

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY
Regional Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan

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Pg iv L 7	Trish St. Georges, Township Supervisor (2007-2010), resident	Trish St. Georges, resident
Pg 3 P 1 L 1	This Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan was developed in cooperation with the Chester County Planning Commission, and funded by the Vision Partnership Program (VPP) of Chester County in partnership with participating Northern Chester County communities.	This Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan was developed in cooperation with the Chester County Planning Commission, and funded by the Vision Partnership Program (VPP) of Chester County <u>and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources</u> in partnership with participating Northern Chester County communities.
Pg 7 P 1 L 7	Once the Commonwealth and the nation were established, life in the region turned to production agriculture in the valleys, recreation in the woodlands, and community trade and institutions in the villages.	Once the Commonwealth and the nation were established, <u>iron production continued and new community and economic pursuits emerged</u> ; production agriculture in the valleys, recreation in the woodlands, and community trade and institutions in the villages.
Pg 7 P 3 L 8	(It wasn't until 1968 that Pennsylvania took a firm position and authorized municipalities to plan and manage all development in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare.)	(deleted)
Pg 8 L2	copious farmsteads	farmsteads
Pg 8 P 4 L1	The region is expected to continue growing to more than 53,000 residents by 2030,...	According to population projections prepared by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, the region is expected to continue growing to more than 53,000 residents by 2030,...
Pg 8	<i>(regarding survey finding of preference for one region-wide source of</i>	<i>(inserted text box of top three survey findings)</i>

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P 5 L1	information)	Survey Question #11 How would you prefer to get information about parks and recreation in Northern Chester County? One Web site for all townships in Northern Chester County 51% One Web site for your township 48% Newsletter mailed to your home 48%
Pg 9 P 2 L 3	and municipal ownership (including municipal easements) acquired through voter-approved bonds.	and municipal ownership (including municipal easements), <u>many of which were</u> acquired through voter-approved bonds.
Pg 9 P 3 L1	There are 11 community parks for active and passive recreation throughout the central and eastern portions of the region.	There are 11 community parks ... portions of the region. (<u>See Recreation Features Map.</u>)
Pg 9 P 4 L 1	Together these parks offer a total of 48 active recreation or physical play facilities for 13 unique active recreation activities, which tend to emphasize team sports and play equipment over fitness and non-competitive play activities.	Together these parks offer ... play activities. (<u>See Appendix 3, Recreation Facilities.</u>)
Pg 10 P 5 L1	The region offers more than 100 miles of land and water trails, including at least one existing public-use trail or path in every municipality.	The region offers more than 100 miles of land and water trails, including at least one existing public-use trail or path in every municipality, <u>per Chester County's Trail Inventory and project updates.</u>
P 11 Bullet 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camp Innabah, Camp Sankanac, Crow's Nest Preserve, Miss Betty's Day Camp and Welkinweir offer summer programs for children and youth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camp Innabah, Camp Sankanac, Crow's Nest Preserve, Miss Betty's Day Camp, <u>Indian Springs</u> and Welkinweir offer summer programs for children and youth.
Pg 11 P 3 L1	Nearly all that has accomplished in parks, recreation, and open space	Much of what has <u>been</u> accomplished in parks, recreation, and open space
Pg 11	Fees-in-lieu of land dedication are not common in this region.	Fees-in-lieu of land dedication are common in this region <u>but</u>

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P 6 L1		<u>could be strengthened by provision for fair market value assessment and inclusion of trails as permitted uses of such fees.</u>
Pg 11 P 6 L 5	volunteers provide the vast majority of labor.	volunteers provide the vast <u>amount</u> of labor.
Pg 13, P 4 L 1	Three major landscapes define the region’s character – Hopewell Big Woods and the Schuylkill River and French Creek corridors.	<u>Four</u> major landscapes define the region’s character – Hopewell Big Woods and the Schuylkill River, French Creek, and <u>Pickering Creek</u> corridors.
Pg 15 P 2	Suggestions on park improvements and enhancements have been made for all existing parks, but further evaluation and detail should be explored.	Suggestions on park improvements and enhancements have been made for all existing parks (<u>see Table 5-1, page 31</u>), but further evaluation and detail should be explored.
Pg 15 P 3	Timely information compiled in one location is perhaps the single most important thing that Northern Chester County could do to foster participation in recreation and active healthy lifestyles among residents of all ages.	Timely information <u>accessible from one source could vastly improve</u> participation in recreation and active healthy lifestyles among residents of all ages.
Pg 17 P 4 L 1	The regional trails, Schuylkill River Trail, the French Creek Trail (including the Boars Back Trail), the Pickering Creek Trail, and the Brandywine Trail, offer the greatest potential for tying the region together as the basis for a region-wide trail network.	The regional trails – Schuylkill River Trail, the French Creek Trail (including the Boars Back Trail), the Pickering Creek Trail, the Brandywine Trail, and <u>the proposed Hopewell Big Woods connector trail</u> – offer great potential for tying the region together <u>and establishing</u> a region-wide trail network.
Pg 17 P 5 L 1	Until pubic-use trails	Until <u>public</u> -use trails
Pg 18 P 6	Volunteers will certainly continue to lead many efforts, but professional staff (one or more positions over time) is needed to support broad multi-municipal or region-wide coordination of publicity, program expansion, park improvement planning,	Volunteers will certainly continue to lead many efforts, but professional staff (one or more positions over time) is needed to support broad multi-municipal or region-wide coordination of publicity, program expansion, park improvement planning,

