bucks County parks, and to the regional trails and bike routes that link Middletown and its neighboring communities, including actions to:

- Build the missing 'last half mile' linkages between parks and existing pathways / bike routes.
- Pursue partnerships to build missing connections to County and neighboring municipal trails.

Overview

As noted in Vision 1, creating a more connected community with safe pedestrian/bicycle routes to parks, open spaces, and neighborhoods was identified as a top priority for Middletown Township Parks & Recreation Department in the public opinion survey for this CPROSGT study. Building these connections will require working with partners to ensure pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure are included in associated transportation and other infrastructure projects.



Bridge at Forsythia Crossing



Pedestrian Bridge at Twin Oaks Park

Opportunity 2.1 Implement / update the priorities of the Middletown Township Park Accessibility Strategy

- Implement/update the priorities of the MT Park Accessibility Strategy within this CPROSGT Plan for last-half mile connections to MT parks and open spaces.

To achieve township-wide access for all Middletown residents, accessibility measures can be implemented to reach parks as some of the most frequented civic destinations. This approach, may be referred to as "last-half mile connections," and focus on accessing parks via accessible routes can often deliver accessibility to multiple other local destinations for all residents, regardless of ability. Tools similar to those described in Opportunity 1.1 can be used to help deliver this access, and the MIP provides references for additional measures that may be implemented.

Considerations for priority implementation projects include: sidewalk gaps; trail gaps; and links to local connections (including public transit). Obstacles to these connections may include infrastructure, such as Rt. 1, and private parcel ownerships.

Opportunity 2.2 Select priority locations for pedestrian / biking connections

- Select priority locations for the pedestrian/biking connections, noted in Opportunity 2.1 above, by carefully weighing multiple criteria.

The Township can refer to the recommended priorities laid out in the MIP as a starting point for prioritizing park accessibility improvements. The Township should consider the following criteria when prioritizing pedestrian and biking connections recommended above in Opportunity 2.1:

- All costs (planning, design, permitting, construction)
- Viable partners
- Potential for outside funding sources
- In-house leverage funds (these funds can be used as a match for any grant funds where a match is required)
- Estimated local service population
- Type of improvement needed.

Several gaps in the Township trail system represent "low-hanging fruit," that may offer significant improvements to the network with relatively low investment.

Langhorne-Yardley Road and Village Road near Middletown Community Park

The MIP proposed a sidepath on Langhorne-Yardley Road to connect existing paths north and south of the park. Subsequent improvements have provided the connection to Core Creek Park, but no connection to the trail on Township Line Road in neighboring Lower Makefield Township exists. The MIP also proposed a multiuse trail in the park to complete the

loop trail around the perimeter of the park and connect with a sidepath along Village Road. The Village Road sidepath terminates at Core Creek Park. Members of the public mentioned these connections multiple times during the public engagement for this plan, demonstrating strong support.

The majority of these trail sections fall within the rights-of-way of the roads they parallel. There may be limited need to negotiate access easements along the proposed route to navigate private property, but overall, obstacles to the trails will be minimal.

Exeter Road in the Sturbridge neighborhood

The existing trail in the proposed Neshaminy Creek Open Space Preserve (see Opportunity 4.6), part of the Neshaminy Creek Greenway, terminates at the end of Exeter Road, a short cul-de-sac in the Sturbridge neighborhood. A sidewalk on this street would connect the trail to the Township's sidewalk network which provides connection to the Core Creek Trail system through the St. Mary Medical Center property. The existing right-of-way appears wide enough to easily accommodate this sidewalk without need for access easements.

Clearview Avenue and Brownsville Road between Det. Christopher Jones Memorial Park and Lance Corporal Harry J. Simmons, Jr. Memorial Park

The MIP proposed improving the existing trail in Det. Jones Memorial Park and providing sidewalks along Clearview Avenue and Brownsville Road to connect to Simmons Park. Crosswalks and a Rapid Flashing Beacon are also proposed along this route for pedestrian safety. The existing rights-of-way appear sufficient to accommodate the proposed sidewalks included in this route.

Mill Creek/Queen Anne Creek Greenway Trails

The MIP proposed trails along the Mill Creek and Queen Anne Creek Greenways, connecting Trenton Road to Frosty Hollow Road and Woodbourne Road, as well as the Frosty Hollow Tennis Center. The portion of this trail in the Frosty Hollow Tennis Center, known as the Frosty Hollow Trail, has entered the planning phase in partnership with Bucks County Parks & Recreation and the Bucks County Planning Commission. These trails provide much-needed pedestrian connections in the largely un-trailed Levittown section of the Township. The Queen Anne Creek Greenway also provides connections within the Quincy Hollow and Cobalt Ridge neighborhoods, where sidewalks terminate in parkland but do not provide passage over the creek. Both of these greenway trails are proposed within Township parks and open space; trail areas not within Township property fall within existing rights-of-way.

Potential funding sources for these trail sections can be found in Chapter 4 – Implementation.



Exeter Road. The Neshaminy Creek Open Space Trail is barely visible to north of the red-roofed house.

Opportunity 2.3 Prioritize local neighborhood pedestrian / biking connections to the Lower Neshaminy Creek Greenway Trail

- Prioritize local neighborhood pedestrian/biking connections to the Lower Neshaminy Creek Greenway Trail currently under construction inside Core Creek Park, through coordination with the Bucks County Planning Commission and Bucks County Parks & Recreation Department.

Core Creek Park is not a part of the MT Parks and Recreation system but is the most widely recognizable and most visited park in the Township. Ground was broken on the Lower Neshaminy Creek Greenway Trail Phase III in May 2025, and this work will connect existing trails within Core Creek Park to an existing pedestrian network at the intersection of Woodbourne Road and Ellis Road. By prioritizing local pedestrian and biking connections to this new trail section, the Township may leverage the new Lower Neshaminy Greenway Trail improvements to create quick connectivity successes for Middletown residents.

The MIP proposes several improvements in proximity to this new trail section. At the east end, a side path is proposed along Woodbourne Road. At the west end, a short side path is proposed along Tollgate Road with a crosswalk at Park Road. This side path will provide a future connection to a planned trail connecting Tollgate Road and Langhorne-Newtown Road.



Core Creek Concept Plan



Looking south from the intersection of Woodbourne Road and Ellis Road

Opportunity 2.4 "Piggyback" municipal pedestrian / bicycle improvements on vehicular transportation partnership projects

- Piggyback municipal pathway/ bicycle improvements on vehicular transportation partnership projects, including PennDOT Route 1 Re-construction Section RC3.

Pedestrian and bicycle improvements are mandated to be included as part of multi-modal transportation projects, and not simply standalone projects themselves. The Township can review all vehicular transportation projects proposed inside the Township, including those administered by partners such as PennDOT, for their potential to include pedestrian/ bicycle improvements. "Piggybacking" ped-bike improvements with vehicular transportation projects may provide access to additional funding sources and help to reduce disturbances caused by separate construction projects.

The PennDOT RC3 project represents a unique opportunity to work with the agency and neighboring municipalities to make this section a genuine multi-modal demonstration by converting remnant Route 1 right of way into a dedicated ped-bike facility that can link residents to multiple priority destinations like the Neshaminy High School and the Woods Services Campus with a new offroad bike trail.

Woods Services has been working with the PennDOT project team throughout the RC3 process. The Township may consider partnering with Woods Services in the near term to capitalize on this existing relationship to ensure bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure priorities are considered around this large PennDOT infrastructure redevelopment.

Opportunity 2.5 Combine priority Ped-Bike improvements with related municipal, county, and state infrastructure goals

- Combine priority ped-bike improvements with related municipal, county, and state infrastructure goals in the early program and planning phases whenever possible, such as integrating ped-bike improvements with stormwater, utility, roadway, bridge and transit projects.

Opportunity 2.4 describes combining priority pedestrian and bicycle improvements with other related infrastructure goals to reduce disruption of multiple construction projects and potentially access additional funding sources. The Township can work to combine these improvements in the early program and planning phases to ensure that ped-bike improvements are seamless and that no new infrastructure conflicts are created.

Vision 3: Recreation programming excellence

Middletown residents and Township staff will continue to work collectively to ensure the Township legacy of excellent programming by continuing to serve all ages and abilities, and to promote physical, mental, social, and emotional health for all users.

Goals

- Ensure recreation facilities are well-maintained and available for public use.
- Continue to diversify and expand program offerings for the diverse Middletown population while maintaining existing programming.
- Maintain efficient and sustainable program operations.

Overview

Overall, Middletown Township residents report being satisfied with the current program offerings the Middletown Township Parks & Recreation Department provides. However, public opinion survey results show opportunities to improve program offerings, particularly for older children/ young adults and for seniors.

Organized youth athletics programs are among the most well-attended programs in the Township, with most of these programs offered by partner organizations using Township owned or managed facilities. Ensuring that these facilities are well-maintained and well-managed, with opportunities for open play in addition to organized athletics, will be key to the future success of these programs.

A diverse range of program offerings, including active recreation such as organized athletics and more passive offerings such as environmental education and arts programming, recognizes the diversity within the Middletown community. The MT Parks & Recreation Department continues to strive to supplement programming diversity and to help ensure that all community members are welcome in parks and open spaces and their varied needs are provided for.



Band night at The Rec Barn, 2016



2025 PRPS Award to Middletown

Opportunity 3.1 Create a system for confirming field / facility use and maintain public availability for some Middletown Township fields

- Create a system for confirming field/ facility use to enable Middletown Parks & Recreation and its program partners to strategically evaluate the needs for additional facilities. Prepare a seasonal schedule of public availability of MT fields for non-structured use(s) by Township residents.
- Staff may consider artificial turf field retrofits to provide physical space and additional time slots for active recreation.

Middletown Township is fortunate to have multiple local and regional partners who utilize the Township athletic fields and sport courts – which serves many recreation needs of residents. One challenge of those user partnerships is seasonal wear-and-tear on the fields, which have generated calls for additional fields and courts to supplement the demands for use.

While some fields absolutely need to be rested for maintenance purposes, prior to investing the options for additional fields and/or significant field investments, it is important that Township staff clearly understand actual usage rates versus permit rates. To date, actual daily use data is unreliable. This can be documented with the help of these partners.

Staff can review permitting vs. actual uses to assess opportunities that may serve new community and private group requests, as well as consider opportunities to allot time for non-structured uses by Township residents.

This analysis will also be helpful as staff create a rotational "field closure schedule" for short and long-term maintenance. Data on permitting/usage rates may be used to negotiate future financial contribution agreements with community groups for needed annual maintenance and capital improvements – based on actual current and projected future facility usage estimates. Staff can also consider artificial turf field retrofits for how they might provide more durable physical facilities and additional time slots for active recreation.

With so many of the Middletown parks and facilities being utilized weekdays after municipal office hours and on weekends, the Township may also consider creating a park patrol program that could serve dual mandates:

1. Serve as park ambassadors and
2. Monitor park rules and permits.

Preventing misuse and overuse of facilities offer potential financial savings to the Department. Regular reports can alert Public Works staff to hazards found in the parks, so they may be addressed as priorities. This approach might be funded through a combination of new fees assessed to athletic associations, with increases in rental fees.

Opportunity 3.2 Continue with work to update agreements with local youth sports associations

- Continue with work to update agreements with local youth sports associations and plan to review those agreements every 5 years.

Local youth sports associations, including: the Middletown Athletic Association; Langhorne Athletic Association; Hulmeville Soccer Club; and others are invaluable partners for Middletown Parks & Recreation – by providing sports programming and assisting with maintenance to varying degrees at the Parks facilities they use.

During this CPROSGT report production, the Township has been revisiting agreements that govern these partnerships – after several years without written agreements. The Township can continue to expedite finalizing these agreements, and plan future partnership agreement reviews every five (5) years to ensure that expectations around maintenance and field availability are clear to all participants.

Based on feedback from surrounding communities and acknowledging that Middletown Township has a unique relationship with each of its youth sports associations, the following opportunities may be considered when revising the current agreements:

- Youth sports associations should seek Township approval prior to expansion of programs that could create additional need/demand for more fields.
- Youth sports associations must have a representative attend a regular (recommended semi-annual) field stakeholder meeting. Failure to do so could result in use permits not being issued.
- Youth sports associations must submit seasonal use permit requests to the Parks & Recreation Department.
- All daily and seasonal maintenance responsibilities for the youth sports associations and the Township will be memorialized – including but not be limited to, mowing, fielding lining, infield dragging, goal maintenance, backstop/ fence maintenance, building repairs, trash clean-up, and field lights.
- Clearly state capital improvement funding expectations - what are the sole responsibilities of the youth sports associations and the Township and what should be a shared capital expense.
- Document an official opening and closing date for each park or field and mandatory rest periods of time.
- List repercussions for violations of park rules and/or department mandates.
- The Parks & Recreation Board and the Board of Supervisors should be engaged to determine if they desire that use fees be established, increased, or decreased for use of Township fields. Both boards should be informed of what services the Township provides to each youth sports association and any costs incurred by the Township.
- Residency of a youth sports association and/or a residency of a percentage of the association's participants should be considered when determining fees and prioritization of use.

Opportunity 3.3 Continue a regional approach to providing contractor- / vendor-led offerings

- Continue regional approach to providing Contractor/Vendor-led offerings to maximize the types of activities offered.

The MT Parks & Recreation Department has historically maintained a positive and collaborative relationship with its municipal neighbors and with Bucks County. As a result, the various departments have been able to supplement each other's program offerings and facilities, rather than competing or duplicating. In some cases, two or more P&R departments have partnered on programs by each taking separate registrations – with a single department hosting the program.

This collaborative approach benefits residents of all participating communities, by combining enrollments to populate programs at viable levels and by sharing resources across allied departments. This best practice may be continued in the future.

Opportunity 3.4 Evaluate Parks and Recreation staffing needs for programming by season

Generally, parks & recreation departments see staffing requirements fluctuating from season to season. With the summer season traditionally being the busiest for staff, the Township can consider reinstituting a paid summer internship position (May to August) to provide additional department support. This position helps the Department staff and supports the growth of the parks & recreation industry in helping to develop new professionals and may serve as an important method for identifying potential new staff.

Based on public feedback, the concept of conservation is highly valued in Middletown Township and there is a strong desire for an increase in environmental-based programming – and this will generate support for environmental conservation programming, which can then lead to increased citizen stewardship of parks.

The creation of a part-time or full-time natural resource position within the Public Works staff could work with programming staff to expand nature-focused recreation opportunities with the development of new programs as well as leading volunteer stewardship improvements in the parks. This position could also lead the proposed Middletown Nature Center (see Opportunity 3.9).

Opportunity 3.5 Consider ways to strategically collaborate with the Neshaminy School District

- Consider ways to strategically collaborate with the Neshaminy School District (NSD) to provide recreation opportunities to MT residents using NSD facilities.

The Neshaminy School District (NSD) is a significant provider of recreation facilities in Middletown Township, with six (6) schools and several former school buildings providing playgrounds and sports facilities. With the exception of Herbert Hoover Park, which the Township leases from NSD, these facilities are not available to the public outside of school hours.



Neshaminy High School

The Township can consider ways to strategically collaborate with the NSD to provide recreation opportunities to MT residents by sharing NSD facilities when they are not being used by students. Precedents for such collaboration can be found in the lease of Herbert Hoover Park and in the Idlewood Environmental Station at Neshaminy High School. Idlewood formerly provided trails open to the public through more than 125 acres of riparian forest. The reopening of this facility to the public would provide much desired trail access on the west side of the Township. Additional collaboration opportunities may exist at the now-closed Pearl S. Buck Elementary School and Samuel Everitt Elementary School, both of which are currently leased to the Bucks Intermediate Unit.

Opportunity 3.6 Explore potential program offerings where Middletown Township might collaborate with other community members

- Explore potential program offerings where MT might collaborate with other community members to create a dynamic integration of diverse populations.

As the MT Parks & Recreation Department looks to diversify its program offerings, the Township can explore partnering with local organizations that already provide programs for populations not served or underserved by current program options. By working with partners, the Township can stay current on options for serving diverse populations, while amplifying efforts of organizations already working within the Township and/or within surrounding communities.

Two potential partners are St. Mary's Community Health and Woods Services. These organizations are already providing recreational and educational programs for diverse populations within the Township. In the past, St. Mary's collaborated with the Township to provide cooking classes for youth.

In recent years, Woods Services has enhanced its campus with recreation improvements, including basketball courts and paved, accessible trails through the forest portion of campus. Two (2) outdoor pools, an indoor pool, and equine facilities already exist on the campus. When thinking about partnerships, the Township should consider measures that may permit residents to access these facilities.



Trail at Woods Services



Outdoor classroom at Woods Services

Opportunity 3.7 Collaborate with the Heritage Conservancy at Styer Orchard

- Collaborate with the Heritage Conservancy at Styers Orchard for program offerings related to urban farming, gardening, or careers in food production fields for high school students.

The Heritage Conservancy has expressed an interest in increasing environmental and agricultural education programming at Styer Orchard. The two pavilions recently installed at the property provide the ideal venue for such programming. MT can work with the Heritage Conservancy to target a portion of this new programming for high school students/teenagers, as this population is less well-served with non-athletic program offerings than other age groups in the Township.

Philadelphia Parks & Recreation's Farm Philly program started in 2014 and provides a model for urban agricultural programming. The program supports 60 agricultural projects throughout the city, including: education gardens, community gardens, composting, and farms. The Junior Farmers program works with young people to care for small gardens, orchards, and pollinator gardens. A similar program at Styer Orchard might increase program offerings for teens while helping to connect the larger community to agriculture and the natural world.



Styers Orchard from Woodbourne Road

Opportunity 3.8 Create a new Middletown Community Center

- Create a new Middletown Community Center, including a senior center element and other facilities that are modern, code-compliant, and provide additional indoor programming space and modern amenities.
- A feasibility study may be needed to determine if existing buildings / site might be retrofitted for this purpose.



Garden beds at Middletown Community Center

The current Middletown Community Center (MCC) is home to the Middletown Senior Center, summer camp programs, and indoor rental space for the community. Indoor recreation facilities for the general community are limited to the Community Park Barn, which does not provide space for indoor sports such as basketball or volleyball. Maintenance needs at the MCC building, such as a new roof, are becoming significant. The building currently lacks ADA-accessible bathrooms and a dedicated cafeteria space. Space limitations create conflicts between various uses.

A new MCC would accommodate all programming currently conducted at the MCC and provide space for additional indoor recreational programming, including athletics such as basketball and volleyball. A feasibility study may be needed to determine if the existing building may be retrofitted to accommodate additional amenities and meet current code requirements, or if a new building would be necessary.



Middletown Community Center bocce courts

A concept drawing for a new 45,000 square foot MCC building with indoor sports facilities is shown below. The MCC building is located closer to Trenton Road to provide a more welcoming experience from the street. This location also accommodates an additional three pickleball courts to the rear of the building, as well as an expanded parking lot with approximately 200 parking spaces.

Other sites were considered in the process of concept development for the MCC, but no site was found that could accommodate the facility with the same level of access that the current facility provides.



Playground at Middletown Community Center

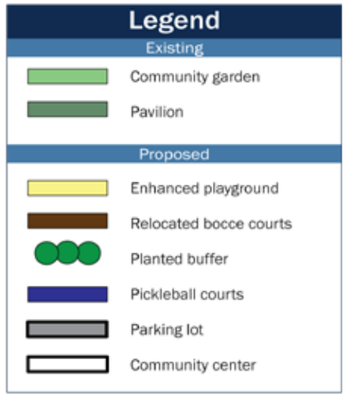




Fig. 3.3 Middletown Community Center Concept

Opportunity 3.9 Consider prioritizing environmental education and natural resource stewardship

- Prioritize the addition of environmental education programming.
- Include Parks and Recreation Department staff in management of Township environment and natural resources.
- Consider the development of a 'MT Nature Center' – using the Silver Lake Nature Center as a model. Explore use of the former Samuel Everitt Elementary School building along Mill Creek Greenway for this purpose.

Public engagement for this CPROSGT plan revealed great interest in environmental education and programming which creates connections with nature in Middletown. The Parks & Recreation could partner with education and conservation organizations in the area to provide additional environmental education programming (see Opportunity 4.8). Such programming could include nature or birding walks in Township open space, plant identification classes, indoor ecology classes, and more.

A significant portion of the Township's natural resources exist within parks and open spaces managed by the Parks & Recreation Department. As such, the Department is well-positioned to make informed decisions about the management of these resources and the Township environment as a whole. The proposed Natural Resources Manager (see Opportunity 3.4) could represent the Department in natural resource management decision making.

The Township can also consider the development of a Middletown Nature Center to provide for environmental education programming. Silver Lake Nature Center is a Bucks County Parks and Recreation facility in Bristol, PA that provides a good model for such a facility – where a small visitor center anchors the Nature Center's largely outdoor exhibits and provides interpretive information for the various habitats preserved within the surrounding Silver Lake Park. The nonprofit Friends of Silver Lake Nature Center provides fundraising and programmatic support for that facility. The Township may consider partnering with the Friends of Silver Lake organization and/or the Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation to establish a nature center in Middletown. The Township could also consider partnering with another existing local environmental education non-profit organization, such as those described in Opportunity 4.8.

A center might be housed within an existing Township facility, such as Simmons Park (home of the Native Tree Search), or could be provided with a new, dedicated facility. One such potential location for the Middletown Nature Center is the former Samuel Everitt Elementary School building which is currently leased by Bucks Intermediate Unit and well located adjacent to Forsythia Crossing Park to anchor the proposed Mill Creek Greenway Trail. The proposed Natural Resource Manager position could also manage the Nature Center. Another option that might be considered is whether a reimagined municipal golf course complex might include a nature center element in a mix of future recreation and conservation improvements.

Opportunity 3.10 Review and update Middletown facility fee schedules

- Review and update MT facility fee schedule at least every two (2) years to ensure that each fee covers all Township costs and contributes a percentage toward MT parks maintenance and operations costs, or other parks and recreation purposes.

To ensure that Middletown Township Parks & Recreation is covering all expenses associated with operating its facilities (including utilities and building monitoring) and is generating revenue needed to keep pace with department costs, staff should review and revise the MT facility fee schedule at least every two (2) years. This review can compare the Township rates to its municipal neighbors and for-profit entities to compare current rental market rates. This practice will enable the Department to continue working towards achieving financial sustainability.



Baseball field at Middletown Community Park

Opportunity 3.11 Explore new programming opportunities

- Explore new programming opportunities such as bus trips, additional smaller special events, and potential 'drop-in' attendance options for some programs.

MT Parks & Recreation is doing an exemplary job providing activities for its residents, including 300 program sessions, and three (3) to five (5) special events annually. Based on staff feedback, several additional programming opportunities would require minimal work to yield additional revenue for the department.

For programs that currently have additional enrollment capacity, staff may consider adding a "drop-in" or "try-it" option. This may be ideal for pre-school programs or adult fitness classes where participants (or their caregivers) are looking for flexibility and/or shorter-term commitments. A higher fee per class could be charged in exchange for this flexibility. This approach may also appeal to individuals interested in trying out a program before signing up.

One-day or multi-day trips may be of interest to Middletown residents, especially older active adults. To reduce the challenge of filling an entire trip on their own, staff could partner with departments already running one-day bus trips. There are several for-profit companies that offer multi-day trips that only require the Township to advertise the trip and then a set fee or percentage of the trip cost would be paid to the Department. These companies, which include Premier World Discovery and Odysseys Unlimited among others, work with multiple municipal partners, so a township is not required to meet a minimum number of participants. A very limited amount of staff time is required to generate positive net revenue.

MT Parks & Recreation has historically been known for running larger, high-quality, and well-attended special events such as its Earth Day celebration. The Department should consider offering additional, scaled-down special events to remain in the public focus year-round. Examples of these types of events include: weekday children's concerts in a park, pop-up events in neighborhood parks, and additional pickleball tournaments.

Department staff has done well offering several teen-focused programs/camps/events. It is recommended that the Department continue expanding its efforts with this challenging but important demographic.

Prior to expanding new youth programming opportunities, the staff should assess the reasons for the high youth program cancellation rate and work to reduce the percentage of canceled programs. The first step would be for staff to review each youth program that did not reach its required minimum participant level and document the day of the week, time, facility, and topic to identify commonalities between the programs.

The next recommended step would be for programming staff to review detailed results of this plan's public survey and the questions related to programs and events. Staff should consider what connections there might be between the programs that did not run and what the survey respondents indicated that they were interested in. If needed, utilize an online survey and/or social media to garner additional feedback from the public. When developing new programs, staff can refer back to this data to help guide decision making about what programs should be offered.

Vision 4: Increased availability of and access to open space

The Middletown community seeks to add recreation opportunities to the Township park system through strategic acquisitions that increase acreage under municipal stewardship, as well as improve public access to Township-owned open space.

Goals

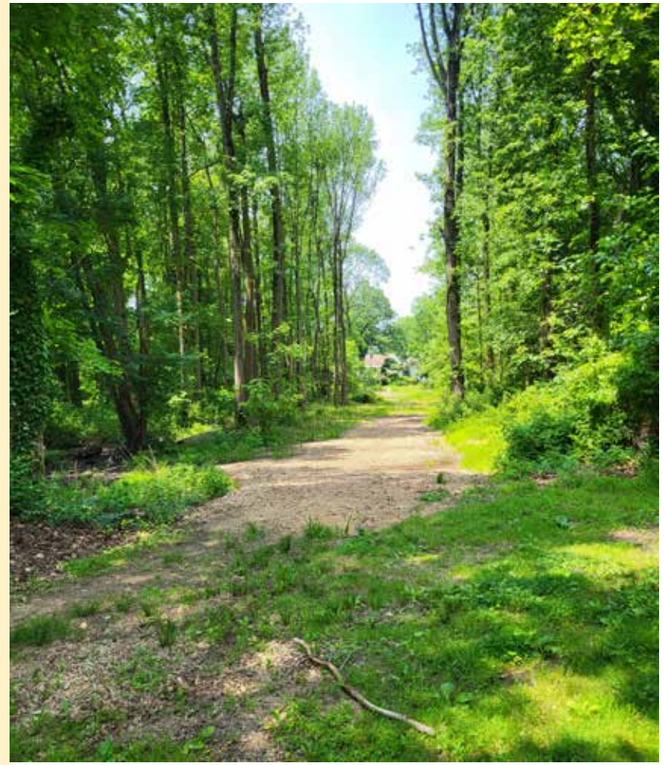
- Permanently preserve all Township-owned open space
- Pursue opportunities to use natural greenway corridors to physically connect Middletown neighborhoods with schools, parks, commercial and civic places that exist within the Mill Creek, Queen Anne Creek and Neshaminy Creek watersheds.
- Explore and enhance appropriate passive recreation opportunities in Township preserved lands (Styer Orchard, Middletown Country Club, Langhorne Spring Water Company, Spring Valley Farm) that protect the health of the natural systems while bringing people closer to nature in their own neighborhoods.

Overview

Open space preservation and improved access to open space emerged as high priorities during the public engagement for this report. Middletown Township is fortunate to have ample open space preserves, but access to these preserves is limited and many residents consider preserved open space as only undeveloped land. By working to permanently preserve these lands and provide public access where appropriate, the Township can raise the profile of this land in the public eye. Additionally, the Township can work to encourage public stewardship of open space lands by providing environmental education, allowing the public to appreciate the lands already preserved in the public's name.



Woods Services natural recreational area



Mill Creek Greenway near Forsythia Crossing Park

Opportunity 4.1 Review the deeds of Township-owned open space, recreation, and preserved lands

- Review deeds of Township-owned open space, recreation and preserved lands to ensure that covenants / restrictions exist to prevent future development of these parcels.
- Coordinate with Township solicitor on the most cost-effective and efficient legal mechanisms for achieving permanency.
- Consider establishing an open space working group.

Public feedback shows a great deal of concern about development in the Township. Permanently preserving Township-owned spaces with legally enforceable mechanisms protects the status of parks and open space from changes in political and economic climates.

The Township EAC is tasked with compiling and maintaining a list of open spaces in Middletown to obtain "information on the proper use of such areas." The Township may also consider expanding EAC responsibilities to include review of the management of open space parcels and the potential to acquire additional parcels, when available.

Opportunity 4.2 Re-evaluate the operational control and management of Styer Orchard

- Re-evaluate the operational control and management of Styer Orchard with Heritage Conservancy to enable the installation of passive trail connections and educational programming opportunities.

The current management and operations approach at Styer Orchard works well for all three parties involved (Township, Heritage Conservancy, and Farmer) and depends on good relationships between these three parties. The Heritage Conservancy has expressed interest in re-evaluating the management of the property to ensure that it remains stable despite potential future changes in political and economic climates, as well as increasing educational programming at the property. Styer Orchard is well located to provide trail connections to Core Creek Park, which may require changes to the terms of the existing easement.

The Township may consider options, including selling the property to the Heritage Conservancy outright or working with the Heritage Conservancy to transfer restricted funds from the endowment to the Township for on-going programming and maintenance of the property.

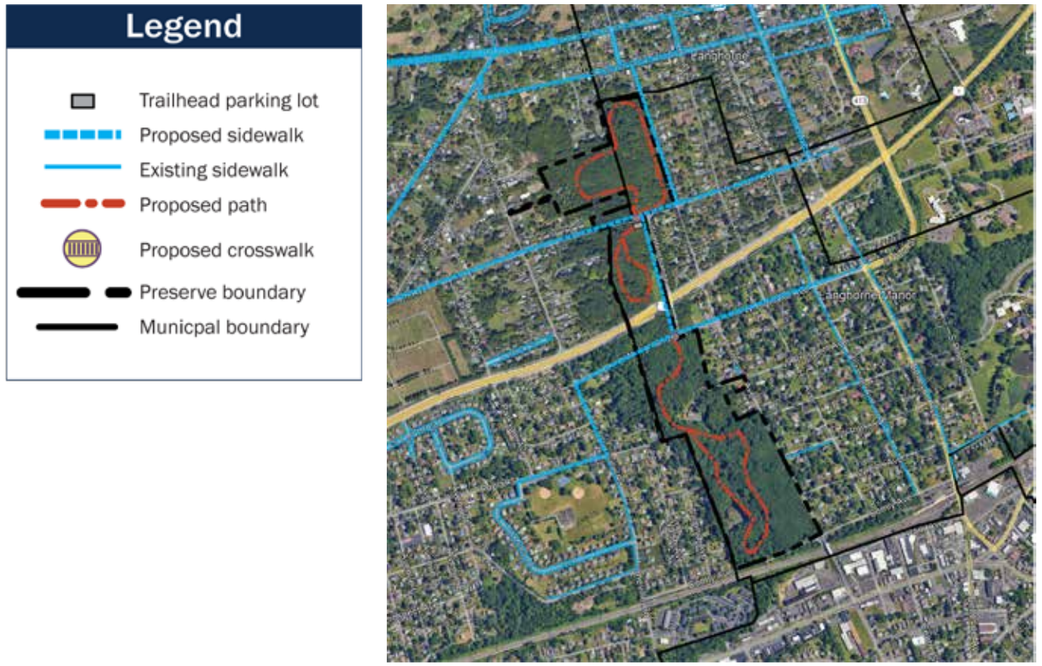
Opportunity 4.3 Review terms of conservation easement on Langhorne Spring Water Company (LSWC) Preserve

- Review terms of conservation easement on Langhorne Spring Water Company (LSWC) Preserve with Heritage Conservancy to evaluate the feasibility of enabling public pedestrian access within the parcel.
- Budget for a property survey to confirm parcel limits.

The Langhorne Spring Water Company Preserve represents one of the Township's largest open space properties but lacks public access. The Township can work with the Heritage Conservancy, which holds the conservation easement on the property, to review the feasibility of adding pedestrian trails throughout the property. These trails would be best located to minimize disturbance, particularly in environmentally sensitive areas of the preserve. Informal trails already exist in some parts of the property where the public has created access and is evidence of public desire to access the property. A small parking lot might be located in an already disturbed area near the intersection of Gillam Avenue and Interchange Avenue, and trails could easily be linked to the existing pedestrian network.

There is a lack of clarity about the boundaries of the property and some potential encroachment by neighbors. The Township should consider carrying out a survey to confirm the limits of the property.

Fig. 3.4 Langhorne Spring Water Company Trail Concept



Opportunity 4.4 Conduct a feasibility study for the Middletown Country Club

- Conduct a feasibility study for the Middletown County Club property to evaluate the highest and best use of the facility.

Middletown Country Club has seen a decline in services over approximately five years – with the closure of the public pool and the reduction/elimination of restaurant/catering services. The condition of the course has declined over that period, as well. The current operating lease will end in 2028, providing a good opportunity to reexamine the sole use of the property as a golf course. The Township may conduct a feasibility study for the property to evaluate the highest and best use of all potential facilities on that site. Other uses that may be considered include a pedestrian trail system and as an environmental restoration area.

A feasibility study may include potentially re-opening the public pool on the property. If reopening the public pool was found not to be feasible, the Township has the option to consider if one or more water features at that site or other Township parks may help provide water-play recreation features. Water features can be as basic as push button misters near playgrounds and sport courts or as large as a splash pad complex.



Middletown County Club



Twining Valley Park, Upper Dublin Township. This park was converted from a public golf course to a naturalized park space with active and passive recreation opportunities.

Opportunity 4.5 Seek grant funding to implement Packages A & B of the 2016 Spring Valley Farm Master Plan

Middletown Township developed a master plan for Spring Valley Farm in 2016, following its acquisition in 2013. The master plan divides improvements into eleven (11) packages or phases. The Township can seek grant funding to implement Packages A and B of this master plan – which include: parking and vehicular infrastructure improvements; and a picnic green with access improvements. These improvements will provide public access to the property for the first time since acquisition. Specific grant opportunities that may apply to the implementation of these phases are described in the Implementation portion of this report.

The 2016 Master Plan also proposes an amphitheater connected to the picnic green. This amenity was widely requested during the public engagement for this CPROSGT report. Even though the Master Plan includes an amphitheater as part of Implementation Package F, the Township can consider if this new feature might be included in an earlier implementation phase.



Spring Valley Farm Master Plan

Opportunity 4.6 Rebrand greenways and Township-owned open spaces as Middletown 'Preserves'

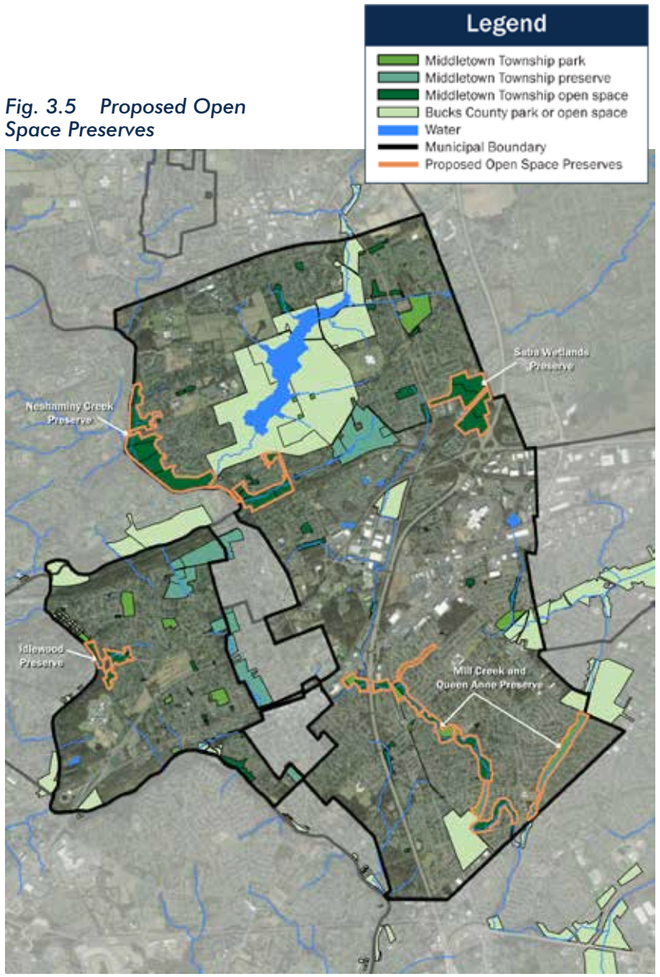
- Rebrand greenways and Township-owned open spaces as Middletown 'Preserves' as a tool to create physical connections between neighborhoods and inspire residents to understand and take responsibility as stewards for natural spaces in their neighborhoods.

Middletown manages more than 800 acres of open space land throughout the Township, yet the public opinion survey and comments received throughout the process of developing this CPROSGT reveal that few Middletown residents are aware of these open spaces. By rebranding and publicizing these spaces as Middletown "Preserves", the Township can increase the profile of these spaces and encourage residents to think of these areas as valuable and worthy of stewardship, rather than as undeveloped and uncared-for leftover parcels.

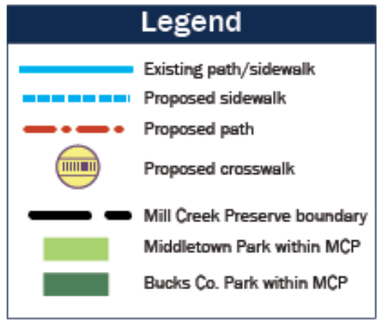
Open spaces exist in many parts of the Township – with four existing open space areas that are particularly easy to identify, based on their geography and these could be easily branded as "preserves". These four open spaces are:

- Neshaminy Creek Preserve, including lands south and east of Core Creek Park
- Saba Wetlands Preserve, including lands located between the I-295 Corridor and Styer Orchard
- Idlewood Preserve, including lands along Neshaminy Creek south of Brownsville Road
- Mill Creek and Queen Anne Preserve, including lands in Levittown along Mill Creek and Queen Anne Creek

Fig. 3.5 Proposed Open Space Preserves



These preserves include the three Township greenways: Neshaminy Creek, Mill Creek, and Queen Anne Creek. All three represent prime opportunities to expand the Township trail network. The existing trail in the Neshaminy Creek Preserve would benefit from additional sidewalk connections. Trails within the Mill Creek and Queen Anne Greenways are proposed in the MIP; additional concept plans for these specific greenway trails are shown below. For additional greenway trails information, see Opportunity 2.6 above.



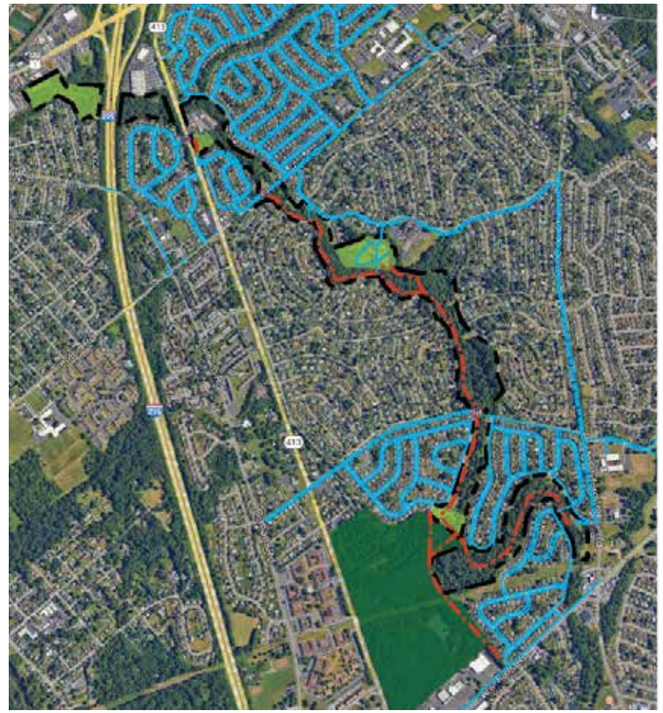


Fig. 3.6 Mill Creek Greenway Trail Concept

Fig. 3.7 Queen Anne Creek Greenway Trail Concept



Opportunity 4.7 Protect / restore riparian corridors for the irreplaceable value of their green infrastructure benefits

- Protect / restore riparian corridors for the irreplaceable value of their green infrastructure benefits
- Prioritize neighborhood flood management practices in adjacent park and greenway sites.

Benefits of healthy riparian corridors include water quality and stormwater management, both of which are issues in Middletown Township that cannot be overstated. Several riparian corridors in the Township are fairly healthy, such as the Neshaminy Creek Greenway and significant portions of the Mill Creek Greenway, however others, including the Queen Anne Creek Greenway, are heavily degraded. The Township can work in partnerships to protect existing healthy riparian corridors and restore degraded riparian corridors.

One measure that would be particularly beneficial for these riparian corridors is the cessation of mowing to the water's edge. This practice increases bank erosion and reduces the water quality benefits of the riparian buffer. As noted above, many of the Township's greenways provide healthy riparian buffers, but additional reduction of mowing would be beneficial.

Members of the public have revealed mixed feelings about riparian corridors during the public engagement for this report. Though some recognize the invaluable ecosystem services these habitats provide. Others feel that a naturalized riparian corridor appears unsightly and overgrown, taking away from the experience of the waterways they surround. Additional education is needed about the benefits of riparian corridors to ensure the long-term stewardship of these ecosystems.

Education should focus on the importance of removing invasive species, the benefits of maintaining tree coverage for shade and water temperature control, and the dangers of mowing near stream edges.



Bench in the woodland area of Veterans Memorial Park



Queen Anne Creek in Quincy Hollow Park

Opportunity 4.8 Partner with education and conservation organizations to teach local youth and adults

- Partner with education and conservation organizations to teach local youth and adults about habitat naturalization, soil, flora, fauna and neighborhood pride and stewardship of these existing natural resources.

Environmental education allows people to access and appreciate the natural systems around them in new ways, whether though observing birds at a birdfeeder or discovering the diversity of plants introduced in a naturalized habitat area. This knowledge encourages pride and stewardship of existing natural resources and open spaces. The Township can explore partnering with local and regional education and conservation organizations to provide/increase environmental education programming for Middletown residents, both youth and adults.

The Heritage Conservancy has expressed interest in expanding environmental education programming at Styer Orchard and has worked with the Township to build pavilions that can be used as outdoor classrooms at the facility. The Township could use this type of partnership as a model to provide environmental programming at other locations throughout the open space system. Potential partners include:

- Bucks County Conservation District
- Bucks County Audubon Society
- Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve

The Township has partnered with these organizations to provide indoor, seminar-style classes, but has not yet expanded these offerings to include on-site programming.

Vision 5: Efficient and sustainable Parks & Recreation management, maintenance, and administration

Middletown Township will continue its mission to deliver excellent park and recreation experiences to the community who take pride in their neighborhoods and history.

Goals

- Update record-keeping systems and agreement processes
- Refine contractor procurement processes / requirements
- Formalize the training of P&R staff and consciously build an open information-sharing culture

Overview

Parks are often the primary venue for residents to interact with their municipality, forming important bonds with neighbors. Vibrant parks and open spaces require diligent and strategic planning for the infrastructure to endure resiliently and age gracefully into the future.

Park stewardship extends far beyond maintenance and upkeep. Planning for successful park spaces requires technical and administrative diligence, master planning, programming integration, and dedication to cost-effective practices.



Signage for a Middletown Township park

Opportunity 5.1 Address turf field management issues

- Address turf field management issues (including field rest periods) with sports associations and clearly identify what field management issues fall on Township or user.

Grass field turf management is an on-going challenge in communities like Middletown Township, where fields are in high demand and are used nearly year-round. Through formal agreements and permits with the various athletic associations, field management needs include a clearly-identified list of tasks and who is responsible for each. Partner agreements should be reviewed regularly by Township staff (P&R and PW), with input from the users – and revised accordingly. A transparent approach to field management enables all stakeholders to plan and budget appropriately.

Opportunity 5.2 Systematically transfer institutional knowledge of Parks and Recreation procedures to the next generations

- Systematically "transfer" institutional knowledge of P&R procedures to the next generations of MT P&R staff and Public Works maintenance staff.
- Create a detailed job responsibility list for full-time and permanent part-time positions.
- Continue annual (at minimum) staff evaluations.

The MT Public Works staff is a dedicated and knowledgeable group of individuals who have effectively managed the Township park system for decades. To maintain that high level of services as seasoned staff retire and new staff are hired, it is important that the institutional knowledge and processes of those leaving is documented – so this wealth of information is not lost during staff transitions.

The Township can develop a Parks Maintenance Manual, so that all daily, weekly, monthly, and annual maintenance activities are memorialized. This document will serve as tally of tasks for current staff, and as a roadmap to orient and train new staff. The Parks & Recreation Director and the Public Works Director should collaborate in the development of this document – in coordination with the labor staff who possess important historical, site-specific knowledge.

An alternative to developing the document with in-house staff, is the option to secure a RecTAP or DCNR Peer grant to aid in its development. The Parks Maintenance Manual should be reviewed and updated annually.

Additionally, any questionable park boundaries should be visibly delineated with markers so new and existing staff can quickly determine where Township property ends and private property begins. This will ensure more efficient maintenance operations and provide quick resolution to neighbor encroachment issues.

Opportunity 5.3 Re-establish a dedicated, parks-focused maintenance group

- Re-establish a dedicated, parks-focused maintenance group within the Public Works staff hierarchy.

A recent reassignment of all parks maintenance staff to the Public Works Department, is intended to ensure that park projects are given an appropriate level of attention. A Public Works Foreman may be considered to oversee park capital and maintenance operations. This internal staff dedication can be formalized, including renaming a specific Foreman position to specify oversight of park system and parks maintenance staff. Additionally, a policy for the delegation of park maintenance responsibilities should be agreed upon between the Parks & Recreation Director and the Public Works Director – to avoid labor staff receiving directions from multiple department heads and to ensure efficient operations.

As part of this re-establishment, all mowing operations could be audited. This audit should look at how often areas are being mowed (especially during drought-like conditions) and how the public is using the areas that are being mowed. There may be opportunities to reduce mowing frequency or to eliminate mowing an area altogether and naturalizing it. Prior to any change in mowing habits, all staff (including frontline administrative staff), adjacent park neighbors, the general public, and elected officials should be made aware of what operations are changing and why. This communication is imperative to a successful change in park maintenance.

The labor staff working in the parks currently focuses on important traditional park maintenance tasks such as mowing, playground inspections, park litter clean-up, and upkeep of existing active park amenities. These tasks should continue with consideration for how some of those tasks could be altered to reduce the amount of time it takes to complete them.

With the available time created by more efficiently completing current tasks, staff could delve into expanding natural resource management within the park system. Focus could be on replacing non-native vegetation with native vegetation, removal of non-native plants in passive areas, planting new native trees to grow the community's canopy, and naturalizing currently manicured areas. There are environmental and economic benefits to shifting the focus to these park management techniques.

This new approach may require developing natural resource expertise amongst the existing staff through training and certifications, soliciting contractors to assist with some of the work, and/or creating a part-time or full-time natural resource position within the Public Works staff. Depending on an individual's expertise, their time could be split between supervising natural resource management implementation by staff and organizing volunteers as well as working with programming staff to expand environmental-based recreation programs.

Opportunity 5.4 Establish park maintenance data collection and accountability protocols

- Develop / agree to set formulas for budgeting for the Public Works Department in park maintenance.

With park maintenance expenses being assessed to the Parks & Recreation Department, but Public Works Department supervising and directing staff to conduct park maintenance, it is imperative that the Parks & Recreation Director has the ability to access and measure the amount of work being completed in the parks by Public Works staff.

The following data should be provided to the Parks & Recreation Director as part of a monthly report:

- Mow reports which provide the gross staff hours dedicated to mowing parks and open space and which were mowed.
- Reporting of gross staff hours dedicated to trash collection in the parks.
- Reporting of gross staff hours dedicated to park maintenance (not mowing or trash collection).
- List of repairs and/or special projects completed in the parks.

This monthly reporting is important information so that the Parks & Recreation Director can advocate for adjusting staffing and/or resources based on what is or is not able to be completed in the parks.



Mill Creek Footbridge installation crew

Opportunity 5.5 Create naturalization strategies for specific parks

- Evaluate existing park stormwater management controls.
- Use the PA DEP Best Management Practices updated guidelines for retrofitting BMPs using natural system approaches.
- Provide public works staff with training in horticultural practices to maintain naturalized areas.

Strong public support was given during this study for improving existing park amenities. Residents and park users noted that, while families congregate for organized youth sports, they would also enjoy places to walk and sit quietly within beautiful, peaceful, and natural settings; many participants expressed the desire for shade. Naturalization techniques can include:

- Conversion of lawns into meadows
- Vegetative restoration of stream banks within parks
- Asphalt removal in parking areas for vegetated islands with trees
- Naturalized trails and loops that encompass ecologically restored areas within parks for additional trail opportunities.

To successfully create naturalization in the parks, a plan can be developed and adopted - and staff "buy-in" is important to making this happen. A "naturalization plan could be developed by a consultant working with the P&R staff. EAC and interested residents - and funded by Township and/or grant funds – with the understanding that the plan will be implemented by municipal staff.

Both Parks & Recreation and Public Works staff must concur with basic decisions like where and when tree plantings are being completed, and mowing regimens for riparian buffers. All staff must be clear on maintenance expectations to increase the likelihood of plant survival. Trees planted in naturalized areas need to be maintained and clearly marked so they are not accidentally mowed over – with proper spacing so mowers can periodically maintain the areas. Professional advice should guide specific planting plans for each park area, based on factors such as site conditions and desired plant heights, as well as prescribed maintenance plans.

Although strong public support was demonstrated for some naturalization strategies, some of the public expressed concern that natural areas within parks look unkempt and inhibit access to waterways. Working with the public to identify potential naturalization areas will increase public buy-in and improve future public stewardship of these areas, but additional education is also needed. The Township may consider interpretive signage in restored areas to educate people.



A stormwater basin in Middletown Community Park

Opportunity 5.6 Incentivize staff to obtain certifications and training

- Incentivize staff to obtain certifications and training in areas of need or future focus.

To avoid a decline in the level of service provided by staff performing maintenance in the parks and expand what maintenance can be completed in-house, current staff and/or new staff should be encouraged to obtain certifications and participate in appropriate training. These certifications could include:

- Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI)
- Pennsylvania Pesticide Applicator with Categories 7 (Lawn and Turf), 10 (Right-of-way and Weeds), 23 (Park or School Pest Control), and 24 (Swimming Pool)
- PHS Tree Tenders training

To incentivize staff to pursue these certifications and trainings, the Township can consider providing one-time or annual financial bonuses to staff who obtain, utilize, and maintain the specialized skills earned in addition to celebrating the commitment to continued vocational education.

Opportunity 5.7 Explore partnering with Bucks County P&R for potential additional programming

As home to five (5) Bucks County Parks and the Parks and Recreation Headquarters, Middletown has a well-established relationship with the Bucks County Parks and Recreation Department. The Township can review Bucks County-owned park/open space parcels located within Middletown to determine sites where partnering with the County for maintenance and programming could benefit both parties. Any such partnership should consider the current Public Works responsibilities of the Township to ensure that maintenance of Middletown Parks & Rec facilities is not affected.

Two sites for potential partnership are the Chickenfoot Park and Queen Anne Park ballfields – which, with improved maintenance, could provide space for additional programming for the Township. This additional programming space would be particularly useful if Twin Oaks Park is renovated to allow for the reorientation of the existing ballfields (see Opportunity 1.3).

These parks may also be able to provide additional stormwater management capacity. Both parks are situated in the Queen Anne watershed, which also contains Twin Oaks Park. The large natural areas, particularly at Queen Anne Park, could be enhanced to increase stormwater retention capacity and potentially reduce the stormwater retention demand at Twin Oaks Park. This work is a prime example of "piggybacking" a recreational project with other municipal infrastructure improvement projects. Potential funding partners would include DCNR and DCED.

Opportunity 5.8 Establish an Implementation Committee to oversee implementation of this plan

This plan is intended to serve as a guide for the Parks & Recreation Department over the next fifteen (15) years. The Township may consider creating an Implementation Committee to oversee the implementation of opportunities over the long term and provide annual updates for elected officials, staff, and the public. This committee could include members of the Steering Committee for this plan, as well as members of the Township's Parks and Recreation Board and EAC.

The Implementation Committee would work with Parks & Recreation Department and other Township staff to advise on priority opportunities described in this plan and ensure they align with funding opportunities, track progress towards goals, and collaborate with municipal partners to update the opportunities based on on-going feedback. Establishing this committee can provide the Township with a mechanism to ensure that the goals and opportunities contained in the plan remain priorities for the Township through any staff and leadership transitions and provide an accountability mechanism for the public.

Vision 6: Township policy / ordinances support recreation needs with funding strategies that achieve multi-functional infrastructure improvements

Middletown Township seeks to balance development with quality-of-life needs and the modernization of infrastructure that can serve multiple needs: transportation, ecological restoration, stormwater management, and recreation.

Goals

- Employ modern remedies to transportation barriers that limit public access to recreation, using strategic, consistent incremental phases of planning, funding, and engineering.
- Review Township policy and ordinances to support the recreational and open space needs of the community.
- Coordinate funding strategies between finance, planning, parks & recreation, and public works departments to maximize the potential to capitalize and maintain park and open space improvements.

Overview

As noted in Vision 5, vibrant parks and open spaces require diligent and strategic planning for the infrastructure to endure beautifully into the future. This infrastructure planning depends on a strong foundation of Township policy and ordinances that provide consistent funding and clear goals for the future.



Woodbourne SEPTA Station

Opportunity 6.1 Create a Township Official Map and add priority connections

As permitted by the PA Municipal Planning Code, the Official Map is a combined map and ordinance designed to implement the goals and community vision set forth in the Comprehensive Plan.

The Official Map shows the locations of planned future public lands and facilities such as transportation, recreational parks and trails, and open space.

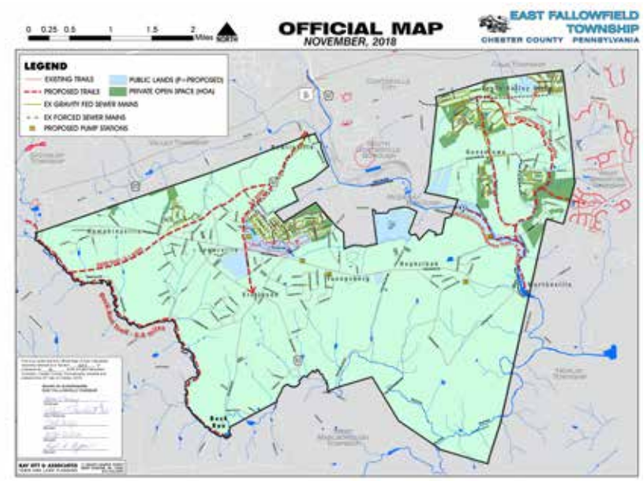
The Official Map expresses a municipality's interest in acquiring these lands for public purposes at some future time. The Official Map process does not mandate any action by the Township. However, if a parcel designated as future open space is included on a land development or subdivision application, it gives the Township an opportunity to discuss preserving at least part of the parcel as open space, in addition to whatever provisions may exist in the zoning ordinance for open space preservation or providing residents with public trails.

Considerations for land to identify as future open space include, but are not limited to:

- Potential reversion to floodplain
- Access to recreation and/or natural resources (trail, pathways)
- Stormwater management BMPs at small neighborhood scale
- Small neighborhood pocket parks
- Community garden plots.

In addition, the Township can identify parcels it maintains that do not have the potential to offer open space/recreation benefits and explore divesting itself of these properties and using the income to fund recreation improvements elsewhere. Several such properties are holdovers from when the Township operated and the water and sewer systems

Additional information about Official Maps can be found in Appendix Section 13.



Opportunity 6.2 Include resources for park access improvements in annual Township budgets

- Include resources for park access improvements in annual Township budgets to serve as "seed" funds to leverage partner funding that dovetails with integrated projects, including transportation, stormwater management, ecological restoration, streambank protection, flooding prevention/resiliency, and public safety.

Safe access to parks is a key priority of the Middletown Comprehensive Plan, the Middletown Multimodal Improvement Plan (MIP), and this CPROSGT report. In addition, implementation of the MIP was identified as the number one priority for Middletown Parks over the next three to five years in the public opinion survey.

Park access improvements will only rarely be standalone projects; more frequently, they will be one element of larger transportation, stormwater management, public safety, or other infrastructure projects. Implementation of park access improvement projects will likely require funding from multiple sources. The Township can include resources for park access improvements in its annual budget each year to serve as "seed" funds to leverage funding from partners. This demonstrated commitment to park access and improvements within the right-of-way will help give funders confidence in the Township's desire to create a connected and accessible community.



The recently installed bridge over Mill Creek



Hockey rink at Forsythia Crossing Park

Opportunity 6.3 Aggressively pursue modern roadway improvements along Woodbourne Road at the SEPTA train station

- Aggressively pursue modern roadway improvements along Woodbourne Road at the SEPTA train station, including all multimodal (pedestrian and bicycle) transportation improvements needed to enable residents in surrounding Middletown neighborhoods to reach parks, open spaces, schools and commercial destinations in both directions without motor vehicles.

Woodbourne Road is a major north-south connector through Middletown Township, linking residential neighborhoods in the northern and southern halves of the Township to the Woodbourne SEPTA Station and commercial areas on Business Route 1. It also serves as a major recreation corridor, anchored by Core Creek Park to the north and by Queen Anne Park and the Queen Anne Creek Greenway to the south, and providing access to Chickenfoot and Twin Oaks Parks and Styer Orchard.

Pedestrian and bicycle improvements on Woodbourne Road were a focus of the MIP. Recommended improvements include a side path network, crosswalks and signal improvements, sidewalks, and a multimodal tunnel under the CSX rail bridge. These improvements will provide a significant connection to and expansion of the recreation network within the Township.

The most significant obstacle to pedestrian and bicycle connections along the Woodbourne Road Recreation Corridor is the CSX rail bridge, located just north of the Woodbourne SEPTA Station. Tackling this obstacle will require work with multiple partners and significant investment from the Township. The Woodbourne multimodal tunnel was identified by residents as a high-priority project repeatedly during the public engagement process for this report and the Township should aggressively pursue it along with other, more easily accomplished improvements along the Woodbourne Road Recreation Corridor.



Existing tunnel under the CSX rail bridge



Proposed multimodal tunnel under the CSX rail bridge

Opportunity 6.4 Consider modifications to the Zoning *Ordinance and the SALDO*

Appendix Section 12 provides recommended formulas for open space and fee-in-lieu of open space requirements. These formulas are commonly used to set requirements for open space ratios in other communities in the region. The Middletown Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) explicitly provides the option to pay a fee-in-lieu of open space or recreation areas, but does not provide the same option for other required improvements, such as sidewalks.

A general summary of opportunities related to MT Zoning and SALDO is given below:

Chapter 440-Subdivision & Land Development Ordinances (SALDO)- Design Standards- Recreation areas and community facilities

- Consider an increase in the required recreation space and community facilities.
- Consider allowing a fee-in-lieu of required open space with an established formula for calculating the fee.
- Consider allowing a fee-in-lieu of required sidewalks with an established formula for calculating the fee.

Chapter 500 Zoning

- Consider an increase in the required open space.
- Consider allowing a fee-in-lieu of required open space with an established formula for calculating the fee.



Playground at Tareyton Estates Park

East Fallowfield Township Official Map

Opportunity 6.5 Diversify parks funding sources

- Reconnect with the Middletown Community Foundation.
- Work with the Public Works Department on capital park projects.
- Consider establishing a “Legacy Gifts” program

The Parks & Recreation Department previously had regular access to funds provided by the Middletown Community Foundation. Over time, funds have become less and less available to the Department. The Parks & Recreation Director and Assistant Director can re-establish a channel to help redirect some of the funds to the Department to offset on-going expenses for activities and efforts that align with the Foundation’s mission. Alternatively, if funds are no longer accessible from the Foundation, the Department can consider establishing a non-profit Friends of Middletown Parks group to assist with the offsetting of operating and capital expenses.

The Friends group might provide a vehicle for donations from individuals interested in giving to Middletown’s parks. There is currently no mechanism for individuals to make monetary donations to Middletown Township Parks & Recreation. To accommodate the Township’s aging population, the Friends group could establish a “Legacy Gift” program to accept donations from estates, allowing interested parties to memorialize their enjoyment of Middletown Parks.

In an effort to be inclusive and ensure that budget and scope align with expected maintenance, the Parks & Recreation Director and the Public Works Director can develop priority capital park projects together. At a minimum, the Public Works Director should have an opportunity to review Parks and Recreation project plans and construction documents prior to the solicitation of bids.



IMPLEMENTATION 4

4.1 MAKING IMPROVEMENTS IN PHASES WITH PARTNERS

Most public projects are funded and built in phases, and usually with multiple partners.

New park development, trails, greenways (and greenway extensions,) and preserves are projects that are almost always funded and built through partnerships. The Neshaminy Creek Greenway represents one such regional vision that forms the foundation of desired connections for its surrounding neighbors.

It will be essential for the Middletown Township Parks & Recreation Department to build strategic partnerships that match the types of projects with those mission-aligned funding partners. More than one project may be advanced simultaneously, depending on project types, funding sources available during specific periods, and the sources of matching funds that the Township can raise internally or by leveraging partners.

4.2 RECREATION IS A COMMON ELEMENT WITHIN MANY PUBLIC PROJECTS

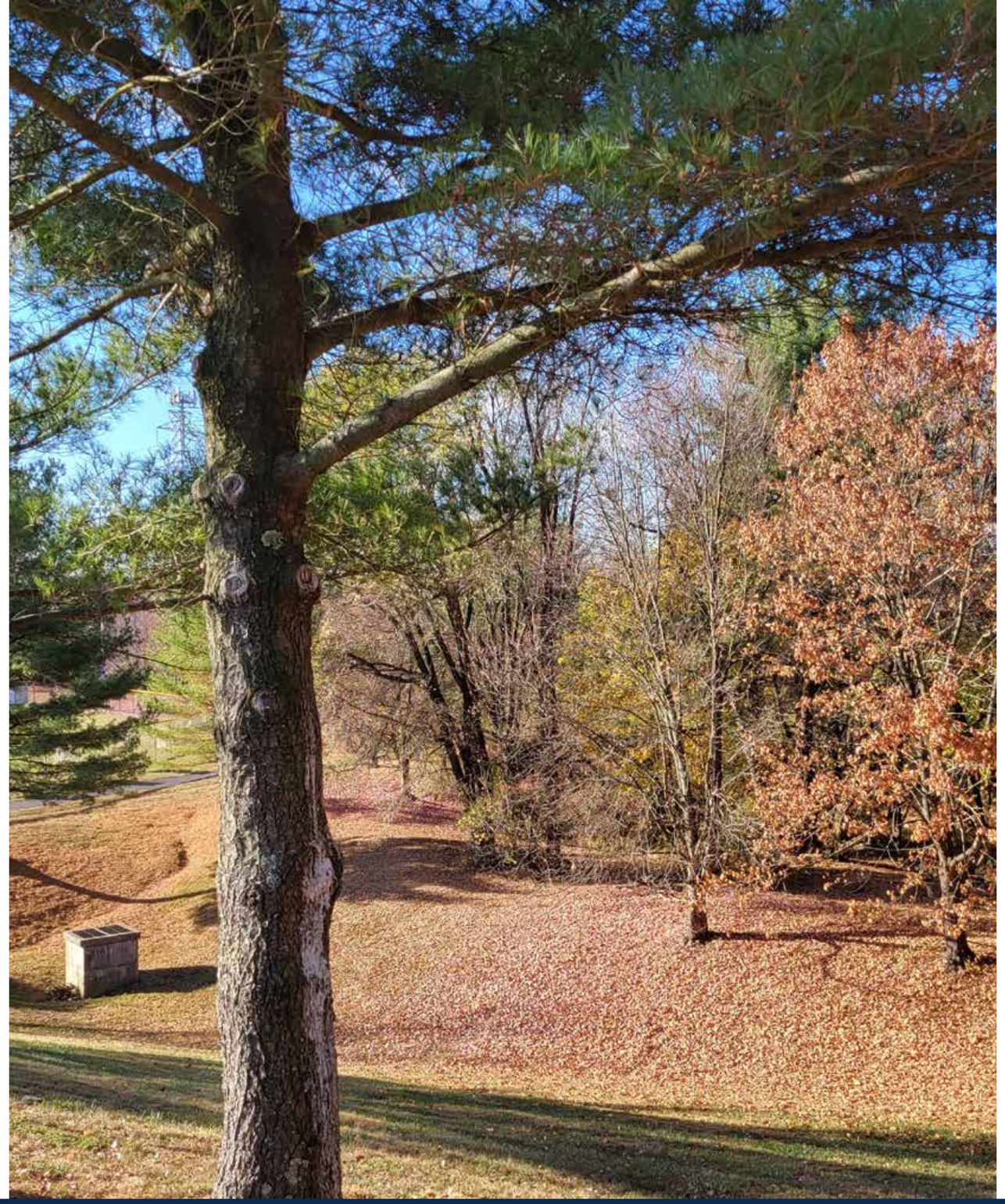
Recreation is a common element within many Public Projects.

Straightforward “recreation” improvements within discrete park sites (e.g. playground replacements, internal park pathways, naturalization efforts) may be conceived of and treated as standalone public projects. However, recreation elements are very often integral with at least three (3) other generalized types of public projects, including:

- Environmental Projects
- Civic Projects
- Transportation Projects

Environmental Projects

Projects that address significant improvements to natural areas (including permanent preservation through acquisition and easements) include: ecological habitat management of existing park sites and open spaces; adding stormwater management practices that align with *Middletown’s Pollutant Reduction Plan;* converting mowed areas to meadows; planting new canopy trees; managing existing woodlands; riparian buffers through Middletown Township stream corridors; habitat sustainability; and wetland restorations on public sites.



Civic Projects

Projects within Middletown that seek to create a sustainable community identified in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan include welcoming Township gateways, public spaces, and stormwater management improvements.

Transportation Projects

The improvements identified in the MT Multimodal Improvement Plan represent transportation improvements. The trail improvements contained in the MIP that provide inter-connections to neighborhoods and parks may be conceived of as transportation projects – allowing safe transit in the pedestrian, cycle and public transit modes of transportation. An important metric for discerning a “transportation” trail is a clear travel route between destinations.

Many trails deliver facilities that serve both transportation and recreation functions. A loop trail within a Middletown park, for example, is not considered a “transportation” improvement and would not qualify for transportation partnership funding. Sidewalks, paths, crosswalks – especially along routes to schools, parks, and transit – are transportation improvements that may also qualify for a percentage of recreation improvement funding – depending on what recreation purposes are served or what amenities are created as part of the project.

4.3 PARTNERS

Partnerships are possible with various local, county, regional, state, and federal agencies, as well as with for-profit and non-profit businesses.

In some cases, Middletown may be able to match funds from one partner to meet the requirements of another – a strategy that, when possible, helps stretch finite local dollars further.

Forming a clear understanding of which type of project is to be advanced will help greatly toward defining which funding formula options are realistic to develop into matching partnership applications that can advance a clearly achievable phase of a specific priority project.

A close review of the potential partner funding programs that are described below in this chapter will identify which partners will fund what types of projects – as well as what phases of projects they will fund, such as planning, design/engineering, and/or construction.

Middletown has a strong record of securing project funding from multiple sources for various planning and implementation projects. The consultant team remains ready to assist and answer questions from the community about funding strategies.

Partners may include:

- PennDOT District 6
- Bucks County Parks and Recreation
- Bucks County Planning Commission
- Bucks County Conservation District
- Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
- Natural Lands
- Heritage Conservancy
- Neighboring Townships and Boroughs
- Neshaminy School District
- SEPTA
- Jefferson Health
- Trinity Heath (St. Mary Medical Center)
- Woods Services

4.4 PRIORITIZING PROJECTS

Decisions about the priority of the recommendations made in Chapter 4 are ultimately the responsibility of the Township leadership. As experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic, changes to the political and economic landscape can occur quickly and municipal management must always adjust to changing conditions. However, there are several criteria below that will guide the effort of prioritization.

What type of project is it?

- Recreation ONLY
- Transportation
- Civic
- Environmental

What phase of the project is needed?

- Planning
- Technical studies (i.e. parking studies, cost estimates, soil testing)
- Design and permitting
- Construction



4.5 FUNDING SOURCES

4.5.1 Federal Sources

US Department of Transportation (DOT) (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law)

Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (RCP)

In 2022, $1 billion was announced to be available over 5 years as planning and capital construction grants to fund projects that restore community connectivity by retrofitting, removing, or mitigating barriers imposed by transportation infrastructure, including roads, highways, and rail lines, among others. Applications from economically disadvantaged communities are given priority and state DOTs must provide them with technical assistance through the Reconnecting Communities Institute. This source of funding is at risk due to policies of the Trump administration.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

Starting in 2022, $5 billion in funding is available over 5 years for planning and implementation projects that improve roadway safety by preventing deaths and serious injuries. Though Middletown has not developed an Action Plan as defined by DOT, the DVRPC is currently developing a regional Vision Zero Plan which will satisfy the requirements of a DOT Action Plan. Once this plan is finalized, Middletown may be able to apply for funding through the SS4A program, so long as the plan is focused in part on the roadway network within Middletown. This source of funding is at risk due to policies of the Trump administration.

For more information about SS4A, visit: https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund (DWCF)

The Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund was launched in 2018 to conserve and restore natural areas, corridors, and waterways on public and private lands that support native fish, wildlife, and plants, and to contribute to the vitality of the communities in the Delaware River watershed. Priority strategies for on-the-ground implementation include sustaining and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat; improving and maintaining water quality for fish, wildlife, and people; sustaining and enhancing water management to benefit fish and wildlife; and improving outdoor recreational opportunities within the Delaware River watershed. This source of funding is at risk due to policies of the Trump administration.

Delaware River Restoration Fund

The Delaware River Restoration Fund was launched in late 2013 to help community-based nonprofits and government agencies work together to clean up and restore polluted waters and improve habitat for target species, including eastern brook trout and river herring, in the Delaware River Watershed.

The Fund awards at least $2 million per year in competitive grants, geographically focused on three priority strategies: (1) stewardship of working lands; (2) restoration of wetlands, floodplains and stream corridors; and (3) promoting the adoption of green infrastructure in urban/suburban landscapes.

Since 2014, the Delaware River Restoration Fund has awarded 90 grants totaling roughly $14.7 million. These investments leveraged more than $23.36 million in grantee matching funds to fund agriculture conservation, green stormwater infrastructure and innovative projects to improve the water quality of the Delaware River. To date, the fund has implemented more than 23,500 acres of best management practices to improve water quality and restored more than 190 acres of wetlands and 60 miles of riparian habitat.

The Delaware River Restoration Fund is administered by NFWF in cooperation with the Delaware River Watershed Initiative, with major funding from the William Penn Foundation. This source of funding is at risk due to policies of the Trump administration.

4.5.2 State Sources

PA Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED), Commonwealth Financing Agency (CFA)

Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP)

The Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) provides funding for: constructing public park and recreation area projects, greenway and trail projects, and river or creek conservation projects. The program requires a 15% local cash match of the total project cost and applicant requests for DCED share of funding must not exceed $250,000. Annual applications to DCED are typically due in late May. More information can be found at:

http://www.newpa.com/programs/greenways-trails-and-recreationprogram-gtrp/

Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)

The DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) is administered through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and provides grants to encourage economic development by ensuring that a safe and reliable multimodal transportation system is available to the residents of the Commonwealth. Funds may be used for preliminary engineering tasks, as well as development, rehabilitation, and enhancement of transportation assets within existing communities – such as streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets, and transit-oriented development.

MTF grants are available for projects with a total cost of $100,000 or more, and grants shall not exceed $3,000,000 for any project. The CFA will consider grant requests over $3,000,000 for projects that will significantly impact the CFA's goal to leverage private investment and create jobs in the Commonwealth. Financial assistance under the Multimodal Transportation Fund shall be matched by local funding in an amount not less than 30% of the non-federal share of the project costs.

PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)

Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2)

The Community Recreation and Conservation Program through the PA DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) provides funding to municipalities and authorized non-profit organizations for recreation, park, trail and conservation projects. These grants may fund planning for feasibility studies, trail studies, conservation plans, master site development plans, and comprehensive recreation park and open space and greenway plans. The program also provides funding for land acquisition for active or passive parks, trails and conservation purposes, and construction and rehabilitation of parks, trails, and recreation facilities. Most of these projects require a 50% match, which can include a combination of cash and/or non-cash values. Grant applications for the C2P2 program are accepted annually—usually in April. More information can be found at:

http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/grantpolicies/index.htm

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State Assistance Program, established in 1965, is a federal source of funding distributed to all states by the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service. The program provides matching grants for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. DCNR administers the LWCF Program for Pennsylvania. More information can be found at:

https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Grants/Pages/default.aspx

PennDOT

Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program

PennDOT administers the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Transportation Alternatives - TA Set-Aside Program under the Surface Transportation Program (STP) for community-based "non-traditional" projects that are designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal transportation system. The program seeks to provide funding for the construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation. Non-motorized forms of transportation include sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic calming techniques, lighting and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. There is a minimum award of $50,000 for construction projects and a maximum award of $1,500,000, although higher awards can be justified for "exceptional" projects. No applicant match is required, but all engineering and environmental clearances must be completed with non-FHWA funds to enable the TA funds to be used for construction and construction inspections. This source of funding is at risk due to policies of the Trump administration.

Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS)

The SRTS program is administered by PennDOT through the federal TA Set-Aside program. SRTS is a national and international movement to create safe, convenient, and healthy opportunities for children to walk and bicycle to school. By getting more children to walk and bicycle to school, communities are helping children be healthier, reducing fuel consumption, alleviating traffic congestion, and improving air quality. SRTS programs are built on collaborative partnerships among many stakeholders, including educators, parents, students, elected officials, engineers, city planners, business and community leaders, health officials, and bicycle and pedestrian advocates. Eligible activities include new or reconstructed sidewalks or pathways, pedestrian and bicycle signs or signals, transportation projects that achieve ADA compliance, such as curb ramps, bike parking facilities or bus bike racks, shared use paths, side paths, trails that serve a transportation purpose, crossing improvements, and traffic realignments, road diets, or intersection changes. This source of funding is at risk due to policies of the Trump administration.

Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)

PennDOT administers Federal Highway Administration funds as a state Multimodal Transportation Fund program to provide grants that ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available directly to the communities and residents of the Commonwealth. The program is intended to provide financial assistance to municipalities, councils of governments, businesses, economic development organizations, public transportation agencies, rail freight, passenger rail, and ports to improve transportation assets that enhance communities, pedestrian safety, and transit revitalization. Grants are available for projects with a total cost of $100,000 or more. Grants normally do not exceed $3,000,000 for any project. The PennDOT Office of Multimodal Transportation will consider grant requests over $3,000,000 for projects that will significantly impact PennDOT's goal to leverage private investment and create jobs in the Commonwealth. Financial assistance under the Multimodal Transportation Fund shall be matched by local funding in an amount not less than 30% of the amount awarded. These federal funds cannot be matched by other federal funding.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

DEP Growing Greener Watershed Protection Program

DEP funds local projects through the state Growing Greener Environment Stewardship Funds Program. Applications should be targeted toward clean-up of non-point source pollution. The grant will fund local watershed-based conservation projects with average awards totaling $150,000 and requires a 15% match from a non-DEP fund source. Outdoor recreation facilities such as gazebos, pavilions, decks, paths, trails, and bridges are not eligible for funding under this program.

DEP Non-Point Source Implementation Programs Grant

Provides funding assistance for projects aimed at implementing Pennsylvania's Non-point Source Management Program. Targeted projects include control of urban runoff, and natural channel design/stream bank stabilization projects. The grant will fund local projects with the average award being $200,000. No matching funds are required, but any matching funds provided will improve the competitiveness of the application.

4.5.3 Regional Sources

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)

Regional Trails Program

The DVRPC provides planning assistance and financial support for development of the Circuit, the Philadelphia region's multi-use trail network, through its Regional Trails Program. Technical assistance is available for planning and feasibility of specific trail segments. Guidance is also available for pursuing outside trail funding. Additional information can be found at: https://www.dvrpc.org/trails/regionaltrailsprogram/

4.5.4 Other Funding Sources

William Penn Foundation

Circuit Trails

The William Penn Foundation is the one of largest private foundations in Pennsylvania, providing over $100,000,000 in grant funding to nonprofit and municipal organizations in the Greater Philadelphia region annually in recent years. The Circuit Trails Program provides funding for trail stewardship and maintenance aimed at growing community support for specific additional trails and programs, including guided walks, that potentially advance a specific trail or trail section, among other projects. Specific project funding guidelines may change each year. Additional information can be found at: https://williampennfoundation.org/objective/circuit-trails

4.6 ORDER OF MAGNITUDE COST – BY PROJECT TYPE

Opportunities described in the previous chapter represent projects of various scales – small, large, and many that fall somewhere in-between. The MT Parks & Recreation Department will be able to assist with Township decisions on the plan recommendations by reviewing the levels of staff and costs required to implement priorities. For example, priorities can be evaluated by cost and level of personnel needed for each level (as shown below):

- LOW cost: Approximately <$250,000: likely completed with P&R staff, and perhaps other Township staff – who can accomplish the task as part of their regular duties. Estimated time frame: 0-5 Years.
- MEDIUM cost: Approximately $250K to $1 million: Township budget has allowance for this type of task; additional contractors may be required; Township oversight of the project can be handled with existing staff. Estimated time frame: 0-10 Years.
- HIGH cost: Approximately > $ 1 million: This type of priority may represent more than a 'recreation ONLY' project type and will likely require multiple phases. Combinations of municipal capital and grant funding are usually required for this type of project implementation. Estimated time frame: 0-15 Years

Implementation Expected Costs & Timeframe

Vision 1: Accessible, Safe, and Modern Township Parks			
Recommendation	**Costs**	**Time Frame**	**General Notes**
1.1 Implement elements of the Middletown Township Park Accessibility Strategy	**Medium/High**	**0-15 years**	Seek funding partners. Create Accessibility Plans for each park. Some park paths can be constructed by Township staff.
1.2 Adapt / update the Middletown Township Parks signage system	**Low**	**0-10 years**	Staff can update signage design. Signs can be installed by Township staff.
1.3 Implement the Twin Oaks Park Master Site Development Plan	**High**	**0-5 years**	Seek DCNR/DCED funding. Use consultants to develop construction documents.
1.4 Regularly update a municipal log of all recreation facilities	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Review existing log of recreation facilities. Update log on an annual basis.
Vision 2: Parks Linked to Neighborhoods by Safe Pedestrian and Bicycle Routes			
Recommendation	**Costs**	**Time Frame**	**General Notes**
2.1 Implement / update the priorities of the Middletown Township Park Accessibility Strategy	**Medium/High**	**0-15 years**	Seek funding partners. Create Accessibility Plans for each park. Some park paths can be constructed by Township staff.
2.2 Select priority locations for walking / biking connections	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Consult MIP and other existing plans to determine priorities. Seek funding partners. Some connections can be constructed by Township staff.
2.3 Prioritize local neighborhood walking / biking connections to the Lower Neshaminy Creek Greenway Trail	**Low/Medium**	**0-5 years**	Seek DCNR/DCED funding. Use consultants to develop construction documents.
2.4 "Piggyback" municipal pedestrian / bicycle improvements on vehicular transportation partnership projects	**Low**	**0-15 years**	Township staff can review existing projects. Coordinate with partner agencies on future projects.
2.5 Combine priority Ped-Bike improvements with related municipal, county, and state infrastructure goals	**Low**	**0-15 years**	Township staff can review existing improvement projects. Coordinate with partner agencies on future projects.

