

COUNTY OF WARREN

Parks, Recreation & Greenways Plan
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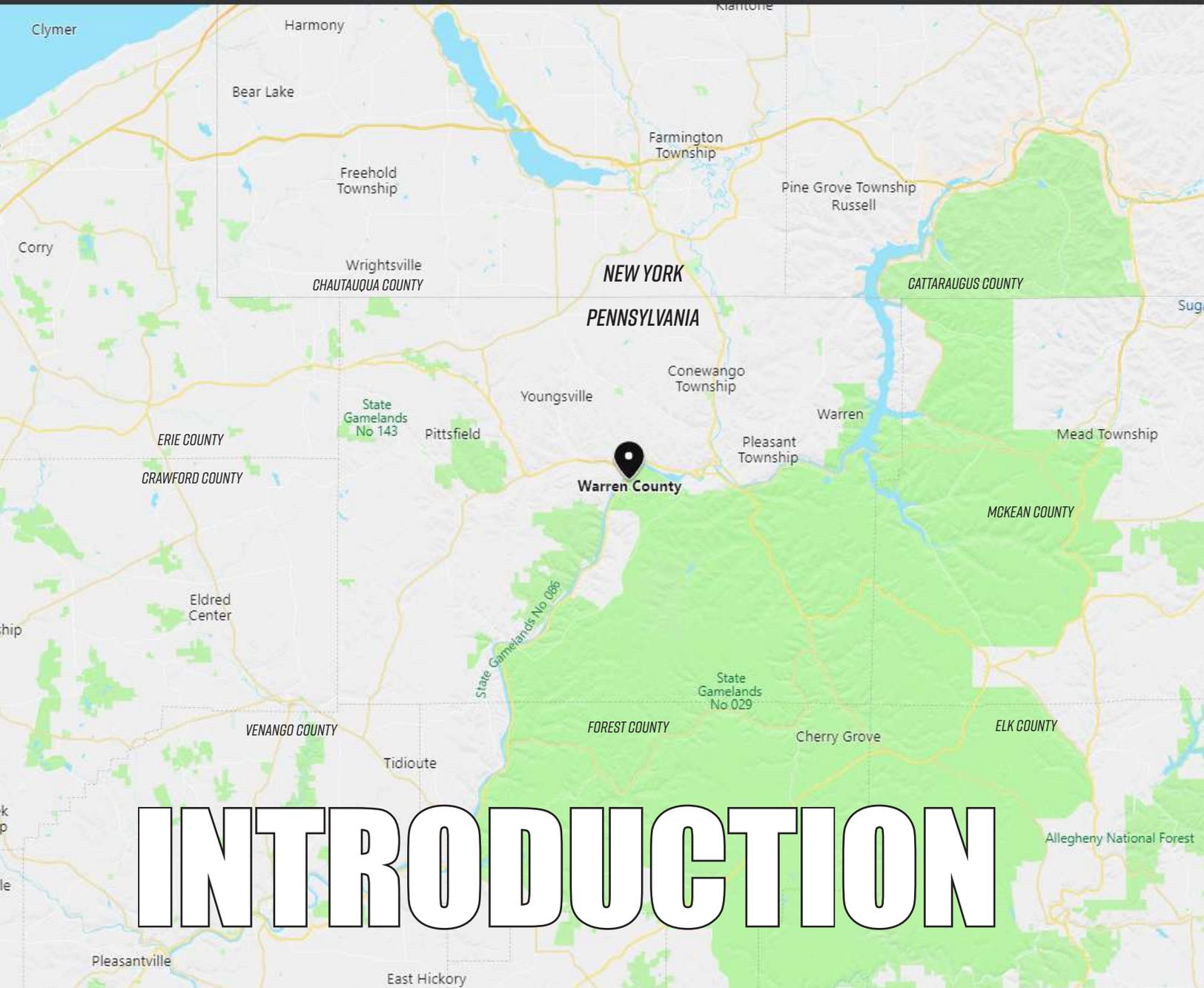
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INTRODUCTION

**BACKGROUND, PROCESS,
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*W*arren County is located in northwest Pennsylvania, east of the City of Erie and south of Jamestown, NY along the New York border. It is bordered on the north by New York State, on the east by McKean County, on the west by Crawford and Erie Counties, and on the south by Venango and Forest Counties. Major thoroughfares include US Route 6 and US Route 62. Initially established from portions of Lycoming and Allegheny Counties by an act of legislature in 1800, it was separated from Venango County in 1819 and became the County as it stands today.

The economy of Warren County has its roots in the abundance of natural resources found within its borders. One of the first industries was lumber, as a result of the hardwood forest in the western portion of the county and large stands of pine and hemlock southeast of the Allegheny River. The river and its three major tributaries in Warren county—the Conewango, Brokenstraw and Kinzua Creeks—were natural waterways for the rafting of lumber throughout the 1800s.

Planning in Warren County dates back to at least 1967 with the adoption of the Warren County General Plan. The County updated this plan in 1992 and again in 2005. Other planning efforts include the North Warren Trail Feasibility Study in 2002 and the County Greenways Plan in 2009.

In terms of recreation, the 2005 Comprehensive Plan recommended the extension of the Warren/ North Warren Bike/Hike Trail north to the New York State line and the creation of a bikeway in Youngsville Borough and Brokenstraw Township. At the time of the 2005 Plan, the County had recently appointed a Recreation Director, but that position has since been eliminated (approximately seven years ago).

Warren County adopted its first Greenways Plan in 2009 as part of the larger Northwest Pennsylvania Greenways Planning effort undertaken by the Northwest Regional Planning and Development Commission. The Northwest Pennsylvania Greenways planning process was a multi-county effort completed for the Commission's eight counties, and included individual plans for six counties, including Erie County, Clarion County, Crawford County, Forest County, Venango County and Warren County.

A HISTORY OF RECREATION

The same natural resources that brought settlers to Warren County in the 1800s and built the early economy are what provides the abundance of outdoor recreation opportunities today. In a word: lumber.

But between 1890 and 1930 a new enterprise, the wood chemical industry, changed the course of forest development in the region. Wood chemical plants provided a market for virtually every size, species and quality of tree growing on the Allegheny Plateau. Harvests during this era were

the most complete ever made in the area, clearing nearly every accessible tree of every size. The once vast forest of the Allegheny Plateau was almost completely removed. Many large forest landowners in Pennsylvania simply abandoned the land. In 1911, the United States Congress passed the Weeks Act, allowing the federal government to buy land for the establishment of National Forests. The Allegheny National Forest was established in 1923.

1819

Separated from Venango County, Warren County is established as it stands today. One of the first industries was lumber, as a result of the hardwood forest in the western portion of the county and large stands of pine and hemlock southeast of the Allegheny River.

1923

The Allegheny National Forest (ANF) is Pennsylvania's only National Forest. The ANF is composed of plateau tops with elevations up to approximately 2,300 feet and valleys down to approximately 1,000 feet above sea level. The forest is approximately 517,000 acres and includes land in Elk, Forest, McKean and Warren counties.

1951

Chapman State Park opens, a 862-acre park in Pleasant Township, home to the 68-acre Chapman Lake. After Valley Forge opened as Pennsylvania's first state park in 1893, the state focused on acquiring land with the goal to build a state park "within 25 miles of every resident."

1860s

The economy begins to shift, when oil is discovered in Titusville, concurrent with the arrival of the railroad. In short time, Warren County was in the midst of an oil boom, with drilling occurring in numerous locations, including Tidioute, Cherry Grove, and Clarendon.

1930s

In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps changed the face of National Forests by building hundreds of recreation facilities, including Twin Lakes and Loleta Recreation Areas on the ANF. These and other facilities became popular after World War II when newly mobile families discovered the joys of outdoor recreation.

IN WARREN COUNTY

Pennsylvania also began to acquire land with a goal to build a state park “within 25 miles of every resident and Chapman State Park opened in 1951.”¹

In the 1960’s and 70s, the focus shifted towards long distance hiking trails. The National Trails System Act of 1968 was passed, and in 1980, the North Country National Scenic Trail was created.²

In 1992, the Middle Allegheny River was given a “recreational” classification under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to reflect the relatively high level of accessibility and development, when compared with other rivers in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. However, the middle Allegheny is still considered a primitive river.

¹ “History of PA State Parks.” Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Retrieved online October 2016. www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/thinkgstoknow/history/thefirstpark/index.htm.

² North Country Trail Association History. Retrieved online October 2016. <https://northcountrytrail.org/trail/history/> Retrieved online October 2016.

1989

The Lumber Heritage Region is created through the Department of Community Affairs as one of eight nascent heritage parks in Pennsylvania and planning efforts begin.

2009

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1965

The creation of the Allegheny Reservoir when the Kinzua Dam was completed brought the most dramatic change to developed recreation on the ANF. Within ten years, a tremendous development program resulted in campgrounds, boat launches, beaches, picnic areas, hiking trails and overlooks around the reservoir shoreline and elsewhere throughout the forest.

2003

The Pennsylvania Wilds Conservation Landscape was created to help revitalize rural communities through sustainable tourism development, all while inspiring a stewardship ethic in residents and visitors.

2019

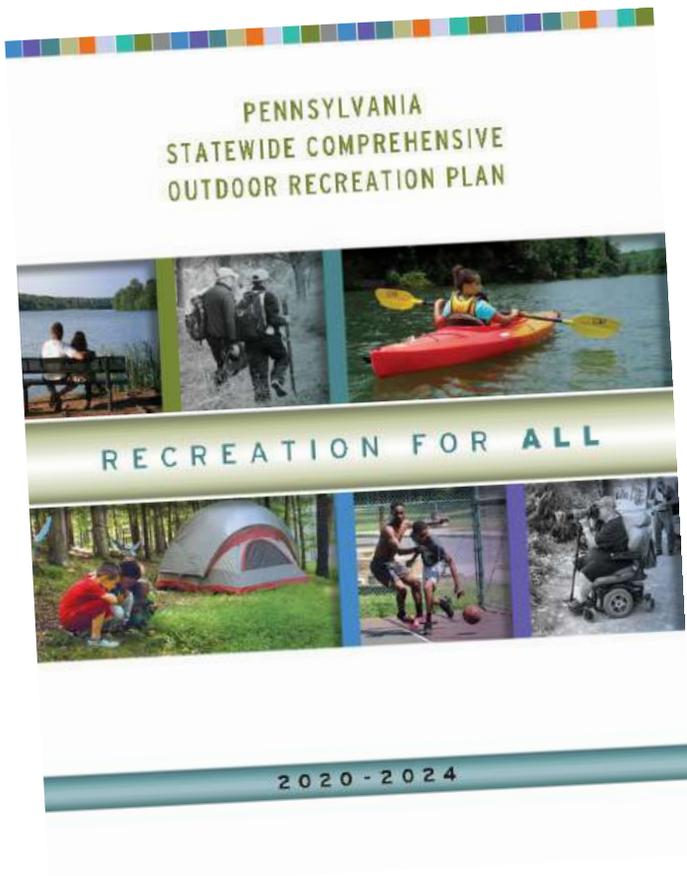
Warren County gets a grant from PA DCNR to update its Greenways Plan as part of a countywide Parks and Recreation Plan.

PA RECREATION PLAN

Pennsylvania completes a statewide outdoor recreation plan (SCORP) every five years. DCNR completed the 2020-2024 SCORP in 2020.

- Main Plan: www.dcnr.pa.gov/Recreation/PAOutdoorRecPlan/Pages/default.aspx
- Story Map: <https://maps.dcnr.pa.gov/parecplan/index.html>
- Outdoor Recreation Plan: <http://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocument?docId=3223603&DocName=PASCORP2020-2024Final>
- Appendices: www.dcnr.pa.gov/Recreation/PAOutdoorRecPlan/Pages/default.aspx

The Warren County Parks, Recreation and Greenways Plan was developed with these goals and principles in mind.



PRIORITY • HEALTH & WELLNESS promoting healthy living through outdoor connections

- » Educate on the connection between health and outdoor recreation
- » Support programs that connect health and outdoor recreation
- » Equip healthcare professionals with the tools needed to promote the health benefits of outdoor recreation
- » Create walking and biking networks that provide safe, close-to-home access to recreation and encourage healthy behavior in communities

PRIORITY • RECREATION FOR ALL ensuring equity in access to Pennsylvania's outdoors

- » Provide opportunities for everyone to regularly engage in outdoor recreation
- » Create recreational amenities that fit the needs and expectations of underserved communities
- » Provide equitable access to outdoor recreation and conservation programs and places
- » Build a more diverse workforce and volunteer base to provide outdoor and conservation programs and opportunities

PRIORITY ● **SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS**
protecting and adapting our
resources

- » Address infrastructure and maintenance needs in Pennsylvania's existing outdoor recreation areas
- » Adapt public lands and facilities to address the impacts of climate change on outdoor recreation
- » Foster stewardship for Pennsylvania's recreation areas and natural, cultural and historic resources
- » Design outdoor recreation areas to minimize impacts on the environment and conflicts among user groups

PRIORITY ● **FUNDING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
elevating outdoor recreation

- » Protect and expand public and private investments in outdoor recreation
- » Build strategic coalitions to maximize the economic impacts of outdoor recreation in Pennsylvania
- » Market Pennsylvania as an outdoor destination
- » Demonstrate the benefits and impacts of nature-based solutions to addressing community needs

PRIORITY ● **TECHNOLOGY**
using new tools to improve
engagement

- » Increase mobile connectivity in outdoor recreation areas
- » Develop best practices for emerging outdoor recreation technologies
- » Use technologies to support health goals and find places to recreate outdoors
- » Enrich the understanding of the natural, cultural and historic aspects of the outdoors through technology

THE IMPORTANCE OF PARKS

We know that there is a relationship between the physical environment and the overall physical health of residents. How does Warren County compare to other counties in Pennsylvania? Are there areas, specifically related to recreation, where the County can influence positive outcomes? Specifically, the County Parks and Recreation Plan can help address:

- The availability of and access to recreation areas and active transportation with adult obesity and physical health.
- The preservation of open space, greenways and natural resources with reduced pollution an increased healthy environment.

The goal is to improve the health of Warren County by improving access to and use of the resources that already exist to support sustainable lifestyles. This means continued attention to development of a green infrastructure network, coordinated investment in land protection, expansion of the reach of resources and empowering the public to live well.

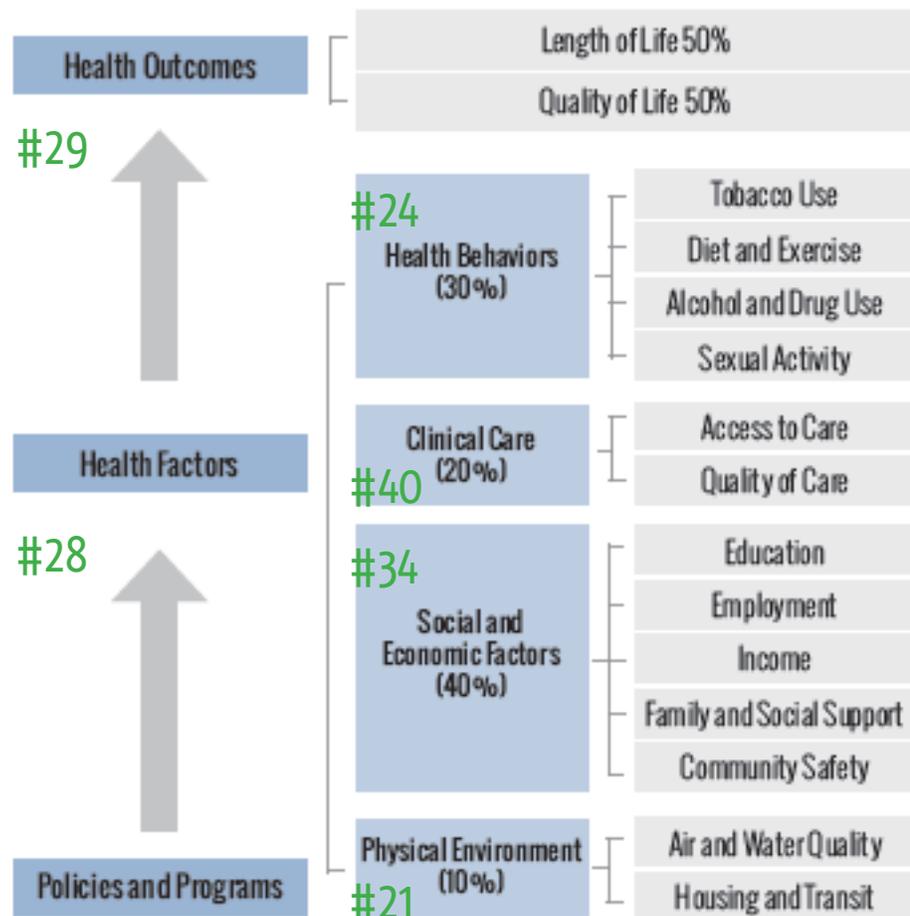
COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS

All 67 of Pennsylvania’s counties are ranked in terms of their overall health through two main factors: Health Outcomes and Health Factors.