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	partnership development, fundraising, etc.	partnership development, fundraising, etc. <u>An initial position should require recreational programming and management experience and could be part-time, and possibly combined with other municipal or multi-municipal functions.</u>
Pg 21 Table 4-1	Riverfront, Interior	Schuylkill Riverfront, Scenic Rural Interior <i>(Multiple occurrences)</i>
Pg 22 P 1	For example, classifications not present among current park and recreation sites suggest gaps in recreational experiences that improvements, enhancements, or new acquisitions could fill.	For example, classifications not present among current park and recreation sites, <u>e.g. school-parks and public sports complex</u> , suggest gaps in recreational experiences that improvements, enhancements, or new acquisitions could fill.
Pg 22 P 5 L1	The Schuylkill River	The Schuylkill Riverfront
Pg 23 P 5	To sustain the proportion of protected public land and public open space for recreation for future residents, the region will need to maintain a standard of 28 acres per 1,000 residents.	To sustain the proportion of protected public land for recreation for future residents, the region will need to maintain a standard of 28 acres <u>of parkland</u> per 1,000 residents. <i>(inserted text box with parkland standard rationale)</i>
Pg 23 P6, #2.	Provide universal (ADA) access to all recreational and support facilities to support barrier-free recreation for all residents	Provide access to recreational and support facilities, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, to support barrier-free recreation for all residents.
Pg 29 Table 5-2	Towpath Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designate parking for permitted Schuylkill River Trail users and their vehicles Upgrade/expand playground equipment 	Towpath Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Sign permitted Schuylkill River Trail users and direct non-permitted users to nearest available facilities</u> <i>(also made to Riverbend Park; also made as "permitted trail users" (not SRT) to Ellis Woods Park and Community Park on the Ridge)</i>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade/<u>replace children's play area with</u> playground equipment
Pg 32 Table	Warwick Township <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designate parking for permitted Boars Back, French Trail, and Horse-Shoe trail users and their vehicles 	Warwick Township <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designate parking for permitted Boars Back, French <u>Creek</u> Trail, and Horse-Shoe trail users and their vehicles <i>(New future park; suggestions to be completes with township input)</i> Wineberry Estates Park
Pg 34 Bullet	Adopt a regional parkland standard of 21 acres per 1,000 residents	Adopt a regional parkland standard of <u>28</u> acres per 1,000 residents
Pg 34 Bullet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise municipal mandatory dedication of parkland provisions to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reflect the regional parkland standard of 21 acres per 1,000 residents; 2) require land dedication for all development, not just residential development; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise municipal mandatory dedication of parkland provisions to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reflect the regional parkland standard of <u>28</u> acres per 1,000 residents; require land dedication for all development, not just residential development;
Pg 34 Bullet		(New) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add/Revise fee-in-lieu provisions and standards to specify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> when to the governing body should require a fee in lieu of park and recreation land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incompatible size, shape, location, access, topography or other physical features; Nonconformance with the Township's Park and Recreation Plan; Impractical to dedicate recreation or open space land as required by ordinance standards; or Upon specific recommendation of the Township Park and Recreation Board

