



HONEY BROOK TOWNSHIP

Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenway Plan

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Executive Summary

A Synopsis of Honey Brook Township's Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenways Plan

Recognizing the importance of recreation and parks in Honey Brook Township, Chester County, PA, this Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenways Plan was initiated. The process used to develop this Plan included extensive public input, detailed inventory and assessment, and the development of recommendations for the future of parks and recreation in Honey Brook Township.

The purpose of this study was to analyze the current recreation, parks, open space, trails and greenways and to develop recommendations and implementation strategies to ensure sufficient and appropriate recreation opportunities for Township residents both now and into the future.

Input received through the public participation process was an important asset as viable recommendations for the future of parks and recreation were developed. A strong study committee, comprised of a cross-section of Township residents, assisted the consultant in gathering and analyzing the public input. The public input included a series of two public meetings; an electronic recreation questionnaire; and twenty key person interviews. This input brought forth a valuable understanding of how residents view parks and recreation and what they see as important for its future.

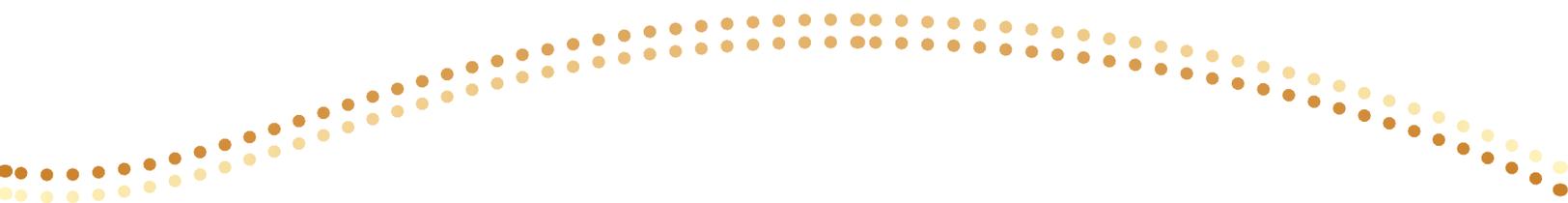


The public participation process culminated in the development of a Vision Statement for the Future of Recreation and Parks in Honey Brook Township. The Vision Statement is shown on the next page.

The inventory of recreation facilities included municipal recreation areas within the Township, as well as those of regional significance that are located outside the border of Honey Brook Township. The information collected offers an overview of existing park and recreation conditions in the Township. Professional assessment of the inventories and comparisons to current trends were completed to determine the condition of Honey Brook Township facilities and how they compare with typical facilities across the country.

This Plan recognizes the tremendous importance of open space and greenways in Honey Brook Township and addresses various components of each. Several recently completed plans impact the Township's open space efforts. They include the County's Comprehensive Plan and the 2015 Honey Brook Township and Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan. Drawing upon the public participation, inventory, assessment, and recently completed plans; recommendations for the future of recreation and parks were developed.





Honey Brook Township Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenways Vision

The community's vision for the future of Honey Brook Township Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenways is that it will be a multi-faceted, comprehensive system of parks that will serve both current and future residents. The vision is to improve upon the use, maintenance, and development of existing recreational facilities, while creating new parks to address unmet needs, and programs which focus on families and the underserved residents of the community. The park system of the future will provide a balance of larger community parks with a multitude of recreational facilities in each; neighborhood parks that serve residents near their homes; an interconnecting system of recreational trails and greenways; and preservation of large tracts of open space for preservation of the Township's natural features and to provide for less structured recreational opportunities.





Goals for Honey Brook Township Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenways

The key issues that were used to develop the vision statement have been refined into a series of goals that are intended to move the Township toward fulfilling their vision. The goals are broad in nature, designed to be all-encompassing, and based upon community ideas and issues raised through the planning process.

Goal #1 - Provide a parks system that includes a variety of both active and passive recreation opportunities that are in close proximity to the residents they serve, are safe, usable, and attractive.

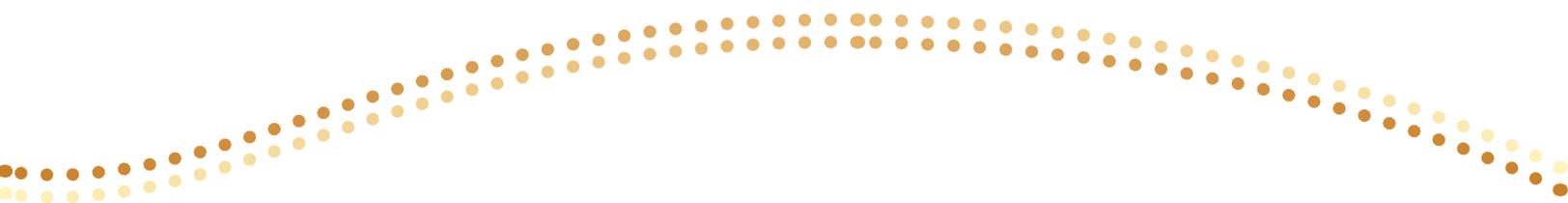
Goal #2 - Ensure that a wide variety of recreation programming is available to meet the needs of residents.

Goal #3 - Develop a system of multi-use, non-motorized, interconnecting trails and greenways that provide opportunities for exercise, alternative transportation, and recreation.

Goal #4 - Identify and acquire land to provide additional recreational opportunities, open space and greenways.

Goal #5 - Establish and secure funding to implement this plan including maintenance, operations, planning, development, and acquisition through a variety of sources.

Goal #6 - Enhance the Recreation and Parks Board's capability to implement this plan and be the Township's advocates for parks and recreation.



Success and Implementation of this Plan

The key to the success of this Plan is the building of enthusiasm and support for recreation, parks, open space and greenways in Honey Brook Township. The recommendations are intended to accomplish each identified goal. The implementation strategies reorganized into tables. The information provided in each table includes the recommendation, responsible party, estimated cost, potential funding sources, and prioritized time frame. The implementation strategies provide guidance to the decision makers of the Township and those organizations and staff designated to implement the recommendations of the Plan. Details related to each recommendation are outlined in Chapter 4 of the Plan.

This Comprehensive Recreation, Park, Open Space and Greenways Plan outlines guidelines for areas of improvement and presents new directions for the Township to explore. The process of implementation is ongoing and a phased approach. Support for the implementation of the Plan's recommendations and a strong commitment to its use as a guide for the future will provide an improved quality of life in Honey Brook Township for years to come.



Honey Brook Township Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenways Implementation Strategies Summary Chart

Recommendations	Responsible Agency	Potential Funding	Priority
1.1 Rehabilitate James A. Umble Memorial Park			
a. Prepare a Master Site Plan	RPB, TM	TWP	S
b. Apply for a matching grant	TM	DCNR, LPF	S
c. Contract with a consultant	RPB, TM, BOS	MDF, LPF	S
d. Apply for a 2nd matching grant	TM	DCNR, LPF, MDF	S
1.2 Expand Recreation Programming			
a. Identify needs of the community	RPB, TM	DCNR	S
b. Secure sponsorships	RPB, TM	N/A	S
c. Create partnerships	RPB	N/A	S
d. Develop an identity for Recreation and Parks	RPB, TM	TWP	S
1.3 Develop a system of multi-use trails and greenways			
a. Expand the trail network	RPB, TC, TM	Varies	S
b. Acquire easements	TM, BOS	Varies	S
c. Secure funding	RPB, TM	Varies	S
1.4 Identify and acquire additional land			
a. Identify potential funding sources	RPB, TM	Staff time	S
b. Establish list of priority acquisitions	RPB, TM	Staff time	S
c. Acquire additional park land	TM, BOS	TM, BOS, CC	M
d. Develop Master Site Plans for each parcel	TM	RPB, TM	M
e. Apply for a matching grant	TM	RPB, TM	M
f. Contract with a Consultant	RPB, TM, BOS	TM, BOS	M

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Recommendations	Responsible Agency	Potential Funding	Priority
1.5 Establish and Secure Funding			
a. Develop and adopt a ten-year capital improvement plan	RPB, TM BOS	Staff time	S
b. Establish annual budget	RPB, TM BOS	Staff time	S
c. Leverage funds through grants	RPB, TM	Staff time	On-going
d. Adopt updated Mandatory Dedication Ordinance	BOS	Staff time	S
1.6 Enhance the Recreation and Parks Boards' capability			
a. Identify roles and responsibilities	RPB, TM, BOS	N/A	S
b. Identify desired Board skills	RPB, TM, BOS	N/A	S
c. Add a youth Recreation and Parks Board member	RPB, TM	N/A	S
d. Provide educational opportunities	TM	Varies-\$5000	S
e. Establish partnerships	RPB	N/A	S

Implementation Chart Key

Board of Supervisors	BOS
Township Manager	TM
Recreation and Parks Board	RPB
Trails Committee	TC
Twin Valley School District	TVSD
Public Works	PW
Chester County	CC
Planning Department	PD
Mandatory Dedication Fund	MDF
Land Preservation Fund	LPF
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	DCNR
Honey Brook Township	TWP
Short-term Priority	S
Mid-term Priority	M'
Long-term Priority	L



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Introduction

Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenway Plan

Having recently completed the Honey Brook Township and Borough Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan, the Township recognized the need to follow that up with a Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenway Plan.

In August 2018, Honey Brook Township contracted with Pashek+MTR, a planning and design firm based in Pittsburgh, to complete the Township's first Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenway Plan. Pashek+MTR worked closely with the project Study Committee throughout the planning process. The approach used to generate the Plan included a detailed inventory and professional assessment of existing recreational opportunities; a wide-ranging public input process; and the development of a vision for the future of recreation, parks, open space and greenways in Honey Brook Township.

This Plan is designed to serve as a tool for addressing the current and future recreation needs of Honey Brook Township residents and to establish a framework for the decisions that must be made in order to provide adequate recreation facilities and programs. This Plan is broad in scope, encompassing a variety of issues pertinent to parks, recreation and open space in the Township. It lays the groundwork for the continued successful planning and development of recreation, parks, trails, amenities, facilities, and programs.

This Plan is not law or a regulatory document. It recommends an approach to maintain and provide a parks and recreation system that serves all Honey Brook Township residents throughout their lifetime with diverse recreation opportunities. It suggests recommendations and strategies to maintain and provide residents with quality recreation opportunities.

This Plan will serve as a reference for township officials, staff, and advisory boards; partner organizations; and other interested parties. It is a guide, not a mandate, for future actions and decisions. Implementation of recommendations contained herein will require further discussion, public involvement, and approval for the actions to be undertaken.

The Planning Process

The Planning Process was led by a three-step progression of questions that would allow this plan to be tailored to Honey Brook Township.

Of particular importance to Honey Brook Township was an extensive commitment to the public input process.

The Comprehensive Planning Process

Where are we now?



Where do we want to be?



How do we get there?



Where Are We Now?

This question prompted research of the existing Honey Brook Township recreation and parks opportunities. It is important to identify the types of recreational and natural resources already available to the community and the area of the Township which they serve. These facilities and resources could be Township owned and operated or they may be offerings and amenities provided by non-profits, school districts, private entities, and other government agencies. The management, finances and operations of these recreation facilities should be researched and compared to State and National Statistics.

Where Do We Want To Be?

This question drove the process to reach out to the public in a variety of venues to help project what the future of parks and recreation should be in the Township. Public input was gathered through six sources: a study committee that was representative of local interest groups; public meetings, key person interviews and a digital and paper recreation questionnaire. A focus group meeting with the plain sect was unsuccessful. As well, a thorough analysis was completed on the findings of the existing conditions to determine needs for the future.

How Do We Get There?

The culmination of the answers to the two previous questions established the direction the Township needs to take to meet the recreational needs, wants, and desires of the its residents. It includes a vision statement that depicts what the future should be; goals for bringing the vision to fruition; and implementation strategies to accomplish the goals.

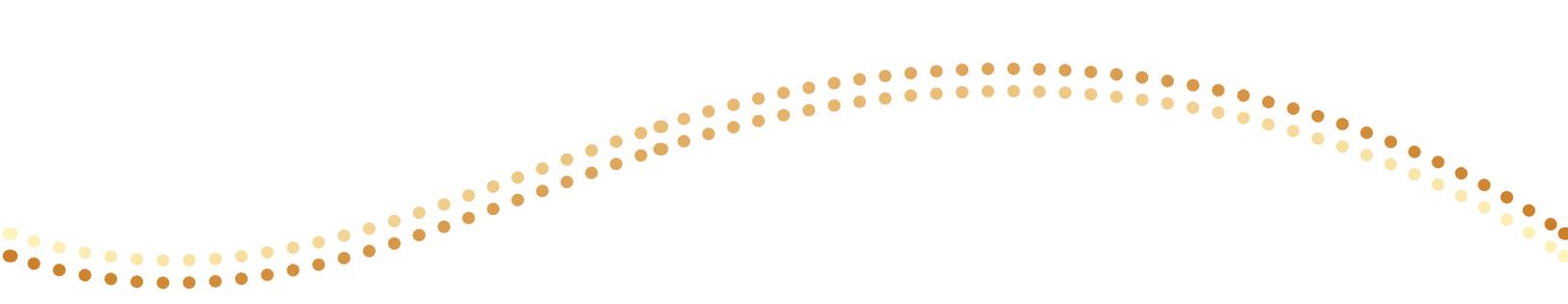
Parks and Recreation – Good for You: Good for All

Parks and recreation is a critical component of community services for all Pennsylvania residents. Honey Brook Township, local sports and recreational organizations and non-profits have joined together to provide recreational opportunities throughout the Township.

As one looks at parks, recreation, and open space across the country, the benefits are evident –senior citizens exercising to stay active and healthy; youth learning life skills by playing baseball, soccer or other youth sports; families strengthening relationships by hiking, biking or picnicking together; communities coming together through special events. Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society describes it as, ***Parks and Recreation are good for you and good for all.***

Parks and recreation opportunities encourage citizens to be engaged in their communities as volunteers, stewards, advocates and students. Access to parks and recreation facilities leads to healthy lifestyles for people of all ages. Activities in parks build self-esteem, reduce stress and improve overall wellness. Parks give communities a vital identity. Well-maintained, accessible parks and recreation facilities are key elements of strong, safe, family-friendly communities. Parks enhance property values, contribute to healthy and productive work forces and help attract and retain businesses.





How to Use this Plan

The Plan provides a framework to fulfill the Township’s vision for the future of recreation, parks, open space and greenways. The recommendations presented in this document offer a clear direction for future recreation, parks, open space and greenway initiatives. The wide scope of recommendations and strategies assist in realistic planning for implementation. The detailed information provided will assist in setting financial goals and the appropriate allocation of needed financial support.

The broad scope of this Plan includes the documentation and analysis of a variety of issues pertinent to recreation, parks, open space and greenways in the Township. The document will be a valuable resource of supporting information as the implementation strategies are completed, new strategies are developed, and documentation of existing conditions is needed.

The Plan provides the Township with a wealth of data and background information to support the enhancement of its recreation facilities, the preservation of natural features, connections to local assets, and the addition and development of new park land. Recommendations and implementation strategies were outlined and prioritized to guide parks and recreation in Honey Brook Township for the next 5-10 years. The Plan also provides needed information to support grant applications for the acquisition, improvement and expansion of recreation facilities.

Local residents will be the ultimate beneficiaries of new recreation facilities and preserved resources based on the outcomes of the Plan. Residents have demonstrated an on-going interest in the growth of a high quality recreation, parks, open space and greenways, and the acquisition of additional park land.

As part of the scope of work, Pashek+MTR reviewed the Township’s Mandatory Dedication Ordinance to amend the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance with a method to assess a fee-in-lieu-of dedication. As required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, the completion and adoption of this plan will allow the Township to legally adopt a public dedication ordinance and impose a park and recreation mandatory dedication of a developer. The amended ordinance can continue to provide funding for parks and recreation facilities as Honey Brook Township continues to experience growth.

Chapter 1: Background

Profile of Honey Brook Township

Located in the northwestern corner of Chester County, Honey Brook Township has long been known for its agrarian landscapes. Honey Brook Township is surrounded by West Caln Township to the south and West Nantmeal Township and West Brandywine Township to the east. The Township is bordered by the Lancaster County municipalities of Salisbury Township and Caernarvon Township to the west, and also Caernarvon Township in Berks County to the north. Honey Brook Township surrounds Honey Brook Borough. Several of these surrounding municipalities offer strong recreational programs and facilities of their own.



Honey Brook Township is 25 square miles in size, with nearly 80% of that area consisting of some of the most prime agricultural soil in the country. Crop farming, small dairies and animal production, produce farming and wholesale plant nurseries comprise the majority of land use in the Township. Honey Brook Borough offers a denser main street community setting. Honey Brook Township and Honey Brook Borough often function cooperatively regarding planning, services, and amenities given their common boundaries.

The Vision for Honey Brook Township

Honey Brook Township will continue to remain a predominantly agricultural community that surrounds a population hub offering various commercial and social activities. This will be accomplished through the establishment of a land preservation program, concentration of non-agricultural uses along specific portions of major arterials, betterment of current low-income housing areas, upgrading of all governmental facilities, and exploration of Township and Borough integration.

2015 Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan



Related Plans

Honey Brook Township and Borough Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2015)

Honey Brook Township and Honey Brook Borough completed and adopted its most recent joint Comprehensive Plan, entitled *Honey Brook Township and Borough Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan*, on July 8th 2015. It is also referred to as the Honey Brook Plan.

The Plan is an update to the 1993 Honey Brook Township/Honey Brook Borough Joint Comprehensive Plan, and an update of the Township's 2006 Comprehensive Plan. Its primary goal was to set "action items" for the Township and Borough to pursue individually or jointly.

Nine planning goals identified by the joint planning task force served as a framework for the Plan. Among those are several that tie to parks, recreation, and open space within the Township.

Goal No. 7 correlates the most directly, stating the Township should, "Maintain the parks within our municipalities as places for families to enjoy the outdoors together and to help people live healthier lives; and promote coordination between the two municipalities, school district, and others to enhance local, regional, and Brandywine Creek Greenway recreational opportunities."

Other relevant goals include maintaining the Township's rural character, protecting and enhancing natural and scenic resources, and ensuring community facilities such as sidewalks and trails are adequately planned, efficiently provided, and sustainably maintained.

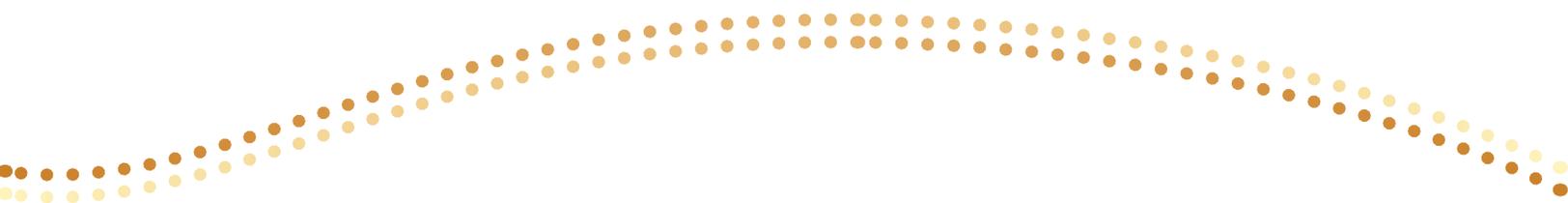


2015 Honey Brook Township and Borough Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Review

The 2015 Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan made several recommendations related to parks, recreation and open space in Honey Brook Township. These recommendations were reviewed and evaluated during this planning process to identify present and future goals and objectives. The newly identified recommendations are outlined in Chapter 4 of this document.

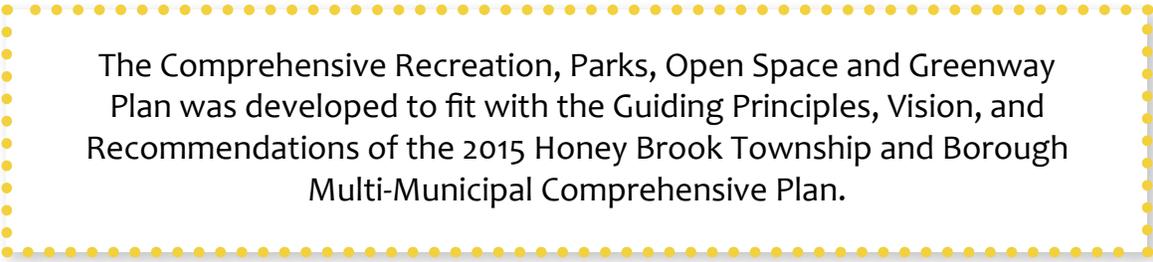
Parks and Recreation Goals

- Prepare a multi-municipal parks, recreation, and trails plan that addresses our Township and Borough recreational needs for the next 10 to 20 years. **UPDATE: Honey Brook Township Comprehensive Recreation Parks, Open Space & Greenways Plan funded through The Township and DCNR. Planning process began in August 2018.**
- Create a Honey Brook Parks and Trails Committee representing both Borough and Township interests to help guide the multi-municipal parks, recreation, and trails plan development; monitor community recreation needs; and oversee recreational planning, development, programming and maintenance. At a minimum, establish committees in both municipalities and coordinate activities whenever possible. **UPDATE: Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Board was reestablished in 2012. A Trail Study Committee was formed by the Township in 2018.**
- Consider acquiring and developing a neighborhood park/recreation facility managed by the Township to serve the eastern end of the Township as residential development of this subarea of the Future Land Use Plan occurs. **UPDATE: Development and acquisition criteria is defined in this plan.**
- Update the Township's Official Map to designate a general location for public parkland or trail easements acquisition in the eastern end of the Township, and expand the scope of this Official Map to address the Borough's recreational land or trail easement needs. **UPDATE: Proposed 2020-2021 Official Map update.**
- For all other areas of the combined municipalities, address recreational needs of new residents and employees where ever possible through the use of dedicated open space and installation of active recreational facilities in new developments, or at a minimum, collection of a recreational fee-in-lieu. **UPDATE: Mandatory dedication/fee in lieu recommendation included in this plan.**
- Coordinate with State Fish and Boat Commission and Chester County Parks and Recreation Department to expand day-use recreational facilities at the Struble Lake (subject to coordination and approval of appropriate agencies). **UPDATE: Discussed possible recreation partnerships with waterway conservation officer, Robert Bonney.**
- Negotiate permanent arrangements for public use of recreation facilities at the former Honey Brook School.
- Ensure continued public use of recreation facilities at the Honey Brook Elementary Center.
- Monitor and, where appropriate, promote opportunities for public recreational use of other private and quasi-public sites that might serve community needs.
- Monitor recreational programming offered to Honey Brook Township residents on a regular basis. Allow appropriate use of municipal facilities by recreation program agencies.
- Implement the recommendations of the Brandywine Creek Greenway Strategic Action Plan for Honey Brook Township and Honey Brook Borough.



Trails and Connectivity Goals

- Actively partner with Chester County as the lead, and other municipalities, to plan and implement the Northern Struble Trail for pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians (Borough and Township).
- Actively partner with Chester County as the lead, and other municipalities, to plan and implement the Hibernia Trail from our Borough to Coatesville.
- Establish local trails that connect into the broader regional trail network (listed above) as recommended in the Strategic Action Plan for the Brandywine Creek Greenway.
- Establish a joint Trails Committee to oversee planning and implementation of the recommendations in the Strategic Action Plan for the Brandywine Creek Greenway (Borough and Township), or utilize the Parks and Trails Committee recommended in Chapter 8 of the Honey Brook Plan. **UPDATE: Honey Brook Township Trails Committee established 2018.**
- Illustrate planned regional and local trails and facilities on Official Maps for the Township and Borough, or a joint Official Map, to help secure needed right-of-way when development is proposed. **UPDATE: Bicycle and pedestrian route recommendation included in this plan.**



The Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenway Plan was developed to fit with the Guiding Principles, Vision, and Recommendations of the 2015 Honey Brook Township and Borough Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan.

The Brandywine Creek Greenway (www.brandywinegreenway.org)

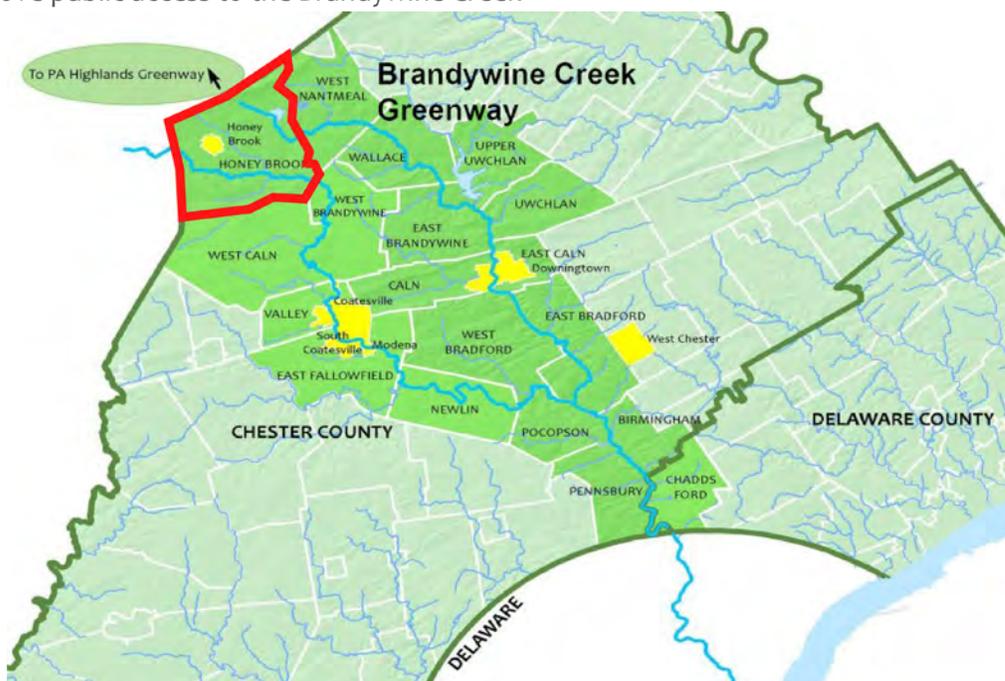
The Brandywine Creek Greenway is a regional planning initiative of The Brandywine Conservancy which celebrates conserving the natural, cultural and recreational features that define the Brandywine Creek and surrounding landscapes. It outlines directions to protect and improve water quality and vital natural resources, promote recreational use of public lands, and preserve nationally and municipally designated historic and scenic resources for the benefit of future generations.