In terms of Health Outcomes, Warren County ranks 29 (of 67): 16th for length of life and 53rd

PA COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS:

HOW DOES WARREN COUNTY COMPARE?



for quality of life. According to the rankings, Warren County has a low rate of premature deaths (before age 75) but lower rates of quality of life. Residents reported a higher number of poor physical health days and overall poor or fair health than other counties in Pennsylvania.

Looking at the Health Factors, Warren County ranks 28 (of 67), with the specific areas as follows:

Health Behaviors – 24th. Factors contributing to this ranking include:

- Smoking (16% compared to 18% in PA)
- Adult obesity (32% compared to 30%)
- Food environment index (limited access to healthy foods and food insecurity) – the County is on par with the state
- Physical inactivity (23% compared to 22%)
- Access to exercise opportunities (80% compared to 84%)

Clinical Care – 40th. Warren County ranks low compared to other Pennsylvania counties for the ratio of population to primary care providers and flu vaccinations.

Social and Economic Factors – 34th. Areas where the County is doing comparably well include high school graduation rate (92% compared to 87% in PA); social associations, which is the number of membership associations per 10,000 population (18.2 compared to 12.3); and violent crime (186 compared to 315). Areas of concern include a higher rate of unemployment (5.3% compared to 4.9%) and children in poverty (25% compared to 17%).

Physical Environment – 21st. Positive measures include: lower air pollution, low percentage of residents with severe housing problems (10% compared to 15%) and lower percentage of long commutes (22% compared to 36%). Warren County does have a much higher rate of residents who drive alone to work (82% compared to 76%).

“Your address can play an important role in how long you live and how healthy you are. The physical design of your community affects your health every time you step out your front door.

Sometimes making healthy choices is *not* easy — being physically active is hard if you do not have access to sidewalks or parks, and eating right is hard if healthy foods are not available.

Your input on land use decisions in your community can help make everyone happier and healthier.”

— Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 20206
(www.cdc.gov/features/healthy_communities/)

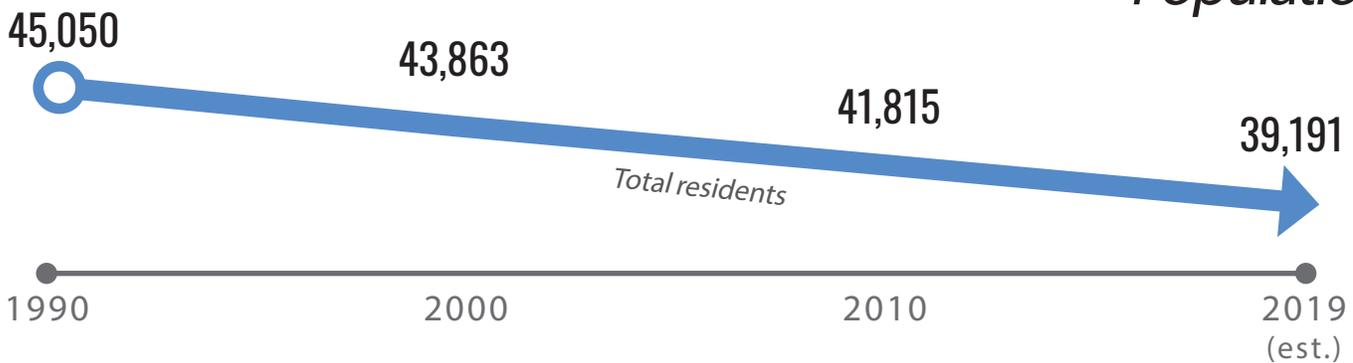
COUNTY SNAPSHOT

WHO LIVES HERE?

Warren County's population peaked in 1970 at 47,682, after a slow but steady growth since 1890. Since then, the County has experienced a gradual population decline. Warren is the least diverse of all of the surrounding counties (Crawford, Forest, McKean and Venango in Pennsylvania and Cattaraugus and Chautauqua in New York), with 97.7% of the population classified as white.



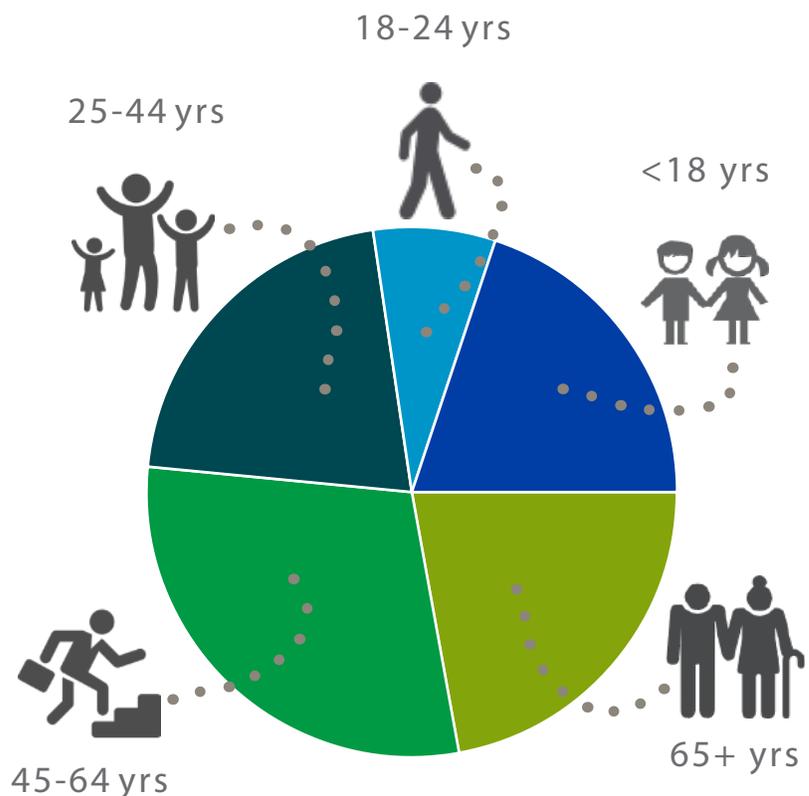
Population



47 MEDIAN AGE

The median age in Warren County is 47, compared to 40 in Pennsylvania. It is also the highest median age as compared to the surrounding counties.

The largest age group is comprised of persons ages 45-64, followed by persons 65 years and over. The smallest age group is 18-24, which is not surprising with no colleges located in the County.





HOUSEHOLDS

Warren County Household Facts:

2.3 persons per household

65% of all households are families

13% of all households have a female head of household, compared to 18% in PA

91.4% lived in same house one year ago

73.6%

HOUSEHOLDS HAVE A BROADBAND INTERNET SUBSCRIPTION



And 83.9% have a computer



12.3%

LIVE WITH A DISABILITY

(under 65 years of age)

Warren County: At a Glance



Population: 39,191
(rank #55/67 PA counties)



Land area: 884 sq. miles
(rank #16 / 67 PA counties)



Bachelor's Degree or Higher: 19.3%



Households: 17,080



Median household income:
\$48,409



Median Housing Value:
\$95,400



Adult Obesity: 32%
(PA = 38%)



Physical Inactivity: 23%
(PA = 22%)



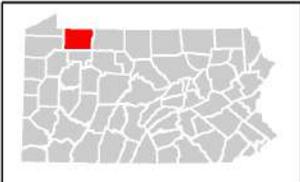
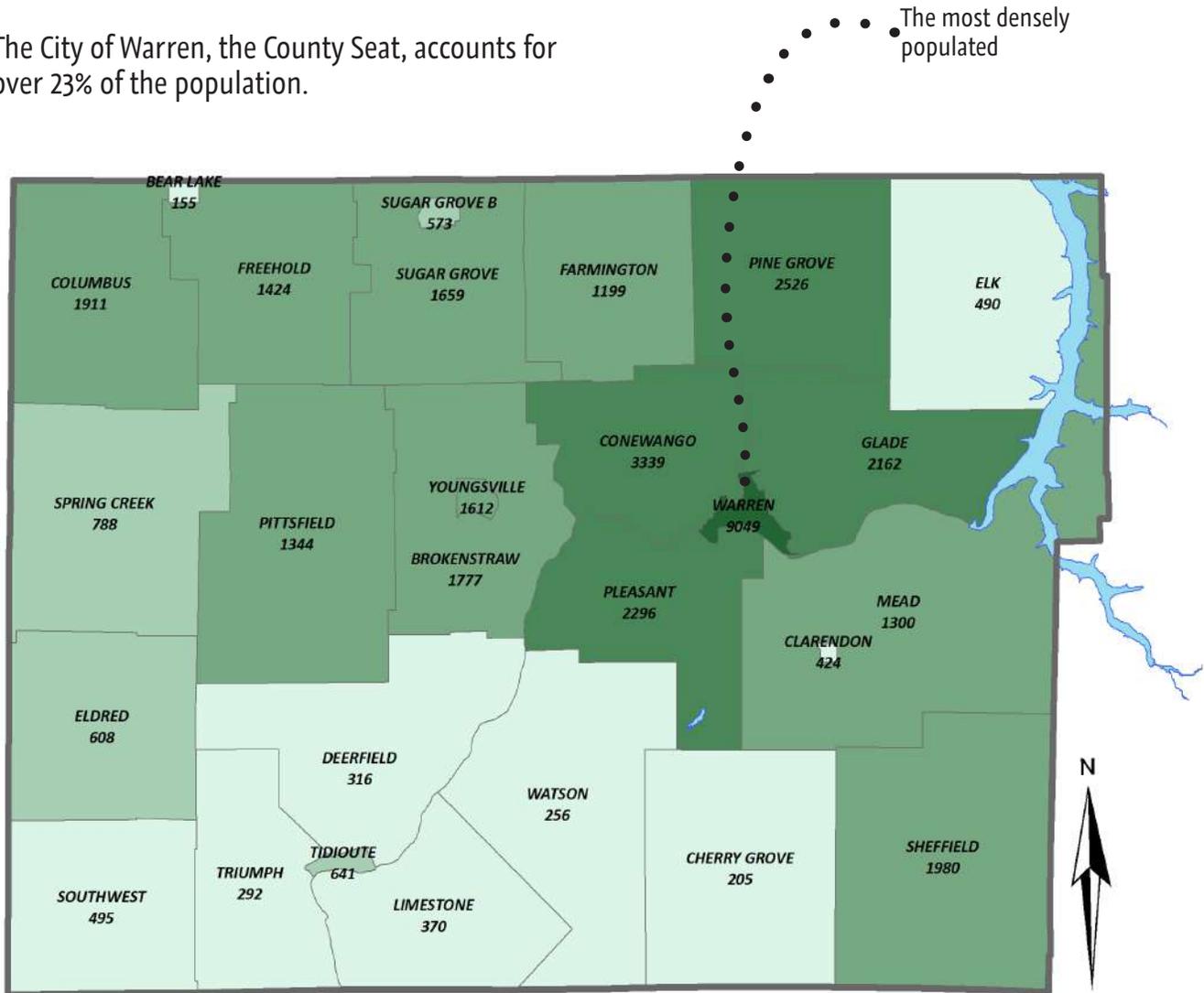
Access to Exercise
Opportunities: 80%
(PA = 84%)

WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

Warren County is home to 27 municipalities: one third class city (Warren), five boroughs and 21 second class townships.

The City of Warren, the County Seat, accounts for over 23% of the population.

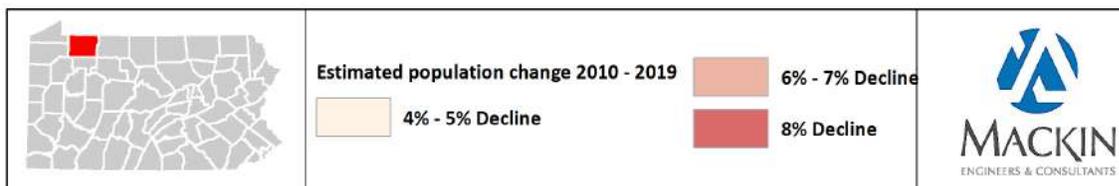
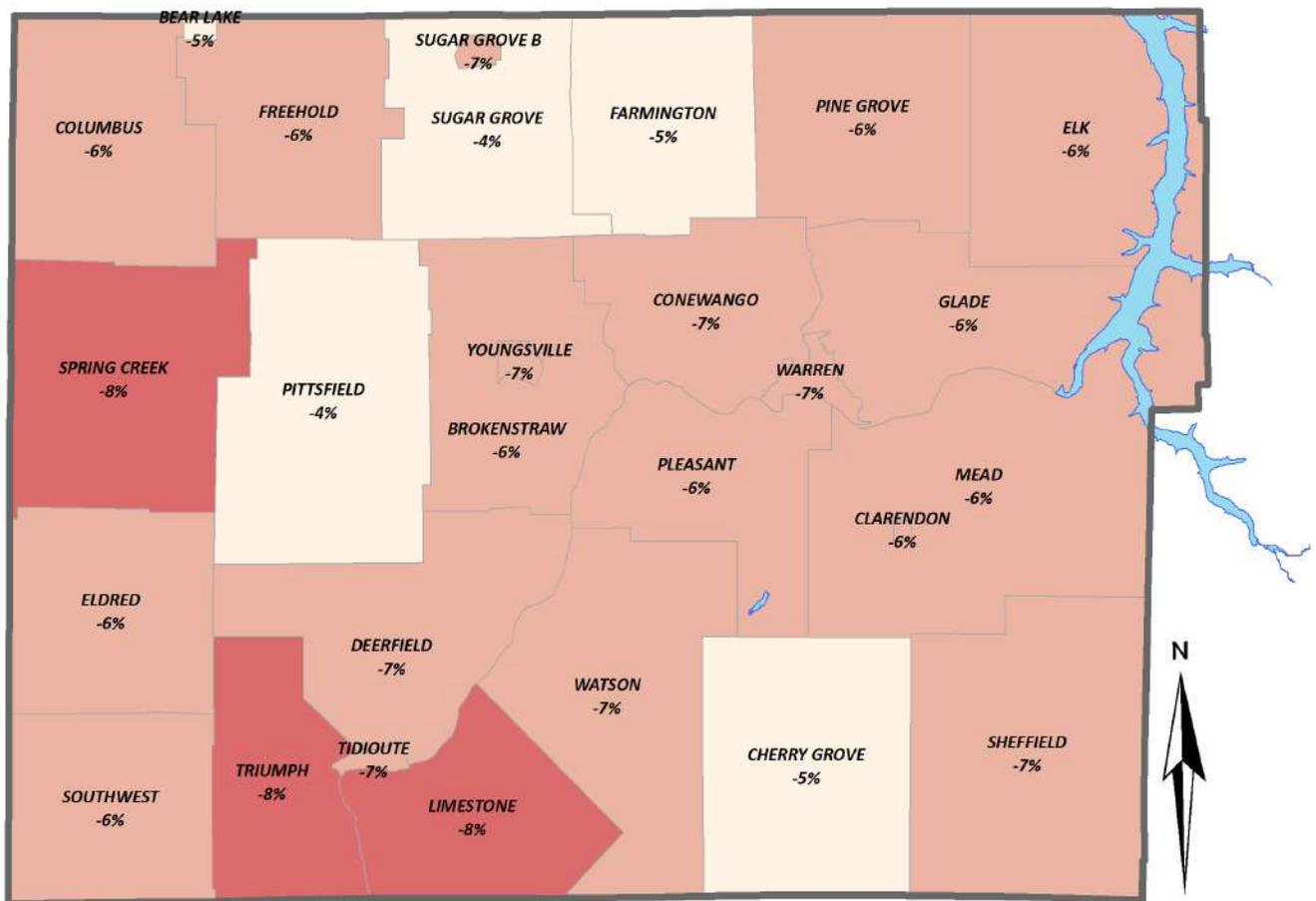
The most densely populated



Estimated 2019 Population	
	155 - 500
	501 - 1,000
	1,001 - 2,000
	2,001 - 5,000
	5,001 - 10,000



The county population has steadily decreased in all Warren municipalities over the last 30 years. Populations usually decline because there were fewer births, or because residents migrate to other areas. Whatever the reason, local governments are faced with the effects of population decline, which can include a need for less recreation facilities and programs or different types of recreation. The area's needs essentially change, and so a government should consider this when reviewing their plans. Below is a look at the decline in all of Warren's 27 municipalities.