Fig. 4.1 Implementation Expected Costs and Timeframe

Vision 3: Recreation Programming Excellence			
Recommendation	**Costs**	**Time Frame**	**General Notes**
3.1 Create a system for confirming field / facility use and maintain 'open' availability for some Middletown Township fields	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Use software for all field and pavilion rentals, review actual yearly usage, consider artificial turf retrofits.
3.2 Continue with work to update agreements with local youth sports associations	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Work with youth sports organizations to confirm maintenance responsibilities. Already started by Parks and Rec.
3.3 Continue a regional approach to providing contractor- / vendor-led offerings	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Coordinate programming with surrounding township parks and rec departments. Already started by Parks and Rec.
3.4 Evaluate Parks and Recreation staffing needs for programming by season	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Review staffing needs annually. Budget to reinstitute paid summer internship program.
3.5 Consider ways to strategically collaborate with the Neshaminy School District	**Low/Medium**	**0-10 years**	Establish priorities for collaboration with NSD. Consider seeking funding partners to re-open Idlewood Environmental Station to the public.
3.6 Explore potential program offerings where Middletown Township might collaborate with other community members	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Network with potential local program partners. Already started by Parks and Rec.
3.7 Collaborate with the Heritage Conservancy at Styer Orchard	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Coordinate with the Heritage Conservancy to expand programming. Seek funding partners as needed.
3.8 Create a new Middletown Community Center	**Medium/High**	**0-10 years**	Use consultants to conduct a feasibility study for expansion of existing facility. Seek funding partners.
3.9 Consider the development of a Middletown Nature Center	**Low/Medium**	**0-15 years**	Seeking funding partners and conservation orgs to advise in development. Work with consultants to determine a location and potential design.
3.10 Review and update Middletown facility fee schedules	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Review all Township facility fee schedules at least every two years.
3.11 Explore new programming opportunities	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Seek partners including nonprofit and for-profit orgs to help with program offerings.

Vision 4: Increased Availability of and Access to Open Space			
Recommendation	**Costs**	**Time Frame**	**General Notes**
4.1 Review the deeds of Township-owned open space, recreation, and preserved lands	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Review all Township owned parcels for deed restrictions. Coordinate with Township Solicitor for achieving permanent deed restrictions on Township parcels without protection.
4.2 Re-evaluate the operational control and management of Styer Orchard	**Low/Medium /High**	**0-10 years**	Coordinate with the Heritage Conservancy and lease holder to determine next steps. Seek funding partners as needed.
4.3 Review terms of conservation easement on Langhorne Spring Water Company (LSWC) Preserve	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Coordinate with the Heritage Conservancy. Use consultants to develop trails / improvement plans. Seek funding partners.
4.4 Conduct a feasibility study for the Middletown Country Club	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Complete a study with the help of a consultant. Seek DCNR funding.
4.5 Seek grant funding to implement Packages A & B of the 2016 Spring Valley Farm Master Plan	**High**	**0-15 years**	Seek funding partners. Use consultants to develop construction documents. Coordinate with Penndel Borough for future phases.
4.6 Rebrand existing greenways and Township-owned open spaces as Middletown 'Preserves'	**Low**	**0-10 years**	Create a publicity strategy for open space preserves. Township staff can install signage. Seek conservation orgs to partner with on potential programming.
4.7 Protect / restore riparian corridors for the irreplaceable value of their green infrastructure benefits	**Medium**	**0-10 years**	Seek funding partners. Work with EAC and/or consultants to create and prioritize restoration plans. Township staff can implement improvements and create educational / interpretive materials for the public.
4.8 Partner with education and conservation organizations to teach local youth and adults	**Low**	**0-15 years**	Work with partners such as the Bucks County Conservation District, Bucks County Audubon Society, etc. to develop new programming.

Questions to consider in prioritizing projects include:

- What is the maximum total funding realistically possible from all sources (including funding source partners)?
- What funding sources (see above) will have open application periods during the project period?
- What are the 'matching' requirements and what funds can leverage other funds during that project period?
- What is the best result that a potential maximum total budget actually 'buy'?
- Is this a small single-phase project or a multi-phased project?
- Are there projects that may advance simultaneously and not compete for the same funds?

Vision 5: Efficient and Sustainable Parks & Recreation Management, Maintenance, and Administration			
Recommendation	**Costs**	**Time Frame**	**General Notes**
5.1 Address turf field management issues	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Work with youth sports organizations to confirm maintenance responsibilities. Already started by Parks and Rec. Consider artificial turf retrofits.
5.2 Systematically transfer institutional knowledge of Parks and Recreation procedures to the next generations	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Work with existing staff to provide a Parks Maintenance Manual and prepare for future staff. Seek DCNR funding.
5.3 Re-establish a dedicated, parks-focused maintenance group	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Work with Public Works Director to formalize Park Maintenance Foreman position and park maintenance policy.
5.4 Develop / agree to set formulas for budgeting for the Public Works Department	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Work with Public Works Director to establish budget formulas for park maintenance.
5.5 Create naturalization strategies for specific parks	**Low/Medium**	**0-5 years**	Prepare naturalization plans for specific parks and open spaces. Use partners and/or consultants.
5.6 Incentivize staff to obtain certifications and training	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Identify needed/desired certifications for staff and assist with obtaining/renewing certifications. Develop an incentive policy for certifications.
5.7 Explore partnering with Bucks County P&R for potential additional programming	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Coordinate with Bucks County Parks & Rec to determine potential partnerships.

Vision 6: Township Policy / Ordinances Support Recreation Needs with Funding Strategies That Achieve Multi-functional Infrastructure Improvements			
Recommendation	**Costs**	**Time Frame**	**General Notes**
6.1 Include resources for park access improvements in annual Township budgets	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Include park access improvements in annual budget requests. Seek additional funding partners.
6.2 Aggressively pursue modern roadway improvements along Woodbourne Road at the SEPTA train station	**High**	**0-15 years**	Connect with potential improvement partners. Seek funding partners. Use consultants to develop plans.
6.3 Consider modifications to the Zoning Ordinance and the SALDO	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Township Solicitor to provide stronger language to preserve open space in Township ordinances.
6.4 Create a Township Official Map and add priority connections	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Use consultants to draft a Township Official Map. Coordinate with Township Manager and elected officials.
6.5 Diversify parks funding sources	**Low**	**0-5 years**	Reestablish relationship with Middletown Community Foundation. Consider methods to receive donations from individuals. Coordinate with PWD on capital projects.

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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Middletown Township: Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space, Greenways & Trails Plan Study	Project No.:	24028.10
Location:	Middletown Township Municipal Building (Public Hall)	Meeting Date/ Time:	10.24.2024 5:30-7:15pm
Re:	Steering Committee Meeting #1	Issue Date:	10.28.2024

ATTENDENCE:

Simone Collins Team:
Anita Nardone (AN)
William Collins (WC)
Toby Levin (TL)
Derek Dureka (DD)

Township Representatives:
Patrick Graham (PG) – Recreation Supervisor
Paul Kopera (PK) – Recreation Manager
Joanne Morelli– MT Recreation Specialist

Middletown Township CRPOSGT Steering Committee Members:

Brian Andrews
Brian Phillips
Angie Nagel
Gerry Bender
Kevin McGerry

DELIVERABLES:

- Committee #1 Meeting Presentation
- Committee #1 Meeting Notes

- DRAFT Public Opinion Survey: See Next Steps below.
- Copy of current P&R Department Mission Statement: See Next Steps below.

GENERAL NOTES:

Presentation:

William Collins (WC), Anita Nardone (AN), and Toby Levin (TL) led the presentation and facilitated the agenda which included:

1. Introductions
    - AN and WC introduced the SC team; attendees introduced themselves.
2. Committee Work
    - AN reviewed the dates for the remaining three (3) committee meetings--- highlighting the need for committee participation in the public participation process and the need for specific information about the community from local 'eyes' and 'ears.'
3. 'Mission Statement' Draft
    - AN noted the DCNR requirement for the grant-funded work that a mission statement be developed for the study work that will give the agency (the MT P&R Dept.) defined goals and objectives.
    - AN noted that part of this study scope will be to evaluate the goals established in the previous 2005 Millenium Plan for MT P&R.
    - Samples were provided; committee will be prompted throughout the study to refine this.
4. Planning Relationships
    - AN led the committee through the 'why' of planning; the importance of reviewing key plannings efforts for MT (Climate Action, 2020 Comp. Plan, MT Multimodal Improvement Plan, current Bucks County CROSP---underway, etc.) as well as past specific P&R master plans, regional ecological and environmental reports.
    - AN noted important definitions that will guide the study effort: open space, conservation, stewardship, preservation.
5. Project Schedule
    - AN and PG noted that---based on the strong desire by MT to kick off the public opinion survey prior to the first Public Meeting to assist in generating interest/participation ---SC proposes moving PM#1 from November 14th to the date for the proposed PM#2 of January 23, 2025. PM#2 is tentatively moved to March 27, 2025. Committee will be notified when this date change is confirmed. A FINAL schedule will be transmitted. NOTE: There are no proposed changes to the committee meeting schedule.

6. Project Scope
    - AN reviewed the specific items that will be incorporated into the final plan. The committee was familiar with them as they were part of the proposal review, interview and selection.

7. Open Space & Recreation Resources
    - TL guided through the committee on an overview of each of the twenty-four (24) recreational resources (parks) and four (4) preserved lands that will be incorporated into this study.
    - Five (5) listed parks/resources are Bucks County owned
    - TL noted existing components of the areas as well as opportunities for recreational and ecological improvements.

8. Analysis: Initial Mapping
    - TL showed examples of the type of analyses that the study will produce (sidewalks, trails, wetlands) and noted examples of other types of analysis that the Committee will see (soils, hydrology, open space, etc.)

9. Key Person Interviews & Public Opinion Survey
    - PG and AN led the committee through the listing of KPIs from the 2005 Millenium Plan to develop a list for the 15 scoped KPIs for this project.
    - The following listing represents the discussion:
        a. Neshaminy School District, include transportation manager if possible
        b. Styer Farm-staff
        c. Heritage Conservancy (Styer Farm)
        d. MT Staff (including MT consultants; this may be two meetings)
        e. Emergency Responders (Police, Fire, EMT)
        f. Middletown Community Foundation
        g. Buck County- P&R*
        h. Bucks County Planning Commission*
        i. Bucks County-Office of Aging
        j. MT Human Relations Commission (serving disabled residents)
        k. Woods Services
        l. Bucks County Intermediate Unit
        m. Bucks County Conservation District
        n. Environmental Advisory Council representatives
        o. Neighboring Boroughs
        p. Consider meeting with Neshaminy Mall representative(s) after goals of report have been established

      *Bucks County groups may be combined based on availability, etc.
    - Focus Group: Sports organizations

a. PG noted that there is an annual meeting in February of all sports organizations with the Township. This may be good timing within the schedule to conduct this focus group.

- AN and PG led the committee through the printed copy of the draft public opinion survey. AN noted that revisions suggested by PG and PK were already incorporated. Q4, Q10 and Q15 were discussed. Committee and DD offered comments/ suggestions:
    a. Q4: Remove 'in your favorite' season.
    b. Q6: PG and committee to review list and send additions; send feedback to PG. E.g. skate park, community garden; volunteering; baseball/softball pickup games
    c. Q10: Suggest open-ended "What is missing in Middletown Township parks?". Leaving this as an open text box frees us to delete Q 11 and Q12
    d. Q15: PG noted that it may assist P&R to break down this large list into segments; i.e events, camps, etc. DD noted that MT needs to know participation on some things, not others. For example, camp registrations are known
    e. AN noted that MT may want to review Q20 and Q21 for specific wording; addition of questions that probe respondents' feelings about capital expenditures to acquire land, etc.
    f. DD noted the importance of spending time/$ on advertising QR codes at parking lots; trailheads; lawn signs; importance of keeping it short so that parents can do it on phones while waiting for children.

Brainstorming/ Discussion

1. Events
    - *AN noted that PG and PK had discussed the participation of SC at certain key MT events to promote the survey and the study. Next event: Holiday Party- December 12th*
2. Maintenance
    - *AN asked 'how' the Public Works Department (PW) and P&R handle park maintenance. PK noted that there are nineteen (19) full-time PW staff. The P&R Dept. assumes 20% of the annual budget for PW staff will be allocated to park and trail maintenance.*
    a. Comment: DD noted it would be helpful to get a copy of the Capital Plan or GFOA. PK noted it can be made available. AN noted SC may have it form the MMIP work.
3. P&R Goals
    - *PG noted a department goal of being CAPRA accredited*

a. DD noted that only Lower Makefield in PA is CAPRA certified; good to outline steps needed, etc.

4. Langhorne Athletic Association (LAA) Comments
    - *Kevin McGerry noted the following comments:*

a. LAA gathers data on participants (age, school, etc.) to create projections for participation
b. 'Tribal' knowledge: Most knowledge of contracts, practices, etc. within athletic organizations is not recorded, existing only via word-of-mouth
c. Efforts should be made to differentiate between athletics-related volunteerism and ecological/stewardship-related volunteerism. Local athletic organizations are all volunteer-staffed and run

Next Steps:

- Committee Work: Review Draft Mission Statement. Suggestions to PG
- Committee Work: Review Public Opinion Survey. **Return comments/edits to PG by November 8th.**
- CM #2 – January 16th
- **PM#1 – January 23, 2025- Confirmed**

This report represents the Professional's summation of the proceedings and is not a transcript. Unless written notice of any correction or clarification is received by the Professional within ten days of issue, the report shall be considered factually correct and shall become part of the official project record.

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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Middletown Township: Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space, Greenways & Trails Plan Study	Project No.:	24028.10
Location:	Middletown Township Municipal Building (Public Hall)	Meeting Date/ Time:	January 16, 2025 5:30-7:00pm
Re:	Steering Committee Meeting #2	Issue Date:	February 13, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins:
William Collins (WC)
Toby Levin (TL)

Certified Parks & Recreation Professional:
Derek Dureka (DD)

Township Representatives:
Patrick Graham (PG) – Parks and Recreation Director
Paul Kopera (PK) – Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

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Brian Andrews
Dana Kane
Angie Nagel
Missy Kitzmiller
Bill Thomas

NOTES:

1. Simone Collins Landscape Architecture (SC) gave a presentation which included a draft Vision Statement for the CPROSGT plan, preliminary analysis including community and NRPA benchmarking and DVRPC Parks, Trails, and Water Access, proposed improvements

related to park access from the Multimodal Improvement Plan, and Preliminary Public Survey results. The presentation also included an overview of next steps, including the Public Meeting on Thursday, January 23 at 7pm, and the next steering committee meeting on Tuesday, April 1 at 5:30pm.

2. A committee member recommended including Open Space as a goal for the CPROSGT Plan.
    a. The committee member noted that the preservation of and improved access to open space are both included in the goals of the 2020 Middletown Comprehensive Plan.
    b. Another committee member recommended revising the third goal of the CPROSGT Plan to ensure attention to preservation, maintenance, and sustainability of existing **and future** open spaces for natural systems to flourish.
    c. Another committee member asked if ensuring accessible parks included removing economic barriers to access?
        i. SC responded that economic barriers to parks access could be included as specifically articulated goal for the plan.

3. PG noted that the Township has 3 tennis courts and 11 pickleball courts.
    a. SC noted that these figures will be updated for future benchmarking discussions.

4. Committee members recommended mailing out postcards to advertise the Public Opinion Survey.
    a. The committee also proposed reaching out to schools to market the Public Opinion Survey and obtain more youth and family input.

5. WC asked if the township plans to formally adopt the CPROSGT plan or if it would only be accepted by the Board of Supervisors, noting that, if formally adopted, the improvement projects included in the plan could be eligible for funding without an additional master planning process.
    a. PK and PG indicated that they would discuss potential adoption of the completed plan with Township leadership and the Board of Supervisors.

6. The committee also discussed the format for the first public meeting. SC described the breakout discussion format used at public meetings for other planning projects and the committee expressed support for using the format for the first Middletown public meeting.
    a. A committee member noted that the community will likely mention that mountain biking trails were recently removed by the Neshaminy School District behind Neshaminy High School.

Next Steps:

- CM #3 – April 1, 2025
- **PM#1 – January 23, 2025**

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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Middletown Township: Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space, Greenways & Trails Plan Study	Project No.:	24028.10
Location:	Middletown Township Municipal Building (Public Hall)	Meeting Date/ Time:	April 1, 2025 5:30-7:00pm
Re:	Steering Committee Meeting #3	Issue Date:	April 14, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins:
William Collins (WC)
Toby Levin (TL)
Anita Nardone (AN)

Certified Parks & Recreation Professional:
Derek Dureka (DD)

Township Representatives:
Patrick Graham (PG) – Parks and Recreation Director
Paul Kopera (PK) – Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
Nicole Tener (NT)-MT P&R Specialist

Middletown Township CRPOSGT Steering Committee Members:

Bernadette Hannah
Maren Winkis
Kevin McGerry
Dana Kane
Angie Nagel
Missy Kitzmiller

NOTES:

1. Simone Collins Landscape Architecture (SC) gave a presentation which included:
    a. A summary of comments received from both PM1 and PM2 (connectivity priorities; access to natural spaces; specific amenities needed (restrooms emphasized); programming and available recreational spaces and ideas for

'generational projects' (amphitheater; pool; splash pads; Neshaminy Creek access)

b. Summary of KPI meetings held
c. Summary of 1161 responses received to date from public opinion survey
d. A review of the five (5) proposed 'visions' (tweaked based on the PM1 and PM2). Request that P&R staff and committee finalize these to set up the draft recommendations.
e. Initial Concepts
    - Open Space: Access to and throughout existing spaces and not new open space acquisition; roughly 113 acres of open space in MT outside of parks; re-naming large swaths as 'preserves' encourages appreciation for these areas within neighborhoods; creates 'ownership' and 'stewardship' responsibilities. 'Neshaminy', 'Mill Creek', 'Queen Anne' and 'Langhorne Spring Water' preserves as a start.
    - Ped Connections to Parks: Prioritizing the north, west, and southern park communities.
    - A basic strategy for park facility improvements (maintaining basic expectations; consistent funding; sustainable fee schedules; successional planning)
    - Programming: continue strategic, measured growth; memorialize procedures and processes
f. What is your 'Generational Project'
    - Committee members were asked the question…!
    - SC re-presented the Woodbourne Pedestrian Tunnel concept prepared for the MMIP---noting that the pedestrian connections of such a large amount of population (e.g the Oxford Valley Mall re-development of multifamily) to the the two major rec destinations (Core Creek; Styers) represented a large rec + transportation project.

2. Discussion of Initial Concepts & Generational Project Ideas
    a. <u>Open Spaces</u>
        - Committee in agreement about the approach to 'open space'; many noting that they know little about the open spaces noted in the analysis
        - Angie N.: It will be important to define 'partners' for the 'preserve' areas noted.
        - Dana: Are there other 'preserves' of note in MT?
        - Dana: Would an 'open space' workshop be an important gathering---to put the analysis and options in front of key township officials? The connections that the greenways offer from the southern portion of the Township to Woodbourne are important.
    b. <u>Programming</u>

- Committee discussed the PM 2 comment of availability of facilities outside of league use. PG commented on how the Twp is handling the pickleball scheduling; communicating when those groups use the courts.

c. Park Facility Improvements
   - DD: Commented that the RCO 'Responsible Contractor Ordinance' requirements within MT could possibly hamper the effective efficiency of implementing recommendations. (in MT, for all projects over $25K, ust meet RCO req'ts for labor levels, etc. In essence---union requirements)
   - DD: MT may want to consider increasing the threshold amount to $100K-$125K (Angie supplied project amount noting how even the costs for small projects are increasing quickly)
   - Dana + Bernadette: How to get this issue in front of the supervisors.

d. Amphitheater
   - PG noted that 2015 survey results recommended an amphitheater at this location
   - Comments from public noted desire to model it after the one at the Lower Bucks Government Center

e. Paul Kopera's 'Generational' Projects & Committee Discussion
   1. Middletown Community Center/ Senior Center: New facility
      - Demolish existing structure; re-imagine; re-purpose site and structure (two levels) to accommodate more programming space
      - PG noted the importance of connections between MCC and the Levittown area
      - The 'barn' at MCP and the MCC have the ability to make money; serve large portions of the population
   2. Middletown Country Club: 100 acres---better use?
      - MCC is in the last 4 years of its lease from the Township; important for the Township to keep an eye on that.
      - Overall questions: Is this 100 acres better off as a golf club? Or multipurpose park? Or trail with some other park amenities?
        - DD: Reviewed the Upper Dublin transformation of the Twining Valley golf course into naturalized trail/ park area.
        - Detailed surveys done prior to vote by Supervisors; incorporated revenue-generating options; currently the #1 destination for parks in Upper Dublin
        - What could work for MT here?
   3. Public Pool
      - PK: There used to be four (4) pools in Middletown
      - DD: Feasibility of a pool should/could be studied by a specialty consultant; outlining revenue generating/ management options

f. SC Generational Project—The Woodbourne Pedestrian Tunnel/ Connection to Oxford Valley Mall

- AN reviewed a slide from the MMIP breaking down the sidewalk gaps and key large cost pedestrian tunnels to provide the north-south link in the Township
- Bernadette: Noted that MT was waiting on two rail studies that needed to be completed; AN confirmed that these were underway or just starting as the MMIP was completed.
- WC noted that the Township had initiated some work in closing the sidewalk gaps along Woodbourne through grant applications.
- WC discussed how some key property acquisitions near the Woodbourne tunnel could serve multi-purposes that would support this rec + transportation project.

Next Steps:

- Committee 'Visions' Completed: April 18, 2025
- Send Link to DRAFT Recommendations Chapter to Committee: May 2, 2025
- Committee Meeting-Recommendations Check-in Mtg + Preparation for May 15th PM3 (virtual): May 7, 2025
- PM#3: May 15, 2025
- Send Link to DRAFT Final Report to Committee: June 19, 2025
- Committee Meeting #4: Comments on/Revisions to Draft Master CRPOSGT Plan June 26, 2025

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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Middletown Township: Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space, Greenways & Trails Plan Study	Project No.:	24028.10
Location:	Middletown Township Municipal Building (Public Hall)	Meeting Date/ Time:	August 7, 2025 5:30-7:00pm
Re:	Steering Committee Meeting #4	Issue Date:	August 12, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins:
William Collins (WC)
Toby Levin (TL)

Certified Parks & Recreation Professional:
Derek Dureka (DD)

Township Representatives:
Patrick Graham (PG) – Parks and Recreation Director
Nicole Tener (NT)-MT P&R Specialist
Eden Ratliff, Township Manager

Middletown Township CRPOSGT Steering Committee Members:

Gerry Bender
Maren Winkis
Kevin McGerry
Dana Kane
Angie Nagle
Brian Andrews
Michael Kepner

NOTES:

1. Simone Collins Landscape Architecture (SC) gave a presentation which included:
    a. A review of the remaining project schedule;
    b. An overview of the Visions, Goals, and Opportunities included in the draft report.

2. Discussion of Initial Concepts & Generational Project Ideas
    a. Does the report indicate the priorities of each project?
        i. The report includes information about factors the Township could use to weigh priorities, but specific priorities will need to be determined by the Township. These may shift as community interests shift and as funding opportunities arise.
        ii. This could be a responsibility for the implementation committee. This committee could be an extension of the steering committee.
        iii. This would be a good responsibility for the Parks and Recreation Board also. The implementation committee could be a subcommittee of the P&R Board.
    b. Will the work of the Middletown Parks Accessibility Strategy be done in-house or by consultants?
        i. Will depend on the size of the project. Many parks will only need minor improvements to achieve the desired accessibility.
        ii. Some additional clarity for this opportunity would be useful.
        iii. Access extends beyond the park boundaries to include the approach via trails, sidewalks, and crosswalks.
    c. Remove the word "walking" from "walking paths" so that the language is more inclusive.
    d. Was an Open Space EIT discussed at all during the report process?
        i. An Open Space EIT did not come up during previous discussions. A referendum would be required.
        ii. Are there any recommendations for funding other than grant opportunities?
            1. Most opportunities for additional funding are grants-related. Also include recommendation to establish a legacy gift program to allow individuals to donate to the parks department.
        iii. Can fee-in-lieu funds be dedicated to sidewalks specifically?
            1. The existing fee-in-lieu language in the SALDO is related to recreational lands. Those funds are to be dedicated to recreational development.
            2. Fee-in-lieu funding is likely to decline since few new development opportunities exist in the Township.
        iv. Any additional SALDO recommendations?
    e. Remove references to existing in the open space vision to make it more inclusive of additional/new open space.

    i. Is there a map of privately-owned open space that is preserved through easements or other means?
    ii. The EAC is responsible for maintaining this list, which is due for an update
f. The language in the Woodbourne Rd improvements feels very strong compared to other opportunities. Is there a reason?
    i. The improvements described in the Woodbourne Rd opportunity are long-term in scope and will involve several partnerships with large institutions, including the railroad companies. The work required to get this project moving and maintain momentum through completion will require a lot of effort, so the language used to describe the opportunity is strong.
g. Remove mention of dam repair at Lake Luxembourg. The project has not yet been approved.
h. Is the Twin Oaks Master Plan still relevant? Does it need to be updated?
    i. The issues identified in the master plan are still relevant, but some conditions have changed. The Township will need to revisit the plan as it moves toward implementation.
        1. Implementation should be done in phases to minimize the disruption to play.
        2. Substitute fields could be available at Chickenfoot Park (2) and Queen Anne Park (1) during construction.
            a. These fields will likely need additional maintenance before they are ready to be used for regular play.
            b. Additional parking may also be needed.
i. What are the options for creating additional indoor recreation opportunities?
    i. The plan recommends building a new community center to provide additional indoor recreation opportunities. The concept provided in the report would allow for indoor basketball in addition to senior center activities and other multi-generational programming.
    ii. Are there other places the community center could move to? Parking is an issue already and will be more of an issue with a larger facility.
        1. The Township will need to manage the programming schedule differently also.
        2. One option is the vacant school buildings at Pearl S Buck and Samuel Everitt Elementary Schools.
        3. Could one be put at the Oxford Valley Mall?
            a. That would need to be part of the redevelopment agreement.
j. Township would like to see additional analysis of programming and finances, particularly related to tax funding and allocation.
k. Township would also like to see further development of the opportunity to establish agreements with youth sports organizations based on feedback from

the neighboring parks and rec directors focus group and specific recommendations related to improvements to the trail network.

   i. Frosty Hollow Trail is currently being developed to connect Frosty Hollow Park and Upper Orchard Park.

3. Public comment can be made via a Survey Monkey link. The QR code used for the main public opinion survey will be reprogrammed to link to the public comment survey. The Township will need to publicize.

Next Steps:

- Finalize draft for public review by Friday, August 15, 2025.
- Public Review period: August 15 – September 15, 2025
- Board of Supervisors presentation of Final Plan on Monday, October 6, 2025

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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Middletown Township (Bucks) Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Greenways Trails Plan-Study	Project No.:	24028.10
Location:	Middletown Township 3 Municipal Way, Langhorne, PA	Meeting Date/ Time:	01/23/2025 7:00pm
Re:	Public Meeting #1	Issue Date:	February 12, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins

William Collins (WC)

Anita Nardone (AN)

Toby Levin (TL)

Derek Dureka (DD)

Township Representatives

Paul Kopera-MT P&R Director

Patrick Graham-MT Asst. P&R Director

Nicole Tener-Program Specialist (P&R)

Joanne Morelli-Program Specialist (P&R)

NOTES:

A. Introductions

1. Paul Kopera (PK) welcomed and thanked the participants for attending. He introduced Bill Collins (WC) and Simone Collins Landscape Architecture as the consultants for the Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Greenways, Trails Plan study (CPROSGT) for Middletown Township.
2. WC introduced, Anita Nardone (AN), Toby Levin (TL) and Derek Dureka (DD) as the SC project team. WC noted that the community can contact the

consultants and that the contact information is included on the Agenda Sheet provided along with project schedule.

B. Presentation

1. AN and TL gave an overview presentation of the study as shown below and emphasized that the purpose of this first public meeting was to hear from residents about their desires, stories, needs and comments on the overall conditions and programming in MT parks.

a. Why Plan?

- AN reviewed the main reasons that a township undertakes this kind of plan: assessing current status of facilities; assessing current recreational needs of the community; assessing how potential growth or re-development may affect how the township plans for the upkeep, maintenance and/or replacement of facilities; assesses current management and maintenance practices and looks for areas of improvement or efficiency; provides a roughly 20 year plan for fiscal allocations and grant funding for large priority items.
- Study will not 're-invent the wheel'---consulting pertinent previous planning documents to inform this study (including the previous 2005 MT R,P and PS Plan).
- Defining 'Open Space': Parks (both active and passive), agricultural lands, natural lands (wetlands, woods, etc.), untended/undeveloped lands, greenways, trails and waterways.

b. Project Schedule

- Study will extend through late summer (August) of 2025; all material related to the study will be posted to the Township website under the P&R page.

c. Project Scope

- Existing Conditions Inventory & Data Collection
  - i. Site Reconnaissance
  - ii. Mapping
  - iii. Review of Township Ordinances and Previous Plans
- Purpose, Goals and Objectives
  - i. SC team will develop goals with the Township, committee & residents
  - ii. Will be revised/refined as the plan advances
- Public Participation
  - i. 4 Committee Meetings
  - ii. 4 Public Meetings

iii. 15 Key Person Interviews
iv. 1 Focus Group
v. Public Opinion Survey
vi. Meetings with City Staff

- Recreation Facilities & Open Space Inventory and Analysis
  i. Benchmark parks and amenities based on similar communities
  ii. Stormwater Analysis
  iii. Opportunities for new trails/connections and park space
- Personnel, Administration, Maintenance, Programs & Services
  i. Recommendations
- Design Process & Recommendations
  i. Cost Estimates
  ii. Funding Strategy
  iii. Implementation Matrix
  iv. Draft Plan – 30-Day Public Review
  v. Final Plan & Report

d. Public Opinion Survey

- A public opinion survey was launched in mid-December 2024 and Township is advertising widely; good response to-date. PLEASE take survey; encourage others to do so as well.

e. Next Steps

- 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
- Public Meeting #2: March 27, 2025: Preliminary Concepts

f. Breakout Groups: In-person attendees were invited to spend 15 minutes at each of the four (4) stations showing parks within the four quadrants of the Township—North, Central, West (west of boroughs) and South—to offer comments/suggestions/remarks/histories of those areas.

Online attendees were directed to an online comment page to record their input following the presentation.

C. Breakout Groups/ Feedback/ Discussion Highlights

Please see map of Middletown Township attached to these notes to show the geographical delineation of: Northern, Southern, Central and Western

1. MT NORTHERN: Board Feedback

   a. *What parks do you visit?*

      i. No written comments.

   b. *What do you like best about the parks?*

      i. No written comments.

   c. *How do these parks benefit the communities they are in?*

      i. No written comments.

   d. *Do you think residents of all ages and abilities are able to enjoy these parks?*

      i. No written comments.

   e. *What are the major problems or issues at the park?*

      i. Invasive Plants

   f. *What are the obstacles in getting to the parks?*

      i. Lack of trails outside of Core Creek Park to walk/ride into the Park
      ii. Crosswalks
      iii. Pedestrian connections to Core Creek Park

   g. *Where do you think new trails should be added?*

      i. Core Creek to Styers
      ii. Ellis Road to Styers
      iii. Middletown had a 2017 plan on walking path/bile trail down Village Road that would connect the Community Park and the Core Creek park trails. This was a great idea!! Silver Lane development residents were in favor of this. However, in recent months, Shady Brook Farms has sold land that is in Middletown and want to build a ton of homes named 'Farms Edge'. The builders—DeLuca/Fox are now proposing to add a walking path/bike trail through our water drainage basin to connect to Core Creek Trails. Silver Lake residents are very against this proposal. Please keep the trail on Village Road.

   h. *What would you like to see added to the parks (for example, playgrounds, basketball courts, parking restrooms, new programming?)*

i. Pickleball near Core Creek park with lights
ii. Pickleball at Middletown Park—lights already there
iii. Meadows
iv. Natural spaces
v. Pickleball by Core Creek tennis courts
vi. Turn empty fields in Core Creek into meadows or food forests (community built and maintained)
vii. Paved pump tracks

i. What recreational programming or events would you like to see at the parks?

i. Expand skatepark at Middletown Community Park to meet national standards and local needs

2. MT NORTHERN: Other In-Person Comments
   a. Proposed Newtown sanitary sewage treatment plant; 2.5MGD; discharge to Core Creek or Neshaminy Creek. Mike Perkins worked for Water Company; Dad was superintendent at the Langhorne Manor facility
   b. Proposal to reconstruct dam
   c. Flooding at Silver Lake Road; abuts Core Creek Park
   d. Local 5K Park advocates; trying to expand
   e. $9000 raised for amphitheater
   f. You need a car to reach Core Creek Park
   g. Need a new MT Recreation Center as an alternative to Neshaminy School District facilities
   h. Wetlands between Big Oak Road and Maple Point; stormwater flooding and drainage issues.
   i. Add: flowering meadows; pollinator habitat with trails around them; add riparian buffers
   j. Upper Orchard Pike floods regularly

3. MT CENTRAL: Board Feedback
   a. *What parks do you visit?*
      i. No written comments.
   b. *What do you like best about the parks?*
      i. No written comments.
   c. *How do these parks benefit the communities they are in?*
      i. No written comments.
   d. *Do you think residents of all ages and abilities are able to enjoy these parks?*

i. No written comments.

e. What are the major problems or issues at the park?

i. No written comments.

f. What are the obstacles in getting to the parks?

i. No written comments.

g. Where do you think new trails should be added?

i. No written comments.

h. What would you like to see added to the parks (for example, playgrounds, basketball courts, parking restrooms, new programming?)

i. No written comments.

i. What recreational programming or events would you like to see at the parks?

i. No written comments.

4. MT CENTRAL: Other In-Person Comments

a. "Levittown Western"=former name of Twin Oaks Park; subsidiary of the LPRA---Levittown Park Rec Assn; pools and parks.
b. Stormwater collections system in Twin Oaks not maintained; siltation causes backwater issues related to Twin Oak Creek
c. New parking; curblines and parking lot improvements done
d. Some question whether there is enough parking; in past, the LPRA enforced cars coming to games through the registration process; built-in traffic control
e. Need for more traffic control at Twin Oaks
f. Backstops need repair. More walking loops
g. Like the walking paths at 'Taddy Park'??? At Holly and Washington Aves
h. Concerns about how much it is going to cost to implements the ideas of this Plan; school taxes, county taxes and township taxes have all been raised.
i. Jim Bock: Please check out the MMIP; would very much like to maintain the location of the proposed trail along Village Road---not have it moved per the developer request.
j. POOLS! The loss of the pools at Forsythia and Snowball have been felt! (mentioned a couple of times)
k. Great memories of movie nights at the Country Club pool in the 80s and 90s.
l. Upgrade playground equipment

m. Simmons Park has the organized basketball leagues; look for places within neighborhoods (easy walks) for courts
n. Very important to be able to get from the western to the eastern section of the Township safely. (Email that section of the MMIP to Zach Smith.)

5. MT SOUTHERN: Board Comments

a. *What parks do you visit?*

i. Cobalt Ridge Park

b. *What do you like best about the parks?*

i. The Creek!

c. *How do these parks benefit the communities they are in?*

i. No written comments.

d. *Do you think residents of all ages and abilities are able to enjoy these parks?*

i. No written comments.

e. What are the major problems or issues at the park?

i. Overgrowth between Cobalt Ridge and Quincy Hallow
ii. Bathrooms!
iii. Dirt bikes; ATVs tearing up greenbelts and parks
iv. Forsythia Crossing Park well used by dog walkers; install poop bag stations with trash area
v. Sidewalks around the park need to be repaired; lots of cracks; used by a lot of seniors for walking

f. What are the obstacles in getting to the parks?

ii. No written comments.

g. Where do you think new trails should be added?

ii. Need for massive walking trails interconnecting sections

h. What would you like to see added to the parks (for example, playgrounds, basketball courts, parking restrooms, new programming?)

ii. Flowering meadows

i. What recreational programming or events would you like to see at the parks?

i. An Annual Get-To-Know Your-Neighbor event

6. MT SOUTHERN: Other In-Person Comments
    a. Senior Center: Needs an updated plan
    b. Veterans Memorial Park: Any plans for future updates?
    c. Queen Anne: Maintain as a passive park with open space and trails. Same for Chicken Foot and Frosty Hollow.
    d. Dog Parks; Interest in adding more; to get them off the fields. (beside the one at Core creek)
    e. Definite interest in turf fields. Also maybe lit fields.
    f. Frosty Hollow: Add pickleball during the summer; lose or convert the ones at the Senior Center??
    g. Deep Dale: No easy way to connect to Sycamore Ridge.
    h. Veterans Park: Extend Patriot Path; add ped bridge to allow better access.
    i. Restrict ATV access and add trails for pedestrians, how about a greenbelt for Forsythia Park
    j. Cobalt Ridge Park: the natural areas need maintenance and need to be 'cleaned up; you cannot access the Creek; add trashcans for dog waste; park benches; residents VERY WILLING to volunteer
    k. Need for new playground at Forsythia Crossing Park; please add exercise equipment and exercise stations
    l. Paved pathways along the greenbelt; more ped bridges across the Creek
    m. Better connections for pedestrians between neighborhoods
    n. Regulate when the hockey lights are on by using a push button system
    o. Have an 'in lieu of' fee for new developments
    p. Forsythia Crossing: Cobblestones need to be repaired
    q. Trail/ path on Frosty Hollow needs to be extended at least to Veterans Highway
    r. More trails/paths/sidewalks along the outer edges of neighborhoods
    s. Utilize scout troops for park maintenance
    t. Veterans Memorial Park: connect to the small trail that is there; add benches or stumps for sitting; grass bball court needs to be repaired
    u. The southern section of the township lacks safe crosswalks
    v. The 'Gates' community will not accept sidewalks!
    w. Cameras for security?

7. MT WESTERN: Board Comments
    a. *What parks do you visit?*

i. No written comments.

b. *What do you like best about the parks?*

i. No written comments.

c. *How do these parks benefit the communities they are in?*

i. No written comments.

d. *Do you think residents of all ages and abilities are able to enjoy these parks?*

i. No written comments.

e. What are the major problems or issues at the park?

i. Overgrowth between Cobalt Ridge and Quincy Hollow

f. What are the obstacles in getting to the parks?

i. No written comments.

g. Where do you think new trails should be added?

i. Langhorne Spring Water Company
ii. Playwicki

h. What would you like to see added to the parks (for example, playgrounds, basketball courts, parking restrooms, new programming?)

i. White water park on Neshaminy Creek i.e Playwicki
ii. Food forest
iii. Restrooms at Firefighters Park
iv. Invasive plant removal—these could be events or programming
v. Native Plant seeding---these could be events or programming

i. What recreational programming or events would you like to see at the parks?

i. No written comments

8. MT WESTERN: Other In-Person Comments
    a. Trails at Langhorne Water Company
    b. White water park at Neshaminy Creek location; may also help mitigate flooding
    c. Mountain bike trails
    d. Need for trail maintenance; invasive removals and native species plantings
    e. Rt. 1 is really an obstacle
    f. Trash cans in parks and on trails

g. Woods behind NHS heavily used
h. Boy Scouts could help with maintenance
i. Need connection from west to east side of Township
j. Need access to bus stops
k. Update playground at Simmons
l. Firefighters: need shady area near pickleball courts; trees; restrooms, parking; easier scheduling for the pickleball courts; biking area; benches with shade; a food forest would build community here at Firefighters
m. Convert fields to flowering meadows everywhere; start small
n. Shade for play areas
o. Paved trails for stroller accessibility

9. Please see online attendees comments on P&R feedback recorded through Survey Monkey and attached to these notes.

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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?



Q1 What parks do you visit?What do you like best about the parks? What are your favorite memories?How do these parks benefit the communities they are in?Do you think residents of all ages and abilities are able to enjoy the parks?What are major problems at the parks?What are the obstacles in getting to the parks?Where do you think new trails should be?What would you like to see added to the parks (for example, playgrounds, basketball courts, parking, restrooms, etc.)?What recreational programming or events would you like to see at the parks?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Do more to protect the wildlife and the animals. What is happening to Core Creek and Lake Luxembourg?	1/23/2025 7:41 PM
2	Some problems with the parks are poor maintenance - water fountains and rest rooms, not enough lighting, not enough parking Add to parks lighting, outdoor amphitheaters or stages for live music, exercise equipment, playgrounds with sensory-friendly elements, accessible swings, or soft flooring for children with disabilities, community gardens, Farmers' Markets, summer food/beer festivals	1/23/2025 7:38 PM
3	1. Obstacles in getting to the parks: Provide a walk / bike trail (black top) from Village Road to Community Park. Currently to get there you need to go through Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery then through a "hole" in a fence. Once you cross the fence the ground is covered in brush and often wet.	1/23/2025 7:36 PM
4	I filled out the full survey already, so answered most or all of these questions. One thing I've thought of since -- we have a ton of ball fields, etc., but the Township has a very large elderly community. Some focus needs to be on accessibility, walkability, etc., for the older part of the Township. Even this meeting, if an elderly person couldn't get to the meeting but got on via Zoom like I did, they don't have a way to participate in the break-out sessions. Couldn't there be a way they we could at least pick one of the four and listen to what's being said, even if not able to participate verbally? We could also use the Q&A to add comments, etc. Either that or make clear in the description of the meeting that those participating remotely will not be able to get the full benefit of the meeting. If I'd known this was going to be the way the remote meeting was going to go, I would've been much more likely to show up in person. Thanks!	1/23/2025 7:35 PM
5	I want to see Middletown Township become a walkable community, whether it is in the parks, developments, or shopping areas. I would also like any future approved projects to be required to connect to the sidewalk system, not leaving a sidewalk with stop signs at each end as it currently appears on Route 413 in front of the new development under construction. Thank you!	1/23/2025 7:34 PM
6	1. Community Park, Core Creek offerings for sports, Core creek- open spaces Yes they benefit the communities No- core creek could benefit from better playgrounds that have adaptive equipment and for ages 18 months- 12 years old Major problems- not per say, but bathrooms at all parks could use improvements especially at Community Park which has a very high usage compared to the others with only two sets of bathrooms. Obstacles- traffic everywhere New trails- not sure but they are needed I would like to see playgrounds added (Kompan playgrounds as an example) that reach multiple ages, additional basketball courts added, see above about restrooms. Working restrooms and updated auto flush toilets and sinks.	1/23/2025 7:34 PM
7	I love Core Creek park and all the fun trails. I also love to kayak there. I would love to see a basketball court and community garden in Tareyton park. As a resident of thar neighborhood, I feel those would be great additions to that space.	1/23/2025 7:30 PM

8	would like to have a concert shell for outdoor concerts like they do at the Bristol Township Municipal park area	1/23/2025 7:29 PM

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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Middletown Township (Bucks) Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Greenways Trails Plan-Study	Project No.:	24028.10
Location:	Middletown Township 3 Municipal Way, Langhorne, PA	Meeting Date/ Time:	03/27/2025 7:00pm
Re:	Public Meeting #2	Issue Date:	April 8, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins

William Collins (WC)

Toby Levin (TL)

Derek Dureka (DD)

Township Representatives

Paul Kopera-MT P&R Director

Patrick Graham-MT Asst. P&R Director

Nicole Tener-Program Specialist (P&R)

Joanne Morelli-Program Specialist (P&R)

Public Attendance

(See attached attendance sheet)

NOTES:

A. Introductions & Project Schedule

1. Paul Kopera (PK) welcomed and thanked the participants for attending. He introduced Toby Levin (TL)-project manager from Simone Collins Landscape Architecture. TL introduced the other SC team members: William Collins (WC); Derek Dureka, CPRP and Anita Nardone, PE (AN)as the consultants for

the Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Greenways, Trails Plan study (CPROSGT) for Middletown Township.

2. Project team contact information, schedule and agenda included on the meeting handout.

B. Presentation

1. TL and DD gave a presentation of the study as shown below and emphasized that the purpose of this second public meeting was to summarize important analysis and public participation comments that have led to some general, initial concepts for the draft plan. Most importantly, this meetings seeks any and all input from attendees about their desires, stories, needs and comments on the overall conditions and programming in MT parks.

   a. Schedule

   - TL noted that the project will continue to seek public participation through the public opinion survey, two additional committee meetings and two more public presentations.
   - Final plan expected in mid-August 2025.
   - Study will extend through late summer (August) of 2025; all material related to the study will be posted to the Township website under the P&R page.

   b. Public Participation

   - Public Meeting #1 (January 2025)
     Key Takeaways included:
     i. Importance of connectivity of neighborhoods and parks. Priorities should be getting folks to Core Creek Park, Middletown Community Park and from the eastern to the western portions of the Township
     ii. Restrooms needed
     iii. Access to natural areas; open space a high priority
     iv. Playgrounds need to be upgraded
     v. Other amenities should be considered: turf fields; lit fields; public pool; additional pickleball courts; amphitheater
   - Key Person Interviews (14 Planned; 5 completed)
   - Public Opinion Survey
     i. 1,094 responses as of March 27th!!

ii. A summary of responses to eleven (11) questions was given. (See PM2 presentation posted to MT website.)

c. *Analysis (used to support Initial Concepts)*
   - Several slides were presented to quantify and distinguish between total 'open space' controlled and within the Township borders and 'parks' that are considered 'open space' as well.
   - Total parks and open space=997 acres
   - Total MT parks=187 acres
   - Existing Trails: Concentrated within Core Creek Park; some along the Neshaminy Creek
   - Sidewalks: Concentrated within Levittown or newer developments in the north
   - Wetlands: Located near to Neshaminy, Mill Creek and Queen Anne Creek

d. *Initial Concepts*

1. *Open Space: Improve access to and within certain open spaces*
   - Celebrate open spaces as 'preserves'
   - 'V': Mill Creek Preserve + Queen Anne Preserve
   - Langhorne Spring Water Preserve and Neshaminy Preserve

2. *Improved pedestrian/bicycle connections to MT parks*
   - West: Det. Christopher Jones Park, Simmons Park, Firefighters Park
   - North: Core Creek Park, Middletown Community Park, Styers Orchard
   - South: Forsythia Crossing Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Cobalt Ridge Park, Upper Orchard Park

3. *Park Facility Improvements*
   - Clean/Safe/Ready to Use
   - Consistent capital funding and implementation
   - Succession planning and updated fee schedules

4. *Programming*
   - Strategic and measured growth of programming

C. Breakout Groups

Both in-person attendees and online attendees were asked to consider the following four (4) questions in three (3) breakout groups within the meeting hall…and by typing responses for the online attendees.

Focused Questions:

1. *Which Township or County Park would you most like to access by bike or walking? (Can you do so now?)*
2. *What would be your 'Generational Project'…large scale, money-is-no-object, dream project?*
3. *What top three (3) MT parks require major capital improvements? (bathrooms, playground equipment; parking improvements; drainage improvements)*
4. *What is your assessment of recreational programming?*

D. Breakout Discussion Summaries (by Focus Questions)

1. *Which Township or County Park would you most like to access by bike or walking? (Can you do so now?) (And other destinations of choice)*

    - Core Creek (several mentions; including online group)
    - Middletown Community (Senior) Center
    - Middletown Community Park
    - Styers Orchard
    - Shady Brook to Core Creek
    - Veterans Park
    - Newtown Rail Trail
    - Brownsville Road Bridge
    - Levittown connections to other neighborhoods (the Quincy Hollow bridge is appreciated)
    - Highland Park trail to Veterans Memorial Park
    - Connection to Newtown Rail Trail
    - Related to connections: Please maintain street shoulders!
    - Connections to Langhorne Borough
    - Are there trails along Neshaminy Creek that can be accessed by bike or walking? (Online group)

2. *What would be your 'Generational Project'…large scale, money-is-no-object, dream project?*
    - Pedestrian tunnel at Woodbourne
    - Oxford Valley Mall Re-Development: An indoor/ outdoor walking track and bike-related amenity; perhaps a public-private partnership?
    - Bird Sanctuary for viewing
    - Removal of invasive vegetation in major parks
    - An amphitheater. Located at Mall? Styers? Like Thiokol Lower Bucks Gov't Center-several comments on this. Consider ways to produce income for MT. Noted that it was part of MCP over 40 years ago.
    - All trail connections shown on MMIP
    - Phase 2 of the Skate Park
    - Get under I295!
    - From Woodbourne to Community Park: Sidewalk connections
    - Walk from Core Creek to the Delaware River using Mill Creek Greenway
    - Core Creek Trail around Lake Luxembourg
    - Destination Playgrounds: e.g. Kids Castle
    - ATV Tracks
    - Campgrounds (look at Mercer County Park campsite for feasibility)
    - Public Pool/ Splash Pads
    - Year-round restrooms
    - More pickleball courts with lighting; pickleball courts closer to Community Park
    - Bring back 4th of July Parade
    - Link NSD properties to Core Creek
    - Water quality monitoring: Neshaminy Watershed Association as partner; Consider something like the Silver Lake Nature Center
    - Complete the Circuit Trails
    - Disc Golf Course
    - Pearl S. Buck ES Site: Keep as a public space
    - Outdoor Classrooms: Provide education on native species/ invasive species
    - Turf Field complex
    - Trail connections to/through Mill Creek Greenway

- Kickwalls: old-school, low-tech style
- Cornhole courts added to parks.
- Additional recreational programming space (indoor facility; another building)

3. *What top three (3) MT parks require major capital improvements? (bathrooms, playground equipment; parking improvements; drainage improvements)*

- Trails and bridges in Crossing Hollow to Forsythia Crossing Park
- Middletown Community Park: Phase 2-Skate Park
- Pickleball courts closer to Middletown Community Park
- Middletown Community Park: more basketball and updated play equipment; connections to Township Line Road
- More parking at Middletown Community Park during events
- All Parks: more trees and education about trees and routine tree maintenance
- Veterans Park needs a crosswalk
- Middletown Community Center: ADA accessible bathrooms
- Personal safety improvements e.g protection from stray balls
- Simmons Park: Consistent walking surface (part gravel); broken play equipment
- Firefighters Park: Better parking, water fountain, restrooms
- Twin Oaks Park: field improvements, playground improvements, provide paved path around the park
- Overall---better lighting at parks.
- Core Creek, Forsythia and Firefighters---top 3 parks requiring improvements (online group)

4. *What is your assessment of recreational programming?*

- Overall, the diversity and amount of programs is great!
- Pickleball: Important to keep some courts open for drop-in use; new player drop-ins
- Discussion: Is there room for 'non-athletic group organized' casual athletics to be practiced on MT park facilities? Do we always need to have a 'competitive' aspect to sports?
- Chess clubs
- Photography
- Merge LAA, MAA and Hulmeville for better utilization of facilities.

- Merge or be more inclusive; or formalize use agreements
- Drawing/Cartooning
- Country line dancing
- Consider offering programs at different times than neighboring communities
- Overall, arts/sports programming for kids is plentiful. Would like to see more variety of classes for children (e.g kids events; classes; clubs focusing on nature; guided walks) (Online group)
- Overall---people pleased with programming opportunities; busy lives impede participation!

5. Other Discussion Items
    - Developer representing Farms Edge development near Shady Brook is interested in assisting the Township in acquiring a 9.28 parcel near Farms Edge and a PECO right-of-way as open space. $1.5M appraisal value.

E. Next Steps

1. Continue public opinion survey
2. Complete key person interviews
3. Formalize CPROSGT Plan 'visions' with Committee
4. Continue analysis of administration/programming/site conditions/ inventory
5. Develop initial concepts into recommendations

Next Public Meeting (PM#3): May 15th

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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Middletown Township (Bucks) Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Greenways Trails Plan-Study	Project No.:	24028.10
Location:	Middletown Township 3 Municipal Way, Langhorne, PA	Meeting Date/ Time:	May 15, 2025 7:00pm
Re:	Public Meeting #3	Issue Date:	May 20, 2025

ATTENDEES:

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Toby Levin (TL)

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and Derek Dureka, CPRP, as the consultants for the Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Greenways, Trails Plan study (CPROSGT) for Middletown Township.

2. Project team contact information (see C.4 below), schedule and agenda included on the meeting handout.

B. Presentation

1. AN, TL, and DD gave a presentation of the study as shown below and emphasized that the purpose of this third public meeting was to summarize public participation comments and present the visions and a selection of the recommendations that will appear in the report. AN emphasized that this meeting sought any and all feedback on the visions and recommendations for the report that are presented.

   a. Schedule

   - AN noted that the project will continue to seek public participation through the public opinion survey through June 1, as well as one additional committee meeting.
   - The Draft plan will be published for public comment by July 2. Comments will be accepted through August 21.
   - Final plan expected in early September 2025.
   - Study will extend through late summer (September) of 2025; all material related to the study will be posted to the Township website under the P&R page.

   b. Public Participation

   - Public Meeting #2 (March 25)
     Key Takeaways included:
     i. Importance of connectivity of neighborhoods and parks. Priorities should be getting folks to Core Creek Park, Middletown Community Park, and the Middletown Community (Senior) Center.
     ii. Diversity and quantity of programming is great, but access for casual/drop-in athletics could be improved.
     iii. Generational project ideas include
       - Amphitheater
       - Trail connections
       - Bird sanctuary/Nature center
       - Turf field complex
       - Woodbourne pedestrian tunnel

        - Indoor recreation center
    iv. Priorities for capital improvement include:
        - Twin Oaks Park improvements
        - Improved lighting throughout the parks system
        - Middletown Community Park improvements
- Key Person Interviews are complete.
- Public Opinion Survey
    i. 1,355 responses as of May 15!
    ii. There have been no significant changes to the results since the last public meeting.

c. *Draft Visions*

1. *Vision 1: Accessible, safe, modern Township parks*
    a. The Middletown community envisions its parks to be accessible, safe, and inclusive recreation facilities that deliver people to healthy outdoor places where they may interact comfortably and peacefully.
2. *Vision 2: Parks linked to neighborhoods by safe pedestrian and bike routes*
    a. The Middletown community desires the safe bicycle and pedestrian routes as described in the 2024 Multi-modal Improvement Plan (MIP) to connect Township neighborhoods to parks, preserves, and open spaces inside Middletown Township, and to the regional trails and bike routes that extend into neighboring municipalities.
3. *Vision 3: Recreation programming excellence*
    a. Middletown residents and Township staff will continue to work collectively to ensure the Township legacy of excellent programming by continuing to serve all ages and abilities, and to promote physical, mental, social, and emotional health for all users.
4. *Vision 4: Increased availability and access to open space*
    a. The Middletown community seeks to add recreation opportunities to the Township park system through strategic acquisitions that increase acreage under municipal stewardship, as well as improve public access to existing Township-owned open space.
5. *Vision 5: Efficient and sustainable Parks and Recreation management, maintenance, and administration*

a. Middletown Township will continue its mission to deliver excellent park and recreation experiences to the community who take pride in their neighborhoods and history.

6. *Vision 6: Township policy/ordinances to support recreation needs, with funding strategies to achieve multi-functional infrastructure improvements*
    a. Middletown Township seeks to balance development with quality-of-life needs and the modernization of infrastructure that can serve multiple needs: transportation, ecological restoration, stormwater management, and recreation.

d. Draft Recommendations

a. Middletown Parks Accessibility Strategy *(Visions 1 & 2)*
    i. Strategy to get people to parks and open space resources: Recreation access and equity
    ii. Considerations include sidewalk gaps, links to transit routes, trails and green way gaps and connections, obstacles (infrastructure, ownership, etc.)
    iii. A sample strategy was shown for Firefighters' Park, which included additional sidewalks, internal paths, and crosswalks. A high-level cost estimate for these improvements was provided.
b. Priority Pedestrian-Bicycle Connections *(Vision 2)*
    i. Queen Anne Creek Trail to connect Woodbourne Road to Walter Miller Elementary School and Mill Creek with future connections to Mill-Queen Anne-Black Ditch Trail
    ii. Jones Park to Simmons Park via Clearview Ave. and Brownsville Rd. with future connection to Neshaminy Creek Greenway Trail
c. Open Space Preserves *(Vision 4)*
    i. Improve access to and, where appropriate, within open spaces and celebrate open spaces as "preserves"
    ii. Mill Creek Preserve
        1. Trail could recognize the riparian ecosystem of Mill Creek with interpretive signage and other amenities.
        2. Would connect Veterans Memorial Park, Forsythia Crossing Park, Upper Orchard Park, and Frost Hollow Tennis Center (Bucks Co.), with future connections to Queen Anne Creek Trail.
d. Field Use and Maintenance *(Vision 5)*

i. Clarity is needed regarding the division of maintenance responsibilities between MT Parks and Rec and youth athletic associations.
ii. Field use should be tracked more closely to ensure maintenance activities are coordinated properly and efficiently.
iii. Biannual review of contracts with youth athletic associations would help ensure all parties understand their responsibilities.

e. Implementation recommendations *(Vision 6)*
i. Make revisions to Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) to support open space provision and development.
ii. Create a Middletown Official Map to express the Township's interest in acquiring specific lands for public purposes sometime in the future.

C. Comments/ Questions

1. One participant questioned whether there was a possibility of acquiring land near the proposed development (Shady Brook) to provide a connection to Core Creek Park? Also, though a trail lover---this participant questioned whether trailheads should be placed in neighborhoods placing parking burdens on the neighborhood. Would rather see a trail located closer to the road.

   Response/ Discussion:

   - TL noted that the conversations between the Township and the development applicant should continue to investigate this specific opportunity.
   - Partnerships---like this one---show the value of achieving trail/open space needs by involving both the public and private community.
   - TL encouraged public feedback to the Township for preferred trail alignments.

2. A participant noted that he walks the Mill Creek greenway frequently; and endorses the value of a more formal trail.
3. A participant suggested including a splash pad/park in the plan recommendations. The participant noted that a splash pad would require less expensive maintenance than a public pool and would be safer for users without requiring staff.
4. Comments on the presentation plans can be directed to the project team:

- Anita Nardone, PE: anardone@simonecollins.com
- Toby Levin, RLA: tlevin@simonecollins.com
- William Collins, RLA: wcollins@simonecollins.com

D. Next Steps

1. Close public opinion survey on June 1
2. Complete draft report
3. Review draft report with the Committee at Committee Meeting 4 (June 26)
4. Publish draft report online by July 2 with comments due by August 21
5. Incorporate revisions based on public feedback and provide revised report to Board of Supervisors (BoS)
6. Present Draft Final Plan for BoS action at September 8th BoS meeting

Next Public Meeting (PM#3): May 15th

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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Middletown Township: Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space, Greenways & Trails Plan Study	Project No.:	24028.10
Location:	Teams-Virtual meeting	Meeting Date/ Time:	February 25, 2025
Re:	KPI-Heritage Conservancy	Issue Date:	April 8, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins:
William Collins (WC)
Anita Nardone (AN)

Heritage Conservancy
Bill Kunze (BK) – Exec. Dir/ CEO-Heritage Conservancy

A. Project Overview

1. Anita provided an overview of the project scope and progress to-date (public participation underway; initial analysis underway; first site visit completed)
2. Anita provided an overview of the preserved space considered as part of this study within the Township limits.
3. Bill provided an overview of Heritage Conservancy---and their programs and properties under management in Bucks County.

B. Styer's Orchard Background & Funding Structure

1. Heritage Conservancy controls the Styers Horticultural Fund
   a. Endowment (Fund A) generates income for spendable Fund B
   b. Primarily for Styers Orchard maintenance/improvements
   c. Can also be used for land conservation in Middletown/Bucks County and agricultural education

2. Unusual three-way relationship:
    a. Middletown Township owns the property
    b. Tim (farmer) leases and operates the orchard
    c. Heritage Conservancy controls funding
3. Recent example: New pavilion funded by Heritage, managed by township
4. No current annual maintenance budget for Styers Orchard; needs are identified and the three parties

C. Programming Opportunities at Styers Orchard

a. Heritage Conservancy interested in collaborating on educational/community programs
b. Heritage has teams working with schools for outdoor education
c. Limited current programming (occasional school groups for apple picking)
d. Styers Orchard seen as great platform for expanded programming
e. Timing aligns with comprehensive study and new park/rec specialist involvement

D. Potential Restructuring of Styer Orchard Ownership/ Management

1. Heritage open to discussing:
    a. Purchasing Styers Orchard from Middletown Township
    b. Transferring funds to township with restrictions
2. Benefits of restructuring:
    a. Simplify management structure
    b. Potentially free up funds for township to acquire other open spaces
    c. Align with Heritage's mission and capabilities
3. Considerations:
    a. Ensure continued public access and preservation
    b. Maintain agricultural/educational focus
    c. Board approval required for major changes

E. Spring Valley Farm (Preserved Lands) - More Information

1. Located in Langhorne Manor Borough, owned by Middletown Township
    a. Conservation easement held by Heritage Conservancy
    b. Public interest in potential passive trail access---is this allowed?
    c. Uncertainty about easement allowing trail development
    d. Bill noted that his co-worker Chris Kern may have more specific information about that.
    e. Chris Kern may also be able to supply pertinent information about the Lower Neshaminy Watershed Conservation Plan.

Next Steps:

- Notes to Bill Kunze
- Followup with Chris Kern re: easement info at Spring Valley Farm

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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Middletown Township: Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space, Greenways & Trails Plan Study	Project No.:	24028.10
Location:	Teams-Virtual meeting	Meeting Date/ Time:	February 25, 2025
Re:	KPI-Bucks County Agencies	Issue Date:	April 8, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins:
William Collins (WC)
Anita Nardone (AN)

Bucks County
Angie Nagle – BC-P&R Director
Evan Stone – BCPC
Karen Ogden – BCCD
Wanda Ritter – BC Office of Aging

A. Project Overview

1. Anita provided an overview of the project scope and progress to-date (public participation underway; initial analysis underway; first site visit completed)
2. Anita provided a basic agenda for the KPI discussion:
   - *Project Overview /Status/Relationship to Middletown Multimodal Improvement Plan (2023)*
   - *Status of Analysis/ Quick Takeaways from Site Tour+PM1+Public Opinion Survey*
   - *Status of the Bucks County CPROSP?*

- Status of BCCD input to Newtown wastewater treatment system/ Lake Luxemburg discharge?

B. Middletown CROSP Progress Update-AN

1. Public survey received ~900 responses
2. 65.5% of respondents prioritize improving sidewalk/trail network
3. 85% visit parks at least monthly
4. High demand for active recreation facilities (tennis, pickleball, sports fields)
5. 99% feel open space is important to quality of life
6. 93% prioritize conservation of natural open space
7. Top visited parks: Core Creek (county), Middletown Community Park, Playwicki (county)

C. Bucks County CROSP Status-Angie Nagle

1. KPIs completed; 5 focus groups completed
2. Survey completed; 2 public meetings planned for May 2025.
3. Draft Plan expected May/June 2025
4. Focus is on maintaining existing assets—not acquiring more
5. Master Site plans for regional parks---including Core Creek.
6. Developing a transition plan for the park system

D. Core Creek Park Updates-Angie Nagle & Karen Ogden (BCCD)

1. Potential land conversion of agricultural fields to comply with Land and Water Conservation terms
2. Recent dredging project: 20,000 cubic yards of sediment removed, placed on county-owned parcels; MS4 permit implications
3. Plans for emergent wetland creation as water quality BMP
4. Future dam repair (2027-2028) will impact recreation for two seasons
5. Planned fish habitat improvements after dam work

E. Trail Projects and Connectivity-Evan Stone

1. Core Creek Park and Neshaminy Greenway Trail groundbreaking on April 26th
    - Project connect an inner Park trail through the Park to Woodbourne Road near the Ellis Road intersection.
2. Frosty Hollow Park trail project seeking funding
    - First grant application unsuccessful; re-application planned
    - Joint application
3. Newtown Rail Trail passes through Middletown - northeastern

4. Woodbourne Road crossing remains a significant challenge

F. Senior Population Considerations-Important Themes-Wanda Ritter
   1. Importance of assisting with 'aging in place'; providing accessibility without driving on major highways
   2. Stable walkways for various mobility aids
   3. Intergenerational spaces and outdoor fitness equipment important in providing programming for seniors
   4. Middletown Senior Center as a hub for activities; improvements are needed.

G. Environmental and Education Initiatives
   1. MT has adopted a Climate Action Plan (2021)
   2. Relationship to the CPROSGT plan study is the reduction of vehicle trips through the use of trails. (Carbon sequestration)
   3. Potential Neshaminy Creek watershed partnership for education and outreach
   4. Volunteer engagement opportunities for environmental education programming

H. Partnering Opportunities: Recreation Center & Community Gardens
   1. Angie noted the interest in many Bucks communities for indoor/ community facilities (AN noted that comment in the MT CPROSGT survey)
   2. Discussion on looking for opportunities for County/ MT partnership in a rec center with multiple uses.
   3. Community gardening growing in interest; plots at the Middletown Senior Center have ben taken up (this does not leave an area for this use by the seniors at MCC!)
   4. Possibly more at Styers?

Next Steps:

- Notes to Attendees
- Lake Luxembourg project details to Anita
- Office of Aging-pertinent information to Anita
- Draft CPROSGT plan to Bucks County for review and comments

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MEETING NOTES

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Location:	Teams-Virtual meeting	Meeting Date/ Time:	March 5, 2025
Re:	KPI-Emergency Responders	Issue Date:	April 8, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins:
Toby Levin (TL)

Middletown Township
Scott Hoagland, Fire Inspector, Middletown Fire and Emergency Services
Zach Cooperman, Deputy Chief, Middletown Fire and Emergency Services
Peter Feeney, Captain, Middletown Police Department
Dan Diegel, Chief, Middletown Fire and Emergency Services

NOTES:

1. TL started the conversation by providing a brief overview of the CPROSGT, including project scope, public engagement efforts thus far, and the remaining project schedule.

2. The discussion then turned to safety and security considerations in the parks.
    a. The main priorities for police and emergency services are visibility into parks, lighting within the parks, and access to all areas of the parks.
        i. To maintain sight lines, keep trees pruned high and shrubs low enough to prevent individuals from hiding behind them.
        ii. Improved lighting in all parks would aid nighttime patrols (which are typically done from a vehicle) and deter illicit activities.

iii. When paths are provided, 8-9' of width allows for emergency services to use them as access roads into the park.
iv. Generally access is good.

b. Middletown Community Park sees the most issues due to its size and popularity/heavy use.
c. ATV damage is most common in Veterans Memorial and Firefighters' Parks.
d. A wayfinding system along trails would also be helpful for locating emergency callers within the parks. The system would contain markers with identified GPS coordinates on a map distributed to emergency services responders.
e. Park signage identifying the name and address of each park would also assist in aid in ensuring responders are dispatched to the correct park given the similar names of several parks in the area.

3. TL asked about which parks see the most law enforcement/emergency services issues.
    a. Problem areas tend to rotate depending on neighborhood demographics. Issues are most frequent at parks with basketball courts or other gathering areas, such as pavilions.
    b. Open spaces have fewer incidents due to lower visibility and less use.
    c. Typically, special events proceed without incident. Police presence seems to be enough to prevent illicit activities.
    d. Brush fires are occasionally set by juveniles in wooded areas, particularly near schools.

4. The discussion then turned to parking issues and enforcement.
    a. Parking complaints are received most frequently near Veterans Park, Firefighters' Park, and Twin Oaks Park.
    b. Parking is prohibited on Trenton Road near Twin Oaks Park, but enforcement is typically lenient when the parking lot is full.
    c. Neighbors complain minimally about excess parking near Twin Oaks Park. They typically understand that on-street parking is for all, not reserved for neighborhood residents.

5. Emergency services would like to see open-access AEDs installed in parks, particularly at Twin Oaks and Middletown Community Park, as well as other parks with heavy sports-related usage.
    a. AEDs are currently installed at the Township Building, the Senior Center, and at the Community Park Barn.
    b. Alarmed, glass-encased AEDs would be best for outdoor installation. The alarm help prevent vandalism/abuse.

6. Conversation also addressed the unhoused population.

a. Incidents are rare and quickly addressed in Township parks.
b. Unhoused encampments are more commonly seen in County Parks due to the previous "hands-off" approach taken by County park rangers.
c. It is possible that there are small encampments in Township open space, but they are not reported due to the lack of other users.

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Location:	Teams-Virtual meeting	Meeting Date/ Time:	April 1. 2025, 2025
Re:	Middletown Senior Center Association	Issue Date:	April 8, 2025, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins:
Anita Nardone (AN)

Middletown Senior Center Association
Elisabeth Ginder-Exec. Director

A. Project Overview

1. Anita provided an overview of the project scope and progress to-date (public participation underway; initial analysis underway; first site visit completed)
    - Anita briefed Elisabeth on the recent PM2---and how the MSC was mentioned several times in regards to accessibility (ability to walk to the Center).

B. MSC-Relationship with Township-Shared Use

1. MT owns the building and land; Senior Center pays $1/year rent to township
2. Township uses space for classes, Summer Camp and rentals.
3. Shared use creates scheduling conflicts and limits Senior Center to offer certain events or activities

C. Current Senior Center Facility Challenges

1. Building too small for current needs, especially when sharing with township

2. Lack of dedicated cafeteria space requires daily setup/teardown for activities that use the space.
3. Issues with wifi accessibility (cinder block walls)
4. Staffing:
    - Elisabeth noted that (including herself) the MSC has three paid staff—and does a lot with volunteers---including senior volunteers.
    - Some of the physical demands for setup fall on senior volunteers
    - She has advertised for 'service hour' candidates—but has not had much success.
    - MSC needs verified 'Verisafe' trained personnel for lunch distribution
5. Outdated bathrooms not fully ADA compliant
6. Old carpeting creates cleanliness and mobility issues
7. Limited parking due to pickleball courts
8. Summer camp use further restricts available space
9. Wood shop space cannot be continued;

D. Programming & Operational Constraints

1. Events capped at 100 people due to space limitations, impacting fundraising potential
4. Difficulty accommodating multiple activities simultaneously
5. Volunteer labor strained by daily setup/teardown requirements (see C.3 above)
6. Limited ability to offer intergenerational programming due to insurance restrictions and abuse clearance issues.
7. Approximately 350 active members (membership fee is $15/ year for Township residents), with 53 new members since January 2025.

E. Potential Solutions and Improvements

1. Dedicated cafeteria space is needed to improve efficiency of operations
2. Community garden plots have been given to MT residents; there are none that are used specifically by the Senior Center for an outdoor activity.
3. Outdoor bathrooms would benefit both Senior Center and park users
    - Elisabeth noted that many times, pickleball users come inside to use the bathrooms
    - Afterhours, if court users see lights on---they bang on the doors to use the restrooms.
4. Flooring upgrades (removing carpet) would improve cleanliness and mobility
5. Additional staff needed to expand programming and hours

F. Building Future

1. While ADA bathrooms are the primary need, additional space in the form of an addition makes sense
2. EG notes that leveling the 1950s-era building and starting over with (perhaps) a two-story facility
3. An asked whether current members would consider 'moving' to a new location, EG noted 'Y'—for those residents that can drive or can arrange transportation.
4. Consideration should be given to expansion/relocation of MSC in capital improvements plan

Next Steps:

- Elisabeth to send floor plan of the current facility to Anita
- Anita asked for some representative photos of typical daily operations
- Anita will provide 'printed' surveys to EG for distribution at the MSC.
- Office of Aging-pertinent information to Anita
- Draft CPROSGT plan to Bucks County for review and comments

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Location:	Virtual meeting	Meeting Date/ Time:	March 26, 2025
Re:	Dana Kane	Issue Date:	August 14, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins:
Anita Nardone
Toby Levin
William Collins

Middletown Township
Dana Kane
Nick Valla
Paul Kopera
Patrick Graham

A. Project Overview

1. Discussion of the open space strategy for Middletown Township's comprehensive plan before public meeting.
    - AN introduced purpose of meeting, to prepare for the public meeting and go over survey data and open space.

B. Current Open Space Situation

1. The township owns fair amount of open space concentrated in a few different areas with some additional scattered parcels.

2. Limited opportunities to acquire new open space due to being largely built out, even if funding was made available.
    - Discussed how the topic of limited open space can be approached with the public, managing expectations without disappointing them.
    - Propose to discuss improving access to existing open spaces and memorizing them as "preserves."
3. There is a strong public desire to preserve existing open space and semi-rural character.
4. Residents want increased access to natural areas beyond Cork Creek, a popular large preserved open space.
    - The are plenty of township owned natural areas in the township without proper access.

C. Development Pressures

1. Township is receiving rezoning applications for higher density development.
    - 3+ in the last 2 years, most being specific to a singular parcel.
2. Some high density developments increasing from 30% to 75% impervious coverage.
3. Residents concerned about loss of suburban feel to more urban-style density.
    - Increased density development has residents wanting to keep spaces open.
4. Board views differ on appropriate density levels, more agreeable to a higher density.

D. Potential Open Space Strategies

5. Improve access to existing township-owned spaces.
6. Memorialize existing open spaces and permanent "preserves."
7. Quantify and categorize existing open space types.
8. Ensure deed restrictions prevent sale of township open spaces.
9. Consider redefining "open space" to include access improvements like trails and sidewalks.
    - If open space includes access improvements, grants could become more available.
10. Address invasive species and ecological restoration needs.
    - Specific topics such as maintenance, length of restoration.
11. Analyze open space per capita metrics compared to other municipalities.

E. Woodborne Project as a Potential "Generational Project"

1. Would improve connectivity for two separate parts of the township and improve transportation infrastructure.

2. Includes a pedestrian tunnel, access to Steyer Park and trails.
3. Aligns with priorities from Multimodal Implentation Plan (MIP)
4. Could attract funding by addressing multiple goals (transportation, access, drainage)

F. Public Engagement

1. Survey received over 1,000 responses
2. Many long-term residents (20+ years) generally satisfied with township
3. Generational project will be explained and feedback will be encouraged.
4. Need to manage expectations on new open space acquisition.

Next Steps:

- Dive deeper into open space free requirements for developments – Free required for professional and commercial development, but unsure about residential minimum requirement.
- Research deed restrictions on existing township-owned open spaces
- Analyze open space per capita metrics
- Develop recommendations on ecological restoration needs
- Prepare to present initial concepts (open space, pedestrian connections, facilities management / operational efficiency, and programming.)

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Location:	Teams-Virtual meeting	Meeting Date/ Time:	April 17, 2025
Re:	KPI-St. Mary's Medical Center	Issue Date:	April 18, 2025, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins:
Anita Nardone (AN)

St. Mary's Medical Center-Trinity Health (Mid-Atlantic)
Joann Dorr, RM-Community Health and Wellness

A. Project Overview

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C. Past Associations Between St. Mary's and MT P&R

1. Joann briefed Anita on past associations between the hospital and MT P&R e.g Chop Chop Cooking Camp, etc.
2. Basic comments on that overall-good experience:
    - Previous programs (e.g., Chop Chop cooking camp) faced logistical challenges due to limited accessibility and safe drop-off areas
    - Silver Lake noted as a good model with improved amenities (nature center, trails, splash pad)
    - Need for sites with better accessibility, lighting, bathrooms, and internal circulation for events/programs
    - Past "healthy neighborhood assessment" highlighted difficulty in walking between locations (St. Mary's a part of it with Neshaminy School District; Bristol Township?

D. St. Mary's Hospital Campus Trail

1. Existing trail network on campus:
    - East (Main hospital): Connection to Core Creek Park Road---but minimal width (2' maybe); no direct sidewalk to hospital main entrance---only a perimeter route; connection to sidewalk on 413.
    - West: St. Mary's Re-Hab site has internal trail (left over from the former school site that was purchased by Trinity) with spur to Hampton Drive/ Danby Way/ Albert Way sidewalk system. Albert Way abuts MT-owned open space leading to Neshaminy Creek.
2. Public frequently uses these trails, though formal agreement status is unclear
3. Potential "low-hanging fruit" for expanding township trail network by connecting to hospital trails

E. Next Steps

1. Anita to send Joann presentation; notes with email requesting clarification from St. Mary's/ Trinity on community usage of trails (would it need a formal agreement? Legal protections needed for public access?, etc.)

2. Joann to see if there are some past programs; programming ideas that are still relevant---for possible inclusion in programming recommendations.

Note: Anita noted the following mission from the St. Mary's website---(noting the relationship between 'health' and 'nature' as practiced and valued by the founders' inspiration, St. Franscis of Assisi):

We See All of You. *This philosophy reflects a legacy of commitment inspired by the Sisters of St. Francis who opened our original, Philadelphia-based, St. Mary Hospital in 1860. We answered a regional need for health services in Bucks County's most underserved area in 1973 – relocating to land previously used as a horse farm.*

Fast forward five decades, St. Mary is now a beautiful 53-acre state-of-the-art Medical Center campus comprised of more than 700 physicians, nearly 3,000 colleagues, and 1,100 volunteers committed to providing quality care delivered with compassion and respect.