The Brandywine Creek and its associated Greenway offers a number of recreational opportunities, such as fishing, hiking, canoeing, kayaking and environmental education, that impact the residents of Honey Brook Township. The headwaters of both the East and West Branches of Brandywine Creek are located within Honey Brook Township, with the West Branch emanating directly from Struble Lake.

Protection of the headwaters of Brandywine Creek can improve habitat, provide corridors for wildlife, and enhance riparian buffers. The enhancement of riparian buffers serves to control erosion, flooding, and minimize pollutants entering the creek from runoff.

Many of the goals of the Brandywine Creek Greenway align closely with the Honey Brook Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenway Plan. The Recreation goals listed in the Greenway plan include:

- Create an interconnected network of pedestrian and bicycle paths that connect neighborhoods to public recreational lands and schools.
- Protect and expand the equestrian trail network to connect with Marsh Creek State Park, Honey Brook Borough, Elverson Borough, Welsh Mountain Trail, Struble Trail, and the Horseshoe Trail.
- Ensure that residents of all ages and abilities have access, where feasible, to recreational facilities such as parks and trails.
- Improve public access to the Brandywine Creek





Demographic, Social, and Economic Statistics and Analysis

As part of the 2015 Honey Brook Township and Borough Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan, a complete profile of the Township and Borough was presented. The profile described the Township's:

- History
- Population and Trends
- Housing
- Economic Characteristics
- Land Use
- Natural Features
- Parks and Trails
- Transportation

As part of the Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenway Plan, the profile was reviewed in an effort to understand how each section might apply to this Plan.

Of particular note were the following:

- The Township had a population of 7,647 persons in 2010 and has been growing in population over several decades. The Township's rate of growth is higher than the overall rate of growth in Chester County, one of the fastest growing counties in Pennsylvania.
- The number of young families moving into Honey Brook Township dropped slightly over the last twelve years. The township continues to have a high proportion of residents aged 65 and greater presumably due to a concentration of retirement communities and nursing homes.
- A marginal decrease in the number of pre-teens and teens was also documented. When combined with no sizable increase in the population of young adults, it suggests many young adults are leaving once graduating high school.
- These population statistics suggest an older demographic be considered when evaluating recreational needs and demands.
- The Township's natural features are well described in the profile, including watersheds and topography.



Demographic Analysis

Chester County's estimated 2017 population is 518,934 with a growth rate of 0.41% in the past year according to the most recent United States census data. Chester County remains one of the fastest growing counties in the Commonwealth. Honey Brook Township has grown in population at a higher rate than Chester County. The Geometric Method projects the Honey Brooke Township 2030 population to be 11,853. The number of young families moving into the Township has dropped slightly over the years. The over 65 population continues to increase due to the development of retirement communities. The Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan recommends that new single-family housing be established within the Township at a level that is compatible with continued agriculture and limited public infrastructure. The 2015 Future Land Use Plan identifies three key subareas, which constitute a designated growth area: the Eastern area, Route 322 corridor, the PA Route 10(Compass Road) and Walnut Road intersection.

Chester County

Year	Population	Growth	Growth Rate
2018	522,046	3,112	0.60%
2017	518,934	2,121	0.41%
2016	516,813	1,676	0.33%
2015	515,137	2,285	0.45%
2014	512,852	3,695	0.73%

Schools

Twin Valley School District

The Twin Valley School District supports one high school, one middle school, and three elementary schools that serve the student population. Twin Valley School District is centered in Elverson Pennsylvania and the five schools are located within a half hour driving distance of each other. According to the 2017 census data The District serves a population of 24,815 and is 87.8 square miles. The High School graduation rate is 90.3% which is consistent with the Pennsylvania graduation rate of 89.9% and a little higher than the rate in Berks County of 86%.

Seven municipalities in Berks and Chester Counties form the district:

Caernarvon Township, Elverson Borough, Honey Brook Borough, Honey Brook Township, New Morgan Borough, Robeson Township and West Nantmeal Township.

The district's facilities are as follows:

- Twin Valley High School, Morgantown
- Twin Valley Middle School, Elverson
- Robeson Elementary Center, Birdsboro
- Honey Brook Elementary Center, Honey Brook
- Twin Valley Elementary Center, Elverson

Chapter 2: Inventory and Analysis

Parks, Recreation Facility and Greenway Inventory and Needs Assessment

In the development of a comprehensive recreation plan, it is important to establish a baseline of existing conditions. This inventory and analysis describes in detail the recreation facilities and programs available to Honey Brook Township residents. It also analyzes how these resources are managed, maintained, operated, and funded and compares Honey Brook Township to established standards and to similar municipalities. This analysis establishes a baseline from which to work; it allows the community to know and understand what the current conditions are as they lay the plan for the future.



1. Inventory of Parks, Facilities, & Trails Serving Honey Brook Township Residents

James A. Umble Memorial Park, Honey Brook Township Owned

James A. Umble Memorial Park is the only Township owned park, consisting of 12 acres. According to the National Recreation and Park Association classification, The James A. Umble Memorial Park is considered a Community Park and provides recreation services to residents within a 2 mile radius. The park is located adjacent to Honey Brook Borough. The location of the park is accessible to Township residents on the West side of the Township, and Honey Brook Borough residents. It serves as home field for the Twin Valley Little League. Residents utilize the paved perimeter trail year round. The park permits leashed dogs. The Park Rules should be reviewed and updated to reflect renovations and/or new facilities. The park has provided many opportunities for scout projects, including benches, signage, and plantings.

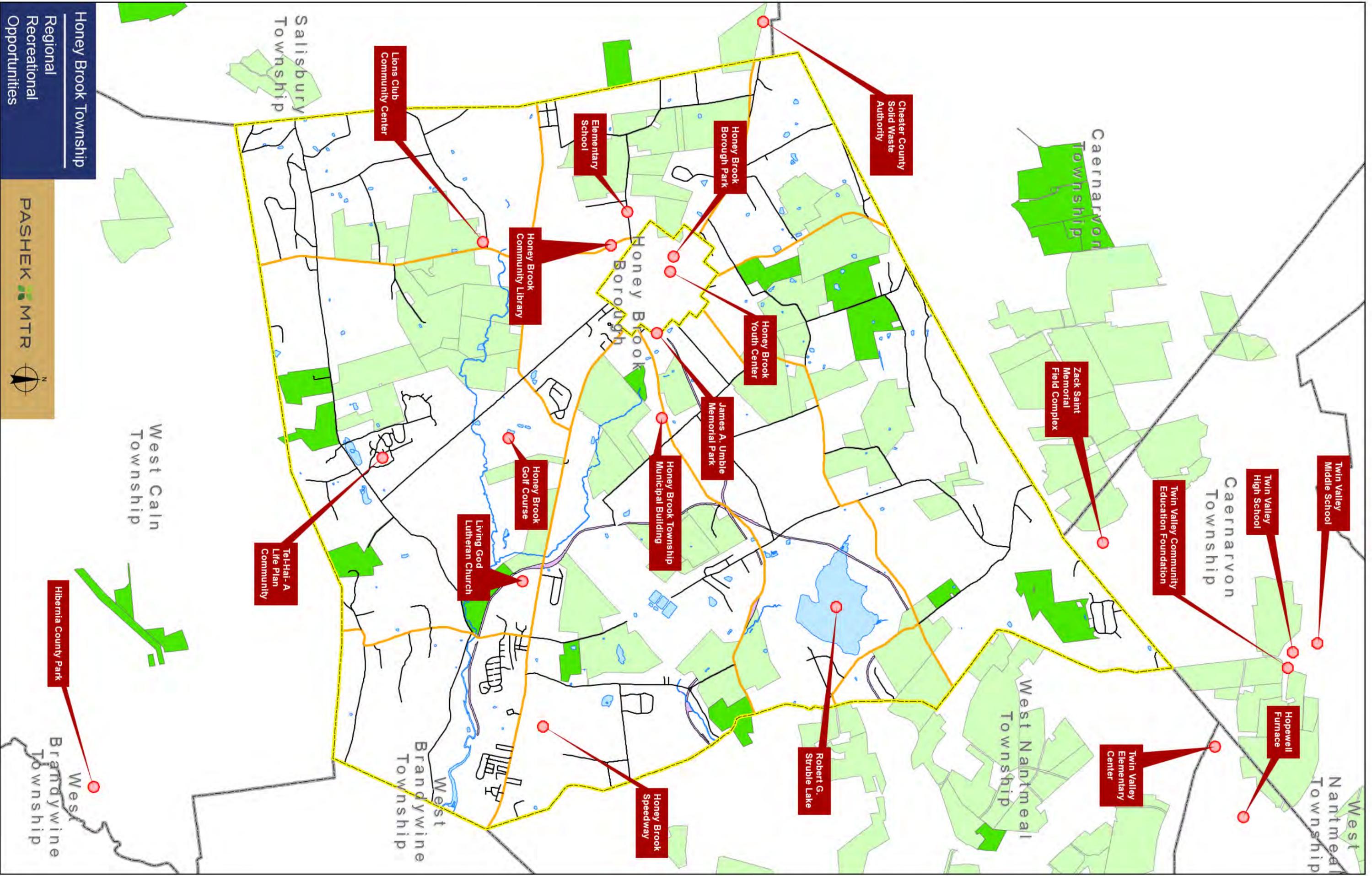
Existing Park Amenities:

- Three baseball fields
- Two separate playground structures for ages 2-5 and 5-12
- Restroom facility
- Concession stand
- Storage sheds
- Basketball court
- Two tennis courts with pickle ball lines
- Born Learning Trail
- Vehicle parking
- Horse and buggy parking
- Batting cages
- Pavilion
- Conservation garden
- Sand volleyball court

Analysis of the James A. Umble Memorial Park:

- Northwest corner of the park is wet and not suitable for the playground and pavilion located there. These amenities should be relocated or a water mitigation solution should be explored. The area should be reestablished as a natural area including a nature trail.
- Baseball fields are in good condition. Funding should be allocated for underdrain, grading and outfield netting. The addition of lights to at least one of the ballfields could allow tournaments and extend play time early and late in the season.
- The sand volleyball court is in poor condition and should be removed.
- The tennis courts are in fair condition. If the courts are to remain long term, they should be resurfaced and lined for both pickleball and tennis.
- Existing parking is inadequate resulting in parking throughout the grass and wet areas of the park.
- Park does not comply with 2010 ADA Standards.





Chester County
Solid Waste
Authority

Honey Brook
Borough Park

Elementary
School

Lions Club
Community Center

Honey Brook
Community Library

Honey Brook
Youth Center

James A. Umble
Memorial Park

Honey Brook Township
Municipal Building

Honey Brook
Golf Course

Living God
Lutheran Church

Tel-Hai-A
Life Plan
Community

Zack Saint
Memorial
Field Complex

Twin Valley Community
Education Foundation

Twin Valley
High School

Twin Valley
Middle School

Hopewell
Furnace

Twin Valley
Elementary
Center

Robert G.
Struble Lake

Honey Brook
Speedway

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James A. Umble Memorial Park Inventory and Analysis - Honey Brook Township, Chester County

Facility	No.	Enhancements and Utilities	Condition	Size	ADA	Comments
Ball Field Diamond	1	Backstop Dugouts Bleachers Fencing	Fair	CF 230' RF 195' LF 195' Batting cage 75x36'	No	No Lights; North · Home plate to 2nd
Ball Field Diamond	2	Back Stop Dugouts - need minor repairs Bleachers Fencing	Fair Good Good Good	CF 255' RF 270' LF 270'	No	No Lights; Northeast · Home plate to 2nd
Ball Field Diamond	3	Bleachers Batting Cage (Net)	Good Good	CF 190' RF 165' LF 180'	No	No Lights; South · Home plate to 2nd
Playground (Ages 5 - 12)	1	Swing set Large 5 - 12 area	Good	35x25' 65x55'	No	Play equipment is in good/fair condition. Location of equipment is wet. See Playground Audit Report in Appendix.
Playground (Ages 2 - 8)	1	Play Structure	Fair	40x35'	Yes	Located near concession stand and restrooms. See Playground Audit Report in Appendix.
Restrooms & Concession Building	1	Men and Women	Good	14x15'	Yes	Restrooms & Concessions are locked by Twin Valley Little League when not in use.
Picnic Shelter	1	Picnic Tables	Fair	16x20'	No	Shelter is located in wet area.
Basketball Court	1	Asphalt	Good	70x40'	Yes	
Born Learning Trail	1	Asphalt	Good	0.25 mi	Yes	Great walking trail on perimeter of park.
Tennis Court	2	Asphalt	Fair	78x36'	Yes	Surface should be repaved.
Parking	1	Asphalt	Good	49 2 ADA	Yes	Parking is inadequate. 11 of 49 parking spaces unmarked. Patrons park in grass area which can be wet much of the time.

Born Learning Trail

The Born Learning Trail, located at James A. Umble Memorial Park is part of the United Way of Chester County's Early Childhood Education Initiative designed to assist parents and caregivers in engaging their young children in quality early learning activities. The Learning Trail is a series of signs and stenciled prompts that adults can use to help prepare small children for success in kindergarten.

Regional Assets

Facility	Ownership	Amenities	Acreage	General Condition	Use
James Umble Memorial Park, 173 Suplee Rd, Honey Brook, PA 19344	Honey Brook Township	3 Baseball Fields,	12 Acres	Good	Public, Twin Valley Little League
Honey Brook Borough Park , 73 Pequea Ave, Honey Brook, PA 19344	Honey Brook Borough	Pavilion, bouce, basketball court, playground	2.5 Acres	Good	Public, Twin Valley Little League
Honey Brook Golf Course, 1422 Cambridge Road, Honey Brook PA 19344	Private	18 -hole golf course	181 Acres	Good	Public
Honey Brook Community Library, 687 Compass Rd, Honey Brook, PA 19344	Public Library	Library		Good	Public
Living Church of God, 3200 Horseshoe Pike, Honey Brook, PA 19344	Church	Worship, Trails	24 Acres	Good	Nature Trail, Events
Robert G. Struble Lake	Fish and Boat Commission	Lake, hunting trails	386 Acres/146 Acre Lake	Good	Public
Honey Brook Youth Center, 4610 Horseshoe Pike, Honey Brook, PA 19344	Non-Profit	Summer Camps, Youth Group, Canoe Trips		Good	Youth, Public, Steeple to People Ministries
Tel-Hai- A Life Plan Community, 1200 Tel Hai Cir, Honey Brook, PA 19344	Private	Swimming, concerts, exercise rooms	78 Acres	Excellent	Private, limited public access
Honey Brook Lions Club Community Center, 14 Mt Pleasant Rd, Honey Brook, PA 19344	Non-Profit	Community Rooms		Good	Public and Private Groups
Honey Brook Speedway, 2177 Horseshoe Pike Honey Brook PA 19344	Private	Racing	5 Acres	Good	Public
Honey Brook Township Municipal Building, 500 Suplee Rd, Honey Brook, PA 19344	Honey Brook Twp	Community rooms, gardens	2 Acres	Good	Public
Honey Brook Elementary Center, 1530 Walnut Rd, Honey Brook, PA 19344	Twin Valley School District	Two Playgrounds (5-12), three ballfields, walking trails	80 Acres	Good	Public, School Groups, Twin Valley Little League
Hibernia County Park, 1 Park Rd, Coatesville PA 19320	Chester County	Trails, fishing, boating, play areas, pavilions	900 Acres	Good	Public
Zack Saint Memorial Field Complex, 7 Pennwood Dr, Morgantown, PA 19543	Twin Valley Soccer Club	Two(2) Full Size Soccer Fields	11 Acres	Good	Twin Valley Soccer Association
Chester County Solid Waste Authority, 7224 Division Hwy, Narvon, PA 17555	Chester County Solid Waste Authority	Trails, programs, playgrounds, livestock	600 Acres	Good	Public on Sundays, School Groups
Twin Valley Elementary Center, 50 Mast Dr, Elverson, PA 19520	Twin Valley School District	Playground (5-12), one basketball court, trail	40 Acres	Good	Public, students
Twin Valley High School, 4897 N Twin Valley Rd, Morgantown, PA 19543	Twin Valley School District	Located on same campus as Twin Valley High School	60 Acres	Excellent	Public, students, Twin Valley Athletics
Twin Valley Middle School, 770 Clymer Hill Rd, Elverson, PA 19520	Twin Valley School District	6 tennis courts, 6 ballfields, 1 turf football field with track, 1 grass football field	60 Acres	Excellent	Public, students, Twin Valley Athletics
Hopewell Furnace, 2 Mark Bird Lane, Elverson PA 19520	National Park Service	Historic Site, trails, restrooms	848.1 Acres	Good	Public
Other Regional Assets					
Hearts in Hands Community Center,1 Lenape Way, Honey Brook, PA 19344	Non-Profit	Community Center		Good	Youth, Public
Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center, 2910 New Holland Road, Reading PA 19607	DCNR	Trails, streams, ponds, Environmental Center	665 Acres	Good	Public, School Groups
Brandy Wine Conservancy, 1 Hoffmans Mill road, Chadds Ford PA 19317	Non-Profit	Trails, environmental education	64,000 Acres	Good	Public
Marsh Creek State Park, 675 Park Rd, Downingtown, PA 19335	DCNR	535 Acre Lake, Trails, Environmental Ed Center	1,705 Acres	Good	Public
French Creek State Park 843 Park Rd, Elverson, PA 19520	DCNR	Hiking, Fishing, Camping, Environmental Ed	7,526 Acres	Good	Public
Robeson Elementary Center, 801 White Bear Rd, Birdsboro, PA 19508	Twin Valley School District	Playground(5-12), one ballfield, one basketball court	60 Acres	Good	Public, students, Twin Valley Athletics



Comparison of Honey Brook Township Parks & Open Space to NRPA Standards

NRPA Park Types and Acreage Standards

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is a national, non-profit service organization dedicated to advancing parks, recreation and environmental efforts that enhance the quality of life for all people. NRPA works closely with national, state and local recreation and park agencies, corporations and citizens' groups in carrying out its objectives. The NRPA has created a hierarchy of park types, as well as a set of acreage standards for different park types.

The findings from the 2019 National Recreation and Park Association Agency Performance Review uses data from Park Metrics, NRPA's park and recreation agency performance benchmarking tool, from years 2016- 2018. This research indicates there is typically one park for every 2,181 residents in the United States. In 2017 the United States Census Bureau estimated the Honey Brook Township population at 8,299.

Utilizing the standards provided by NRPA, Honey Brook Township should be providing 4 parks for their residents. Currently, James A. Umble Memorial Park, classified by NRPA as a Community Park, and is the only existing Township owned park. Although the park contains less than 25 acres, it is still classified as a Community Park due to the amenities and location. These parks are the keystone of a municipality's park system and feature athletic fields and courts, playgrounds, open play areas, picnic pavilions, and other related amenities.

The NRPA data also indicates on average of 10.1 acres of overall park land per 1,000 residents. According to the 2017 U.S. Census population of 8,299, the Township should be providing 84 acres of parkland for their residents. Determining the appropriate acreage, type, and number of recreation facilities for a community is a function of analyzing a variety of data. There are many factors unique to Honey Brook Township that the Consultant considered: natural resources located within the Township; existing park land and their current uses; recreation trends in the region; and the input received through the public participation process.

For the purposes of this study, we have taken the level of service approach a step further to determine the needs in the community including:

- interviewed representatives of various sports organizations; inventoried available fields and analyzed their specific usage; and projected future growth potential in youth sports
- listened to residents as they expressed their desires at public meetings
- inventoried all recreational facilities in the Township and evaluated their condition
- questioned stakeholders about their views on parks and recreation facilities

The James A. Umble Memorial Park provides 12 acres of park land. Based on the NRPA Standards the Township is deficient of park land by 71 acres. As discussed during the public participation process, it is recommended that the Township develop additional park(s) to meet the recreation needs of the community. The additional park(s) should service the community members that current are not located within the James A. Umble Memorial Park service area. See Park Service Map.



NRPA Parkland Classification and Standards				
Type	Service Area	Desirable Size	Acres/1000 Residents	Desirable Site Characteristics and Facilities
Neighborhood Parks	¼ to ½ Mile	5-15 Acres	1 to 2 Acres	Serve the surrounding neighborhoods with open space and facilities such as basketball courts, children’s play equipment and picnic tables
Community Parks	1-2 Miles	25+ Acres	5 to 8 Acres	May include areas suited for intense recreation facilities such as athletic complexes and large swimming pools. Easily accessible to nearby neighborhoods and other neighborhoods
Regional Parks	Several Communities	200+ Acres	5 to 10 Acres	Contiguous with or encompassing natural resources
Special Use Areas	No Applicable Standards	Variable Depending on use	Variable	Area for specialized or single purpose recreation activities such as campgrounds golf courses and trails
Open Space	No Applicable Standards	Variable Depending on use	Variable	Passive Use / Preservation

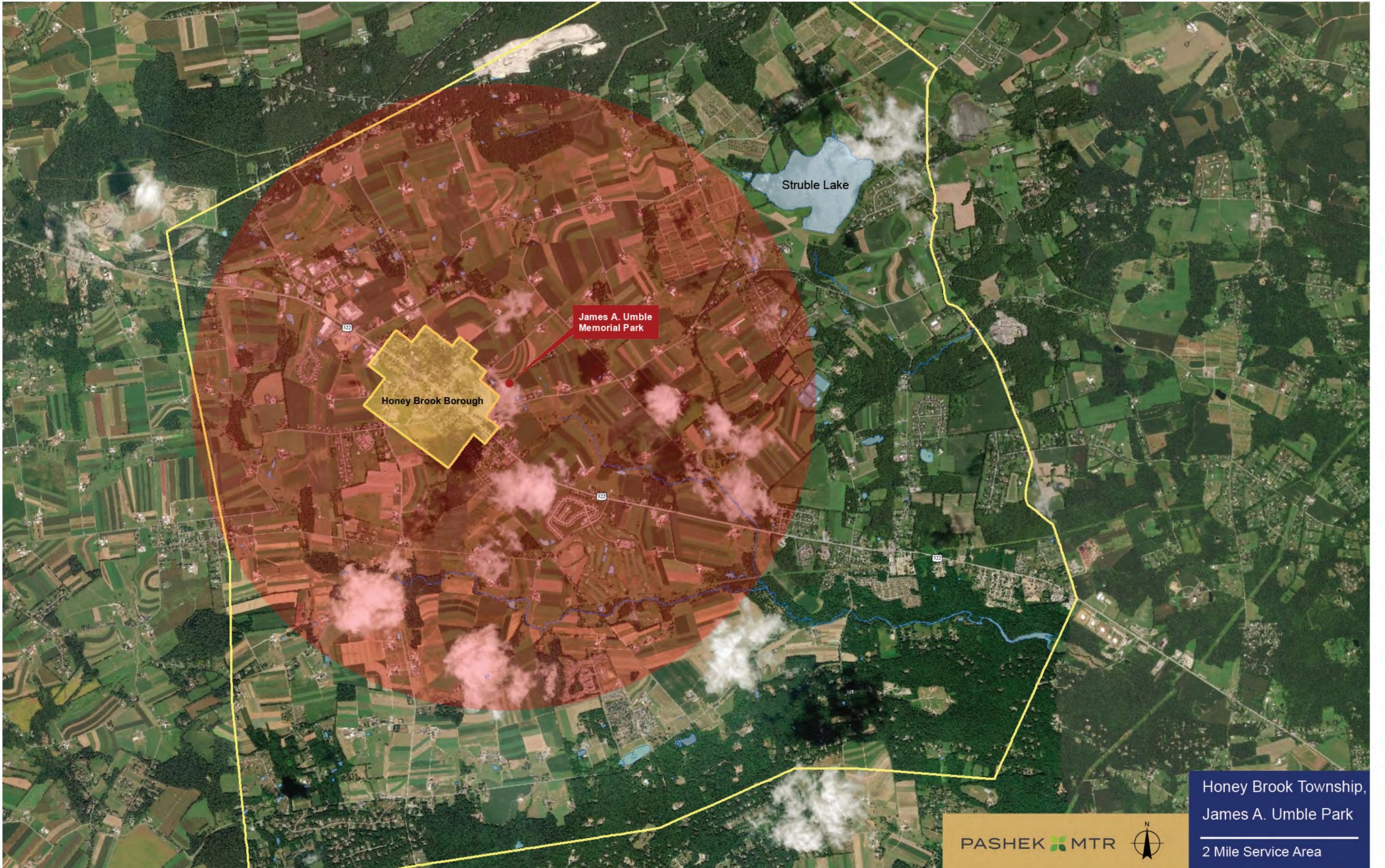
**This chart has been revisited over decades, however it continues to serve as a baseline for future planning.*

NRPA Park Facility Standards

The National Standards suggest the need for two additional rectangular fields. Although the National Standards do not indicate the need for other facilities, each community has specific needs based on their individual needs and demographics.

As the Township moves forward in developing additional park land the NRPA facility recommendation should be reviewed. These standards change based on new trends in the industry. This plan takes into consideration these standards in the park conceptual plan located in Chapter 4.

2019 NRPA Agency Performance Review- Park Facilities				
Park Facility	1 facility per x people (Less than 10 municipal parks)	Existing	Recommended	Surplus / Deficit
Playgrounds	4906	2	2	0
Basketball courts	7,000	2	1	+1
Tennis courts (outdoor)	3978	2	2	0
Diamond fields: youth baseball	5425	3	2	+1
Rectangular fields-multi-use	6000	0	2	-2
Swimming pool (outdoor)	10500	0	0	0
Skate park	19500	0	0	0
Multipurpose synthetic field	8663	0	1	-1



James A. Umble Memorial Park

Honey Brook Borough

Struble Lake

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Honey Brook Township,
James A. Umble Park

2 Mile Service Area

Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Day-to-day management and operation of Honey Brook Township James A. Umble Memorial Park is performed by the Public Works Department and contracted services. Grass cutting is performed by a contracted employee that uses the Township owned equipment. Public Works Director, Don Johnson, estimates approximately 10 hours a week is dedicated to grass cutting and trimming. Public works employees visit the park on average twice a week depending on the season and current use. Weekly visits include safety inspections of the general area, playground and pavilions, emptying trash, routine maintenance and work orders. The Director expressed concerns over the safety of the park. The installation of lighting and surveillance equipment may act as a deterrent for non-permitted activities.

