

# VENANGO COUNTY

COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION, PARKS, & OPEN SPACE PLAN

## APPENDIX



February 2010







## A: Public Recreational Resources by Planning Unit in Venango County

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| PLANNING UNIT | MUNICIPALITY       | FACILITY                                    | Picnic Pavilion | Concession Stand | Baseball Field | Softball Field | Press Box | Batting Cage | Tennis Court | Basketball Court | Miniature Golf | Bocce Court | Horse Shoe Court | Playground | Racquetball Court | Skate Park | Dek Hockey | Trail    | Pond/Lake/River | Nature/History Center | Community Center | Volleyball Court | Volleyball Court-Sand | Football Field | Track    | Gazebo   | Maintenance Building | Camping grounds | Boat/Canoe Launch | Ice Arena | Pool     | Amphitheater | Bandstand | Soccer Field | Neighborhood Park Acreage | Community Park Acreage | Other acreage |  |
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| CENTRAL       | Cranberry Township | Morrison Park                               | 4               | 0                | 0              | 1              | 0         | 0            | 2            | 1                | 0              | 0           | 2                | 3          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 1        | 1               | 0                     | 0                | 2                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 23.66                     |                        |               |  |
|               | Cranberry Township | UPMC Walking Trail                          | 1               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 1        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            |                           |                        |               |  |
|               | Cranberry Township | Victory Heights Community League Park       | 0               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 1          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 1               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 79.5                      |                        |               |  |
|               | City of Franklin   | Riverfront Park                             | 0               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 1            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 1        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 1        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 10.5                      |                        |               |  |
|               | City of Franklin   | South Park                                  | 0               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 1         | 0            | 5.99                      |                        |               |  |
|               | City of Franklin   | West Park                                   | 0               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 1        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 2.27                      |                        |               |  |
|               | City of Franklin   | Miller-Sibley Park & Poo                    | 1               | 1                | 3              | 2              | 1         | 2            | 5            | 2                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 9          | 1                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 14                        |                        |               |  |
|               | City of Franklin   | Justus Recreational Trail & Trail Head Area | 1               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 1        | 1               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         |                        |               |  |
|               | City of Oil City   | Justus Park                                 | 2               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 10         | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 1        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 3                      |               |  |
|               | City of Oil City   | Hasson Park & Poo                           | 4               | 1                | 0              | 1              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 2          | 0                 | 1          | 1          | 0        | 1               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 12                     |               |  |
|               | City of Oil City   | Riverfront Marine                           | 0               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 1        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 11                     |               |  |
|               | City of Oil City   | Mitchell Land of Laughter and Ball fields   | 1               | 0                | 0              | 3              | 0         | 0            | 3            | 1                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 1          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 8                      |               |  |
|               | Sugarcreek Borough | Rocky Grove Park & Playground               | 1               | 0                | 1              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 2                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 2          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 0                      | 2.13          |  |
|               | Sugarcreek Borough | Reno Playground                             | 1               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 1            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 1                | 1          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 0                      | 1.5           |  |
|               |                    | <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>11</b>       | <b>2</b>         | <b>4</b>       | <b>6</b>       | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>     | <b>9</b>     | <b>7</b>         | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>    | <b>10</b>        | <b>18</b>  | <b>0</b>          | <b>1</b>   | <b>5</b>   | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b>        | <b>1</b>              | <b>1</b>         | <b>0</b>         | <b>1</b>              | <b>0</b>       | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>             | <b>3</b>        | <b>0</b>          | <b>2</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b>     | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>     | <b>173.6</b>              | <b>0</b>               |               |  |

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| SOUTHERN      | Barkeyville Borough  | Barkeyville Community Park                   | 0               | 1                | 1              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 1                | 0              | 0           | 2                | 1          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 15                        |                        |                |  |
|               | Clinton Township     |                                              | 0               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         |                        |                |  |
|               | Clintonville Borough | Clintonville Community Park                  | 1               | 1                | 0              | 1              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 1          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 9.16                      |                        |                |  |
|               | Emlenton Borough     | Veteran's Memorial Playground                | 0               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 1          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0.074                     |                        |                |  |
|               | Emlenton Borough     | Mineral Springs Park                         | 1               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 1               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 12                        |                        |                |  |
|               | Emlenton Borough     | Emlenton Municipal Forest                    | 0               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 104                    |                |  |
|               | Emlenton Borough     | Emlenton Recreational Park and Hughes Park   | 2               | 1                | 2              | 0              | 1         | 2            | 1            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 1          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 17.71                     |                        |                |  |
|               | Frenchcreek Township | Venango County Fair Grounds                  | 2               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 1          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 56.69                  |                |  |
|               | Frenchcreek Township | Little Sandy Creek Stream Project            | 0               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 110.85                 |                |  |
|               | Irwin Township       |                                              | 0               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         |                        |                |  |
|               | Mineral Township     |                                              | 0               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 0                      |                |  |
|               | Polk Borough         | The Village Greer                            | 1               | 1                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 1            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 1                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 2.2                    |                |  |
|               | Richland Township    |                                              | 0               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 0                      |                |  |
|               | Rockland Township    | Wilson Park                                  | 2               | 1                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 6                      |                |  |
|               | Sandycreek Township  | Robert M. Brown Memorial Park                | 1               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 1                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 1          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 2                      |                |  |
|               | Scrubgrass Township  |                                              | 0               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 0                      |                |  |
|               | Utica Borough        | Marty Clark Memorial Square Park             | 1               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 1                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 1          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 1                      |                |  |
|               | Victory Township     | Kennerdell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest | 0               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0              | 0           | 0                | 0          | 0                 | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0               | 0                     | 0                | 0                | 0                     | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0               | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0                         | 0                      | 3.184          |  |
|               |                      | <b>TOTAL</b>                                 | <b>11</b>       | <b>5</b>         | <b>3</b>       | <b>1</b>       | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>     | <b>2</b>     | <b>5</b>         | <b>1</b>       | <b>0</b>    | <b>3</b>         | <b>8</b>   | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>4</b> | <b>1</b>        | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>         | <b>1</b>              | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b>             | <b>1</b>        | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>     | <b>0.074</b>              | <b>65.07</b>           | <b>3455.54</b> |  |





## B: Local Recreation Facilities Inventory and Analysis in Venango County

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Local Recreation Facilities

| Venango County - Project Facilities Inventory and Analysis |         |                                                                                                                                                        |                       |                              |     |                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Local Recreation Facilities                                | Number  |                                                                                                                                                        | Condition             | Size                         | ADA | Comments                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Marty Clark Memorial Square Park, Utica</b>             | 1 acre  | Community Park                                                                                                                                         | Utica Borough         |                              |     |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Pavilion                                                   | 1       | Cement pad, 2 -15' picnic tables, outlets, recessed lighting                                                                                           | Good                  | 24'x24'                      | No  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Playground                                                 | 1       | Pea gravel base, PVC pipe retainer, 1 modular unit, track ride, 4-hole basketball unit                                                                 | See Safety Audit      |                              | No  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Basketball Court                                           | 1       | 2 aluminum standards with backboards, 1 large halogen security light                                                                                   | Fair                  | 50'x60'                      | No  | Cracks in court surface, uneven pads, post's aluminum welds are sharp on seams                                                                                   |
| 9 - Hole Miniature Golf                                    | 1       | Pea gravel base, PVC pipe retainer, raised putting areas                                                                                               | Good                  | 27'x80'                      | No  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Swing Area                                                 | 1       | Pea gravel base, PVC pipe retainer, 3 pre-school swings, 3 elementary-aged swings                                                                      | See Safety Audit      | 24'x60'                      | No  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Bike Rack                                                  | 1       | 3 bike unit                                                                                                                                            |                       |                              |     |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Rouseville Playground</b>                               | 1acre   | Community Park                                                                                                                                         | Rouseville Community  |                              |     |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Playground                                                 | 1       | Wood-plastic unit, dino spring unit, plastic slide, swing set with 2 pre-school aged and 2 elementary aged, 1 tire swing, metal jungle gym, mulch base | See Safety Audit      |                              | No  | Poor condition, dinosaur was melted by fire                                                                                                                      |
| Softball Field Northeast Orientation                       | 1       | Backstop                                                                                                                                               | Poor                  | RF-200' LF-200' Basepath-60' | No  | Limited use, uneven, infield taken over by weeds, no bases or outfield fence, no benches or bleachers, 1st base side fence only to separate adjacent parking lot |
| Pavilion                                                   | 1       | In play ground area, wood chip base                                                                                                                    | Fair                  | 12'x12'                      | No  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Merrick Street Complex</b>                              | 7 acres | Community Park                                                                                                                                         | Pleasantville Borough |                              |     |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Baseball Field #1 Southwest Orientation                    | 1       | Backstop, benches, dugouts, full fencing                                                                                                               | Fair                  | RF-180' LF-180' BP-60'       | No  | Baseline and outfield fencing 3' high, not capped. The whole field needs better drainage                                                                         |
| Baseball Field #2 Southwest Orientation                    | 1       | Backstop, benches, dugouts, full fencing, mound                                                                                                        | Fair                  | RF-230' LF-230' Basepath-60' | No  | Outfield needs better drainage for spring use                                                                                                                    |
| Batting Cage                                               | 1       | Piping with nylon mesh netting, grass and dirt base                                                                                                    | Fair                  | 12'x70'                      | No  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Play Area                                                  | 1       | 1long swing set unit in 3 sections with 2 swings per section, spring rider unit                                                                        | See Safety Audit      |                              | No  | The swing set is in new condition, however it is a hazard to users due to proximity to foul ball territory, less than 15' from 1st base fence                    |
| Concession/Equipment Shed                                  | 1       |                                                                                                                                                        | Fair                  |                              | No  |                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| Local Recreation Facilities                                | Number     |                                                                 | Condition             | Size                               | ADA | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Pleasantville Lions Club Community Park</b>             | 8 acres    | Community Park                                                  | Pleasantville Borough |                                    |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Baseball Field<br>South Orientation                        | 1          | Backstop, benches, bleachers, full fencing, mound, sand infield | Fair                  | RF-300'<br>LF-300'<br>Basepath-90' | No  | Outfield fence is 5' with no safety cap, outfield slopes to right field. a.k.a Glenn Mallory Field                                                                                               |
| Batting Cage                                               | 1          | Piping with nylon mesh netting, grass surface                   | Fair                  | 12'x70'                            | No  | Showing wear                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Pavilion                                                   | 1          | Wooden structure, outlets, 2 BBQ grills                         | Fair                  | 20'x70'                            | No  | Enclosed kitchen on one end, covered open-air picnic area in the middle, bathroom building attached to the opposite end. a.k.a Ralph Archer Pavilion                                             |
| <b>Cherrytree Community Pavilion</b>                       | 10.5 acres | Community Park                                                  | Cherrytree Township   |                                    |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                            |            |                                                                 |                       |                                    |     | The Township has applied to DCNR (May 2008), for improvements to the Cherrytree Township Park, with the addition of another ADA compliant pavilion, and sidewalk and amenities to the horse rink |
| Pavilion                                                   | 1          | Cement pad, 8 picnic tables, outlets, lights                    | Good                  | 30'x45'                            | Yes | Funding assistance from Community Conservation Partnership Program, administered by DCNR, has ADA parking sign                                                                                   |
| Horse Show Ring                                            | 1          | Wood corral fencing, debilitated announcer box, 2 flood lights  | Poor                  | 120'x150'                          | No  | Wood fence is rotting, announcer's box is old and vandalized                                                                                                                                     |
| Open Field Area                                            | 1          | 25 old picnic tables stored in one area                         |                       | 600'x150'                          | No  |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| Local Recreation Facilities                                | Number   |                                                                                                                                                                         | Condition     | Size                               | ADA | Comments                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Cooper Park</b>                                         | 12 acres | Sports Complex                                                                                                                                                          | Plum Township |                                    |     |                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                            |          |                                                                                                                                                                         |               |                                    |     | Fields constructed in part with Justus Trust Funding                                                                                    |
| Baseball Field #1<br>Southwest Orientation                 | 1        | New backstop, new dugouts (fenced-units), new player benches on new cement pads, new bleachers on new cement pads, new side line fencing, outfield fence, equipment box | Fair          | RF-180'<br>LF-180'<br>Basepath-60' | No  | Baseline fencing ends at bases, no capped safety-fencing                                                                                |
| Baseball Field #2<br>Southwest Orientation                 | 1        | Backstop, older player benches,                                                                                                                                         | Fair          | RF-270'<br>LF-265'<br>Basepath-60' | No  | Older condition, no baseline fencing past player benches, no outfield fence, outfield ends at woods, much grass/weeds in infield,       |
| Baseball Field #3<br>Southwest Orientation                 | 1        | New backstop, new dugouts (fenced-units), new player benches on new cement pads, new bleachers on new cement pads, new side line fencing, mound, outfield fence         | Fair          | RF-195'<br>LF-195'<br>Basepath-60' | No  | Outfield slopes to the outfield fence, uneven in and out field, baseline fencing ends at bases, no capped safety-fencing                |
| Baseball Field #4<br>Southwest Orientation                 | 1        | New backstop, new dugouts (fenced-units), new player benches on new cement pads, new bleachers on new cement pads, new side line fencing                                | Fair          | RF-144'<br>LF-144'<br>Basepath-60' | No  | Outfield ends at woods, much grass in the infield, most level field of the 4, base line fencing ends at bases, no capped safety-fencing |
| Batting Cage                                               | 1        | Pipe supports with mesh netting, dirt base                                                                                                                              | Fair          | 10'x70'                            | No  | Weeds on surface                                                                                                                        |
| Pavilion/Concession                                        | 1        | 4 picnic tables, wood building with some siding                                                                                                                         | Fair          | 20'x30'                            | No  |                                                                                                                                         |
| Sandbox                                                    | 1        | Enclosed with 8"x10" side boards                                                                                                                                        | Fair          | 8'x8'                              | No  |                                                                                                                                         |

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| Local Recreation Facilities                                | Number     |                                                                                                                                | Condition           | Size                               | ADA | Comments                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Cooperstown Aluminum Park</b>                           | 11.1 acres | Community Park                                                                                                                 | Cooperstown Borough |                                    |     |                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                            |            |                                                                                                                                |                     |                                    |     | Also known as Cooperstown High School Memorial Park                                                                                      |
| Large Pavilion                                             | 1          | 1/2 concrete floor, 1/2 pea gravel floor, outlets, stage, PA system, 81 picnic tables                                          | Good                | 54'x135'                           | No  | Wheelchair can not cross the 1/2 due to pea gravel as flooring                                                                           |
| Concession Building with attached pavilions on each side   | 1          | 4 BBQ units, outlets, lighting                                                                                                 | Fair                | 21'x135'                           | No  |                                                                                                                                          |
| Open Field                                                 | 1          | Large open field in park for parking, picnicking, and play, telephone poles with lights                                        |                     | 1,200'x300' (approx.)              | No  | Flat grass area beside creek, placed in-between residential areas. Sign at entrance says park here for ballfields across the street      |
| Softball Field #1 South Orientation                        | 1          | Backstop, baseline fencing, benches on 3rd base side only, grass infield, equipment shed, outfield shared with ball field #2   | Fair                | RF-300'<br>LF-300'<br>Basepath-60' | No  | All ballfields located across the street from the entrance to the Park. Ballfield #1 has rusty backstop and baseline fencing             |
| Baseball Field #2 North Orientation                        | 1          | Backstop, baseline fencing, benches, grass infield, equipment shed, mound, outfield shared with ball field #1                  | Fair                | RF-300'<br>LF-300'<br>Basepath-60' | No  | Ballfield #2 has a newer backstop, and a.k.a. Mitchell Memorial Ballfield                                                                |
| Batting Cage                                               | 1          | Piping with nylon mesh netting, grass surface                                                                                  | Poor                | 12'x75'                            | No  | Mesh is falling off pipes, weeds in pitching area                                                                                        |
| Pavilion                                                   | 1          | 3 picnic tables, 1BBQ, pea gravel floor                                                                                        | Fair                | 20'x30'                            | No  |                                                                                                                                          |
| Baseball Field #3 North Orientation                        | 1          | Backstop, bleachers, full-fencing, benches, grass infield, equipment shed, mound, outfield shared with ball field #1           | Fair                | RF-300'<br>LF-300'<br>Basepath-90' | No  | Backstop is rusty, outfield fence is new with no safety capping                                                                          |
| <b>The Village Green</b>                                   | 2.2 acres  | Community Park                                                                                                                 | Polk Borough        |                                    |     |                                                                                                                                          |
| Playground                                                 | 1          | Pea gravel base, 1 modular unit, 2 spring riders, 4 hole basketball unit, 2 metal slides, 1swing unit with 4 swings, fenced in | See Safety Audit    | 50'x90'                            | No  | Slides in direct sunlight, slides pose choking potential, swing hooks open, modular unit has worn and cracked plastic, ladder rungs bent |
| Horseshoe Court                                            | 1          | Boxed-in pits with stakes                                                                                                      | Fair                | 40' post to post                   | No  |                                                                                                                                          |
| Shuffleboard Court                                         | 1          | Asphalt                                                                                                                        | Fair                | 45'                                | No  | No cracks in court, numbers worn                                                                                                         |
| Basketball Court                                           | 1          | Small court with 2 standards                                                                                                   | Poor                | 30'x30'                            | No  | One standard is a telephone pole with rim missing, the other is a portable standard                                                      |
| Concession /Pavilion Stand                                 | 1          | Block building, with a cement pad under attached pavilion                                                                      | Fair                | 30'x60'                            | No  |                                                                                                                                          |

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| Local Recreation Facilities                                | Number      |                                                                                                                         | Condition        | Size                               | ADA  | Comments                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Veteran's Memorial Playground</b>                       | .074 acres  | Neighborhood Park                                                                                                       | Emlenton Borough |                                    |      |                                                                                                                                                        |
| Playground                                                 | 1           | 1 modular unit with ladder, slide, tunnel, spring riders, mulch base, plastic mulch retainer, water fountain, fenced-in | See Safety Audit | 40'x45'                            | Yes  | Funding assistance from Community Conservation Partnership Program, administered by DCNR. Needs more mulch                                             |
| <b>Mineral Springs Park</b>                                | 12 acres    | Special Use                                                                                                             | Emlenton Borough |                                    |      |                                                                                                                                                        |
| Natural Area-Ravine                                        |             |                                                                                                                         |                  |                                    |      | Property conveyed to Emlenton by the H.J. Crawford Family in 1926                                                                                      |
|                                                            | 1           | Metal vehicle bridge                                                                                                    | Fair             | 12'Wx30'L                          | No   |                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                            | 1           | Metal walking bridge                                                                                                    | Fair             | 4'Wx35'L                           | No   |                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                            | 1           | Pavilion                                                                                                                | Fair             | 20'x30'                            | No   |                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                            |             | Oil industry equipment                                                                                                  |                  |                                    |      |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Emlenton Municipal Forest</b>                           | 104 acres   | Special Use                                                                                                             | Emlenton Borough |                                    |      |                                                                                                                                                        |
| Forested Land                                              |             | Trails, scenic views                                                                                                    |                  | 104 acres                          | No   | Willed to the borough by the H.J. Crawford estate                                                                                                      |
| <b>Emlenton Recreational Park &amp; Hughes Park</b>        | 17.71 acres | Community Park                                                                                                          | Emlenton Borough |                                    |      |                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                            |             |                                                                                                                         |                  |                                    |      | Willed to the borough by the Alberta Toddle estate                                                                                                     |
| Baseball Field #1<br>Southwest Orientation                 | 1           | Backstop, dugouts, benches, bleachers, full-fencing with yellow safety capping, lights, electric score-board, mound     | Good             | RF-200'<br>LF-200'<br>Basepath-60' | *Yes | * Yes to bleachers for watching only. Diamond cut into infield of grass                                                                                |
| Baseball Field #2<br>South Orientation                     | 1           | Backstop, dugouts, benches, bleachers, electric score-board, mound, batting net                                         | Good             | RF-300'<br>LF-300'<br>Basepath-90' | *Yes | *Yes to bleachers for watching only. Right field and right center outfield fence ends at 3rd base line of field #1, fence is higher along this section |
| Concession Stand                                           | 1           | Bathroom build in                                                                                                       |                  |                                    | No   |                                                                                                                                                        |
| Batting Cage                                               | 1           | Metal posts and metal fencing, cement pad at batter's box, pitching machine built in at far end and enclosed            | Good             | 14'x70'                            | No   |                                                                                                                                                        |
| Basketball Court                                           | 1           | 2 standards, full fencing, green play surface with lines                                                                | Good             | 70'x120'                           | Yes  | Some hairline cracks only                                                                                                                              |
| Pool                                                       | 1           | 3' to 11' depth, medium dive, 2 guard chairs                                                                            | Fair             | 40'x90'                            | No   |                                                                                                                                                        |
| Sand Volleyball Court                                      | 1           | Sand, fenced-in on 3 sides, with access to pool                                                                         | Fair             | 30'x65'                            | No   |                                                                                                                                                        |

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| Local Recreation Facilities                                | Number             |                                                                                                                                                                          | Condition                       | Size                         | ADA | Comments                                                                                                                     |
| Playground                                                 | 1                  | 1 modular unit, 2 plastic slides, climbers, 2 swing units, metal slide, 3 spring riders, 4 hole basketball chute, metal merry-go-round, mix of grass, solid & mulch base | See Safety Audit                | Units scattered              | No  | Top of slide presents choking a hazard                                                                                       |
| Pavilion                                                   | 1                  | Cement pad, 6-20' picnic tables, outlets, lights                                                                                                                         | Good                            | 25'x60'                      | Yes |                                                                                                                              |
| Cooking Pavilion                                           | 1                  | 2 large grills, pea gravel base                                                                                                                                          | Good                            | 13'x13'                      | No  | Located adjacent to large pavilion                                                                                           |
| Tennis Courts                                              | 2                  | 2 nets, full fencing, green play surface with white lines                                                                                                                | Good                            | 120'x120'                    | Yes | Across street from ball fields, some hairline cracks in surface                                                              |
| <b>Harvest Home Park, Pine Grove Township</b>              | <b>27.84 acres</b> | <b>Community Park</b>                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Harvest Home Association</b> |                              |     |                                                                                                                              |
| Baseball Field South Orientation                           | 1                  | Backstop, dugouts, benches, bleachers, wooden outfield fence with ad-signs, electric score board, mound                                                                  | Fair                            | RF-353' LF-329' Basepath-90' | No  | Slopes up hill to outfield, grass and weeds beginning to grow in cut diamond base path, baseline fencing extends after bases |
| Pavilion                                                   | 1                  | Cement pad, outlets, lights, 12 picnic tables                                                                                                                            | Fair                            | 15'x75'                      | No  |                                                                                                                              |
| Horseshoe Courts                                           | 2                  | Sand pits enclosed with wood, backstop, 4 benches                                                                                                                        | Fair                            | 40' post to post             | No  |                                                                                                                              |
| Playground                                                 | 1                  | Home-made 4"x4" wooden units, slides, rings, grass-base, sand box                                                                                                        | See Safety Audit                | 20'x70' area                 | No  | 3 swings per unit                                                                                                            |
| Concession                                                 | 1                  | Small mobile trailer-type                                                                                                                                                | Fair                            | 9'x15'                       | No  |                                                                                                                              |
| Fire Pit                                                   | 1                  | Large stone enclosed                                                                                                                                                     | Fair                            | 5'x8'                        | No  |                                                                                                                              |
| Maintenance Shed                                           | 1                  |                                                                                                                                                                          | Fair                            |                              | No  |                                                                                                                              |
| Turkey Shoot Range                                         | 1                  | 25 target posts                                                                                                                                                          | Fair                            |                              | No  | Participants shoot at paper plate targets on target posts                                                                    |
| <b>Morrison Park</b>                                       | <b>23.66 acres</b> | <b>Community Park</b>                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Cranberry Township</b>       |                              |     |                                                                                                                              |
| Volleyball Court                                           | 1                  | Sand, poles and net                                                                                                                                                      | Fait                            | 30'x60'                      | No  | Grass encroaching around perimeter                                                                                           |
| Horseshoe Court                                            | 2                  | Sand pits enclosed with wood                                                                                                                                             | Fair                            | 40' post to post             |     |                                                                                                                              |
| Pavilion #1                                                | 1                  | Cement pad, 2 grills, ADA picnic tables, outlets, lights                                                                                                                 | Good                            | 20'x30'                      | Yes |                                                                                                                              |
| Tennis Courts                                              | 2                  | 2 nets, green play surface with white line, full fencing                                                                                                                 | Good                            | 60'x120'                     | Yes |                                                                                                                              |
| Basketball Court                                           | 1                  | 2 standards, green play surface with white lines, full fencing                                                                                                           | Good                            | 60'x120'                     | Yes | 1 rim needs replaced                                                                                                         |
| Pavilion #2                                                | 1                  | Cement pad, 4 grills, 19 picnic tables, outlets, lights                                                                                                                  | Good                            | 30'x60'                      | Yes | Sled riding hill next to pavilion                                                                                            |

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| Local Recreation Facilities                                | Number            |                                                                                                                                    | Condition                   | Size                               | ADA | Comments                                                                                              |
| Pavilion #3                                                | 1                 | Cement pad, 2 grills, 9 picnic tables, outlets                                                                                     | Good                        | 15'x45'                            | Yes |                                                                                                       |
| Pavilion #4                                                | 1                 | Hexagon shape, 1 ADA table, 7 picnic tables, cement pad, 2 grills                                                                  | Good                        | 30'x30'                            | Yes |                                                                                                       |
| Playground #1                                              | 1                 | 1 wooden unit with climbers, 2 slides, 1 metal slide, 3 rope tire, 4 spring riders, mulch base                                     | See Safety Audit            |                                    | Yes | Has safety issues with the "S" hooks, and slide choking issues                                        |
| Sand Volleyball Court                                      | 1                 | Padded posts, sand                                                                                                                 | Good                        | 30'x60'                            | No  | Some grass encroaching at ends                                                                        |
| Playground #2                                              | 1                 | Wooden unit, 1 slide, pea gravel base, 1spring rider, 2 swings                                                                     | See Safety Audit            | 20'x20' area                       | No  | Plastic coated chains and "S" hooks                                                                   |
| Playground #3                                              | 1                 | Small modular unit, 2 spring riders, millings for base                                                                             | See Safety Audit            | 15'x15' area                       | No  | Located by hexagon pavilion                                                                           |
| Pond                                                       | 1                 | Bridge                                                                                                                             | Good                        | 30' diameter                       | No  |                                                                                                       |
| Trail                                                      | 1                 | Grass base, signage                                                                                                                | Fair                        |                                    | No  |                                                                                                       |
| Softball Field South Orientation                           | 1                 | Backstop                                                                                                                           | Poor for safe play          | Large open field                   | No  | For recreational use only                                                                             |
| <b>Clintonville Community Park</b>                         | <b>9.16 acres</b> | <b>Community Park</b>                                                                                                              | <b>Clintonville Borough</b> |                                    |     |                                                                                                       |
| Playground                                                 | 1                 | 1 modular unit, slides, climbers, scaling wall, mulch base, 1 tire swing and a preschool unit, 2 elementary units, 2 spring riders | See Safety Audit            | 15'x30'                            | No  | Has ADA parking signs. Debris and staining due to proximity to evergreen sap                          |
| Pavilion                                                   | 1                 | 2 grills, 12 picnic tables, cement pad, water, outlets, lights                                                                     | Fair                        | 21'x81'                            | Yes | Cement sidewalk to pavilion. Good condition but debris and staining due to proximity to evergreen sap |
| Softball Field South Orientation                           | 1                 | Backstop, dugouts, benches, bleachers, black-capped safety outfield fencing, baseline fencing to 1st & 3rd bases only, electricity | Fair                        | RF-225'<br>LF-225'<br>Basepath-60' | No  | In the process of replacing backstop fencing, none presently. Outfield slopes down to LF              |
| Concession/Bathroom                                        | 1                 | Front serve                                                                                                                        | Good                        | 20'x20'                            | Yes |                                                                                                       |
| Old Basketball Court                                       | 1                 | 1 standard with hoop, fenced-in                                                                                                    | Poor                        |                                    | Yes | The area is now used as a playground for Clintonville Head Start                                      |