The evolution continues daily, as St. Mary attracts top doctors, introduces cutting-edge technologies and implements advanced procedures to meet the healthcare needs of the people it serves, including the nearly 630,000 residents of Bucks County.

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Location:	Teams-Virtual meeting	Meeting Date/ Time:	April 22, 2025
Re:	KPI-Woods Services (Langhorne Campus)	Issue Date:	April 23, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins:
Anita Nardone (AN)

Woods Services (Langhorne Campus)
Kristin Farry – VP-Policy/ Government Relations
Dawn Diamond – VP-Operations
Beth O'Toole - Programming/ Aquatics

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C. Updates from Woods Services

1. Dawn and Kristin noted that master planning for new development on the campus was done by Kieran Timberlake a few years ago; re-imagining what the campus looks like.
2. A 'Transitional Housing Overlay' amendment was recently passed in MT (April 2025)---allowing them to consider 'new', attainable housing and additional medical building facilities (open to the public); retail establishments, etc. Consistent with mission to integrate the Woods community into the larger community. Equity partner identified. (Gilmore is engineer)
    - Residential bldg. proposed name 'Meadowbrook' with 42 units
    - Real estate space for 'social enterprises'; a family guest house; expansion of physical plant/maintenance area
3. Beth O'Toole and Dawn highlighted other campus recreational improvements that have been integrated in the years since the pandemic shutdown: paved, accessible trails through the forested portion of campus; grant money receive for basketball courts; 9-10 acres of unprogrammed open space (meadows, etc.)
4. Dawn updated AN on the PennDOT-RC3 (Rt. 1 Reconstruction Project follows RC1 in MT)
    - AN shared a conceptual plan from 2 years ago; DD noted that this is still the same plan proffered currently
    - PennDOT will be having a virtual Public Update Meeting on April 23 via Zoom at 7pm. Anita noted that she will attend.
    - Approximately 12 acres of Woods taken by eminent domain
    - Important elements for Woods: Expanded SR413 clover-leaf expands 413/ Woods Lane intersection by at least 20' with room for 10'-wide ped/ bike path at the new Highland Ave roundabout to the campus; two SEPTA bus stops for employees are being proposed in the new plan iteration
    - AN asked about Corn Crib Bridge---any discussion of sidewalk? Dawn noted that bridge will be out-of-commission for 18 months; PennDOT has

noted the 'anomaly' that no other PennDOT bridge connecting two private properties exists in the state ($2M). Grade issues were addressed by PennDOT for the crossing to allow accessibility by wheelchair residents
    - **Corn Crib connects to the Woods property on the north side of Route 1; near the Bucks County Library---also near recently sold Heckman School---where 66 townhomes are planned.
    - Important multimodal Rt. 1 crossing here!
- AN noted that the PennDOT 'Connects' planning element utilized in recent years tries to mesh community needs into these high-dollar infrastructure projects; urged pushing for full sidewalk
- Dawn noted that PennDOT appears to have 'heard' that request.

D. Recreational Programming Collaborations---A Possibility?

1. Beth spoke on the recreational uses of the campus (walking; equine and swimming). Woods has two outdoor pools and one indoor pool---mainly servicing the residential population there.
2. AN noted the very large interest of MT residents in a public pool;
3. AN asked if Woods staff knew the MT P&R staff (Mainly---only Paul Kopera)
4. AN noted that she felt that the MT P&R staff might like to explore rec opportunities to 'integrate' residents into the campus.

Next Steps:

1. AN to send notes and presentation to the attendees
2. AN to reach out to schedule a Woods 'tour' with Beth and Dawn
3. AN to attend PennDOT RC# meeting on 4/23.

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Re:	KPI-Neshaminy School District	Issue Date:	April 23, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins:
Anita Nardone (AN)

Neshaminy School District
Jason Bowman (Jay) – Superintendent
Scott Congdon – District Engineer for NSD

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4. Of notes in public meetings is the public desire to access school district properties for playgrounds, open space after school hours

C. Review of NSD Properties in MT

1. School locations in MT superimposed over the parks map
2. Pearl S Buck currently closed; Jay confirmed that it is currently leased to the Bucks County Intermediate Unit (5 year lease)
3. Oliver Heckman School closed and sold; 66 townhouse units planned for the site

D. Middletown MMIP (2024): Link between Schools/ Parks/ Desired Retail

1. AN showed portuions of the 'toolbox' method applied to MT; specifically in the Levittown area.
2. Links between Schweitzer/Sandburg, Everitt and Miller ES 'couild' be accomplished with a greenway/ trail network.
3. Opportunities exist for grant funding that accomplished two functions: transportation and recreation---trails. Jay noted problems with security issues in bringing people onto campuses during school hours.
4. AN asked if traffic issues at these schools were a concern? JB: No; more at the new Core Creek ES/ Maple Pointe MS.

E. Public School Access for Rec Space after School Hours---A Possibility?

1. Jay explained the concerns of the school district with accessibility: safety and liability are the largest concerns.
2. Vandalism and loitering at playground after school hours is also a concern.
3. Jay noted that the school district employs a threat assessment / risk assessment firm to comment on these items.
4. Currently, most facilities are locked and fenced to control access to properties.
5. AN noted the very large interest of MT residents in a public pool;

F. Athletic Association Use of NSD Facilities

1. Jay confirmed that Annemarie Murphy and Scott could provide a listing of the typical parameters required by organizations for the use of school facilities

2. Costs are rising; opening a facility for athletic organization use requires payment of custodial staff, etc.
3. AN requested that information from the school district.

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1. AN to send notes and presentation to the attendees
2. AN to reach out to Annemarie Murphy for facility use requirements and scheduling

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Location:	Teams-Virtual meeting	Meeting Date/ Time:	May 5, 2025
Re:	KPI-Borough Neighbors – Middletown Township	Issue Date:	June 10, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins Team:
Anita Nardone (AN)

Attendees
Mary Zimmerman – Langhorne Borough Council Member
Joe Taylor – Mayor, Langhorne Borough
Heather Palladino – Langhorne Manor, Storm Water Commission
Nancy Culleton – Langhorne Borough, Council President
Teresa Weiser – Langhorne Manor, Board

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2. Purpose of Meeting: To provide information to MT P&R on the focus of the plan to-date; questions / concerns that affect the neighboring boroughs; ways that MT and their borough neighbors could collaborate on shared rec/ open space/ connectivity issues.
3. Anita will send along the presentation; please contact the team with any questions or clarification.

B. Middletown Multimodal Improvement Plan (MMIP) (2022)

1. Anita provided an overview of the MMIP completed by Simone Collins in 2022 for MT with the purpose of planning for critical pedestrian and bike infrastructure within the Township.
2. Anita will send the link to the Township MMIP to attendees along with notes.

C. Overview of Open Space in MT

1. Anita discussed the distribution of parks and open spaces in MT and discussed how MT compares with national average of open space per resident. Currently, MT exceeds the national average.
2. The challenge in MT is being able to access parks and open spaces safely as a pedestrian.

D. Discussion of Preliminary Recommendations to MT: Open Spaces

1. There is little opportunity to acquire 'new' open spaces; focus shall be on providing access to those open spaces---where passive recreational opportunities may exist with trails and safe ped connections.
2. 'Preserves': Using Township-owned land surrounding the Neshaminy Creek, the Mill Creek, the Queen Anne Creek and the Saba wetlands---the concept of 'preserves' with access shall be promoted.
3. Making pedestrian connections along these 'preserves' (greenways has the potential to connect neighborhoods, some Levittown parks and schools.
4. Middletown Country Club is Township-owned. Lease is up in a couple of years; Twp may want to consider a feasibility study to consider whether this land use (golf) is the highest and best use. Considerations might include a passive park with trails; other activities. A community pool has been mentioned several times
5. Heritage Conservancy will be a great partner in maintaining the natural areas and wetlands.
6. Group discussed the Langhorne Spring Water parcel; plan will recommend further study of connecting to this parcel from township and boroughs. This concept was of interest to the group.

E. Partnership Opportunities

1. Participants agreed that partnering on projects to provide safety pedestrian movement.

2. Anita commented that grant applications that include interested and financially-participating partners fare well when applications are evaluated.

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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Middletown Township: Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space, Greenways & Trails Plan Study	Project No.:	24028.10
Location:	Teams-Virtual meeting	Meeting Date/ Time:	April 29, 2025
Re:	Focus Group: Athletic Associations – Middletown Township	Issue Date:	June 10, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins Team:
Anita Nardone (AN)
William Collins (WC)
Derek Dureka (DD)

Attendees
Kevin McGerry – Langhorne Athletic Association
John Buckland – Hulmeville Soccer Club
Bill Thomas – Middletown Athletic Association
Mike Kepner – Middletown Athletic Association

Correspondence/ Notes to also be sent to:
Bob Myerle – Lower Bucks Softball League
Jack Zupan – Bucks County Senior Softball League
Derrick Gianetti – Northampton P&R
Lamar Frye – Langhorne Neshaminy United Soccer Club
Mike Ivins – 215LAX
Cristopher Carl – Christian Fellowship Softball League
Andrew Gehloff – Lower Bucks Lacrosse

A. Project Overview

1. Anita provided an overview of the project scope and progress to-date (public participation underway; initial analysis underway; first site visit completed several Township events—attended to increase awareness of the study)
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    - 24 total parks (5 owned/operated by Bucks County)
    - Final plan/report is intended to be a practical, planning tool to enact specific recommendations under the visions established by the Steering Committee
    - 4-Committee Meetings; 4 Public Meetings
    - Anticipated 2025 CPROSGT Plan expected late-summer 2025.
2. Purpose of Meeting: To provide information to MT P&R on organization growth; needs; challenges; recommendations for better efficiencies for the orgs---both time and money in an effort to serve as many as possible and keep fees down.

B. Agenda : Discussion Questions for Each Group

a. *History/ Age of the organization*
b. *Projections of registrants over the next 2-4 years (is there a demand for 'more' teams if availability of fields and volunteer coaches were no object?)*
c. *Field maintenance or equipment replacement generally performed by your organization for MT facilities*
d. *Do you need to supplement your budget with fundraising? Are you satisfied with how you've structured any fund raising that you do? Has your approach to this issue changed over the years based on how successful it has been or the # of volunteers you can get to run them?*
e. *What suggestions do you have for improvements to the permitting process?*
f. *What is the communication method with Patrick, Paul or public works directly? (One person? Coaches?)*
g. *The top three (3) items that would make your group's operation in MT easier.*

1. LAA – Kevin McGerry
    - LAA around since 1989; They serve boys and girls; in-house and travel for baseball, softball, basketball and soccer.
    - Enrollment: Major spike since 2022 (2019—in house baseball=320 kids vs. 2024=565 kinds)
    - Each age level has 8 teams per age group; teams 10-12 kids max to allow equal play) Older divisions-6 teams.
    - Basketball has the greatest increase; 2019=500 kids vs. 2024=922!
    - They have reached capacity for practice and games based on the number of fields they have access to.
    - Maintenance: Grass cutting is $20-25K annually; other needs---for a total of $25k-45K annually.

- Appreciative of the GREAT response by MT P&R to all calls, texts.
- Challenges/ Opportunities: 1. Would like a clearer representation of what each of the parties is responsible for each year 2. Lighting control 3. Discussions each year are fruitful; but would like to have something more to be able to plan better. 4. Where could they hold in-person league meetings without having to pay for the Barn or School District space?

2. MAA – Bill Thomas and Mike Kepner
    - MAA is growing about 10-15% each year since 2019 in 3 of the 4 sports offered. (baseball, softball, basketball, soccer)
    - Over 1000 kids in all sports for spring; and more for fall season.
    - The biggest challenge is managing a practice and game schedule with the available fields. With all of the building, we think that number will only increase.
    - Maintenance: Same figure for cutting ($20-25K annually) for a total annual expense of $35-40K. The biggest issue is dirt; location of fields and amount of water requires dirt every year.
    - Challenges/ Opportunities: 1. Would like to see a clearer use agreement as to what each party is responsible for. Who owns what? Dugout buildings, benches, fencing, etc. When something comes up, the Twp and Maa figure it out---but more clarity would be helpful. Especially lighting. 2. Lighting: MAA pays pro-rated fee based on use of field for specified time, though lights not always on
    - Need for Dog Parks!---Big problem for field maintenance is people using the field for their dogs. Please consider adding more dog parks to alleviate this issue.
    - Water: We need water for the softball fields (keeps getting cut from budget); water for the field #3 is slow.
    - MAA recommends thta the Twp take control of Chickenfoot Park---and use it for more space, a trail possible dog park. Any possibility?**

** This issue was raised with the Bucks County P&R Director who serves on this CPROSGT Steering Committee. The County may well be interested in a swapping of use-for -maintenance partnership.

3. Hulmeville Soccer – John Buckland
    - HS has existed since 1978
    - Enrollment has seen an upward trend---with a 20% increase over 2024. Total of in-house and travel program: 1,300 kids per season. Anticipate that this trend will continue.

- HS uses front of Herbert Hoover ES (Herbert Hoover park); in the fall--- they use the Det. Christopher Jones field.
- Maintenance: MT takes care of field cutting; HS covers nets and field lining each year. Annual costs $20k/ year.
- User agreement is pretty simple for HS; they would like to see if they could choose to have an annual contract vs. twice a year contract to save paperwork.
- Appreciate a great relationship with MT P&R.
- Field availability is the greatest challenge to the program.
- Wish List: 1. Hoover field needs rolling 2. More frequency in mowing 3. Accessibility of lights.

C. Discussion

1. DD: Why are there a large amount of separate organizations in MT?

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Project:	Middletown Township: Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space, Greenways & Trails Plan Study	Project No.:	24028.10
Location:	Teams-Virtual meeting	Meeting Date/ Time:	April 23, 2025
Re:	Focus Group: Neighboring P&R Departments	Issue Date:	June 6, 2025

ATTENDEES:

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Derek Dureka (DD)

Attendees
Kyle Pennypacker – Dir, Bensalem P&R
Brian Morris-Dir, Bristol P&R
Brian Andrews -Dir, Falls Township P&R
Monica Tierney-Dir, Lower Makefield P&R
Walt Mulholland-Dir, Lower Southampton P&R
Jennifer Fean-Dir, Northampton Township P&R
Derrick Gianetti – Northampton P&R

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2. Purpose of Meeting: To provide information to MT on neighboring P&R practices that enable an assessment of their current practices.

B. Agenda Question/ Participant Responses

- *What is basic format/ procedures used by your Township for prioritizing and managing the suite of Township facilities by athletic organizations?*
    a. *How many different types of youth and adult athletic leagues are accommodated?*
    b. *How many Township fields and facilities are used?*
    c. *Does organizational use prevent recreational use by the general public?*
    d. *What other facilities in the Township (non-Twp owned) are used?*
    e. *Permits and Use Agreements? How is use monitored? Permitted vs. Actual Use*
    f. *Communication methods?*
    g. *Expectations of organizations toward use expenses (e.g cut grass; line fields; equipment on the field; lighting; netting, other capital improvements, etc.)*
    h. *Are Township fees for use a 'fair' market rate? How do you support keeping offerings affordable while not subsidizing their budgets?*

1. Walt Mulholland-Lower Southampton
    - Lower Southampton Athletic Association is major user group
    - LSAA does not pay fees; permit states full-time use M-Fr and Sat/Sun
    - Yes---this precludes use by other groups; working to understand actual use of the fields; Walt does drop-bys to check
    - Maintenance by LSAA lining; field improvements; major capital like lights is Township responsibility.
2. Jen Fean/ Derick Gianetti-Northampton
    - 5 in house youth leagues; 2-3 HOA softball leagues
    - Accreditation process: insurance, tax returns, paperwork. Accredited groups are required to comply with a 70% residency requirement

- Fees are based on roster: in township---no fee; in school district--$25; non-resident $45. Twp verifies rosters. Non-accredited group use a basic field rental agreement---but accredited groups get priority for scheduling. Tourney fees are applied.
- Accredited groups responsible for their own field maintenance---done with fundraising;
- Same problem as Lower Southampton---verification of use based on the permit and schedule.

3. Monica Tierney- Lower Makefield Township
    - Same type of process as Northampton---accreditation/ sanctioning process; fees are: $30-residents; $60 nonresidents; also lighting fees.
    - Total generated fees are $300,000
    - Currently seven (7) sanctioned leagues: 13 soccer; 4 tennis; 2.5 footbal; 8 picklball 12 ballfield groups.
    - Very close communications with league heads to ascertain maintenance requirements/field rotation needs; groups do basic level of maintenance to guarantee play; safety stuff-Township; other bigger items are split or leagues asked to pay.
    - Total 5,266 league participants

(Question Pual Kopera: Any irrigated fields? Brain Andrews- Falls – One (1) field)

4. Brian Andrews – Falls Township
    - Three (3) athletic organizations (represent 6 youth sports and 3 adult sports)
    - Fields have lease agreements associated with them; currently in process of updating lease agreements
    - Groups responsible for field upkeep for payability; township does the capital expense work.
    - Fall Twp currently gives a $6000 donation to forty (4) groups
    - Fees assessed for a seasonal use; other groups pay a rental fee
        - Falls has a park security team that does a daily log of field use.

5. Brian Morris-Bristol Township
    - Lease agreements currently with Levittown and United Bucks Girls Softball
    - 10 year lease; past lease fee was $1/ year—recently updated to $100/year
    - Groups do all of the maintenance; improvements to the fields are part of the lease agreement

- Use fees for all other fields by other groups are on a per hour per use fee. Township partners with those types of groups to offer events
- Non standard groups who use the fields do a 80-20 split (80-group; 20 to Twp); good arrangement for Twp.
- Biggest money make is the turf field. Specialized portal to request field use. Lots of outside groups use the turf field.

C. Agenda Question/ Participant Response

- *In your Township's annual budget, how are 'programming' and 'maintenance' structured under program 'revenue' and program 'expense'?*
    a. *Are public works staff used by the P&R department or is there a dedicated parks division?*
        - *If public works staff, is that labor expense charged to your department?*
    b. *Are P&R labor rates included as part of program expense?*
    c. *Are programs required by your Township to be financially self-sustaining? If not, what is your cost recovery formula?*

1. Walt Mulholland – Lower Southampton
    - All maintenance of parks is handled by PW; the P&R budget is not charged for PW maintenance.
    - Programming: We strive to breakeven or make a little profit. Full time staff labor costs are not covered at this point; we are trying to get to that point
2. Jenn Fean/ Derreck Gianetti- - Northampton
    - Currently there is a dedicated park staff under the Public Works dept.; however the parks maintenance figure is under the P&R department
    - Both P&R and PW work together on the budgeting
    - Programming: We try to cover as much of the expense with the program revenue; programming share was recently changed from 70-30 to 65-35---bringing a little more revenue to Twp.
    - Since COVID, there is not as much pressure on the cost coverage issue.
3. Monica Tienrney-Lower Makefield
    - There is a dedicated park millage rate assessed in the Twp; goal is now to cover 70% of costs with revenue/ fees

- Expectation is that 120% of programming should be covered by revenue; supporting staff labor should be accounted for in thecosts.
- Park maintenance was controlled by the P&R staff until last month; now PW handles all maintenance and P&R covers up to five (5) PW employees.
- P&R and PW work hard at communicating and getting the work done

4. Brian Andrews – Falls Township
    - Park maintenance used to be covered by the P&R staff; now it is all under PW.
    - Programming: Goal ios to break even; when working with an outside group, we consider staff labor—especially if staff is actually running the event.
    - Pool management is tricky; but revenues (memberships, etc.) generally cover cost; major capital amortization is not considered in P&R budgets yearly.

5. Brian Morris – Bristol Township
    - PW is used for all maintenance; event fees need to factor in PW staff for setup/cleanup
    - There is some hybrid arrangements between P&R and PW e.g. splash pad
    - There is no millage rate in Bristol; P&R paid out of the general fund
    - Programming: The goalis to be able to provide free events as much as is possible. Overall, they are in a good situation.

D. Agenda Question/ Participant Responses

- *Does your municipality utilize a 'Responsible Contractor Ordinance' (RCO)?*

1. Walt Mulholland – Lower Southampton
    - RCO not used here now.
2. Jenn GFean/ Derrick Gianetti – Northampton
    - No RCO.
3. Monica Tierney – Lower Makefield
    - Yes; we use one. Threshold is $25K;
    - We are getting a sufficient number of qualified contractors; we use CoStar or Sourcewell as much as is possible

4. Brian Andrews – Fall Township
    - Yes; we have a RCO with an apprentice requirement
    - He also uses CoStar and Sourcewell for projects. **

**DD: Noting that more contractors with specialty experience are getting the CoStar and Sourcewell certification.

E. Agenda Question/ Participant Responses

- *Is there a possibility of collaborating on programming offered to maximize participation opportunities in the region? What would that process look like?*

All participants agreed that there is a lot to be gained by collaborating on programming to offer new programming----or more importantly---to be able to continue programming when township registrations are low.

Anita will request participants to offer suggestions when the notes of the meeting are transmitted

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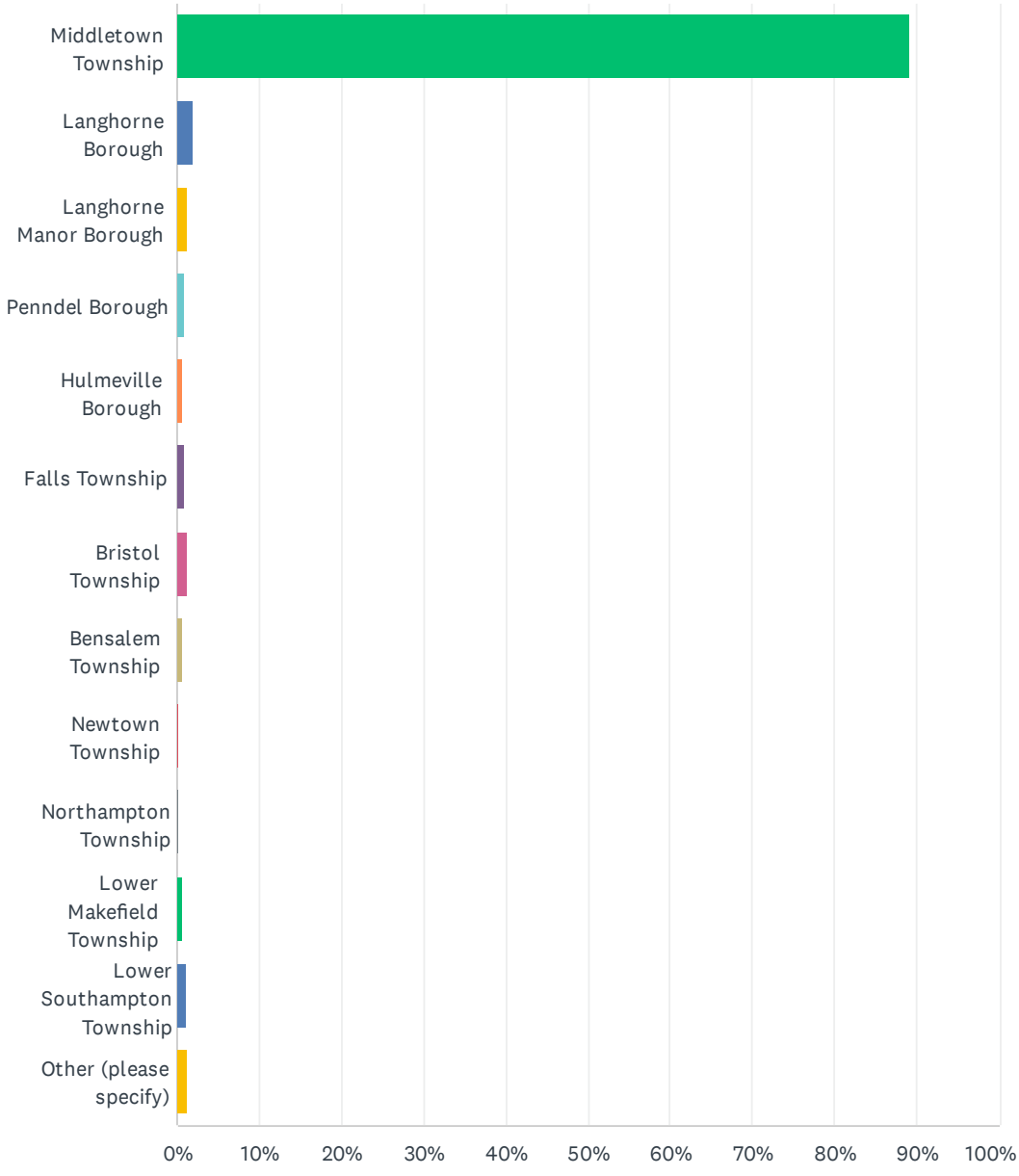
Q1 What municipality do you live in?

Answered: 1,520 Skipped: 8

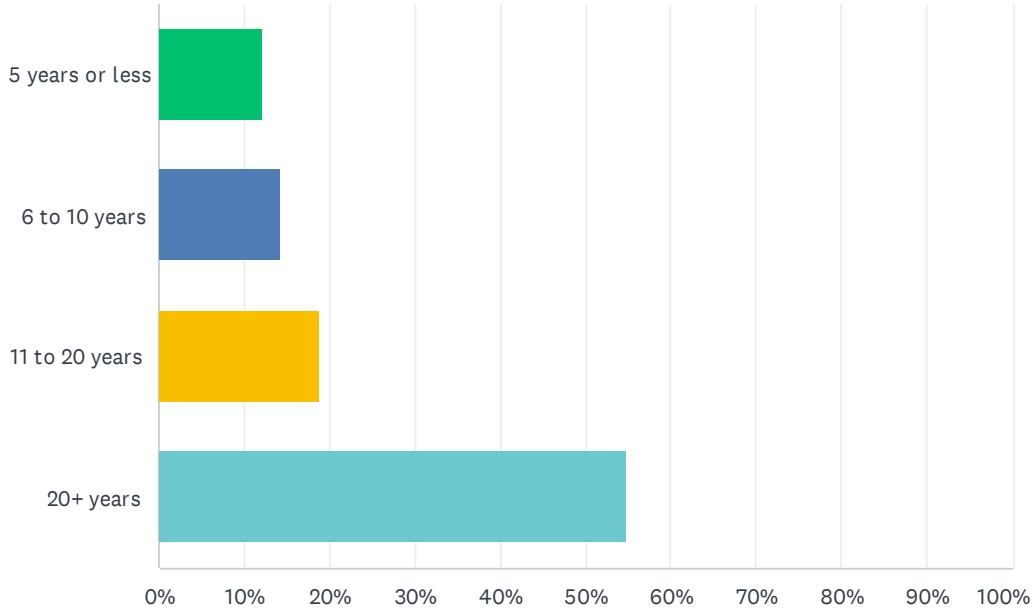


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Middletown Township	89.21%	1,356
Langhorne Borough	1.91%	29
Langhorne Manor Borough	1.38%	21
Penndel Borough	0.92%	14
Hulmeville Borough	0.72%	11
Falls Township	0.79%	12
Bristol Township	1.25%	19
Bensalem Township	0.66%	10
Newtown Township	0.13%	2
Northampton Township	0.20%	3
Lower Makefield Township	0.59%	9
Lower Southampton Township	1.05%	16
Other (please specify)	1.18%	18
TOTAL		1,520

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Abington township Montgomery county	5/14/2025 8:28 PM
2	Horsham	5/14/2025 6:42 PM
3	Philadelphia	5/14/2025 6:21 PM
4	Morrisville Borough	5/14/2025 5:26 PM
5	Morrisville	5/14/2025 4:20 PM
6	Levitown PA	5/11/2025 6:47 PM
7	Warminster	4/17/2025 1:31 PM
8	Morrisville	3/27/2025 8:08 PM
9	Bristol Barough	3/27/2025 7:52 PM
10	Bristol	3/26/2025 8:13 AM
11	warminster	3/18/2025 3:33 PM
12	Parkland	2/27/2025 9:26 AM
13	West Whiteland, Chester Co., formerly Bristol and Bensalem Townships	2/26/2025 11:17 AM
14	Warminster	2/25/2025 1:39 PM
15	Non-resident (previously Middletown Township)	1/17/2025 7:39 PM
16	Langhorne Sunnyhill neighborhood	1/12/2025 3:14 PM
17	Morrisville	12/22/2024 10:58 AM
18	Tullytown	12/12/2024 6:52 PM

Q2 How long have you lived in your community?

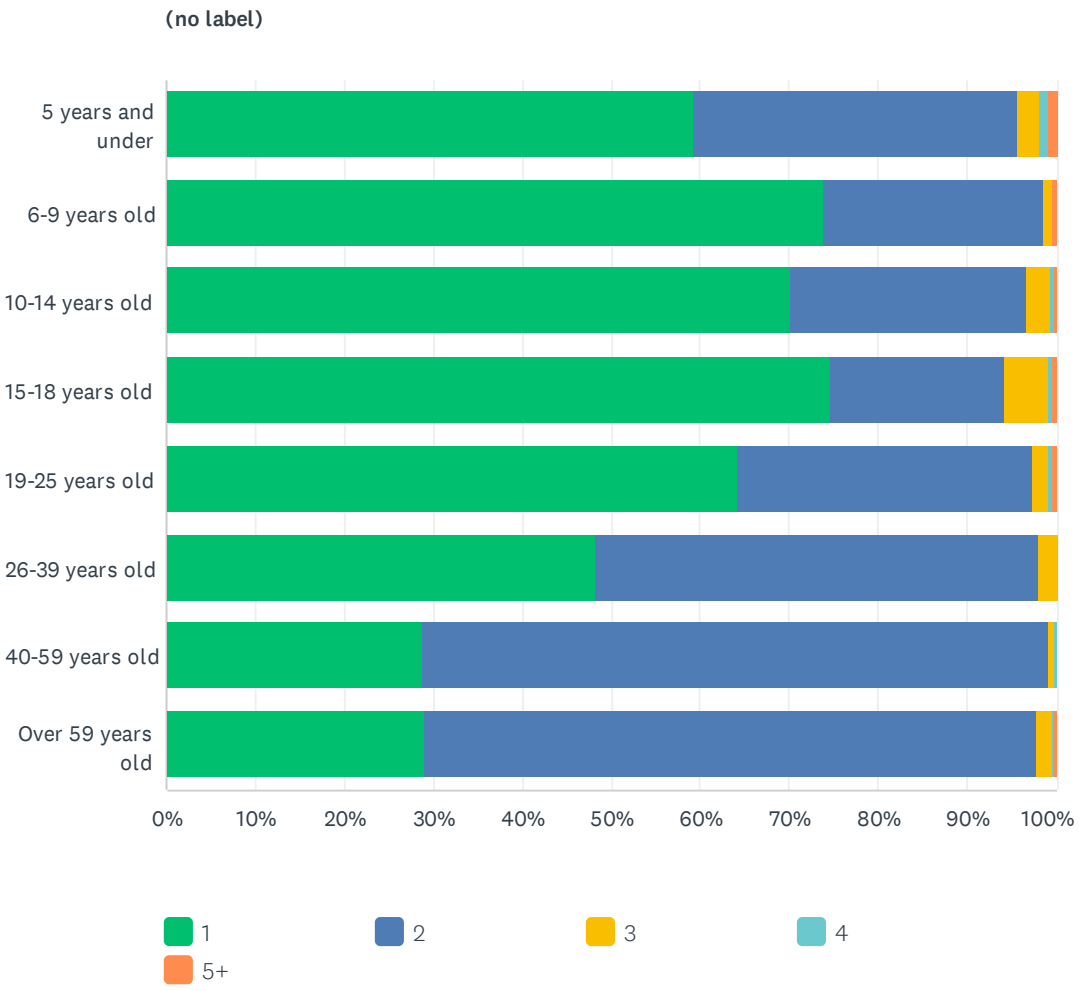
Answered: 1,517 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
5 years or less	12.20%	185
6 to 10 years	14.30%	217
11 to 20 years	18.72%	284
20+ years	54.78%	831
TOTAL		1,517

Q3 Indicate the number of people in your household in each group.

Answered: 1,523 Skipped: 5



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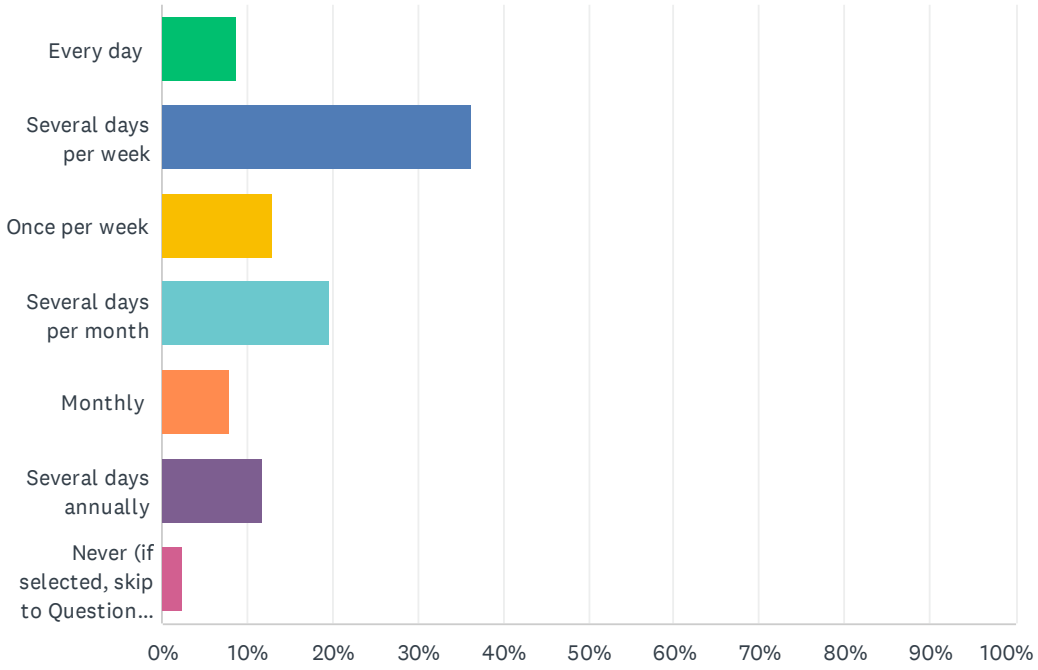
	1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5+**	**TOTAL**
5 years and under	59.34% 162	36.26% 99	2.56% 7	1.10% 3	0.73% 2	273
6-9 years old	73.74% 219	24.92% 74	1.01% 3	0.00% 0	0.34% 1	297
10-14 years old	70.21% 238	26.55% 90	2.65% 9	0.29% 1	0.29% 1	339
15-18 years old	74.56% 170	19.74% 45	4.82% 11	0.44% 1	0.44% 1	228
19-25 years old	64.13% 143	33.18% 74	1.79% 4	0.45% 1	0.45% 1	223
26-39 years old	48.32% 216	49.66% 222	2.01% 9	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	447
40-59 years old	28.74% 219	70.34% 536	0.79% 6	0.13% 1	0.00% 0	762
Over 59 years old	29.02% 193	68.72% 457	1.80% 12	0.15% 1	0.30% 2	665

Q4 Generally, how often do people in your household visit parks in Middletown Township?

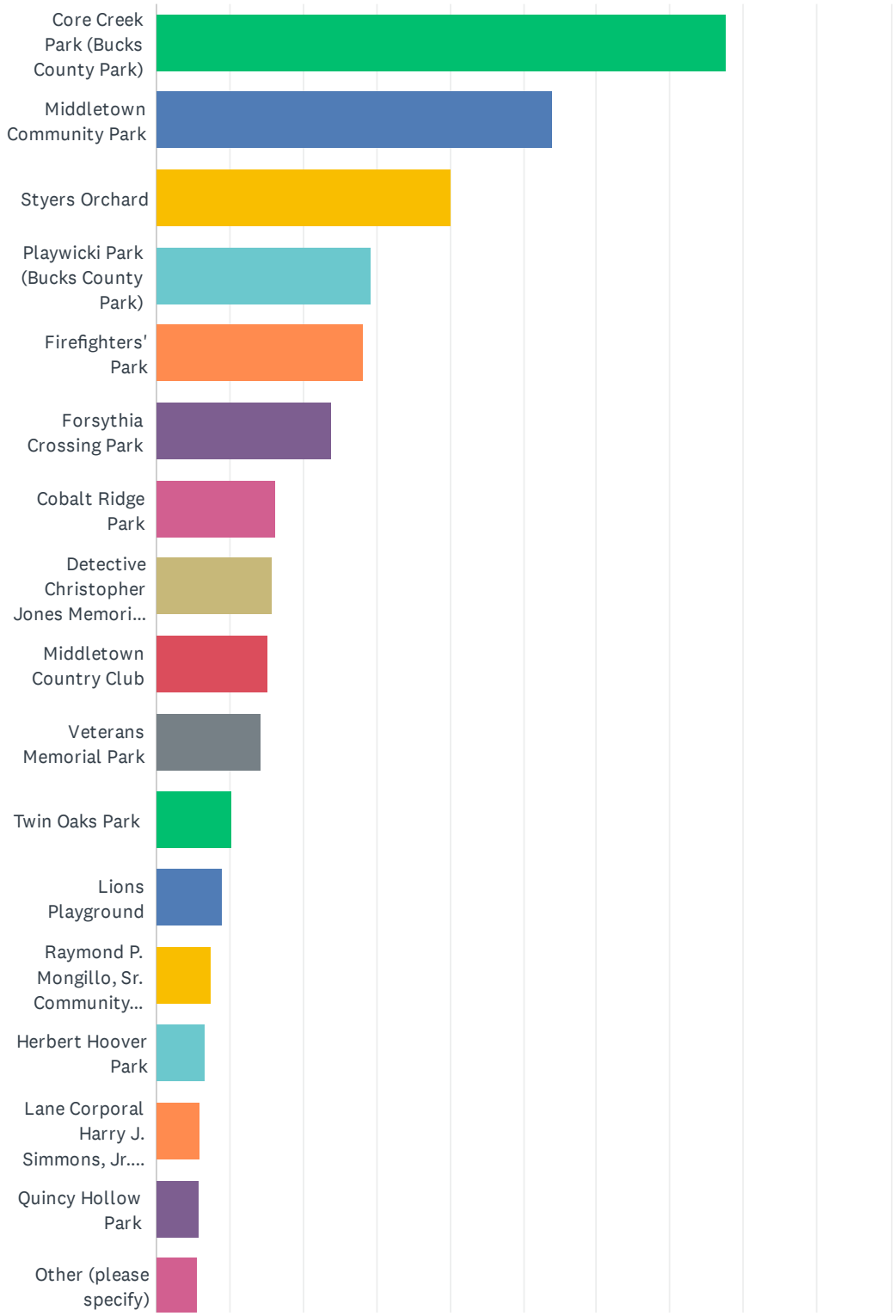
Answered: 1,518 Skipped: 10

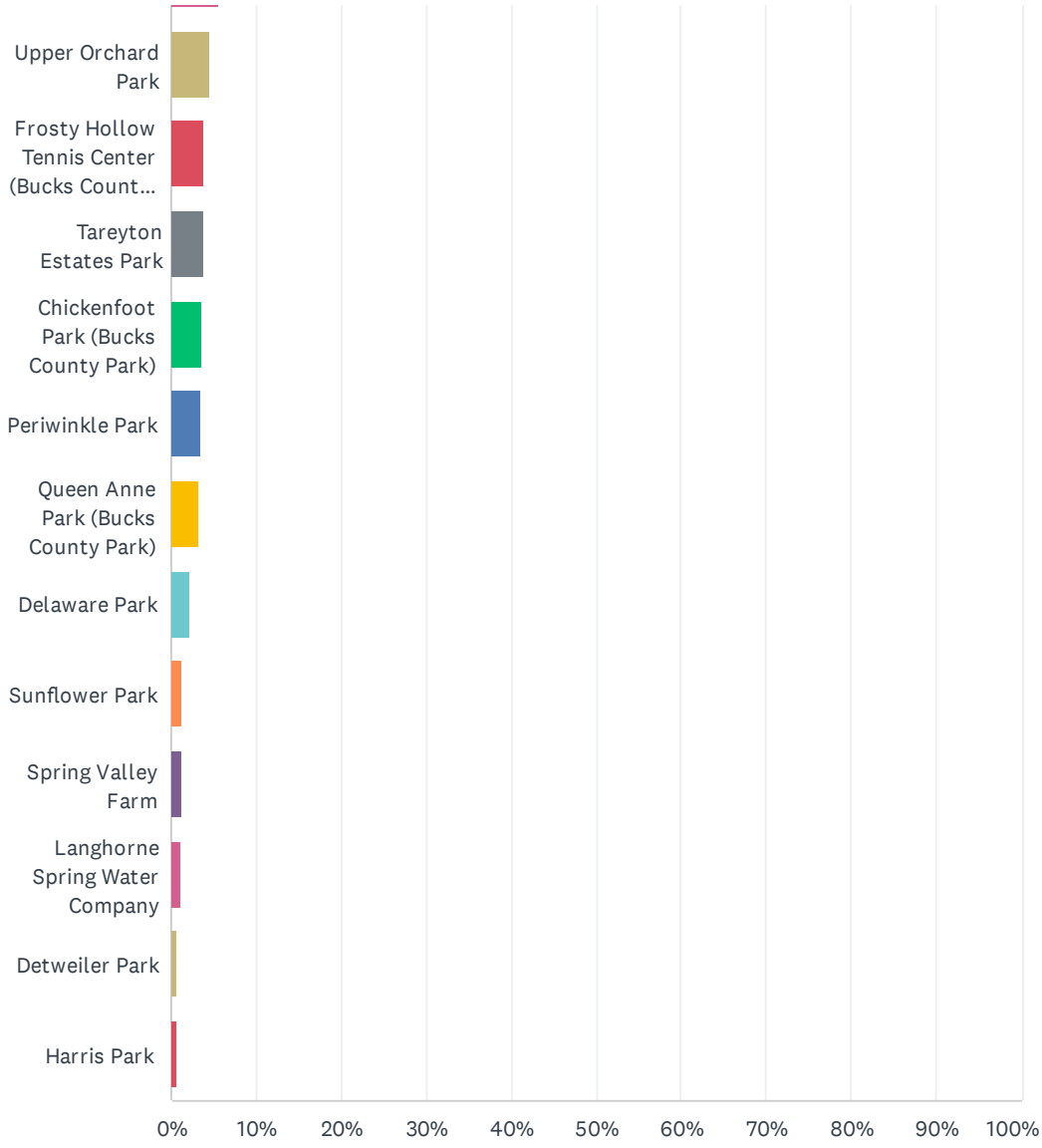


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Every day	8.76%	133
Several days per week	36.30%	551
Once per week	13.11%	199
Several days per month	19.63%	298
Monthly	7.97%	121
Several days annually	11.79%	179
Never (if selected, skip to Question #12)	2.44%	37
TOTAL		1,518

Q5 Indicate which parks/recreation/preserved land sites in Middletown Township you/your household have visited within the last year. Parks/Properties within Middletown Township that are operated by Bucks County are noted in parentheses.Select all that apply.

Answered: 1,490 Skipped: 38




Upper Orchard Park
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Tareyton Estates Park
Chickenfoot Park (Bucks County Park)
Periwinkle Park
Queen Anne Park (Bucks County Park)
Delaware Park
Sunflower Park
Spring Valley Farm
Langhorne Spring Water Company
Detweiler Park
Harris Park
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20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Core Creek Park (Bucks County Park)	77.52%	1,155
Middletown Community Park	54.03%	805
Styers Orchard	40.07%	597
Playwicki Park (Bucks County Park)	29.13%	434
Firefighters' Park	28.12%	419
Forsythia Crossing Park	23.96%	357
Cobalt Ridge Park	16.11%	240
Detective Christopher Jones Memorial Park	15.70%	234
Middletown Country Club	15.10%	225
Veterans Memorial Park	14.36%	214
Twin Oaks Park	10.27%	153
Lions Playground	8.99%	134
Raymond P. Mongillo, Sr. Community Center	7.52%	112
Herbert Hoover Park	6.71%	100
Lane Corporal Harry J. Simmons, Jr. Memorial Park	5.97%	89
Quincy Hollow Park	5.77%	86
Other (please specify)	5.64%	84
Upper Orchard Park	4.43%	66
Frosty Hollow Tennis Center (Bucks County Park)	3.89%	58
Tareyton Estates Park	3.83%	57
Chickenfoot Park (Bucks County Park)	3.62%	54
Periwinkle Park	3.36%	50
Queen Anne Park (Bucks County Park)	3.15%	47
Delaware Park	2.08%	31
Sunflower Park	1.34%	20
Spring Valley Farm	1.21%	18
Langhorne Spring Water Company	1.07%	16
Detweiler Park	0.54%	8
Harris Park	0.54%	8
Total Respondents: 1,490		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Tyler Park	6/9/2025 2:42 PM

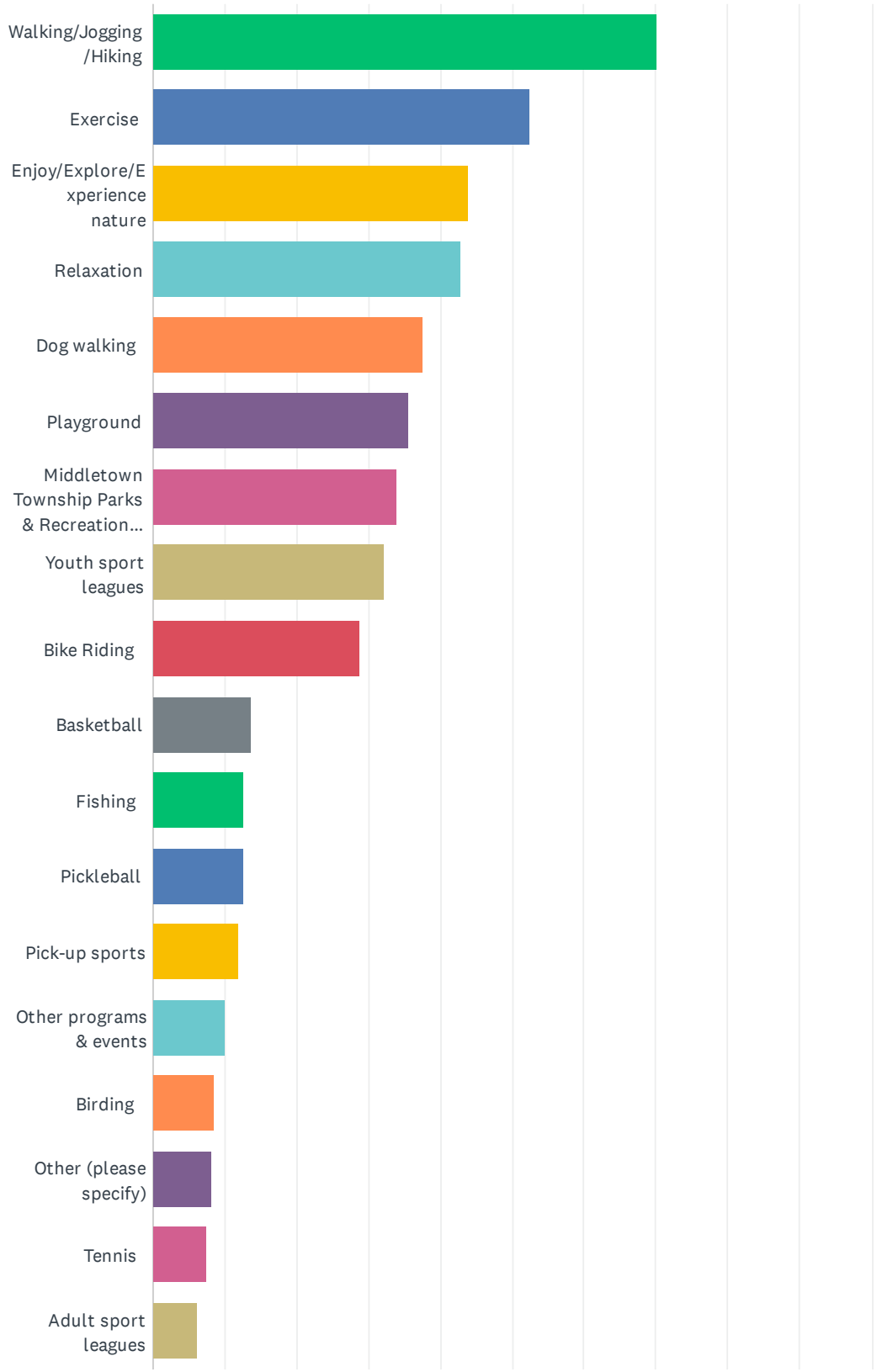
2	Nochamixon ,	6/9/2025 8:54 AM
3	Mayors Playground Langhorne	6/8/2025 9:22 PM
4	Mayor's Playground, Catawissa Nature Preserve	6/8/2025 7:58 PM
5	Core Creek	6/8/2025 3:17 PM
6	Silver Lake Park	6/8/2025 1:55 PM
7	Tyler state park	6/8/2025 12:34 PM
8	Middletown Athletic Association Baseball fields	5/20/2025 7:20 PM
9	Hulmeville playground next to police station	5/20/2025 11:33 AM
10	Falls park	5/11/2025 5:36 PM
11	Middletown Senior center	5/11/2025 4:58 PM
12	Tyler	5/11/2025 2:14 PM
13	Silver lake nature center park	5/11/2025 1:20 PM
14	Street hockey at forsythia	4/27/2025 2:14 PM
15	Falls Township Community Dog Park	4/27/2025 12:04 PM
16	Biking	4/27/2025 10:11 AM
17	Playwicki Farm	4/22/2025 11:16 PM
18	Snowball gate	4/13/2025 7:15 PM
19	Need better playground	4/4/2025 7:54 PM
20	Langhorne Heritage Farm	4/4/2025 7:23 PM
21	We love enjoying time in nature with our dogs and often look for couples or team sports to stay active with other community members.	3/27/2025 7:19 PM
22	Silver Lake Nature Center	3/27/2025 1:04 PM
23	Tyler State park	3/27/2025 9:14 AM
24	Middletown AA	3/25/2025 8:24 PM
25	Middletown athletic baseball fields	3/25/2025 8:19 PM
26	one on Maple Avenue, on the righthand side coming from CVS	3/25/2025 6:49 AM
27	Tyler, Morrisville and core creek DOG PARKS	3/22/2025 10:11 AM
28	Middletown Community Park	3/16/2025 4:01 PM
29	Penndel Football Field Playground	3/16/2025 9:10 AM
30	Mayor's Playground	3/15/2025 5:17 PM
31	Snowball Gate Greenway/Woods and Frosty Hollow/Upper Orchard Woods	3/12/2025 8:40 PM
32	snowball gate greenbelt	2/20/2025 9:34 PM
33	Idolwoods	2/14/2025 11:27 AM
34	Playwicki Farm	2/14/2025 4:49 AM
35	Playwicki Farm…not sure if this is in Middletown, but we love 3 minutes away and go daily-weekly depending on the season	2/14/2025 3:51 AM
36	Mayors park	2/13/2025 9:04 PM
37	Mayors Playground, firefighters field	2/13/2025 8:10 PM
38	Tyler	2/13/2025 6:47 PM

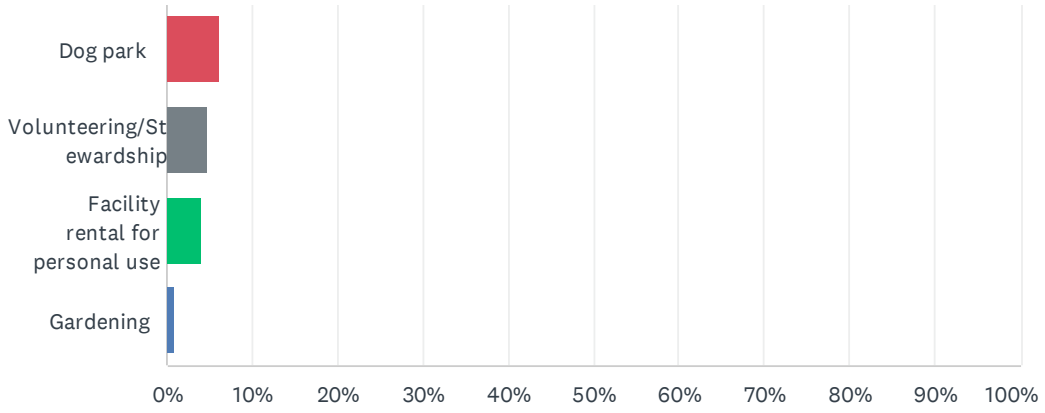
39	Middletown community park	2/11/2025 9:34 AM
40	Mayor's playground	2/11/2025 9:34 AM
41	NA	2/11/2025 9:31 AM
42	Park in tarington estates	1/25/2025 8:32 AM
43	The Falls Park, Land behind Neshaminy High School	1/24/2025 1:55 PM
44	Playwicki Farm, Detective Chris Jones Memorial Park	1/23/2025 12:05 AM
45	Tyler state park	1/22/2025 6:25 AM
46	Bristol municipal building	1/22/2025 6:15 AM
47	Playwicki farm. That's also a park with trails through the woods leading to historic sites	1/22/2025 5:59 AM
48	Middletown Athletic Association	1/21/2025 9:56 PM
49	Deep Dale east	1/21/2025 9:38 PM
50	Core Creek Community Church and St Mary Rehab Center	1/21/2025 6:09 PM
51	The un functional basketball nets in Deepdale east we do community neighborhood, crafts, events off, and games for end of the school year. We have asked to have a pavilion put in before and basketball nets removed.	1/21/2025 4:41 PM
52	Senior center	1/21/2025 1:17 PM
53	Playwicki Farm. Tyler State Park.	1/18/2025 12:07 AM
54	The Mayor’s Playground	1/17/2025 11:07 PM
55	Tyler State Park, The 911 Memorial Park	1/17/2025 7:39 PM
56	Green belt in the gates; playground at Everitt	1/17/2025 5:07 PM
57	Gates greenbelt	1/16/2025 6:56 PM
58	Senior center pickleball courts	1/16/2025 6:36 PM
59	Mayors Playground	1/15/2025 1:30 PM
60	Chris Jones	1/13/2025 8:41 AM
61	Red Rose and Snowball Green belts	1/11/2025 2:20 PM
62	Playwicki farm	1/11/2025 12:32 PM
63	Mayors playground langhorne	1/11/2025 10:33 AM
64	Barn	1/11/2025 10:19 AM
65	Juniper Hill Greenbelt	1/11/2025 10:16 AM
66	Catawissa Nature Preserve and LOSI Farm in Langhorne Borough	1/9/2025 4:18 PM
67	poplar park	1/6/2025 5:51 PM
68	Tyler park	1/5/2025 9:40 AM
69	Garden of reflection memorial park	1/5/2025 7:50 AM
70	The Mayors Playground	1/4/2025 8:15 PM
71	Tyler State Park, Penndel Rec Field	1/4/2025 7:57 PM
72	Mayors playground	1/4/2025 6:58 PM
73	Falls Township community park	1/3/2025 9:39 PM
74	Lance Corporal Harry Simmons Park	1/3/2025 12:29 PM
75	Idlewood	1/1/2025 8:58 AM

76	Farm in Langhorne borough	12/27/2024 8:00 AM
77	Heritage Farm, Mayor's Playground, Catawissa Nature Preserve, and the Revolutionary War Burial Site pocket park	12/23/2024 11:26 PM
78	Mayors Playground	12/23/2024 9:04 PM
79	Mayor's playground, Noah's ark playground, Doylestown kids castle, imagination playground, bristol splash pad, Roberts ridge park	12/22/2024 6:07 PM
80	The Park at Playwicki Farm	12/22/2024 1:45 PM
81	Middletown Senior Center	12/22/2024 12:28 PM
82	Bristol Township Municipal Park	12/22/2024 10:51 AM
83	Deep Dale East grass basketball court area	12/21/2024 8:29 AM
84	Tyler	12/18/2024 10:18 PM

Q6 For what purpose(s) do people in your household visit parks/recreation sites in Middletown Township?Select all that apply.

Answered: 1,489 Skipped: 39





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking/Jogging/Hiking	70.18%	1,045
Exercise	52.38%	780
Enjoy/Explore/Experience nature	43.92%	654
Relaxation	42.78%	637
Dog walking	37.54%	559
Playground	35.53%	529
Middletown Township Parks & Recreation programs & events	33.92%	505
Youth sport leagues	32.17%	479
Bike Riding	28.88%	430
Basketball	13.70%	204
Fishing	12.63%	188
Pickleball	12.63%	188
Pick-up sports	12.02%	179
Other programs & events	10.07%	150
Birding	8.60%	128
Other (please specify)	8.06%	120
Tennis	7.39%	110
Adult sport leagues	6.25%	93
Dog park	6.18%	92
Volunteering/Stewardship	4.70%	70
Facility rental for personal use	4.03%	60
Gardening	0.94%	14
Total Respondents: 1,489		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Kayaking	6/9/2025 12:34 PM
2	Creek Access at Periwinkle	6/9/2025 9:48 AM
3	kayaking	6/9/2025 8:04 AM
4	Use Lake and walk in Core Creek	6/8/2025 3:17 PM
5	Kyacking	6/8/2025 2:35 PM
6	orienteering	6/8/2025 12:55 PM
7	Skatepark	5/26/2025 10:37 AM
8	Baseball/softball	5/18/2025 1:57 PM
9	Skateboarding	5/15/2025 10:43 AM
10	Skateboarding	5/15/2025 10:20 AM
11	Skateboarding	5/15/2025 9:07 AM
12	Skateboarding	5/15/2025 7:57 AM
13	Skatepark/ skateboarding	5/14/2025 11:07 PM
14	Kayaking	5/14/2025 10:38 PM
15	Skating	5/14/2025 8:28 PM
16	Skateboarding	5/14/2025 6:42 PM
17	Skatepark	5/14/2025 6:21 PM
18	Skateboarding, Photography	5/14/2025 5:26 PM
19	Skatepark	5/14/2025 4:20 PM
20	Skate park	5/14/2025 9:22 AM
21	Watch softball	5/11/2025 8:27 PM
22	Bocce ball	5/11/2025 4:58 PM
23	Football	5/6/2025 4:21 PM
24	Summer Camp - The Barn	4/28/2025 7:04 AM
25	Took grand kids to play at the park	4/23/2025 7:48 AM
26	Fairs or food truck events	4/16/2025 5:25 PM
27	Grandchildren play at playgrounds and parks.	4/11/2025 10:06 AM
28	Skate park	4/7/2025 3:43 PM
29	I do litter ckean up weekly	4/7/2025 9:44 AM
30	Kayaking	4/4/2025 7:23 PM
31	Playgrounds	3/31/2025 1:46 PM
32	Baseball	3/29/2025 1:58 PM
33	Skateboarding	3/28/2025 1:16 AM
34	Skateboarding	3/27/2025 8:08 PM
35	Please make more pickleball courts. We love them!	3/27/2025 7:19 PM
36	Skateboard park	3/27/2025 7:16 PM
37	Skateboarding	3/27/2025 7:16 PM

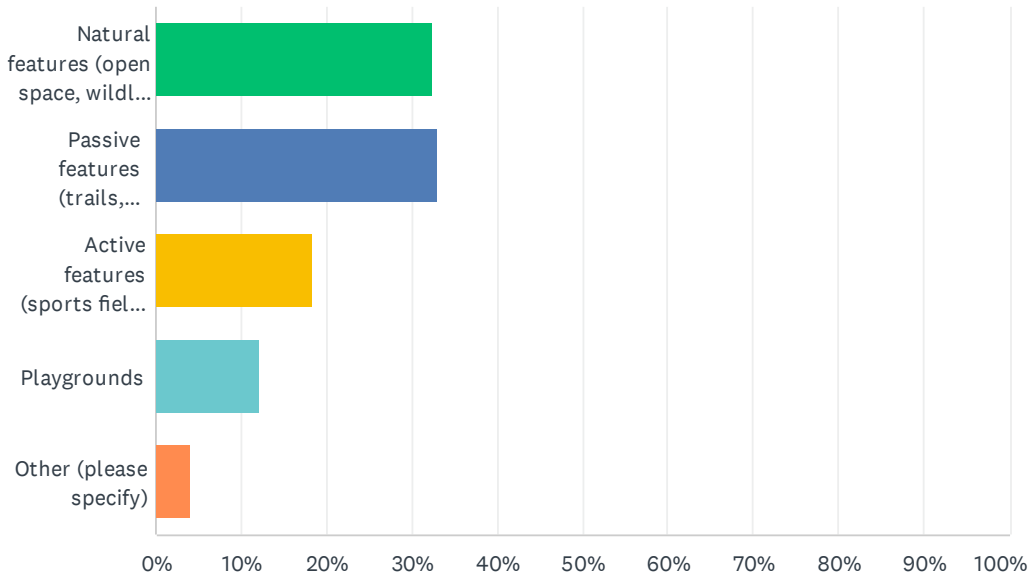
38	Kayaking at Core Creek	3/27/2025 6:05 PM
39	Playgrounds	3/26/2025 8:54 PM
40	picnicking	3/26/2025 4:45 PM
41	Kayaking	3/26/2025 7:21 AM
42	various	3/24/2025 8:10 PM
43	Baseball	3/24/2025 7:09 PM
44	We need more walking paths that are accessible to people with limited mobility, both disabled and the older population. No steep drops, no terribly broken surfaces, or large swaths of leaf litter. My child also likes to ride her bike on a path because we don't have sidewalks, but I have to take her out of the township to do that, unless for Cynthia is deserted. Once there's pedestrians, I don't let her ride because she's 10.	3/17/2025 8:23 AM
45	Kids skate park	3/16/2025 12:41 PM
46	Cat watching	3/15/2025 2:19 PM
47	Kayaking	3/15/2025 12:27 PM
48	Skate park	3/15/2025 12:18 PM
49	Dragon boating	3/15/2025 11:43 AM
50	Frisbee Golf practice	3/12/2025 8:40 PM
51	Golf	2/25/2025 9:53 PM
52	Water sports	2/18/2025 9:23 AM
53	Kayaking	2/17/2025 1:50 PM
54	boating	2/14/2025 7:45 AM
55	Softball practice	2/14/2025 12:47 AM
56	Kayaking	2/13/2025 8:18 PM
57	Pick up grass volleyball	2/11/2025 10:24 AM
58	Summer camp	2/11/2025 9:49 AM
59	paddle boarding @ Core Creek	2/11/2025 9:32 AM
60	NA	2/11/2025 9:31 AM
61	photography and sketching	1/31/2025 12:19 AM
62	Kayaking	1/25/2025 8:41 AM
63	Kayaking	1/25/2025 8:32 AM
64	Skateboarding	1/24/2025 10:48 PM
65	skateboarding, rollerblading, nature trails	1/24/2025 1:55 PM
66	Skateboarding	1/24/2025 1:21 AM
67	Skateboarding	1/23/2025 7:29 PM
68	Skateboarding	1/23/2025 7:25 PM
69	All of the above	1/21/2025 9:56 PM
70	Neighborhood activities	1/21/2025 9:38 PM
71	astronomy	1/21/2025 8:30 PM
72	Grandchildren at playground	1/21/2025 5:44 PM
73	Neshaminy HS Cross Country	1/21/2025 5:30 PM

74	Photography	1/21/2025 5:04 PM
75	Neighborhood and community events	1/21/2025 4:41 PM
76	Boat rental core creek	1/21/2025 4:30 PM
77	Skateboarding	1/21/2025 3:05 PM
78	Senior Center Activities	1/19/2025 3:58 PM
79	Boy Scouts Ceremony	1/18/2025 9:52 PM
80	Water sports	1/18/2025 7:00 AM
81	Special eventsr	1/17/2025 12:01 AM
82	Collecting Milkweed for Monarch Butterflies	1/16/2025 7:48 PM
83	Work/job	1/16/2025 6:56 PM
84	paddelboarding	1/15/2025 1:31 PM
85	Kites, volleyball hikig through the woods looking for fairy houses. (Someone put them out)	1/12/2025 3:14 PM
86	Climbing net	1/12/2025 9:57 AM
87	Skate park, communion party	1/11/2025 6:42 PM
88	kayaking	1/11/2025 5:35 PM
89	Dragon boat practice	1/11/2025 1:43 PM
90	Paddle boarding and kayaking	1/11/2025 11:02 AM
91	To see how bad it has gotten	1/11/2025 10:18 AM
92	grandchildren recreation	1/6/2025 5:51 PM
93	Geocaching	1/6/2025 2:50 PM
94	Skateboarding	1/5/2025 10:59 AM
95	bring lunch and take a walk	1/5/2025 9:15 AM
96	Kayaking	1/5/2025 3:56 AM
97	Golf	1/4/2025 7:01 PM
98	K	1/4/2025 6:24 PM
99	Kayaking, paddle boarding	1/4/2025 4:39 PM
100	Park clean up after sporting events	1/4/2025 10:36 AM
101	Kayaking at Core Creek	1/4/2025 10:22 AM
102	to purchase produce and other items	1/3/2025 3:57 PM
103	Kayaking, paddleboarding	1/3/2025 1:59 PM
104	Use tennis court for free pickleball	1/3/2025 12:48 PM
105	Events for non-township organizations	12/31/2024 5:24 PM
106	Golf	12/26/2024 1:10 PM
107	Sound of the creek water running	12/23/2024 1:18 PM
108	Needs pickleball courts	12/23/2024 12:01 PM
109	watching Little League baseball	12/22/2024 4:36 PM
110	kayaking	12/22/2024 2:35 PM
111	Bocce	12/22/2024 12:28 PM

112	Golf	12/22/2024 11:58 AM
113	Rollerskating	12/22/2024 10:58 AM
114	Kayaking	12/22/2024 10:52 AM
115	hockey	12/22/2024 10:22 AM
116	Golfing	12/21/2024 11:22 AM
117	neighborhood gatherings	12/21/2024 8:29 AM
118	Golf	12/20/2024 10:43 PM
119	Exercise	12/20/2024 5:01 PM
120	Mushroom foraging	12/18/2024 10:18 PM

Q7 What is your favorite type of open space feature?Select One.

Answered: 1,487 Skipped: 41



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Natural features (open space, wildlife habitat, outdoor education, etc.)	32.41%	482
Passive features (trails, benches, picnic facilities, etc.)	32.95%	490
Active features (sports fields, courts, fitness, etc.)	18.29%	272
Playgrounds	12.24%	182
Other (please specify)	4.10%	61
TOTAL		1,487

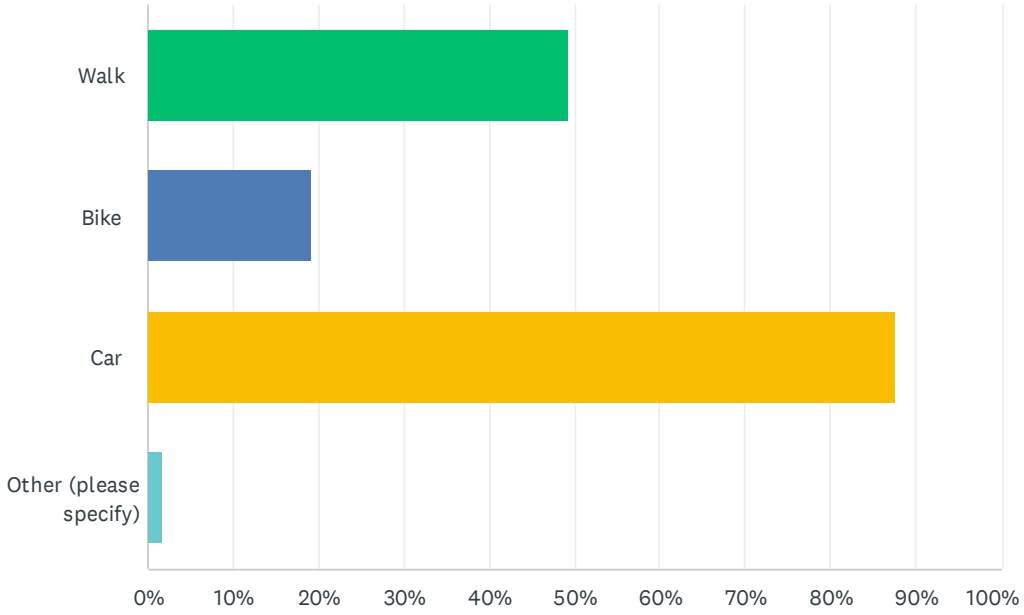
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	All of the above	6/9/2025 8:23 AM
2	Skateboarding parks	5/15/2025 10:43 AM
3	Skatepark	5/15/2025 10:20 AM
4	Skate park	5/15/2025 9:07 AM
5	Skatepark	5/14/2025 11:07 PM
6	Skatepark	5/14/2025 8:28 PM
7	Skateparks	5/14/2025 6:21 PM
8	Skatepark	5/14/2025 4:20 PM
9	All of the above	5/12/2025 6:30 PM
10	Dog runs	5/12/2025 12:36 PM
11	walking/biking trails	4/28/2025 10:34 AM

12	should have combination playground, place to sit, etc	4/27/2025 4:59 PM
13	pickleball courts	4/27/2025 10:18 AM
14	They all have benifits	4/23/2025 7:48 AM
15	We play pickle ball on tennis courts - would love to see at least 1 pickleball court	4/19/2025 9:09 AM
16	Family friendly -natural features + playground	4/13/2025 7:15 PM
17	Nice space well maintained needs walking trails upgrades	3/30/2025 3:53 PM
18	Pickle ball	3/28/2025 9:31 AM
19	Skateparks	3/28/2025 1:16 AM
20	Senior center pickleball	3/27/2025 8:12 PM
21	Skatepark	3/27/2025 7:16 PM
22	Skateparks	3/27/2025 7:16 PM
23	All of the above	3/26/2025 4:19 PM
24	I would like to have a field, etc available to Special Olympics in Bucks County. Bensalem is a great supporter as is Bristol Township School district.	3/24/2025 8:29 PM
25	I Entertainment your concerts and Festivals	3/18/2025 3:33 PM
26	Can't just select one. Natural feature, Active feature and Playground	3/18/2025 1:55 PM
27	hunting	3/17/2025 9:48 AM
28	Golf course	3/15/2025 1:37 PM
29	Golf course	3/15/2025 12:27 PM
30	Natural and Passive Features, as well as playgrounds	3/15/2025 10:43 AM
31	Frisbee Golf Course	3/12/2025 8:40 PM
32	Dog park	3/12/2025 8:03 PM
33	All of the above	3/12/2025 6:15 PM
34	clearly marked trails	2/27/2025 11:22 AM
35	All of the above	2/24/2025 3:49 PM
36	Not possible to narrow to one choice	2/11/2025 9:38 AM
37	Combo of active, passive, and playground -option for the whole family	1/22/2025 7:03 PM
38	Open spaces and wildlife habitat must be preserved indefinitely.	1/16/2025 11:34 AM
39	Safe bike trails	1/15/2025 7:13 PM
40	Unpaved Hiking trails	1/15/2025 6:47 PM
41	both natural and passive	1/11/2025 2:25 PM
42	Mountain Biking Trail	1/5/2025 3:10 PM
43	Tennis Courts	1/5/2025 12:21 PM
44	Bike trails	1/5/2025 10:06 AM
45	The one where parks are maintained, kept safe and not ignored	1/4/2025 11:05 PM
46	Bike trails	1/4/2025 10:34 PM
47	A mix of trails and play spaces for children that have a more organic open play feel.	1/3/2025 4:20 PM
48	Trails, trees, animals, water, nature	1/3/2025 1:20 PM
49	GOLF COURSE	1/3/2025 12:16 PM

50	The	12/31/2024 3:35 AM
51	Walking trails through all types of park settings	12/29/2024 8:29 AM
52	all of the above	12/23/2024 9:11 AM
53	Natural features, playgrounds, learning and exploring	12/23/2024 9:01 AM
54	Mountain bike trails	12/22/2024 6:04 PM
55	I love the passive features, my kids love the parks	12/22/2024 4:04 PM
56	Different parks serve different or many purposes. All of the items listed are my favorites at some parks. For example we go to one park to boat, another to fish, another to enjoy nature, and another for sports.	12/22/2024 12:03 PM
57	Like passive and active together	12/22/2024 12:02 PM
58	paved trails for rollerskating	12/22/2024 10:58 AM
59	All of the above	12/22/2024 10:17 AM
60	It's hard to pick one, it depends on the activity we are doing or purpose	12/21/2024 8:29 AM
61	Biodiversity	12/18/2024 10:18 PM

Q8 How do you typically travel to parks/recreation sites in Middletown Township? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 1,396 Skipped: 132



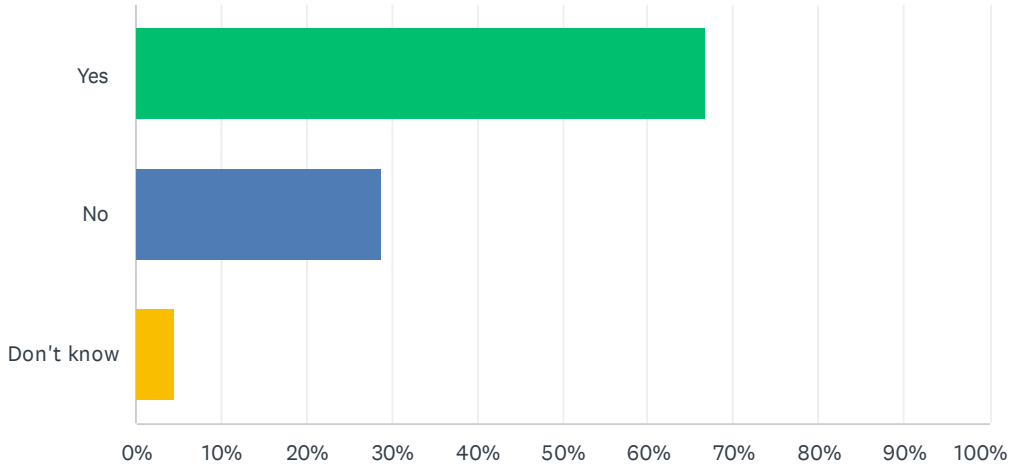
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walk	49.36%	689
Bike	19.13%	267
Car	87.54%	1,222
Other (please specify)	1.72%	24
Total Respondents: 1,396		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Na	6/8/2025 2:06 PM
2	Ya	6/8/2025 1:41 PM
3	Bike lock area	6/8/2025 1:19 PM
4	Car to Core Creek	5/14/2025 7:55 PM
5	Safer playgrounds, playgrounds	4/18/2025 12:45 PM
6	Walk	4/4/2025 7:56 PM
7	Run	3/28/2025 9:35 AM
8	Aw	3/25/2025 8:25 PM
9	Rollerblade	3/15/2025 4:57 PM
10	Online	2/25/2025 7:39 PM

11	golf cart	2/11/2025 2:43 PM
12	skateboard, rollerblades, onewheel	1/24/2025 2:01 PM
13	Via kayak in the neshaminy creek	1/22/2025 6:12 AM
14	Car pool	1/5/2025 7:53 AM
15	need parking	1/4/2025 10:28 PM
16	Scooter	1/4/2025 6:39 PM
17	,	1/3/2025 1:10 PM
18	R	1/3/2025 12:41 PM
19	Golf cart	12/30/2024 10:42 AM
20	Run	12/27/2024 8:05 AM
21	Golf cart	12/23/2024 9:04 AM
22	Golf cart	12/23/2024 8:45 AM
23	I	12/22/2024 3:07 PM
24	Would walk or bike if there was a dedicated trail into the park from Old Mill Woods neighborhood	12/22/2024 2:59 PM

Q9 Do you feel that there is an adequate number of parks, natural areas, and trails available to you or in close proximity to where you live?

Answered: 1,388 Skipped: 140



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.64%	925
No	28.89%	401
Don't know	4.47%	62
TOTAL		1,388

Q10 What amenities are missing in Middletown Township parks?