THE PLANNING PROCESS

PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

While the County does not own or maintain any public parks or recreation facilities, with the exception of the North Warren Bike Trail, the County recognized the need to be proactive and undertake a countywide parks, recreation and trails/greenways plan. The overall goals of this plan are to assess the need for additional recreation opportunities in the County over the next 10 years and to serve as a recreation plan for all 27 municipalities.

Warren County applied for and received a grant from Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) to complete a parks, recreation and greenways plan for the County and a separate plan for the City of Warren (as such, all park and recreation information for the City is included in that plan and not here).

In 2019, Warren County retained Mackin Engineering Company, with Jim Watenpool (CPRP), to complete the parks, recreation and greenways plan. The County formed an Advisory Committee at the onset of the planning process



ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
- Gary Lester

to oversee plan development. The Committee was comprised of representatives from the County, municipalities, school district, state agencies and local residents.

Project meetings were held at key intervals throughout the process. In-person meetings were held in June, September and December of 2019 and virtual meetings in 2020 (due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

The Advisory Committee was used to document existing conditions (including identifying local parks throughout the County), review park analysis and findings, plan public input methods and help to develop/review plan recommendations.

The planning team collecting data and community input in order to identify the County's key issues and needs related to parks, trails and recreation.

In September 2019, municipal questionnaires were sent to all 27 municipalities to collect data on local parks, trails and river access; recreation planning efforts; and potential opportunities that the planning team should explore. The questionnaires were also used to ensure that the elected officials for all of the municipalities in the County had an opportunity to participate in the planning process. 21 completed surveys were returned.

As part of this process, the planning team visited over 55 parks and trails throughout the County and conducted numerous interviews with municipal officials and key stakeholders (see list to the right). In addition, the Plan included a review and analysis of the previous Greenways Plan.

Stakeholders interviewed as part of plan:

- Allegheny Community Center
- Allegheny National Forest
- Allegheny Outdoor Club
- Allegheny Outfitters
- Boy Scouts of America
- Brokenstraw Valley Foundation
- Conewango Creek Watershed Association
- General Joseph Warren Chapter - DAR
- Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania
- Jefferson DeFrees Family Center
- Leadership Warren
- Northern Allegheny Mountain Bike Association
- PA Game Commission
- Penn Soil RC&D
- Rotary Club of Warren
- Salvation Army
- Snowmobile Club
- Warren Area Student Union
- Warren County 4-H
- Warren County Chamber of Business & Industry
- Warren County Conservation District
- Warren County Master Gardener Program
- Warren County Special Olympics
- Warren County Soccer
- Warren County Visitors Bureau
- Warren County Youth Baseball Softball Association
- Warren County Youth Football League
- Warren County Fairgrounds
- Warren Cycle Shop (aka Jock Shop)
- Warren General Hospital / Cancer Center
- Warren Public Library
- Warren YMCA

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Gathering public input was a key part of developing the Warren County Parks, Recreation and Greenways Plan.

MUNICIPAL QUESTIONNAIRE

A survey was sent to all municipalities to gather information on current staffing levels, issues pertaining to recreation, existing recreation facilities and programs, and any future plans regarding new facilities or programs (or updates to existing facilities and programs).

COG MEETING

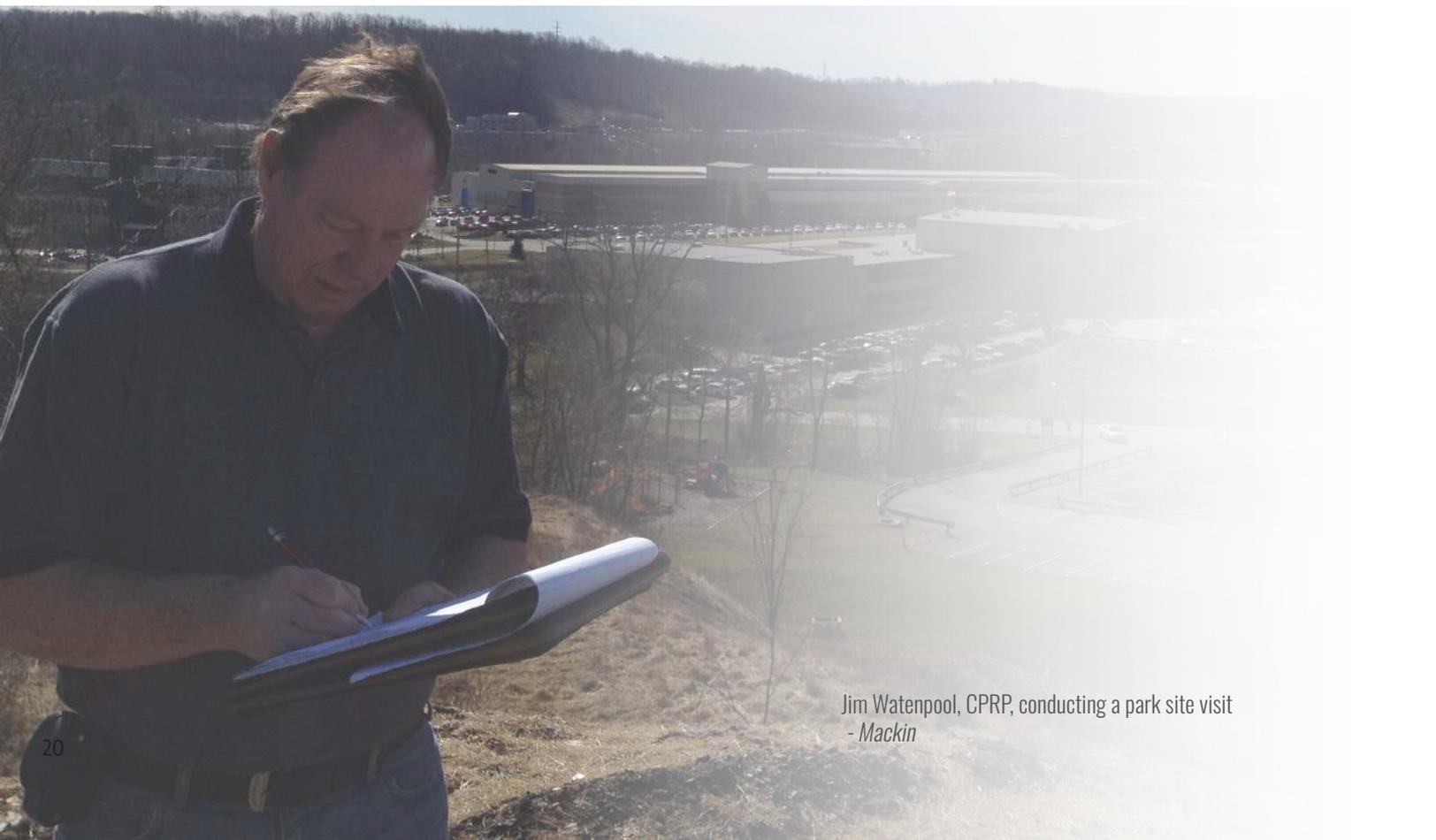
The Warren County Council of Governments (COG) represents 20 of the 27 municipalities. To supplement the municipal questionnaires, planning consultants attended the August 2019 COG meeting to introduce the plan and gather public input regarding any current/planned recreation projects and identify any potential projects/priorities for the municipalities.

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

With help from the Advisory Committee, a stakeholder list was prepared to include organizations and providers of recreation in the County. These stakeholders were then interviewed to gather additional data regarding existing conditions and needs in terms of recreation in the County. A list of stakeholders is included on page 19 and a summary of the interviews can be found in the Appendices.

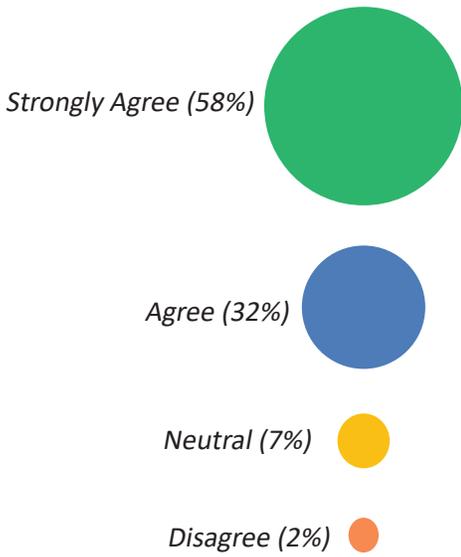
PUBLIC SURVEY

Almost 400 people completed an online survey asking for opinions as to what should be addressed regarding recreation in Warren County. The survey was publicized through the local newspaper, an advertisement in the Warren County Guide (mailed to every County household) and made available at Little League registration in January/February 2020. The Warren County Visitors Bureau provided four gift cards to local restaurants, which were distributed through a random drawing of survey participants.

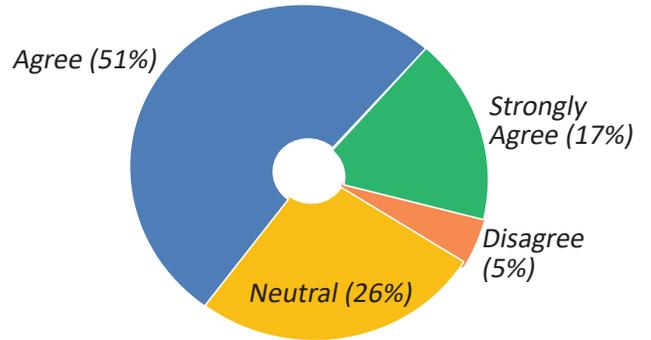


Jim Watenpool, CPRP, conducting a park site visit
- Mackin

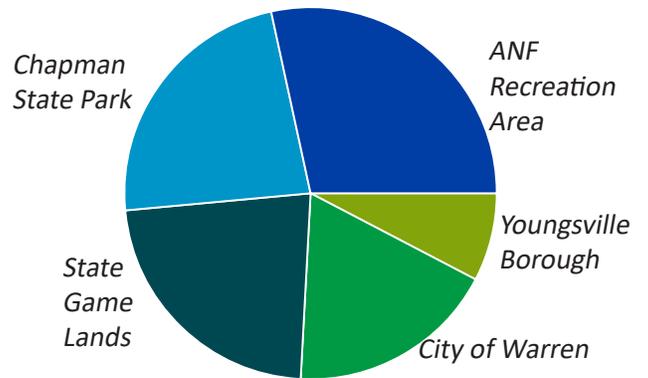
Importance of Parks and Recreation to Maintaining a High Quality of Life:



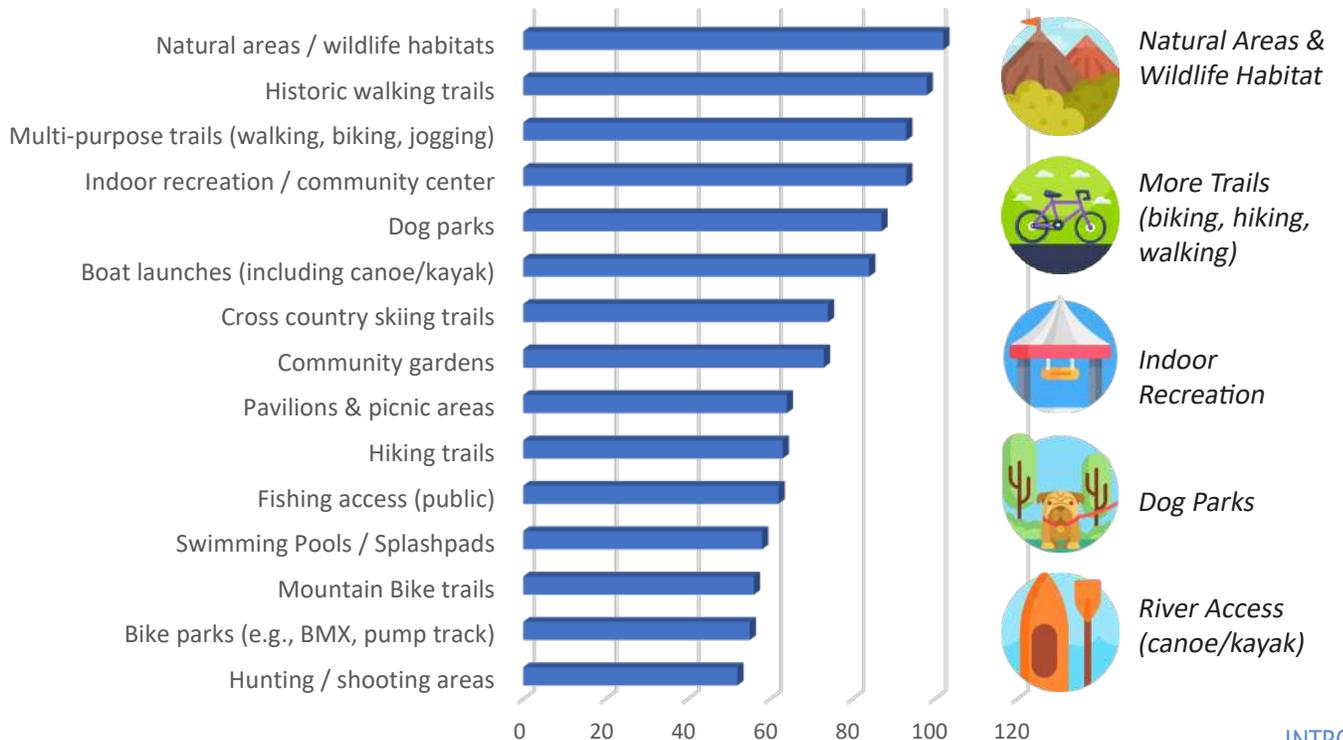
Warren County is well-served by public parks and recreation facilities/programs:



Most visited parks and recreation facilities:



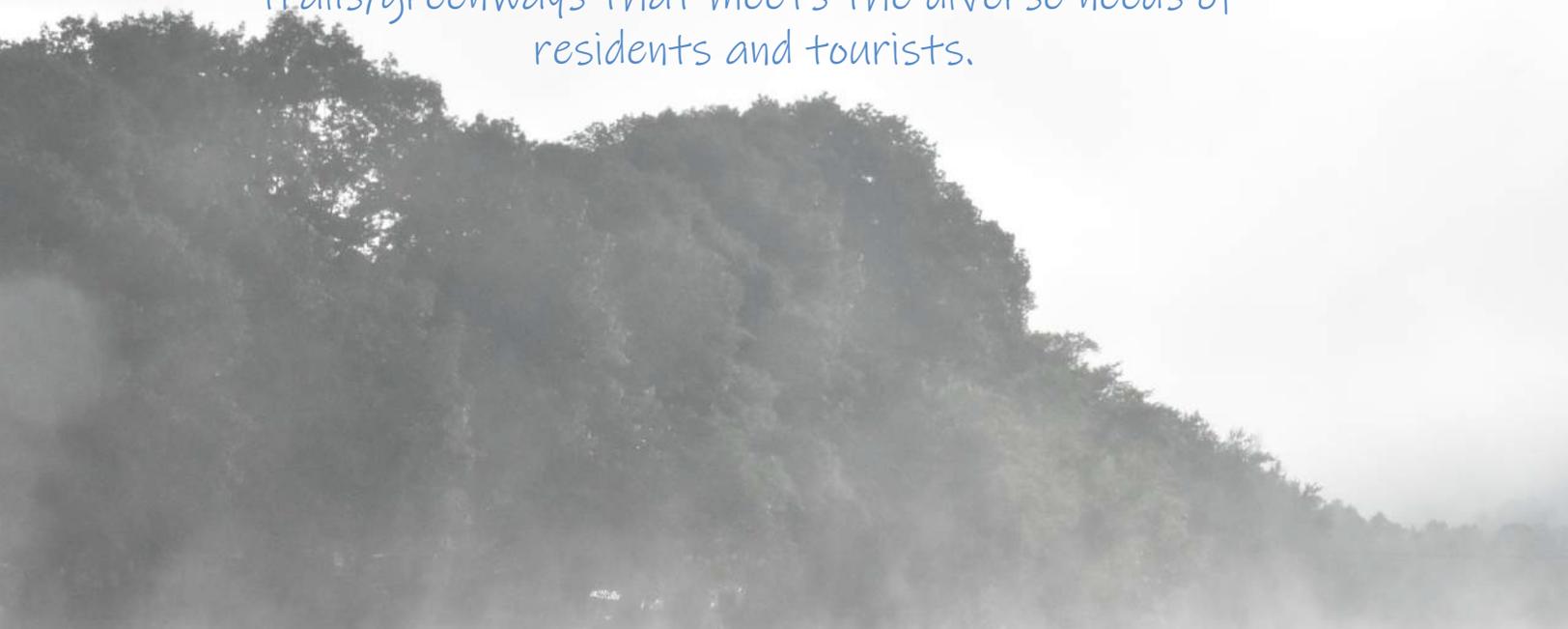
Parks & Recreation Facilities MOST Needed:



COUNTY VISION & GOALS

THE VISION FOR WARREN COUNTY IS TO:

Provide a countywide network of parks, recreation and trails/greenways that meets the diverse needs of residents and tourists.



