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Open Space Plan

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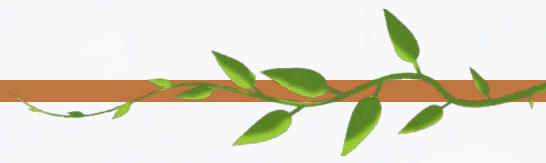
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CHAPTER 1

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The Pottstown VORTAC (PTW) navigational aid system in the farm fields behind Enterprise Dr.

Study Purpose

Limerick Township is one of the fastest growing municipalities in the region and projections predict that the population will continue to grow through 2040. This growth has created development pressure on many natural and cultural resources in the Township. Open spaces help to provide residents a “sense of place” through unique habitats, beautiful viewsheds, trails, recreation facilities, and protected open lands. Preserving and protecting open space is a wise public investment since it increases nearby property values, protects environmental resources, and provide recreational opportunities to residents.

Limerick Township understands the challenges of fostering sustainable growth while maintaining the high quality-of-life amenities that open space and access to outdoor activities provides. Limerick Township has completed this Comprehensive Open Space Plan to help plan for the protection and preservation of these resources toward serving the needs of current and future residents. This plan will serve as a blueprint over the next 10 to 20 years to plan for open space preservation and protection. This is an integral component of the Township’s Comprehensive Plan.

Mission Statement and Plan Goals

The mission of Limerick Township’s Comprehensive Open Space Plan is to enhance access to a wide range of recreational and open space resources to benefit the environment and community.

This plan’s goal is to create an objective and sustainable plan for investing in parks and open space that provides equitable access to all residents while preserving the rural, agricultural, and suburban characteristics that contribute to Limerick being a unique community.



Regional Context

The regional context map (Figure 1.1) illustrates the relationship between Limerick Township, Montgomery County, and the State of Pennsylvania. Limerick Township is bordered by the Schuylkill River along the southwest, Lower Pottsgrove Township to the west, New Hanover Township to the northwest, Upper and Lower Frederick Townships to the northeast, and Perkiomen Township, Upper Providence Township, and Royersford Borough to the southeast.

The Township is bisected north and south by US Route 422 which connects the Township to Pottstown and Reading to the north and King of Prussia to the south. The Rt. 422 corridor land uses exhibits a concentration of businesses and retail, including the Philadelphia Premium Outlets in the Township.

The Schuylkill River which borders the Township is a regional open space amenity and attraction. The Schuylkill Rail Trail is located on the opposite side of the river in Chester County. Additionally, the Schuylkill River Water Trail is a unique amenity. In the northern part of the Township there are many natural areas including the Swamp Creek Greenway / Sunrise Mill County Park, Stone Hills Preserve, Kurylo Preserve (Township Park), and Eva R. Meng Wildlife Preserve and Bird Sanctuary. Additionally, the Perkiomen Trail is a trail of regional importance and is located approximately 1.5 miles beyond the northeast corner of the Township.

Municipal Background

Limerick Township is located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, approximately 25 miles northwest of Philadelphia. Limerick Township has a total area of 22.71 square miles. The northern half of the municipality is primarily characterized by low-density development, agricultural and rural uses. Significant commercial uses are located along the US Route 422 corridor.

Township residents enjoy several existing Township recreational facilities including the Limerick Township Community Park, Linfield Sports Park, Trinley Park, and Kurylo Preserve.

The Township is served by the Spring-Ford Area School District and is host community to Evans Elementary School and Limerick Elementary School. The Township is also home to the Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center and St. Teresa of Calcutta Education Center.

The Township is governed by a five-member, elected Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors is assisted and advised by commissions and boards appointed by the

Board of Supervisors. The Township Manager, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, is responsible for day-to-day operation of the Township and is assisted by an Assistant Township Manager, and an Administrative Assistant. Limerick Township currently has 70 full time employees to assist with public safety, public works, parks and recreation, and other services. Further details of Limerick Township Government can be found at <https://www.limerickpa.org>.

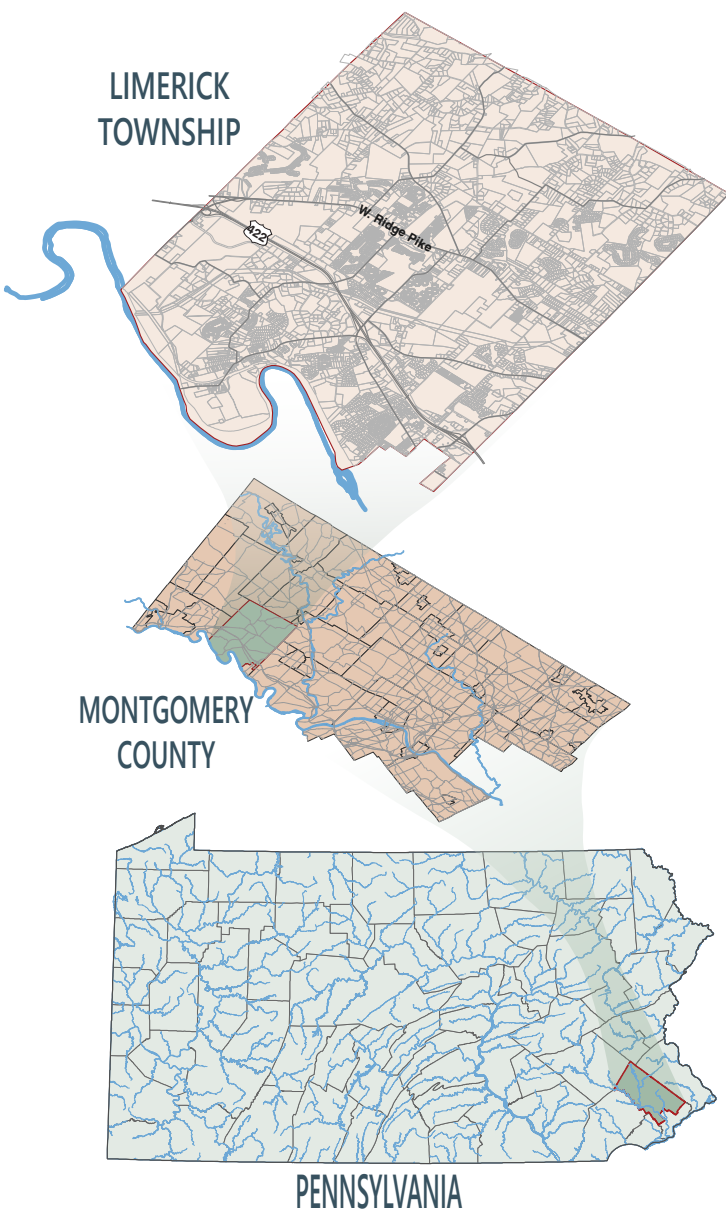


Figure 1.1 Regional Context Map

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Demographics

According to the U.S. Census and American Community Survey, Limerick Township has one of the fastest growing populations in the region. The following information focuses on the demographics within Limerick Township and Montgomery County. Additional information can be found in the Limerick Township Comprehensive Plan and U.S. Census Bureau <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/limericktownshipmontgomerycountypennsylvania>.

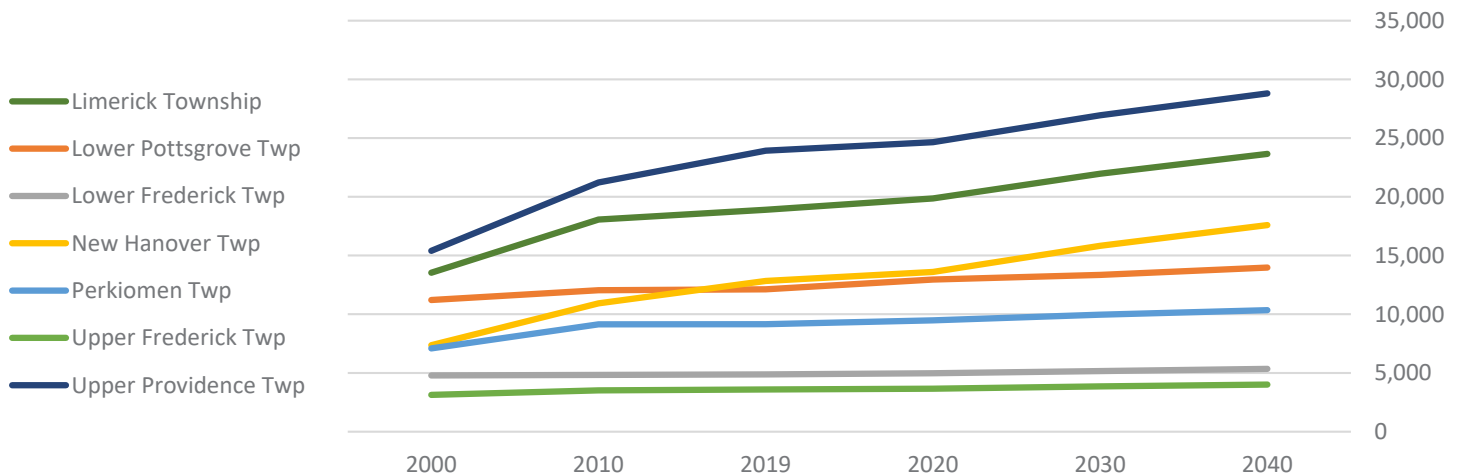
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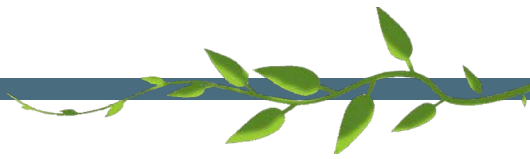
According to the 2019 Census estimates, Limerick Township had a population of 19,303 which was an increase of 42.6% from the 2000 census. Within the same time period, Montgomery County saw only a 10.8% population growth.

Using the 2019 Census estimate, the Township has a population density of 858 inhabitants per square mile with most of the residents residing in the southwestern part of the Township. Montgomery County is denser with 1,720.4 people per square mile, with most of the population residing closer to Norristown and the Philadelphia metropolitan area.

Limerick's population is projected to be 23,653 by 2040, according to Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) projections. This is a 26% increase from 2019 numbers. DVRPC is projecting the County's population to be 918,918 by the same time. This represents a 10.5% increase from the 2019 population.

Population and Projections

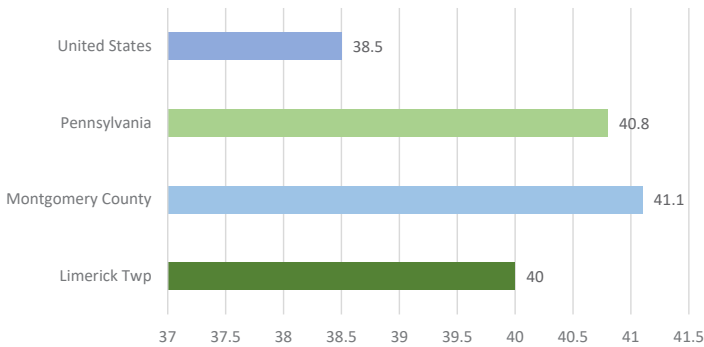




Age

The current largest age group in the Township according to the 2019 census numbers is 50-59 (16.4%) followed closely by age groups 40-49 (15.7%) and 10-19 (15.0%). The median age is 40, an increase of the 2010 median age of 39, but still lower than the County's median age of 41.1.

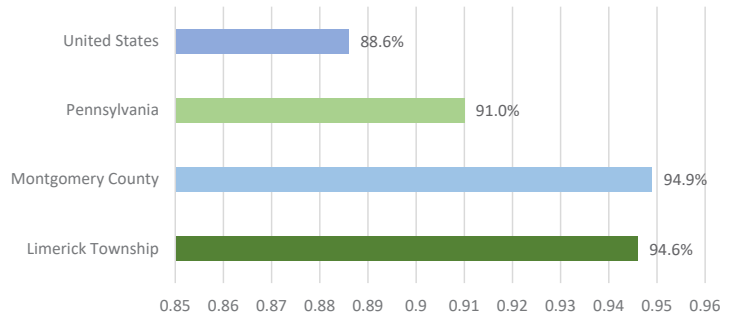
Median Age



Education

A little under half of Limerick's population has received a bachelor's degree or higher which is on par with the County. Both Limerick Township (94.6%) and Montgomery County (94.9%) rank higher than Pennsylvania (91.0%) and the Nation (88.6%) for residents who have attained a high school degree or higher.

Educational Attainment - Highschool or higher

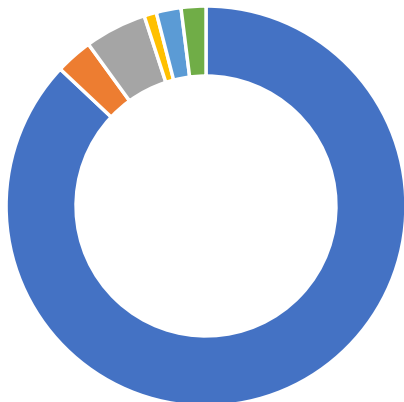


Race

Limerick Township is predominantly Caucasian as identified by 87% of the population. 5% of the residents identify as Asian, 3% identify as Black, 2% identify as Hispanic, 2% as two+, and 1% as other. Montgomery County reflects more diversity with 75% identifying as Caucasian, 9% as Black, 8% as Asian, and 5% as Hispanic, and 2% as two+.

Race in Limerick Twp

■ White ■ Black ■ Asian ■ Other ■ Two+ ■ Hispanic

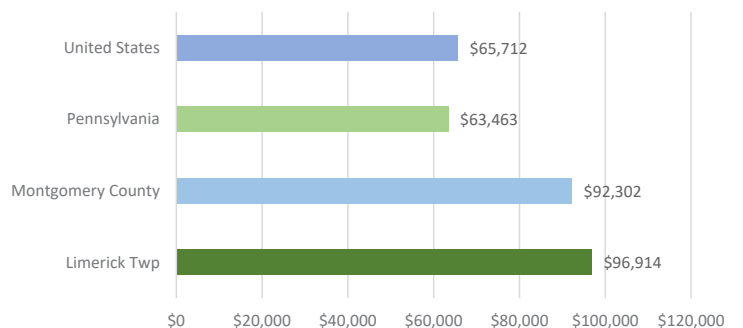


Income

The median household income in Limerick Township is \$96,914 which is par with the County, one of the most affluent counties in Pennsylvania. Both the Township and the County rank much higher compared to the state and nation which have median household incomes of \$63,463 and \$65,712 respectively.

Only 4.2% of the population in Limerick live below the poverty level (defined as people who lack sufficient income or material possessions for their needs). This is lower than Montgomery County with 6.0% living below the poverty rate, and significantly lower than Pennsylvania's poverty rate of 12.0%.

Median Household Income







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Data Collection and Methodology

In September 2019, Limerick Township selected Simone Collins Landscape Architecture (SC) as the consultant to guide the planning process. The project team also included a project committee comprised of residents, professionals, stakeholders, and Township staff. A list of the project committee is provided on the inside cover of this report.

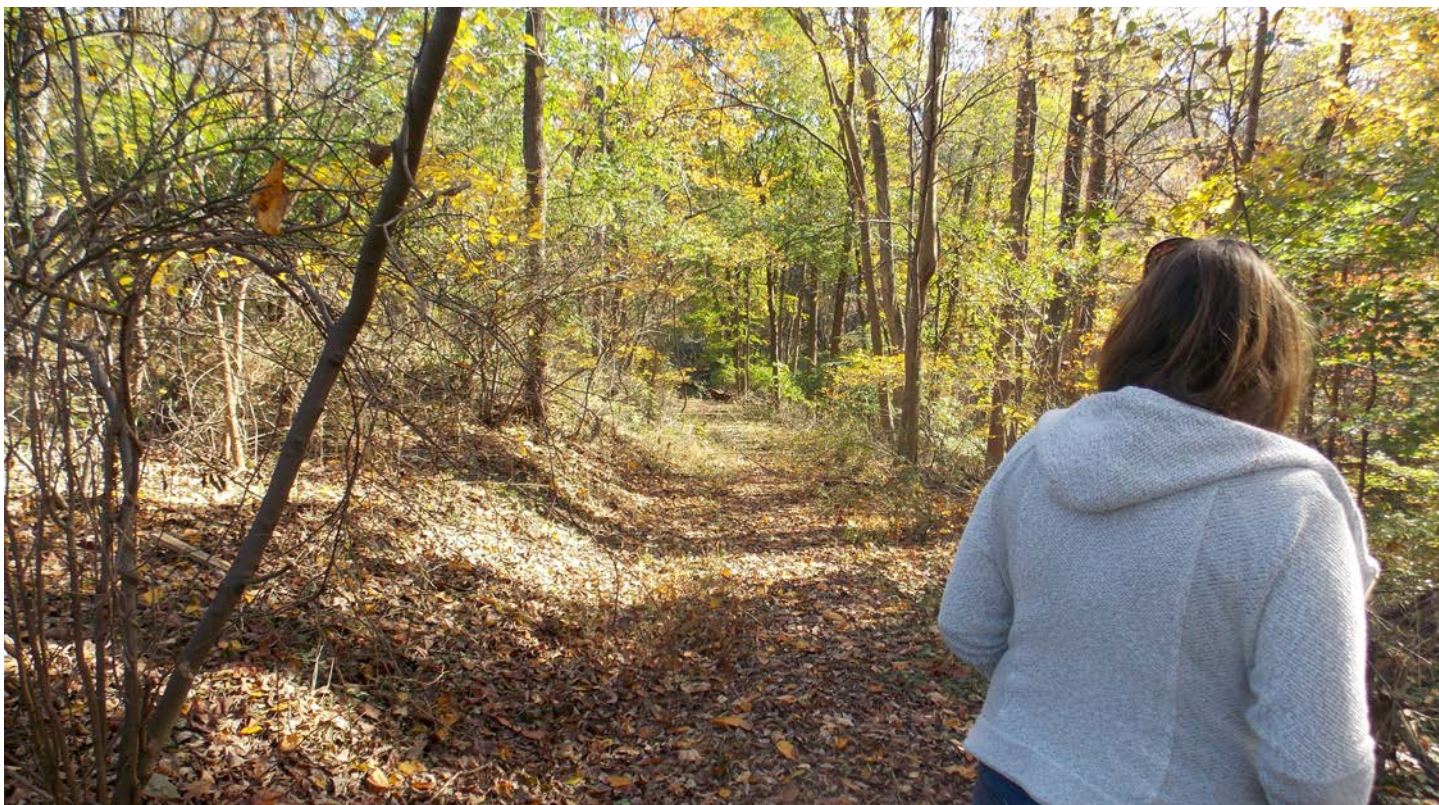
Data found within this report was compiled using the best available information. This included Geographic Information System (GIS) data from Limerick Township, Montgomery County, and Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA), which was used to prepare field maps and planning documents consisting of the base aerial photography, municipal boundaries, roadways, parcels, topography, and other land features. Other information included previous planning studies, field reconnaissance data, committee and public meeting feedback and suggestions.

The consultants performed an initial field reconnaissance in October 2019 to inventory, analyze and document existing parks, trails, and open space. Subsequent site visits were performed over the course of the work. Field data was recorded by the consultants onto the field maps and photographs were taken for use in the Plan. This information was then used in evaluating planning alternatives.

Public Participation Summary

The project was guided by a study committee that provided critical insight and direction to the consultants in the development of the Plan. The consultants worked with the study committee to review the public participation process, gain clarification of data gathered and guide the plan process before presenting to the public.

Receiving community input is a critical component of a successful Comprehensive Open Space Plan, so it was important for the project team to hear citizens' observations, needs and suggestions, and incorporate them into the Comprehensive Open Space Plan. The Township advertised meeting dates, and published information from prior meetings, and other relevant information on their website and Facebook pages. Public meetings were held throughout the entire planning process. These meetings provided additional feedback as to what individuals and organizations would like to see incorporated into the Comprehensive Open Space Plan. Additionally, an online survey was available to the public from November 2019 to March 12, 2021, and was used to obtain feedback on recreational habits, usage, and needs. The survey received 628 responses and is discussed later in this chapter. Meeting notes and attendance sheets for each meeting as well as survey results can be found in the Appendix of this report.



Trail behind the homes of Grandview Drive



Public Meetings

November 11, 2019 - Public Meeting #1

Consultants reviewed the purpose of an open space plan and provided an overview of the project background and current open space conservation tools. The project schedule, scope and goals were discussed. Consultants discussed the online survey and the importance of public involvement in the planning process as a means to ensure the plan reflects the needs of the community. The Official Map was discussed as a potential open space preservation tool. Current parks and open space facilities and data was summarized. Attendees were led through an interactive discussion and brainstorming exercise to develop project goals, facts, concepts, and partners. There was an open discussion of the project.

February 6, 2020 - Public Meeting #2

At the second public meeting, the consultants presented a draft mission statement and plan goals for review and comment. Township demographics was reviewed, and concept ideas generated from the first committee and public meetings were discussed. Consultants presented an initial analysis of existing open spaces and showed how the Township compared with other similarly sized, benchmarked communities. Public park “service areas” were reviewed along with an early draft of open space parcel selection criteria. The meeting was then opened for general discussion and ended with a review of the next steps.

March 10, 2021 - Public Meeting #3

During the Covid 19 pandemic, Limerick Township chose to place the Comprehensive Open Space Plan “on hold” until the Township and its residents were once again ready to turn their attention to the plan. This meeting was done through a virtual format and had 30 attendees. The consultants spent some time to bring everyone back up to speed to what had been completed before reviewing the recommendations that are within the draft report. The consultants explained that the draft report would be open for public comment for the next 30 days.

June 1, 2021 - Public Meeting #4/Board of Supervisors

The last public meeting was held with the Board of Supervisors (BOS). The consultants presented the recommendations and implementation of the final plan to the BOS.



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Online Survey

A 23 question online public opinion survey was open to the public from November 11, 2019 to March 12, 2021 as an additional way of obtaining comments and ideas from the public about park, recreation, and open space needs. The survey received a total of 628 responses. Respondents were kept confidential, and responses were compiled together and analyzed. Survey results are found in the Appendix of the report. Select responses are shown below.

Select results from the survey are as follows.

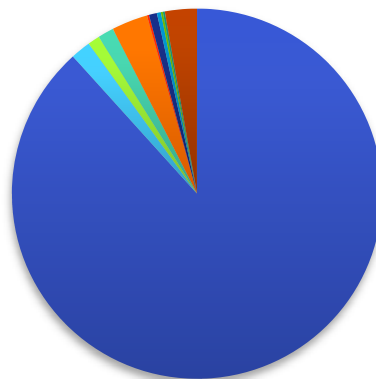
- 85% of the respondents lived in Limerick with nearly 55% being between the ages of 40 to 64.
- Priorities of plan, according to respondents, should focus on open space and natural resource preservation and connections such as trails and sidewalks.
- Nearly all responded that they drove to open spaces and parks, while nearly 68% answered that they would

rather walk to these areas.

- 55% of respondents the Township felt that there is not enough open space, parks, natural areas, or trails near where they live.
- Over 82% answered that more public parks, natural areas, and open space were needed.
- 92% believe that open space is very valuable to the quality of life to Limerick Township and should be preserved.
- Considering agricultural land, 82% viewed these lands as valuable to the quality of life and 78% of respondents noted local food production as important.

The results from the survey mirror what was heard at the public and committee meetings and from previous surveys from other reports. They reflect the need to provide activities and facilities for all ages and abilities, and to preserve land for open space and agriculture, and to provide safe non-motorized connections between these locations.

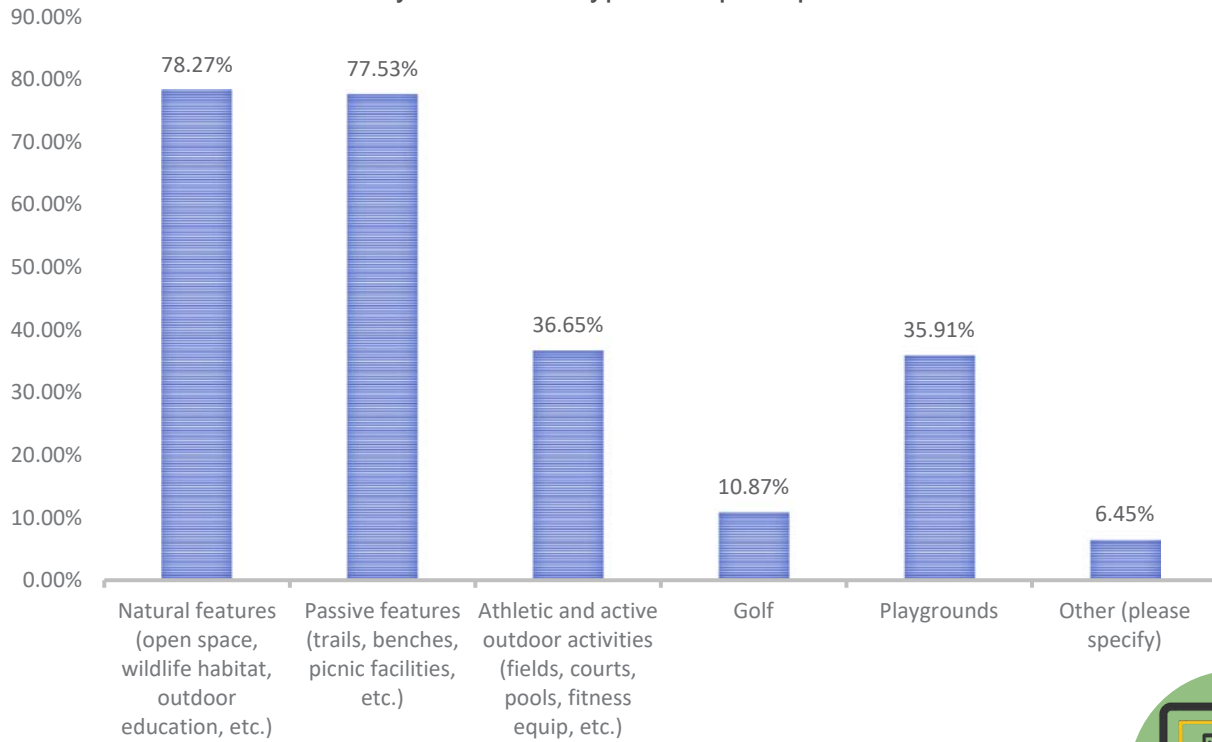
What is the name of the municipality you live in?



- Limerick Township
- Royersford Borough
- Upper Providence Township
- Schwenksville Borough
- Lower Frederick Township
- Upper Frederick Township
- New Hanover Township
- Lower Pottsgrove Township
- East Coventry Township
- East Vincent Township
- Other (please specify):



What are your favorite types of open space features?

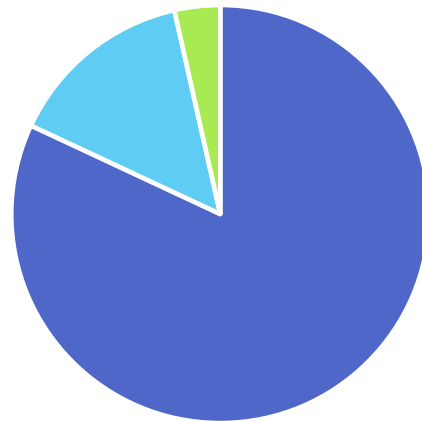


Do you feel that there are an adequate number of open spaces, parks, natural areas, and trails available to you in or in close proximity to where you live?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't Know

Do you think that more public parks, natural areas, and open spaces are needed in Limerick Township?

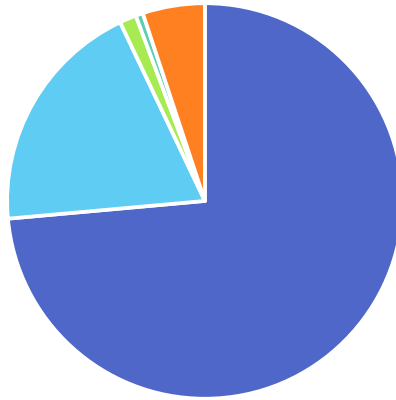


■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't Know

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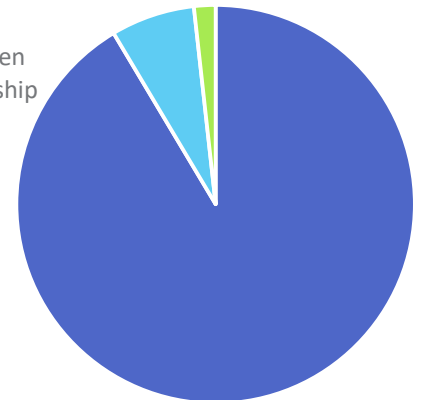
How important do you feel public parks, natural areas and open spaces are to the well-being and quality of life in Limerick Township?

- Very Important
- Important
- Neither
- Unimportant
- Very Unimportant



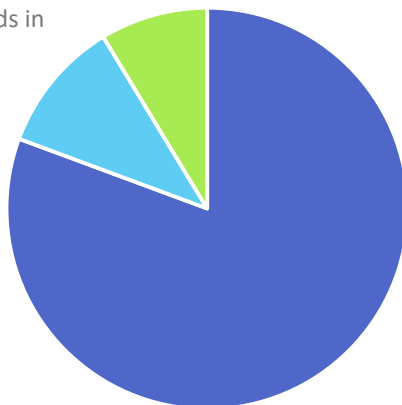
Concerning open space, how do you view these lands in Limerick Township?

- Open space is very valuable to the quality of life in the Township and should be preserved
- Open space is nice to have but it is not important to the overall quality of life in the Township
- I have no opinion on open space in Limerick Township



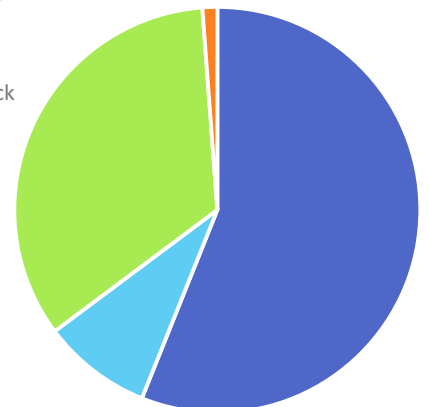
Concerning agriculture lands, how do you view these lands in Limerick Township?

- Agricultural lands are valuable to the quality of life in the Township
- Agricultural lands are nice but not that important to the quality of life in the Township
- I have no opinion about the value of agricultural lands in the Township

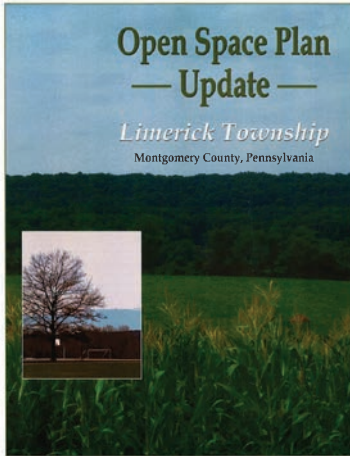


Regarding agricultural lands in Limerick Township, which of the following statements most closely reflect your views.

- Local food production is important to the quality of life in Limerick Township
- The availability of local foods is not important to the quality of life in the Township
- There should be more agricultural land in Limerick Township
- There should be less agricultural land in Limerick Township



Summary of Existing Planning Documents



Open Space Plan Update, Limerick Township – February 2006

This plan was an update to the Limerick Township Open Space Plan, 1996. It provided the Township an overview of existing conditions of their park and open space at that time. It also provided the Township with a series of recommendations. The consultant team examined

these recommendations to see what had been completed by the Township since adopting the plan in 2006.

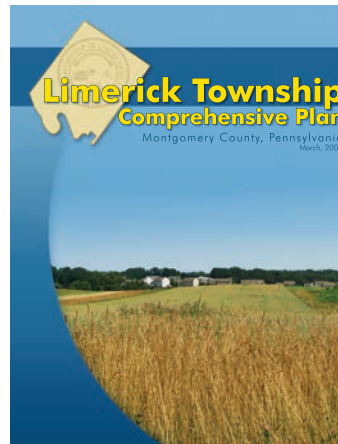
These recommendations included:

- Strengthen steep slopes regulations;
- Mandate buffers around wetlands;
- Revise woodland protection zoning regulations;
- Save more open space in the rural northern area of the Township;
- Investigate creation of a farm park;
- Target specific Township revenues for farmland preservation; and
- Assist in creating a historic buildings survey and identify methods for conservation.

Some of these recommendations were stated again in the Township's Comprehensive Plan and some have been completed. Chapter 3 of this reports notes recommendations from the 1996 plan that have been achieved in whole or in part. Other recommendations have been investigated to be included in this report.

Limerick Township Comprehensive Plan, 2009

The Pennsylvania Municipalities Code (MPC) recommends that all Commonwealth municipalities update their Comprehensive Plan every ten years. The plan was completed to assist the Township in planning for future sustainable growth while maintaining the economic vitality,



preserving and enhancing natural and historic resources, and enhancing residents' quality of life. Some of the recommendations included in the plan addressed open space, natural features, and cultural resources.

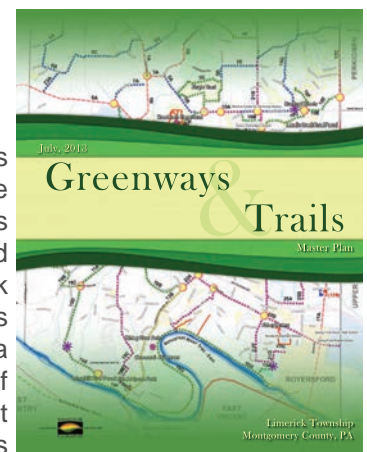
Many of the recommendations have been completed and are reflected in the Township Ordinances and are noted. A summary of the Ordinances can be reviewed in the next

report section and the complete Ordinances can be reviewed through the Township's website. Recommendations that are pertinent to this Comprehensive Open Space Plan include:

- Modify woodlands protection standards (§184-79);
- Strengthen standards for lakes, streams, and wetlands (§184-79, §155-29);
- Provide better protection of steep slopes (§184-79);
- Acquire targeted lands for preservation (Official Map);
- Develop scenic resources inventory;
- Prioritize the preservation of historic resources;
- Encourage adaptive reuse of historic buildings;
- Adopt a water conservation ordinance (§184-79, §155-29);
- Protect water in land use regulations (§184-79, §155-29);
- And modify the cluster requirements to create a higher percentage of open space. (§184-79).

Greenways & Trails Master Plan, Limerick Township, 2013

This master plan provides a blueprint for alternative transportation options for both commuting and recreation within Limerick Township. The plan provides recommendations for a comprehensive network of trails and bicycle routes that connect major destinations



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within the Township and to points beyond. Since the plan's completion, this proposed network of trails has been adopted and added to the Limerick's Official Map. Many trails have also been built and more are in active planning and construction by the Township. The Greenways and Trails Plan recommends non-motorized connections between existing and proposed parks and open spaces.

Neighboring Townships Plans

The consultants reviewed Open Space and/or Comprehensive Plans for Royersford, Lower and Upper Frederick, New Hanover, Perkiomen, Upper Providence, East Vincent, and East Coventry. Limerick's neighbors also provided these plans to Limerick Township and they were posted to the Limerick Township website so that the residents could review them. These plans give valuable insight to how existing or proposed open space in Limerick Township might connect with open space in neighboring communities toward creation of connected open lands. These plans helped identify common goals and objectives among municipalities in the region.



Montco 2040: A Shared Vision – The Comprehensive Plan for Montgomery County, 2015

The County Comprehensive Plan sets goals for Montgomery County that

include management of the County's built and natural environment, structured around three main themes of: 1. Connected Communities; 2 Sustainable Places, and 3. Vibrant Economy. Within the theme of Sustainable Places, six goals are noted:

1. Support a modern, resilient, green, and energy-efficient infrastructure network;
2. Improve stormwater management and reduce the impact of flooding;
3. Conserve natural resources, environmentally sensitive areas, and farmland;
4. Provide more opportunities for residents to exercise and have healthy lifestyles;
5. Support housing choices and opportunities to meet the needs of all people;
6. Enhance community character and protect neighborhoods.

Goal of the Limerick Township Comprehensive Open Space Plan is to support the goals of the County Comprehensive Plan.

Natural Areas Inventory Update, Montgomery County PA, 2008

This report inventories important core habitat areas that should be conserved to sustain biodiversity and reduce stress upon threatened species that require more sensitive environments. Three conservation landscapes are identified with the Township: 1. Stone Hill; 2. Swamp Creek, and 3. Upper Schuylkill River. These landscapes are described in further detail later in this chapter.