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- that the value of the fee in lieu of land dedication is equivalent to the fair market value (FMV) of buildable acreage on the property
 - where “fair market value” ((FMV) of improved residential or non-residential land (land at highest and best use) is determined at the time of the filing of the final plan with the Township or the first final plan phase of a subdivision or land development plan consisting of multiple phases, and may be adjusted with each phased final plan submission to keep current with actual land value if the subdivision and land development is planned in phases over multiple years.
 - where “buildable acre” is defined for this purpose as a “typical area of land within the subdivision or land development with a slope of less than seven percent (7%), and not located in an area subject to flooding, containing storm water management facilities, easements, or other similar environmental restrictions.
 - based upon a written appraisal report prepared by the developer or applicant and signed by an appraiser licensed as such in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and certified by such appraiser to be a fair and reasonable appraisal of such land and submitted within reasonable time limits associated with the development proposal.
 - with a specified process to resolve disputed
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		appraisals.
Pg 36 Rec 1.8	(See Chapter 7, Raising Public Awareness)	<u>Public awareness of park locations should be integrated with information about available recreational programs and activities.</u> See Chapter 7, Raising Public Awareness <u>for integrated publicity recommendations.</u>
Pg 36 Strategy 2	The citizen survey found that residents	The <u>public</u> survey found that residents
P 37 P 2 L1	Introduction of the school-park concept occurred during this planning process. The Owen J. Roberts School District was intrigued and noted the potential for joint school-recreation development at the time of its most recent acquisition, a 52-acre site adjacent to the East Coventry Elementary School.	<u>The Federation and its planning partners, including the Owen J. Roberts School District, were introduced</u> to the school-park concept during this planning process. <u>In fact,</u> the School District noted the potential for joint school-recreation development when it acquired a 52-acre site adjacent to the East Coventry Elementary School <u>in early 2011.</u>
Pg 37 Table 5-4	East Coventry Elementary and adjacent 52-acre site Plan and develop as a Community Park (The site is large enough to consider a Sports Complex but the location is not centralized and road conditions/access are only fair.)	East Coventry Elementary and adjacent 52-acre site <u>Pursue site master plan and development</u> as a Community Park (The site is large enough to consider a Sports Complex but the location is not centralized and road conditions/access are only fair.)
Pg 37 Table 5-4	East Vincent Elementary and Reiff Tract (36 acres) Plan and develop as a Community Park	East Vincent Elementary and Reiff Tract (36 acres) <u>Pursue site master plan and development</u> as a Community Park
Pg 39 Rec 3.1 Bullet	The remaining sites, including additional suggested parcels and clusters, are shown on the <i>Potential Sports Locations Map</i> .	The remaining sites, including additional suggested parcels and clusters, are shown on the <i>Potential Sports <u>Complex</u> Locations Map</i> .
Pg 40 Bullet 1	Secure public access to privately-owned sports fields through long-term lease, easement, or acquisition to protect these existing fields for public use.	Secure public access to privately-owned sports fields through long-term lease, easement, or acquisition to <u>open</u> these existing fields for public use.
Pg 40	Coordination with the Natural Lands Trust, Hopewell Big Woods, and Chester County Parks and Recreation is recommended,	Coordination with the Natural Lands Trust, Hopewell Big Woods, <u>Horse-Shoe Trail Club</u> , and Chester County Parks and Recreation

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Rec 4.1		is recommended,
Pg 41 Rec 4.3	Planned regional trails include the Schuylkill River Trail, the French Creek Trail (Boars Back and Sowbelly Trail Segments), Pickering Creek Trail, and realignments of the Horse-Shoe Trail.	Planned regional trails include the Schuylkill River Trail, the French Creek Trail (Boars Back and Sowbelly Trail Segments), <u>the Hopewell Big Woods connector to the Boars Back Trail</u> , the Pickering Creek Trail, and realignments of the Horse-Shoe Trail.
Pg 41 Rec 4.4	Improve and expand existing trails and networks. Some trail improvements and extensions can occur with little or no additional planning.	Improve and expand existing trails and networks. <u>Municipal trail network plans should be refined to complement regional trails with realistic local connections. This could be completed within the context of a regional trail network planning effort, depending on the depth of scope and available resources. If prepared separately, these plans should note locations and support for regional trails then focus on trail spurs, loops and other connections among neighborhoods and community destinations, including the trail facilities and amenities noted below.</u> Some trail improvements and extensions can occur with little or no additional planning.
Pg 42 Rec 4.5	Update municipal ordinances to include trails and paths as eligible lands for mandatory dedication of parkland and as eligible uses for fees-in-lieu of parkland dedication; also provide standards for trail design, construction, maintenance, and dedication.	Update municipal ordinances to include trails and paths as eligible lands for mandatory dedication of parkland and as eligible uses for fees-in-lieu of parkland dedication; also provide standards for trail design, construction, maintenance, and dedication. <u>East Pikeland Township’s provisions (Subdivision and Lands Ordinance, Section 424.E) should be used as a model for the region.</u>
Pg 42 Rec 4.6	See Recommendation 1.6.	See Recommendation 1.6 for integrated recommendations regarding trail signage and appearance.

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Pg 43 Rec 4.7	Direct non-permitted users, e.g., mountain bikers and ATV riders, to nearest available facilities.	<u>On trails with user restrictions, direct non-permitted users, which may include equestrians,</u> mountain bikers and ATV riders, to nearest available facilities.
Pg 44 Rec 5.3	This planning process convened sports leagues on two occasions to discuss facilities and participation. Continue this regional dialogue.	This planning process convened sports leagues on two occasions to discuss facilities and participation. <u>The Federation, or its implementation entity, should</u> continue this regional dialogue.
Pg 45 P 5	Northern Chester County is home to more than a dozen historic villages: Birchrunville, ...Frick's Lochs,	Northern Chester County is home to more than a dozen historic villages: Birchrunville, ... <u>Fricks</u> Lochs,
Pg 47 P 2 L1	Protecting the land from development through easements and acquisitions is already under way with 18,750 acres	Protecting the land from development through easements and acquisitions is already under way with over 18,7 <u>0</u> acres
Pg 47 P 3 L1	Multi-partner conservation initiatives have begun to look at entire landscapes, prioritizing outreach and protection efforts and developing recreation and trail systems that bridge the invisible ownership boundaries.	Multi-partner conservation initiatives have begun to look at entire landscapes, prioritizing outreach and protection efforts and developing recreation and trail systems that bridge the invisible ownership boundaries.
Pg 47 P 4 L1	Furthermore, sustainable resource management, limited public access to these lands,	Furthermore, sustainable resource management, limited public access to sensitive resource areas,
Pg 48 Rec 6.1	Upon achievement, this goal of protecting an additional 13,375 acres would yield a total 32,125 protected acres or 56 percent of the region. This goal should be pursued using all available open space protection techniques as appropriate to the resource(s) proposed to be protected; landowner preference should also be considered.	This goal represents protecting an additional 13,000 acres and would achieve protection for approximately half of the region. While few communities in Pennsylvania have protected more than 30 percent of their lands, there is such a wealth of natural and cultural resources and such strong support for public and private land protection efforts in this region that a goal of 30 percent protection seems insufficient. Indeed, there are few