KAYAKING ALONG ALLEGHENY RIVER
- Gary Lester

THE CORE VALUES ARE:

- Conservation – value open space and greenways that are not for human disturbance; preserve natural areas and resources.
- Stewardship – value effective and sustainable management and usage of parks and open space.
- Connectivity – value providing a network of multi-modal trails throughout the county.
- Quality of Life – value providing parks and recreation to enhance the quality of life for residents.
- Tourism – value the economic benefit of tourism from recreation and natural areas.
- Health – value improving access to parks and recreation programs to improve the overall health of residents.
- Cooperation & Partnerships – value developing partnerships to ensure that parks and recreation meet the demand and needs without duplicating efforts.

Three priority goals were developed for the County to support the vision and core values. Action items for each goal are summarized here and explained in more detail on the following pages

GOAL 1: CREATE A SYSTEM WHEREBY THE COUNTY SERVES AS THE CENTRAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION IN THE COUNTY.

- 1.1. Expand the capacity of Warren County to provide/manage parks and recreation.
- 1.2. Develop a marketing plan for parks and recreation in the County.
- 1.3. Provide technical assistance to the municipalities for recreation planning and financing.
- 1.4. Provide education to municipalities and residents on the importance of recreation, conservation and environmental stewardship.

GOAL 2: PROVIDE AN INTERCONNECTED NETWORK OF PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE THAT SUPPORTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATION AND CONSERVATION.

- 2.1. Continue developing a countywide trail network.
- 2.2. Provide more public access to the Allegheny River and other waterways for fishing, boating and other types of recreation.
- 2.3. Promote winter activities.
- 2.4. Develop partnerships with County organizations to provide and expand recreation.

GOAL 3: PROMOTE, COORDINATE, FACILITATE, OR PROVIDE RECREATION PROGRAMS THAT SERVE REGIONAL NEEDS.

- 3.1. Develop a plan to provide and promote recreational County-wide programming and implement locally.



GOAL 1

Hickory Creek Trail
- Gary Lester

**BECOME A CENTRAL
CLEARINGHOUSE**

OBJECTIVE 1.1 EXPAND THE CAPACITY OF WARREN COUNTY TO OVERSEE PARK & RECREATION

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

It's been mentioned throughout this document that Warren County does not own or manage any parks, however, there are many parks, trails, and facilities that are located within the county's physical jurisdiction. As leisure activities can bring joy to residents and tourism dollars into the communities, and as the Covid-19 pandemic found many more people spending time outdoors, it is important to find avenues which allow the county to have an increased capacity to oversee parks and recreation in their communities. So residents should also be able to have a local source of communication when they need to discuss issues, ideas, or want to help improve upon the parks. Communication with a local representative can more quickly address any issues or implement any new programs.

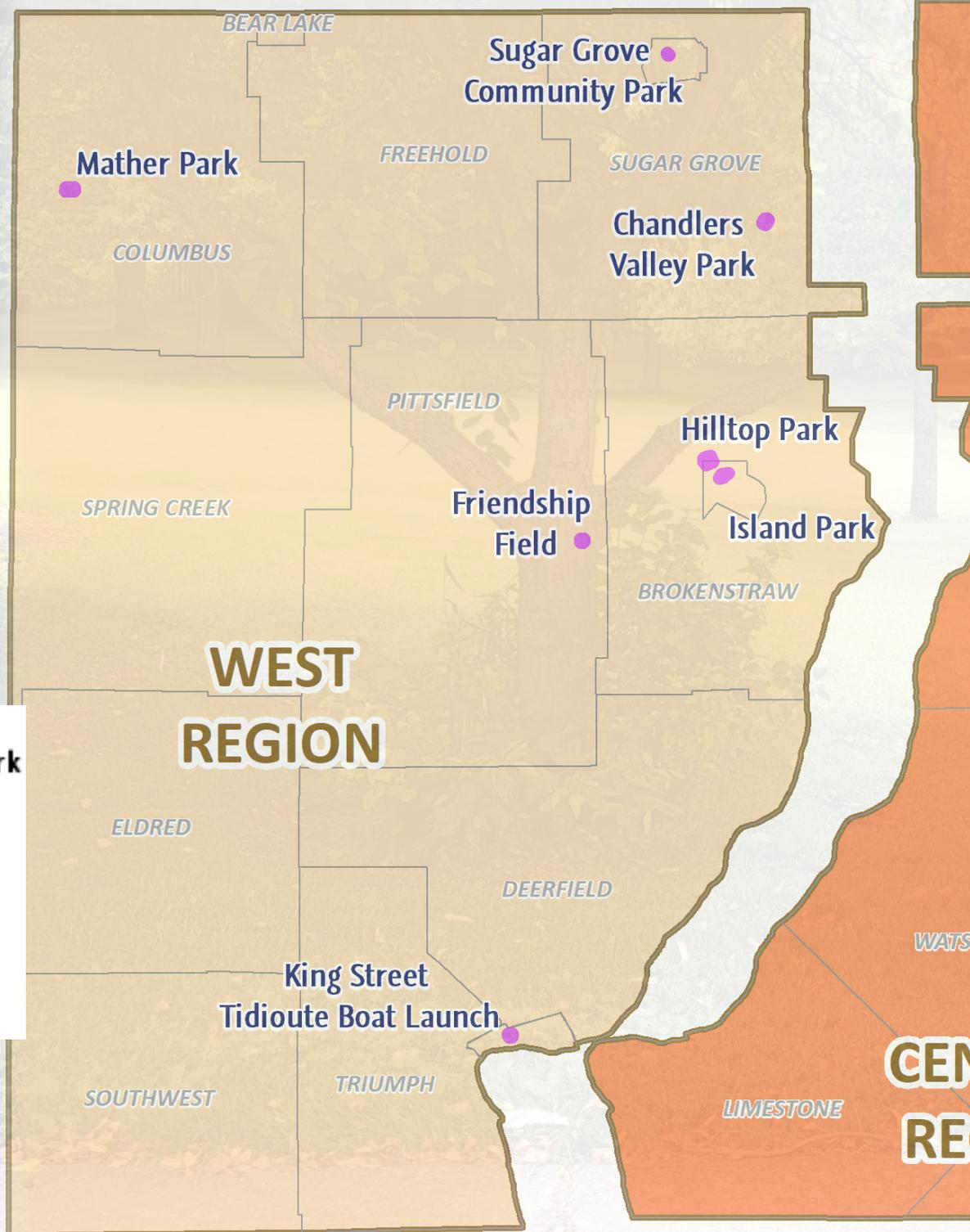
ACTION 1.1A. DIVIDE THE COUNTY INTO GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

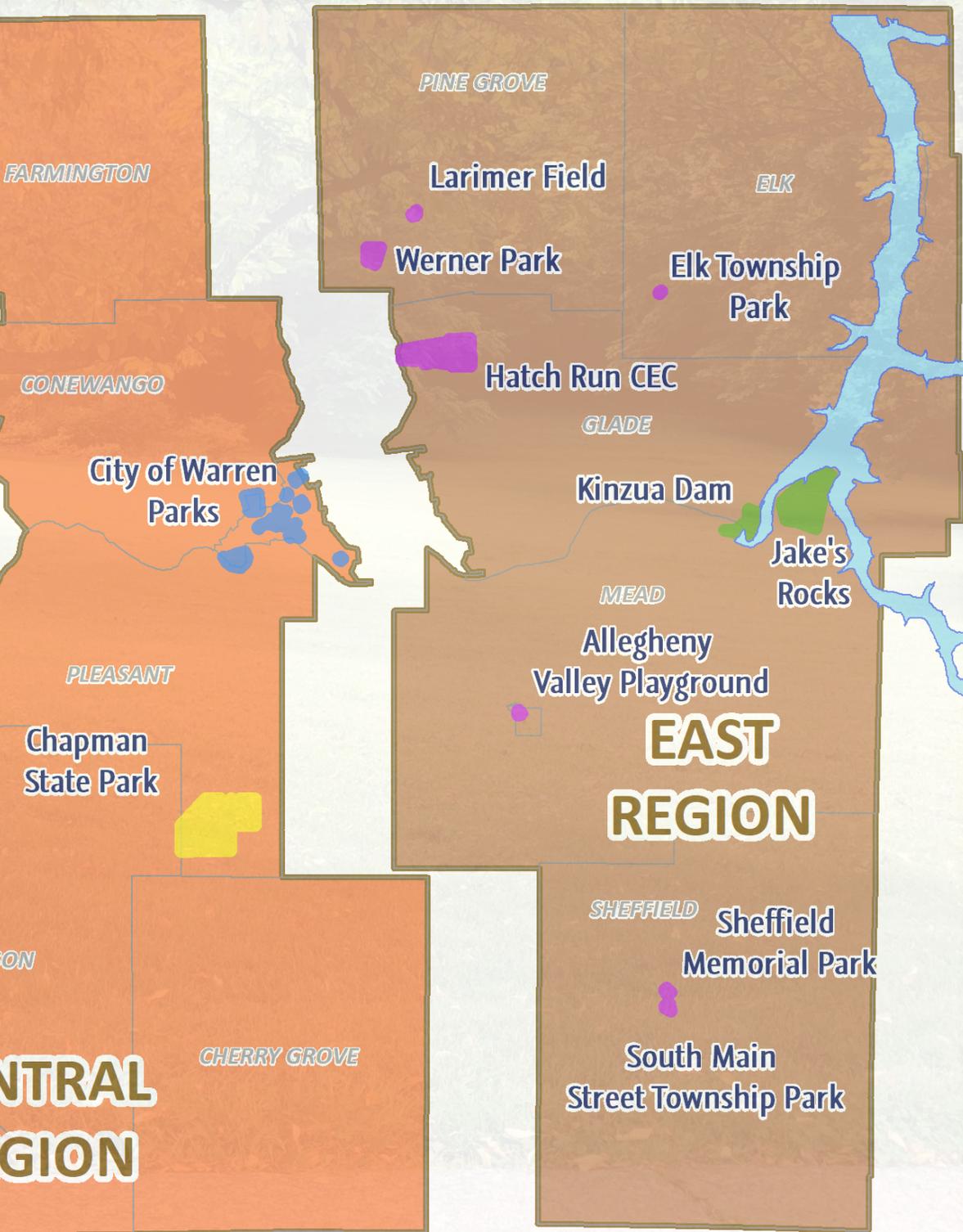
It would be prudent to divide the county into regions centered around municipal and other larger regional parks. This would help more rural areas to have a separate focus than that of the populated area surrounding the City of Warren, or the eastern counties which are heavily populated with lands managed by the Allegheny National Forest. It would also help to market these as regional parks and bring a renewed focus and interest for nearby residents and visitors. While the focus within each region would be parks within that geographic area, these "regional" parks will be marketed and promoted to service different areas of County. The map on pages 26-27 reflects the different regions within Warren County and shows the existing park and recreation facilities within each region.

- West Region: Consisting of rural communities, in this region management should focus on finding ways to address underserved areas due to the smaller number of parks, trails, and facilities. This region features Mather Park, Hilltop Park, Island Park, and King Street Tidouite Boat Launch.
- Central Region: This area includes the City of Warren and will require cooperating efforts to promote, manage, and maintain the parks and recreation in the region. The focus should be on programming to serve the many different residents throughout the Central Region. This area contains 14 parks within the City of Warren and Chapman State Park.
- East Region: The east region contains areas that attract tourists, like Jakes Rocks and the Kinzua Reservoir and focus should be on avenues to increase tourism. This region also contains Larimer Field, Werner Park, Hatch Run Conservation Education Center, Sheffield Memorial Park, and South Main Street Township Park.

WARREN COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS MAP

The map below shows the recommended geographic areas within Warren county, east, central, and west. Each region has park facilities and varying needs on which to focus to promote the parks. While the County may not own any of these parks, it certainly can help to promote them, which serves the residents.





**EAST
REGION**

**CENTRAL
REGION**



MAIN BUILDING AT WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

ACTION 1.1B. ESTABLISH A WARREN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Establishing a county parks and recreation board will ensure the focus is given to the parks, trails, and facilities that lie within the county jurisdiction, but can also focus on marketing regional parks discussed previously and assist with grant applications and other technical assistance for local municipalities. The board will have goals that will be updated and reviewed on a timely basis. Additionally, this board will serve as an advisory committee to the County Board of Commissioners.

ACTION 1.1C. CONSIDER CREATING A PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR

When the County decides to expand recreational opportunities, creating a County Parks and Recreation Department would help in management of the parks, trails, and facilities. This would include any potential future programming. The department would be led by a Manager, who answers to the Parks and Recreation Board.

A Parks and Recreation Program Director is responsible for overseeing the recreational programs put out by public and private parks, sports facilities, community centers or other institutions. Often they work on publicity and finances for the programs and manage other individuals. A Parks and Recreation Director will be directly responsible for the success of the programs offered.

It is possible this staff person could be hired under the DCNR Circuit Rider program. Per the Circuit Rider, grants are awarded to initiate new programs and services for county(ies), Council of Governments and/or multi-municipal entities, that individually do not have the financial resources to hire a professional full-time staff person. The Circuit Rider's purpose is to initiate new programs and services in the designated service area. The City of Warren is a potential partner in this program since they do not currently have a park and recreation director either.