Identification of these core habitat areas as they exist within Limerick Township provides insight to areas needing special or enhanced protection.



Return on Environment – The Economic Value of Protected Open Space in Southeastern Pennsylvania, DVRPC, 2011

This study illustrates the estimated economic values and benefits of protected open space throughout the southeastern Pennsylvania region. The report reviews the economic value of preserved open space by measuring the impact in four areas.

1. The effect on residential property values;
2. Environmental value and benefits to natural resources;
3. Value generated through passive and active recreation within preserved open space; and
4. Jobs and revenue created from activity related to preserved open space.

The report concluded that protected and preserved open space added significant value to the region's economy via direct revenue, asset appreciation value, and avoidance cost. Additionally, these impacts reflect the beneficial impact of on resident quality-of-life by supplying basic needs for health and well-being, jobs, local food production, and support of the natural environment.

The consultants used this data to stress the great value of protected and preserved open space to residents.

<https://www.dvrpc.org/reports/11033A.pdf>



Summary of Relevant Township Zoning and SALDO Ordinances

The following is a review of existing Township ordinances that relate to parks, recreation, open space, and natural resource protection.

Conservation Zoning Districts

§184-97: R-1 Residential-Agricultural District

This district intends to protect agriculture use while allowing limited and compatible residential development to encourage retention of natural resources to provide a diverse natural environment. This includes identifying natural resources to provide standards for protection and promote land use for open space purposes.

§184-103: R-2 Low Density District

This zoning district encourages flexible and creative developmental standards to preserve and protect natural resources and open space.

§184-79: Cluster Development Standards

These zoning standards are intended to protect environmentally sensitive areas and provide more usable and suitable open space for recreation opportunities, and provide more creative, flexible. These standards are encouraged in Zoning Districts R-1, R-2, and R-3 Residential Districts.

§184-186: Floodplain Conservation District

This Zoning District Overlay strengthens floodplain regulations along the Schuylkill River.

Open Space Zoning Requirements

§184-82: Open Space

This section describes the set of standards and regulations that apply to permanently preserved open space. Open Space is defined as public or private lands designated for the use and enjoyment of residents or tenants of a development and/or the general public, incorporating natural features, such as woodlands, streams, or meadows and including Township parks, trails, and other recreational facilities. It also provides descriptions for open space categories for designation on development plans.

- Open space designated on development plans shall not be separately sold or further subdivided or developed
- Open Space Categories

1. Active Open Space (OS-1) – open space usable for activities such as sports and sports fields, trails for walking, biking, and exercise, and other open-air activities. This open space is required to be mowed and fully maintained.

2. Passive Open Space (OS-2) – open space usable for activities such as walking and picnicking. These areas are required to be mowed and fully maintained.

3. Untended Open Space (OS-3) – this is open space to be left in a natural state and include woodlands, wetlands, lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, floodplains, and steep slopes. These areas may have trails, but do not require to mowed or maintained.

4. Agriculture Open Space (OS-4) – open space designated for farming and other agricultural purposes. Maintenance of these areas are the responsibility of the landowner and should be in accordance with standardly accepted agricultural practices.

5. Buffering Open Space (OS-5) – open spaces are designated along setbacks or perimeters of a development. They can be left in a natural state or maintained and mowed as designated by the Township.

6. Connecting/Greenway Open Space (OS-6) – open spaces that connect adjacent, abutting, or contiguous open space by means of walking, biking, and/or equestrian trails for access. No motorized vehicles, other than maintenance, are not permitted in these areas.

- Stormwater basins shall not count toward open space requirements unless the basin is an existing natural waterbody such as a stream or pond.

This section also provides a set of guidelines for open space design.

- Open space should be continuous where practicable and interconnect with open space on abutting parcels
- Should be made up of areas not less than 75 feet in width except for trails with right-of-way widths of 25 feet and for individual tot-lots or playgrounds.
- Shall include at least one contiguous area to contain no less than 30% of all required open space that is generally suitable for OS-1 or OS-2 uses.
- Shall not be compromised of more than 50% floodplain and/or steep slopes of 15% or greater.
- Fuel, power, and other utility lines shall not comprise

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more than 40% of the required open space areas and only if the utility companies possessing the legal rights of the easements do not prohibit their use for such purposes.

Protected Areas Zoning Requirements

§89-1: Flood Damage Prevention

This section is intended to promote the general health, welfare, and safety of the community, minimize flood damage, protect water supply and natural drainage, reduce financial burdens associated with areas subject to flooding, and comply with federal and state floodplain management requirements.

Floodplains are identified as any areas as noted by the most recent official Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) as issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The identified floodplain area may be revised or modified by the Board of Supervisors with approval from FEMA.

This regulation also notes that no new construction or developments shall be located within the area of 50 feet landward from the top-of-bank of any watercourse unless a permit is obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection Regional Office.

§184-81: Protected Areas

This section provides the set of standards for protection of natural resources on site.

Floodplains – all such lands shall remain as permanent green areas and are further regulated by the Limerick Township’s Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

Floodplain soils – where a floodplain boundary has not been designated, floodplain soils shall remain as permanent green areas.

Woodlands – no more than 50% of any woodland may be cleared or developed.

Lakes, ponds, wetlands, and watercourses – shall be left as permanent open areas. No development, filling, piping, or diverting of such areas shall be permitted except for required roads. The shorelines to a distance of 100 feet shall contain no more than 10% impervious coverage with the remaining area to remain as permanent green area. Note: Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance states that no new construction or development shall be located in the area of 50 feet landward from the top-of-bank of any watercourse.

Topsoil – permanent removal of topsoil is prohibited except if it is considered excess after meeting development requirements.

Steep Slope – steep slopes are defined as any slope over 15% and are further divided into slopes of 15% but less than 25% and slopes of 25% and are regulated under the Steep Slopes Conservation Overlay District.

Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO)

§155-20: Dedication of land for park, recreation, and open space uses

This section describes requirements for land to be set aside for park, recreation, and open space purposes under the provisions and criteria stated in Zoning ordinance §184-82.

Amount of land to be dedicated:

- Single-family detached: 4,000 sq/ft per unit
- Two-family and single-family attached: 3,000 sq/ft per unit
- Multifamily units: 2,000 sq/ft per unit
- Nonresidential: 1% of gross acreage.

As an alternative to dedication of park or recreational land, an applicant may pay a fee in lieu of to an amount established by resolution of the Board of Supervisors based on estimated market value of land meeting standards as noted under provisions and criteria stated in Zoning ordinance §184-82. The applicant may also construct recreational facilities on existing or proposed park land that is readily accessible to residents or provide private reservation of land.

§155-29: Identified floodplain area and natural watercourses

This section confirms regulations as described in the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and adds regulations to waterways that are not identified in the previous ordinance.

All continuously flowing watercourses shall be maintained in their natural state, except for removal of debris and correction of severe erosion

Intermittent watercourses are significant headwaters and developers are encouraged to design and build around these drainageways. Existing alignments should be maintained except for providing erosion- preventative improvements.

Official Map

Limerick Township has an Official Map which is a combined map and ordinance. The Official Map can be an important tool for implementing the goals and community vision as described in a Comprehensive Plan and in this Comprehensive Open Space Plan. Official Maps indicate the locations of planned future open space, public lands, and trails (as well as roads, schools, and stormwater management facilities) and expresses the municipality's interest in possibly acquiring this land in the future. The Official Map allows the Township to focus resources and is an important negotiation tool to ensure that future development is compatible and supportive of goals of the community.

The provisions of the Official Map are triggered when a property owner or developer notifies the municipality (typically through the submission of a subdivision or land development application) of their intention develop or subdivide land. The Township then has up to one year to act in some manner. This could include negotiation or acquisition of the land or a portion of the land for the use indicated on the Official Map. The municipality can also decide to take no action.

In the recent past, Limerick Township has used the Official Map as a catalyst to develop three public trails at no cost to the Township residents.

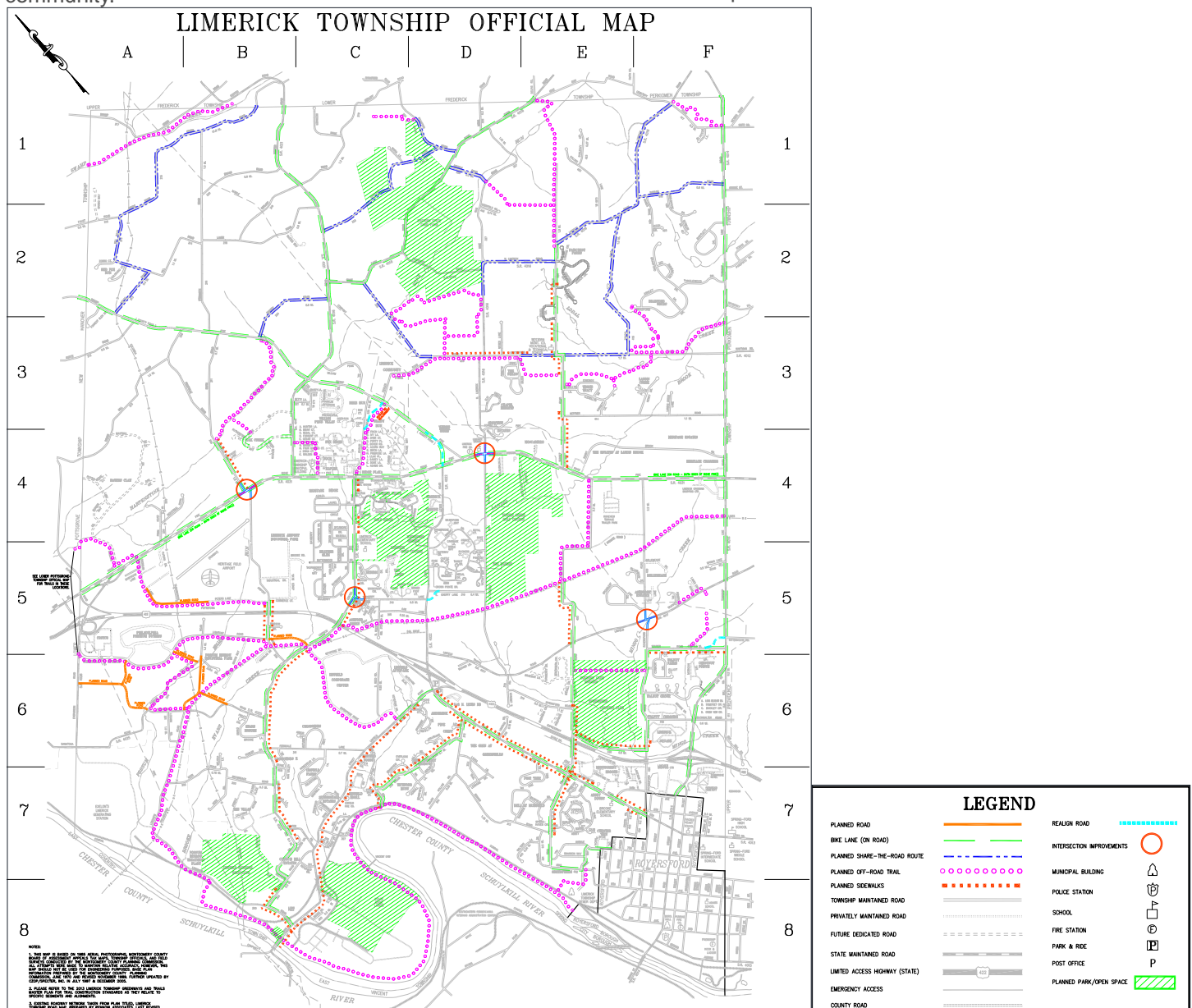
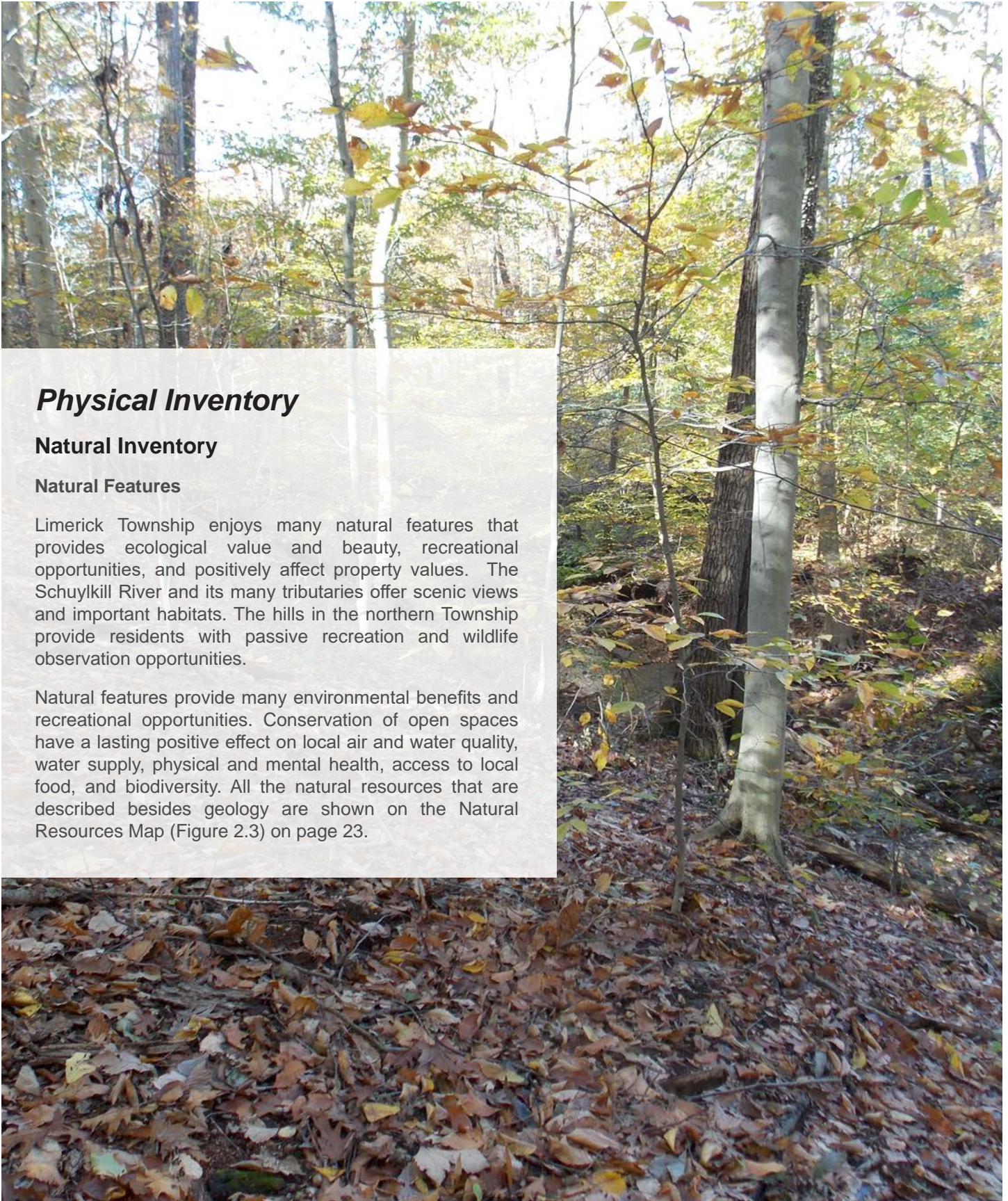


Figure 2.1 - Current Limerick Township Official Map. Last revised 08/13/2013.



Physical Inventory

Natural Inventory

Natural Features

Limerick Township enjoys many natural features that provides ecological value and beauty, recreational opportunities, and positively affect property values. The Schuylkill River and its many tributaries offer scenic views and important habitats. The hills in the northern Township provide residents with passive recreation and wildlife observation opportunities.

Natural features provide many environmental benefits and recreational opportunities. Conservation of open spaces have a lasting positive effect on local air and water quality, water supply, physical and mental health, access to local food, and biodiversity. All the natural resources that are described besides geology are shown on the Natural Resources Map (Figure 2.3) on page 23.



Woodland/Tree Canopy

Woodlands are important to many species of birds and other wildlife. Woodland tree canopies also mitigate many environmental stressors through reduction of stormwater runoff, erosion control, filtering ground water, purifying air, stabilizing steep banks, and moderating heat gain through shading and functioning as windbreaks.

Woodlands are perhaps the most significant natural feature of Limerick Township due to their distribution and their association with other important natural features such as stream valleys, steep slopes, and the Schuylkill River. Woodlands have immeasurable scenic and wildlife values, especially when they are connected over a large area. Large woodland areas lie within the Swamp Creek and Stone Hill area in the northern part of the Township. Maintaining as much intact woodlands as possible is essential to providing important interior habitats for many species. When woodlands become fragmented, it creates more edge community areas that increase the occurrence of invasive species and allows other disturbances to intrude on interior habitats. Smaller tracts of woodlands can be found scattered throughout the Township and along the Schuylkill River.

Geology

Limerick Township is underlain by three geologic formations each with distinct characteristics. The Geology Map (Figure 2.2) shows the geographic extent of the formations as mapped by the Pennsylvania Geologic Survey.

Over ninety percent of the Township is underlain by the Brunswick Formation, described as reddish-brown shale and sandstone. Faults and fractures in the shale and sandstone beds serve as groundwater storage areas, as the numerous spaces between the broken and crushed rock permit far more storage capacity than the narrow seams between beds of denser rock formations. Generally, the Brunswick Formation is a moderately productive source of groundwater.

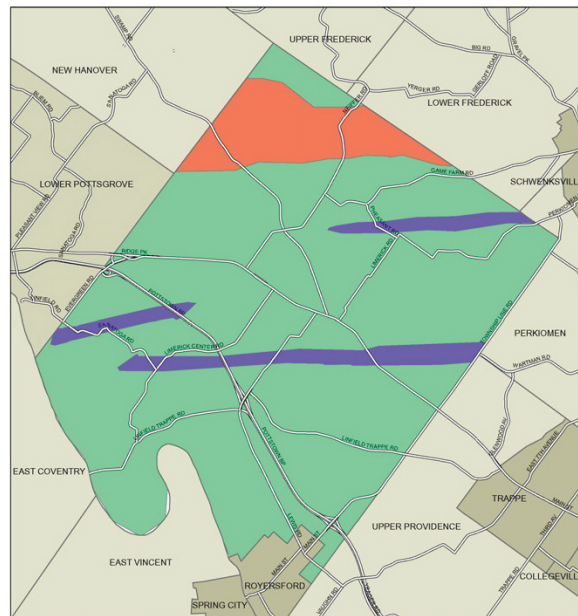
Interbedded with the Brunswick formation and running east to west through the Township are two beds of the Locketong Formation. The two parallel, 500-foot-wide bands of the formation are offset by a fault beneath Brooke Evans Creek. The Locketong Formation is a very dense shale and mudstone called argillite.

Diabase, a medium to coarse grained igneous rock, underlies the ridges and higher elevations of the northern corner of the Township. This rock is very hard, resists fracturing, and it frequently supports a thin soil layer, making excavation difficult for the construction of buildings, roads, and underground infrastructure.

Topography

The Natural Resources map (pg.23) shows the steep slopes in Limerick Township. The slope categories are shown as 15-25% and 25%+ and shows that Limerick’s topography is relatively level with some gently rolling hills. It is estimated that approximately 80 percent of the Township has slopes under five percent. Approximately five to ten percent of the Township has slopes of five to 15 percent, and less than five percent has slopes exceeding 15 percent. Slopes in the 15 to 25 percent category are associated almost exclusively with Limerick’s streams and rivers. Most of the sloping land overlooking the Schuylkill is steeper than 25 percent. Other areas with steep slopes can be found on the hillsides of the diabase ridges in the northern corner of the Township within the Sunrise Mill County Park along Swamp Creek.

Slopes greater than 25 percent cover only a small portion of the Township. However, their significance as both a scenic resource and as a fragile environmental resource cannot be understated. Steep slopes are vulnerable to erosion when their vegetative cover is compromised or removed. Grading, construction, and even ordinary cultivation can cause massive soil losses in a single heavy rainfall. The accelerated erosion caused by human activities can cause damage to adjoining sites, but it is particularly damaging to water quality and a stream’s ability to carry additional water during storm events. Zoning Ordinance §184-81 regulates the disturbance of steep slopes in the Township.



Surface Geology

- Brunswick Fm
- Locketong Fm
- Diabase

Figure 2.2 - Geology Map

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Schuylkill River from Trinley Park.

Hydrology

The hydrologic cycle is a dynamic system that involves the constant movement water through rainfall, surface water, groundwater, and evaporation and evapo-transpiration. When one part of the system is impacted, other parts of the system feel effects. For example, when an area is paved, this will reduce infiltration and evaporation, while increasing runoff. Protecting important hydrologic features will help mitigate damages caused by extreme weather events while providing important ecological benefits.

Streams and Rivers – Streams, rivers, and waterways play important historic, recreational, and environmental roles with people who live in the region. All the streams in Limerick Township are part of the Schuylkill Watershed, with approximately 2/3 of the Township streams flowing directly into the River. The other 1/3 flows into the Perkiomen Creek before it joins the Schuylkill. The Schuylkill River, a Pennsylvania Scenic

River, is the most significant water resource in Limerick that forms a 5.5-mile southwestern boundary between Limerick Township and Chester County. Agriculture and industry withdraw water from the river for irrigation and processing. The Limerick Generating Station depends on water from the Schuylkill River, as well as the Delaware River, for cooling related to electric generation.

The southern and western areas of the Township drain directly into the Schuylkill River by way of the Hartenstine Creek, Possum Hollow Run, Brooke Evans Creek, Mingo Run and other smaller unnamed tributaries. The northern and eastern areas of Limerick drains into the Perkiomen Creek by way of Swamp Creek, Mine Run, Landis Creek and Lodal Creek. The Perkiomen Creek meets the Schuylkill River just above Valley Forge National Historic Park. These small watersheds are shown on the Natural Resources map (pg. 23). These streams begin as small, low volume headwaters that are fed usually from springs and seeps.

As part of protection of these valuable resources, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) created water quality standards and designate PA streams as: Exceptional Value (EV); High Quality (HQ); Cold Water Fishes (CWF); Trout Stocking Fishes (TSF); and Warm Water Fishes (WWF). Additionally, as part of the Federal Clean Waters Act, the DEP is required to assess the water quality of all streams within Pennsylvania for uses for Fish Consumption, Aquatic Life, Recreational Use or Water Supply and Navigation. Any stream that does not meet the water quality standards necessary to protect them from their designated use are classified as “impaired.” More information can be found at <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/WaterQuality/IntegratedWatersReport/Pages/2020-Integrated-Water-Quality-Report.aspx>.

DEP has classified all the streams that flow directly to the Schuylkill River as (WWF), meaning these waters are maintained for propagation of fish, flora, and fauna that are indigenous to warm water habitats. The streams that flow into the Perkiomen Creek are considered as Trout Stocking Fish (TSF) and are maintained for stocked trout between February 15 to July 31, and are also maintained for propagation of fish, flora, and fauna that are indigenous to warm water habitats. None of the streams within Limerick Township are classified as impaired at this time.

Ponds – Small ponds, shown on the Hydrology map, have been built throughout Limerick Township. Most are less than two acres in size, and serve multiple functions including fish and waterfowl habitat, water sources for livestock and agricultural irrigation, fire protection, and active and passive recreation. Most ponds are privately owned and were constructed to originally serve agricultural



and fire protection purposes. As agriculture becomes less dependent on livestock production, these ponds will become less utilitarian and more suited to wildlife habitat and for recreation.

Floodplains – Floodplains are low lying areas next to streams, rivers, or waterways that are subject to periodical complete or partial flooding during rain events. Floodplains are meant to flood as part of the hydrologic cycle. The boundaries of floodplains are typically irregularly shaped and often meander through communities. Flooding of undeveloped areas is normally not dangerous. However, when development areas are in or border floodplains, there can be a serious risk of property damage and possible loss of life. When these areas are naturally vegetated, it can help trap and reduce the amount of suspended sediment from stormwater runoff that would otherwise reduce water quality and impair aquatic habitat. Having a healthy floodplain will also create better downstream conditions while storing large amounts of water that helps replenish aquifers. Regulations protect these important areas and assist with protecting people from property damage and prevention of loss of life.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) produces flood zone maps to identify floodways, 100-year flood zones and 500-year flood zones. These areas are identified on the Hydrology Map. 100-year floods do not mean that a rain event will cause flooding that will only happen every 100 years, but rather there is a one percent chance that a certain amount of rain will fall in a particular location over a set amount of time in a given year. A 500-year flood has a .2% chance of happening within any given year. The 100-year and 500-year floodplain is a regulatory line, derived by government definition, and is not readily apparent on the ground. It forms the basis for federal flood insurance programs and the Township's Floodplain ordinance. The floodplains of smaller streams and creeks can average a few hundred feet in width. Almost all lengths of perennial streams in Limerick are bordered by floodplains, the areas that are subject to overflow during storms or rapid snow melt.

Wetlands – Wetlands are regulated areas where water covers the soil or is present either at or near the soil at a frequency and duration sufficient enough to support vegetation typically adapted for living in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands typically include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas. Wetlands provide higher natural system service benefits on a per acre basis than any other land cover. They are one of the most biologically diverse ecosystems in the world and provide for many important environmental functions. Some wetlands that are considered seasonal such as vernal pools provide needed habitat for many varieties of plants and animals. They are also an important water recharge and filtration area for groundwater

and surface water. As a whole, Pennsylvania has lost more than half of its natural wetlands and even when wetlands are created by man, they rarely match the full ecological benefits provided from natural wetlands.

Wetlands identified on the National Wetlands Inventory are shown on the Natural Resource Map (figure xx). They are located mostly in the floodplains of streams or in drainage swales throughout the Township. The largest wetlands, located in the Schuylkill River floodplain, covers approximately ten acres. Other large wetlands of nearly five acres are scattered throughout the Township. The floodplain of Swamp Creek, the upper reaches of the Possum Hollow Run watershed, and the floodplain of Landis Creek is characterized by numerous, largely wooded, wetland areas. A unique, wooded, four-acre wetland is located at the upper elevation of a drainage divide west of Fruitville Road and Swamp Pike.

Soils

Three important soil types are identified in this plan. Hydric soils are identified in the Natural Resources map (pg. 23). Prime farmland soils and soils of Statewide importance are shown on the Existing Agriculture map (pg. 24).

Hydric soils are soils that are formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic (absence of oxygen) conditions within the upper part. These soils support or are capable of supporting wetland ecosystems. These soils are typically found along headwater areas, waterways, and along wetlands. They are also found in the diabase



Swamp Creek area.

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hills of the north, where the high-water table prevents the percolation of water.

Prime farmland soils are defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, forage, fiber, and oilseed crops. Since the supply of high-quality farmland is limited, it is important that communities recognize where these soils lie and promote preservation of these soils and sustainable agricultural practices.

Soils of Statewide importance are farmland soils that do not meet the criteria for prime farmland soils. The criteria for defining and delineating these soils are determined by State agencies. Generally, these soils include soils that nearly meet the requirements of prime farmland and produce high yields of crops when managed according to acceptable farming methods.

Prime farmland soils and soils of statewide importance is located throughout the rolling hills and flat areas of the Township. While these soils are advantageous to farming, they are also desirable for residential and other development as they are typically flat and easy to manipulate.



Natural Heritage Areas

Limerick Township has many natural areas that have been identified as important areas for preservation due to having or potentially having threatened or endangered plants and/or animals, rare and high-quality natural habitats, or outstanding geological features. These areas have been identified in the Montgomery County Natural Areas Update – Conservation Landscape Report. The report provides scientific information and supporting data related to conservation of important ecological resources. This information can be used as a guide for land use planning to ensure the conservation of areas identified within the report.

There are three district conservation landscapes identified within the municipal boundary of Limerick. These are the Stone Hill Conservation Landscape, the Swamp Creek Conservation Landscape, and the Upper Schuylkill River Conservation Landscape.

The Swamp Creek Conservation Landscape is located in the northern corner of the Township but is part of a larger area that extends from Douglas Township to Lower Frederick Township and contains stream, floodplain, and upland native habitat. Sunrise Mill County Park lies within this area, as well as an approximate 8.5 acres owned by Limerick Township adjacent to the western end of the County Park.

The Stone Hill Conservation Landscape stretches from the Montgomery County border, south of Gilbertsville, to Delphi in Lower Frederick Township. It borders the south side of the Swamp Creek Conservation Landscape and is composed of mostly underlain diabase geology, which is also the reason for its extensive forest cover. Both the Stone Hill Wildlife Preserve and the Stone Hill Greenway Trail that connects to the Meng Wildlife Preserve lie within this Conservation Landscape. The northern half of the State Game Lands in this area lies within this conservation zone.

The Upper Schuylkill River Conservation Landscape lies along the Schuylkill River, extending from Berks County to Royersford. A large part of this Conservation Landscape lies in the Linfield area where the Publicker site and State Game Lands are located.

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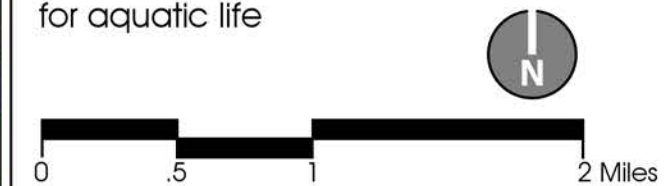
Comprehensive Open Space Plan

Natural Resources

LEGEND

- Wooded Areas
- Streams/Rivers
- Waterbodies
- Wetlands
- Hydric Soils
- Slopes
 - 15-25%
 - 25%+
- Watersheds
 - To Schuylkill River
 - To Perkiomen Creek
- Flood Zones
 - 100 Yr
 - 500 Yr
- Natural Heritage Inventory Areas
 - Upper Schuylkill River Conservation
 - Swamp Creek Conservation
 - Stone Hill Conservation
- Township Boundary
- Parcels
- Roads

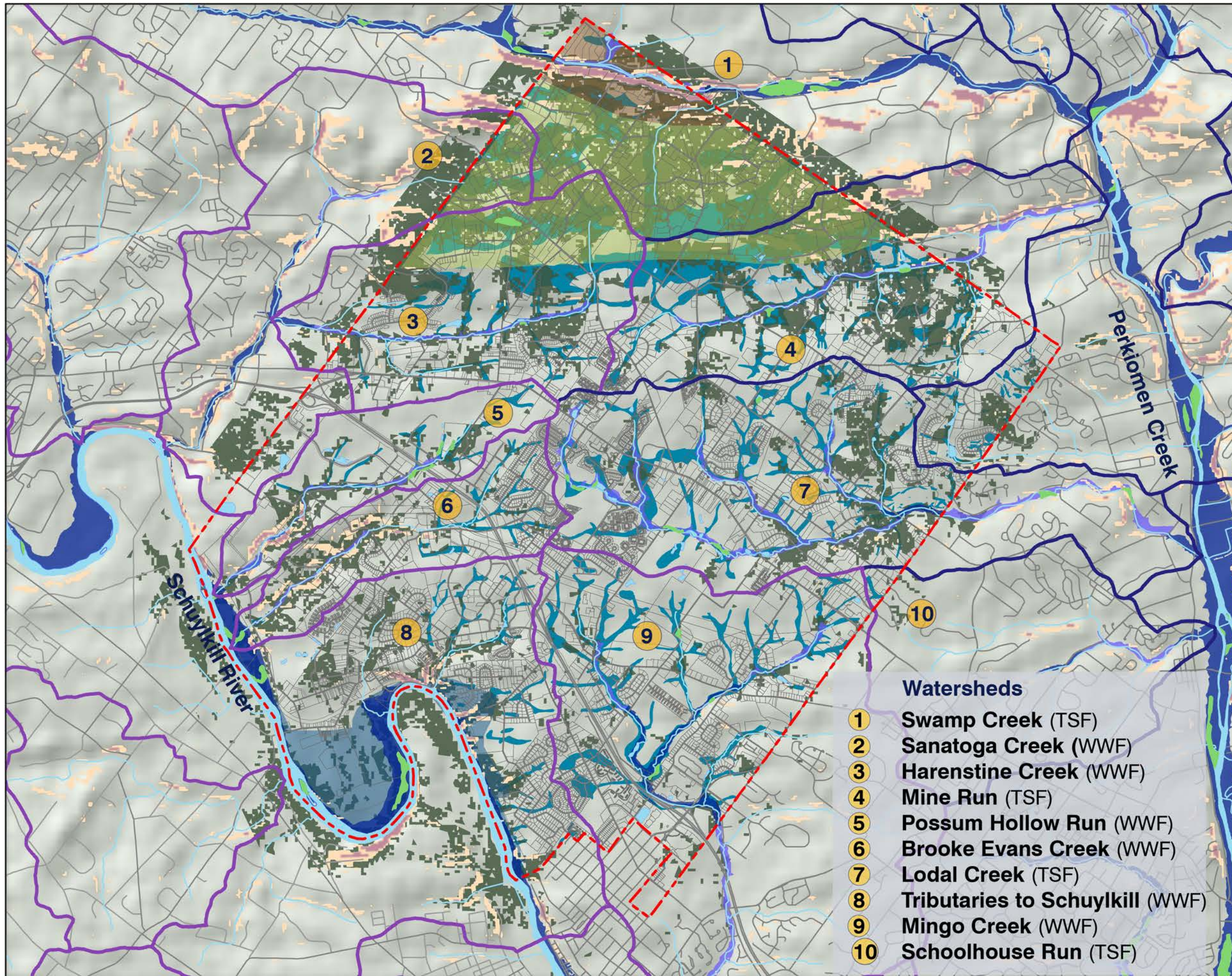
Stream Classification:
WWF - Warm Water Fish
TSF - Trout Stocked Fish
NOTE: All streams within Limerick Twp border are assessed by PADEP as positive for aquatic life



Data Sources: Limerick Township datasets, Montgomery County GIS, PASDA, PennDot, and DVRPC

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Watersheds

- 1 Swamp Creek (TSF)
- 2 Sanatoga Creek (WWF)
- 3 Harenstine Creek (WWF)
- 4 Mine Run (TSF)
- 5 Possum Hollow Run (WWF)
- 6 Brooke Evans Creek (WWF)
- 7 Lodal Creek (TSF)
- 8 Tributaries to Schuylkill (WWF)
- 9 Mingo Creek (WWF)
- 10 Schoolhouse Run (TSF)

Figure 2.3 - Natural Resources Map

Limerick Township

Comprehensive Open Space Plan

Existing Agriculture

LEGEND

- Agriculture Land Use
 - Montgomery County Preserved Farmland (Permanent)
 - Agriculture Security Area (ASA) with Act 319 Farmland (Temporary)
 - Agriculture Security Areas (ASA) Farmland (Temporary)
 - State Game Land
 - Prime Agriculture soil
 - Statewide Importance Agriculture Soil
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- ⊘ Airport
 - ⊘ Exelon
 - Township Boundary
 - Parcel
 - Water Body
 - Stream
 - Roads

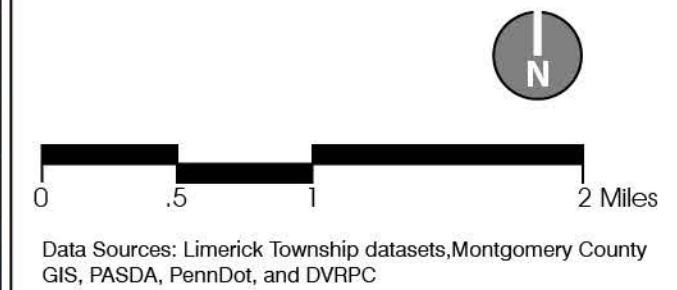
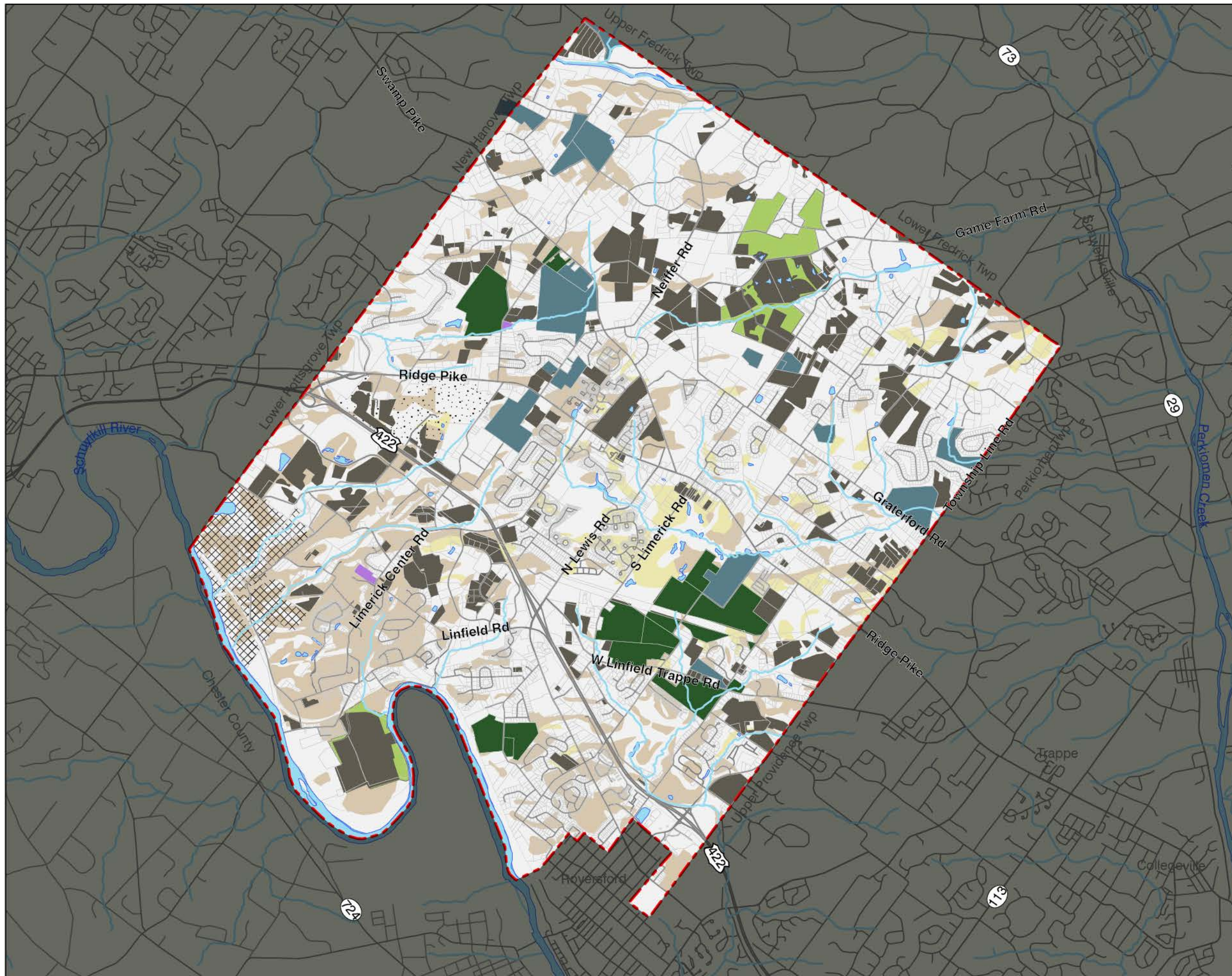


Figure 2.4 - Agriculture Land Use and Agricultural Soils Map

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Manmade Inventory

Agricultural Lands

Agriculture has been extremely important to the history of Limerick and played an important part role in the Township's growth and transition to a primarily suburban residential community. It is important to understand that although agriculture provides many benefits associated with open space, it is an industry. When farmland is protected, it will often complement adjacent open spaces with open pastoral views. The Township formerly had an Agricultural Security Board, but it is currently not active. This committee was charged with reviewing applications from landowners wishing to include their lands within the Agriculture Security Area, retaining farmland and farming activities, education, and encouraging purchase of farmland by owner-operated farmers.