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		large unprotected parcels in this region from which to make significant strides toward the goal, thus protection of small, preferably contiguous, acreages will play an important role. The goal could be refined based on further analysis of anticipated growth rates, growth management techniques, and funding feasibility. However, given current support for open space protection, the important message is continue open space protection efforts in full, pursuing all available open space protection techniques as appropriate to the resource(s) proposed to be protected and landowner preferences.
Pg 48 Rec 6.2	(** insert: <i>The Land Preservation Committee...</i>)	The Land Preservation Committee (LPC) of the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust fulfills several of these parameters. If the LPC can accommodate the entire geography of the region, which extends beyond the French and Pickering Creeks watersheds, this existing committee should be considered in lieu of forming a new one. Supplemental resources, e.g. funding, volunteer time, or other, may be needed but still more efficient than a separate effort.
Pg 48 Rec 6.2 L 4	include one to two municipal representatives.	include one to two <u>appointed</u> municipal representatives.
Pg 49 Rec 6.4	Regularly publish the acreage of protected open space and the goal. This information could be maintained on a region-wide Web site, and/or published through periodic Federation and municipal newsletters.	Annually publish the goal, the acreage of protected open space, and if available, past trends. This information could be posted online and/or published through periodic Federation and municipal newsletters.
Pg 49 Rec 6.6	Where adjacent lands are suitable for active recreation facilities, parks located in the Livable Communities Landscape should be expanded by the acquisition of adjacent parcels, as	Where adjacent lands are suitable for active recreation facilities, parks located in the <u>Neighborhoods Service Zone</u> should be expanded by the acquisition of adjacent parcels, as

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	opportunities arise. Similar expansions should be explored for passive recreation areas, if land is available and passive recreation needs are unmet.	opportunities arise. Similar expansions should be explored for passive recreation areas.
Pg 50 Strategy 7	Open space protection is most effective when it focuses on landscapes – contiguous parcels – that encompass natural communities or define local character. The Schuylkill Riverfront and the Scenic, Rural Interior, including Hopewell Big Woods, the Great Marsh, the French Creek Corridor, and the Pickering Creek Corridor, should be protected. Protection across such large areas should include techniques appropriate to the resource or resources proposed for protection.	Open space protection is most effective when it focuses on <u>clustered or</u> contiguous parcels that encompass natural communities or define local character. The Schuylkill Riverfront and the Scenic Rural Interior, including Hopewell Big Woods, the Great Marsh, the French Creek Corridor, and the Pickering Creek Corridor, <u>are significant and defining landscapes that</u> should be protected. Protection across such large areas should <u>apply acquisition of parcels in-fee or easements</u> appropriate to the resource or resources proposed for protection.
Pg 50 Rec 7.1	Though an ambitious goal, the region should protect all of the Schuylkill Riverfront from development and provide as much public access to the river as possible.	Though an ambitious goal, the region should <u>in some form</u> protect all of the Schuylkill Riverfront from development and provide as much public access to the river as possible.
Pg 50 Rec 7.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand and infill protection clusters. Consider acquisition (or easement) to manage sensitive sites... Consider acquisition (or easement) of private, non-profit recreation lands, as opportunities arise. These properties already have some recreational facilities that would complement those currently available in the region, if available to the public. If such lands become available for purchase or easement, consideration should be given to the site location, natural and cultural resources, facility inventory and facility conditions, and facility opportunities, e.g., trails, prior to a purchase/easement decision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand and fill the unprotected gaps in <u>clusters of protected open space</u> (known in Chester County as outfill). Consider acquisition of parcels in-fee or easement to manage sensitive sites... Consider acquisition of private, non-profit recreation lands, as opportunities arise. The various private camps, campgrounds and sportsman’s clubs have recreational facilities that would complement those currently available in the region, if they were available to the public. If such lands become available for purchase (or easement), an evaluation of the site location, natural and cultural resources, facility inventory and conditions, and trails should inform a purchase/easement decision.