ACTION 1.1D. DEVELOP A FORMAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

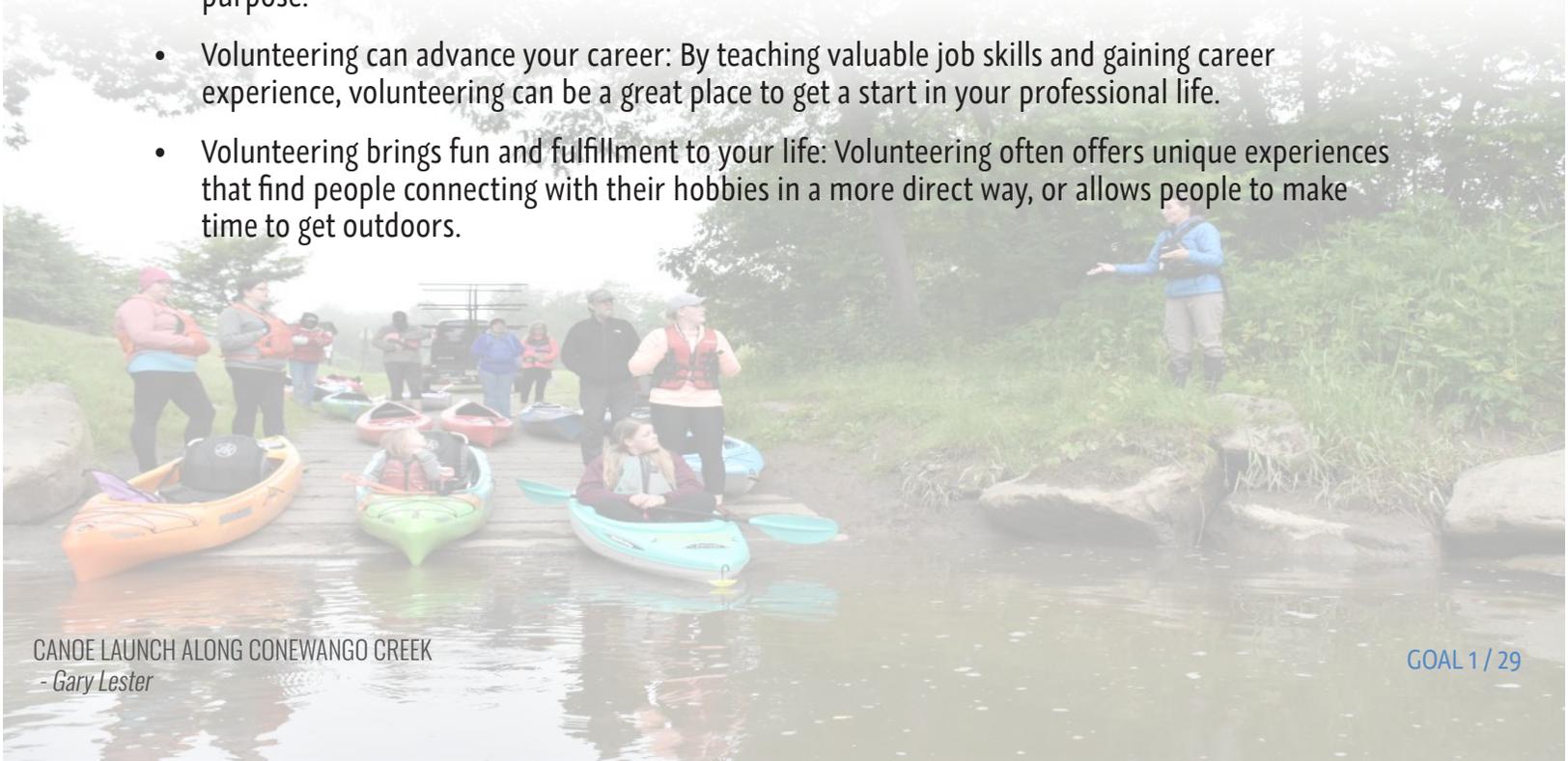
Volunteers are integral to community parks and recreation programs. Often, volunteers can be easily found within the community. Local high schools and colleges can be partners by offering credit for volunteering within certain academic programs. Additionally, retired residents often have the time and interest to stay busy and enjoy having an active role within their community. Many communities have robust volunteer programs.

A volunteer database is helpful to maintain, with contact information and availability. As seasons change, volunteers' availability may fluctuate. For example, students serving in internship volunteer roles may only be available during summer months.

Consideration should be given to partner with the Leadership Warren program. Leadership Warren County is a nine-month curriculum to bring caring, community-minded people together from across the County in an effort to form partnerships to improve the economic vitality and quality of life in Warren County. The program exists to foster a commitment to community trusteeship, and to acquaint participants with the County's resources, assets, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

When attempting to recruit or market the need for volunteers, advertising the many benefits that can be gained from volunteering is crucial. HelpGuide, an independently funded nonprofit organization discusses the 4 ways that volunteering helps people feel healthier and happier. These include:

- Volunteering connects you to others: Making new friends and increasing social and relationship skills are a direct benefit from volunteering.
- Volunteering can combat depression and make one happy and often counteracts the effects of stress, anger, and anxiety. Volunteering can also increase self-confidence and provide a sense of purpose.
- Volunteering can advance your career: By teaching valuable job skills and gaining career experience, volunteering can be a great place to get a start in your professional life.
- Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life: Volunteering often offers unique experiences that find people connecting with their hobbies in a more direct way, or allows people to make time to get outdoors.



OBJECTIVE 1.2 PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATION TO MUNICIPALITIES AND RESIDENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF RECREATION.

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

Nature conservation is a global issue as topics like air quality and preservation of green space is widely discussed in an exponentially growing world. The benefits of parks and recreation are numerous, from social connections and health benefits to economic benefits. Without educating a community, the benefits can sometimes be overlooked or forgotten. It's important to put those benefits on stage, and continue to educate residents. Doing so will increase interest, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, and lead to more program offerings.

ACTION 1.2A. ENCOURAGE ALL MUNICIPALITIES (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WARREN CITY AND YOUNGVILLE BOROUGH) TO ADOPT THE COUNTY'S PARK, RECREATION AND GREENWAYS PLAN AS THEIR OWN.

Most of the municipalities in the County do not have the staff or capacity to develop and utilize their own park and recreation plan. By adopting the County's plan as their own, they will have some direction for parks and recreation at the local level. The County can take the role of assisting these municipalities by conducting an annual survey of all communities to prioritize recreation projects. This should be done in the fall of each year to provide enough time to prepare grants for the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), if needed, (the DCNR grant deadline is typically April of each year). Once the priorities are set, the County should further assist the municipalities with submitting grant applications, identifying partners and additional funding sources/donations to allow these priority projects to occur.

ACTION 1.2B. ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES WITH REGULATIONS AS THEY RELATE TO ORDINANCES AND CONSERVATION.

County staff can help local municipalities by providing assistance in a variety of ways. For example, a municipality may need help to update land use regulations, or by providing model language or sample ordinances. The County could keep a library of best practices and model ordinances to share with municipalities as needed.

It is through ordinances, like zoning or SALDO, that the community can regulate how property is developed, and hence, how green and open spaces are protected or developed. Building in model language for recreation or fee-in-lieu for SALDO, conservation subdivisions, and greenway protection ensures development will adhere to a community's standards, which directly benefits of the residents and all of it's visitors.

ACTION 1.2.C. COORDINATE “CLEAN YOUR PARK” DAYS COUNTYWIDE

The results of “Clean Your Park” days can be seen within a couple hours and time commitment is relatively minimal. This makes “Clean Your Park” days a great project for any community. It is a great way to engage community members, especially those who like to spend time in the outdoors and want to be involved without sitting in on meetings. Children can easily get involved, too, which is a benefit for finding ways to incorporate youth.

ACTION 1.2D. PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION ONLINE

The 21st century finds many using the internet for things once searched for at libraries, or for places once found in Atlas maps. Families have increased responsibilities and often all adults in households are working. With hectic schedules and commuting challenges, more people are turning to the internet for education of all kinds. From a simple answer to a question, to a complete college degree, use of the internet ensures accessibility to educational materials anywhere, as long as a cellular or wi-fi connection exists.

There are several counties that are beginning to offer online classes. Some are designed to keep seniors in their community engaged, and others are to designed to provide distance education while remote learning with Covid-19. Some examples of this are:

- Comal County, Texas offers classes by partnering with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for family and community health. The courses are free and range from childcare, food and nutrition to environmental resources.
- Ulster, New York is offering online learning programs designed to help their seniors. The programs are free to Ulster County seniors ages 60 and over and range from healthy living topics to courses on medicine and nutrition.
- Bernalillo County, New Mexico offers a unique set of online classes and workshops for seniors. The Bernalillo County Senior and Social Services offers free online programs to County residents ages 50 and older to help them remain physically, emotionally, and mentally engaged. The types of classes range from online comedy workshops to dance classes.
- King County, Washington offers a workshop series for young people in grades 9-12. The students participate in online live sessions via Zoom on a variety of environmental topics related to parks and green space. The students also work with Parks staff in a summer internship program.

The County of Warren should consider placing educational materials online as well, such as wellness information or an entire Environmental Stewardship program. Starting with programs for seniors would be a good way to pilot the program.

OBJECTIVE 1.3 DEVELOP A MARKETING PLAN FOR PARKS AND RECREATION IN THE COUNTY.

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

It was discussed throughout the planning process that not everyone is aware of all the great recreation opportunities that exist in Warren County. Additional marketing efforts are necessary to get the word out to existing residents as well as potential visitors. There are a lot of outside organizations that provide various recreation facilities and programs so some coordination will be necessary, but the County can utilize its existing outlets to help with the marketing efforts.

ACTION 1.3A. IMPROVE THE COUNTY'S ONLINE PRESENCE TO INCLUDE MUNICIPAL RECREATION INFORMATION.

According to the survey conducted with the municipalities as part of this process, only four communities in Warren County have their own websites. Additionally, only Tidioute reported having a Recreation Facebook page. The County should coordinate with the local municipalities to include recreation information, including available facilities and programs, at the municipal level on the County website. A County Recreation Facebook page should also be developed and managed through County staff to publicize parks and community events. The website and social media can be utilized to organize volunteers for cleanup/maintenance events as well.

ACTION 1.3B. DEVELOP A COUNTY-WIDE BROCHURE AND/OR ONLINE MAP OF TRAIL OPPORTUNITIES.

Develop a brochure showing each of the trails within the County. Placing brochures at rest areas, city and county buildings, local businesses, and visitor centers will help attract residents and tourists. Additionally, if the technology exists, create an online map that can easily be utilized with navigation functionality.

ACTION 1.3C.



USE THE NEWS

MEDIA AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PROMOTE THE COUNTY'S MARKETING OF ALL ITS PARKS AND RECREATION RESOURCES.

The County should continue to work with news outlets such as the Times Observer and local TV and radio stations to write articles and run stories about recreation options and events that are occurring throughout the County. In addition the County could consider hosting events such as dinners in the park, story time in the park/trails, etc. A newsletter focused on County recreation options could also be utilized as money permits. This newsletter could be mailed, left at local businesses/other gathering places or sent home with school age children in the County.

The PA Visitors Center, Allegheny National Forest Center, Chapman State Park, and private enterprises can also be utilized to spread the word about Warren County's park, recreation, greenway and historic resources.

Utilizing existing social media sites can be another effective and inexpensive tool to promote parks and recreation events as many users visit their platforms daily. Per PerfectMind, a company providing Software As A Service to Parks and Recreation communities, there are 10 quick ways to use social media to promote parks and recreation events:

- Create Facebook Events: This allows users to RSVP and invite others, increasing engagement. 
- Use Facebook Livestream: Sharing information live gives users an insight and might entice them to try it for themselves.
- Create Branded Hashtags: This will help community members who aren't following your account to come across the posts. 
- Live-Tweet from Events: Live-tweeting can help raise awareness, increase engagement and draw attention to your event.
- Promote with Stunning Visuals: The quality of images and video are important to entice users. Shoot in natural light and avoid flash.
- Create Instagram Stories and Highlights: These let you display a series of videos or images that communicate a narrative and allows some pre-buzz teaser for an event. 
- Write With Urgency: Creating posts that provide a sense of urgency in signing up for an event will encourage more participation.
- Use Paid Social Media Ads: If the budget allows, paying for ads can allow marketing to channels where most of the audience is.
- Invite User Generated Content During Events: The content created by users can be shared across social media accounts and can increase engagement.
- Measure Your Social Media Activity: This provides a sense of what is working, what is not, and allows a change in strategy.

A photograph of a paved path leading through a wooded area. In the foreground, there is a metal gate with two vertical posts and a horizontal bar. The path continues into the distance, flanked by lush green trees and foliage. A dark blue car is parked on a paved area in the background. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

GOAL 2

ENTRANCE TO WARREN/N WARREN BIKE/HIKE TRAIL

Provide an interconnected network of trails, greenways and open space that supports opportunities for active and passive recreation and conservation.

OBJECTIVE 2.1. CONTINUE TO DEVELOP A COUNTYWIDE TRAIL NETWORK.

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

Providing an interconnected network of parks, trails, greenways and additional water access would serve the residents of the county well by providing health and wellness opportunities. These facilities would also attract tourists who look for recreational adventures. Data collected from the public survey revealed that the most desired types of trails include:



- Historic walking trails
- Multi-purpose trails (hiking, biking, walking)
- Cross country skiing trails
- Hiking trails
- Mountain bike trails
- Bike parks/BMX/pump tracks

When the 2008 Warren County Greenways Plan was adopted, the only developed land trail outside of Allegheny National Forest lands was the Warren/North Warren Bike/Hike Trail. The Plan recommended several trails that the County and municipalities should pursue that are still relevant today. These trails are included here with updated information gathered from this process.

ACTION 2.1A: DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF EXTENDING EXISTING TRAILS OR CREATING NEW TRAILS

A feasibility study for any trail project should be developed for new trails or extensions. Each study should:

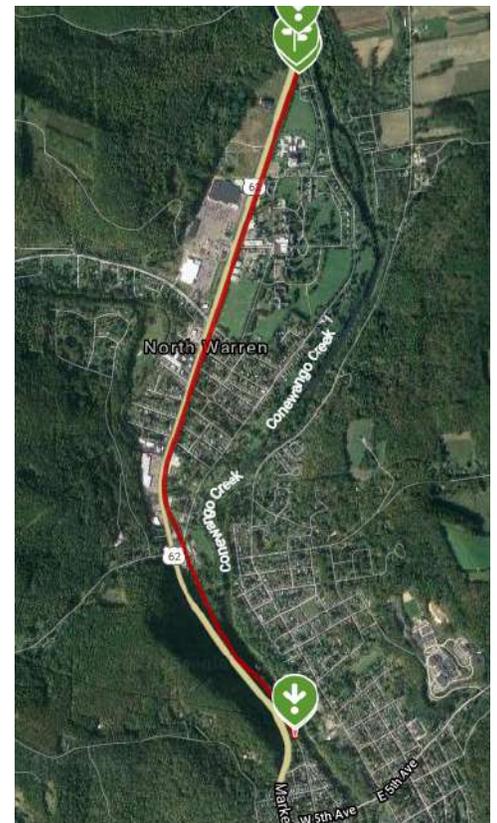
- Identify current ownership along the initial alignment
- Determine interest by contacting property owners
- Identify potential alternative alignments, if necessary
- Develop an existing conditions report on the preferred alignment along with recommendations and cost estimates.

Potential trail projects include:

Warren/North Warren Hike/Bike Trail

The Warren/North Warren Hike/Bike Trail opened in 1995 and follows an old New York Central railroad branch north from the City of Warren approximately 3 miles into Conewango Township where it ends near the PA Bureau of Forestry Arboretum with picnic areas, a garden, parking and restrooms. The trail is sufficiently removed from the highway, creating a buffer from traffic. The County has secured an additional 1/2 mile of land to extend the trail further north. Consideration should be given to extend the trail from its current endpoint to the New York state line to eventually link to the Chautauqua Trail.

The City of Warren has developed their own Parks and Recreation Plan, but the County should coordinate with them to market the Walkable Warren trail map to illustrate the alignment within the City.



Brokenstraw Bike/Hike Trail

Currently this trail is 2 miles in length and wraps around the southern boundary of Brokenstraw Creek within the Borough of Youngsville. Consideration should be given to extend approximately 8.3 miles from Borough of Youngsville to the City of Warren, along the Allegheny River and Brokenstraw Creek, following an active Allegheny and Eastern Railroad line. Future extensions should include connecting to Buckaloons Recreation Area.

Tidioute Riverside Rec Trail

The Tidioute Trail is 3.8 miles and runs adjacent to the Allegheny River between Tidioute and Buckaloons Recreation Area. Connecting this trail to the Warren/North Warren Hike/Bike Trail would provide the opportunity to expand the trail network regionally and offers potential to link the City of Warren with Oil City in Venango County and eventually link the Allegheny National Forest with large population centers such as the City of Pittsburgh.