Agriculture Security Areas (ASA) are intended to promote farming operations by strengthening the farming community's security in land use for farming. ASA parcels are created by local municipalities in cooperation with individual landowners who agree to collectively place at least 250 acres in an ASA. The benefits for farmers in an ASA are freedom from nuisance ordinances that would restrict normal farming operations, limitations on land being condemned for governmental projects, and eligibility to apply for agricultural conservation easements. Being in an ASA does not restrict landowners ability to use the property for non-agricultural development purposes. Currently, Limerick's ASA areas consist of 347.7 acres. Additionally,

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all but one ASA property owner has included their land as part of Act 319-Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment that provides preferential land assessment if the property owner agrees to restrictions on developing or subdividing the land. This requires the land to be at least 10 acres and remain as either agricultural use, agricultural reserve, or forest reserve. This too does not provide permanent protection of the land, but any parcel that would sell for development would have to pay the back taxes and interest imposed for up to seven years that was decreased as part of the incentive to keeping the land for agricultural or preservation of large woodland areas.

Agricultural Conservation Easements under the Montgomery County Farmland Preservation Program purchase agricultural easements from productive farms. When the easement is sold, the property owner keeps the land but no longer has the right to build non-agriculture buildings on the preserved parcel. The owner can sell the land, but the land will remain in farming in perpetuity, and the new owner must continue to farm the land. To qualify for this program, Montgomery County has criteria that has to be met and can be found on their website <https://www.montcopa.org/690/Farmland-Preservation-Program>. Currently, there is 562.2 acres that is permanently preserved farmland in the Township with a large concentration of this land lying between Ridge Pike and W. Linfield – Trappe Rd. When preserved farmland is clustered, it can provide



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environmental benefits such as keeping significant tracts of contiguous high-value prime agricultural soils intact and providing protection to the lands distinct natural advantage.

Currently, residents of the Township do not have access to locally produced food by means of a farmer's market. The closest farmer's market is in Pottstown and the closest farm stand is Fran and Ann's Produce Stand off of Wartman Rd.

Historical and Cultural Resources

Historical assets contribute to cultural landscapes that reflect lifestyles, cultures, and industries that helped shape the character of a region. Locations of these spaces are identified on the Existing Open Space Map (pg. 27).

Currently there are only two sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places: William and Mordecai Evans House, 1206 Main Street Linfield and Isaac Hunsberger House on 545 West Ridge Pike. The Isaac Hunsberger House is the home to the Limerick Township Historical Society. There are currently five places that are eligible to be registered, and over 50 sites that are undetermined. Information of the sites can be located through the PHMC website: <https://gis.penndot.gov/CRGIS/main.htm>

Many of the sites listed reside in Linfield and along Ridge Pike, with others scattered around the Township. The last recorded historic site survey was completed and documented in the 1985 Montgomery Historic Site Survey. In the 35 years since, there has not been an update to the information gathered in 1985 and could result in sites that may have been removed to make room for development or modifications that would lose the historic nature of the site. Some other spaces that do have historical value was not listed in the information provided by the Township.

Existing Preserved Open Space

Permanently preserved land refers to properties that are set aside in perpetuity for open space by legal guarantee. There is currently approximately 2,505 acres of permanently preserved lands in Limerick Township. Permanently preserved lands are preserved in different ways as described below. Total preserved open space makes up just over 17.2% of lands within the Township.

Township owned Open Space – There is an assortment of open space sites that the Township owns that preserve environmental features, area used for active and passive recreation, or are located within residential subdivisions. The Limerick Community Park and Linfield Sports Park are two examples of active recreation facilities, while Trinley Park, Kurylo Preserve, and Schuylkill River Park provide for passive recreational activities. Abbey Downs and Chapel

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Comprehensive Open Space Plan

Existing Open Space

LEGEND

- Township Active Open Space
- Township Passive Open Space
- Potential Open Space as Identified on Township's Official Map
- Privately Owned Recreation Sites
- Permanent Protective Covenants
- Public School Lands
- Home Owner Association Lands
- Conservancy Easement Land
- County Park Land
- State Game Land
- Federal Land
- Montgomery County Preserved Farmland (Permanent)
- ASA / Act 319 Protected Farmland (Temporary)
- Agriculture Security Areas (ASA) Farmland (Temporary)
- Historical locations
- National Historic Register
- Airport
- Exelon
- Township Boundary
- Municipal Boundary
- Parcel
- Waterbody
- Stream/River
- Road



Data Sources: Limerick Township datasets, Montgomery County GIS, PASDA, PennDot, and DVRPC

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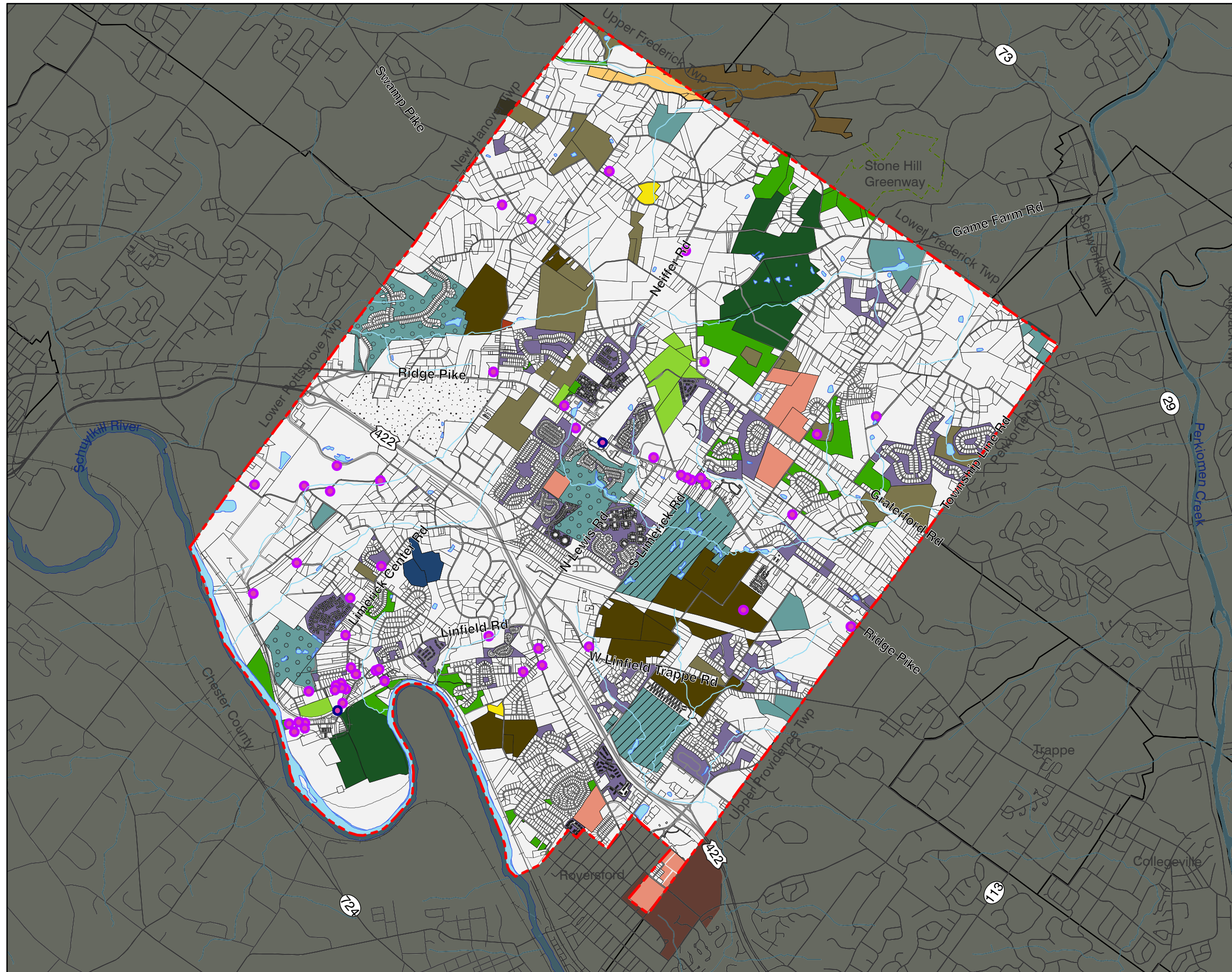


Figure 2.5 - Existing Open Space Map

Limerick Township

Comprehensive Open Space Plan

Permanent Open Space

LEGEND

- Township Active Open Space
- Township Passive Open Space
- Permanent Protective Covenants
- Public School Lands
- Home Owner Association Lands
- Conservation Easement
- County Park Land
- State Game Land
- Montgomery County Preserved Farmland (Permanent)

- Airport
- Exelon (Limerick Generation Station)
- Township Boundary
- Municipal Boundary
- Parcel
- Waterbody
- Stream/River
- Road



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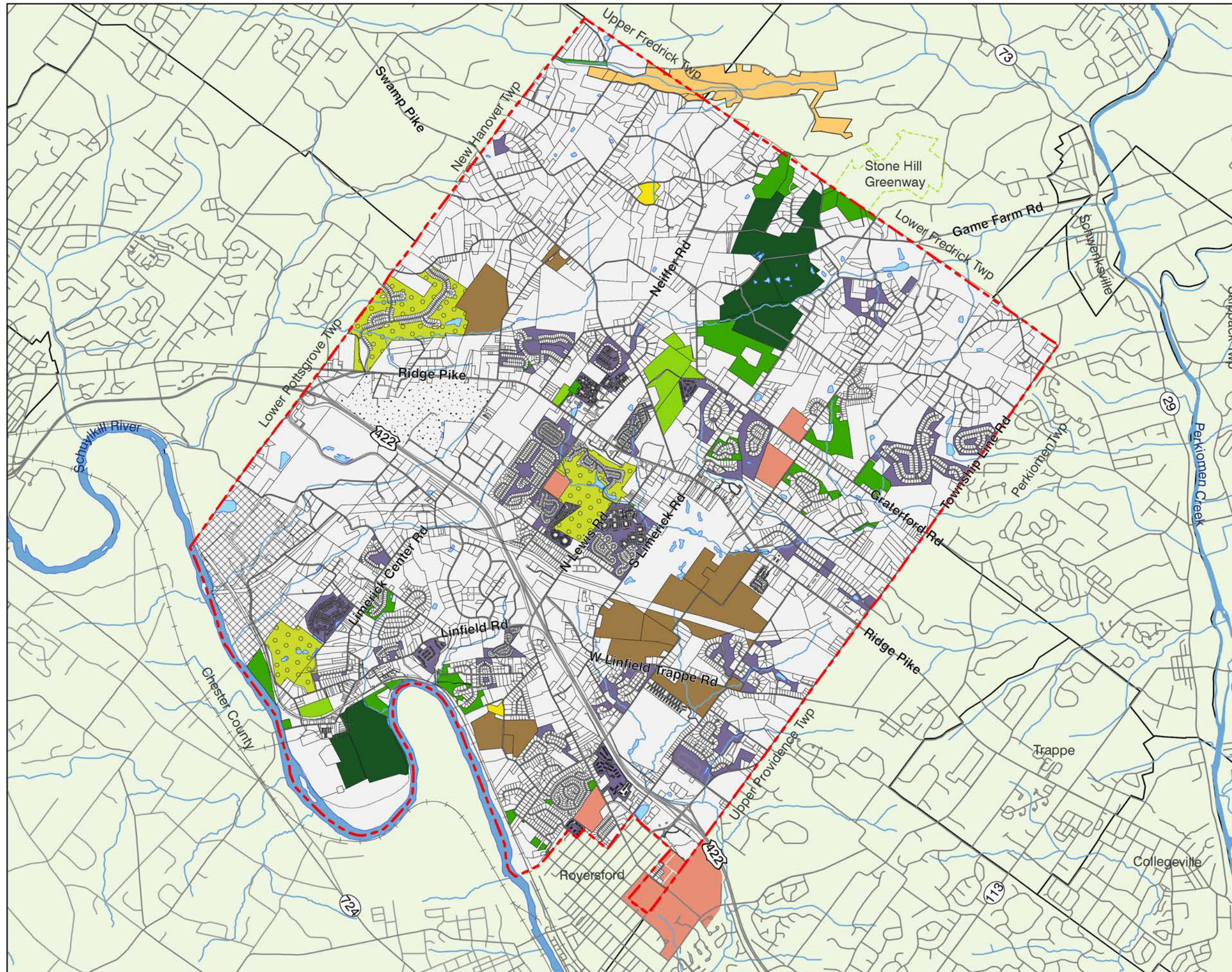


Figure 2.6 - Permanent Open Space Map



Heights are open space areas dedicated to Limerick Township through the land development process.

Altogether, these preserved Township open spaces account for 465 acres of the permanently preserved open space, which accounts for 3.2% of preserved open space within the Township.

Montgomery County owned – 19.69 acres of Sunrise Mill County Park lie within the Township and makes up less than .01% of permanently preserved open space.

Conservation land – Natural Lands (a land conservancy) owns the Stone Hills Preserve which is part of one of the largest contiguous woodlands in the county. One other property has a conservation easement on it and is believed to be done through the Township. These properties add up to about 18.6 acres and about less than .01% of preserved open space in the Township.

Preserved Farmland – There are currently 9 parcels of farmland that are permanently preserved through the Montgomery County Farmland Preservation program. These lands provide 562.2 acres or 3.9% of the preserved open space in the Township. The last farm to be preserved in the Township was in 2014.

Home-Owners Association (HOA) Lands – HOA preserved lands account for most of the preserved open space in the Township with 577.57 acres which accounts for 3.9% of the permanently preserved open space. Most of these HOA are not open to the general public but provide open space for each community's residents.

State Game Lands – There are two large areas of state game lands in the Township. The northern state game lands are 328.1 acres and the game lands in Linfield are 157 acres. At 485.1 acres, they make up 3.3% of the preserved lands.

The Game Lands are two separate parcels - One parcel was the former Eastern Game Farm and the other was the former Pennhurst State School.

Topography varies from rolling hills to flat floodplain. The highest elevation of about 500 feet. The lowest elevation of 150 feet is found along the Schuylkill River.

Pennhurst Road provides access to these parcels and a parking area is located at the end of the road. A network of gravel roads provides foot access. These roads are gated and used for administrative purposes.

Parcel 1 was purchased as numerous pieces throughout 1929. At the time it was not given an SGL identification number, but was known as the Eastern Game Farm. Although a small portion in the northern part of the property was open to hunting, most of the area was used as a pheasant rearing facility. Pheasants were raised until 1996, and most of the buildings were removed in 1997-1998. As a result, the entire property is now open to public hunting, and is part of SGL 234.

Parcel 2 became SGL 234 when it was purchased from the Department of Public Welfare in 1960. It was an active farm run as part of the Pennhurst State School. Attendees of the school raised vegetables as part of their curriculum. After purchase, the open ground was arranged in fields 100 feet wide separated by hedgerows 40 feet in width. The hedgerows were created by planting honeysuckle, coralberry, and multiflora rose. The forest stand that was once a railroad is about 20 years old.

Permanent Protective Covenants – Three golf courses in the Township are protected by conservation easements through the Township, also known as covenants. Linfield National Golf Course, Limerick Golf Course, and Raven Claw Golf Course add an additional 376.72 acres of preserved open space and accounts for 2.6% of the permanently preserved open space in the Township.

Temporary Open Space – In addition to the 2,505 acres of permanently preserved open space, an additional 901.6 acres of open space that is temporarily preserved and could be developed for other uses. Most of these lands are used as private recreation such as the YMCA, Springford Country Club, Kamp Kweebec, and the Limerick Bowmen Association. Private recreation lands accounts for 526.8 acres of open space.

Another temporary open space designation is Agriculture Security Areas (ASA) previously described in the agriculture section of this chapter. There is currently 374.46 acres of ASA land in the Township. Some of the ASA land has further restrictions as part of Act 319. This act is a Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment act that provides preferential assessment by reducing the tax assessment on the land value of property. In exchange for the reduced land assessment, the property owner agrees to restrictions on developing or dividing land.

These temporary open spaces make up 6.1% of the lands in the Township. When added to the permanently preserved open space, the current open space within the Township equals 23.3%.





CHAPTER 3

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Community Benchmarking

Community benchmarking was completed as a means of evaluating the amount of Limerick Township open space. Agricultural land was not included in this benchmarking because these lands are typically not open to the general public. There are no standards to what amount of open space is right for a community, but this benchmarking allows the residents to see how Limerick Township compares to other Townships of similar size and with a population similar to Limerick's 2040 projections. The ultimate decision as to how much open space is right for the Township should be decided by its residents.

Without including agricultural lands, the amount of open space within the Township is 1,942.75 acres and equals 13.3% of the land. The following graph below shows a list of municipalities chosen to compare with Limerick Township.

Open Space Recommendations

Ordinances

The Township has done a great job in creating or strengthening ordinances to protect natural resources as recommended in the 2006 Open Space Plan and the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. Some of the recommendations that have not yet been completed are included in other recommendations of this plan.

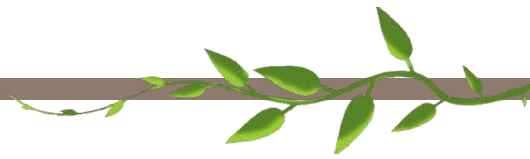
The Township should consider adding a Scenic Roads Ordinance. Pennsylvania House Bill 1209 Scenic Roads Conservation Act was enacted to protect and conserve roads as a natural resource and allow for ordinances that protect the scenic qualities along the roadway. A scenic road must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Have outstanding natural features along its borders such as rugged terrain, native vegetation, or scenic vistas;
- Provide travelers with opportunities for unique and natural visual experiences;
- Have historic or cultural significance;
- Be contained within a scenic river corridor; or
- Have other features of considerable local importance.

Roads within the Township that should be considered for Scenic Road designation are Grebe Road, Gerloff Road, and Longview Road.

The Township should review the Open Space Categories definitions within Ordinance §184-82 for allowed uses to assure that uses such as farming is not excluded from possible uses within Passive or Active open spaces. Untended Open Space maintenance requirements should be reviewed. A management plan should be provided to preserve the natural resources that is meant to be protected from the development.

Community Benchmarking				
Municipality	Population	Size (sq/mi)	Open Space (Acres)	% of Land
Upper Macungie Twp. Lehigh County	23,460	26.24	959	5.7%
Horsham Twp., Montgomery County	26,534	17.3	814	7.4%
Medford Twp., Burlington County, NJ	23,355	40	2,059	8.0%
Warrington Twp., Bucks County	23,920	13.79	700	7.9%
Limerick Twp. Montgomery County	23,653 (2040)	22.77	1,942.75	13.3%



Proposed ASA Lands
The parcels outlined in orange should be considered a priority for the Township to add to their ASA. These lands provide opportunity to increase the size of protected lands in this area of the Township.

Agricultural Lands

Limerick Township recognizes the importance of existing farmlands. Having preserved farmland can provide for local food sources for the residents and provide for food security within the region. Preserved farmland will also prevent the need for additional infrastructure and utility costs to the Township that comes with new developments when unprotected farmland is sold.

Montgomery County’s Farmland Preservation Program requires any farm that wants to be considered for preservation must first part of the local ASA. Any farmland to be considered for the easement purchase program needs to be part of the local ASA with at least 500 acres enrolled. All other requirements can be reviewed through Montgomery County’s website <https://www.montcopa.org/690/Farmland-Preservation-Program>. Limerick Township’s ASA currently consists of 347.7 acres, well below the 500-acre minimum required by the County.

It is recommended that the Agricultural Security Board to become active again and work with the farming community to bring more properties into the ASA. It is important as

farmland is considered for the ASA, these lands should be clustered when possible to provide both economic and environmental benefits such as keeping significant tracts of contiguous high-value agricultural soils intact and providing protection to the land’s distinct natural advantage. This clustered agricultural activity can provide opportunities for economic development to support farming in these areas.

One area that should be considered for addition to the ASA are the parcels along the west side of the State Game Lands in the northern part of the Township. If all the parcels identified in the map below were to be included into the ASA, this would add about 189.5 acres to the ASA. Other lands are also identified in the proposed parcels section of this report as properties to be acquired or added to the ASA (refer to parcels 10,26-28 of the proposed parcels section).

The Township and Agricultural Security Board should take on a larger role to examine opportunities for programs that reach out to local businesses and residents to find ways to support and partner with local farmers to assist in supporting farming in Limerick Township. Programs such as hosting a farmer’s market, farm-to-table restaurants, agri-tourism, or Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

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should be explored. The Township should look to support Montgomery County's Local Food Initiative that aims to improve connections between farmers, small-scale food producers, and local consumer markets. The County has been successful in providing unique programming such as the 2018 AgBrewCulture events that connected local farmers with local breweries and could be a great partner for the Township.

The Township should consider adding opportunities for Agrihood development within its residential zoning ordinances. Agrihoods are a new trend in development where housing is centered around community farming, allowing farm to table living in a cooperative environment.

Historic / Cultural Spaces

Protection of historical assets is essential if the Township wants to preserve the cultural landscape that shaped the character of the region. Cultural landscapes are depictive or indicative of the local historic built environment. Although there is a sense of importance in preserving these structures and landscapes, many remain threatened due to lack of protection or lack of resources to address deferred maintenance. The 2006 Open Space Plan recommended

creating a historic buildings survey and identify methods for conservation and the 2009 Comprehensive Plan recommended encouraging adaptive reuse of historic buildings. These recommendations have not been completed.

The last recorded historic site survey was completed in 1985. It is recommended that the Township work with the Limerick Historical Society to provide an updated list of historical sites in the Township and to keep this information at the Township to be easily accessed. The Township with assistance from the Historical Society should also devise a plan to reach out and assist property owners of historically valuable resources to have their properties evaluated for historical significance. This partnership should also look at programming that can educate the community about the history of the Township. This could include providing interpretive signage, history walks, and historical reenactments.

The Township should require a Cultural Resource Management Plan for subdivision/land development plans that identifies and defines how a historical asset will be preserved and incorporated into any design and layout for the purpose of preservation, protection, and reuse.



Limerick Township

Comprehensive Open Space Plan

Recreation Service Areas and Utilities

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- Township Active Open Space
- Township Passive Open Space
- Permanent Protective Covenants
- Public School Lands
- Conservancy Land
- County Park Land
- State Game Land
- Montgomery County Preserved Farmland (Permanent)
- 3 Mile Recreation Service Area
- 3 Mile Recreation Service Area Outside of Limerick Township
- Utility Lines
- Sewer Service Area
- Off-road Trails (existing and proposed)
- On-road Trails (existing and proposed)

- Airport
- Exelon (Limerick Generation Station)
- Township Boundary
- Municipal Boundary
- Parcel
- Waterbody
- Stream/River
- Road



Data Sources: Limerick Township datasets, Montgomery County GIS, PASDA, PennDot, and DVRPC

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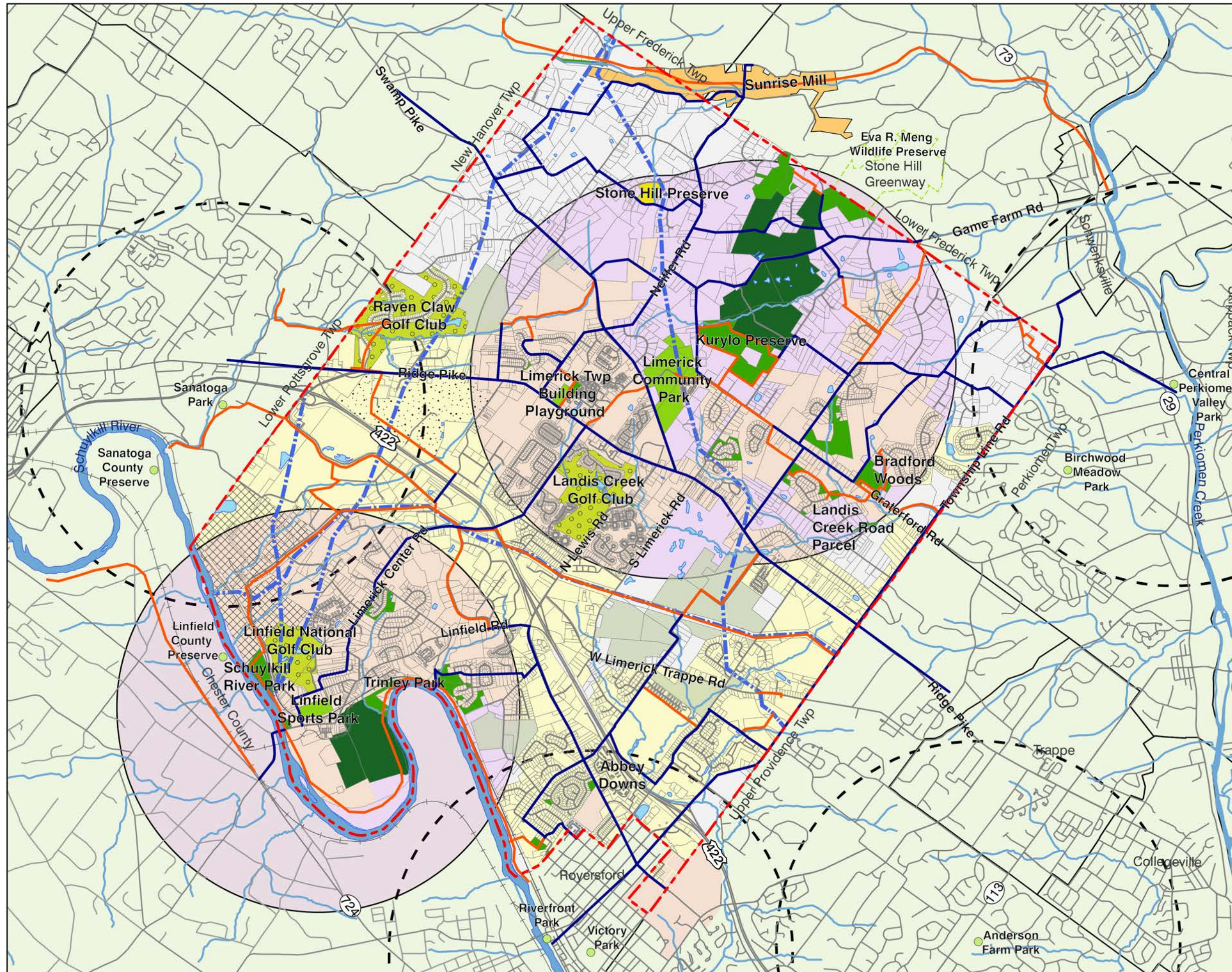


Figure 3.1 - Recreation Service Areas and Utilities Map

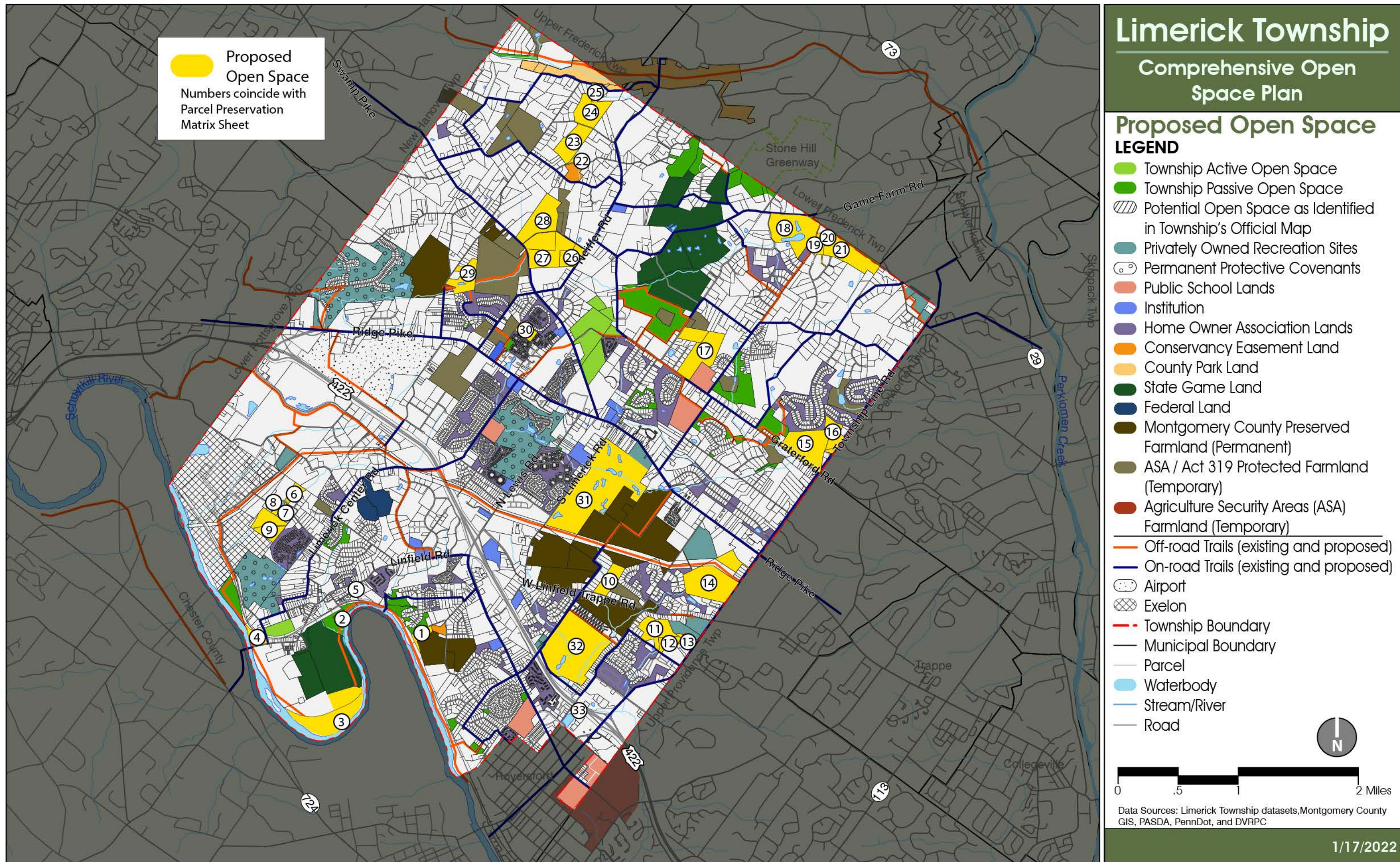


Figure 3.2 - Proposed Open Space Map

Open Space Protection

The primary purpose of the Comprehensive Open Space Plan is the consideration to add to the Township’s inventory of existing open space. Thirty-three parcels were evaluated using sixteen criteria that included parcel size and water, land, and community resources. Two of the parcels evaluated are already designated as potential future open space on the Township’s Official Map. These evaluations serve as a starting point for the Township Board of Supervisors to prioritize which parcels might be considered for future preservation or acquisition.

The parcels noted for consideration as future open space were selected by the consultant in close coordination with Township staff regarding a number of factors including but not limited to: development activity in a particular neighborhood; the site’s natural resources; community resources; and access to the site.

Each parcel that has been evaluated has been given points for each of the sixteen categories that result in a total score. Total points per parcel ranged from 8 to 21. Points assigned to a parcel are relative to the range of attributes. Parcels with higher scores indicate that the parcel contains more concentration of resources than lower scoring parcels and provides an understanding of the factors that can make a parcel valuable for preservation as open space.

However, higher scoring parcels do not necessarily mean that they are the “best” for municipal acquisition and lower scoring parcels should not be excluded from consideration.

For example, an existing Township open space, Kurylo Preserve, when scored according to the evaluation criteria receives an “average” ranking. However, this open space has proven to be a valuable community resource based on its location, connectivity and site characteristics. Additionally there was an owner willing to preserve it. Open space preservation and acquisition is a dynamic, multi-faceted process. To only consider or prioritize parcels that rank “high” will leave out many other parcels that when all dynamic factors are considered may, like the Kurylo Preserve, become a highly valued community open space.

Municipal acquisition of lands for public open space is a complex process with many moving parts. There are a variety of dynamic factors that, in addition to the parcel evaluation criteria, may make one parcel more or less desirable than another. These include:

- A willing owner,
- Nearby development pressures,
- Adjacent land uses, and
- Costs and current economic conditions.

The total number of parcels that were evaluated does not mean that this report recommends preservation of all the parcels evaluated. Conversely, it is assumed that most of these parcels will not and cannot be acquired, simply because of the magnitude of costs. But having more parcels to potentially choose from will hopefully assure that the Township has a good inventory of open space in the future.

It is recommended that all the evaluated parcels be placed on the Official Map as potential open space. The Official Map process does not mandate any action by the Township. However, if a parcel designated on the Official Map as potential open space is planned for development by the submission of a land development or subdivision application, it gives the Township an opportunity to discuss preserving at least part of the parcel as open space, in addition to whatever provisions may exist in the zoning ordinance for open space preservation or providing residents with public trails.