Answered: 886 Skipped: 642

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Pickleball courts	6/9/2025 8:34 PM
2	Maintained, properly marked trails Adaptive/Inclusive playground equipment	6/9/2025 7:29 PM
3	Longer trails,water fountains	6/9/2025 7:27 PM
4	Shade	6/9/2025 6:15 PM
5	Bike lanes that connect the parks would be a welcome addition.	6/9/2025 3:48 PM
6	Desperately need a trail/walkway along Woodbourne Road between Ellis Road and Woodbourne Station. There are schools, parks, and public transit that people need walkable access to.	6/9/2025 2:24 PM
7	More bench seating and more pavillions	6/9/2025 1:28 PM
8	Develop the central trail AKA the powerline between Styers and Playwicki park. Langhorne to Core creek connection. Styers to Core Creek connection. OVM to core creek connection.	6/9/2025 1:05 PM
9	More walking/biking trails	6/9/2025 11:10 AM
10	should be more park rangers	6/9/2025 11:00 AM
11	Swimming Pools	6/9/2025 10:22 AM
12	Genuine water access. The access at Periwinkle is rough.	6/9/2025 9:50 AM
13	Need a walking path in firefighters park please	6/9/2025 9:50 AM
14	Splash pad!!!! The one in Montgomery county is so popular- and there are NONE in bucks county	6/9/2025 9:41 AM
15	Connected bike and walking pathsand or sidewalks to the parks	6/9/2025 9:28 AM
16	Water fountain	6/9/2025 9:06 AM
17	Siting areas near to the creek clear some of the over growth	6/9/2025 8:46 AM
18	Bike, walking and running trails, sidewalks or wide enough shoulders on the roads that would be leading to the parks.	6/9/2025 8:28 AM
19	Exercise equipment, such as pull up bars	6/9/2025 8:20 AM
20	All year round lavatories. We have come across times where the lavatories were locked and had to take the kids home.	6/9/2025 8:07 AM
21	Maintenance, overgrown, fallen trees	6/9/2025 6:47 AM
22	Amenities helping senior citizens move & stay healthy and improve health	6/8/2025 11:44 PM
23	Better handicapped restrooms	6/8/2025 11:42 PM
24	flowers	6/8/2025 11:36 PM
25	more trails	6/8/2025 10:47 PM
26	Limited trash cans at Forsythia Park and would be great to have full bathroom facilities vs just port-o-potty’s. Bleacher seating around the rink at Forsythia. Repave paved paths at Core Creek- crumbling and dangerous in several places. Pickle ball and tennis at Core Creek.	6/8/2025 9:35 PM
27	Safe walking trails biking area for kids	6/8/2025 9:24 PM
28	A clear trail connecting both parts of core creek. Lights for sports fields at core creek on the	6/8/2025 9:17 PM

	side of the Tennis courts. Clear trails or side walks to walk from nearby neighborhoods.	
29	At Firefighters we need bathroom close to pickleball courts and some type of canopy cover to get out of the sun like there is at Mongillo senior center.	6/8/2025 8:00 PM
30	Leash laws	6/8/2025 7:45 PM
31	Community pools	6/8/2025 7:24 PM
32	More biking trails	6/8/2025 6:35 PM
33	Splash pad Amphitheater	6/8/2025 6:31 PM
34	Pickle ball courts at core creek	6/8/2025 5:24 PM
35	New and updated picnic tables	6/8/2025 5:08 PM
36	a community center that holds everything from gym, pool, courts etc. This could be a joint endeavor by a number of townships workign together	6/8/2025 4:33 PM
37	There are no open soccer fields or small fields to play pick-up soccer. There is also no space for bikes and there are not enough nice basketball hoops with playgrounds.	6/8/2025 4:18 PM
38	More Restrooms	6/8/2025 4:15 PM
39	We need more walking trails.	6/8/2025 4:09 PM
40	More wilderness areas and habitat for wildlife viewing	6/8/2025 4:06 PM
41	Evening events (with lights)	6/8/2025 3:56 PM
42	Nothing - stop wasting funds on specific amenities - not everyone uses	6/8/2025 3:35 PM
43	Trail thru Northern Neshaminy Greenway connecting Cor3 Creek trails and St Mary trails and cool ting to the path to the Community Park	6/8/2025 3:20 PM
44	Forested trails without sports fields on the same site.	6/8/2025 3:18 PM
45	Bike trails on the greenbelts	6/8/2025 3:12 PM
46	Trails	6/8/2025 2:56 PM
47	ATV/ dirt bike trails	6/8/2025 2:45 PM
48	More Pickelball courts	6/8/2025 2:27 PM
49	More events	6/8/2025 2:06 PM
50	More children’s parks	6/8/2025 2:04 PM
51	rail trails for walking running and biking xc ski in winter	6/8/2025 2:03 PM
52	Splash park. More open space. Bike trail .	6/8/2025 2:00 PM
53	I would love for there to be a larger playground at Forsythia park. I take my niece when i watch her and its a bit small.	6/8/2025 1:59 PM
54	adequate rest rooms	6/8/2025 1:51 PM
55	None	6/8/2025 1:41 PM
56	More tennis courts	6/8/2025 1:26 PM
57	Places to go sledding when it snows.	6/8/2025 1:25 PM
58	Better trails	6/8/2025 1:19 PM
59	Pickleball at Community Park on Yardley Langhorne	6/8/2025 1:18 PM
60	restrooms	6/8/2025 1:17 PM
61	Free standing exercise equipment like pull up bars, dip bars, sit up station etc	6/8/2025 12:57 PM
62	Connected bicycle paths, we should be able to from Bristol to at least New Hope and all along the river!	6/8/2025 12:53 PM

63	Permanent exercise stations	6/8/2025 12:46 PM
64	Swimming pools, walking trails and areas	6/8/2025 12:43 PM
65	More children’s playgrounds and open space	6/8/2025 12:41 PM
66	Fitness equipment	6/8/2025 12:37 PM
67	I never thought anything was missing, some parks offer certain things and others...	6/8/2025 12:34 PM
68	Splash pad for the kids , basketball courts for the children .	6/5/2025 7:53 AM
69	Exercise equipment on the trails	6/4/2025 3:45 PM
70	More things for kids to do other than playground area.	6/4/2025 10:05 AM
71	A walking/biking trail that connects more communities especially for folks in neighborhoods that don’t have sidewalks	6/3/2025 3:20 PM
72	I think the township does a very good job with the parks. My main reason for reaching out was the playground equipment at the MAA facility is heavily used and in need of repair and/or upgrade.	6/1/2025 9:32 AM
73	Space	5/31/2025 10:35 AM
74	Better playgrounds more diverse play sets	5/29/2025 8:46 PM
75	Adult exercise equipment Playground for toddlers at Chris Jones Park	5/26/2025 5:49 PM
76	Pump track for skateboard, bikes and scooters	5/26/2025 10:38 AM
77	Bathroom, limited parking	5/21/2025 10:25 PM
78	Drainage	5/20/2025 7:20 PM
79	More covered pavillions with tables and playgrounds that are shaded for the summertime. A splash pad area would be great.	5/20/2025 6:34 PM
80	Our softball fields need maintenance and score boards.	5/20/2025 5:50 PM
81	Twin oaks needs updating. A pool like lower makefield.	5/20/2025 3:48 PM
82	Bathrooms and better ground for under playground.	5/20/2025 11:36 AM
83	Bathrooms	5/20/2025 11:33 AM
84	Bike trails that are safe for kids, updated playgrounds, splash pad	5/20/2025 11:16 AM
85	We need more and better sports fields Dog Park	5/20/2025 11:14 AM
86	Bathrooms at all parks. Water/water fountains at all parks	5/20/2025 11:05 AM
87	Better playground. We need swings at every playground	5/18/2025 6:39 PM
88	Saftey nets on the baseball and softball fields at Middletown Community Park	5/18/2025 10:25 AM
89	Foul ball protection for spectators	5/18/2025 10:24 AM
90	Splash pad	5/18/2025 10:24 AM
91	More skateboarding parks	5/15/2025 10:45 AM
92	pickle ball for beginners	5/15/2025 10:39 AM
93	Completion of skatepark	5/15/2025 10:22 AM
94	More skateparks	5/15/2025 9:09 AM
95	Toilets all year round	5/15/2025 7:48 AM
96	Sidewalk or bike lane access in some areas Clean, stocked barhrooms	5/15/2025 6:01 AM
97	More trails	5/15/2025 12:44 AM
98	More skateparks, expand existing skatepark spaces	5/14/2025 11:10 PM

99	-running trails -adult exercise stations	5/14/2025 10:42 PM
100	Running trails/obstacle trails	5/14/2025 9:10 PM
101	I would love to be able to ride my bicycle from the southern-most end of the township all the way to Core Creek without having to get off my bike or getting run over!	5/14/2025 7:55 PM
102	I can't speak for the other parks. In core creek there seems to be a lack of walking trails. Traffic through the park is concerning. Many people speed through the park to get to the dog park, water access, or other amenities.	5/14/2025 6:48 PM
103	None. Stop spending MY money. You have none. It’s my taxes!	5/14/2025 6:39 PM
104	More skateparks	5/14/2025 6:23 PM
105	There is little consideration for handicapped people to use the parks, etc.	5/14/2025 6:12 PM
106	Less development around every park	5/14/2025 5:28 PM
107	More skateparks. A bowl at the Middletown skatepark is essential and should be the next upgrade	5/14/2025 4:22 PM
108	Walking paths at all parks that are complete	5/14/2025 9:23 AM
109	More trails and hiking opportunities also more places to have a picnic	5/14/2025 7:29 AM
110	I would love to see a large dog and small dog dog park near firefighter’s park, also at that same location we really need a walking trail from the parking lot closest to the basketball courts to connect to the trail around the playground for the families who walk to the park with their strollers so we don’t have to walk all the way down to the other parking lot.	5/12/2025 6:37 PM
111	Trails and a bigger playground	5/12/2025 6:28 PM
112	Walking trails Fishing	5/12/2025 1:46 PM
113	More dog parks	5/12/2025 12:38 PM
114	a track	5/12/2025 12:05 PM
115	Restrooms for outdoor spaces	5/12/2025 11:08 AM
116	We need more safe paved trails to access our parks from the local community without a car - so people can walk, run, or bike to the park. I always see people walking or biking in the roads to get there which is not safe.	5/12/2025 10:40 AM
117	Safety of the softball fields. Ie; pitching mound, metal sticking up around some mounds. home plates need painting or replaced. Iam an umpire in the area and I have seen this first hand	5/11/2025 8:33 PM
118	The ability to walk there. We need more walking paths or sidewalks.	5/11/2025 8:00 PM
119	Disc golf	5/11/2025 7:17 PM
120	good basketball courts	5/11/2025 6:50 PM
121	Leash laws !!!	5/11/2025 5:37 PM
122	N/A.	5/11/2025 5:11 PM
123	Public pickleball courts	5/11/2025 3:39 PM
124	Missing smooth paved walkways for people who can’t walk on ruff surfaces can go long distances. Right now core creek offers this but vehicles ride on it and expect you to move, they crack the asphalt and drive on the grass leaving ruts to trip on. Having a water fountain would be nice as well as open bathrooms. A FREE dog park and dog waste bags would also be nice as falls and morrisville have them. Core creeks is not very nice and costs money. It should be free with the taxes we pay.	5/11/2025 2:38 PM
125	Bike paths	5/11/2025 2:16 PM
126	Concessions	5/11/2025 1:29 PM
127	More trails. More trash cans.	5/11/2025 1:22 PM

128	A trail from Langhorne manor to the parkland playground and a bike pump track	5/10/2025 6:41 PM
129	Improvements of playground equipment and hiking paths are needed at the Christopher Jones Park.	5/8/2025 10:47 PM
130	Chris jones needs a swing set and slide	5/8/2025 6:33 PM
131	Outdoor basketball court, walkway connected to neighboring homes, bike lanes on secondary roads	5/7/2025 8:36 PM
132	PAVED TRAILS	5/6/2025 6:25 AM
133	There should be less baseball fields at twin oaks and more fields of other sports	5/3/2025 9:10 AM
134	Refinished tennis courts	5/2/2025 8:40 AM
135	We need more pickleball courts and bigger playgrounds	4/30/2025 9:40 AM
136	Pickleball, especially at Core creek	4/29/2025 9:25 PM
137	Lack of benches and place to sit. Often walking and just need to sit and they are way to far apart	4/29/2025 11:39 AM
138	In need of more basketball courts at Community Park!	4/28/2025 10:34 PM
139	Every park should have hiking, running, biking capabilities.	4/28/2025 5:17 PM
140	Bathrooms	4/28/2025 11:37 AM
141	Green corridors. We need more wildlife habitat preserves where human access is restricted. There is so much over-development that we have lost important green spaces and green corridors where wildlife can move about and live without fear of human harassment. These are also the important areas for replenishment of our aquifers and mitigation of stormwater runoff.	4/28/2025 11:31 AM
142	core creek needs a complete walking path all around the lake from the dam all the way to the pavilions	4/28/2025 10:36 AM
143	Swimming	4/28/2025 9:25 AM
144	Wildflower garden to help native pollinators	4/28/2025 6:01 AM
145	bike paths	4/27/2025 8:58 PM
146	Restrooms, someone caring and up-keeping the parks,	4/27/2025 8:37 PM
147	Connecting trails	4/27/2025 8:06 PM
148	Updated restroom and outdoor grilling	4/27/2025 5:42 PM
149	trees - stop cutting them down!	4/27/2025 5:03 PM
150	the roads to the parks are terrible - no other place I visit has pot holes- uneven roads etc	4/27/2025 5:01 PM
151	Trails. Most parks are not taken care of. Playgrounds broken down.	4/27/2025 3:55 PM
152	More walking trails and footbridges	4/27/2025 2:35 PM
153	Maintenance & upkeep	4/27/2025 2:12 PM
154	4 season bathroom facilities.	4/27/2025 2:04 PM
155	Cannot think of any.	4/27/2025 1:50 PM
156	Pickleball court	4/27/2025 1:35 PM
157	Need more bathrooms More benches in Community park along walkway areas	4/27/2025 1:32 PM
158	pickleball courts closer to me. the ones that are available I need to drive a distance to get to. There are tennis courts close by that could be lined for pickleball.	4/27/2025 1:03 PM
159	More access to splash pads in the summertime	4/27/2025 12:47 PM
160	For Chris Jones and Veterans, having a playground similar to Firefighters Park (Poplar), would be super nice. We have young kids and a young neighborhood on Colonial Drive, and most	4/27/2025 12:22 PM

	parents I talk to aren't in love the the playground at the two locations. A pavilion at Veterans. I rarely see the tennis courts used at Veterans, there are major cracks in the courts. the pickleball courts at Poplar are normally pretty slammed, not sure if that is something the township is looking at.	
161	Dog Parks	4/27/2025 12:06 PM
162	Bathrooms	4/27/2025 11:54 AM
163	None	4/27/2025 11:46 AM
164	Connection of Richboro/Newtown rail trail.	4/27/2025 10:53 AM
165	More restroom facilities	4/27/2025 10:51 AM
166	Please make the Maple Point school side of Core Creek Park more walkable. It's impossible to walk on that side of the park. You can only walk on the road/driveway part, and you are always at the risk of being hit by a car. Please make walking trails on this side of the park. Also, it would be great to add a large pollinator garden to the large amount of open space in that area of the park.	4/27/2025 10:27 AM
167	I live on Pickering bend and there is nothing in my neighborhood for kids, so they play in the woods close to the trains and the walkway between Wellington and Pickering is not maintained and in poor condition. Very poor planning!!!	4/27/2025 10:22 AM
168	Many Middletown Township neighborhoods are not easily accessed except by car. It would be great if sidewalks/walking trails were added to connect these neighborhoods to other trails/parks so car use could be reduced.	4/27/2025 10:20 AM
169	Need more open space	4/27/2025 10:13 AM
170	Shade, water fountains, bathrooms.	4/27/2025 10:10 AM
171	Workout/fitness area with bars and push and pull excersizes	4/25/2025 10:59 PM
172	Water fountains	4/24/2025 7:26 PM
173	The Lions playground could use a small parking lot of some type.	4/23/2025 7:51 AM
174	I wish there was a closer park that can be walked to from highland Park. I wish more parks had sidewalks to be able to use scooters and bikes. Bristol twnsp park has these great sunshades I think we should get.	4/22/2025 5:43 PM
175	dog park	4/19/2025 7:10 PM
176	Missing a playground in the Lower Orchard Section of Levittown, PA. We'd like a playground for the kids!	4/19/2025 12:42 PM
177	As far as I know we do not have one in Highland Park in which is where I live. It would be nice to have one with in walking distance r just in the area in general. I normally go to Forsynthia Gate park	4/19/2025 9:22 AM
178	Pickleball courts	4/19/2025 9:11 AM
179	Playgrounds for under 5 years of age. Playgrounds have wood chips, they're cheap but not safe. Limited playgrounds, built next to very busy roads	4/18/2025 12:45 PM
180	Updated trails especially playwiki	4/17/2025 3:27 PM
181	Bathroom with sinks	4/17/2025 3:01 PM
182	Bathrooms	4/17/2025 7:57 AM
183	Variety of playgrounds at each site. Wider trails to permit walkers/runners to pass dog walkers without needing to step onto the grass.	4/16/2025 5:27 PM
184	Bridge to connect snowball gate and red rose gate	4/15/2025 7:04 PM
185	Simmons Park, update kids playground, finish paving walking path. Resurface tennis courts. replace the landscaping around the flag pole.	4/15/2025 5:58 PM
186	accessible bridges connecting Quincy and cobalt, those bridges are dangerous	4/15/2025 2:34 PM

187	There is not enough shade in parks.	4/14/2025 6:20 PM
188	Dog park and community pool in forsythia crossing park	4/14/2025 7:40 AM
189	Trails	4/13/2025 7:16 PM
190	There is a lot of wooded area. It would be nice to see it. Connected with trails for running or walking such as similar to Silver Lake although obviously the features are different.	4/13/2025 9:44 AM
191	Firefighters' Park needs a walking path around the entire park.	4/12/2025 2:43 PM
192	Pool would be nice. With swimming lessons. Like the old LPRA.	4/11/2025 10:10 AM
193	Dog refuse bags	4/10/2025 12:40 PM
194	Paths and trails in wooded, shady natural areas	4/8/2025 7:05 PM
195	Edible gardens	4/8/2025 2:48 AM
196	More connecting trails and a paved pump track for bikes, skateboards, scooters, etc.	4/7/2025 3:44 PM
197	Pickleball courts	4/7/2025 9:47 AM
198	The Community Park bathrooms are in desperate need of renovations. Our bathrooms are run down and frankly embarrassing when we have other teams travel to Community Park to play. We have visited many other facilities and Comunnity Parks bathrooms are extremely lacking in comparison. As well as our snack stand. The whole building needs a makeover. There also needs to be access to toilet paper/soap/paper towels to refill during games/tournaments. This always seems to be a huge issue.	4/6/2025 12:36 PM
199	Better playgrounds and pickel ball courts	4/4/2025 7:56 PM
200	Simmons memorial park is missing a paved area where it borders a few houses next to the swing area. The path is covered in gravel, which is challenging to navigate with strollers and especially wheelchairs. Also, the older child play area is missing normal play features. There is too much of a focus on imaginative play, and not enough traditional equipment like large slides. In the end, a majority of the older child playground features go unused, with the exception of the triangular climbing structure. Both the older and younger child play spaces are also missing standing swings, leading to an even more incomplete experience.	4/4/2025 4:55 PM
201	Forsythia park needs more lighting around paths	4/4/2025 3:12 PM
202	Connected trails between parks and green spaces.	4/4/2025 1:45 PM
203	Pavilions, bathroom facilities, walking paths, splash pads	4/4/2025 12:15 PM
204	Bring back the 4th of July parade down 413!	4/3/2025 4:47 PM
205	Shade	4/3/2025 3:23 PM
206	Bathroom	4/2/2025 6:12 PM
207	Swing set and slide and basketball hoops	4/2/2025 4:11 PM
208	Pickle ball courts	4/2/2025 4:07 PM
209	The parks that I utilize have everything my family and I are currently looking for.	4/2/2025 10:23 AM
210	Sidewalks from along Brownsville RD from Vet Park	3/31/2025 6:19 PM
211	More pickleball courts	3/31/2025 5:29 PM
212	Walking trails that are paved not just gravel	3/31/2025 1:48 PM
213	Rest rooms	3/31/2025 12:31 PM
214	There are not enough trees, bathrooms are nasty	3/31/2025 10:16 AM
215	There should be more defined trails and connections, especially in the green belts of Levittown.	3/31/2025 9:25 AM
216	Protective nets are needed at Middletown Community Park baseball/softball fields for foul ball safety.	3/30/2025 10:45 PM

217	Updated playgrounds, keep up the maintenance on them.	3/30/2025 6:57 PM
218	Forsythia/Snowball Crossing, lack of preventing ATV/ mini bikes damaging grass and now with tree clearing it has a motor cross	3/30/2025 4:06 PM
219	The twin oaks park is deteriorating. Fences, dugouts and the fields all need an update. It's borderline embarrassing at this point	3/30/2025 11:26 AM
220	Trout Fishing	3/30/2025 9:53 AM
221	Undisturbed areas where nature can thrive without human encroachment. Developers have destroyed most of our pristine natural areas.	3/30/2025 3:52 AM
222	Another dog park. Splash pad got kids.	3/29/2025 6:59 PM
223	Restrooms, vending machines.	3/29/2025 5:55 PM
224	Bathrooms. Trails, updated playgrounds	3/29/2025 5:27 PM
225	Wildlife preserves, endangered species protections/education	3/29/2025 1:00 PM
226	I do not feel qualified to answer this	3/29/2025 10:46 AM
227	Sidewalk and trail	3/28/2025 12:20 PM
228	More pickle ball	3/28/2025 9:35 AM
229	Pickleball courts - we love the ones at firefighter park but it's far away from us and we'd love to have one closer in one of the open spaces at Middletown Community Park across from Laurel Oaks.	3/28/2025 7:36 AM
230	Baseball fields need to be fixed and fences to	3/28/2025 2:28 AM
231	Walkway to Laurel oaks development	3/28/2025 2:26 AM
232	Pickleball courts	3/27/2025 10:11 PM
233	Pickle ball courts	3/27/2025 8:57 PM
234	Bathrooms, shaded pavilions, adequate parking	3/27/2025 8:14 PM
235	Unfinished skatepark	3/27/2025 8:09 PM
236	Shooting ranges	3/27/2025 7:56 PM
237	Bike and walking trails in open space / preserved space.	3/27/2025 7:41 PM
238	Bike trails and more pickleball courts	3/27/2025 7:30 PM
239	Restrooms, pickleball courts, tennis courts, running track.	3/27/2025 7:26 PM
240	More pickleball courts! The ones we have are amazing but we do wish there were more.	3/27/2025 7:21 PM
241	Skatepark needs to be finished. Some space not being utilized.	3/27/2025 7:18 PM
242	Finished skatepark	3/27/2025 7:18 PM
243	Nothing I can think of	3/27/2025 6:20 PM
244	Dog parks	3/27/2025 4:57 PM
245	I would like to see longer walking trails, & more/better quality basketball courts and tennis courts.	3/27/2025 2:44 PM
246	Lighting was being updated in Crossing Park but has not been finished.	3/27/2025 2:06 PM
247	None. We have a huge county park and need totally open space, not bike paths, etc. There is already plenty of them.	3/27/2025 1:39 PM
248	Connections for walking or biking between parks	3/27/2025 1:07 PM
249	more bathrooms? open year round	3/27/2025 12:43 PM
250	Walking and Bike trails	3/27/2025 12:09 PM

251	Convenient and safe connections between the parks. The roads are not safe for pedestrians or bicycles	3/27/2025 11:49 AM
252	More biking trails and ability to reach them safely on bike.	3/27/2025 10:51 AM
253	More trails for hiking and running.	3/27/2025 10:22 AM
254	Bike lanes, running lane	3/27/2025 9:15 AM
255	More biking paths would be nice. But that would be nice overall on all Middletown roads.	3/27/2025 8:47 AM
256	Clean bathrooms, drinking fountains	3/26/2025 8:55 PM
257	Running trail	3/26/2025 8:45 PM
258	Water bottle refill station	3/26/2025 8:41 PM
259	ATV riding	3/26/2025 8:22 PM
260	More hiking and biking trails	3/26/2025 4:46 PM
261	All bathrooms should be open year round.	3/26/2025 3:29 PM
262	Restrooms that are clean for kids to use.	3/26/2025 2:32 PM
263	Dog parks	3/26/2025 1:48 PM
264	splash pad, dog park, a large community park like Falls, Bensalem, Northampton, and Doylestown.	3/26/2025 1:29 PM
265	disc golf, another mountain bike trail	3/26/2025 1:22 PM
266	Spring Valley Park, in conjunction with Penndel Borough, should be upgraded to utilize the small creek and surrounding wooded area to include hiking trails, "birding" areas, etc.	3/26/2025 12:46 PM
267	More Softball fields w lights	3/26/2025 10:10 AM
268	Quincy Hollow doesn't have a playground. Basketball court could use some lights. A bridge to connect Quincy to Cobalt closer to the playground.	3/26/2025 9:30 AM
269	Restrooms	3/26/2025 9:27 AM
270	More benches/seating ADA compliant	3/26/2025 8:16 AM
271	Shade coverings on playgrounds	3/26/2025 8:00 AM
272	We need a bike path the length of Woodbourne road, 5 points to the Newtown bypass or at least to core creek.	3/26/2025 7:24 AM
273	Interconnected bike trails	3/26/2025 2:20 AM
274	New benches	3/25/2025 10:10 PM
275	Public restrooms and water fountains	3/25/2025 9:46 PM
276	More lighted basketball courts	3/25/2025 9:36 PM
277	We need way more sports fields. Primarily soccer fields	3/25/2025 9:27 PM
278	There is no playground in Quincy Hollow. Plenty of children in the neighborhood but no playground.	3/25/2025 9:15 PM
279	Recycling containers, restrooms are limited, not every park has parking	3/25/2025 9:15 PM
280	Trails	3/25/2025 9:00 PM
281	The basketball courts at Cobalt Ridge (half court) & Quincy Hallow (full court) need need improvement. Cobalt Ridge needs to be made into a full court and Quincy Hallow needs to be resurfaced. This would be a welcome upgrade for these old dilapidated courts.	3/25/2025 9:00 PM
282	Clean bathrooms	3/25/2025 8:25 PM
283	At Core Creek park you need to finish the walking trail leading from the dam to the existing walking trail!	3/25/2025 8:01 PM

284	Bike trails, basketball courts	3/25/2025 7:47 PM
285	Haven't seen signage or symbols designating accommodations for those with disabilities.	3/25/2025 5:27 PM
286	Pools	3/25/2025 12:44 PM
287	CROSS WALK FROM LUAREL OAKS TO COMMUNITY PARK	3/25/2025 10:53 AM
288	I wish we had more, and I wish there were trails to connect some of them	3/25/2025 10:39 AM
289	Tennis court lighting	3/25/2025 8:24 AM
290	Need way more trails that connect neighboring community trails.	3/25/2025 6:54 AM
291	Seating/ tables	3/25/2025 6:37 AM
292	bathrooms	3/25/2025 5:07 AM
293	Safe walking paths. More baseball fields at Community Park. LAA is thriving and the travel teams do not have enough field space to have more than 1 practice a week.	3/24/2025 10:17 PM
294	Wildlife - natural areas	3/24/2025 9:03 PM
295	Another Dog Park	3/24/2025 8:39 PM
296	Programs for intellectually disabled people.	3/24/2025 8:31 PM
297	trash cans, trails, restrooms	3/24/2025 8:28 PM
298	Splash pads. Dedicated indoor bathrooms.	3/24/2025 8:00 PM
299	Would like to see walking path at Lions park where people can walk as well as ride bikes. There are no sidewalks for safety for kids	3/24/2025 7:56 PM
300	year round bathroom facilities identification of special species or breeding grounds	3/24/2025 7:54 PM
301	Detective Christopher Jones memorial playground needs to be updated and we would love to see a wider variety of playground equipment	3/24/2025 7:50 PM
302	Dog park, hiking trails, spray park/pool	3/24/2025 7:45 PM
303	Pool	3/24/2025 7:19 PM
304	None	3/24/2025 7:18 PM
305	Quality bathrooms, seems like com park gets all the good stuff	3/24/2025 7:10 PM
306	I would like more walking trails	3/22/2025 2:15 PM
307	Swing sets	3/22/2025 12:00 PM
308	I can't think of anything.	3/21/2025 4:02 PM
309	More hiking trails	3/21/2025 3:48 PM
310	Highland Park has no real playground or park area. Cobalt Ridge has had several rebuilds over the years. We are often locked out of school playground and equipment and access times are restricted.	3/20/2025 2:56 PM
311	Walking and biking trail to Core Creek Park along Langhorne-Yardley Rd from Intersection at Woodbourne Rd. (Maple Point School)	3/20/2025 10:53 AM
312	I would love for there to be more interconnectedness between existing trails / trail systems. We are in Middletown Township by St. Mary's Hospital and it would be great to be able to get from Core Creek Park to the Summit Square Shopping Center and/or Langhorne Manor via walking paths, bike lanes, etc.	3/19/2025 4:50 PM
313	Pool	3/19/2025 7:54 AM
314	all is well, maybe some porta potties	3/18/2025 3:35 PM
315	Better bathrooms (please put a bathroom at mayors playground)	3/18/2025 2:06 PM
316	No Pickleball courts	3/18/2025 1:58 PM

317	Dog parks	3/18/2025 5:30 AM
318	Pool and more trails	3/17/2025 4:26 PM
319	None	3/17/2025 11:25 AM
320	A pool. Our family spends a lot of money to join the Fauls Township or upper Mayfield pools every year. I don't want to hear about a dog park in the gates when we all have large yards and people could fence their yard, when the whole community is missing a pool that was there for decades, I have a hidden disability, and need to park close to location without any hills or ramps. If I need to lift my child's bike in and out of my car that exhaust me and I need to be very close. We often go to Bristol Township and Fauls Township parks because they have better paths for her bike riding since my neighborhood does not have sidewalks and the playground in our neighborhood is meant for preschool school children not upper elementary.	3/17/2025 8:29 AM
321	Trails	3/16/2025 4:03 PM
322	Would like more bike paths	3/16/2025 2:08 PM
323	Walking trail. There was suppose to be a trail built from my community sturbridge/Georgetown that would lead to the Georgetown school and bridge to cross neshaminy creek in to Holland pa. Because of covid it was never continued.	3/16/2025 12:45 PM
324	In Middletown Community Park, it would be nice if they put back a pull up bar. The old one rotted out.	3/16/2025 10:19 AM
325	splash pad more playgrounds with walking paths wide enough for kids bikes and strollers	3/16/2025 10:12 AM
326	Restrooms	3/16/2025 9:11 AM
327	Community Park: Continue the paved path that descends to the lower soccer field (next to the skatepark) down to Village Road so those that live in Silver Lake can access the park from there rather than cutting through the cemetery.	3/16/2025 8:46 AM
328	Sidewalks	3/16/2025 6:56 AM
329	More native plants would be good	3/15/2025 5:19 PM
330	Security Cameras	3/15/2025 4:57 PM
331	Trails closer to 19056 area	3/15/2025 4:41 PM
332	Bike trails	3/15/2025 3:36 PM
333	Greenway connecting to Tyler State PArk	3/15/2025 2:50 PM
334	Dog parks	3/15/2025 2:44 PM
335	More trails that allow people to walk safely into parks and connect into neighborhoods, etc.	3/15/2025 2:33 PM
336	Paved paths	3/15/2025 2:29 PM
337	Nothing.	3/15/2025 1:55 PM
338	High quality habitats are missing. Invasive plants are out of control and taking over. Without management, they will destroy the forests and wildlife population will continue to decline.	3/15/2025 1:50 PM
339	More pickleball places to play or make it known if there are places to play.	3/15/2025 1:41 PM
340	Pickleball courts	3/15/2025 1:31 PM
341	bathroom availability year round. The bathrooms are often closed. Not enough operable water fountains.	3/15/2025 1:29 PM
342	Sidewalks and bike lanes along 213 into Langhorne borough and to playwicki and Jones park.	3/15/2025 1:29 PM
343	Bathrooms for baseball and soccer at Middletown Township Park are in desperate need of renovation. I am parents of sports kids and visiting teams always comment on how gross the bathrooms are.	3/15/2025 1:04 PM
344	MCC golf course utilities to maintain upper level course conditions.	3/15/2025 12:41 PM
345	Leash laws !!!	3/15/2025 12:37 PM

346	Ways to get there safely by bike or foot.	3/15/2025 12:29 PM
347	Not being used up for an unnecessary circle.	3/15/2025 12:21 PM
348	Bathroom facilities year round Simple workout bars/benches for adults Shades in the summer Water play in the summer	3/15/2025 11:52 AM
349	Community gardens and updates fitness stations	3/15/2025 11:46 AM
350	Restroom facilities	3/15/2025 11:43 AM
351	More playgrounds. More walking paths around the water.	3/15/2025 11:37 AM
352	At the Cobalt Park I wish there were a sitting area for the older kids to gather rather than them being on the playground equipment blocking the younger kids from using the equip	3/15/2025 11:08 AM
353	Need safe bike paths	3/15/2025 10:54 AM
354	Bathrooms, playground equipment, trails	3/15/2025 10:49 AM
355	Paved trails.	3/15/2025 10:49 AM
356	Not all have clean, flushable toilets. Would love to also see a pool.	3/15/2025 10:45 AM
357	Forsythia Park is missing seating (bleachers/risers) for the hockey rink. Anyone wanting to watch the MAA games has to stand. That's uncomfortable. Also there is no American flag, or score board! The parking lot is much too small— just visit any Sunday morning and cars are parked from Forsythia to Snowball! Also it would be great to have permanent restrooms.	3/13/2025 9:44 PM
358	I feel like the quality of the amenities is not good but the quantity I think is a nice amount, a revamp or an upgrade would work	3/13/2025 1:58 PM
359	More dog parks	3/12/2025 9:50 PM
360	Dog park	3/12/2025 8:44 PM
361	Frisbee Golf	3/12/2025 8:42 PM
362	Fenced dog park	3/12/2025 8:07 PM
363	Dog park	3/12/2025 7:07 PM
364	Free or reasonably priced dog parks. Paved trails/sidewalks.	3/12/2025 6:48 PM
365	Dog parks and pools	3/12/2025 6:17 PM
366	More dog parks	3/12/2025 6:05 PM
367	Dog park, more walking trails	3/12/2025 6:03 PM
368	Sidewalks throughout township to GET to the parks by foot or bike.	3/10/2025 12:14 PM
369	Sun covers for playgrounds	3/10/2025 12:06 PM
370	Na	3/9/2025 7:58 PM
371	Bathrooms	3/8/2025 7:18 AM
372	drinking fountain for hot weather	2/27/2025 11:27 AM
373	O	2/27/2025 5:28 AM
374	I'm able to get what I need.	2/26/2025 8:27 AM
375	More open space, more trails	2/25/2025 7:39 PM
376	Core Creek park playground is extremely dated and borderline unsafe. It’s often very filled with trash, too	2/25/2025 6:32 AM
377	More community events, and the facilities to host community events. Concerts, fairs, etc.	2/24/2025 1:03 PM
378	Pool , splash pad	2/24/2025 12:14 PM
379	need more basketball courts at community park	2/22/2025 8:45 PM

380	We need more modern use parks. Take a look at newer developed cities in the country. We should be promoting a healthy work and life balance in our communities. It helps the community bond, keep our kids healthy, educated, and develops a sense of giving and desire to stay after they become adults. This ties in closely with business development efforts in the township.	2/21/2025 8:16 PM
381	restrooms, interpretational markers, maps, lighted walkways	2/21/2025 1:18 PM
382	Water fountains and parking at Firefighters park	2/21/2025 6:11 AM
383	Security. We need more rangers. People come from everywhere during peak season. It is very crowded with no oversight whatsoever.	2/19/2025 6:22 PM
384	Leash laws!!!	2/19/2025 8:41 AM
385	An indoor sports facility for use during winter months and to augment the outdoor sports programs. An outdoor environment similar to Tyler State Park that includes rentals and activities	2/18/2025 10:43 AM
386	Try and keep these spaces from being developed. We moved from Bensalem to Middletown and in Bensalem all our neighbors said if there was a patch of grass Bensalem would find a reason to pave it.	2/17/2025 10:41 PM
387	Need more drinking fountains.	2/17/2025 1:54 PM
388	The ability to walk there from surrounding neighborhoods. No sidewalks or bike paths	2/17/2025 9:32 AM
389	Pools - I go to Pineville Pools once my neighbor introduced me to it. It's been about 3 yrs now & I truly enjoy it. I wish there were more pools available.	2/15/2025 10:50 PM
390	Some have bad parking (Lions park)	2/15/2025 8:51 PM
391	adequate safe clean public restrooms	2/15/2025 11:10 AM
392	Adequately paved walking and biking trails	2/15/2025 8:57 AM
393	Spme places need shade	2/14/2025 4:21 PM
394	sidewalks	2/14/2025 3:28 PM
395	A clean environment without Cat Condos and Ferral Cat feeding. It's a growing problem and one I reported Years ago.	2/14/2025 1:48 PM
396	There are plenty of amenities. Some ballparks I rarely see used.	2/14/2025 7:47 AM
397	Walking paths that are easy to navigate for a wheelchair or walker. Inclusive playground equipment.	2/14/2025 7:06 AM
398	Paved walkway around the perimeter of the parks for walking, riding bikes Restrooms	2/14/2025 6:11 AM
399	Walkable access to Core Creek Park	2/14/2025 4:45 AM
400	Working bathrooms	2/14/2025 3:53 AM
401	Volleyball court, Gaga pit, Safe biking trails to get to core creek park. An actual stoplight to go across Langhorne Yardley road to Middletown community park- cars frequently ignore flashing yellow making it too hazardous to allow my middle school aged children to ride their bikes to the park without me	2/13/2025 10:49 PM
402	Splash pads. Updated playground equipment and maintenance at detective Christopher jones memorial park.	2/13/2025 9:37 PM
403	Ability to walk from our neighborhood s. There are no sidewalks. We need more sidewalks.	2/13/2025 9:07 PM
404	Core creek park does not have enough ways to get to the park on bike without taking woodbourne road or Langhorne-yardley road. We live locally across from styers and Middletown community park	2/13/2025 8:23 PM
405	I think the biggest possible improvement to make core creek park accessible would be to connect the neighborhoods across from saint Mary medical with a bike path and a crosswalk in order to access core creek park from the trail next to the hospital. The bike path could span	2/13/2025 8:14 PM

	from Bridgetown pike to the bypass so all neighborhoods and George school could have a safe way to access the park.	
406	A TOWNSHIP POOL	2/13/2025 8:12 PM
407	Dog fields/parks	2/13/2025 7:46 PM
408	Playground equipment is outdated, landscape not well kept	2/13/2025 7:45 PM
409	Workout paths, example: sit up benches, pull up bars etc	2/13/2025 7:22 PM
410	Bathrooms	2/13/2025 7:03 PM
411	Bathrooms, parking	2/13/2025 6:45 PM
412	1. Lack of WORKING water fountains 2. Need more wildflowers/less grass for the pollinators	2/13/2025 6:32 PM
413	Benches. Tables shade	2/13/2025 6:31 PM
414	Not sure if this falls under parks, but a few public pools with entry fees would be great for kids.	2/13/2025 6:25 PM
415	Indoor space	2/13/2025 2:14 PM
416	more soccer fields	2/13/2025 12:18 PM
417	Turf complex for sports	2/12/2025 4:22 PM
418	More fields for sports	2/12/2025 1:51 PM
419	Poop bag dispenser	2/11/2025 7:34 PM
420	Turf soccer fields	2/11/2025 7:09 PM
421	Bathrooms, water fountains, dog poo bags	2/11/2025 6:10 PM
422	safe paths to some locations	2/11/2025 2:43 PM
423	Splash pad	2/11/2025 2:04 PM
424	Water fountains, clean bathrooms.	2/11/2025 1:50 PM
425	Stationary exercise equipment	2/11/2025 1:08 PM
426	Bathrooms, updated playground equipment	2/11/2025 12:40 PM
427	Splash pad	2/11/2025 12:13 PM
428	Multiple sports options, exercise stations, clean restrooms	2/11/2025 12:00 PM
429	Turf fields for youth sports	2/11/2025 11:59 AM
430	Turf fields	2/11/2025 11:42 AM
431	Additional baseball fields and indoor gyms to support youth leagues in the area	2/11/2025 11:25 AM
432	More preserved natural space. We're cutting down Core Creek Park for wider roads. Newtown is proposing a sewer plant with runoff into Lake Lux. We need more undisturbed land!	2/11/2025 10:38 AM
433	Beach volleyball courts	2/11/2025 10:26 AM
434	Clean bathrooms	2/11/2025 10:18 AM
435	TURF FIELDS!! Nicer playgrounds like the ones in newtown. More walking trails	2/11/2025 10:17 AM
436	updated playgrounds in some of the smaller parks, shaded areas in the summer	2/11/2025 10:00 AM
437	Soccer fields	2/11/2025 9:56 AM
438	Mini golf	2/11/2025 9:51 AM
439	An indoor area for kids in the winter to play basketball (not in a league) or soccer/baseball etc Bridges to cross the creek (Quincy) to get to Playground in cobalt Lights for Quincy basketball court Playground for Quincy because it is not easy to get to Cobalt playground even though it is right behind my house	2/11/2025 9:51 AM

440	More easy accessible walking trails	2/11/2025 9:47 AM
441	Baseball batting cages	2/11/2025 9:45 AM
442	Some lighting and bathrooms	2/11/2025 9:43 AM
443	I think the parks are good, but maybe benches and seating for the fields	2/11/2025 9:41 AM
444	Water fountains. Working Restrooms.	2/11/2025 9:40 AM
445	Safe places to bike long distances, not comfortable biking on roads	2/11/2025 9:38 AM
446	Clean bathrooms	2/11/2025 9:37 AM
447	Some of these spaces could use more shade options for hot days	2/11/2025 9:36 AM
448	Nice bathrooms, updated playgrounds. Trails. Basketball courts. Hockey rink.	2/11/2025 9:35 AM
449	NA	2/11/2025 9:34 AM
450	Clean/functional bathrooms	2/11/2025 9:31 AM
451	Adequate parking during sporting events and a children's water play feature.	2/11/2025 9:31 AM
452	bathrooms in some parks	2/11/2025 9:28 AM
453	Well kept bathrooms	2/11/2025 9:28 AM
454	Turf Fields. Adequate water at Twin Oaks Park for baseball	2/4/2025 10:54 AM
455	Overgrown vegetation	2/1/2025 5:01 PM
456	Bike trails, swimming pools	1/30/2025 7:35 PM
457	Lighting, water	1/29/2025 1:10 PM
458	Need more pickleball Courts	1/29/2025 11:32 AM
459	Dedicated fields for girl's use - softball specifically. Baseball teams take the softball fields often.	1/29/2025 10:41 AM
460	bike trails	1/28/2025 7:52 PM
461	Safe connections to neighborhoods	1/27/2025 1:37 PM
462	Trails to and from	1/25/2025 9:55 AM
463	I'd love to see biking lanes and/or sidewalks connecting more of our parks and ours town in general Narrow paved carriage roads are too hazardous for walking and biking.	1/25/2025 8:49 AM
464	Would like a food stand or truck	1/25/2025 8:37 AM
465	Walking paths	1/25/2025 6:34 AM
466	Not sure.	1/25/2025 4:46 AM
467	None that I'd suggest.	1/24/2025 3:44 PM
468	community engagement with nature such as community gardens and/or food forests	1/24/2025 2:01 PM
469	Maintenance and upkeep of the playground equipment and playground surfaces, as well as the benches. Christopher Jones park could really benefit from the bench being remade (it's dilapidated) and the music station could really do with being refurbished, Lance Cpl park could benefit from the tennis court not having a San Andreas fault size crack running through it large enough that people have stuffed water bottles into it.	1/24/2025 1:49 PM
470	Bathrooms.	1/24/2025 1:34 PM
471	Free standing exercise equipment (pull up bars, dip bars, stretching etc), and dedicated bike and walking trails	1/24/2025 1:24 PM
472	Pickleball at Middletown Park. Lights are there so would like courts like at fabulous FireFighters Park.	1/24/2025 10:59 AM
473	Complete safe off road trail around Corecreek lake	1/24/2025 9:43 AM

474	Paved walking/bike paths that extend beyond the property limits of an individual park.	1/24/2025 8:29 AM
475	Trails	1/24/2025 7:50 AM
476	Bathrooms!	1/24/2025 1:27 AM
477	Many parks need servicing and updating.	1/23/2025 10:40 PM
478	An indoor recreation center	1/23/2025 10:40 PM
479	Not enough natural areas. Limited access to ponds/lakes.	1/23/2025 9:57 PM
480	Provide a walk / bike trail (black top) from Village Road to Community Park. Currently you have to go through Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery then through a “hole” in a fence then go on ground that is covered with brush and is often wet.	1/23/2025 8:47 PM
481	Drinking Fountains or Clean Water Fill Up Stations	1/23/2025 7:32 PM
482	It’s not what’s lacking, it’s what’s there. Too many new developments going up. Bigger parked would be best ! Also dog waste bags	1/23/2025 7:24 PM
483	Paved walking trails along greenbelt or in woods. No clear trail heads to wooded footpaths. Newer playgrounds in south end/Levittown sections of Township. Protection/enforcement from ATVs and dirt bikes tearing up parks and green belts.	1/23/2025 7:22 PM
484	Upkeep could be better. MAA fields and clubhouse need work. They are not up to standard compared to other places.	1/23/2025 6:40 PM
485	Kids Castle type structure Pool or splash park	1/23/2025 6:11 PM
486	Community gatherings, events, concerts, etc.	1/23/2025 4:25 PM
487	flowering meadows	1/23/2025 9:29 AM
488	Water refill	1/23/2025 9:27 AM
489	Fragrance free bathrooms.	1/23/2025 7:19 AM
490	Better playgrounds with NOT wood chip grounds. Core creek is across the street and equipment is dated and there’s always trash. Secret garden on Yardley has the ideal ground material	1/23/2025 6:14 AM
491	trail maps	1/23/2025 3:45 AM
492	Bathroom facilites	1/23/2025 12:06 AM
493	More Meadows’s/native plant features	1/22/2025 8:08 PM
494	Wooded trails	1/22/2025 7:04 PM
495	need more hiking trails	1/22/2025 6:30 PM
496	Need shaded space at FF pickleball courts. Portapotties.	1/22/2025 5:49 PM
497	Connections from housing to parks such as sidewalks and trails. Connections from Core Creek Woodburne side to the main park (no way to run or a bath to bike on etc.).	1/22/2025 3:15 PM
498	Rest rooms	1/22/2025 1:24 PM
499	Splash pad; continuous biking/running trails; water fountains	1/22/2025 10:36 AM
500	restrooms	1/22/2025 10:26 AM
501	Longer bike trails, more batting cages, turf fields	1/22/2025 10:15 AM
502	Some playgrounds (i.e. Cobalt Ridge) does not have any picnic tables. Who wouldn't enjoy a picnic while kids are at the playground? On another note, some playgrounds have too many unused tables (e.g. Forsythia).	1/22/2025 10:11 AM
503	Diversity of playground equipment	1/22/2025 9:31 AM
504	The ability for trail to connect to each other where I’m free from the danger of cars.	1/22/2025 9:15 AM

505	Playground with water sprinklers. Shaded playgrounds. More tracks.	1/22/2025 9:06 AM
506	Better playground equipment for kids	1/22/2025 7:45 AM
507	Public pool	1/22/2025 7:40 AM
508	Safe bike lanes and trails that link together.	1/22/2025 6:28 AM
509	Native plant species& educational signs to identify them in addition to the wildlife that may dwell in and/or frequent the area. More trash/recycling cans. Other Informative signs. specific trail postings. No smoking signs would be lovely. Nobody wants gross cig butts all over that can harn the wildlife	1/22/2025 6:12 AM
510	Updated playground equipment	1/21/2025 10:57 PM
511	Bike trails/lanes, swimming pools, shaded areas, snack stands	1/21/2025 10:57 PM
512	The playground for the older kids isn't anything to write home about. There isn't much to do at that area. Two features are broken.	1/21/2025 10:10 PM
513	The side of the Twin Oaks park that houses softball fields services hundreds of families every fall and spring without running water. This diminishes the playing surface and limits availability of bathrooms.	1/21/2025 9:57 PM
514	I would like there to be a pedestrian walking bridge over the creek joining Highland Park to Deep Dale East/West & Sycamore ridge like other sections have. The hiking path, behind the tank park that just ends abruptly could be extended across a pedestrian bridge over the creek into highland park linking the sections and making it more walkable	1/21/2025 9:47 PM
515	Bathrooms	1/21/2025 9:28 PM
516	Play round equipment at This park is inadequate for the amount of kids that come and play there. The slide is dangerous, and several of the pieces are broken.	1/21/2025 8:49 PM
517	Lance Corporal Harry J. Simmons, Jr. Memorial Park, and Detective Christopher Jones Memorial Park need updated playgrounds that give kids more slides and play options. Warminster Community Park updated their playgrounds to include older kids and provide more options. We go to these parks to work out and play on playgrounds.	1/21/2025 8:37 PM
518	bathrooms	1/21/2025 7:54 PM
519	The parks in lower socioeconomic areas should have the same amount of amenities and offerings as other parks.	1/21/2025 7:53 PM
520	Walking access	1/21/2025 7:50 PM
521	Handicap accessible	1/21/2025 7:21 PM
522	Bikability both to the parks and within them.	1/21/2025 6:58 PM
523	A park for the kids in Georgetown, Heaton Mills or Hampton Bridge would be great!	1/21/2025 6:11 PM
524	Led lights/ new nets for softball fields at twin oaks park	1/21/2025 6:02 PM
525	A pavilion in Deep Dale East	1/21/2025 6:01 PM
526	Turf Ball field Lighted ball fields Dog park	1/21/2025 6:00 PM
527	Water fountains	1/21/2025 5:58 PM
528	Lighting at night the kids are destroying the playground. Trash lids were all thrown in the creek. Signs broke several times. They are doing it when it gets dark and they can't be seen. Dog waste bins and bags. People are not cleaning up after their dogs waste all over park.	1/21/2025 5:49 PM
529	Water features in summer for kids	1/21/2025 5:47 PM
530	Walking trails longer than 1 mile	1/21/2025 5:34 PM
531	more pickleball courts	1/21/2025 5:25 PM
532	Splash pad for kids. Enough pickleball courts. Better basketball courts.	1/21/2025 5:03 PM
533	Indoor recreation area with basketball courts	1/21/2025 5:02 PM

534	Picnic tables. More benches. Bathrooms.	1/21/2025 5:01 PM
535	Pickleball at forsythia park. Volleyball Water fountains Electricity*** Restrooms	1/21/2025 4:59 PM
536	Walking paths/ sidewalks to connect neighborhoods and these facilities. I would love to see the trail by Neshaminy Creek completed so that multiple communities could be connected to one another, improve walkability/bike safety for travel to shopping centers, and connection to the path into Newtown Borough.	1/21/2025 4:55 PM
537	Walking or hiking Trails	1/21/2025 4:51 PM
538	Shade from the sun and function	1/21/2025 4:43 PM
539	Horse riding trails	1/21/2025 4:38 PM
540	We would enjoy more wooded trails.	1/21/2025 4:33 PM
541	Lights at core creek tennis courts	1/21/2025 4:32 PM
542	Not necessarily a park, But, I would really like to see a sidewalk installed that goes the perimeter of the Oxford Valley Mall for walking.	1/21/2025 4:32 PM
543	Not sure	1/21/2025 4:29 PM
544	Police patrols	1/21/2025 4:26 PM
545	Safe toddler areas, shade.	1/21/2025 4:26 PM
546	Playground in Quincy Hollow	1/21/2025 4:24 PM
547	More funding for MAA complex. Community Park seems to be the township priority. Land off of Green Meadow Drive is listed for sale concerns regarding billboards would be nice if the township bought and kept for open space.	1/21/2025 3:46 PM
548	More skateboarding options	1/21/2025 3:08 PM
549	Would love to see some form of a par 3, 9 hole course golf at an area park and pickleball courts added to Middletown Community park.	1/21/2025 2:33 PM
550	Firefighter's pickleball and Core Creek tennis courts could used increased parking.	1/21/2025 2:09 PM
551	Bathrooms, lighting and adequate parking	1/21/2025 1:19 PM
552	Pickleball courts	1/21/2025 12:47 PM
553	Senior Center needs to be expanded and renovated	1/19/2025 4:00 PM
554	More open spaces & playgrounds. Benches to sit and take in the area.	1/18/2025 10:07 PM
555	Bathroom facilities, water fountains, more trash cans	1/18/2025 11:04 AM
556	Bathrooms	1/18/2025 10:22 AM
557	Walking trails	1/18/2025 9:15 AM
558	trash cans for dog waste	1/18/2025 8:05 AM
559	Walking paths for exercise	1/18/2025 7:40 AM
560	I back to Core Creek, when I first moved here 30 years ago, there were festivals, events, Indian weekend, all kinds of events in the park. I miss this.	1/18/2025 7:03 AM
561	Security	1/18/2025 5:57 AM
562	dog waste bags	1/18/2025 5:50 AM
563	Walking connections to get to the parks. I would love to be able to walk/run to the parks.	1/18/2025 12:11 AM
564	Trash cans and clearly labeled trails	1/17/2025 11:18 PM
565	Overnight camping	1/17/2025 11:09 PM
566	None in forsythia crossing	1/17/2025 9:54 PM
567	We need more long trails. The trail at core creek is too short. It should go around the perimeter	1/17/2025 9:50 PM

	of the lake	
568	Better bathroom facilities better signage on pickleball courts QR code does t work Wish there was some type of connection to canal path from m Middletown via bike	1/17/2025 8:26 PM
569	water fountains	1/17/2025 2:24 PM
570	Pool, running/walking track , splash pad	1/17/2025 8:44 AM
571	Swimming pool	1/17/2025 4:30 AM
572	Don't know	1/17/2025 12:01 AM
573	N/A	1/16/2025 10:29 PM
574	We are missing an affordable public pool. Bathrooms would also make visiting our local park enjoyable as we wouldn't have to leave so soon.	1/16/2025 9:52 PM
575	None	1/16/2025 9:41 PM
576	Security cameras to catch graffiti	1/16/2025 9:37 PM
577	Bathrooms	1/16/2025 8:42 PM
578	benches, bathrooms	1/16/2025 8:01 PM
579	PLEASE bring back the Memorial Day parade on veterans hwy! This was such a beloved event and is GREATLY missed! The kids looked forward to it as well as the elderly. It was such a wonderful tradition that we are missing!!	1/16/2025 7:57 PM
580	Pool, Skatepark, Nature trails	1/16/2025 7:47 PM
581	More full basketball courts	1/16/2025 7:42 PM
582	Live music	1/16/2025 6:54 PM
583	Pool, clubhouse	1/16/2025 6:36 PM
584	Dog parks, lighted sports fields, trails	1/16/2025 4:03 PM
585	None. More passive and active recreation is not needed. Existing parks should be left intact. Wildlife, especially deer, racoons and fox, utilize our open spaces and wooded areas as habitat. These animals are quickly disappearing, driven out by development of all kinds. Stop passive and active recreation development!	1/16/2025 11:50 AM
586	Water fountain	1/16/2025 9:06 AM
587	walking/biking trails	1/16/2025 8:56 AM
588	Nets for foul balls	1/15/2025 9:48 PM
589	Safe bike trails	1/15/2025 7:18 PM
590	Unpaved hiking trails	1/15/2025 7:02 PM
591	restrooms	1/15/2025 6:30 PM
592	Trails	1/15/2025 4:50 PM
593	Open bathrooms	1/15/2025 2:46 PM
594	Bathrooms	1/15/2025 2:25 PM
595	I cant think of anything at the moment	1/15/2025 1:33 PM
596	nothing is missing.	1/15/2025 10:00 AM
597	Safe walking/biking access from Laurel Oaks community to Community Park (road crossing) would be a very nice improvement.	1/15/2025 9:04 AM
598	More trails and open space needed	1/15/2025 6:36 AM
599	Maybe solar powered emergency phones; more cameras for security; pet waste stations and trash/recycling bins; more park benches at key locations	1/14/2025 8:47 PM

600	Bike paths	1/14/2025 11:15 AM
601	Walking trails are great but tough to build in. Newtown township made a walking trail that goes all through town and boro. Possible idea.	1/13/2025 11:31 PM
602	Public free rec centers that could host local events and also serve as an Indoor sports complex for basketball, ping pong, and fitness classes.	1/13/2025 10:22 PM
603	Most of the playgrounds have little to no shade so the equipment is too hot in the summer to utilize.	1/13/2025 9:45 PM
604	Turf sports field	1/13/2025 6:38 PM
605	I would like to have more walking spaces kinda from my house to the park, without my car I can't get anywhere. More walking and bicycling trails would be nice.	1/13/2025 4:03 PM
606	access to the parks by methods other than driving, esp. Core Creek (which is closest to me)	1/13/2025 2:48 PM
607	We need pavements. Its very unsafe to walk anywhere in our surroundings area. Our kids were unable to visit friends by foot or bike and now we're seeing no walking signs on Rt. 413. We used to walk to the local stores/park.	1/13/2025 10:51 AM
608	Bike Trails Exercise equipment (pull-up bars, dip bars etc)	1/13/2025 9:58 AM
609	soft surfaces at the playground instead of mulch. Newer playground equipment that is handicap accessible. Middletown needs a nice park and playground space like Northampton Township Municipal park. Something that can bring everyone together.	1/13/2025 8:57 AM
610	swings	1/13/2025 8:42 AM
611	More walking trails are needed for safely walking in the parks.	1/13/2025 8:19 AM
612	Walking trails near me	1/12/2025 10:41 PM
613	trails to connect communities	1/12/2025 3:22 PM
614	Excercise stuff like at the ball fields. Delaware park NEEDS this. Random history signage with pictures.	1/12/2025 3:21 PM
615	Water for consumption (bottle fillers), splash pad for children, farmers market (seasonal), Core creek- pick an area for wildflower meadow (pollination, beauty & decrease mowing)	1/12/2025 12:31 PM
616	Useable bike routes and trails for people who ride/ walk instead of driving.	1/12/2025 11:31 AM
617	Playground equipment (swings slides)	1/12/2025 9:59 AM
618	Shade, the playgrounds get too hot in the summer	1/11/2025 10:50 PM
619	concert shells (like at Bristol Township Municipal)	1/11/2025 9:22 PM
620	More walking paths	1/11/2025 8:35 PM
621	More bike walking paths	1/11/2025 7:05 PM
622	Bathroom	1/11/2025 6:06 PM
623	trails adaptive/inclusive playground	1/11/2025 5:39 PM
624	More walking trails	1/11/2025 5:29 PM
625	Bathrooms being closed sometimes	1/11/2025 4:24 PM
626	I wish there were more paths to walk on, a lot of the parks go in one circle and it is nice to go different directions to avoid people who are walking slow or stopped on the path. I just wish the paths connected more with other cross paths.	1/11/2025 3:39 PM
627	Water features for small children in the summer	1/11/2025 3:29 PM
628	Fishing spots esp for kids	1/11/2025 3:24 PM
629	Water/spray park	1/11/2025 3:05 PM
630	Paved bike and walking trails following the creek through the woods.	1/11/2025 2:59 PM

631	bridges connecting sections specifically Quincy Hollow to Cobalt Ridge playground and basketball courts	1/11/2025 2:54 PM
632	Core creek- train/ paved path from 413 to woodbourne The community park playground is horrible The restrooms at community park are horrendous and unsafe.	1/11/2025 2:41 PM
633	security cameras	1/11/2025 2:26 PM
634	Need a bridge from Red Rose to Snowball; the green belts in the gates have been denuded at the request of the LBCJMA - despicable	1/11/2025 2:22 PM
635	Bike trails for leisurely bike rides	1/11/2025 2:13 PM
636	Bathrooms	1/11/2025 1:52 PM
637	Core creek needs a pump track for the kids	1/11/2025 1:45 PM
638	Disc Golf. More Rentable pavilions or grilling areas	1/11/2025 1:42 PM
639	Better parking and better use and maintenance of open spaces and sports fields. Restrooms are also left uncleaned or in disrepair for months at a time	1/11/2025 1:37 PM
640	Indoor sports facility	1/11/2025 1:32 PM
641	More fish at core creek.	1/11/2025 1:15 PM
642	Expanded walking path around Core Creek park, unsafe walking on paved interior roads; sensory items, environmental education like signage, splash pad, bike racks, upgraded/regularly cleaned bathrooms, shade	1/11/2025 1:04 PM
643	Not enough pickelball courts	1/11/2025 12:34 PM
644	Bike trails	1/11/2025 12:09 PM
645	clean, accessible and functional public restrooms and water fountains	1/11/2025 11:11 AM
646	More open bathrooms	1/11/2025 10:58 AM
647	Extended distance running/bike trails. Available clean water fountains Organized adult programs Not enough scheduled events to bring the community together.	1/11/2025 10:56 AM
648	Bike trails and safe crossing for the kids who don't live in the neighborhoods where the parks are. juniper hill does not have a park, there's no parking available at either park nears us, occasionally there is some street parking but spots are limited	1/11/2025 10:52 AM
649	Safe crossing from Maple Point development to Middletown Community Park. The current crosswalk forces residents to cross where there is no sidewalk.	1/11/2025 10:52 AM
650	Pickleball!!!! None near Laurel Oaks	1/11/2025 10:45 AM
651	Bicycle trails	1/11/2025 10:37 AM
652	Contiguous walking paths	1/11/2025 10:35 AM
653	Pavements that people with disabilities can walk on.	1/11/2025 10:35 AM
654	Biking trails, and marked designated biking lanes on roads	1/11/2025 10:27 AM
655	turf sports fields	1/11/2025 10:22 AM
656	I am only speaking for "Harris Park". Drainage!	1/11/2025 10:20 AM
657	Paths	1/11/2025 10:19 AM
658	Bathrooms	1/11/2025 10:16 AM
659	not effort walking paths, too much road traffic within park	1/11/2025 10:09 AM
660	Lighting and being open at night	1/11/2025 10:08 AM
661	We need A third bridge over Queen Anne creek closer to woodbourne rd between cobalt and Quincy. Walking paths between the bridges to create a loop for recreational walks.	1/10/2025 3:31 PM
662	More natural settings for exploration, hiking and mindfulness	1/9/2025 4:20 PM

663	durable picnic tables and benches. Paved trails	1/8/2025 7:53 PM
664	Full time restrooms.	1/8/2025 10:53 AM
665	Longer bike trails that connect to neighborhoods.	1/7/2025 4:14 PM
666	walking trails, fitness trails, bike trails, walking access to parks	1/7/2025 12:08 PM
667	updated bathrooms, handwashing stations, playground space for toddlers, updated playground (Kompton playgrounds), playground shady coverings, sand area to play	1/6/2025 6:04 PM
668	walking/jogging trails	1/6/2025 5:58 PM
669	more running / biking trails	1/6/2025 5:46 PM
670	GOOD NUMBER OF PARKS, BUT TRAILS OR SIDEWALKS TO GET TO THE PARKS IS LACKING	1/6/2025 3:03 PM
671	Pickleball court? With instructional classes? Bike paths to get to the parks Sailboat rentals at Corecreek park	1/6/2025 2:56 PM
672	More connectivity between parks (this would have to be coordinated with better running / biking lanes on township / state roads).	1/6/2025 2:25 PM
673	Trash cans. People should bring their trash with them when they leave, but there is a lot of litter in the parks. A few additional trash cans and signs could help reduce the litter.	1/6/2025 10:19 AM
674	Dog leash laws !!! To many dogs off leash dogs are not always friendly on green belts in twp.	1/6/2025 9:58 AM
675	water fountains, benches	1/6/2025 9:25 AM
676	Paddle boats in core creek again	1/5/2025 10:38 PM
677	Wish we had more trails. Or even sidewalks! It's hard to get around without a car in Middletown.	1/5/2025 6:11 PM
678	Mountain Biking Trails	1/5/2025 3:12 PM
679	Bathroom at Twin Oaks	1/5/2025 2:39 PM
680	Bathrooms like at Tyler park	1/5/2025 12:12 PM
681	Accessibility to neighborhoods without having to drive to the park. More trails and paths for walking.	1/5/2025 11:02 AM
682	More usable playgrounds/swinger's A skatepark bowl Port a pottys	1/5/2025 11:01 AM
683	Mountain Bike Trails	1/5/2025 10:08 AM
684	Bike trails	1/5/2025 10:07 AM
685	Not sure	1/5/2025 9:59 AM
686	More basketball courts at Community Park. One full court is not enough and kids often get turned away. A pump track like the one Doylestown has for kids on bikes would be awesome. A basketball court in Tareyton would be great. There's plenty of room in that giant field that there would still be tons of grass left.	1/5/2025 9:49 AM
687	Places to sit; trash receptacles	1/5/2025 9:43 AM
688	None	1/5/2025 9:26 AM
689	Can't think of any.	1/5/2025 9:18 AM
690	There is a need for more paved trails (Middletown community park trails stop halfway through the park, would like to see them along the entire perimeter of the park including around the soccer and baseball fields - right now you have to cut through the parking lot to get to adjoining trails on the other side of the park)	1/5/2025 8:58 AM
691	Bathrooms.	1/5/2025 8:50 AM
692	Walking trails	1/5/2025 8:40 AM
693	Water fountains/stations	1/5/2025 7:53 AM

694	Bike trails	1/5/2025 7:52 AM
695	Splash pad type of area	1/5/2025 7:10 AM
696	Bathrooms	1/5/2025 6:48 AM
697	The playground at Core Creek needs work	1/5/2025 4:00 AM
698	Pickleball at Middletown community park	1/5/2025 12:05 AM
699	LIGHTING, police patrol, bigger playground (especially Taryeton), trash cleanup	1/4/2025 11:08 PM
700	Rails to trail.	1/4/2025 10:35 PM
701	i	1/4/2025 10:28 PM
702	Bike and walking trails in core creek park.	1/4/2025 10:28 PM
703	A swimming pool	1/4/2025 9:44 PM
704	More trails and better mapped out trails	1/4/2025 9:04 PM
705	The area around Langhorne Gardens is missing walkable footpaths. No sidewalks. It would be nice if there were walking paths and green areas in/around Oxford valley mall.	1/4/2025 8:43 PM
706	Sidewalks to core Creek Park	1/4/2025 8:19 PM
707	Long walking trails that are tick- free zones	1/4/2025 8:18 PM
708	I'd like a walking and biking path to link the parks such as was discussed years ago along Neshaminy Creek. It would be nice to have safe walking areas.	1/4/2025 7:59 PM
709	More trails, dog friendly leash free zones	1/4/2025 7:57 PM
710	Indoor facility rental for parties	1/4/2025 7:30 PM
711	Trails for easier walking/hiking	1/4/2025 7:11 PM
712	Splash pad, lessons on how to play games, giant chess/ checkers, e-bike rental	1/4/2025 7:09 PM
713	Paved/marked trails	1/4/2025 7:04 PM
714	Bike paths and bike pump tracks	1/4/2025 7:00 PM
715	More trails to bike on.	1/4/2025 6:57 PM
716	a place for 4 wheelers and dirt bikes to ride legally. they ride illegally in Firefighters Park all the time, ruining the fields.	1/4/2025 6:53 PM
717	Bathrooms	1/4/2025 6:51 PM
718	Bike paths, trails, walking/hiking paths.	1/4/2025 6:50 PM
719	More trails with rocks or paved for when it rains.	1/4/2025 6:45 PM
720	Bike paths	1/4/2025 6:31 PM
721	Side walks surrounding neighborhood example, fulling mill to core creek, no side walk, except for the new townhouse development	1/4/2025 6:27 PM
722	More natire trails	1/4/2025 6:25 PM
723	Walking/bike paths...	1/4/2025 6:20 PM
724	Walking patches connect different areas within our township	1/4/2025 5:56 PM
725	Bike trails, water fountain (drinking)	1/4/2025 5:46 PM
726	Accessible Fishing spots	1/4/2025 5:45 PM
727	Pump bike track, like the one that was demolished behind maple point.	1/4/2025 5:08 PM
728	Would love to see more attention to birding.. perhaps a bird blind with bird feeders.	1/4/2025 5:06 PM
729	More porta johns	1/4/2025 4:42 PM

730	Trails	1/4/2025 4:35 PM
731	nothing comes to mind	1/4/2025 4:27 PM
732	Disc golf course	1/4/2025 4:25 PM
733	Harris Ave park lacks basic maintenance such as grass cutting. Trails would be a great improvement.	1/4/2025 4:23 PM
734	The playgrounds are great for the younger kids. We need something for the teens.	1/4/2025 4:19 PM
735	Picnic areas	1/4/2025 4:18 PM
736	Swings for older people especially would be nice.looking over core creek,those Amish swings,low maintenance, better picnic tables & benches that aren't half rotted, restroom facilities.	1/4/2025 4:16 PM
737	More biking/walking trails	1/4/2025 4:10 PM
738	Bike trails for off road. More tennis courts (what happened to the courts in Tareyton?)	1/4/2025 4:10 PM
739	Trails, bike trails	1/4/2025 3:09 PM
740	Nothing	1/4/2025 2:37 PM
741	Please do NOT allow for ATV and dirt bike riding in Middletown township	1/4/2025 2:18 PM
742	More tennis courts and with lights.	1/4/2025 11:30 AM
743	Water centric features	1/4/2025 10:26 AM
744	Better playgrounds Walking trails	1/4/2025 9:57 AM
745	Maintained Trash receptacles	1/4/2025 8:57 AM
746	A trail around the lake in Core Creek	1/4/2025 7:48 AM
747	Bike and walking trails that connect the local communities.	1/4/2025 12:42 AM
748	Some parks can use benches, bathroom facilities, areas with shade	1/3/2025 10:37 PM
749	Public pool	1/3/2025 10:33 PM
750	Bike or trails that loop - ex: core creek needs a complete 5K loop like falls park	1/3/2025 9:45 PM
751	I can’t think of anything.	1/3/2025 6:00 PM
752	Bathrooms that are open year round or no bathrooms existing at all (ie core creek tennis court park area) Our family uses outdoor spaces year round and not having a bathroom available is awful with little ones. More open play, risky play and organic play spaces.	1/3/2025 4:24 PM
753	Parking Restroom	1/3/2025 4:21 PM
754	None that we notice or miss.	1/3/2025 4:04 PM
755	Forsythia Crossing needs a separate fenced dog park. Too many people are using the brand new hockey rink for their dogs.	1/3/2025 2:31 PM
756	It would be helpful if ALL the parks and trails had poop bags for dogs for the people who choose/forget to bring their own. Also subsequent trash cans adjacent to the bags for easier clean up would be great. I was constantly trying to dodge other people's dog messes while walking mine.	1/3/2025 2:28 PM
757	I’d like to keep as much wooded area as possible.	1/3/2025 2:23 PM
758	Core Creek park should have walking trails to the surrounding neighborhoods. Today I don't allow my family to bike or walk due to dangerous roads without even adequate shoulder areas.	1/3/2025 1:51 PM
759	Very simple...take a look at Central Park/Castle in Doylestown...that is what out parks need to look like... That is the type of park our community deserves... That park should be the blue print for Middletown township.. Time to start spending $$$$	1/3/2025 1:24 PM
760	Accessible bathrooms, water stations	1/3/2025 1:23 PM

761	Paved or gravel trail around Twin Oaks Park	1/3/2025 1:19 PM
762	the amenities are fine.	1/3/2025 1:13 PM
763	Bike trails are needed	1/3/2025 1:10 PM
764	Disc Golf courses, walking paths to the parks, running water in the winter	1/3/2025 1:09 PM
765	Bathroom facilities	1/3/2025 1:06 PM
766	Entertainment e.g. Washington Crossing Theater	1/3/2025 1:06 PM
767	Enough trails	1/3/2025 12:56 PM
768	Safe sidewalks to parks along 213. Would prefer to bike to parks rather than drive. But unsafe.	1/3/2025 12:52 PM
769	Year around bathrooms	1/3/2025 12:48 PM
770	A wide paved walking path from Cobalt Ridge Park through to Quincy Hollow Park and back. A complete circle path.	1/3/2025 12:42 PM
771	More level walking paths with seating so seniors with limited mobility can walk. Sunflower Park would be an excellent toddler playground.	1/3/2025 12:41 PM
772	More Pickleball courts, please	1/3/2025 12:36 PM
773	Hiking trails, Portajohns for the elderly,	1/3/2025 12:33 PM
774	Running trail systems	1/3/2025 12:27 PM
775	Safe sidewalks connecting to my house	1/3/2025 12:22 PM
776	MORE GOLF COURSES	1/3/2025 12:18 PM
777	More tennis courts	1/3/2025 12:15 PM
778	Easier access to the creek such as a small dock or launch ramp for kayaks and paddle boards.	1/3/2025 12:14 PM
779	disc golf, exercise stations	1/3/2025 12:14 PM
780	More Nature Trails	1/3/2025 12:09 PM
781	Safe walkable and bicycle access.	1/3/2025 11:56 AM
782	I would like to see more native plantings and education. I would like to see the parks and rec run more sports programs for all versus individual leagues using Middletown facilities for a small focused amount of travel team kids.	1/2/2025 10:20 PM
783	Free pickleball courts.	1/2/2025 9:40 AM
784	- Interconnectivity of bike and walking paths - Clear, maintained crosswalks connecting neighborhoods to paths in some locations	1/2/2025 6:07 AM
785	Swimming Pool	1/1/2025 6:00 PM
786	Walkable access to the parks. I want Middletown Township to partner with Newtown Township to enable resident to crossover at Summit Shopping Center into Newtown and Newtown residents to walk into Langhorne by making the crossing of Newtown Bypass safe with the addition of lights, identified crosswalk and countdown timers. Think of the benefit to the businesses!	1/1/2025 1:34 PM
787	Connectivity, and loops for walking or biking	1/1/2025 1:09 PM
788	Water fountains possible port a potty more benches	12/31/2024 9:37 PM
789	None that I can think of	12/31/2024 5:25 PM
790	Benches	12/31/2024 5:08 PM
791	Safety amenities (cameras, lights, etc)	12/31/2024 4:28 PM
792	A functioning bathroom facility instead of port-potties.	12/31/2024 3:48 PM

793	Dog park, walkable trails, lighting for evening (specifically at Forsythia Crossing Park	12/31/2024 10:27 AM
794	There are not enough parks with forests and non-paved trails.	12/30/2024 9:59 PM
795	Walking trails around sport fields. Trees near ball fields need to be trimmed back.	12/29/2024 8:38 AM
796	More fields for sports, turf fields like our surrounding townships have Team sports are an amazing way to teach our children how to be a part of our community	12/28/2024 12:31 PM
797	The ability to hunt	12/27/2024 9:15 AM
798	Exercise stations	12/27/2024 8:25 AM
799	Map for core creek trails. Paved trail between Middletown community park and township line road.	12/27/2024 8:05 AM
800	Proper bike path	12/26/2024 1:15 PM
801	We need something in the winter for the kids to play sports especially basketball. Have you ever considered a dome on top of some of the courts to add for LAA, CYO, instead of having groups scramble for courts that cost money and in turn more fundraisers for kids and parents. Please look at Arcadia University. They have a dome over their tennis courts. In addition, a basic community center that could be use in the winter and summer would be great. For instance why are we looking at building more houses at Heckman when that could be a great location for a community center. I was recently at a place called XL World. They had three basketball courts/volleyball courts, a flag football and soccer field indoors. Do you realize how many people would be happy about this and how much income you could bring in for camps, rentals etc.	12/24/2024 12:58 PM
802	A comprehensive bike path thru the area with protected lanes, of many miles in contiguous length	12/23/2024 11:29 PM
803	Biking trails walking trails	12/23/2024 9:06 PM
804	Bathrooms - clean and open Clean and running water fountains	12/23/2024 3:45 PM
805	Bike trails	12/23/2024 3:02 PM
806	Adequately enforcing the ban on quads and dirt bike activity	12/23/2024 1:20 PM
807	A safer way to cross over to Core Creek Park near Saint Mary's Hospital from the Rehab Center. Drivers from the hospital tend not to defer to pedestrians crossing the street, which makes it not fun to get to Core Creek Park.	12/23/2024 1:17 PM
808	Foot bridges, trash receptacles	12/23/2024 1:05 PM
809	.Bring back basketball courts and install PICKLEBALL COURTS	12/23/2024 12:03 PM
810	Not sure	12/23/2024 10:29 AM
811	Walking trails along roadways like Yardley has in the area of Shadybrook farm and Wegman's.	12/23/2024 9:40 AM
812	dog waste receptacles	12/23/2024 9:09 AM
813	There use to be exercise circuits around the perimeter of community park. I use them as a kid and now my children enjoyed using them up until the pull up bars were removed and the wood on the other ones rotted away.	12/23/2024 9:04 AM
814	More and longer trails for walking/hiking and biking	12/23/2024 8:55 AM
815	Water fountains	12/23/2024 8:53 AM
816	Better basketball hoops/nets at core creek, something indoor for public to play basketball	12/23/2024 8:30 AM
817	not much open space left, preserve all that you can now.	12/23/2024 8:18 AM
818	The lower Middletown area does not have any trails or walking areas except one small circle around forsythia park	12/23/2024 7:20 AM
819	Wildflowers	12/23/2024 7:19 AM
820	Bike path access	12/23/2024 6:34 AM

821	SECURITY: sufficient lighting, security cameras, in some cases - security guards	12/23/2024 12:13 AM
822	dog poop bags	12/22/2024 7:39 PM
823	I love the two parks I frequent often - Core Creek and Playwicki. No changes needed!	12/22/2024 7:22 PM
824	More open space	12/22/2024 7:17 PM
825	More inclusive playgrounds and amenities for kids, more accessible trails for strollers, more shade and tree coverage	12/22/2024 6:08 PM
826	Mountain bike trails at Tyle State Park.	12/22/2024 6:06 PM
827	Splash pads to get out of the heat	12/22/2024 5:29 PM
828	I don't know	12/22/2024 4:06 PM
829	We have nothing in Langhorne Manor	12/22/2024 3:07 PM
830	Sidewalks to walk to the parks	12/22/2024 3:00 PM
831	Walking biking trail and pedestrian crossing to Core Creek park from Old Mill Woods neighborhood located on Bridgetown Pike	12/22/2024 2:59 PM
832	Please finish paving the walking loop in Veterans Park. I have seen people with strollers, trikes, walkers and wheelchairs struggle to navigate the gravel section (and the grass is winning there too). There are other bumpy sections that need repaving. It is currently not ADA compliant. More benches on the other sides and lighting in the dark corner would be beneficial. Some playground equipment is broken-must be replaced.	12/22/2024 2:35 PM
833	Water fountains	12/22/2024 2:33 PM
834	informative walks (on trees,birds,flora,water feature	12/22/2024 2:20 PM
835	Horseback riding	12/22/2024 1:48 PM
836	Parks are beautiful and well cared for. Maybe poop bag dispenser for dog owners? It’s disappointing how many owners don’t clean up after their dogs especially at the Christopher Jones Memorial Park.	12/22/2024 1:47 PM
837	Turf fields for sports. Public bathrooms in parks	12/22/2024 1:25 PM
838	Updated Playgrounds	12/22/2024 12:48 PM
839	Many things are missing. For example, the street hockey rink was just redone at Forsythia Crossing Park, however there is no score board. In addition, there are no benches or risers for parents and spectators to sit to watch games. They have to stand around tbd the rink for the hour long hockey games. If you have been to a Sunday during the fall or spring seasons, you can see that both parking lots are overflowing and cars line the street, there is inadequate parking. To be honest same goes for Twin Oaks Park on any given sport weekend. The area continues to lose open space and drainage is a serious issue. The fields do not have adequate drainage despite the new lights and the curb as well as low hanging trees. To be clear, the water may be directed to Trenton Rd however, the root of the issue was not addressed is that the whole section drains into the creek and fields. Unfortunately, it seems no one looked at this as the creek is full of sediment. If you walk the tree line this is easy to see and this is only from thr small portion of the area that I walked. The creek needs to be dredged to alleviate the flooding and water flow issues. One other item of note is that one of the drains by the asphalt walk way on the Twin Oaks side had a tree growing out of it! There are very simple and cost effective solutions that cost are less than the improvements of recent years. I recommend having and independent review and estimate. This is embarrassing as these field represent our town and its inconvenient to our neighbors.	12/22/2024 12:34 PM
840	Bocce Courts and water fountains	12/22/2024 12:31 PM
841	Space your parks are too small	12/22/2024 12:03 PM
842	A few more restrooms might be nice.	12/22/2024 12:01 PM
843	Safe Trails to and from parks	12/22/2024 11:46 AM
844	More dedicated paved bike trails	12/22/2024 11:23 AM

845	All good	12/22/2024 11:21 AM
846	Bathrooms that are open	12/22/2024 11:21 AM
847	Bike trails	12/22/2024 11:14 AM
848	For Pickleball we could really use a wind Curtain. The wind at FFP is very gusty	12/22/2024 11:05 AM
849	Vending machines for drinks (see Newtown Park off 413)	12/22/2024 11:03 AM
850	paved trails (not in the parking lot)	12/22/2024 11:01 AM
851	Bathrooms, shade, playground elements for a wider age range, skateboard/scooter areas	12/22/2024 11:00 AM
852	At Simmons Memorial Park the play sets are terrible. The rubberized flooring has large dips and holes in it. The whole playground needs to be redone as well as the area around the flagpoles.	12/22/2024 10:59 AM
853	?	12/22/2024 10:52 AM
854	Na	12/22/2024 10:50 AM
855	Provisions to allow for nighttime astronomical viewing	12/22/2024 10:47 AM
856	Updated playground equipment and rest rooms	12/22/2024 10:38 AM
857	Bike trails	12/22/2024 10:29 AM
858	Cross walks or light	12/22/2024 10:18 AM
859	Restroom upgrade	12/22/2024 10:14 AM
860	Trout Stocked Lake	12/22/2024 10:07 AM
861	Maybe more dog play areas and just more hiking style trails. Native trees are beautiful and I enjoy walking through the forest.	12/22/2024 10:07 AM
862	Walking/biking paths to get to Core Creek Park	12/21/2024 7:19 PM
863	More basketball courts. Would love an amphitheater like they have in Bristol Twp	12/21/2024 1:43 PM
864	Need more oversight to ensure safety concerns and questionable activities are not conducted.	12/21/2024 11:26 AM
865	Benches	12/21/2024 11:19 AM
866	Would just like to see more preserved open space to prevent more building!	12/21/2024 11:00 AM
867	Signs telling people to keep dogs on leashes on green belts especially in Quincy!!	12/21/2024 9:32 AM
868	trails & fishing areas	12/21/2024 8:44 AM
869	pavilions or spaces to use for scouting events, group gatherings; kids would love to be able to play gaga; a wildflower/pollinator field or more areas for pollination	12/21/2024 8:33 AM
870	Picnic tables and water fountains	12/21/2024 2:31 AM
871	More paved trails	12/20/2024 10:59 PM
872	More senior daytime activities	12/20/2024 8:51 PM
873	Nothing	12/20/2024 7:22 PM
874	Walking trails or pathways which connect neighborhoods to each other or which connect neighborhoods to public access trails or paths.	12/20/2024 6:45 PM
875	Somehow connect park to develop such as gates tie in with green belt and park for further walking trails	12/20/2024 5:50 PM
876	more trails for walking	12/20/2024 5:07 PM
877	None the TWP doesn't need to waist money on things todays people don't appreciate	12/20/2024 5:06 PM
878	Wider walking paths are needed. When bikers or runners pass there is minimal space between them and walkers.	12/20/2024 4:16 PM

879	As a mycologist I think there is not much information about our own biodiversity and the kind of mushroom and a study into the parks micelium. I have a laboratory and I would love to gather as much as information as we can about all the strains, types and an education about how to forage and how to identify.	12/18/2024 10:21 PM
880	Additional trail access to them and adequate number and location of restrooms	12/13/2024 3:03 PM
881	Sidewalks/ bike paths along busy roads! It can be unsafe to walk or bike to a lot of places in the area without these features.	12/12/2024 9:32 PM
882	I think there is a lot. Maybe more cleaning up of the parks. for instance the grass gets way too high in tareyton park in the summer. also lots of profanities written on equipment. not your fault obviously. but not lovely. but otherwise very happy!!!	12/12/2024 8:13 PM
883	Trails	12/11/2024 8:36 PM
884	Shade over the playground equipment.	12/11/2024 6:56 PM
885	i people using basketball courts for cricket; stinks when you bring your kid to play basketball and can't because they're taking up the whole court.	12/11/2024 5:32 PM
886	disc golf	12/11/2024 3:32 PM

Q11 In general, how important do you feel open spaces such as public parks and natural areas are to the well-being and quality of life in Middletown Township?