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Pg 50 Rec 7.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the Pennsylvania Byway Program to determine if there are roadways within the region that are worthy of state designation and special local management. If so, nominate the roadway, or portion thereof, to PennDOT for consideration to the program. 	(Moved to Recommendation 7.4 regarding interpretation)
Pg 51 P 1	Currently, Ellis Woods Park provides the only publicly accessible land along Pigeon Creek.	Currently, Ellis Woods Park provides the only publicly accessible land along Pigeon Creek; <u>a future park is proposed at Wineberry Estates.</u>
Pg 51 Rec 7.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to meet with landowners who own large parcels (50 or more acres) or otherwise strategic parcels (of any size) to make them aware 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to meet with landowners to make them aware of various open space protection techniques (full or partial parcel protection; acquisition or easement; paid or donated; near term action or future bequest; etc.) and their unique benefits. Compile and coordinate educational information with local private and municipal land trusts <u>in response to their interests and concerns.</u> Prioritize outreach to landowners of 1) parcels <u>40</u> acres or more in size; 2) <u>land enrolled in the Clean and Green program that is not already protected by easement;</u> and 3) parcels contiguous to protected lands.
Pg 54 Strategy 9	The municipal role in public recreation can be to motivate people to engage in basic recreation activities for life-long health and wellness. Recognize that self-directed recreation will be the most important form of recreation here – people just need to know what, how, and where to do things. Continue with township newsletters as a primary vehicle. Expand into social media and use of the Internet (preferably a single site for the region). Consider an idea like “RECquest” (based upon the notion of Mapquest) where people go online to get info about	<u>Increasing participation in recreational activities is key to the public’s life-long health and wellness. Participation starts with awareness of “what to do and where to do it” for both scheduled and self-directed recreation activities, and may include activities offered by both public and private providers. Such information should be timely, accurate and accessible in multiple formats to promote participation across the community.</u>

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	recreation opportunities. The key is designating a lead organization (ideally a single position) to be responsible for posting current information.	
Pg 59 P 3 L 1	While the Federation has developed numerous plans in its well-respected history, this Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan represents a different level of effort. This plan focuses heavily on recommendations require a high degree of activity, organization, and management.	This Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan focuses heavily on recommendations require a high degree of activity, organization, and management.
Pg 59 P 5 L 1	Municipal collaboration in Chester County has always been undertaken informally as a “gentlemen’s agreement.” The reluctance to formalize multi-municipal relationships is rooted in Pennsylvania’s form of government, which vests the highest level of power and decision-making at the municipal level. A major message of the planning process for this plan is the focus on implementation. Those involved expressed their desire that this plan not be just another document to sit on a shelf upon completion and yet implementing this plan solely with volunteers does not appear to be possible. Those willing to step up and do the actual work are few in number, and in many cases are the same individuals involved in multiple efforts – all imposing great demands on their time without compensation.	<i>(Deleted)</i>
Pg 62	** New insert – this recommendation was inserted in recognition of the strong orientation of East Pikeland, West Pikeland, and West Vincent residents to service providers outside the region. Further review and refinement and text placement are pending.	<i>(Insert note removed.)</i>
Pg 62 Rec 10.2	Sustaining these social patterns while expanding sports facilities and program fro all ages will increase recreational	Sustaining these social patterns while expanding sports facilities and program <u>for</u> all ages will increase recreational

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P 3 L 5	activity and foster active, healthy lifestyles.	activity and foster active, healthy lifestyles.
Pg 63 P 1 L3	Facilities would be configured to serve people where that want to play thereby enhancing a sense of community	Facilities would be configured to serve people where <u>they</u> want to play thereby enhancing a sense of community.
Pg 66 Rec 11.2	Work toward increasing the municipal operating budgets for parks and recreation to be more in line with the \$28.78 per capita average annual investment by municipalities in Pennsylvania. Increase budgets over time as additional facilities and services are provided.	Work toward <u>aligning</u> the municipal operating budgets for parks and recreation with the \$28.78 per capita annual average of Pennsylvania municipalities. Expand budgets over time as additional facilities and services are provided.
Pg 66 Rec 11.3	As small rural communities with limited staff, workload and cost tracking of park maintenance tasks are not performed.	As small rural communities with limited staff, workload and cost tracking of park maintenance tasks are not <u>always</u> performed.
Pg 67 Rec 11.4	Use a Maintenance Impact Statement to evaluate future operating costs when planning capital improvements.	<u>Consider</u> a Maintenance Impact Statement to evaluate future operating costs when planning capital improvements.
Pg 68 Rec 11.5	Recommendation 11.5 Municipal Capital Improvement Program – Every municipality should have a five- to seven-year capital improvement program for parks, recreation, and trails.	Recommendation 11.4 Municipal Capital Improvement Program —Every municipality should consider having a five- to seven-year capital improvement program for parks, recreation, and trails.
Pg 68 Rec 11.4	Recommendation 11.4 This is especially important in Northern Chester County where some municipalities shoulder the burden of providing recreation facilities while others do not provide them at all.	Recommendation 11.5 This is especially important in Northern Chester County where some municipalities <u>provide multiple</u> parks and recreation facilities and others provide <u>few to date</u> .
Pg 69 Rec 12.1	Therefore, even families without children at the current time will benefit from educational experiences.	Therefore, families <u>with or</u> without children will benefit from educational experiences.
Pg 73 P 1	We now must maintain that momentum as we shift to the exciting work of implementation.	We now must maintain that momentum as we implement our plan.