It also should be understood that land acquisition is not the only path for preservation of these open spaces. Some of the parcels could serve as part of the Agricultural ASA which could lead to being preserved through the Montgomery County Farmland Preservation Program. The Township can also work with landowners who are interested in placing land in a conservation easement to restrict any development of the parcel in the future. Land conservancies such as Natural Lands and Heritage Conservancy should be considered important potential partners and can assist in holding workshops to educate landowners who might be interested in this process.

Resource	Conservation Value					Points
	4	3	2	1	0	
Parcel Size		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC	
Water Resources						
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource	
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource	
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	
Land Resources						
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource	
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource	
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	

Figure 3.3 Sample of Preservation matrix sheet. Please refer to the appendix for the full size sheet.

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Parcel Preservation Matrix

Figure 3-3 (pg. 37) shows the parcel preservation matrix that was used to evaluate parcels that are recommended to be added to the Official Map as well as the two existing parcels already on the Official Map. Each Parcel is assigned a number to reference it to the Proposed Open Space Parcel Map (pg 36). The matrix also includes the parcels ID number and address. All evaluations can be found in the appendix of this report. The Matrix can be used by the Township to evaluate additional parcels that are not included in this report and may become available for acquisition from a willing property owner.

The following is a description of the categories within the parcel preservation matrix to provide a better understanding of the factors when considering the points assigned to each criterion.

Parcel Size – More points are given to larger parcels as these parcels can assist in preserving larger core ecosystems and/or provide more area to be used as open space or for recreation.

Water Resources – this category reviews what water resources existing on site and coincides with the Natural Resources Map on page 23. Water quality is important to the community and existing ecosystems. Protection of headwaters is also important to preserving water quality. Headwaters receive points if they are on site or adjacent to the site. Trout stocked streams receive more points to assist in protecting important ecosystems and improving water quality. Existing 100-year floodplains as determined by FEMA delineated floodplain zones are scored by the percentage of the coverage on the site.

Land Resources – Land resources examines information that relates to the topography, woodland coverage, and important agricultural soils. Points are given by the percentage of coverage on the site. Slopes of over 25% are given more points than slopes of 15-25% due to the higher stress from erosion. Prime agricultural soils are given more priority over soils of State Wide Importance due to national recognition. The importance of woodland cover has been described in Chapter 2.

Community Resources – This category examines historic and cultural resources, such as existing and proposed trail alignments, residential development pressure, park service area, existence of historic resources on site, and existing public water/sewer services. Sites that are adjacent to existing permanent preserved properties receive more points since if preserved they would contribute to creating larger contiguous protected lands. Development pressure adds to a parcels points since adjacent open space may be limited. Adjacency to planned or existing trails is given points the parcel might be connected by the trail facility. If

the parcel has historic significance as identified from the Township's inventory, then a point is given. Public park service areas recognize that a parcel may lie within an area that may be important to underserved communities. The 3-mile service area is used for this category. Areas lacking public water and sewer service are given points since preservation would negate the need for extensive infrastructure compared to if the land was developed.

Proposed Parcels

The following is a brief description of the parcels that are included on the Proposed Open Space map (Figure 3.2) on page 36. The numbers coincides with the assigned reference number for the map and for each matrix sheet that can be found in the appendix of this report.

1 - This parcel is 6.58-acres and is bordered by permanently preserved farmland, a parcel with a conservation easement, and Township owned open space. It lies in the Floodplain Conservation District Overlay and the proposed Schuylkill River Trail runs through it. It could also provide another access point to the Schuylkill River.

2 – This is a 6-acre parcel that sits between Trinly Park and Township owned open space. It also lies within the Floodplain Conservation District Overlay and the Upper Schuylkill River Conservation Area. It also gets consideration since the proposed Schuylkill River Trail would run through this property. If this property is acquired by the Township, it would increase the contiguous land to 24-acres and would provide an opportunity for increasing passive recreation at Trinly Park. When added with the State Game Lands that border the Township owned open space, it would make 181 acres of land preserved along the Schuylkill River.

3 – This 57-acre area lies within the Publicker Site. Like the parcel identified adjacent to Trinly Park, this parcel can add on to the valuable open space along the Schuylkill River and provide ample space for a park with river access and provide for the proposed off road-trail. The land lies mostly in the Floodplain Conservation District Overlay and the Upper Schuylkill River Conservation Area. There are also existing wetlands in this area. If this would be acquired along with parcel 2, this would provide 238 contiguous preserved land along the river with added to the State Game Lands and existing Township owned open space.

4 - This 8.6-acre parcel lies between the Toll House parcel and the Schuylkill River Park. It has been noted as a key acquisition to connect the parcels that the Township owns along the Schuylkill River north of Main Street. This could provide opportunities for providing trail connections between the Toll House and the Schuylkill River Park and expand the possibilities for programming at the Toll House.

5 - This small .45 parcel lies at the end of Mill Lane. It has steep slopes and is wooded. It could serve as an opportunity for improving access along Mill Lane.

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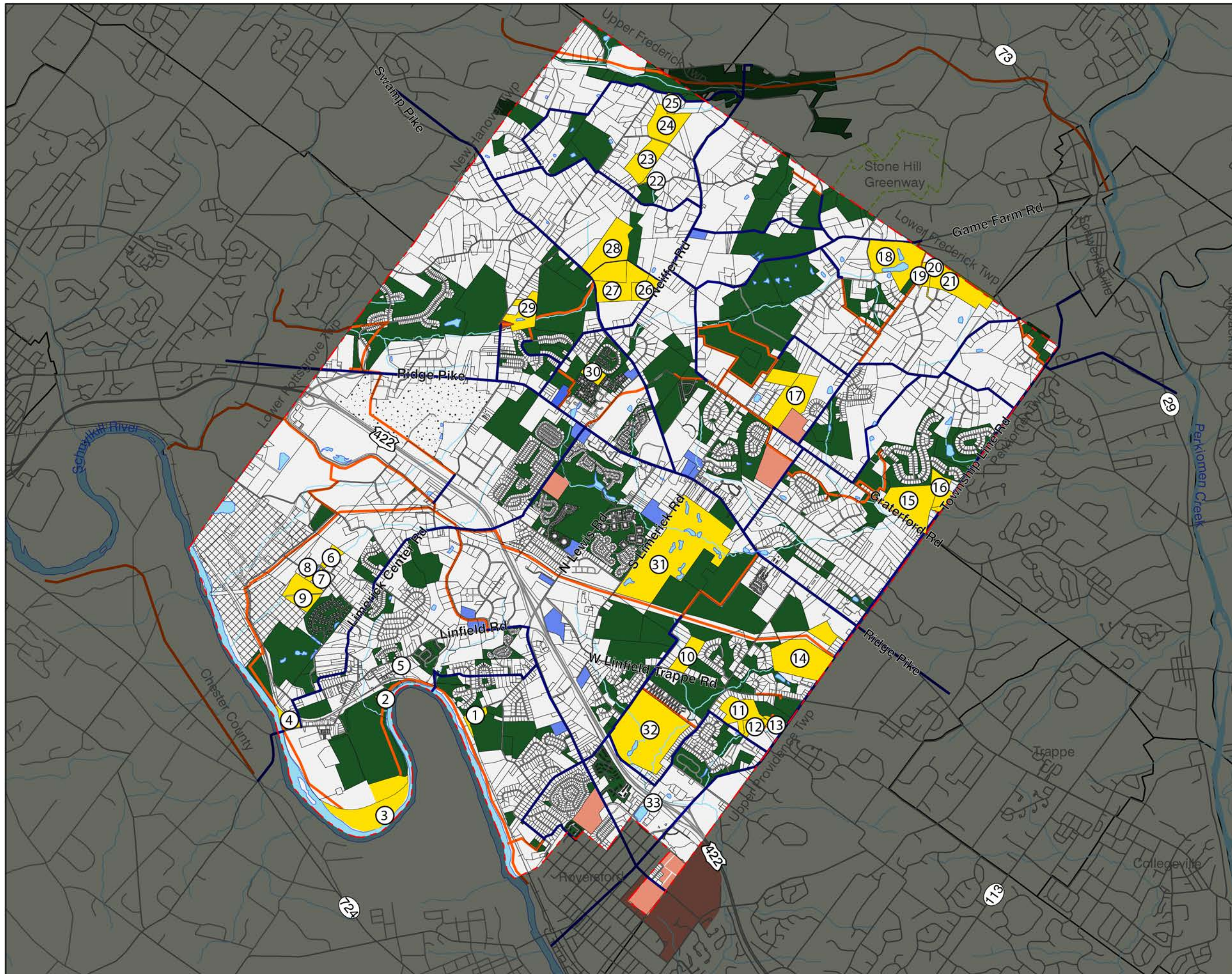
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Proposed Open Space (Simplified Graphics)

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- Proposed Open Space
(Numbers Coincide with Parcel Preservation Matrix)
- Existing Open Space
- Public School Lands
- Institution

- Off-road Trails (existing and proposed)
- On-road Trails (existing and proposed)
- Airport
- Exelon
- Township Boundary
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- Parcel
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Figure 3.3 - Proposed Open Space Map (simplified graphic)

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6-9 - These four parcels are connected along the Brook Evans Creek and total 42 acres. This could provide open space along the northern part of Linfield Village and has the potential of providing a trail along a Schuylkill River tributary with educational opportunities and could connect to the Schuylkill River Park through the golf course and Exelon parcels.

10 - This 19.08-acre parcel is surrounded by development on three sides and connected to a permanently preserved farmland to the north. This parcel is currently under Act 319 and about half of it is farmed. This parcel could be a great candidate to be added to the Township's ASA with the plan for permanent preservation through the County's farmland preservation program to increase the density of the preserved farmland in this area.

11-13 - These three parcels are mostly farmed and are connected to the YMCA. A proposed trail runs through these parcels. These parcels could be an extension to YMCA services and provide great opportunities for providing active recreation.

14 - This parcel is one of the highest scoring parcels from the preservation matrix with proposed trails, headwaters, important agricultural soils and could address nearby developmental pressure. This 72.1-acre parcel could provide for passive and active recreation with important natural resource protection.

15-16 - These two parcels can connect Township owned open space and HOA preserved land. The combined 76.32 acres also has a lot of natural resources and a proposed trail runs through the parcel on Graterford Road.

17 - This 60-acre parcel is currently farmed. It has headwaters on site. It can provide a connection between Kurylo Preserve, the technical school, and Township-owned open space on Sunset Road.

18 - Camp Kweebec consists of 69-acres and is currently used for outdoor recreation. This parcel could provide the Township with the opportunity to provide outdoor recreation to its residents without a large investment in infrastructure.

19-21 - These three parcels are connected to Camp Kweebec and total 54.69 acres. These areas contain natural resources and could provide a border of preserved land along this part of the Township.

22-25 - These four parcels lie within the Stone Hill and Swamp Creek Conservation Areas. They contain valuable natural resources and could provide a connection between the Stone Hill Preserve and Sunrise Mill Park within the 76.7 acres. This could also present an opportunity for a partnership between the Township and the Limerick Bowmen.

26-28 - Totaling 126.09 acres, these parcels sit on the border of the municipal sewer service area. Two of the parcels are currently farmed and should be considered for addition to the ASA. The parcels are connected to other ASA properties and could present the opportunity for the Township to have another area of protected clustered farming.

29 - This 26-acre parcel is bordered by permanently preserved farmland and ASA land. A proposed trail runs along the creek through this property.

30 - This 10-acre lot is surrounded on three sides by multi-family development and could provide an important piece of land for preservation from the developmental pressures surrounding it. It is currently farmed.

31 and 32 - are currently on the Official Map and represent Turtle Creek Golf Course and Spring-Ford Country Club. Both golf courses have a lot of hydrology and agriculture soils on site that makes it appealing for preservation. They both are also surrounded by development.

33 - This small 1.6-acre parcel sits behind Kohls and by a retention pond. There has been a considerable amount of birds and wildlife observed on this site and preserving it could allow some beneficial open space for wildlife.

Priority Parcels

After reviewing all the parcels that are proposed to be included on the Official Map, a list of five priority parcel groupings was made to assist the Township with prioritizing possible land acquisition. As state before, municipal acquisition of lands for public open space is a complex process, but this list can help focus efforts of the Township for land acquisition.

Priority 1: There are four parcels along the Schuylkill River (1-4) and all provide opportunities for expanding existing preserved open space and providing access to the river.

Priority 2: Four parcels (22-25) can create a larger conservation greenway and connect two conservation areas. This could provide for passive recreation opportunities while also providing larger core areas for habitat. It also protects the abundance of natural resources within this area.

Priority 3: There are four parcels that are mentioned that could be included for as part of the ASA (10,26,27, and 28) if they are not considered for acquisition. If all these properties were included into the ASA, they would add 146 acres to the existing ASA and would put the Township just under the 500 minimum acres needed for farmland to be considered for the County's farmland preservation program. Other properties were also identified in the Agricultural recommendations of this chapter.

Priority 4: Four parcels are identified along Brook Evans Creek. These parcels can create a greenway that could connect to the Schuylkill River. (5-9)

Priority 5: There are some parcels (14, 15, 29, and Spring-Ford Country Club) that are surrounded by dense development and by preserving these parcels it will reduce any future infrastructure or utility costs that would come if these lands were to be developed. They could also serve as important open space for the residents that surround them.

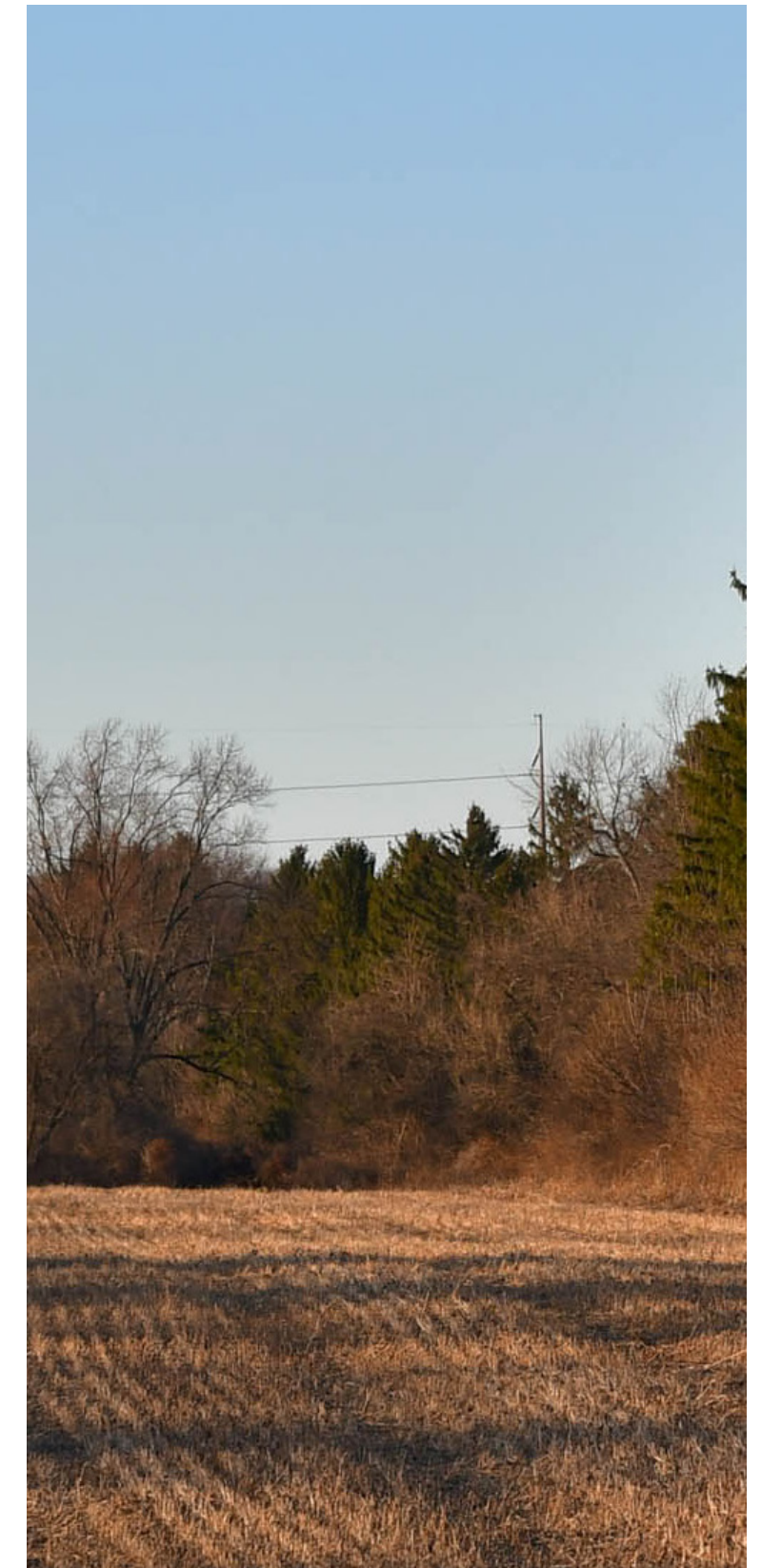
Funding Recommendations

Under the Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO), every proposed residential subdivision and/or residential land development regulated by SALDO shall dedicate land as described under Zoning ordinance §184-82. However, if a developer receives approval from the Board of Supervisors, they may pay a fee-in-lieu of the dedication of all or some of the required open space. Currently, the fee in lieu of open space is \$1,000 per each approved building lot.

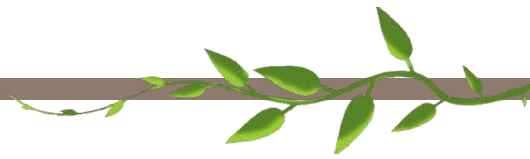
When looking at the fees in surrounding municipalities in adjacent counties, the current fee of Limerick is below average of some municipalities whose median income is within approximately 25% of Limerick's. Upper Milford, Lehigh County has a fee of \$3,150 per lot and Solebury Township in Bucks County has a fee \$4,000 per lot. Newtown Township in Bucks County is on the higher end of the spectrum with a fee of \$8,070 per lot. Limerick Township should consider raising the current fee.

Funds received from fees-in-lieu of open space dedication have been diminishing in recent years as new trends in developments are having developers provide ample open space for subdivision, so as recreational or open space needs increase within the Township, future funding options for maintenance and improvements should be considered as a priority.

Some funding sources may include conservation easements/donations of land, grant programs, general township funds / fee-in-lieu of as noted previously, Earned Income Tax (EIT), and partnerships. Potential funding partners are described in the next chapter. Donations and conservation easements can be done with willing landowners and could include partnerships with local conservancies. Opportunities to utilize Township general funds as leverage for matching grants can assist in providing additional funds for land acquisition, but applicable grants are competitive, and even a well-prepared grant does not assure that the Township will receive the funds. An increase to the Township's EIT could provide a reliable source for open space funding.



One of the fields within the State Game lands located by the Publicker site.



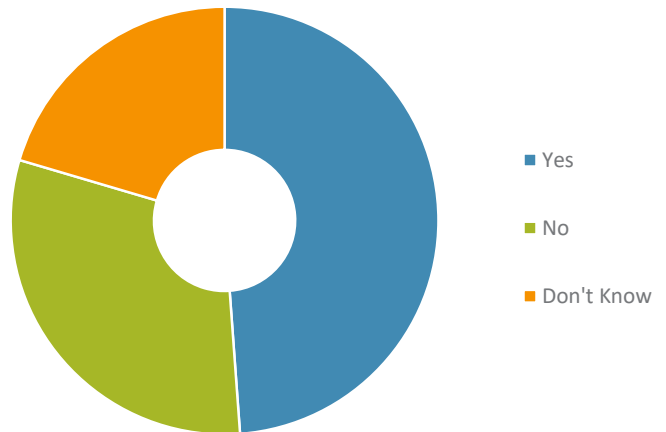
Earned Income Tax as a Funding Source

A question from the online Public Opinion Survey asked residents if they would support an increase to the Township's Earned Income Tax (EIT) to support open space preservation and/or stewardship? 48% answered that they would support an increase. 30% answered no, and 22% did not know. A key component for a successful EIT referendum is education about the benefits of open space preservation.

The Pennsylvania Conservation & Land Development Act authorizes municipalities to provide by ordinance for a referendum on the question of increasing the earned income tax beyond the otherwise 1% limit set by the Local Tax Enabling Act. If the Township were to pass an EIT increase of .25%, this would provide the Township with approximately \$2 million per year to be exclusively used for:

- The purchase of Open Space;
- Transactional fees incidental to purchase;
- Expenses necessary to prepare the resource, recreation, or land use plan;
- Purchase property development rights where the landowner still retains the; property, but the property could not be developed (conservation easement); and
- Annually, up to 25% of the fund may be used to develop and maintain only properties acquired through this fund and may be placed in a maintenance fund for this purpose.

If the Township were to place an increase to the EIT, it could also be removed in the future through a referendum if it were felt that the funds were no longer required.







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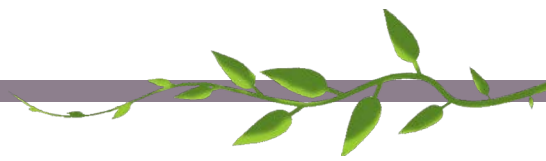
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Recommendation Implementation Schedule

Implementation of all plan recommendations will require a decade or more. Plan recommendations are categorized by time-line priorities of immediate (1-3 years), mid-term (1-5 years), and long term (6+ years) with relative estimated costs, potential partners and funding sources. Costs to implement recommendations are divided into three categories, < \$100K, < \$500K, and > \$500K. This plan will need to be revisited and updated periodically, at least every decade, to address new recreational trends and other changes within the Township. The following chart identifies plan recommendations with a recommended timeline.

Recommended Implementation Schedule			
Timeframe	Partnerships	Funding Sources	Costs
Open Space Acquisition / Preservation			
Immediate (1-3)			
Restart the Agriculture Security Board	Board of Supervisors	General funds	<\$100K Low Cost
Prepare a comprehensive survey of historic resources .	Limerick Historical Society, MCPC, PHMC, consulting firm	General funds, PHMC, National Trust for Historic Preservation	< \$100K Low Cost
Add proposed parcels for land acquisition and proposed trails on the Official Map	Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors	General funds	< \$100K Low Cost
Prepare an EIT referendum for open space funds	Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, Open Space Committee	General funds	< \$100K Low Cost
Add Scenic Road Ordinance to current zoning ordinances	Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors	General funds	<\$100K Low Cost
Add Agrihood development into the current development zoning ordinances	Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors	General funds	< \$100K Low Cost



Mid-term (1-5)			
Land acquisition for open space preservation	Property owners, Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Open Space Committee	DCNR, DCED, Penn Vest, Conservancies, general funds	> \$500K
Coordinate with community and partners to educate landowners of conservation easement opportunities	Property owners, Planning Commission, Open Space Committee, Conservancies	General Funds, Conservancies	<\$100K Low Cost
Add parcels to the Agricultural Security Area	Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, Agricultural Security Board	General funds	<\$100K per year
Farmland permanent preservation	Property owners, Montgomery County Ag Board, Board of Supervisors, Agricultural Security Board	General funds, Montgomery County and State funds	< \$500K per year
Coordinate with community and partners to educate and promote farming	Local businesses, local farmers, Montgomery County Ag Board, Agricultural Security Board	General funds, USDA	< \$100K per year Low Cost
Long-term (6+)			
Continue farmland permanent preservation	Property owners, Montgomery County Ag Board, Board of Supervisors	General funds, Montgomery County and State funds	< \$500K per year
Continue land acquisition for open space preservation	Property owners, Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Open Space Committee	DCNR, DCED, Penn Vest, Conservancies, general funds	> \$500K
Continue to coordinate with community and partners to educate and promote farming	Local businesses, local farmers, Montgomery County Ag Board, Agricultural Security Board	General funds, programming fees, USDA	< \$100K per year
Timeframe	Partnerships	Funding Sources	Costs

Project Partners

Partnerships at the local, county/regional and state levels will need to be established and maintained in order to help the Township meet the goals of the Comprehensive Open Space Plan. Partners can assist in many ways including being advocates of the completion of plan projects, by implementing some recommendations themselves and by assisting to obtain grants and other funds to pay for improvements.

Local

- Limerick Historical Society
- Spring-Ford School District
- Boy/Girl Scouts
- Social and Religious Organizations

County

- Montgomery County Planning Commission
- Montgomery County Agricultural Land Preservation Board
- Montgomery County Parks, Trails, & Historic Sites Advisory Board

State

- Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)
- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)
- Pennsylvania Infrastructure Reinvestment Authority (PennVEST)
- Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC)

Others

- Natural Lands Trust
- Heritage Conservancy
- Schuylkill Action Network

Different local organizations and the School District can provide the Township with valuable information and insight for the recreational needs and serve as advocates for educating the general public about the importance of open space and the goals of this Open Space Plan. Montgomery County has many resources to assist the Township in

achieving the goals laid out in this report. The County can be both a funding source and partner for outreach and education. Through the State, DCNR and DCED can also provide acquisition, planning, design, and construction funding through grants. PHMC can assist with funding in addressing the needs of historical preservation in the Township, although funding through PHMC is typically very limited. PennVest provides programs to assist in projects for protecting water quality and stormwater management. Conservancies are valuable partners in assisting with education and providing opportunities for easements. The Schuylkill Action Network and other watershed groups can assist with education, outreach, and management of the waters within the Township.

Funding Sources

Multiple funding sources are available through grants, incentives, and other programs for the implementation of the recommendations proposed in this report. In addition to grants, an EIT referendum for open space is needed to provide opportunities to utilize capital funds as leverage for matching grants. However, applicable grants are very competitive. Examples of funding sources are below:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)



Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2)

C2P2 provides funding to municipalities and authorized nonprofit organizations for recreation, park, trail and conservation projects. These include planning for feasibility studies, trail studies, conservation plans, master site development plans, and comprehensive recreation park and open space and greenway plans; land acquisition for active or passive parks, trails and conservation purposes; and new development and rehabilitation of parks, trails, Riparian Forest Buffers, and recreation facilities. These projects require a 50% match, which can include a combination of cash and/or non-cash values. Grant applications for the C2P2 program are accepted annually—usually in April. Funding from DCNR for “sidewalk” connections will need to be categorized as multi-use trails. More information on this program can be found at the DCNR website: <http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Grants/Pages/default.aspx>.

PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)



Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP)

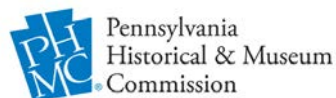
Administered through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) provides funding for planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks and beautification projects. The program awards up to \$250,000 per project to eligible applicants and requires a local match of 15% of the total project cost. Funding from DCED for “sidewalk” connections will need to be categorized as multi-use trails. Additional information on the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program can be found at <http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/greenways-trails-and-recreation-program-gtrp>.

Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVEST)



PennVEST offers both grants and low interest loans for projects that help to manage stormwater and improve water quality. Projects funded by PennVEST contribute to environmental health and resident health, as well as provide jobs for Pennsylvania workers. More information can be found at <https://www.pennvest.pa.gov/Information/Funding-Programs/Pages/default.aspx>.

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)



Keystone Historic Preservation Planning Grant

As established under the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, funding under the Keystone Historic Preservation Planning Grant program is available to nonprofit organizations and local governments for the planning and development for publicly accessible historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The purpose of the grant is to support projects that identify, preserve, promote and protect historic and archaeological resources of Pennsylvania for both the benefit of the public and the revitalization of communities. Minimum awards are \$5,000, maximum awards are \$25,000 and funding requires a 50/50 cash match. More information can be found at <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Planning-Projects.aspx>.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)



Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP)

The LFPP grant assist projects that develop, coordinate, and expand programs that help increase accessibility and availability to locally and regionally produced agriculture products. More information can be found at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lfpp>

Montgomery County



Montco 2040: Implementation Grant Program

This grant program was put in place to assist municipalities in making physical improvements that achieve progress toward the goals of the Montco 2040: A Shared Vision Plan. One of the main focus categories of 2021 is Adaption and Resiliency and includes floodplain mitigation, streambank restoration, adding BMPs to municipal or School District property, Green Streets, Community Gardens, and Open Space Preservation. Open Space Preservation projects require a minimum 50% local match that can come from any combination of municipal or outside funding sources. The maximum grant award is \$200K, but the average award is closer to \$100K. The application deadline is March 1st with no anticipated second round, but this may change and should be followed for any changes. <https://www.montcopa.org/DocumentCenter/View/12879/Montco-2040-Grant-Program-Brochure-2021?bidId=>

Schuylkill River

Schuylkill River Restoration Fund

This program offers administrative assistance grants for land transaction and open space preservation projects. Matching funds of up to \$4,000 per project are available to protect lands within the Schuylkill River Watershed. Letters of intent should be submitted by February 12th. More information can be found at <https://schuylkillriver.org/conservation/the-restoration-fund/>

Private Foundations

There may be regional corporations and foundations that support public works such as park development. Competition for these funds is usually brisk, but opportunities should be researched. Funding is often to non-profit organizations.





CHAPTER 5

APPENDIX

Parcel Preservation Matrix Sheets
Meeting Minutes
Public Opinion Survey Results
Comment Letters

Parcel Preservation Matrix

Parcel ID#	Parcel Address					Points
	Resource	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC	
Water Resources						
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource	No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	
Land Resources						
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource	No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource	No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	
Community Resources						
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource	No Resource
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource	No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.						Total Points

Additional Consideration Notes:

- ___ Reasonable Road Access
- ___ Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- ___ Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- ___ Lends itself to Active Recreation

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2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370000187019

Parcel Address: Major Hollow Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
6.58 AC	25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC	1
Water Resources					
Headwaters	On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource	1
Stream On Site (Water Quality)		TSF	WWF	No Resource	0
100 Yr. Flood Plain	75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	0
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	1
Steep Slopes over 25% slope	50-100%	0-50%		No Resource	2
Prime Agricultural Soils	50-100%	0-50%		No Resource	2
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	0
Woodlands Coverage	75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	3
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land		Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource	3
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource	0
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	No Resource	0
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource	2
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)	Existing		Yes	No Resource	0
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)			Yes	No Resource	0
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Resource	0
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
				No Public Water or Sewer	0
				Total Points	15

Additional Consideration Notes:

- Reasonable Road Access
- Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- X Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

- Adjacent to Preserved Farm and Twp owned land
- Schuykill River Conservation Landscape
- Floodplain Conservation District
- Schuykill River Trail

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 3700005287004

Parcel Address: 153 Trinley Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size	6 AC				0
Water Resources	25 AC +				1
Headwaters	10-25 AC				5-10 AC
Stream On Site (Water Quality)	On Site				No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain	75% +				No Resource > 25%
Land Resources	50-100%				0
Steep Slopes over 15% slope	50-100%				No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope	50-100%				No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils	50-100%				3
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils	50-100%				0
Woodlands Coverage	75% +				> 25%
Community Resources					1
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land	Open space				Permanent AG
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides				Two Sides
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1				+1
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)	Existing				Planned Off Road
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)	Northern Border/Yes				Yes
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)	Yes				Yes
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing	No Public Water or Sewer				No Public Water or Sewer
Total Points					14

* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- X Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

- Adjacent to Trinley Park
- Schuykill River Conservation Landscape
- Floodplain Conservation District
- Schuykill River Trail

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370002785004

Parcel Address: 1301 Main Street

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
57		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope			0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils			0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage			50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.			Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes		No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					No Public Water or Sewer
					Total Points
					18

Additional Consideration Notes:

Reasonable Road Access

X Access to Residential Neighborhoods

X Lends itself to Passive Recreation

X Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

Part of Publiker Site

Floodplain Conservation Overlay

River Access

Wetlands

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370002908007

Parcel Address: 1300 Main St

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
8.6 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes		No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					No Public Water or Sewer
Total Points					16

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- X Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

between Toll House and Schuylkill River Park

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370003041009

Parcel Address: Mill Lane

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
.45 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
Total Points					11

Additional Consideration Notes:

X Reasonable Road Access

X Access to Residential Neighborhoods

Lends itself to Passive Recreation

Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

at the end of Mill Lane, could provide opportunity for cul-de sac or hammerhead at the end

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370001245908

Parcel Address: 46 Keen Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
7.83 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
Total Points					13

Additional Consideration Notes:

X Reasonable Road Access

X Access to Residential Neighborhoods

X Lends itself to Passive Recreation

Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

Brook Evans Creek

Vantage Landscaping

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370001263194

Parcel Address: 57 Keen Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
2.41 AC	25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC	0
Water Resources					
Headwaters	On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource	0
Stream On Site (Water Quality)		TSF	WWF	No Resource	1
100 Yr. Flood Plain	75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	1
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	1
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	0
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	2
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	0
Woodlands Coverage	75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	3
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land		Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource	0
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource	1
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	No Resource	0
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource	0
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)	Existing		Yes	No Resource	0
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)			Yes	No Resource	0
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing	Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource	2
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
				Total Points	11

Additional Consideration Notes:

X Reasonable Road Access

Access to Residential Neighborhoods

X Lends itself to Passive Recreation

Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

Brook Evans Creek

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370001263212

Parcel Address: 67 Keen Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
3.63 AC	25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC	0
Water Resources					
Headwaters	On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource	0
Stream On Site (Water Quality)		TSF	WWF	No Resource	1
100 Yr. Flood Plain	75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	1
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	0
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	0
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	2
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	0
Woodlands Coverage	75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	2
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land		Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource	0
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource	1
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	No Resource	0
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource	0
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)	Existing		Yes	No Resource	0
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)			Yes	No Resource	0
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing	Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource	2
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
				Total Points	9

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- X Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

- X Brook Evans Creek
- X Vantage Landscaping

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370001261007

Parcel Address: 1 Keen Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
28.1 AC	25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC	3
Water Resources					
Headwaters	On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource	0
Stream On Site (Water Quality)		TSF	WWF	No Resource	1
100 Yr. Flood Plain	75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	1
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	1
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		0-50%		No Resource	0
Prime Agricultural Soils		0-50%		No Resource	2
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	0
Woodlands Coverage	75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	2
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land		Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource	0
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource	1
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	No Resource	1
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource	0
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)	Existing		Yes	No Resource	0
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)			Yes	No Resource	0
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing	Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer		2
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
				Total Points	14

Additional Consideration Notes:

X Reasonable Road Access

X Access to Residential Neighborhoods

X Lends itself to Passive Recreation

Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

Brook Evans Creek

some land is used for farming

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370002446001

Parcel Address: 191 West Linfield-Trappe Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
19.08 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes		No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					No Public Water or Sewer
Total Points					17

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

- should consider ASA to become preserved
- currently used for farming

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370004655006

Parcel Address: Souder Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
37.52 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
Total Points					16

Additional Consideration Notes:

X Reasonable Road Access

X Access to Residential Neighborhoods

Lends itself to Passive Recreation

X Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

connected to YMCA

currently used for farming

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370004654007

Parcel Address: 91 Souder Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
10.01 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
Total Points					12

Additional Consideration Notes:

X Reasonable Road Access

X Access to Residential Neighborhoods

Lends itself to Passive Recreation

X Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

some farming on site

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2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370005158016

Parcel Address: S Township Line Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
10.0 AC	25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC	2
Water Resources					
Headwaters	On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource	3
Stream On Site (Water Quality)		TSF	WWF	No Resource	1
100 Yr. Flood Plain	75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	0
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	0
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	0
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	0
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	1
Woodlands Coverage	75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	0
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land		Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource	0
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource	0
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	No Resource	0
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource	2
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)	Existing		Yes	No Resource	0
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)			Yes	No Resource	1
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing	Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource	2
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					Total Points
					12

Additional Consideration Notes:

X Reasonable Road Access

X Access to Residential Neighborhoods

Lends itself to Passive Recreation

X Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

connected to YMCA

currently used for farming

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370004312007

Parcel Address: 526 Royersford Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
72.1 AC	14%	25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
Total Points					20

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- X Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

connected to West-Mont United Soccer Association
Floemil Trust

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370000967004

Parcel Address: 277 Graterford Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
57.22 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes		No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					No Public Water or Sewer
Total Points					18

Additional Consideration Notes:

X Reasonable Road Access

Access to Residential Neighborhoods

X Lends itself to Passive Recreation

Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

currently farmed

Next to Twp owned Bradford Woods

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370005237009

Parcel Address: 245 N. Township Line Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
19.1 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
Total Points					12

Additional Consideration Notes:

X Reasonable Road Access

X Access to Residential Neighborhoods

X Lends itself to Passive Recreation

Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

connection to HOA open space

could be bigger connection to larger greenway if connected to parcel 13

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 37000986003

Parcel Address: Graterford and N. Limerick Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
60 AC	25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC	3
Water Resources					
Headwaters	On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource	3
Stream On Site (Water Quality)		TSF	WWF	No Resource	0
100 Yr. Flood Plain	75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	0
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	0
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		0-50%		No Resource	0
Prime Agricultural Soils	50-100%	0-50%		No Resource	2
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	0
Woodlands Coverage	75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	0
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land		Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource	2
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource	4
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	No Resource	1
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource	1
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)	Existing		Yes	No Resource	0
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)			Yes	No Resource	0
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing	Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource	3
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					Total Points
					19

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

- connection to Kurylo and other Twp owned land
- owned by School District
- currently farmed

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370004780007

Parcel Address: 157 Gamefarm Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
69 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes		No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					No Public Water or Sewer
Total Points					16

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- X Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

- Camp Kweebec
- has active recreation infrastructure
- Adjacent to HOA lands

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370004868108

Parcel Address: 130 Collins Lane

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
5.46 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
Total Points					14

Additional Consideration Notes:

X Reasonable Road Access

X Access to Residential Neighborhoods

Lends itself to Passive Recreation

Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

next to Camp Kweebec

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370000657107

Parcel Address: 33 Dunleavy Circle

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
6.7 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
Total Points					10

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

if other adjacent properties are acquired to make larger greenway

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370002407004

Parcel Address: N. Limerick Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
42.53 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes		No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					No Public Water or Sewer
Total Points					8

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

- if other adjacent properties are acquired to make larger greenway farming on property

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370000925001

Parcel Address: 573 Gerloff Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
2.07 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes		No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					No Public Water or Sewer
Total Points					8

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- X Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

- Stone Hill Conservation Landscape
- Adjacent to Stone Hill Preserve

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370000271007

Parcel Address: Bragg Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
32.77 AC	25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC	3
Water Resources					
Headwaters	On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource	3
Stream On Site (Water Quality)		TSF	WWF	No Resource	2
100 Yr. Flood Plain	75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	0
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	1
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		0-50%		No Resource	0
Prime Agricultural Soils		0-50%		No Resource	0
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	0
Woodlands Coverage	75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	3
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land		Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource	2
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.		Two Sides	One Side	No Resource	2
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	No Resource	0
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource	0
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)		Existing	Yes	No Resource	0
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)			Yes	No Resource	1
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Resource	0
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
				No Public Water or Sewer	0
				Total Points	17

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- X Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

- Stone Hill Conservation Landscape
- Adjacent to Stone Hill Preserve & Limerick Bowman

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370000280007

Parcel Address: 65 Bragg Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
35 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes		No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					No Public Water or Sewer
Total Points					18

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- X Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

- X Stone Hill Conservation Landscape & Swamp Creek Conservation
- Limerick Bowman

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370001084004

Parcel Address: 224 Grebe Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
6.86 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes		No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					No Public Water or Sewer
Total Points					17

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- X Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

Stone Hill Conservation Landscape & Swamp Creek Conservation connect to Limerick Bowman

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370003241007

Parcel Address: 271 neiffer Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
16 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
Total Points					14

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

- consider for ASA
- Oxford Care Facilities

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370005002001

Parcel Address: 320 Swamp Pike

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
37 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes		No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					No Public Water or Sewer
Total Points					11

Additional Consideration Notes:

X Reasonable Road Access

X Access to Residential Neighborhoods

Lends itself to Passive Recreation

Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

consider for ASA

Oxford Care Facilities

already farmed

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370004999004

Parcel Address: Swamp Pike

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
73.09 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
Total Points					13

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

- consider for ASA
- Sankey Family
- already farmed
- Stone Hill Conservation Landscape

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID#	Parcel Address: 10 Smith Road				Conservation Value			Points	
	4	3	2	1	0	0			
Resource									
Parcel Size									
2.6 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC			3	
Water Resources									
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource			3	
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource			1	
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%			0	
Land Resources									
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource			0	
Steep Slopes over 25% slope			0-50%		No Resource			0	
Prime Agricultural Soils			0-50%		No Resource			2	
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource			0	
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%			1	
Community Resources									
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource			1	
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource			2	
<i>Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*</i>	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource			0	
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource			2	
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource			0	
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource			0	
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource			3	
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.								Total Points	18

- Additional Consideration Notes:
- X Reasonable Road Access
 - X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
 - X Lends itself to Passive Recreation
 - Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:
next to Preserved Farm

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370004261004

Parcel Address: 41 Roberta Lane

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
10 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource
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Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer	No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
Total Points					10

Additional Consideration Notes:

X Reasonable Road Access

X Access to Residential Neighborhoods

Lends itself to Passive Recreation

X Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

surrounded by development

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370004183001

Parcel Address: 303 West Ridge Rd.