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| <b>Barkeyville Community Park</b>                          | 15+ acres | Community Park                                                                                                                                                                                           | Barkeyville Borough  |                                    |     |                                                                                                      |
| Baseball Field<br>Northeast Orientation                    | 1         | Backstop, benches, bleachers, full fencing, safety bases, equipment shed                                                                                                                                 | Good                 | RF-200'<br>LF-197'<br>Basepath-60' | Yes | Outfield needs rolled, slopes down to LF                                                             |
| Concession Stand                                           | 1         | New building, sided with overhang on serving window, grille, 4 picnic tables                                                                                                                             | Good                 | 8'x20'                             | No  |                                                                                                      |
| Basketball Court<br>North to South Orientation             | 1         | 2 standards, full fencing, cement pad with lines, security lighting                                                                                                                                      | Good                 | 45'x90'                            | No  | Newer facility                                                                                       |
| Playground                                                 | 1         | 1 metal climbing unit, 4 hole basketball, 2 spring riders, large modular play-house, water fountain                                                                                                      | See Safety Audit     | 36'x45' area                       | No  | Modular play house not intended for use in public parks                                              |
| Horseshoe Courts                                           | 2         | Metal recessed boxes filled with sand                                                                                                                                                                    | Fair                 | 40' post to post                   | No  | Needs sand fill                                                                                      |
| Sitting area                                               |           | 10 permanent benches in the proximity of the playground and pavilion, placed in a large circular area                                                                                                    | Fair                 |                                    | No  | Some broken boards, donated by Cooper-Bessemer Reciprocating of Grove City                           |
| <b>Robert M. Brown Memorial Park</b>                       | 2 acres   | Community Park                                                                                                                                                                                           | Sandy Creek Township |                                    |     |                                                                                                      |
| Playground                                                 | 1         | 2 modular elementary aged units, 2 swingsets pre-school and elementary with 1 tire swing, wood car play-unit, 2 cable riders - 40' long, balance beam, mulch base throughout, 3 picnic tables throughout | See Safety Audit     | Large area, spread out units       | No  | Modular units are wood and fiber board mixed. Park is mulched throughout except for basketball court |
| Pavilion                                                   | 1         | New cement pad, ADA tables, lights, outlets                                                                                                                                                              | Good                 | 20'x30'                            | No  |                                                                                                      |
| Large Sitting Swing                                        | 1         | Wood fiber unit, two benches on each side                                                                                                                                                                | Good                 | 6'x9'                              |     | Suspended swing under a roof                                                                         |
| Basketball Court                                           | 1         | 1 standard, hoop, net                                                                                                                                                                                    | Good                 | 20'x20'                            | No  | Pad cracked on one end. Needs fixed.                                                                 |

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| <b>Reno Playground</b>                                     | 1.5 acres | Community Park                                                                                                                               | Sugarcreek Borough |                  |     |                                                                                                    |
| Playground                                                 | 1         | 4-hole basketball, 1 small modular unit, balace-beam, 2 metal bar climbers, 1 preschool swing, soil surface, 2 spring riders, merry-go-round | See Safety Audit   | Spread out       | No  | Modular unit is the newest piece on an old playground                                              |
| Pavilion                                                   | 1         | Cement pad, grille, 4 picnic tables                                                                                                          | Poor               | 20'x40'          | No  | Holes in roof, paint peeling off of table (May be lead based)                                      |
| Basketball Court                                           | 1         | 2 aluminum standards, cement pad, light                                                                                                      | Fair               | 20'x50'          | No  | Pad poured in 3 sections with grass growing in each crease                                         |
| Volleyball Court                                           | 1         | Grass base, net and posts                                                                                                                    | Poor               | 20'x40'          | No  | Was sand base, now grown in with grass                                                             |
| Horseshoe Court                                            | 1         | Pits built up on platform                                                                                                                    | Fair               | 40' post to post | No  |                                                                                                    |
| <b>Justus Park</b>                                         | 3 acres   | Community Park                                                                                                                               | Oil City           |                  |     |                                                                                                    |
|                                                            |           |                                                                                                                                              |                    |                  |     | Located between river and hotel, lighting fixtures through out the park for night concerts and use |
| Band Shell                                                 | 1         | 1/2 shell on a poured elevated circular pad, lights, track-lighting, outlets                                                                 | Fair               | 45' circular pad | No  | Step up to get on stage                                                                            |
| Playground                                                 | 1         | Wooden unit, 2 slides, balance beam, mulch base, water fountain                                                                              | See Safety Audit   | 35'x65' area     | No  |                                                                                                    |
| Pavilion                                                   | 2         | Cement flooring, seating, modular structures, partial-covered roof, partial louvered roof                                                    | Fair               | 20'x20'          | Yes |                                                                                                    |
| Seating Areas                                              |           | Benches overlooking the river                                                                                                                | Good               |                  | Yes |                                                                                                    |
| Restroom                                                   | 1         | Newer building, water fountain                                                                                                               | Good               | 20'x25'          | Yes |                                                                                                    |
| Walkway                                                    | 1         | Cement poured                                                                                                                                | Good               |                  | Yes |                                                                                                    |
| Memorial                                                   | 1         | Veterans memorial displays                                                                                                                   | Good               |                  | Yes | Oil City VFW Post # 464                                                                            |
| Planters                                                   | 4         | Large cement bowls for flowers                                                                                                               |                    |                  |     |                                                                                                    |
| Canoe Launch                                               | 1         |                                                                                                                                              | Fair               |                  | No  | Dissicult to launch due to river rock                                                              |
| <b>Hasson Park, Pool and Athletic Area</b>                 | 12 acres  | Community Park                                                                                                                               | Oil City           |                  |     |                                                                                                    |
| Open Space                                                 |           | Woodlands, Rhododendron tracts, stream, foot bridges, trails, hills                                                                          | Nice               |                  | No  | Wooded park area located just past UPMC Hospital entrance. ADA along road only                     |
| Playground                                                 | 1         | 1 modular elementary unit, mulch base                                                                                                        | See Safety Audit   |                  | Yes |                                                                                                    |
| Playground                                                 | 1         | 1 modular pre-school unit, mulch base, 2 slides, climbers, bridges                                                                           | See Safety Audit   |                  | Yes |                                                                                                    |
| Swing-Set Units                                            | 3         | Scattered throughout park-area                                                                                                               | Good               |                  | No  |                                                                                                    |

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| Picnic Table Groves                                        |        |                                                                                                                                                 | Good      |                                    | No  |                                                                                                                |
| Clubhouse/Building                                         | 1      |                                                                                                                                                 | Fair      |                                    | Yes |                                                                                                                |
| Horseshoe Court                                            | 3      | 3 courts side-by-side, backstops, security lighting, fenced-in                                                                                  | Fair      | 40' post to post                   | No  |                                                                                                                |
| Pavilion (main)                                            | 1      | Cement pad, wood structure, lights, outlets, 2-large grills, 40-picnic tables, water                                                            | Good      | 45'x70'                            | Yes |                                                                                                                |
| Pavilion (hexagon)                                         | 1      | Hexagon shape, cement pad, 8 picnic tables, 2 grills, lights, outlets                                                                           | Fair      | 35'x35'                            | No  | Over the hill below main pavilion                                                                              |
| Sandbox Pavilion                                           | 1      | Sand box under a sheltered pavilion, next to main eating pavilion                                                                               | Good      | 12'x18'                            | Yes |                                                                                                                |
| Pavilion                                                   | 1      | Cement pad, 18 picnic tables, 2 grills                                                                                                          | Fair      | 20'x100'                           | No  | Located in obscure location up on hillside with winding access road, graffiti problem, slender structure       |
| Pool                                                       | 1      | Pool and water park, 2-diving boards, 2-"S" slides, palm tree sprayers, mushroom sprayer, fire hydrant sprayer, concession, changing rooms      | Good      |                                    | Yes | Pavilion area with tarp roof                                                                                   |
| Skate Park                                                 | 1      | 2-1/4 pipes, ramps, rails, asphalt surface                                                                                                      | Good      | 120'x150'                          | Yes |                                                                                                                |
| DekHockey Rink<br>West to East orientation                 | 1      | Crash boards, full hockey fencing, player boxes, bleachers, lights, changing room, concession, small wooden playground units, slide, mulch base | Good      | Regulation                         | Yes | Named Oil City Deck-Hockey Rink, funded by Community Conservation Partnership Initiative. 2 ADA parking spaces |
| Maintenance Building                                       | 1      |                                                                                                                                                 | Good      |                                    |     |                                                                                                                |
| Softball Field<br>North by Northwest Orientation           | 1      | Lights, backstop, fenced-dugouts, benches, bleachers, full yellow-capped safety fencing, safety base                                            | Good      | RF-300'<br>LF-300'<br>Basepath-65' | Yes | New lights and fencing                                                                                         |

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| <b>Mitchell Land of Laughter and Ball Fields</b>            | 8 acres     | Community Park                                                                                                                       | Oil City                                             |                                    |     |                                                                             |
| Playground                                                  | 1           | 3 wooden units, 2 elementary and 1 preschool, wooden car, wooden dinosaur, swings, track ride, tire swing, climbing wall, mulch base | See Safety Audit                                     | Spread out                         | No  | 2 ADA parking spaces                                                        |
| Basketball Court                                            | 1           | 2 standards, asphalt surface                                                                                                         | Fair                                                 | 60'x90'                            | Yes | Slopes to the west, no fencing                                              |
| Softball Field East Orientation                             | 1           | Backstop, new full yellow-capped safety fencing, benches behind fencing, bleachers                                                   | Good                                                 | RF-200'<br>LF-200'<br>Basepath-60' | No  | Named Bob Bouquin Softball Field                                            |
| Pavilion                                                    | 1           | Cement pad, 4 picnic tables                                                                                                          | Good                                                 | 12'x15'                            | No  |                                                                             |
| Tennis Courts                                               | 3           | 3 side-by-side courts, faded green and red surface, no nets                                                                          | Poor                                                 | 120'x145'                          | Yes | Closed, full of leaves, cracks with weeds, no nets                          |
| Softball Field #1 West Orientation                          | 1           | Backstop, electric scoreboard, bleachers, benches, full yellow-capped safety fencing, safety base                                    | Good                                                 | RF-228'<br>LF-265'<br>Basepath-65' | Yes | ADA for watching from bleacher area. Outfield fence is approx. 15 feet high |
| Softball Field #2 West Orientation                          | 1           | Backstop, electric scoreboard, bleachers, benches, full yellow-capped safety fencing, safety base, water fountain                    | Good                                                 | RF-243'<br>LF-252'<br>Basepath-65' | Yes | ADA for watching from bleacher area. Outfield fence is approx. 15 feet high |
| <b>Victory Heights Community League, Cranberry Township</b> | 79.50 acres | Community Park                                                                                                                       | Victory Heights Community League, Cranberry Township |                                    |     |                                                                             |
| Community Building                                          | 1           | Older basic structure                                                                                                                | Fair                                                 | 60'x70'                            | Yes | Given to the Community                                                      |
| Playground                                                  | 1           | Wooden store-bought unit, 2 slides, swings, climbers, mulch base                                                                     | See Safety Audit                                     | 15'x15' area                       | No  |                                                                             |
| Turkey Shoot Range                                          | 1           | 30 target posts, lights, gun rest area                                                                                               | Fair                                                 | 65'x75'                            | No  | Participants shoot at paper plate targets on target posts                   |
| Ball Field Areas                                            | 2           | Large open areas, appears to be used at times for pick-up softball games, and parking or for carnival affairs                        | Poor                                                 |                                    | No  |                                                                             |

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| <b>Riverfront Park</b>                                     | 10.5 acres | Neighborhood Park                                                                                                                           | City of Franklin |                                |      |                                                                                                                                                        |
| Linear Park                                                | 1          | Open space, Allegheny River, park area                                                                                                      | Good             |                                |      |                                                                                                                                                        |
| Tennis Court North to South Orientation                    | 1          | 2 nets, full fencing, red and green surface                                                                                                 | Good             | 120'x120'                      | Yes  | Some graffiti on practice wall                                                                                                                         |
| Basketball Court North to South Orientation                | 1          | 3 standards, 1 full-size court, and 1 half court, asphalt surface, partial fencing                                                          | Fair             | 60'x120'                       | Yes  | Cracks where painted court marking lines are                                                                                                           |
| Playground                                                 | 1          | 1 large modular unit, 1 smaller modular unit, mulch base, wooden play units, cable-riders, pre-school swings, elementary swings             | See Safety Audit | 65'x190' area                  | No   | "S" hooks open, rocks protruding under elementary swing units                                                                                          |
| Gazebo                                                     | 1          |                                                                                                                                             | Good             |                                | No   | Located in playground area                                                                                                                             |
| Walking Path                                               | 1          | Asphalt surface, 4' wide                                                                                                                    | Fair             |                                | Yes  | Runs from one end of park area to the other                                                                                                            |
| <b>South Park</b>                                          | 5.99 acres | Neighborhood Park                                                                                                                           | City of Franklin |                                |      |                                                                                                                                                        |
| Town Hall Park                                             | 1          | Brick and cement walkways, benches, stage, memorial-tree plantings, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, picnic tables                                | Good             | 1-city block                   | Yes  |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>West Park</b>                                           | 2.27 acres | Neighborhood Park                                                                                                                           | City of Franklin |                                |      |                                                                                                                                                        |
| Town Hall Park                                             | 1          | Cement walkways, fountain, memorial tree plantings, benches throughout, gazebo, vintage street lamps                                        | Good             | 1-city block                   | Yes  |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Miller-Sibley Park &amp; Pool</b>                       | 14 acres   | Community Park                                                                                                                              | City of Franklin |                                |      |                                                                                                                                                        |
| Pool                                                       | 1          | 3.6' to 5' depth, "S" slide, 3 guard chairs, pavilion, concession, grass beach area, cement pad around pool, changing room building, lights | Good             |                                | Yes  | Pool has built-in ramp, some weed growth around perimeter fence, 2 ADA parking spaces, pool rules posted                                               |
| Kiddie Pool                                                | 1          | Mushroom sprayer, 2' depth, benches on 3-sides, pavilion, grass beach area, fenced in pool area                                             | Good             |                                | *Yes | *Yes to pool area, and beach area, but no ramp into the 2'ft water                                                                                     |
| Baseball Field #1 North by Northeast Orientation           | 1          | Backstop, bleachers, player-benches behind backstop, mound, cut base path                                                                   | Fair             | RF-120'+ LF-200'+ Basepath-60' | No   | Ball field #'s 1, 2, and 3, all share the same blended outfield with each home plate at different sides of the parcel. No field has an outfield fence. |
| Softball Field #2 Southwest Orientation                    | 1          | Backstop, bleachers, player-benches behind backstop, dug outs                                                                               | Fair             | RF-200'+ LF-200'+ Basepath-60' | No   | Weeds in infield                                                                                                                                       |

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| Local Recreation Facilities                                | Number |                                                                                                                                               | Condition        | Size                                 | ADA | Comments                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Softball Field #3<br>West Orientation                      | 1      | T-Ball layout, backstop, bleachers, player-benches behind backstop, cut base path                                                             | Fair             | RF-270'+<br>LF-270'+<br>Basepath-60' | No  | Weeds in base path, no 1st or 3rd baseline fencing                                                                                                                            |
| Batting Cage                                               | 1      | Aluminum post with nylon mesh, grass base, rubber matting around plate, L-screen                                                              | Fair             | 15'x60'                              | No  |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Basketball Court                                           | 2      | 2-courts side-by-side with no fence in-between, 4 standards, red and green surface                                                            | Good             | 111'x118'                            | No  | 1 crack at westside of court, needs 1 new net                                                                                                                                 |
| Tennis Court                                               | 2      | 2 nets side-by-side, red and green surface, full fencing                                                                                      | Good             | 102'x118'                            | No  |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Tennis Court                                               | 3      | 3 nets side-by-side, faded red and green surface, full fencing                                                                                | Fair             | 122'x154'                            | No  | Needs repainted, fence curled-up at bottom, cracks in surface with small weed growth                                                                                          |
| Horseshoe Court                                            | 4      | 4 court area, lights, bleachers, back stops, cement pads around covered pits, concession area,                                                | Fair             | 100'x75'                             | No  | Aging league courts, needs weed eating and weed-growth control                                                                                                                |
| Horseshoe Court                                            | 5      | 5 court area, lights, bleachers, back stops, cement pads around covered pits                                                                  | Fair             | 100'x75'                             | No  |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Baseball Field #4<br>West Orientation                      | 1      | Backstop, mound, benches behind baseline fencing mixed with bleachers, bleachers, full fencing, lights, safety base, storage shed, no dugouts | Fair             | RF-240'<br>LF-227'<br>Basepath-65'   | Yes | Old rusted fence, outfield fence needs replaced in places, outfield slopes down after infield comes to a rim, infield needs leveled, no safety fencing, outfield fence is 15' |
| Baseball Field #5<br>North Orientation                     | 1      | Backstop, mound, benches, dugouts, lights, safety base, concession under press box, cut base path                                             | Good             | RF-185'<br>LF-185'<br>Basepath-60'   | Yes | Very level, locked fence to field                                                                                                                                             |
| Batting Cage                                               | 1      | Dirt base, L-fence                                                                                                                            | Fair             | 15'x60'                              | No  |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Pavilion                                                   | 1      | Cement pad, outlets, 2 grills, kitchen building attached, water fountain, lights                                                              | Fair             | 38-x70'                              | Yes | Bird droppings everywhere from birds roosting in rafters                                                                                                                      |
| Playground                                                 | 1      | 1 modular unit, 2 preschool swings, 4 elementary swings, mulch base                                                                           | See Safety Audit | 15'x20' area                         | No  |                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| Venango County - Project Facilities Inventory and Analysis |            |                                                                                                               |                             |                                     |     |                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Local Recreation Facilities                                | Number     |                                                                                                               | Condition                   | Size                                | ADA | Comments                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Rocky Grove Park and Playground</b>                     | 2.13 acres | Community Park                                                                                                | Sugarcreek Borough          |                                     |     |                                                                                                                                                  |
| Playground #1                                              | 1          | Elementary aged wooden units with walkways, tire swing, slides, cork-screw, mulch base, climbing wall         | See Safety Audit            | 120'x180' area                      | No  |                                                                                                                                                  |
| Playground #2                                              | 1          | Preschool wooden units, slides, swings, tic-tac-toe board, mulch base, fenced-in with colored fencing, lights | See Safety Audit            | 40'x80' area                        | No  |                                                                                                                                                  |
| Pavilion                                                   | 1          | Cement pad, 4 picnic tables                                                                                   | Fair                        | 20'x40'                             | No  | Located in elementary playground area                                                                                                            |
| Basketball Court North to South Orientation                | 2          | 4 standards, 1 full court, 1 half court, asphalt surface, full fencing                                        | Good                        | 50'x60'                             | No  | No painted court markings                                                                                                                        |
| Baseball Field North Orientation                           | 1          | Backstop, benches, bleachers, dug outs, baseline to outfield foul pole fencing, no outfield fencing           | Fair                        | RF-240'<br>LF-300'+<br>Basepath-60' | No  | No outfield fence, outfield slopes up-hill and extends to playground areas, there is a cement pad in ground in left field that should be removed |
| <b>Wilson Park, Kennerdell</b>                             | 6.0 acres  | Special Use Park                                                                                              | Kennerdale Community Center |                                     |     |                                                                                                                                                  |
| Open woodlands                                             | 1          | Open woodlands,                                                                                               | Good                        |                                     | No  | The property was gifted by the Wilson Family specifically for the music and arts festival. It is owned by the Kennerdale Community Center        |
| Reichenfeld pavilion                                       | 1          | Wood structure, electricity                                                                                   | Fair                        | 25' x 50'                           | No  | Three sides are enclosed                                                                                                                         |
| Pavilion                                                   | 1          | Dirt floor, 4-10' picnic tables, tin roof                                                                     | Poor                        | 35' x 20'                           | No  | New tin roof                                                                                                                                     |
| Log Cabin-type structure                                   | 1          | Glass windows, tin roof                                                                                       | Fair                        | 25' x 18'                           | No  |                                                                                                                                                  |
| Snack-sale Building                                        | 1          | Wood structure, electricity                                                                                   | Fair                        |                                     | No  |                                                                                                                                                  |



# C: Venango County School District Recreation Facilities Inventory

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## Venango County School District Recreation Facilities

| School                                                          | Facility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Number | Comments                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Allegheny-Clarion Valley School District, Clarion County</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Outdoor Facilities</b>                                       | Allegheny-Clarion Valley School District has a Use of School Facilities Rental Policy for use of their sports facilities, [i.e.], gymnasium and outdoor sports fields can be rented; contact the principal of the school where the facility is located. |        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Jr. Sr. High School</b>                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        | Facilities are shared between the Senior High and Middle School                                             |
|                                                                 | Football Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1      |                                                                                                             |
|                                                                 | Football Practice Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1      |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Elementary School</b>                                        | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1      |                                                                                                             |
|                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Indoor Facilities</b>                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Jr. Sr. High School</b>                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        | Facilities are shared between the Senior High and Middle School                                             |
|                                                                 | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                                                             |
|                                                                 | Weight Training Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1      |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Elementary School</b>                                        | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                                                             |
|                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Cranberry Area School District</b>                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Outdoor Facilities</b>                                       | Cranberry Area School District has a Use of School Facilities Rental Policy for use of their sports facilities, [i.e.], gymnasium and outdoor sports fields can be rented; contact the principal of the school where the facility is located.           |        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Cranberry Jr. Sr. High School</b>                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        | Facilities are shared between the Senior High and Junior School. Football is played at AC Valley Facilities |
|                                                                 | Baseball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3      |                                                                                                             |
|                                                                 | Softball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3      |                                                                                                             |
|                                                                 | Track & Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1      |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Pine Grove Elementary</b>                                    | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1      |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Cranberry Elementary</b>                                     | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1      |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Rockland Elementary</b>                                      | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1      |                                                                                                             |
|                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Indoor Facilities</b>                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Cranberry Jr. Sr. High School</b>                            | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      | Facilities are shared between the Senior High and Junior School                                             |
|                                                                 | Wrestling Area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1      |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Pine Grove Elementary</b>                                    | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Cranberry Elementary</b>                                     | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Rockland Elementary</b>                                      | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Rockland Elementary</b>                                      | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                                                             |

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| School                                            | Facility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Number | Comments                                                        |
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| <b>Forest Area School District, Forest County</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |        |                                                                 |
| <b>Outdoor Facilities</b>                         | Forest Area School District has a Use of School Facilities Rental Policy for use of their sports facilities, [i.e.], gymnasium and outdoor sports fields can be rented; contact the principal of the school where the facility is located.   |        |                                                                 |
| <b>West Forest School, Tionesta</b>               | Baseball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Softball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Soccer Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Tennis Courts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Basketball Court                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1      | Has 4 hoops in the parking lot                                  |
|                                                   | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1      |                                                                 |
| <b>Indoor Facilities</b>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |        |                                                                 |
| <b>West Forest School, Tionesta</b>               | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Weight & Training Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Indoor Batting Cage                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |        |                                                                 |
| <b>Franklin Area School District</b>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |        |                                                                 |
| <b>Outdoor Facilities</b>                         | Franklin School District has a Use of School Facilities Rental Policy #707 for use of their sports facilities, [i.e.], gymnasium and outdoor sports fields can be rented; contact the principal of the school where the facility is located. |        |                                                                 |
| <b>Senior High &amp; Middle School</b>            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |        | Facilities are shared between the Senior High and Middle School |
|                                                   | Baseball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Batting Cage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Football Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Football Practice Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Tennis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
|                                                   | Track & Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1      |                                                                 |
| <b>Central Elementary</b>                         | Softball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Bagging Cage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
| <b>Sandy Creek Elementary</b>                     | Softball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Batting Cage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
| <b>Victory Elementary</b>                         | Baseball/Softball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
|                                                   | Basketball                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |

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| School                          | Facility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Number | Comments                                                        |
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|                                 | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
| Utica Elementary                | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
| Polk Elementary                 | Baseball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
|                                 | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
| 7th Street Elementary           | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
| <b>Indoor Facilities</b>        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |                                                                 |
| Senior High & Middle School     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        | Facilities are shared between the Senior High and Middle School |
|                                 | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                 | Remedial Gym                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                 | Weight & Training Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1      |                                                                 |
| Central Elementary              | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                 |
| Sandycreek Elementary           | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                 |
| Victory Elementary              | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                 |
| Utica Elementary                | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                 |
| Polk Elementary                 | Gym/Cafeteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1      |                                                                 |
| 7th Street Elementary           | Gym/Cafeteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |                                                                 |
| <b>Oil City School District</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |                                                                 |
| <b>Outdoor Facilities</b>       | Oil City School District has a Use of School Facilities Rental Policy for use of their sports facilities, [i.e.], gymnasium and outdoor sports fields can be rented; contact the principal of the school where the facility is located. |        |                                                                 |
| Senior High & Middle School     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        | Facilities are shared between the Senior High and Middle School |
|                                 | Baseball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                 | Softball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                 | Batting Cage                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                 | Soccer Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
|                                 | Football Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                 | Football Practice Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                 | Basketball Court                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                 | Tennis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
|                                 | Track & Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1      |                                                                 |
| Smedley Street Elementary       | Football Practice Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                 | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |

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| School                                            | Facility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Number | Comments                                                        |
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| <b>Hasson Heights Elementary</b>                  | Football Practice Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Basketball Court                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
|                                                   | Volleyball Court                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
|                                                   | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
| <b>Oakland Elementary</b>                         | Basketball Court                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
|                                                   | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
| <b>Seventh Street Elementary</b>                  | Basketball Court                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
|                                                   | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                  |
| <b>Indoor Facilities</b>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        |                                                                 |
| <b>Senior High &amp; Middle School</b>            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        | Facilities are shared between the Senior High and Middle School |
|                                                   | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Wrestling Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Weight & Training Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Pool                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1      |                                                                 |
| <b>Smedley Street Elementary</b>                  | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1      |                                                                 |
| <b>Hasson Heights Elementary</b>                  | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Remedial Gym                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1      |                                                                 |
| <b>Oakland Elementary</b>                         | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Remedial Gym                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1      |                                                                 |
| <b>Seventh Street Elementary</b>                  | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        |                                                                 |
| <b>Penncrest School District, Crawford County</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        |                                                                 |
| <b>Outdoor Facilities</b>                         | Penncrest School District has a Use of School Facilities Rental Policy for use of their sports facilities, [i.e.], gymnasium and outdoor sports fields can be rented; contact the principal of the school where the facility is located. |        |                                                                 |
| <b>Maplewood Middle High School</b>               | Baseball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Softball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Batting Cages                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Football Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Practice Football Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Soccer Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Basketball Court                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1      |                                                                 |
|                                                   | Cross Country Course                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1      |                                                                 |

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| School                                                  | Facility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Number | Comments                                                                                                                                                               |
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|                                                         | Marching Band Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Maplewood Elementary                                    | Baseball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                         | Softball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                         | Practice Football Field/Soccer Field                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                         | Basketball Court                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      | Also used as a parking lot                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                         | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Indoor Facilities</b>                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |        |                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Maplewood Middle High School                            | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                         | Remedial Gym                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                         | Weight & Training Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                         | Cardio Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Maplewood Elementary                                    | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Titusville Area School District, Crawford County</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |        |                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Outdoor Facilities</b>                               | Titusville Area School District has a Use of School Facilities Rental Policy for use of their sports facilities, [i.e.], gymnasium and outdoor sports fields can be rented; contact the principal of the school where the facility is located. |        |                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Titusville High School</b>                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |        | *Titusville High School uses Titusville city-owned facilities where noted below. City properties are open for walk-on use when scheduled activities are not in process |
|                                                         | Baseball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2      | *City Property                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                         | Softball Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2      | *City Property                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                         | Batting Cages                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                         | Football Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                         | Practice Football Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                         | Soccer Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2      | *City Property                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                         | Track & Field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1      | *City Property                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                         | Tennis Courts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 5      | *City Property                                                                                                                                                         |
| Pleasantville Elementary                                | Playground                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1      | Open for walk-on community use                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Indoor Facilities</b>                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |        |                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Titusville High School                                  | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                         | Remedial Gym                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                         | Wrestling Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                        |