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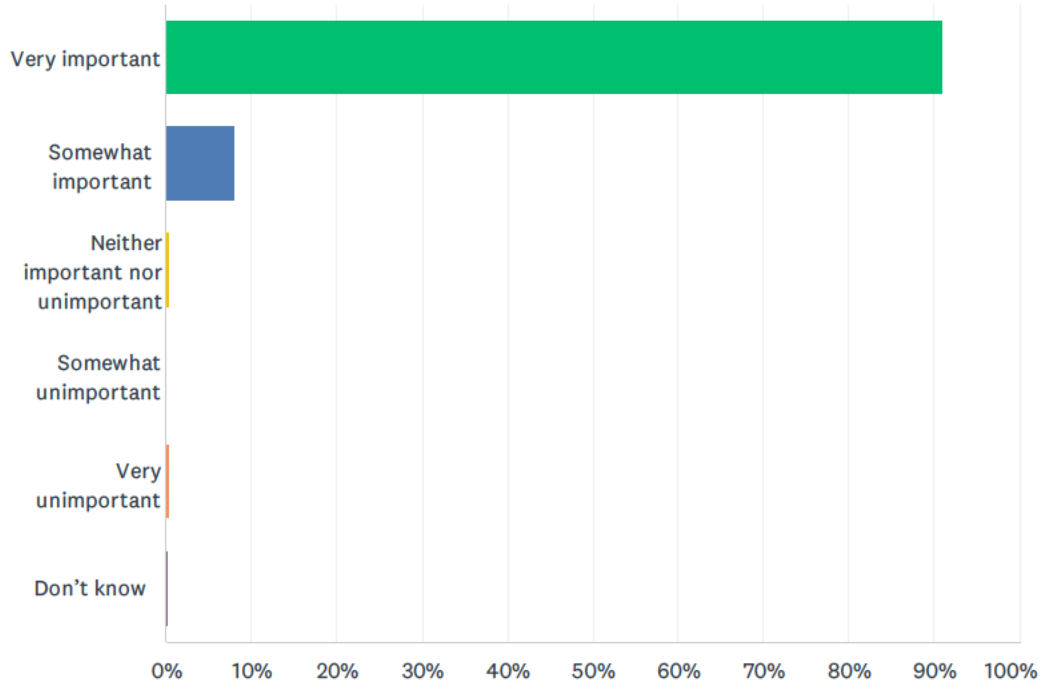
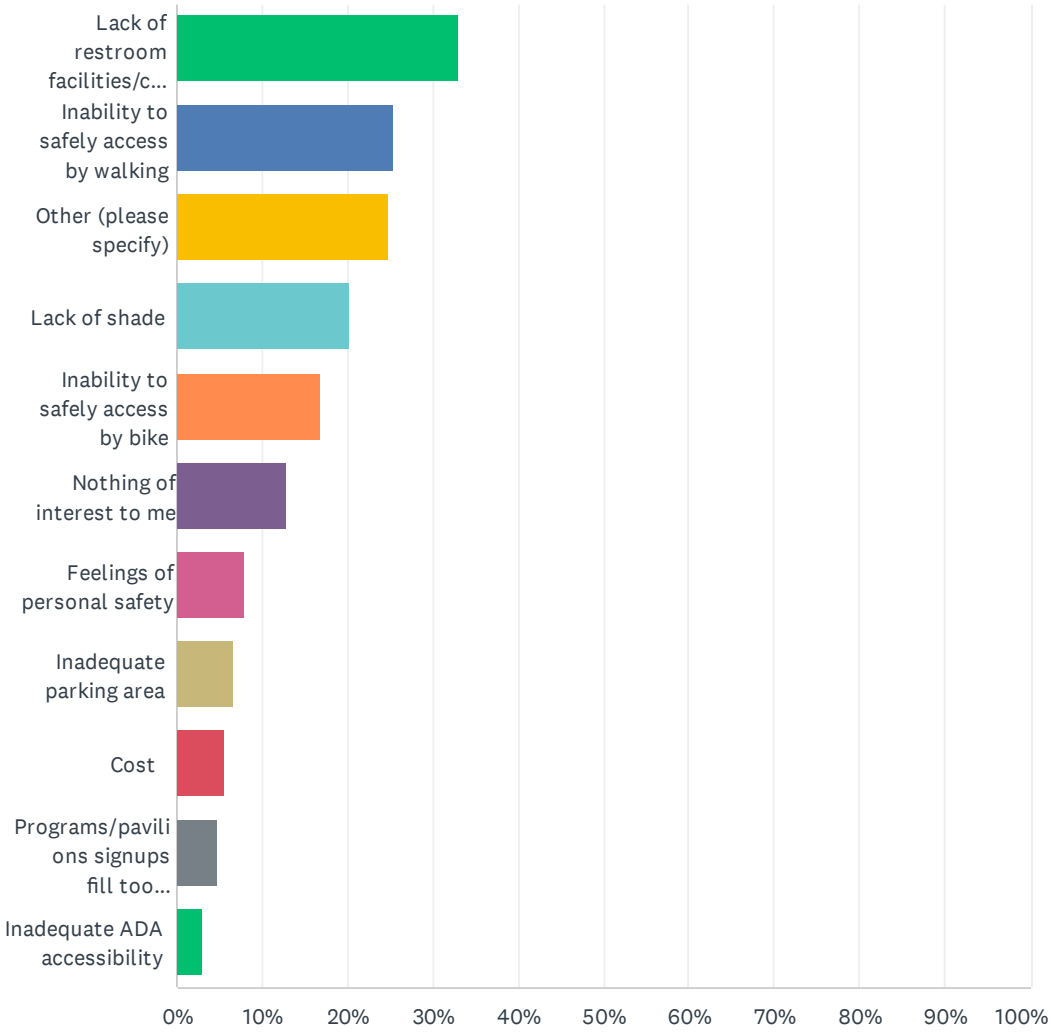


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	90.95%	1,266
Somewhat important	8.12%	113
Neither important nor unimportant	0.36%	5
Somewhat unimportant	0.07%	1
Very unimportant	0.36%	5
Don't know	0.14%	2
TOTAL		1,392

Q12 What are the primary reasons that you DO NOT visit parks, participate in Middletown Township programs, or rent facilities in Middletown Township?Select all that apply.

Answered: 963 Skipped: 565



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lack of restroom facilities/comfort amenities	33.02%	318
Inability to safely access by walking	25.34%	244
Other (please specify)	24.71%	238
Lack of shade	20.35%	196
Inability to safely access by bike	16.93%	163
Nothing of interest to me	12.88%	124
Feelings of personal safety	7.79%	75
Inadequate parking area	6.54%	63
Cost	5.61%	54
Programs/pavilions signups fill too quickly	4.78%	46
Inadequate ADA accessibility	2.91%	28
Total Respondents: 963		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	N/A	6/9/2025 8:34 PM
2	Most programs cater to kids	6/9/2025 7:27 PM
3	Overrun on weekends	6/9/2025 1:28 PM
4	Many of the parks and playgrounds are in such poor condition we travel to other townships to utilize what they have available.	6/9/2025 9:41 AM
5	Dirt biking, quads, vehicles that have no business	6/9/2025 8:46 AM
6	Activities for special needs adults	6/9/2025 8:20 AM
7	none	6/9/2025 6:47 AM
8	N/A	6/9/2025 6:40 AM
9	N/A	6/8/2025 9:35 PM
10	Old age	6/8/2025 5:42 PM
11	no pickle ball courts available	6/8/2025 5:24 PM
12	Materials like tables are old and need replacement.	6/8/2025 5:08 PM
13	time	6/8/2025 4:38 PM
14	When the cats get too populous in Core Creek.	6/8/2025 4:18 PM
15	Busy schedule.	6/8/2025 3:18 PM
16	Na	6/8/2025 2:06 PM
17	Lions park should have a fence protecting children from traffic on Trenton road/route 413.	6/8/2025 2:00 PM
18	Loud Music, Obnoxious out of township people at skate park	6/8/2025 1:26 PM
19	NA	6/8/2025 1:25 PM
20	Overcrowding	6/8/2025 1:19 PM
21	Off leash dogs	6/8/2025 12:57 PM

22	No reason.	6/8/2025 12:53 PM
23	N/a	6/8/2025 12:34 PM
24	Nothing keeps me away	6/3/2025 3:20 PM
25	I don't hesitate to visit parks.	6/1/2025 9:32 AM
26	Na	5/30/2025 12:03 AM
27	My answers in the survey are due to the importance of my children being able to have places to go and play sports, fish and ride bikes. The reason why I don't go is not important. It's for the kids in my opinion.	5/29/2025 1:52 PM
28	poor connectivity	5/20/2025 12:49 PM
29	None	5/18/2025 7:06 PM
30	N/A	5/18/2025 10:24 AM
31	I only use my local park. Forsythia Crossing. The port a potty are gross and last year were often tipped over. I have prostate issues so I just [redacted] in the woods.	5/14/2025 6:39 PM
32	Nothing to list	5/14/2025 6:23 PM
33	Why is Special Olympics athletes not offered the use for training /practices.	5/14/2025 6:12 PM
34	bathrooms at firefighters park	5/12/2025 12:05 PM
35	Motorized and Non-Motorized bikes with lack of regard for others	5/11/2025 6:00 PM
36	I pick the park based on weather. I walk them year round. It’s important to be open and safe to walk as well as ample trash containers. If it’s not too hot I go to playwicki but if there is lots of sun I like the shade of core creek	5/11/2025 2:38 PM
37	Always too crowded and overrun with people	5/11/2025 1:29 PM
38	Adequate playground equipment.	5/8/2025 10:47 PM
39	Walkway access from neighborhood home in Swan Pointe	5/7/2025 8:36 PM
40	Lack of seating on trails. There is some but not enough	4/29/2025 11:39 AM
41	There are parks that I have not visited because I am not aware of them.	4/28/2025 5:17 PM
42	No reason	4/28/2025 11:37 AM
43	Personal safety concerns, drug activity.	4/28/2025 11:31 AM
44	Very Full schedules	4/28/2025 9:30 AM
45	No time	4/28/2025 6:01 AM
46	na	4/27/2025 8:58 PM
47	the level of trash at Core Creek is insane - where did all the trash cans go???	4/27/2025 5:03 PM
48	Lack of enforcement of speed limits, traffic laws, and rules.	4/27/2025 2:04 PM
49	Programs DON'T fill up and then get cancelled	4/27/2025 1:05 PM
50	N/a	4/27/2025 12:22 PM
51	The application, rules & fee for the dog park at Core Creek is ridiculous.	4/27/2025 12:06 PM
52	n/a	4/27/2025 10:22 AM
53	Pickleball seems to be taken over by groups	4/27/2025 10:22 AM
54	Nothing	4/27/2025 10:17 AM
55	Na	4/27/2025 10:13 AM
56	Drivers go much to fast trough park there is no enforcement of speed	4/27/2025 10:13 AM

57	I visit often	4/24/2025 7:26 PM
58	Weather	4/19/2025 9:11 AM
59	Can be over crowded at times	4/13/2025 7:16 PM
60	Litter,filthy parking lots	4/7/2025 9:47 AM
61	The grass near the soccer fields needs to maintained more frequently. They will cut the soccer field and leave foot high grass all around it. It's ridiculous.	4/6/2025 12:36 PM
62	Lack of appropriate play spaces for older children (5-12)	4/4/2025 4:55 PM
63	People riding minimizes turning the grass	4/4/2025 3:12 PM
64	Lack of fenced in dog park	4/4/2025 1:45 PM
65	Sometimes they can be overcrowded.	4/2/2025 10:23 AM
66	The music blasting on radios (especially on basketball courts) is rude, degrading and very offensive… music should only be allowed in ear buds	3/31/2025 10:16 AM
67	Basically good open space	3/30/2025 4:06 PM
68	Fields and structures are falling apart	3/30/2025 11:26 AM
69	No Trout Stockings.	3/30/2025 9:53 AM
70	Seeing too much trash left on the ground and overflowing trash receptacles. Especially the fishing lines and hooks left tangled on the ground and water that kills wildlife. Seeing a heron at Core Creek with fishing hook in its mouth that would probably die due to the careless fishermen who pollute the park.	3/30/2025 3:52 AM
71	N/A	3/29/2025 1:00 PM
72	Lack of good running trails	3/29/2025 12:59 PM
73	Busy schedule and unaware of events	3/29/2025 10:46 AM
74	We are very active and go to gyms and ride bikes. Our time at parks is generally for our grandkids games and for them to play in recreational areas.	3/29/2025 8:21 AM
75	Not enough pickleball courts	3/28/2025 7:36 AM
76	No reasons	3/27/2025 8:57 PM
77	Only when I don't have the time to	3/27/2025 8:09 PM
78	Work	3/27/2025 7:18 PM
79	Time to get to these places	3/27/2025 6:20 PM
80	I'm in my 70s, I visit the park in my area everyday which is enough for me.	3/27/2025 2:06 PM
81	Just busy	3/27/2025 10:51 AM
82	Bike lanes, running lanes	3/27/2025 9:15 AM
83	I visit	3/27/2025 7:50 AM
84	Cleanliness	3/26/2025 11:00 PM
85	Time- work two jobs	3/26/2025 6:51 PM
86	Broken benches	3/25/2025 10:10 PM
87	Basketball courts need to be repaired.	3/25/2025 9:00 PM
88	I utilize them all of the time	3/25/2025 10:39 AM
89	N/a	3/25/2025 6:37 AM
90	Graffiti, trash	3/24/2025 7:45 PM
91	Ppl with lawn chairs sitting in the water limiting access to the waters edge in Tyler.	3/22/2025 10:16 AM

92	N/A We visit	3/20/2025 9:56 AM
93	any bad qweather	3/18/2025 3:35 PM
94	Not enough variety in playground equipment to keep kids entertained for long enough periods of time to make it worth traveling there	3/18/2025 5:30 AM
95	I do feel unsafe and for Cynthia Park. I often see vagrants hiding and smoking behind the hockey rink. More than once as my child and I have been walking strangers have popped out of the woods. We also need playgrounds that could interest big kids. We go to other townships regularly for my only child to have fun on Playground that have either entire sides or apparatus that would be physically appropriate for a 7 to 12-year-old; because the Middletown parks primarily focus on preschoolers and little children, our big kids have nothing to entice them out and you're just adding to the unhealthiness and video gameplaying. I don't like having to rely on other townships when my township has enough resources to support all of his children. We also need a pool, I pay a lot of money to upper make field or Fauls to be a nonresident pool member. I do not want a dog park in for Cynthia, we all have large swaps of property, but the children need more interactive space because we don't have sidewalks, for the children to have community. The park area needs to be focused on families and children.	3/17/2025 8:29 AM
96	Procimo	3/15/2025 6:34 PM
97	Distance	3/15/2025 5:19 PM
98	Vandalism	3/15/2025 4:57 PM
99	Time	3/15/2025 1:41 PM
100	Right now no time but we utilized programs for years and plan on in future retirement years. Right now we go to Northampton parks recs all winter pickleball clinic	3/15/2025 1:31 PM
101	Pickleball courts not free, using tennis court instead	3/15/2025 1:29 PM
102	I golf regularly at MCC until the course conditions deteriorate each year due to the inability to maintain conditions due to summer weather.	3/15/2025 12:41 PM
103	Dogs on green belt no leash	3/15/2025 12:37 PM
104	Does not apply	3/15/2025 11:46 AM
105	Teenagers	3/15/2025 11:08 AM
106	Timing, dates, also need a list of programs sent electronically	3/15/2025 10:45 AM
107	Not knowing where they are	3/15/2025 10:44 AM
108	NA	3/9/2025 7:58 PM
109	smaller parks feel unwelcome to those outside the neighborhood where located	2/27/2025 11:27 AM
110	O	2/27/2025 5:28 AM
111	Lack of dedicated space and facilities for organized outdoor athletics programs.	2/26/2025 10:11 PM
112	If there's a community event parking and crowds are always a pain.	2/26/2025 8:27 AM
113	We visit a park space almost every day.	2/25/2025 7:39 PM
114	NA	2/21/2025 8:28 PM
115	I enjoy all the parks They are all different Variety is great	2/19/2025 5:39 PM
116	Was always too busy	2/19/2025 9:18 AM
117	With small kids, we usually end up going to the parks with updated playground equipment	2/17/2025 10:41 PM
118	large groups of illegal immigrants from outside the municipality and county seem to take over the available picnic and pavillions	2/15/2025 11:10 AM
119	Park is being turned into a haven for uncontrolled Ferral Cat population	2/14/2025 1:48 PM
120	I live off of Brownsville road and while I love my home Nd street, I cannot safely walk anywhere especially with my child	2/14/2025 3:53 AM

121	Pickleball is not organized by skill level	2/13/2025 10:07 PM
122	None	2/13/2025 8:12 PM
123	Lack of shade on playgrounds	2/13/2025 2:14 PM
124	N/A	2/12/2025 1:51 PM
125	Inclement weather	2/12/2025 1:47 AM
126	Personal schedule	2/11/2025 1:08 PM
127	N/A	2/11/2025 11:58 AM
128	I do visit frequently, but sometimes closed bathrooms are a hardship in the cold months	2/11/2025 10:26 AM
129	None	2/11/2025 9:51 AM
130	Lights turn off early	2/11/2025 9:43 AM
131	Walking paths/trails are rather boring	1/31/2025 12:22 AM
132	The batting cages are locked in twin oaks park. MAA keeps it locked, even during when their seasonal permit has expired.	1/29/2025 1:10 PM
133	not enough fields for our daughters to use	1/29/2025 10:41 AM
134	didn't know about many of them	1/28/2025 7:52 PM
135	Lack of time get home from work 600 pm	1/25/2025 8:37 AM
136	Don't know.	1/25/2025 4:46 AM
137	Too dangerous	1/24/2025 1:34 PM
138	No fitness equipment	1/24/2025 1:24 PM
139	Often too crowded.	1/23/2025 9:57 PM
140	Heat island effect from parking lots	1/23/2025 7:32 PM
141	Just not enough	1/23/2025 7:24 PM
142	We generally don't go to parks that doesn't have much shade, but only in the summer.	1/22/2025 10:11 AM
143	work hours	1/22/2025 6:44 AM
144	Encounters with people who do not respect nature and have zero regard for the negative impact they make.	1/22/2025 6:12 AM
145	This playground is boring for my kids.	1/21/2025 8:49 PM
146	Playgrounds and walking/running or biking areas would be reasons we dont visit certain parks.	1/21/2025 8:37 PM
147	I'd like more programs	1/21/2025 5:53 PM
148	Want somewhere to walk distance without walking in "circles"	1/21/2025 5:34 PM
149	Live in a community that has pool and clubhouse	1/21/2025 5:25 PM
150	None	1/21/2025 5:03 PM
151	Looking for more interesting trail systems, with shade	1/21/2025 4:21 PM
152	We participate in programs and use recreational areas	1/21/2025 2:33 PM
153	I	1/19/2025 4:00 PM
154	Unaware of all the facilities available to me.	1/18/2025 3:23 PM
155	Busy	1/18/2025 8:05 AM
156	No enforcement of motored vehicle restrictions-dirt bikes and ATVs	1/18/2025 7:26 AM
157	Too many stray cats at Core Creek Park.	1/17/2025 10:29 PM

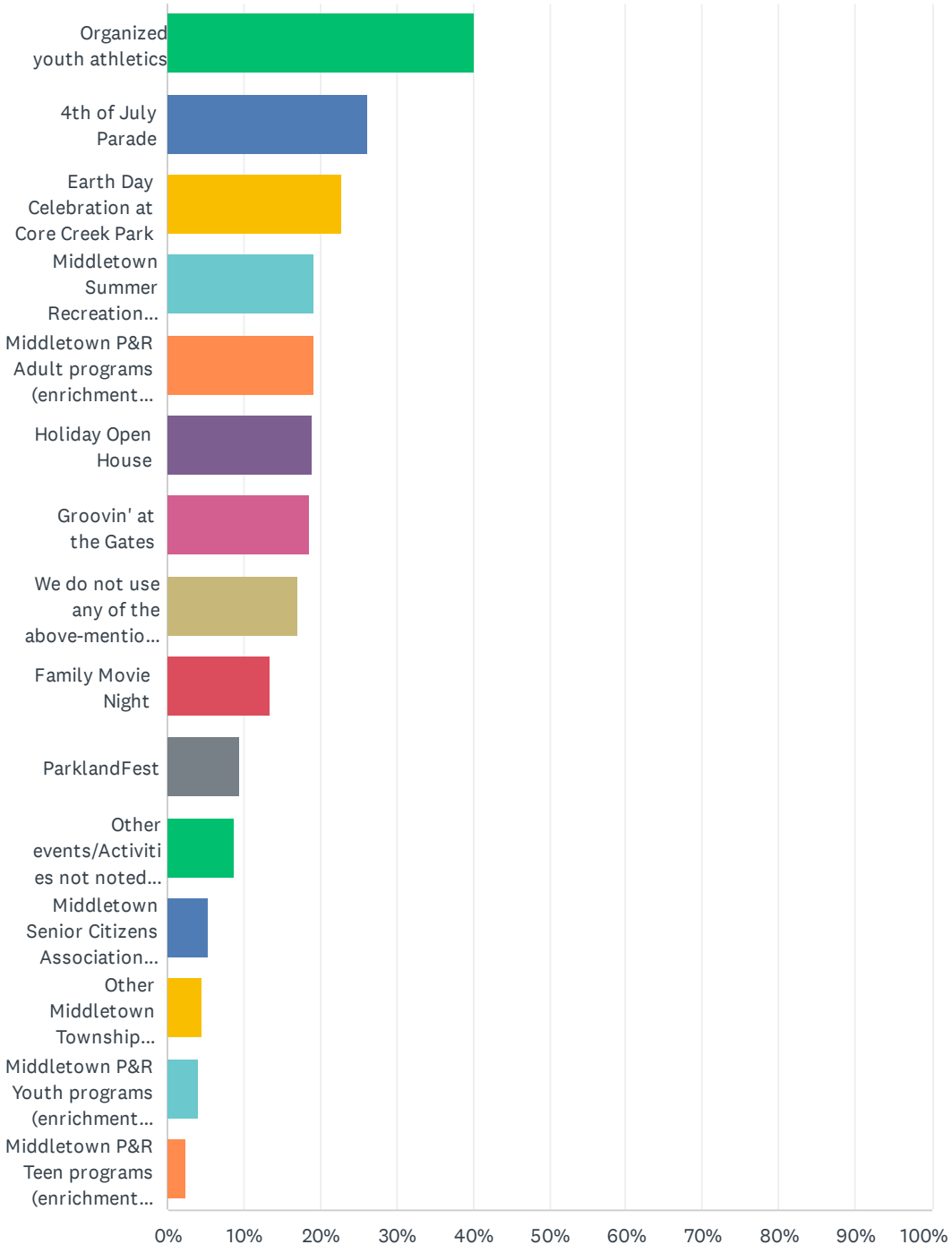
158	Our family visits forsythia crossing park and the surrounding word area whenever we can. We also have been involved in the summer rec program for at least 5 years. Everything is great the way it is in my neighborhood. Do NOT cut any trees down to clear paths throughout forsythia/ Snowball Gate area.	1/17/2025 9:54 PM
159	Walking trails	1/17/2025 9:50 PM
160	Cost difference for non-resident	1/17/2025 7:42 PM
161	I do visit parks	1/17/2025 4:37 PM
162	Time.	1/17/2025 4:03 PM
163	Don’t know	1/16/2025 10:29 PM
164	Sports related parks are avoided	1/16/2025 6:58 PM
165	I visit the parks. They are adequate as is. NO MORE DEVELOPMENT!	1/16/2025 11:50 AM
166	Busy schedule	1/15/2025 8:52 PM
167	Lack of time	1/15/2025 8:24 PM
168	We go to parks with water and good walking trails like Tyler	1/15/2025 7:18 PM
169	Timing ofbprogramsy	1/15/2025 7:02 PM
170	I visit the parks	1/15/2025 1:33 PM
171	n/a	1/15/2025 10:00 AM
172	Time... need more time.	1/14/2025 8:47 PM
173	Dog people not obeying leash laws.	1/14/2025 12:09 PM
174	None	1/13/2025 11:31 PM
175	Very crowded	1/13/2025 2:48 PM
176	Lack of bike trials and lack or exercise equipment.	1/13/2025 9:58 AM
177	Families like to excercise while they play. Sometimes not enough to do outside for winter. More fire pits like tyler.	1/12/2025 3:21 PM
178	We frequently visit state and national parks. Biking on both sides of the Delaware canal, and hiking in slightly more challenging areas, as Middletown is fairly flat.	1/12/2025 11:31 AM
179	n/a	1/11/2025 2:26 PM
180	the fact that you use round up and known carcinogens in these areas	1/11/2025 2:22 PM
181	Have to drive to the parks. Do not have them within walking distance.	1/11/2025 1:42 PM
182	I’m antisocial	1/11/2025 12:09 PM
183	Crowds	1/11/2025 11:58 AM
184	Not enough time or programs lack interest for my children	1/11/2025 11:33 AM
185	Don’t have the time	1/11/2025 10:58 AM
186	Programs are too expensive	1/11/2025 10:35 AM
187	Again....Harris Park	1/11/2025 10:20 AM
188	parks near me are used mostly for organized sports with no other amenities	1/6/2025 5:58 PM
189	Times offered	1/6/2025 2:56 PM
190	Weather	1/5/2025 12:23 PM
191	NA	1/5/2025 10:08 AM
192	No reason - I do visit frequently	1/5/2025 8:58 AM

193	Cost to boat at parks.	1/5/2025 8:50 AM
194	None We do participate	1/5/2025 7:53 AM
195	Out of date spaces	1/4/2025 11:08 PM
196	Bathrooms seem closed to often	1/4/2025 10:35 PM
197	I visit them	1/4/2025 9:04 PM
198	Insect bites/stings… walking through “woods” is risky. I prefer a paved trail	1/4/2025 8:18 PM
199	Na	1/4/2025 8:05 PM
200	Na	1/4/2025 7:04 PM
201	Trash (core creek specifically)	1/4/2025 7:00 PM
202	no reasons, we do visit the parks	1/4/2025 4:27 PM
203	Lack of attention and maintenance of park.	1/4/2025 4:23 PM
204	Picnic areas	1/4/2025 4:18 PM
205	Traffic - often easier to visit Falls Community Park due to traffic.	1/4/2025 10:26 AM
206	Paved trails	1/4/2025 7:48 AM
207	There are always off leash dogs including along greenbelts!!	1/3/2025 7:36 PM
208	Now that we're older, we don't get out as much as we used to.	1/3/2025 4:04 PM
209	There's no way for me to safely ride my bike or walk to the community park or anything on the other side of Route 1. Would have to get there by car.	1/3/2025 2:28 PM
210	We do visit parks, but a lot of them are in embarrassing condition	1/3/2025 1:24 PM
211	N/A	1/3/2025 1:23 PM
212	Want to play pickleball without cost	1/3/2025 12:52 PM
213	n/a	1/3/2025 12:19 PM
214	Timing of activities. Lots of kids activities on Saturday overlap.	1/2/2025 10:20 PM
215	Schedule of programming is not always during my free time since I work full time. Content is also not always relevant to my interests.	1/2/2025 9:40 AM
216	NA	1/2/2025 6:07 AM
217	Time	12/31/2024 5:08 PM
218	I don’t usually think about going to our local parks because I have to drive to them	12/31/2024 3:52 PM
219	I visit Core Creek Park regularly but don't participate in Middletown Township programs due to a lack of time.	12/23/2024 1:17 PM
220	No need	12/23/2024 8:45 AM
221	N/A, I visit	12/22/2024 7:22 PM
222	Lack of free time!	12/22/2024 4:31 PM
223	Pavilions fill up too quickly mostly by out of state residents	12/22/2024 2:59 PM
224	NA	12/22/2024 2:35 PM
225	most seem very small. we mainly go to Playwicki Farm as it has a permanent walking path, some benches, shade, animals/birds to see	12/22/2024 2:20 PM
226	Seating	12/22/2024 12:34 PM
227	nothing preventing us from visiting	12/22/2024 11:21 AM
228	Too many feral cats in Core Creek	12/22/2024 11:07 AM

229	none of the above	12/22/2024 11:05 AM
230	Middletown is always clean	12/22/2024 11:01 AM
231	Not enough age appropriate activities	12/22/2024 11:00 AM
232	NA	12/22/2024 10:15 AM
233	Some programs are only in tbe morning	12/21/2024 2:31 AM
234	Spouse has mobility issues. Core creek parking lots fill up on nice days	12/20/2024 8:51 PM
235	laziness	12/20/2024 5:07 PM
236	Most of the people that go to these areas are idiots and crybabies and can't be tolerated	12/20/2024 5:06 PM
237	Nothing close to home, have to drive to all the good parks.	12/13/2024 9:39 AM
238	Time	12/11/2024 8:36 PM

Q13 What types of Middletown Parks & Recreation programs/events/educational opportunities has your household participated in over the last 3 years? Note that the question refers to programs sponsored either by Middletown Township or schools/organizations that use MT parks/facilities and indicates a date range of the past 3 years.Select all that apply.

Answered: 1,319 Skipped: 209


Organized youth athletics
4th of July Parade
Earth Day Celebration at Core Creek Park
Middletown Summer Recreation...
Middletown P&R Adult programs (enrichment...
Holiday Open House
Groovin' at the Gates
We do not use any of the above-mentio...
Family Movie Night
ParklandFest
Other events/Activiti es not noted...
Middletown Senior Citizens Association...
Other Middletown Township...
Middletown P&R Youth programs (enrichment...
Middletown P&R Teen programs (enrichment...
0%
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50%
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70%
80%
90%
100%

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Organized youth athletics	40.11%	529
4th of July Parade	26.23%	346
Earth Day Celebration at Core Creek Park	22.74%	300
Middletown Summer Recreation Program	19.26%	254
Middletown P&R Adult programs (enrichment seminars, fitness, trips, activities)	19.11%	252
Holiday Open House	19.03%	251
Groovin' at the Gates	18.57%	245
We do not use any of the above-mentioned programs/events/educational opportunities	17.06%	225
Family Movie Night	13.42%	177
ParklandFest	9.48%	125
Other events/Activities not noted here (please specify)	8.64%	114
Middletown Senior Citizens Association activities (e.g. bingo, Senior Games, trips)	5.31%	70
Other Middletown Township weeklong summer camps	4.55%	60
Middletown P&R Youth programs (enrichment seminars, fitness, trips, activities)	4.09%	54
Middletown P&R Teen programs (enrichment seminars, fitness, trips, activities)	2.27%	30
Total Respondents: 1,319		

#	OTHER EVENTS/ACTIVITIES NOT NOTED HERE (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Run The Gates	6/9/2025 10:22 AM
2	art classes	6/8/2025 11:36 PM
3	Pickleball. Exercise at senior center	6/8/2025 8:00 PM
4	ATV/ dirt bike trails	6/8/2025 2:45 PM
5	Family Reunions	6/8/2025 2:36 PM
6	Na	6/8/2025 2:06 PM
7	LBL Lacrosse	6/8/2025 1:26 PM
8	Please bring back the 4th of July parade at least for the 250th celebration.	6/1/2025 9:32 AM
9	Dog training skate the foundry	5/18/2025 6:39 PM
10	Skate park contest and gatherings	5/15/2025 10:45 AM
11	Lead skate coach with Skate The Foundry Spring/Summer 2022?	5/15/2025 10:22 AM
12	Programs put on by the skateboarders.	5/15/2025 9:09 AM
13	Skateboarding events	5/15/2025 8:00 AM
14	Events at the skatepark	5/14/2025 11:10 PM
15	Parade was fun. The replacement at FC park is lane and not patriotic.	5/14/2025 6:39 PM
16	Softball tournaments	5/11/2025 8:33 PM
17	Food truck night, fireworks, first night	5/11/2025 2:38 PM

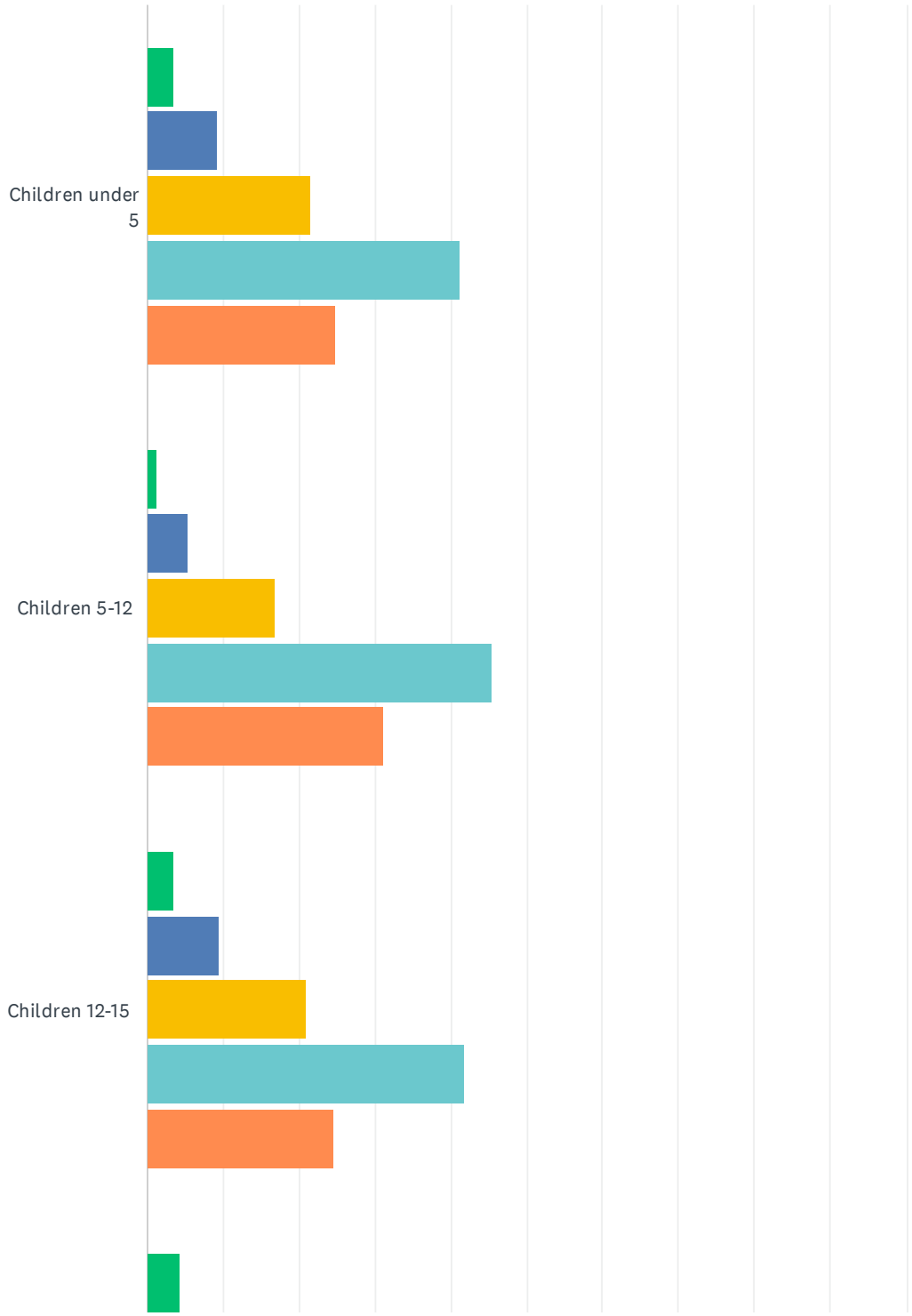
18	TaiChi Picnic. World TaiChi Day	5/3/2025 6:45 AM
19	Run the Gates	4/28/2025 9:25 AM
20	pickleball	4/27/2025 8:58 PM
21	Just walking	4/27/2025 4:32 PM
22	Touch a Truck	4/27/2025 12:47 PM
23	National Night Out.	4/27/2025 10:27 AM
24	We miss the 4th of July Parade down Trenton Road!	4/27/2025 10:22 AM
25	Food truck/farmers market events at Playwicki	4/27/2025 6:46 AM
26	Have not attended before. Just the playground so far. But may participate more in the future	4/23/2025 7:51 AM
27	Summer rec programs are too expensive	4/19/2025 12:42 PM
28	Art class.	4/11/2025 10:10 AM
29	Fitness	4/7/2025 9:47 AM
30	Better play ground	4/4/2025 7:56 PM
31	Golf	3/31/2025 10:16 AM
32	Dog Walk	3/30/2025 9:53 AM
33	Middletown pickleball group at firefighters park. Would be nice to have it be offered at Middletown Community Park with more courts available. Not enough parking at firefighters park for pickleball.	3/28/2025 7:36 AM
34	Pickelball	3/27/2025 8:51 PM
35	Pickleball	3/27/2025 8:14 PM
36	Pickleball	3/27/2025 7:44 PM
37	Pickball	3/27/2025 7:41 PM
38	Philly AM and other skateboard events and contests hosted at the skatepark.	3/27/2025 7:18 PM
39	NOTE: They did away with the 4th of July parade - WHY????	3/27/2025 1:39 PM
40	trick or treat	3/26/2025 9:17 AM
41	Jazz Band Concert in Langhorne	3/26/2025 8:00 AM
42	Pickleball	3/25/2025 12:44 PM
43	Privately organized events	3/25/2025 8:24 AM
44	Neshaminy HS sports night at Comm Park	3/25/2025 6:54 AM
45	farmers markets	3/24/2025 8:28 PM
46	5k, run the gates	3/24/2025 7:45 PM
47	Music, Sound baths	3/22/2025 10:16 AM
48	Any touch a truck event available - especially the one in the restaurant depot parking lot.	3/17/2025 11:25 AM
49	The Middletown rec classes are extremely expensive, my child, and I have both been interested in them, but the cost is prohibitive. It's cheaper to go to another community or pay Studio exercise classes. I've heard from others at your senior citizen center is lacking and most people join Fauls and also hang out at Bristol Township. I've not been able to go to Gates Fest despite my family's love of live music due to parking, I have a hidden disability, and I have very big trouble with hills, inclines, and standing for long periods of time. There needs to be much more disclosure on how the shuttle buses would work, because if I get stranded, I could pass out.	3/17/2025 8:29 AM
50	Bucks Senior Softball	3/16/2025 10:19 AM

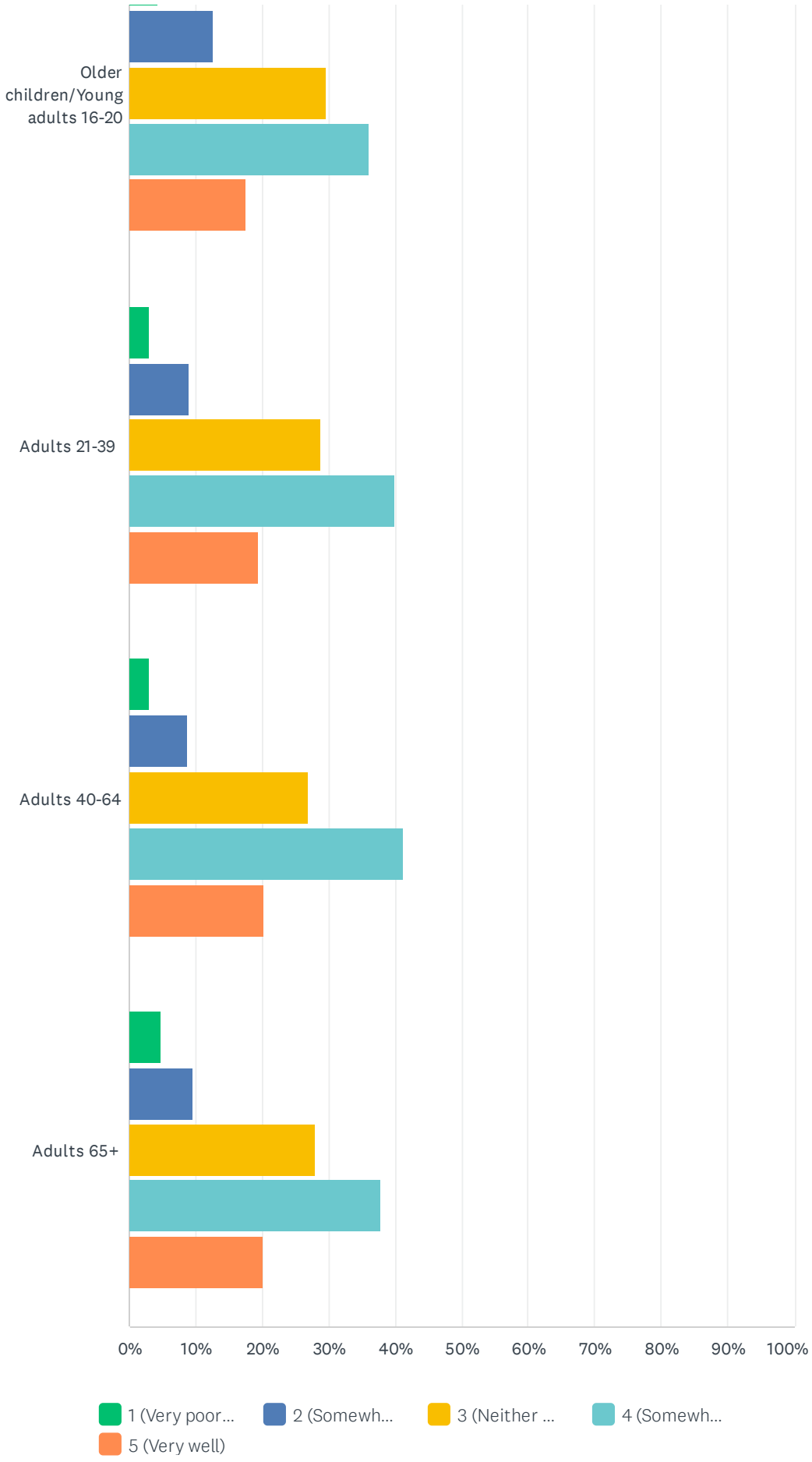
51	cut glass classes at the Barn	3/16/2025 8:46 AM
52	Girl Scout Functions	3/15/2025 10:35 PM
53	Will be retired soon and plan on taking advantage of more	3/15/2025 1:41 PM
54	Senior center lacks participation, ceramics class has no instructor, seems bingo is all people participate in. Would like more organization to play pickleball and bocce	3/15/2025 1:29 PM
55	Former Youth Sports Volunteers.	3/15/2025 12:41 PM
56	Organize adult athletics	3/10/2025 12:14 PM
57	We visit a Middletown open space almost every day	2/25/2025 7:39 PM
58	Dog Training	2/19/2025 6:22 PM
59	Pickleball	2/13/2025 10:07 PM
60	Pickleball	2/13/2025 6:45 PM
61	Middletown Pickelball	2/11/2025 11:59 AM
62	Music in the park	2/11/2025 11:31 AM
63	art classes	1/31/2025 12:22 AM
64	Pickleball	1/29/2025 11:32 AM
65	So many organized activities! I guess I was not aware. Will try to attend more in future.	1/25/2025 8:49 AM
66	We have participated in many activities when are children were younger.	1/23/2025 9:57 PM
67	Skateboarding Local Competitions	1/23/2025 7:32 PM
68	Any event at the skatepark	1/23/2025 7:28 PM
69	pickleball lessons and group play	1/22/2025 5:49 PM
70	My family really enjoyed the 4th of July parade and participated in it yearly and would like the township to host the parade again	1/21/2025 9:47 PM
71	Gates Easter Egg hunt	1/21/2025 4:59 PM
72	Our own events in our neighborhood at the field	1/21/2025 4:43 PM
73	pickleball	1/21/2025 1:19 PM
74	Pickleball	1/21/2025 12:32 PM
75	We need the 4th of July parade back!	1/17/2025 8:51 PM
76	Really miss the 4th of July parade	1/17/2025 9:36 AM
77	We would go to the parade every year (participated a few years) until it was canceled.	1/16/2025 7:05 PM
78	Walking, fishing, relaxing, picnics, enjoying the wildlife.	1/16/2025 11:50 AM
79	Pickleball	1/15/2025 1:33 PM
80	We are newly retired and plan to explore some of the senior citizen activities	1/14/2025 12:09 PM
81	national night out	1/13/2025 8:42 AM
82	Concerts in the park	1/12/2025 4:02 PM
83	House tour.	1/11/2025 7:05 PM
84	Tai chi	1/11/2025 1:52 PM
85	Styer Orchard Fourth of July Event	1/11/2025 10:58 AM
86	Yard sales	1/9/2025 4:20 PM
87	BCTA, USTA at Core Creek	1/5/2025 12:23 PM

88	The best one, National Night Out, you failed to list, DUH!	1/5/2025 11:04 AM
89	Skate park	1/5/2025 11:01 AM
90	Adult Kickball League	1/5/2025 10:08 AM
91	Running/biking groups.	1/4/2025 5:08 PM
92	Community cleanups	1/4/2025 5:06 PM
93	M	1/4/2025 4:42 PM
94	I wasn't aware of many of these programs	1/4/2025 4:42 PM
95	Garden prep/cleanup	1/4/2025 10:26 AM
96	Senior center has activities listed but no one participates, eg bocce, pickleball, ceramics.	1/3/2025 12:52 PM
97	Wedding	1/3/2025 12:42 PM
98	wish we still had a july 4th parade!!!!	1/3/2025 12:21 PM
99	First year living here, haven't taken advantage of the above yet.	1/2/2025 6:07 AM
100	National Night Out	12/28/2024 10:31 AM
101	Memorial Day Parade in Boro	12/23/2024 11:29 PM
102	Pickleeball	12/23/2024 6:34 AM
103	We well when we retire, so please keep offering!	12/22/2024 7:22 PM
104	J	12/22/2024 3:07 PM
105	Live music in Langhorne Borough	12/22/2024 1:48 PM
106	Bocce	12/22/2024 12:31 PM
107	private, family events at pavilions	12/22/2024 11:21 AM
108	Kickball	12/22/2024 11:01 AM
109	Woof Walk	12/22/2024 10:07 AM
110	Pickleball	12/21/2024 7:19 PM
111	I want the 4th of July parade back along with the Halloween event. The Township House Decorating event was also a nice event	12/21/2024 1:43 PM
112	Adult kickball and individual events at the Barn	12/21/2024 11:00 AM
113	Holiday Open House always conflicts with Sandburg Middle School winter concert and we can never attend	12/21/2024 8:33 AM
114	Pickleball lessons	12/20/2024 8:51 PM

Q14 On a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being Very Poorly and 5 being Very Well: In general, how well do you think the age groups below are served by the parks, recreation, and open space in Middletown Township? Please answer this question for all age groups listed - even if your household does not have people in that age group.

Answered: 1,233 Skipped: 295

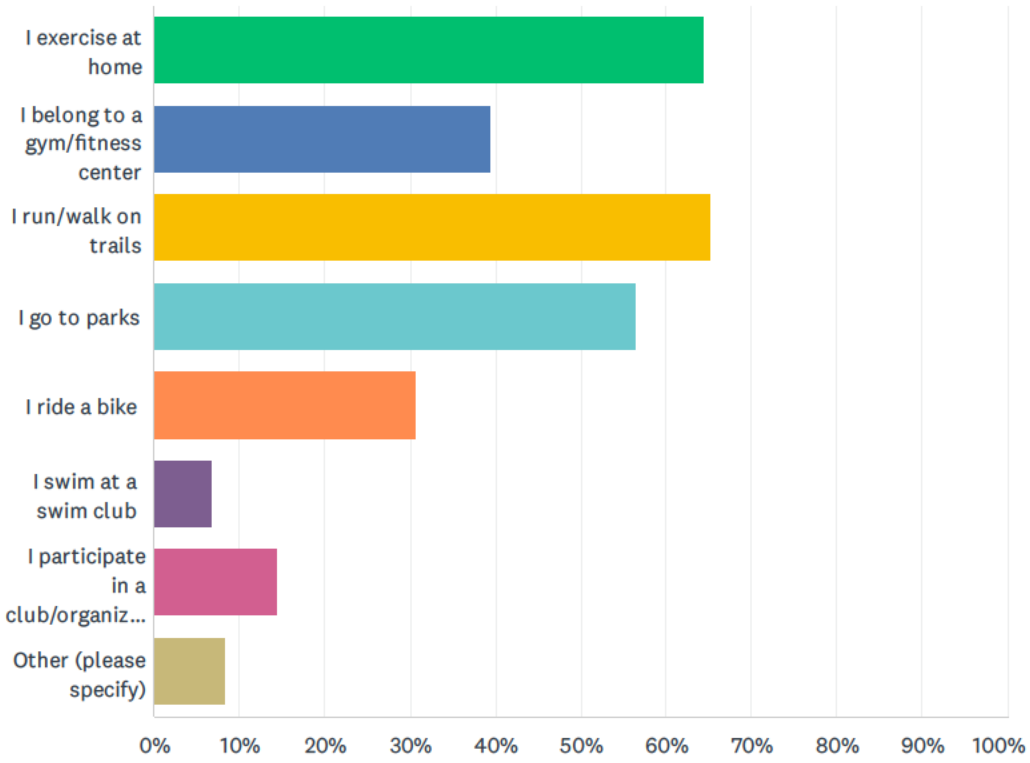



Older children/Young adults 16-20
Adults 21-39
Adults 40-64
Adults 65+
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%
1 (Very poor...
2 (Somewh...
3 (Neither ...
4 (Somewh...
5 (Very well)

	1 (VERY POORLY)	2 (SOMEWHAT POORLY)	3 (NEITHER WELL OR POORLY)	4 (SOMEWHAT WELL)	5 (VERY WELL)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Children under 5	3.38% 39	9.09% 105	21.56% 249	41.21% 476	24.76% 286	1,155	3.75
Children 5-12	1.21% 14	5.36% 62	16.94% 196	45.46% 526	31.03% 359	1,157	4.00
Children 12-15	3.33% 38	9.39% 107	20.96% 239	41.84% 477	24.47% 279	1,140	3.75
Older children/Young adults 16-20	4.29% 49	12.69% 145	29.57% 338	35.96% 411	17.50% 200	1,143	3.50
Adults 21-39	2.89% 33	9.03% 103	28.75% 328	39.96% 456	19.37% 221	1,141	3.64
Adults 40-64	2.91% 34	8.73% 102	26.86% 314	41.15% 481	20.36% 238	1,169	3.67
Adults 65+	4.69% 55	9.63% 113	27.88% 327	37.77% 443	20.03% 235	1,173	3.59

Q15 Where do you go to exercise?Select all that apply.

Answered: 1,285 Skipped: 243



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I exercise at home	64.44%	828
I belong to a gym/fitness center	39.53%	508
I run/walk on trails	65.21%	838
I go to parks	56.42%	725
I ride a bike	30.66%	394
I swim at a swim club	6.93%	89
I participate in a club/organized sports activity	14.47%	186
Other (please specify)	8.33%	107
Total Respondents: 1,285		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Yoga class	6/9/2025 12:38 PM
2	Walk on snowball drive	6/9/2025 7:42 AM
3	Own neighborhood	6/8/2025 9:26 PM
4	Mongillo senior center.	6/8/2025 8:06 PM

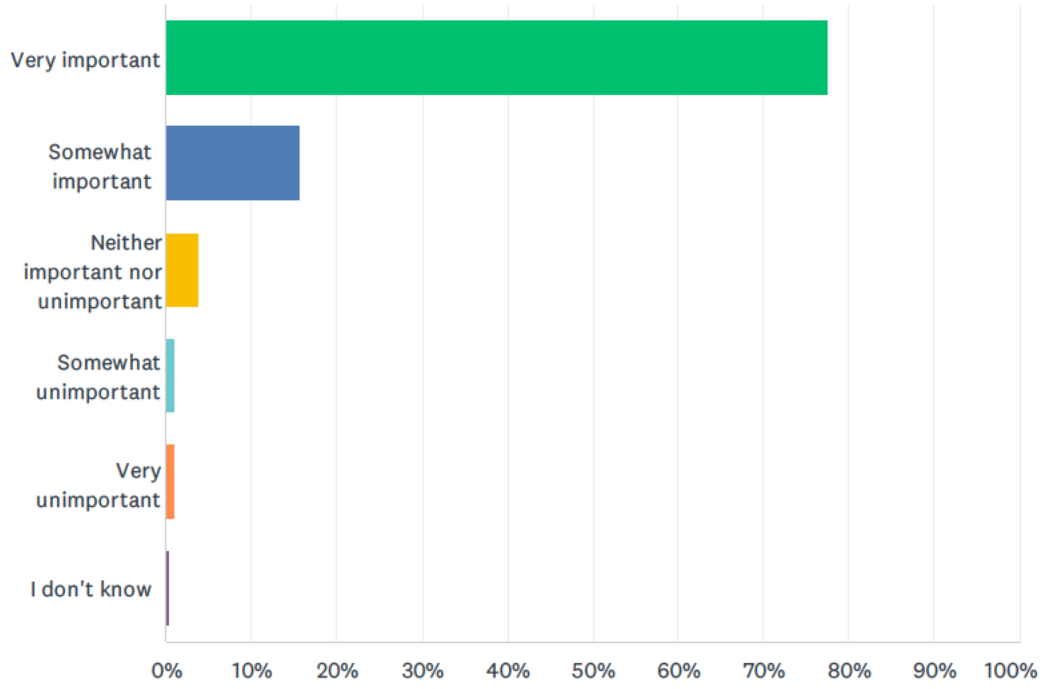
5	I take a dance class	6/8/2025 8:04 PM
6	walk the neighborhood	6/8/2025 4:11 PM
7	Avid hiker/mountain climber. Enjoy skiing, rock climbing.	6/8/2025 2:07 PM
8	Private pools	6/8/2025 1:51 PM
9	Firefighters Park	6/8/2025 1:22 PM
10	Walk my neighborhood	5/20/2025 6:37 PM
11	Skatepark	5/15/2025 10:58 AM
12	Skateboarding	5/15/2025 10:47 AM
13	The skatepark	5/15/2025 9:18 AM
14	I walk in my neighborhood	5/15/2025 7:52 AM
15	I go to the skatepark	5/14/2025 4:23 PM
16	Walk in neighborhood	5/11/2025 3:42 PM
17	Senior center	5/11/2025 2:40 PM
18	Love it	5/8/2025 6:39 PM
19	walk the neighborhood which includes walking the park	4/27/2025 9:36 PM
20	WALK	4/23/2025 7:54 AM
21	Senior Center	4/22/2025 11:19 PM
22	Pinewood pool	4/14/2025 7:44 AM
23	Skateboarding	3/28/2025 1:19 AM
24	Walking in neighborhood	3/27/2025 9:02 PM
25	Pickleball	3/27/2025 8:15 PM
26	Skateboarding	3/27/2025 8:11 PM
27	Pickleball at FF park	3/27/2025 7:45 PM
28	Skate	3/27/2025 7:20 PM
29	I walk through Crossings Park while walking the Gates	3/27/2025 2:19 PM
30	Swin club is Lwr Makefield as Middletown pool closed, needs to be rebuilt. Another thing bought by our supervisors and left to fall into disrepair, meantime Lwr Makefield is making a mint on Middletwn residents.	3/27/2025 1:49 PM
31	I walk in my section	3/26/2025 9:36 AM
32	Senior Center	3/26/2025 8:21 AM
33	yoga	3/26/2025 8:11 AM
34	pickle ball	3/25/2025 8:05 PM
35	Run all through Middletown and langhorne	3/25/2025 10:43 AM
36	swim at my home	3/24/2025 7:59 PM
37	Senior center	3/21/2025 4:04 PM
38	I walk, swim, and go to parks and other Miss parties because ours are inadequate for my needs, both having a 10-year-old who wants a park with big kid things, having a pool, and having safe trails or sidewalks with accessible parking and without steep drops or poor condition. I generally walk at the Bristol Township municipal Park. It's busy enough to feel safe. It's fun, and my kid in years past has enjoyed their splash park even though we have pool tags for other communities.	3/17/2025 8:41 AM

39	Walk in my neighborhood	3/15/2025 6:36 PM
40	I participate in a dance class	3/15/2025 5:21 PM
41	Planet fitness	3/15/2025 1:34 PM
42	Ride along the canal	3/15/2025 12:24 PM
43	Swim at Tohickon Valley, township exercise classes	3/10/2025 4:42 PM
44	Yoga at the Barn	3/10/2025 12:13 PM
45	Walk and pickleball	2/27/2025 9:34 AM
46	Gentle Yoga	2/26/2025 11:24 AM
47	walk throughout the neighborhood	2/24/2025 12:24 PM
48	But not in my township to disorganized	2/13/2025 10:12 PM
49	walk in neighborhood	2/13/2025 6:53 PM
50	I play pickleball	2/13/2025 6:47 PM
51	Na	2/11/2025 9:37 AM
52	Kayak on lake	1/25/2025 8:57 AM
53	Walk around neighborhood	1/25/2025 8:36 AM
54	various individual sports	1/24/2025 2:01 PM
55	Pickleball at various MT sites	1/24/2025 11:06 AM
56	I walk/run in the streets within my neighborhood.	1/23/2025 9:51 PM
57	Skatepark for skateboarding	1/23/2025 7:38 PM
58	I skateboard	1/23/2025 7:36 PM
59	Tai chi	1/21/2025 5:02 PM
60	I walk around our neighborhood.	1/21/2025 4:57 PM
61	Golf	1/21/2025 2:37 PM
62	SENIOR CENTER	1/19/2025 4:01 PM
63	Walk in neighborhood	1/17/2025 10:31 PM
64	I don't	1/17/2025 9:59 PM
65	Walk my neighborhood	1/17/2025 8:54 PM
66	I take a Zumba class at the barn through Middletown.	1/16/2025 9:56 PM
67	I walk the Gates	1/16/2025 7:11 PM
68	Exercise obtained by working	1/16/2025 7:01 PM
69	try to walk 5 miles a day locally	1/15/2025 9:02 PM
70	QiGong through the township	1/15/2025 8:26 PM
71	Yoga Class with Twp.	1/15/2025 6:50 PM
72	I swim at home; I walk in the neighborhood and at Tyler.	1/15/2025 6:36 PM
73	PT	1/15/2025 1:37 PM
74	Senior center	1/13/2025 8:51 PM
75	I could run near me house park, because it is only one that I could get by walking, but mostly I choose to go the gym, because any other park I should drive to.	1/13/2025 4:11 PM
76	I dont	1/11/2025 6:46 PM

77	I walk on sidewalks in my section	1/11/2025 3:00 PM
78	Walk around the neighborhood	1/11/2025 2:27 PM
79	Pickleball during warmer months	1/11/2025 1:57 PM
80	attend yoga class	1/11/2025 12:37 PM
81	I bike along the Delaware canal towpath	1/11/2025 12:12 PM
82	Walk in neighborhood	1/11/2025 12:01 PM
83	Walk in my neighborhood	1/11/2025 10:54 AM
84	senior center	1/7/2025 12:18 PM
85	walk in the neighborhood	1/6/2025 6:19 PM
86	I go down the shore where there are more walking trails (Maryland) and I can ride my bike everywhere.	1/6/2025 3:01 PM
87	I play Tennis at Core Creek	1/5/2025 12:31 PM
88	We golf at MCC	1/4/2025 7:06 PM
89	Mall	1/4/2025 6:56 PM
90	I walk the neighborhood.	1/4/2025 4:22 PM
91	Kayaking	1/4/2025 10:37 AM
92	I swim in my home pool and use exercise equipment I have at home.	1/3/2025 4:13 PM
93	i walk my neighborhood.	1/3/2025 1:22 PM
94	Exercise Classes	1/3/2025 12:59 PM
95	I don't exercise	1/2/2025 11:10 PM
96	We have a pool at home.	1/2/2025 9:43 AM
97	I walk around my neighborhood	12/31/2024 3:54 PM
98	Swim at home	12/28/2024 10:35 AM
99	Mountain bike at Core Creek	12/22/2024 6:10 PM
100	I walk in my neighborhood	12/22/2024 4:33 PM
101	I don't exercise at the parks because I have to drive to get to them.	12/22/2024 3:04 PM
102	Middletown Senior Center	12/22/2024 1:26 PM
103	Senior center	12/22/2024 12:34 PM
104	I rollerskate on trails	12/22/2024 11:04 AM
105	I don't	12/22/2024 10:55 AM
106	Golf	12/21/2024 11:36 AM
107	Run/Walk on street	12/11/2024 8:39 PM

Q16 How important is the conservation of natural open space such as wetlands, marshes, woodlands, meadows, and the creation/connection/extension of ecological corridors throughout Middletown Township to you and your household?

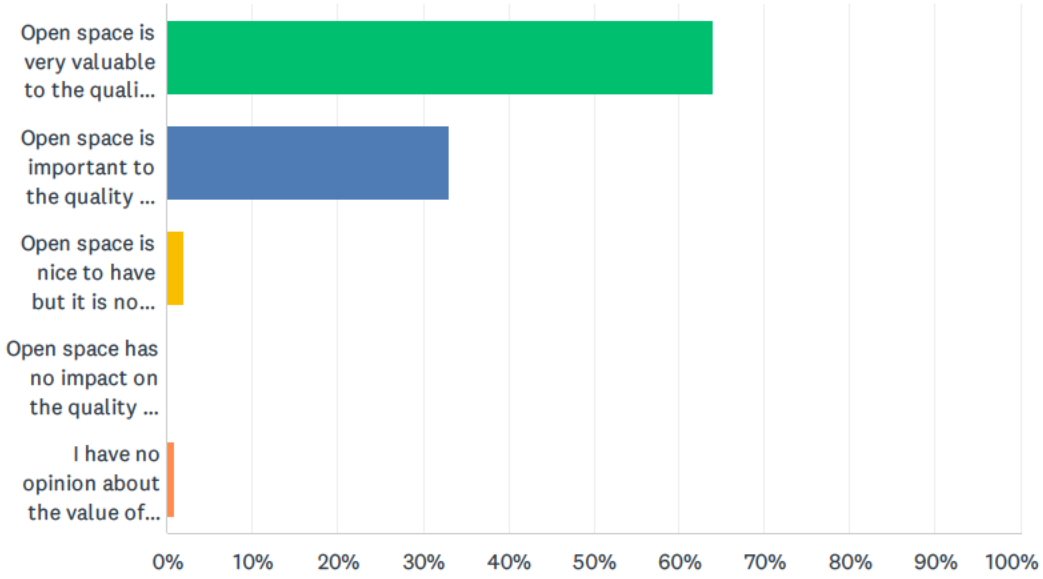
Answered: 1,303 Skipped: 225



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	77.67%	1,012
Somewhat important	15.81%	206
Neither important nor unimportant	3.91%	51
Somewhat unimportant	1.07%	14
Very unimportant	1.15%	15
I don't know	0.38%	5
TOTAL		1,303

Q17 Regarding open space in Middletown Township, which of the following statements most closely reflects your views?Select one.

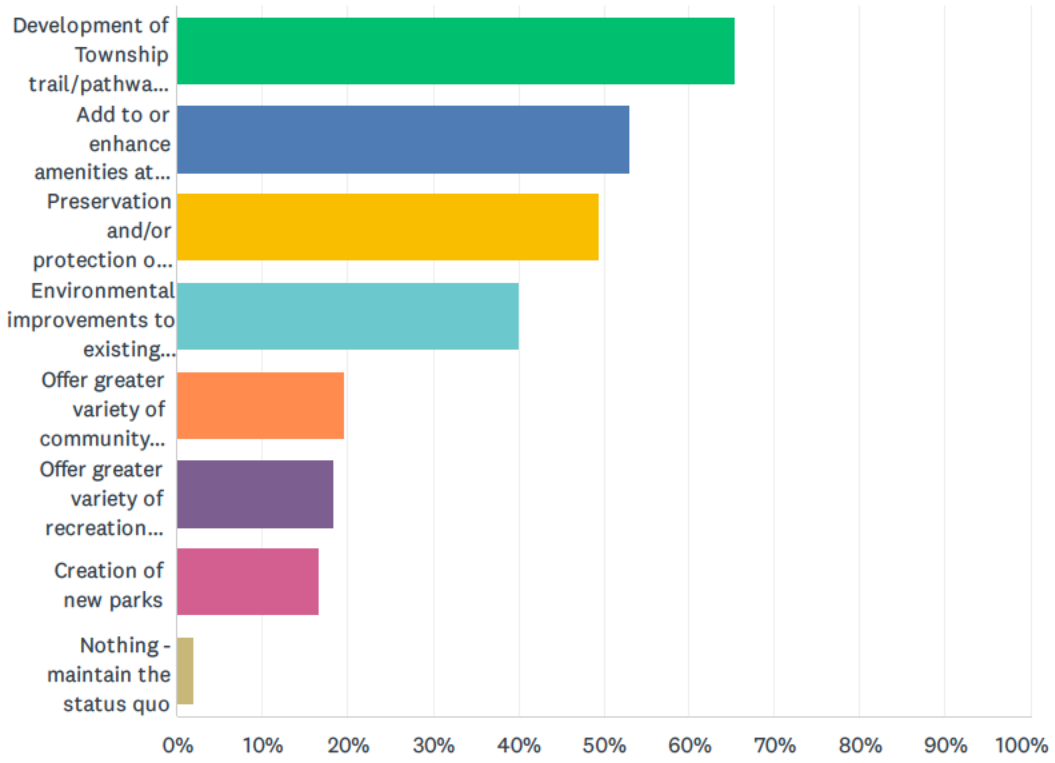
Answered: 1,302 Skipped: 226



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Open space is very valuable to the quality of life in the township and it should be a top priority to acquire new open space and preserve/enhance open space the township currently owns.	64.06%	834
Open space is important to the quality of life in the township, but the focus should be on enhancing open space the township currently owns, not on acquiring more.	33.10%	431
Open space is nice to have but it is not that important to the overall quality of life in the township.	2.00%	26
Open space has no impact on the quality of life in the township.	0.08%	1
I have no opinion about the value of open space in the township.	0.77%	10
TOTAL		1,302

Q18 Over the next 3 to 5 years, where should Middletown Township's recreational/park/open space priorities be?Select up to three (3).

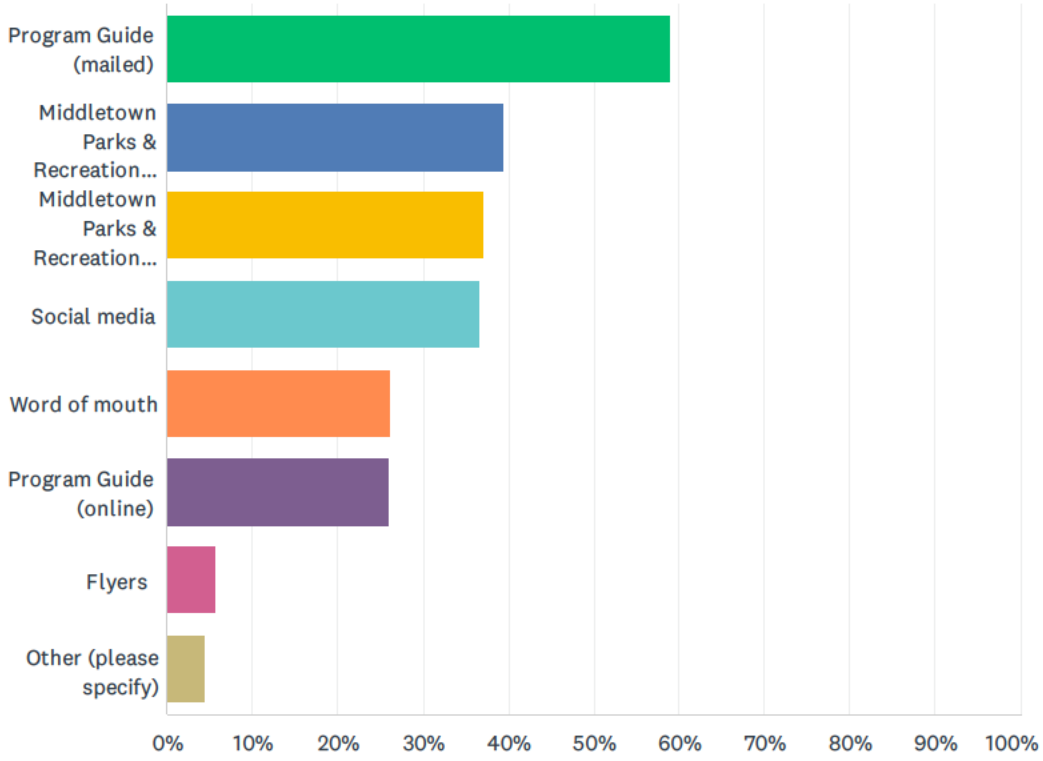
Answered: 1,299 Skipped: 229



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Development of Township trail/pathway/sidewalk system for a more walk/bikeable community based on the adopted Middletown Multimodal Improvement Plan.	65.36%	849
Add to or enhance amenities at existing parks	53.04%	689
Preservation and/or protection of more open space. (Open space may be used for recreation or preserved from human use for environmental reasons.)	49.50%	643
Environmental improvements to existing parks/open spaces (native plantings, meadows, rain gardens, etc.)	40.11%	521
Offer greater variety of community special events	19.63%	255
Offer greater variety of recreation programs	18.32%	238
Creation of new parks	16.55%	215
Nothing - maintain the status quo	2.00%	26
Total Respondents: 1,299		

Q19 How do you find out about Middletown Parks & Recreation's Services? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 1,280 Skipped: 248



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Program Guide (mailed)	59.14%	757
Middletown Parks & Recreation emails	39.45%	505
Middletown Parks & Recreation website	37.03%	474
Social media	36.64%	469
Word of mouth	26.33%	337
Program Guide (online)	26.02%	333
Flyers	5.86%	75
Other (please specify)	4.45%	57
Total Respondents: 1,280		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Senior Citizen mailer to members	6/9/2025 9:32 AM
2	Email	6/8/2025 8:04 PM
3	Signs by the roadside	6/8/2025 1:45 PM

4	Skate park crew	5/15/2025 10:47 AM
5	Social media	5/14/2025 11:12 PM
6	I don't.	5/14/2025 6:42 PM
7	I have lived in Middletown township for 60 years	5/14/2025 6:17 PM
8	Middletown skatepark	5/14/2025 4:23 PM
9	Signs at township building and Joe Hogans office	5/11/2025 2:55 PM
10	Sigh in the park	5/8/2025 6:39 PM
11	Signage	4/28/2025 9:43 AM
12	I pass it every day	4/27/2025 4:38 PM
13	email	4/27/2025 2:38 PM
14	Driving around	4/27/2025 1:38 PM
15	Sign at playground	4/27/2025 12:51 PM
16	Drove by the park	4/23/2025 7:54 AM
17	We don't get much - once in a while we get a magazine on what's happening at playwkki	4/19/2025 9:17 AM
18	Sign at park	4/14/2025 6:22 PM
19	Sign at the park down the street from our home	4/13/2025 7:19 PM
20	Sign at forsythia crossing	3/29/2025 5:30 PM
21	I live a crossed from one, and driving by	3/29/2025 2:05 PM
22	levittownnow.com article	3/26/2025 9:21 AM
23	Family	3/26/2025 8:21 AM
24	Fb	3/22/2025 10:22 AM
25	Signs at the senior center and Township center	3/17/2025 8:41 AM
26	Need more promotion	3/15/2025 1:46 PM
27	email	3/15/2025 1:33 PM
28	No	3/15/2025 12:40 PM
29	Email	3/15/2025 12:24 PM
30	used to live in Middletown Township	2/27/2025 11:33 AM
31	My neighbors	2/15/2025 11:02 PM
32	[redacted]	2/13/2025 6:47 PM
33	LNUSC emails for soccer	2/11/2025 10:32 AM
34	Sports teams	2/11/2025 9:57 AM
35	Langhorne Soccer (LNUSC)	2/11/2025 9:49 AM
36	N/A	1/29/2025 1:15 PM
37	Meeting on line	1/24/2025 2:03 AM
38	Driving arouns	1/23/2025 10:43 PM
39	My uncle, [redacted] is a retired BCPark Ranger	1/22/2025 6:26 AM
40	Pickleball	1/21/2025 12:35 PM
41	Conservation group in my community	1/21/2025 10:12 AM

42	Signage n/a	1/17/2025 4:40 PM
43	signs	1/15/2025 1:33 PM
44	I lived in Middletown twp for over 25 years before moving to Lower Makefield- but the programs at Middletown are much better	1/13/2025 8:51 PM
45	emails	1/12/2025 3:33 PM
46	Walking and driving around	1/11/2025 3:43 PM
47	Social media presence is lacking	1/6/2025 3:01 PM
48	We don't bother with it as the kids are grown	1/5/2025 11:07 AM
49	I'm a volunteer with the LMFC at many of the events at many of the parks	1/4/2025 8:23 PM
50	Signs posted on Trenton Rd sr center	12/31/2024 10:27 PM
51	Neshaminy Share posts	12/22/2024 7:41 PM
52	Signs in snowball gate	12/22/2024 12:06 PM
53	Adult Kickball	12/22/2024 11:04 AM
54	With my eyes!	12/22/2024 10:53 AM
55	Live next door to park	12/21/2024 11:36 AM
56	Through a Zoning Meeting via Director of Building and Zoning	12/13/2024 3:19 PM
57	Google	12/12/2024 8:14 PM

Q20 Where else should Middletown Parks & Recreation be advertising?