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
203.25 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
Prime Agricultural Soils		50-100%	0-50%		No Resource
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Community Resources					
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Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)		Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes		No Resource
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					No Public Water or Sewer
Total Points					20

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- X Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

- Turtle Creek Golf Course
- already on Official Map

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370000628001

Parcel Address: 48 Country Club Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
102.92 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
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Community Resources					
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Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing		Northern Border/Yes	Yes		No Resource
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Total Points					21

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- X Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

- Spring Ford Country Club
- already on Official Map

2020 Open Space Selection Criteria

Parcel ID# 370004291001

Parcel Address: 216 Royersford Road

Resource	Conservation Value				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Parcel Size					
1.6 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC
Water Resources					
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel		No Resource
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%
Land Resources					
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource
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* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					
Total Points					4

Additional Consideration Notes:

- X Reasonable Road Access
- X Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- X Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- Lends itself to Active Recreation

Additional Notes:

- X Next to Lakeview Park Lake
- considerable amount of wildlife already observed here

Limerick Township

Comprehensive Open Space Plan

Please join your neighbors and friends

Join us for the first of four public meetings to be held to develop the
Limerick Township Comprehensive Open Space Plan.

We want to hear your thoughts and vision for the future of parks, recreation and
open space within the township.



WHEN:

7:00 PM Thu. Nov. 7, 2019

WHERE:

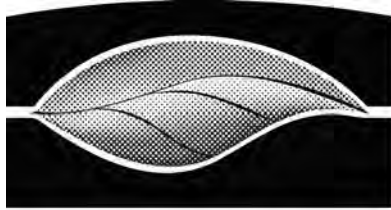
**Limerick Twp Bldg
646 W Ridge Pike
Limerick, PA 19468**

Future Meeting Dates

Public Meeting 2: February 6, 2020

Public Meeting 3: May 7, 2020

Public Meeting 4: June 16, 2020



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AGENDA

Project: **Limerick Township
Comprehensive Open Space Plan** Project No.: **19074.10**

Location: **Limerick Township Building** Date: **10.17.2019**

Topic: **Public Meeting #1** Time: **7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

1. **Project Introductions**
2. **Project Schedule**
3. **Project Background**
4. **Existing Conditions Inventory & Data Collection**
5. **Brainstorming Session**
6. **Next Steps**
 - **Next Meeting:**
Public Meeting #2 Thursday, February 6th 7:00 - 9:00 PM
 - **Take the online public opinion survey:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LimerickOSP>
 - **Visit the Township website for additional information and updates:**
<https://www.limerickpa.org/367/Open-Space-Update-Plan>

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Meeting Schedule:

Committee Meeting #1	Thursday, October 17th	7:00 - 8:30 PM
Public Meeting #1	Thursday, November 7th	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Committee Meeting #2	Thursday, January 9th	7:00 - 8:30 PM
Public Meeting #2	Thursday, February 6th	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Committee Meeting #3	Thursday, April 9th	7:00 - 8:30 PM
Public Meeting #3	Thursday, May 7th	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Committee Meeting #4	Wednesday, June 3rd	7:00 - 8:30 PM
BOS (Public Meeting #4)	Tuesday, June 16th	7:00

Community Advisory Committee:

Erin P. Cohen	Parks & Recreation Committee	Liam Kaufman	Parks & Recreation Committee - Student Rep
Keith G. Daywalt	Planning Commission	Patricia Kaufman	Streetscape & Buffering Committee
Allen Dowhie Jr.	Parks & Recreation Committee	Kenneth McLaughlin	Planning Commission
Gregory Gray	Parks & Recreation Committee	George Mokonchu	Citizen
Christopher Haring	Streetscape & Buffering Committee	John (Jack) B. Seber	Streetscape & Buffering Committee
Jennie Jonas	Streetscape & Buffering Committee	Margie Schweitzer	Citizen (Former Parks & Recreation Committee)
Dennis G. Keen	Parks & Recreation Committee	Robert G. Richardson	Planning Commission

Township Professional Staff Contacts:

Angela Russell - Parks & Rec Department Director
Ryan Yanchocik - Parks & Rec Department
Tim Haas - Administration
Marcy Mancini - Administration
Greta Martin Washington - Director of Community Planning

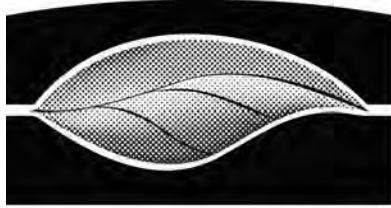
SIGN-IN SHEET - PUBLIC MEETING #1 HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019
OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE

Name	Signature of Attendance	Email	Affiliation/Other Committees
Allen Dowhie Jr.			P & R
Angela Russell			Parks & Rec Department Director
Christopher Haring			S & B
Dan Kerr	<i>Dan Kerr</i>		Twp. Manager
Dennis G. Keen			P & R
Erin P. Cohen			P & R
George Mokonchu			Participated in LCP MP
Greg (Robert G.) Richardson			Currently on PC
Gregory Gray			P & R
Greta Martin Washington			Director of Community Planning
Jack (John B.) Seber	<i>Jack Seber</i>		S & B
Jennie Jonas			S & B
Keith G. Daywalt			Currently on PC
Kenneth McLaughlin	<i>Kenneth McLaughlin</i>		Currently on PC
Liam Kaufman - Student Rep			P & R
Marcy Mancini	<i>Reported as could not make it</i>		Limerick Twp. Administration
Margie Schweitzer			Previously on P & R
Patricia Kaufman			S & B
Peter Simone			Simone Collins
Rick Fidler	<i>Rick Fidler</i>		Previously on S & B
Robert Gladfelter			Simone Collins
Ryan Vanchocik	<i>Ryan Vanchocik</i>		Parks & Rec Department
Sarah Leeper	<i>Sarah Leeper</i>		Simone Collins
Tim Haas			Limerick Twp. Administration
Amy Kaminski	<i>Amy Kaminski</i>		11/4/19 - Called and expressed Advisory Panel
Teresa Annunzio	<i>Teresa Annunzio</i>		

Next Meetings will be held on:

Public Meeting #2 Thursday, February 6th 7:00 P.M.

Committee Meeting #2 Thursday, January 9th 7



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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Limerick Township Comprehensive Open Space Plan	Project No.:	19074.10
Location:	Limerick Township Building 646 W Ridge Pike Limerick, PA 19468	Meeting Date/ Time:	11.07.2019 7:00 pm
Re:	Public Meeting #1	Issue Date:	02.06.2020

ATTENDEES:

See Sign In Sheet

GENERAL NOTES:

INTRODUCTION

1. Dan Kerr started the meeting by discussing the township's purpose in updating the open space plan. He noted that during a recent Board of Supervisor meeting a township resident had proposed adding a referendum to the 2019 ballot for an increase to the EIT (earned income tax) as a way for the township to assist with acquisition of open space. He explained that the Board of Supervisors is open to pursuing this idea though recognized the need to first update the 2006 Township Open Space Plan. He stated that the BOS felt it was their due diligence to have a plan update that lays out the Township goals regarding open space prior to asking the public to vote on a referendum.
2. Peter Simone started the presentation with introductions. He explained to the attendees that an important part of this process was education. Not only was there a need to educate the community about open space and its importance, but that the community educates the SC team about what is important to them and provide additional information about the township. He added that the plan will be an important tool for the township's future strategies in open space protection and preservation.
3. Pete S. reviewed the public input process and told the attendees that a survey was now opened, and it is important to have the community respond to the survey. He also noted that there was very valuable information gathered during the survey for the recently completed Community Park Master Plan and that the SC team will be using these results as well.

4. Pete S. described what an open space plan consists of and explains to the attendees that the plan will not address specific plans. He described various tools used for creating and implementing open space plans. These tools included Township zoning and SALDO regulations, an Official Map, and education. He explained that education is not only for information, but a way to create advocates for preservation and maintaining open space. He noted that public education is an important part of MS4 plans.
5. Pete S. explained the importance of water quality and natural resources and the services they provide such as stormwater management, ecological function, diversity, and the health benefits of passive recreation through these beautiful areas.
6. Sarah Leeper continued the presentation through the SC teams first Township tour. An attendee asked about the Pottstown Vortac navigational station and mentioned that the land surrounding the station may be owned by the federal government. Sarah L. noted that the SC team will review this information. (It is owned by the Federal Government.)
7. Peter S. started the card technique
8. An attendee stated that the Perkiomen watershed was working on improving the water quality through out the watershed and was finding ways to provide access to trails and water trails. She explained that access to trails and water should be included in the open space plan. Peter S. noted that the SC team would review the existing trail plan for the township and investigate if there are steps that could be taken to implement crucial parts of the trail system faster. Another attendee exclaimed that a bigger problem is lack of wayfinding of the existing trails and open space. He noted that most people do not know of the existing parks or where to find them. Peter S. stated that there is grant through DVRPC (Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission) for signage development and that the Township has expressed interest in going after this grant.
9. An attendee expressed that there was need for better communication of meetings so that more people would come out. Dan K. explained that the township has links on their website and that if other Facebook groups ask, the township could provide these links to them. An attendee added that providing an agenda prior to the meeting may provide more incentive for the community to attend the meetings. Sarah L. stated that the SC team was capable of providing the information prior to the meeting.
10. An attendee stated that the township should develop partnerships and wondered if a group such as the YMCA would benefit from having programs that used the current open space. Peter S. noted that the groups such as the YMCA have partnered with townships for use of active recreation space, but he was not sure about use of passive recreation space. He explained that partnerships with community groups was important and that the report would provide further information on partnerships for the township. Peter S. noted that Natural Land Trust is another good partner and an attendee added that Natural Land Trust have both Stone Hill Preserve and the Meng Preserve.
11. An attendee asked if there were any regulations on the minimum size of an open space. Peter S. explained that there was no minimum size, but rather that open space property size would depend on the needs of the community. He described how a small lot could provide connections to other open spaces or trails. Dan K. noted that development requires open space, but there is a need to make sure that the open space provided by the developers would provide access and connections to the greater community. Peter S. noted that this could be done through zoning

ordinances and an official map. He explained that developments with accessible trails was an easy one to get done and that most developers will not provide a fight as trails are a valuable amenity for people who live in the communities. Dan K. noted that the Comprehensive Plan focused on development in the central area of the Township where infrastructure already exists. He explained that this was done to preserve the natural resources in the northeast of the township. He noted that there is a need for a strategy to make sure this area is preserved and that there is a strategy to connect important open spaces through out the township.

12. An attendee asked how or if an increase to the EIT (Earned Income Tax) could be used for open space preservation of agriculture acquisition. Peter S. answered that he did not know if monies from EIT could be used for agriculture easements and that the SC team will investigate this further. Peter S. noted that local agriculture has become very important to communities and that having local food sources is a benefit. He explained that communities have been coming up with unique ways to provide agriculture security such as building agrihoods (communities that are centered around community farming). Dan K. stated that EIT monies can be used for maintenance and noted that township owned land needs to be balanced with the ability to maintain the properties. One attendee explained that a ¼ % increase to the EIT could provide up to \$ 1 million dollars for the township. Dan K. noted that to have the EIT placed on the next ballot, the open space plan would need to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors by Aug 1, 2020. Another attendee asked if the township had any in lieu fees for open space with development. Dan K. stated that there currently are in lieu fees by the township.
13. An attendee noted that there is little walkable access to parks and schools and requested that this be a goal for the plan. Peter S. added that topics such as access will be investigated and related to areas where there are open space deficits and where the residents of the township are not currently served.
14. An attendee asked if there was a target goal for what % of township land should be open space. Peter S. answered that this is generally provided by the public. He added that the SC team will benchmark the township with other communities of similar size. He mentioned that the NRPA (National Recreation and Park Association) has a recommendation matrix for open space to be provided per population, but even these matrices should be loosely interpreted as every community has unique needs. Peter S. noted that not all open space is public space and that there is real value to privately owned open space although it may only be the beauty of the space. An attendee stated that the use of passive vs active open space should be a goal of the report. Peter S. mentioned that passive recreation open space will typically cost less to maintain and how much passive recreation vs how much active recreation space needed will be determined by the needs of the community.
15. An attendee asked about current flood protection and inquired about riparian buffers and impervious cover regulations of the Township. Dan K. stated that he believed that there was no riparian buffer regulation, but there are setbacks in place. Peter S. added that there are zoning regulations to how much impervious space is allowed and that the SC team will be investigating these regulations and providing recommendations if needed. Peter S. noted that stormwater management is a very important tool to provide for better water quality. He added that the SC team will be investigating important watersheds in the township and how to best provide for preservation of water quality.

16. An attendee asked if there are any studies to show what people could be looking for in the next 30 years. Peter S. mentioned that the team could look at past trends and future projections, but this wouldn't provide a definitive answer. He explained that there are currently too many variables with effects of climate change. He wondered if the township would move towards more dense housing to provide for more open space or will the population of the township increase by only a small amount. Sarah L. explained that there is currently a real disconnect with the present generations to nature and that it is important to provide not only this generation but future generations with preserved open space. Peter S. added that this plan will provide a guideline for the next 20 – 30 years, but also noted that it takes time for implementation of plans such as this.
17. An attendee asked if there are regulations in place for developers to repurpose vacant lots rather than disturb existing natural vacant land. Peter S. noted that this is a real issue with many municipalities and that changes in zoning can allow for redevelopment and provide advantages that would encourage repurposing of space. Dan K. added that new zoning in the township has provide developers with opportunities and currently there are spaces that are being repurposed. Peter S. explained that policy reflects the wants of the community and that property rights favor the land owners. He stated that sometimes the community will have to stand up to get what they want and that there are tools in place to assist communities in purchasing land to be used for open space and protect itself from overdevelopment.

NEXTS STEPS

1. Sarah L. went over the next steps with the public meeting attendees. She reminded them of the public survey that was now open and that they could visit the township website for additional information.
2. Peter S. thanked everyone and reminded everyone that they have an important job in educating their neighbors about the what was discussed and on future opportunities to have their voices heard.
3. The next meeting will be the public meeting on Thursday February 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Limerick Township Building, and the next committee meeting will be held Thursday January 9, 2020 at 7:00PM at the Limerick Township Building.

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Rob Gladfelter

Brainstorming Session:

GOALS

- Preserve rural character
- Walking access to parks
- Promote community and gathering
- Develop partnerships
- Balance between acquisition and maintenance
- Goal for future % of open space
- Strategy to preserve land in the north

FACTS

- 12% preserved open space
- Existing trails
- No one knows about Stone Hill
- Visual value of open space
- Stream classification
- Plan to be shared with neighboring Twps and County
- ¼% increase to EIT = about \$1 million per year
- \$1million = \$ 16 million 20 year bond
- Twp interest in DVPRC Wayfinding Grant
- Adjoining community plans
- Value in private open space
- Twp Comp plan focus Dev around existing infrastructure

CONCEPTS

- Preserve Schuylkill River front
- Access to water
- Develop network of trail systems
- Wayfinding for parks
- Use neighborhood Facebook pages for outreach
- Get agenda out prior to meetings
- Connection with YMCA programs
- Fee in lieu of recreation
- Zoning to encourage repurpose of property
- Vacant lands for development
- Identify fishing value of water

- Look at impervious coverage % in zoning
- Active vs. Passive open space
- Identify future trends
- Buy development rights to keep farms
- Flood protection
- ½ mile walking service radius
- Walking access proximity to schools
- Riparian buffer ordinance
- Minimum size for open space lot
- Hold single lot for open space in development
- SALDO for promotion of open space
- Development over X-acres to have trail
- Tree cover focus in the north

PARTNERS

- Natural Lands Trust
- Audubon
- Bowmans Club
- County
- Perkiomen Water Trail
- Conservancies
- DCNR

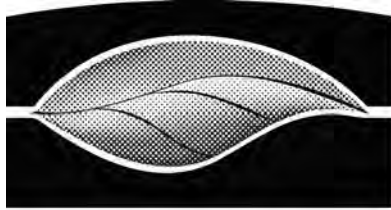
SIGN-IN SHEET - PUBLIC MEETING #1 HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019
OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE

Name	Signature of Attendance	Email	Affiliation/Other Committees
Allen Dowhie Jr.			P & R
Angela Russell			Parks & Rec Department Director
Christopher Haring			S & B
Dan Kerr	<i>Dan Kerr</i>		Twp. Manager
Dennis G. Keen			P & R
Erin P. Cohen			P & R
George Mokonchu			Participated in LCP MP
Greg (Robert G.) Richardson			Currently on PC
Gregory Gray			P & R
Greta Martin Washington			Director of Community Planning
Jack (John B.) Seber	<i>Jack Seber</i>		S & B
Jennie Jonas			S & B
Keith G. Daywalt			Currently on PC
Kenneth McLaughlin	<i>Kenneth McLaughlin</i>		Currently on PC
Liam Kaufman - Student Rep			P & R
Marcy Mancini	<i>Reported as could not make it</i>		Limerick Twp. Administration
Margie Schweitzer			Previously on P & R
Patricia Kaufman			S & B
Peter Simone			Simone Collins
Rick Fidler	<i>Rick Fidler</i>		Previously on S & B
Robert Gladfelter			Simone Collins
Ryan Vanchocik	<i>Ryan Vanchocik</i>		Parks & Rec Department
Sarah Leeper	<i>Sarah Leeper</i>		Simone Collins
Tim Haas			Limerick Twp. Administration
Amy Kaminski	<i>Amy Kaminski</i>		11/4/19 - Called and expressed Advisory Panel
Teresa Annunzio	<i>Teresa Annunzio</i>		

Next Meetings will be held on:

Public Meeting #2 Thursday, February 6th 7:00 P.M.

Committee Meeting #2 Thursday, January 9th 7



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AGENDA

Project: **Limerick Township
Comprehensive Open Space Plan** Project No.: **19074.10**

Location: **Limerick Township Building** Date: **02.06.2020**

Topic: **Public Meeting #2** Time: **7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

Agenda Items:

1. Demographics
2. Public Survey Preliminary Results
3. Ideas gathered from Brainstorming Sessions
4. Draft Mission Statement and Plan Goal
5. Township Open Space Analysis
6. Similar Community Benchmarks
7. Service Area Gaps
8. Open Space **Parcel Selection** Criteria
9. Next Meetings:

- Committee Meeting #3 Thursday, April 9th 7:00 - 8:30 PM
- Public Meeting #2 Thursday, May 7th 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Survey Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LimerickOSP>

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SIGN-IN SHEET - PUBLIC MEETING #2 HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020
OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE

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Peter Simone			Simone Collins
Rick Fidler			Previously on S & B
Robert Gladfelter			Simone Collins
Ryan Yanchocik			Parks & Rec Department
Sarah Leeper			Simone Collins
Tim Haas			Limerick Twp. Administration
Residents Who Previously Attended:			
Amy Kaminski			
Brian Maguire			P & R, S&B, OS
Robert Kleckner			BOS Chair
Thomas J. Neafcy, Jr.			
Tyler Schumacher			EASTERN PA. PRESENTATION
Kim Schumacher			EASTERN PA. PRESENTATION
Rich Buser			" "
Ann Lodes (B)			" "
Janey Bieber			" "
Pick Blawie			" "
C. Viora			Limerick Planning

Next Meetings will be held on:

Public Meeting #2 Thursday, May 7th 7:00 P.M. Committee Meeting #2 Thursday, April 9th 7:00 P.M.

Name

Steve Kwan

Bill Maule

ROSEMARY HERSTMAN

Lori Selman

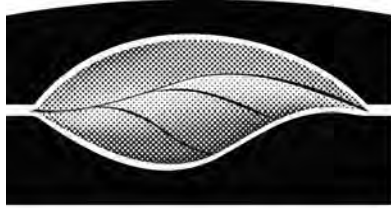
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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Limerick Township Comprehensive Open Space Plan	Project No.:	19074.10
Location:	Limerick Township Building 646 W Ridge Pike Limerick, PA 19468	Meeting Date/ Time:	02.06.2020 7:00 pm
Re:	Public Meeting #2	Issue Date:	02.10.2020

ATTENDEES:

See Sign In Sheet

GENERAL NOTES:

INTRODUCTION

1. Dan Kerr started the meeting by discussing the township's purpose in updating the open space plan. He noted that during a recent Board of Supervisor meeting a township resident had proposed adding a referendum to the 2019 ballot for an increase to the EIT (earned income tax) as a way for the township to assist with acquisition of open space. He explained that the Board of Supervisors is open to pursuing this idea though recognized the need to first update the 2006 Township Open Space Plan. He stated that the BOS felt it was their due diligence to have a plan update that lays out the Township goals regarding open space prior to asking the public to vote on a referendum.
2. Peter Simone started the presentation with introductions. Peter S. reviewed where the process was in the schedule and explained that there would be a 30-day review period for comments after the draft presentation on May 7th. Peter S. reviewed the draft mission statement and plan goal. He invited the attendants to provide comments and reviewed one comment received so far.
3. Sarah Leeper continued the presentation, reviewing demographics and preliminary survey results. Sarah L. pointed out that the results have shown that the people of the Township really want open space and connections to them. She also reviewed the survey results pertaining to funding. Peter S. commented that even if the Township enacted an EIT tax, the Township would still go after additional funding and could use this revenue as a Township match to grants. Tom Neafcy added that EIT funding would give the Township more control of open space strategy as

grant funding becomes more competitive. Sarah L. continued the presentation by reviewing ideas gathered from the previous meetings.

4. Rob Gladfelter continued the presentation, reviewing open space calculations, mapping, and community comparisons. He also described some of the current ordinances that protect the natural resources in Limerick Township. Peter S. mentioned that the consultants will review the recommendations from the 2006 Open Space Plan to see what has been completed.
5. Peter S. reviewed the open space parcel selection criteria and invited the attendees to provide comments after they had time to review it. He explained more details for the criteria selected such as using parcels of 25 AC + identifies parcels that would accommodate a typical park. Peter S. outlined the importance of agricultural soils for future protection of local food source security as the future of agriculture is unknown. He stated that even if these lands would not be needed as agriculture in the future, the Township would still reap the benefits of having the preserved open space. He described the importance of open space land that is surrounded by development and that the space could provide for much needed space for the adjacent communities. He detailed the importance of connections to the open space and that it has been stressed by residents who have completed the survey. Peter S. then illustrated how the data from the criteria would be used and reviewed the examples provided in the presentation. He stressed that the criteria only provide an assigned value to assist the Township with acquisition consideration and is not to be an absolute as there are many other factors that could be acknowledged by the Township before land acquisition. As an example, he described two theoretical parcels of similar size and values and how factors such as cost, willing owners, or location could make one property more desirable. He mentioned that Kurylo was purchased by the Township from a willing owner and is now a passive open space rather than a development. Peter S. stated that the consultants were not going to evaluate every parcel, but rather 20 – 30 parcels that will be discussed in more detail with the committee to find which parcels would make sense for the needs of the Township.
6. Peter S. then described the next steps before the final presentation of the plan to the Board of Supervisors. He stated that the public survey is still open and asked that the attendees to reach out to others in the community. He then opened the floor to questions.
7. An attendee asked what was the current % of land that is required to be open space within a development and if they don't have open space, are the developments required to pitch in to other open spaces. Peter S. answered that in general, open space requirements are determined by zoning and ordinances and that tools such as in lieu of fees assist with preserving open space. Dan Kerr explained that there are currently ordinances in place for open space within developments. The attendee asked if the ordinances regulated how the open space is to be used. Dan K. explained that how the open space is used is determined by the developer, but these ordinances could be reviewed to see if they could be stronger. Dan K. stated that as of now the HOA open space is considered as important open space within the community.
8. Peter S. described how an Official Map works and is an important tool for the Township to give them a seat at the table for proposed development. He explained that if a parcel that is identified in the Official Map, such as Turtle Creek, was to go to sale for development, the Township would have a year to act and can negotiate with developers to preserve important areas or provide pathways at no cost to the residents. Peter S. noted that development goes through a series of negotiating points before being built. He stated that the consultants may

recommend more parcels to be identified on the Official Map. Dan K. added that the development at Cherry Ridge has passive open space and also built part of the trail along the power lines since the trail was identified on the official Map.

9. Rick Fidler pointed out that as of now, in lieu of fees are the only funding source for the Township for acquisition of open space. Using this model, development is encouraged to replenish funds. He explained that having an EIT would provide funds for open space acquisition and is only taken from wages and not paid for by senior citizens. Peter S. added that there are examples of when residents came together with a municipality to raise funds to purchase land for open space.
10. An attendee asked what the state of the in lieu of fees are currently. Dan K. explained that at the time he started there was approximately \$1million in funds acquired from in lieu of fees and that most of this came from the development boom in the 80s and 90s. He noted that since the housing bubble collapse, the amount of funds available to the township has become far less and the current funds are nearly depleted. He explained that the Township has used pass funds for purchasing parcels such as Kurylo and the Toll House, and as Township match for grants. Dan K. explained that the new trends for development is to provide open space for its residents and very few developers are paying in lieu of fees, which is why the Township is exploring new funding sources. Dan K. explained that there are areas that are facing development pressure, but issues with open space and infrastructure requires a pro active plan that will also address connections.
11. An attendee asked if there are ways of challenging what is considered as open space. Peter S. answered that the consultants would review the regulations and what is defined as open space. Sarah L. noted that currently there are five designations of open space in the Township ordinance. Peter S. explained that some of the open spaces does not allow farming and the consultants would review the designations and uses and provide recommendations.
12. An attendee asked if the Comprehensive Open Space Plan would mark parcels for open space. Peter S. explained that the plan will only propose parcels that the Township should consider adding to their Official Map. Another attendee asked if the consultants will be presenting parcels for consideration at the next meeting. Peter S. answered that the draft presented at the next public meeting would have properties identified and that some people may be upset to see that their parcel is part of the proposed properties for acquisition. There are some misconceptions that will have to be addressed when this time comes.
13. An attendee commented that there currently is little enforcement to open space use.
14. Some attendees asked if the plan would address how a parcel is to be used. Peter S. explained that the Comprehensive Open Space Plan is not a master plan but rather it is a first step to identifying land the Township should consider for acquisition. Only after a property is purchased does the process of how that land is used will be set in motion.
15. An attendee identified himself as part of a non-profit organization and asked if the property across from The Outlets is being considered for preservation as open space. Dan K. answered the land is not encouraged for open space. He explained the Township's Comprehensive Plan provided a guide in which development should occur within areas where existing infrastructure would support development. He noted that land preservation was better served in areas where there was less stress to development or provided added benefits to areas that were already developed. He noted that the historic building on the site could be preserved and be part of a

development project. An attendee asked if industrial development would be considered as part of the criteria for parcel selection. Peter S. explained that reducing the amount of property within an industrial zone may lead to industrial zoning being placed elsewhere, so the consultants are not looking at it as a criterion. He added that current regulations limit how much area within a parcel can be developed within a zone.

16. An attendee asked what would happen to an EIT fund if Limerick was completely built out. Peter S. stated that he did not have the answer to this question but noted that it would be a while before Limerick would be built out and the beauty of this plan is to have the Township preserve as much land as it could before it builds out.
17. An attendee asked if the plan for purchased properties were that they become a park and expressed concern that additional parks would attract additional traffic. Peter S. explained that the plan is only looking at the parcels and not its intended use. He noted that a parcel, once acquired, could become a park, but currently, park needs of the community was addressed with the Limerick Community Park Master Plan. He added that some land preservation could be done in partnership with Conservancies that would keep the land use for passive recreation but noted that any park development would attract far less traffic than a development.
18. An attendee asked if there was a percentage of open space to be kept natural for wildlife use. Peter S. noted that most open space is generally passive space that provides value to local wildlife but that even these lands would need some type of management to reduce stress caused by climate change, invasive species, and deer browse.
19. Peter S. thanked the attendees for a great meeting and reminded them to reach out to others to take the survey and come to the next public meeting.

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Limerick Township

Comprehensive Open Space Plan

Please join us for public meeting 3 at which time the draft or preliminary plan will be presented for the future of Limerick Township open space. This plan will be available afterwards on the Township's website for 30-days for public review and comment.



WHEN:

7:00 PM Wed. Mar. 10, 2021

This will be a virtual meeting:

Access meeting by clicking [here](#)
If you do not have access to a computer
you can listen by phone

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Conference ID: 725 495 175#

Please fill out the public opinion
survey :

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LimerickOSP>

You can participate in our virtual meeting by following the instructions from the link or on the Township website: limerickpa.org

Future Meeting Dates
Public Meeting 4 / Board of
Supervisors Meeting: June 1, 2021

MEETING NOTES

Project: **Limerick Township
Comprehensive Open Space
Plan**

Project
No.: **19074.10**

Location: ***Virtual Meeting***

Meeting
Date/
Time: **03/10/2021
7:00PM – 9:00 PM**

Re: **Public Meeting #3: Draft Plan**

ATTENDEES:

See Attached Record:

NOTES:

Simone Collins on behalf of Limerick Township held a Microsoft Teams Live Event to present the Limerick Township Comprehensive Open Space Plan draft to the public. A recording of the presentation can be watched by following the link below.

[Click Here to Watch Meeting](#)

The following is the record of questions and comments submitted by the public during the virtual live event. Order of questions have been revised to group similar comments together. Simone Collins has edited submitted questions for grammar and spelling errors. Moderator (Simone Collins) responses have been revised for clarity. Names have been associated with comments when they were provided.

1. Andrew Piasecki – We were notified that a parcel owned by us has been identified to be included in the updated Comprehensive Open Space Plan. If our property is included in the new plan: 1. Are we still able to sell our property to a developer? Can our property still be developed? Are we able to build a house? Will we be penalized in any way for developing our property? Can we refuse to have our property declared as open space?
 - Peter Simone – these are all great questions. You will be able to sell to a developer, to be developed, and / or build a house. If your property is included in this plan, it does not have any legal bearing, this is only a planning report. If the property were to be added to the Official Map and you want to sell the property to a developer, it would allow the Township up to a year to have conversations with the property owner and/or the developer so if there is an opportunity to preserve all or some of the property, the Township can make an offer. You would not be penalized for developing a property.
 - Peter Simone - You can refuse to have your property to be declared as open space. It may be that you have very developable land but some parts or maybe all may have restrictions from zoning or ordinances, so having Township interest may be a good thing.

2. Andrew Piasecki – Why wasn't Possum Hollow Run area identified as a parcel(s) to be included in the open space plan map?
 - Rob Gladfelter – The planners have gone through the process of working with the committee and asking the public about properties that should be included in the plan. The Possum Hollow Run starts by the airfield and makes its way to the Exelon property. Some additional parcels may warrant to be accessed for possible consideration for acquisition if the opportunity would present itself. The parcel matrix will be included in the report and can be used by the Township to assist in determining the natural or cultural resources on the site.
3. Property owner of parcel #29 as identified on the proposed open space map (Call in) – caller noted that due to zoning restrictions in R1, his property would not be able to cluster development that in return could provide more open space.
 - Peter Simone – As a planner, we cannot speak for the Board, but what you're describing is a tool used in other suburban development. Please keep in contact with Greta Martin-Washington. She may be able to assist you with your idea.
 - Caller – Thank you, I would rather not develop the property at all, but to stay on the property, I would need further financial funding and/or assistance.