## Venango County School District Recreation Facilities

| School                              | Facility                                                                                                                                                                                | Number | Comments                                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                     | Weight & Training Room                                                                                                                                                                  | 1      |                                                                                           |
|                                     | Pool                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1      |                                                                                           |
| <b>Pleasantville Elementary</b>     | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                                           |
| <b>Valley Grove School District</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |                                                                                           |
| <b>Outdoor Facilities</b>           | Valley Grove School District has a District Policy for use of their sports facilities, [i.e.], gymnasium and outdoor sports fields can be rented; board approval is needed for rentals. |        |                                                                                           |
| <b>Rocky Grove High School</b>      |                                                                                                                                                                                         |        | No outside facilities at the high school, all located at the Valley Grove Elementary site |
| <b>Valley Grove Elementary</b>      | Baseball Field                                                                                                                                                                          | 1      |                                                                                           |
|                                     | Softball Field                                                                                                                                                                          | 1      |                                                                                           |
|                                     | Soccer Field                                                                                                                                                                            | 1      |                                                                                           |
|                                     | Playground                                                                                                                                                                              | 2      | Open for walk-on community use                                                            |
| <b>Indoor Facilities</b>            |                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |                                                                                           |
| <b>Rocky Grove High School</b>      | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                                           |
|                                     | Remedial Gym                                                                                                                                                                            | 1      |                                                                                           |
|                                     | Weight & Training Room                                                                                                                                                                  | 1      |                                                                                           |
| <b>Valley Grove Elementary</b>      | Gymnasium                                                                                                                                                                               | 1      |                                                                                           |
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# D: Venango County Facility Comparison to NRPA Standards

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## Venango County Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan

| Venango County Northern Planning Unit Population |            | 13,818         | Estimated 2010 Population |                        | 13,818              |                        |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Park Land Acreage Comparison to NRPA Standards   |            |                |                           |                        |                     |                        |          |
| Park Type                                        | Acres/1000 | Existing Acres | 2007 needed acres         | 2007 Surplus (Deficit) | 2020 needed acreage | 2020 surplus (Deficit) | Location |
| Community Park                                   | 8          | 77.35          | 110.544                   | -33.194                | 110.544             | -33.194                |          |
| Neighborhood Parks                               | 2          | 0              | 27.636                    | -27.636                | 27.636              | -27.636                |          |

| Facility Comparisons to NRPA Standards |                         |          |                           |                        |           |                        |                                               |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Northern Planning Unit 2000 Population |                         | 13,818   | Estimated 2010 Population |                        | 13,818    |                        |                                               |
|                                        | 1 facility per X people | Existing | 2007 need                 | 2007 surplus (deficit) | 2020 need | 2020 surplus (deficit) | Comments: Existing School District Facilities |
| Basketball Courts                      | 5,000                   | 0        | 3                         | (3)                    | 3         | (3)                    |                                               |
| Tennis Courts*                         | 5,000                   | 0        | 3                         | (3)                    | 3         | (3)                    |                                               |
| Volleyball Courts                      | 5,000                   | 0        | 3                         | (3)                    | 3         | (3)                    |                                               |
| Baseball Fields+                       | 2,500                   | 10       | 6                         | 4                      | 6         | 4                      |                                               |
| Softball Fields*+                      | 2,500                   | 3        | 6                         | (3)                    | 6         | (3)                    |                                               |
| Soccer Fields*                         | 2,500                   | 0        | 6                         | (6)                    | 6         | (6)                    |                                               |
| Swimming Pools                         | 20,000                  | 0        | 1                         | (1)                    | 0         | -                      |                                               |
| Picnic Shelters                        | 2,000                   | 27       | 7                         | 20                     | 7         | 20                     | Oil Creek State Park                          |
| Football                               | 5,000                   | 0        | 3                         | (3)                    | 3         | (3)                    |                                               |

\*adjusted to reflect current trends

Source: Venango County Comprehensive Plan, 2000, (c/o Population figures)

## Venango County Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan

| Venango County Central Planning Unit Population |            | 31,161         | Estimated 2010 Population |                        | 31,161              |                        |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Park Land Acreage Comparison to NRPA Standards  |            |                |                           |                        |                     |                        |          |
| Park Type                                       | Acres/1000 | Existing Acres | 2007 needed acres         | 2007 Surplus (Deficit) | 2020 needed acreage | 2020 surplus (Deficit) | Location |
| Community Park                                  | 8          | 173.6          | 249.288                   | -75.688                | 249.288             | -75.688                |          |
| Neighborhood Parks                              | 2          | 0              | 62.322                    | -62.322                | 62.322              | -62.322                |          |

| Facility Comparisons to NRPA Standards |                         |          |                           |                        |           |                        |                                               |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Central Planning Unit 2000 Population  |                         | 31,161   | Estimated 2010 Population |                        | 31,161    |                        |                                               |
|                                        | 1 facility per X people | Existing | 2007 need                 | 2007 surplus (deficit) | 2020 need | 2020 surplus (deficit) | Comments: Existing School District Facilities |
| Basketball Courts                      | 5,000                   | 8        | 6                         | 2                      | 6         | 2                      |                                               |
| Tennis Courts*                         | 5,000                   | 11       | 6                         | 5                      | 6         | 5                      |                                               |
| Volleyball Courts                      | 5,000                   | 3        | 6                         | (3)                    | 6         | (3)                    |                                               |
| Baseball Fields+                       | 2,500                   | 6        | 12                        | (6)                    | 12        | (6)                    |                                               |
| Softball Fields*+                      | 2,500                   | 7        | 12                        | (5)                    | 12        | (5)                    |                                               |
| Soccer Fields*                         | 2,500                   | 0        | 12                        | (12)                   | 12        | (12)                   |                                               |
| Swimming Pools                         | 20,000                  | 2        | 2                         | 0                      | 0         | -                      |                                               |
| Picnic Shelters                        | 2,000                   | 15       | 16                        | (1)                    | 16        | (1)                    |                                               |
| Football                               | 5,000                   | 0        | 6                         | (6)                    | 6         | (6)                    |                                               |

\*adjusted to reflect current trends

Source: Venango County Comprehensive Plan, 2000, (c/o Population figures)

## Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan

| Venango County Southern Planning Unit Population |            | 12,689         | Estimated 2010 Population |                        | 12,689              |                        |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Park Land Acreage Comparison to NRPA Standards   |            |                |                           |                        |                     |                        |          |
| Park Type                                        | Acres/1000 | Existing Acres | 2007 needed acres         | 2007 Surplus (Deficit) | 2020 needed acreage | 2020 surplus (Deficit) | Location |
| Community Park                                   | 8          | 59.07          | 101.512                   | -42.442                | 101.512             | -42.442                |          |
| Neighborhood Parks                               | 2          | 0.074          | 25.378                    | -25.304                | 25.378              | -25.304                |          |

| Facility Comparisons to NRPA Standards |                         |          |                           |                        |           |                        |                                               |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Southern Planning Unit 2000 Population |                         | 12,689   | Estimated 2010 Population |                        | 12,689    |                        |                                               |
|                                        | 1 facility per X people | Existing | 2007 need                 | 2007 surplus (deficit) | 2020 need | 2020 surplus (deficit) | Comments: Existing School District Facilities |
| Basketball Courts                      | 5,000                   | 5        | 3                         | 2                      | 3         | 2                      |                                               |
| Tennis Courts*                         | 5,000                   | 2        | 3                         | (1)                    | 3         | (1)                    |                                               |
| Volleyball Courts                      | 5,000                   | 1        | 3                         | (2)                    | 3         | (2)                    |                                               |
| Baseball Fields+                       | 2,500                   | 3        | 5                         | (2)                    | 5         | (2)                    |                                               |
| Softball Fields*+                      | 2,500                   | 1        | 5                         | (4)                    | 5         | (4)                    |                                               |
| Soccer Fields*                         | 2,500                   | 0        | 5                         | (5)                    | 5         | (5)                    |                                               |
| Swimming Pools                         | 20,000                  | 1        | 1                         | 0                      | 0         | -                      |                                               |
| Picnic Shelters                        | 2,000                   | 9        | 6                         | 3                      | 6         | 3                      |                                               |
| Football                               | 5,000                   | 0        | 2                         | (2)                    | 3         | (3)                    |                                               |

\*adjusted to reflect current trends

Source: Venango County Comprehensive Plan, 2000, (c/o Population figures)





## E: Inventory of Private Recreation Facilities in Venango County

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## ***Inventory of Private Recreation Facilities within Venango County***

### **Tri-City Speedway**

Tri-City Speedway is owned and operated by Roger and Susie Crick, and Mike and Margaret Graham. They have promoted Sunday night racing at the popular facility since they reopened it in 1996. The DIRTcar Big Block Modifieds, FASTRAK Late Models, Early Models, Pro Stocks and Thunder cars race each week at the Venango County half-mile dirt oval. Tri-City is located seven miles north of Franklin, Pa., off State Route 417.

### **Maple Cave Model Airplane Club**

Maple Cave Flying Field is located in Cooperstown, PA, and flyers participate within the flying rules of International Miniature Aircraft Association. The (IMAA) was formed for the purpose of fostering and advancing the operation of large scale radio controlled model aircraft in a setting where informality and safety of operations prevail. Additionally, it is formed to create an atmosphere where pleasure, recreation, fellowship, and co-mingling can be fostered and found to exist amongst individuals enjoying the sport of building and flying large scale radio controlled model aircraft.

### **Hill Top RC Model Airplane Club, Emlenton**

Hill Top RC Club is located at the Old Emlenton Airport. The field is open 7 days a week to members. The site is located north on Airport Rd., Emlenton.

### **VARHA Therapeutic Riding Center**

Located east of Polk on Rt. 62 (P.O. Box 226, Franklin, PA), the Venango Area Riding for the Handicapped center was established on the belief that caring for and riding horses can be a powerful tool for healing individuals with physical, emotional, and developmental challenges, as well as children considered to be "at-risk." Horse riding services are open to any person with a disability who can benefit from this special form of therapy. Lessons are individually designed to suit each rider's particular need, ability, and stamina and are consistent with predetermined goals that are established in conjunction with parents, caregivers, physicians, and other therapists.

### **Vision Quest**

Located south along Rt. 8 in Sandy Creek Township, Vision Quest's Franklin service is known as the Buffalo Soldier Academy. The Academy is a private residential program for boys ages 12-17 with behavioral health problems. The program provides a setting in which troubled youth can focus on their treatment issues and develop new self-confidence and skills in a unique environment of emotional and clinical support. It has been providing care for at-risk young people and their families in Pennsylvania since 1980. Included in these experiences are such things as outdoor activities, Equine Assisted Therapy, community service projects, and various rite-of-passage ceremonies.

### **Oil City Boat Club**

Oil City Boat Club, a private membership club for those associated with river boating, is located at 1367 Rockmere Rd, Oil City, PA - (814) 676-5113.

### **UPMC Hospital Trail**

Owned and operated by UPMC Northwest, along Rt. 257 in Seneca, PA, the one-mile, mulch-base, loop trail serves patients and staff on hospital property.

## **Oil City Izaak Walton League**

The Club grounds are located off of Rt. 322 on Deep Hollow Road, Oil City, PA. Founded in 1922, the Izaak Walton League of America is one of the nation's oldest and most respected conservation organizations. With a powerful grassroots network of nearly 300 local chapters nationwide, the League takes a common-sense approach toward protecting our country's natural heritage and improving outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans. The Oil City Club offers memberships, hunter education, youth field days, and various target shooting programs. The Club is also involved in supporting various local, regional, and national wildlife, habitat, and gun advocacy programs and projects.

## **Model Rocket Launch Field**

A private model rocket launching area, located on Rt. 208 east of Clintonville, offers various launching pads located on a hillside surrounded by fencing.

## **West End Pond, Venango Campus of Clarion University**

West End Pond is an important natural resource for the Venango County area and a treasured local landmark that has created many happy memories for Venango Campus students and alumni, as well as community residents. Recently, the pond has been refurbished to its original size and depth and many amenities have been added including lighted walkways, a pavilion, a fire pit, a four-sided Victorian clock, and additional parking.

## ***PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS***

### **Seneca Hills Camp**

Seneca Hills Bible Conference is an inter-denominational, Christian ministry conducting camps and conferences for all ages, especially youth. Seneca Hills offers three distinct ministries: summer youth camp, conferences for adults and families throughout the year, and a facility for Christian churches to conduct retreats. Seneca Hills is a member of the Christian Camp and Conference Association and is accredited by the American Camp Association. The camp is located at 276 Damascus Rd. Polk, PA 16342.

### **All Saints Ukrainian Camp**

All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church Camp is located on the banks of the beautiful Allegheny River near Emlenton, Pennsylvania. Campers will participate in traditional camp activities in and around the base camp. The ninety-acre camp features cabins for campers; a rustic dining hall; a multi-use outdoor sports court with tennis courts, basketball hoops, and sand volleyball courts; a grass "all-sports" field; an auditorium with stage; a pavilion; a swimming pool; hiking trails; modern restroom facilities; and swimming and canoeing on the Allegheny River.

### **Westminster Highlands Camp**

Owned and operated by the Camping Association of the Presbyteries of Northwestern Pennsylvania, WHC is located at 263 Big Bend Road, Emlenton, PA 16373. The 640-acre camp provides a beautiful pond and creek, wildlife, hiking trails, and cabins. Summer programs, for youth from kindergarten through senior high, are offered annually and enriched by ropes courses, a zip line, a pool, wilderness chapels, and adventure trips.

## **Whitehall Campground**

The campground is located at 580 Whitehall Rd, Emlenton and is owned and operated by the Church of God, Anderson, IN for retreats and conferences. The primary focus is to facilitate rental groups or individuals by augmenting their programming, offering staffed recreational activities such as: swimming, canoeing, water trampoline with mini-launch, slip and slide, archery, and team building/group dynamics activities.

## **Pleasantville Free Methodist Camp**

Located at 260 Third Street, Pleasantville, PA the camp is a ministry of the Free Methodist churches of Northwestern Pennsylvania. Covering more than 20 acres, the camp has four lodges, two dorms, and an area for trailer camping and tenting.

## **Singing Hills Girl Scout Program Center**

Singing Hills Program Center is a Girl Scout camp that sits on 221 acres located in central Venango County between Oil City and Franklin. Accommodations include platform tents and yurts. The wooded hills and valleys are covered with wonderful hiking trails and bridges. Singing Hills features a multi-level challenge course, a swimming pool, and an outdoor rifle range.

## **Custaloga Town of the Boy Scouts of America**

Custaloga Town Boy Scout Reservation is located off of Creek Road, Carlton (a little south of Cochran), PA. The reservation first opened to Boy Scout camping in the summer of 1967. It replaced the Mercer County Council's Camp Kiondashawa and, later, became the home for the entire French Creek Council. Boy Scouts from the Colonel Drake District of Venango County utilize the five hundred acres of Custaloga Town as their regional camp.

## **East Sandy Creek Camping Park**

Privately owned and operated, the camping park is located along East Sandy Creek on the border of Rockland and Cranberry Townships, just east of the May's Mill Tunnel and west of Brandon.

## **Gas Light Campground**

A trailer and camper park located on Rt. 208, west of Emlenton. It is privately owned and operated.

## **Kamp Kennerdell**

A private 800 acre RV park located at 2809 Kennerdell Rd, Kennerdell. The site contains three interconnected campgrounds with over 40 miles of recreational trails for ATV riding, horseback riding, mountain biking, and hiking.

## **Marlow's Scenic River Campground**

Marlow's is located at 1725 Kennerdell Rd., Kennerdell, PA on the shore of the Allegheny River. The site offers direct access to and from the river. Canoeing, fishing, and swimming are natural activities at the camp site.

## ***PRIVATE GOLF COURSES***

### **Cross Creek Golf Course**

Located off of Rt. 8 between Cherrytree and Toonerville, Cross Creek Golf Course and Resort offers a 27-hole golf course with paved cart paths. Cross Creek also has an outdoor heated pool, two lounges, and two restaurants - the Fairway dining room and the Terrace on the Green - overlooking the foothills of the

Allegheny Mountains. Overnight accommodations are available at the resort's Hotel and Conference Center.

### **Whitetail Run Golf Course**

Whitetail Run Golf Course is located at 514 Sunville Road, Franklin, PA 16323.

The 9-hole public "Whitetail Run 1" course features all the hallmarks of Pennsylvania golf. Designed by Owen Kaltenbaugh, the Whitetail Run Golf Course opened in 1997.

### **Sleepy Hollow Golf Course**

The 9-hole course at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Club facility in Franklin, PA features 2,857 yards of golf from the longest tees, for a par of 36. Sleepy Hollow opened in 1931 and is located at 733 Route 427, Franklin, PA 16323.

### **Speers Public Golf Course**

Located at 3562 State Route 417, Franklin, PA 16323, the 9-hole course features 2,536 yards of golf from the longest tees, for a par of 33. Designed by William Speers, the Speers Golf Course opened in 1973.

### **Wanango Golf Course**

The 18-hole course at the Wanango Country Club facility in Reno features 6,134 yards of golf from the longest tees, for a par of 71. The course rating is 69.9 and has a slope rating of 125 on Bent grass. Designed by Donald J. Ross, the Wanango opened in 1914. The course is located at 5th Street, Reno, PA 16343.

### **Lucky Hills Golf Course**

Located at 136 Warren Rd, Franklin, PA 16323, the 9-hole course at the Lucky Hills Golf Course Inc. facility features 3,430 yards of golf from the longest tees, for a par of 36. The course rating is 36 and has a slope rating of 113 on Rye grass. Designed by Hassenplug & Associates, the Lucky Hills opened in 2000.

### **River Ridge Golf Course**

Located at 256 Osenider Rd., Franklin, PA, the 9-hole River Ridge Course opened in 1966.



# F: Inventory of Regional Parks, Trails, and Open Space Surrounding Venango County

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## ***Inventory of Regional Parks, Trails, and Open Space Surrounding Venango County***

### **PENNSYLVANIA STATE PARKS**

#### **Cook Forest State Park**

Cook Forest is an 8,500-acre heavily forested park in northeastern Clarion County. Once called the "Black Forest," the area is famous for its stands of old growth forest. Cook Forest's "Forest Cathedral" of towering white pines and hemlocks is a National Natural Landmark. The Clarion River is along the eastern border of the park and is popular for canoeing and rafting. Cook Forest has 27 marked trails, crossing through rugged terrain, rolling hills, and cool valley streams. Special scenic areas are the Fire Tower at Seneca Point and the Clarion River. Overnight camping is permitted in the campground or cabin areas. Cook Forest also holds part of the 140-mile Baker Trail and the North Country National Scenic Trail. The Baker Trail runs from Freeport, in southern Armstrong County, to the Allegheny National Forest.

#### **Maurice K. Goddard State Park**

Located in Mercer County, the 2,856-acre Maurice K. Goddard State Park features the 1,860-acre Lake Wilhelm. Biking along the twelve-mile paved bicycle trail is a premier feature. The trail follows the shoreline completely around the lake. It can be accessed from the marina, the dam, from just below the park office, and at various other access points along its course. The trail is open to two-way bicycle traffic, hiking, and seasonally to snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. Lake Wilhelm is a warm-water fishery, with its common species being largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye, northern pike, and muskellunge. Boat launching and rentals are available. Picnic tables and charcoal grills are available throughout the park. Boat launches 1, 2, 3, 4, and the marina have restrooms and large picnic areas.

#### **Moraine State Park**

A 16,725-acre park in Butler County, containing Lake Arthur, offers over forty miles of scenic shoreline. Its tributaries include Muddy Run, Big Run, Swamp Run, Bear Run, and over 75 intermittent streams. Ranging from an average depth of 11 feet to about 36 feet deep near the dam, the shallow waters are home to a variety of warm-water fish. The park, created by a continental glacier and massive mineral extraction, now provides for gently rolling hills, lush forests and Lake Arthur. Each year over one million people visit the park for swimming fishing, boating, boat rentals, windsurfing, sailing, hiking, biking and bike rentals, horseback riding, group tenting, and cabin rentals. 13,600 acres of Moraine State Park is open to hunting and trapping, with the winter season offering cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, sledding, ice boating, ice fishing, and ice skating. Moraine offers a wide variety of environmental education and interpretive programs through hands-on educational activities, guided walks, and evening programs.

#### **Jennings Environmental Education Center**

The Center is 12 miles north of Butler, PA on PA Route 528, and provides hiking and other nature-related activities. Jennings offers a full range of educational programs. Unique attractions on-site are the Massasauga rattlesnake and a relict prairie environment, which includes the spectacular and well-known prairie flower, the blazing star. The relict prairie ecosystem is rare in Pennsylvania, and visitors should try to visit in late July or early August when the prairie is in full bloom. Jennings is one of several state parks specifically dedicated to provide environmental education and interpretation to the community.

## **McConnell's Mill State Park**

McConnell's Mill State Park, in Lawrence County, encompasses 2,546 acres of the spectacular Slippery Rock Creek Gorge. Created by the draining of glacial lakes thousands of years ago, the gorge has steep sides and a valley floor littered with huge boulders. A gristmill was built in the 1800's to harness the power of the water. The park offers a Class II to IV River, depending on water level, with the spring and fall being the best time for boating.

Tours are available at the restored gristmill, and guided nature walks are conducted every Saturday and Sunday during the summer season. The natural character of McConnell's Mill State Park - the scenic gorge, waterfalls, rugged hiking trails, and whitewater creek - are all directly caused by the geology of the area. McConnell's Mill Heritage Festival is held on the third or fourth weekend in September. The festival celebrates the operational era of the Old Mill (1852-1928).

## ***WILDLIFE REFUGE***

### **Erie National Wildlife Refuge**

Erie Refuge consists of two separate land divisions. Sugar Lake Division, the more intensely managed portion, lies 10 miles east of Meadville, in Crawford County, on the outskirts of Guys Mills village. It contains 5,206 acres, lying in a narrow valley, which includes Woodcock Creek draining to the north and Lake Creek draining to the south. Beaver ponds, pools, and marshland along the creeks are bounded by forested slopes interspersed with croplands, grasslands, and wet meadows. The Seneca Division is about four miles southeast of Cambridge Springs. It consists of 3,594 acres situated in a forested valley where Muddy Creek and Dead Creek provide most of the wetland habitat. It is also designated an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society, attracting 237 species of birds. Its three distinct habitats - forests, fields and water's edge - found within the refuge support 47 species of mammals. The diversity of habitats provides homes for 37 species of amphibians and reptiles.

## ***COUNTY FOREST***

### **Crawford County Forest**

This Crawford County-owned forest land is located north along the intersection of Routes 408 and 8, on each side of Route 8, consisting of at least 350 acres. Through a court decree, it was deemed Crawford County Forest some 60 to 70 years ago by a common pleas judge. The main uses are seasonal game hunting by local residents and by the Titusville Sportsman's Association. Ninety-five percent of the land is wooded, with 25% in forest wetland and 20% in a forested riparian buffer.

## ***NATIONAL FOREST***

### **Allegheny National Forest**

The Allegheny National Forest (ANF) covers more than 500,000 acres. The forest offers over 1,000 miles of hiking, biking, and horseback riding trails. Swimming, boating, and fishing are available in the Clarion, Allegheny, and Tionesta Rivers. The Forest has more than 600 miles of trails and roads specifically available to mountain biking enthusiasts. During the 1920s, recreation focused mostly on dispersed activities like hunting and fishing. In the 1930s, the

Civilian Conservation Corps built Twin Lakes and Loleta Recreation Areas in the ANF. The creation of the Allegheny Reservoir when the Kinzua Dam was completed in 1965 brought new recreational opportunities to the ANF, and by the mid-70's campgrounds, boat launches, beaches, picnic areas, hiking trails and overlooks around the reservoir shoreline were developed in the Forest.

## ***PENNSYLVANIA STATE FORESTS***

### **Clear Creek State Forest**

This State Forest encompasses 9,089 acres in northern Jefferson County, 3,165 acres in Venango County, and 1,012 acres in southern Forest County and is named after the crystal clear stream that flows through the Jefferson County Tract. Clear Creek State Forest was founded in September of 1920, with the District Office being set in Clarion. The 3,184-acre Kennerdell Tract in Venango County was purchased in July of 1980. Hiking is available throughout the Forest on 35 miles of trails including the Little Clear Creek Trail, Silvis Trail, Trap Run Trail, Beartown Rocks Trail, and North Country Trail. Primitive camping is permitted along all but the Beartown Rocks and sections of the Little Clear Creek Trails.

### **Cornplanter State Forest**

The Cornplanter State Forest is located in western Forest County, just east of Allegheny Township, Venango County, and only 10 miles from Drake's Well. The Forest consists of 1,256 acres of the Cornplanter Forest District. The District is named in honor of Chief Cornplanter, a famous Indian Chief of the Seneca tribe, born in 1750 and died in 1836. He was instrumental in maintaining peace between the new American government and the League of the Iroquois between 1784 and 1812. Points of interest in the State Forest are the Hunter Run Forest Demonstration Area and Lashure Trail. This is a combined interpretive area with about 1-1/2 miles of self guided foot trails and seven miles of cross-country ski trails for winter use.

## ***REGIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION***

### **Beaver Creek Project**

Clarion County contains 1,000 acres of public land known as the Beaver Creek Project. In existence for almost 20 years, part of the property is owned by the County; the other areas are owned through a local group known as the Alliance for Wetlands and Wildlife, which is overseen by the Beaver Creek Committee. It is, in part, a refuge, allowing wildlife preserved open space; but it is also open for Pennsylvania's hunting seasons.

### **Colonel Crawford Park**

A 311-acre recreational park in the Woodcock Creek Lake area, an Army Corps of Engineers property, is operated by the Crawford County Commissioners. The park provides visitors with facilities for camping, swimming, hiking, boating, and picnicking. There are 111 campsites, a lifeguard-protected swimming beach with bathhouse and concession building, picnic shelters, and a six lane boat launching ramp. Trout can be found in Woodcock Creek, while larger game fish such as muskie, walleye, and bass await the angler in the lake.

### **Tionesta Lake**

Tionesta Lake is a property of the Army Corps of Engineers, located on Tionesta Creek, 1.25 miles above the confluence of the Creek with the Allegheny River at Tionesta, PA. The total project area is 3,184

acres, with the lake at full pool being 2,770 acres. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy boating, camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, waterskiing, picnicking, and sightseeing. The property and surrounding areas provide campgrounds at Glasner, Kelletville, Lackey Flats, the outflow area, and at the Tionesta Recreation Area. Watercraft of all types and sizes can be found on Tionesta Lake, from powerboats of unlimited horsepower with water skiers in tow to canoes and small fishing boats plying the inlets, coves, and backwater areas of the lake.

## **REGIONAL TRAILS**

### **Corry Trail**

Rails to Trails projects are being developed in Erie County by the Northwest Pennsylvania Trail Association. Currently the association is working to develop two trails in the county - the Corry Junction Greenway Trail and the Crooked Creek Trail. The first trail called the Corry Trail, will follow the old Penn Central rail corridor and is to be 6 miles long, extending from Corry to Clymer, New York. Construction started in 2007, but the trail is usable now. This trail runs through the beautiful Brokenstraw Valley. Small streams, Tamarack Swamp, wildlife, trees, and wildflowers make the trail a delight in any season.

### **East Branch Trail**

Located in Erie County, this trail runs 7.5 miles, with its closet trail head on Sportsman's Road in Crawford County. An additional 1 mile is proposed, with the present surface being improved gravel. No motor vehicles are permitted except snowmobiles. The East Branch Trail skirts wooded hillsides, Amish homesteads, farms, fields of brush, and wetlands.

### **Colonel Crawford Park Trail**

Located in the Woodcock Creek Lake area, an Army Corps of Engineers property, the Colonel Crawford Park Trail is locally known as the Bossard Nature Trail. The trail is designated as a National Recreation Trail in the National Trails System. Nature enthusiasts have the opportunity to make exciting new discoveries on their own or to walk the self-guided nature trail and perhaps stop to observe nature from one of two observation blinds located along the trail. Approximately 1,000 feet of the trail's pathway is paved and is easily accessible.

### **Ernst Trail**

The Ernst Trail is a five-mile-long recreational trail that was constructed on the abandoned bed of the former Bessemer&Lake Erie Railroad. The completed segment is part of a proposed trail connecting Meadville with Conneaut Lake. As such, the trail is an "out-and-back" one, with access near the mid-point of the trail on the Mercer Pike south of Meadville.

The eastern branch of the trail (toward Meadville) extends for approximately three miles, winding its way through woods and meadows along French Creek. The western branch of the trail takes the visitor through equally beautiful countryside that also includes some marshland with its own unique habitat. With its crushed cinder surface it is well suited for most bicycles.

### **Kelletville Trail**

Located on the south bank of the Tionesta Creek in Forest County, this dirt and grass trail runs 12 miles, with trail heads located at Nebraska and Kelletville. The trail can be accessed off of Rt. 36 in Tionesta and Rt. 666 in Kelletville.