Budgeting for Parks and Recreation is managed through the Administration. The Public Works Department is not directly involved. The Public Works Department maintains 53 miles of roads within a limited staff of four employees. The addition of additional facilities would likely stretch the department beyond their capabilities. As parks and recreation facilities continue to expand in Honey Brook Township, additional employees should be considered. Existing and acquired park land need to be properly planned, designed and constructed to be maintained and used for many years to come. The investment in these practices will provide for easier maintenance, a greater life-span, and better quality facilities, in the end, they will be more cost-effective and provide better recreational opportunities for Honey Brook residents.

Safety, Risk and Vandalism Management

Safety, risk, and vandalism are components which go hand in hand. The public input has indicated that there are safety and vandalism concerns in James A. Umble Memorial Park. Residents expressed recreational concerns about inappropriate and perhaps illegal behavior in the lower park area which contains the larger playground unit and pavilion. This area is isolated from the rest of the park and does not have lighting. This area has been referenced as a “hang out” area after dusk. The playground and pavilion have been vandalized resulting in costly repairs. There are no security measures such as dusk to dawn lights or cameras currently installed.

The upper park is more visible from the road and neighboring properties. Visibility of the area increases safety and reduces vandalism in this area. The restrooms and concession building are locked when not in use by Twin Valley Little League to discourage vandals. Locking these facilities creates an inconvenience for patrons using the other amenities such as the playground, walking trail, basketball & tennis courts.



The existing playgrounds physical components are in good condition; however the engineered fiber surfacing of both playgrounds is no longer compliant with the current ASTM F1487 Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use and the ASTM F2223 Standard Guide for ASTM Standards on Playground Surfacing and there is no ADA access available to the lower playground and pavilion.

Ordinance 188-2017, passed by the Board of Supervisors on September 13, 2017, added Chapter 17, Parks & Recreation, which includes park rules & regulations, to the Township Code of Ordinances. A copy of the Ordinance is included in the Appendix. This Ordinance provides guidance and consistency for implementing fines and providing safety measures. The existing park rules sign should be reviewed by the Recreation and Parks Board and updated to reflect permitted leashed dog use.



ADA Compliance

ADA compliance standards have continued to change over time. The 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act have been implemented to specifically address park and recreation facilities. These guidelines can be found at www.access-board.gov. A thorough ADA analysis of James A. Umble Memorial Park was completed as part of this plan. This analysis found that there are amenities in the park that need to be brought into compliance with the ADA Guidelines.

Each component of the park must comply with specific guidelines from the 2010 ADA Accessible Design Guidelines. A specific set of guidelines for parking, existing facilities, park amenities (water fountains, benches, garbage cans (etc.)), new construction, signage, playgrounds, access to the park, and restrooms should be reference as repairs, upgrades and new construction is designed.

James A. Umble Memorial Park is deficient in providing accessibility to all of the existing facilities. The lower area of the park does not provide access to the playground or pavilion. There are concerns that the current location is not ideal due to wet conditions and remoteness of the site. If the facilities remain in the area, ADA access should be constructed. The upper park area does provide access to the equipment, restrooms, concession, tennis courts and basketball court. ADA access is not provided to the three ballfields or battling cages. ADA accessibility should be designed and constructed during improvements and new construction. Specific recommendations to bring the park facilities into compliance are outlined in Chapter 4.

Regional Facilities

Robert G. Struble Lake

Struble Lake is a 386-acre parcel, including a 186 acre lake owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and managed by the Fish and Boat Commission, in cooperation with Chester County Parks Department, for public fishing and boating. The recreation area is bound by White School Road, Talbotville Road, and Morgantown Road. The boat launch area is accessed from Morgantown Road, Honey Brook Township. The Commission historically stocks the lake with Channel Catfish and Walleye fingerlings. Boating is limited to boats powered by electric motors and non-motorized boats. Non-motorized boats may be moored at the lake in accordance with Commission property regulations. Residents also utilize the area for hunting and bird watching. There are undeveloped trails throughout the property. There has been discussion regarding enhancement of recreation opportunities such as paddle boarding, canoeing, water safety, hunting and fishing in the future. However, the commission is not interested in the development of trails.



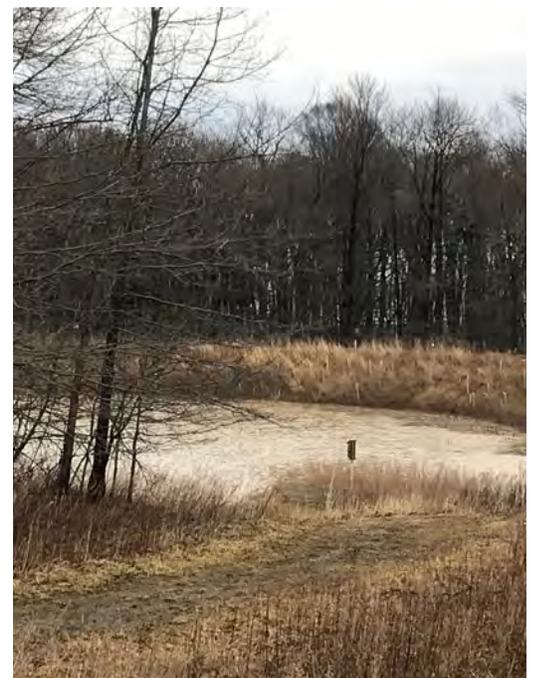
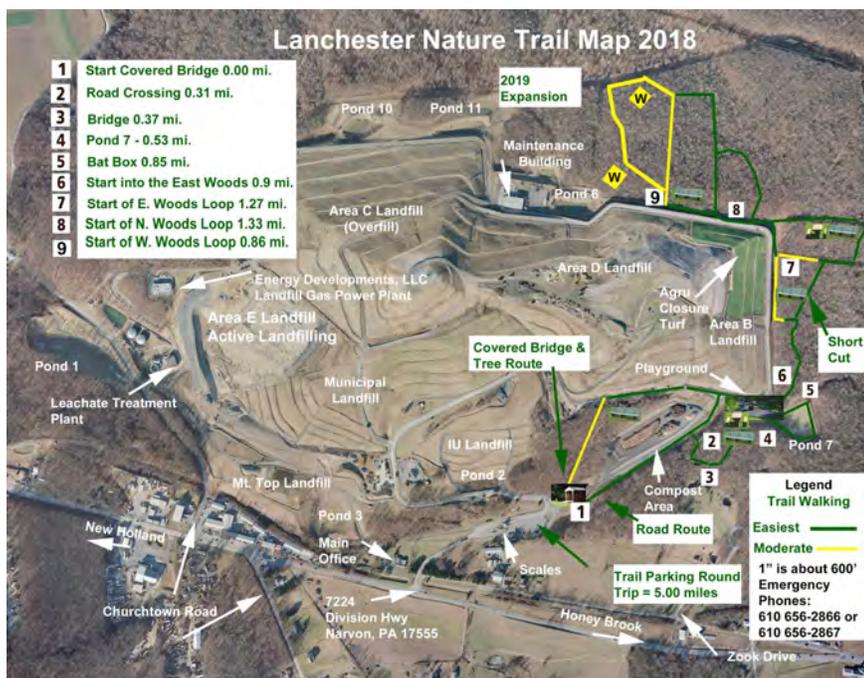
Tel Hai - A Life Plan Community

Tel Hai is a residential living community, located at 1200 Tel Hai Circle, Honey Brook Township, providing many levels of distinctively unique neighborhoods offering a full-range of recreation opportunities and amenities. Tel Hai recently debuted a community swimming pool membership program to members of the public. Membership options include individual, couple, and family rates. Swimming pool memberships include use of the pool, spa and locker rooms during open pool hours and can be purchased on a quarterly or daily basis. Membership options and fees are located in the Appendix of this document. Other recreation amenities include: Amphitheater, tennis/pickleball court, gardens, event lawn, bocce, trails, fitness center and exercise classes, art, and gazebo.



Chester County Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA)

Established in 1984 by the Chester County Commissioners, The Lanchester Landfill, a 600-acre property located in Honey Brook, Salisbury and Caernarvon Townships includes 160 acres of landfill. Portions of the tipping fee are directed to benefit host communities as well as county and state environmental stewards' programs. The CCSWA provides recreation opportunities to the surrounding municipalities by opening up the site, located at 7224 Division Highway, Narvon, Pennsylvania, on Sundays to the public free of charge. The CCSWA provides a staff member to answer questions and provide trail maps. In 2011, the CCSWA opened a Nature Trail and has been expanded to five miles round trip. The CCSWA also offers tours, interactive and age-appropriate educational presentations, certified master composting classes, Science Explorer Youth Programming on Saturdays May through September and for three weeks in the summer and conducts educational presentations about Lanchester and the Chester County recycling program for community groups, schools, business and professional organizations. CCSWA plans to install a 70 foot hill slide in the future.



Additional Recreation Providers:

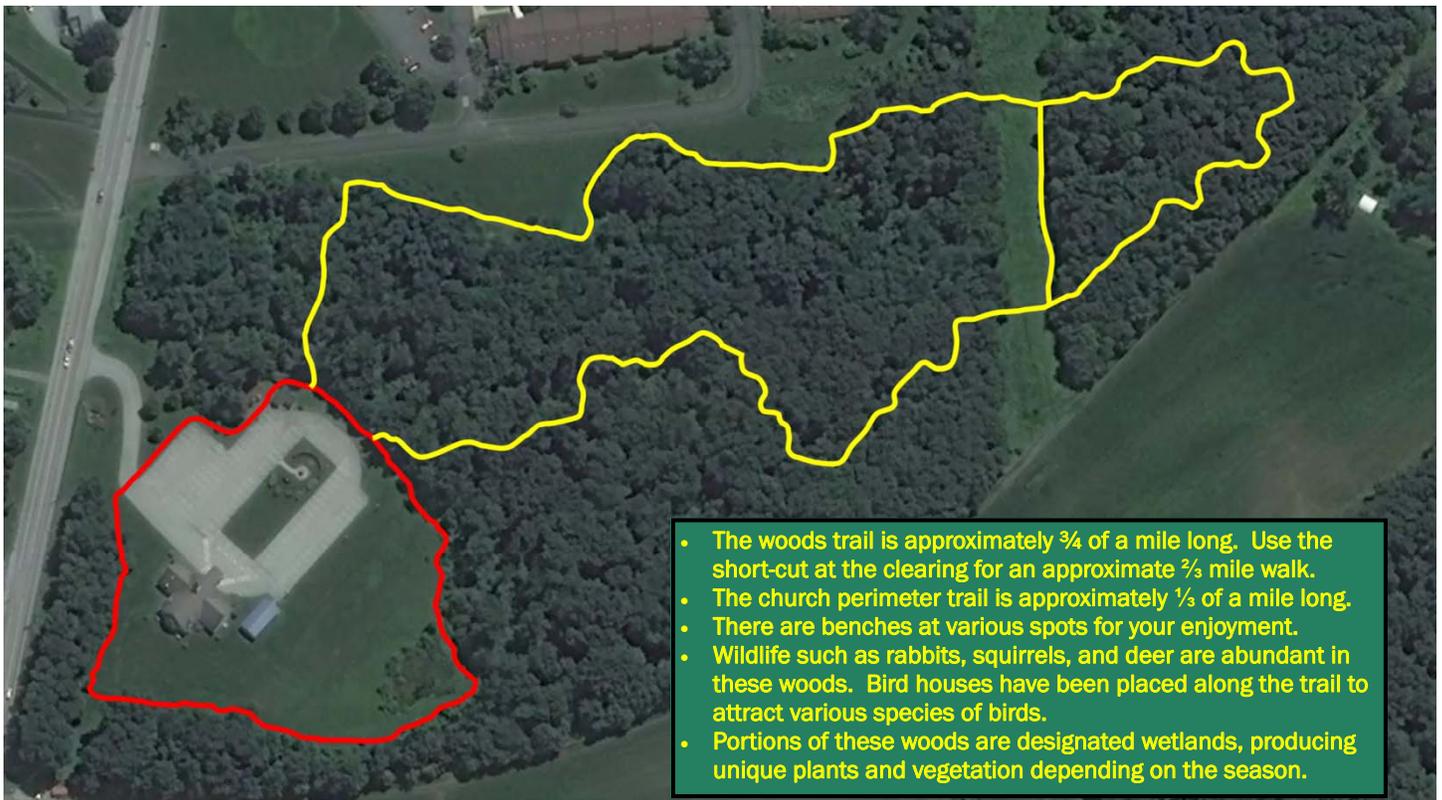
The Township has an abundant of regional recreation opportunities which vary from Sportman's Clubs which are home to rifle ranges, archery courses and a trout nursery; Lions Club; Women's Club offering Tea Events; and the numerous local churches provide fish, spaghetti and community dinners, crafts shows and exercise classes. Partnering with this organization to establish a more formal partnership could expand opportunities for the community.

Trails and Connectivity

Proposed and existing hiking and biking trails provide access for non-motorized transportation to community hubs throughout the Township and beyond Township borders. Multi-use trails provide for a diversity of users including bikers, hikers, equestrians, and cross-country skiers. In many of the areas, the identified trail routes were conceptually shown on private properties or abandoned rail road beds which have reverted back to the adjacent land owner. In addition, the majority of these parcels have been preserved through the Honey Brook Township Preservation Programs. As such public trails are not a permitted use. The Recreation and Parks Board has established a Trail Committee to further identify alternative routes including identification of Share the Road areas, mountain bike trails and hiking trails. Throughout this planning process avid cyclists and trail advocates have provided input related to opportunities, areas of concerns and alternative routes.

Living God Lutheran Church Trails

The Living God Lutheran Church, located at 3200 Horseshoe Pike, adjacent to Heatherwood Retirement Community, has an approximate $\frac{3}{4}$ mile walking trail through the woods and a church grounds trail that is roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ mile. The trails are open to the public.



Regional Trails

A regional trail system provides recreation, alternative transportation, and health and wellness opportunities for non-motorized modes of transportation (walking, hiking, biking, etc.). These trails can connect communities and serve the region as a whole.

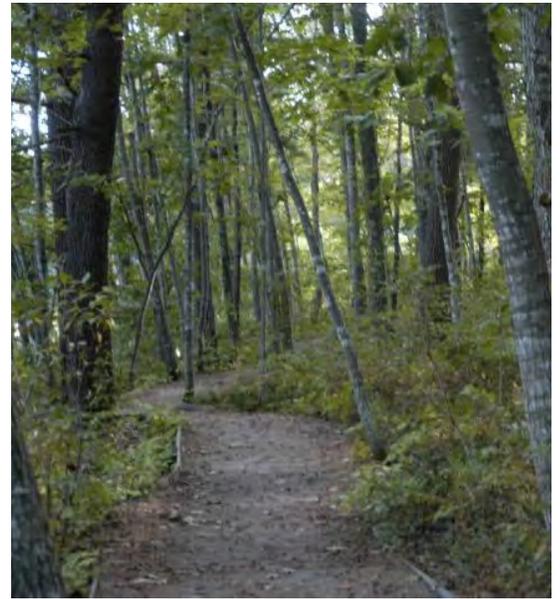
Struble Trail

Struble Trail, with 2.6 miles currently open, follows the east branch of the Brandywine Creek as it flows towards Downingtown. Sitting on the original rail bed of the Waynesburg Rail Line, the trail is generally flat, and although some undulations occur, the terrain is considered low in difficulty.

Struble Trail connects to various neighborhoods' trail systems, and is often used to commute between home and work. Connections included:

- Downingtown-Kardon
- Dowlin-Forge and Shamona Creek Parks
- Uwchlan Woods and Williamsburg Developments

Struble Trail is perfect for riding bicycles, running, hiking and walking. Picnic areas and rest stops are found at various locations, allowing visitors to stop and chat.



PennDOT Bike Routes L & S

PennDOT Bike Routes L & S are two of the PA Department of Transportation's nine share-the-road bike routes. These two bike routes could serve to make future connections. These bike routes are accessible 10 miles from the Township Municipal Building at 500 Suplee Road, Honey Brook.

Bike Route L runs from the Delaware border south of Chadds Ford in Chester County, where it connects to the Delaware Bicycle Route 1, north to the New York border north of Lanesboro, Susquehanna County where it connects to New York State Bicycle Route 11. The route runs through the eastern part of the state passing through the Lehigh Valley and the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area.

Bike Route S runs from the West Virginia border in West Alexander, Washington County east to the New Jersey border at the Delaware River in Washington Crossing, Bucks County. The route passes through the southern part of the state, passing to the south of Pittsburgh, passing through York and Lancaster, and passing to the north of Philadelphia. It utilizes the Youghiogheny River Trail in western Pennsylvania, which is part of the Great Allegheny Passage. Between West Newton and Rockwood, Route S follows U.S. Bicycle Route 50 along the Great Allegheny Passage.

Trails

Honey Brook Township

Chester County, Pennsylvania

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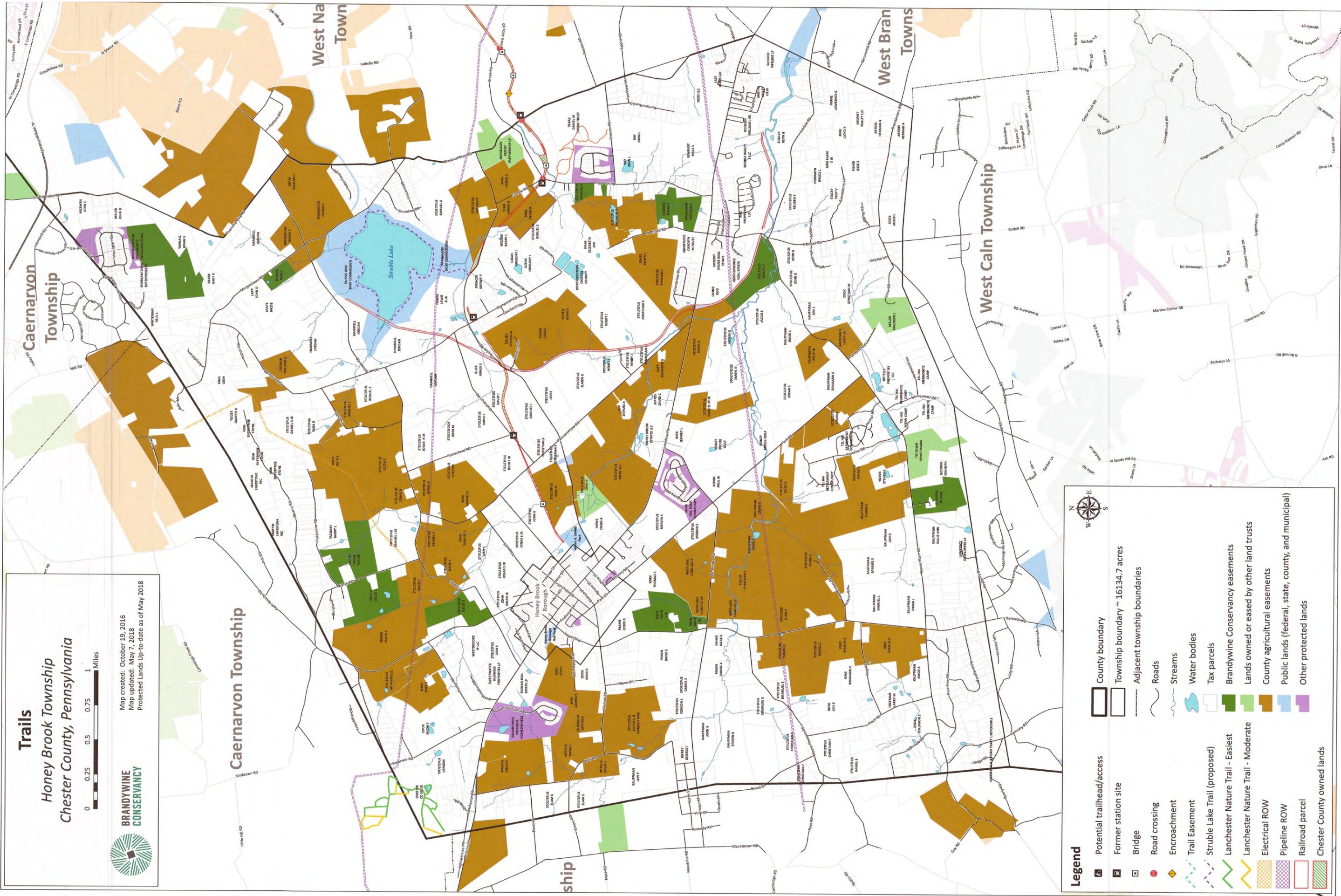
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Legend

- County boundary
- Township boundary ~ 16134.7 acres
- Adjacent township boundaries
- Bridge
- Road crossing
- Encroachment
- Trail Easement
- Struble Lake Trail (proposed)
- Lancaster Nature Trail - East
- Lancaster Nature Trail - Moderate
- Electrical ROW
- Pipeline ROW
- Railroad parcel
- Chester County owned lands
- Potential trailhead/access
- Former station site
- Road crossing
- Encroachment
- Stream
- Water bodies
- Tax parcels
- Brandywine Conservancy easements
- Lands owned or eased by other land trusts
- County agricultural easements
- Public lands (federal, state, county, and municipal)
- Other protected lands



Regional Parks Serving Honey Brook Township Residents

Pennsylvania State Parks

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has 121 State Parks across the state. The State has deemed that the parks are intended to provide opportunities for enjoying healthful outdoor recreation. The primary purpose is to provide conservation of the natural, scenic, aesthetic, and historical values of their lands and to protect the natural outdoor experience for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

Marsh Creek State Park

Marsh Creek State Park, located at 675 Park Road, Downingtown, Pennsylvania, is a 1,705 acres Pennsylvania state park in Upper Uwchlan and Wallace Townships, Chester County. The park is located 15.5 miles from Honey Brook Township Municipal Building. The park is the location of the 535-acre man-made Marsh Creek Lake. Amenities include: Boat rentals, camps, classes, environmental education, swimming pool, spray park, 11.5 miles of mountain biking, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, sledding, cross country skiing, pavilion, swim lessons, concessions, and boat tours.



Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site

Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, is located at 2 Mark Bird Lane, Elverson, Pennsylvania, is an example of an American 19th century rural “iron planation”, established in 1938. The park is located 12 miles from Honey Brook Township Municipal Building. It is a 848 acre National Historic Site. Amenities include: Visitor Center, theater programs, walking tours, apple harvesting and special events.

French Creek State Park

French Creek State Park, located at 843 Park Road, Elverson, Pennsylvania. The park is located 10.7 miles from Honey Brook Township Municipal Building. It is a 7,526-acre Pennsylvania State Park in North Coventry and Warwick Townships in Chester County and Robeson and Union Townships in Berks County. It straddles northern Chester County and southern Berks County along French Creek. Amenities include: Camping, cottages, hiking, mountain biking, hunting, picnicking, fishing, camping, swimming, boating, and cross-country skiing.

Springton Manor Farm

Springton Manor Farm, is located at 860 Sprinton Road, Glenmoore, Pennsylvania. The farm is located 11.5 miles from Honey Brook Township Municipal Building. It is a 300 acres Chester County Park, home to centuries-old sugar maples, open pastures and stately Penn Oaks. Amenities include: demonstration farm, agriculture museum, 7 miles of walking/horse riding trails, gardens, pond, picnic areas and the Manor House. The Manor House is available for private functions such as weddings.

Joann Furnace Historic Site

Joann Furnace Historic Site, is located at Route 10 North, Morgantown, Pennsylvania. The park is located 10 miles from Honey Brook Township Municipal Building. The park is located at 1250 Furnace Road, Geigertown, Pennsylvania. The park is a remnant of Berks County’s industrial past, the Joanna Furnace is a restored 18th-century iron works and blast furnace. The park is owned and operated by the Hay Creek Valley historical Association. Amenities and programs include: Festivals, school programs, weddings, and education programs.



Hibernia County Park

Hibernia County Park, located at 1 Park Road, Coatesville, Pennsylvania. The park is located 7.7 miles from Honey Brook Township Municipal Building. It consists of over 900 acres of trails, woodlands, meadows, open fields, play areas, pavilions, camping and picnic areas. Popular fishing sites include the Brandywine Creek's west branch, Birch Run, and a children's pond. In 1994, Chambers Lake was formed by the construction of Hibernia Dam on Birch Run to provide a supplemental source of local drinking water, and needed flood control for the Brandywine Creek watershed. The lake offers excellent recreational opportunities such as fishing, boating, hiking and bird watching.

2. Recreation Programs and Special Events Serving (Honey Brook Township Residents)

Programming and Special Events is a key outreach method to increase use of parks and recreation facilities. Parks and Recreation Departments are leaders in providing services and programming for children, seniors and people with disabilities. There are many different types which can be offered to the community such as:

- Themed Special Events
- Health & Wellness Programs
- Arts & Culture Programs & Events
- Before and After School Programs
- Environmental Programs
- Team Sporting Events
- Social Recreation Events
- Safety Training
- Summer Camps
- Teen Programs
- Individual Sports
- Aquatics
- Trips and Tours
- Fitness Classes

Honey Brook Township does not employ staff to provide programming, however the staff does provide support and marketing for programs. Current programming is provided through the Recreation and Parks Board, community businesses, Twin Valley School District, community non-profit organizations such as Athletic Organizations, Community Library and Churches.

The Honey Brook Township Community Library provides the majority of the programs for youth and seniors. A Community Library Program Chart is included in this Chapter. The Twin Valley Athletic Associations provide the majority of the Youth Sports Camps. Tel Hai Community provides events and facilities for residents of their community and recently has begun offering memberships to the greater community for the aquatic and fitness facility.