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Pg 73 P 3 L 5	Tackling these actions individually over the next 10 years will likely only sustain parks, recreation, and open space at current levels.	<i>(Deleted)</i>
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App 1 Pg A1-3	East Coventry had the highest population density at 1.2 persons per acre.	East <u>Pikeland</u> had the highest population density at 1.2 persons per acre.
App 1 Pg A1-3 Table A1.3	Urbanized Area, Acres East Coventry 6,982	Urbanized Area, Acres East Coventry 6,912
App 1 Pg A1-11	<p>Population Forecast</p> <p>Multiple population forecasts suggest continued growth through 2030 for the Region, though growth rates vary by source. The 2010 Owen J. Roberts School District census data indicate that the populations in municipalities of this district are already higher than previously forecasted for 2010 in municipal planning documents and by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. Using the more conservative DVRPC population forecasts for 2020 and 2030, the resident population in the Region could reach 45,000 within a few years and exceed 50,000 within 20 years.</p> <p>In further support of regional growth, the Owen J. Roberts School District projects an enrollment increase of 302 students, or 6 percent, by the 2020-2021 school year, largely due to the construction of 23 residential development projects totaling 1,718 units. The recently-released 2010 decennial census data</p>	<p><i>(Revision for clarity)</i></p> <p>Population Forecast</p> <p>Multiple population forecasts suggest continued growth through 2030 for the Region, though growth rates vary by source. Forecasts presented in municipal planning documents and those prepared by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) were reviewed. Both forecasts were considered “too high” by several municipalities.</p> <p>The 2010 Owen J. Roberts School District reported 2010 municipal populations higher than the municipal and DVRPC forecasts for 2010, thus these figures did not provide a lower base population from which to forecast growth. However, the School District projected a 6 percent, 302-student enrollment by the 2020-2021 school year, largely due to the construction of 23 residential development projects totaling 1,718 units, supporting growth forecasts with actual and proposed</p>

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	indicate a regional population of 43,907 – 985 less than the 44,892 tabulated from the Owen J. Roberts School District census and DVRPC projections for East Pikeland and West Pikeland. Applying the slowing growth rates of 10.5 percent for 2010-2020, and 8.0 percent for 2020-2030 to the 43,907 used by DVRPC, the regional population could still surpass 50,000 by 2030, as shown in <i>A1.11, Population Forecast, 2020 and 2030</i> .	development activity. Using the more conservative DVRPC municipal population forecasts for 2020 and 2030, the resident population in the Region could reach 45,000 within a few years and exceed 53,000 within 20 years, as shown in <i>A1.11, Population Forecast, 2020 and 2030</i> . Applying slower growth rates of 10.5 percent for 2010-2020 and 8.0 percent for 2020-2030 for the region as derived from DVRPC forecasts, the regional population could still surpass 50,000 by 2030.
App 1 Pg A1-12	<i>Map 1, 2007 Land Use</i> , illustrates land use data as classified by the Chester County Assessment Office. <i>Table A1.12, Land Use Distribution, 2007</i> presents	<i>Map 1, 2007 Land Use</i> , illustrates land use data as classified by the Chester County Assessment Office. <u>This data was used to provide a general characterization of land use and land cover patterns with knowledge of its parcel-specific accuracy.</u> <i>Table A1.12, Land Use Distribution, 2007</i> presents
App 1 Pg A1-16 (also App 2 Pg 2-12)	French Creek Elementary School – Warwick	French Creek Elementary School – East Nantmeal
App 1 Pg A1-17	Students living in East Pikeland attend the Downingtown Area School District.	Students living in <u>West</u> Pikeland attend the Downingtown Area School District.
App 2 Pg A2-3	Ice hunting is quite popular in season	<u>H</u> unting is quite popular in season
App 2 Pg A2-4	The 2,909 acres of Pennsylvania Game Lands 43	The 2, <u>3</u> 09 acres of Pennsylvania Game Lands 43
App 2 P A2-6	Ellis Woods Park ... The site offers trails through grass and wooded areas, as well as a playground, picnic area, and parking lot.	Ellis Woods Park The site offers <u>a walking path (loop) and a nature trail through wooded areas</u> , as well as a playground, picnic area, and parking lot.

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	Towpath Park is a 7.5-acre park between Route 724 and the Schuylkill River in East Coventry Township. The park offers a multipurpose field, a volleyball court, boat launch, , and playground ...	Towpath Park is a 7.5-acre park between Route 724 and the Schuylkill River in East Coventry Township. The park offers a multipurpose field, a volleyball court (<u>net available upon request</u>), a pond, boat launch, , and <u>children's play area</u>
App 2 Pg A2-11	The East Coventry Elementary School ..., and a playground.	The East Coventry Elementary School ..., and <u>two</u> playgrounds.
App 2 Pg A2-11 Table	Pennhurst Tract, 79. 5 (acres)	Pennhurst Tracts A and B, 94.5 (acres)
App 2 Pg A2-11 P 1 L 3	Pennhurst Tract B is a 22-acre tract of relatively flat land	Pennhurst Tract B is a <u>15.4</u> -acre tract of relatively flat land
App 2 Pg A2-18	Elverson Road and Gun Club, South Coventry	Elverson Road and Gun Club, <u>Warwick</u> (also in text, Pg 2-19)
App 3 Table A3.1	Ellis Woods Park, Exercise Trail/Stations, 0	Ellis Woods Park, Exercise Trail/Stations, 1
App 3 Table A3.2	Ellis Woods Park, Exercise, 0	Ellis Woods Park, Exercise, 1-2
App 3 Pg A3-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fitness trail with exercise stations at Community Park on the Ridge is the only facility specifically designed for fitness exercise. The former horseracing track at Pine Creek Park is also suitable for distance walking. Paths and trails in other parks are listed under passive recreation facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fitness trail with exercise stations at Community Park on the Ridge <u>and walking loop at Ellis Woods Park are</u> the only facility specifically designed for fitness exercise. The former horseracing track at Pine Creek Park is also suitable for distance walking. Paths and trails in other parks are listed under passive recreation facilities.