## **Lake Wilhelm Trail**

This twelve-mile, paved bicycle trail follows the shoreline of Lake Wilhelm in Goddard State Park, Mercer County, PA. The trail can be accessed from Launch 4, the marina, Launch 2, Launch 1, the dam, and Dugan's Run. The trail is open to two-way bicycle traffic, hiking, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing. This scenic trail is actually composed of two trails. The Wilhelm Trail is on the North Shore where hiking, biking, and snowmobiling is permitted. This section of trail contains short, steep runs that may be difficult to climb for some bikers; it also has many vistas which overlook the lake. The Cross-country Ski Trail is on the South Shore, and cross-country skiing, hiking and biking is permitted. The South Shore of the lake has areas of trail that share the road with motor vehicles. The trail runs from the dam to Lake Wilhelm Road.

## **Armstrong Trail**

The Armstrong Trail is a non-motorized recreational trail that is open to the public for walking, hiking, jogging, biking, and cross-country skiing. The trail extends 52 miles along the Allegheny River from East Brady to the northeast of Pittsburgh. About 10 miles of the trail through Kittanning have been resurfaced. The trail head at East Brady can be accessed by following PA Route 68 until it becomes 3rd Street. From 3rd Street, turn onto Grant Street, then left onto Sixth Street. A parking facility is located adjacent to a ball field on the southern side of town. The trail goes southward from the lot, eventually connecting with a local road.

## **North Country Trail**

The North Country National Scenic Trail is a premier footpath that stretches for about 4,600 miles linking communities, forests, and prairies across seven northern states, with more than 1,800 miles being certified for off-road use. Additional miles follow shared paths, and some road walks yet remain. Pennsylvania claims 104 miles of the North County Trail (NCT). Ninety-five miles of the trail meander through the rolling hills and stream valleys of the Allegheny National Forest. Marked with blue paint and/or plastic nailed blazes and routed wooden signs, this northwestern Pennsylvania trail is one of the more established along the route of the NCT.





# G: Study Committee Identified Issues and Concerns

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## Study Committee Identified Issues and Concerns

At the first meeting of the Study Committee on November 14, 2007, the committee identified their thoughts on issues related to recreation, parks, and open space.

The following is a listing of all issues identified.

| <b>Issue</b>                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Two Mile Run                                                                                                                                                            |
| County Parks & Natural Resources Authority                                                                                                                              |
| Oil City Comprehensive Waterways Plan                                                                                                                                   |
| Oil City Pool is newly renovated                                                                                                                                        |
| Connecting trails and extending them into towns                                                                                                                         |
| Develop areas of canoe launching-accessibility to the river;<br>and rental business                                                                                     |
| Smaller communities lack recreation facilities and need these<br>resources closer to their vicinities                                                                   |
| Motorized rec. vehicles - snow mobiles, ATV's - need their<br>trails and areas                                                                                          |
| Equestrian trails; consider Victory Township efforts and<br>county-wide networking                                                                                      |
| Access to more streams to fish                                                                                                                                          |
| Kahle Lake is underutilized; need to find ways to make better<br>use of it                                                                                              |
| Consider business opportunities related to recreational<br>development                                                                                                  |
| Declining access to private lands for hunting, fishing, and<br>camping; what can be done?                                                                               |
| Need to increase bird- and wildlife-watching opportunities<br>and accessibility to these areas; possibly build platforms                                                |
| Availability of a list of recreation opportunities so residents<br>can access this information                                                                          |
| Demographics of the County indicate an aging population.<br>This needs to be considered in the planning of opportunities.                                               |
| There is a need for more ball fields.                                                                                                                                   |
| Develop opportunities that may bring a younger population to<br>visit and live in the County. Examples could be developing<br>rock climbing, kayaking, and geo-caching. |
| Need a base of infrastructure to support recreation<br>development.                                                                                                     |





## H: Public Meetings Detail

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## Public Meetings Detail

Pashek Associates held three public meetings, one in each of the Venango County Planning Units throughout the months of February and March, 2008

At each meeting a Pashek Associates Consultant introduced the agenda and explained to the attendants the purpose and the process of the meeting. The consultant explained the planning process Pashek Associates utilizes to obtain information, to create a vision for the County, and to formulate recommendations, goals, and strategies to achieve that vision.

For each of the meetings, Pashek Associates used the Nominal Group Technique to gather comments. The technique works as follows:

1. Every person in attendance has the opportunity to share his or her concerns. Moving around the room, each person is asked to share one of his or her issues at a time, and the consultant then records the issue on a board in the front of the room. After each person has the chance to share one issue, the consultant asks around the room again and again until every person has the opportunity to express all of his or her issues and have them recorded.
2. Similar issues are combined under a single item.
3. Each person is given five stickers numbered 1 through 5. They are asked to prioritize the issues listed by placing the sticker with the number 5 on their highest priority, 4 on the next highest, etc.
4. After the prioritizing is completed, the points for each issue are tabulated. The ranking of the issues, with their respective point values, is included for each individual meeting.

***Location: Public Meeting #1 – Pleasantville Borough Building***

***Date: February 21, 2008***

***Persons in Attendance: 6***

***Facilitator: Ted Morus***

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Issue</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Total Points</b> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1           | A need for greatly improved awareness of the present parks, facilities, natural resources, and the various recreational amenities within the County, through comprehensive marketing and promotion for residents and tourists | 22                  |
| 2           | Better County-wide cooperation and communication between governments and organizations to work together for improved public and private accessibility of utilization of their recreational opportunities                      | 12                  |
| 3           | ATV users need accessibility to established and developable use areas; and adherence and enforcement of rules needs established for riders to stay there and not ride illegally outside of their designated use areas         | 11                  |
| 3           | Tennis courts in Pleasantville needs funding for resurfacing                                                                                                                                                                  | 11                  |

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| 4 | Equestrian trail-systems need developed                                                                                                                                | 9 |
| 4 | Public needs a more comprehensive understanding of what is offered and permitted, and of what is not offered and permitted at individual public recreational use areas | 9 |
| 4 | Two Mile Run County Park needs established and implemented short and long range plans                                                                                  | 9 |
| 5 | Campgrounds need opened and made operational at Two Mile Run County Park                                                                                               | 4 |
| 6 | Pleasantville and Titusville need to partner more in recreational opportunities                                                                                        | 3 |
| 7 | Two Mile Run County Park needs to be made sustainable                                                                                                                  | 0 |

**Location: Public Meeting #2 – Venango County Courthouse Annex Building, Franklin**

**Date: February 27, 2008**

**Persons in Attendance: 10**

**Facilitator: Ted Morus**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Issue</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Total Points</b> |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1           | Link the existing bike trail systems                                                                                                                                                     | 14                  |
| 1           | Establish an environmental learning center at Two Mile Run County Park                                                                                                                   | 14                  |
| 1           | Develop more scenic overlook areas throughout the County, which can target specific user groups                                                                                          | 14                  |
| 2           | Establish a County-wide trail maintenance plan                                                                                                                                           | 12                  |
| 3           | Upgrade and expansion of the facilities at Two Mile Run County Park                                                                                                                      | 9                   |
| 4           | Develop canoe and kayak rental businesses regionally along the Allegheny River and bike rentals in proximity to trail systems                                                            | 8                   |
| 4           | Open horse trails through state game lands for non-hunting recreational use                                                                                                              | 8                   |
| 5           | In historical oil and equipment site development, marketing and promotion - emphasize its value, and supply visitors with an interpretative means to realize its historical significance | 7                   |
| 5           | Build awareness of what Venango County has to offer through marketing, promotion, and education                                                                                          | 7                   |
| 6           | Provide trail maintenance courses and standard 3-day seminars                                                                                                                            | 6                   |
| 7           | Erect Adirondack-type shelters in appropriate areas in Two Mile Run County Park                                                                                                          | 5                   |
| 8           | Develop signage and amenities on Middle Allegheny Water Trail                                                                                                                            | 4                   |
| 8           | Control and correct alleged seepage at Justus Lake dam causing damage to trout streams                                                                                                   | 4                   |
| 9           | Develop ATV trails and large parcels in the County                                                                                                                                       | 3                   |
| 9           | Ban the use of dirt bikes, ATV's and horse riding at the Two                                                                                                                             | 3                   |

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|    | Mile Run County Park, and on area pipelines around the Park                                                       |   |
| 9  | Develop a migratory and indigenous birding location map for the County                                            | 3 |
| 10 | Ban timber harvest in Two Mile Run County Park to prevent potential erosion and sedimentation issues              | 2 |
| 10 | Kennerdell tract of Clear Creek State Forest needs support, maintenance, signage                                  | 2 |
| 10 | Acquire more open space for public access                                                                         | 2 |
| 10 | Provide recreational planning assistance to individual communities                                                | 2 |
| 11 | Keep the main purpose of Two Mile Run Park recreational                                                           | 1 |
| 11 | Develop a complete trail around Two Mile Run Park for biking and walking (similar to Moraine State Park's design) | 1 |
| 11 | Develop x-country skiing and snowshoe trails and rental businesses                                                | 1 |
| 12 | Establish mountain bike trails with signage                                                                       | 0 |
| 13 | Connect people to nature, with an awareness of their need to commit to issues of importance and sustainability    | 0 |
| 14 | Two Mile Run County Park advisory board should have representation of former area property owners on the board    | 0 |
| 15 | Develop more sites to meet and socialize in a natural outdoor setting                                             | 0 |
| 16 | More year-round regionally placed camping areas                                                                   | 0 |
| 17 | More access for boating on creek tributaries                                                                      | 0 |
| 18 | Develop a public-view map at Two Mile Run County Park indicating property owners and interpretive land use        | 0 |
| 19 | Place bike racks strategically throughout the County, and on the VenanGO-Bus                                      | 0 |
| 20 | Develop snow tubing areas with tow ropes                                                                          | 0 |
| 21 | Develop more extensive Geocache areas, and paint ball areas                                                       | 0 |
| 22 | Maintain the overlook area behind the maintenance building at Two Mile Run County Park                            | 0 |
| 23 | Develop a Park & Play White Water Park at Oil City/Oil Creek                                                      | 0 |
| 24 | Develop a high adventure historic scout trail for trekking                                                        | 0 |
| 25 | Dredge the north end tributary area of Justus Lake                                                                | 0 |

**Location: Public Meeting #3 – Crawford Center, Emlenton**

**Date: March 4, 2008**

**Persons in Attendance: 12**

**Facilitator: Ted Morus**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Issue</b>                                                                                              | <b>Total Points</b> |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1           | Develop access areas and pavilions along the Allegheny River in Emlenton for bird-watching (specifically) | 17                  |
| 2           | Improve youth education curriculum and classes to expand                                                  | 16                  |

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|    | awareness and knowledge of the importance of preserving open space and the benefits which come from recreational opportunities                                                          |    |
| 3  | Develop partnerships to extend the bike trail from Emlenton to Foxburg, and develop a cooperative agreement to extend the trail on to Parker                                            | 14 |
| 4  | Have Kennerdell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest become a PA State Park with State Park facilities                                                                                     | 13 |
| 4  | Develop the Allegheny River bank at strategic locations for canoe launching, picnic areas, and for various recreational and cultural venues                                             | 13 |
| 5  | Have PennDOT develop a straight access road from Emlenton to Cranberry to improve access to and from Emlenton                                                                           | 11 |
| 5  | Develop the Quaker State/Honeywell site (47 acres), and the former Emlenton airport property to become park lands                                                                       | 11 |
| 6  | Create more river accessibility for senior use and ADA compliances                                                                                                                      | 10 |
| 7  | Turn Two Mile Run County Park into a State Park                                                                                                                                         | 9  |
| 8  | Develop a recreation supply stand at the beginning of the bike trail for bike rentals and repair, health foods, school trip guiding; and trim trees to create scenic vistas close to it | 5  |
| 8  | Develop accessibility, improve visibility, create signage and mapping, and create interpretive programming for the inaccessible historic sites around Emlenton                          | 5  |
| 9  | Update the PA and Venango County map of Rails-To-Trails                                                                                                                                 | 4  |
| 9  | Enforce policies, laws, and prosecutions of illegal ATV riding                                                                                                                          | 4  |
| 9  | Resurface or develop new tennis and basketball courts and exercise stations along the bike trail in Emlenton                                                                            | 4  |
| 10 | Develop and extend County services and provide technical assistance to Emlenton                                                                                                         | 3  |
| 10 | Develop a minimum 1,000-acre ATV park utilizing strip mines                                                                                                                             | 3  |
| 10 | Develop a skateboard park in Emlenton                                                                                                                                                   | 3  |
| 11 | Develop equestrian trails on County public lands                                                                                                                                        | 2  |
| 11 | Curb and eliminate various pollution sources along the Allegheny River, bike trail, and Quaker State site; and improve maintenance                                                      | 2  |
| 12 | Develop an overlook in the municipal forest                                                                                                                                             | 1  |
| 13 | Improve existing recreation facilities and make ADA compliant                                                                                                                           | 0  |
| 14 | Promote amenities and businesses related to the trails, creating a trail town concept                                                                                                   | 0  |
| 15 | Employ personnel and expand facilities at Two Mile Run County Park                                                                                                                      | 0  |
| 16 | Develop a County-wide zoning plan                                                                                                                                                       | 0  |
| 17 | Create clean-soil fill-sites on past polluted oil field sites for reclamation purposes                                                                                                  | 0  |
| 18 | Develop a maintenance plan for our community resources                                                                                                                                  | 0  |

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| 19 | Promote and develop our section of “Washington’s Road” as a historic tourist attraction | 0 |
| 20 | More parking in Emlenton to visit and utilize the resources                             | 0 |
| 21 | Hostel & ice cream stand for bike riders                                                | 0 |





# I: Key Person Interviews

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## Key Person Interviews

1. Dr. Joe Carrico – Superintendent of Oil City School District
2. Tom Spence – Executive Director of Oil City YMCA
3. Ned Cowart – Editor of Derrick Newspaper
4. Amy Whitehall – Emlenton Borough Council & Park Board
5. Kneal Wiegel – Owner of Wiegel Brothers Marine
6. Ray Merriman – A.T.V. Traction
7. Linda Steiner – Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association
8. Lynn Cochran – Executive Director of Franklin Chamber of Commerce
9. Susan Williams – Executive Director of Oil City Chamber of Commerce
10. Vaughn MacGregor – Trout Unlimited’s Local Chapter
11. Antony Burton – Deck Hockey Supervisor - Oil City
12. Lance Bowes – Venango County Conservation District
13. Rev. Howard Gaston – 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church - Franklin
14. Mark Mazurkewiz – Vision Quest
15. Darl Black – Outdoor Writer and Photographer
16. Kimberly Boal – Resident and Recreation Advocate
17. Rainy Lynn – Venango County 4-H Representative
18. Gary Dittman – Administrator of Venango County Area Agency on Aging
19. Sonja Hawkins – Mayor of Oil City
20. Bob Skarada – Northwest PA Regional Planning and Development Commission
21. John Bartlett – Oil City Whitewater Recreation Park Committee - Past Chair
22. Mark Gorman – Pennsylvania Environmental Council
23. Kathie Goodblood – Audubon Chapter Representative
24. Jane Horos – Director of Fitness for the YWCA
25. Patricia Elliott – Cranberry Girls Softball Coordinator
26. Dave Turner – Owner of Oil Creek Family Campground
27. Larry Puleo – Allegheny Valley Trails Association

To gather public input on parks and recreation resources and needs, the consultant conducted 27 interviews with indoor and outdoor sports and recreation-oriented program providers, area business people, retirees, and various community residents. Each person interviewed was asked the same questions, and their personal responses were recorded for each question asked. The questions that were asked appear here:

1. When you think of Parks and Recreation in Venango County, what comes to mind?
2. What are the strengths of the parks and recreation in Venango County?
3. What are the weaknesses of the parks and recreation in Venango County?
4. What are the greatest recreational needs in Venango County, for facilities and for recreation programs?
5. What group of people is least served or should be targeted with recreational programs or facilities?
6. Should Venango County be cooperating with surrounding communities in providing parks and recreation? If yes, what municipalities and how. If no, why not?

7. Are there other issues of importance that need to be considered?
8. What role should the County play in providing parks and recreation in the County?
9. How should Two Mile Run Park fit into the County's future?
10. How does your group/organization impact parks and recreation in the County?
11. How does County parks and recreation impact your group/organization?

Interviewees' responses to these questions are as follows:

*(Duplicate answers are indicated by a number following the response)*

***1. When you think of parks and recreation in Venango County, what comes to mind?***

- Two Mile Run Park (11)
- Oil Creek State Park bike trail (10)
- Rivers and streams (8)
- Oil Creek State Park (6)
- Allegheny River (6)
- Abundance of natural resources (5)
- All trail systems (5)
- State Game Lands (4)
- Fishing opportunities (4)
- Hunting opportunities (4)
- The many recreational and outdoor opportunities available (3)
- Public swimming pools (3)
- That parks and recreation is under-promoted and under-utilized (2)
- Playgrounds within city structures (2)
- Canoeing (2)
- Hasson Park (2)
- Oil City YMCA
- Franklin YMCA
- Ball fields
- French Creek
- Environmental programming
- Franklin City playgrounds
- Venango County 4-H park
- Kayaking
- Bird watching
- Jet boating
- ATV use
- The potential for more recreational facilities to be built
- Venango County Park & Recreation Authority and its controversies
- That there is not much cooperation and collaboration between Oil City & Franklin and for the potential recreational partnerships that could strengthen the County if they would cooperate more

***2. What are the strengths of the parks and recreation in Venango County?***

- Accessibility of recreational opportunities throughout the County; much is available (15)
- Oil Creek State Park bike trail (10)

- Natural environment (10)
- Oil Creek State Park (6)
- Various trail systems (6)
- State Game Lands (4)
- Two Mile Run Park (3)
- Allegheny River (3)
- French Creek (3)
- Hunting (3)
- Most park areas are easy to get to and free or moderately priced (2)
- Public lands (2)
- Organized sports leagues (2)
- Hasson Park and Pool (2)
- The many ball fields (2)
- Justus Lake (2)
- Fishing (2)
- Camping (2)
- Rail Trails (2)
- Drake Well Museum
- Geocaching
- The many waterways and watersheds
- Water quality
- Morrison Park
- Oil Creek
- Kahle Lake
- Kennerdell Tract of State Forest
- Oil Creek to Titusville Railroad
- Oil Region Alliance
- YMCA programs in Oil City & Franklin
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Positive efforts made to curb illegal ATV riding
- Venues for cultural, theater, and arts aspects
- Volunteer trail maintenance efforts
- The nice parks in the inner-cities
- Volunteers who work in the outdoors
- Transportation enhancements have strong sponsors
- School recreational facilities and grounds
- Deck hockey facility
- The potential for better inter-cooperation between agencies in Oil City
- Bike rentals

***3. What are the weaknesses of the parks and recreation in Venango County?***

- Marketing of the vast diversity of what we already have County-wide (9)
- Two Mile Run Park conflicts and ability to be in full operation (7)
- Canoe launches on the many waterways that we have (5)
- Allegheny River (specifically) access areas (5)

- Lack of community collaborations (3)
- Bike trails are not connected, there are gaps (3)
- Allegheny River promotion
- Too many groomed recreational areas, need more wild areas to be open to visit
- Hunting areas that are not closed on Sundays to all gunfire
- Winter recreational facilities and programs for winter sports
- A threat of natural resources being sold off to pay for losses or debts
- Nay-sayers
- People opposed to or uninformed in developing kayaking in Oil City
- Boat and canoes rental venues
- Equestrian trails are not enough
- French Creek (specifically) access areas
- Two Mile Run being marketed as a regional draw
- Two Mile Run's two factions conflicting between recreation tourism promoters vs. natural use and quietness advocates
- Continuous controversies and squabbling over resource management and public land acquisitions between private individuals and County government
- Too much territorialism between communities
- Various-use trails being linked together and missing links being joined
- A regional support mechanism for our existing recreational sports areas
- Lack of overall organization and balance of parks and recreational facilities developed equally throughout the County
- Oil Creek to Titusville Railroad should start operation for Memorial Day visitors
- Trails not marked well
- Signage to water recreational areas
- Unity and cooperation between trail bikers, hikers, ATV, equestrians
- Few campgrounds for RV's and tents
- Few canoe/kayak businesses; none on French Creek
- Shuttle service for canoes and bikes
- Lack of cooperation between various youth program providers to offer joined forces programming
- Bike vendors
- Tennis courts
- Soccer fields
- Availability of soccer fields for the greater majority of kids who play soccer and not just baseball and softball
- No place on the really hot summer days to be safe from the heat
- Maintenance of playgrounds
- Reluctance of sports-men and -women to organize into clubs
- Staffing for outdoor recreation programs
- Transportation to recreational facilities and use areas

#### ***4. What are the greatest recreational needs in Venango County?***

##### ***For facilities:***

- More boat launch areas on all streams and rivers (6)
- Better maintenance of what we already have (5)

- Comfort stations along the bike trail (4)
- More access points on the bike trail (4)
- More public land for utilization (3)
- More public campgrounds (3)
- More land acquisitions for legal riding of ATV's to curb illegal riding (3)
- Canoe/kayak rentals (3)
- Outdoor multi-use soccer fields (3)
- Equestrian trails and use-areas (2)
- A connection of missing links to existing trail systems (2)
- Expand the facilities and sites that we already have before building new (2)
- More access points along walking trails
- More access roads and sites to the Allegheny River (specifically) for boat launching
- County-level maintenance or coordination of people and groups for maintenance efforts of trails, restroom facilities, and access areas to rivers
- Lodging along the trails
- A balance of parks and recreational facilities developed equally throughout the County
- Promotion of the recreational opportunities that we already have
- Updates to Miller-Sibley Pool Complex
- Better cooperation between Franklin & Oil City to do away with territorialism for facility use
- Shuttle service for bicyclists on Oil Creek Trail
- A water park (like in Erie)
- Go-cart areas
- Quality miniature golf
- One more youth ball field in the Cranberry area
- A T-Ball field in the Cranberry area
- A pool in the Cranberry area
- Handicapped accessibility in all areas for fishing
- More sheltered picnic areas for family and small groups
- Various sizes of live-theaters
- Consistency of openness and operations of County park facilities
- YMCA and YWCA type of facilities
- Cookout areas along the Allegheny River
- Indoor hockey rink
- Playgrounds along the bike trail
- Amusement or theme park for younger children
- Frisbee/disc golf course
- Oil City Marina silt issues need resolved
- Indoor multi-use, soccer-type facilities
- More gymnasiums for public use
- Two Mile Run to be opened
- Skateboard park for children in Emlenton
- Rails-To-Trails to connect Emlenton to Foxburg
- Development of the Quaker State oil refinery site for public uses in Emlenton

***For recreation programs:***

- Better promotion of what already is in place (6)

- County-wide environmental education opportunities (6)
- Outdoor programming and education for youth (they are losing touch with nature) (5)
- Learning safety in the outdoors - programming (2)
- More expanded sports and recreational programming County-wide (2)
- Mandatory coaching education for volunteer sports league coaches (2)
- Better subsidized youth programs and grants for low-income and single-parents
- A full-time naturalist position to teach nature, outdoor, and environmental education
- County needs to develop a vision of what programming they want to offer at Two Mile Run
- Exercise stations along trail systems
- Franklin Chamber could promote individual member organizations better
- Better diversity of winter recreation opportunities
- Outdoor music festival facility
- Canoe racing on the rivers
- Disc golf courses
- More comprehensive County-wide soccer programs
- More public outdoor how-to-do programming, i.e., x-country skiing, back packing, camping, etc.
- New 21<sup>st</sup> century programming, i.e., geo-caching, kayaking, skate boarding
- County-wide inventory of what we have vs. what we are lacking
- Continued YMCA and YWCA programming
- Recreational programming for rural area residents by allowing the public to better use the school facilities
- Development of programming for learning quality arts and craft skills

***5. What group of people is least served or should be targeted with recreational programs or facilities?***

- Lower income families (4)
- School-aged children and youth (4)
- People with special needs - to get into the woods and waterways (4)
- No particular “group of people” is underserved. If you want to find something, it’s out there - you should be able to find it (4)
- Older adults (3)
- Younger lower income children (2)
- Young adults, ages 18 to 25 (2)
- Females (2)
- ATV and snowmobile users; there is illegal riding because there is no open land for them (2)
- Rural children
- Youth at risk
- Middle class families
- People 18 to 45 lacking knowledge in environmental education issues
- Single parent families who do not have the time to get their children to recreational places
- Active older adults
- All people need to become more active through knowledge of what is available
- People who want environmental learning centers
- Children to receive early intervention for outdoor programming education

- People who want to use tennis courts
- Equestrian enthusiasts
- From a YMCA perspective - older teens, due to programming being more recreational and not so competition-oriented
- People without adequate transportation
- Campers with RV's and tents
- Those who do not have natural athletic abilities

***6. Should Venango County be cooperating with surrounding communities in providing parks and recreation? If yes, what municipalities and how? If no, why not?***

- Yes (27)
- To be the leader in developing symbiotic cooperation among all local governments for the good of the individual municipalities and for the overall County (5)
- Partner with municipalities for grant opportunities (4)
- For comprehensive planning, coordination, and implementation so there is no duplication (2)
- To be a sounding board for advice and direction
- Represent all communities because many residents utilize each other's facilities
- Help local municipalities coordinate, but not dictate, to be able to have better resident involvement of healthy activities
- For mutual cooperation for strength, unity, and to avoid duplication
- Communities are territorial and provincial and each needs the County to gather it all together
- To help guide in sharing community resources and facilities
- Partner with municipalities for cost sharing
- To manage their County park assets
- To better promote and provide recreation because it is a regional asset
- To develop novelty places of peak interest for use and tourism
- Could show support, not just through money, but to hold public forums, and develop natural resources for recreation and arts use
- A certain portion of my taxes could go for the County to support natural resources and recreation
- To reassess where funding is now going and how and to get grant-supported projects to the communities
- That is precisely what I thought and hoped VCPRA would do, but they have not looked beyond the boundaries of Two Mile Run Park and the controversy
- All municipalities in the County should be inventoried for recreational facilities and programs to promote the entire area
- Develop a position that is designated to specifically help municipalities find and complete grants
- To help the smaller communities to improve their infrastructure
- With Oil City, Franklin, and Cranberry by supplementing the programs not being met
- Assist in the development of bike and equestrian trails which will connect municipalities
- To plow the bike trail between Oil City & Franklin in the winter for safe use

***If no, why not?***

- No (0)

***7. Are there other issues of importance that need to be considered?***

- Beautification of the municipal riverfront areas
- Vigilance in utilizing our waterways and parks
- Waterways need developed
- Sidewalks, signage, and better lighting to and at parks
- Community competitiveness is a road block to County success in doing a good job
- Constant undertone of bashing former Commissioners needs to stop
- People need to complain less and have a better cooperative attitude of pride in what we have here
- County needs to be supportive of infrastructure and sponsors, and develop a vision of where this plan is to go
- Need coordination and cooperation with the northwest regional greenways and other plans
- I think the County is very aware of the existing issues and needs to address them
- Comprehensive land-use planning is very important for the County
- Smaller businesses should get low cost loans and/or grants to build up their businesses; especially septic systems; businesses will bring people into the County to recreate
- Ensure recreational efforts are sustainable
- Community development to attract qualified people to provide quality programs
- Continue working to improve infrastructure
- Promoting recreation venues in the County as a viable industry in itself
- A greenways and open space coordinator can open-up opportunities to promote the County with integration of services
- Proper maintenance of County park trails and naming of spur-trails is needed
- Abandoned houses, trailers, and junk piles need cleaned up
- Some kind of tax-reduction incentive to encourage landowners not to post their land as closed and better inform people of their protection rights under the Limited Liability Protection Act
- Make broadband readily available
- People in the County to get along better and not use legal system to sue every time something does not go their way; it is negatively impacting advocacy of the area as a tourist destination
- Share-the-road bike lanes need developed
- We need curb-side recycling and ban outdoor-burning to avoid burning toxic materials and batteries
- We need a bottle bill
- Jobs that are not just minimum wage

***8. What role should the County play in providing parks and recreation in the County?***

- They should provide oversight and be a resource to promote the many kinds of activities that are available (8)
- The County should step forward to help municipalities apply for recreational grants and funding (7)
- They are in a position to take a leadership role in providing parks & recreation (5)
- Develop a panel to assist in the needs of their County municipalities (4)
- Develop management or operational authority or board to oversee the Two Mile Run County Park, but the County should not be involved in the day to day operations (2)