The Township's overall programming offering is limited due to the lack of staff and facilities. It is unrealistic for the Recreation and Parks Board volunteers to continually increase the quantity and quality of the programs offered. The Recreation and Parks Boards role should be to support the Township staff and its partners in programming, marketing and park facilities.

The majority of programs are geared towards preschool, youth and seniors with a deficiency in programs for teens, adults, and special needs. Further, there is a deficiency in special event programming such as concerts, holiday celebrations and community gatherings. Programs provided by other organizations are included in the following pages providing brief descriptions of the offerings from each organization.

As the Township increases in population, the demand for additional programming and events will likely increase exponentially. The Township should be aware of the increasing need and benefits to the growing community. Specific program and special events recommendations are identified in Chapter 4.



Program Inventory Chart				
Sponsoring Group or Agency	Program Name	Program Type	Target Group	Program Fee
Honey Brook Township Recreation and Parks Board	Pickle Ball	Sports	All	N/A
Honey Brook Township Recreation and Parks Board	Movie in the Park	Special Event	Family	N/A
Honey Brook Township Recreation and Parks Board	Summer Camp	Camp	Youth	\$30/Week
Honey Brook Borough	Music in the Park	Special Event	Family	N/A
Honey Brook Borough	Harmony Days	Special Event	Family	N/A
Honey Brook Borough	Holiday Events	Special Event	Family	N/A
Honey Brook Borough	Bocce	Sports	All	N/A
Twin Valley Mountain Biking Team	Co-Ed Cycling	Sports	Teen / Adult	Varies
Twin Valley Athletics	Sports Camps, Clubs & Teams	Sports	Youth / Teen	Varies
Honey Brook Lions Club	Holiday Events	Special Event	Family	Varies
Honey Brook Youth Center	Camps, Bible Study, Canoe Trips	Teen Group	Teen / Young Adult	N/A / Minimal
Hearts & Hands Community Center	Pee-Wee Princess Club	PreSchool	PreSchool	N/A
Hearts & Hands Community Center	Princess Club	Club	Youth	N/A
Hearts & Hands Community Center	Summer Camp	Camp	Youth / Teen	N/A
Hearts & Hands Community Center	Babysitting Club	Club	Teen	N/A
Hearts & Hands Community Center	Club Robotics/Teen/Sewing Clubs	Club	Youth/Teen	\$500





Honey Brook Community Library

The Honey Brook Community Library located at 687 Compass Road, Honey Brook, Pennsylvania, provides a variety of programming ranging from preschool programs, special events to senior programs. The library is the largest provider of programs in the Honey Brook Township area. The library provides computers for the general public use as well as free internet service.

The 2018 Honey Brook Community Library Annual Report breaks down the programs provided into target group. Below is the 2018 program chart:

Analysis of the library budget does not indicate revenue from the provided programs. The Honey Brook Community Library is supported through local government appropriations from Honey Brook Borough, Honey Brook Township, West Nantmeal Township and West Caln Township, library fees for services and donations. Honey Brook Township provides \$20,000 (87%) of the local government revenue of their budget.

2018 Library Program Chart		
Program Type	Number of Programs	Attendance
PreSchool (Birth - 5 years)	78	828
Youth (Ages 6 - 11)	47	919
Young Adults (Ages 12 - 18)	73	344
Adult	89	619
PreSchool (STEM) Science, Tech, Engineering, Math	18	140
Youth (STEM)	16	309
Young Adult (STEM)	2	10
Adult (STEM)	34	86

The Honey Brook Community Library 2018 Annual Budget Report and program details are located in the Appendix of this plan.

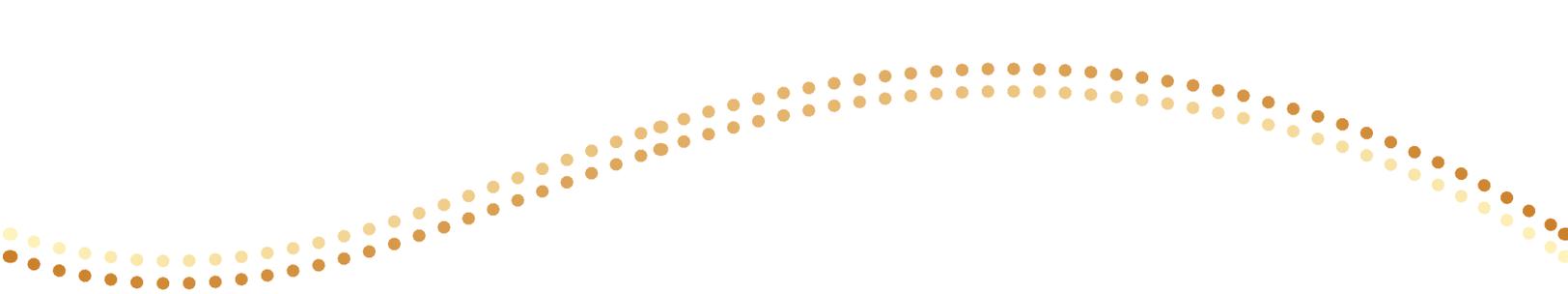
Recreation Program Descriptions

Pickle Ball (offered Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

Honey Brook Township Recreation and Parks Board began to offer free pickle ball opportunities beginning in May 2019. Pickle ball courts were added to the tennis courts located in James A. Umble Memorial Park located at 173 Suplee Road, Honey Brook, Pennsylvania. Volunteers from the Recreation and Parks Board provide the equipment and instruction. This program has been successful with participation varying each week. The Recreation and Parks Board will continue to provide the program through the middle of September. This program continues to be very successful and the Recreation and Parks Board plan to purchase two additional nets and add additional evening hours to the current schedule.

Half-Day Summer Camp at Honey Brook Elementary Center

Honey Brook Township provides a Half-Day Summer Camp that takes place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to noon, for five weeks during June and July. The camp takes place at Honey Brook Elementary Center, 1530 Walnut Street.



Movie in the Park

The Honey Brook Recreation and Parks committee sponsors free movie nights in the James A. Umble Memorial Park. This event is weather dependent but has become a popular event among residents. Gateway Baptist Church (located at 143 Suplee Road, Honey Brook), adjacent to James A. Umble Memorial Park, has also begun to provide free movie nights on a monthly basis.

Twin Valley Mountain Biking Team

The Twin Valley Mountain Biking Team is a Co-Ed Cycling team located in the Twin Valley School District. The Twin Valley Mountain Biking Team is a rapidly growing team which promotes strong bodies, minds and character for its Middle and High School Students. The team is a Co-ed Cycling Team for youth entering 6-12 grades and their parents. Current membership consists of approximately twenty-five middle school youth and twenty-five high school youth. Funding for their events, equipment and other needs is generated through sponsorships.



Twin Valley School District Programs and Summer Camps

Boys' and Girls' Basketball Camp - The Boys' and Girls' Basketball Camp is directed by the Twin Valley Head Varsity Boys' Coach. The camp is held at the Twin Valley High School Main and Auxiliary Gymnasium. The camp is held during a week in June for youth entering 2-9 grades.

Field Hockey Camp - The Twin Valley Youth Field Hockey Camp is an instructional camp for youth entering Kindergarten - 8 grades. It is a half day camp held one for one week in August. The camp is held at the Twin Valley Middle School Turf Field 2.

Twin Valley Futures Football Camp - The Twin Valley Futures Football Camp is a non-contact camp for boys entering grades 2-9. The camp is located at the Twin Valley High School Football Field and the camp is scheduled for four days during the month of June.

Boys' and Girls' Soccer Camp -The Future Raiders Soccer Camp is available to any boy or girl entering Kindergarten - 6 grades. The camp is held two hours in the evening for one week at the end of July. The camp is located at the Twin Valley Middle School Turf Field 2.

Track Academy - The Twin Valley Track Academy is available to students entering 1-8 grades. The camp is one week long and held at the Twin Valley High School Stadium and Track for one week in June.



Twin Valley Raiders Athletics

Morgantown Athletic Association: Located in Morgantown, this a non-profit, all-volunteer organization providing safe, fun and healthy ways for children to learn and play recreational baseball, softball and tee ball. It has served the community for over 65 years.

Raider Mat Club

The Raider Mat Club was founded in 2003. This organization has grown over the past 12 years due to very dedicated group of wrestlers and their families. Practice is held in the mat room which is attached to the middle school.

Twin Valley Basketball Association

Sponsors varsity, youth and freshman basketball.

Twin Valley Lacrosse Club

The Twin Valley Lacrosse Club offers lacrosse programs for boys and girls in 1st through 8th grades and High School. All 3rd through 8th grade teams play competitive games against other youth lacrosse clubs in Berks County. The High School teams play other schools in the Berks County area and are associated with the Berks County Interscholastic Athletic Association. The Lacrosse Season typically runs March through May with open registration December through January prior to the season start. Youth (1st-2nd grades) practice weekly with an intended game at the end of their season. Youth (3rd-8th grades) typically play one game on Saturday and Sunday. Some teams may participate in select tournaments. The High School teams typically play multiple games during the week both home and away.

The Twin Valley Lacrosse Club is associated with US Lacrosse. The US Lacrosse Youth Rules and Best Practice are utilized in game play and coaching. Many Twin Valley coaches are US Lacrosse certified and the program is working toward certifying a coach at each age group.

Twin Valley Youth Field Hockey

The Twin Valley Youth Field Hockey Club provides an opportunity to build skills in sportsmanship, teamwork, and leadership while participating in a competitive athletic environment. The Club hosts clinics, and camps and other youth programming.

Twin Valley Soccer Club

Zack Saint Memorial Field Complex, Caernarvon Township, located at 1 Pennwood Drive, owns and operates three grass soccer fields. Field One, 47 x 30 yards in size, serves youth under 7 years of age, Field Two, 75 x 47 yards in size, serves youth under 9 years of age, and Field Three, 110 x 65 yards in size, serves youth under 11 years of age. There are restrooms and parking available on the site.

Twin Valley Little League

The Twin Valley Little League uses the three ballfields, located in James A. Umble Memorial Park restrooms and concession stand during the spring and fall for regional tee ball, softball and baseball programs. The program also uses fields at the Honey Brook Elementary School. The relationship between the Little League and Township has been strained in recent years because of a lack of communication and no understanding of roles and responsibilities. To address these and other issues, the Recreation and Parks Board is drafting a written agreement which will be presented to the Twin Valley Little League in late 2019. .



Honey Brook Lions Club Community Center

The Lions Club provides Community events such as Breakfast with Santa, Easter Egg Hunt, Night at the Races, and scout opportunities at the Honey Brook Lions Club Center.

Honey Brook Youth Center

The Youth Center is a faith-based program that offers activities for youth as an alternative to unsupervised time after school, evenings and weekends.

Hearts in Hands Community Center

Hearts In Hands Community Center is a faith-based, non-denominational, non-profit association, whose mission is to provide: Educational, Physical, and Spiritual support programs for those in need.

Hearts in Hand is devoted to serving the people living in modular home communities based in the Honey Brook, Downingtown, and Coatesville triangle primarily located along the US Route 322 corridor. They strive to empower local residents to effect positive change in their lives while breaking through a structure often rooted in generational poverty.

Twin Valley Community Education Foundation

The Twin Valley Community Education Foundation holds a variety of fitness programs and other classes for the community.

Honey Brook Speedway

The Doylestown Quarter Midget Club dates back to 1958 when it was located in Doylestown, PA. The track is now located approximately 3.9 miles east of Honey Brook Township Municipal Building. The track began operating at this location in the early 80's and is now known as Honey Brook Speedway. At all events admission is free to the public. The specialty Quarter Midget car is designed for youth ages 5 to 16. Races are scheduled most weekends and a few weekdays from April - November.

Additional Recreation Sources

Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center

Nolde Forest encompasses more than 665 acres of deciduous woodlands and coniferous plantations and is managed by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. A network of trails makes the center's streams, ponds, and diverse habitats accessible to both students and visitors. Teaching stations offer places for students to work and benches for those who wish to sit and enjoy the sights and sounds associated with the natural world. ADA accessible trails are located by the mansion and sawmill. The Nolde Mansion houses offices for the center staff. A garden featuring native wildflowers is adjacent to the mansion.

The C.H. McConnell Environmental Education Hall near the mansion is the indoor site for year-round programming. Amenities include: Hiking, picnicking, cross country skiing, camping and environmental education.

Chester County Parks and Recreation

Chester County Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of programming for all ages ranging from Archery, Disc Golf, Moonlight Night Hike, Trails, Lakes, fishing, boating, camping and much more.



Honey Brook Golf Course

Honey Brook Golf Course provides community events such as Family Fun Night, Music Events, Sunday Brunch, Beer and Wine Wednesdays and golf.

3. Honey Brook Township Finances

The financial analysis evaluates past and current financial trends (in the case of Honey Brook Township, many of these functions are not applicable due to the size and nature of the Township). This Plan's recommendations are based on this administrative analysis. They are intended to provide a structure that will allow for appropriate management and development of parks and recreation in Honey Brook Township.

National financing data per the U.S. Census Bureau, local and regional park agencies had operations expenditures for \$36.4 billion in 2016. The typical park agency having annual operating expenditures of \$3,834,500 or \$78.69 on a per capita basis.

Every five years, states across the nation are required to produce a new statewide recreation plan to remain eligible to receive federal Land and Water Conservation funds. The plan guides outdoor recreation programs, policies and projects. Based on the best available data through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), from 2008-2012 municipalities spent about \$457 million on recreation, or \$36 per capita. According to the 2014-2019 Pennsylvania Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the median recreation expenditure per municipality was \$13, 627.

Honey Brook Township's 2019 per capita is \$1.48, well below the national and state averages. According to the National Recreation and Park Association Date the 2018 national operating expenditure per capita was \$78.26/year. The Township's desire to enhance the quality of life through parks and recreation opportunities continues to increase.

In order to compare the Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation with other Pennsylvania municipalities, the Administration should continue to utilize Municipal Budgeting and Finance Standards set forth by Pennsylvania Municipal League.

Potential Sources of Private and Public Funding

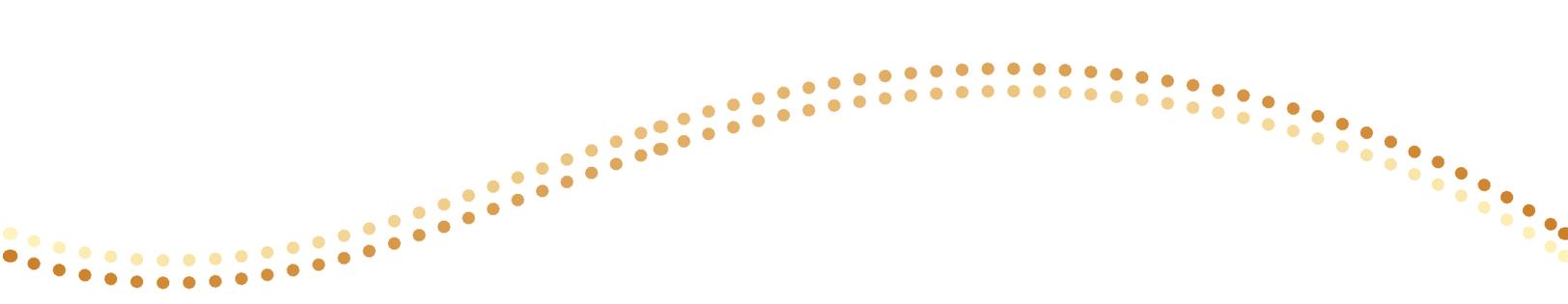
1. Sponsorships

The Township has no formal sponsorship policy. Development of a policy would provide the Recreation and Parks Board and Trail Committee to provide potential donors with consistent levels of gifts and donations.

2. Land Preservation Funding

PA Act 115 of 2013 amended Pennsylvania's Open Space Law (Act 442 of January 19, 1967, as amended), authorized local government units to preserve, acquire or hold land of open space using a special earned income tax assessment if it was approved by referendum. Honey Brook Township voters approved this dedicated open space tax in 2005 and it continues to fund a very successful land preservation program.

The Act 115 amendment now provides greater flexibility for use of these funds because it allows for some revenue to be used for maintenance and development expenses. Now in addition to acquiring land and easements, dedicated open space taxes may be used to:



Develop, improve design, engineer and maintain open space acquired with dedicated open space taxes in order to provide open space benefits. (Up to 25% of open space taxes may be used for this annually)

Prepare the resource, recreation or land use plan needed to acquire open space.

This flexibility to use a portion of the taxes for development and maintenance is an opportunity that the Township should strongly consider for trail building, renovating James A. Umble Memorial Park, acquiring and developing new park lands. Without the availability of these funds, the capital investments mentioned above may be out of the Township's financial reach.

3. User and Program Fees

Current programs and facilities are provided to the community at minimal fee or free of charge. The establishment of rental and program fees would provide revenue to offset operating expenses as the Recreation and Parks Board expands the opportunities in the Township.

4. Grants

There are grants available through State, National and Private agencies which can provide additional funding for the development, acquisition, maintenance and consulting services. A extensive list of funding opportunities is provided in the Appendix.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) provides a Peer to Peer Grant opportunity. This funding could be used to hire to a professional consultant to provide assistance in a variety of areas related to Parks and Recreation.

The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society offers Recreation and Parks Technical Assistance Program (Rec Tap) Grant program. This is a technical assistance program that provides a maximum of \$2,500 in grant funding for municipalities and non-profits. These funds would be used to pay a Consultant to work with the organization on recreation issues.

County: The County provides municipal park grants for acquisition and development grants for trails, greenways, open space and park projects. Program details are available on the Chester County website <https://www.chesco.org/OpenSpace>

5. Mandatory Dedication Ordinance

The Township has a history of requiring developers to dedicate land and/or pay fees for future park land acquisition and development is evident from the existing Mandatory Dedication requirements contained in the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The reason for such a requirement is that new residential, commercial and industrial development brings along with it a greater demand for parks and recreation areas and facilities. Instead of burdening existing residents with the full cost to provide the added areas and facilities needed because of the increase of residents and employees, some of the expense is placed on the developer who is creating this need. The authority to adopt such a requirement has long existed in the PA Municipalities Planning Code.

Mandatory dedication and its accompanying fee-in-lieu-of dedication requirements are a commonly used tool not only by Chester County municipalities but throughout Pennsylvania. As part of this planning process, the Township's requirements together with many municipalities from throughout the State were analyzed. The draft ordinance prepared as part of this planning process is based on the Township's need to serve future residents with Community

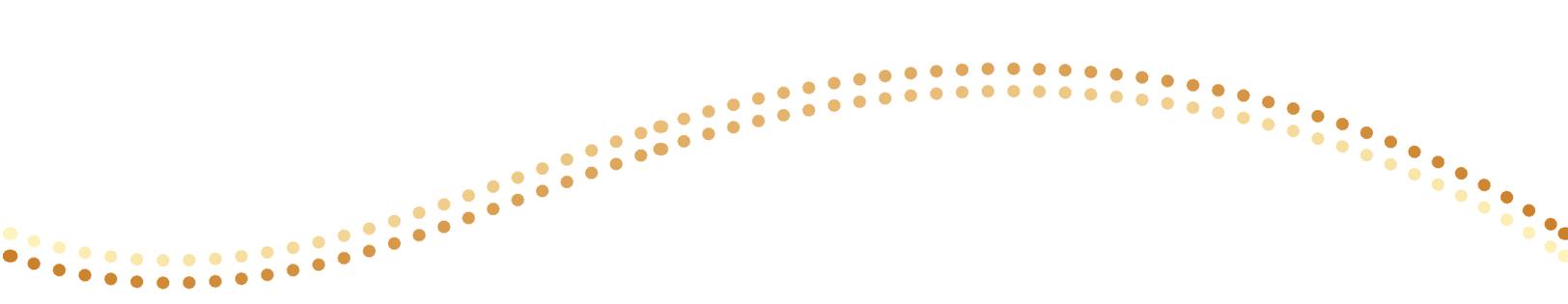
Parks, Neighborhood Parks and linear parks or trail using the National Recreation and Parks Association park standards described earlier in this chapter. The Township’s standard established in this plan is 10 acres per 1000 persons.

The methodology used in the draft ordinance to determine the amount of land needed for dedication to meet the Township goal of 10 acres per 1000 persons is based on the anticipated number of future residents or in the case of commercial/industrial development the number of future employees as projected solely by the Township. In the event that fee-in-lieu-of dedication is used for some or all of the land dedication, the conversion to fees is approximately equal to the average fair market value of fully improved acreage as determined by the township.

The draft ordinance is contained in the Appendices.

Honey Brook Township Operating Budget	2019	2018	2017	2016
REVENUE				
Park Rental Fees	No Charge			
Program Fees	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,990	\$7,257
Total Revenue	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,990	\$7,257
EXPENSES				
452.00 Recreation Programming Expense	\$10,000			
454.00 Park Maintenance and Repair	\$15,000	\$16,600	\$14,037	\$17,260
Capital Expenses				
Utilities	2,600			
Total Expense	\$27,600	\$16,600	\$14,037	\$17,260

Comparison of 2017 Municipal Budget (Data provided by the Department of Community and Economic Development)						
Municipality	County	2017 Population	Sq. Miles	2017 Parks/ Recreation Expenditure	2017 Parks & Rec Revenue	Per Capita
Honey Brook Township	Chester	8,299	24.75	14,037	4,990	\$1.69
West Caln Township	Chester	13,817	8.86	76,829	0	\$5.56
Caernarvn Township	Berks	4,115	8.91	27,279	47,538	\$6.63
Honey Brook Borough	Chester	1,713	0.48	11,091	0	\$6.47
Salisbury Township	Lancaster	11,062	41.76	168,620	48,890	\$10.82
Caernarvn Township	Lancaster	4,748	22.96	65,016	0	\$13.69
East Brandywine Township	Chester	6,742	11.15	140,357	28,230	\$20.82



Budget Process

Developing the budget for parks and recreation should include significant involvement from the Recreation and Parks Board. The budget request should be submitted from the Recreation and Parks Board via the Township Manager to the Board of Supervisors as an official request as identified above. The following suggests a possible procedure to follow in preparing for and submitting the budget request.

- Each year the Recreation and Parks Board using the forms, procedures and timetable established by the Board of Supervisors will develop a three year plan of the objectives and actions deemed necessary by the Recreation and Parks Board to promote and provide recreational opportunities for Honey Brook Township residents.
- This plan will be supported by a one year budget with projections for the two ensuing years using the forms established by the Board of Supervisors
- The above plan and budget will be developed in concert with the Township Manager and be subject to justification to the Board of Supervisors
- Upon the adoption of the finalized Plan and Budget, the Recreation and Parks Board has the responsibility with the Township Manager's professional insight to overseeing the completion of the Year's Plan and staying within the approved budget.
- The Recreation and Parks Board would only need to seek Board of Supervisors approval for deviations to either the Plan or Budget.
- Finally, the Recreation and Parks Board in concert with the Township Manager would provide monthly updates on the Plan and specific projects.

The Township may choose to cooperate with other municipalities to accomplish some of these tasks through an inter-governmental agreement. Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources provides options to fund additional professional staff and guidance to Municipalities. The PA DCNR Circuit Rider, Peer to Peer, and RecTAP opportunities should be explored.

4. Recreation and Parks Administration and Personnel

An understanding of the existing components of the current recreation, park, open space and greenways system is one of the keys to making successful recommendations for the future.

As a second class Township, Pennsylvania legislation enables Honey Brook Township to acquire land and/or buildings for recreational purposes; employ persons to maintain or supervise the use of such facilities; regulate the use of recreational facilities, or: join with other municipalities to do any of these functions. The Board of Supervisors may also create by ordinance a Recreation Board to “supervise, regulate, equip, and maintain Township funded recreation programs and facilities. The Recreation Board has only those powers specifically delegated to it by the Board of Supervisors. Honey Brook Township's Board of Supervisors has a three-member Board which serves as the governing unit that provides executive and legislative decisions impacting the Township. Each Board of Supervisor member is elected to a six (6) year term. Every two years an election is held to fill one supervisor's seat.

The Recreation and Parks Board was re-established in 2012 and typically meets on the third Thursday of the month January through October at 7:30 pm at the Township Administration Building. There are no meetings in November and December.

In March 2013, the board adopted the following mission statement:

“The Honey Brook Township Recreation and Parks Board mission is to provide opportunities for people to enrich their lives and increase their enjoyment and well-being through outdoor recreation and education.”

The Recreation and Parks Board has become a leading advocate for the advancement of the parks and recreation in the community. Their local connections with the schools, library, businesses and residents will provide insight, advocacy, and volunteering. The Board established a Trail Committee to guide the development of connections within the Township and with other municipalities. This Committee was formed in 2018 and meets on the third Thursday of the month, January through November.

The formation of the Recreation and Parks Board, in addition to the growth of the Township has initiated the exploration of intergovernmental cooperation to share facilities, and services. This may include offering joint programming, sharing facilities, developing a common publicity brochure and meeting regularly to discuss issues, concerns and opportunities. Honey Brook Borough is located in the center of the Township and within the 2-mile service area of James A. Umble Memorial Park. Cooperative programming with Honey Brook Borough may be a means to provide services otherwise unavailable through the Township alone.

The Township Recreation and Parks Board offers input and recommendations into operations, planning, funding, programming and much more. The Administrative staff consisting of the Manager, full & part-time Administrative Assistants handle all program promotion and registration, park reservations, seasonal hiring and program administration and budgeting. The Township Manager provides direct supervision and oversight off the budget and Recreation and Parks Board. The Manager approves or denies permit applications and has the authority to establish regulations as needed to recover the cost associated with a specific rental, event or program. The Manager is also authorized to designate a person to act on his/her behalf to implement and administer the park and recreation regulations. Ultimately, the Township Supervisors have the final responsibility and supervision over the Department.





5. Honey Brook Township Greenways and Open Space

Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors and residents understand the importance of land preservation and clean water. The Township Administration and volunteers have been proactive in identifying and protecting open space through out the Township. The Township has formed partnerships with the Brandywine Conservancy and County to strengthen their land preservation mission. To date over 30 % of the Township has been preserved through a variety of programs.