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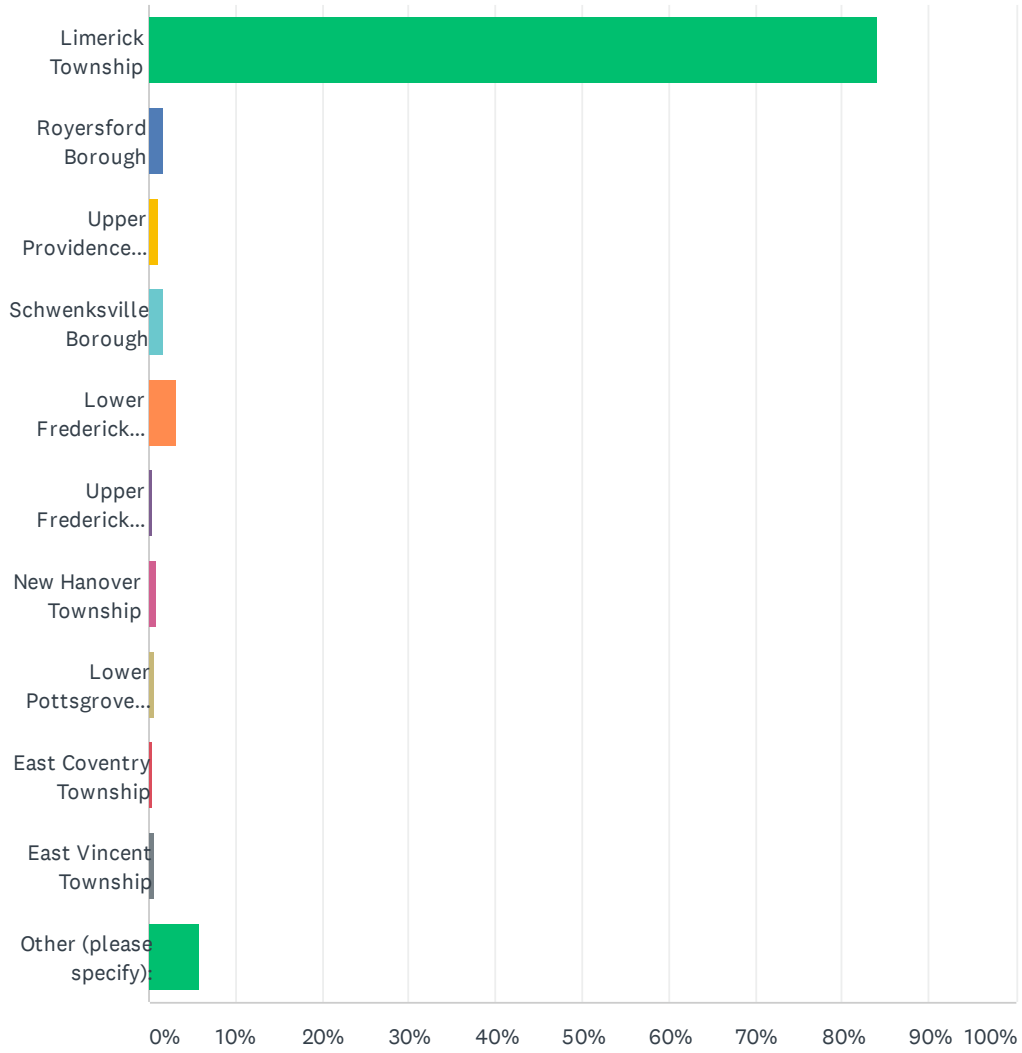
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Q1 What is the name of the municipality you live in?

Answered: 625 Skipped: 3



Limerick Township Comprehensive Open Space Plan

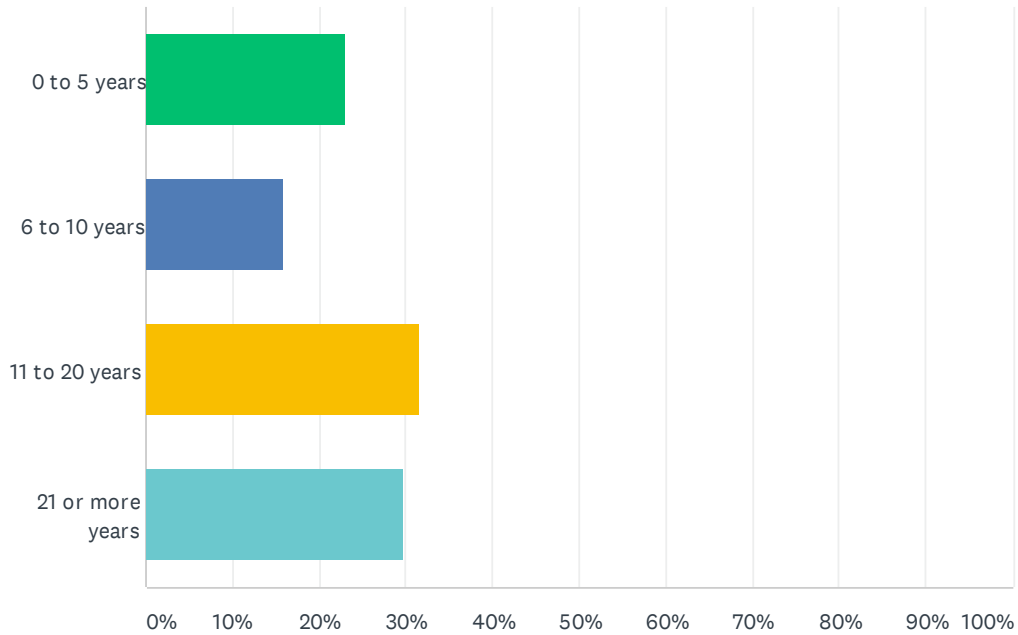
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Limerick Township	84.16%	526
Royersford Borough	1.60%	10
Upper Providence Township	0.96%	6
Schwenksville Borough	1.60%	10
Lower Frederick Township	3.04%	19
Upper Frederick Township	0.32%	2
New Hanover Township	0.80%	5
Lower Pottsgrove Township	0.64%	4
East Coventry Township	0.32%	2
East Vincent Township	0.64%	4
Other (please specify):	5.92%	37
TOTAL		625

Limerick Township Comprehensive Open Space Plan

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
1	Pottstown Borough	3/10/2021 7:19 AM
2	Philadelphia	3/9/2021 11:09 AM
3	schuylkill township	3/6/2021 2:20 PM
4	Pottstown borough	3/6/2021 10:18 AM
5	Ambler Borough	3/6/2021 10:12 AM
6	Salisbury township	3/6/2021 10:03 AM
7	North coventry	3/6/2021 9:56 AM
8	My residence isn't important. The fact I use SGL 234 is what's important.	3/6/2021 9:12 AM
9	Upper pottsgrove	3/5/2021 9:07 PM
10	Exeter township	3/5/2021 8:53 PM
11	Douglas	3/5/2021 1:10 PM
12	Chester County	3/5/2021 11:58 AM
13	Pottstown	3/5/2021 11:29 AM
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15	Philadelphia	3/5/2021 7:22 AM
16	Trainer, PA	3/5/2021 3:08 AM
17	West Goshen twp.	3/4/2021 9:13 PM
18	West pottsgrove	3/4/2021 8:04 PM
19	West Vincent	3/4/2021 7:30 PM
20	Lower Southampton Township	3/4/2021 7:21 PM
21	Ottsville bucks county	3/4/2021 7:15 PM
22	Spring City Boro	2/22/2021 7:57 PM
23	No	2/12/2021 2:19 PM
24	LINFIELD	1/31/2021 11:02 AM
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31	Amity Township	1/8/2020 3:31 PM
32	Linfield	12/26/2019 3:21 PM
33	Linfield section of Limerick	12/7/2019 10:36 AM
34	Colebrookdale township	11/29/2019 11:30 AM
35	North Coventry township	11/17/2019 2:00 PM
36	North Coventry	11/12/2019 5:47 PM
37	Boyertown	11/12/2019 2:56 PM

Q2 How long have you lived in your current community?

Answered: 624 Skipped: 4

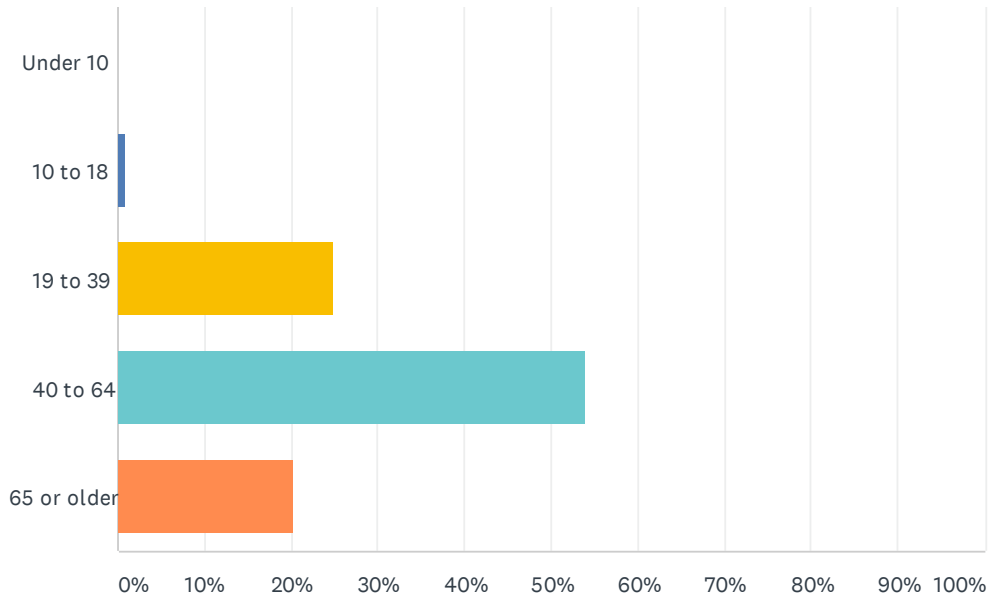


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0 to 5 years	22.92%	143
6 to 10 years	15.87%	99
11 to 20 years	31.57%	197
21 or more years	29.65%	185
TOTAL		624

Q3 What is your age?

Answered: 622 Skipped: 6

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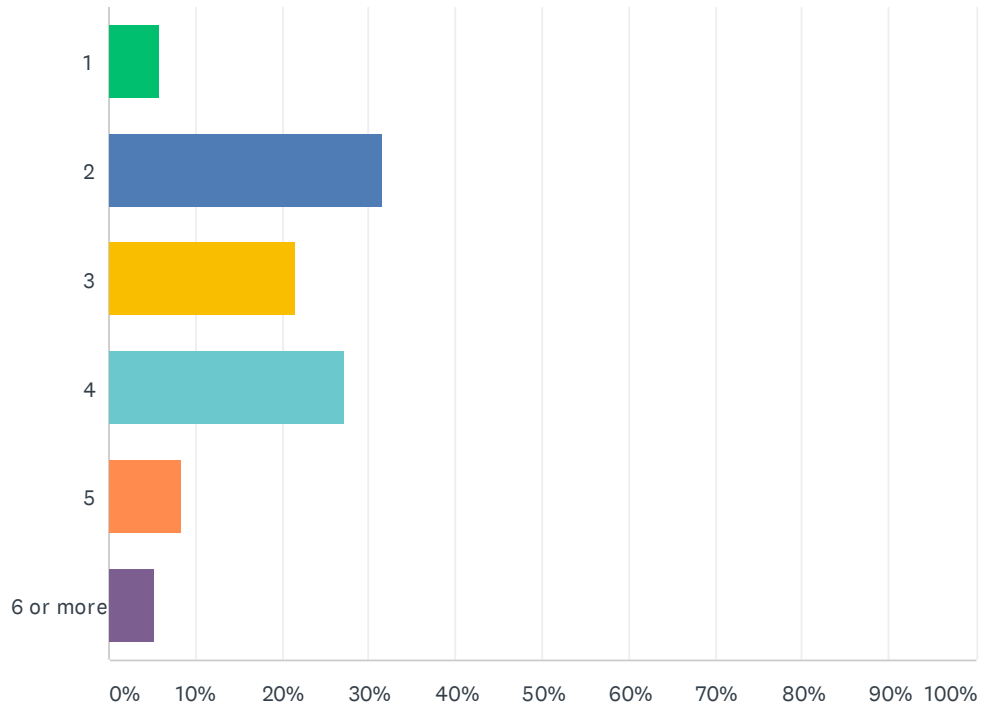


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under 10	0.00% 0
10 to 18	0.80% 5
19 to 39	24.92% 155
40 to 64	54.02% 336
65 or older	20.26% 126
TOTAL	622

Q4 How many people currently live in your household?

Answered: 623 Skipped: 5

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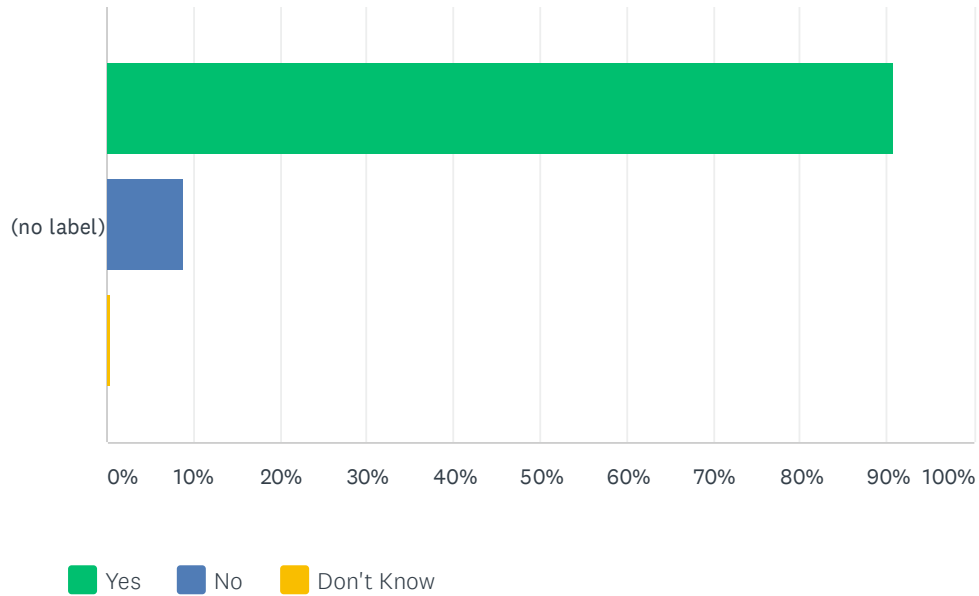


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
1	5.94% 37
2	31.62% 197
3	21.51% 134
4	27.29% 170
5	8.35% 52
6 or more	5.30% 33
TOTAL	623

Q5 In the past 12 months, has any member of your household participated in any activities in parks, natural areas, or open spaces in or around Limerick Township? This would include any recreational activity, such as walking, biking, participating in team sports, swimming, bird watching, boating, etc.

Answered: 560 Skipped: 68

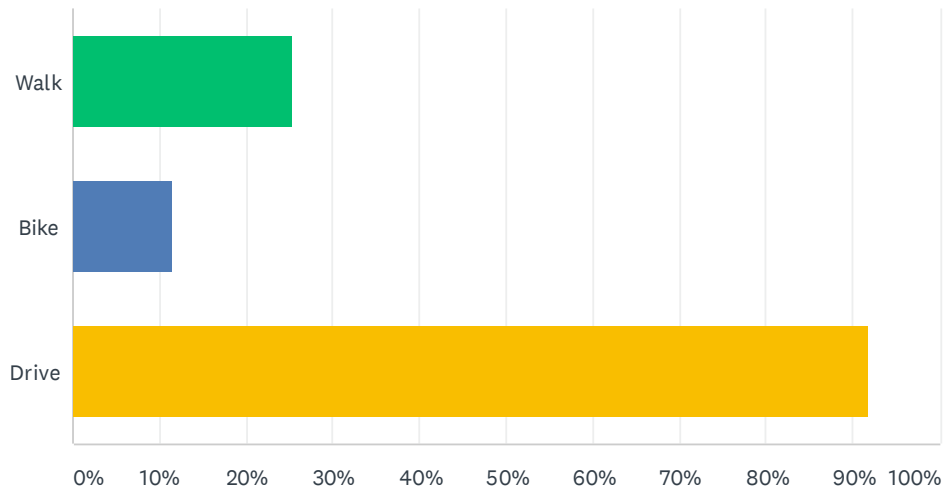
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	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	90.89% 509	8.75% 49	0.36% 2	560	91.22

Q6 How do you usually travel to the open spaces and parks? (Please check all that apply)

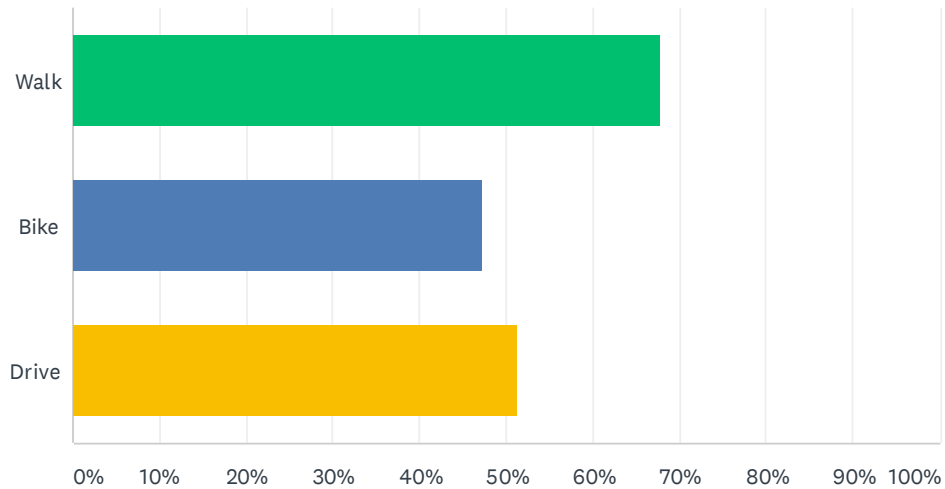
Answered: 587 Skipped: 41



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Walk	25.38% 149
Bike	11.41% 67
Drive	91.82% 539
Total Respondents: 587	

Q7 How would you prefer to travel to open space or parks? (Please check all that apply)

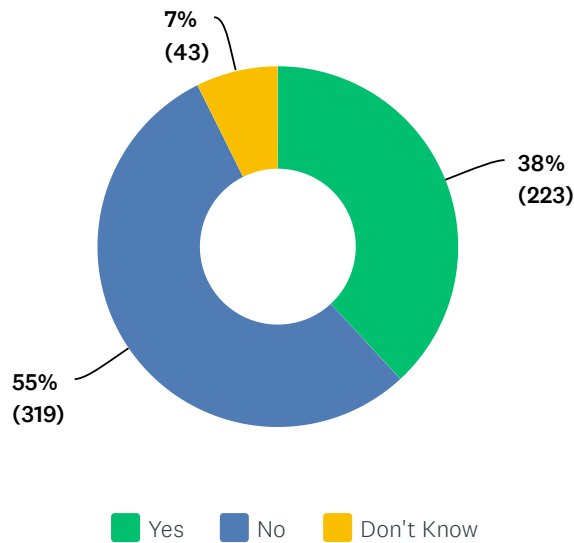
Answered: 588 Skipped: 40



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walk	67.86%	399
Bike	47.28%	278
Drive	51.19%	301
Total Respondents: 588		

Q8 Do you feel that there are an adequate number of open space, parks, natural areas, and trails available to you in or in close proximity to where you live?

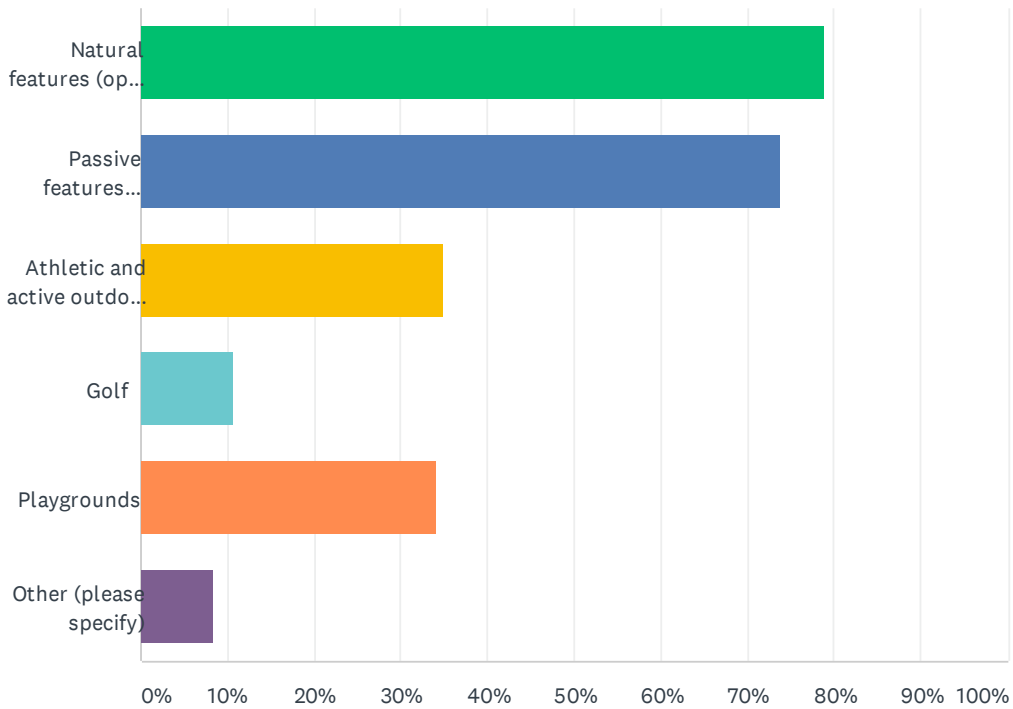
Answered: 585 Skipped: 43



	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	38% 223	55% 319	7% 43	585	41.14

Q9 What are your favorite types of open space features? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 592 Skipped: 36



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Natural features (open space, wildlife habitat, outdoor education, etc.)	78.89%	467
Passive features (trails, benches, picnic facilities, etc.)	73.82%	437
Athletic and active outdoor activities (fields, courts, pools, fitness equip, etc.)	34.97%	207
Golf	10.64%	63
Playgrounds	34.12%	202
Other (please specify)	8.45%	50
Total Respondents: 592		

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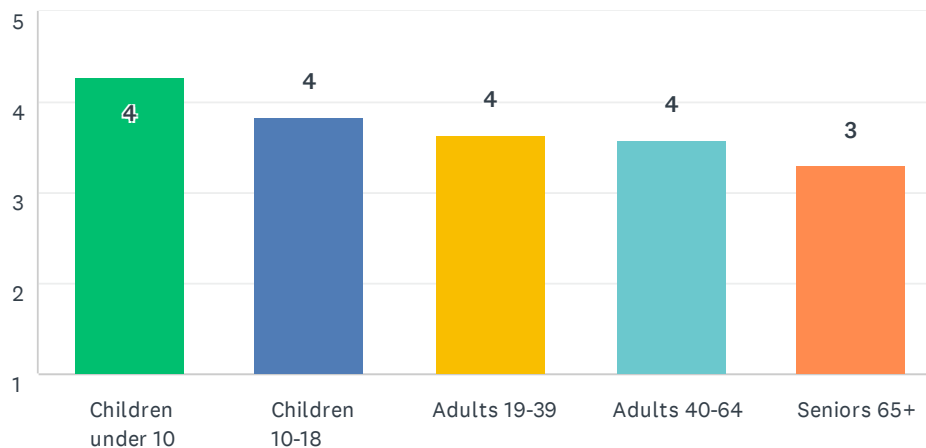
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1	Hunting	3/10/2021 7:11 PM
2	Hunting along the river	3/10/2021 7:20 AM
3	Hunting and fishing	3/9/2021 11:10 AM
4	Hunting	3/8/2021 6:58 AM
5	Natural trails, walkpaths with free space and access for hunting and fishing	3/7/2021 11:56 AM
6	Game lands for hunting	3/6/2021 2:22 PM
7	Open hunting grounds	3/6/2021 10:20 AM
8	Hunting areas	3/6/2021 9:23 AM
9	hunting Xhunting	3/5/2021 2:54 PM
10	hunting Hunting	3/5/2021 1:12 PM
11	hunting Public hunting grounds	3/5/2021 11:59 AM
12	hunting State game lands	3/5/2021 8:09 AM
13	hunting State Game Lands	3/5/2021 3:10 AM
14	hunting Hunting,fishing	3/4/2021 9:15 PM
15	hunting Game lands / hunting / fishing opportunities	3/4/2021 8:57 PM
16	No more golf	3/3/2021 4:01 PM
17	Community gardens, community composting continuous range for wildlife	3/2/2021 11:36 PM
18	hunting hunting and fishing	3/2/2021 5:11 PM
19	Dog Park definitely needed; tennis courts	3/2/2021 11:55 AM
20	Walking trails	2/18/2021 4:14 PM
21	Dog park	2/9/2021 11:10 AM
22	Biking trails	2/9/2021 10:31 AM
23	Motocross or BMx track	10/27/2020 4:40 PM
24	Shuttles to parks outlets etc...	10/12/2020 7:20 AM
25	Basketball courts needed to get them off the streets	3/3/2020 10:42 PM
26	Leave the space the way it is.	2/25/2020 7:24 AM
27	Dog Park	2/2/2020 8:53 AM
28	Indoor pool	1/27/2020 7:31 AM
29	Walking trails	1/26/2020 8:35 AM
30	Would love a dog park in our township	1/25/2020 8:31 PM
31	toddler playground, fenced in completely for safety for younger child	1/25/2020 8:18 PM
32	Need a dog park with 2 sections (big vs small dogs)	1/25/2020 11:30 AM
33	Definitely need trails in Limerick township!! Can't walk anywhere!	1/24/2020 11:50 PM
34	Dog park	1/24/2020 5:45 PM
35	dog parks	1/24/2020 5:25 PM
36	Easy access for handicapped drivers	1/24/2020 5:17 PM
37	I would enjoy more trees in the existing open spaces...Too many trees were eliminated at certain parks because of housing developments.	1/14/2020 9:54 PM

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38	dog friendly	1/1/2020 2:36 PM
39	Equestrian trails	12/28/2019 8:16 PM
40	Need lights at manderach park fields for basketball courts and soccer/ lacrosse fields. Could be a money maker for the township. Need sidewalks on limerick center rd by the corner of ridge by the cemetery.	12/27/2019 11:47 AM
41	Trails for horseback riding	12/27/2019 9:18 AM
42	Equestrian trails	12/7/2019 3:27 PM
43	dog park area	12/5/2019 3:30 AM
44	Walking paths	12/4/2019 8:57 AM
45	Historic Buildings	11/23/2019 11:07 AM
46	Basketball	11/18/2019 7:15 PM
47	Facilities for dogs and pets. Fishing. And hunting. Hiking. Orienteering is a hobby of mine.	11/17/2019 9:38 AM
48	Disc Golf	11/13/2019 11:03 PM
49	Dog friendly trails	11/12/2019 3:10 PM
50	Saw	11/12/2019 2:54 PM

Q10 On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being Very Poorly and 5 being Very Well: In general, how well do you think the age groups listed below are served by parks, recreation, and open space in or near Limerick Township?

Answered: 593 Skipped: 35

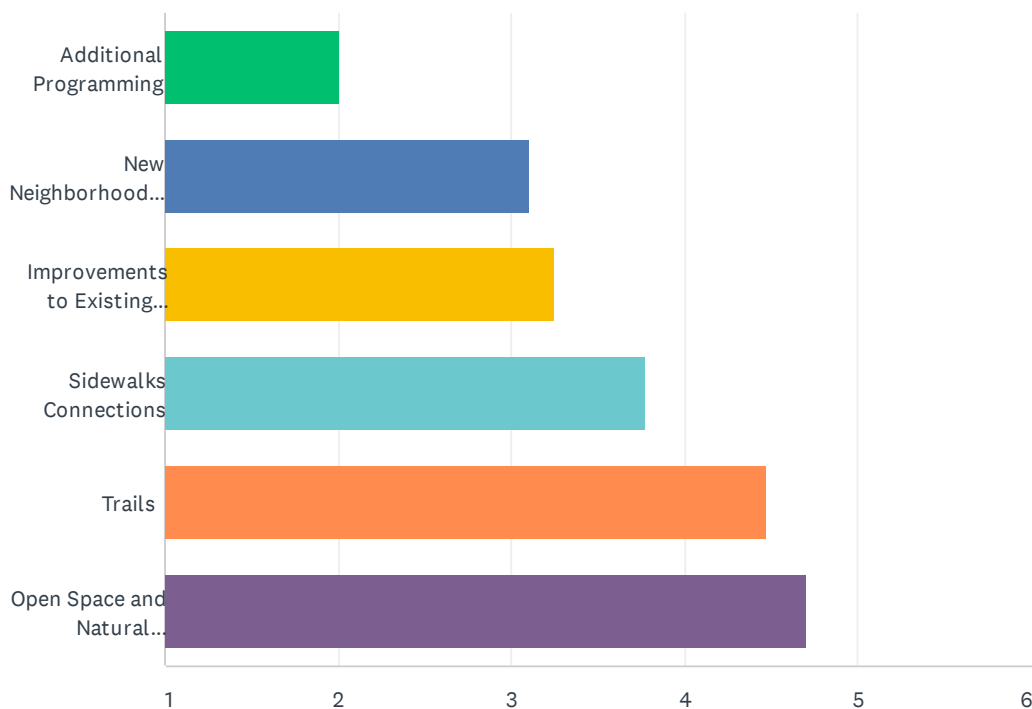


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	1-VERY POORLY	2-SOMEWHAT POORLY	3-NEITHER WELL NOR POORLY	4-SOMEWHAT WELL	5-VERY WELL	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Children under 10	1.20% 7	4.27% 25	7.35% 43	30.94% 181	43.59% 255	12.65% 74	585	4.28
Children 10-18	2.90% 17	8.18% 48	14.48% 85	33.56% 197	25.89% 152	14.99% 88	587	3.84
Adults 19-39	3.44% 20	9.11% 53	20.62% 120	36.94% 215	18.38% 107	11.51% 67	582	3.65
Adults 40-64	3.93% 23	12.48% 73	19.15% 112	34.70% 203	18.29% 107	11.45% 67	585	3.58
Seniors 65+	7.64% 45	12.56% 74	19.52% 115	24.96% 147	13.58% 80	21.73% 128	589	3.31

Q11 With 1 being the Highest Priority and 6 the Lowest Priority :Please rank priorities that you feel Limerick Township should focus on in this plan.

Answered: 561 Skipped: 67

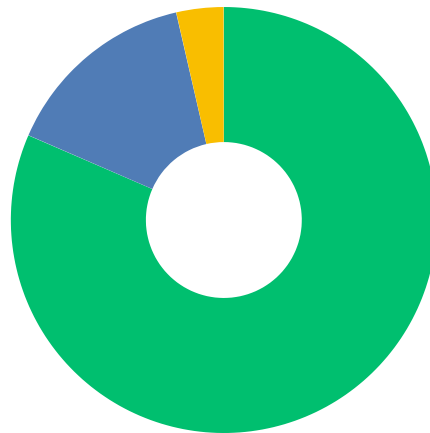


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	1	2	3	4	5	1	TOTAL	SCORE
Additional Programming	2.58% 14	4.43% 24	8.67% 47	12.36% 67	18.82% 102	53.14% 288	542	2.00
New Neighborhood Parks	7.72% 40	10.62% 55	21.04% 109	21.24% 110	23.75% 123	15.64% 81	518	3.10
Improvements to Existing Facilities	6.88% 37	14.50% 78	18.96% 102	24.72% 133	26.58% 143	8.36% 45	538	3.25
Sidewalks Connections	17.97% 94	19.50% 102	20.27% 106	17.02% 89	13.96% 73	11.28% 59	523	3.77
Trails	24.13% 125	37.64% 195	16.41% 85	9.46% 49	7.92% 41	4.44% 23	518	4.47
Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation	45.56% 241	13.99% 74	16.82% 89	14.74% 78	6.43% 34	2.46% 13	529	4.70

Q12 Open spaces are areas of land or water designated for use as active or passive recreation or for natural resource protection. Please note that these are not vacant, undeveloped lands. Do you think that more public parks, natural areas, and open spaces are needed in Limerick Township?

Answered: 557 Skipped: 71



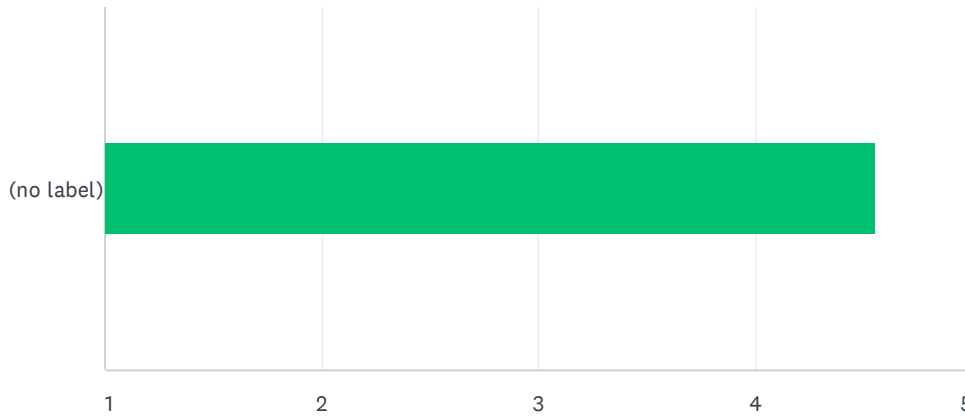
■ Yes
 ■ No
 ■ N/A

	YES	NO	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	81.51% 454	14.90% 83	3.59% 20	557	84.54

Q13 On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being Very Unimportant and 5 being Very Important: How important do you feel public parks, natural areas and open spaces are to the well-being and quality of life in Limerick Township?

Answered: 559 Skipped: 69

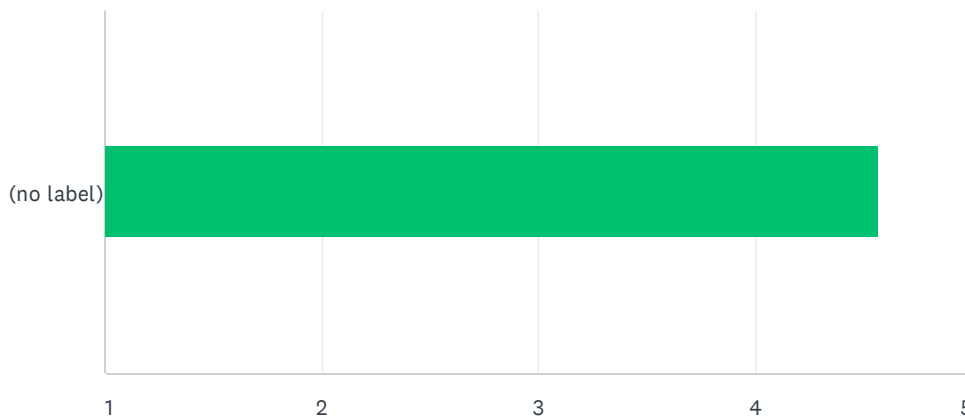
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(no label)	5.01% 28	0.54% 3	1.79% 10	18.78% 105	73.52% 411	0.36% 2	559	4.56

Q14 On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being Very Unimportant and 5 being Very Important:How important is the conservation of natural open space such as wetlands, marshes, woodlands, etc.?