- The commissioners and planning department, etc., need to take the requests from this County Comprehensive Recreation Plan and get them accomplished; that's why there's a Plan (2)
- Assist as possible to oversee Two Mile Run Park (2)
- Serve more in an advisory role and not hire a parks and recreation department head (2)
- Create a task force to look at the cohesiveness of guiding the County Parks and Recreation effort
- Assemble a recreation committee to get the Comprehensive Recreation Plan implemented
- The County needs to determine if our future is in industrialization or tourism
- They should be the facilitator, the overseer, the conduit of parks and recreation
- The County should provide some annual funding to Two Mile Run County Park
- Get Two Mile Run Park open and operating
- Venango County should assist local municipalities and non-profits to carry out recreational plans
- The County should look at the tax burden to fairly distribute the costs of supporting a regional recreation position
- Provide maintenance and workers to the municipalities to assist in recreation development
- Provide smaller communities with an outlet for engineering and planning assistance
- Once this Plan is complete, the County needs to be a leader in the implementation of this Plan, finding funding to enrich the quality of life for residents, the athlete and non athlete alike
- To the extent that the County owns property and facilities, they should be good stewards of it and keep it in quality operation

### ***9. How should Two Mile Run Park fit into the County's future?***

- The County should solely manage and maintain it (8)
- The County needs to get it operating or give it to somebody who can get it in operation (6)
- It needs to become the "show-piece" once again because it is a "gem" to the County (4)
- It should be the "hub" of the County, providing a multitude of programming and events (4)
- It is a tremendous asset to the County and should be treated as such (3)
- The County should keep it as a natural area, do not over commercialize it, and provide the activities and resources that it once had (3)
- The bickering needs to be put to an end
- It has become a political-football, and it needs its image upgraded
- The County should create an advisory board that oversees it and invites public comment; the County should financially support it but not necessarily over the long term
- It should become the County highlight of advertising and promotion
- It should remain very natural in certain areas and provide a point of destination for County school districts for environmental education; but is also an ideal place to develop sports fields to be a recreational sports destination
- The Park should be open year-round with all facilities maintained; re-open all trails; use existing buildings as rental lodging; settle observatory disagreement; remain open to hunting; the lake should remain electric motors only; boat ramp should remain free of charge
- It has all of the amenities that an outdoor enthusiast needs and should be reopened
- The County needs to decide what role the Park should play - should it be for recreation, greenspace, or as a money maker - then develop a strategic plan and go with their decision, but do something

- Create an annual “Winter-Fest” as a fund-raiser similar to Sheffield’s in Warren County
- It should be accepted into the County Comp. Rec. Plan as just another part of the County’s parks and recreation opportunities within the County, and do what it takes to not make this such a big issue
- The County needs to decide if it wants to be a tourist destination and promote their outdoor opportunities as a regional influence
- If operating it as a campground, the rates should be similarly in line with the private campground owners and not undercut so boldly
- Sell regulated and monitored gas and timber rights for income and infrastructure stabilization
- The County should stay out of it; it should remain an independently run facility without being a tax-burden
- The County needs to maintain and operate it and be supportive of the Oil Region Astronomical Club, but not necessarily financially
- Do not develop a ski lodge - this is what started this “war”

***10. How does your group/organization impact parks and recreation in the County?***

- We maintain 60 miles of paved trail which is a big asset to County residents and tourism, which creates healthy venues and a positive use-area in the County.
- We provide summer playground programs at 4 area playgrounds. We provide nature and educational classes and youth alternative programming for County residents.
- We provide a campground facility for residents, which also brings tourists in who contribute financially to the economy.
- Our organization keeps kids busy and entertained for the summer months.
- We provide a conservation easement, a bird monitoring area, and some outdoor educational programs.
- A representative serves on the Oil Region Alliance, and we are interested in promoting sustainable landscapes and greenspace planning within the County.
- We are looking to be able to provide a location for white-water recreation.
- We manage transportation enhancements, trail programs, hometown streets, and safe routes, conduct project sponsor presentations, and provide allocations through Penn Dot.
- We provide Hasson Heights Park, ball fields, pool, play grounds, bike trail, and a rhododendron section of the park, which carries historical significance.
- We have contact with a fair number of the senior-aged, who enjoy better health, a longer life, and more financial resources than they thought they would have; and they want to spend their time with recreational opportunities they can enjoy and take their grandchildren to. This brings people back into the County due to the resources that our people utilize for recreational purposes; and so, their spending influences the economy.
- We provide a fairground, which serves as a recreational destination and draws the community together. We serve 4-H families and provide a camping resource. We have facilities for church groups and other organizations to rent.
- I represent one of the thousands of County resident consumers of recreational resources; if there are programs and recreational opportunities, and open spaces, I will spend time and money there to utilize them, if they are not available – I am not able to.
- As an individual, I heartily encourage people (residents and guests) to use the aquatic resources in Venango County

- We represent one of the top 5 employers in the County; we do community service projects at Oil Creek State Park; and provide volunteerism for community events such as the Apple fest, First Knight, Howling parade, and the Fire & Ice Festival.
- We serve on boards that impact recreation opportunities in the County. Our youth group utilizes Two Mile Run County Park and the Allegheny River.
- We provide environmental education, promotion of good stewardship of the County's natural resources, and lake water-quality management.
- We provide YMCA programming and scholarships for the County, which has a huge impact on user residents; we also recently acquired Camp Kaufman on the border of Clarion County, which will be utilized by County residents involved in our programming
- We have positively improved trout fishing in the County; influenced cold-water conservation, and have worked with youth programming and conducted workshops and seminars on trout.
- It is not in our mission or action plan to have a direct impact on influencing parks and recreation; we are in economic development.
- Franklin Chamber serves various roles to offer and bring businesses into the County and develop community, residential, and recreational opportunities.
- I write outdoor articles locally that spotlight area attractions to educate the public on what is available.
- ATV Traction helps impact the County by bringing in economic income. We help with clean-up projects, provide search and rescue assistance, and help to stop illegal riding in the County
- We provide water recreational crafts; we have grown in sales which has generated employee-hiring. As people come into the County to purchase watercrafts, the economy benefits as these visitors stay at local facilities and eat at area restaurants.
- We provide and maintain recreational facilities for Emlenton area residents and visitors
- Our students participate in our various sports and clubs; and we utilize Two Mile Run Park as an outdoor programming destination.

***11. How do County parks and recreation impact your group/organization?***

- Does not (4)
- Minimal (4)
- The County helps us to apply for grants, refers us out to grants, and they help us set up meetings with appropriate contacts.
- They give us a lot to write about.
- The County offers, directly or indirectly, natural resources and recreational opportunities that bring in visitors who utilize our campground.
- Enables us to have natural resources which attract people to the County
- Provides outdoor space
- Only through County planning and working cooperatively on open space and greenway issues
- They may in the future be able to help in the support of water recreation development for residents and tourism which will lead to economic development.
- The County applies to us for funding.
- If the County utilizes the Comprehensive Recreation Plan, it could lead to positively impacting Oil City.

- With the County addressing the need to develop a Comprehensive Recreation Plan, it opens an avenue for developing recreational resources to be utilized; but you need to utilize the Plan and not let it sit.
- Whatever is available in the County keeps me here and allows me to write about it; I am glad to see the County looking into parks and recreation preservation and development.
- Our members visit parks in the County.
- People in the County use our facilities; Boy Scouts do Eagle Scout projects here; and some groups help us with projects.
- The County continues to offer outdoor resources that I, as a resident, can utilize.
- Because you cannot count on access to or condition of facilities at Two Mile Run County Park, I avoid that area entirely. I utilize accesses to the Allegheny River, French Creek, and Oil Creek. I participate in programs at Oil Creek State Park. When better weather arrives, I will be utilizing the bike trail system.
- The County provides us with children that utilize our programming.
- When County-provided places are available and maintained, we can use them. When they are not, we go elsewhere.
- It provides us with an outdoor laboratory to offer programs and allows us to utilize the natural resources of County streams, wetlands, lakes, and uplands. There is also potential for an environmental learning center at Two Mile Run County Park.
- Our organization provides programming that has been impacted by the closing of Two Mile Run County Park. We are now not able to utilize some of the facilities there for our programming, which limits our programming.
- Our programming has been done mostly at Oil Creek State Park.
- If we do not have good parks and recreational opportunities, this will have a negative impact on attracting and sustaining a healthy business community.

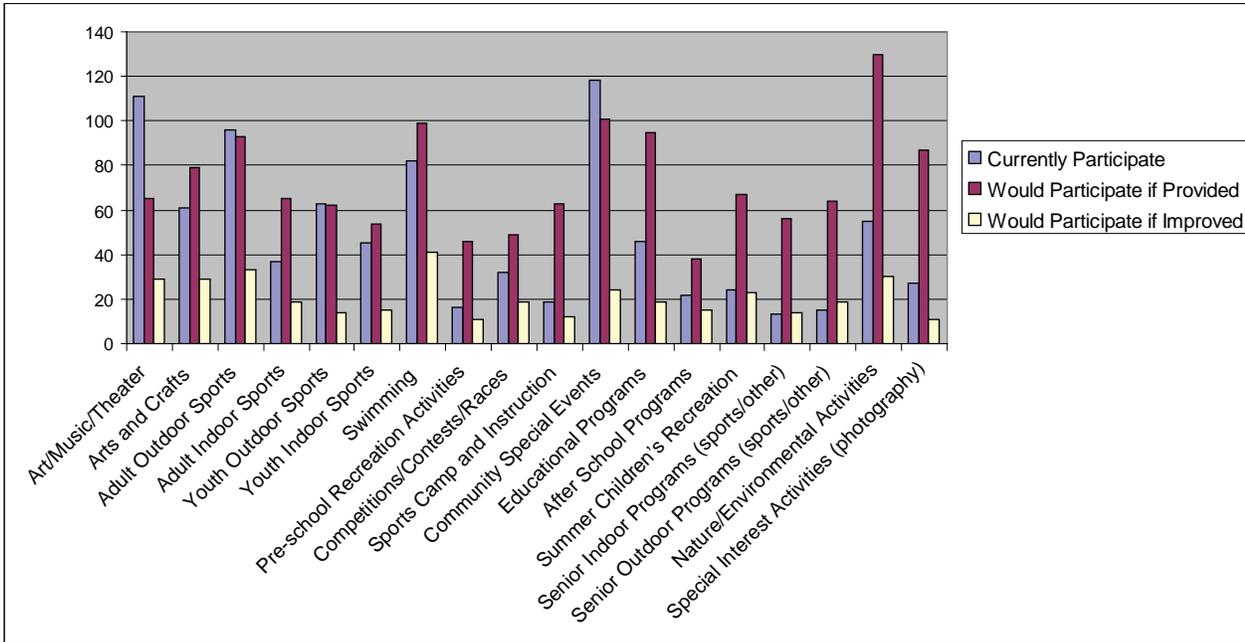


# J: Venango County Questionnaire Results

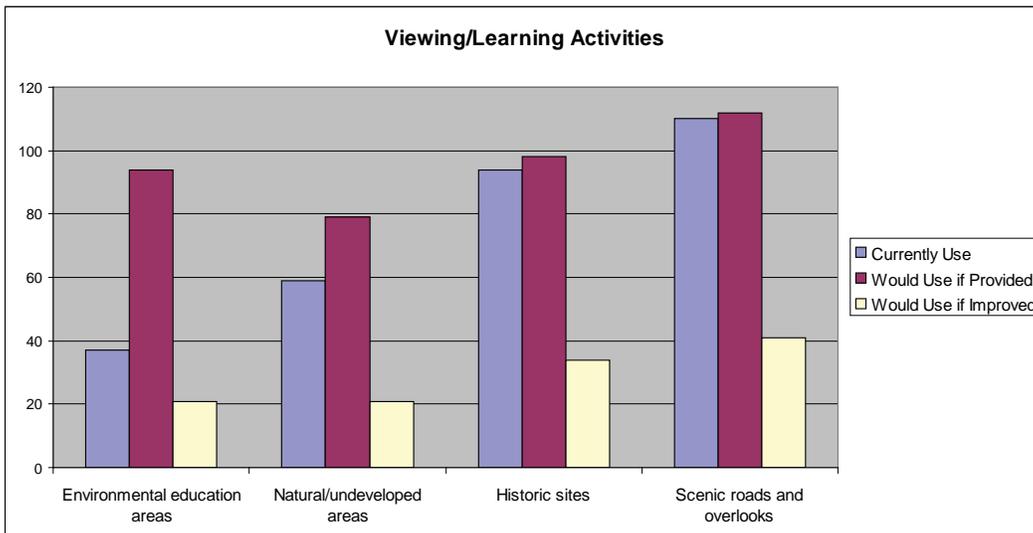
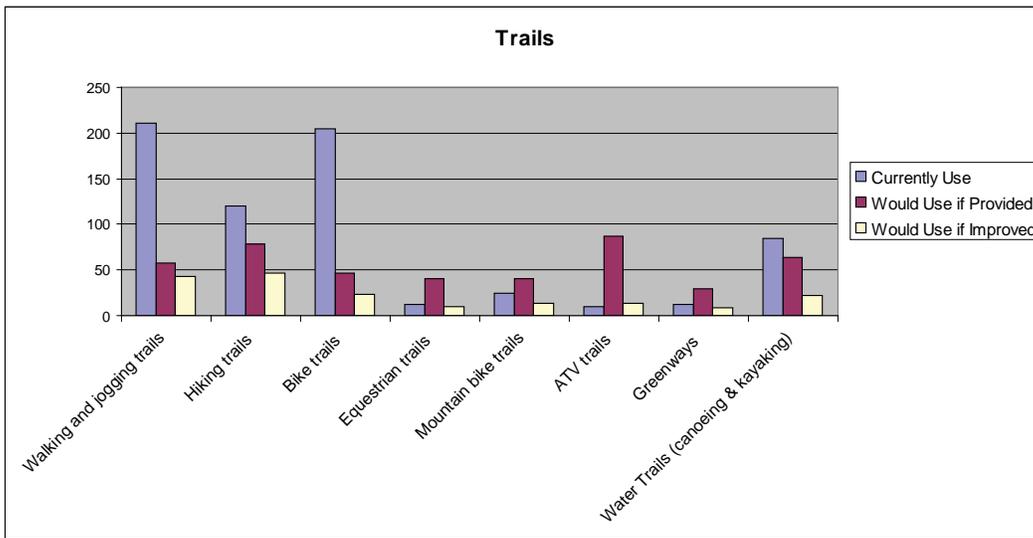
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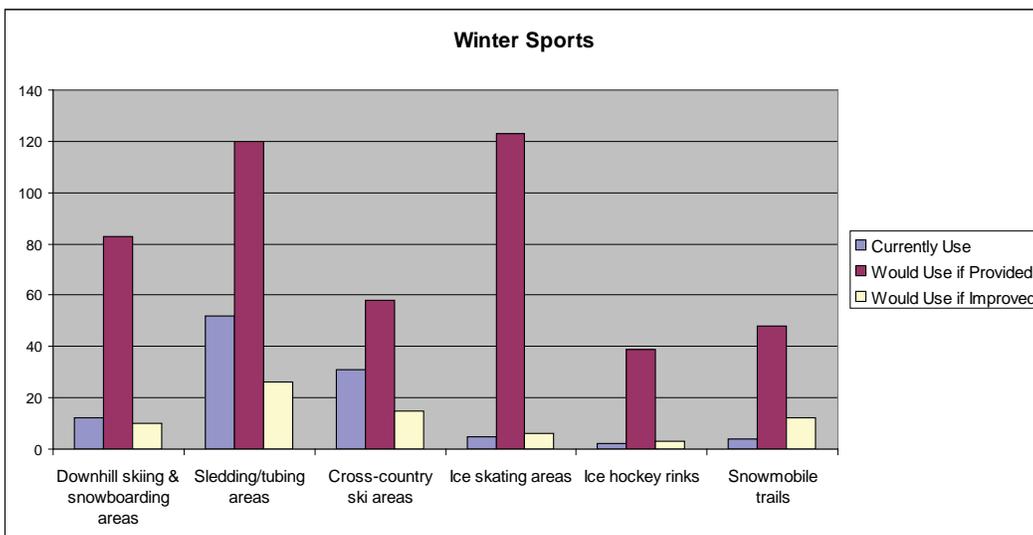
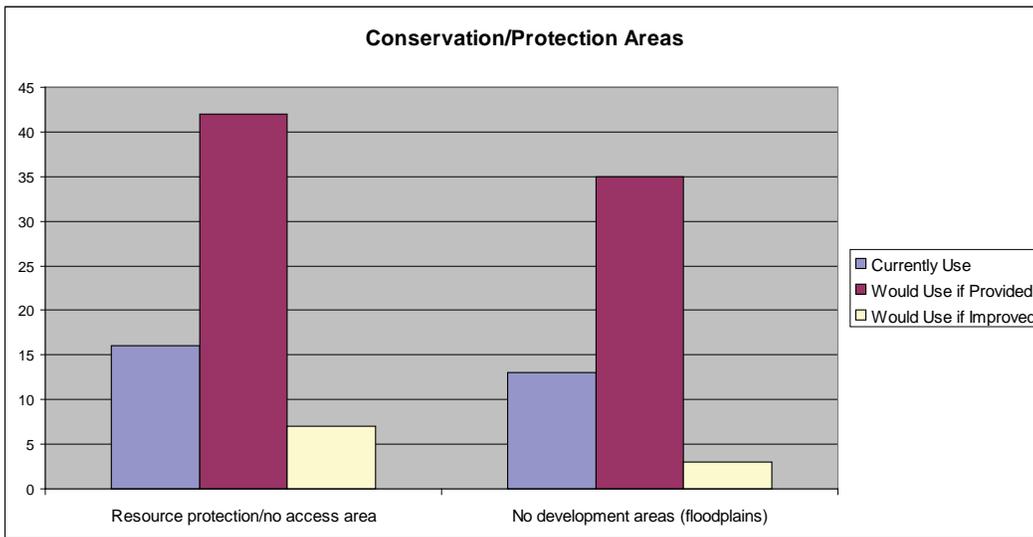
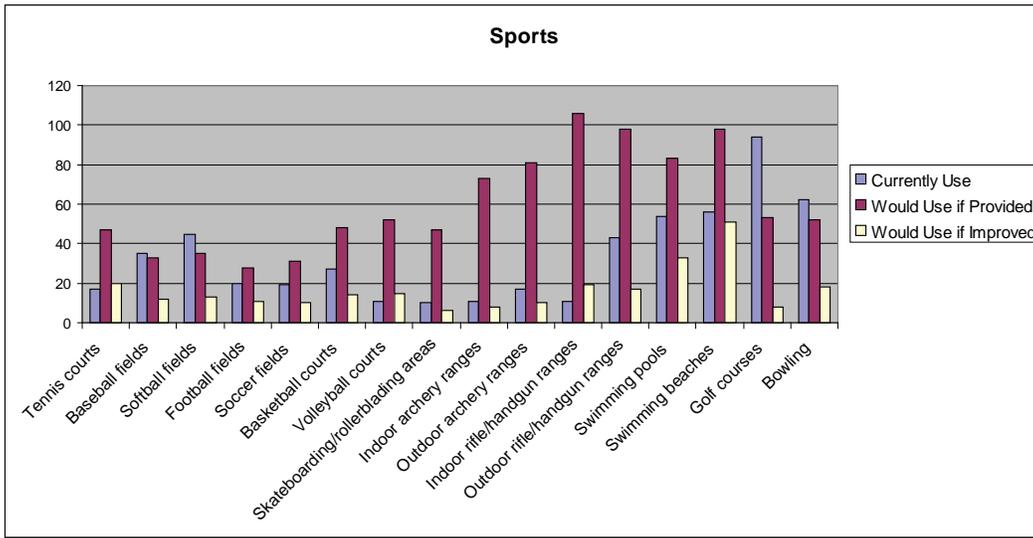


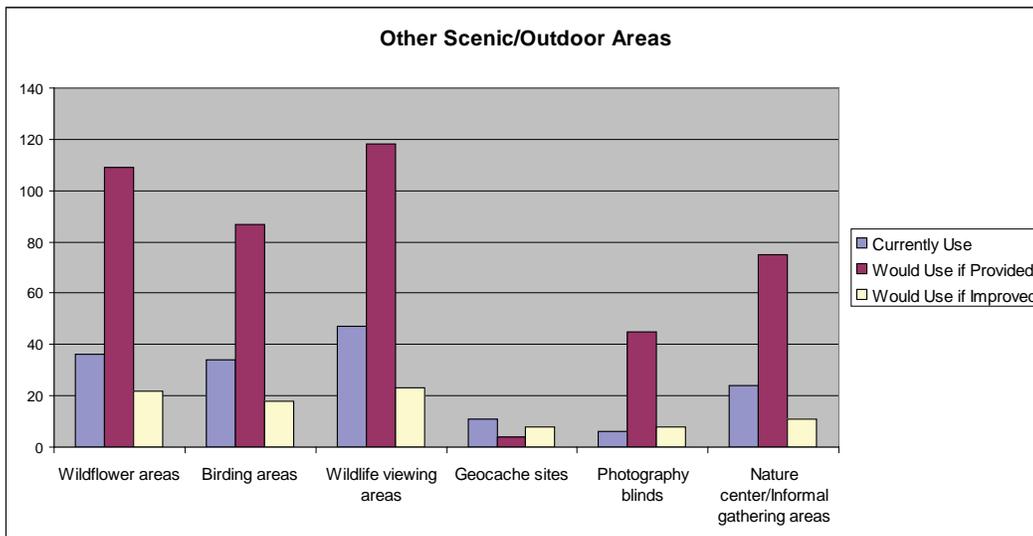
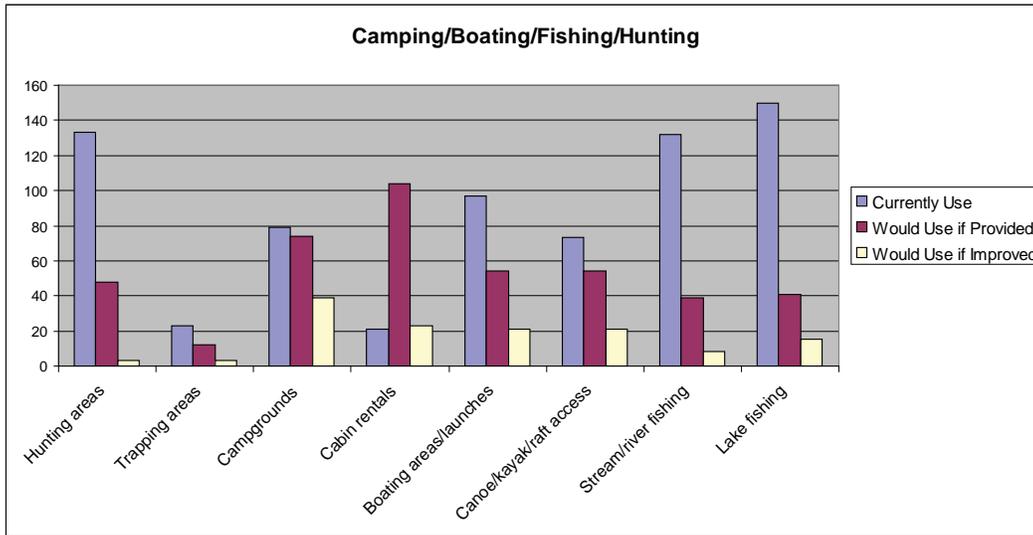
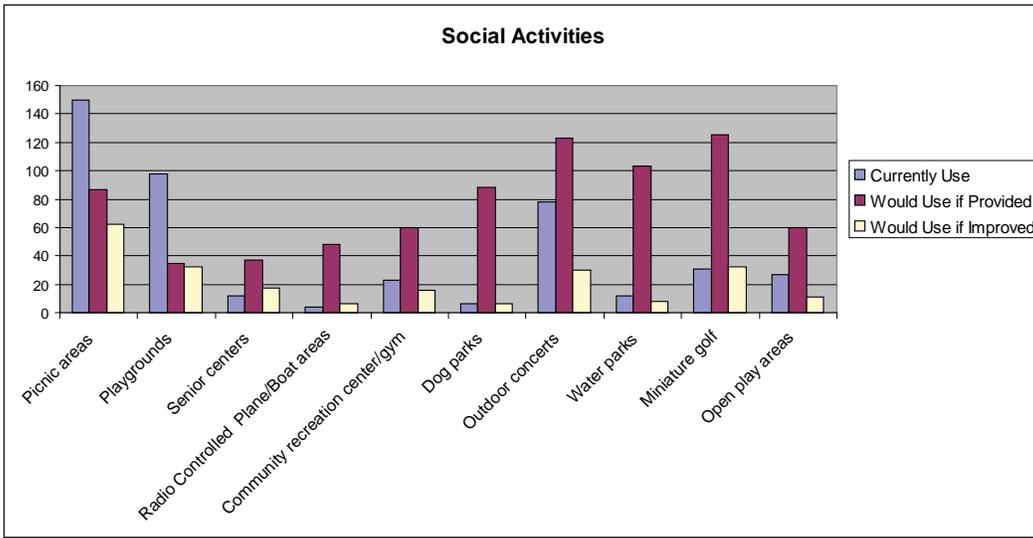
1. From the following list of programs and activities, please indicate how likely it is that a member of your family would participate if these were available in Venango County: Skip if you have no opinion. (Check all that apply)



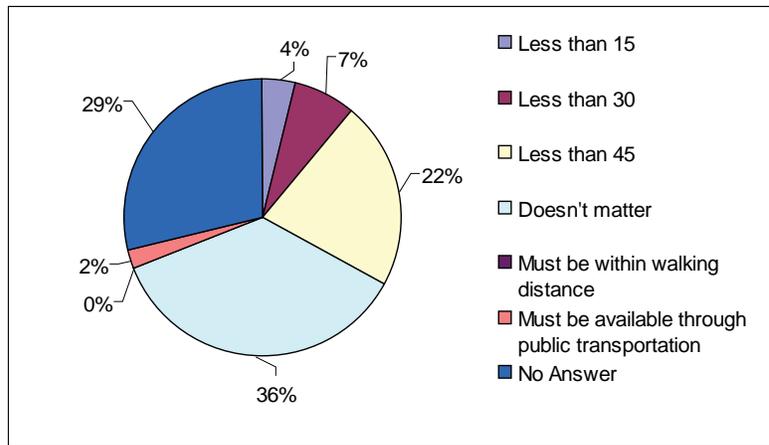
2. From the following list, please check the boxes representing your opinion on the types of recreation and open spaces needed in Venango County. Skip if you have no opinion. (Check all that apply)



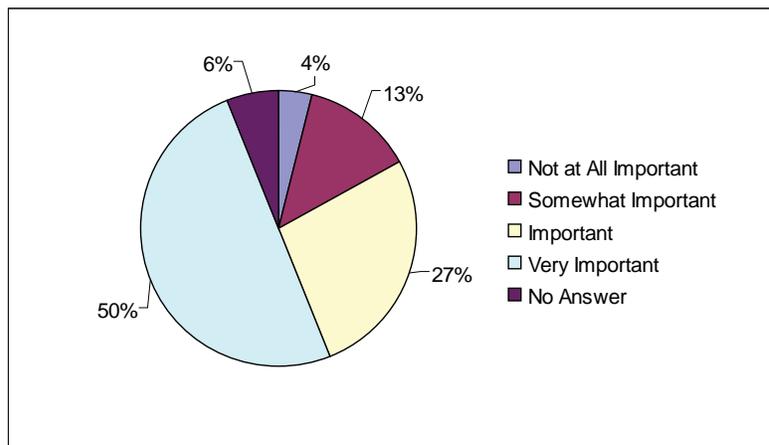




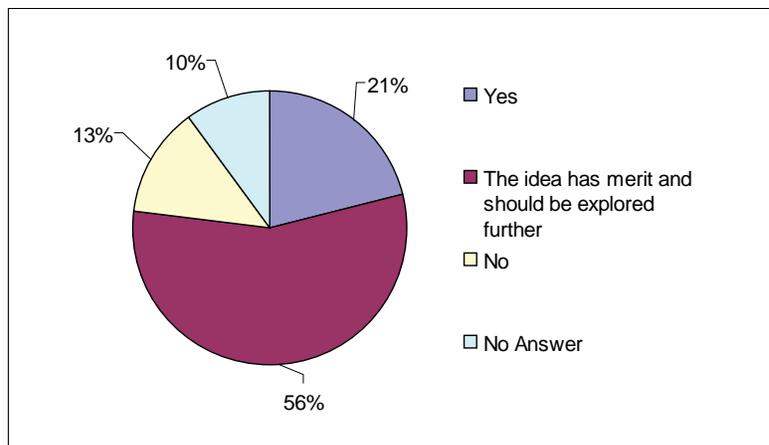
3. How far will you travel for members of your household to use a recreational facility six or more times per year?