Warren to Kinzua Dam Trail

A feasibility study could help to determine the potential to link the City of Warren to the Kinzua Dam. Options include widening the shoulder along Route 59 or following Hemlock Road (this option would require permission to cross the dam). There is additional potential to link to the mountain bike trail system at Jake's Rocks.

ACTION 2.1B: WORK WITH MUNICIPALITIES ON POTENTIAL TRAILS

Several options were identified during the planning process that would help to extend and/or create local/municipal trail systems. These options include:

- Deerfield and Mead Townships have a large number of abandoned railroad beds. Work should be done to determine the surface ownership of those abandoned railroad beds and a feasibility study should be conducted to determine the possibility of building trails along these abandoned lines. Cooperation with PennDOT will need to occur as well.
- Pine Grove Township officials are looking to extend the rails to trails from Russell to the New York state line along Old Route 62. There are approximately 2 miles along the abandoned railroads where ownership becomes an issue. The option to travel along nearby roads from Russell is being considered. This road travels along the Conewango Creek into Russell. The next mile would need to travel along Old Route 62 and requires a widened shoulder before joining back up to the abandoned railroad.
- Pleasant Township supervisors are interested in creating a bike trail along Pleasant Drive (Rt 337). This trail would start from Warren City and travel the first 2 1/2 miles to the south. It would need widening and paving of the road shoulders and needs PennDOT cooperation.

Other opportunities for partnering with municipalities and other entities would be to create trails around or within existing parks, such as:

Chandlers Valley Park – Sugar Grove Twp
Hilltop Park – Youngsville Boro
Larimer Park – Russell
North Warren Ballfields – Conewango Twp
Riverside Park – Tidioute Boro

Rouse Warren County Home Property – Brokenstraw Twp
Spring Creek Playground – Spring Creek Twp
Sugar Grove Playground – Sugar Grove Boro
Tionesta Park – Sheffield*
Werner Park – Pine Grove Twp
Abandoned railroad between Route 6 and Chapman State Park

* Existing trail; improvements needed

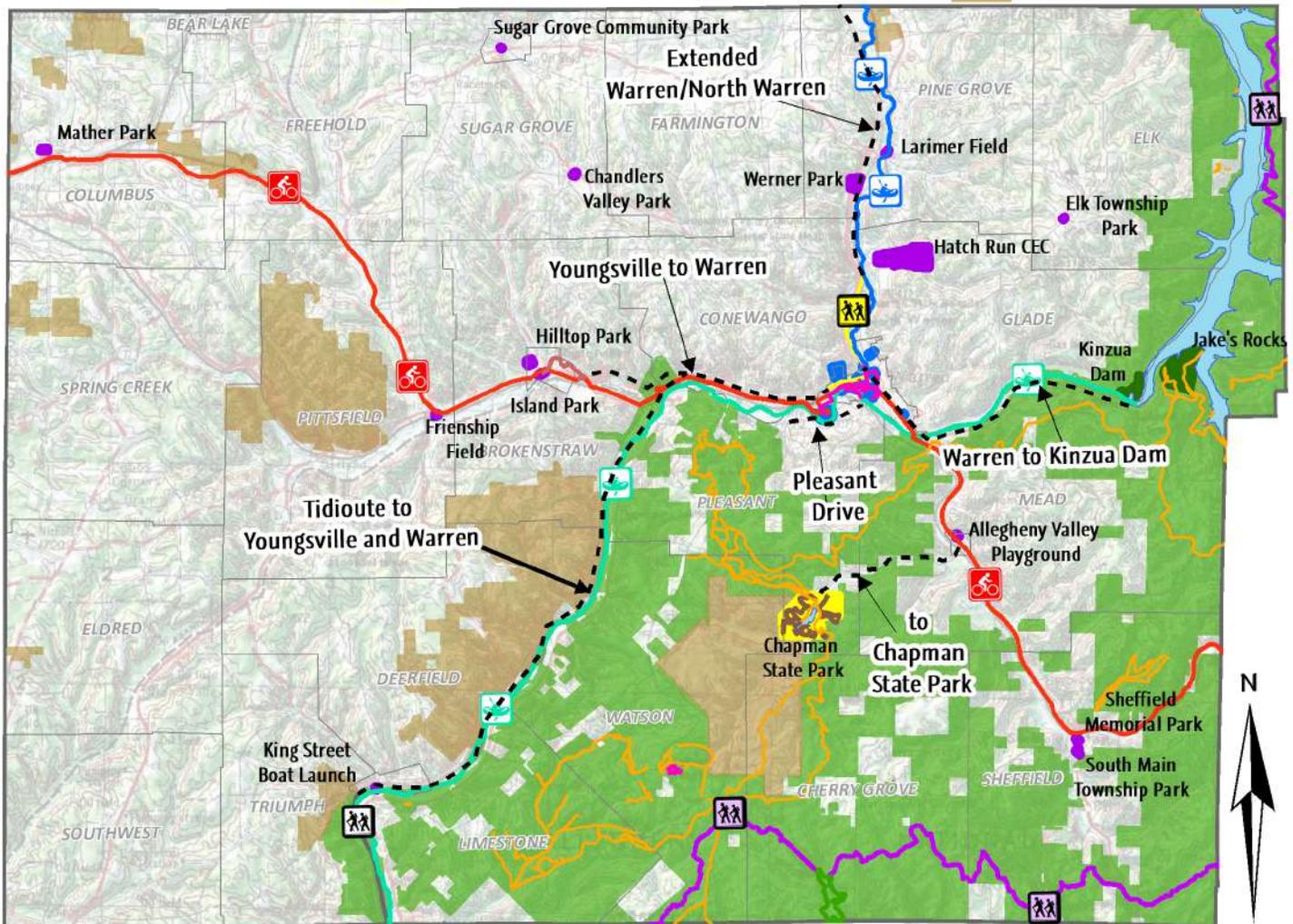
ACTION 2.1C: PARTNER WITH THE ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST ON TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION

There are over 180 miles of trails on Allegheny National Forest land located in Warren County. Two of the most popular trails are Jakes Rocks and the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST).

Jakes Rocks is a very popular mountain bike trail system utilized by both locals and tourists. The area is located off Longhouse National Scenic Byway and has 30 + miles of expertly designed adventure mountain bike trails. Since mountain biking is one of the fastest growing outdoor recreation activities, extending the system would provide additional opportunities for this unique trail experience.

The NCNST, one of only 11 National Scenic Hiking Trails in the U.S., extends 4,600 miles from North Dakota through Vermont, with approximately 34 miles in Warren County. Each year, the Allegheny 100 Challenge brings endurance hikers from all over the country to attempt up to 100 miles of hiking on this trail in just 50 hours! By partnering with the ANF to produce marketing materials for the trail and events, and incorporating other locations within Warren County to stop and visit along the way, it is easy to imagine hikers and tourists of all kinds taking some extended time to explore all that Warren County has to offer.

WARREN COUNTY PARKS & TRAILS MAP



OBJECTIVE 2.2. PROVIDE MORE PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE COUNTY'S WATERWAYS.

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

As discussed in the 2008 Greenways Plan, the Pennsylvania Water Trails Partnership brings together multiple agencies to encourage the development and enhancement of Pennsylvania water trails. According to the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, "Water trails link recreation and conservation efforts".

Warren County has numerous waterways that are prime for improving and expanding water access for the County and the local communities where they are located. These include the Allegheny River, Conewango Creek, Brokenstraw Creek, Kinzua Creek, Tionesta Creek, Chapman Lake, and the Kinzua Reservoir. Water access exists along many of these waterways including Conewango Creek Water Trail, boating opportunities on the Kinzua Reservoir and multiple boat launches along the Allegheny River.

Although 45% of respondents to the county-wide survey, conducted during the planning process, indicated that their needs were either fully or partially met with current boat launches, public access, and fishing locations, the survey indicated many areas they felt were lacking. Multiple respondents mentioned enhancement of canoe and kayak launches and facilities were needed, specifically at Breezepoint Landing. Other locations are discussed below.

ACTION 2.2A. INVESTIGATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL WATER ACCESS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

- Pine Grove Township received a grant to revitalize Larimer Park near Russell. The work will begin spring 2021 and includes installation of a cement pad, picnic tables, a gazebo, and a boat launch. The boat launch will be located 500 feet north of the Liberty Street Bridge on Conewango Creek.
- Pleasant Township is flanked by the Allegheny River on its entire northern and western borders. The possibilities of creating access along the almost 10 miles of river frontage are numerous and the township should examine locations that might be suitable for river access development.
- Respondents to the countywide survey indicated two areas that they would like to see additional water access developed near the City of Warren. Both of these areas are off the Allegheny River near the Rt 6 and 59 intersection and are across river from one another. The first location is near Glade Bridge and adjacent to Warren Eagles Club, and the second is at the Dairy Delite by the youth baseball fields. The county should examine the feasibility of creating water access in at least one of these locations.
- Another location survey respondents indicated an interest in developing water access was along Big Four Road which follows the eastern side of Conewango Creek in Pine Grove Township and lies south of the Larimer Park water access being developed by the Township.

PRIMARY WATERWAY ACCESS POINTS

- ▲ Water Access
- ▲ Water Access w/ Boat Ramp
- ▲ Potential Future Access



ALLEGHENY RIVER
- Gary Lester

OBJECTIVE 2.3. PROMOTE WINTER ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

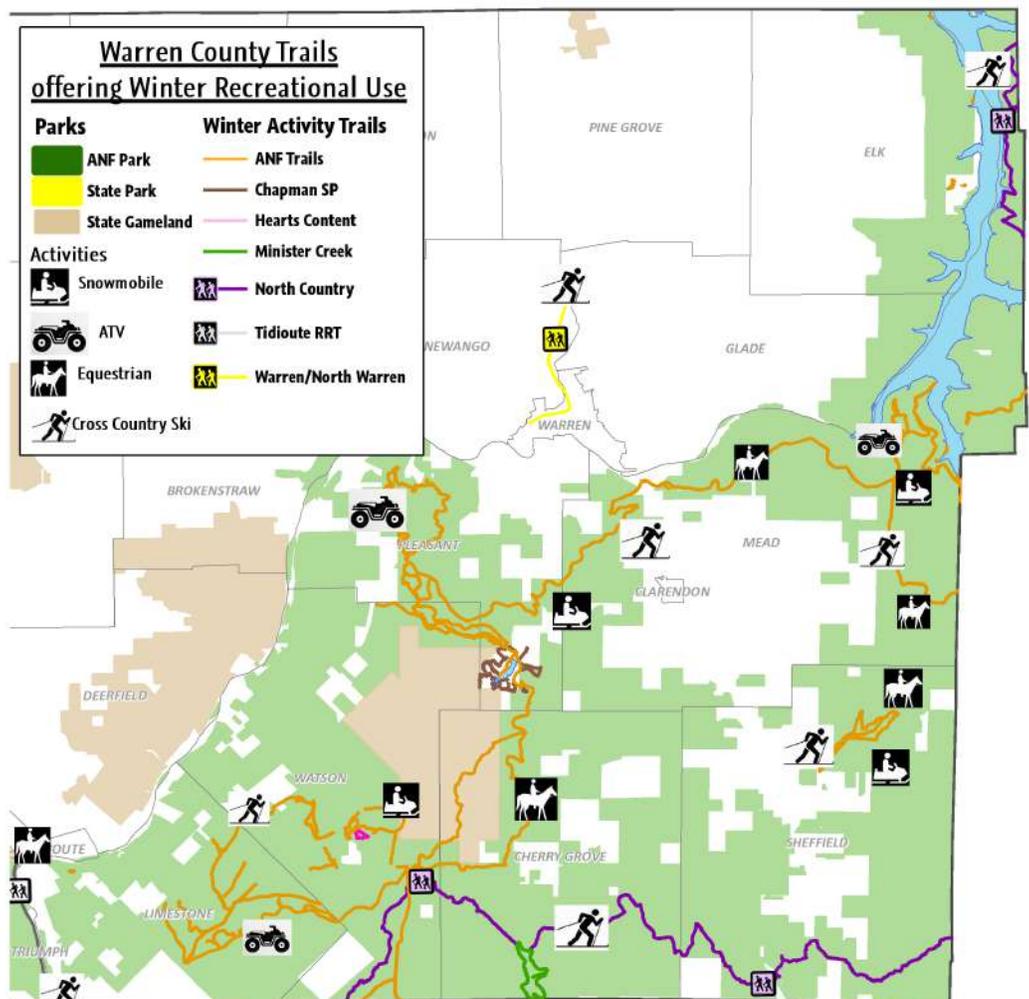
WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

Winter is that time of year when people naturally slow down and tend to stay inside due to the cold temperature. However, winter activities in Warren County are plentiful, and with a full season of opportunities, it is important to promote winter recreation. Winter activities, like cross country skiing, sledding, snowmobiling and simple walks can have health benefits like increasing resting metabolism rates, helping the body produce vitamin D, and curing the winter blues.

Some of the many winter activities within Warren County include snowmobiling, ATV use, equestrian riding, and cross-country skiing. Many of the trails within the Allegheny National Forest allow all these recreational uses and have extensive mileage dedicated to these. With over 600 miles of trails for hiking, biking, and backpacking use, 50% can also be utilized for snowmobile recreational use and 100 miles for ATV use. Even though it might not be obvious, equestrian trails can also be used in the winter. A list of the stables in Warren County is included in the appendices. The map on page 41 shows the extensive snowmobile trails within the ANF and the map below shows which trails allow various winter recreational uses.

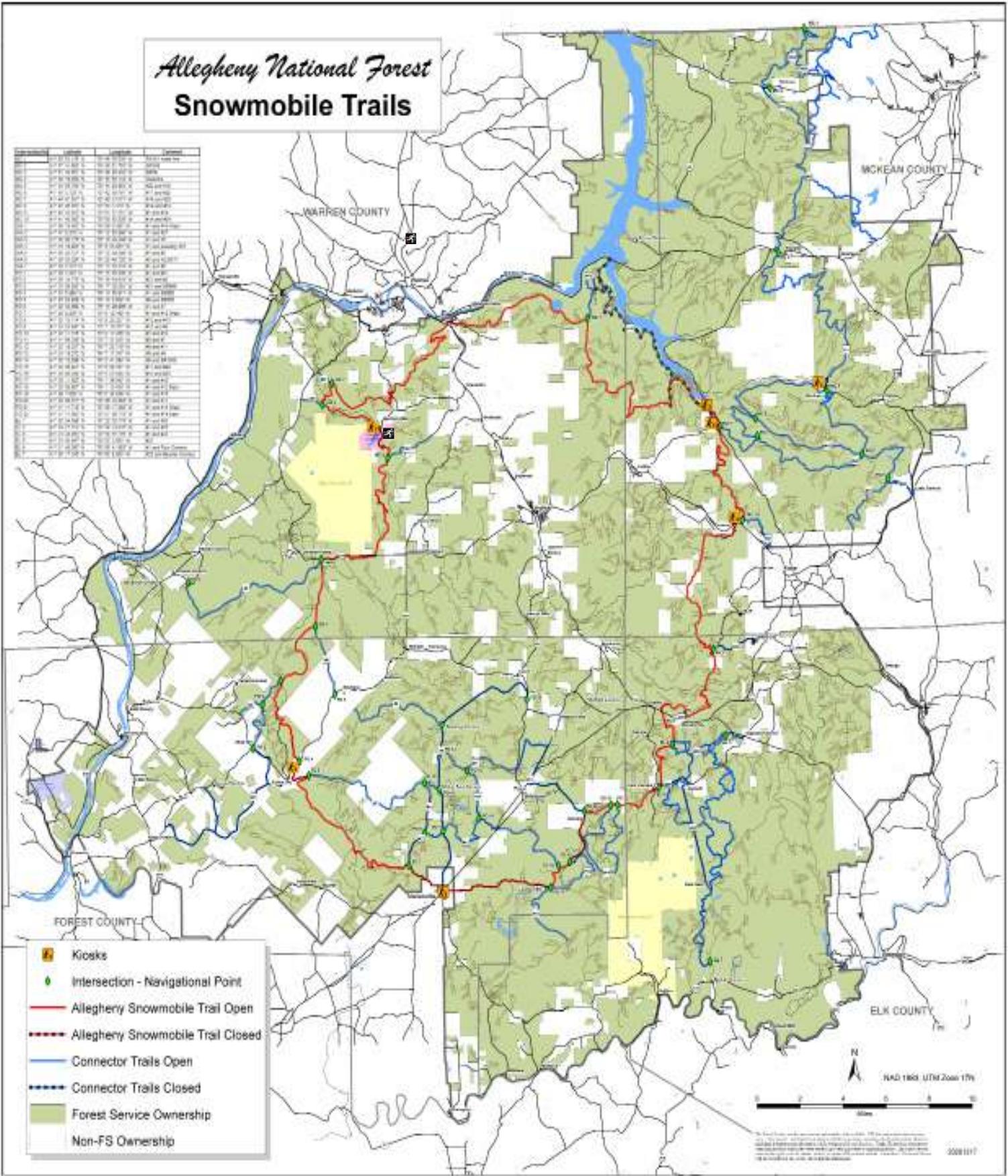
ACTION 2.3A. ACTIVELY PROMOTE WINTER ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY BY INITIATING A WINTER RECREATION THEMED CAMPAIGN.