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App 3 Pg A3-4 Table A3.3	Towpath Park, Manmade Water Feature, 0	Towpath Park, Manmade Water Feature, 1 <i>(Total updated to 59 in table and text on Pg A3-3.)</i>
App 3 Pg A3-5 Bullet 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All except Kimberton Community Park, Riverside Park, and Andrew Evans Park have natural or naturalized landscapes (woods, meadows, wetlands) within the park; only River Bend Park has a signed nature study area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All except Kimberton Community Park, Riverside Park, and Andrew Evans Park have natural or naturalized landscapes (woods, meadows, wetlands) within the park; <u>Towpath Park's pond is manmade but has a naturalized appearance.</u> Only River Bend Park has a signed nature study area.
App 3 Pg A3-9	<p>Towpath Park is primarily a park for passive recreation along the Schuylkill River. The park offers an informal grass field and playground in the sun, abundant shade under the riparian forest canopy, a fishing pier and boat launch, and varied facilities for social activities, including benches, a picnic pavilion, grills, etc. Strengths of Towpath Park include its riverside location and access, interpreted canal history, and internal walking trail, meeting recreational interests in natural resources, history, and physical activity at one site. The park falls short on ADA accessibility to its varied facilities. Opportunities for park improvement include universal access to all facilities; accessible play equipment; the addition of a trailhead, signage, and bike rack to the Schuylkill River Trail (upon its construction); and additional pavilions.</p>	<p>Towpath Park ... an informal grass field and a <u>small children's play area</u> in the sun, ..., <u>a small pond</u> and varied facilities for social activities, including benches, a picnic pavilion, grills, etc. ... Opportunities for park improvement include universal access to all facilities; accessible play equipment <u>to replace the concrete animals in sand</u>; the addition of a trailhead, signage, and bike rack to the Schuylkill River Trail (upon its construction); and additional pavilions.</p>
App 3 Pg A3-10	<p>Ellis Woods Park has been master-planned and partially developed. To date, a playground has been installed adjacent to the municipal building, the municipal parking lot expanded, and a paved trail to the woods installed. The wooded portion at the rear of the site along Pigeon Creek will remain in a</p>	<p>Ellis Woods Park has been master-planned and partially developed. To date, a playground has been installed adjacent to the municipal building, the municipal parking lot expanded, and <u>an improved (cindered) loop walking path installed in the large grassed area between</u> the parking lot and the woods. The</p>

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	natural condition. The large grass areas between the playground and the woods have not been developed with any facilities or interpretation. The park’s visibility and “curb appeal” are relatively low given its remote location and limited facilities. Opportunities for enhancement include more activities in the front, grassed portion of the park, which could range from facilities for active recreation to naturalized meadows; potential expansion of this narrow site to accommodate additional facilities and extended trails; and seating, pavilion(s), and trees/plantings to support social use of the space.	wooded portion at the rear of the site along Pigeon Creek will remain in a natural condition. The large grass areas between the playground and the woods have not been developed with any facilities or interpretation. The park’s visibility and “curb appeal” are relatively low given its remote location and limited <u>view of activities from the road.</u> Opportunities for enhancement include more activities in the <u>grass area surrounding and inside the walking loop,</u> which could range from <u>exercise stations</u> to naturalized meadows; seating, pavilion(s), and trees/plantings to support social use of the space; and potential expansion of this narrow site to accommodate additional facilities and extended trails.
App 4 Pg A4-14	(The Schuylkill River Trail) ...It travels southeast into East Coventry Township through the Heyser Tract and Towpath Park, then on to the village of Frick’s Locks.	It travels southeast into East Coventry Township through the Heyser Tract and Towpath Park, then on to the village of <u>Fricks Locks.</u>
App 4 Pg A4-18	The East Coventry Township Trail Network proposes 34.9 miles of trail connections for walking and bicycling among the following features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... • on-road and off-road connections between the East Coventry Elementary School, Ellis Woods and Towpath Parks, the Heyser Tract, and the Maack property. 	The East Coventry Township Trail Network proposes 34.9 miles of trail connections for walking and bicycling among the following features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... • on-road and off-road connections between the East Coventry Elementary School, Ellis Woods and Towpath Parks, the Heyser, <u>Faulk, and Wade Tracts,</u> and the Maack property.
App 5 Pg A5-2	Streams supported coal and iron production and powered mills, while the river and canal provided transportation to markets.	Streams supported <u>charcoal</u> and iron production and powered mills, while the river and canal provided transportation to markets.
App 5 P A5-4	Both larger tributaries, Pigeon Creek and Stony Run, are designated as High Quality, though recreational use of Stony Run is limited by pathogens.	Both larger tributaries, Pigeon Creek and Stony Run, are designated as High Quality, though recreational use of Stony Run is limited by pathogens. <u>Pigeon Creek has been classified</u>