Answered: 368 Skipped: 1,160

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Some signs around the parks for people to see when they visit.	6/9/2025 8:47 PM
2	na	6/9/2025 7:35 PM
3	School events, grocery stores	6/9/2025 6:43 PM
4	N/A	6/9/2025 4:58 PM
5	Social media	6/9/2025 3:52 PM
6	Flyers at schools & churches	6/9/2025 9:55 AM
7	Roadside throughout the township and grocery stores.	6/9/2025 9:08 AM
8	I can't think of anything else.	6/9/2025 8:35 AM
9	On those stupid electronic billboards	6/9/2025 8:24 AM
10	n/a	6/9/2025 8:18 AM
11	church bulletins -- all of the ones I've ever seen have community advertisers on the back page	6/8/2025 11:46 PM
12	Signs outside of parks, school flyers for kids activities.	6/8/2025 9:20 PM
13	Facebook. Instagram.	6/8/2025 8:06 PM
14	I think they do a great job advertising.	6/8/2025 7:28 PM
15	Schools, public library, garden centers	6/8/2025 5:08 PM
16	It has sufficient advertising	6/8/2025 4:18 PM
17	The big M	6/8/2025 4:11 PM
18	The Mall, Shopping areas, at the parks, more mailers (postal)	6/8/2025 3:58 PM
19	Langhorne Ledger	6/8/2025 3:25 PM
20	No where else. Emails are fine. Stop wasting money	6/8/2025 2:48 PM
21	Mail	6/8/2025 2:06 PM
22	Mail is perfect	6/8/2025 2:01 PM
23	us mail notifications to residents	6/8/2025 1:57 PM
24	You don't need to waste money on advertising or mailings just have someone keep up on social media and a quarterly email.	6/8/2025 1:33 PM
25	Schools and daycares	6/8/2025 12:43 PM
26	Facebook	6/5/2025 7:57 AM
27	Schools	6/4/2025 3:47 PM
28	Social Media	6/4/2025 10:07 AM
29	Email and Facebook groups	5/20/2025 5:51 PM
30	Social media	5/20/2025 3:53 PM
31	Youth sports	5/20/2025 11:39 AM
32	Schools, community organizations such as churches	5/20/2025 11:19 AM

33	The stupid giant M	5/18/2025 6:42 PM
34	N/A	5/18/2025 10:25 AM
35	at the MAA fields - every weekend there are families there	5/15/2025 12:06 PM
36	community boards	5/15/2025 10:58 AM
37	Not sure	5/15/2025 10:47 AM
38	Skate shops	5/15/2025 9:18 AM
39	Langhorne Ledger	5/15/2025 7:52 AM
40	Social media	5/14/2025 11:12 PM
41	USPS stores, Clipper Ads, Community Facebook groups	5/14/2025 9:21 PM
42	Local television	5/14/2025 6:51 PM
43	Why? Waste of MY money! Community knows where things are. The thing you mail out is enough!	5/14/2025 6:42 PM
44	Unsure	5/14/2025 5:37 PM
45	Any company willing to donate to the Middletown skatepark	5/14/2025 4:23 PM
46	Grocery Stores Community events Schools	5/14/2025 7:31 AM
47	Within the schools	5/12/2025 6:42 PM
48	online	5/12/2025 12:45 PM
49	𝕏	5/11/2025 8:38 PM
50	no where	5/11/2025 6:56 PM
51	N/A	5/11/2025 5:13 PM
52	billboards	5/11/2025 3:11 PM
53	Those dumb electric signs at the Harley dealer and the big M	5/11/2025 2:55 PM
54	more online	5/2/2025 5:55 PM
55	Those big digital billboards	4/28/2025 10:38 PM
56	Through real estate agents.	4/28/2025 5:22 PM
57	WBCB raido.	4/28/2025 11:42 AM
58	Not sure.	4/28/2025 11:39 AM
59	Advertising is already adequate	4/28/2025 9:43 AM
60	Mail, The Grist published by Village of Flowers Mill	4/28/2025 9:23 AM
61	Need to be more detail of an event in advertising on what to expect.	4/28/2025 7:11 AM
62	no suggestions	4/27/2025 9:00 PM
63	Food stores, public spaces, more social media	4/27/2025 8:40 PM
64	nowhere	4/27/2025 5:04 PM
65	I think if you are looking you will find it.	4/27/2025 5:04 PM
66	N/a	4/27/2025 4:38 PM
67	Facebook	4/27/2025 2:38 PM
68	Everywhere in the Township.	4/27/2025 2:20 PM
69	Not sure	4/27/2025 12:51 PM
70	I have not received a mailed flyer- it would be a benefit. More social media	4/27/2025 12:26 PM

71	Na	4/27/2025 11:56 AM
72	In the parks! QR code posters!	4/27/2025 6:52 AM
73	Online	4/25/2025 11:02 PM
74	Doing just fine.	4/24/2025 9:16 PM
75	?	4/23/2025 7:54 AM
76	the Patch	4/21/2025 1:59 PM
77	Different pickle ball courts	4/19/2025 9:17 AM
78	WBCB Radio - Fairless Hills. Local Radio station that reaches all.Middletown Twp plus all lower bucks county and burlington/mercer cnty NJ	4/17/2025 8:01 AM
79	All social media platforms. In local restaurants, through local churches.	4/16/2025 5:32 PM
80	My suggestion would be to coordinate with some of the local schools to get flyers and communications home to parents so they are aware of things that are happening in the community. Otherwise, if you're not plugged into the social channel, you miss these kind of updates.	4/13/2025 9:47 AM
81	unknown	4/10/2025 12:44 PM
82	?	4/8/2025 7:09 PM
83	Rainbows of Healing	4/8/2025 2:51 AM
84	Social media	4/6/2025 12:38 PM
85	Online	4/4/2025 7:57 PM
86	N/A	4/4/2025 5:01 PM
87	Levittown Now, Levittown patch	4/4/2025 3:16 PM
88	At the parks, especially roadside like the Lions park. A permanent notice board would be great! Even better if it's illuminated. (like churches have)	4/4/2025 1:49 PM
89	N/A	4/2/2025 10:25 AM
90	Instagram	3/31/2025 1:53 PM
91	Online	3/31/2025 10:24 AM
92	None. It should be for the community only.	3/30/2025 4:28 PM
93	WBCB radio, postings inside the Styers store. Do more to promote the crops grown at Styers Farm. Local food = enhanced health. Know your farmer, know your food.	3/30/2025 4:08 AM
94	School playbills during musicals	3/29/2025 7:02 PM
95	Flyers in churches, businesses, etc. When more people know about events, word of mouth advertising becomes more successful.	3/29/2025 1:06 PM
96	Social media and website	3/29/2025 10:48 AM
97	video billboards in the Township	3/28/2025 7:32 AM
98	N/a	3/28/2025 2:32 AM
99	Email	3/28/2025 2:30 AM
100	Schools	3/27/2025 8:11 PM
101	Not sure	3/27/2025 7:24 PM
102	Youtube?	3/27/2025 7:22 PM
103	Everywhere	3/27/2025 7:20 PM
104	Activities	3/27/2025 6:21 PM

105	I don't have any ideas	3/27/2025 6:10 PM
106	I don't have an opinion	3/27/2025 2:19 PM
107	On Channel 22, anywhere that is free, put information signs in existing parks. NO MORE Expenses to the residents and taxpapers.	3/27/2025 1:49 PM
108	In local schools and Bucks County Community College	3/27/2025 1:16 PM
109	Mailers and social media	3/27/2025 12:13 PM
110	Nonem	3/27/2025 11:53 AM
111	Social media	3/27/2025 10:55 AM
112	Email.distrbutions and other relatively free means of advertising. The cable channel for township is hardly ever useful anymore. We pay taxes for this media it would be nice to see it used to tell people what is going on	3/27/2025 1:59 AM
113	N/A	3/26/2025 8:58 PM
114	Social media	3/26/2025 8:42 PM
115	Facebook	3/26/2025 8:26 PM
116	local schools & community businesses	3/26/2025 6:55 PM
117	The parks on a board	3/26/2025 2:34 PM
118	schools, church bulletins, more active on social media	3/26/2025 1:33 PM
119	Big M sign	3/26/2025 2:25 AM
120	At grocery stores and in wealthy neighborhoods	3/25/2025 11:40 PM
121	Schools, hospitals, mail flyers	3/25/2025 9:18 PM
122	Nowhere. There is already enough advertising, send money on improvement.	3/25/2025 9:05 PM
123	Know before you go section, preparing for travel to such park for leisure or event.	3/25/2025 5:30 PM
124	Marriage Mail and Clipper Magazine	3/25/2025 12:49 PM
125	PSA Public Service announcements	3/25/2025 10:59 AM
126	Social media	3/25/2025 8:27 AM
127	N/a	3/25/2025 6:43 AM
128	to catch the attention & interest of the younger generation, social media	3/25/2025 5:10 AM
129	Facebook, Instagram, program guide mailer	3/24/2025 10:24 PM
130	at the big M	3/24/2025 8:30 PM
131	all social media	3/24/2025 7:59 PM
132	Levittown	3/22/2025 2:20 PM
133	You found me on FB	3/22/2025 10:22 AM
134	Existing means of advertising is adequate	3/20/2025 11:04 AM
135	Email Mailing List	3/19/2025 7:55 PM
136	news articals	3/18/2025 3:43 PM
137	I did not receive a mailed flyer but I would have liked to	3/18/2025 5:34 AM
138	Doing a great job as is	3/17/2025 4:30 PM
139	Online or email	3/17/2025 11:28 AM
140	more social media and local businesses	3/16/2025 10:16 AM
141	At the parks. Churches.	3/16/2025 9:18 AM

142	More email	3/15/2025 4:58 PM
143	At local gyms	3/15/2025 2:47 PM
144	Langhorne Ledger	3/15/2025 2:35 PM
145	Social media blitz	3/15/2025 1:46 PM
146	Nextdoor	3/15/2025 1:33 PM
147	Facebook	3/15/2025 12:24 PM
148	Schools, senior centers (maybe you already do?)	3/15/2025 11:49 AM
149	Email	3/15/2025 10:46 AM
150	social media	3/15/2025 10:44 AM
151	Social media	3/13/2025 2:06 PM
152	Local businesses, maybe on menus.	3/12/2025 8:20 PM
153	Facebook and Instagram. Neighborhood mailers.	3/12/2025 6:53 PM
154	The electronic signage on Lincoln Highway	3/12/2025 6:09 PM
155	N/a	3/12/2025 6:05 PM
156	Not sure	3/10/2025 4:42 PM
157	Na	3/9/2025 8:00 PM
158	Radio, possibly	3/8/2025 7:22 AM
159	Back To School nights at all area districts - not just Neshaminy	2/27/2025 11:33 AM
160	Social media	2/27/2025 5:31 AM
161	On the atrocious big M monument.	2/26/2025 8:59 AM
162	In schools	2/22/2025 8:54 PM
163	Schools	2/21/2025 8:33 PM
164	It’s good enough. No need to spend more money if online channels are just doing well.	2/21/2025 8:19 PM
165	n/a	2/21/2025 1:21 PM
166	On the Big M sign	2/21/2025 6:15 AM
167	none	2/20/2025 9:41 PM
168	virtual signs by buildings	2/18/2025 4:02 PM
169	direct mail, social media however we should be asking a marketing company or expert	2/18/2025 10:47 AM
170	Grocery stores because during the week everyone ends up there	2/15/2025 11:02 PM
171	coordinate more with the county of bucks and use their reach there should also be an outreach to the landscape architecture, and architecture community. .	2/15/2025 11:16 AM
172	Local Free Newspapers and brochures.	2/14/2025 1:55 PM
173	None. You hit them all.	2/14/2025 7:51 AM
174	Social media	2/14/2025 6:13 AM
175	Schools and churches, I guess social media	2/13/2025 10:54 PM
176	Stop wasting money on advertising. You advertise enough. If people can read the mailed flyers, that is their problem.	2/13/2025 9:59 PM
177	I’m content	2/13/2025 8:20 PM
178	Social media	2/13/2025 8:16 PM

179	N/A	2/13/2025 6:34 PM
180	Not sure	2/12/2025 1:54 PM
181	Flyers from Schools	2/11/2025 1:11 PM
182	Just emails and website	2/11/2025 11:45 AM
183	Schools	2/11/2025 11:32 AM
184	Would love to see more social media presence. Hire a social media coordinator and create a tiktok and instagram account that is interesting/fun. It's important to connect with the younger audience this way, and helps keep your mission top of mind. Don't waste money on advertising. Pay for a social headcount instead and amplify your free marketing.	2/11/2025 10:43 AM
185	At the parks where events/leagues are held	2/11/2025 10:32 AM
186	Other social media. Mail flyers	2/11/2025 10:25 AM
187	more social media awareness	2/11/2025 10:01 AM
188	FB and INSTAGRAM	2/11/2025 9:58 AM
189	Social media	2/11/2025 9:57 AM
190	Social media	2/11/2025 9:54 AM
191	Langhorne	2/11/2025 9:52 AM
192	Facebook, social media	2/11/2025 9:47 AM
193	schools	2/11/2025 9:38 AM
194	Community chirches	1/29/2025 1:15 PM
195	With local businesses	1/29/2025 10:44 AM
196	Can't think of anything else	1/28/2025 7:54 PM
197	Perhaps Patch, Levittown Now, Courier news sources	1/25/2025 8:57 AM
198	Electronic billboards at intersections	1/25/2025 8:42 AM
199	?	1/25/2025 4:49 AM
200	No suggestions	1/24/2025 3:46 PM
201	cross-posting on other Middletown Township social media pages when relevant	1/24/2025 1:56 PM
202	Social media	1/24/2025 2:03 AM
203	Social media	1/23/2025 11:13 PM
204	Mail	1/23/2025 10:43 PM
205	Social media and flyers	1/23/2025 9:51 PM
206	Social media	1/23/2025 9:48 PM
207	Times Publishing newspapers ie The Langhorne Ledger	1/23/2025 7:41 PM
208	mastadon	1/23/2025 7:22 AM
209	Local businesses, send info to school	1/22/2025 7:07 PM
210	social media	1/22/2025 5:54 PM
211	Through the schools, facebook community groups	1/22/2025 10:38 AM
212	Not sure	1/22/2025 10:32 AM
213	Mailed program guide works perfectly.	1/22/2025 10:19 AM
214	Central high traffic intersections, maybe new circle at core creek park.	1/22/2025 9:21 AM

215	Facebook	1/22/2025 7:48 AM
216	Schools	1/22/2025 7:43 AM
217	Business complexes for employers& employee	1/22/2025 6:26 AM
218	Facebook	1/22/2025 6:19 AM
219	Facebook	1/21/2025 11:08 PM
220	N/A	1/21/2025 8:40 PM
221	Social media	1/21/2025 7:54 PM
222	Not sure	1/21/2025 7:23 PM
223	Fb groups	1/21/2025 6:13 PM
224	Social media, schools,grocery stores	1/21/2025 6:10 PM
225	None	1/21/2025 4:53 PM
226	Mail and email. I don't recall getting park related mail. Also social media if not already	1/21/2025 4:36 PM
227	Not sure	1/21/2025 4:36 PM
228	Schools	1/21/2025 4:30 PM
229	Grocery stores	1/21/2025 4:27 PM
230	Greater presence on social media	1/21/2025 2:37 PM
231	Lower Makefield Township	1/21/2025 12:35 PM
232	Include info in each municipalities newsletters	1/21/2025 10:12 AM
233	Online adverts on Insta and Facebook. During little league have a parks and rec rep at Middletown CP to promote their services.	1/20/2025 11:06 AM
234	?	1/18/2025 10:21 PM
235	Schools	1/18/2025 7:44 AM
236	Levittown now	1/18/2025 5:58 AM
237	Facebook	1/17/2025 10:31 PM
238	In the newsletters that are sent out	1/17/2025 9:55 PM
239	Flyers for schools or at open houses for schools	1/17/2025 2:27 PM
240	The big electronic billboards that we do t need	1/17/2025 8:17 AM
241	Honestly the program guide is amazing. It's a great reminder to check things out. Social media [redacted]ad Facebook is also perfect because when we see something we like we can just click the link and sign up immediately and not forget to do it later.	1/16/2025 9:56 PM
242	Facebook	1/16/2025 8:43 PM
243	Through the schools- mail home flyers?	1/16/2025 7:59 PM
244	If not already being done, work with the school district to promote programming within all their schools	1/16/2025 3:19 PM
245	All residents must be notified and approval obtained by voters must be obtained before any to development od open spaces. wetlands and wooded area	1/16/2025 12:03 PM
246	On the digital advertising screens in the township	1/16/2025 9:09 AM
247	LEVITTOWN, PA	1/15/2025 6:36 PM
248	More outdoor activites	1/15/2025 2:49 PM
249	Everywhere	1/15/2025 2:27 PM

250	NA	1/15/2025 1:37 PM
251	n/a	1/15/2025 10:07 AM
252	postal mail, program guide, flyers, local businesses	1/14/2025 8:49 PM
253	Facebook	1/14/2025 11:18 AM
254	Local newspapers	1/14/2025 9:43 AM
255	Social media and mailings, text updates	1/13/2025 10:27 PM
256	Grocery stores, libraries	1/13/2025 9:56 PM
257	Continue on facebook	1/13/2025 6:46 PM
258	On local TV	1/13/2025 4:11 PM
259	N/A	1/13/2025 10:04 AM
260	?	1/12/2025 3:33 PM
261	Food stores and make signs at each Park about the other parks available. No one even knows about Delaware Park!	1/12/2025 3:28 PM
262	The Bucks County Herald	1/11/2025 9:27 PM
263	Social Media	1/11/2025 5:30 PM
264	Nextdoor	1/11/2025 3:43 PM
265	Schools	1/11/2025 3:26 PM
266	None	1/11/2025 1:51 PM
267	No need to advertise further. Save the resources and invest them in nature enhancement, more trees and more flowers in Core creek.	1/11/2025 1:19 PM
268	Not so much where but I find the social media posts come too late, especially regarding programs and meetings. They'll be posted the day before which isn't helpful in planning to attend	1/11/2025 1:12 PM
269	Social media	1/11/2025 12:10 PM
270	Not needed	1/11/2025 11:04 AM
271	Billboards - Podcasts - TV	1/11/2025 11:02 AM
272	Online	1/11/2025 10:54 AM
273	Email, face book	1/11/2025 10:46 AM
274	No where	1/11/2025 10:37 AM
275	Flyers in grocery stores	1/11/2025 10:30 AM
276	Tik Tok, Twitter, Instagram, and continue mail outs. I rarely read emails	1/9/2025 4:32 PM
277	levittown now	1/8/2025 7:57 PM
278	Senior center, schools	1/7/2025 12:18 PM
279	Church Bulletins ?	1/7/2025 8:49 AM
280	electronic bill boards	1/6/2025 6:19 PM
281	schools	1/6/2025 6:08 PM
282	Social media	1/6/2025 3:01 PM
283	na	1/6/2025 9:28 AM
284	Facebook	1/5/2025 10:42 PM
285	Nextdoor, The Patch	1/5/2025 12:31 PM

286	Doing good job	1/5/2025 11:04 AM
287	Social media/email	1/5/2025 10:05 AM
288	On the digital billboards around the township. They are so wasteful if not used for local info.	1/5/2025 9:24 AM
289	NA	1/5/2025 7:59 AM
290	NA	1/5/2025 4:05 AM
291	You really need a better website and SM presence	1/4/2025 11:11 PM
292	No where save the money	1/4/2025 10:40 PM
293	The big M billboard	1/4/2025 9:49 PM
294	Billboards!	1/4/2025 8:23 PM
295	Social media for younger people	1/4/2025 8:09 PM
296	N/A	1/4/2025 8:01 PM
297	Facebook/ at the schools	1/4/2025 7:11 PM
298	Don't waste money on advertising	1/4/2025 7:04 PM
299	Maybe on facebook	1/4/2025 6:50 PM
300	Facebook, text message links for programs	1/4/2025 6:00 PM
301	More heavily on Instagram	1/4/2025 5:16 PM
302	Perhaps social media	1/4/2025 4:52 PM
303	School district sites and channels	1/4/2025 4:28 PM
304	Flyers at the schools	1/4/2025 4:22 PM
305	Facebook, emails	1/4/2025 4:21 PM
306	No where!	1/4/2025 2:40 PM
307	Instagram Facebook	1/4/2025 2:38 PM
308	More social media exposure	1/4/2025 11:34 AM
309	Don't know	1/4/2025 7:52 AM
310	On the big street electronic tv's	1/3/2025 10:58 PM
311	Mom groups online, homeschool groups,	1/3/2025 4:29 PM
312	Don't know other than emails about upcoming meetings.	1/3/2025 4:13 PM
313	Langhorne	1/3/2025 2:43 PM
314	social media and paper based mail ...a lot of people still use paper based mail for updates.	1/3/2025 1:32 PM
315	Sports stores? Supermarkets?	1/3/2025 1:26 PM
316	In shopping centers, fliers, signs, posters	1/3/2025 1:11 PM
317	Social media	1/3/2025 1:11 PM
318	Local shops	1/3/2025 12:53 PM
319	On signs in the parks with a QR code to the website or to an event coming up. Even a yard sign like open house signs.	1/3/2025 12:49 PM
320	Social media - Meta, Google	1/2/2025 9:43 AM
321	Langhorne Ledger	1/1/2025 1:43 PM
322	Food stores	12/31/2024 10:27 PM
323	Email, save paper and postage	12/31/2024 5:14 PM

324	At all businesses in the area where patrons can see	12/31/2024 4:30 PM
325	Langhorne	12/31/2024 3:54 PM
326	GoogleAds, social media	12/31/2024 1:28 PM
327	Facebook	12/31/2024 3:42 AM
328	n/a	12/27/2024 9:18 AM
329	Keep doing what you are doing	12/26/2024 1:20 PM
330	All the schools in the area from Pre-K to College.	12/24/2024 1:01 PM
331	Entryway to most populated developments closest to each park.	12/23/2024 5:27 PM
332	Fitness Clubs, local gyms	12/23/2024 3:05 PM
333	You're doing a good job now. I read the mailings.	12/23/2024 1:20 PM
334	Handouts at schools?	12/23/2024 1:12 PM
335	Facebook	12/23/2024 10:31 AM
336	The entrance of Parks	12/23/2024 9:11 AM
337	Posted temporary signs at park entrance that can be read driving by.	12/23/2024 8:51 AM
338	Facebook	12/23/2024 8:00 AM
339	Facebook, Nextdoor App, Levittown Now	12/23/2024 12:21 AM
340	Threads	12/22/2024 6:10 PM
341	Langhorne	12/22/2024 4:38 PM
342	Facebook	12/22/2024 4:09 PM
343	I think the Facebook pages for Middletown Township residents (weekly FB posts) would be beneficial	12/22/2024 2:25 PM
344	Local stores	12/22/2024 1:53 PM
345	Social Media	12/22/2024 12:51 PM
346	Social Media	12/22/2024 12:34 PM
347	Flyers	12/22/2024 12:06 PM
348	mailers, local papers	12/22/2024 11:26 AM
349	some of the free newsletters like "Langhorne" an even utilize Clipper or Marriage mail	12/22/2024 11:12 AM
350	Social media	12/22/2024 11:10 AM
351	All the social Media Places	12/22/2024 11:04 AM
352	No place	12/22/2024 10:53 AM
353	As is	12/22/2024 10:42 AM
354	None	12/22/2024 10:16 AM
355	Social media. I'm aware of the Instagram and Facebook but it just doesn't appeal to a younger audience. Also maybe more Flyers in schools.	12/22/2024 10:13 AM
356	At the Parks	12/22/2024 10:10 AM
357	Schools, senior centers, community meetings, stores etc.	12/21/2024 11:36 AM
358	not really the answer to the question but you know the mailed guide comes super way to late to be useful, sometimes after the classes have already started	12/21/2024 8:52 AM
359	In the school districts/PTOs; at the YMCA	12/21/2024 8:39 AM

360	any online newspapers	12/21/2024 2:39 AM
361	More daytime senior events for seniors who are more active (like pickleball)	12/20/2024 8:58 PM
362	Any outlet that is FREE	12/20/2024 7:25 PM
363	No where	12/20/2024 5:11 PM
364	Social media	12/18/2024 10:25 PM
365	More Instagram/ facebook, please!	12/12/2024 9:37 PM
366	not sure. online?	12/12/2024 8:16 PM
367	Local schools	12/11/2024 8:39 PM
368	social media	12/11/2024 5:35 PM

Q21 What other suggestions or ideas do you have regarding open space, parks, trails, agricultural lands, parks & recreation programs/events in Middletown Township?

Answered: 583 Skipped: 945

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Add more pickleball courts with lights and other courts with lights.	6/9/2025 8:47 PM
2	Contact all of the local scouts and girls scouts troops (not just middletown twp associated) to sponsor Star, Life, Eagle, Silver, and Gold projects. You will be doing a huge service to the community from both ends.	6/9/2025 7:35 PM
3	Stop allowing open wooded areas such as Woods school to build townhouses,low income housing creating increased traffic burden .This also destroys habitats for deer and other animals who now make their way into our neighborhoods	6/9/2025 7:33 PM
4	Inclusion of additional children's programs for encouraging outdoor time (farming/gardening, birding, insect education etc) at the various parks/open space facilities. I noticed there were new options at Styers and we are excited!	6/9/2025 6:43 PM
5	N/A	6/9/2025 4:58 PM
6	As stated previously, connect the parks with bike lanes and or walking trails.	6/9/2025 3:52 PM
7	More open space! No Toll Brothers overruns!	6/9/2025 1:30 PM
8	Refrain from purchasing playground equipment that is "High Vis"/"DayGlo"/"Fluorescent" as these colors fade and disintegrate much faster than standard UV protected colors. Usable longevity should be the primary focus when making a playground investment.	6/9/2025 10:29 AM
9	Walking path around firefighters park please	6/9/2025 9:55 AM
10	The township needs to focus on making the open spaces accessible to children- lower speed limits, walking /biking trails. Kids should be able to travel to school or to neighborhoods safely.	6/9/2025 9:47 AM
11	Please add sidewalks to Core Creek Park	6/9/2025 9:44 AM
12	Absolutely need to rebuild swimming pools. The fact that the Langhorne Swim Club hasa3-4 year waiting list is sad for Middletown residents and teens need more outlets for recreation.	6/9/2025 9:32 AM
13	Connecting the parks to be safely walkable and bikeable would give a whole new purpose and open more options for fitness for all ages.	6/9/2025 9:08 AM
14	Opening up spots along the creek in cobalt ridge. Too over grown can’t see the water	6/9/2025 8:51 AM
15	That we can access everything by walking or biking. We are too dependent on our cars, which is not good for our health and environment.	6/9/2025 8:35 AM
16	One of the biggest issues that I see while walking the park, specifically Core Creek, since I live right behind it, is downed trees. It pains me to see trees that fall, but if left, makes the park look dirty in a way. Core Creek park has a beauty about it and part of that beauty comes from how tidy the park is. Downed trees almost give a look of "we don't care about the park", not to mention, some of these trees can be dangerous with people around. I know the focus is mostly on trees INSIDE the park, but if you walk the perimeter, you will see a bunch of downed trees, or trees that uprooted, leaning on other trees.	6/9/2025 8:18 AM
17	Overgrown vegetation and downed trees in Cobalt Ridge Park the trees could be dangerous to kids playing in or near the creek	6/9/2025 6:52 AM
18	we need a safe connection pathway from Rosewood to the adjacent neighborhood	6/9/2025 12:08 AM
19	I’ve seen parks geared to senior citizens - in other locations. We should have amenities here, & Sunflower Park would be a great location	6/8/2025 11:48 PM

20	Community Park needs either more parking or fewer events at peak times. Every weekend people park on the grass and in other areas where it's prohibited because there isn't a single parking space left, and now they've even started doing it when the lots aren't completely full. It's going to be an ugly mess once the grass starts dying.	6/8/2025 11:46 PM
21	Upgrade all sporting fields and facilities	6/8/2025 10:03 PM
22	Build out pedestrian hiking trails at Core Creek and install a 9-hole disc golf course.	6/8/2025 9:39 PM
23	Work with local clubs to create partnerships to enhance the use of the parks. Offer events with the clubs for more activities for families.	6/8/2025 9:20 PM
24	Our community has a lot of seniors and being active, coming together on various activities is important to aging and being healthy. I also suggest we bring back the 4th of July parade.	6/8/2025 8:06 PM
25	Manage/remove invasive plant species and cultivate native plants to create better ecosystems in these valuable spaces	6/8/2025 8:04 PM
26	Bring parades back (4th july)	6/8/2025 6:38 PM
27	Add pickle ball courts at core creek park	6/8/2025 5:27 PM
28	Update trails, clean up picnic areas, more trash receptacle on trails	6/8/2025 5:12 PM
29	Not everyone is athletic. How about more consideration of older and physically challenged people. More benches?	6/8/2025 5:08 PM
30	For every large use building or development that adds to the population of the area, more open space should be preserved at the same time.	6/8/2025 4:20 PM
31	Existing parks and rec program with upkeep and improvement of current inventory of parks, fields, et.	6/8/2025 4:18 PM
32	I just want to reinforce that the preservation of open space is absolutely paramount to our quality of life. The development and construction in the area over just the last 1-3 years has been overwhelming and troubling at times. We want our children to grow up in a natural environment with trees, farms and greenery. Not massive warehouses, large housing developments and worsening traffic. Further development of the existing open space is something that would make us consider moving out of the area.	6/8/2025 4:18 PM
33	none	6/8/2025 4:11 PM
34	Keep it as natural as possible. No need to create more manmade features or facilities	6/8/2025 4:10 PM
35	More cleanup events at parks	6/8/2025 3:58 PM
36	Replace grass with ground cover such as clover to improve water retention and reduce wet areas near picnic tables. Add Tiny Forests to replace large grassy areas that don't have a specific use. I did not see Catawissa Park in Langhorne on the list.	6/8/2025 3:25 PM
37	Conside4 utilizing some of open space for other reasons such as solar panel locations	6/8/2025 3:23 PM
38	Safe places to ride parks away from cars	6/8/2025 3:19 PM
39	A bike/walking trail connected throughout the township, potentially connecting to other trails	6/8/2025 2:48 PM
40	Don’t only focus on the Maple Point side of Route 1. There are many tax paying citizens on the Levittown side that seem to have no voice.	6/8/2025 2:41 PM
41	Middletown township is over developed. What little space is open needs to be preserved.	6/8/2025 2:07 PM
42	Stop using open space to build homes! Update current parks	6/8/2025 2:06 PM
43	Drainage at community park fields need to be addressed. Using existing space (core creek tennis court side) to create more sport fields for kids including regulation baseball and softball fields	6/8/2025 2:02 PM
44	I like what we got just wish the play area was bigger at Forsythia park.	6/8/2025 2:01 PM
45	create more picnic areas; resting benches, trails & trail guides	6/8/2025 1:57 PM
46	enforce no parking in areas marked no parking. have almost been run over by people driving	6/8/2025 1:36 PM

	across walking paths	
47	Close skate park to residents only.	6/8/2025 1:33 PM
48	Exercise for seniors in evening	6/8/2025 1:14 PM
49	Movie in the parks	6/8/2025 1:00 PM
50	Live music , On sundays at dusk would be a good event More access to vending or snack stand	6/8/2025 12:49 PM
51	1. Repair existing paved paths to increase safety and accessibility for older community members, community members with small children (strollers), and community members with disabilities. 2. Increase shaded areas at playgrounds. 3. Increase advertisement about the various parks within Middletown and what is available at each park.	6/8/2025 12:40 PM
52	Most Impt: habitats for animals just as much as people; native plants - see Homegrown Nat'l Park - Doug Tallamy	6/8/2025 12:29 PM
53	Block parties at the parks for our community	6/5/2025 7:57 AM
54	Exercise equipment on the trails	6/4/2025 3:47 PM
55	More toddler based playground equipment	5/26/2025 5:53 PM
56	More trails, paved paths, pump track for skateboards and bikes	5/26/2025 10:40 AM
57	Bring back the 4th of July parade. It was wonderful and what brought me to Middletown Twp by discovering my neighborhood whole watching the parade	5/20/2025 6:37 PM
58	Environmental improvements to existing parks. Focus on updating and improving existing parks before acquiring new land.	5/20/2025 3:53 PM
59	Just to keep the community safe	5/20/2025 11:39 AM
60	None	5/20/2025 11:19 AM
61	Gobble up as mich land as possible to preserve and make parks and open space	5/18/2025 6:42 PM
62	Foul ball protection to spectators	5/18/2025 10:25 AM
63	Please consider cleaning up and renewing the MAA facilities on Trenton road. We need better sidewalks for parents with small kids (strollers) and the elderly (walkers & wheelchairs) that attend games, more concrete around the snack stand and more picnic tables. They also have major drainage issues over there and need a solution. Why do the Langhorne fields get more of the townships money? these kids deserve some upgrades	5/15/2025 12:06 PM
64	Please help with the construction of phase 2 of Middletown Community skatepark.	5/15/2025 10:58 AM
65	Make the skate park bigger. Add shaded areas	5/15/2025 10:47 AM
66	More skate parks	5/15/2025 9:18 AM
67	Phase 2 of the skatepark	5/15/2025 8:03 AM
68	Additional skatepark features	5/14/2025 11:12 PM
69	Start a walking / running group for all abilities Offer lessons for kayaking / canoeing Start a kayak club for Core Creek Park	5/14/2025 10:49 PM
70	Build phase 2 flog Middletown skatepark	5/14/2025 8:30 PM
71	I think the idea of creating a walk/bicycle path on Woodbourne through the "tunnel" is a great idea. It's a shame that we cannot have a dedicated northbound and southbound tunnel for vehicle traffic. Maybe someday?	5/14/2025 8:00 PM
72	Traffic control. Speeding.	5/14/2025 6:51 PM
73	Spend MY money frugally. You all get paid from my taxes. Don't be foolish. If you get grants or money from someone other than me go for it. Do what you want. Report how much tax money you spend.	5/14/2025 6:42 PM
74	More benches would be nice,	5/14/2025 6:17 PM

75	The preservation of open and natural space is immensely important now more than ever. In a county where it seems like we're losing more and more natural space for the sake of of cheap pop up shopping centers, I want to see these natural spaces kept untouched and to keep the spirit of bucks county alive. The reason I wanted to stay around the Yardley, Langhorne, Morrisville area is because of its community and its access to open areas to be by yourself and be around everything natural. It would be a disservice to see it all go for the sake of revenue. I truly appreciate what these parks bring to the local communities and I want them to help maintain the spirit of the area and the community	5/14/2025 5:37 PM
76	Bowl at Middletown skatepark. Keep expanding!	5/14/2025 4:23 PM
77	Sunflower park is just sad and I never see it being used. It either needs a whole new playground with new equipment and maintenance to the grass (which is always high every time we walk past it). Or to turn it into something completely different (dog park or something like that)	5/12/2025 6:42 PM
78	construction of a community indoor / outdoor pool	5/12/2025 12:45 PM
79	Please establish more trails connecting to our parks, including connecting parks to nearby schools and shopping centers!	5/12/2025 10:43 AM
80	nothing	5/11/2025 6:56 PM
81	N/A	5/11/2025 5:13 PM
82	Update the playground at Forsythia Gates Park	5/11/2025 4:06 PM
83	Footbridge connecting red rose and snowball	5/11/2025 3:43 PM
84	None	5/11/2025 3:11 PM
85	Get rid of the cats at core creek. I am not a cat lover and feral cats are not friendly or healthy. If you allow them get them away from the walking trails. People who are seniors have retired and many don't have money for programs. Make steep discounts for retirees. What do you offer for the disabled? Special Olympics is great and now the ymca is doing exercise and clubs for special needs adults. What could Middletown do? You tax people with disabilities but you give them nothing in return. Smooth paths for motorized wheel chairs. Handicapped parking. Ada access to playground and special time slots reserved for disabled people. Programs like bocce, pickleball, kickball, soccer, crafts all need a slower paced program. Nutrition programs for people on snap ebt and disabled. Could be done on zoom in coordination with Mccaffreys. I know [redacted] would welcome it. So many people need better health and nutrition and viral programs or hybrid programs like cooking in the park are important for health. Forbid anyone to drive cars/trucks or ride motorcycles on the hiking paths. The canal paths in Bristol to new hope are used a lot. Upgrading them to gravel or paved would be very nice. Paving more of the area in Bristol near the waterfront would be nice. I like to walk there in the hot summer days because the river totally cools you off.	5/11/2025 2:55 PM
86	Jazz in the park	5/11/2025 2:21 PM
87	Maintenance on existing tennis courts, basketball courts.	5/7/2025 8:44 PM
88	Pave a path around the lake at Core Creek. Put in walking paths instead of having walkers constantly have cars zoom by.	5/6/2025 6:29 AM
89	i think extending and making parks bigger	5/2/2025 5:55 PM
90	I would like the parks trail system to be improved getting from park to park (and throughout the township) to make biking/walking easier to get between parks and neighborhoods. I also believe pickleball is a recreational activity that is going to continue to grow and if we were to add outdoor courts they would be continuously full and bring more traffic to the parks for all ages.	4/29/2025 9:29 PM
91	The area behind Frosty Hollow Tennis center (sometimes called Frosty Hollow Park) should be developed with trails and turned into a real park. It's a beautiful area, but not well known or accessible. Homeless are living back there which prevents access.	4/29/2025 2:10 PM
92	Adjacent townships have free music night in the summer. Why can't Middletown offer the same thing on certain nights so families can come out and sit and enjoy the parks and listen to music? Second the lack of benches on walking trails are too few. You need more. The existing ones are too low to the ground and need to be higher they are hard to get out.	4/29/2025 11:44 AM

93	Just more basketball courts at Middletown Community park. Right there's only, two more courts would be wonderful to have.	4/28/2025 10:38 PM
94	Consider a plan to allow movement of wildlife through corridors (elevated greenways over selected roads.	4/28/2025 5:22 PM
95	I see very little emphasis on preserving agricultural productivity, specifically food productivity, and that greatly concerns me because we seem to be raising a generation of citizens who have to knowledge of where food comes from, let alone how to be INVOLVED in growing it. America faces a shortage of farmers. Unless we promote careers in agriculture, or at least a healthy respect for the growing of crops, we will lose our ability to feed our own nation. The loss of the Stone Meadows farmland is a tragedy that will impact all future generations. The "compromise" that was reached was really a huge loss to future generations that could have relied upon that land for food production. It is really a shame that Middletown Township officials did not take a more active role in attempting to save it. Every single acre that is lost makes it harder for farmers to maintain economic viability, so no matter what was told to the public a few years ago, eventually all of Stone Meadows will end up developed.	4/28/2025 11:42 AM
96	Prioritize open land preservation areas. Overdevelopment will drive people away.	4/28/2025 11:39 AM
97	Do not purchase dayglo / fluorescent playground equipment. Those colors fade much more rapidly, and the material deteriorates faster. Don't waste tax dollars on equipment that won't last. make sure the equipment is from an established vendor who stands behind their equipment with a substantial warranty.	4/28/2025 9:43 AM
98	none	4/27/2025 9:00 PM
99	Bring back more farms, fresh veggies and fruits from the area.	4/27/2025 8:40 PM
100	fix the roads to the parks and open spaces. Do .something about the trains stopping traffic during work hours	4/27/2025 5:04 PM
101	I had asked for the walking path around the Middletown Park kept up. I have asked for the path to be maintained over 5 years ago and its still still same. IN my view it is a trip hazard. I am 78 years old and walk about 5 miles per day and use the park's path almost daily, weather permitting	4/27/2025 4:38 PM
102	Stop letting storage places build additional buildings. Take down the big M and advertisement boards. Spend some money in Lower Bucks County to improve the area.	4/27/2025 3:58 PM
103	Again...more walking trails and footbridges, please.	4/27/2025 2:38 PM
104	Keep up the maintenance on existing, preserve as much as you can and promote a variety of programs/events to keep the community engaged so it gives a sense of pride and commitment to keeping Middletown nice.	4/27/2025 2:20 PM
105	Preserve open space!!! Save the natural beauty of our township!!	4/27/2025 1:38 PM
106	Please ensure to maintain current parks	4/27/2025 12:51 PM
107	Taking care of the softball fields, veterans path needs redone	4/27/2025 12:26 PM
108	Na	4/27/2025 11:56 AM
109	Enforce parking regulations, especially at cobalt ridge and gates. Cars parked on grass and illegally.	4/27/2025 11:36 AM
110	Let's maintain what we have before adding more	4/27/2025 10:26 AM
111	No more housing developments!	4/27/2025 10:20 AM
112	Clean up the skate park area. KKK graffiti tagged on the port o potty is not a good look. My family felt extremely uncomfortable	4/25/2025 11:02 PM
113	n/a	4/24/2025 9:16 PM
114	None at the moment	4/23/2025 7:54 AM
115	Playground in Lower Orchard	4/19/2025 12:46 PM
116	I can’t think of ant	4/19/2025 9:17 AM

117	Widen the trails. Keep up with the weeding. Dont just mow, also trim back the overgrowth.	4/16/2025 5:32 PM
118	Please don't develop any more courts or activities without having adequate parking. It has a huge impact on the neighbors that live near these parks.	4/15/2025 6:07 PM
119	Signage for people to follow the rules and use the facilities properly.	4/15/2025 6:02 PM
120	Dog parks and bring back community pools or splash parks like Bristol has. Build venues for live music	4/14/2025 7:44 AM
121	The more and the cleaner the better	4/13/2025 7:19 PM
122	Firefighters' Park needs a walking path around the entire park and information is needed about the status of the space in back of the park that was previously used by Comcast.	4/12/2025 2:47 PM
123	Children's programs that would be fun for children who have special needs. Like ADHD and Autism inclusive. My Grandtwins can read at a second grade level in preschool. But they have trouble with fine motor skills and it takes them longer to get the hang of things. They are friendly little guys but sports isn't their thing. So that's why the Fairytale Class would suit them. Something to consider. Thanks.	4/11/2025 10:23 AM
124	Earthship! Like the one they have at Silver Lake Nature Center.	4/8/2025 2:51 AM
125	Better playgrounds	4/4/2025 7:57 PM
126	Nothing beyond what I already mentioned. Increases the amount of paved paths to make it more stroller and wheelchair friendly. Significantly improve and replace the the quality of playground equipment for olde children.	4/4/2025 5:01 PM
127	More vigilance in keeping motorized vehicles off grassy areas	4/4/2025 3:16 PM
128	Add some fenced in areas for dogs to run off leash. Would be good at places like the Cobalt/Quincy green spaces where people walk their dogs but can't really go off leash, though some do and it's kinda risky with cars on the drives and deer sometimes in those woods.	4/4/2025 1:49 PM
129	Create a park similar to Bristol and Falls two with nice walking paths, multiple playgrounds, pavilions for shade and a splash pad. Also, repair walks at existing parks to prevent tripping and falling	4/4/2025 12:28 PM
130	Clean up trash in as many parks as possible.	4/2/2025 4:10 PM
131	N/A	4/2/2025 10:25 AM
132	Splash pads, fenced in play areas for young children, "little town" for children to play/ride bikes, better walkable paths not overgrown with bushes or all gravel making it hard for little ones to ride bikes or scooters	3/31/2025 1:53 PM
133	No public music/sound… ear buds only	3/31/2025 10:24 AM
134	Middletown Township should consider a 9 hole disc golf course in the woods of Snowball, Forsythia, and Red Rose Gates. Parking can be at Forsythia Crossing Park and the course could be in the woods on both sides. It would require limited funds for just the baskets.	3/31/2025 9:29 AM
135	Protective nets are needed at Middletown Community Park baseball/softball fields for foul ball safety. Trail through the woods around Langhorne Spring Water should be established connecting Langhorne Manor Borough to firefighters park. Ideally, this trail would pass through the Langhorne Manor Borough building and police department.	3/30/2025 10:53 PM
136	All open spaces/parks should be held to the same standards and rules/regulations. Green belt and Snowball crossing park should not be destroyed by the SAME ATV's/Mini bike daily at the same time??? Not being addressed and easily to be found/ and addressed but even to be ignored.	3/30/2025 4:28 PM
137	There's an urgent need at twin oaks park. Not sure where all the money goes from the leagues & sponsors because it's not being put back into maintaining the space	3/30/2025 11:30 AM
138	Green corridors are essential for wildlife movement. Emphasis should be placed on keeping natural areas that are NOT available for human intrusion. Protect what few wetlands, woodlands and agricultural lands that remain in the township. BIG push is needed to clean up trash in our parks and along roadways such as Route 1 bypass, Bristol-Oxford Valley, Business Route 1, Oxford Valley Road, and the road around Oxford Valley Mall. Litter	3/30/2025 4:08 AM

	everywhere is unsightly, harmful to wildlife, makes the area look terrible and encourages more illegal dumping and littering.	
139	Update the playgrounds. Forsythia park is outdated	3/29/2025 5:30 PM
140	Maybe more slides, swings, bike trails or monkey bars	3/29/2025 2:05 PM
141	I'd love to see more awareness for endangered species in Bucks County and educational materials for proper recycling.	3/29/2025 1:06 PM
142	More pickle ball	3/28/2025 9:43 AM
143	Pickleball has grown so much as a sport and it would be amazing to have pickleball courts at Middletown Community Park across from the Laurel Oaks neighborhood. This will bring more a variety of age groups to the park and give more sense of community.	3/28/2025 7:41 AM
144	Just to make all parks and trails and recreational activities safe for all families	3/28/2025 2:32 AM
145	Need walkway to Laurel oaks and warnings for cars to not speed!!!!	3/28/2025 2:30 AM
146	Less cars and more people enjoying being outside	3/27/2025 8:11 PM
147	Better awareness of existing and planned trails / bike paths in the township.	3/27/2025 7:45 PM
148	More pickleball courts and biking trails	3/27/2025 7:34 PM
149	Please continue preserving and protecting our natural spaces. My family loves to see native plantings and to receive education about our indigenous species at nature centers and along trails. Thank you for all you've done so far!	3/27/2025 7:24 PM
150	Skatepark needs to be finished. A section is inconplete. Better bathroom amenities. Better outdoor grills.	3/27/2025 7:22 PM
151	I don't have any	3/27/2025 6:21 PM
152	None	3/27/2025 6:10 PM
153	Pickleball court, snack stands	3/27/2025 5:00 PM
154	Quite a lot of tree removal was done in the Gates near the creeks. I didn't see why so many trees were removed. I'd like to know why, and if cleanup is going to be done this spring/summer.	3/27/2025 2:19 PM
155	PROCEDE WITH CAUTION. There are enough paths and parks between Middletown and Tyler Park, neighborhood open spaces,etc., to accomodate all needs. Many places could not take additional traffic due to the immense overdevelopment and poor maintenance of existing open spaces by this township. NO MORE PARKS WE HAVE ENOUGH!	3/27/2025 1:49 PM
156	Regular programs to inform Middletown Township residents about the importance of planting and maintaining native plants. Maybe some of the towns in Middletown Township would like to achieve the status of Bird Towns.	3/27/2025 1:16 PM
157	Fun runs. Hiking events. Rec leagues for kids. Block parties.	3/27/2025 12:13 PM
158	Make sure Newtown sewage plant plans which are currently on hold does not go through and dump wastewater into core creek	3/27/2025 11:53 AM
159	More service opportunities for teens to aid in stewardship. Clean ups and trail maintenance etc.	3/27/2025 10:55 AM
160	Parks dept. should answer emails when sent.	3/27/2025 10:24 AM
161	Stop wasting money on something lited number of residents use. My fixed income can not continue to support your spending.	3/27/2025 1:59 AM
162	Trails should be maintained more and more walking trails should be added to access more areas safely within the community. I also suggest adding more crosswalks to make walking/biking safer and easier	3/26/2025 8:58 PM
163	ATV trails	3/26/2025 8:26 PM
164	would like teens to have space for dirt bike & quad riding-	3/26/2025 6:55 PM

165	Safe bike lanes and access throughout the township	3/26/2025 4:49 PM
166	Walking paths in parks need to be maintained. Broken blacktop is a serious tripping hazard for everyone	3/26/2025 4:47 PM
167	A walkway between Laurel Oaks and Middletown Community Park	3/26/2025 4:26 PM
168	Look to other neighboring townships for inspiration.	3/26/2025 1:33 PM
169	Utilize Spring Valley Park to it full potential !	3/26/2025 12:49 PM
170	Need more access for softball w/lights for the girls that are serious about playing	3/26/2025 10:14 AM
171	Playground in Quincy Hollow. Lights for the basketball courts. A bridge to get across to Cobalt playground and basketball court that is closer to them instead of walking across the rocks in the creek.	3/26/2025 9:36 AM
172	Add restrooms - not porta potty	3/26/2025 9:21 AM
173	Try to get grants to implement as much of the multi modal plan as possible	3/26/2025 2:25 AM
174	We should stress the idea of land conservation, and be educated on the impact of suburban sprawl and where we will be if we don't stop our current habits	3/25/2025 11:40 PM
175	Preserve what we have already! It's amazing!	3/25/2025 9:18 PM
176	I hope the the cat colonies at Core Creek Park will be removed. They are unsightly and smell horrible.	3/25/2025 9:05 PM
177	build a walking path that lead from the dam all the way to the other existing walkways.	3/25/2025 8:05 PM
178	Nothing at this time.	3/25/2025 5:30 PM
179	Work with Shady Brook and Co-sponsor some of their excellent events. The light show is fantastic but has gotten to expensive - Maybe TWP could subsidize.	3/25/2025 12:49 PM
180	Middletown Two is over developed. Create new legislation that developers set aside open space to develop community parks, trails within their development plans.	3/25/2025 10:59 AM
181	Please do not sell our open spaces to developers and turn us into bristol	3/25/2025 10:43 AM
182	Expand walking trails	3/25/2025 9:53 AM
183	N/a	3/25/2025 6:43 AM
184	N/A	3/25/2025 5:10 AM
185	Indoor sports facility. Safe biking/walking paths. More baseball fields at Community Park or buying sports fields from Core Creek park for LAA usage.	3/24/2025 10:24 PM
186	Stop mowing down all the natural areas and animal habitats: add more programs for working adults at the Ray Mongolia center	3/24/2025 9:07 PM
187	We don't need more developed places. We need to improve what we currently have along with trying to acquire more and preserve open space.	3/24/2025 8:03 PM
188	I have had concerns about the number of feral cats in Core Creek but I am not sure if that creates a threat to visiting guests. I'm very disappointed that the transfer of the Styers Lease has gone so poorly. The shop looks like its going bankrupt. I know they made a commitment to the township to provide services to the community however the shop is barely stocked. Safe walkways/bike trails to and from Core Creek park would be fabulous!	3/24/2025 8:01 PM
189	Please consider a walking/bike path at Lions Park there is not much there. Also offer shade at other parks.	3/24/2025 7:59 PM
190	Add a bridge to connect red rose gate to snowball gate. Make pickleball more accessible to people starting out, or who don't belong to a pickleball league	3/24/2025 7:49 PM
191	More bike trails, safer access to the parks. Security cameras at the parks.	3/24/2025 7:34 PM
192	Turf fields	3/24/2025 7:12 PM
193	more open space to preserve the beauty of our county and for all to enjoy nature for years to	3/22/2025 2:20 PM

	come	
194	Safe water indicators for wading, swimming, pets. We have a SEWER SYSTEM PLANT coming to CORE CREEK!	3/22/2025 10:22 AM
195	This overall topic is very important, given the rapid development and addition of residents to Middletown Township and the surrounding towns.	3/21/2025 9:18 AM
196	We really need walking and biking trails to reach Core Creek Park from the intersection of Langhorne-Yardley Rd and Woodbourne Roads so that the neighborhoods east of Woodbourne Rd can reach Core Creek Park	3/20/2025 11:04 AM
197	Maintenance and restoration of current facilities. Core Creek Park is in need of paint and restoration of sinage and wooden structures.	3/19/2025 7:55 PM
198	As I mentioned, I think the creation of more walkability/safe biking pathways is paramount. Creating more paths and connecting existing paths to enhance existing trails would be amazing.	3/19/2025 4:53 PM
199	Highlite birds and animals as to what they are doing each month. Pick a creature per moth,like a turtle in the winter and whwewre are the frogs, etc. Make the land a place of curiosity. Ignite inquiry and animal cycles of awareness and cycles.	3/18/2025 3:43 PM
200	Enhancing current parks with more walking trails and greater variety of playground equipment to keep children engaged for longer periods of time, more overhead shade over playgrounds	3/18/2025 5:34 AM
201	More trails and exercise places	3/17/2025 4:30 PM
202	We love the idea of safe trails	3/17/2025 11:28 AM
203	We need better accessibility for both the aging and Handicap population. We need a pool back in The township, possibly Forsythia Park, but we need a lot more parking spaces. We need multi use areas that are close by to create community and have the children interested in going so they would see other friends from school that they may not have personal plans with. Are 8 to 12-year-olds need to get out of the house and stop just playing roblox in Fortnite. If we had a playground that also had some cool stuff for big kids, a community pool and near the skate rink, without the creepy, homeless people, kids be more willing to go down cause they'll see somebody they know and they'll be able to switch gears and play with somebody. Sidewalks in the gates we are very isolated. We can't drive to Lyons Park. My child is too old for that now, but I'm disabled. I was not able to walk across the gates to get there and it offers no parking. There's very minimal parking at Forsythia Park, The Middletown recreation activities are very expensive, whether it's Adult basic fitness classes, like tai chi or yoga, or children's activities; And there's eccentric to the barn which caters to the Langhorne crowd. The vast majority of your residence live in Middletown Township in Levittown and Pendel; it's price burden suddenly high, when you would expect being a resident, it would be a good deal, not cheaper to go to a regular yoga studio or seek other communities fitness classes. Getting back to the pool, if Middletown does not plan on creating a pool for the near future, you need to make some kind of arrangement with Falls or upper Makefield to get us some kind of a discounted rate.	3/17/2025 8:41 AM
204	Create access from Laurel oaks to Middletown Park. Get some control over the skate board area, it is noisy and kids are there all hours of the night.	3/16/2025 4:54 PM
205	Continue with trail that leads to George school and across neshaminy creek to Holland pa.	3/16/2025 12:48 PM
206	find ways to integrate paths and playgrounds while maintaining the beauty and function of natural spaces.	3/16/2025 10:16 AM
207	A public pool, indoors for all year use. Organize running or hiking clubs , steward clubs for young people to clean up parks, volunteer opportunities at Steyers with an educational component.	3/16/2025 9:18 AM
208	Make the dog park at Core Creek free of charge.	3/16/2025 5:45 AM
209	Give more back to the ones who manage Parks and Rec	3/15/2025 4:58 PM
210	Need bike lanes	3/15/2025 3:38 PM
211	Please look into a dog park in the Levittown area. There are so many dog owners in our area and nothing close by to help socialize our pups.	3/15/2025 2:47 PM

212	It is so important to protect our current open spaces and parks. And to quite new open spaces and curate parks, etc. Also to enhance native planting and help wildlife thrive. These things help all of our wellbeing now and for our future generations.	3/15/2025 2:37 PM
213	Add wildflower gardens for pollinators and to help the Monarchs and the honey bees survive. Also inform the road maintenance folks to not cut down the butterfly weed that grows along the sides of many roads, near Core Creek, Big Oak Rd and many others.	3/15/2025 2:35 PM
214	Build a paved path around the lake in Core Creek.	3/15/2025 2:32 PM
215	Develop the rail corridor from Woodbourne rd to Playwicki park. The powerline corridor can be an excellent trail	3/15/2025 1:52 PM
216	The golf club is great, but needs more township money to improve grounds further.	3/15/2025 1:46 PM
217	For me, if I need to reach park safely by bike. And want free pickleball courts or at least know the schedule without having to join a pickleball club.	3/15/2025 1:35 PM
218	More pickleball classes leagues and courts	3/15/2025 1:34 PM
219	FYI - not sure if Core Creek Park is aware of the beaver dams in Core Creek between the Lake and Neshaminy Creek. Beaver are destroying trees and creating major dams.	3/15/2025 12:52 PM
220	Maintenance landscaping the green belts and creek areas better in the Levittown sections (trim the areas along the creeks & cleanup the grass along the curbs). If residents see this happening it will entice the same care to their personal landscape as a whole (community feel).	3/15/2025 12:35 PM
221	Stop over developing the area and wasting township taxpayers money	3/15/2025 12:24 PM
222	There are a lot of teens in need of service hours for National Honor Society, college applications and scouts, maybe advertise community needs for them to take advantage of.	3/15/2025 11:49 AM
223	Nonr	3/15/2025 10:46 AM
224	I would like to see trails maintained better and more added	3/15/2025 10:44 AM
225	Stop building houses and apartmentmets and turn areas into parks or preserved open space. Flooding, stormwater, etc... There are so many issues. We can work to solve those and provide additional opportunities for our kids, teens, adults, community at new preserved open spaces	3/13/2025 9:49 PM
226	Add an 18 Hole Frisbee Golf Course so that residents don't have to commute to Tyler State Park to enjoy exercise and a low cost/maintenance game.	3/12/2025 8:46 PM
227	Would love to see a fenced in dog park area added to the Forsythia Crossing Park area. Also, while adding the lines to Snowball Drive was a nice addition, it is not as functional as I had expected given the execution. The shoulder space is in the residential side, making it basically useless to us that walk dogs. People don't like dogs being walked on their lawns (yes I've been yelled at for it). Also I would rather not walk my dog on peoples lawns given h the potential of chemicals the homeowner may have applied. That leaves my wife and myself to walk our 2 dogs on the greenbelt side of the street where there is minimal space (at which point we, again, have been yelled at by passing drivers). Sidewalks on the greenbelt would be a tremendous win for the community.	3/12/2025 8:20 PM
228	Snowball gate needs a sidewalk along the greenbelt for dog walking (and people walking). It is not feasible to walk dogs in the shoulder next to people's front yards as the dogs can do their business on people's yards. That was a ridiculous decision. The walkway needs to be in the greenbelt.	3/12/2025 6:53 PM
229	Hosting cultural events would be great	3/12/2025 6:09 PM
230	A public pool - I miss the pool in the gates!	3/12/2025 6:05 PM
231	Stop letting farmland become dense housing in the township. Preserve the land. And build walking paths throughout township. Example: sidewalks on Newtown Langhorne Road(413) so neighborhoods can walk into core creek from the st Mary's entrance.	3/10/2025 12:17 PM
232	Na	3/9/2025 8:00 PM
233	Partner with the local high schools who require community service hours for students to graduate and build tasks that can be completed for them to earn credit	2/27/2025 11:33 AM

234	As well as volunteering my time to coach and help run [redacted], I run a surveying and engineering company focused on public infrastructure and improving our communities. I would be happy to help out with planning and operational aspects, if needed. My email is provided in the next data entry point and my phone number is [redacted] I have many ideas, my wheels are always turning. Feel free to reach out if needed.	2/26/2025 10:19 PM
235	More trash cans on paved trails	2/26/2025 8:59 AM
236	We need to add to our open spaces in lower bucks	2/25/2025 7:42 PM
237	Years ago, the township wanted to put meadows in. It was greatly opposed. And I am against it. Clean up our parks, trails would be nice. Thank You	2/24/2025 3:57 PM
238	convert old railways into multi-purpose trails.	2/22/2025 8:54 PM
239	n/a	2/21/2025 1:21 PM
240	more parking spaces at Firefighters, 8 pickleball courts and no place to park	2/21/2025 6:15 AM
241	Security. We need more rangers. People come from everywhere during peak season. It is very crowded with no oversight whatsoever.	2/19/2025 6:24 PM
242	communication boards at playgrounds for nonverbal children. pump track in underused wooded area by train tracks where there is noise already- low cost could lead to less field turfing? More "cool" amenities in the levittown area, feels like a lot in the langhorne area.	2/18/2025 4:02 PM
243	Sad that I can't really utilize your programs due to work schedules & unable to make all the classes required. Have to wait until I retire.	2/15/2025 11:02 PM
244	There should be an adult indoor basketball program. Newtown has this and it is very successful.	2/15/2025 8:54 PM
245	stop worrying solely on sustainable structures and focus on what actually works .	2/15/2025 11:16 AM
246	Stop cutting down the trees	2/15/2025 8:59 AM
247	Why have the banks of Neshaminy Creek near 413 NOT BEEN improved and joined with walking trails in Newtown all the way to Tyler Park? This is significant missed opportunity.	2/14/2025 1:55 PM
248	There is a tract of woods with a creek that runs along 2 neighborhoods, and ends up behind the high school. That particular area needs to be better cared for. There is trash in the creek and some of the walking trails are overgrown, and no longer accessible. You can access the space from the end of Rowland Road.	2/14/2025 11:33 AM
249	Mort than enough beautiful parks to go through.	2/14/2025 7:51 AM
250	Providing walkability to folks living on major roads would exponentially increase the quality of life for Middletown residents. I lived downtown in Philly all through my 20s and lived in Langhorne Borough for several years, and the only thing I don't like about where I live now here in Middletown (again off Brownsville rd) is that I cannot safely walk anywhere especially with my child (safety in regards to lack of sidewalks, not crime etc). This includes walking my child to school when she comes of age. Perhaps trails or connective paths can help with this. I think it would also be cool to connect langhorne terrace to the Borough/Manor with a walkable path or trail. The borough has a lot of potential as a "main drag" but is hard to access for anyone but borough residents. Even people in the manor would have to traverse the interchange to get to the borough (I think) which wouldn't want to do on foot.	2/14/2025 4:03 AM
251	Make traveling by bike safer, Offer more adult league options outside of kickball, run half day camp option at the Middletown barn in the summer	2/13/2025 10:54 PM
252	There needs to be a creation of splash pads in a few areas such as 1 in langhorne and one in the Neshaminy areas of Levittown. Additionally, based on what I've been reading, Middletown Township is putting larger focus on the Levittown area with regards to playgrounds and park infrastructure improvements but is ignoring areas in the lower langhorne section. Why has the detective jones memorial park been so neglected? Faded tree signs, worn down and dull playground equipment AND there isn't much of a playground to begin with other than a climbing net. How about some improvements there. A mini balance beam, two bouncy cars and another small bouncy device that is suitable for infants to 3 year olds is all that is there. A falling apart "music" fence that was put in as a community service project remains that isn't even usable	2/13/2025 9:59 PM

	and just looks trashy. And then a climbing structure that has EXPOSED METAL BRAIDED CABLE that children are touching. Updated and a wider range of equipment is needed there. You have lots of sporting events there where children of families need something to do. You also have fairways, ivystream and neighboring communities right there that walk there to use that park. Let's get rid of the ghetto porta potty that sits their as well. Either put in a bathroom or get rid of that. The park is in a great spot and services many neighborhoods right there. It could be great. Lets get something done there that is updated to this decade please.	
253	We needs more sidewalks and picnic areas.	2/13/2025 9:10 PM
254	I really think the township needs a pool! I know there are some community pools but they are also starting to age. The pool at Middletown country club was a real gem. It should be bought by the township and renovated for a township pool. Right now I give my money to lower makefield township to use their pool because of its quality. I also give them money for my kids swim lessons. I would love if there was a local township pool. It's great for morale and community bonding	2/13/2025 8:20 PM
255	Add more to Delaware Park! When I bought my house in 1996 there was a baseball field, basketball court, tennis courts and a playground. After you built the levy all that was removed! The local kids have nothing there to do! Every street in the neighborhood has a basketball net on it and that is in the streets! At least put up some lit basketball courts for the kids to play on! Add a playground too! There are new families moving in the area and NO playground within walking distance!!	2/13/2025 6:35 PM
256	1. More WORKING water fountains 2. More wildflowers/less grass for the pollinators	2/13/2025 6:34 PM
257	Not sure	2/12/2025 1:54 PM
258	Preserve and update what we currently own and preserve more space.	2/11/2025 3:56 PM
259	Bathrooms at Community Park need to be cleaned on a regular basis.	2/11/2025 1:52 PM
260	sell the country club when the lease is up in 2028 to someone who will develop it into a nicer facility/course. the bones are there, it just needs some TLC	2/11/2025 1:43 PM
261	More natural playgrounds, such as tree trunks as balance beams, climbing structures, sand/digging spaces, rope swings, etc.	2/11/2025 12:45 PM
262	More sports fields. There are too many kids with very limited playing field options. People want to play for their neighborhood team, not have to commute because there's not adequate field space.	2/11/2025 12:05 PM
263	Bathrooms need updating, repaired, kept up with several times a week. Also should be available all year long.	2/11/2025 12:04 PM
264	Add a turf field	2/11/2025 11:45 AM
265	With the massive development of our area recently including shadybrook, stone meadows and more, it is critical now more than ever that we seek to preserve and expand the park presence in middletown. I moved here for the natural beauty of this area. Let's please continue to protect and expand that.	2/11/2025 10:43 AM
266	Additional dog park(s) would be beneficial. Maintenance of the bathroom at Middletown Community Park has been consistently poor (mainly lack of toilet paper and very dirty). There have also been issues with the timing of outdoor lights at Community Park for the week or so following daylight savings. Fields and trails at all parks are well cared for.	2/11/2025 10:32 AM
267	Amenities for youth sports	2/11/2025 10:25 AM
268	Turf fields	2/11/2025 10:19 AM
269	more shaded options for kids	2/11/2025 10:01 AM
270	Leave it open space	2/11/2025 9:58 AM
271	Trails we need a bridge connecting Quincy to Cobalt (closer to Woodbourne Rd) It would also be nice to have a bridge for cars to drive over into Cobalt from Quincy since we have to risk our lives everyday pulling out onto Woodbourne especially to get the kids to school!	2/11/2025 9:56 AM
272	No one wants more housing or more retail in lieu of parks. Stop developing.	2/11/2025 9:54 AM

273	I think athletic fields could be better maintained and in some cases converted to turf. If you can make connected trails for longer bike rides that would be great also.	2/11/2025 9:49 AM
274	Improved/more hiking trails with more native plants. Especially through core creek. Lots of open grass areas. Need more variety of landscaping with trails.	2/11/2025 9:47 AM
275	the basketball and tennis courts at Simmons park are starting to become dangerous and are in disrepair. The tennis court has actual crevices that are hazardous and the bball court is disintegrating and very slippery.	2/11/2025 9:38 AM
276	With the increase in participation in youth sports, we seem to need more baseball and soccer fields.	2/11/2025 9:37 AM
277	Clean up the overgrown vegetation and clear the fallen trees so the children don't get hurt	2/1/2025 5:06 PM
278	Complete Middletown's section of the Newtown Rail trail. Southampton has completed a very nice section to walk and bike.	1/30/2025 7:49 PM
279	Seek more private funding from all of the developers building new housing. They are adding households but not contributing enough	1/29/2025 1:15 PM
280	Just hopeful there's some emphasis put on female sports in the area.	1/29/2025 10:44 AM
281	n/a	1/28/2025 7:54 PM
282	Theme days like renaissance festival's and celtic	1/25/2025 8:42 AM
283	Need more paths to connects parks with neighborhoods. Need a walking path on village road to connect Silver lake neighborhood to Lakeview neighborhood and down to township line road to get on walking path there. Middletown should also look into the possibility of creating b walking trail along the power lines this would connect several neighborhoods	1/25/2025 6:43 AM
284	Slow down the new construction, in the Township.	1/25/2025 4:49 AM
285	Keep and create more open space	1/24/2025 10:58 PM
286	No suggestions	1/24/2025 3:46 PM
287	paved pump track for bikes & skateboards; whitewater park; encourage the community building and maintaining of mountain bike trails	1/24/2025 2:01 PM
288	For the love of God, please don't make the same mistake that Schuylkill Township and Phoenixville Borough in Chester County have done. When I was a child there, there was TONS of open space. Now virtually everything except the Valley Forge National Park has been developed. It's an eyesore, resulted in overcrowding, and the roadways can't handle the traffic, resulting in accelerated deterioration of bridge and roads, and massive rush hour congestion. Please please please maintain the open space and don't ever let it be developed. I want MTT to be a place I can retire in and enjoy, not become mini-Philly.	1/24/2025 1:56 PM
289	Develop trails/recreation programs at Styers. We need to compete now that Shady Brook is selling out to developers.	1/24/2025 11:06 AM
290	A more extensive trail system for off-road walking completely around Corecreek lake. Safe bike lanes and side walks along Woodbourne road	1/24/2025 9:56 AM
291	Preserve open space, limit building of new properties. Be mindful of wildlife when you are reviewing proposed building plans.	1/23/2025 11:13 PM
292	Do not put the regional trail in through silver lake. That is a preserved area for drainage and having access to behind peoples homes from core creek is not right.	1/23/2025 10:43 PM
293	As more land is being used for development, I think it's key for the group to be involved in ensuring surrounding neighborhoods have access to green space within their area. The group needs to get involved in the sewer plant opposition.	1/23/2025 9:51 PM
294	A more paved walkway to enter Middletown community park from the cemetery by Silverlake development. A crosswalk from laurel oaks estates to the community park Paved trail on Village rd	1/23/2025 9:48 PM
295	Acquire the 9.3 acres property ID: 22-031-023-001 owned by Lichenstein, adjacent to the Silver Lake development, and conserve it as natural open space. Open space is very valuable to the	1/23/2025 8:56 PM

	quality of life in the township and preserves areas for wildlife habitat, outdoor education, etc..	
296	Community Supportive Agriculture	1/23/2025 7:41 PM
297	Traffic stop signs are not observed by most drivers and often parents dropping off their own children to a sporting event- often putting safety of park users not in their cars at risk. Consider staggering 4 way stop intersections and speed humps.	1/23/2025 7:38 PM
298	Extend the skatepark more space, more obstacles. Festivals: I don't know of any if they are going on. I've seen other parks have food festivals, Bigfoot festivals (example). Just an idea.	1/23/2025 7:36 PM
299	Better more modern up to date playgrounds. More attention to southern end/Levittown sections- feel they've been left behind compared to Middletown Community Park, Fire Fighters Park, etc. Add paved walking trails along green belts .	1/23/2025 7:30 PM
300	Connected bike trails	1/23/2025 6:16 PM
301	Should have police / park monitoring or request hourly checking in of parks so to enhance safety for those using the parks .. see some strange cars parking throughout the day when I walk my dog. I would not want my wife or grandchildren there alone.	1/23/2025 4:25 PM
302	develop flowering meadows. no mow areas	1/23/2025 9:34 AM
303	The trail at Memorial Park on Brownsville is only partially paved, difficult for strollers, wheelchairs, etc… and the big playground is not much of a playground.	1/23/2025 9:29 AM
304	Extend the walking path at core creek down and up the hill. It just ends halfway through the park	1/23/2025 6:17 AM
305	Board game nights (like under a covered pavilion	1/23/2025 12:09 AM
306	Partner with Geno's nursery or Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve to offer native plant seminars/sales;	1/22/2025 8:10 PM
307	Aquire more open space. This township is being over developed and is turning into a city. It is very sad.	1/22/2025 6:36 PM
308	More teen programs. Esports. TECH for seniors	1/22/2025 5:54 PM
309	Open spaces should have restricted planting, and be maintained for winter and summer recreational activities.	1/22/2025 10:32 AM
310	Maybe more family friendly festivals at Core creek (i.e. touch a truck). Create a sandy beach area at Core creek with splash pad (no swimming in the lake!), playground, picnic tables, concession stand and kayak/canoe rentals all in one place.	1/22/2025 10:19 AM
311	Keep it simple and focus on the community here in Middletown. Enhance bike trails, invest in a turf field for the kids. No more skate parks for NJ residents or elaborate kick walls.	1/22/2025 10:18 AM
312	Not interested in new walking bike paths especially on free space behind my house. Don't need or want to introduce strangers that close to properyy.	1/22/2025 9:52 AM
313	Please use village road as a pathway for connecting to community park & core creek park and connecting of walking/bicycle trails. Farms Edge builder (shadybrook farm) currently has a proposal drawn up for making a walking/bike trail inside of the silver lake development. This would affect our drainage field that we rely on for rain water drainage and is already over saturated. The neighbors in silver lake really liked the Middletown Township proposal of utilizing Village Road for this trail. Please keep the trail on village road!	1/22/2025 9:21 AM
314	I would like us to try to link up with the Newtown trail system and connecting other parks such as Core Creek Park with Tyler State Park, etc.	1/22/2025 6:36 AM
315	Trash/recycling cleanup. Planting native species. Identify & Eradicate non-native plants: i. e. Bamboo which is not supposed to be in the twp but it's on EVERY roadside/backyard and the twp NEVER enforces the rule/Japanese Knotweed also invasive and literally everywhere. All non native host plants for the spotted lantern fly, etc. No fireworks allowed, ever.	1/22/2025 6:26 AM
316	Quincy hollow needs a swingset	1/22/2025 6:19 AM
317	There should be better monitoring and enforcement of laws regarding ATV use, fireworks, and neighborhood events in township owned open spaces and streets.	1/21/2025 11:08 PM

318	Many Middletown sections are connected by pedestrian walking bridges. Unfortunately Deep Dale East, West and Sycamore Ridge are all surrounded by busy roads, creeks and do not have a pedestrian walking bridge over the creek. I would like to see the walking path behind the tank park extended to have a pedestrian walking bridge over to highland park.	1/21/2025 9:52 PM
319	I'd like sidewalks to be able to walk my dogs to the park or for my kids to beable to walk or bike there.	1/21/2025 7:59 PM
320	Being back the 4th of July parade	1/21/2025 7:55 PM
321	Keep the open space and make parks more easily accessible by walking/biking, not just by car	1/21/2025 7:54 PM
322	Have them monitored to prevent teens from defacing property and scaring young kids	1/21/2025 7:23 PM
323	I wish there were a place to tent camp in Middletown Township; hut bikeability is my most important issue.	1/21/2025 7:01 PM
324	My wife and I enjoy walking our and other neighbors, we sometimes struggle to leave our section due to no safe sidewalks on main roads to cross at.	1/21/2025 6:40 PM
325	Trash clean up along major highways!	1/21/2025 6:13 PM
326	The unpaved trail at Simmons park is overgrown and not accessible for strollers anymore. It is also very difficult for bikes and scooters. The weeds grew into the path. The playgrounds' play surfaces are sinking in and cause children to fall. A lot of playground equipment is broken and not repaired. It just gets removed.	1/21/2025 6:10 PM
327	More bathrooms and dog parks	1/21/2025 6:03 PM
328	They need to be cleaned and kept up. Which they currently are not. Lucky they even dump trash cans.	1/21/2025 5:54 PM
329	Make the township safer to walk in general, so many neighborhoods don't even have sidewalks.	1/21/2025 5:36 PM
330	I'm an amateur photographer. I like to shoot landscapes and Core Creek is perfect for me. But the best time is an hour before sunrise and an hour after sunset. But I'm not allowed in during those times. I understand I can get a permit for only one day at an exorbitant amount of money (I'm retired and my only income is social security). But there's no way to know in advance what the light will be like at that hour. I'd like to see this fixed.	1/21/2025 5:11 PM
331	Update the basketball court at core creek park. The court has not been playable for decades. It's amazing more people have not been injured do to the state of the court.	1/21/2025 5:08 PM
332	Build a nice Quincy hollow park and fix the courts.	1/21/2025 5:02 PM
333	Please improve the walkability/bike safety in Middletown township!	1/21/2025 4:57 PM
334	Take down the Big M that is such an eyesore.	1/21/2025 4:53 PM
335	Middletown needs to start building better walking path networks. There's now a large community apartment complex being built at the mall and I think that a walking path around the mall would encourage people to walk around there and bring new business to that mall area that is losing foot traffic. Building a small park in that area wouldn't be a bad idea either.	1/21/2025 4:38 PM
336	Don't succumb to big money building everywhere taking land that is parks or should be. Lower bucks is already jam packed. Maybe lights at core creek tennis for evening playing capability	1/21/2025 4:36 PM
337	Would love a trail along mill creek	1/21/2025 4:36 PM
338	More shade, toddler areas, walking trails, lights for morning and evening, more events for Families	1/21/2025 4:27 PM
339	Purchase land off of green meadow drive to avoid billboards in Middletown residents backyards.	1/21/2025 3:47 PM
340	The development across the street from George School is a disgrace. How dare you seek input on providing more open space when development like this is allowed to occur?	1/21/2025 12:52 PM
341	Lower the pickleball fees. Coordinating fees with Lower Makefield Township makes no sense and negatively impacts my impression of Middletown Township.	1/21/2025 12:35 PM

342	Preserve habitats for wildlife which is slowly being eradicated	1/21/2025 10:12 AM
343	Would like to see different exercise equipment to do exercises along the trail as you walk.	1/18/2025 10:21 PM
344	I pretty much use trail systems, so connectivity to other trails is probably most important to me: Newtown Rail trail, Core Creek to Comm Park, a trail/walkable, safe way to get into the boro from the communities along Bridgetown Pike would be nice!	1/18/2025 3:26 PM
345	Adding trees to shade walkways	1/18/2025 9:19 AM
346	Make core creek park accessible from nearby neighborhoods without having to walk/jog/bike in the street.	1/18/2025 8:35 AM
347	Clean up the overgrown vegetation on the banks of the creeks between Cobalt Ridge and Quincy Hollow to the way it use to be years ago.	1/18/2025 8:12 AM
348	Keep ATVs and dirt bikes out of the parks by enforcement and fines nd/or designate an area for them to be used.	1/18/2025 7:32 AM
349	We need bike lanes in this township. Lower Bucks in General is NOT bike friendly. If the roads cannot be dedicated, then a path system needs to be installed	1/18/2025 7:06 AM
350	update playgrounds, create shade areas at playgrounds	1/18/2025 5:58 AM
351	should not allow people to drive on trails that clearly state no cars. i have witnessed this when there is a gathering and popele are too lazy to walk	1/18/2025 4:19 AM
352	Try to develop corridors of open space and link them with walking or running paths or at least require sidewalks on streets so you can walk instead of drive to a park.	1/18/2025 12:18 AM
353	Offer overnight camping	1/17/2025 11:12 PM
354	Leave forsythia crossing and Snowball Gate alone, do not clear any trees to make paths. There are small paths already available. Do not cut any trees or shrubs. It's perfect the way it is. Just stop ruining nature and building bigger and better. Enough is enough	1/17/2025 9:59 PM
355	In cobalt ridge, the green belt is a beautiful space that is shared with Quincy hollow. A walk way or trail going alongside the creek would be even more lovely.	1/17/2025 9:55 PM
356	Improve golf course, fix and reopen pool	1/17/2025 9:07 PM
357	Save the Hill in Hulmeville !!	1/17/2025 8:25 PM
358	Please stop jamming multifamily living in every open space. This brings major traffic, safety, and quality of life issues for current residents. We're already over crowded, and the township adds more and more multi family living, which brings more traffic, then wants to put sidewalks in the make it more walkable on roads like 413. That's a major safety risk, unsightly, and won't improve quality of life. Make the township more desirable by preserving and enhancing natural areas. It's becoming a new city.	1/17/2025 5:15 PM
359	N/a	1/17/2025 4:40 PM
360	STOP THE BUILDINGOF THINGS WE DONT NEED	1/17/2025 8:17 AM
361	As my children are moving onto middle school aged, there's not as much to do at the local park (forsythia crossing). I'd love to see some updated playground equipment geared towards older kids.	1/16/2025 9:56 PM
362	Have a community garden	1/16/2025 8:08 PM
363	senior events	1/16/2025 8:05 PM
364	Swim club!	1/16/2025 7:59 PM
365	Only issue we've had is the people at the skate park at Comm Park. No respect for traffic. Would have been nice if the skate park was put at a different location and not right against the parking lot. The parking lots at Comm park are way too small, especially when there are multiple games going on! Also, Mike does an amazing job keeping Forsythia Crossing park and Lions park cleaned up!	1/16/2025 7:13 PM
366	Clean up fallen trees in wooded areas	1/16/2025 7:11 PM