The Honey Brook Township Land Preservation Committee was established in 2005. The five- member committee manages the Land Preservation Program and provides recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the purchase of land easements. This program is funded through a dedicated earned income tax paid from the residents. The first Land Preservation Plan was developed in 2007 as an outgrowth of the 2006 Comprehensive Plan. The Plan was last updated in 2018.

Honey Brook Township has partnered with Brandywine Conservancy to conserve open space to permanently protecting 1,750 acres through agricultural easements. Over \$7 million has been spent to protect the headwaters of the Brandywine Creek. Honey Brook Township is one of twenty-five municipalities served by the Brandywine Creek Greenway, a regional conservation planning effort of the Brandywine Conservancy Municipal Assistance Program.

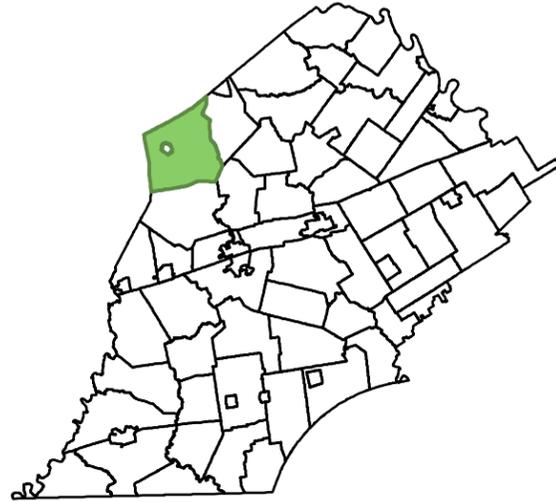
Honey Brook continues to be a model of successful land preservation efforts and serves as a model to other local municipalities.

Summary

As Honey Brook Township's population continues to grow at a rapid rate, the need for Parks and Recreation services and facilities will also increase. Honey Brook Township staff, Board of Supervisors, Recreation Board and Trail Committee have demonstrated their commitment to the residents through dedicated funding strategies and the development of this Plan.

Priority Lands Protected Since 2012

Honey Brook Township



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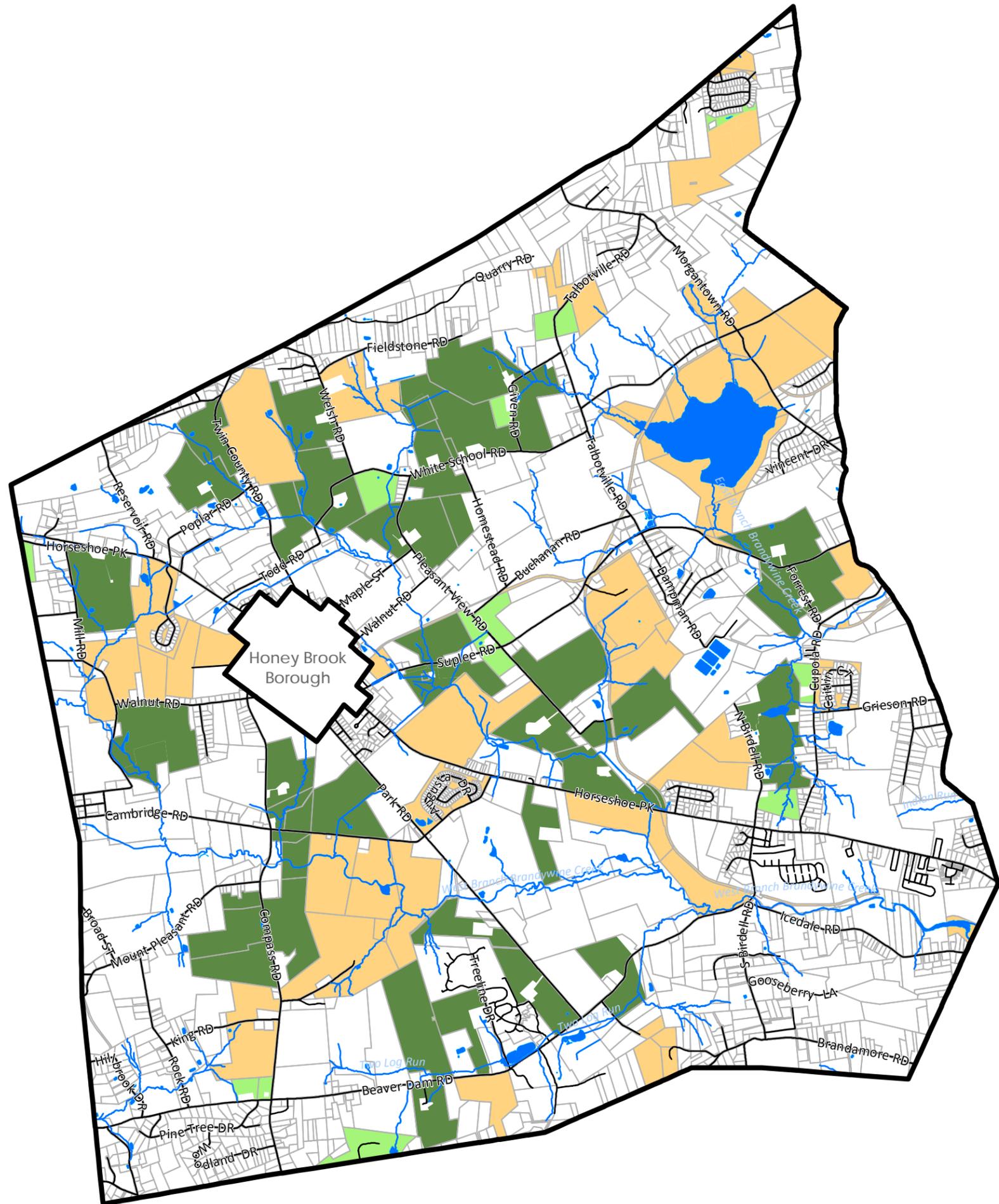
-  Township boundary (16,115.5 ac.)
-  Approximate tax parcel boundaries
-  Roads
-  Water resources
-  Bodies of water
-  Priority lands protected since 2012 - 2491.3 (15.5% of township)!
-  Non-priority lands protected since 2012 - 229.2 (1.4% of township)
-  Lands protected prior to 2012 - 2446.5 (15.2% of township)



Data Source: Base data from Chester County Geographic Information Services, 2018.

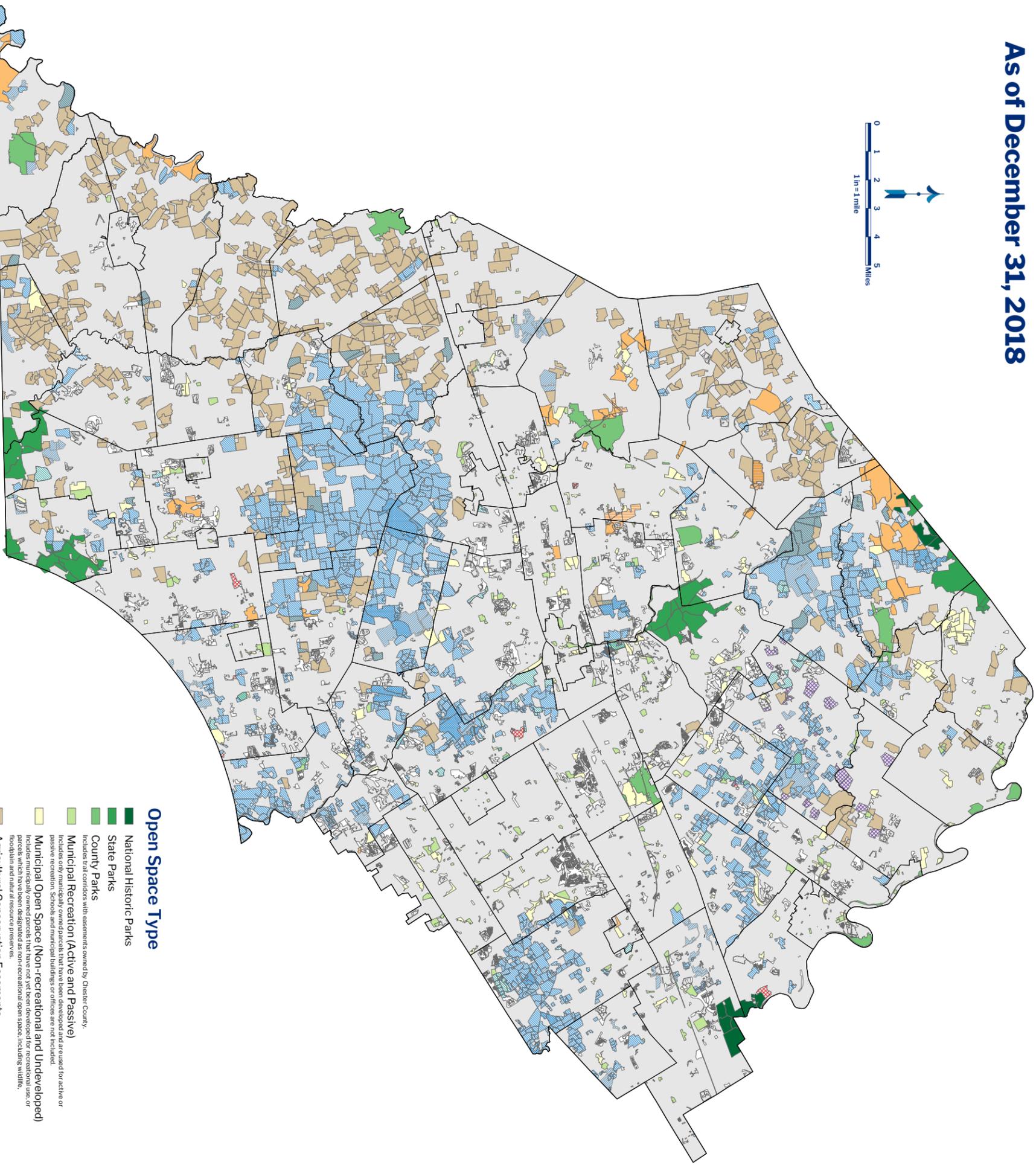
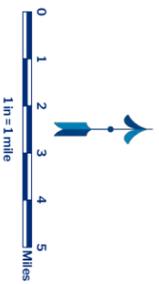
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Chester County Protected Open Space

As of December 31, 2018



- Open Space Type**
- National Historic Parks
 - State Parks
 - County Parks
 - Municipal Recreation (Active and Passive)
Includes only municipally owned parcels that have been developed and are used for active or passive recreation. Schools and municipal buildings or offices are not included.
 - Municipal Open Space (Non-recreational and Undeveloped)
Includes municipally owned parcels that have not yet been developed for recreation use, or undeveloped parcels that have been developed for recreational open space, including wildlife, floodplain and natural resource preserves.
 - Agricultural Conservation Open Space
 - Homeowner Association Open Space
 - Managed Lands Owned In-Fee
Includes State Game Lands, State Forests and land owned in-fee by the PA Fish and Boat Commission, the Chester Water Authority or the Chester County Water Resources Authority.
 - Managed Lands with Public Sector Easements
Includes land owned by the Chester County Water Resources Authority and easements that have been entered with County Grants that restrict future development.
 - Parcels with Land Trust Easements
 - Parcels Owned In-fee by Land Trusts
 - Municipal Purchase of Development Rights
 - Municipal Transfer of Development Rights

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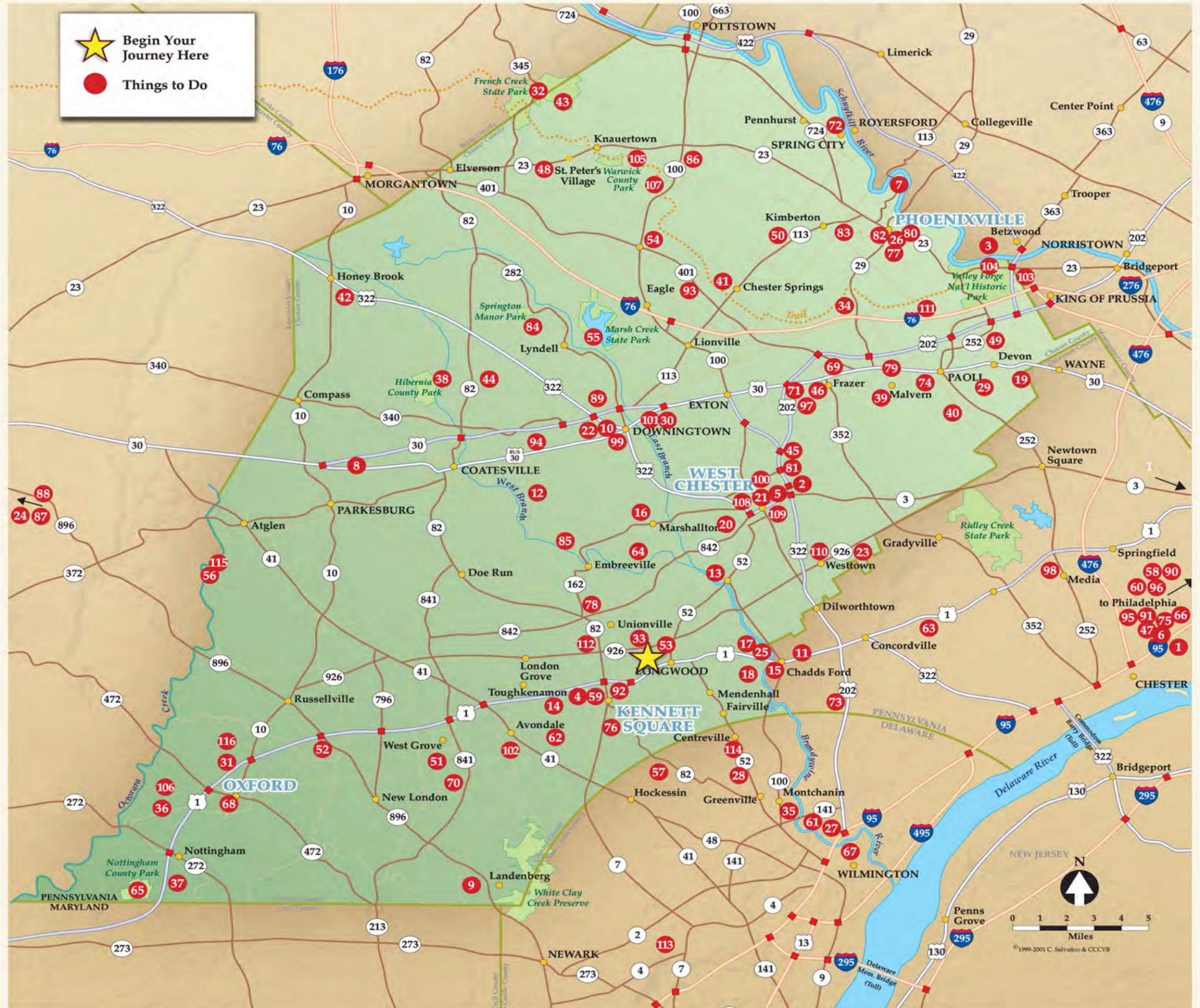
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Sources

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BRANDYWINE VALLEY
things to do

1. Adventure Aquarium
2. American Helicopter Museum & Education Center
3. American Treasure Tour
4. Anson B. Nixon Park
5. Antique Ice Tool Museum
6. Big Bus Tours
7. Black Rock Sanctuary
8. Black Walnut Winery
9. Borderland Vineyard
10. Boulder Falls Mini Golf
11. Brandywine Battlefield Park
12. Brandywine Outfitters Canoe Company
13. Brandywine Picnic Park
14. Brandywine Polo Fields
15. Brandywine River Museum of Art
- ★ Brandywine Valley Tourism Information Center Historic Building on National Registry
16. Broad Run Golfer's Club
17. Chadds Ford Historical Society
18. Chaddsford Winery
19. Chanticleer Garden
20. Chester County Art Association
21. Chester County Historical Society
22. Chester County Sports Arena
23. Cheyney University
24. Choo Choo Barn
25. Christian C. Sanderson Museum
26. Colonial Theatre
27. Delaware Art Museum
28. Delaware Museum of Natural History
29. Devon Horse Show Grounds
30. Downingtown Country Club
31. Flickerwood Wine Cellars & Tasting Room
32. French Creek State Park
33. Galer Estate Vineyard and Winery
34. Great Valley Nature Center
35. Hagley Museum and Library
36. Hart Road Pottery
37. Herr's Snack Factory Tour
38. Hibernia County Park & Mansion
39. Historic Sugartown
40. Historic Waynesborough
41. Historic Yellow Springs
42. Honeybrook Golf Club
43. Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site
44. Hurricane Hill Farm Corn Maze
45. Ice Line
46. Immaculata University
47. Independence Visitor Center
48. J. Maki Winery
49. Jenkins Arboretum and Garden
50. Kimberton Fair Grounds
51. Kreutz Creek Vineyards & Winery
52. Lincoln University
53. Longwood Gardens
54. Ludwig's Corner Fair Grounds
55. Marsh Creek State Park
56. Moccasin Run Golf Club
57. Mt. Cuba Center
58. Museum of the American Revolution
59. Mushroom Industry Display at The Mushroom Cap
60. National Constitution Center
61. Nemours Mansion & Gardens
62. New Garden Airport
63. Newlin Grist Mill
64. Northbrook Canoe Company
65. Nottingham County Park
66. One Liberty Observation Deck
67. Opera Delaware
68. Oxford Arts Alliance
69. Paoli Battlefield Historic Park
70. Paradox Winery, Vineyard & Tasting Room
71. Penn State Great Valley
72. Pennhurst Asylum
73. Penns Woods Winery
74. People's Light
75. Philadelphia Museum of Art
76. Phillips Mushroom Exhibit - The Woodlands
77. Pickering Valley Golf Club
78. Plantation Fields Equestrian Events
79. Play a Round Golf
80. Port Providence Paddle Canoe & Kayak Company
81. QVC Studio Tour
82. Sand Castle Winery Tasting Room
83. Schuylkill River Heritage Center at Phoenixville
84. Springton Manor Farm
85. Stargazers Vineyard
86. Stone Barn Cellars Winery
87. Strasburg Rail Road
88. Strasburg Scooters
89. Struble Trail
90. The Barnes Foundation
91. The Franklin Institute
92. The Kennett Flash
93. The Mill at Anselma
94. The National Iron & Steel Museum
95. The Philadelphia Orchestra
96. The Philadelphia Zoo
97. Treehouse World
98. Tyler Arboretum
99. United Sports
100. Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center
101. Urban Air Trampoline Park
102. Va La Vineyards
103. Valley Forge Casino Resort
104. Valley Forge National Historical Park
105. Warwick County Park
106. WayVine Winery
107. Welkinweir
108. West Chester Railroad
109. West Chester University
110. Westtown School
111. Wharton Esherick Museum
112. Willowdale Horse Show Grounds
113. White Clay Creek Golf Club
114. Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library
115. Wolf's Hollow County Park
116. Wyncote Golf Club



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Chapter 3: Public Input

Public Participation & Community Engagement:

Public Involvement was a key component of the development of the Honey Brook Township's Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenways Plan. This process included seven methods which provided valuable information. The methods used to gather community input included: Study Committee, 2 public meetings, digital and paper questionnaires, key person interviews, and focus group meetings. The information received through each method was reviewed and discussed among the Study Committee and consultant.

Seven mechanisms to gather public input included:

1. The **Study Committee** convened seven times between September 2018 - December 2019 to represent the community in meetings with the Consultant. The Township, library and committee members publicized the meetings.
2. The committee held a **public meeting** on October 3, 2018 at the Honey Brook Township Municipal Building. The study committee and consultant gathered input at four stations: 1.) Programming, 2.) Connectivity, 3.) Park Improvements, 4.) Survey Completion
3. The consultant created a **digital recreation questionnaire** to collect information concerning residents' recreational interests. A total of 206 individuals responded.
4. The Study Committee distributed **paper questionnaires** throughout the Township at local establishments and at Harmony Day. Twenty individuals completed the paper survey, and the data was inputted into the digital data base.
5. The consultant **interviewed key persons** and identified community organizations who represented a variety of interests in recreational opportunities and operations.
6. In order to solicit input from the Plain Sect population, the committee scheduled and publicized two **focus group meetings**. However, no one attended.
7. The consultant presented the findings and draft recommendations of the plan at a **public meeting** for comment.

Each public participation opportunity provided the committee and consultant with information to better understand the needs, desires, concerns and issues of Honey Brook Township residents. This process together with the inventory and analysis guided the development of recommendations for improving parks and recreation in Honey Brook Township.

This chapter summarizes the public participation process and results for each method. Details of each public input method are in the Appendices.



Study Committee

The twelve-member Study Committee met seven times throughout the planning process assisting the Consultant to understand community characteristics and to serve as a sounding board at each step of the Plan. The committee, chaired by the Township Manager, was comprised of Township residents representing the Recreation and Parks Board, Honey Brook Planning Commission, Honey Brook Trail Committee, Honey Brook Township Community Partners, Twin Valley School District, Honey Brook Community Library, and Honey Brook Businesses. The varied interests of the Committee provided a balanced outlook at recreation, parks, and open space in the Township.

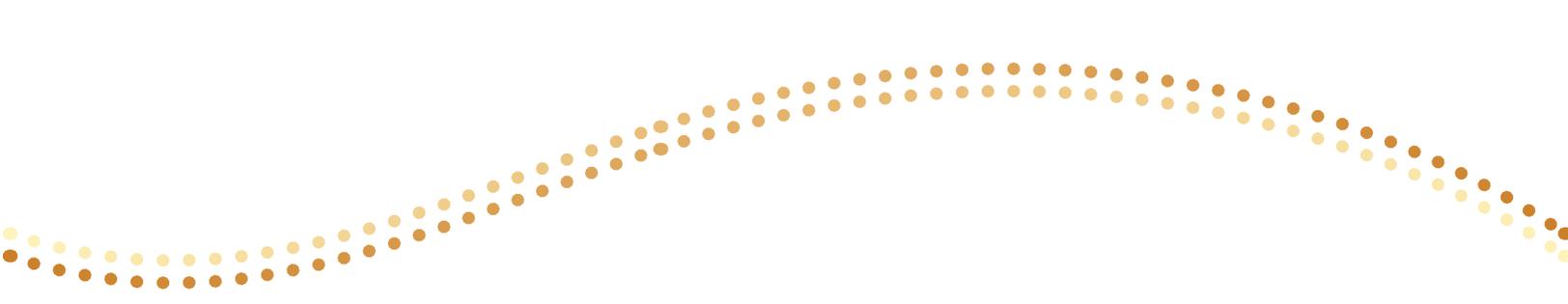
Committee members' functions:

- Act as a sounding board for ideas presented by the community
- Represent the community throughout the process
- Assist in the development of the public input forums
- Provide feedback and review of the plan
- Identify issues, concerns, and opportunities related to parks and recreation
- Guide the development of vision, goals, and strategies for implementation of the Plan

As part of the first study committee meeting, the Committee participated in a two-step process to share what they perceive as the key issues, opportunities, and concerns. The first step was to ascertain what the committee intended to accomplish with the Plan. The second was to identify strengths, opportunities, concerns, and needs for the James A. Umble Memorial Park, future parks, open space, and trails. The following is a compilation of these comments, suggestions, and recommendations.

Steering Committee's Vision for the Plan

- Adopt this plan as a part of 2015 Honey Brook Township and Borough Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan
- Gauge citizen desires and needs for recreational facilities and programs
- Consider the balance between active and passive recreation opportunities
- Understand the current usage of facilities and evaluate the need for future facilities
- Be progressive; consider cutting edge opportunities; know what is trending in parks and recreation
- Plan for future population growth
- Include a financial component for implementation and operation
- Build excitement among residents and business
- Consider conservation and resource enhancement
- Create bicycle, hiking, and alternate transportation connections and hubs



Public Meetings

A public meeting was held at the beginning of the process to present information related to existing parks and recreation in the Township and gather citizen input for future planning.

Public Meeting: October 3, 2018

An extensive publicity campaign including social media promotion through the Township, school district and community library, distribution of flyers throughout the community, website posts and word of mouth, invited local residents to the Township Building to share their thoughts about recreation, parks, open space and greenways in the Township.

The Consultant provided an overview of the planning process. The Public Meeting was advertised and facilitated as an Open House. Four stations were facilitated with the assistance of the Study Committee, the Township Manager and the Consultant to provide residents with an opportunity to voice their opinions and identify key issues. Eighteen people participated in the discussion and activities.

The four stations included:

1. Trails and Connectivity Public Input Station: The public expressed interest in having multi-purpose recreation trails that could be walked, ridden by bike or horse, or even shared with horse and buggy. Comments were positive and enthusiastic.

2. Programs and Facilities Public Input Station: More than thirteen facilities were identified ranging from passive areas to an outdoor pool. Participants were enthusiastic about increasing programming to serve residents of all ages and abilities. Many ideas such as concerts, special events and movies indicated the desire for additional activities for the entire family.

3. James A. Umble Memorial Park Opportunities and Improvements Public Input Station: More than 41 unique ideas were expressed during the meeting including:

- **Explore better parking solutions:** Comments clarify that parking is inadequate and should be improved, paved and include barriers to prevent people from driving into grass areas. Additional parking should be considered to provide quality parking options to enhance the overall experience for park users, and to make events more viable and efficient while protecting the natural features.
- **Consider alternative locations for playground and pavilion:** Picnic and playground areas in a park are popular destinations for families and groups to gather and spend time together. The current location of the playground and pavilion does not provide a safe or ideal experience. The amenities are located in an area of the park that tends to stay wet discouraging playground and pavilion use. The lack of visibility and lighting in this area creates dark uncomfortable and possible unsafe conditions for families and children.
- **Buffer parking area beyond the field of play:** Twin Valley Little League utilizes the ballfields at James A. Umble Memorial Park. During play of games, a ball exiting the fenced area could potentially hit a parked car or person. The committee suggested that safety could be increased by installing netting along the outfield fence.