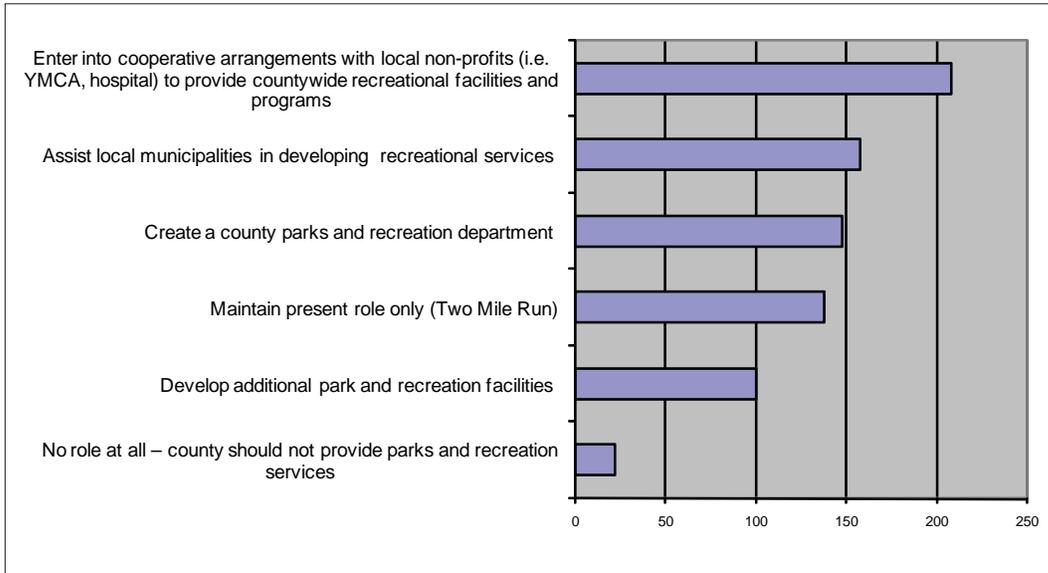
4. How important is a County-wide (Public/Private) Open Space System that protects natural areas such as streams, woodlands and farms? (Check one)



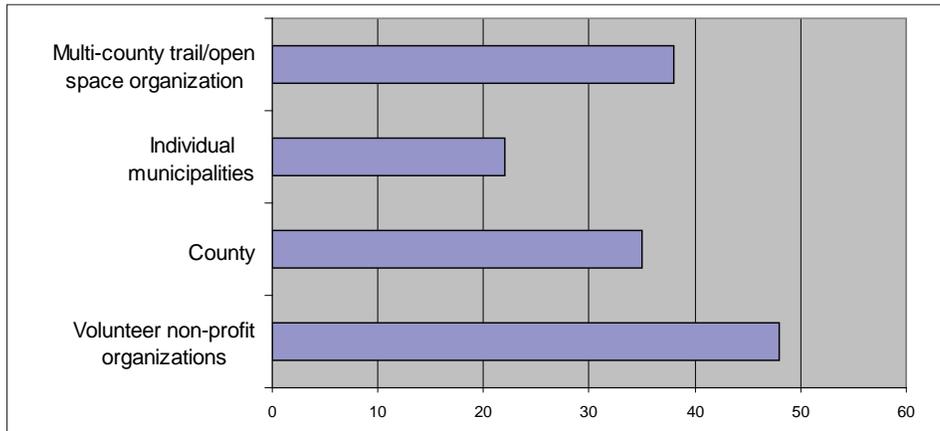
5. Do you support the acquisition of open space from willing sellers throughout the County? (Check one)



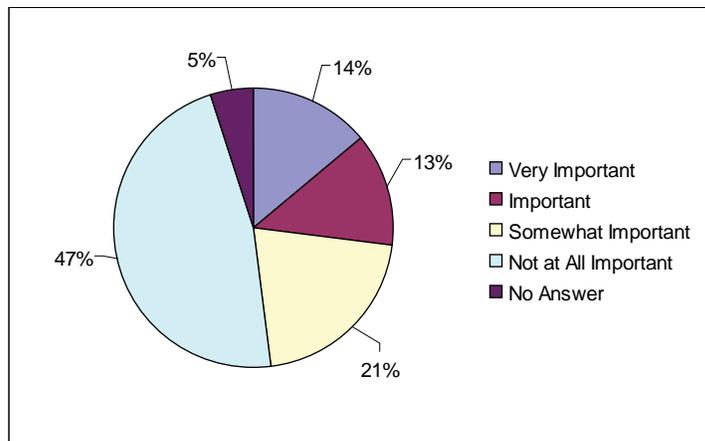
6. What role should the County have in future parks and recreation? (Check all that apply)



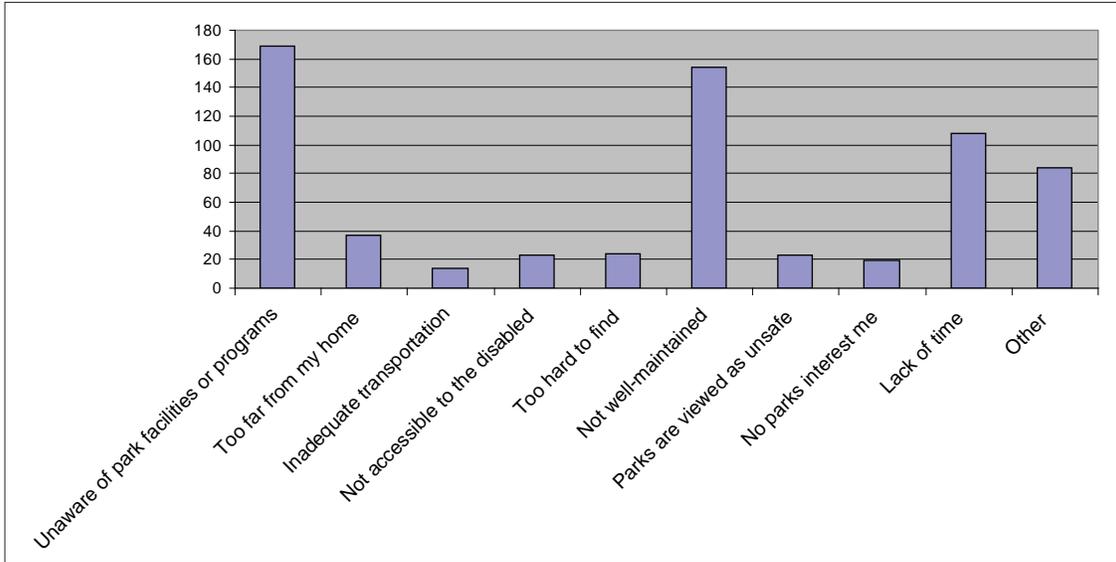
7. As trail projects for non-motorized use (hiking, biking, walking) move forward from planning to development, issues of site ownership and maintenance must be addressed. There will be the need for an organization or group to develop and maintain multi-use, county-wide, and regional trails and open space within Venango County. What organization should own and maintain these trails and open space facilities? (Check all that apply)



8. How important is it to you to have a motorized recreational use (ATV, motorcycle, snowmobile) facility in Venango County? (Check one)

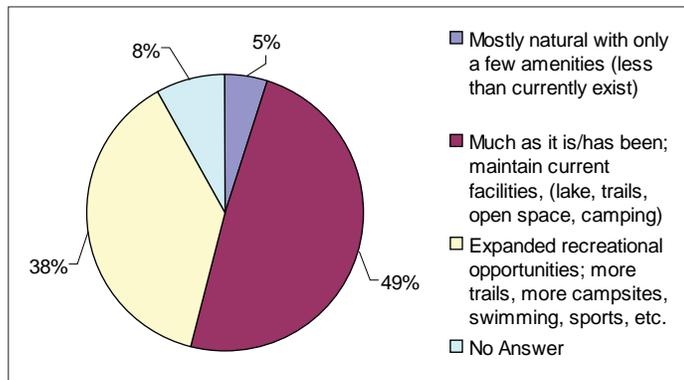


9. What factors prevent members of your household from using facilities or attending programs?  
(Check all that apply)

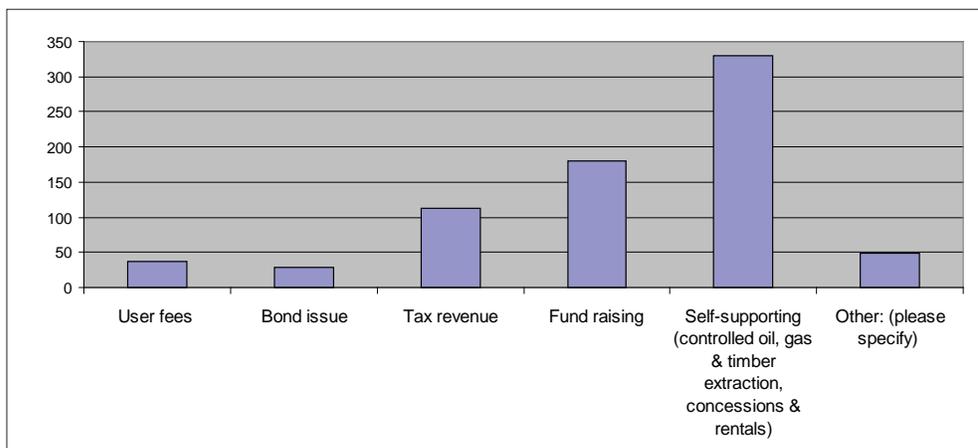


The following three questions (10-12) relate to Two Mile Run County Park. Your responses to these questions will assist in the development of the County's overall recreation plan. The Venango County Parks and Natural Resources Authority will soon conduct a separate, more detailed survey of county residents concerning the Park; the results of their survey will be shared and incorporated into the Venango County Recreation Plan as well.

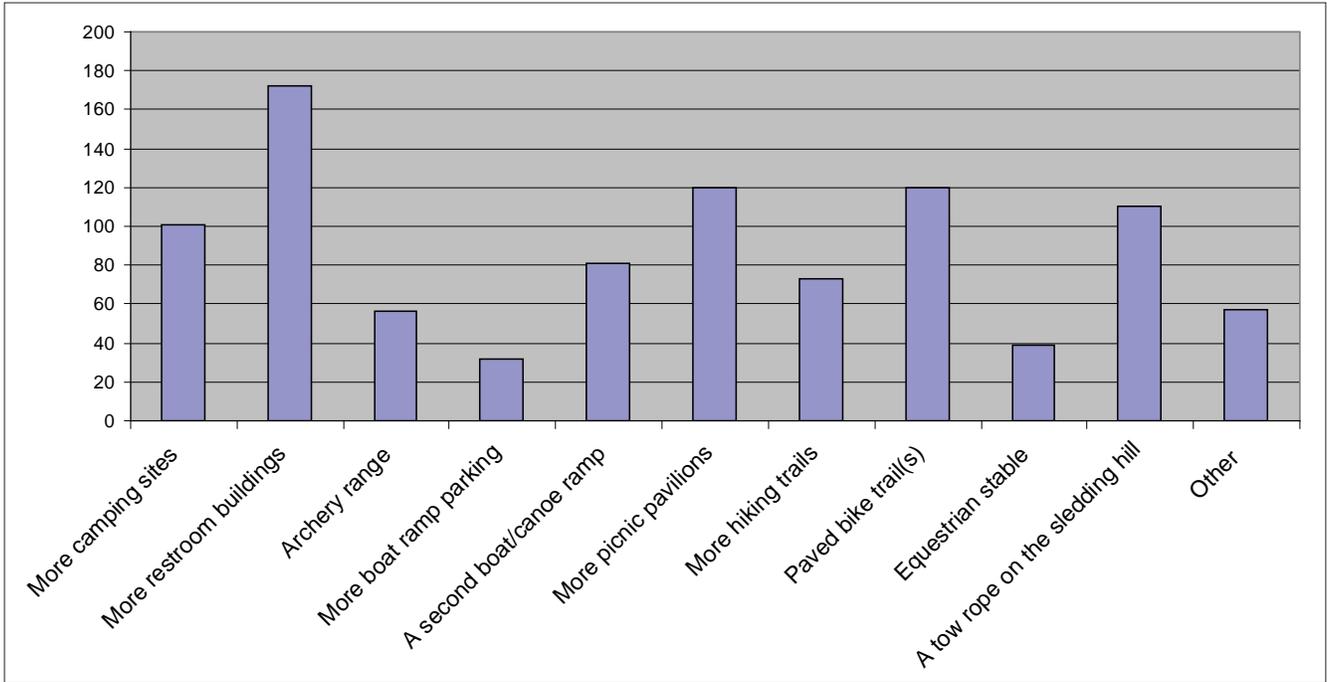
10. What should the primary focus be of Two Mile Run County Park? (Check one)



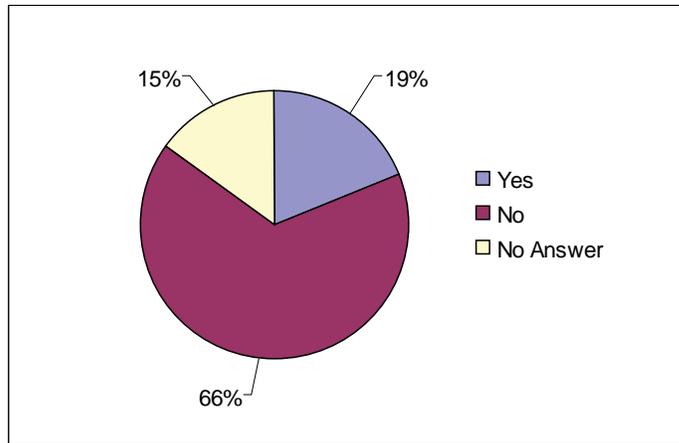
11. How should operations at Two Mile Run County Park be funded? (Check as many as apply)



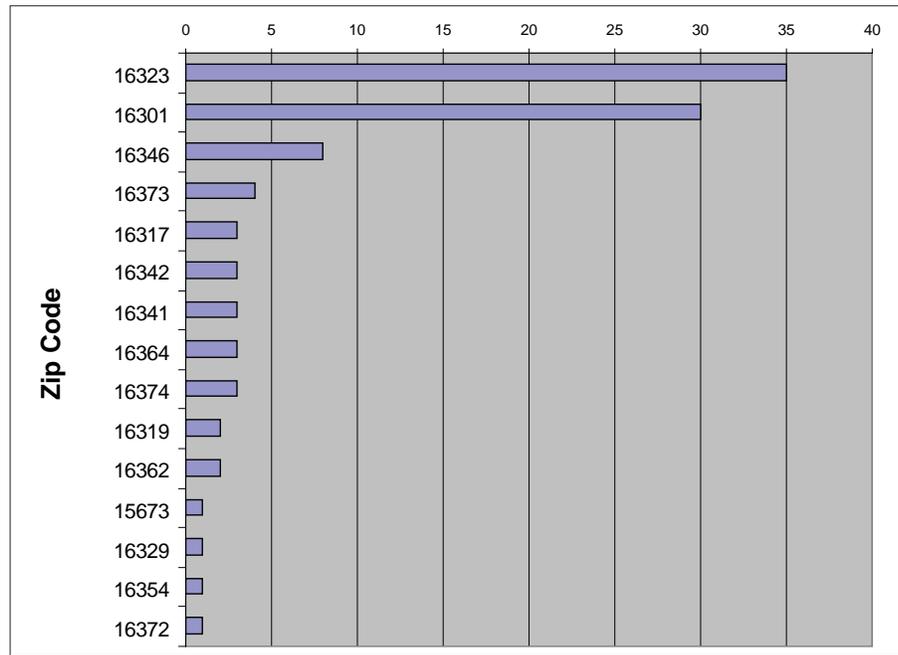
12. IN ADDITION to the existing recreational and educational facilities at Two Mile Run County Park, it's VERY IMPORTANT to my family that the following facilities be newly constructed/installed at Two Mile Run. (Check as many as apply)



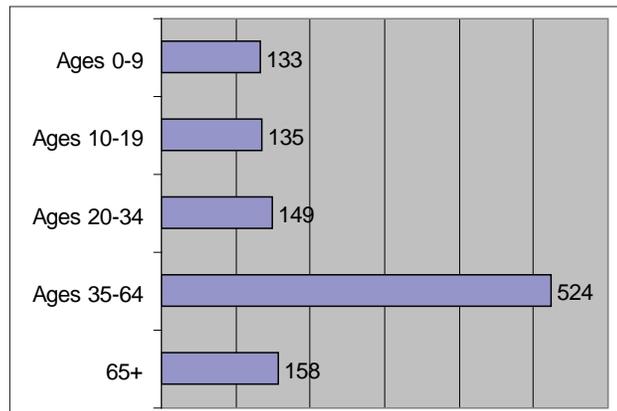
13. Should Venango County provide other County park(s) in addition to Two Mile Run? (Check one)



14. My zip code of residence is:



15. Please indicate the number of people, including yourself, living in your household according to the following age ranges:





# K: TMR Visioning Meeting Minutes





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## Meeting Minutes

### Venango County

Two Mile Run Visioning Meeting

March 7, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Two Mile Run County Park, Nature Lodge

*Attendees:*

| Name             | Representation                              | Present |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------|
| Theresa Alcorn   | Venango County Planning Commission          | X       |
| Jan Beichner     | Venango County Commissioner                 | X       |
| Ray Beichner     | Citizen of Venango County                   | X       |
| Marilyn Black    | Oil Region Alliance                         | X       |
| Judy Downs       | Venango County Regional Planning Commission | X       |
| Deb Frawley      | Greenways and Open Space Coordinator        | X       |
| Mike Henderson   | Oil Region Alliance                         | X       |
| Dan Hovis        | Two Mile Run Board, Trail Committee         | X       |
| Maurice Huth     | Park Advisory Board                         | X       |
| Ken Johnson      | Camp Host                                   | X       |
| Deb Kapp         | Venango County Regional Planning Commission | X       |
| Bill Kapp        | Citizen of Venango County                   | X       |
| Luke Kauffman    | Two Mile Run Employee                       | X       |
| Steve Kosak      | Charitable Trust                            | X       |
| Dave Manikowski  | Two Mile Run Employee                       | X       |
| Rich Mihalic     | Two Mile Run County Park                    | X       |
| Marc Rickard     | Venango County Conservation District        | X       |
| David Strickland | Two Mile Run Board Member                   | X       |
| Troy Wood        | Venango County Commissioner                 | X       |
| Bob Good         | Pashek Associates                           | X       |

The following represents a brief review of discussions held during the Two Mile Run Visioning Meeting:

1. Introduce the participants

Bob Good introduced himself from Pashek Associates and then had each attendee introduce themselves and tell who they represented or why they were in attendance. The attendance list shows the detail of the balanced representation of the group.

2. Describe the Purpose of this Meeting

Bob explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the vision for the future of Two Mile Run County Park. He told the group that when the original master plan was adopted in 2003 the park was under lease to a private corporation who was attempting to operate it as a for profit business. After a multitude of difficulties that kept the park operations in great disarray, Venango County took over its operation again in January 2008. The Park is now being operated as a County Park once again.

SITE DESIGN,  
RECREATION PLANNING,  
LANDSCAPE  
ARCHITECTURE,  
COMMUNITY PLANNING,  
ZONING



As part of the County's Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Study, Pashek Associates recommended that it would be wise to re-visit the master plan to see if it still matched the vision for the park. That is the purpose of this meeting.

3. Review the Venango County Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan  
Bob reviewed the planning process for the Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan explaining that the process sought to answer three questions – “Where are we now?”; “Where do we want to be?”; and “How do we get there?” The purpose of this meeting is to assist in answering these questions.
4. Five questions were asked of the group to get them to begin thinking about the park. The questions were answered by whoever chose to orally respond to the entire group. The great variety of responses promoted recollections of past and current experiences; thoughts of both the good and the bad of the park; and great visions for the future.

The questions that were asked were, “What do you think of when…”

1. You think of Two Mile Run
  2. You recall a great experience here
  3. You want to visit the park
  4. You get frustrated about the Park
  5. You think of the future of the Park
5. Describe Two Mile Run Existing Conditions  
Bob displayed a map of the park on a screen at the front of the room while Rich Mihalic, Two Mile Run Park Manager, described what has happened at the park since the County took it over just over a year ago.
  6. Visioning  
For the visioning process, attendees were divided into three groups of six or seven people to answer a series of questions about the future of the park that included its identifying its purpose, needed facilities, management structures, potential programming, and financing strategies.

1. Purpose - Each group was given the task to come up with a 3-5 sentence description of purpose for the Park. The following are each group's response.

#### Group 1

The purpose of Two Mile Run County Park is to be:

- A. A year-round outdoor recreation area where County residents and visitors feel welcome at well-maintained facilities, a campground, and events
- B. A model of environmental stewardship
- C. Visually natural and lively, including plants, wildlife, and viewsapes
- D. Frequently utilized by organizations, families, companies, and County government for gatherings, site improvement projects, recreation, and education
- E. Showcased by the County and its citizens

#### Group 2

The purpose of Two Mile Run County Park is to be:

- A. Sanctuary - an opportunity to connect with nature
- B. Sustainable – a premiere recreational facility for Venango County Citizens
- C. A balance between active and passive recreational use
- D. A facility that the community will take ownership of and support
- E. Plan for development that is green and environmentally friendly

Group 3

The purpose of the Two Mile Run County Park is to be Venango County's premiere attraction that provides individuals and families a clean and user-friendly place to connect with our environment and each other. The Park will be a multi-faceted location to host local and national events that will leave its users with a positive and memorable recreational experience.

2. The groups were asked what facilities should be included at the Park.

Group 1 responses

|                                              |                                           |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Beach area                                   | Observatory                               |
| Nature Center/Environmental Education Center | Open space                                |
| Picnic pavilions                             | Environmental education dock              |
| Campground – expanded                        | Environmental viewing platform            |
| Playgrounds                                  | Outdoor amphitheater                      |
| Restrooms                                    | Sewage treatment plant                    |
| Trails                                       | Lodging (existing farm house and cottage) |
| Boat dock                                    | Maintenance shed                          |
| Fishing pier for the handicapped             | Primitive camping area                    |
| Boat launch                                  |                                           |

Group 2 responses

|                                                                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Environmental education center with outdoor classroom and interpretive trails | Restrooms accessible year-round |
| Picnic pavilions                                                              | Ice skating                     |
| Beach house                                                                   | Park-wide communication system  |
| Recreation room                                                               | Boat launch                     |
| Campground                                                                    | Fishing pier                    |
| Office and storage space                                                      | Lake access                     |
|                                                                               | Outdoor amphitheater            |

Group 3 responses

- Lighting at Pioneer Flats
- Expand the campground
- Directional signs
- Information kiosk/bulletin board
- VenanGo Bus stop
- Trails that are passable
- Cell phone tower or service

3. The groups were asked what of the parks management system should look like .

Group 1 responses

- Additional staff for -
  - Environmental education
  - Trail maintenance
  - General maintenance
  - Sewage treatment operation
  - Activities and events director
- Oversight by County government

- Subcontract the beach operations
- Subcontract vending/concessions
- Utilize technology based resources for
  - Scheduling/reservations
  - Education
  - Advertisement/publicity
  - Marketing
- Financial/grants
- Identify special market niches
- Strengthen volunteer use and coordination

Group 2 responses

Staffing

- Currently there is one Director, one maintenance person, one office (all full-time)
- Additional needed staff – one maintenance person, one full-time seasonal office staff

Other needs:

- Full-time maintenance department (an entity of its own)
- Publicity, marketing, partnering director
- Grant writer/financial manager
- Activities, events, programs coordinator
- Volunteer coordinator
- Environmental educator/interpreter

Group 3 responses

Management should include:

- Prudent environmental stewardship
- Active public relations-weekly news releases on events, opportunities, work underway, classes, etc.
- Consider contracted services for narrow/specialized niches
- Periodic performance reviews
- Coordination of volunteer participation
- Continue and update website
- Use “green” technology

4. Programming – the groups were asked what programming should be available at the Park and how.

Group 1 responses

- Educational
- Sporting (active)
- Swimming
- Boating
- Seasonal events – tubing, skiing, fishing
- Animal/wildlife programming
- Family oriented participatory events
- Community oriented events

Group 2 responses

- Programming by other groups
  - Envirothon
  - School groups
  - Conservation district

PA Fish and Boat  
PA Game Commission  
Passive recreation – such as self guided interpretive trails  
Active recreation – but do not duplicate municipal recreation programs

Group 3 responses

“How to be green” series of classes  
Interpretive signage  
Cross country ski lessons  
Understanding stewardship  
Provide a master event bulletin board  
Involve students  
Encourage organizations to hold event at the park  
Major season-specific community events  
Canoe/kayak classes  
Promote equipment rentals

5. Financing – the groups were asked how the Park should be financed.

Group 1 responses

Charge a fee for active recreation  
Form partnerships  
Create an active endowment for maintenance and development  
Hold an annual fund raising event  
Utilize natural resource generated revenue only for park operations, maintenance, and development  
Solicit donations  
Pursue all available grant opportunities  
Venango County will need to support the park through its general fund  
Utilize volunteers for building and maintenance  
Create a “wish list” for donors  
Sell park-wide season passes (camping, launching, swimming)  
Create a “Friends of the Park” organization with membership fees

Group 2 responses

Grants  
Fundraising  
User fees  
Donations  
County budget  
Income from gas wells and forest management

Group 3 responses

Appropriate timber harvesting  
Assess additional user fees  
Charge activity and event fees  
Investigate opportunities through the US Economic Stimulus Fund  
Consider a park-wide season pass  
Utilize community service workers, Vision Quest, RSVP, and other volunteer groups

7. Develop the Final Vision

There was no further discussion from item 6 of the agenda.

8. Facilities from Master Site Plan that fit into your vision

The groups were asked to review the existing master plan drawing and identify which of the facilities on the drawing would fit with the new vision for the Park. The following are the combined responses of all three groups. The attached map displays a color coding of the groups desires for each facility.

Farmhouse/cottage – remain as rentals

Pioneer Flats – keep existing uses; create a sled riding hill; one group recommended developing this as a winter recreation area

Wetland area with boardwalk – leave as proposed except two groups suggest not allowing the silt build up

Existing boat launch – keep as proposed; one group suggested expanding the boat launch

Amphitheater – keep as proposed

Loop path around lake – keep as proposed

Lockwood area – keep as proposed except the facility labeled as a conservatory on the Master Plan is actually an observatory; one group suggested adding a horse riding camp here

Limited equestrian facility – keep as proposed

Super Cabin/group camping – keep as proposed

Possible camping expansion – two groups recommended keeping this as proposed; the other did not

Crosby Beach Nucleus – keep as proposed except eliminate the proposed swimming pool

Existing camping area – keep as proposed except for rustic cabins; two groups suggested making them Adirondacks and one group suggested no cabins at all

Lodge area – keep only the conference rooms

The following facilities were removed from the vision of the master site plan –

Cabin area

Fee gate entry

Swimming pool

Lodge Area and all related amenities

The slope (beginner ski slope and snowboarding slope)

9. What kind of additional facilities might be appropriate and where?

Pioneer Flats – one group recommended developing this as a winter recreation area

Lockwood area – one group suggested adding a horse riding camp here

Informational kiosk

Nature Center/Environmental Education Center

Picnic pavilions

Playgrounds

Trails

Fishing pier for the handicapped

Environmental education dock

Environmental viewing platform

Primitive camping area

Recreation room

Restrooms accessible year-round

Ice skating area

Lighting at Pioneer Flats

Directional signs

VenanGo Bus stop  
Cell phone tower for improved communication within the park

10. Implementation of the County's ADA compliance plan  
The County's ADA Compliance Plan for the Park should be considered as part of the master plan.
11. Implementation of the conservations components of the original Sustainable Future Plan.  
Changes to the master plan are not intended to alter the other components of the overall Sustainable Future Plan.
12. Final Comments

*The information contained in these minutes was recorded by Pashek Associates and represents our interpretation and understanding of the discussions that occurred during the meeting. Any clarifications to these minutes must be submitted in writing to Pashek Associates. No response implies acceptance of these meeting minutes as written.*

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# L: DCNR Green Principles for Park Development and Sustainability

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## **Bureau of Recreation and Conservation Green Principles for Park Development and Sustainability**

### **Principle #1: Maintain and Enhance Trees and Natural Landscaping**

Natural landscapes provide vital undisturbed habitat for plant and animal species, some of which may now be threatened or endangered. Projects of all types can preserve and enhance these habitats by incorporating natural landscaping which is the use of an aesthetic variety of primarily native plantings well adapted to the local climate and soil. Natural landscapes can provide a cost effective alternative to conventional turf grass lawns. Preserving existing natural vegetation including rare and valuable natural area remnants (wetlands, grasslands, and woodlands) is a fundamental purpose of natural landscaping. The existing vegetation on the site should be protected and properly managed.<sup>2</sup> Below are some concepts to think about when designing natural landscapes.