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P 3		<u>as a Biodiversity Corridor by Chester County and that the Township is working to conserve land adjacent to it through acquisitions.</u>
App 5 Pg A5-16 P 1 L 2	The National Register Program was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archeological resources.	The National Register Program was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archeological resources.
App 5 Pg A5-16 P 2 L5	Historic buildings and sites are found in seven of the nine municipalities – none in East Coventry or North Coventry – and present a full array of structures associated with early settlement life.	Individual National Register-listed historic buildings and sites in seven of the nine municipalities (none in North Coventry) present a full array of structures associated with early settlement life.
App 5 Pg A5-21 Table	Hopewell Village National Historic Site 8,481 acres Total: 58,784 acres	Hopewell Village National Historic Site 848 acres Total: 5,296 acres <i>(also Pg 5-23 Findings)</i> <i>(Several property acreages as reported by the source were corrected by a consistent factor of 0.1. This was applied to all properties in this table and the total revised to 5,296 acres.)</i>
App 5 Pg A5-29	The Hopewell Big Woods Partnership, led by the Natural Lands Trust, is a group of more than 30 government agencies, private nonprofits, and municipal entities.	The Hopewell Big Woods Partnership, led by the Natural Lands Trust, is a group of more than <u>43</u> government agencies, private nonprofits, and municipal entities.
App 6 Pg A6-6		<i>(Revision pending to add " Non-motorized Boating, 39%" and "Programs at local facilities such as Welkinweir, Crow's Nest, etc., 38%" above Volunteerism in Figure 4)</i>
App 6 Pg A6-7	East Coventry, Community Day, September 18	<i>(East Coventry, Community Day, June 5 2010 as listed is correct)</i>
App 6 Pg A6-19	Survey respondents indicated that their most preferred source of this information would be one Web site for Northern Chester County. The "go-to" place would be...	Survey respondents indicated that their most preferred source of this information would be one Web site for Northern Chester County. <u>This support for a regional source of information is a</u>

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		<u>significant finding of regional thinking, especially in Pennsylvania.</u> The “go-to” place would be...
App 8 Table A8.2	East Pikeland Township, Fee-in-Lieu Option, n/a	East Pikeland Township, Fee-in-Lieu Option, <u>\$3,909 per dwelling unit or equivalent dwelling unit, adjusted each year based upon the consumer price index (CPI) for the Philadelphia region for each year from the effective date up to and including the year in which the fee is actually paid to the Township</u>
App 8 Table A8.2	West Vincent Township, Fee-in-Lieu Option, n/a	West Vincent Township, Fee-in-Lieu Option, <u>Value based on the Township's estimated cost of acquiring land that is similar in area and has attributes which would better serve the public recreational needs.</u>
App 8 A8-8		<i>(New)</i> Fees-in-lieu of land dedication are common to those municipalities with mandatory dedication of parkland provisions, however provisions vary. Two municipalities specify a value, one refers to the township’s estimated cost of acquiring land of the required size better suited to public recreation, and three refer to the fair market value of the required land acreage. The basis and method of determining the fair market value also varies among the three.
App 10 Pg A10-2	In the Region, there are a total of 26 existing and proposed parks totaling 604 acres.	In the Region, there are a total of 26 <u>existing parks and future park sites</u> totaling 604 acres.
App 10 Pg A10-4	The current park acreage of 604 acres in the existing and planned parks includes 26 parks. The proposed parks are larger overall than existing parks providing opportunities to develop true community parks.	The current park acreage of 604 acres in the <u>existing parks and future park sites</u> includes 26 parks. The <u>total acreage of future park sites</u> is larger overall than existing parks providing extensive opportunities to develop true community parks.
App 12 Pg 10 Fig 4 and		<i>(Revision pending to add " Non-motorized Boating, 39%" and "Programs at local facilities such as Welkinweir, Crow's Nest, etc., 38%" above Volunteerism in Figure 4, and to add these plus</i>

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	Implications	<i>"Exercise and Fitness" and "Adult classes" discussion to implications.)</i>
App 12 Pg 13 Bullet 1	Consider the parks an essential component of the way of life in Northern Chester County. Parks and recreation facilities are a major asset...	Consider the <u>township</u> parks an essential component of the way of life in Northern Chester County. <u>Township</u> parks and recreation facilities are a major asset...
App 12 Pg 33 Bullet 8	Create a 20-year funding plan for parks and recreation capital improvements.	Create a <u>10</u> -year funding plan for parks and recreation capital improvements.