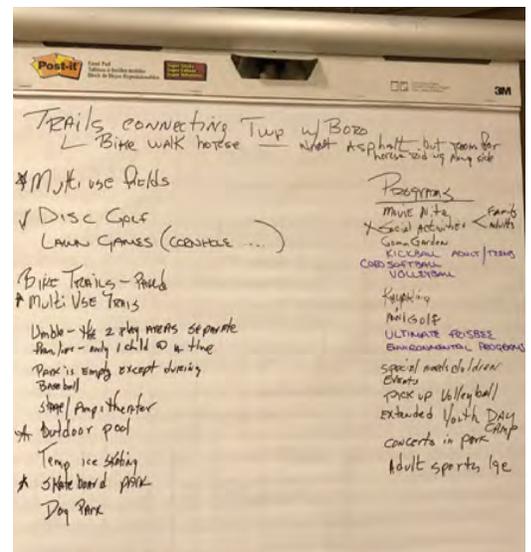
- **Add basic necessities like public restrooms and water fountains:** People want a permanent, accessible, sanitary bathroom somewhere in the park. Currently, the park has restrooms which are locked when the Twin Valley Little League is not using the field. This procedure was implemented due to vandalism to the facilities. This does not provide convenient amenities for the general public when utilizing the playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts or trail. Installation of lights and/or cameras could discourage vandalism. Additionally, public water fountains around the park could compliment active uses in the park.
- **Provide dog friendly amenities:** The park provides a convenient place for residents to walk their dog. Providing “doggie bag” dispensers, waste cans, water stations and posting signs with park rules and emergency numbers would enhance the experience of visitors to the park.

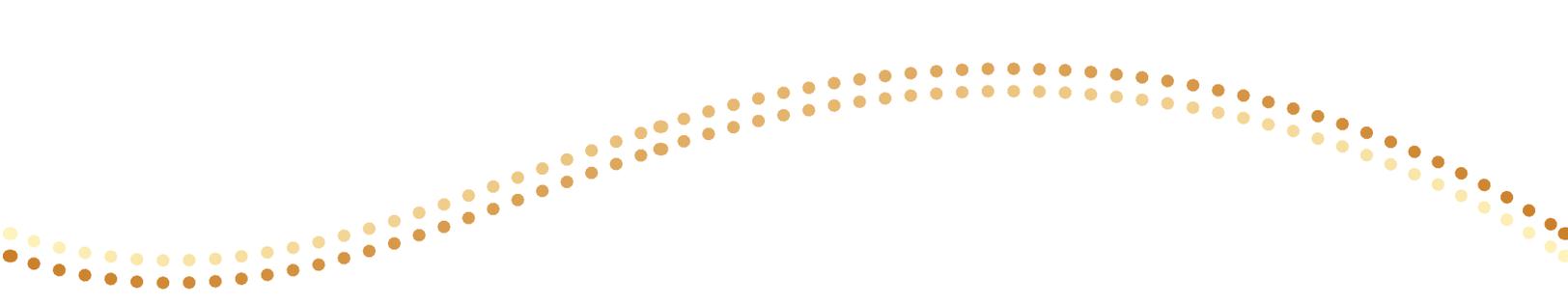
4. **Community Survey Input Station** provided an opportunity to complete the community survey.

Each station contained an easel with character images and/or maps which encouraged discussion related to each topic. Participants were encouraged to indicate their desired preferences by placing colored dots, hand writing their ideas or drawing near their desired facilities, programs, and connections at each station.

Top Priorities Identified Through Public Discussion:

1. Develop **walking, hiking and bike paths** throughout the Township, connecting neighborhoods, parks, schools, etc.
2. **Upgrade existing playgrounds** in James A. Umble Memorial Park.
3. **Development of additional rectangular fields.** James A. Umble Memorial Park does not have the capacity for development of rectangular fields. The development of two additional rectangular fields could initiate the need for the purchase of additional parkland within the Township.
4. **Provide more activities and programs** should be provided at the park; recognize that expanding programs will result in outgrowing the existing facility; provide programs for all ages including outdoor programs; need for wellness programs, physical exercise, whole family activities and special events





Digital Recreation Questionnaire

The Consultant, with input from the Study Committee, developed a nine-question digital questionnaire to allow residents to express their thoughts and concerns regarding recreation, parks and open space in the Township.

The questionnaire respondents were demographically comparable with the make-up of the Township. Completed surveys totaled 205 representing approximately 6 % of the Township's households. Due to the high percentage of the Plain Sect population, which has been difficult to engage, a high participation rate was not expected with the survey. Paper surveys were also available in high profile locations such as the library, grocery store and hardware store. The steering committee also engaged citizens at the 2018 Harmony Day event through discussion and paper surveys. Twenty paper surveys were completed. A copy of the survey and detailed response results are contained in the appendix.

The following summary highlights the results of the questionnaire:

- 58% of the respondents reside in Honey Brook Township
- 85% of the respondents enjoy nature when they are visiting parks
- 83% of the respondents enjoy walking or biking
- 78% have visited James A. Umble Memorial Park
- 97% of respondents agreed that the Township should consider developing internal and connecting trails when designing additional park land and open space

The survey results provide a foundation for future planning efforts in parks, recreation, trails, open space, and greenways. The results indicated the desire for additional programming such as special events, concerts, nature watching and exercise & fitness classes. The most desired park amenities included playgrounds and pavilions.

The top five recreation programs desired by respondents include:

1. 88% Outdoor recreation programs (hiking, biking, fishing)
2. 57% Special Events (holiday events, fairs, contests)
3. 49% Concerts
4. 44% Nature Watching
5. 44% Exercise and Fitness Classes

When asked what experiences they would like when visiting a park, they responded with enjoying nature, walking or biking, fitness, socializing with friends and picnicking.



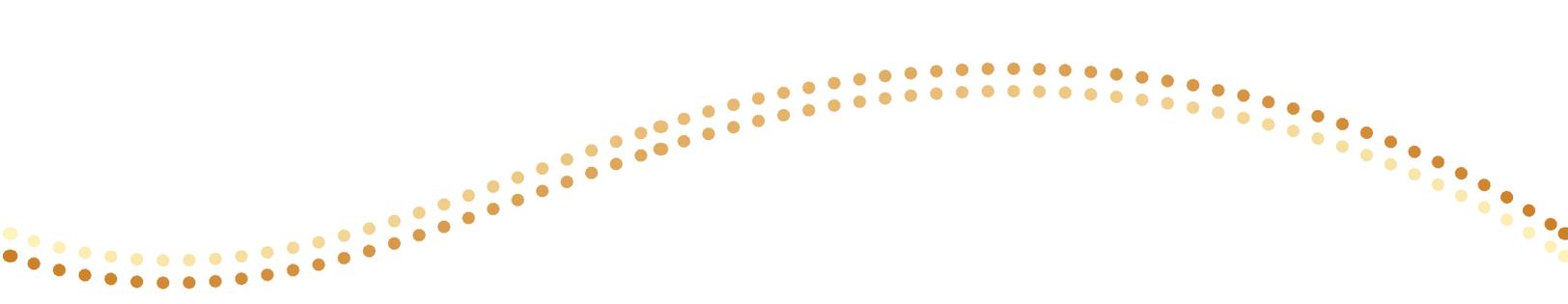
Key Person Interviews

Key Person Interviews were conducted with 20 stakeholders identified by steering committee and manager. These individuals were selected as they could provide valuable input regarding parks and recreation. Each key person was asked a series of questions related to his/her particular interest or expertise in Honey Brook Township parks, recreation, open space and greenways. Interviews were conducted in one of three ways: in person, via telephone, or e-mail.

The following is a summary of the interviews and topics discussed with each stakeholder. Detailed notes from the interviews are located in the appendix.

Key Person Connections:

1. **Brandywine Conservancy, Meredith Mayer-** Meredith has been working with the Trails Committee on a variety of topics. Her time is provided to the Township at no charge through a grant that the Conservancy has to support such efforts. The Conservancy has worked within the County to outline Greenways and Trail maps which would connect Honey Brook Township to other communities. Many of the trails were proposed through private property and therefore are not able to be implemented. Meredith will continue to work with the Trail Committee to explore alternate connections.
2. **Honey Brook Youth Center, Merv Petersheim-** The Youth Center is a faith-based program that offers after school and weekend activities for youth. Merv has ties to many of the area churches through his work. Merv would like to work with the Township to provide additional programs to enhance the life experiences for the youth of the Township. Merv would like to see more recreation programs that act as a support system for the youth that may have challenges at home or school. The average age of youth participating in their current program offering is 10-13. They expressed interest in basketball, disc golf, soccer, and basketball. The current staff consists of 60 volunteers. Merv suggested joint efforts in marketing and promotion with the Recreation and Parks Board
3. **Tel Hai Retirement Community, Katie Buck Administrator-** Tel Hai is a retirement community that provides extensive recreation opportunities for their residents such as an indoor pool, trails, amphitheater and tennis courts. A potential partnership between Tel Hai and the Township may provide opportunities to the Honey Brook Township Residents. Katie has been identifying which amenities and facilities could be offered to the entire community, not limited to residents of the Tel Hai Community. The aquatic facility would most likely be the most desirable. The Township does not currently have a public aquatic facility.
4. **Twin Valley Little League, Bill Yenser-** The Twin Valley Little League uses the three ballfields, restrooms and concession stand during the spring and fall for regional tee ball, softball and baseball programs. The program also uses fields at the Elementary School. The relationship between the Little League and Township has been strained in recent years because of a lack of communication and lack of understanding of roles and responsibilities. Bill would like to have more support from the Township and parents in the community. There are approximately 225-250 youth participants in the Spring Season and very few in the Fall. They have had difficulties in retaining and recruiting volunteers to maintain the fields and work the concession stand during games. There has been some discussion related to hiring a licensed vendor to operate the concession. Bill would love to be able to host tournaments at James A. Umble Memorial Park. In order for tournaments to be successful, there would need to be a cooperative agreement with the Township to establish expectations of both parties. Bill suggested the installation of ballfield lights to increase playing time and the ability to host tournaments.

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5. **Chester County Solid Waste Authority, Bob Watts Executive Director-** The CCSWA opens its facility for public use on Sundays. The Landfill is home to nature trails, overlook and playground. Further, through partnerships some programs are offered. Programming consists of astronomy, 4-H programs, summer camps, environmental education and occasionally model airplanes. Bob has created partnerships with the school district and 4-H. He is open to additional partners. When asked what the greatest recreational needs are in the Township, he indicated, baseball fields, tennis/pickleball and possibly a dog park.
 6. **Former Honey Brook Borough Mayor, John Swope-** Mr. Swope has relationships with many community members. He assisted the Consultant with the planning of a Focus Group Meeting with the Plain Sect Population, however there was no attendance at the meeting. Mr. Swope would like to see the Township and Borough work towards cooperative programming and connections between the two municipalities.
 7. **Fish and Boat Commission, Bob Bonney-** Waterways Conservation Officer at Struble Lake. Bob was interested in discussing future programs and enhancements at Struble Lake. Bob suggested consideration be given to programs related to the lake itself, such as water safety, fishing, boating, hunting and nature programs. The Commission would not permit the development of a trail network at this time, mainly due to the intense small game hunting that occurs on the property. The Plain Sect population utilizes the lake for recreational opportunities. Officer Bonney expressed concerns about the number of illegal recreational fires built by patrons.
 8. **Living God Lutheran Church, Kurt Schneidmiller-** Kurt is the person at the Living God Church on Route 322 that the trail committee has been talking with about the trails in the church woods. He has very good knowledge of programs and surrounding community resources and would bring intelligent feedback to our efforts. The Church has opened the one mile trail for public use. Over the past few years the church has served as a nature project site for several Boy and Girl Scout Projects. The Council looks forward to the continuation as a good neighbor to the Township and welcomes the opportunity to discuss trail connections and development.
 9. **Honey Brook Township Avid Cyclist, Bob LaDrew-** Bob is an avid cyclist that resides in the Tel Hai Community. Bob provided feedback on bike routes which are actively used or should be improved within the Township and Borough. These routes are included in the appendix of the plan.
 10. **Twin Valley Soccer Club, Mike Wolfel-** Twin Valley Soccer Club is a 100% volunteer base organization. Mike expressed a need for additional fields with lights. Currently the Club is limited to fields with lights at the Middle School. Additional fields located in Honey Brook Township could provide the Honey Brook Youth Academy a presence in Honey Brook Township. Participants in the Youth Academy Program which reside in Honey Brook Township travel to West Nantmeal Park for soccer. Registration numbers for the Youth Academy Program has decreased by 20-25 participants recently, which could be related to a newly formed recreation church league. However, the travel program numbers has experienced an increase of 20-25 participants.
 11. **Honey Brook Community Library** is currently the most comprehensive program provider in the Township. The Library hosts more than 3,000 people each year and offers over 200 free programs for residents of all ages. A breakdown of programs is included in Chapter 2. The Library has been a partner to the Township and continues to improve and expand their programming opportunities.
 12. **Skate Park Advocate, Dr. Ed Frankel-** Dr. Frankel has lived in the Township for 42 years. Over 20 years ago he worked with a designer to create a concept plan for a skate park for the Township. He has raised \$5,000 towards the \$145,000 project. He is interested in continuing to support the Township in this project or other projects that may be a higher priority. Dr. Frankel was disappointed that the YMCA was never built in the Township and constructed elsewhere. He believed it would have a great asset to the community.

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13. **Honey Brook Township Trail Committee- Ray Shaffer-** Ray hosted a walking tour of the trails located at the Living God Lutheran Church. This trail has been developed and maintained by the Church staff and volunteers. It connects to a proposed rail trail, and Heatherwood Retirement Community. Ray envisions a formal connection between the exiting nature trail and the railroad bed, which is currently being utilized by the Plain Sect as a connector between properties. Ray shared his thoughts and the desires of the trail committee to enhance connections at this location and throughout the Township to provide hiking and biking opportunities to the community. Ray is an avid mountain biker and also noted unofficial mountain biking trails in the northern tier of the Township
 14. **Twin Valley Community Education Foundation- Lynn Wyler-** Lynn has served as Director of the Foundation for six years. The Twin Valley Community Education Foundation supports Twin Valley School District by providing grants, and programming for the families. Honey Brook Elementary is geographically divided from other schools in the district. The Foundation has identified that this distance can cause challenges for students and parents to participate in programs and activities. Lynn works with the School District to engage students and families through reading backpacks, parent engagement series. Lynn expressed the need for additional parental engagement programs, literary programs, English as a second language, a sensory path to serve community memories with disabilities, and additional bike/ped connections to community hubs.
 15. **Public Works Director - Don Johnson -** Don Johnson has been employed with the Township Public Works Department for 45 years. There are currently four Public Works employees which maintain over 52 miles of Township roads. Don and the public works employees visit the park to perform regular maintenance. Vandalism in the park has created additional work for the department. Don would like to see the installation of surveillance equipment and security lightning to help deter vandalism. The park is mainly utilized for youth baseball. Don's observations indicate the lack of use on the tennis courts, volleyball court and a parking deficiency. He suggested that additional amenities in future parks include multi-use fields and trails.

Focus Group Meeting

Honey Brook Township has a diverse community with a significant Plain Sect population. Two separate focus group meetings were scheduled to provide this population the opportunity to be involved in the planning process. Unfortunately, there was no participation by this group at either scheduled meeting.

Public Hearing

On _____ the consultant presented the findings and draft recommendations of the plan to the Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors.



Public Input Summary

The Study Committee and the Consultant worked together to identify common themes that occurred throughout the seven venues of public participation. These common themes were used as the basis to develop the vision, goals, and strategies which are detailed in Chapter Four. The following items were identified:

1. **Improve and upgrade James A. Umble Memorial Park**
Throughout the planning process the need for improvements to the existing infrastructure of James A. Umble Memorial Park was identified as a priority to enhance the park experience. Respondents express concerns over the general feeling of safety in the park, especially during dark hours in areas with out lighting.
2. **Connect the community through hiking and biking trails**
The need for a system of mulit-use, interconnected trails to provide for exercise, alternative transportation and connectivity among community resources was certainly one of the key issues addressed by Honey Brook Township residents. According to the public input, many residents see a system of trails as the hub, connecting neighborhoods, parks and community facilities. Additionally, they hope the trail system will eventually connect to a host of regional trails to offer expanded recreational opportunities.
3. **Develop additional park sites**
The residents and committee recognize that the overall park system in the Township is deficient. Currently there is only one Township owned park. The vision is to develop at least one additional park to serve the residents on the East side of the Township.
4. **Establish partnerships to provide cooperative recreation opportunities**
Cooperative arrangements between the Township and other agencies, municipalities and the school district could be beneficial to all parties. Struble Lake agencies, Fish and Boat Commission and Game Commission, were identified as key partners in the expanded use of the lake.
5. **Expand programs and special events**
The community expressed the desire for additional programming and special event opportunities for all residents. Suggested methods to expand these services included community partners, volunteers or expanded services through the Township Recreation and Parks Board.

Chapter 4: Mission, Vision, Goals & Recommendations

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Implementation of this Plan is based on the process of fulfilling the Honey Brook Township's Vision for its recreation, parks, open space and greenways system. This plan and its resulting recommendations establishes specific goals and implementation strategies to achieve each goal. This plan will move the Township towards meeting the current and future recreational and open space needs of it's residents.

Going into this planning process, Honey Brook Township Recreation and Parks Board developed a mission statement. The mission statement describes the purpose of the Recreation and Parks Board. This same mission statement is carried through in this Plan.

The Mission of the Honey Brook Township Recreation and Parks Board is:

Enrich the community by providing recreational activities, facilities, and opportunities that instill an appreciation of the outdoors, strengthen community engagement, and promote the health and wellness of those living and visiting Honey Brook Township.

The Vision for Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways in Honey Brook Township:

The vision defines where the Township wants its recreation, parks, open space and greenways to be in the future. The vision anticipates what Honey Brook Township would like to achieve or accomplish in parks and recreation in the long-term. It is intended to be more visionary than specific. Some of the thoughts and ideas will be easy to accomplish in a relatively short amount of time. Other parts of it will require greater effort to achieve.

The vision has been created based on public input, the inventory and analysis of recreational resources, and the resulting goals and objectives for improving the Township's recreation, park, open space and greenway opportunities. The Study Committee played a key role in identifying the Township's vision for the future.





Honey Brook Township Parks Vision

Honey Brook Township Parks will be a multi-faceted, comprehensive system of parks, open space and greenways that will serve both current and future residents. The vision is to improve upon the use, maintenance, and development of existing recreational facilities, while creating new parks to address unmet needs. The park system of the future will provide a balance of larger community parks with a multitude of recreational facilities in each; neighborhood parks that serve residents near their homes; an interconnecting system of recreational trails and greenways; and preservation of large tracts of open space for preservation of the Township's natural features and to provide for less structured recreational opportunities.

Goals for Honey Brook Township Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenways

The key issues that were used to develop the vision statement have been refined into a series of goals that are intended to move the Township toward fulfilling their vision. The goals are broad in nature, designed to be all-encompassing, based upon community ideas and issues raised through the planning process.

Goal #1 - Provide a parks system that includes a variety of both active and passive recreation opportunities in close proximity to the residents they serve, that are safe, usable, and attractive.

Goal #2 - Ensure that a wide variety of recreation programming is available to meet the needs of residents.

Goal #3 - Develop a system of multi-use, non-motorized, interconnecting trails and greenways that provide opportunities for exercise, alternative transportation, and recreation.

Goal #4 - Identify and acquire land to provide additional recreational opportunities, open space and greenways.

Goal #5 - Establish and secure funding to implement recommendations of this plan for maintenance, operations, planning, development, and acquisition through a variety of sources.

Goal #6 - Enhance the Recreation and Parks Board's capability to implement this plan and be the Township's advocates for parks and recreation.

Recommendations

The recommendations are intended to accomplish each individual goal. The implementation strategies are organized into tables. The information provided in each table includes the recommendation, responsible party, estimated cost, potential funding sources, and prioritized time frame. The implementation strategies provide guidance to the decision-makers of the Township and those organizations and staff designated to implement the recommendations of the Plan.

Each implementation strategy is assigned a priority of short-term, mid-term, or long-term. A short-term (S) priority suggests that the strategy be implemented in the first one to three years following the adoption of this plan. Mid-term (M) priority strategies are to be implemented in the fourth to eighth years, and long-term (L) priority strategies are to be implemented in the ninth year and beyond.



Potential funding sources to implement the recommendations are indicated, where appropriate. The funding opportunities identified do not constitute an exhaustive list; and all possible resources should be continually sought. It will be important for the Township to stay current on potential funding sources. An extensive list of potential funding sources is located in the Appendix of this Plan. It should be noted that cost estimates are wide-ranging and should only serve as a starting point for project evaluation.

Goal #1 - Provide a park system that includes a variety of both active and passive recreation opportunities in close proximity to residents they serve, that are safe, useable, and attractive.

Strategies

Goal #1: Provide a park system that includes a variety of both active and passive recreation opportunities in close proximity to residents they serve, that are safe, useable, and attractive.						
Recommendation	Priority	Responsible Agency	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Comments	
1 Adopt the Comprehensive Recreation, Park, Open Space and Greenway Plan as the basis for park development in the Township .	S	Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors	N/A	N/A	.	
2 Complete a Master Site Plan for James A. Umble Memorial Park	S	Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors	\$20,000	Honey Brook Township	In development stage	
3 Provide Park Management Training for Public Works Staff	S	Honey Brook Township Manager	Varies on program; \$50- \$1,500	Honey Brook Township	Training opportunities available through PRPS and NRPA	
4 Complete Phase 1 of the Master Site Plan in 2021	S	Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors	Cost estimate developed as part of the master plan	DCNR, Township Land Preservation Fund	See Master Site Plan Phasing recommendations	
5 Enhance recreation facilities at Struble Lake	S	Recreation and Parks Board, Honey Brook Township Manager	To be determined based on programs and amenities	DCNR PA Fish & Boat Comm PA Game Comm.	Programs may not interfere with hunting seasons	
6 Develop and Adopt a Risk Management Plan	M	Honey Brook Township Manager and Board of Supervisors	Honey Brook Township Staff Time	Honey Brook Township	Sample plans located in the Appendix of the Plan	

Parks and recreation opportunities for the future and current residents will first be taken into consideration at James A. Umble Memorial Park. A master site plan is currently being developed to provide improvements in safety, parking and facility upgrades. Upon completion of the Master Plan, the Township should allocate annual funding to complete the recommendations through a phased approach. Maintenance and management training should be offered to Public Works staff, Recreation and Parks Board members, Trail Committee members and other volunteers interested in assisting with the enhancement of programs and facilities. These opportunities are available through a variety of sources including PRPS, NRPA and PPF (PA Parks and Forest Foundation).

Struble Lake area could provide additional recreation opportunities for residents, such as water sports, learn to fish, learn to paddle board, water safety and environmental programs. These opportunities could be provided through volunteers, contracted services, the Township, the PA Fish and Boat Commission or PA Game Commission. Careful consideration should be taken to not interfere with existing activities on or around Struble Lake, such as hunting.

Risk Management Strategies

1. Risk Management Plan

A Risk Management Plan for parks and recreation facilities is of the highest importance for the safety of the residents and to minimize the Township's liability exposure. Documentation of all risk management procedures is essential, not only for good record keeping and maintenance scheduling but, also, to provide evidence in case of legal action. The risk management plan should be based on the competence and training of the maintenance staff.

2. Playground Safety Audits

Audits should be conducted on an annual basis by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI). The Audits should be conducted utilizing the most current standards of care published by the American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use.

3. Playground Safety Inspections and Maintenance

Public Works Staff should be trained to recognize and post unsafe conditions, prevent the use of unsafe equipment and facilities, and report safety hazards, in writing, so they can be remedied in a timely manner. Regularly scheduled safety inspections should be conducted by trained staff at every facility available for public use.

Adequate liability insurance must be kept up-to-date. As new programs and facilities are developed, liability insurance coverage should be reviewed and revised to reflect new conditions.



The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society and the National Recreation and Park Association Training Opportunities

The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) is the primary organization promoting quality recreation and park opportunities for all Pennsylvania citizens. They are a tremendous support for local municipalities and parks and recreation agencies. PRPS provides education, training, technical assistance, and other support to local, county, state, and federal recreation and park providers. The Society can be of tremendous value to the Township and the Recreation and Parks Board.

PRPS has recently developed the Pennsylvania Park Maintenance Institute. The institute is a statewide resource to help community parks and recreation agencies with the latest tools, techniques and strategies for efficient park maintenance. More information is available at www.prps.org



The National Recreation and Park Association provides educational opportunities related to playground and park maintenance. Annually, NRPA offers the Park and Recreation Maintenance Management School. This program is a comprehensive two-year professional development program designed to teach park and recreation professionals how to develop and manage a variety of maintenance programs. Also, a one-day Playground Maintenance Course is offered in various location nationwide.

Honey Brook Township should support programs sponsored by other community organizations such as youth sports associations, schools and churches. Efforts should be made to increase programs that meet community needs for existing residents and that enhance the community's desirability for prospective residents. Adding inclusive community programs, events and activities that draw people together- creating equitable opportunities and the chance to reduce social isolation and meet your neighbors. The Township should encourage self directed recreation opportunities. These opportunities could include walking, bicycling, dog walking, pick up games, fishing and family oriented events. The activities should be promoted through the schools and other public notice opportunities. The Recreation and Parks Board should annually evaluate the existing programs and expand programs as needed to fill existing programming gaps and community desires.

The Recreation and Parks Board will identify locations where programs, events and activities can be held, and the fees associated with the program including space, supplies, expenses and revenues.

Goal #2 - Ensure that a wide variety of recreation programming is available to meet the needs of the residents.