Natural landscaping with a variety of native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers requires less maintenance once the plants are established. This reduces maintenance costs, noise and emission pollution from lawn-maintenance equipment, and minimizes the environmentally detrimental effects of pesticides and fertilizers. A well established natural landscape requires little to no watering, unlike turf grass lawns that need regular watering. While not maintenance free, a well-established natural landscape requires less time and money for ongoing maintenance than conventional landscapes.

#### Protecting Existing Features:

*Mature trees* enhance air quality and reduce pollution, enhance water quality and reduce erosion, and are energy savers. Mature trees give a site special qualities that take decades to replace if lost. Therefore, protection of the root zones of mature trees is particularly important during excavation of a project site. To protect the root zone it is recommended that any excavation occur outside the perimeter of the tree canopy.<sup>5</sup>

*Topsoil* is the most fertile portion of soil and the most valuable. "It requires 500 years under natural conditions to produce an inch of topsoil."<sup>6</sup> The natural fertility of topsoil promotes healthier grass and reduces the amount of fertilizer required to establish landscape plantings. Therefore one of the most important steps during construction and planting projects is to retain as much existing topsoil as possible. The best option is to stockpile and reuse the topsoil instead of removing it from the site. Using the existing topsoil not only saves money, but also minimizes disturbance that could encourage the growth of invasive plants.

Local and regional greenways are excellent and appropriate locations for natural landscaping. Many greenways contain rivers, streams, or other waterways.<sup>2</sup> In these locations native vegetation (ideally a variety of native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers) planted in buffer strips adjacent to the stream provides wildlife habitat, bank stabilization, and water quality benefits. Buffer strips protect natural resources from human impacts and filter stormwater pollutants that could flow into streams.<sup>1</sup> To provide the maximum benefits a buffer should be 100 feet or more on each side, although smaller buffers will still provide some benefits.

*Floodplains* are areas of concern that should be protected from development. Floodplains function in that they reduce flood velocities and flood peaks, reduce erosion potential and impacts, provide a broad area for streams to spread out and for temporary storage of floodwater, reduce sediment loads, filter nutrients, process organic and chemical wastes, and moderate water temperature. Planting native vegetation in floodplains helps absorb and slow flood waters.<sup>8</sup>

#### Tree Planting:

Forests and urban trees provide multiple health benefits to humans. Trees and other plants make their own food from carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) in the atmosphere, water, sunlight and a small amount of soil

elements. In the process, they release oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) for us to breathe. Managing and protecting forests and planting new trees reduce CO<sub>2</sub> levels and increase oxygen; trees also play an important role in stormwater management.<sup>10</sup> Trees also help cool our planet by providing the service of carbon sequestration which happens when trees store carbon in their roots and trunks keeping it from entering the atmosphere.

Pennsylvania, through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation and the Bureau of Forestry has developed a public private partnership, through regional collaboration, to address the loss of tree cover in Pennsylvania. This program called *TreeVitalize* has established goals to plant 1 million shade trees, restore forests along streams and water protection areas, build capacity for long term urban forest management, establish strong urban forestry partnerships in all 14 metro areas in Pennsylvania, and train 10,000 citizens to plant and care for trees; over a 5 year period. To learn more about *TreeVitalize* and to find out how you can get involved visit <http://www.treevitalize.net/>.

#### Why Plant Native Vegetation?

Pennsylvania's native plants are those that were growing naturally in the area before humans introduced plants from distant places. Landscaping with native plants has several appealing factors. Native plants are:<sup>4</sup>

- Adapted to Pennsylvania's soils and climate.
- Attract birds and butterflies.
- Offer food and shelter for many species all year long.
- Require less care and watering when established.
- Thrive with less fertilizer and disease control. (Most native plants will not need fertilizer once they are established. When fertilizers are used, they should be of the organic or "slow-release" varieties, should be used no more than once or twice a year, and should be used in as small a quantity as possible.<sup>1</sup>)
- Provide carefree beauty.
- Natural predators and diseases can't compete when non-native plants are introduced. (Most invasive plants are introduced from other continents, leaving behind in their native homeland natural controls like pests, diseases and predators, which serve to keep these species in check. Due to this absence of natural controls, invasive plants reproduce rapidly and can form stands that exclude nearly all other plants. In the process, they damage natural areas, altering ecosystem processes and displacing desirable native plant species.)

#### Composting:

Leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris clog landfills, taking up 20-40% of landfill space. However, this so-called waste is actually a valuable natural resource. Once decomposed, this nutrient rich organic matter can be a source of free mulch or can be added to soil as a natural fertilizer. Compost can also help soil retain some of its moisture content. Compost can be made on-site, or can be brought in from a municipal composting facility (sometimes for free).<sup>3</sup> To learn more about composting visit <http://www.howtocompost.org/>.

#### Grass Maintenance:

Cool season turf grass, a staple of traditional parks, should be limited within a sustainable site to human-use areas such as ball fields and picnic groves. Native cool season grasses, such as Canada and Virginia wildrye, should be used in place of non-native cool season grasses like Kentucky bluegrass and tall fescue. Warm season grasses can be planted for wildlife habitat and as attractive landscaping. Native warm season grasses include big bluestem, little bluestem, and switchgrass.<sup>1</sup>

Even if you keep some area in lawn, much can be done to lessen environmental problems:<sup>3</sup>

- Reduce or eliminate the need for pesticides by practicing [Integrated Pest Management](#).
- Use a mulching mower so that clippings can remain on the lawn and provide nutrients as they decompose.

- Where the lawn is small, use a non-powered reel mower. Modern models of the reel mower are much easier to use than the older models.
- Keep gas-powered mowers in efficient operating condition (well-tuned, sharp blades) and raise the cutting height to 3-3.5" during the hot summer months to keep the grass roots shaded and cooler, reducing weed growth, browning, and need for watering.
- If you don't use a mulching mower, compost excess grass clippings in your yard and later use it as a soil amendment around trees and shrubs.
- Learn to tolerate some weeds or a greater variety of plants in the lawn.
- Don't over-fertilize. A slow-release organic fertilizer applied once, in the fall, is usually sufficient.

Enhancing and protecting meadows that contain native grasses and wildflowers is a great way to attract wildlife. Warm season grasses are prime habitat for grassland and ground-nesting birds; birds such as bobolink, Eastern meadowlark, and grasshopper sparrow require at least 25 acres of grassland for survival. However, other birds, such as goldfinch, field sparrow, Eastern bluebird, Eastern phoebe, and Eastern kingbird, do occupy smaller grasslands. Common meadow wildflowers include black-eyed Susan, sunflower, aster, and goldenrod.<sup>7</sup>

### Invasive Plant Removal

Invasive species are species that are non-native to the ecosystem under consideration, and when introduced cause or are likely to cause harm to the economy, to the environment, or to human health. Land managers who are faced with the daunting task of managing or controlling invasive species on natural lands rely on resources like the "Invasive Exotic Plant (IEP) Management Tutorial for Natural Lands Managers" in order to implement effective management, control and education programs <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/invasivetutorial/index.htm>. This tutorial provides a "one-stop-shop" for natural resource managers who are interested in organizing on-the-ground efforts to prevent, manage and control IEPs.<sup>9</sup>

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### **Principle #2: Connect People to Nature**

When acquiring, planning, or developing land or water for public use (whether a park, trail, greenway, playground, or community pool) there is a concept called “human well-being” that is addressed in the “Sustainable Sites Initiative Standards and Guidelines Report”<sup>1</sup> and should be considered during development of the site plan. Listed below are several ideas taken directly from the “Sustainable Sites Initiative Standards and Guidelines Report”<sup>1</sup>. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) *iConserve* program also provides for the connection of human well-being to outdoor recreation, conservation, and stewardship. Learn more about *iConservePA* at <http://iconservepa.org/>.

1. **Provide opportunities for interaction with nature.** Provide a diverse landscape to support a broad range of users and activities; including spaces for physical activity, way-finding features, and “cues to care”, which are design devices (such as mowed edges or low fences) that communicate that a naturalistic landscape welcomes users.
2. **Design spaces that address children’s needs.** Provide pedestrian-only precincts so children and youth can play without concern for traffic. Provide parks and open spaces that serve several residential areas, which give children a sense of place and belonging. Provide interesting landscape places (designed and naturalistic) that enable exploratory play.
3. **Provide opportunities for passive experiences with nature.** Maintain all possible trees on-site. Optimize water views or provide fountains. Place and configure plantings that achieve other ecosystem services (such as rain gardens for infiltration and stormwater management) to provide visual amenities.
4. **Educate site users.** Create demonstration gardens, wetlands, and management areas that allow visitors to observe regional biodiversity, and provide interpretive materials. Facilitate wildlife viewing and learning, such as bird boxes. Provide high-quality and carefully prepared interpretive materials or stations that inform about local ecosystems and their functions. Incorporate signs that explain how “no mow zones” are beneficial for humans and wildlife.

5. **Provide spaces for social interaction.** Create small theme gardens (such as color, texture, butterfly, etc.). Create “community greens” that can serve as outdoor meeting rooms, break or study spaces, and spaces for organizational events and celebrations. Ensure that user spaces are safe and secure using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles (see [www.cpted-watch.com](http://www.cpted-watch.com) for more information).
6. **Support on-site food production in healthy environments.** Offer gardening plots for site users.
7. **Consider local cultures/communities and their special needs.** Identify local groups of potential users and provide amenities that address the needs or support the culture of local people.
8. **Plant Trees.** Trees are beneficial additions to any site. Planting trees should be considered during the planning and developing of all recreational sites. Trees have direct human benefits such as creating effective sound barriers that can muffle urban noise almost as effectively as stone walls; producing oxygen, absorbing and locking away carbon dioxide, and cleaning the air by intercepting airborne particles, reducing heat, and absorbing such pollutants as carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide. Trees shade and cool reducing the need for air conditioning in the summer and break the force of winter winds, lowering heating costs in the winter. Trees fight soil erosion and reduce water runoff and sediment deposition after storms.

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### Principle #3: Manage Stormwater Naturally

Stormwater runoff occurs when excess water from rainfall and snow events flows across paved streets, parking lots, rooftops and construction sites. This runoff can be a significant source of pollution and sedimentation ending up in our streams and other water bodies. Below are a few things to consider on your site to prevent stormwater from becoming an issue.

#### Create and Enhance Riparian Buffers:

Riparian buffers are areas of vegetation alongside streams and other bodies of water that mitigate floods, recharge groundwater, prevent erosion and sedimentation of the stream, trap pollutants within plant roots, and improve aquatic and terrestrial species habitat. In these locations native vegetation (ideally a variety of native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers) provides wildlife habitat, bank stabilization, and water quality benefits.<sup>1</sup> To provide the maximum benefits a buffer should be 100 feet or more on each side, although smaller buffers will still provide some benefits. Below is a list of tips for managing buffers:<sup>3</sup>

- Provide some public access to the water, but keep vegetation clearance to a minimum.
- Avoid work in streams, wetlands or waterways whenever possible.
- Don't alter a stream bank or shoreline unless you're returning it to a natural state (banks should normally be sloping and covered with vegetation).
- Remove invasive exotic species to keep them from spreading.

- Improve riparian buffers by planting native trees, shrubs and ground covers that are tolerant of wet or seasonally flooded sites.
- Avoid or minimize the use of pesticides and fertilizers near water-bodies.

#### Protect Wetlands and Critical Recharge Areas:

Wetland functions include water quality improvement, floodwater storage, fish and wildlife habitat, aesthetics, and biological productivity. Wetlands within and downstream of urban areas are particularly valuable, counteracting the greatly increased rate and volume of surface-water runoff from pavement and buildings. They also recharge groundwater and trap sediment, fertilizers, and pollutants before they enter the water cycle. Construction and other forms of disturbance that serve to degrade the wetland area should be avoided in and near wetlands. A vegetated buffer should be maintained around wetlands wherever possible. Man-made wetlands cannot duplicate all the functions of a natural wetland, so it is critical that natural wetlands be protected whenever possible.<sup>1</sup>

Critical recharge areas are typically large contiguous areas of land that allow precipitation and other surface waters to infiltrate through the soil to recharge the groundwater. Without constant recharge, periods of drought could leave streams and wells dry, thus affecting available drinking water and wildlife habitat. Practicing green and sustainable initiatives (such as those outlined in this series of fact sheets) when developing in or near a wetland or critical recharge area can ensure that these features are preserved and remain fully functional.<sup>1</sup>

Wellhead Protection is a strategy designed to protect public drinking water supplies by managing the land surface around a well where activities might affect the quality of the water. The Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986 requires each state to develop Wellhead Protection Programs. To learn more about Pennsylvania's Wellhead Protection Program visit

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/subject/advcoun/ag/Whppover.doc>.

#### Design Natural Stormwater Management Systems:

Natural stormwater management can be more cost-effective than traditional gray infrastructure of pipes and treatment facilities. There are many best management practices for natural stormwater management including: minimizing the areas of impermeable surfaces such as roads, rooftops, and parking lots. This can be accomplished through narrower roads, permeable pavements, and rainwater catchment systems on roofs. The remaining runoff can be directed to natural stormwater management systems like native grass swales or rain gardens. Even just planting more native trees near impermeable surfaces can reduce the need for large, expensive stormwater management systems.<sup>1</sup>

A technique for green parking utilizes alternative pavers that can range from medium to relatively high effectiveness in meeting stormwater quality goals. Alternative pavers are permeable or semi-permeable surfaces that can replace asphalt and concrete and can be used for driveways, parking lots and walkways. The different types of alternative pavers include gravel, cobbles, wood mulch, brick, grass pavers, turf blocks, natural stone, pervious concrete, and porous asphalt. From a stormwater perspective, this is important because alternative pavers can replace impervious surfaces, creating less stormwater runoff.<sup>2</sup>

Stormwater wetlands (a.k.a. constructed wetlands) are structural practices similar to wet ponds that incorporate wetland plants in a shallow pool. As stormwater runoff flows through the wetland, pollutant removal is achieved by settling and biological uptake within the practice. Stormwater wetlands are fundamentally different from natural wetland systems. They are designed specifically for the purpose of treating stormwater runoff, and typically have less biodiversity than natural wetlands both in terms of plant and animal life.<sup>2</sup>

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**Principle #4: Conserve Energy**

Renewable energy and energy efficiency mean less air pollution (including mercury, nitrogen oxides and carbon dioxide), less water consumption and less waste. It means less dependence on foreign oil and more self-sufficiency. It means less ground level ozone, less acid rain and less particulate matter in the air. Ultimately, this means improved health. There are many opportunities to include renewable energy technology and energy efficiency techniques in site design. Please consider these different alternative

energy sources and energy efficiency techniques to power your facilities as you move forward with your project planning and site design.

#### Solar:

Solar technologies use the sun's energy to provide heat, light, hot water, electricity, and even cooling, for many different types of facilities. Solar power is probably the cleanest, most viable form of renewable energy available and it can be used in several forms to help power your facility. Many gardens use solar lights or solar garden water features.<sup>2</sup> A variety of technologies have been developed to harness solar energy. In Pennsylvania, these technologies include: Photovoltaic systems (produces electricity), solar hot water heating, and passive solar heating and daylighting.<sup>6</sup>

#### Wind:

Wind is a clean, inexhaustible, indigenous energy resource that can generate electricity. Wind energy is one of the fastest-growing forms of electricity generation in the world.<sup>1, 3</sup> Pennsylvania has good wind resources in portions of the state. Municipalities and non-profit organizations can use small wind turbines for on-site energy generation.<sup>7</sup>

#### Geothermal Heat Pump:

The 10 feet of earth directly beneath the surface maintains a nearly constant temperature between 50° and 60°F (10°-16°C). Like a cave, this ground temperature is warmer than the air above it in the winter and cooler than the air in the summer. Pennsylvania has low to moderate temperature resources that can be tapped for direct heat or for geothermal heat pumps. Geothermal heat pumps take advantage of this resource to heat and cool buildings.<sup>1</sup>

#### Biomass and Biofuels:

Biomass and biofuels provide an excellent opportunity to heat and power buildings. Heating options may include the installation of a wood chip heating system, wood pellet furnace or boiler systems, corn furnace, or simply using a biodiesel blended heating oil commonly referred to as a bio-heat product. Biofuels can be used to power small-scale workshop machinery and electricity generators as well as vehicles.<sup>1</sup>

#### Fuel Cells:

Fuel Cells are an option that local governments can consider when exploring alternative energy choices and distributed energy technologies. A fuel cell is a device that converts the chemical energy of a fuel into electricity with heat and water as the major by products. There are several types of fuel cells and different fuels used for electricity generation.<sup>1</sup>

#### Using Plants to Reduce Heating and Cooling Needs:

Plants can significantly reduce a building's energy needs since it's cooler in the shade of trees and warmer behind plants that block the winter winds. The general rule is to plant deciduous trees (those that lose their leaves in winter) on the south and west sides of a building where the sun's rays are most direct and intense. These trees will provide shade during summer but permit the winter sun to provide warmth. Where there isn't room for trees, shrubs and vines can provide similar benefits. Extensive use of trees to shade buildings, streets, driveways and other large paved surfaces can even cool entire communities. To reduce winter heating costs, plant evergreen trees and shrubs as windbreaks. Most cold winds come from the north or west (though this can vary locally), so on those sides of the building plant a dense row of evergreens that maintain branches low to the ground. Where new construction is planned, one can even consider "greenroofing" where roofs are specially designed to accommodate plants. Such roofs provide insulating value that further reduces heating and cooling needs and can be very long-lasting when properly maintained.<sup>4, 5</sup>

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**Principle #5: Integrate Green Design and Construction**

The ideal “green” project preserves and restores habitat that is vital for sustaining life and becomes a net producer and exporter of resources, materials, energy and water rather than being a net consumer. A green building is one whose construction and lifetime of operation assure the healthiest possible environment while representing the most efficient and least disruptive use of land, water, energy and resources. The optimum design solution is one that effectively emulates all of the natural systems and conditions of the pre-developed site – after development is complete.<sup>1</sup>

Green Design can Save Money:

While many green materials and technologies do cost more, it has been demonstrated that many green strategies and technologies actually cost the same and some even cost less than traditional “not-so-green” technologies. By blending the right mix of green technologies that cost less with green technologies that cost the same or slightly more, it is possible to have a very green building project that costs the same as a conventional one. Often the key to a cost effective green building and site design

lies within the interrelationships and associated cost and performance trade-offs that exist between different building systems. For example, the use of high performance windows and window frames increases the initial building costs, however the resulting reduction in the size and cost of the buildings heating and cooling system more than offsets the added cost of the better glazing system. The result is a building that has a comparable or perhaps even a lower first cost, a higher comfort level, lower energy use, and lower energy bills and operating cost for the life of the building.<sup>1</sup>

Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™:

A voluntary, consensus-based standard to support and certify successful green building design, construction and operations. LEED is transforming the marketplace by providing a nationally recognized certification system to promote integrated, whole-building design practices in the building industry.<sup>2</sup>

For a project to become LEED certified it is required that the project follows energy efficiency, environmentally conscious methods, as defined by the LEED Green Building Rating System, Version 2.1, November 2002, in the following areas:

1. Sustainable Sites (SS)
2. Water Efficiency (WE)
3. Energy & Atmospheric (EA)
4. Materials & Resources (MR)
5. Indoor Environmental Quality (EQ)

**References:**

1. Governor's Green Government Council. Green Buildings.  
<http://www.gggc.state.pa.us/gggc/cwp/view.asp?a=515&q=156866>
2. United States Green Building Council- LEED.  
<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CategoryID=19>

**Additional Resources:**

Governor's Green Government Council. Guidelines for Creating High Performance Green Buildings.  
<http://www.gggc.state.pa.us/gggc/cwp/view.asp?a=515&q=156978>

United States Green Building Council. <http://www.usgbc.org/>



## M: Potential Funding Sources

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# Potential Funding Sources

The Township should explore all potential funding sources and apply for funding as often as possible. An application that is rejected one year may still be accepted in future years.

The following is a list of known potential funding sources as previously listed, along with descriptions and program requirements, and contact information:

| FUNDING SOURCES FOR MATERIALS AND/OR CONSTRUCTION                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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|  <p><b>Sponsored by:</b><br/>Mantis Awards for Community and Youth Gardens</p> | <p>Each year, Mantis presents the Mantis Awards for charitable and educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life in their host communities. The National Gardening Association (NGA) selects 25 outstanding applicants to receive Mantis tiller/cultivators.</p> <p>Any nonprofit garden program may apply. In the past, winners have included schools, churches, correctional facilities, parks departments, youth camps, community gardens, and many others. These are groups turning slim resources into bountiful gardens with far-reaching benefits, from increasing their community's access to fresh nutritious foods to educating the public about the importance of gardening in our nation's history.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b> Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ operate a charitable or educational program that is not for profit</li> <li>▪ not offer the tiller as a prize for fundraising (e.g., auction or raffle)</li> </ul> <p><b>There are two ways to apply.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. E-mail Attachment (Preferred method). Download and save the application (Microsoft Word document) to your computer and complete the application. (Application available via website.) E-mailed applications must be received no later than noted due date.</li> <li>2. Print and Mail. Complete the application using a 10-point or larger font, then print the application. Mail application and materials to Mantis (address is provided on application).</li> </ol> <p><b>Note:</b> Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than noted due date.</p> <p><b>Award Packages:</b> 25 programs will each receive a Mantis Tiller/Cultivator with border/edger and kickstand, and their choice of gas-powered 2-cycle engine or electric motor.</p> |
| <b>Contact Information:</b>                                                                                                                                     | Visit website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Website:</b>                                                                                                                                                 | <a href="http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/mantis.asp">http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/mantis.asp</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|  <p>USDA Forest Service Wood in Transportation</p> <p><b>Agency:</b> U.S. Department of Agriculture</p> | <p>To develop structures that showcases wood in transportation technology and provides useful design and cost information to potential users throughout the country. The use of locally available wood species not traditionally used for bridge construction is preferred. Applicants should submit a site plan and construction drawings prepared by a registered professional engineer. Sketch drawings are adequate at the time of application if detailed drawings are not available.</p> <p><b>Use of Funds:</b> Requires minimum of 50% match from local project sponsor. USDA grant amounts are limited to \$20,000 for pedestrian bridges and \$150,000 for vehicular bridges. Other federal funds cannot be used as the applicant's match.</p> |

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| <b>Contact Information:</b> | Northeastern Area - State and Private Forestry (DE, MD, NJ, OH, PA, WV)<br>Mr. Ed Cesa, USDA Forest Service, 180 Canfield St., Morgantown, WV 26505<br><i>Phone:</i> (304) 285-1530, <i>Fax:</i> (304) 285-1564 |
| <b>Website:</b>             | <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/na/wit/">http://www.fs.fed.us/na/wit/</a>                                                                                                                                         |

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|  <p><i>Sponsored by:</i><br/>National Tree Trust</p> | <p><b>Program Goals:</b> This program provides tree seedlings for planting on roadsides, highways, or land under the jurisdiction of any federal, state, municipal, or transportation authority.</p> <p><b>Program Restrictions:</b> Limitations include a minimum of 100 trees to a maximum of 10,000 trees. All trees delivered must be planted, and only volunteers may do the planting. The trees must be planted on public property.</p> <p><b>Use of Funds or Support:</b> Monetary grants are provided to local tree-planting organizations that support volunteer planting and education efforts throughout the United States.</p> |
| <b>Contact Information:</b>                                                                                                           | Todd Nelson, 1120 G Street, Suite 770, Washington, DC 20005<br><i>Phone:</i> 1-800-846-8733                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Website:</b>                                                                                                                       | <a href="http://www.nationaltreetrust.org">http://www.nationaltreetrust.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|  <p>Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)</p> <p><i>Agency:</i> U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</p> | <p><b>Program Goals:</b> To provide a flexible source of annual grant funds for local governments nationwide: funds that they, with the participation of local citizens, can devote to the activities that best serve their own particular development priorities, provided that these projects either 1) benefit low and moderate income persons; 2) prevent or eliminate slums or blight; or 3) meet other urgent community development needs.</p> <p><b>Program Restrictions:</b> Low and moderate income persons (generally defined as members of a family earning no more than 80% of the area's median income) benefit most directly and most often from CDBG funds for activities that principally benefit low and moderate income persons.</p> <p><b>Use of Funds or Support:</b> Building public facilities and improvements, such as streets, sidewalks, sewers, water systems, community and senior citizen centers, and recreational facilities. There are other possible uses of funds that do not relate to parks and recreation.</p> |
| <b>Contact Information:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                | Venango County CDBG<br>Venango County Courthouse                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|  <p>Community Improvement Grants</p> <p><i>Agency:</i> Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Department</p> | <p><b>Program Goals:</b> Focus is to support "greening" partnerships linking grassroots organizations, local community groups, and natural resource experts in support of community resource and natural resource management.</p> <p><b>Use of Funds or Support:</b> Encourages partnerships with and between diverse organizations and groups. Supports local improvement projects, tree planting projects in parks, greenbelts, schools, and community public spaces.</p> |

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| <b>Contact Information:</b> | Penn State Cooperative Extension, 867 Mercer Road, Franklin, PA 16323-3545<br><i>Phone:</i> (814) 437-7607 |
| <b>Website:</b>             | <a href="http://venango.extension.psu.edu">http://venango.extension.psu.edu</a>                            |

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|  <p>Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grants</p> <p><i>Agency:</i> Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources</p> | <p><b>Program Goals:</b> To provide park and recreation opportunities to residents throughout the United States, to allow communities to acquire and build a variety of park and recreation facilities, including trails. Funds are annually distributed by the National Park Service through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).</p> <p><b>Program Restrictions:</b> Communities must match LWCF grants with 50% of the local project costs through in-kind services or cash. All projects funded by the LWCF grants must be exclusively for recreation purposes, into perpetuity. Grants are administered through the DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2).</p> <p><b>Use of Funds or Support:</b> Planning and investment in an existing park system.</p> |
| <b>Contact Information:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Kim McCullough, PA DCNR, Northwest Region Field Office, 230 Chestnut Street, Meadville, PA 16335<br><i>Phone:</i> (814) 332-6190                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Website:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <a href="http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us">http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|  <p>KaBOOM!<br/>(National Non-profit)</p> | <p><b>Program Goals:</b> To bring together people, community organizations, and businesses, to develop safe, healthy, and much-needed playgrounds.</p> <p><b>Use of Funds or Support:</b> Leveraged spending power with well-established companies in the play equipment industry. Also, corporate and foundation support that can include volunteers and technical resources.</p> |
| <b>Contact Information:</b>                                                                                                  | 2213 M Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037, <i>Phone:</i> (202) 659-0215                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Website:</b>                                                                                                              | <a href="http://www.kaboom.org">http://www.kaboom.org</a> ,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|  <p>National Recreational Trails Fund Act (NRTFA)</p> <p><b>Agency:</b> PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) - administered through the Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2)</p> | <p><b>Program Goals:</b> The recreational trails program provides funds to develop and maintain recreational trails for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail use. The program funding represents a portion of the revenue received by the Federal Highway Trust Fund from the federal motor fuel excise tax paid by users of off-road recreational vehicles.</p> <p><b>Program Restrictions:</b> A component of TEA21, matching requirements for the Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Program Grants are 80% federal money, up to a maximum of \$150,000, and 20% non-federal money. However, acquisition projects will require a 50/50 match. "Soft match" is permitted from any project sponsor, whether private or public money. ("Soft match" includes credit for donations of funds, materials, services, or new right-of-way).</p> <p><b>Use of Funds or Support:</b> The department must distribute funding among motorized, non-motorized, and diverse trail use as follows: 40% minimum for diverse trail use, 30% minimum for non-motorized recreation, and 30% minimum for motorized recreation. The Commonwealth may also use up to 5% of its funds for the operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection related to the use of recreational trails. The department will also consider projects that provide for the redesign, reconstruction, non-routine maintenance, or relocation of recreational trails to benefit the natural environment.</p> |
| <p><b>Contact Information:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Kim McCullough, PA DCNR, Northwest Region Field Office, 230 Chestnut Street, Meadville, PA 16335<br/> <i>Phone:</i> (814) 332-6190</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b>Website:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p><a href="http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us">http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|  <p>Pennsylvania Conservation Corps</p> <p><b>Agency:</b> Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry</p> | <p><b>Program Goals:</b> This program provides work experience, job training, and educational opportunities to young adults while accomplishing conservation, recreation, historic preservation, and urban revitalization work on public lands.</p> <p><b>Program Restrictions:</b> The project sponsors receive the services of a Pennsylvania Conservation Corps crew, fully paid, for one year. Sponsors can also receive up to \$20,000 for needed materials and contracted services. Sponsors must provide a 25% cash match on material and contracted services costs.</p> <p><b>Use of Funds or Support:</b> Funds may be used for materials and contracted services needed to complete approved projects.</p> |
| <p><b>Contact Information:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Director, 1304 Labor and Industry Building, 7th and Forester Streets, Harrisburg, PA 17120<br/> <i>Phone:</i> (717) 783-6385</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>Website:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><a href="http://www.dli.state.pa.us">http://www.dli.state.pa.us</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <p>Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds</p> <p><b>Agency:</b> Department of Transportation (PennDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)</p> | <p><b>Program Goals:</b> These funds can be used for bicycle and pedestrian facility construction or non-construction projects such as brochures, public service announcements, and route maps. The projects related to bicycle and pedestrian transportation must be a part of the long-range transportation plan. These funds are controlled by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in the Transportation Improvement Program.</p> <p><b>Program Restrictions:</b> Expands STP eligibilities to specifically include the following [1108(a)]: sodium acetate / format, or other environmentally acceptable, minimally corrosive anti-icing and de-icing compositions; programs to reduce extreme cold starts; environmental restoration and pollution abatement projects; including retrofit or construction of storm water treatment facilities (limited to 20% of total cost of 3R-type transportation projects); natural habitat mitigation, but specifies that if wetland or natural habitat mitigation is within the service area of a mitigation bank, preference will be given to use the bank; privately owned vehicles and facilities that are used to provide inter-city passenger service by bus; modifications of existing public sidewalks (regardless of whether the sidewalk is on a Federal-aid highway right-of-way), to comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; infrastructure based intelligent transportation system capital improvements.</p> <p><b>Use of Funds or Support:</b> Transportation, planning, railroad crossing improvements.</p> |
| <p><b>Contact Information:</b></p>                                                                                                                    | <p>PennDOT District 1-0,<br/>225 Elm Street, Oil City, PA 16301<br/><i>Phone:</i> (814) 678-7085</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>Website:</b></p>                                                                                                                                | <p><a href="http://www.dot.state.pa.us">www.dot.state.pa.us</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <p>Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA21)</p> <p><b>Agency:</b> TEA21 / ISTEA</p> | <p><b>Program Goals:</b> The primary source of federal funding for greenways and trails is through the Transportation Equity Act of 1998 (TEA21), formerly the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). ISTEA provided millions of dollars in funding for bicycle and pedestrian transportation projects across the country and will provide millions more as TEA21. There are many sections of TEA21 that support the development of bicycle and pedestrian corridors. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) can utilize funding from any of these subsets of TEA21 and should be contacted for further details.</p> <p><b>Use of Funds or Support:</b> Safety and Transportation Enhancements</p> |
| <p><b>Contact Information:</b></p>                                                                | <p>Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission<br/><i>Phone:</i> (412) 391-5590</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><b>Website:</b></p>                                                                            | <p><a href="http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/">http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/</a> (Federal Highway Administration)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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The Tony Hawk Foundation

**Program Goals:** The Tony Hawk Foundation seeks to foster lasting improvements in society, with an emphasis on helping children. Through grants and other charitable donations, the foundation supports programs focusing on the creation of public skateboard parks, and other causes. The primary mission of the Tony Hawk Foundation is to promote high-quality skateboard parks in low-income areas throughout the United States.