Answered: 559 Skipped: 69

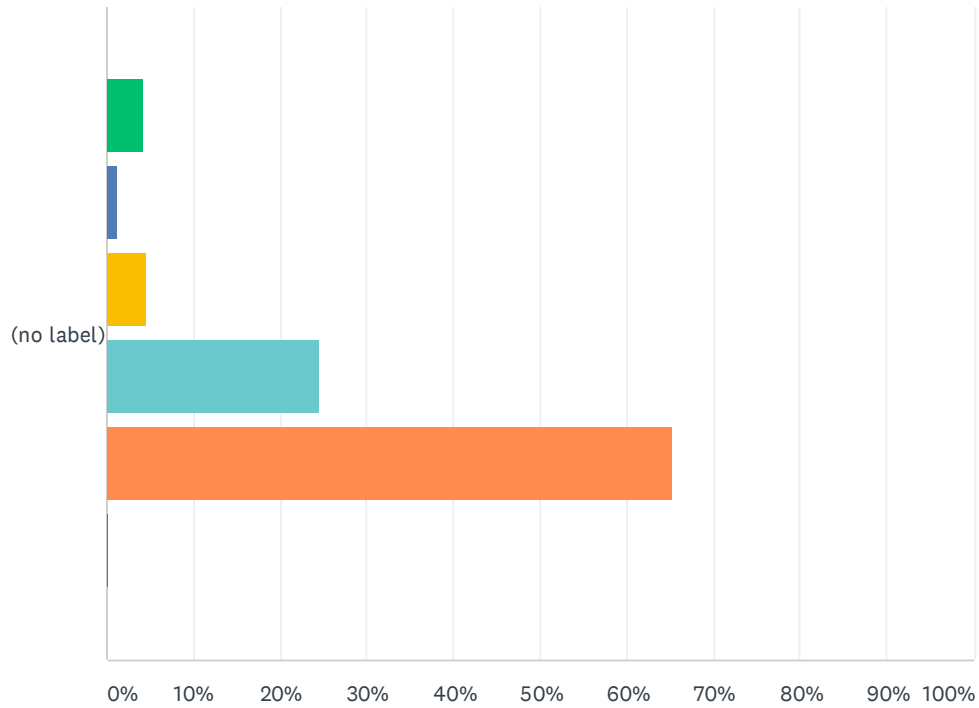


	1-VERY UNIMPORTANT	2- UNIMPORTANT	3-NEITHER UNIMPORTANT NOR IMPORTANT	4- IMPORTANT	5-VERY IMPORTANT	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	3.94% 22	0.89% 5	3.22% 18	18.25% 102	73.17% 409	0.54% 3	559	4.57

Q15 On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being Very Unimportant and 5 being Very Important:How important are passive recreation activities such as wildlife observation, hiking, walking, kayaking, etc.?

Answered: 559 Skipped: 69

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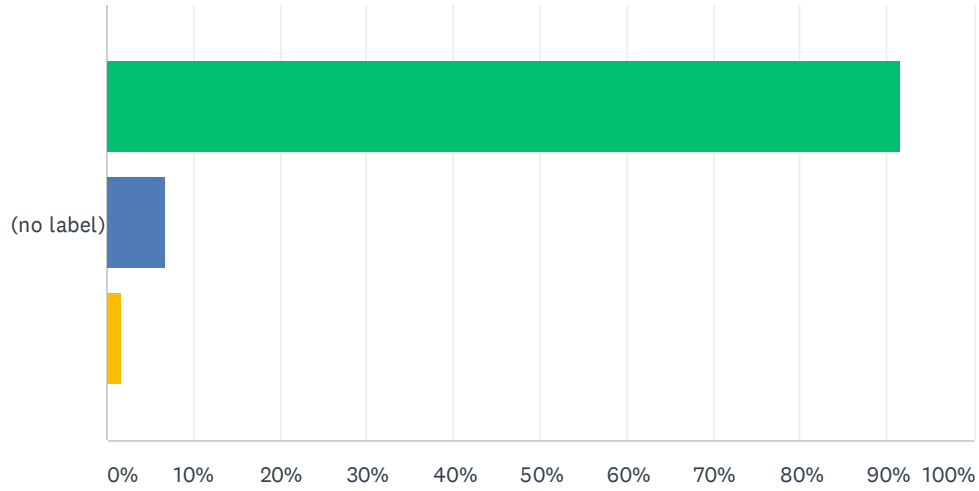
■ 1-Very Unimportant
 ■ 2-Unimportant
 ■ 3-Neither Unimportant nor Important
■ 4-Important
 ■ 5-Very Important
 ■ Don't Know

	1-VERY UNIMPORTANT	2-UNIMPORTANT	3-NEITHER UNIMPORTANT NOR IMPORTANT	4-IMPORTANT	5-VERY IMPORTANT	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	4.11% 23	1.25% 7	4.65% 26	24.51% 137	65.30% 365	0.18% 1	559	4.46

Q16 Concerning open space, how do you view these lands in Limerick Township?

Answered: 561 Skipped: 67

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- Open space is very valuable to the quality of life in the Township and should be preserved
- Open space is nice to have but it is not important to the overall quality of life in the T..
- I have no opinion on open space in Limerick Township

	OPEN SPACE IS VERY VALUABLE TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE TOWNSHIP AND SHOULD BE PRESERVED	OPEN SPACE IS NICE TO HAVE BUT IT IS NOT IMPORTANT TO THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE TOWNSHIP	I HAVE NO OPINION ON OPEN SPACE IN LIMERICK TOWNSHIP	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	91.62% 514	6.77% 38	1.60% 9	561	93.12

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I think we have plenty of open space here	3/11/2021 1:44 PM
2	Instead of raising taxes, consider not wasting tax dollars on a wholly unnecessary new township building... you should be ashamed of yourselves and of the dismal quality of the road surfaces in the township! BE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE!!!	3/10/2021 7:19 PM
3	The township should halt new developments until this plan is finished	3/10/2021 6:44 PM
4	Do not develop State Game Lands other than for intended uses if fishing and hunting. These lands were purchased and paid for by hunters through the Robert Pittman act.	3/9/2021 11:12 AM
5	Limerick has a nice suburban feel, but does not need additional housing and/or development. The small gamelands that are present are very useful to have Traffic and increased schools needed will be a huge problem.	3/5/2021 12:02 PM
6	Developing this land would be totally discriminatory against all of the citizens in the commonwealth of PA. Do the right thing!	3/5/2021 10:46 AM
7	Open spaces are needed for many people to get out of the actual world, see what the world should really be like and unwind. Lose any hate toward PEOPLE and maybe even help reduce mental health issues. Thus reducing physical crimes, like aggravated assault and homicides. People need OPEN SPACE. Stop putting too many rats in the box.	3/5/2021 7:33 AM
8	Keep SGL 234 open to recreational hunting	3/5/2021 3:13 AM
9	Open space is also part of Limericks History!	3/2/2021 5:33 PM
10	Dog park(s) are absolutely needed. Audubon/Oaks has one; Phoenixville I believe has two.	3/2/2021 11:58 AM
11	Do not develop the open space any more. If I wanted to live in East Norriton or Jeffersonville I would have bought there.	2/18/2021 7:52 PM
12	We need a library. Royersford library is horrible and limerick is a rapidly growing community. A library would give more opportunity for community events and children reading groups.	2/18/2021 4:48 PM
13	I am sometime appalled at beautiful land being developed with huge housing developments. It's not necessary to do it this way . We have enough housing now in Montgomery County . Stop the build . Keep the beauty open areas ! Look at Chester County and Bucks County , I believe they do a much better job at keeping the beauty of the land and are much more creative than our county . Please keep what we we have left to as much open space , there are ways to do it , the other counties do it through government programs I believe. I'm not sure how all that works but they do it and we here in Montgomery County need to save the land for the natural habitat. The more we take away from them , we ultimately lose ! In closing I support keeping as much open space . I would rather look at a sunset with open land then with these housing developments. Please stop the build of these developments and use creativity by smaller open tract lots . Thank you ! James	2/16/2021 6:30 AM
14	Please preserve more land plant trees. Create home for birdies and wildlife. Please stop cutting down trees. Trails to hike are wonderful.	2/11/2021 9:56 PM
15	It is important to create a comprehensive system of open spaces now while Limerick township is still being developed. It will become increasingly difficult to create open spaces as the township becomes more developed.	2/10/2021 1:51 PM
16	Limerick needs a dog park	2/9/2021 11:11 AM
17	My family moved to limerick because of the game lands and the parks. Now there is talk of trading gamelands for housing.. absolutely ridiculous that's even being discussed..	1/31/2021 7:57 PM
18	No more developments and maintain the open space and parks we have.	10/27/2020 4:42 PM
19	I do believe that open space is very valuable to every community but I also think that Limerick needs more things in the way of grocery stores and fast food and other restaurants without compromising all of the open space.	3/23/2020 8:49 AM
20	Please look at developing the open areas in Linfield down by the river. The area there is an undeveloped opportunity. Also, it would be great to have a loop trail around the whole township and possibly connect to the Perkiomen trail and the Chester County trail.	3/16/2020 7:49 PM

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21	Limerick is developing way to much.	2/25/2020 7:27 AM
22	Leave the open space alone!! where are the animals supposed to go??!! we have enough parks, trails, leave the woods be!! no more houseing!! there is enough! stop, PLEASE	2/5/2020 5:55 PM
23	Dog Park needed	2/2/2020 8:58 AM
24	Limerick is not walking friendly. It would ne nice to be able to walk to businesses and parks. We need more sidewalks and to keep the cross walks safe.	1/27/2020 1:01 PM
25	Also, preservation of wildlife and habitat.	1/27/2020 7:35 AM
26	Why does there have to be building on every corner, either a CVS, Rite Aid, bank, Wawa.Can't we leave some of the grass.	1/26/2020 5:10 PM
27	The township is building to many new houses and buildings. If anything we need jobs.	1/26/2020 1:41 PM
28	too many builders building too many homes in developments. make them build on 1 or 2 acres. too much traffic congestion here now	1/25/2020 9:01 PM
29	Need pickleball courts -- a community center like they have in Collegeville -- and/or outdoor courts. It's growing in popularity for all ages.	1/25/2020 11:33 AM
30	Open space should be identified and preserved...we do NOT need to become another King of Prussia!	1/25/2020 9:51 AM
31	Myself and my family would love to see less developments. Every time we see those white subdivision signs go up we groan. Open space makes this a desirable place to live. More people, more traffic, more shopping strips are awful. I'd love to see the township stop allowing construction and keeping more open space for our residents.	1/25/2020 8:47 AM
32	Limerick needs trails and sidewalks. It is a lovely township but there is absolutely nowhere to walk. Hardly any sidewalks and zero trails. We lived in Skippack Township prior to Limerick and there were trails galore which we miss terribly. Would love to be able to ride a bike on a trail to Manderach. I see people walking on Township line Rd and cringe - it's a death trap walking that road. One more thing non related is Limerick desperately needs left arrows at lights. Turning at the intersection of Township line and Graterford is deadly as well as out of the YMCA AND kohls!! Thank you!	1/24/2020 11:56 PM
33	Open spaces for play are nice but we need sidewalks for safety and trails for walk, run ,biking, rollerblading, etc. this will benefit not only young kids but adults as well.	1/23/2020 9:20 PM
34	Preserve Natural open space; the woods, wetlands, game farm, fields, etc.	1/21/2020 6:45 PM
35	Green space helps promote health and wellness. The approximately 30% of the population who cannot drive need non-vehicular ways to get to and from township parks.	1/21/2020 12:02 PM
36	Please stop allowing the building of housing and commercial properties. Focus more on preservation	1/21/2020 10:02 AM
37	We have plenty of housing and shopping centers. Enough with the building and focus on open space and 422 improvements.	1/21/2020 7:42 AM
38	Limerick Township's current facilities and offerings are much better than what other nearby municipalities have to offer in both quality and uses. However, Limerick Township should always strive to improve what they have and are working towards. Purchasing open space for the sake of owning it is not useful to the community, but instead should only be obtained if there is a use in mind and a plan for how to implement this in place.	1/15/2020 10:51 AM
39	As our township becomes more congested and "busy" with an increase in businesses and homeowners, it is incredibly important to offer natural areas to get away from it all and decompress. Manderach park is particularly great for children under 18, but it would be nice to have places for adults that do not want to be surrounded by kids. Somewhere to hike, relax and get away from the noise of everyday life.	1/13/2020 7:37 AM
40	One of the supervisors has too much interest in development. Limerick is already crowded and please stop building ugly tract houses and strip malls. Stop building anything. Limerick is getting ugly.	1/1/2020 6:44 PM
41	Stop the OVER DEVELOPMENT in the township!	12/28/2019 8:19 PM

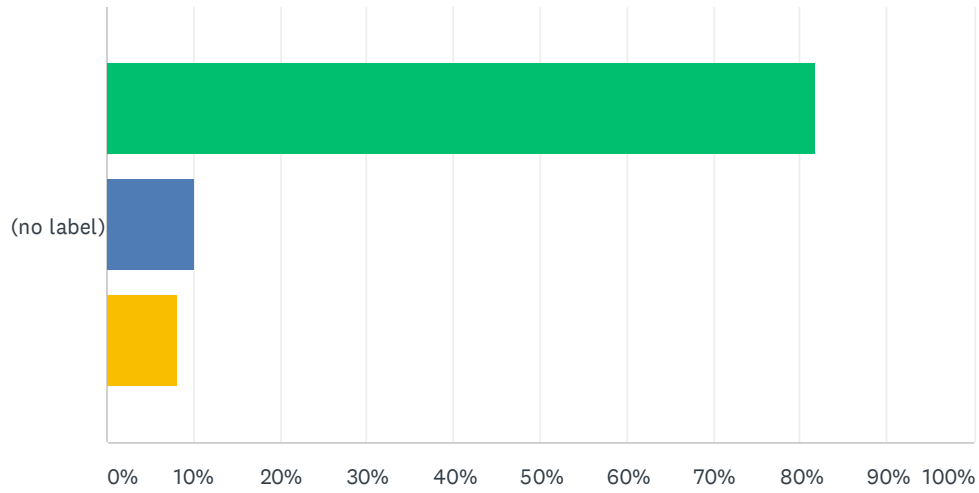
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42	softball and baseball fields are very important to the community. The present plan to reduce the number of fields will not accommodate the growth in the area.	12/28/2019 6:29 PM
43	Help, you letting these builders continue to build homes and apartments, the birth rate is not going up. 15-20 years from we will be knocking down the developments because we won't have anyone living in them. Think about it.	12/27/2019 11:51 AM
44	Dog park needed. I am tired of repairing my front lawn.	12/27/2019 9:22 AM
45	Stop building homes and preserve the open land.	12/21/2019 2:00 PM
46	Stop the high density housing!!! Stick to single family homes.....in 15 years those homes will look terrible!!!!	12/11/2019 12:17 PM
47	Limerick needs more public access to the Schuylkill river which would include boat launch ramps and/or docks. Handicap accessible would also be ideal. Developers need to incorporate more open space in their development plans and avoid removing natural brush, shrub and trees. The Mingo Creek should not be disturbed for development or new roadways.	12/4/2019 1:33 PM
48	Limerick has a good amount of rec., parks, and trails. Maintaining them should be top priority	11/24/2019 5:06 PM
49	We especially appreciate the Stone Hill Preserve. We'd like to see more trails connecting open spaces.	11/23/2019 5:48 PM
50	Open space that is not heavily maintained had a cost benefit to the township and surrounding areas. Especially in regards to stormwater management and animal habitat.	11/23/2019 5:42 PM
51	I utilize the Stone Hill/Meng Preserve almost every day. I recommend that the acquisition of open space contiguous to the Preserve be among the township's highest priorities. I suggest greater collaboration with neighboring townships to achieve this goal.	11/23/2019 11:34 AM
52	Need to encourage builders to build more active 55 & over communities whether single homes or like the project in chester county, Bucktown Crossing.	11/15/2019 10:46 AM
53	Shortage of baseball fields. The Park is so crowded with players and cars that the residents living close to Metka and Sunset cannot use the facilities we could walk to	11/13/2019 4:48 PM
54	This is about preservation of open space, natural space for families to enjoy, and ensuring we do not overdevelop.	11/12/2019 9:56 PM
55	Open spaces are needed to preserve the wildlife in the area, the visual perspective of our neighborhoods and to prevent overcrowding.	11/12/2019 9:13 PM
56	Please get the trails done behind Ashbrook Estates! I want to ride my bike to work in Oaks!	11/12/2019 6:52 PM
57	Sidewalks on limerick center road needed to connect to ridge, this would really be helpful	11/12/2019 11:58 AM
58	I was eagerly anticipating the completion of the Kurylo Preserve trail, only to be disappointed when the trail stopped after one segment. I usually drive to Rambo Park in Trappe for my walks instead, because it has a wonderful loop through the forest and meadow and a frog pond. Also, I live right by Manderach but can't walk there with my kids because crossing Swamp is too dangerous.	11/12/2019 9:28 AM

Q17 Concerning agriculture lands, how do you view these lands in Limerick Township?

Answered: 540 Skipped: 88

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- Agricultural lands are valuable to the quality of life in the Township
- Agricultural lands are nice but not that important to the quality of life in the Township
- I have no opinion about the value of agricultural lands in the Township

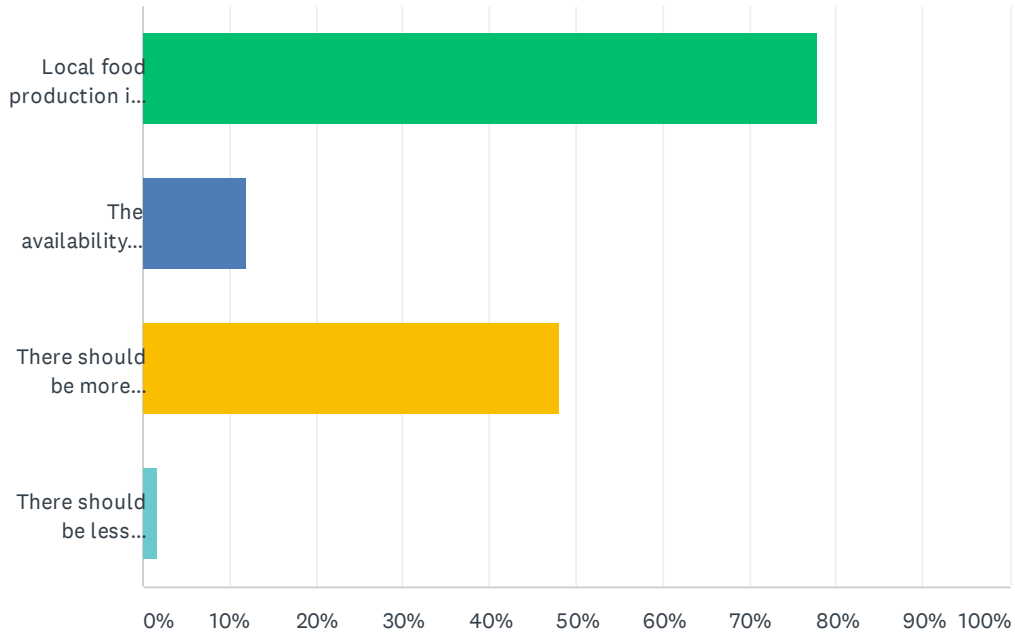
	AGRICULTURAL LANDS ARE VALUABLE TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE TOWNSHIP	AGRICULTURAL LANDS ARE NICE BUT NOT THAT IMPORTANT TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE TOWNSHIP	I HAVE NO OPINION ABOUT THE VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS IN THE TOWNSHIP	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	81.85% 442	10.00% 54	8.15% 44	540	89.11

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Helps feed people and wildlife.	3/5/2021 7:37 AM
2	Trade farmland to PA Game Commission for SGL 234	3/5/2021 3:17 AM
3	We are losing farm land weekly due to lack of help and by developers	3/2/2021 5:35 PM
4	It would be nice if the open farm lands stop getting turned into cookie cutter housing developments!	2/15/2021 7:57 PM
5	agricultural land is still able to contribute towards green space	2/13/2021 11:03 PM
6	Agricultural land is a finite resource. It needs to be conserved, particularly as the need for locally grown produce is becoming more important.	2/10/2021 1:55 PM
7	Family farms that provide local food sources are important.	2/17/2020 11:31 AM
8	leave these lands be as well, no more housing or parks or trails	2/5/2020 6:06 PM
9	It's part of our history and needs to be kept	2/2/2020 9:06 AM
10	If you ask a youngster today what he or she know what a Farm even is. Being involved in both Limerick and spring Ford's historical societies is very very sad	1/26/2020 5:17 PM
11	they dont make more land!!!! save some from builders	1/25/2020 9:05 PM
12	Local produce and foods are good for the residents and farmers	1/25/2020 3:58 PM
13	Better to use that land as open space/ recreational, trails, etc	1/24/2020 6:03 PM
14	I enjoy living in a community that offers local farming options, such as Royersford tomato company and Renninger's farm. It allows one to support local business and fosters a sense of community.	1/13/2020 8:28 AM
15	I used to live near a dairy farm, that is now gone and occupied by a development, Farming of different crops, such as fruits, vegetables, or even flowers, would diversify the farming in the township.	1/2/2020 12:57 PM
16	I have a well. Less chemicals is nice. Christmas tree farms use less chemicals. Corn and soy are toxic. Organic farms please.	1/1/2020 6:49 PM
17	Would LOVE to see more farms and ongoing activities for families as well as more opportunities for fresh produce!	12/27/2019 1:34 PM
18	Removing these will continue to cause overcrowding of animal population	12/27/2019 1:16 PM
19	there are not enough agricultural lands	12/27/2019 12:28 PM
20	Need CSA. Need community garden	12/27/2019 9:26 AM
21	We need to preserve the few farms we have left.	12/9/2019 2:50 PM
22	We need to encourage more landowners to preserve their farmlands and not use eminent domain to take property from our existing farmland owners.	12/4/2019 1:48 PM
23	Limerick Township should be in full support of County Farmland Preservation Applications.	11/19/2019 12:49 PM
24	I'm not sure how to answer. I support local farms and feel they are valuable to Limerick Twp. and the surrounding communities. But is this an either/or question (farm vs. open space)? I value both.	11/17/2019 10:54 AM
25	These seem to be going away, but are necessary for our economy and sustainability.	11/12/2019 9:15 PM
26	Where are the agricultural lands. If there are no farmers how can we have agricultural? The building of homes has taken over.	11/12/2019 4:38 PM
27	Keep our farmers happy!	11/12/2019 4:24 PM

Q18 Regarding agricultural lands in Limerick Township, which of the following statements most closely reflect your views. (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 530 Skipped: 98

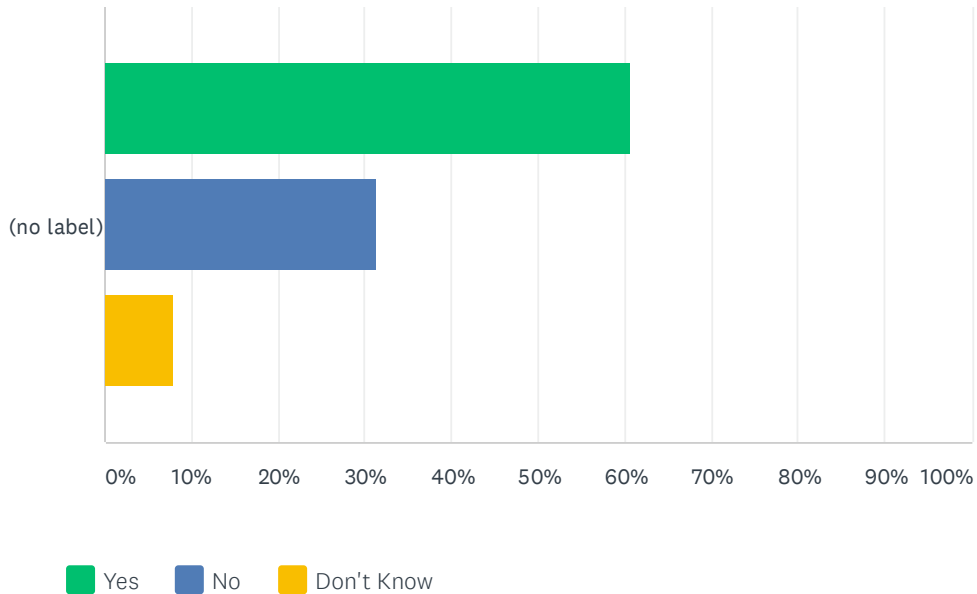


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Local food production is important to the quality of life in Limerick Township	77.92%	413
The availability of local foods is not important to the quality of life in the Township	11.89%	63
There should be more agricultural land in Limerick Township	48.11%	255
There should be less agricultural land in Limerick Township	1.70%	9
Total Respondents: 530		

Q19 Generally, are your household’s recreational and open space needs being met in or around Limerick Township?

Answered: 541 Skipped: 87

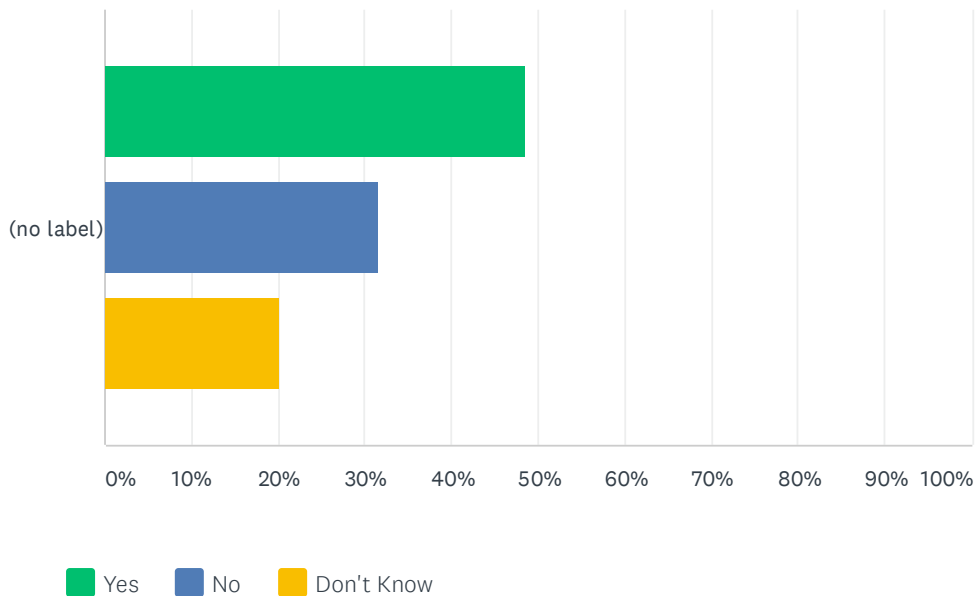
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	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	60.63% 328	31.42% 170	7.95% 43	541	65.86

Q20 Would you support an increase to the Township's Earned Income Tax to support Open Space Preservation and / or stewardship? (Please note that any increase in the Earned Income Tax for Open Space Preservation and / or stewardship would need to be approved by Township voters in a referendum).

Answered: 543 Skipped: 85

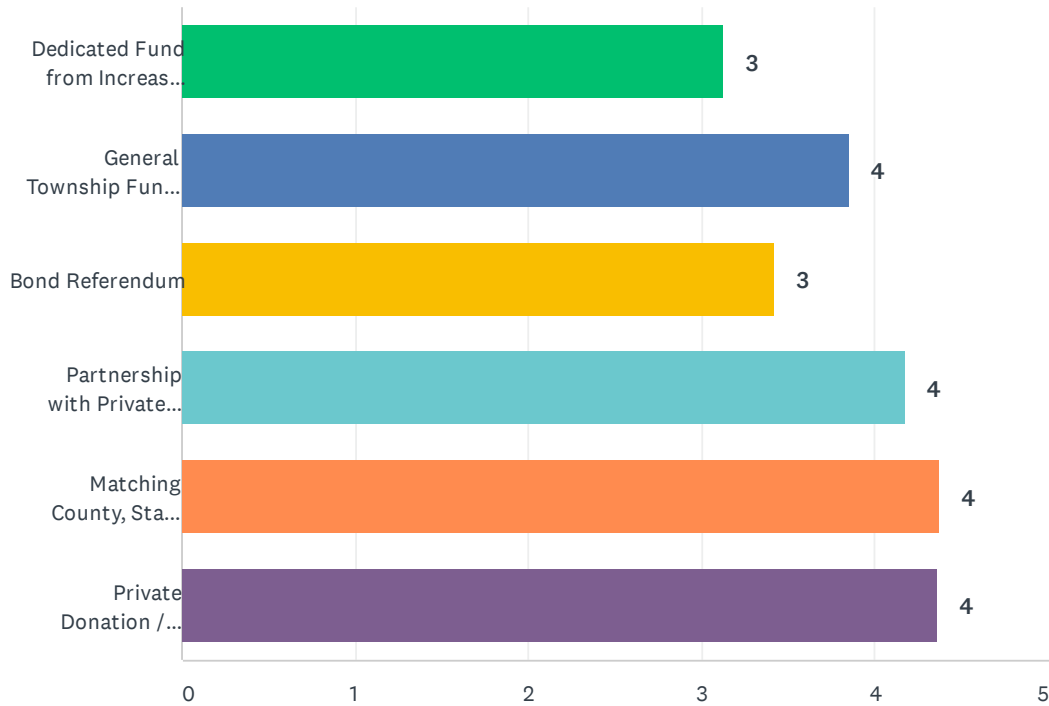


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	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	48.43% 263	31.49% 171	20.07% 109	543	60.60

Q21 There are multiple methods for a Township to fund the acquisition and stewardship of open space lands. On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being Strongly Disagree and 5 being Strongly Agree: Please rate how you feel about the each method.

Answered: 539 Skipped: 89



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	1- STRONGLY DISAGREE	2- DISAGREE	3- NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	4- AGREE	5- STRONGLY AGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Dedicated Fund from Increase to Earned Income Tax	18.16% 97	10.30% 55	21.16% 113	28.84% 154	14.79% 79	6.74% 36	534	3.13
General Township Fund as Budgets Allow	4.48% 24	4.48% 24	16.04% 86	47.57% 255	24.07% 129	3.36% 18	536	3.85
Bond Referendum	6.24% 33	4.91% 26	27.03% 143	25.90% 137	11.53% 61	24.39% 129	529	3.42
Partnership with Private Land Conservancy	3.55% 19	1.87% 10	10.47% 56	37.01% 198	40.56% 217	6.54% 35	535	4.17
Matching County, State and Federal Grant Programs	2.81% 15	0.37% 2	6.93% 37	34.08% 182	51.69% 276	4.12% 22	534	4.37
Private Donation / Dedicated Lands	2.61% 14	0.75% 4	7.65% 41	34.33% 184	51.68% 277	2.99% 16	536	4.36

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The Natural Lands Trust is a great asset to partner with to acquire open space. They are responsible for the Stone Hills preserve, which cost the township nothing and is located in the most beautiful area of the township. I frequently walk here and donate to the Natural Lands Trust. As a long time township resident who escaped to Limerick from Abington due to development and congestion, I certainly appreciate any efforts to preserve what little land we have left. Lord knows they're not making any more of it.	3/13/2021 8:59 AM
2	read my lips No new taxes	2/16/2021 3:59 PM
3	I believe any additional taxes upon the citizenry would be a burden in light of the adverse effects the coronavirus is having upon the economy and incomes.	2/10/2021 2:21 PM
4	Grants	3/3/2020 10:46 PM
5	Any means possible, please!!!	2/25/2020 11:45 AM
6		1/26/2020 5:17 PM
7	you are getting enough tax monies from all the new homes you are letting them build!!!!!!!!!!!!	1/25/2020 9:05 PM
8	nominal parking fee for nonresidents residents receive free parking for each registered vehicle	1/1/2020 2:43 PM
9	as noted in my previous comment	12/28/2019 6:32 PM
10	Incentivizing private land to remain open, natural, passive versus concrete, asphalt, and subdivided.	11/25/2019 7:43 AM
11	Over the long term, preserving land save tax payers \$, but in the short term, preserving land is expensive for tax payers. When private land is preserved, planners also need to take into account how the school budget is going to be immediately affected.	11/23/2019 5:50 PM
12	Please get my asphalt trail completed behind Ashbrook Estates! You been holding Fed \$\$ for this, seems like at least 2 years! Some of these NIMBY neighbors need to get over it. Bring on the bulldozers!!	11/12/2019 7:04 PM
13	There appear to be funds available for this kind of thing. How did we get such an enormous Township Bldg? Raise taxes helps no one. Many of the children I see at Mandrach Park look as though they are from lower income housing. These children NEED parks, but NOT TAXES.	11/12/2019 4:38 PM
14	I would pay more in taxes if it meant our open spaces remain open and not developed for more housing or industry. That's why I moved to Limerick.	11/12/2019 4:24 PM

Q22 If you have any additional comments or ideas. Please provide them below.