Strategies

Goal #2: Ensure that a wide variety of recreation programming is available to meet the needs of residents.						
Recommendation	Priority	Responsible Agency	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Comments	
1	Develop new recreation programming that meet community needs for existing residents and enhance community's desirability for prospective residents.	S	Recreation and Parks Board	Varies by program	Program user fees and Honey Brook Township	Enhance and increase recreation opportunities for underserved groups such as seniors, teens, and residents with limited transportation availability, businesses and non-profit supporters.
2	Secure commercial or non-profit sponsors for special events or individual programs.	S	Recreation and Parks Board	\$0	Honey Brook Township businesses and non-profit supporters	Develop a formal sponsorship program to generate funds from private partners. Promote the economic benefits of Park and Recreation in regards to deterring crime, positive development of youth, healthy family bonds, and a sense of community.
3	Seek opportunities for cooperative programming with surrounding communities.	On-going	Recreation and Parks Board	\$0	N/A	Support efforts provided by other recreation providers increases opportunities that would not be possible though the Township alone.
4	Enhance and expand partnership opportunities with local non-profit and private recreation providers.	On-going	Recreation and Parks Board	\$0	Staff support time only	Include health and wellness programs and seek partnerships with health care providers including local hospitals , Twin Valley Community Education Foundation, and Honey Brook Area Community Partnership.
5	Provide unstructured recreation opportunities for teenagers.	M	Recreation and Parks Board	\$5,000	Honey Brook Township	Dedicated Open Gym times at Twin Valley Schools, pick up basketball, future skate park opportunities.
6	Promote Pennsylvania's iConservePA and Get Outdoors PA programs to encourage outdoor recreational activity among Honey Brook Township residents.	M	Recreation and Parks Board	\$0	Support staff time only	Visit www. iconservepa.org to learn more.
7	Develop a financial policy to establish financial expectations of certain program types and to establish criteria for programs.	L	Recreation and Parks Board	\$0	Support staff time only	Sample program instructor agreements are located in the Appendix of this Plan.
8	Develop a publicity campaign and improve marketing of existing programs to inform residents of the changes in parks and recreation for residents, which also informs of program and facility information.	L	Recreation and Parks Board	\$3,000	Honey Brook Township	Enhance the Township's website, social media, and flyers with photos and resident stories. Distribution and promotional information should include Plain Sect gathering places.
9	Develop a logo to brand Honey Brook Township Recreation and Parks. The logo should become a community icon that all residents recognize as Honey Brook Township Recreation and Parks.	L	Recreation and Parks Board	\$3,000	Honey Brook Township	Partnership with Twin Valley School District Art Department could provide design ideas/contest for the Recreation and Park Logo.



PROGRAMMING GAPS

The following types of programs, events and activities were identified as under-represented or not available in Honey Brook Township:

1. Inclusive programs: Nutrition Education, additional Summer Camps, 21+ adult wellness, special needs events and life skill building
2. Family Events: Kickball, campouts, movies, partnership with Harmony Days event
3. Youth Programs: Unstructured social times, clubs, skateboarding, arts, game nights
4. Mommy and Me Programs- Yoga, Arts and Crafts, Nutrition
5. Bicycling Club for Kids/Expansion of Mountain Biking Club (Bicycling resources are provide in the Appendix of this Plan)
6. Senior Programming: Walking, pickleball, health and wellness

Goal #3 - Develop a system of multi-use, non-motorized, interconnecting trails and greenways that provide opportunities for exercise, alternative transportation, and recreation.

Strategies

Goal #3: Develop a system of multi-use, non-motorized, interconnecting trails and greenways that provide for exercise, alternative transportation, and recreation.						
Recommendation		Priority	Responsible Agency	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Comments
1	Expand the trail network through prioritization of trail gaps, and promotion through trailheads and signage.	S	Honey Brook Township; Recreation and Parks Board; Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors	\$60,000	Land Preservation Fund; DCNR; Brandywine Conservancy	Apply to DCNR for a planning grant and utilize Land Preservation Funds as matching funds.
2	Work with PennDot and Township Planning to integrate trail development as part of planned road improvements and construction.	S	Honey Brook Township Planning Commission; Engineer; & Board of Supervisors	To be determined by project	DCNR; PennDot Connects	Township should integrate trails and alternative transportation options into all aspects of planning and design
3	Increase connections and funding opportunities through neighboring municipalities.	S	Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors and Staff	\$0	DCNR, Honey Brook Township & local Municipalities	Communicate and collaborate with neighboring municipalities and Chester County on the benefits of regional planning and connectivity
4	Acquire land and trail easements for the development of trails and the expansion of greenways.	S	Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors	To be determined by project	DCNR; Land Preservation Fund	Private landowner cooperation will be necessary for the expansion of the trails and greenways system.
5	Update the Township Mandatory Dedication Ordinance: Fee in Lieu and review annually.	S	Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors	\$0	Honey Brook Township	A draft Mandatory Dedication Ordinance is located in the Appendix of this Plan.
6	Implement the recommendations of the Greenway and Trails Plan.	L	Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors	Determined in the Greenways and Trail Plan	DCNR; Land Preservation Fund	Seek funding opportunities to support the development of the Plan.

Trails and Greenways Strategies

Pennsylvania's Greenway Vision, established by PA DCNR

Pennsylvania and its many partners will develop an outstanding network of greenways across the Commonwealth, creating an asset highly valued by Pennsylvanians and enhancing the quality of life for all. This network of greenways will connect Pennsylvania's open space; natural landscape features; scenic, cultural, historic, and recreational sites; and urban and rural communities. Greenways will become one of the Commonwealth's most powerful tools to achieve sustainable growth and livable communities.

What is a greenway?

1. A linear open space established either along a natural corridor, such as a riverfront, stream valley, or ridge line; or overland along a railroad right-of-way converted to recreation use, a canal, a scenic road, or other route
2. Any natural or landscaped course for pedestrian or bicycle passage
3. An open space connector linking parks, nature reserves, cultural features, or historic sites with each other and with populated areas
4. Locally, certain strip or linear parks designated as a parkway or greenbelt

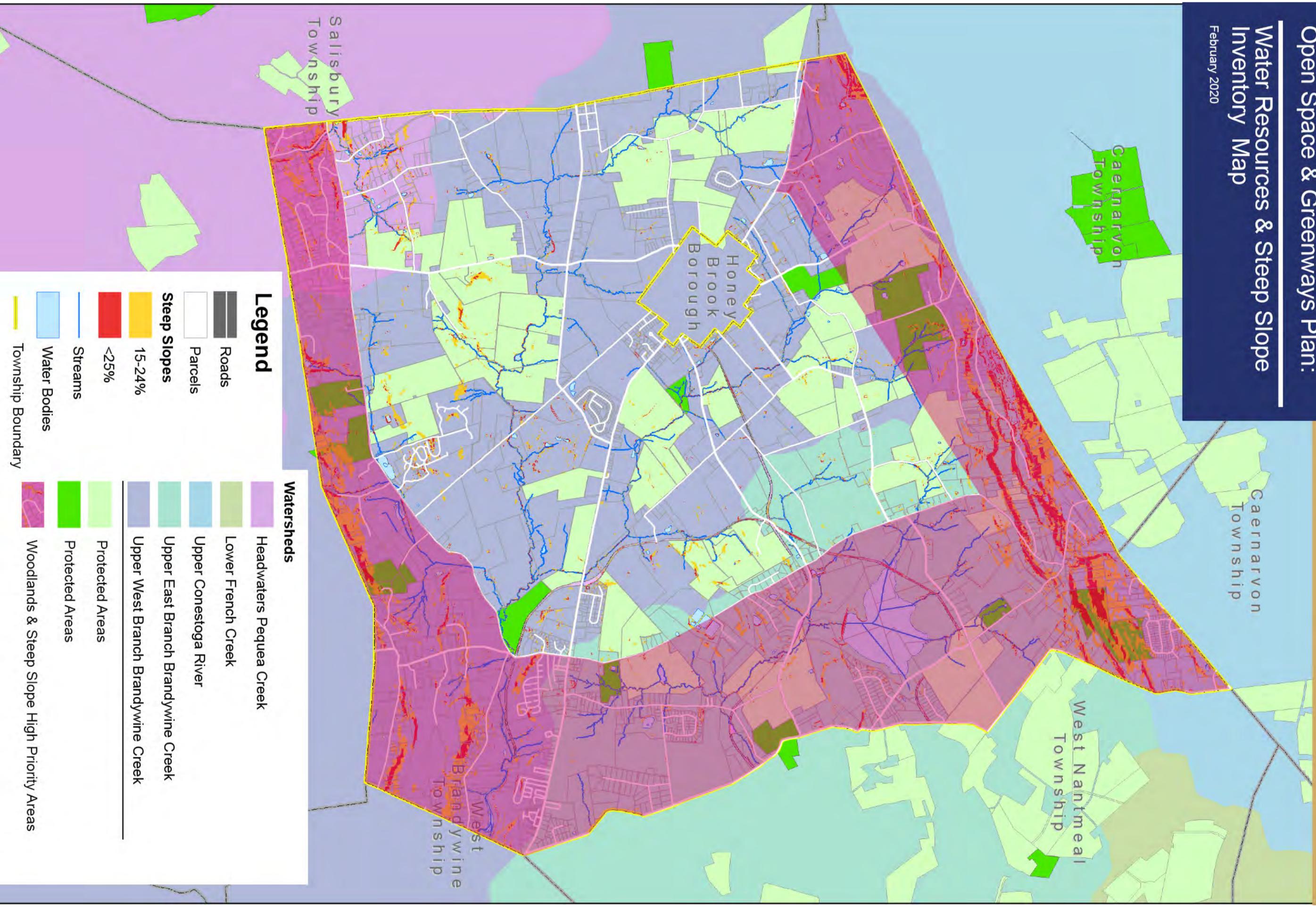
A greenways system is a multi-year effort. As Honey Brook Township moves forward with the implementation of a greenways system, the strategies and priorities should be reviewed and adjusted based on the location and established need. Potential alignments should evaluate the opportunity to expand recreational development, provide opportunities for an under served population, provide space for additional facilities needed now and as the community grows.



Honey Brook Township,
 Comprehensive Recreation, Park &
 Open Space & Greenways Plan:

Water Resources & Steep Slope
 Inventory Map

February 2020



Legend

- Roads
- Parcels
- Steep Slopes**
 - <25%
 - 15-24%
- Streams
- Water Bodies
- Township Boundary

Watersheds

- Headwaters Pequoa Creek
- Lower French Creek
- Upper Conestoga River
- Upper East Branch Brandywine Creek
- Upper West Branch Brandywine Creek
- Protected Areas
- Protected Areas
- Woodlands & Steep Slope High Priority Areas

Properties identified as potential new Parks and Recreation facilities should be evaluated for their ability to:

- Be included in a larger Greenway system
- Meet additional park facility development needs
- Close identified trail gaps
- Provide additional trail opportunities
- Preserve plant and wildlife habitat
- Protect steep slopes, 15% to 25% or greater
- Expand James A. Umble Memorial Park
- Connect or enhance Township assets or hubs
- Provide alternative transportation





Trails and Connections

Honey Brook Township is a rural community with dense areas of development in the east and southwest portions of the Township. The population consists of a significant number of Plain Sect. This community utilizes scooters and horses as their means of transportation. Many of the other residents of the community experience transportation challenges. In some cases, no vehicle is available for the family. The expansion of the alternative transportation system would provide much of the Township's population a safe alternative and the ability to participate in other community events and opportunities.

The proposed connectivity map, included on the following page, outlines seven routes and three loops which connect Township assets and/or hubs including neighborhoods, schools, parks, and key destinations such as Struble Lake. Honey Brook Borough located in the central part of the Township has been included in the proposed plan.

The most significant loop is the Township Parameter Loop and is a total of 25 miles. The shortest loop is the Park Road to Struble Lake Loop which is 5.9 miles. The bike routes and loops utilize the roadways throughout the Township and Borough and provide connections with neighboring municipalities. The cooperation of private and public landowners is essential to the success of this comprehensive system.

Subdivision or land development applications are received by the Township, and reviewed by the Township Engineer to determine if they are complete. A copy of the proposed plan shall be distributed to the Recreation and Parks Board and the Planning Commission for review according to requirements contained in the Mandatory Dedication Ordinance. This review should examine potential connections, on or off road, which can be incorporated with the development.

The Study Committee discussed "Share the Road" vs. "May Use Full Lane" signage and promotion of the routes. It was agreed upon that "Share the Road" signage and interpretation of the intent of road cycling does not provide a safety benefit to the cyclist. Research has indicated that motorists consider the cyclists "hogging" the road. In all 50 states, cyclists have a right to the road-including the center of the lane. Therefore, the current best practice is to install "May Use Full Lane" signs. The sign educates the motoring public of the cyclist's right to use the roads.

The Honey Brook Township Trail Committee should continue to work on the feasibility of developing these trails and promote the value of expanding connections within the community. Honey Brook Township in Partnership with West Brandywine Township was awarded funding to conduct a feasibility trail study for the Icedale Trail and Icedale Meadow Park. The study will be conducted by Brandywine Conservancy. The scope of work for this plan includes analysis of existing conditions, property owner engagement, Icedale Trail concept plan, Iceland Meadow Park concept plan, Implementation Plan and funding strategy.

The feasibility study will evaluate Route #7 located on the proposed connectivity map. This route which is approximately 2.6 miles and begins on Route 322 and traverses along a former railroad bed to Icedale Road in West Brandywine Township.

Honey Brook Township Trail Committee should strengthen regional trail connection efforts by:

- Continuing to partner with Brandywine Conservancy, Chester County, and neighboring Municipalities to develop greenways and trail initiatives, including the completion of the Icedale Trail Feasibility Study.
- Identifying and prioritizing gaps in the comprehensive trail system.
- Sharing information related to bike safety and opportunities to the public.
- Sharing information with residential and commercial landowners about the benefits of trails and connections.

Goal #4 - Identify and acquire land to provide additional recreational opportunities, open space, and greenways.

Strategies

Goal #4: Identify and acquire land to provide additional recreational opportunities, open space and greenways

Recommendation	Priority	Responsible Agency	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Comments
1 Acquire a 25+/- acre parcel located on the Eastern area of the Township to provide recreation opportunities for the underserved population with a service area of a 1 to 2 mile radius .	S	Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors; Township Manager	Dependent on size, location & appraised value of parcel.	DCNR; Land Preservation Fund; Mandatory Dedication Ordinance	Conceptual Master Site Plan and cost estimate was developed during this planing process and is included in this chapter.
2 Keep abreast of potential land sales which are suitable for park land. Design a method of tracking properties of high interest of acquisition for park land. Be proactive in taking steps to ensure the Township will have the first option of acquisition.	M	Honey Brook Township Manager; Recreation and Parks Board; & Board of Supervisors	\$0	Staff Time	
3 Acquire developable land that can be developed as a new neighborhood (5-15 acres)or community park (25+ acres) to serve the southwest area of the Township.	M	Honey Brook Township Manager; & Board of Supervisors	Dependent of size, location and appraised value of parcel	DCNR; Land Preservation Fund	Conceptual Master Site Plan and cost estimate was developed during this planning process and is included in this chapter.

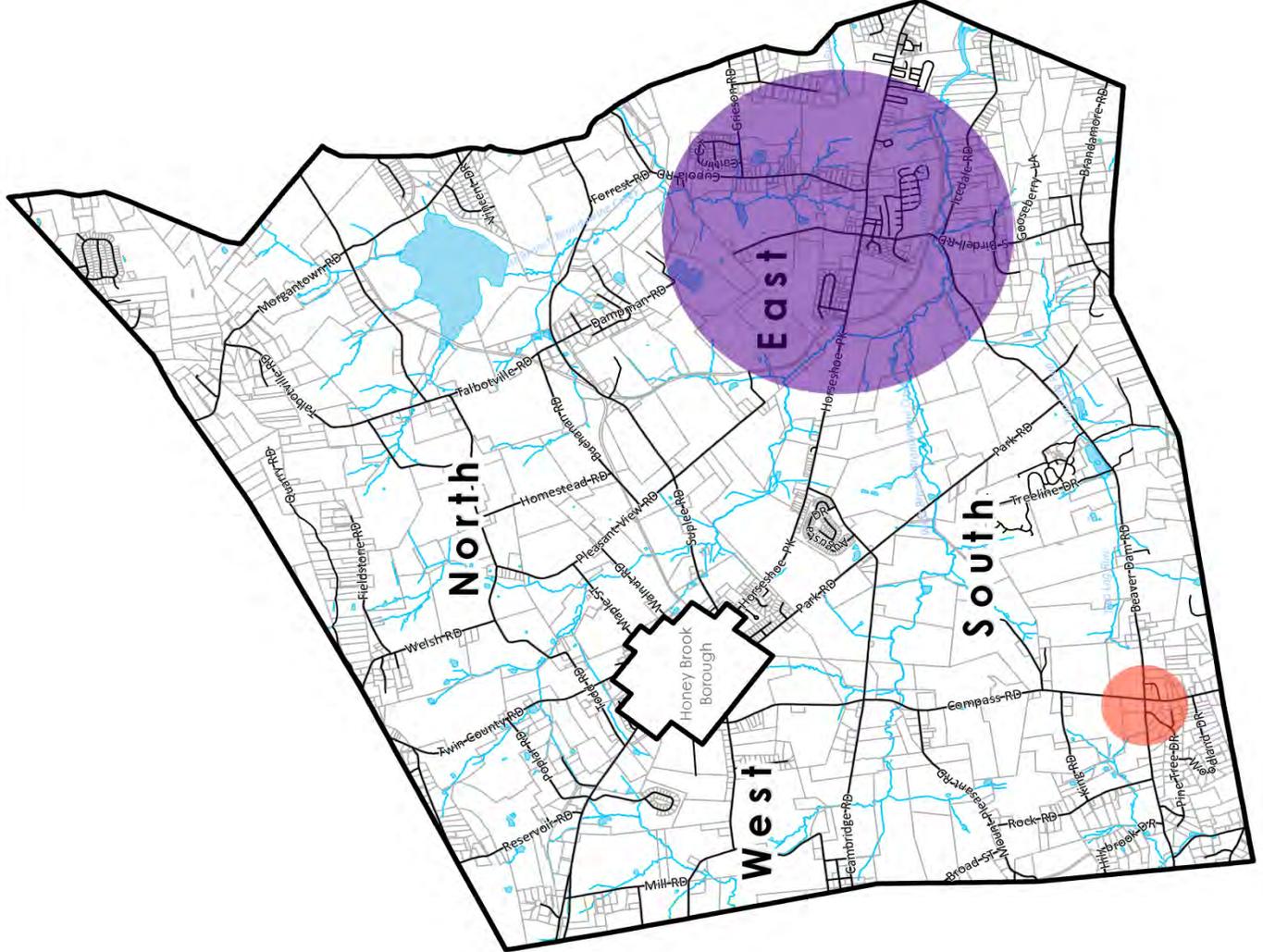
Proposed Park Service Areas

Honey Brook Township



Legend

- Township boundary (16,115.5 ac.)
- Approximate tax parcel boundaries
- Roads
- Water resources
- Bodies of water
- Neighborhood Park - 1/2 mile service area
- Community Park - 2 mile service area



Honey Brook Township Conceptual Community Park Development Cost Estimate

	Recommendation Description	Cost Estimate Breakdown	Total Cost Estimate
Phase 1	Land Acquisition- 10+ acres	Estimate based on land market value of \$75,000/acre	\$750,000
Phase 1	Roadways, parking for 125 vehicles including ADA parking and access, and storm water management		\$940,000
Phase 1	Two (2) Multi-purpose fields	Dimensions 360' x 240' @ \$100,000/ each	\$200,000
Phase 1	One (1) Pavilion/Restroom/Concession	One (1) pavilion/restroom/ concession=\$150,000 For approximately 50 people – 30' x 40'	\$150,000
Phase 1	Internal circulation paths, external connections, wayfinding	Installation of 3 + outdoor exercise equipment	\$50,000
Phase 1 Estimate			\$2,090,000
Phase 2	One (1) Pavilions/Restroom/Concession	One (1) pavilion/restroom/ concession=\$150,000 For approximately 50 people – 30' x 40'	\$150,000
Phase 2	Playground 2-12 years	Playground equipment= \$200,000 Site design and construction	\$250,000
Phase 2	Skate Park – 50' x 60'		\$150,000
Phase 2	Two (2) Basketball Courts- 94' x 50'		\$100,000
Phase 2 Estimate			\$650,000
Phase 3	Two (2) Pickle Ball Courts -20' x 40'		\$50,000
Phase 3	One (1) Grass Volley Ball Court – 60' x 30'		\$5,000
Phase 3	Splash Pad – 50' x 80'		\$300,000
Phase 3 Estimate			\$355,000
	+/- 15 % Contingency		\$50,000
	Total Concept Plan Construction Cost Estimate		\$3,145,000



Additional Community Park Feasibility Criteria (Approx. 20 acres):

- Located in the eastern portion of Honey Brook Township
- Easily accessible by roads and/or trail connections
- Access to utilities
- Parcel size 20+ acres
- Identification of population served within 2 to 5-mile radius
- Potential site amenities to include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Two (2) Multi-purpose fields-360' x 240' 2 Picnic Pavilion for approximately 75 people-utilized for events and rentals – 30' x 40' 3 Restroom facility and concession stand- 22' x 16' 4 Playground ages 2-12 years 5 Skate Park – 50' x 60' 6 Two (2) Basketball Courts- 94' x 50' | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Two (2) Pickle Ball Courts- 78' x 36' 8 One (1) Grass Volleyball Court- 60' x 30' 9 Splash Pad – 50' x 80' 10 Internal circulation and external trail connections 11 Parking for 200 |
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Honey Brook Township,
Comprehensive
Recreation, Park & Open
Space Plan:

Community Park Draft
Concept Plan

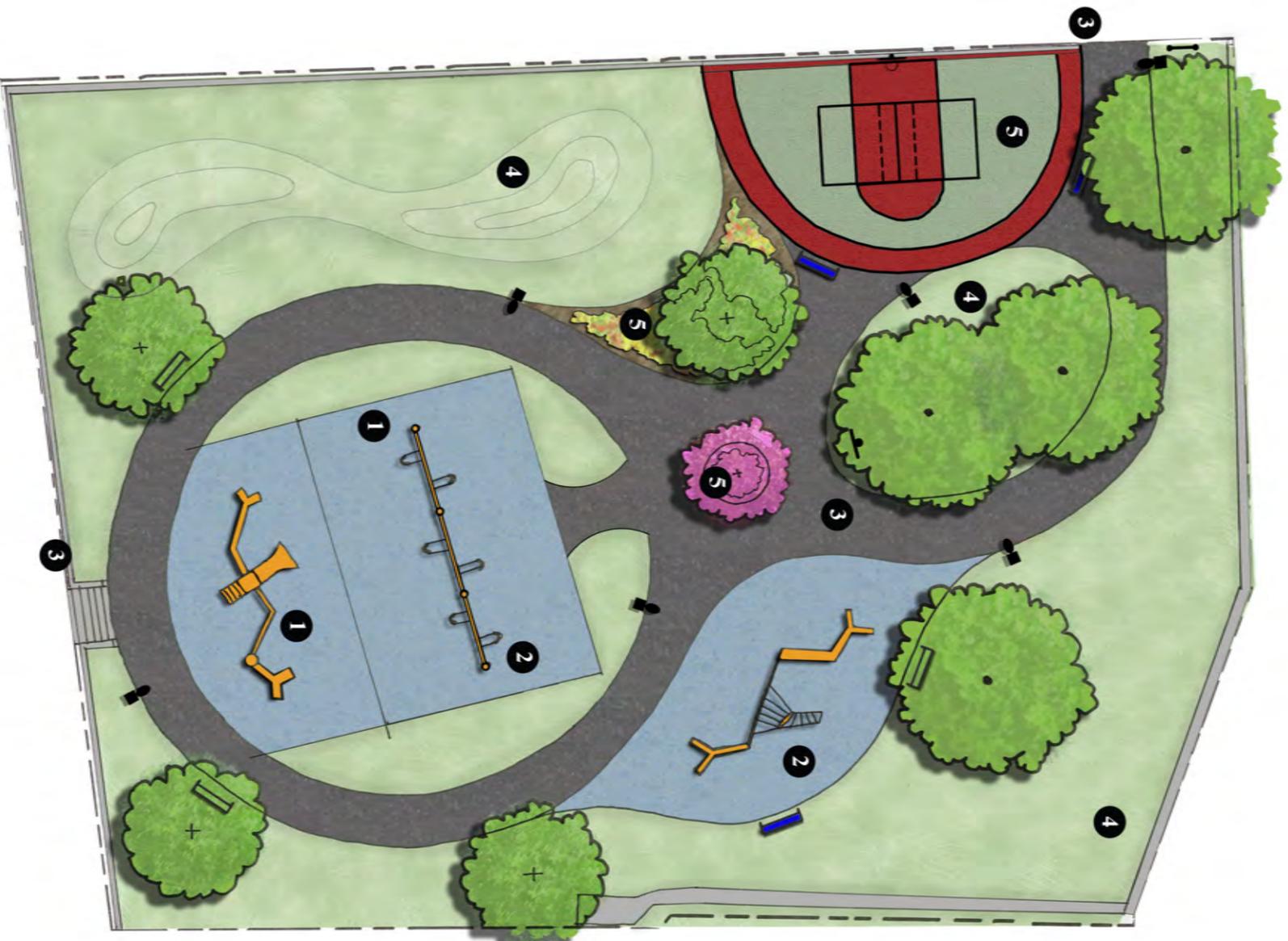
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Honey Brook Township Conceptual Neighborhood Park Development Cost Estimate

	Recommendation Description	Cost Estimate Breakdown	Total Cost Estimate
1	Land Acquisition- 1-5 acres	Estimate based on land market value of \$75,000/acre	\$150,000
2	Playground 2-5 years	Playground equipment= \$85,000 Site design and construction =\$15,000	\$100,000
3	Playground 5-12 years	Playground equipment= \$150,000 Site design and construction=\$10,000	\$160,000
4	Internal circulation, external connections, wayfinding	Accessible paths, site lighting, storm water management, benches	\$150,000
5	Landscaping	Native trees and plantings	\$20,000
6	Half-court basketball	Backstop fence, line painting, benches	\$40,000
Estimate			\$620,000
	+/- 15 % Contingency		\$93,000
	Total Concept Plan Construction Cost Estimate		\$713,000



1 Play area for younger children

- Play area for ages 2-5
- Swings for 2-5
- Inclusive play features
- Safety surface
- Benches under shade trees

2 Play area for older children

- Play area for ages 5-12
- Swings for 5-12
- Inclusive play features
- Safety surface
- Benches
- Play area rules sign

3 Internal Circulation and External Circulation

- Accessible paths, site lighting
- Accessible Entrance
- Pathway Lighting
- Way Finding

4 Open Space

- Earthen mounds in southwest corner (creates opportunities for nature play)
- Open space for informal play
- Stormwater Management

5 Court games

- Half-court basketball with backstop
- Additional line painting for pickleball
- Benches

Goal #5 - Establish and secure funding to implement recommendations of this plan for maintenance, operations, planning, development, and acquisition through a variety of sources.