**Program Restrictions:** The Foundation will favor parks that: are designed by qualified and experienced skate park contractors; include local skaters in the design process; are in low-income areas, or areas with a high population of at risk youths; can demonstrate a strong grassroots commitment to the project, particularly in the form of fund-raising by local skateboarders and other community groups; have a creative mix of street obstacles and transition/vertical terrain; don't require skaters or their parents to sign waivers; encourage skaters to look after their own safety and safety of others without restricting their access to the park or over-regulating their use of it; are open during daylight hours 365 days a year; don't charge fees; are in areas that currently have no skateboarding facilities.

**Use of Funds or Support:** To facilitate the design, development, construction, and operation of new, quality skateboard parks and facilities. The Foundation may offer technical assistance on design and construction, promotion materials, training materials, and safety information. The Foundation may also facilitate support from vendors, suppliers, and community leaders.

**Contact Information:**

Tony Hawk Foundation, P.O.-Box 1780, El Granada, CA 94018,  
*Email:* Hawkquestions@tonyhawkfoundation.org

**Website:**

<http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org>

**FUNDING FOR PROGRAMMING AND FOR PROGRAMMING WITH MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION**

| Funding Source                                                                                        | Background                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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|  <p>nrg Outdoors</p> | <p>nrg Outdoors is an annual program designed to improve outdoor recreation skills, promote the use of parks and trails, and improve conservation practices among youth and families. The program equips educators, recreation leaders, and community health professionals with the tools and information they need to teach, encourage, and inspire youth to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Become an Outdoor Adventurer – hiking, paddling, biking, fly fishing</li> <li>▪ Play Outside - at close to home parks and trails</li> <li>▪ Protect the Environment – leave no trace</li> </ul> <p>Every September through October, local partnerships are invited to enroll in the nrg Outdoors program as a way to move youth into active outdoor recreation. The free online enrollment entitles local organizations to receive a number of program benefits and access the tools and materials needed to implement the program.</p> <p><i>All registered partnerships receive:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An nrg Outdoors Implementation mini-grant application</li> <li>▪ 1 scholarship registration for professional development workshop to teach outdoor recreation skills</li> <li>▪ 5 nrg Outdoors indoor/outdoor signs</li> <li>▪ 100 nrg Outdoors decals</li> <li>▪ Access to a central website and a tailored county web page</li> <li>▪ Downloadable templates and materials for nrg Outdoors</li> <li>▪ Technical Assistance via conference call</li> <li>▪ Annual webcast professional development training</li> <li>▪ iConserve PA and Get Outdoors PA Promotional Materials (Sponsored by DCNR)</li> <li>▪ Applications are available in the late summer. Visit the nrg website for further information.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Contact Information:</b>                                                                           | Visit website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Website:</b>                                                                                       | <a href="http://www.nrgoutdoors.org">www.nrgoutdoors.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|  <p>NEA Funds Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth Grants</p> | <p>The National Endowment for the Arts is committed to inspiring youth through rich arts experiences. The Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth grant funds projects that help youngsters acquire knowledge and understanding of and skills in the arts. All proposed projects must incorporate experience, study, performance and assessment. Projects may take place in school or community-based settings. See website for specific details, and information on various grant opportunities.</p> |
| <b>Contact Information:</b>                                                                                                                             | National Endowment for the Arts · an independent federal agency<br>1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW<br>Washington, DC 20506                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Website:</b>                                                                                                                                         | <a href="http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP09/LITA.html">http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP09/LITA.html</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Academy

Pennsylvania Advocates for Nutrition & Activity (PANA) invites all school, community, and municipal professionals to participate in the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Academy, a program that supports the national Safe Routes to School initiative, which aims to make walking and biking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative while encouraging health, physical activity, and safety.

In fall 2007, PennDOT contracted with the Penn State Hershey Center for Nutrition & Activity Promotion to develop a statewide SRTS education and technical assistance program for the state network PANA. Through PANA, the SRTS Academy seeks to:

1. Develop local partnerships among education, health, local government, parents, and public safety representatives;
2. Encourage implementation of supervised walk to school programs (Walking School Bus); and
3. Support the development of physical infrastructure plans for safe walking routes.

The Safe Routes to School Academy is a two-year mini-grant program to support partnership development and coordinate planning and evaluation of SRTS efforts around schools that include kindergarten through eighth grade.

Two types of mini-grants are available:

1. The Capacity Building Mini-Grant (total \$5,000) includes seed money plus a technical assistance provider to guide partnerships through the development of a thorough SRTS action plan.
2. The Education and Encouragement Mini-Grant (total \$5,000) includes seed money for communities with an existing basic infrastructure in place that need assistance promoting and educating parents, kids, and community members on walking and biking to school easily and safely. *Applications are due in the fall. View websites for further information on SRTS, and PANA programs.*

**Contact Information:**

Visit website(s)

**Website:**

<http://www.srtsacademy.org/>  
[http://www.panaonline.org/programs/khz/khz\\_benefits.php](http://www.panaonline.org/programs/khz/khz_benefits.php)

**Funding Source**

**Background**



No Child Left Inside Act

One of the greatest challenges facing current and future generations is to build a more sustainable, energy-efficient world. By teaching students about the role of the environment as an important national resource, we can prepare them to take on critical issues – energy conservation, air pollution, climate change, wildlife protection – and become better stewards of the earth.

The No Child Left Inside Act (H.R. 3036), passed by the House on September 18, 2008 by a 293-109 vote, will help take environmental education into the 21st Century by improving existing federal environmental education programs.

*Specifically the legislation would:*

- Help schools and states enhance and expand environmental education
- Extends the National Environmental Education Act of 1990 (NEEA), which provides funding for teacher training and support programs.
- Helps states develop and implement state academic content standards, student academic achievement standards, and state curriculum frameworks in environmental education.
- Encourages the development of outdoor environmental education activities as a regular part of the curriculum.
- Place qualified, expert teachers in the nation’s classrooms
- Creates opportunities for ongoing professional development for teachers such as distance learning programs and summer workshops.
- Gives more people a stake in creating the next generation of environmentally conscious students by connecting teachers and professionals from environmental fields.
- Encourages mid-career professionals in environmental fields to pursue careers in environmental education.
- Strengthen and develop environmental literacy plans
- Creates the National Capacity Environmental Education Grant Program (NCEEG), competitive grants that are awarded to non-profits, state and local education agencies, and institutions of higher education to create and strengthen state environmental literacy plans. Funds could also be used to conduct studies on effective teaching models for environmental education, replicate or disseminate information about proven model environmental education programs, and develop methods to increase the number of K-12 environmental educators.

**Contact Information:**

Visit website(s)

**Website:**

<http://edlabor.house.gov/issues/ncli.shtml>  
[http://www.cbf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=act\\_sub\\_actioncenter\\_federal\\_nclb](http://www.cbf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=act_sub_actioncenter_federal_nclb)

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|  <p>After School Archery Program</p>  | <p>The National Field Archery Association and the National Association for the Development of archery has created an archery program for recreation centers, parks and clubs called After School Archery Program (ASAP). There are grants being offered for this program. If a recreation center or park in your area would like to incorporate this program into their area programming please refer them to the website for further information. The ASAP grant will provide funding for qualified agencies. Grant funding may be used towards equipment, education materials, staff training and resource materials. NADA will support staff training, where possible, by connecting local certified instructors with qualified grantees.</p> <p>Agencies and organizations with new and existing archery programs are encouraged to apply. Through the ASAP program, agencies/organizations can provide greater opportunities to engage youth ages 5-18 in the fundamentals of archery. <i>Note:</i> Grants open in the fall of the year.</p> |
| <p><b>Contact Information:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>National Alliance for the Development of Archery, NADA<br/>25145 NW 8th Place, Suite 60, Newberry, FL 32669<br/><i>Phone:</i> (352) 472-2388 <i>Fax:</i> (352) 472-2375 fax</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Website:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p><a href="http://www.afterschoolarchery.com">http://www.afterschoolarchery.com</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|  <p>Saucony Run For Good Foundation</p> | <p>Established to help end childhood obesity by providing financial support to nonprofits that support children's running and fitness programs, the Saucony Run For Good Foundation accepts applications for its grant program. Grants are open to nonprofit organizations that initiate and support running and fitness programs for kids. Eligible applicants are programs whose participants are 18 years of age or less, have 501(c)(3) status, and can demonstrate that their program positively impacts the lives of participants through their increased participation in running. Grants are in amounts up to a maximum of \$10,000. Visit the Saucony Run for good website for an application and further details.</p> |
| <p><b>Contact Information:</b></p>                                                                                       | <p>Visit website</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p><b>Website:</b></p>                                                                                                   | <p><a href="http://www.sauconyrunforgood.com/">http://www.sauconyrunforgood.com/</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|  <p>Bayer Advanced<br/>"Grow Together with Roses"<br/>School Garden Awards</p> | <p>Rose gardens provide a beautiful and peaceful space to bring people together, fostering community spirit and positive relationships. Believing in the power of roses, the Bayer Advanced "Grow Together with Roses" School Garden Award, will help 25 schools establish rose gardens designed to nurture peaceful relations and instill a strong sense of community. Garden programs will be selected based on plans to integrate these goals and involve members of their community.</p> <p><b>Who is eligible to apply:</b> School and community organizations across the United States that plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18. Employees of the National Gardening Association and its sponsors are ineligible to apply.</p> <p><b>What the award includes:</b> In past years, 25 school gardens each received a selection of 10 rose bushes from All-America Rose Selections (AARS), and educational materials, including rose planting and maintenance information from NGA, the AARS rose documentary, "Love at First Sight," and the book <i>Roses for Dummies</i>.</p> <p><b>Submission process:</b> Visit website for further information and to download an application.</p> |
| <p><b>Contact Information:</b></p>                                                                                                                                | <p>Visit website</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>Website:</b></p>                                                                                                                                            | <p><a href="http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/rosegrant.asp">http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/rosegrant.asp</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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When children and teens explore how to grow plants hydroponically (without soil), fruitful questions bloom, and these questions can lead to active investigations and problem solving. These studies may even lead to classroom business opportunities or fuel student career interests. Not the least of the benefits is the joy of students harvesting a crop of their own incredible edibles or bounteous blossoms!

The Grow Store and ProgressiveGardening.org join NGA to offer these grants to expand these exciting learning opportunities for students.

Wondering if a hydroponic unit is right for your classroom? Check out the descriptions of equipment packages, including component specs and classroom activity suggestions on the web site:

**Eligibility requirements:**

1. Schools and youth organizations must plan to engage in a hydroponics project with at least 15 children between the ages of 6 and 18 during the given school year.
2. You must verify that your facility can accommodate the equipment in the award packages available for your age group. Please check the web site to view the specifications for a) electrical load, b) light support, and c) dimensions of hydroponics equipment. Click on the link for your grade level for equipment specifications.

**Award Packages** – 36 schools will each receive:

- hydroponic garden systems and indoor light systems (high-intensity discharge or compact fluorescent). See links above for equipment package descriptions.
- curricula and reference books (Gardening Indoors: The Indoor Gardener's Bible, plus NGA's Growing Ventures: Starting a School Garden Business; GrowLab: A Complete Guide to Growing in the Classroom; and GrowLab: Activities for Growing Minds.)

**Contact Information:**

Visit website

**Website:**

<http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/HOH.asp>

**Funding Source**

**Background**



Healthy Sprouts Awards - Supporting Awareness of Nutrition and Hunger

**Agency:** National Gardening Association and Gardner’s Supply Company

Statistics show that in many U.S. classrooms you'll find children who are overweight sitting next to others wondering where their next meal will come from; many are not getting the right balance of nutrients in their diets or enough exercise. Research conducted at Texas A&M University supports the connection between kids' food gardens and improved nutrition. Could a school garden be part of the solution to the diet- and exercise-related challenges children face? Many forward-thinking educators and parents think so, and have worked to create youth garden programs that focus on nutrition and hunger issues.

As a way to encourage the growth of health-focused youth gardens, NGA recognizes outstanding programs via the Healthy Sprouts Awards, sponsored by Gardener's Supply Company. These awards support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States.

**Eligibility and Application Process:**

To be eligible for the Healthy Sprouts Awards, your school or organization must plan to garden in coming year after the grant opens, with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and nutrition and hunger issues in the United States. (See website for details)

**Each program will receive:**

- gift certificates towards the purchase of gardening materials from our sponsoring company, Gardener's Supply Company. The top 5 will each receive a certificate valued at \$500; 15 more will each receive a \$200 gift certificate
- NGA's Eat a Rainbow Kit, chock full of engaging taste education and nutrition lessons
- 25 packets of seeds
- a literature package from NGA

**Contact Information:**

Visit website

**Website:**

<http://www.kidsgardening.com/healthysprouts.asp>

**Funding Source**

**Background**



**Youth Garden Grants Program**

**Agency:** National Gardening Association and The Home Depot

NGA awards Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements:

- educational focus or curricular/program integration
- nutrition or plant-to-food connections
- environmental awareness/education
- entrepreneurship
- social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning.

**Who should apply:** Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States are eligible.

Applicants must plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 years. Previous Youth Garden Grant winners who wish to reapply may do so, but must wait one year (e.g., if you won in 2008, you can apply again in 2010) and have significantly expanded their garden programs.

**Past grant packages have been awarded in the past as follows:**

- Five (5) programs will receive gift cards valued at \$1000 (a \$500 gift card\* to The Home Depot and a \$500 gift card to the Gardening with Kids catalog and store) and educational materials from NGA
- Seventy (70) programs will receive a \$500 gift card\* to The Home Depot and educational materials from NGA
- Fifty (50) programs will receive a \$250 gift card\* to The Home Depot and educational materials from NGA \*Note: Home Depot gift cards must be used in person at Home Depot

**Contact Information:**

Visit website

**Website:**

<http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>

**Funding Source**

**Background**



**Agency:** U.S. Department of Education

The Department offers several kinds of educational grants for those interested in pursuing college. These grants could help a student become a park and recreation professional.

**Grants offered:**

- grants to help students attend college. Students can use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to apply for Pell Grants and other aid for college.
- formula grants to agencies using formulas determined by Congress. There is no application process.
- discretionary grants to organizations, agencies, and individuals. These are awarded using a competitive process. Anyone who meets the eligibility requirements can apply.

Discretionary grants are what people usually have in mind when thinking about applying for a grant from the Department. The remainder of this page is devoted to discretionary grants and the questions people often ask. These grants could help a student become a park and recreation professional. (Visit the web site for further information.)

**Contact Information:**

Visit website

**Website:**

<http://www.ed.gov/nclb/landing.jhtml?src=pb>

**Funding Source**

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For The Good Of The Game Grants

*Sponsored by:* The United States Golf Association (USGA)

The United States Golf Association (USGA) awards grants through the "For the Good of the Game" Grants Program in an effort to make golf more affordable and accessible. This annual initiative focuses on positively impacting young people (minorities, girls, economically disadvantaged, and others with limited access to the game of golf) and individuals with disabilities through instructional programming and golf facility construction projects, as well as on caddie and other work-based programs. The USGA seeks to support programs that have a specific business plan, which eventually will result in self-sufficiency, with an emphasis on local support. Application deadline, guidelines and forms are available on the USGA website.

**Contact Information:**

Visit website

**Website:**

<http://www.usga.org/aboutus/foundation/grants/grants.html>

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|  <p><i>Sponsored by:</i> Baseball Tomorrow Fund</p>   | <p>A joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association. The mission of the Baseball Tomorrow Fund is to promote and enhance the growth of baseball in the United States, Canada, and throughout the world by funding programs, fields, and equipment purchases to encourage and maintain youth participation in the game. Grants from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund are designed to be sufficiently flexible to enable applicants to address needs unique to their communities. The funds may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. The Baseball Tomorrow Fund is intended to provide funding for incremental programming and facilities for youth baseball and not as a substitute for existing funding or fundraising activities or to provide routine or recurring operating costs or funding for construction or maintenance of buildings. The Baseball Tomorrow Fund supports equal opportunity in its grant making. The opportunities that prospective grantee organizations provide for minorities and women will be considered in evaluating proposals. Grant proposals are considered on a quarterly basis.</p> |
| <p><b>Contact Information:</b></p>                                                                                                     | <p>245 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10167</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>Website:</b></p>                                                                                                                 | <p><a href="http://www.baseballtomorrowfund.com">www.baseballtomorrowfund.com</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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|  <p><i>Sponsored by:</i> U.S. Soccer Foundation</p> | <p>The Foundation's Grants Program is open to anyone with a soccer-specific program or project that benefits a not-for-profit purpose. A complete list of guidelines for the Foundation's Grants Program can be obtained by reviewing the instructions section of the grant application.</p> <p>The United States Soccer Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation qualified under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Earnings from the permanent endowment fund of the Foundation are the source for grants made by the Foundation for worthy soccer projects. The Foundation awards grants to governing bodies, having awarded approximately \$17,000,000 in grants during its first nine years of operation. The Foundation commences its grant process in the fall and announces the recipients each spring. The following, listed in prioritized order, have been established to fund innovative and creative programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ethnic, minority, and economically disadvantaged players</li> <li>▪ Player and coach development</li> <li>▪ Referee development</li> <li>▪ Field development</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p><b>Contact Information:</b></p>                                                                                                     | <p>US Soccer Foundation, 1050 17th Street, NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20036, Attn: Grants Department</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>Website:</b> | www.usoccerfoundation.org - <i>Grant Applications may be filed electronically ONLY at the Foundation's website</i> |
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|  <p>21st Century Community Learning Centers Program</p> <p><b>Agency:</b> U.S. Department of Education</p> | <p><b>Program Goals:</b> This program was authorized by Congress to award grants to rural and inner-city public schools, or consortia of such schools, to plan, implement, or expand projects that address the education, health, social services, cultural, and recreational needs of the community.</p> <p><b>Program Restrictions:</b> School Districts must collaborate with an outside entity, such as another public agency or non-profit organization</p> <p><b>Use of Funds or Support:</b> Applications must address four of the following program activities: literacy education programs; senior citizen programs; children's day care services; integrated education; health, social service, recreational or cultural programs; summer and weekend school programs in conjunction with recreation programs; nutrition and health programs; expanded library service hours to serve community needs; telecommunications and technology education programs for individuals of all ages; parenting skills education programs; support and training for child day care providers; employment counseling, training, and placement; services for individuals who leave before graduating from secondary school, regardless of age of such individual; services for individuals with disabilities.</p> |
| <b>Contact Information:</b>                                                                                                                                                                 | 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Attn: CFDA 84.287, U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center, Regional Office Building 3, Room 36337th & D Streets, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4725<br><i>Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Website:</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | www.ed.gov/21stcccl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|  <p>Community Conservation Partnerships Programs</p> <p><b>Agency:</b> Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)</p> | <p><b>Program Goals:</b> To develop and sustain partnerships with communities, nonprofits and other organizations for recreation and conservation projects and purposes. The Bureau of Recreation and Conservation is responsible for fostering, facilitating and nurturing the great majority of these Partnerships through technical assistance and grant funding from the Community Conservation Partnerships Programs.</p> <p><b>Program Restrictions:</b> See DCNR grant application manual for the Community Conservation Partnerships Program, as program restrictions vary by type.</p> <p><b>Use of Funds:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planning and Technical Assistance: Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plans; County Natural Area Inventories; Feasibility Studies; Greenways and Trails Plans; Rails-to-Trails Plans; Master Site Plans; River Conservation Plans; Education and Training; Peer-to-Peer Consultation and Circuit Riders (temporary employment of a full-time Park and Recreation Practitioner);</li> <li>2. Acquisition Projects: Park and Recreation Areas; Greenways, Trails, and Rivers Conservation; Rails-to-Trails; Natural and Critical Habitat Areas;</li> <li>3. Development Projects: Park and Recreation Areas; Park Rehabilitation and Development; Small Community Development; Greenways and Trails; Rails-to-Trails; Rivers Conservation; Federally Funded Projects; Lands and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Projects; Pennsylvania Recreational Trails.</li> </ol> |

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| <b>Contact Information:</b> | Kim McCullough, PA DCNR, Northwest Region Field Office, 230 Chestnut Street, Meadville, PA 16335<br><i>Phone:</i> (814) 332-6190 |
| <b>Website:</b>             | <a href="http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us">http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us</a>                                                            |

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| <br>Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)<br><br><i>Agency:</i> Natural Resources Conservation Service               | <p><b>Program Goals:</b> Designed to reduce erosion on sensitive lands, CRP also improves soil and water, and provides significant wildlife habitat.</p> <p><b>Program Restrictions:</b> Applications are for 10 and 15 year contracts.</p> <p><b>Use of Funds or Support:</b> The CRP offers annual rental payments, incentive payments for certain activities, and cost-share assistance to establish approved groundcover on eligible cropland.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Contact Information:</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | RR#12, Box 202 C, Greensburg, PA 15601-9271<br><i>Phone:</i> (724) 834-9063 ext. 3 Fax: (724) 837-4127                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Website:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <a href="http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/">www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <br>Kodak American Greenways Awards Program<br><br><i>Agency:</i> The Conservation Fund and Eastman Kodak Company | <p><b>Program Goals:</b> Provide seed money to stimulate greenway planning and design. Supports pioneering work in linking the nation's natural areas, historic sites, parks, and open space.</p> <p><b>Program Restrictions:</b> Grant recipients are selected according to criteria that include: importance of the project to local greenway development efforts; demonstrated community support for the project; extent to which the grant will result in matching funds or other support from public or private sources; likelihood of tangible results; capacity of the organization to complete the project.</p> <p><b>Use of Funds or Support:</b> Planning, Implementation</p> |
| <b>Contact Information:</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | Leigh Anne McDonald, American Greenways Coordinator, The Conservation Fund, 1800 North Kent Street, Suite 1120, Arlington, VA 22209<br><i>Phone:</i> (703) 525-6300 email: <a href="mailto:lmcdonald@conservationfund.org">lmcdonald@conservationfund.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Website:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <a href="http://www.conservationfund.org/node/245">http://www.conservationfund.org/node/245</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <br>Wal-Mart - Good Works<br><br><i>Agency:</i> Wal-Mart Foundation | <p><b>Program Goals:</b> Allows local non-profit organizations to hold fundraisers at their local Wal-Mart or Sam's Club. Wal-Mart and Sam's Club can elect to match a portion of the funds collected, up to \$1,000. Events held on the premises are eligible for funding when a Wal-Mart or Sam's Club Associate is actively involved in the event. Additionally, once the Wal-Mart or Sam's Club Associate has met certain criteria in the Matching Grant Program each year, a second source of funding is awarded to the store / club to use in the community. These funds do not require a fundraiser to be held, instead the funds can be awarded directly to a deserving organization.</p> <p><b>Program Restrictions:</b> Organizations that may qualify to receive funding through the Matching Grant Program are 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations or organizations that are exempt from needing 501(c)(3) status, such as public schools, faith-based institutions such as churches (must be conducting a project that benefits the community at large), and government agencies.</p> <p><b>Use of Funds or Support:</b> Community Improvement Projects.</p> |

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| <b>Contact Information:</b> | Community Involvement Coordinator at your local Wal-Mart or Sam's Club store.                                |
| <b>Website:</b>             | <a href="http://www.walmartfoundation.org/wmstore/goodworks">www.walmartfoundation.org/wmstore/goodworks</a> |

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|  <p>Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation</p> | <p><b>Program Goals:</b> Education. Community improvement projects such as projects at parks and other public areas, housing for underprivileged and innovative environmental issues.</p> <p><b>Program Restrictions:</b> Organizations that may qualify to receive funding through the Matching Grant Program are 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.</p> |
| <b>Contact Information:</b>                                                                                                           | The Foundation only accepts grant applications submitted online through the website.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Website:</b>                                                                                                                       | <a href="http://www.easy2.com/cm/lowe/foundation/intro.asp">http://www.easy2.com/cm/lowe/foundation/intro.asp</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

| FUNDING RESEARCH TOOLS                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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|  <p>The Foundation Center</p> | <p>The Foundation Center is the most authoritative source of information on private philanthropy in the United States. The Center helps grant seekers, grant makers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public better understand the field of philanthropy. The web site is designed to guide you quickly to the information you are looking for—instruction on funding research, help with proposal writing, tools for locating prospective funders, news and research on the field, or a library or training class near you. The site prepares individuals, nonprofit organizations, and others, to seek out and identify potential sources of foundation support.</p> |
| <b>Contact Information:</b>                                                                                    | Visit website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Website:</b>                                                                                                | <a href="http://foundationcenter.org/">http://foundationcenter.org/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