367	More love music.	1/16/2025 6:58 PM
368	I would like a place to ride an ATV in lower/middle Bucks County.	1/16/2025 6:45 PM
369	No more pesticides!!!	1/16/2025 6:38 PM
370	Continue to evaluate and make sure all parks and their amenities are easily accessible for all	1/16/2025 3:19 PM
371	Preserve open spaces, wetlands and wooded areas in perpetuity. NO MORE DEVELPMENT OF EXISTING OPEN SPACES!	1/16/2025 12:03 PM
372	Stop allowing more development of our area.	1/16/2025 9:09 AM
373	Renewable energy education, organic gardening, native plant landscaping, water conservation, vegetable gardens, bike & walking trails, outdoor sport training for Seniors (!)	1/15/2025 6:36 PM
374	More events like Groovin in the Gates. Weekly/monthly	1/15/2025 4:51 PM
375	Different sports that keep adults active.nwiffle ball league possibly,pickle ball. A huge lack in fitness in middle age men and women is growing out of shape and not having a sport or activity they could do to add some fitness	1/15/2025 2:49 PM
376	Preserve the status quo and ensure all the Levittown Greenbelt areas remain as they currently are.	1/15/2025 10:07 AM
377	if they were connected, offer a trail or park hop event	1/14/2025 8:49 PM
378	I would like to see a moratorium on building for a while. It appears all the available space is being handed over to developers. I would like to see more open spaces for seniors that wouldn't cause taxes to keep increasing at the current rates. (i.e. 2023-2024 county taxes increased 7.86%, township taxes increased 8.28%, and refuse taxes will increase 18.7% with the 2025 tax bill).	1/14/2025 12:24 PM
379	There should be more community events for families. The walkways at Tareyton should be widened. Playgrounds should have more shade options to keep the equipment cool enough to use.	1/13/2025 9:56 PM
380	More adult rec leagues similar to kickball. Consider a turf sports field	1/13/2025 6:46 PM
381	I would really like to have more pathways around bucks county, so we all could walk more than we drive our cars. The more people move- the longer they live!	1/13/2025 4:11 PM
382	They should have found a better way to preserve, use, and incentivize the transformation of stone farm. There aren't many farms remaining and we shouldn't let that happen again.	1/13/2025 2:51 PM
383	More access to fishing spots would be nice.	1/13/2025 10:58 AM
384	Please add paved bike trials and free standing exercise equipment.	1/13/2025 10:04 AM
385	define the use of the pickleball courts	1/13/2025 8:46 AM
386	The creation of more paved/walkable paths in Core Creek Park would be great.	1/13/2025 8:23 AM
387	Wildflower meadow, community garden, splash pad	1/12/2025 6:56 PM
388	Care should be given to maintain the appearance of the parks we have. Trees are trimmed in a disgraceful way. Snow is not removed from walkways. Torn flags are flown.	1/12/2025 3:33 PM
389	Set up exercise challenges in each Park on a sign. Let the teenagers get Awards if they can come in and have somebody sign off that they've done specific amounts of chin-ups push-ups or activities in the park. Make badges or something for the 5 to 10 year olds kind of like Ranger badges that they can get for participating in different activities.	1/12/2025 3:28 PM
390	The stretch of oxford valley road between Trenton Road and woodburne Road is dark, curvy and without shoulders. I often see people walking or biking here and it is extremely dangerous. The road traverses county park property, I believe. The addition of a trail parallel to the road would be useful and improve safety. The stretch is probably less than 1/2 mile and trail construction would be relatively easy and inexpensive.	1/12/2025 11:42 AM
391	Enough playground equipment to get the family out together	1/12/2025 10:01 AM
392	Would love to have more trails within the wildlife!	1/12/2025 9:36 AM

393	There should be more running trails with obstacle training along the path	1/11/2025 10:53 PM
394	The playgrounds and sports facilities at ore Creek could be updated. I'd like to see options that would attract preteens and teens to the parks - perhaps frisbee golf or mini golf or corn-hole??	1/11/2025 9:28 PM
395	music events, daytime events for Seniors	1/11/2025 9:27 PM
396	Make them safe for children and families. Good lighting, clean facilities, adequate trash receptacles visibility so teens don't lurk and drink and go drugs making the places uninviting to children, families or older folks	1/11/2025 7:08 PM
397	Get ride of the cats in core creek safely.	1/11/2025 7:08 PM
398	Maintain parks have now before thinking about future space, especially maintenance of trees that cause damage to other peoples property!	1/11/2025 6:50 PM
399	My parks program as a kid had activities running every day but you could show up on an unscheduled basis. I believe they were free but I would pay a per day fee for this kind of activity. In the summer my kids don't want to do a fully scheduled camp but would love to just show up and have a camp type experience when they are free. You could just have a few counselors doing simple activities and kids just show up whenever	1/11/2025 6:46 PM
400	More trails at existing parks	1/11/2025 5:30 PM
401	I think public parks and spaces should have signs stating who to contact/what to do if you feel unsafe. Having local police regularly patrol/drive by the public parks would also help me feel comfortable.	1/11/2025 4:33 PM
402	Larger park trail like pennypacks wide trials	1/11/2025 4:28 PM
403	I'd like to see more trees planted, however I would like to see the township do a better job of maintaining spaces beyond just mowing. Maintaining mulch beds as well as leaf cleanup in the fall needs to be improved.	1/11/2025 3:49 PM
404	Allow backyard chickens outside of the borough.	1/11/2025 3:43 PM
405	We need less housing more places to help pollinators and wild life	1/11/2025 3:26 PM
406	I would REALLY like a bridge that connects Cobalt and Quincy near the playground or basketball courts in Cobalt. We currently bring towels in backpacks and walk through the creek to get across to get to Cobalts basketball courts and playground since Quincy does not have a playground.	1/11/2025 3:00 PM
407	Invest in open space now- or turn abandoned buildings into open space. If the owners of buildings can't keep them in safe quality- then they should be turned into open space	1/11/2025 2:44 PM
408	a balance of all needs is probably best. figure it out and give every group a little.	1/11/2025 2:29 PM
409	Just remember that open space could and should include not only greenery but some trails could be placed around shopping centers,(if possible), like Langhorne sq, summit square and the mall. This could attract people to walk or bike ride and it would attract potential customers, especially when the weather is nice.	1/11/2025 2:27 PM
410	The programs I have interest in are always at night. SENIORS DO NOT LIKE TO DRIVE IN The DARK!	1/11/2025 1:57 PM
411	A pool would be great	1/11/2025 1:51 PM
412	I feel that kids @age 10-16 need curated bike trails , bmx pump track and skateboarding parks	1/11/2025 1:49 PM
413	Leave the wetlands alone. There is growing concern of overdeveloping our area, causing overcrowding and traffic. Enhance and protect what we have.	1/11/2025 1:40 PM
414	Maintain a safe speed vehicles travel throughout the park (Core Creek). People speed and go through stop signs too often.	1/11/2025 1:28 PM
415	Plant seasonal wild flowers along walking paths. Need more flowering trees along walking paths to make it a destination in the spring. More cherry, magnolia and dogwood trees to provide with a flowering tree season to attract more visitors.	1/11/2025 1:19 PM
416	Do an assessment of woodland areas ASAP & work with landowners to preserve. Incentivize	1/11/2025 1:12 PM

	building in already developed areas, like the mall. There is wooded land between Maple Point development and the SEPTA rails that is in danger of becoming (yet another) warehouse in our township. Also, the township's environmental stewardship committee needs to be more outward facing. No one knows they exist and sometimes I wonder what role they play. Certainly they have seen the high turnover of open space in the area, the township needs to take a stance and update our land ordinances to prohibit more land development. It doesn't feel like it's being managed at all.	
417	I feel a dog park would be beneficial	1/11/2025 12:37 PM
418	Lets start enforcing no motor vehicles on the greenbelts Cobalt neighbors are parking on them and more and more atvs, quad, dirt bike small and regular are being driven in the neighborhood and on the greenbelt	1/11/2025 12:10 PM
419	More walking paths on Durham rd between Trenton rd & New Falla rd	1/11/2025 12:01 PM
420	When discussing walking and biking they should be separate categories. I support walk and bike trails but do not support bikes on our public streets or utilizing funds to support bikes on public streets as that should be reserved for automobile traffic.	1/11/2025 11:58 AM
421	Would love to see a community garden in Taryton Estates park	1/11/2025 11:20 AM
422	stop selling open space/undeveloped property/land to commercial developers.	1/11/2025 11:16 AM
423	More paved trails and sidewalks. I can walk to Core Creek Tennis Court area from my home, but would be great to have paved trail to get to the larger Core Creek Park system without going through muddy trails in the woods.	1/11/2025 11:04 AM
424	An indoor - all year round facility that host many different types of local community events including sports. Monthly food truck at the park events (please allow alcohol vendors too - sorry, but it would help draw people) More live band events More events shut down the street vendor events (like Maple Ave in Langhorne)	1/11/2025 11:02 AM
425	You need to bring more to the lower end of the township. Not all kids have the ability to get to the community park where most of the activities occur	1/11/2025 10:54 AM
426	More safe areas to ride a bike	1/11/2025 10:46 AM
427	Don't let cars on paths people walk and get rid of the feral cats. Make dog parks free like falls twp	1/11/2025 10:37 AM
428	More perennial plants especially bulbs for spring flowers. More flower beds. I would help!	1/11/2025 10:30 AM
429	Remove bamboo from Lower Orchard and Juniper Hill before it takes over everything.	1/11/2025 10:22 AM
430	add more walking/biking paths within the township	1/11/2025 10:16 AM
431	Would be nice to have adult roller hockey	1/11/2025 10:10 AM
432	-Fill out different grants such as 10 million trees, or trees for watersheds, etc -Begin a volunteer tree planting organization, start small and let it grow -Environmental education outreach programs (children-adult programs) -Nature education based community events, i.e. festivals, bake sales, concerts in park all with an educational theme -Establish an Environmental Conservation Department to oversee restoration projects at all the parks within Middletown, and possibly the surrounding boroughs.	1/9/2025 4:32 PM
433	Need more sports fields	1/8/2025 10:56 AM
434	We would like better/longer bike and walking trails that connect to Core Creek park and neighboring towns of Newtown and Yardley.	1/7/2025 4:29 PM
435	walking access from surrounding neighborhoods to parks	1/7/2025 12:18 PM
436	Restrooms at Fire Fighters Park.	1/7/2025 8:49 AM
437	There appears to be an inequity in open space, parks and amenities between the northern part of the township and the southern part of the township. Emphasis should be given to making the parks more easily and safely accessible and enhancing/upgrading older parks, with consideration of converting under utilized parks to open space.	1/6/2025 6:19 PM
438	better playgrounds, see Kompton playgrounds for suggestions	1/6/2025 6:08 PM

439	There is way too much construction taking away our existing open spaces and trees. This needs to be stopped	1/6/2025 5:48 PM
440	Increase the social offerings through the library. I see other counties offering art/craft events for adults through the library, cooking events, all kinds of events in the evening and we have nothing like that. All for free.	1/6/2025 3:01 PM
441	Very much needed is more safety on Township (or state roads in the Township) for walkers / runners / cyclists. You take your life in your hands on any main roads in the Township. This also makes it impossible to go from one park to another, which would also be a great amenity.	1/6/2025 2:29 PM
442	Vanadism / feral cats and dumping is becoming a problem at playgrounds and parks. This situation considerably detracts from our great parks.	1/6/2025 11:53 AM
443	Minimize over development of land and increase environmental education in the community (signs, events, etc.)	1/6/2025 10:27 AM
444	Maintenance does great job !!	1/6/2025 10:01 AM
445	add windbreakers to the fences around the pickleball courts	1/6/2025 9:28 AM
446	More open space~ NO more building apartments, houses, warehouses or any other buildings! No more buildings-period	1/5/2025 10:42 PM
447	Fight the newtown waste water management system they are attempting to build and dump into core creek!!! This should be the townships number one priority for the overall health and wellbeing of our residents and environment! Newtown is putting it there so they don't have to deal with the negative impacts…our elected officials and residents NEED to fight this.	1/5/2025 6:16 PM
448	Reject and protest the Chemical Waste/SEWER PLANT that was acquired on Swift Road in Langhorne. This will have a devastating impact on our ecosystem, especially around Core Creek Park, the new Core Creek Elementary School as well as Maple Point Middle School, our wildlife and concerned neighbors that are all in close proximity of this hazardous/toxic and cancerous plant. Not to mention the impacts of this awful stench that we will all have to breathe in. It will completely destroy our outdoor spaces.	1/5/2025 12:31 PM
449	Please acquire more open space	1/5/2025 12:13 PM
450	Offer jones park needs swings and trees	1/5/2025 11:04 AM
451	Mountain Bike Trails	1/5/2025 10:12 AM
452	Clear the bike trails	1/5/2025 10:08 AM
453	Stop quads and motorized vehicles from destroying wooded areas along neshaminy creek	1/5/2025 10:05 AM
454	I think their should be a half day camp option for slightly older kids. Right now I think it ends at 5th grade.	1/5/2025 9:52 AM
455	I would appreciate longer walking paths close to where I live. I end up walking at the OLG cemetery.	1/5/2025 9:30 AM
456	Preserve what little open space we have left.	1/5/2025 9:24 AM
457	Build walkways to get from Middletown park to the new shady brook area, walkways from adjacent neighborhoods to aristeaus brewing	1/5/2025 9:01 AM
458	More attention to the parks in Levittown and maintaining open space	1/5/2025 8:45 AM
459	Preserve all current open space and not open the township/county to new building of more homes on the current open spaces.	1/5/2025 7:59 AM
460	Not enough bike paths /sidewalks to feel safe while walking or running.	1/5/2025 4:05 AM
461	Please stop letting developers bribe you to tear down and overdevelop wooded areas. This is what makes these areas ugly and ghetto	1/4/2025 11:11 PM
462	Keep the trails, add more	1/4/2025 10:40 PM
463	More trails or side walks for bikes and walking	1/4/2025 10:32 PM
464	Leave the core creek walking/bike trail alone. Core creek is great as is. If you need to spend	1/4/2025 10:27 PM

	money to justify your budgets; spend the money on better bathrooms, a splash pad for kids. Spend on New things. Don't ruin existing structures that don't need fixing.	
465	There should be more staff to maintain these areas.	1/4/2025 9:49 PM
466	I would like to see walking paths and green space around the Oxford valley mall.	1/4/2025 8:45 PM
467	Please be mindful that when the sewage treatment plant on silver lake road dumps millions of gallons of effluent into core creek park, the lake will suffer terribly, and money will need to be earmarked to clean up the impact of the chemicals, plastics etc.	1/4/2025 8:23 PM
468	Stop building!!! Too many spaces becoming apartments	1/4/2025 8:09 PM
469	Stop the Newtown sewer wish to build plant that will empty discard to core creek stream and lake!!!!	1/4/2025 8:08 PM
470	N/A	1/4/2025 8:01 PM
471	More community events in them	1/4/2025 7:30 PM
472	A community garden would be welcomed where we can learn how to better grow our own food on our properties	1/4/2025 7:11 PM
473	Community pool!! We have several swim clubs in the area but they are all extremely expensive or exclusive.	1/4/2025 7:04 PM
474	Please keep in mind that your meadows and preservation areas also increase the presence of ticks, mice and other vermin not friendly for pets and local gardens.	1/4/2025 6:56 PM
475	More trails stoned or paved for wet weather walking	1/4/2025 6:50 PM
476	Stop building more and more. Stop taking land away to build	1/4/2025 6:40 PM
477	Do *not* turn Quincy Hollow and/or Cobalt Ridge parks into open meadows. The way it is now is perfect for people and dog walking, children playing -all while also giving wildlife space. Years ago the idea was almostb put into place to turn the grass into meadows. Instead the better idea of expanding the " wild" area a bit past the creek was instead put into place. The area is too heavily used by children playing, dog walking to be turned into meadows.	1/4/2025 5:16 PM
478	The beautiful parks are part of the charm of the area, and one of the main reasons my family stays. Perserving more space and enriching with native species would be a great place to focus. Making sure there are clean/open bathrooms with functioning play grounds makes things easier with the kids. Our family prefers natural trails to hike and run, but if a few paved trails increase walkable access for others, I suppose that wouldn't be a bad thing. I heard rumors of paths linking the many parks? That would be interesting for long runs or hikes. Overall, we have been very happy with the parks here.	1/4/2025 4:52 PM
479	Safe walking access to the parks near Plawicki. The bridge should have included a sidewalk. Sidewalks to two other parks in Langhorne Terrace.	1/4/2025 4:28 PM
480	Create a walkable trail along Neshaminy Creek.	1/4/2025 4:27 PM
481	There are tons of parks...make the ones we have very welcoming by improving benches & having more along the trails. As a knee replacement person, I need to rest after a while.	1/4/2025 4:21 PM
482	Put the bike trails back at core creek park	1/4/2025 4:13 PM
483	Bike trails	1/4/2025 3:11 PM
484	I believe this survey is a waste of time because you will do exactly what you want just like the supervisors did with the trash contract. It's all [redacted]	1/4/2025 2:40 PM
485	More educational programs and community events	1/4/2025 11:34 AM
486	Guided walking tours with historical/environmental/plan perspectives.	1/4/2025 10:37 AM
487	You should have kept Stone Meadows as ooen space.	1/4/2025 7:52 AM
488	Keep doing the great job you are already doing, With open space preservation and events. Also I would like to see more bus trips for seniors	1/3/2025 10:58 PM
489	Dedicated walking /biking lanes along roads. Many people walk and bike in neighborhoods and	1/3/2025 9:53 PM

	on Trenton rd and there should be pavement markings for them.	
490	As noted earlier having more bike/walking trails would be great. Preserving as much open space as possible. Do we really need more houses? Or so many?	1/3/2025 6:05 PM
491	Would love to see more day time programming for adults as well as homeschool families. There's a great number of homeschool families in the area and there is a lack of opportunities during the day for kids programs.	1/3/2025 4:29 PM
492	Plans for the banks of the Neshaminy Creek should undergo more scrutiny because of flooding, maintenance and security issues. There are already issues with hunters too near homes and RV's and no security oversight of these areas.	1/3/2025 4:13 PM
493	The walkability of the Silver Lake neighborhood is terrible. There are no sidewalks. Vehicles are parked along curbs forcing pedestrians out into the roadway creating a safety issue, especially for our children. I recommend that a path be constructed through one of the open spaces that would connect all of the cul-de-sacs which would greatly improve the walkability and safety of our community.	1/3/2025 3:04 PM
494	Keep as much wooded area as possible.	1/3/2025 2:25 PM
495	Look at Central Park in Doylestown... that is what you need to make happen here. That park has everything, for everyone, of all ages... amazing place... No reason core creek or community park can't be turned into that ...all the space in the world at core creek with nothing to do. Update it! Spend some $$$$$	1/3/2025 1:32 PM
496	No more building. Protect animal habitats.	1/3/2025 1:26 PM
497	Improve/new trails for Chickenfoot Park	1/3/2025 1:24 PM
498	Do whatever you can to stop the Newtown Twp Sewer plant. The plant will dump wastewater into Core Creek and Lake Luxembourg. This will have a negative impact on Core Creek Park. Who will want to fish and boat in wastewater?	1/3/2025 1:22 PM
499	Acquire more open space	1/3/2025 1:11 PM
500	I would like to see flea market type events, maybe a couple of times per year.	1/3/2025 12:49 PM
501	Senior friendly physical activities as seen in other countries	1/3/2025 12:44 PM
502	More Pickleball courts - every park	1/3/2025 12:39 PM
503	Core creek tennis courts are always seasonally crowded and hard to find somewhere else to play. Create more tennis courts in other parks or move twp. instructional tennis to a different location so more courts are available to tax paying residents. Also, maybe add lights at Core Creek courts.	1/3/2025 12:23 PM
504	GOLF COURSE AT CORE CREEK	1/3/2025 12:21 PM
505	exercise stations and disc golf would be nice	1/3/2025 12:20 PM
506	Expand rental space for kayaks, rowing shells at core creek	1/3/2025 12:14 PM
507	Allow controlled hunts like Tyler State Park to help with conservation efforts.	1/3/2025 12:12 PM
508	More sidewalks, access to existing recreation sites by walking or bicycles/e-bikes.	1/3/2025 12:04 PM
509	1. Sports field safety enhancements a. AEDs exist, but mostly locked up in concession stands b. Community Park needs better backstops or nets. Numerous foul balls each day. c. If highschool games are played, an American Flag should be visible. 2. Program timing a. My daughter loves cartooning class, but more often than not we can only attend 2 or 3 of the 4 week session. In those situations, I just don't sign up for the class. I would be more likely to sign up for for the number of weeks I can attend during seasonal session or on a per year basis. Currently we sign up for 8-12 weeks of the year, if it was more flexible I could see it increasing to 20-30 weeks. b. In spring, I'm at Community Park 4-5 times a week for my son. If there happened to be drop in or similar sessions at the Barn my daughter would use them. 3. Native plantings and education a. Removal of invasive species- specifically Callery Pears and replacement with native trees b. Pollinator gardens c. Signage for education 4. Low stakes sports for all a. Some groups using your fields do a good job encouraging all levels of interest, most focus on a handful of players. i. My daughter was told at 8 that she isn't good enough to play softball. The first year I played softball I was 8 and I enjoyed playing into my 20s. ii. For	1/2/2025 11:10 PM

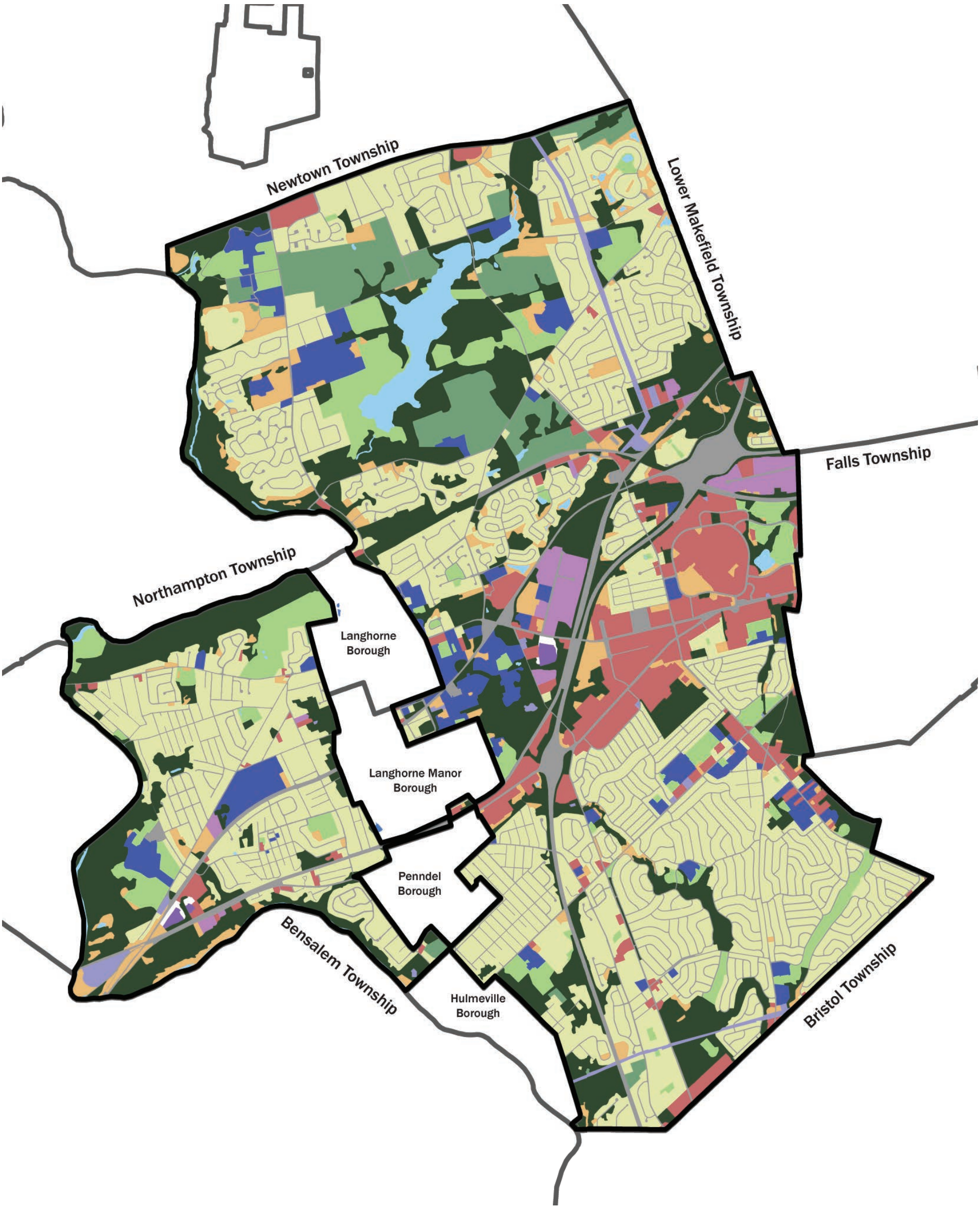
	U10 girls intramural soccer, we travelled 40 minutes to play other teams. None of our players even knew the basic rules. I would've been much happier playing 5 v 5 at community Park Saturday morning. My kid isn't going professional in any sport, but I 'd like them to spend an hour outside playing with friends and being part off a community. It's a lot to all of a Parks and rec department, but the facilities and admin side are great. I'm glad to help with anyone these topics as you can see I'm quite passionate. Thank you for all you do to build our community.	
510	How about offering community garden plots for people who can't garden at home or live in apartments?	1/2/2025 9:43 AM
511	Swimming Pool	1/1/2025 6:02 PM
512	See answer above re partnering with Newtown Township and making improvement to safely cross over the Newtown Bypass by installing trail to Bypass referenced on Page 86 of the Middletown Township's Multimodal Improvement Plan.	1/1/2025 1:43 PM
513	Harris Park should have parking and kayak access	1/1/2025 1:14 PM
514	There is a township owned woodland at the end of Rowland Road in Langhorne that needs some cleanup and monitoring. It is between Idlewood neighborhood and an older unnamed neighborhood. It's gorgeous, and home to alot of wildlife. Just needs some monitoring, as folks are dumping their excess yard waste, making it difficult to navigate at times. And, bamboo has now taken root, threatening the whole area.	1/1/2025 9:09 AM
515	If there were more educational plaques around the open spaces explaining the habitat.I have seen a few at various Parks telling you about the types of trees and leaves I'd like to see it more	12/31/2024 10:27 PM
516	Clean up and reopen the pool at Middletown Country Club	12/31/2024 5:28 PM
517	Pa. wild flowers along paths or a botanical area with benches.	12/31/2024 5:14 PM
518	I'd love access to more non-paved trails within forested areas to facilitate trail running, hiking, and observing nature. I'd also like to see a safe way as a pedestrian to access Core Creek Park along Woodbourne Rd. Traffic does not yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk and it is unsafe to cross with such heavy traffic along that road.	12/30/2024 10:17 PM
519	DO NOT REPLANT TREES AT TWIN OAKS BALLPARK ALONG TRENTON ROAD. THOSE TREES (now gone) OBSTRUCTED THE VIEW OF THE ROADWAY WHEN EXITING AT TWIN OAKS DRIVE.	12/29/2024 8:57 AM
520	Allow hunting of some sort - select bowhunting opportunities seem to make the most sense, but others could also work. The township offers abysmally few public land hunting opportunities, forcing folks to get private land access or hunt on land they technically should not use.	12/27/2024 9:18 AM
521	Trail maps and orienteering info at core creek. Paved trail connecting Middletown Community Park to township line road.	12/27/2024 8:21 AM
522	Please see above. We need a community center for the winter for the kids.	12/24/2024 1:01 PM
523	Could stand some wind screens on the fences of core creek tennis courts and firefighters pickleball courts	12/23/2024 5:27 PM
524	Update playground equipment	12/23/2024 3:05 PM
525	Enforcing the current laws	12/23/2024 1:23 PM
526	More walkable paths and trails nearby, and information on ones that are nearby that I could use.	12/23/2024 1:20 PM
527	Efforts should be made to educate the public about the dangers and effects of using ATVs in forest areas and parks.	12/23/2024 1:12 PM
528	None	12/23/2024 10:31 AM
529	Parks need working water fountains, swings, and skate parks. Evening events for teenagers.	12/23/2024 9:22 AM
530	Opens space is always wanted and welcomed. Personally I believe that maintaining a flat paved trail is great for members of the community to get their exercise in and get a break from life craziness. My family are at community park daily, my children love the playground, we're	12/23/2024 9:11 AM

	always walking around the park and we use to love to do family exercise challenges around the workout circuit.	
531	Biking and walking trails are needed not only in parks but also throughout the township as a means of healthier and safer transportation. Every greenbelt should have a walking/biking trail that is not a sidewalk or road. Could create a dirt path that could easily accommodate this with trees lining both sides for shade in the summer.	12/23/2024 9:02 AM
532	Core Creek Park needs the walking/bike path to continue to the Bridgetown Pike entrance/exit. It is somewhat dangerous with traffic and pedestrians sharing the same road.	12/23/2024 8:58 AM
533	More continuous paths for bikes & walking.	12/23/2024 8:51 AM
534	fix the trails around st mary's/core creek park, and the lights.	12/23/2024 8:32 AM
535	We stopped participating in Parks and Rec programs for the kids because it's way too expensive for 3 kids. We loved the skateboarding club and were so sad to see that it's no longer available. And when it did come back for a week special, it was so much money for 3 kids to participate it. We loved the ceramics program, but again, the cost was too much to continue.	12/23/2024 8:00 AM
536	Mow less, more stewarded areas. More naturalized areas that are seeded with native wildflowers. Signage that explains the area, more benches and picnic tables. More paved paths enabling connectivity sans automobile. Simple paved loops encourage children to learn how to ride a bike or scooter without dealing with traffic. Cut back invasive plants. DPW workers constantly kill trees with their mowers and string trimmers. They will hit the root flair with the metal mower deck. This allows pathogens to enter the tree which cause it to fail long term. String trimmers also damage the bark as they are trying to trim grass. The solution is to maintain unmowed meadows around all trees. Plant more trees as saplings with adequate deer protection. Train DPW to care for trees and steward the land correctly.	12/23/2024 7:31 AM
537	More space for teenagers in the lower end of Middletown	12/23/2024 7:22 AM
538	All available undeveloped land should be preserved as open space/recreation. Traffic congestion in MT and surrounding areas has become untenable.	12/23/2024 5:09 AM
539	Water features	12/23/2024 12:21 AM
540	Upgrade playgrounds for the children. Build more multi use trails	12/22/2024 7:25 PM
541	Bike trails that allow you to ride from park to park.	12/22/2024 6:10 PM
542	Making more trails accessible for strollers. More shade is needed esp during summer months	12/22/2024 6:10 PM
543	Splash pads, softer playground floors that are not the wood chips, shade over the playground areas	12/22/2024 5:32 PM
544	More family friendly events like holiday open house Creates a better community	12/22/2024 3:10 PM
545	Charging out of state residents who rent our pavilions.	12/22/2024 3:10 PM
546	Obtain and preserve space now for future use.	12/22/2024 2:37 PM
547	I think using the Barn for adult oriented events such as sound baths, stretching class, lectures in a cool environment such as the Barn would be fun	12/22/2024 2:25 PM
548	I would like to see horseback riding trails in Playwicki Park.	12/22/2024 1:53 PM
549	It would be great if we had a township pool!	12/22/2024 1:28 PM
550	Prevent/restrict development of open space, and prioritize re-development of existing buildings, etc.	12/22/2024 1:19 PM
551	N/a	12/22/2024 12:34 PM
552	Planting native plants, offering safe places for kids to go	12/22/2024 11:55 AM
553	continue to maintain and enhance user safety / code enforcement / law enforcement patrols	12/22/2024 11:26 AM
554	Maybe an app that gives walking/running routes that gives a scale of difficulty, time needed to walk and/or run the trail, parking near the trail, accessibility, facilities available nearby and hours.	12/22/2024 11:26 AM

555	Stop the dirt bikes and quads from driving on the open spaces.	12/22/2024 11:23 AM
556	Keep them well maintained and safe	12/22/2024 11:12 AM
557	I am excited to see happens	12/22/2024 11:04 AM
558	Na	12/22/2024 10:53 AM
559	Development of a designated area for residents to go for nighttime astronomical views with their own telescopes etc	12/22/2024 10:50 AM
560	Playground Improvements on Sunflower park and creating new trails	12/22/2024 10:42 AM
561	Bridge connecting Quincy hollow and cobalt ridge needs to be replaced. Wheelchair and stroller ramp accessible	12/22/2024 10:35 AM
562	Please continue to preserve open space, our township is getting too crowded with housing and retail.	12/22/2024 10:25 AM
563	Maintenance by students as part of curriculum or co op.	12/22/2024 10:16 AM
564	Preserve them it is so important and one of the main reasons I moved here. Spread awareness about the importance of maintaining the environment. Neshaminy High School Environmental Action Club is a great way to do that. If interested please contact us we'd love to help! Using the email below is fine.	12/22/2024 10:13 AM
565	Clean the water system for Trout Stockings to continue again.	12/22/2024 10:10 AM
566	Middletown Township needs more conservation, save open space and less development otherwise it loses its appeal and value and turns into an urban environment.	12/21/2024 11:36 AM
567	more natural trails would be nice	12/21/2024 8:52 AM
568	More community focused events would be great and backing of individual section/community events i.e. if they are doing community focused gatherings--build off of those identities and offer street sign sales again; ask the individual communities with parks what their needs/wants our. For Deep Dale East, we have proposed building an outdoor pavilion to support our community needs. Also, the parade was a sad loss--need to be able to bring all ages together on a day when everyone is off--incentivize neighborhoods and mini-communities to participate? Highland Park has a different identity than Colbalt Ridge, etc.	12/21/2024 8:39 AM
569	More picnic tables. People need to be better at picking up or throwing away their trash	12/21/2024 2:39 AM
570	More benches in parks to rest or sit	12/20/2024 11:04 PM
571	I miss the pool in Snowball/Forsysia park. It was a big loss.	12/20/2024 8:58 PM
572	Trash removal	12/20/2024 7:25 PM
573	Open space should be protected from ATV use or other motorized vehicles that destroy the property and cause havoc to people living near that location	12/20/2024 5:12 PM
574	The trimming and other forms of maintenance is very poor. Trees are butchered not trimmed. There is no concern for the natural aesthetics.	12/20/2024 4:24 PM
575	Please consider putting in a paved trail around the perimeter of Snowball Drive.	12/20/2024 3:58 PM
576	Mushroom foraging and education	12/18/2024 10:25 PM
577	need to replace bridges on the green belts	12/16/2024 3:19 PM
578	Continue to give priority to the preservation and maintenance of parks, trails and green areas. The Township of Middletown and Bucks County have been very effective at maintaining a good balance between development and the preservation of open spaces. Your effort is recognized in other states and this was a big factor when we decided to move from Long Island, NY to Langhorne.	12/13/2024 3:19 PM
579	Clean and update restrooms in community park.	12/13/2024 10:52 AM
580	Additional community garden, maybe in the middle of the township.	12/13/2024 9:44 AM
581	More sidewalks/ bike paths would be so valuable! The ability to walk/ bike to Shady Brook/	12/12/2024 9:37 PM

	Wegmans from Highland Gate/ Maple Point/ Laurel Oaks/ Cider Knoll would be a HUGE improvement!	
582	Maybe more events??? We love the events at middle town police and the ones at bolton mansion.	12/12/2024 8:16 PM
583	More benches at playgrounds, shade trees at sports fields	12/11/2024 8:39 PM

Land Use Map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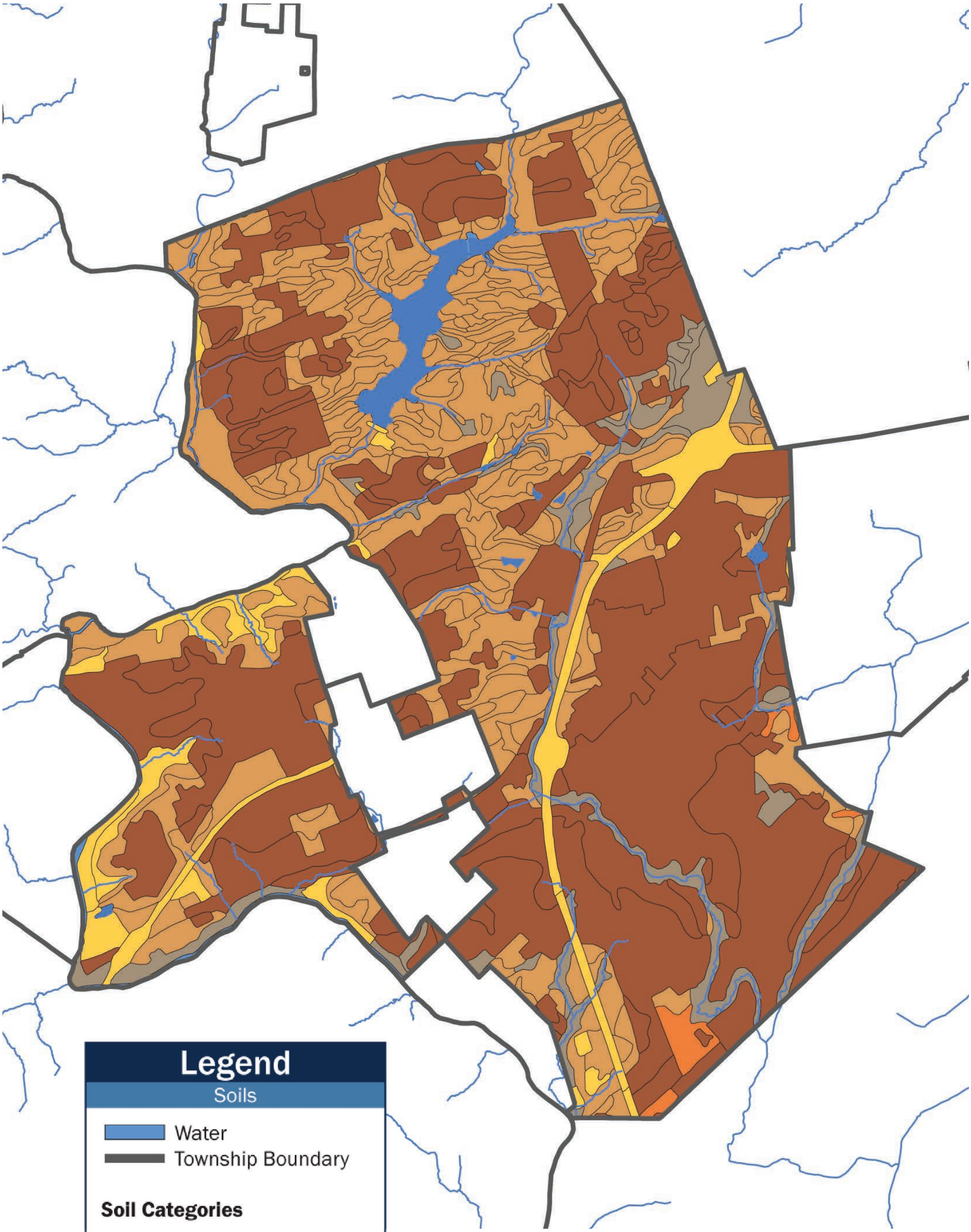
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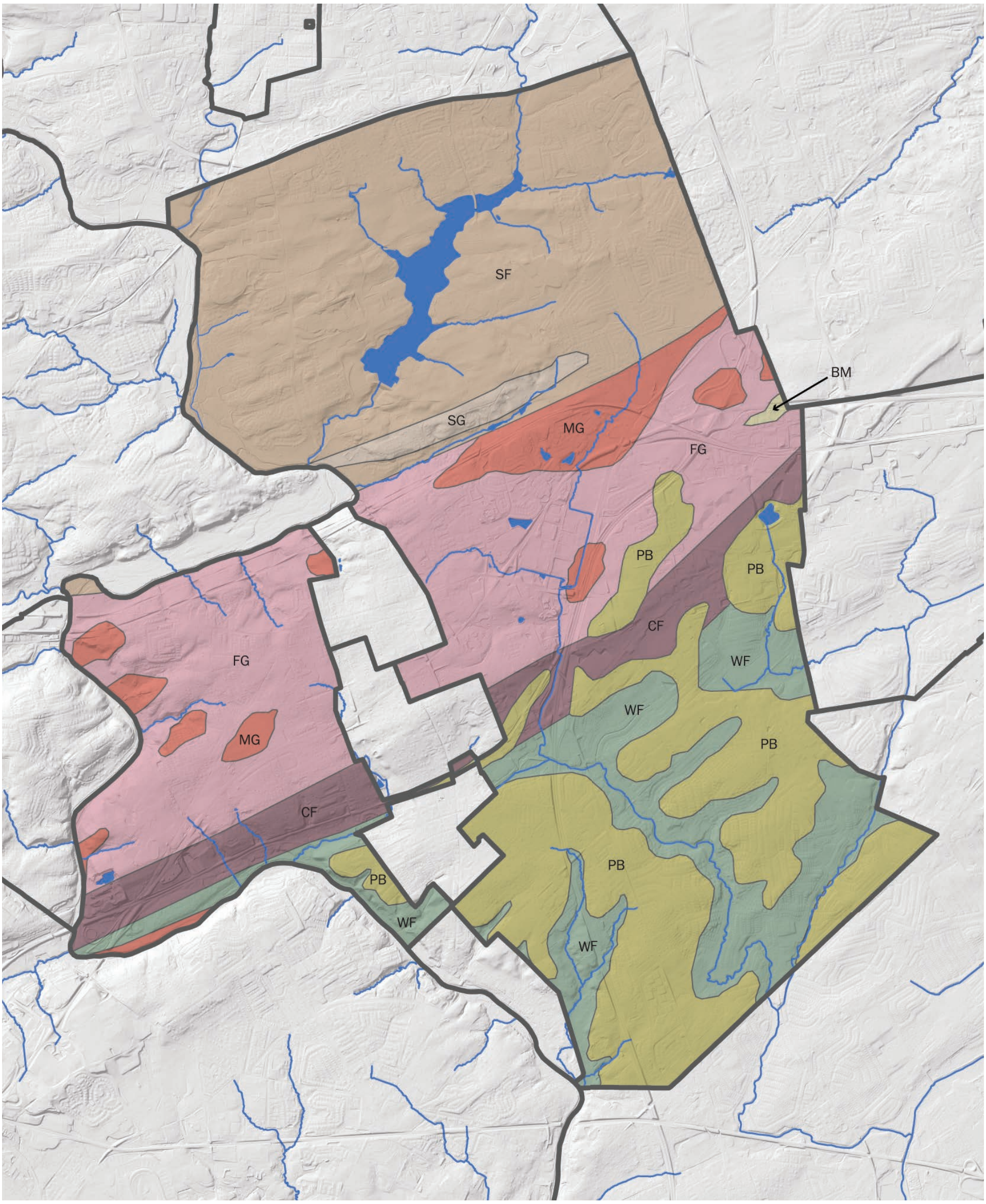

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Geology

- Water
- Township Boundary

Red Sedimentary rocks

- SF - *Stockton Formation*
- SG - *Stockton Conglomerate*

Crystalline Rocks

- MG - *Mafic gneiss*
- FG - *Felsic gneiss*

Quartzite

- CF - *Chickies Formation*

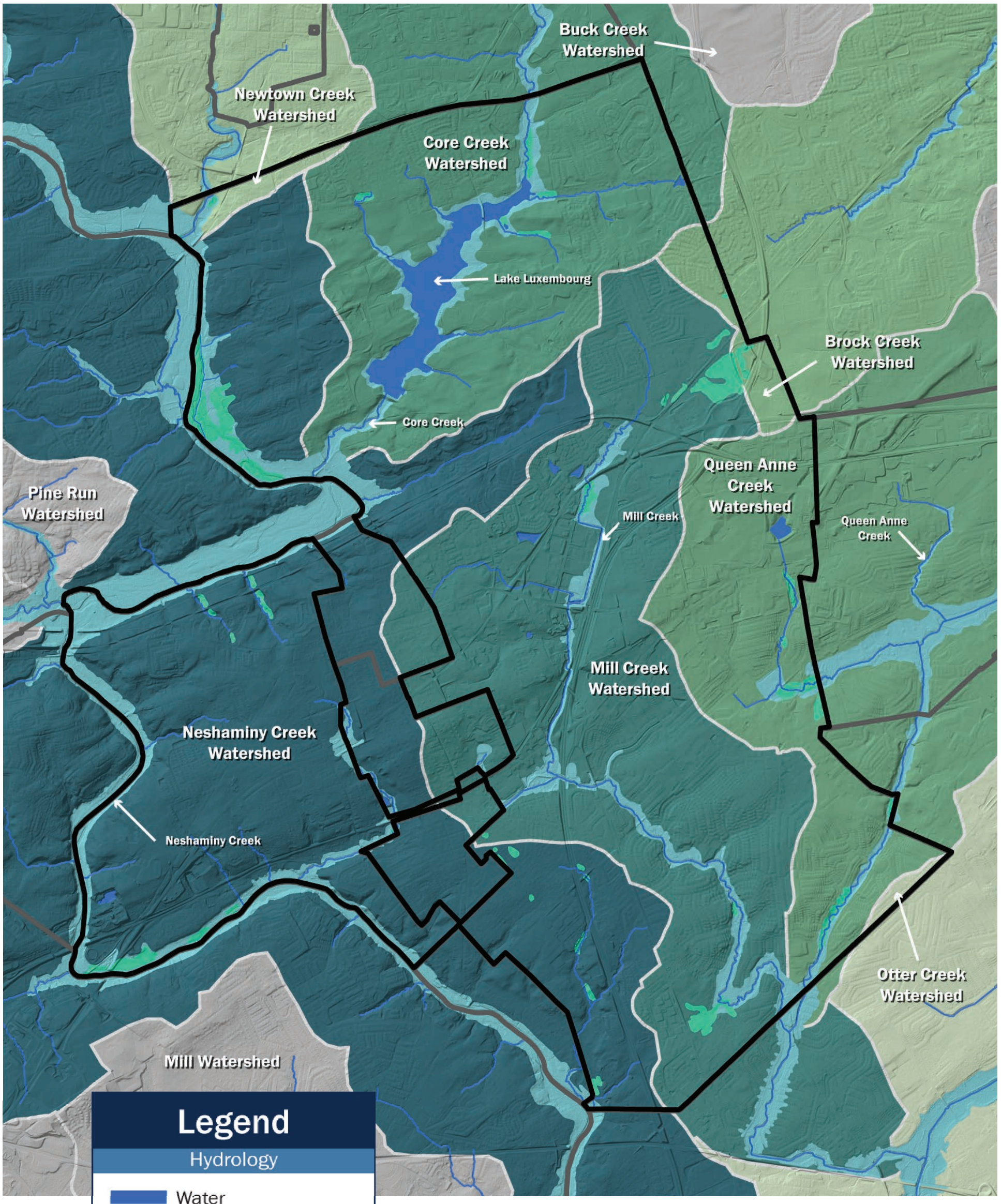
Unconsolidated Sediments

- PB - *Pensauken + Bridgeton Formations*
- BM - *Bryn Mawr Formation*

Schist

- WF - *Wissahickon Formation*

Hydrology Map



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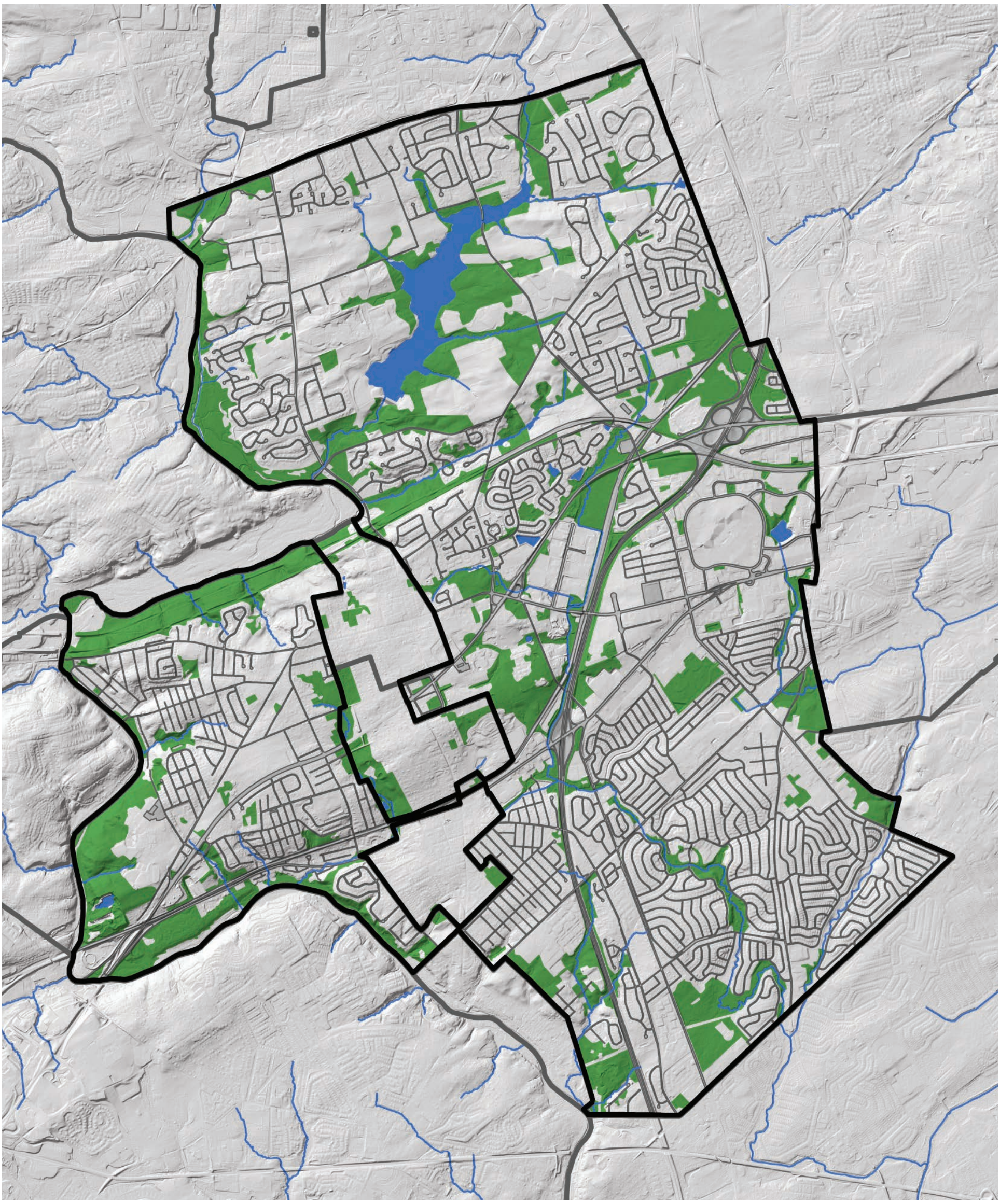

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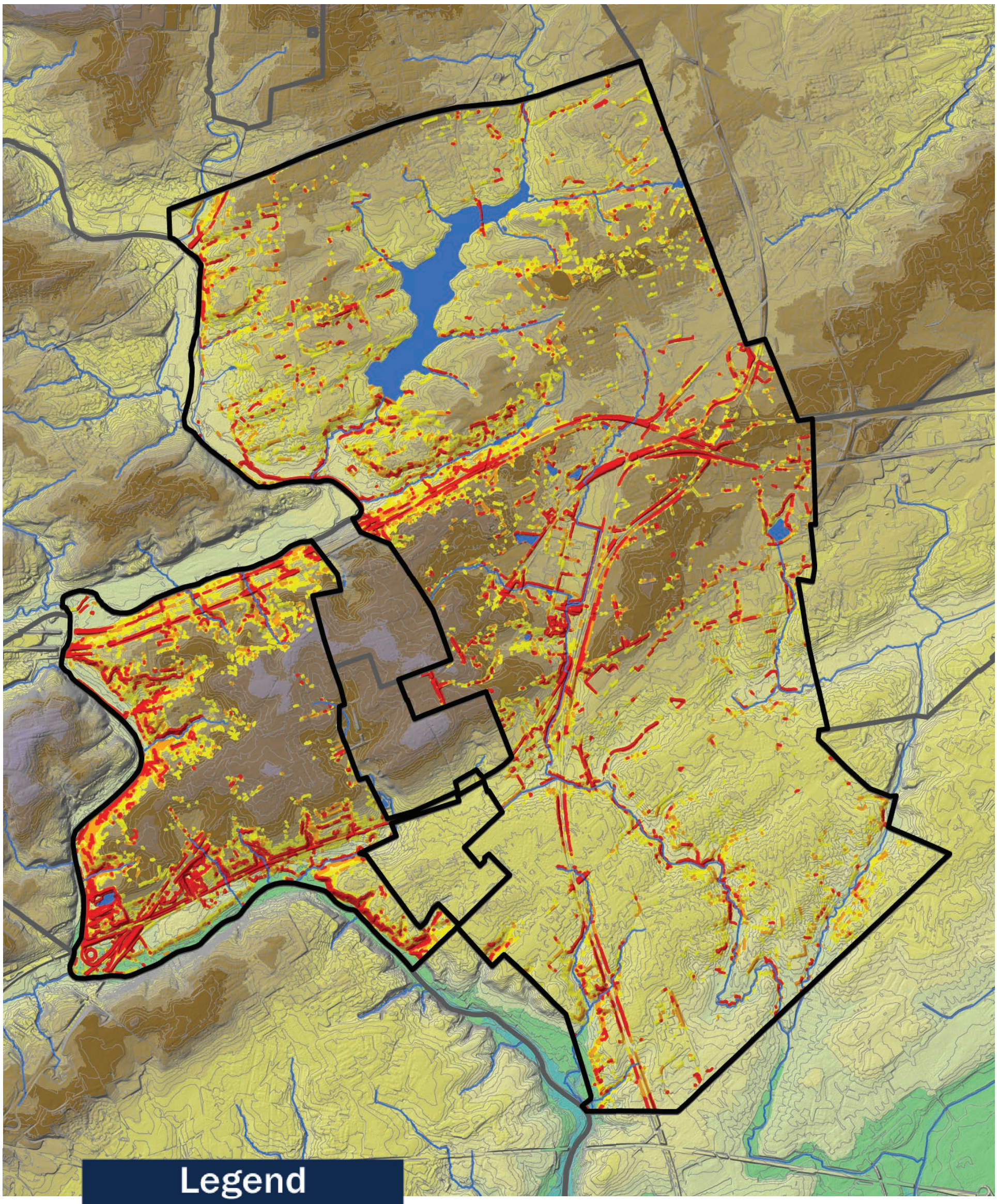
Land Cover

- Wooded Area
- Water
- Transportation

Elevation and Steep Slopes Map



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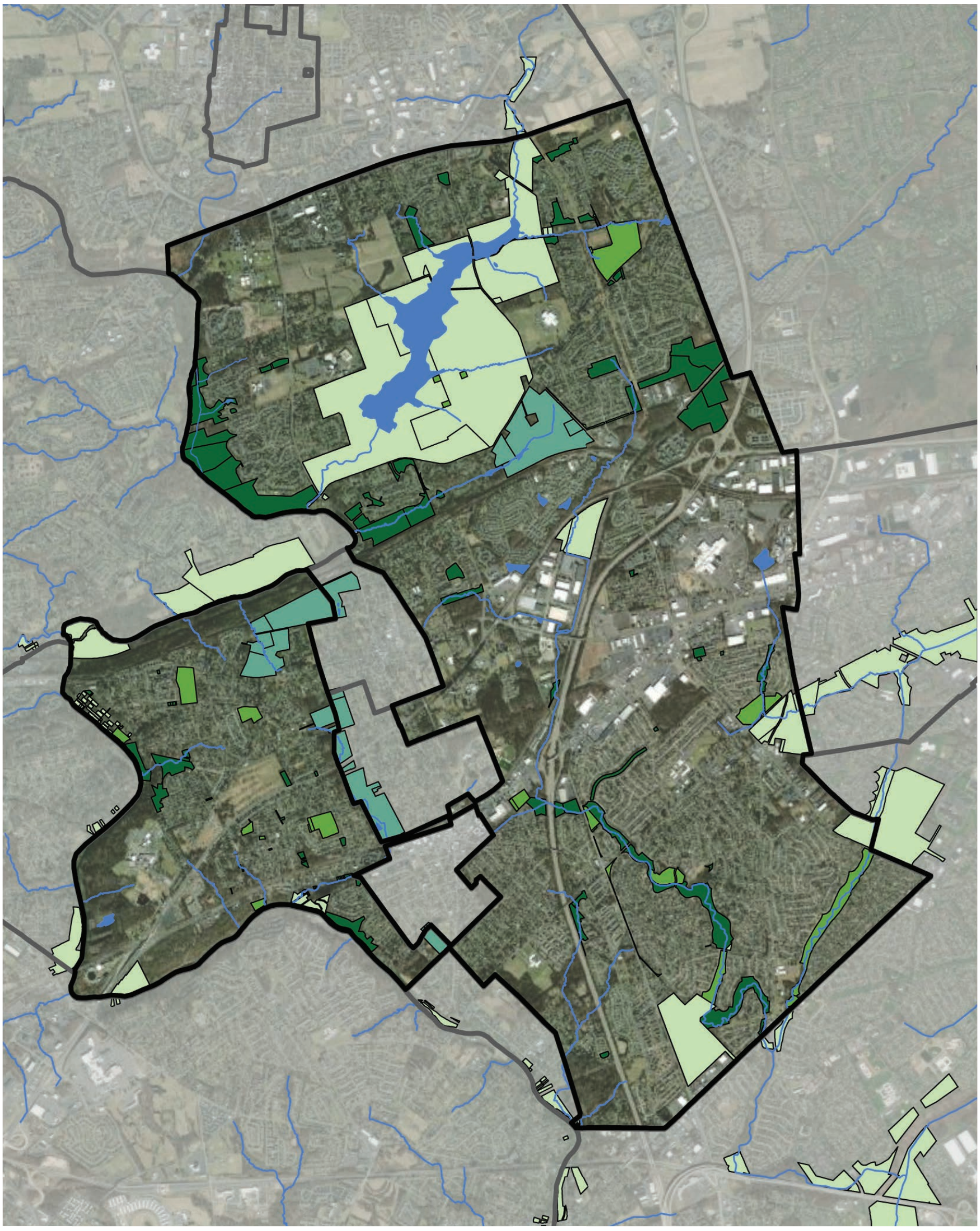

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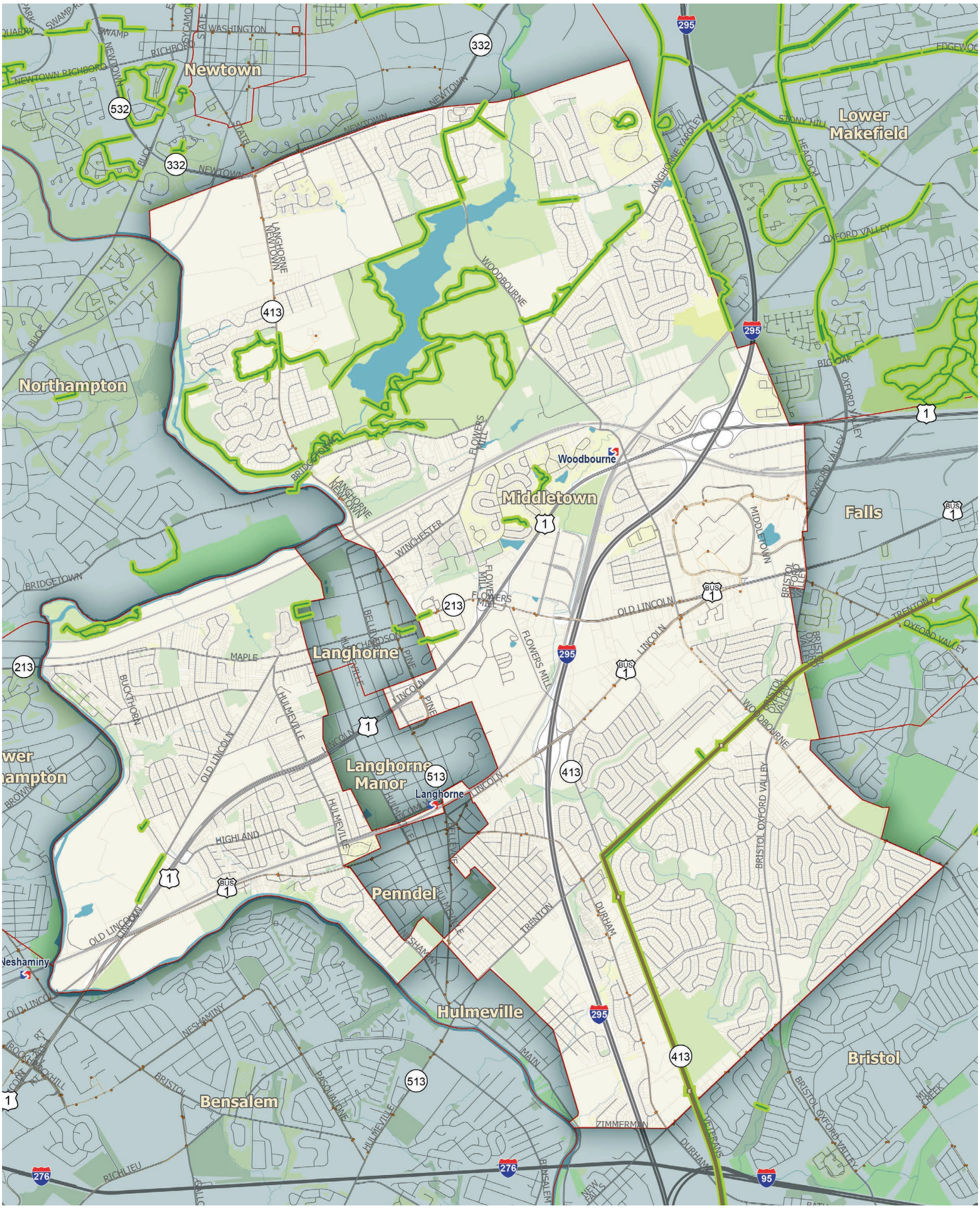
Existing Open Space

- Middletown Township park
- Middletown Township preserve
- Middletown Township open space
- Bucks County park or open space
- Water
- Municipal Boundary

Existing On and Off Road Trails Map



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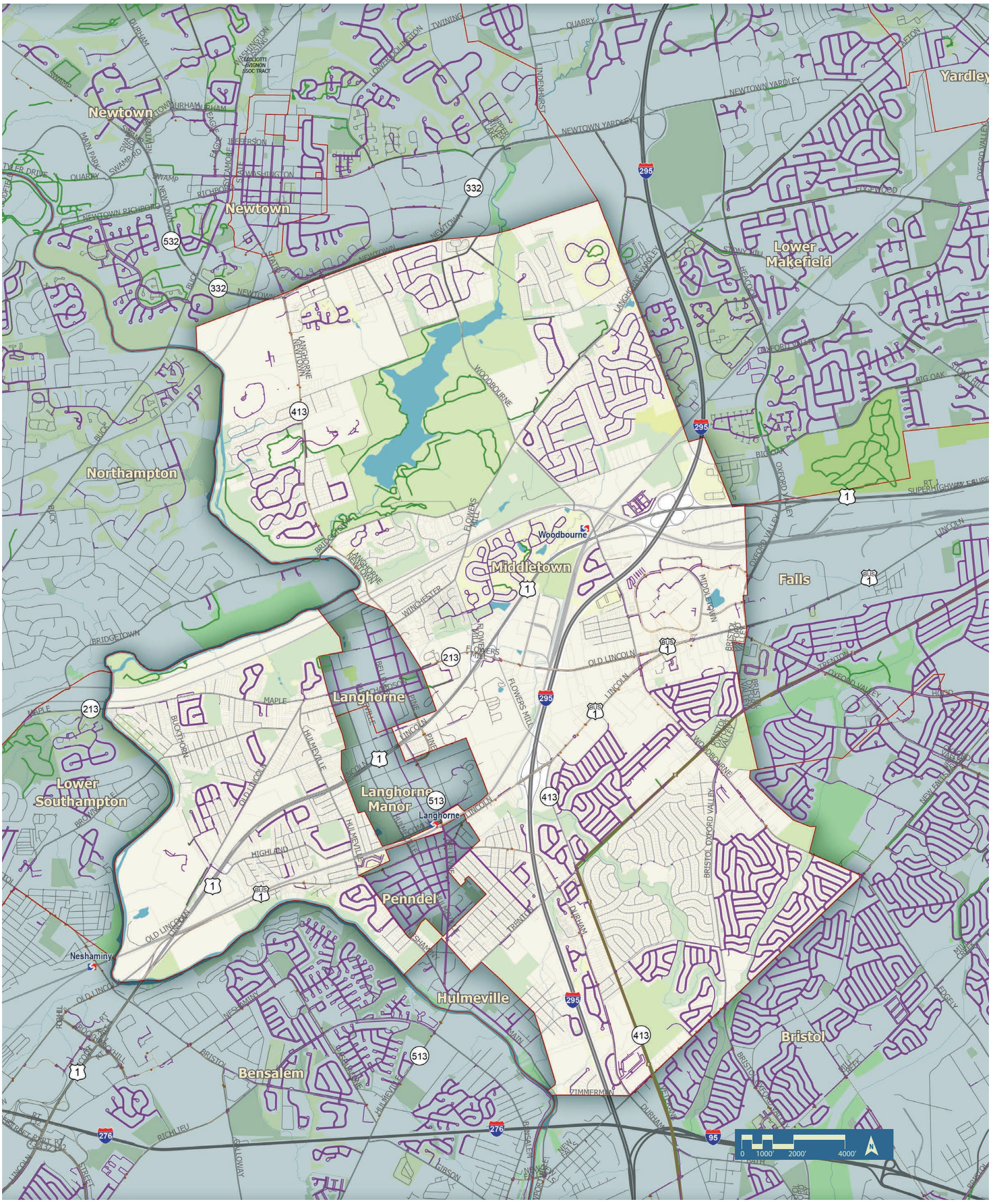
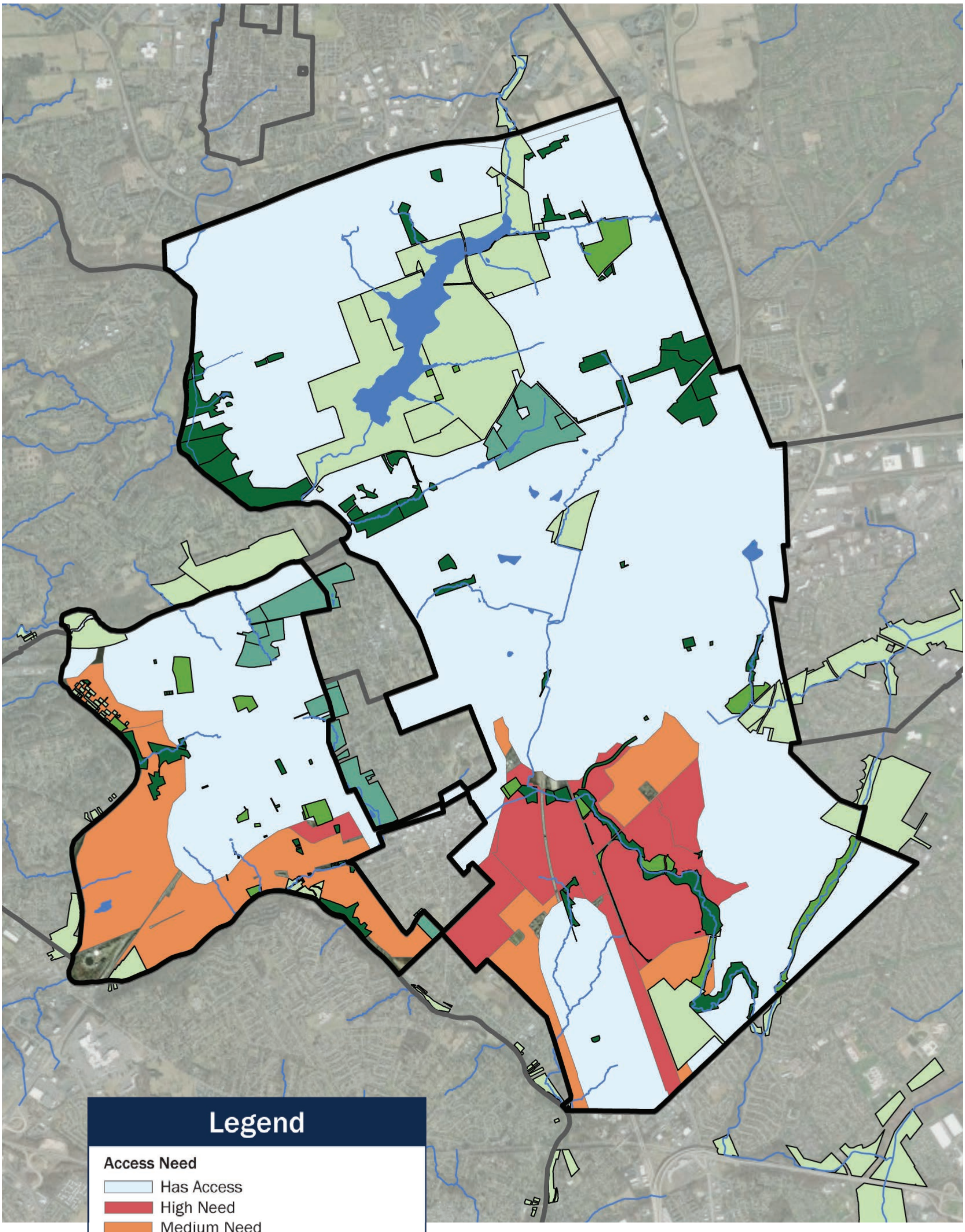


10-Minute Drive: Water Access



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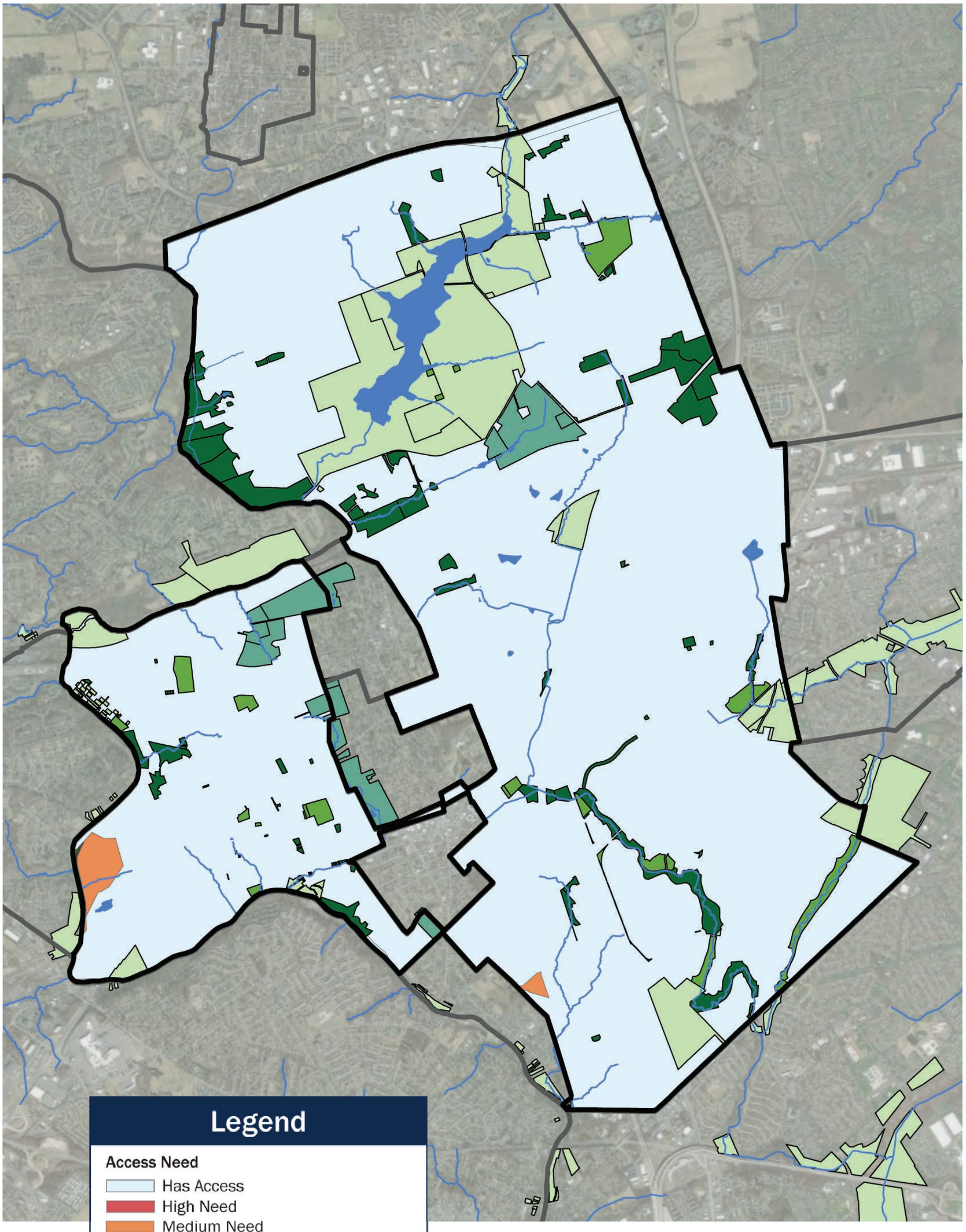

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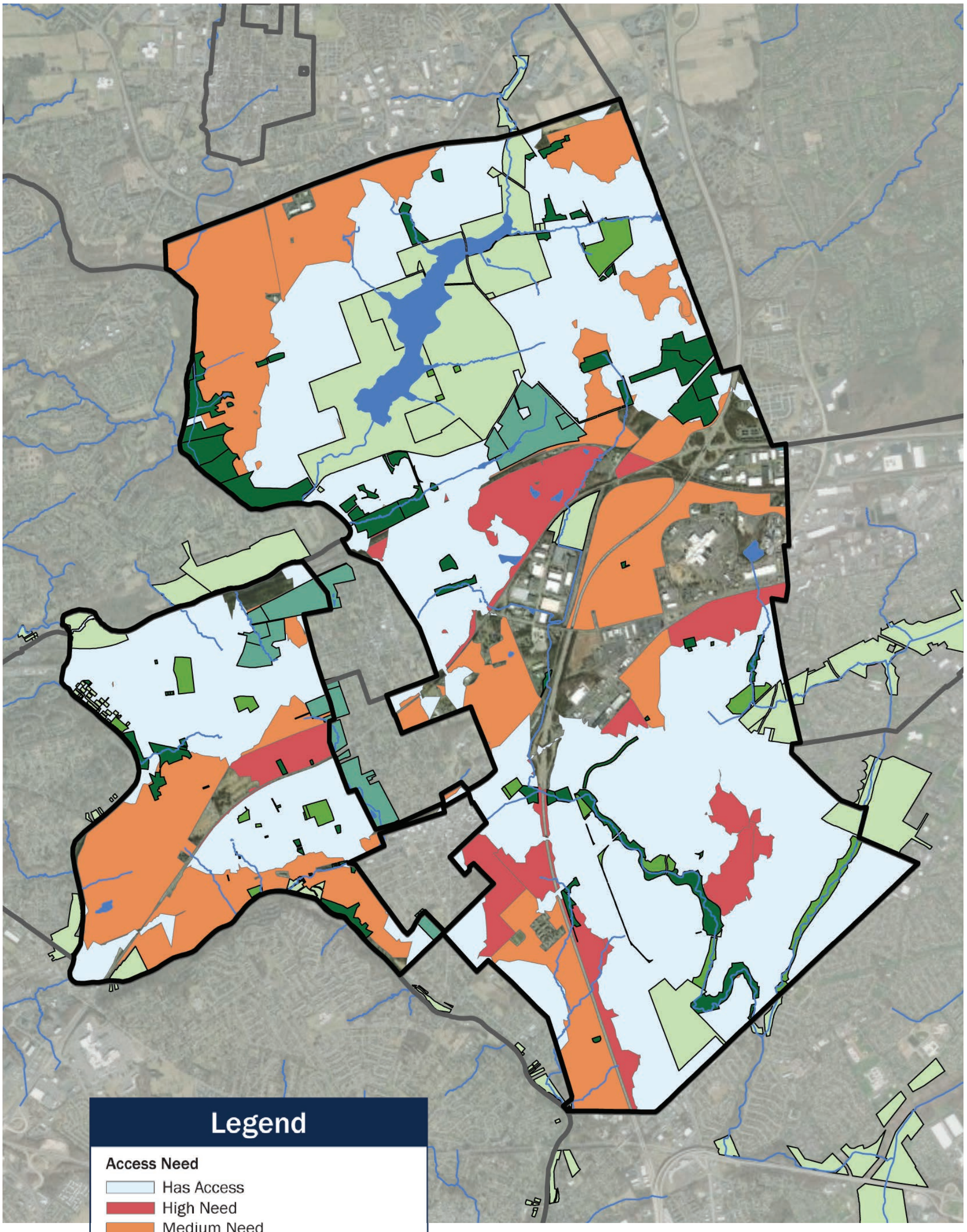