The County should develop a winter recreation campaign to get people outside during the winter months. This can be done by partnering with local recreation clubs and businesses that cater to uses such as snowmobiles, cross-country skiing, ATVs and equestrian use. Club members/local business owners could be asked to lead an activity each month on the trails, which can be promoted through social media. This also serves to get more residents and tourists to support local clubs and businesses that exist.



Allegheny National Forest Snowmobile Trails

Trail Name	Length (mi)	Status	Notes
101	1.2	Open	
102	0.8	Closed	
103	1.5	Open	
104	0.5	Closed	
105	2.1	Open	
106	1.8	Closed	
107	0.9	Open	
108	1.3	Closed	
109	0.7	Open	
110	1.1	Closed	
111	1.6	Open	
112	0.6	Closed	
113	1.4	Open	
114	0.4	Closed	
115	1.7	Open	
116	1.0	Closed	
117	1.2	Open	
118	0.8	Closed	
119	1.5	Open	
120	0.9	Closed	
121	1.3	Open	
122	0.7	Closed	
123	1.1	Open	
124	0.6	Closed	
125	1.4	Open	
126	0.5	Closed	
127	1.6	Open	
128	1.0	Closed	
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142	0.8	Closed	
143	1.5	Open	
144	0.9	Closed	
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OBJECTIVE 2.4. DEVELOP ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

Results from the public survey completed during this planning process reveal that over 90% of the respondents feel parks and recreation facilities and programs are important to maintaining a high quality of life in Warren County. Of those respondents, around 65% indicated a need for more trails as well as parks and recreation programs in the county. And over 70% felt that a combination of donations and county tax dollars should be utilized to fund parks and recreation in Warren County. The County currently does not provide recreation facilities (other than the Warren/North Warren Trail) or programs. The survey data supports the need for the County to further examine this.

Currently, the County partners with local municipalities and other recreation providers to provide a system of regional parks. Expanding the recreation areas within the county by expanding and developing partnerships with other county organizations would provide more opportunities for recreation.

ACTION 2.4A. IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONCEPTUAL PLAN THAT WILL BE COMPLETED FOR THE COUNTY PROPERTY AT FARM COLONY DRIVE IN CONEWANGO TOWNSHIP.

This site currently includes a variety of sizes of baseball fields and support amenities, which are open to the public. In addition, the Warren County Youth Baseball and Softball Association use the site for games and practices per an agreement with the County.

A PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant was awarded to the County to create a conceptual site plan for the site, which will include cost estimates for any proposed projects or improvements. Improvements that may be explored as part of this project are listed below.

- Upgrade and consolidate the ball field layouts
- Central building for concessions
- Restrooms
- Meeting space
- Storage
- Covered batting cage facility
- Playground
- Picnic shelters
- Walking trail
- Parking
- Driveway
- Wayfinding
- Landscaping





ACTION 2.4B. PARTNER WITH ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST (ANF) TO DEVELOP A PLAYGROUND AT KINZUA BEACH.

Kinzua Beach is located on the Kinzua Reservoir and offers swimming (no lifeguards), a sandbox and a mowed grassy area available for sunbathing and play. The beach is currently underutilized. A playground at the beach would provide an additional facility to draw local users and visitors to this area.

ACTION 2.4C. PURSUE PARTNERSHIPS WITH STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COUNTY TO ENHANCE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES.

As part of the process numerous recreation organizations and local businesses were interviewed to gather information for the plan. All of the stakeholders indicated an interest in partnering with the County in the development of recreation in the region and most indicated that they have partnered with the County in the past. Based on the information collected during the process, including the results from the public survey, the types of recreation most popular in the County includes: biking, hiking, canoeing/kayaking and nature oriented programs. Therefore, the County should focus on expanding and forming partnerships with organizations and businesses that cater to these areas as well as those that can assist with marketing efforts. Those include but may not be limited to:

- Allegheny Outfitters: canoeing/kayaking, biking, hiking
- Conewango Kayak and Canoe: rentals and water excursions
- Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry: water access, biking and various events
- Warren County Conservation District: Hiking, biking and various outdoor programs
- Allegheny National Forest: Variety of outdoor facilities and programming
- Allegheny Outdoor Club: Kayaking, hiking, fishing, cross country skiing
- Chapman State Park - Large variety of outdoor educational programming
- Warren County Master Gardener Program: Educational classes
- Warren County 4-H: Educational programs
- Warren County Visitor Bureau: Marketing

A full list of the stakeholders interviewed is located on page 19.

As the County examines it's role in providing parks and recreation facilities, a look at what each local community offers is important to determine if some areas are underserved. Below is a look at the facilities within each municipality. Recommendations for individual parks can be found in the appendices.

Municipality	Facility(s) Name		Water Access
Bear Lake Boro			
Brokenstraw Twp	Wilder Field	Rouse Warren County Home	Yes - Allegheny River
Cherry Grove Twp	Cherry Grove Park		
Clarendon Boro	Clarendon Area Playground VFW Park		
Columbus Twp	Columbus Elementary School Playground & Ballfields Mather Park		
Conewango Twp	North Warren Community Ballfields North Warren Community Park North Warren VFD Plummer Ballfields	Starbrick VFD Warren County Minor League Softball Warren State Hospital Soccer Fields	
Deerfield Twp	Garland VFD		
Eldred Twp	Grand Valley Park Grand Valley VFD Wesley Woods Christian Camp		
Elk Twp	Elk Township Park		
Farmington Twp	Eisenhower School Fields Lander Methodist Church Playground		
Freehold Twp	Freehold Township Park		
Glade Twp	Hatch Run Conservation Center		Yes - Conewango Creek
Limestone Twp	American Legion River Run		
Mead Twp	Jake's Rocks Trails Ron Johnson Field Smith Complex Ballfields		Yes - Allegheny River
Pine Grove Twp	Conewango Kayak& Canoe Larimer Park	Warren County School District Central administration Office Playground Werner Park	Yes - Conewango Creek

Municipality	Facility(s) Name		Water Access
Pittsfield Twp	Friendship Field Ballfields Pittsfield Playground Warren County Fairgrounds		
Pleasant Twp	Chapman State Park		Yes - 68-ac lake
Sheffield Twp	Sheffield Memorial Park Sheffield Music Boosters Field Rotary Park	SAMSHS Sports Complex Tionesta Creek Access Area Tionesta Park	Yes - Tionesta Creek
Southwest Twp			
Spring Creek Twp	Spring Creek Playground		
Sugar Grove Boro	Sugar Grove Community Park Sugar Grove Free Methodist Church Play Area Sugar Grove Library	Sugar Grove Playground Sugar Grove VFD	
Sugar Grove Twp	Chandlers Valley Park		
Tidioute Boro	Benner Park Charter School Playground Picture Show Park Riverside Park	Tidioute Ballfield Tidioute Community Charter School Tidioute Hike/Bike Trail	Yes - Allegheny River
Triumph Twp			
Warren City	Art Kelsey Park Beaty Park Beaty Warren Middle School Betts Park Breeze Point Landing Carbon Park Celeron Park Clemons Park Crescent Park DeFrees Park Joseph Warren Park	Lacey Park Morck Park Mulberry Park PA Avenue West Greenway Point Park Soldier & Sailors Park The Point Fountain War Memorial Field Warren Bike Trail Washington Park Wetmore Park	Yes - Allgheny River & Conewango Creek
Watson Twp			
Youngsville Boro	American Legion Field Division Street Field Hill Top Park Recreation Area Island Park Recreation Area	Fishing Pond Youngsville Elementary/ Middle School Youngsville High School Field	



GOAL 3

Beatty Park, City of Warren

**PROMOTE, COORDINATE AND
PROVIDE RECREATION PROGRAMS
THAT SERVE REGIONAL NEEDS**

OBJECTIVE 3.1. DEVELOP A PLAN TO PROVIDE PROGRAMMING AT THE COUNTY LEVEL WHILE IMPLEMENTING LOCALLY.

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

Warren County has a vast park network; however, with the exception of the Warren/North Warren Bike/Hike Trail, none are owned or managed by the County. Parks and recreation in the County can be classified into regional facilities and local facilities. Regional facilities are those owned and managed by federal and state agencies, designed to attract visitors from all over such as the Allegheny National Forest, Chapman State Park, PA State Game Lands and Hatch Run Conservation Education Center. Local facilities are those owned and managed by local municipalities and/or school districts, fire departments and YMCA and are designed to serve the residents in the immediate area.

Since the County does not have direct control over the majority of recreation facilities, it is important to find ways to stay in contact and work with the entities that own these facilities. Developing a plan at the County level that is implemented locally would provide the best chance of success moving forward with recreation in Warren County.

ACTION 3.1A. COORDINATE MULTI-MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES WITH LARGER MUNICIPAL AREAS.

Communities such as Russell, Sugar Grove, Youngsville, Tidioute, Sheffield and Columbus are viable options for the County to partner with when providing recreation options and programs. Due to the lack of staff or capacity for many communities to research and pursue grants, if a Program Director is hired, they could assist in that pursuit for the municipalities by identifying opportunities, co-authoring the applications, and administration upon award.

Some of the opportunities in these areas include:

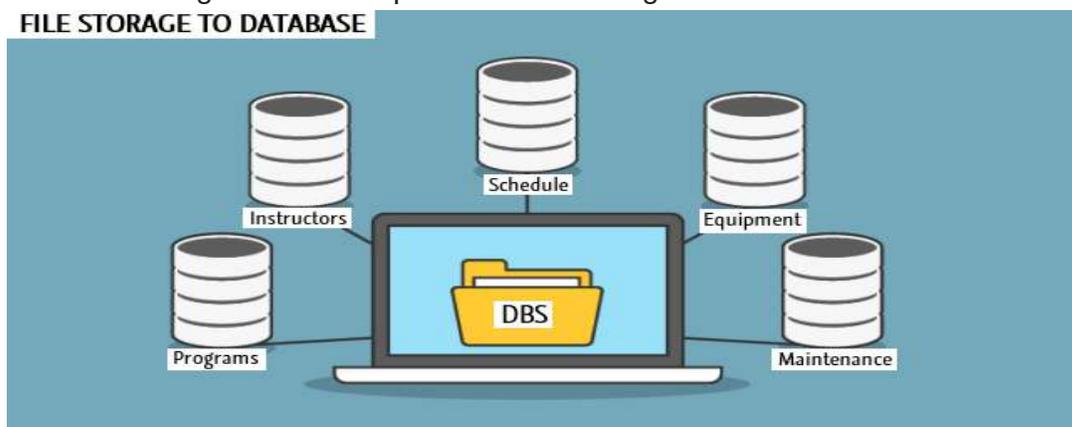
- Educational and Social Programs
- Events and Festivals
- River access
- Amphitheater space
- Disc golf
- Redevelopment of Girl Scout cabins for indoor programming
- Sport and multi-use fields
- Parking and restrooms
- Nature trails, botany and wildlife programs
- Nature play areas
- Outdoor recreation

ACTION 3.1B. COORDINATE WITH THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO ENHANCE MORE PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES, ESPECIALLY NATURE EDUCATION AND OTHER OUTDOOR PROGRAMS.

The mission of the Warren County Conservation District (WCCD) is to improve the environmental quality of Warren County by promoting the wise use, enhancement, and understanding of natural resources. Engaging community members, especially youth, is important to a sustainable future of conservation. The Warren County Conservation District provides hands on programs, demonstrations, and workshops. Partnering with the WCCD will bring a heightened awareness to the environmental issues at the county level and provide education that enables students to help solve these issues.

ACTION 3.1C. DEVELOP A DATABASE OF POTENTIAL RECREATION PROGRAMS BASED ON AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUCTORS.

Keeping an active database of potential programs, including updates as to what works and doesn't work allows users to quickly query, correlate, and report the collected information rather than spending time trying to recall it. It is easy to become overwhelmed with information, and creating a database that is continuously updated will create one place for all the information rather than several locations or people. The database can be as simple as a flat file, like an Excel spreadsheet, or it can start or evolve into a relational database, like SQL, which allows you to join several single files into a large database. See image below for depiction of converting several different files to a database.



ACTION 3.1E. WORK WITH THE CITY OF WARREN TO EXPAND THEIR PLAYGROUND PROGRAM COUNTYWIDE.

The City of Warren operates a Playground Program during the summer months for children ages 7-14 (children under 7 need to be accompanied and supervised by an adult). The registered participants of the program enjoy daily activities such as sports, arts, and games which are provided for free. Currently, there are 3 city parks that host the program: Beaty, Crescent, and Lacy. Once restrictions are lifted in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic, expanding the program to countywide parks would be beneficial. This will allow residents outside of the city to take advantage of summer activities for their children.

ACTION 3.1F. CONSIDER DEVELOPING OR PARTNERING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO OFFER RECREATION PROGRAMS

Respondents to the public survey that was conducted as part of the planning process indicated the following types of programs were of interest. The County does not currently offer programming, but opportunities exist to partner with other organizations, including the stakeholders listed on page 19, to develop these types of programs in the County. The County should contact stakeholders and potential partners on a quarterly or annual basis to determine interest and update program offerings.

- **Computer programming:** In a digital age where so much of our world is automated, and our reliance on technology increases, people are looking for more ways to understand it instead of simply passively consuming it. Programming does not have to be hard to learn, and offering programs would be a great benefit to the community.
- **Specialized programs for ADA:** There are a variety of ways to keep residents with disabilities engaged in the community. Fun activities range from cooking and art to nature walks and visits with pets. There are also ways to help residents with disabilities by providing them with education and job related skills.
- **Fitness/wellness programs:** Per the Center for Disease Control (CDC), a healthy community is a prepared community and working at this level will bring the greatest health benefits to the greatest amount of people. Fitness programs can be seasonal and even take advantage of the outdoors with activities such as yoga in the park or snowshoeing. Wellness programs can also be audience specific, such as parenting skills or retirement planning education.
- **Special events and festivals:** Enjoying music with others can create a sense of social togetherness. Music in the park, talent shows, and festivals are all extremely beneficial for communities. Other special events such as gardening days, races, arts and crafts festivals, and organized canoe or kayak trips can provide options to experience social togetherness.
- **Gardening:** Community gardening has many benefits, including increasing mental health, improving upon food security, increasing dietary habits through education, strengthening community ties, re-purposing blighted properties, and more. Although community gardens often take a lot of work, the benefits are numerous.
- **Environmental stewardship:** Environmental stewardship refers to responsible use and protection of the natural environment through conservation and sustainable practices. Offering programs where residents can become unofficial environmental stewards promotes a pride of self and community. A good place to start is with youth by offering a junior environmental steward complete with reciting an oath and receiving a badge.



IMPLEMENTATION

DCNR BUREAU OF FORESTRY ARBORETUM

WHAT COMES NEXT?