Answered: 102 Skipped: 526

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	vacant and abandoned property should be open space and open to the public until it is developed	3/10/2021 6:46 PM
2	I am strongly against any development along game lands 234 in Linfield. It is one of the last tracts in this area open to public hunting. If anything the township or Game commission should purchase the property to add to that open space and game lands.	3/10/2021 7:23 AM
3	Do not make any land swap deals for SGL 43. This is the only public hunting lands in the region.	3/9/2021 11:14 AM
4	No more housing developments, there is enough in this area!	3/6/2021 2:26 PM
5	The encroachment upon state game lands by adding new, nearby housing, addition of road ways thoroughfares, and possible hazards, are absurd.	3/6/2021 10:28 AM
6	Although my family does not live in the township, we do visit for the open space. In the fall and winter my kids and I also use the Game Lands in your township. We all should be looking to add more natural areas, not further encroach into them. Please reconsider taking away/ limiting use of SGL234.	3/6/2021 10:23 AM
7	We need more lands to hunt and fish on. Not less. I've been a licensed hunter in PA for 36 years. My license has paid for the gamelands. Its wrong to put anything near gamelands that would put me in violation of game laws.	3/6/2021 9:31 AM
8	I do not support any kind of development on or near state game lands 243. Nor do I support an encroachment of any kind of roads built or housing development. This one one of the few areas we hunters have left to hunt and we are already jam packed in there. With the development it would create a 300 yard boundary for the discharge of fire arms and would cost us a lot of land to hunt.	3/5/2021 9:14 PM
9	Need more land opened to hunting	3/5/2021 2:59 PM
10	State game lands should be expanded, not reduced. If abandoned properties are available adjacent to a SGL they should be bought for that purpose, in no circumstance ever, should SGL be threatened.	3/5/2021 8:13 AM
11	Leave the land alone. It's good hunting land.	3/4/2021 9:28 PM
12	There aren't enough game lands as it is. Removing additional game lands would be extremely detrimental to conservationists and hunters, we won't just disappear.	3/4/2021 9:01 PM
13	State Game Lands are important and vital to the residents of Limerick Township and the surrounding township residents	3/4/2021 7:39 PM
14	My husband and I hunt small game on SGL 234 and would never like to see any development around this area. Hunters need a safe place to hunt and this is a great place	3/4/2021 7:22 PM
15	I think that if we want to preserve the historic aspects of our village than putting up ugly apartments like in King Of Prussia would do us all an injustice. Also the issue of lingering pollution that exists on the property would have to be fully addressed as it could cause major health issues for those who currently live here and people in the future. I believe that the idea of using it as a heritage site makes the most sense. It could be used as recreational site along with some locally owned businesses and artist community, like Bethlehem Steel. It would provide green space, economic growth and would involve less drastic construction that could stir up toxic dust and water pollution that could do more harm than good.	3/3/2021 4:37 PM
16	I moved from Plymouth / Conshohocken area to Limerick for the open area. At the rate we are building we will become over built just like them. I don't want to move but if Limerick is not interested in of slowing down the development then I am willing to.	3/2/2021 5:35 PM
17	Should the Pennsylvania Game Commission decide to give up the portion of State Game Lands #234 located in the Linfield Village area, please insist that the Pennsylvania Game Commission retain the portion of SGL #234 located in the Stone Hill Greenway region, and expand upon it as much as possible following any divestiture of the Linfield Village portion of SGL #234.	3/2/2021 1:20 PM
18	Please add a dog park to Limerick Township.	3/2/2021 12:00 PM

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19	Limerick needs as much of the open land it has left to be preserved. That is what makes the township so unique.	3/1/2021 9:54 AM
20	Trails and parks should NEVER be built on private property without the consent of the property owner.	2/19/2021 8:32 PM
21	I would greatly appreciate a sidewalk all down Lewis road and Ridge Pike Would allow us to walk to and from the many restaurants and businesses there. Even if it is only one side of the road the connection would be huge.	2/18/2021 7:54 PM
22	Would love Pickleball courts	2/18/2021 7:36 PM
23	We see many people trying to walk and bike on dangerous streets. We desperately need more sidewalks and bike lanes. This will increase Limericks appeal to younger people. Which will also increase property values. It will also show Limericks commitment to health and the environment.	2/18/2021 5:56 PM
24	Limerick should have a library. A library is an important part of a community. As limerick is a growing community, royersford library is horrible and not big enough for the residents of limerick and royersford	2/18/2021 4:51 PM
25	The Industrial Park is a very unique area that attracts people from all over the country and should remain untouched for historical preservation.	2/18/2021 3:28 PM
26	We love trails. It would be great to connect to Limerick Community park by sidewalk from more areas in the township. For example: would love to connect Waterford Greene to Limerick Community park by sidewalk.	2/18/2021 3:12 PM
27	we need a train	2/15/2021 11:21 PM
28	Please please preserve land! Limerick is not a huge city and all that is happening is more neutral more houses, more people and more traffic. Every open space DOES NOT need more houses	2/14/2021 9:31 PM
29	I would love a park with kids 4 and under in mind, or a Separate dedicated area at manderach for little children. its not safe when the park is full, and the features are too big for our smaller kids.	2/12/2021 11:02 PM
30	More dedicated bike paths on roads	2/12/2021 2:46 PM
31	One tree planted.org could help us reforest. I love the limerick preserve. I love greenway off ryanford rd. We need more naturalized area to hike and walk and have wildlife. I'd love to see more abandoned buildings torn down and land naturalized.	2/11/2021 9:59 PM
32	Better effort to make community aware of current lands and how they can be used. Easier access to these lands via walking or biking is crucial. Also, dedicated bike lanes within the community to make biking safer and make it easier to access the existing lands.	2/10/2021 12:46 PM
33	stop the influx of outside people	1/30/2021 8:28 PM
34	Preserve the open space currently owned by Spring-Ford School District on Swamp Pike. Open the trail along its sewer line easement.	1/15/2021 7:52 AM
35	I don't feel we don't need any more new housing, I moved from Bensalem to Limerick because of over population I see the same thing happening here.	4/15/2020 10:11 AM
36	Stop building in limerick township ive lived here 35 years you vuy all the land you can so you can developpe it or proffit in some way.	3/28/2020 5:11 PM
37	As development rapidly builds out, the township needs to work quickly to secure what little open space is left and put in place zoning to protect rural areas	3/20/2020 2:05 PM
38	Pickleball courts are needed, it is the fastest growing sport, and would be great for the community. There is more than enough space at Limerick township park	3/16/2020 7:40 PM
39	Please stop the developments of new homes And businesses in Limerick. Our roads and schools cannot handle it! Part of the beauty of Limerick is natural and we have to stop building houses and shopping centers on every area of beautiful, natural, open land!	3/10/2020 5:14 PM
40	A senior center is needed.	3/3/2020 10:46 PM

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41	Stop building. It's absurd	3/2/2020 1:35 PM
42	There is several parcels abutting or very close to the game lands on the market. Please look into these properties to preserve the beautiful, still rural Northern end of the Township. The area from Ziegler Road to Grebe Road is the most beautiful, scenic portion of the Township, IMO. If you hike the Stone Hills preserve and the game lands off Highland Road, you can still see the immense natural beauty of the area. Thank you for caring!	2/25/2020 11:45 AM
43	Stop building houses - areas and traffic are becoming a problem and overcrowding of schools. It makes this area undesirable	2/24/2020 8:25 AM
44	Please stop allowing builders to take down our trees and build homes!!!!	2/24/2020 7:55 AM
45	I would like to say your crews do a fantastic job maintaining the parks I use. The biggest problem we have and not in this survey is the over population and traffic as a result on roads designed for 50 years ago !	2/14/2020 3:55 PM
46	Please leave open space alone,, animals have no where to go anymore, I live on a busy road and animals are dead ALL THE TIME on my road and in front of my house. this was and still can be a beautiful country living, please stop building it up and adding more, leave undeveloped land be!! we have two parks and trails all within five minutes of my house, no need for more!!! NO MORE developments!! our schools need no more people in it!! leave it be PLEASE	2/5/2020 6:06 PM
47	With the increase of cluster housing and increased traffic everywhere, people need a safe place to play with their dogs. Our township is so large, 2 dog parks at different ends of the township would be ideal.	2/2/2020 9:06 AM
48	We have one huge park in one half of the township. The township bought the old sportsman's field in Linfield, had plans to build and new playground, got rid of the playground pieces and never replaced them. I would like to see a nice playground in Linfield that people can walk or bike to. Especially people who don't drive or young teenagers can walk there.	2/1/2020 9:45 PM
49	I don't have an issue with taxes it there just a way of life. It doesn't matter state local county federal level I never further handled well. But if more I could go to open space, less building, would decrease the influx of "people" to what used to be our lovely area	1/26/2020 5:17 PM
50	Stop building so much. The roads and schools can't handle it!	1/25/2020 9:22 PM
51	limit townhomes and apartment buildings. too many kids for our schools too	1/25/2020 9:05 PM
52	Please stop building strip malls with the exact same stores that are everywhere else. We need more niche and mom&pop businesses. There have been buildings built with no occupants. (Building next to Epps) Seems like a waste. PLEASE stop adding traffic lights to secondary roads. These are roads the locals take because we know them and take them to ease traffic on the main roads. Stop encouraging more traffic to these roads. The new light at Royersford Rd and Linfield Trappe is stupid. 90% of the time it is completely unnecessary but drivers are now forced to sit so the 10% get through the intersection a few mins sooner. □. The timing of the light at Ridge and El Limon is awful, please correct it. The light at Township Line and Linfield Trappe - heading east - the right lane should be straight and right turn; the left lane should be left turn only. How it's set now, if you're going straight you get stuck behind left turn drivers. The way it's set now it's just an accident waiting to happen. Thanks.	1/25/2020 5:16 PM
53	A park that toddlers can climb around and not worry about older children climbing over them	1/25/2020 2:35 PM
54	Need pickleball courts and dog park	1/25/2020 11:35 AM
55	An area township should consider adding a bicycle pump track in a park. It is great exercise, appropriate for all ages and popular in out of area parks we have been to	1/25/2020 9:09 AM
56	We need a DOG PARK IN LIMERICK!!!!!! I shouldn't have to drive 20min to get to one.	1/25/2020 8:59 AM
57	Thank you for asking us and I hope lots of my neighbors respond and we can have more open space, rec facilities, and less townhomes and McMansions.	1/25/2020 8:50 AM
58	Limerick needs to keep the openland it has remaining. Development of any kind is un needed and will take away from one of the things that makes Limerick special. Everywhere else around this area has succumb to heavy development which in my opinion takes away from a community.	1/25/2020 8:47 AM

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59	we could use a dog park in limerick township	1/24/2020 5:30 PM
60	Please allocate more support to the P&R Department and it's staff. It is professionally run and organized but it needs more financial support and resources. More programs and activities are needed by the community and could become a good source of revenue.	1/21/2020 9:54 AM
61	Please give some possible timelines or priority on existing projected plans established in 2006 document that have not been done	1/20/2020 5:43 PM
62	Regarding question 20, it would depend on how much the taxes would increase. I would also need to see a thorough breakdown of how our taxes are currently spent. Without seeing how our taxes are currently spent, I am more inclined to say cut funding of other programs and put that money towards parks and recreation and agricultural preservation.	1/13/2020 8:28 AM
63	Would love to see less development of high density housing in limerick and more preservation of what's left	1/11/2020 10:30 AM
64	I'm really annoyed that when the new townhomes went up by the park you didn't even leave a tree line to keep that unsightly mess out of view. It's so sad because that stretch of road was so beautiful all year round when it was tree-lined.	1/10/2020 11:28 PM
65	I would love to see an increase in trails providing scenic connections for longer running options. These do not need to be paved - I actually prefer trail running (non-paved). Linking Manderach to Kurylo was nice and the trail from the new development off of Sunset Road to Mine Run helps. Linking to the Meng Sanctuary would be great - through the game lands and along the missing stretches of Delphi Road? Building out the link from Meng Road to the sanctuary would be great. MTB options would be fantastic too. Safef paved riding options are also excellent and would encourage my girlfriend to ride more. We generally drive out to sections of the Perkiomen or Schuylkill River Trails. Those rides often include snack stops, so paths with easy access to coffee shops, restaurants would be good for local businesses.	1/2/2020 1:36 PM
66	More houses paying taxes is not economical. The ROI won't work. Stop building = less services needed, less traffic, less mess.	1/1/2020 6:49 PM
67	please don't turn us into another kop. open space is vital. housing is getting to be ugly roll homes.	12/30/2019 6:23 PM
68	There are trails along Swamp Creek that could be maintained. It is posted as recreational use. Limerick township was contacted about clearing fallen trees and refused, said it was County's responsibility. County said no, it is townships. We have available trails but they are not being maintained now.	12/28/2019 8:25 PM
69	Please stop approving new housing and shopping areas. The roads/traffic cannot handle it. It takes far too long to get from point A to B in Limerick and surrounding areas.	12/28/2019 4:08 AM
70	Too much land is being developed. Limerick township feels like a city with less and less green space. Traffic is becoming a nightmare.	12/27/2019 10:07 PM
71	YMCA is overly crowded because township offers only mandrachia park	12/27/2019 9:26 AM
72	Need for more water related activities, i.e., fishing, swimming, kayaking, boating/sailing.	12/27/2019 7:31 AM
73	We need protected bike Lanes too or trails that can be used to navigate to parks, schools, stores etc	12/21/2019 5:21 PM
74	Please help preserve what little open space we have. Houses and businesses are going up left and right. We need to retain as much open space as possible.	12/20/2019 3:29 PM
75	Sidewalks/ walking/ bike trails along Neiffer road in order to get to Mandarack park would be very nice.	12/18/2019 9:49 PM
76	STOP BUILDING MASS TOWNHOMES!! THE ONES BY THE PARK ARE A DISGRACE!! AS A REPUBLICAN I AM EMBARRASSED BY YOUR LACK OF LEADERSHIP! UNFORTUNATELY I VOTED FOR THE DEMOCRATS FOR COMISSIONERS.....IT IS A SHAME!!! I WANT RESPONSIBLE, HIGHLY EDUCATED REPUBLICANS THAT ARE LEADERS....	12/11/2019 12:19 PM
77	Consider a dog park	12/4/2019 9:01 AM
78	Pickleball is a growing sport that is popular for seniors and adults. There should be more options for outdoor facilities in Limerick as both basketball and tennis courts are easily	11/29/2019 10:09 AM

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	converted for Pickleball.	
79	I stated that i think current parks/open space in the area is "adequate" but want to note that more is always better. I would love to see all of the trails connected and it would be wonderful to connect a trail to the Spring Valley YMCA. I would need to better understand the earned income text in order to say whether I would support that.	11/26/2019 9:09 PM
80	I love the limerick community park. I wish there were more community events, More often.	11/25/2019 9:42 PM
81	Would be nice to have sidewalks linking different areas. There's a new trail on Lewis Rd but it's not accessible from Lewis Rd.	11/25/2019 7:13 PM
82	I am deeply concerned Limerick Twp is being turned into another Chalfont with the ever-increasing high density housing the TWP is currently allowing to be built. These extremely overpriced "Town Homes" are the equivalent of architectural genocide to the look and feel of our community. Most of these new Town Homes are nothing but stick frame, cheaply constructed, vinyl sided abominations. They don't even have fire break quality walls between unit to unit. Be aware that these poorly designed and even more poorly built monstrosities will most assuredly be the future slums of Limerick within 15 years. Where is the vision with allowing this type of housing north of Ridge Pike? For the most part, Limerick TWP is doing a good job as I intend my answers to the survey to reflect. I do however wish you would pass and enforce a litter ordnance to rid the township of the thousands of RYAN and LENNAR homes signs that clutter 422, Ridge Pike, Limerick, Metka, and even Ziegler Rd. Amazingly you even allow RYAN and LENNAR to post their clutter on Twp Park Land. The clutter of these signs ruin the scenic quality of the TWP. Do something about it please!	11/25/2019 1:37 PM
83	Do not connect trails which are invasive to private property views. i.e., I don't want a trail just behind my property line where people can be looking into my back yard/house.	11/25/2019 11:14 AM
84	Thank you for working on this!	11/25/2019 7:43 AM
85	I love the Kurylo property and use it often. However, it is the only natural township owned open space in the Northern part of the township. The stone hills area of the township is probably one of the most beautiful parts of the township and I feel that the township would strongly benefit from land preservation is this environmentally unique portion of the township. The Natural Lands Trust Stone Hills Preserve is a very nice feature, but is very small.	11/23/2019 9:25 PM
86	For now, we have open space. But when the open space is developed, we lose important resources.	11/23/2019 5:50 PM
87	The northern part of the county is part of a countywide conservation effort and action to protect natural areas should be directed there. Maintaining forest and tree canopy in the Stone Hill area is key and has already been compromised by recent developments near the park along Swamp Pike.	11/23/2019 3:09 PM
88	High priority should be given to protection of riparian stream areas and existing wildlife habitats.	11/23/2019 11:36 AM
89	1. Connected natural area preservation is extremely important. For instance, the connections between the Stone Hill area and the Swamp Creek Corridor Preservation Landscapes. 2. There are some significant historical/cultural resources that should be included in open space preservation considerations, i.e.: the Sunrise Mill Historic Site.	11/19/2019 12:49 PM
90	I would like to have more sidewalks in Limerick- the full length of Lewis road so people can jog safely or walk from home to a store	11/18/2019 7:25 PM
91	I would favor more agricultural land if it didn't mean issues with run-off of chemicals/pesticides. Would love to see access to kayaking. (Or maybe it exists and I just don't know about it.)	11/17/2019 10:54 AM
92	Connecting the open spaces we have with trails and sidewalks would help.	11/13/2019 11:10 PM
93	Stop expanding. It's already too crowded and taxes are too high. If you would balance the budget correctly, things would be better.	11/13/2019 7:33 PM
94	The township needs a library, community garden and community rooms. Happy to help brainstorm ideas.	11/13/2019 4:52 PM
95	Please consider converting areas that are excessively mowed and sprayed to wildflower patches to increase beauty, reduce cost of mowing, reduce chemicals, and bring pollinators and birds back to the area. Please also organize a volunteer ranger group, so the community	11/12/2019 9:14 PM

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can help with invasive plant removal, trail maintenance, and plant identification. There are many simple and cheap fixes to the stormwater issues in our community. You can partner with area nonprofits like the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy on rain gardens and pond cleanup.

96	We moved here because of the open space and farms. Don't overdevelop it.	11/12/2019 8:08 PM
97	I want to ride my bike to work in Oaks. My only way to get to the trail in Spring City now is using Royersford Rd, which I feel like I'll be a causality from a speeding wreckless driver. It is a dangerous stretch from Linfield Trappe to Lewis Rd. I don't care that the proposed trail is a longer bike ride commute, because it is a "Trail", and trails are awesome! Bring on the bulldozers!!	11/12/2019 7:04 PM
98	This was sent AFTER the 1st meeting! That appears to be poor management. I read every township paper that comes out, but I was totally shocked by the new township bldg. Was that size truly necessary AND how was that paid for?	11/12/2019 4:38 PM
99	See above	11/12/2019 4:24 PM
100	Stop building shopping centers. Fill the ones that are empty. Stop building developments. There's going to be no room in our schools soon and too much traffic.	11/12/2019 3:46 PM
101	Lighted fields at manderach park especially the basketball and soccer fields, there is a demand for these type of things especially in the fall when it gets darker earlier. Might be able to generate \$ for township	11/12/2019 12:02 PM
102	Trail design & upkeep is good, however, trying to ride a bike or walk to trails is VERY dangerous. We need to focus on widening roads & installing shoulders before someone walking or riding a bike is killed	11/12/2019 9:34 AM

Q23 If you would like to receive reminders about meetings please provide us with you email address.

Answered: 104 Skipped: 524

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	98.08%	102
Company	0.00%	0
Address	0.00%	0
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	0.00%	0
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	0.00%	0
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	97.12%	101
Phone Number	0.00%	0

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1	Anthony Campbell	3/10/2021 7:23 AM
2	Chris Saggese	3/8/2021 7:00 AM
3	Matt	3/6/2021 9:31 AM
4	Michael	3/6/2021 9:14 AM
5	Michael blaskovich	3/5/2021 9:14 PM
6	Stephen Williams	3/5/2021 7:37 AM
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January 27, 2022

Mr. Daniel Kerr, Manager
Limerick Township
646 West Ridge Pike Limerick,
Pennsylvania 19468

RE: Open Space Plan Update
SC # 19074.1
MCPC # 21-0162-001

Dear Mr. Kerr

Please find the MCPC review letter dated July 19, 2021, along with our firm's responses to MCPC comments.

We greatly appreciate the County's review and comments on the plan. They are helpful and some have been incorporated into the final plan.

The open space identification and acquisition procedure is a highly complex and nuanced process. It is one that does not lend itself to black and white analysis or decision-making. There are just too many moving parts. The County's review letter opined that this process should be more definitive and almost purely objective. However, we feel this process, while being based on land resources, is still somewhat subjective and must be opportunistic if the Township is to succeed in preserving open space.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Simone Collins
Landscape Architecture

Peter M. Simone, RLA, FASLA
President

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July 19, 2021

Mr. Daniel Kerr, Manager
Limerick Township
646 West Ridge Pike
Limerick, Pennsylvania 19468

Re: MCPC # 21-0162-001
Plan Name: Comprehensive Open Space Plan

Dear Mr. Kerr,

We have reviewed the above-referenced Comprehensive Open Space Plan as you requested on June 2nd, 2021. We forward this letter as a report of our review

BACKGROUND

Limerick Township is seeking to adopt a new Comprehensive Open Space Plan. The plan's goal is to create an objective and sustainable plan for investing in parks and open space that provides equitable access to all residents, while preserving the rural, agricultural, and suburban characteristics that contribute to Limerick being a unique community. The plan begins with an introduction chapter, followed by a review of inventory in the second chapter. The third chapter is focused on recommendations, primarily dealing with open space protection. The fourth chapter identifies potential partners and funding resources

RECOMMENDATION

The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) generally supports generally supports the proposed Comprehensive Open Space Plan, however, in the course of our review we have identified the following issues that the applicant and Limerick Township may wish to consider prior to final plan approval. Our comments are as follows:

REVIEW COMMENTS

OPEN SPACE PROTECTION: PROCESS AND RESULTS

The proposed open space plan provides a matrix to evaluate 33 selected parcels as candidates for open space acquisition. The description of each site is followed by a list of priority parcels that are deemed most appropriate for acquisition.



- A. Selection of Parcels: the 33 parcels are discussed under the open space protection section on page 37, however, the applicant does not provide an explanation regarding the selection process of the 33 parcels. We find that it is important to understand the method that produced this list and that it is indicative of open space opportunities in the township. MCPC recommends that the applicant add more detail about the process that was used to create the list of 33 sites.

RESPONSE

The evaluation of land that has potential for preservation as open space is more complex than a simple objective ranking of site natural and cultural resources that creates a numerical total. The parcels noted for consideration as future open space were selected by the consultant in close coordination with Township staff regarding a number of factors including but not limited to: development activity in a particular neighborhood; the site's natural resources; community resources; and access to the site. Additionally, the context of a particular site in relationship to surrounding land uses, past development patterns, likely future development patterns, relationship to the Comprehensive Plan recommendations, relationship to existing zoning were all considered. Open space preservation, by definition, needs to be opportunistic. That is, municipal government must be informed and ready to act when opportunities, often unexpected opportunities present themselves to preserve and acquire a parcel for open space. Obviously, not every undeveloped parcel in the Township was evaluated via the parcel preservation matrix, and for good reason. Consultants and staff made value judgements as to a parcel's tangible and intangible attributes toward a realistic evaluation of if a parcel might be preserved as open space.

- B. Parcel Evaluation: it appears that the parcel evaluation and ranking does not fully correspond with the conclusion, which lists priority parcels on page 40. The matrix ranks the 33 sites according to 16 criteria including water, land, and community resource, and provides a final score ranging between 8 to 21. However, the priority parcels do not all rank high according to the matrix. We would like to point out that while a quantitative method is appealing because of its potential accuracy, it can sometimes fail to establish the real value of the site. MCPC is concerned that the relatively low ranking of priority parcels can deter future grant applications, which is why it is important to establish a cohesive matrix and priority list. We recommend that the applicant adjust the matrix system to produce high ranking to all priority parcels. Specifically, it appears that additional criteria related with connectivity to natural systems or conservation areas can assist in achieving higher ranking to priority parcels.

RESPONSE

The plan clearly states: *"higher scoring parcels do not necessarily mean that they are the "best" for municipal acquisition and lower scoring parcels should not be excluded from consideration"*. In other words, the parcel matrix score is not meant to create a definitive ranking. Rather, as the plan states, numerical totals indicate a higher or lower concentration of the resources considered.

For example, to illustrate the parcel scoring process, an existing Township open space, Kurylo Preserve (purchased in part with Montgomery County Open Space Preservation Funds), when scored according to the evaluation criteria receives an "average" numerical total. However, this open space has proven to be a valuable community resource based on its location, connectivity and site characteristics. Additionally, there was an owner willing to preserve it. Open space preservation and acquisition is a dynamic, multi-faceted process. To only consider or prioritize parcels that have "higher" numerical totals will leave out many valuable parcels. When all dynamic factors are considered, parcels such as the Kurylo Preserve may well deserve preservation and prove to become a highly valued community open space.

MCPC correctly points out that the priority parcels (areas) 1 through 5 do not all score “high” in the plan’s parcel preservation matrix. These priorities were established to assist the Township in focusing its open space preservation efforts. The reasons for each priority are clearly spelled out in the report. #1 – River access; #2 Conservation greenway and core habitat preservation; #3 Farmland preservation; #4 Greenway with potential connections to the river; #5 New open space adjacent to dense, suburban development. These value judgements were made by the consultants who are licensed experts and Township staff based on community input about what is valued by the residents of the Township.

- C. Parcel Ranking Display: the final score that the matrix produced for each parcel appears to be an essential component of the open space plan, which provides priority for open space protection in the township. However, this score is not provided in the plan itself, instead, it is listed at the bottom of each matrix in the appendix. This makes reading the plan somewhat challenging when trying to locate each parcel and its ranking while reviewing different sections of the document. We feel that a map would be a useful tool to display the parcels and their ranking according to a color grade. We recommend that the applicant explore ways to display ranking in a more communicative manner.

RESPONSE

Again, the matrix does not provide a ranking, it provides a relative total of evaluated resources. This is the exact reason these numerical totals were NOT emphasized in the body of the plan report but placed in the appendix. If these numerical totals were all that was needed to evaluate parcels that are good candidates for open space preservation, professional guidance to create these plans would not be required.

GRAPHIC DISPLAY OF OPEN SPACE MAPS:

- A. Proposed Open Space Map: The applicant provided a proposed open space map that uses the “Existing Open Space Map” on page 31 as a base. An overlay of proposed parcels is provided, adding another category to a map that already includes at least 15 categories of types of open spaces. We find that the variety of categories and colors of the base map overshadows the main component of this map, which is the proposed open space parcels. MCPC recommends the applicant explore ways to consolidate categories and use fewer colors in order to better communicate the essence of the map. A simple approach could be to use a single color for ‘existing permanent open space’, and 2-3 colors for proposed open space, where the color is used to indicate priority.

RESPONSE

The complexity of the types of preserved open space in Limerick is a fact. However, we understand the need to more clearly graphically convey potential parcels for open space preservation or acquisition. We think this is an excellent recommendation. We have developed a simplified Proposed Open Space Map to more clearly convey this major plan recommendation.

- B. Context of Limerick Township on Maps: the proposed plan includes several maps that display Limerick Township in a washed out context that does not reflect adjacent open spaces or points of interest. We find that context is valuable in evaluating the proposed open space parcels and determining their priority for protection. We recommend the applicant revise the maps to include extended context of bordering municipalities, with a focus on existing open spaces.

RESPONSE

The simplified map noted in “A” above will include existing open space in adjacent communities.

MINOR MAP COMMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS:

- A. Montgomery County Preserved Farmland along Ridge Pike: the parcel on the southwest side of Ridge Pike and County Club Road intersection, which is marked as “Montgomery County Preserved Farmland (permanent)”, has recently been reverted to developable land. The maps should be revised to reflect this change.

RESPONSE

Acknowledged, revised.

- B. Home Owners Association Lands: HOA lands are marked as open space lands on the maps on page 31-32 and 40, yet in many cases HOA lands are mostly used for stormwater management surrounding residential developments. We recommend the applicant reconsider whether these lands should be marked as permanent open space and revise the maps accordingly.

RESPONSE

There are 557.57 acres (3.9% of all open space in the Township) of HOA lands in Limerick Township. We understand that some of these HOA lands have primary or secondary functions that are not always thought of as “open space” by today’s standards. However, some have trails, and others contain meadows and are wooded, providing habitat. We suggest that the designation as “HOA open space” is the most appropriate land classification.

- C. Proposed Open Space - Parcel 31: parcel 31 is marked on the Proposed Open Space Map as ‘Privately Owned Recreation Site’ and as ‘Potential Open Space as Identified in Township’s Official Map’. However, the north edge of the site is currently undergoing land development. The map should be revised to indicate the accurate boundaries of the site.

RESPONSE

Acknowledged, revised.

- D. Public School Lands: it is unclear which types of lands are included in the public school lands category (maps on pages 31-32 and 40), and whether those are indeed permanent open space lands (according to the map on page 32). We recommend the applicant clarify this category and confirm that the lands shown on the map will remain open space as specified.

RESPONSE

As publicly owned lands, school district properties are typically considered as permanent open space. Many of these sites contain playgrounds and/or athletic fields or play courts and are used by the community for recreation. Our information is that these lands will remain permanently in the public domain, albeit with school buildings, which are also often utilized for community recreation. We believe that this designation is appropriate.

CONCLUSION

We wish to reiterate that MCPC generally supports the proposed Comprehensive Open Space Plan; however, we believe that our suggested revisions will better achieve Limerick Township planning objectives.

Please note that the review comments and recommendations contained in this report are advisory to the

municipality and final disposition for the approval of any proposal will be made by the municipality.

Should the governing body approve and adopt this comprehensive open space plan, we request that the township send us a copy of the final adopted plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tamar Nativ".

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MEMO

TO: Walt Woessner, Chairperson
East Coventry Township Planning Commission

FROM: Richard M. Tralies, RLA
Senior Director of Landscape Planning

CC: Planning Commission

DATE: June 3, 2021

RE: Limerick Township Comprehensive Open Space Plan

Township Manager Dave Kraynik has informed me that Limerick Township has shared a draft of their Comprehensive Open Space Plan, dated June 2021, for review by the Township. The plan, prepared by Simone Collins, can be found on Limerick Township's website, here:

<https://www.limerickpa.org/DocumentCenter/View/4140/REVISED-DRAFT-Comprehensive-Open-Space-Plan-Update-2021>

Mr. Kraynik has requested that I review the plan and share my comments with the Planning Commission for their review. Limerick Township shares approximately 1.87 miles of boundary with East Coventry, separated by the Schuylkill River. The townships are connected physically only by the bridge at Linfield Road. Much of the area along the river adjacent to East Coventry is within PECO's exclusionary zone surrounding the Limerick Generating Station. The two specific recommendations most likely to affect East Coventry are a proposed trail connection across the bridge and recommended preservation of additional open space nearby at 1300 and 1301 Main Street. Other recommendations include creation of a scenic road ordinance, reestablishment of an Agricultural Security Area, continued protection of historic resources, and greater preservation of open space. The plan also considers, but does not go as far as to recommend, establishment of an Earned Income Tax to provide funding for open space acquisition. It appears that implementation of the plan would only affect East Coventry positively.

1. Page 17 of the plan refers to the Township Official Map of 2013 and explains how useful the Official Map can be as a tool for negotiating with developers and landowners. The 2013 Official Map shows a trail to connect to the Linfield Avenue Bridge, connecting the two townships. The Township may consider including a recommendation to update the official map to show this trail on the north side of Linfield Road/Main Street, as the existing bridge features a protected sidewalk on that side. This would allow the Township to use the Official Map to its fullest abilities to acquire land to install a trail which connects to the existing sidewalk on the bridge.
2. Pages 35 and 36 feature the Recreation Service Areas & Utilities Map and the Proposed Open Space Map. Each of these maps shows a portion of the Schuylkill River Trail in East Coventry. Limerick Township may wish to show the entirety of the trail as it exists in East Coventry and East Vincent, and to label the trail to demonstrate its regional importance. Future grant applications intended to fund a trail

connection across the bridge would likely benefit from clearly showing the SRT and providing connections to it.

3. The appendix includes the names, email addresses and corresponding line numbers of those members of the public that participated in the study. While the meetings and survey would be considered public, the attendees and participants may not wish to have their email addresses made public.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the phone number above (ext. 262) or at [REDACTED]. Thank you for the opportunity to review this plan.

SPORTSMEN'S RECREATION MAP



**STATE GAME LANDS
No. 234
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Each time a hunter buys a hunting license, the money he spends goes toward many facets of wildlife management. Since 1920, close to a million and a half acres of State Game Lands have been acquired with these funds. Each year nearly \$7,000,000 is spent to improve wildlife habitat. Habitat improvements enhance living conditions for non-game birds and mammals as well as those species which are hunted. Pennsylvania hunters willingly share these lands with the non-hunting public, and with few exceptions, State Game Lands are open for general use year round. Surveys indicate that hunting accounts for only thirty-five percent of game land usage. The remaining sixty-five percent is used by the general public for non-hunting purposes.

"Working Together for Wildlife" is a Game Commission program providing everyone an opportunity to help support wildlife management in the areas for endangered and non-game animals. Monies derived from the "Working Together for Wildlife" Program are being used in Pennsylvania to re-introduce the osprey, river otter, bald eagle, peregrine falcon and provide habitat for other birds and mammals indigenous to the Commonwealth. Construction placement of blue bird houses on State Game Lands provides needed homes for this beautiful songbird. Islands in the Susquehanna River have been set aside as propagations areas for non-game shore birds. Numerous other projects are planned on State Game Lands and other public

State Game Land (SGL) 234 is in Limerick Township, in suburban western Montgomery County within the Pennsylvania Game Commission's (PGC) Southeast Region (Wildlife Management Unit 5C). The Game Land is in 2 separate parcels consisting of a total of 486.12 acres. One parcel was the former Eastern Game Farm and the other was the former Pennhurst State School.

Topography varies from rolling hills to flat floodplain. The highest elevation of about 500 feet is found on the hilltop in the northeastern section of compartment 1. The lowest elevation of 150 feet is found along the Schuylkill River in compartment 2.

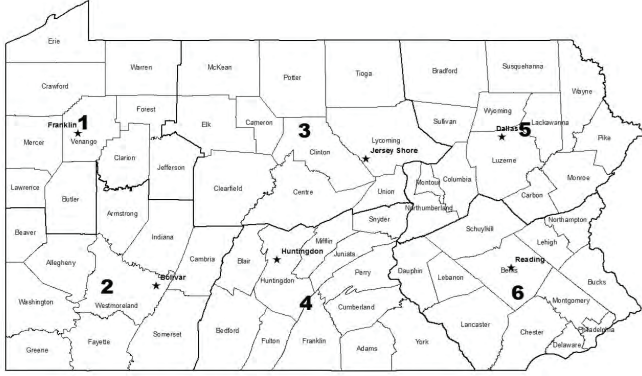
Compartment 1 has good access provided by Highland Road, Game Farm Road, and Pheasant Road. Four parking areas are provided along with numerous pull-offs. Several field lanes provide good foot access. These roads are gated and used for administrative access.

Pennhurst Road provides access to compartment 2. A parking area is located at the end of the road. A network of gravel roads provides good foot access. These roads are gated and used for administrative purposes.

Compartment 1 was purchased as numerous pieces throughout 1929. At the time it was not given an SGL identification number, but was known as the Eastern Game Farm. Although a small portion in the northern part of the property was open to hunting, most of the area was used as a pheasant rearing facility. Pheasants were raised until 1996, and most of the buildings were removed in 1997-1998. As a result, the entire property is now open to public hunting, and is part of SGL 234.

Compartment 2 became SGL 234 when it was purchased from the Department of Public Welfare in 1960. It was an active farm run as part of the Pennhurst State School. Attendees of the school raised vegetables as part of their curriculum. After purchase, the open ground was arranged in fields 100 feet wide separated by hedgerows 40 feet in width. The hedgerows were created by planting honeysuckle, coralberry, and multiflora rose. The forest stand that was once a railroad is about 20 years old.

This Game Land is in WMU 5C. Species hunted are mostly limited to white-tailed deer and gray squirrel in the wooded areas. Doves, Waterfowl, and stocked Pheasants are also hunted on both parcels. While the two parcels are relatively small in size, there close proximity to population centers make them popular hiking locations. Bird watching is another popular activity, especially around the wetlands. Fishing is popular at the Linfield tract and the service road on the Eastern Game Farm Tract is open to horses and bicycles.

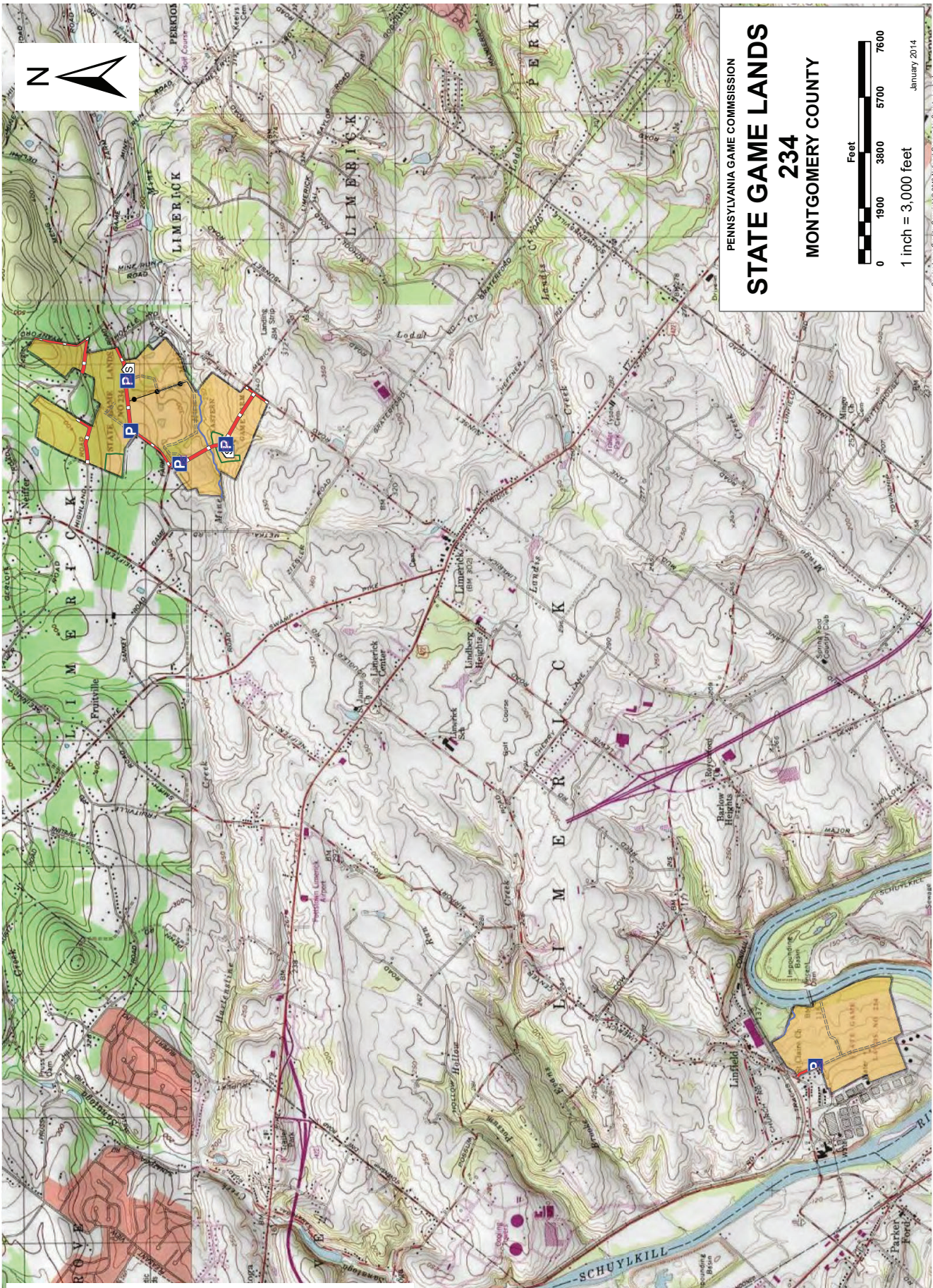


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 - Stream
 - Parking Area
 - Food & Cover Crew HQ
 - Garage
 - Headquarters
 - Other
 - Storage
 - Gate
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 - Food Plot
 - Game Land Boundary
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