Middletown Historic Resources

Name	Number	Type	Elegibility	Location	Counties	Municipalities
Waln, Nicholas, House	1975RE00204		Undetermined	1242 Brownsville Rd.	Bucks	Middletown Township
Middletown Monthly Meetinghouse	1976RE00044	Above Ground	Undetermined	453 W Maple Ave.	Bucks	Middletown Township
Edgemont	1977RE00050	Above Ground	Listed	212 Bridgetown Pike		Middletown Township
Harewood & Beechwood	1980RE00260	Above Ground	Listed		Bucks	Middletown Township
Stapler, Thomas W., House	1983RE00264	Above Ground	Keeper DOE - E	1701 Newtown Pike (approx)	Bucks	Middletown Township
Buckman, Levi, House	1983RE00265	Above Ground	Keeper DOE - E	Langhorne-Newtown Rd and Summit Trace Rd	Bucks	Middletown Township
West Maple Ave. Bridge 09 10 0262 7 014705	1983RE01154	Above Ground	Demolished	W Maple Ave and Neshaminy Creek	Bucks	Multiple
Buckman, John, House	1983RE02329	Above Ground	Keeper DOE - E	1567 Fulling Mill Rd.	Bucks	Middletown Township
Willson-Tate House	1983RE02330	Above Ground	Keeper DOE - E	Fulling Mill Rd. and Swift Rd. (approx)	Bucks	Middletown Township
Village Farm	1986RE00029	Above Ground	Eligible	Woodbourne Rd. and Ellis Rd. (approx)	Bucks	Middletown Township
Jenks Hall	1986RE00238	Above Ground	Eligible	295 A Woodbourne Rd.	Bucks	Middletown Township
Boone Farm	1986RE00394	Above Ground	Eligible	901 Langhorne-Newtown Rd.	Bucks	Middletown Township
Harveson House	1986RE00540	Above Ground	Eligible	Tollgate Rd @ Lake Luxembourg (approx)	Bucks	Middletown Township
Bridgetown Historic District	1986RE01091	District	Keeper DOE - E	(see PAShare)	Bucks	Middletown Township
Private Road Bridge	1992RE00805	Above Ground	Eligible	Conrail OH BR 39.92	Multiple	Multiple
Pennsylvania Railroad: Morrisville Line	1992RE00810	District	Eligible	(see PAShare)	Multiple	Multiple
Core Creek Bridge	1993RE00001	Above Ground	Undetermined	Silver Lake Rd. and Core Creek	Bucks	Middletown Township
Hammock Villa, Wildman House	1994RE00799	Above Ground	Eligible	1780 Langhorne-Yardley Rd.	Bucks	Middletown Township
	1995RE43340	Above Ground	Undetermined	Bridgetown Rd.	Bucks	Middletown Township
Middletown Crossroads Hotel, Hotel Hellings	1995RE46789	Above Ground	Eligible	970 Durham Rd.	Bucks	Middletown Township
Larue, Daniel, Jr., House	1995RE55712	Above Ground	Eligible	1124 Trenton Rd.	Bucks	Middletown Township
Sharon	1999RE01586	Above Ground	Eligible	Sharon Dr. and Meeting House Ln. (approx)	Bucks	Middletown Township
	2000RE00075	Above Ground	Demolished	SR 413 and Neshaminy Creek (approx)	Bucks	Middletown Township
Oakford Inn	2001RE00821	Above Ground	Undetermined	4508 Old Lincoln Hwy.	Bucks	Middletown Township
Bridgetown Mill House	2001RE01497	Above Ground	Undetermined	760 Newtown Road	Bucks	Middletown Township
Philadelphia & Reading Railroad: New York Division (Jenkintown to Neshaminy Falls)	2002RE00330	District	Eligible	(see PAShare)	Multiple	Multiple
Levittown Historic District	2002RE01574	District	Eligible	(see PAShare)	Bucks	Multiple
Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary School	2002RE01681	Above Ground	Eligible	6501 Mill Creek Rd	Bucks	Multiple
James Buchanan Elementary School	2002RE01682	Above Ground	Eligible	2200 Hanes Rd.	Bucks	Multiple
Philadelphia & Reading Railroad: New York Division (Philadelphia to Yardley)	2003RE00149	District	Eligible	(see PAShare)	Multiple	Multiple
Philadelphia Suburban Water Company	2004RE06582	Above Ground	Eligible	2520 Old Lincoln Hwy.	Bucks	Middletown Township
Philadelphia & Reading Railroad	2010RE02630	District	Eligible	(see PAShare)	Multiple	Multiple
	2016RE00968	Above Ground	Undetermined	376 Periwinkle Avenue	Bucks	Middletown Township
	2016RE01081	Above Ground	Undetermined	445 Periwinkle Avenue	Bucks	Middletown Township
	2016RE01179	Above Ground	Undetermined	476 Periwinkle Road	Bucks	Middletown Township
	2016RE01663	Above Ground	Undetermined	440 Periwinkle Road	Bucks	Middletown Township
	2016RE02198	Above Ground	Undetermined	364 Periwinkle Avenue	Bucks	Middletown Township
	2016RE02564	Above Ground	Undetermined	504 Bridle Avenue	Bucks	Middletown Township
Statesman Health and Rehabilitation Center	2017RE01790	Above Ground	Undetermined	2629 Trenton Road	Bucks	Middletown Township
	2018RE01746	Above Ground	Undetermined	Old Lincoln Highway	Bucks	Multiple
164 South Walnut Terrace	2021RE00184	Above Ground	Undetermined	164 South Walnut Terrace	Bucks	Middletown Township
Reedman Auto World Security Building	2021RE02777	Above Ground	Undetermined	1600 E. Old Lincoln Highway	Bucks	Middletown Township
Bally Total Fitness	2023RE03532	Above Ground	Undetermined	130 Middletown Boulevard	Bucks	Middletown Township
Rue-Bispham Family Cemetery	2023RE03725	Above Ground	Undetermined	40 Green Meadow Drive	Bucks	Middletown Township
800 Durham Rd	2023RE04062	Above Ground	Undetermined	800 Durham Road	Bucks	Middletown Township
House at 517 Deer Drive	2024RE00072	Above Ground	Undetermined	517 Deer Drive	Bucks	Middletown Township
Conrail Trenton Bridge	2024RE01093	Above Ground	Eligible	Conrail over Newtown Pike, Middletown Township, PA	Bucks	Middletown Township
514 Pine Street, Langhorne, PA	2025RE01083	Above Ground	Undetermined	514 Pine Street	Bucks	Middletown Township
143 Central Avenue, Langhorne, PA	2025RE01084	Above Ground	Undetermined	143 Central Avenue	Bucks	Middletown Township
142 Central Avenue, Langhorne, PA	2025RE01085	Above Ground	Undetermined	142 Central Avenue	Bucks	Middletown Township
141 Central Avenue	2025RE01086	Above Ground	Undetermined	141 Central Avenue	Bucks	Middletown Township
140 Central Avenue, Langhorne, PA	2025RE01087	Above Ground	Undetermined	140 Central Avenue	Bucks	Middletown Township
136 Central Avenue, Langhorne, PA	2025RE01088	Above Ground	Undetermined	136 Central Avenue	Bucks	Middletown Township

Middletown Township (Bucks County) - Municipal Parks - Amenities

		Address	Acres	Restrooms	Pool	Pavilion	Picnic Area	Playground Facilities	Baseball / Softball Fields	Basketball	Soccer / Multi-use fields	Volleyball	Soccer Fields	Pickleball Courts	Tennis Courts	Other	Trails (miles)	Additional notes
	Community Parks																	
2	Middletown Community Center (Mangillo)	2140 Trenton Rd, Levittown, PA 19056	5.4	Y		1		1						3		2 bocce courts, 1 chess table		Community Garden (13 4'x8' beds, 14 barrel plots), Community Center with 4 rooms available to rent, Lighting in parking lot only
3	Middletown Community Park	2600 Langhorne Yardley Rd, Langhorne, PA 19047	42	Y		2		1	5	1	2		2			skate park, kick wall	1.21	Community Park Barn with 2 rooms available to rent, Concessions stand. Lighting for all baseball/softball, multi-use, and soccer fields.
18	Twin Oaks Park	2897 Trenton Rd., Levittown, PA 19057	18	Y				1	8				2				0.25	Queen Anne Creek, lighting for 4 baseball/softball fields
8	Firefighters' Park (formerly Poplar Park)	712 Poplar St, Langhorne, PA 19047	15.2			1		1	2	2	2			8		1 chess table		Lighting for Basketball and Pickleball courts
11	Herbert Hoover Park	410 Trenton Rd, Langhorne, PA 19047	47										8					Leased from Neshaminy School District, Part of Herbert Hoover Elementary School, No lighting
	Neighborhood Parks																	
1	Cobalt Ridge Park	77 Cobalt Cross Rd, Levittown, PA 19057	43					1		1								Wetlands, Queen Anne Creek, No lighting
6	Det. Christopher Jones Memorial Park	499 Beechwood Ave, Langhorne, PA 19047	15.9			1		1	1		1						0.5	Native Tree Search, No lighting
9	Forsythia Crossing Park	Forsythia Crossing, Levittown, PA 19056	10.2			1		1								hockey rink	0.44	Mill Creek, Lighting for playground
12	Simmons Memorial Park (formerly Veterans Memorial Park)	851 Brownsville Rd, Langhorne, PA 19047	7.5	Y				2	1	2					3		0.5	Lighting for Basketball and Tennis courts
17	Tareyton Estates Park	Tareyton Dr, Langhorne, PA 19047	5					1			1						0.36	No lighting.
	Mini Parks																	
5	Delaware Park	318 Wyoming Ave, Langhorne, PA 19047	11.2														0.1	Mill Creek, No lighting
7	Detweiler Park	799 Fox Ct, Langhorne, PA 19047	2.4															No lighting.
10	Harris Park	1627 Harris Dr, Langhone, PA 19047]	2.6															Neshaminy Creek, No lighting
13	Lions Playground	1724 Trenton Rd, Levittown, PA 19056	1.4					1										No lighting.
14	Periwinkle Park	290 Periwinkle Ave, Langhorne, PA 19047	3.4															Neshaminy Creek, Informal boat launch, No lighting
15	Quincy Hollow Park	92 Quincy Dr, Levittown, PA 19057	0.4							1								Wetlands, Queen Anne Creek, No lighting
16	Sunflower Park	825 Sunflower Ave,	0.4			1		1										No lighting.
19	Upper Orchard Park	3 Upper Orchard Way, Levittown, PA 19056	0.9					1		2								Mill Creek, No lighting
20	Veterans Memorial Park	700 Veterans Hwy, Levittown, PA 19056	1.25			1											0.12	No lighting.
	Bucks County Owned Parks																	
4	Core Creek Park	901 Bridgetown Pike, Langhorne, PA 19047	1200	Y		10	4	3	2				4		8	Dog Park	7	Lake Luxembourg, Wetlands, Core Creek Boat Rental (kayaks, canoes, pedalboats, row boats). No lighting.
21	Playwicki Park	W Maple Ave, Langhorne, PA 19047	33	Y		2	2	1	1								1.1	Neshaminy Creek, No lighting
22	Frosty Hollow Tennis Center	4503 New Falls Rd, Levittown, PA 19056	90	Y											10			Includes 6 tennis courts with lights
23	Chickenfoot Park	Bristol Oxford Valley Rd, Levittown, PA 19057	59.4						2									Wetlands
24	Queen Anne Park	22 Woodbourne Rd, Levittown, PA 19057	22.8						1									Additional +/-100 acres in Bristol Township
	PARK-Summary																	
	Totals: Middletown, (Middletown + Bucks County Owned Parks)		**233.15 (1638.35)**			**10(22)**	**0(6)**	**13(17)**	**17(23)**	**9**	**6**	**0**	**12(16)**	**11**	**3(21)**		**3.48(11.58)**	

Middletown Township (Bucks County) - Preserved Lands

		Address	Acres	Restrooms	Pool	Pavilion	Picnic Area	Playground Facilities	Baseball / Softball Fields	Basketball	Soccer / Multi-use fields	Volleyball	Soccer Fields	Pickleball Courts	Tennis Courts	Other	Trails (miles)	Additional notes
	Preserved Lands																	
A.	Styer Orchard	1121 Woodbourne Rd, Langhorne, PA 19047	104	Y		2												Orchard, Farm Market, privately leased and operated, easement held by Heritage Conservancy
B.	Middletown Country Club	420 N Bellevue Ave, Langhorne, PA 19047	110	Y												18-hole golf course		Wetlands, restaurant/event venue, privately leased and operated, Pool closed in 2020. No outdoor lighting.
C.	Langhorne Spring Water Company	700 Hulmeville Ave, Langhorne, PA 19047	87															Wetlands, unnamed creek, historical building
D.	Spring Valley Farm	800 Bristol Ave, Hulmeville, PA 19047	10.7															Unnamed creeks, historical buildings
	Total:		**311.7**															

General Park Assessment

1. **Park name: Middletown Community/Senior Center**

Size/Classification (neighborhood, community, mini): Community

Is the park easy to find/enter? (Signs)

Yes, entrance clearly marked

Is the park safe to enter by surrounding neighborhoods? (sidewalks, crosswalks, trails, etc.)

Crosswalks to entrance, but no path from sidewalk to entrance

Note surveillance from outside of park and signs of community engagement.

Park is visible from within the property, shielded from street view by building

Park Activity Areas

List Park activities and observable conditions. (playgrounds, courts, trails, other) Note any inclusive elements. What age demographics are likely to use the park.

Playground (5-12)-

Equipment in good condition

Some wear at edges of PIP

Paths between play areas in poor condition

2 Bocce courts in good condition

Community Center amenities acceptable, but could use upgrades to more modern standards

Request for pavilion with lighting over bocce courts and indoor bocce

League (~20 participants), Special Olympics uses until November

Park Quality Amenities

List Park amenities that add quality and safety to park: (restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, trash cans, lights, emergency devices)

No lighting for outdoor amenities

All restrooms, drinking fountains, etc. located indoors

Park Landscape

Note current conditions of landscape, maintenance, natural areas, etc.

Generally well maintained, some landscape areas could use additional weeding

Mature trees throughout the site, especially in buffer yards

General Park Assessment

2. Park name: Middletown Community Park

Size/Classification (neighborhood, community, mini): Community

Is the park easy to find/enter? (Signs)

Signage at entrance, directions within the park could be clearer/simpler

Is the park safe to enter by surrounding neighborhoods? (sidewalks, crosswalks, trails, etc.)

Crosswalk, one with RFB, at entrance

Is there clear signage noting park name, hours, rules, map, other important information?

Rules are difficult to find, location specific (@ playground, skatepark, ball fields)

General observation of surrounding neighborhoods/primary users:

In general, well used, even on a weekday morning

Observed senior softball on three fields, one person practicing soccer, dogs on two fields and basketball court

Note surveillance from outside of park and signs of community engagement.

Park easy to see into from neighborhoods (to south)

Cemetery on north side obscured

Park Activity Areas

List Park activities and observable conditions. (playgrounds, courts, trails, other) Note any inclusive elements. What age demographics are likely to use the park.

Playground (5-12)- surfacing (mulch) could use refreshment

Equipment generally well-maintained

Edging and entrances need to be repaired (not currently accessible)

Climbing wall is missing some handholds, broken in places.

Soccer/multiuse fields in good condition

Skate park needs additional entry points, wood ramps put in place by community

Park Quality Amenities

List Park amenities that add quality and safety to park: (restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, trash cans, lights, emergency devices)

Most fields and skate park are well lit (Musco lighting)

Restrooms by playground at concession stand

Additional restrooms at center of softball cloverleaf

Lack of shade for play area and for game observers (no shaded bleachers in park)

Port-a-potty at skatepark is in rough shape

Park Landscape

Note current conditions of landscape, maintenance, natural areas, etc.

Lots of turf throughout park, many areas appear difficult to mow

Would meadow conversion be a possibility, particularly on steep slopes?

Buffers on all sides full of invasives

Japanese knotweed taking over around Barn/basketball court

General Park Assessment

3. **<u>Park name: Twin Oaks</u>**

Size/Classification (neighborhood, community, mini): Community

Is the park easy to find/enter? (Signs)

Signage at south entrance only (not at north or east entrances)

Is the park safe to enter by surrounding neighborhoods? (sidewalks, crosswalks, trails, etc.)

No crosswalks, "moat" disconnects from residential neighborhoods

Is there clear signage noting park name, hours, rules, map, other important information?

Signage at south entrance only, park rules are posted throughout (appear to be MAA rules, not P&R rules)

Note surveillance from outside of park and signs of community engagement.

Particularly on the north side of the park, tree line along "moat" disconnects and blocks views from outside the park

Park Activity Areas

List Park activities and observable conditions. (playgrounds, courts, trails, other) Note any inclusive elements. What age demographics are likely to use the park.

Baseball/Softball-

- Fields in good condition
- Dugouts vary widely, could be opportunities to standardize?

Playground (5-12)-

- Nearing end of life
- No surfacing at all
- No barrier between play area and creek

Soccer field

- Irregularly shaped, goals currently moved for outfield fence

Park Quality Amenities

List Park amenities that add quality and safety to park: (restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, trash cans, lights, emergency devices)

3 port-a-potties

- Permanent restrooms unreachable in snack shop, despite large signage

Is the snack shop open during games?

Building is poorly located, behind maintenance facilities at edge of main parking lot

Park Landscape

Note current conditions of landscape, maintenance, natural areas, etc.

Most of riparian buffer heavily invaded

Creek mowed to edge of bank

Drainage issues

General Park Assessment – Individual Park notes

4. Firefighters Park

Size/Classification (neighborhood, community, mini): Neighborhood

Note surveillance from outside of park and signs of community engagement.

3rd largest park in acreage and 2nd most used

Great views over Neshaminy Creek

Park Activity Areas

List Park activities and observable conditions. (playgrounds, courts, trails, other) Note any inclusive elements. What age demographics are likely to use the park.

Softball, basketball, pickleball, all well-maintained

Playground with 5' ADA-accessible perimeter path, well-maintained

Park Quality Amenities

List Park amenities that add quality and safety to park: (restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, trash cans, lights, emergency devices)

Portable restrooms

3 parking lots

Park Landscape

Note current conditions of landscape, maintenance, natural areas, etc.

Needs additional trees, existing canopy trees declining

Stormwater basin

General Park Assessment

5. **Park name: Cobalt Ridge**

Size/Classification (neighborhood, community, mini): Neighborhood

Is the park easy to find/enter? (Signs)

Yes

Is the park safe to enter by surrounding neighborhoods? (sidewalks, crosswalks, trails, etc.)

Sidewalks opposite, no crosswalks, streets are relatively slow

Is there clear signage noting park name, hours, rules, map, other important information?

Yes

Note surveillance from outside of park and signs of community engagement.

Park very visible from all sides apart from within narrow riparian buffer

Park Activity Areas

List Park activities and observable conditions. (playgrounds, courts, trails, other) Note any inclusive elements. What age demographics are likely to use the park.

Playground (5-12) –

- Music pieces are missing their hammers
- Mulch needs refreshment
- Equipment is good condition, includes accessible equipment

Basketball courts-

- Two half courts at 90 degrees to each other
- Ready to be repaved/restriped

Park Quality Amenities

List Park amenities that add quality and safety to park: (restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, trash cans, lights, emergency devices)

Trash cans

Benches in shade, unmatched, heavy compaction/erosion in foot zone

Park Landscape

Note current conditions of landscape, maintenance, natural areas, etc.

Riparian buffer very narrow (~10'), somewhat invaded, canopy mostly native

General Park Assessment – Individual Park notes

6. Det. Christopher Jones Memorial Park

Size/Classification (neighborhood, community, mini): Neighborhood

Park Activity Areas

List Park activities and observable conditions. (playgrounds, courts, trails, other) Note any inclusive elements. What age demographics are likely to use the park.

Playground needs renovation (already in the queue)

Softball fields in good condition

Multi-use field in good condition

Informal dirt path, roughly ¼ mile

Park Quality Amenities

List Park amenities that add quality and safety to park: (restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, trash cans, lights, emergency devices)

Benches

Shaded seating areas near playground

Has enough parking along entrance road

Park Landscape

Note current conditions of landscape, maintenance, natural areas, etc.

Native tree search sign in poor condition - needs replacement

Natural stormwater basin, manages stormwater

Other landscapes well maintained

General Park Assessment

7. Park name: Forsythia Crossing

Size/Classification (neighborhood, community, mini): Neighborhood

Is the park easy to find/enter? (Signs)

Yes, clearly marked

Is the park safe to enter by surrounding neighborhoods? (sidewalks, crosswalks, trails, etc.)

Crosswalks on Forsythia Crossing in poor condition

Note surveillance from outside of park and signs of community engagement.

Park very visible from Forsythia Crossing, not visible from surrounding neighborhoods

Park Activity Areas

List Park activities and observable conditions. (playgrounds, courts, trails, other) Note any inclusive elements. What age demographics are likely to use the park.

Playground (5-12)- Mulch could use refreshment

Hockey rink in good condition

Trail in good condition

Park Quality Amenities

List Park amenities that add quality and safety to park: (restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, trash cans, lights, emergency devices)

2 port-a-potties

Lighting on walk (very limited) and at hockey rink

Park Landscape

Note current conditions of landscape, maintenance, natural areas, etc.

Generally well maintained, some landscape areas could use additional weeding

Mature trees throughout the site

General Park Assessment – Individual Park notes

8. Lance Corporal Harry J Simmons Jr. Memorial Park

Size/Classification (neighborhood, community, mini): Neighborhood

Park Activity Areas

List Park activities and observable conditions. (playgrounds, courts, trails, other) Note any inclusive elements. What age demographics are likely to use the park.

Baseball Field

Basketball courts, in poor condition, may not be suitable for playing (pervious asphalt deteriorated)

3 Tennis courts

Large playground, lacks shade

Walking path

Park Quality Amenities

List Park amenities that add quality and safety to park: (restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, trash cans, lights, emergency devices)

Benches

Adjacent building provides restrooms

Has sufficient parking

Park Landscape

Note current conditions of landscape, maintenance, natural areas, etc.

Walking loop (stone dust) may need paving

Pervious asphalt path wears poorly

Naturalized stormwater basin with some invasive presence

General Park Assessment

9. Park name: Tareyton Estates

Size/Classification (neighborhood, community, mini): Neighborhood

Is the park easy to find/enter? (Signs)

Yes

Is the park safe to enter by surrounding neighborhoods? (sidewalks, crosswalks, trails, etc.)

No crosswalks, but perimeter road is very slow

Is there clear signage noting park name, hours, rules, map, other important information?

Yes

Note surveillance from outside of park and signs of community engagement.

Park very visible from neighborhood. Visibility within the park is also good.

Park Activity Areas

List Park activities and observable conditions. (playgrounds, courts, trails, other) Note any inclusive elements. What age demographics are likely to use the park.

Playground (5-12)- Mulch could use refreshment

PIP in good condition

Lacks shade entirely

Equipment well-maintained

Park Quality Amenities

List Park amenities that add quality and safety to park: (restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, trash cans, lights, emergency devices)

Benches/tables do not match, but largely in good condition

Trash cans throughout the park

Park Landscape

Note current conditions of landscape, maintenance, natural areas, etc.

Very little landscaping beside turf

Trees are in varying conditions, some healthy, one completely dead

General Park Assessment – Individual Park notes

10. Lions Playground

Size/Classification (neighborhood, community, mini): Mini

Park Activity Areas

List Park activities and observable conditions. (playgrounds, courts, trails, other) Note any inclusive elements. What age demographics are likely to use the park.

Mid-sized playground, next for replacement / renovation

Some shade for playground, additional canopy trees could be useful

Turf areas in acceptable condition

ADA parking needed

General Park Assessment

11. **Park name: Quincy Hollow**

Size/Classification (neighborhood, community, mini): Mini

Is the park easy to find/enter? (Signs)

Yes

Is the park safe to enter by surrounding neighborhoods? (sidewalks, crosswalks, trails, etc.)

Sidewalks opposite, no crosswalks, streets are slow

Is there clear signage noting park name, hours, rules, map, other important information?

Sign has been destroyed/removed

Note surveillance from outside of park and signs of community engagement.

Park very visible from all sides apart from within narrow riparian buffer

Park Activity Areas

List Park activities and observable conditions. (playgrounds, courts, trails, other) Note any inclusive elements. What age demographics are likely to use the park.

Basketball court-

Surface deteriorating, needs repaved and repainted

Otherwise in good condition

Park Quality Amenities

List Park amenities that add quality and safety to park: (restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, trash cans, lights, emergency devices)

Trash cans

Benches

Park Landscape

Note current conditions of landscape, maintenance, natural areas, etc.

Riparian buffer very narrow (~10'), somewhat invaded, canopy mostly native

General Park Assessment – Individual Park notes

12. Upper Orchard Park

Size/Classification (neighborhood, community, mini): Mini

Park Activity Areas

List Park activities and observable conditions. (playgrounds, courts, trails, other) Note any inclusive elements. What age demographics are likely to use the park.

Playground (2-5) in fair condition, could use additional shade

2 half basketball courts are in poor condition

Turf area

Park Quality Amenities

List Park amenities that add quality and safety to park: (restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, trash cans, lights, emergency devices)

Benches (unmatched) lack shade

Trash cans

Park Landscape

Note current conditions of landscape, maintenance, natural areas, etc.

Deer rubbing on trees, can pose a risk to tree health

Limited shade throughout park

Riparian buffer along Mill Creek – dense with native tree species

General Park Assessment

13. Park name: Veterans Memorial Park

Size/Classification (neighborhood, community, mini): Mini

Is the park easy to find/enter? (Signs)

Yes, clear views of park/park signage from road

Is the park safe to enter by surrounding neighborhoods? (sidewalks, crosswalks, trails, etc.)

No access to park other than by car (no sidewalks/crosswalks)

Is there clear signage noting park name, hours, rules, map, other important information?

Name only, no hours or rules

Note surveillance from outside of park and signs of community engagement.

Visible from street, many sponsors credited throughout the park

Park Activity Areas

List Park activities and observable conditions. (playgrounds, courts, trails, other) Note any inclusive elements. What age demographics are likely to use the park.

Hero's Walk- No surfacing, poorly defined end of trail

Picnic shelter in good shape, well-maintained

Memorials well-maintained

Park Quality Amenities

List Park amenities that add quality and safety to park: (restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, trash cans, lights, emergency devices)

Water available at picnic shelter, via spigot, not fountain

Several trash cans

Park Landscape

Note current conditions of landscape, maintenance, natural areas, etc.

Trees healthy throughout park, other landscapes need maintenance (weeding, mulch refreshment, etc.)

Many bird houses, most of which need to be replaced, refurbished

Turf in great shape throughout park

General Park Assessment – Individual Park notes

14. Middletown Country Club

Size/Classification (neighborhood, community, mini, preserved land): Preserved land

Park Activity Areas

List Park activities and observable conditions. (playgrounds, courts, trails, other)

18-hole golf course in acceptable condition, could use better maintenance ($85

Pool shut down in 2020, in disrepair

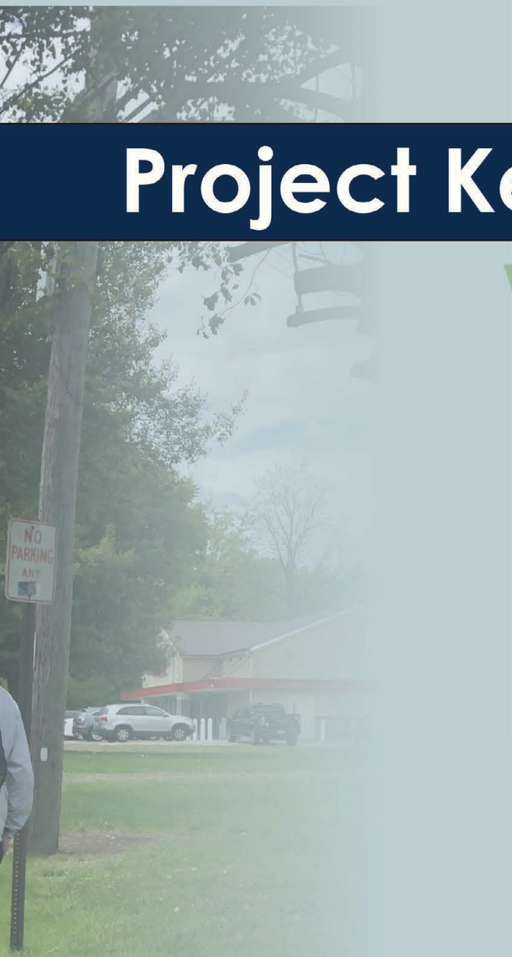
Spring Valley Farm Ownership Records			
Date	**Description**	**Deed Book**	**Parcel Size**
	G. W. Evans and Elizabeth Rowland Evans HSW, Spring Valley Farm, Walnut St. Langhorne, PA 19047		
10/11/1949	Geo. F. Williams to Geo. Webster Evans and Elizabeth	DB920, p104	10+A
5/24/1945	John New Jr. to Geo. F. Williams - Philip + Ann Feil	DB754, p480	10A
11/25/1941	Harry B. Ruble Jr. to John New Jr. + virginia New	DB718, p43	10A
3/15/1918	Jennie Althouse to Harry B. Ruble Sr.	DB415, p186	10A
3/15/1918	Bucks Co. Trust Co. + Assignee of Kate S. Hibbs, Spencer B Hibbs to Jennie Althouse	DB401, p458	10A
4/19/1905	Sheriff Smith + Caleb Taylor Lawrence to Spencer B. Hibbs	DB3, p400	10A
10/12/1896 OT's Watson 4/1/1885	Jas Lawrence (Administrator of Est. of Dan'l L. Lawrence) to Caleb Taylor Lawrence - Will 4 pgs. John Schatt - JP	DB214, p365-68	2100 10A
8/1/1881	Dan'l Lawarence Exec. Est. of Samuel Lawrence, Last will + testament dated 11/15/1841		10A
4/3/1837	George Harrison, Esq. and Rebecca (HW) to Daniel Lawrence, Yeoman	DB158, p424	1000 10A
4/6/1827	Samuel Lawrence and John Phillips (EXC. OTW) Park of George Van Sant 95 1/2 A. of Jos. Keen to two contiguous tracts of land 5 [illegible] 30p. + 8 1/2 A. (13 1/2 A + 30p)	DB53, p306	
4/2/1798	Joshua Woolston now of Falls Twp. (Mary h/w) to Joseph Keen, yeoman of Bensalem Twp.	DB52, p373	13 1/2 A + 3 opert.
4/15/1794	George Van Sant + Sarah (H/W) to Joseph Woolston (Miller) beginning by Neshaminy Creek	DB27, p.407	95 1/2 A 525 pts. 5 shilling
7/31/1789	Garret Vansant, Yeo. to his son George Vansant	DB25, p261	95 1/2 A
10/26/1742	Stopher Vansant to son Garret (part of 500 A. Henry Pawlin conveyed to Stephen Vansant)		95 1/2 A
6/28/1706	Younger children of Garret Vansant - County of Bucks Jacobus Vansant and George Vansant part of Joseph Growden Patent 500 Acres	DB3, p 258	150 A
5/23/1706	300A - 5/23/1706 Henry Pawlin to Stopher Vansant		
3/17/1686	500A - part of this purchase of 1000 Acres Pat. from Thomas Lloyd / James Claypoole + Robert Turner	A. Vol. 1 - p72	

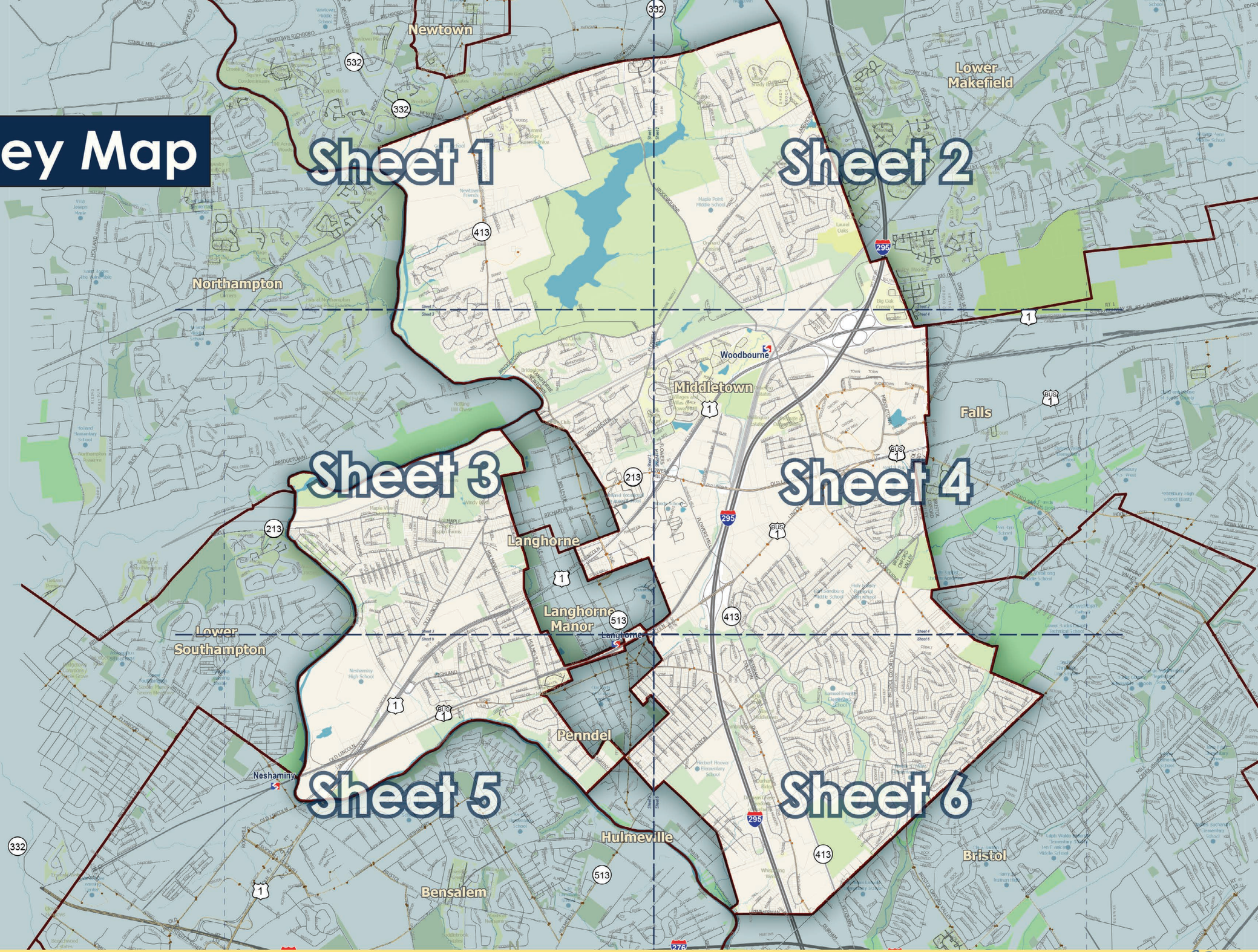
	Middletown (2020)	Middletown (2040) (Projection)	National Recreation & Park Association Average	National Recreation & Park Association Average	Number Needed (2020)	Number Needed (2040)	Current Number	Additional to meet benchmark (2020)	Additional to meet benchmark (2040)
Population of Jurisdiction	**46,040**	**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					
Facility	**Residents per facility**	**Residents per facility**	**Residents per facility**	**Residents per facility**			**Current Number**	**Additional to meet benchmark (2020)**	**Additional to meet benchmark (2040)**
Playgrounds	3,542	4,107	3,105	3,707	14.83	14.40	13	1.83	1.40
Basketball courts	5,116	5,932	7,501	8,363	6.14	6.38	9	-2.86	-2.62
Diamond fields (total)	2,708	3,141	3,007	3,675	15.31	14.53	17	-1.69	-2.47
Tennis courts	15,347	17,797	5,461	5,865	8.43	9.10	3	5.43	6.10
Rectangular fields: multipurpose	2,558	2,966	3,333	4,070	13.81	13.12	18	-4.19	-4.88
Dog parks	0	0	27,508	55,135	1.67	0.97	0	1.67	0.97
Swimming pools	0	0	27,081	46,353	1.70	1.15	0	1.70	1.15
Community gardens	46,040	53,391	27,262	56,150	1.69	0.95	1	0.69	-0.05
Skate parks	46,040	53,391	33,167	60,904	1.39	0.88	1	0.39	-0.12
Regulation 18-hole golf courses	46,040	53,391	32,812	68,208	1.40	0.78	1	0.40	-0.22
Hockey rinks	46,040	53,391	19,770	29,378	2.33	1.82	1	1.33	0.82
Pickleball courts	4,185	4,854	7,737	10,500	5.95	5.08	11	-5.05	-5.92

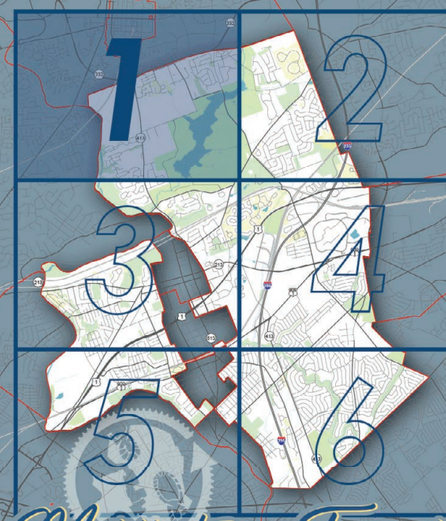
Community Benchmarking - Existing Facilities									
	Middletown Township	City of York	Haverford Township (Delaware Co)	Northampton Township (2014)	Evesham Township (Burlington Co, NJ)	Penn Hills Township (Allegheny Co)	**Average**	**Difference from Average**	**Difference from Maximum**
2020 Population (ACS)	**46040**	44,800	50431	39,915	46826	41,059	44845.17	1,195	-4391
2040 Projection	**53,391**		49,706	40,284	47,749		47782.50	5,609	0
Area (Sq. Miles)	**18.89**	5	9.95	26	29.59	19	18.11	1	13.6
2020 Pop Density per Sq. Mile	**2,437**	8,469	5,068	1,547	1,582	2,147	3541.92	-1,105	-6,032
2040 Pop Density per Sq. Mile	**2826**		4996	1,561	1614		2749.27	77	-
# of Parks	**23**	25	34	6	27	18	22.17	1	-11
Park Area (Acres)	**996.89**	193	517	260	531.86	219	453.01	544	465.03
Facility									
Baseball / Softball	**17**	23	32	11	18	14	19.17	-2	3
Basketball	**9**	21	19	8	13.5	8	13.08	-4	-12
Football	**0**	2	0	1	4	1	1.33	-1	-4
Multipurpose Field	**6**	14	13	2	5	0	6.67	-1	-8
Pavilion / Rental Space	**8**	12	9	3	0	7	6.50	2	-4
Pool	**0**	0	0	1	0	0	0.17	0	-1
Tennis	**3**	13	20	4	10	0	8.33	-5	-17
Pickleball Court	**11**	0	14	0	4	0	4.83	6	-3
Skate Park	**1**	1	1	0	0	1	0.67	0	0
Soccer	**12**	3	0	8	22	2	7.83	4	-10
Volleyball	**0**	6	2	2	0	0	1.67	-2	-6
Playgrounds	**13**	15	30	1	19	12	15.00	-2	-17
Street Hockey/Ice Skating	**1**	1	2	1	7	0	2.00	-1	-6
Dog Park	**0**	0	1	0	2	1	0.67	-1	-2
Amphitheater	**0**	2	0	1	0	0	0.50	-1	-2
Community garden	**1**	1	0	0	1	1	0.67	0	0
Recreation Center	**1**	5	0	1	1	0	1.33	0	-4

Park	Nearby MIP Improvements
Raymond Mongillo, Sr. Community Center	Bike Lane on Trenton Rd Sidewalk on Trenton Rd with crosswalks
Middletown Community Park	Sidepath on Village Road with multi-use trail connection to park Sidepath and sidewalk on Langhorne-Yardley Road with speed tables and RFB at Maple Pt. Dr
Twin Oaks Park	Bike lane on Trenton Rd Sidewalks on Woodbourne Rd and Trenton Rd
Firefighters' Park	Sidewalk on Poplar St with crosswalks
Herbert Hoover Park	Bike Lane on Trenton Rd Sidewalk on Trenton Rd with crosswalks
Cobalt Ridge Park	Multi-use trail along Camellia Rd/Cobalt Cross Rd/Cobalt Ridge Dr Sidewalks on New Rodgers Rd with crosswalks Sidepath connection to Bristol Oxford Valley Rd via Cobalt Ridge Dr with bike parking Future Neshaminy Greenway Trail
Det. Christopher Jones Memorial Park	Sidewalk on W Maple Ave with crosswalks Multi-use trail/sidewalk connection to future Neshaminy Greenway Trail via N Clearview Ave
Forsythia Crossing Park	Multi-use trail along Mill Creek/Snowball Dr Future Neshaminy Greenway Trail Sharrows on Forsythia Crossing Bike parking
Lance Corp. Harry J Simmons Jr. Memorial Park	Sidewalks on Brownsville Rd and Old Lincoln Highway with crosswalks
Tareyton Estates Park	Sidewalk connection to E Winchester Ave via Kenton Dr. with crosswalk
Delaware Park	Multi-use path connection to Lincoln Highway Sidewalk on Lincoln Highway
Lions Playground	Sharrow on Snowball Dr Sidewalk on Trenton Rd with crosswalks Bike lanes on Trenton Rd and New Rodgers Rd Future Neshaminy Greenway Trail
Periwinkle Park	Future Neshaminy Greenway Trail
Quincy Hollow Park	Sidewalks on New Rodgers Rd with crosswalks Future Neshaminy Greenway Trail
Sunflower Park	Sidewalks on Poplar St and Sunflower Ave with crosswalks
Upper Orchard Park	Sidepath on Upper Orchard Dr Future Neshaminy Greenway Trail Multi-use trail connection along Mill Creek and Long Loop Rd
Veterans Memorial Park	Bike lane on New Rodgers Rd
Styer Orchard	Sidepaths on Woodbourne Rd and Big Oak Rd with crosswalk and RFB at intersection Multi-use Trail connection to Langhorne Yardley Rd and Bridgetown Pike via CSX railway
Middletown Country Club	Sidewalk with crosswalks on W Maple Ave
Langhorne Spring Water Company	Sidewalk on Hulmville Ave, W Interchange, W Gilliam Ave, W Highland Ave Sharrow on W Gilliam Ave, W Interchange
Core Creek Park (Bucks Co)	Sidepath on Woodbourne Rd with countdown timer at Ellis Rd Sidepath connection with crosswalk to Future trails and Neshaminy Greenway Trail via Tollgate Rd Sidepath on Park Rd with multi-use trail connection to Core Creek Park and Neshaminy Greenway Trail and bike parking Sidepath on Village Rd with crosswalks Multi-use path connection from Woodbourne Rd to Village Rd Sidewalk on Silver Lake Rd/Banks Rd with crosswalks Sidewalk and Sidepath on Bridgetown Pike with crosswalks, RFB at Park Rd, countdown timer at Langhorne Newtown Rd
Playwicki Park (Bucks Co)	Future Neshaminy Greenway Trail
Frosty Hollow Tennis Center (Bucks Co)	Future Neshaminy Greenway Trail Multi-use trail connection along Mill Creek and Long Loop Rd
Chickenfoot Park (Bucks Co)	Bike lane on Trenton Rd Sidewalks on Woodbourne Rd and Trenton Rd with countdown timer at Woodbourne Rd and Bristol Oxford Valley Rd
Queen Anne Park (Bucks Co)	Sidewalks on Woodborne Rd with crosswalks Multi-use trail along Queen Anne Creek Future Neshaminy Greenway Trail

Project Key Map







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- Sidewalk
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- Bike PA - Route E
- County Parks, Rec, & Open Space
- Township Parks, Rec, & Open Space
- Water

Previously Planned Routes

- Bucks County Bike Plan
- Future Trail - to be built
- Neshaminy Greenway Trail
- Newtown Rail Trail

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Proposed Improvements Toolbox Legend

- Multiuse Trail
- Sidewalk
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- Sharrow
- Bike Lane
- Crosswalk
- Count Down Timer
- Rapid Flashing Beacon
- Ped Refuge Island
- Ped Actuated Underpass
- Bike Parking
- Speed Table
- Bridge
- Special Crossing

Newtown

Northampton

Newtown Rail Trail

Carl Sedia Park / Chandler Fields

Brian S. Gregg Memorial Park

Linton Memorial Park

Newtown Common

Newtown Gate

Eagle Ridge

Brookside

Newtown Crossing

Village Shires

Newtown Friends

George School

Core Creek Park

Lake Luxembourg

Big Meadow Park

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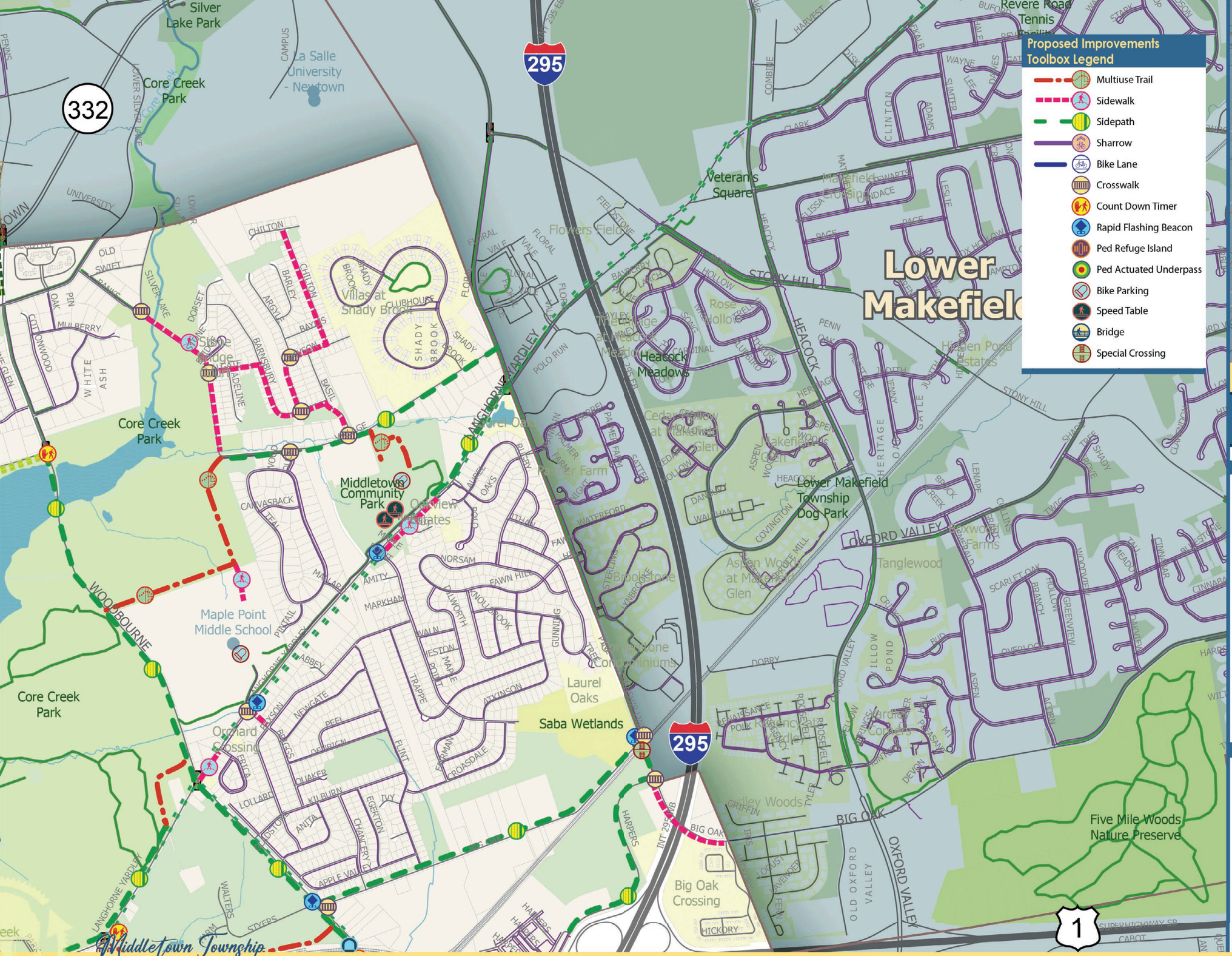

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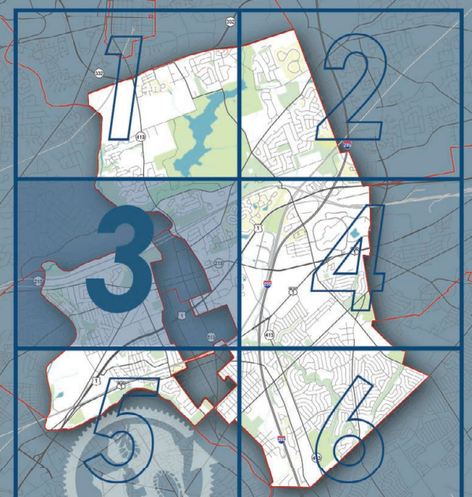

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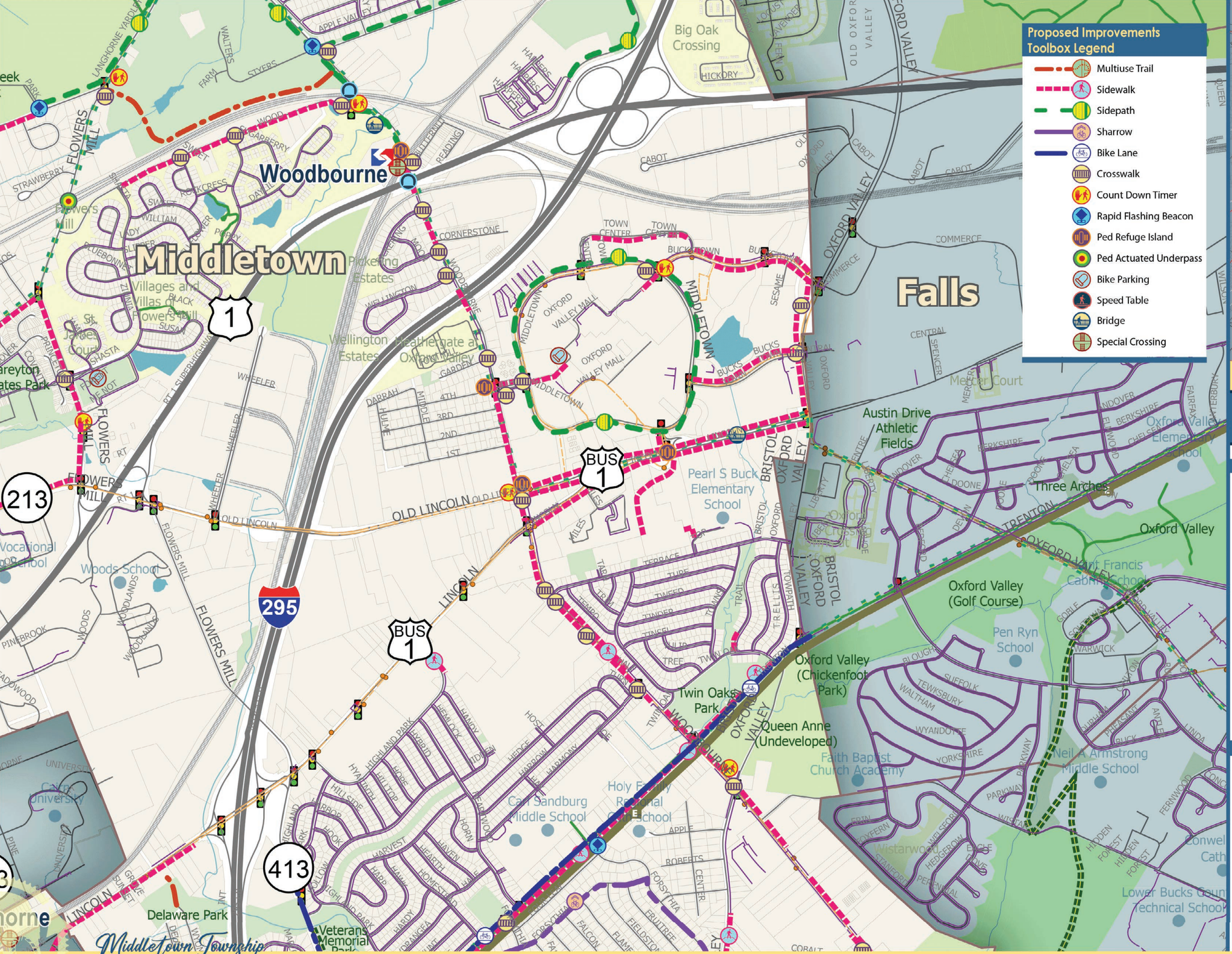

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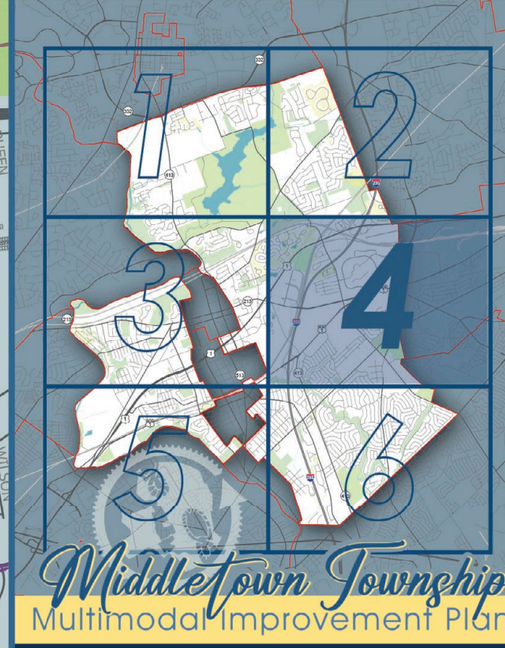

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Firefighters Park Concept



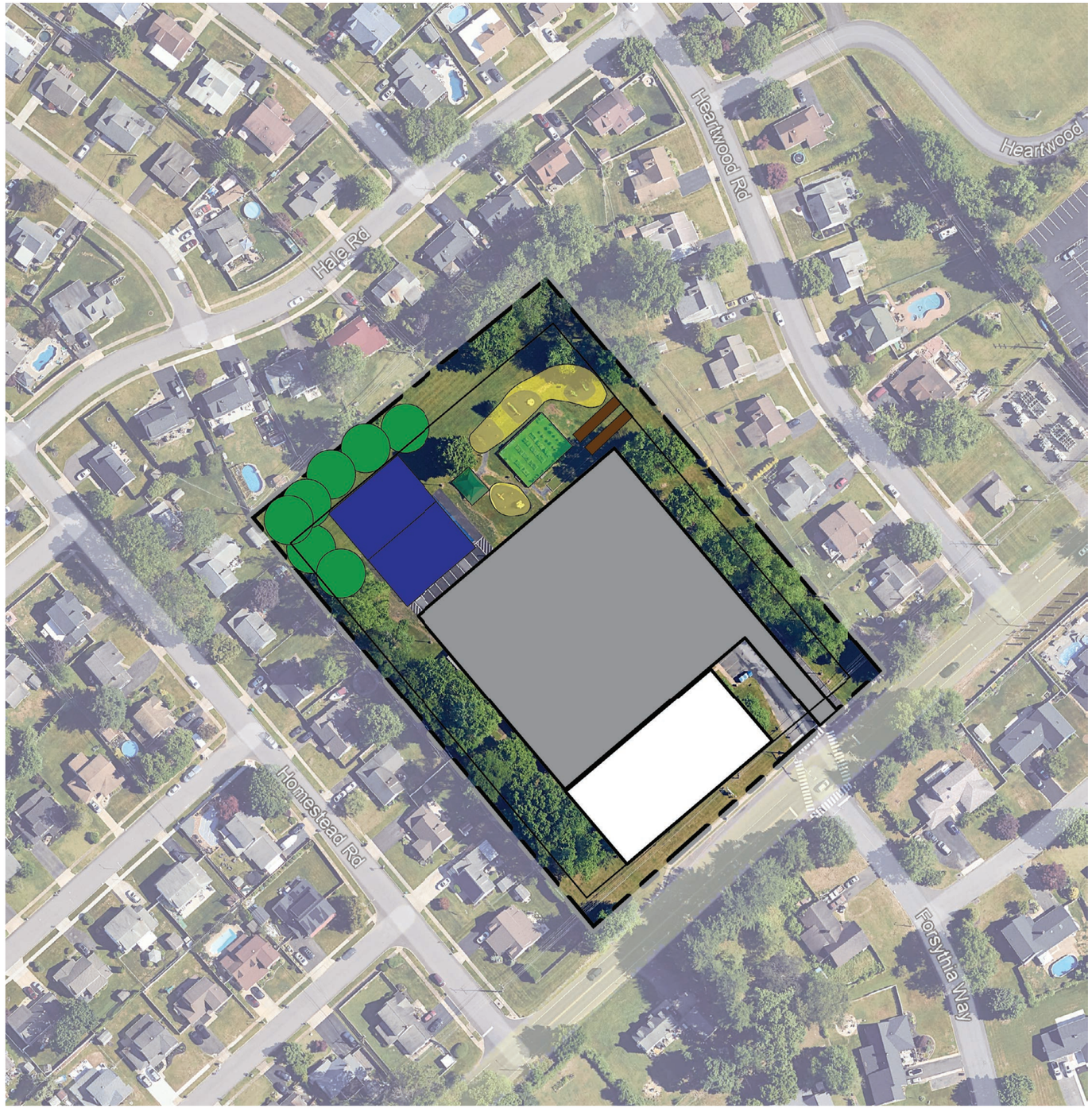
Legend

- Existing path/sidewalk
- Proposed sidewalk
- Proposed path
- Proposed crosswalk
- Park boundary

Middletown Community Park Concept



Middletown Community Center Concept



Legend

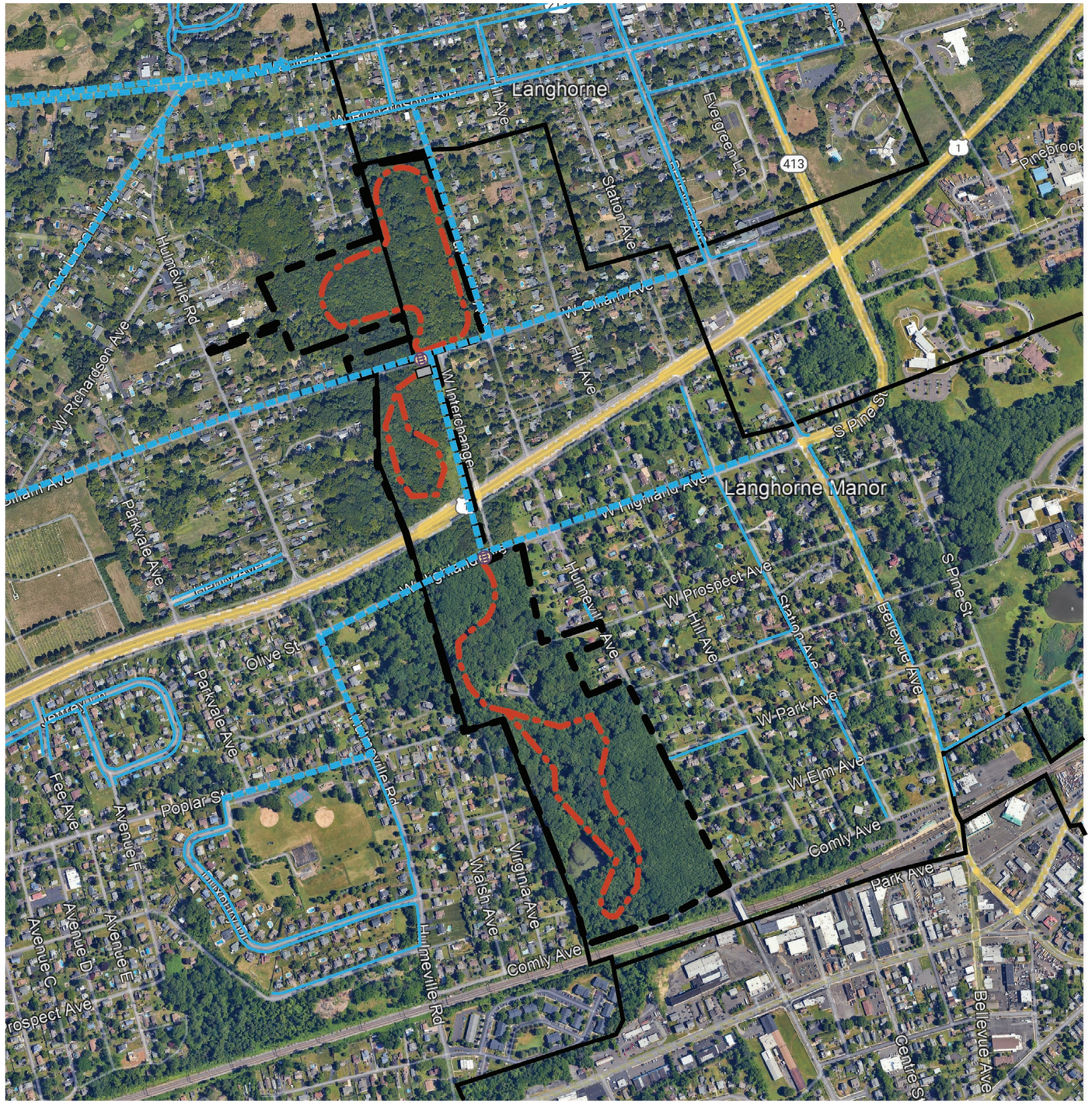
Existing

- Community garden
- Pavilion

Proposed

- Enhanced playground
- Relocated bocce courts
- Planted buffer
- Pickleball courts
- Parking lot
- Community center

Langhorne Spring Water Company Trail Concept



Legend

- Trailhead parking lot
- Proposed sidewalk
- Existing sidewalk
- Proposed path
- Proposed crosswalk
- Preserve boundary
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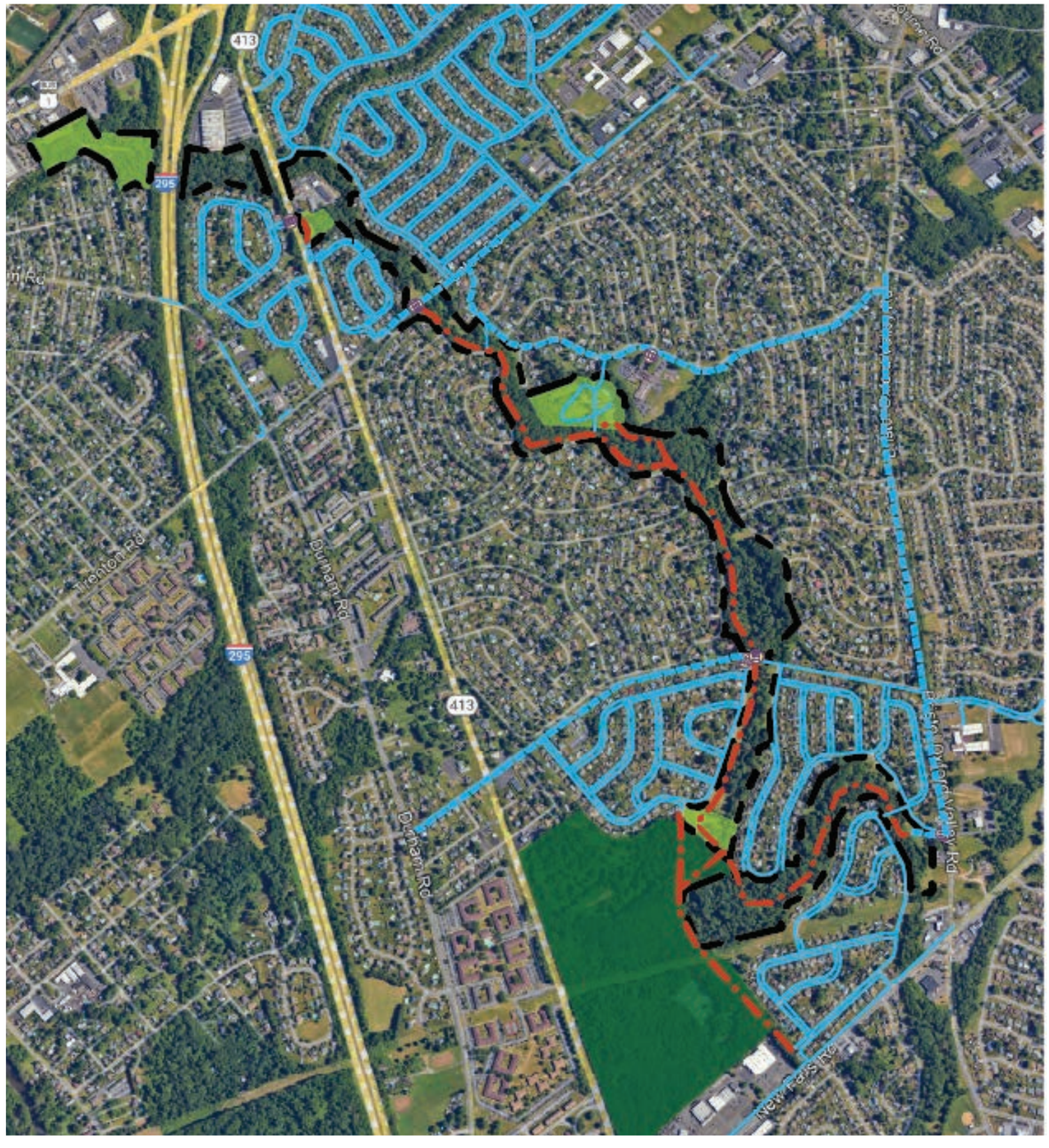
Mill Creek Greenway Trail Concept



Queen Anne Creek Greenway Trail Concept



Consideration of Increase to Fee in Lieu of Parkland Dedication

A generally accepted method to determine fee in lieu of land dedication for recreation is to determine the average fair market value (per acre) of the land otherwise required to be dedicated. This is usually established through the preparation of an appraisal of the land.

Absent this appraisal effort, an increase to the fee in lieu of dedication for residential uses may be determined as follows:

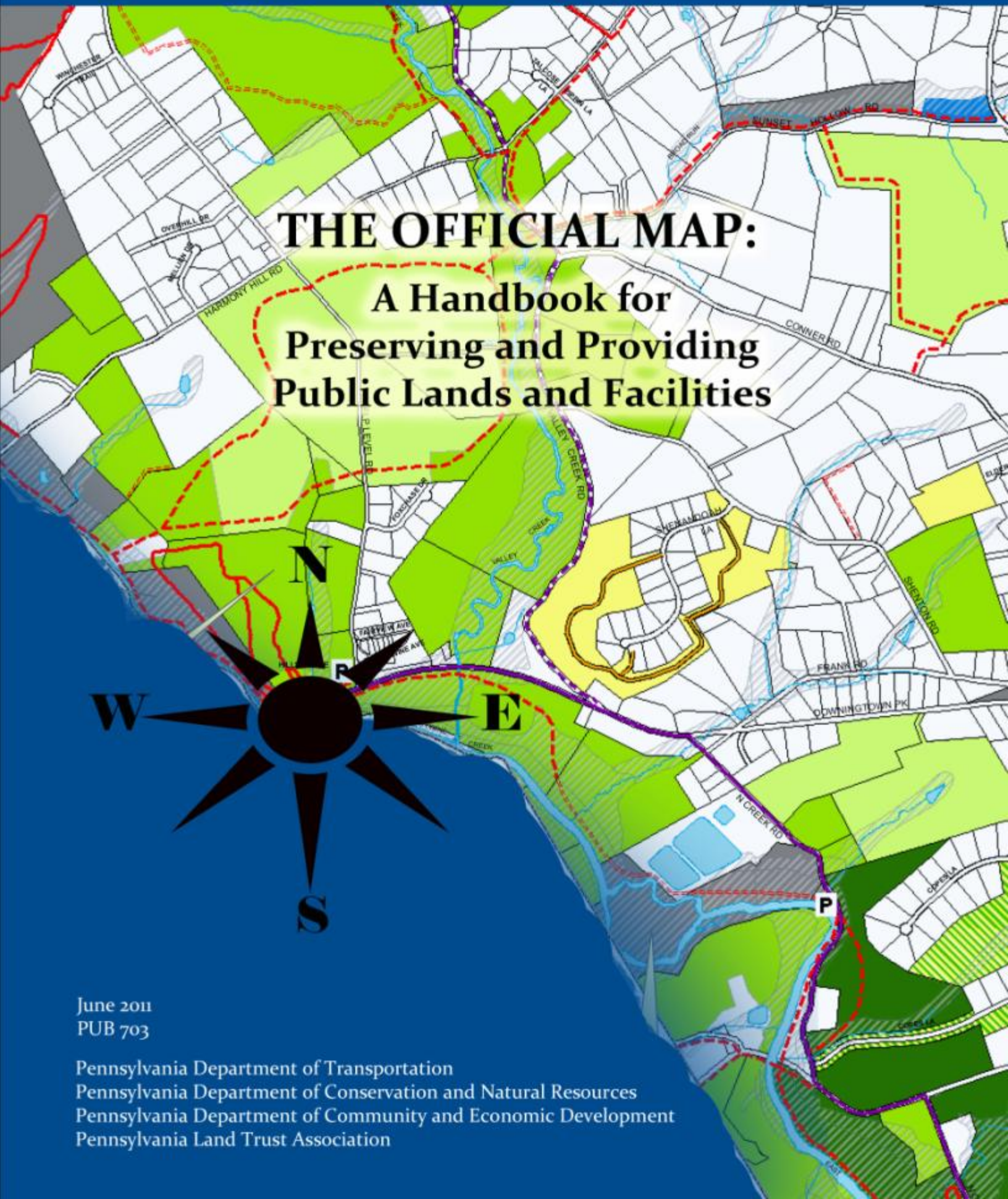
1. NRPA Metrics for recreational land: 11.2 acres per 1,000 residents = 0.0112 acres per person
2. Average household size in Middletown: 2.64 persons per household
3. Recommended acreage per household: 2.64 persons/household X 0.0112 acres per person = 0.0296 acres per household
4. Consider land development costs; infrastructure; and equipment: Double the acres per household value to 0.0592 acres per household.
5. Convert acres per household to SF per Dwelling Unit (DU): 0.0592 acres per household x 43,560 SF/acre = 2,579 or 2,600 SF per DU.

Fee Determination

1. Land Value General Estimate: $50,000 per acre
    - Fee in Lieu of: $50,000 X 0.0592 = $2,960 per DU
2. Land Value General Estimate: $75,000 per acre
    - Fee in Lieu of: $75,000 X 0.0592 = $4,440 per DU
3. Land Value General Estimate: $100,000 per acre
    - Fee in Lieu of: $100,000 X 0.0592 = $5,920 per DU

Summary:

The current fee in lieu of value is determined by the Board of Supervisors on a case-by-case basis. By establishing a set formula for fee-in-lieu calculations, the Board can demonstrate its commitment to the preservation of open space for the community.



THE OFFICIAL MAP:

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Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
Pennsylvania Land Trust Association

The Official Map

FACT SHEET

for Local Officials

Municipalities and counties are authorized by Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) to develop and implement official maps. Official maps may include, but are not limited to:

- *Existing and proposed public streets, watercourses, and public grounds, including widening, narrowing, extensions, diminutions, openings, or closings.*
- *Existing and proposed public parks, playgrounds, and open space reservations.*
- *Pedestrian ways and easements.*
- *Railroad and transit right-of-way and easements.*
- *Flood control basins, floodways and flood plains, storm water management areas, and drainage easements.*
- *Support facilities, easements, and other properties held by public bodies undertaking the elements of a comprehensive plan.*

What is an Official Map?

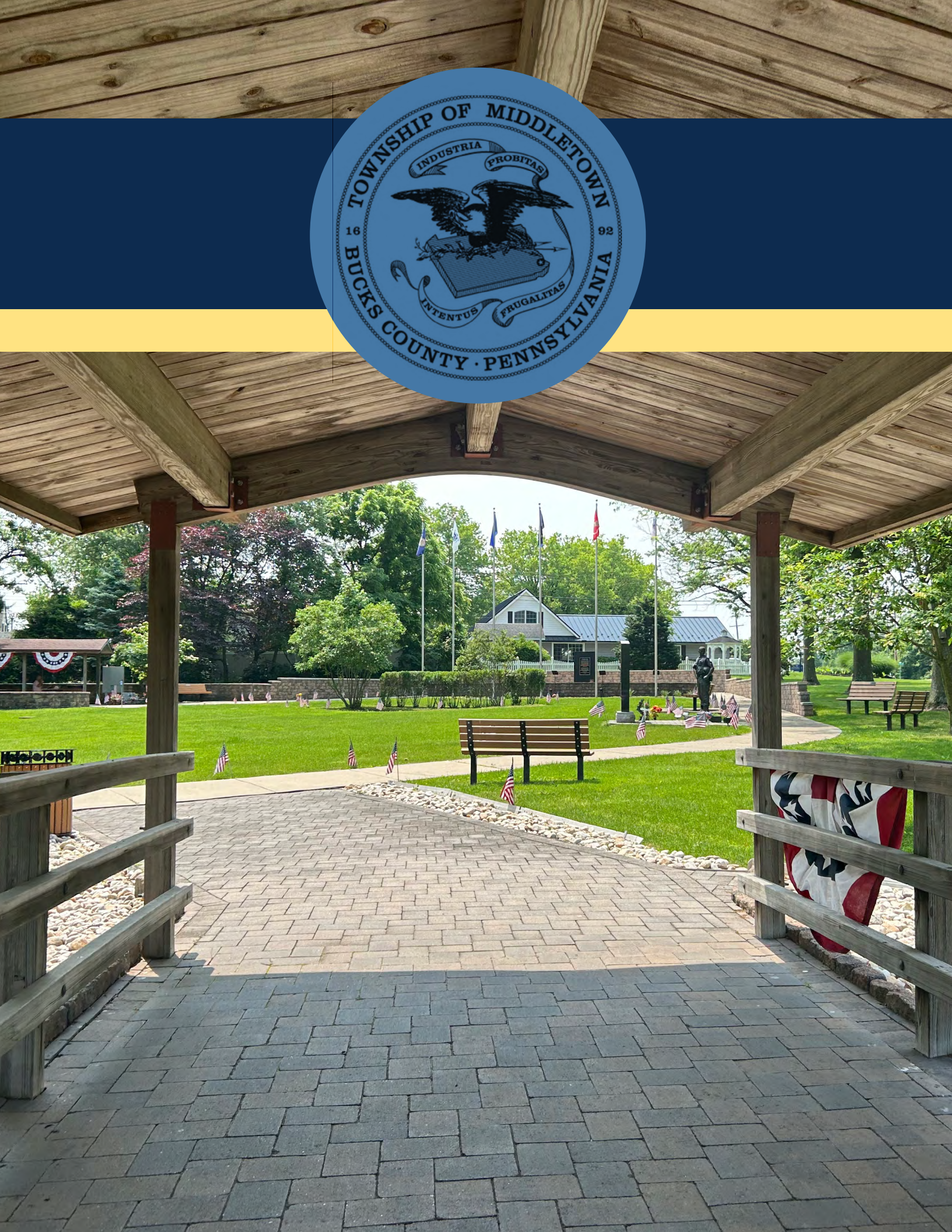
An "official map" is a combined map and ordinance designed to implement the goals and community vision set forth in the comprehensive plan. The official map shows the locations of planned future public lands and facilities such as transportation, recreational parks and trails, and open space. The official map expresses a municipality's interest in acquiring these lands for public purposes sometime in the future. Official maps can be used by townships, boroughs, cities, and counties. The official map is not to be mistaken for the official zoning map of a municipality.

What are the Benefits?

- The official map can help focus limited financial resources on projects that meet and advance community goals.
- The official map helps municipalities make improvements such as connecting and improving the local street network, intersection improvements, protecting important natural areas, and providing more green space, recreation facilities, trails, and sidewalks.
- The official map saves time and money by informing property owners and developers of municipal goals and intentions in advance of development plans.
- The official map is an effective negotiation tool for municipalities, helping to ensure that development is compatible with and supportive of public goals.
- The official map supports other land use management tools (zoning, subdivision/land development, etc.) by advancing the implementation of infrastructure and public spaces.
- The official map gives municipalities a competitive advantage in securing grants.

What are the Basics of Official Maps?

- A municipality should have an adopted comprehensive plan if they choose to adopt an official map.
- Official maps can cover the entire municipality or only a portion.
- The typical cost to develop an official map and ordinance is $5,000-$6,000.
- The governing body is required to provide a 45-day review period and one public hearing (at minimum) prior to adoption.
- Once a property owner or developer notifies a municipality of their intention to build, subdivide, or perform other work on land that is located on an official map, the municipality has up to a year to confirm its acquisition interest and negotiate to acquire the land.
- Acquisition can take the form of dedication by owner, purchase of land or easement by the municipality, negotiations with owner/developer to make desired improvements, or eminent domain (although rare), if the municipality chooses.
- Approximately 64 of Pennsylvania's municipalities, and one county, have an official map. This handbook aims to reduce misunderstandings and misinformation that may have deterred others from achieving the successes made possible by the official map.
- Public outreach and education is key to a successful official map development, adoption, and implementation process.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