Strategies

Goal #5: Establish and secure funding to implement recommendations of this plan for maintenance, operations, planning, development, and acquisition through a variety of sources.						
Recommendation	Priority	Responsible Agency	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Comments	
1 Develop and adopt a ten-year capital improvements program to plan the long-range park and park and recreation improvements.	S	Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors	\$0	Staff time	Utilize the recommendation and cost estimates of this Plan to prepare formal annual budget requests determined by the Recreation and Parks Board, and Township Manager.	
2 Establish an adequate annual budget allocation based on the capital improvements program.	S	Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors	Varies by project	Varies by project	Nearly all development projects will require a financial commitment from the Township. The Board of Supervisors will need to identify sources for their local commitment. They could include the Township's general fund; revenue from a land dedication or Fee-In-Lieu-Of-Ordinance; a bond issue; Land Preservation Funds; local contributions; or other sources.	
3 Seek funding through a variety of sources for the development of facilities. Work to leverage funds from one funding source against another to lower the municipality's cost for development.	On-going	Recreation and Parks Board	\$0	Staff time	A description follows this chart.	
4 Enact a new mandatory land dedication and fees-in-lieu-of ordinance.	S	Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors	\$1,000	Honey Brook Township	A sample is provided in the Appendix to assist in preparation of the new ordinance.	



Grant Sources and Funding Strategies

Grant Sources

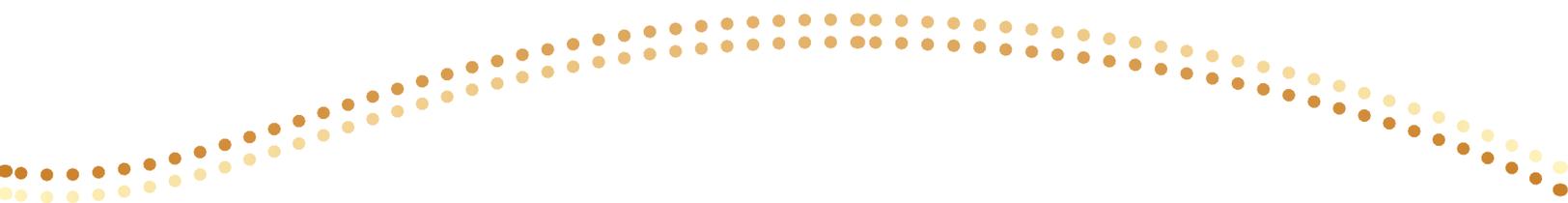
There are many sources of funding for parks and recreation. However, there are three primary governmental programs that provide grants to local communities for parks and recreation purposes. The programs and funding opportunities are listed below. Descriptions of potential funding sources are provided in the Appendix.

1. PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Maximum Grant - \$100,000-\$300,000
 - Local Match - generally, grants require a 50% local match. Sources of Local Match can include local cash match; in-kind services are now eligible as a match under certain conditions; and DCED grants can be used as a match. Funding Cycle: grant applications for development, planning, and acquisition are due in April; awards are announced in the fall.
 - Eligible Uses Include:
 - » (1) Technical assistance
 - » (2) Feasibility studies for recreation facilities
 - » (3) Acquisition of additional park land
 - » (4) Development and rehabilitation of existing facilities
2. PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Maximum Grant - no specified limit; could be as much as \$500,000 or more. The Greenway Recreation Trails Program grant is limited to \$250,000.
 - Local Match - generally, grants require some local match, although, 100% funding is available; DCED grants can be used to match DCNR grants. Sources of Local Match can include local cash match; in-kind services may be eligible as a match under certain conditions; private local investment Funding Cycle - applications are accepted at any time; awards are generally made on a quarterly basis in July, October, January, and April.
 - Eligible Uses include:
 - » (1) Community facility construction and/or rehabilitation
 - » (2) Some funding can be used for programming
3. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Grant amount has a minimum of \$100,000.
 - Eligible Uses Include:
 - » (1) Community facility construction and/or rehabilitation
 - » (2) ADA improvements
 - » (3) Some funding can be used for programming

Grant Strategies

Applying for a grant is not simply a matter of filling out the proper forms and submitting them. Grants can be very competitive. Often funding agencies receive requests that amount to as much as ten times more than the money available. It is, therefore, very important that you are well prepared in submitting your application. The following outlines several steps that can significantly improve your chances of receiving a grant.

1. Be well prepared
 - Know the funding agency - contact persons, addresses, and phone numbers.
 - Be sure you are an eligible applicant for the agency and program through which you intend to apply.

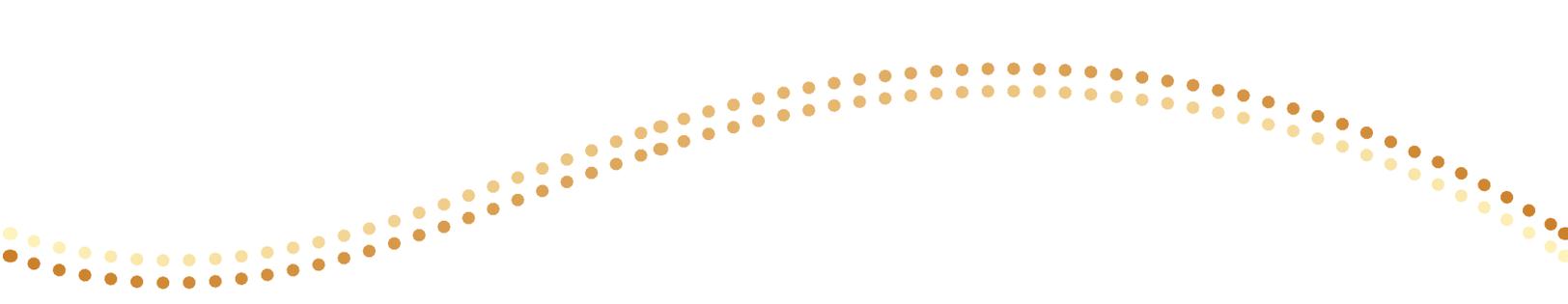


- Investigate each grant opportunity to be sure that what you are applying for meets the funding criteria.
 - Be complete and accurate in your application. Do not assume that you will have an opportunity to correct mistakes, update data, etc.
 - Submit your application several days prior to the deadline; this assures it is in on time and shows that you are well prepared.
2. Have a Vision, a Plan and a project that is ready to go.
- A vision shows the funding agency that you have looked to the future. It shows where your application fits into the bigger picture in your community and/or department. A vision can come from your Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenways Plan or be a part of a broader community effort.
 - A plan shows that you have looked at the details of what you want to do. Be more specific in your plan than in your vision.
 - Describe where your matching funds will come from. Show that you can leverage funding from a variety of sources - local taxes, private contributions, other grants, etc.
 - Describe in detail how you will address maintenance of any facilities. Maintenance is a key factor if an agency is to invest large dollars in your project.
 - Show previous successes you have had. Show existing parks that have previously been funded. Indicate how your successes in other projects will impact the project you are applying for.
3. Contact the Funding Agencies
- Make a personal contact with the funding agency as early in the process as you can. Keep them informed but don't badger them. Show them your vision and how this specific project fits into it.
 - » DCED - Contact your local State Representative and/or Senator. Also contact your local DCED Office
 - » DCNR - Contact the Regional Recreation Advisor.
 - » CDBG - Contact the local office of Community Planning and Development

Other Funding Strategies

It is important to consider multiple funding sources for most major projects. Identify the possible groups, organizations, or grants agencies that may have an interest in a specific project. Consider the following potential sources of funding:

1. Grants Agencies
- It is wise to consider more than one grant source for multi-faceted projects. Different agencies may be willing to provide funding for different portions of your project. For example, if a project includes construction of trails and development of a neighborhood park, there are agencies that will fund trails and others who will fund parks. Applying to both types of agencies for funding that meets their specific criteria enhances the likelihood of receiving a grant.
 - » Surrounding Municipalities - In some cases, surrounding municipalities have a specific interest in park facilities located within the Township. In these cases, there may be interest in making a financial contribution toward the project.

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- » Local Organizations - Often, local recreation organizations are willing to raise funds to be used for upgrades to their facilities. These funds should be considered as part of the local match for grant funding. For example, if a soccer organization is already investing annually to upgrade facilities, they may be willing to utilize several years' worth of that investment toward a major renovation of the soccer facility. This could provide funds to be used as matching funds for a grant.
 - » Funds Already Planned for Use - It is also helpful to consider funds that may already be allocated for use in or near a park that may be used as a source of matching funds. For instance, if a water or sewer line is being planned to run through a park, tapping into that line could make the money spent for its installation an eligible match for a park project. The same could be true of parking areas, roads, trails, trailheads, and other projects.
 - » Creativity - Creativity is key to finding and leveraging funding sources with one another. The intent is to reduce the local share as low as possible while accomplishing the goals of the project. Consider as many options as you can identify. Then contact the funding agencies to determine whether your plan meets their requirements.

Mandatory Dedication or Fees-In-Lieu of Ordinance

One of the potential funding strategies for the acquisition and development of the new parks and trails recommended in this plan is through the “Mandatory Land Dedication or Fees-in-Lieu-of” ordinance.

The Township has a history of requiring developers to dedicate land and/or pay fees for future park land acquisition and development is evident from the existing Mandatory Dedication requirements contained in the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The reason for such a requirement is that new residential, commercial, and industrial development brings along with it a greater demand for parks and recreation areas and facilities. Instead of burdening existing residents with the full cost to provide the added areas and facilities needed because of the increase of residents and employees, some of the expense is placed on the developer who is creating the need. The authority to adopt such a requirement has a long existed in the PA Municipalities Planning Code.

Mandatory dedication and its accompanying fee-in-lieu of dedication requirements are a commonly used Ordinance not only by Chester County municipalities but throughout Pennsylvania. As part of this planning process, the Township’s requirements together with many municipalities from throughout the State were analyzed. The draft ordinance prepared as part of this planning process is based on the Township’s need to serve future residents with Community Parks, Neighborhood Parks and linear parks or trails using the National Recreation and Parks Association park standards described earlier in this chapter. The Township’s standard established in this plan is 10 acres per 1000 persons.

The amount of land which would be needed to meet the Township goal (10 acres per 1000 person) is based on the Township’s projected growth of residents, and employees. In the event that fee-in-lieu-of dedication is used for some or all of the land dedication, the conversion to fees is approximately equal to the average fair market value of fully improved acreage as determined by the Township.

The draft ordinance is contained in the Appendices.

Goal #6 - Enhance the Recreation and Parks Boards' capability to implement this plan, and be the Township's advocates for parks and recreation.

Strategies

Goal #6: Enhance the Recreation and Parks Boards' capability to implement this plan, and be the Township's advocates for parks and recreation.

Recommendation	Priority	Responsible Agency	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Comments
1 Identify the roles, responsibilities and relationships of the Recreation and Parks Board.	S	Honey Brook Township Manager, Recreation and Parks Board	Staff time Possible Rec TAP grant of \$2,500. No match required	PRPS RecTAP	RecTAP provides outside professional guidance which could identify opportunities and issues.
2 Identify skills and qualifications of current Recreation and Parks Board members and desired qualities of future Board members.	S	Honey Brook Township Manager, Recreation and Parks Board	0	N/A	Outline skill sets needed to enhance the Recreation and Parks Boards' presence within the community. Identify strengths and weaknesses within the Board. Refer to the Recreation and Parks Board Handbook available through DCNR and PRPS
3 Consider adding a community youth to the Recreation and Parks Board.	S	Honey Brook Township Recreation and Parks Board; Board of Supervisors	0	N/A	Partner with the Twin Valley School District PTO or student organizations to identify student(s) with interest and available time to attend meetings, events, serve as the voice of the youth of Honey Brook Township and promote activities.
4 Provide educational opportunities for the members of the Recreation and Parks Board.	S	Honey Brook Township Manager	\$5,000	Honey Brook Township	Educational opportunities are available through PRPS, NRPA, and DCNR through webinars, workshops and conferences
5 Establish partnerships with non-profit and for profit organizations to promote and expand recreation opportunities.	S	Honey Brook Township Recreation and Parks Board	0	N/A	Promotion of existing and future recreation opportunities should be consistent with the established Recreation and Parks Board goals and objectives. These goals and objectives should be revisited annually.
6 Maintain PRPS membership for all Recreation and Park Board Memebers	ongoing	Honey Brook Township Manager	\$350	Honey Brook Township	PRPS provides educational opportunities, training and resources for professionals as well as Recreation and Parks Boards.s

Strategies to Increase the Capacity of the Recreation and Parks Board

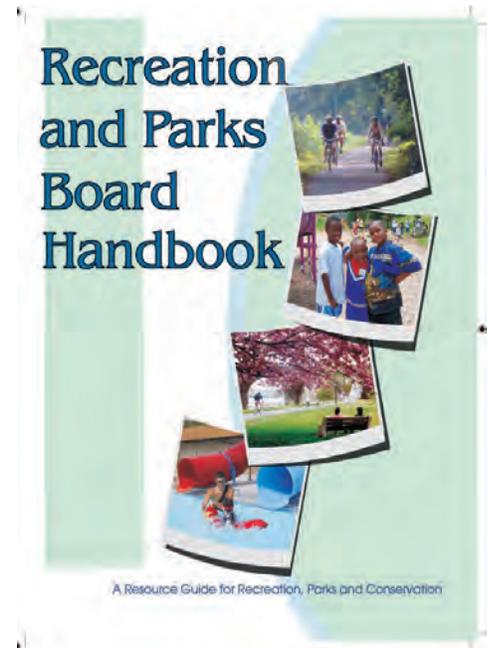
PA Recreation and Park Society: RecTAP Program

The PA Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) provides a statewide technical assistance service that provides a maximum of \$2,500 in grant funding for municipalities and non-profits, to pay for Peer Consultants who work with a Grantee to solve new or existing park, recreation, and trail issues. The funding supports projects that lead to the enhancement and/or expansion of programs and facilities.

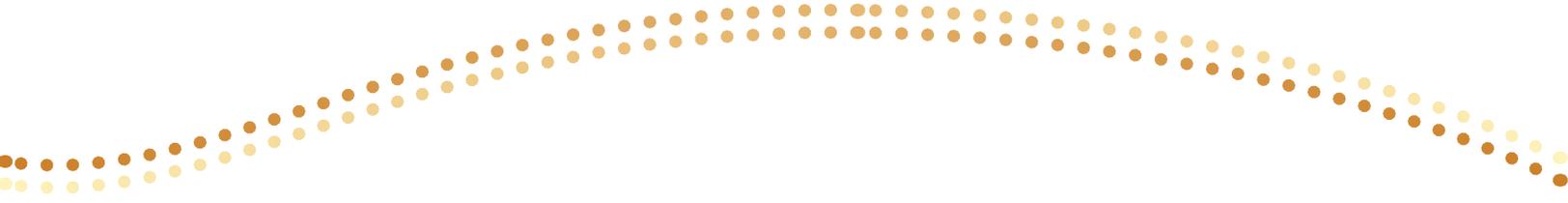
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources: Peer-to-Peer Study

Peer to Peer studies help municipalities improve their park, recreation, and conservation services through a collaborative process. Projects are accomplished through consultant contracts with experienced park, recreation, and conservation professionals working closely with community leaders. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Forming of a new intergovernmental recreation and park agency (which is a high priority for DCNR)
- Improving management of a specific facility like a community center, trail, or pool
- Conducting an overall management assessment of an agency's park and recreation services
- Park and recreation board training and development.



Peer applications are accepted at any time. Discussion with DCNR staff is required before submission of an application. The maximum grant award is \$10,000. The applicant must provide at least a ten percent (10%) local cash match. DCNR staff will work with the grantee to develop a scope of work and select the appropriate consultant(s). An elected official from each involved municipality is expected to participate in the planning process



Successful Implementation

The successful implementation of Honey Brook Township's Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenways Plan depends on a variety of factors, including but not limited to, the following:

1. **Public Support and Education** - Honey Brook Township residents' support of future efforts to develop recreation opportunities and preserve open space is critical to the future of a successful system. Immediately following the approval of this planning document, efforts should be made to publicize its findings and recommendations.
2. **Involvement of Elected Officials** - As the primary decision-makers of the Township, elected officials should be updated on a regular basis regarding the recommendations of this plan, the status of implementation, public support, and related issues as they arise.
3. **Financial Support** - The Township continues to show a commitment to a quality recreation and open space system. Commitment to funding recreation, open space and greenways projects will greatly influence the success with which the recommendations of this plan are implemented. Alternative funding sources should be continually explored to supplement the contributions of local governments and local organizations.
4. **Volunteer and Partnership Efforts** - A strong volunteer base including partnerships with organizations such as the Recreation and Parks Board, Trail Committee, Honey Brook Public Library, Twin Valley School District, Twin Valley Community Education Foundation and others can make a large impact to the implementation of the plan's recommendations.

Implementation Process

Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors should adopt the written vision statement developed as part of this plan as its guide for the future of recreation, parks, open space and greenways. The vision statement is intended to be very broad-based and forward-looking. It becomes the top tier of the implementation process. The goals and strategies all focus on fulfilling the vision.

From the vision, a series of long-range goals have been developed in key functional areas. The goals provide a framework for implementation of the vision and become tier two in the implementation process.

The final step is to prioritize objectives to be accomplished within the parameters of the vision statement and individual goals. These objectives are derived from the strategies for each goal. The objectives are clearly defined and measurable methods of accomplishing the goals. This planning process should continue to provide opportunities for public participation. The Recreation and Parks Board should provide an excellent means for public participation. Area residents should have regular opportunities to share their input concerning the implementation of the Plan's recommendations. Other possibilities should also be considered to allow for public input. These might include: park and program evaluation forms, public meetings to discuss plans and goals of the Township, neighborhood meetings, focus groups, and/or additional questionnaires.

Recreation and Parks Administrative Plan

Recommended Roles and Responsibilities

Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors:

- Adopt this plan as the basis for maintaining a strong parks and recreation program within the Township.

Honey Brook Township Manager:

- Maintain ultimate responsibility for all parks and recreation operations.
- Supervise the maintenance staff of the parks, trails, open space and greenways.
- Oversee the Recreation and Parks Board and their functions.
- Establish a reasonable budget for parks and recreation.
- Maintain the vision for parks and recreation in Honey Brook Township.
- Appoint members of the Recreation and Parks Board as established by Township ordinance.

Public Works Department

- Reports to Honey Brook Township Manager.
- Maintains Township parks, trails, open space and greenways.

Recreation and Parks Board

- Reports to the Board of Supervisors.

Trails Committee

- Reports to the Recreation and Parks Board.
- Promotes and identifies trail opportunities and obstacles.

———— represents direct reporting role

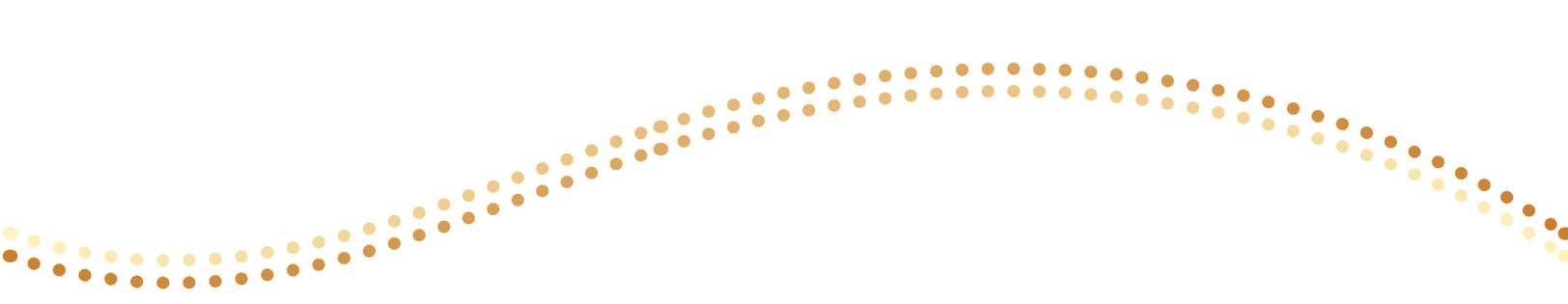
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The Recreation and Parks Board Responsibilities:

1. Play a lead role in keeping the Township's vision current and focused.
2. Assist the Township Board of Supervisors to maintain a focus on implementation of this plan.
3. Work with the Township Manager to adopt annual goals and strategies for implementation of the Plan.
4. Serve in an advisory role to the Township Manager
5. Assist the Township Board of Supervisors in identifying and developing funding opportunities for improvements and development.
6. Assure that a cross-section of stakeholders is represented on the Board. Interests that should be considered for representation on the Board include:
 - » Non-athletic users
 - » Teens
 - » Seniors
 - » Families
 - » Athletic organizations
 - » Arts
 - » Trails
 - » Park planning
 - » Open space & preservation
 - » Marketing and Publicity
 - » Volunteer Coordination
7. Provide a variety of recreational programming for Township residents.
8. Conduct a tour of all Township park facilities each spring and fall to assure an understanding of each facility, its condition, and its needs. Present a report to the Township Manager detailing the findings of the tour.
9. Coordinate recreation programming with other local recreation providers
10. Advise Township Supervisors on budgetary matters that pertain to parks and recreation.
11. Serve as a community advocate for parks and recreation
12. Monitor park facilities and make recommendations to the Township Board of Supervisors for maintenance and/or improvements.
13. Maintain an inventory of park and recreation facilities and recreation providers in the community.
14. Coordinate the publicity of community recreation.
15. Assist the Township Manager on the implementation of the Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenways Plan.
16. Assist in the application for grants.
17. Assist in fundraising efforts.

DCNR's publication "Recreation and Parks Board Handbook" is an excellent resource to guide the development and functions of the Honey Brook Township Recreation and Parks Board.



Process for making Recommendations to the Township Manager & Board of Supervisors

A semi-formal process should be established that identifies the process or procedure for the Recreation and Parks Board to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for action. The Board of Supervisors must clearly identify and differentiate between 1) Decisions that should go directly to Township Manager for approval, 2) decisions that require action by the Board of Supervisors and 3) decisions the Recreation and Parks Board has authority to make.

The following describes a simple process for addressing each type of issue.

1. Decisions that should go directly to Township Manager

Such issues would likely include: requests for routine maintenance; scheduling of facilities; scheduling of meetings; requests for administrative, office, or maintenance assistance in carrying out the purpose and function of the Recreation and Parks Board. A system should be developed identifying the chain of command for making requests, timing requirements, whether or not requests need to be in writing, etc.

2. Decisions that require action by the Board of Supervisors

There should be a form developed for submission of such requests. The kinds of items that should be included on the request form are (a place for):

1. The date of the request the date by which action is requested
2. A clear written description of the Recreation and Parks Board's recommendation
3. A signature of the Recreation and Parks Board Chair or Co-Chair and Secretary and email address to contact the Recreation and Parks Board President with questions
4. Check box for the Board of Supervisors of to mark approved or not approved
5. Date Board of Supervisors action was taken
6. Signatures of appropriate persons
7. Related comments from the Board of Supervisors

3. Decisions the Recreation and Parks Board has authority to make

The Recreation and Parks Board should keep the Township Manager informed of their actions. These issues would include: regular operation of programming; carrying out an activity previously authorized by the creation of the Recreation and Parks Board or by action of the Supervisors; and fulfilling the designated role or function of the Recreation and Parks Board. The Recreation and Parks Board should keep accurate minutes of all meetings that record all such actions. Minutes should be passed on to the Board of Supervisors and appropriate staff in a timely manner.

Honey Brook Township Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenways Implementation Strategies Summary Chart

Recommendations	Responsible Agency	Potential Funding	Priority
1.1 Rehabilitate James A. Umble Memorial Park			
a. Prepare a Master Site Plan	RPB, TM	TWP	S
b. Apply for a matching grant	TM	DCNR, LPF	S
c. Contract with a consultant	RPB, TM, BOS	MDF, LPF	S
d. Apply for a 2nd matching grant	TM	DCNR, LPF, MDF	M
1.2 Expand Recreation Programming			
a. Identify needs of the community	RPB, TM	DCNR	S
b. Secure sponsorships	RPB, TM	N/A	S
c. Create partnerships	RPB	N/A	S
d. Develop an identity for Recreation and Parks	RPB, TM	TWP	S
1.3 Develop a system of multi-use trails and greenways			
a. Expand the trail network	RPB, TC, TM	Varies	S
b. Acquire easements	TM, BOS	Varies	S
c. Secure funding	RPB, TM	Varies	S
1.4 Identify and acquire additional land			
a. Identify potential funding sources	RPB, TM	Staff time	S
b. Establish list of priority acquisitions	RPB, TM	Staff time	S
c. Acquire additional park land	TM, BOS	TM, BOS, CC	M
d. Develop Master Site Plans for each parcel	RPB, TM	RPB, TM	M
e. Apply for a matching grant	TM	RPB, TM	M
f. Contract with a Consultant	TM, BOS, RPB	TM, BOS	M

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1.5 Establish and Secure Funding			
a. Develop and adopt a ten-year capital improvement plan	RPB, TM BOS	Staff time	S
b. Establish annual budget	RPB, TM BOS	Staff time	S
c. Leverage funds through grants	RPB, TM	Staff time	On-going
d. Adopt updated Mandatory Dedication Ordinance	BOS	Staff time	S
1.6 Enhance the Recreation and Parks Boards' capability			
a. Identify roles and responsibilities	RPB, TM, BOS	N/A	S
b. Identify desired Board skills	RPB, TM, BOS	N/A	S
c. Add a youth Recreation and Parks Board member	RPB, TM	N/A	S
d. Provide educational opportunities	TM	Varies --\$5000	S
e. Establish partnerships	RPB	N/A	S