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

The goal of any planning process should be to develop a plan that is easy to use, relevant and implementable. Warren County's Park, Recreation and Greenways Plan was developed with these items in mind. The planning process included a public outreach process, data collection and developing recommendations/action items. These are discussed throughout the document, but this section focuses on implementation.

An implementation matrix can be found on the following pages. It was developed to provide a roadmap for those who are implementing the plan. For each of the action items identified in the plan, additional information is provided in terms of :

- **Responsible Party:** Who will be in charge of implementing the recommendation?
- **Potential Partners:** Who can help with implementation?
- **Estimated Cost:** Based on our experience and expertise - how much should be budgeted?
- **Timeframe:** Short-Term (1-3 years), Mid-Term (5-7 years), or Long-Term (7+ years)
- **Reference Pages:** Where can you find more information in the plan?
- **Funding Sources:** A list of funding sources along with descriptions for each can be found in the Appendices.

This matrix will also make it easier to track progress for each of the action items. Funding sources for the various action items can be found in the Appendices.

Warren County PA Parks, Recreation & Greenways Implementation Strategy

Recommendation	Responsible Party	Potential Partners	Estimated Cost	Timeframe for Implementation	Reference for More Info
Expand the Capacity of Warren County to Oversee Park and Recreation.					
Divide the County into geographical regions.	Warren County	Local Municipalities; ANF; Chapman State Park	Staff Time; Varies depending on marketing items	Short-Term	pg. 25-27
Establish a Warren County parks and Recreation Board.	Warren County		Staff Time	Mid-Term	pg. 28
Consider creating a parks and recreation department and hiring a program director.	Warren County		\$40-\$60k for Director Salary	Mid-Term	pg. 28
Develop a formal volunteer program.	Warren County	Leadership Warren; local educational facilities; Local senior centers	Staff Time	Short-Term	pg. 29
Provide Technical Assistance and Education to Municipalities and Residents.					
Encourage all municipalities (minus Warren City) to adopt the County's Park, Recreation & Greenways Plan as their own.	Warren County	Local Municipalities	Staff Time	Short-Term	pg. 30
Assist municipalities with regulations as they relate to ordinances and conservation.	Warren County	Local Municipalities	Staff Time	Short-Term	pg. 30
Coordinate Clean Your Park Days Countywide.	Warren County	Local Municipalities; Leadership Warren; Educational Facilities; Local Businesses	Staff Time	Short-Term	pg. 31
Provide educational information online.	Warren County		Staff Time	Short-Term	pg. 31
Develop a Marketing Plan for Parks and Recreation in the County.					
Improve the County's online presence to include municipal recreation information.	Warren County	Local Municipalities	Staff Time	Short-Term	pg. 32
Develop a County-Wide brochure and / or online map of trail opportunities	Warren County	Local Municipalities; DCNR	\$5-\$10k for brochure and printing	Short-Term	pg. 32
Use the news media and other local organizations to promote marketing.	Warren County	News outlets; PA Visitor's Center; ANF; Chapman State park; Private businesses	Staff Time	Short-Term	pg. 33

GOAL 1: BECOME A CENTRAL CLEARINGHOUSE

Warren County PA Parks, Recreation & Greenways Implementation Strategy

Recommendation	Organization Responsible	Potential Partners	Opinion of Probable Cost	Timeframe for Implementation	Reference for More Info
Continue to develop a Countywide Trail Network					
Determine feasibility of extending existing trails or creating new trails.	Warren County	Local Municipalities; Local Trail Organizations; ANF	\$20-\$40k per feasibility study	Mid-Term	pg.35-36
Work with local municipalities to develop potential trails.	Warren County	Local Municipalities; Local Trail Organizations	Dependent on project	Mid-Term	pg. 36
Partner with the Allegheny National Forest to extend trails at Jake's Rocks.	Warren County	ANF	Dependent on project	Mid-Term	pg. 37
Provide More Public Access to County's Waterways.					
Investigate opportunities to develop additional water access throughout the County.	Warren County	PA Boat and Fish Commission; PA Water Trails Partnership; Local Municipalities	Dependent on project	Mid-Term	pg. 38
Promote Winter Activities Throughout the County					
Actively promote winter activities throughout the County by initiating a winter recreation themed campaign.	Warren County	ANF, Local snowmobile, cross country skiing and equestrian clubs	Staff Time	Short-Term	pg.40
Develop Additional Partnerships with County Organizations.					
Implement the recommendations of the conceptual plan for the County property at Farm Colony Drive in Conewango Township.	Warren County	Warren County Youth Baseball and Softball Association	See Conceptual Plan	Short-Term	pg. 42
Partner with ANF to develop a playground at Kinzua Beach.	Warren County	ANF; Kiwanis Club	\$3-\$5k	Short-Term	pg. 43
Pursue partnerships with stakeholders in the County to enhance recreation opportunities.	Warren County	Stakeholders listed in plan	Staff Time	Mid-Term	pg. 43

Recommendation	Organization Responsible	Potential Partners	Opinion of Probable Cost	Timeframe for Implementation	Reference for More Info
Develop a Plan to Provide Programming at the County Level, while Implementing Locally.					
Coordinate multi-municipal programs and facilities with larger municipal areas.	Warren County	Russell, Sugar Grove, Youngsville, Tidioute, Sheffield; Columbus	Staff Time	Mid-Term	pg. 47
Coordinate with the Conservation District to enhance program opportunities.	Warren County	Warren County Conservation District	Staff Time	Short-Term	pg. 48
Develop a database of potential programs based on availability of equipment and instructors	Warren County		Staff Time	Short-Term	pg. 48
Work with the City of Warren to expand their Playground Program Countywide.	Warren County	City of Warren	Staff Time	Mid-Term	Pg. 48
Consider developing or partnering with other organizations to offer recreation programs.	Warren County	Local Stakeholders (listed in plan)	Dependent on program	Short-Term	pg. 49

GOAL 2: PROVIDE INTERCONNECTED NETWORK OF TRAILS, GREENWAYS AND OPEN SPACE

GOAL 3: PROMOTE, COORDINATE AND PROVIDE RECREATION PROGRAMS TO SERVE REGIONAL NEEDS

Appendix A

Stakeholder Summary Interviews

WARREN COUNTY STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

1. **70% of stakeholders felt the County is well-served by recreation while 30% thought no. Comments include:**
 - a. Some parts of the County are better served than others
 - b. Room for improvement
 - c. Lack of existing infrastructure for recreation – administration/parks/facilities
 - d. Need better promotion/engagement
2. **Overall strengths:**
 - a. Many parks/facilities available
 - b. Beautiful area
3. **Overall weaknesses:**
 - a. Lack of publicity / marketing
 - b. Outdated facilities
 - c. Lack of funds / resources
4. **The most used recreation facilities in the City of Warren include:**
 - a. Betts Park
 - b. YMCA
 - c. Beaty Park
 - d. War Memorial Field
5. **The most used recreation facilities OUTSIDE of the City of Warren include:**
 - a. Allegheny National Forest
 - b. Chapman State Park
 - c. Warren County Fairgrounds
6. **The most attended programs include:**
 - a. 4th of July @ Betts Park
 - b. Chapman State Park programs
7. **Age groups best and least served in terms of recreation include:**

Age Group	Best Served	Least Served
0-5	4	1
6-12	22	1
13-18	4	7
19-39	1	5
40-59	1	2
60 and Older	2	10

8. **Water recreation is very popular throughout the County. Most used facilities include:**
 - a. Allegheny River – paddling
 - b. Kinzua – boating
 - c. Conewango Creek – Paddling
 - d. Chapman State Park – paddling
9. **Most used trails include:**

- a. Kinzua / ANF Trails
 - b. Warren Bike Trail
- 10. Facilities most desired to be developed in the County include:**
- a. Trails - connecting trails to towns; Warren to Kinzua, Chapman to Warren
 - b. More/improved ball fields and soccer fields
- 11. Types of trails desired include:**
- a. Bicycling
 - b. Hiking
 - c. Walking
- 12. Most desired programs people want to see offered in the County:**
- a. Nature, outdoor, conservation district/educational
 - b. Community festivals / entertainment
- 13. Factors inhibiting the development of recreation in the County include:**
- a. Lack of funding
 - b. Lack of staffing / volunteers
 - c. Lack of advertising / marketing
 - d. Poor maintenance of existing facilities
- 14. Stakeholders feel strongly that partnerships are vital to providing recreation and are willing to partner with the City/County.**
- 15. Organizations that have expansion plans include:**
- a. YMCA – Sheffield expansion
 - b. Warren Snowmobile Club considered property acquisition
- 16. Trends affecting usage of facilities include:**
- a. Children are using playgrounds less due to technology, parents fear for safety; working parents (no time); changing culture; other activities
 - b. Need more things to do to encourage people to use parks / stay longer
 - c. More restrooms at parks/facilities, followed by benches, picnic tables, water fountains, grills, pavilions
 - d. Appropriate facilities/activities
 - e. Better maintenance

Appendix B

Riding Stables

1. Serenity Equine Center

Horse Rentals, Horse Boarding, Horse Training

(814) 723-2213

5558 Follett Run Rd
Warren, PA 16365

2. Allegheny River Ranch

Horse Stables

(814) 484-7201

8714 Route 62
Tidioute, PA 16351

3. Hickory Creek Ranch

Horse Stables

(814) 730-0499

100 Hickory Creek Ln
Tidioute, PA 16351

4. Hickory Creek Wilderness Ranch

Horse Stables

(814) 484-7520

158 Main St
Tidioute, PA 16351

5. Y Bar U Saddle Club

(814) 757-4447

3881 Scandia Road
Scandia, PA 16345

Appendix C

Park Facility Matrix

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST PROPERTY - PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Old Landfill	Covered over	Large open area; concrete pad from old building; 2 wells; old girl scout camp	Fair	N/A	N/A	Potential site for a future park; possible amphitheater; disc golf; renovate girl scout camp buildings

AMERICAN LEGION FIELD - YOUNGVILLE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Parking Area	Large	Gravel surface with railroad tie border; shed	Fair	All	No	
Field Sign	Wood	Legion Boys Baseball	Good	All	N/A	
Baseball Field	Large field	Straight backstop; grass infield; wood dugouts with river gravel floor; wood player benches; safety pitch; fencing around field; 2 – 4 seat 15' aluminum bleaches on pads; water spigot	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access
Swing Set	8'	Straight post single bay with 2 belt seats	Good	Youth	No	
Girls Softball		Wood dugouts with player benches; one 4 seat 15' aluminum bleacher; dirt infield	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access; remove grass from infield dirt
Batting Cage	12' x 60'	Netting; carpet surface with markings; back target; safety pitch	Fair	Youth	No	
Large Open Grass Area			Good	All	No	Could be used for expansion of other sports/activities

BENNER PARK - TIDIOUTE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Parking Area	Gravel	Some maintenance equipment stored	Fair	All	No	Located behind borough maintenance building along Tidioute Creek
Pavilion	16' X 48'	Lighted; 4 grills; 2 – 20' tables; one 6' table; one electrical outlet; portable toilet; 3 wood two seat bleachers outside of pavilion	Good	All	Yes	
Open Grass Area		Memory Stone – John Fredrick Benner; flagpole; shed; old split rail fence	Fair	All	No	Flagpole & split rail fence in fair condition
Play Castle		Wood structure with plastic slide; wood chip surfacing; 4 belt seat swings on extended wood beam	Fair	5 - 12	No	One swing seat missing; one swing chain missing

BROKENSTRAW HIKE/BIKE TRAIL - YOUNGVILLE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Trailhead		Island Park Recreation Area	Good	Youth to adult	No	
Trail	1 ¼ miles long	8' wide; river gravel surface	Good	Youth to adult	No	No motorized vehicles; Plans are to expand in the future
Parking Area	Paved	Decent size parking area near pavilion	Good	All	Yes	
Pavilion	24' x 24'	Paved walkway; ties into trail; 2 – 8' tables	Good	All	Yes	Dirt or gravel should be added along the edges of the concrete floor to eliminate the drop off

CHANDLERS VALLEY PARK - SUGAR GROVE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Slide	Metal	Bench	Poor	5 – 12	No	Broken step – slide should be removed
Cal Gage Pavilion 1984	20' x 32'	2 – 8' handicap tables; 2 – 6' tables 1 – 12 table; 2 grills	Fair	All	No	Support posts starting to rot at bottom; metal roof rusting; provide ADA access
Swing Set		10' – 3 bay – one with toddlers seats, two with belt seats	Good	2 – 12	No	Needs proper surfacing & use zone
Ballfield	Open field	Backstop; 2 – 21' aluminum player benches; partial fencing; pond behind outfield	Fair	All	No	Provide ADA access
Tire Swing	Spins freely	Large tire with chain attached to a U – joint on a drive shaft & four 4" metal posts	Good	Youth	No	Unique design
Basketball Court	Half court 27' x 45'	One basket	Good	Youth to adult	No	Add lines; provide ADA access
Parking Area	Small	Gravel lot	Fair	All	No	Maple tree starting to rot 10' up – should be removed

CHARTER SCHOOL - TIDIOUTE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Playground		Large play structure; plastic border; 5' fencing with cap; bench; swing set – 8' – 2 bay belt seats with swing mats	Good	5 - 12	No	Provide ADA access
Basketball Court		Full court; with two half courts; games painted on court asphalt	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access

CHERRY GROVE PARK - CHERRY GROVE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Mock Oil Well		Oil well display; Marion 25 Engine – one cylinder oil field power	Good	Youth – Adult	No	Provide ADA access
Enclosed Building	Educational area	Tables; oil field artifacts	Good	Youth - adult	No	Provide ADA access
Pit privy	Single stall	Newly painted	Fair	Youth – adult	No	Provide ADA access
Basketball Court	Half Court 18' x 30'	Single hoop	Good	Youth – adult	No	Provide ADA access
Play Ground Equipment	Free standing	Climbing dome; 10' plastic slide; Swing Set - 2 section - 18' high – one belt swing; 12' high – 2 belt seats & 1 toddler seat; 2 spring animals;	Fair	Toddler to adult	No	Climbing dome rusting; slide – bolts need tightened at top of steps; no surfacing; provide ADA access when upgrading
Thompson Memorial Pavilion	24' x 30'	Electric; 3 grills; 3 – 12' picnic tables; 2 benches	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access; many exposed roots in surrounding area
Horseshoe pit	Old pit	Backboards; pitch area	Fair	Adult	No	Upgrade
Ballfield	Open field		Fair	Youth – adult	No	No actual ballfield amenities

CLARENDON AREA PLAYGROUND - CLARENDON BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Old School Building		Access road	Good	N/A	N/A	Going to use as municipal building; lease part of building to American Legion for homeless vets
Parking Area	paved	Lighted; basketball hoop	Good	Youth	Yes	
Playground	Playmakers	Play structure; plastic border; engineered wood fiber surfacing; 2 benches; arch; swing glider; balance bar; overhead glider; overhead bars; lighted	Good	K - 12	No	Provide ADA access; remove weeds from surfacing
Paved Area	Located on a sloped area	4 square; 6 square; US map all drawn on pavement	Fair	K - 12	No	Cracks in asphalt with weeds
Swing Set		10' – 4 bay all belt seats	Fair	5 – 12	No	Bent posts - replace & relocate with proper use zone & surfacing
Swing Set		10' – 3 bay all belt seats	Poor	5 – 12	No	Bent posts - replace & relocate with proper use zone & surfacing or eliminate
Swing Set		8' – 2 bay with 3 belt seats & 3 toddler seats	Fair	2 – 5	No	Should only have two swings per bay - replace & relocate with proper use zone & surfacing
Stand Alone Equipment		Tetherball post; overhead climber, t- climber; slide	Fair	5 – 12	No	Relocate with proper use zone & surfacing
Climbing wall		8 sections with one ladder; plastic border; engineered wood fiber surfacing	Good	5 – 12	No	Remove weeds/grass from surfacing
Floyd Fox "Foxy" Pavilion	24' x 42'	Open area with roof; enclosed area; old bike rack	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access; dispose of bike rack – poor condition
Ballfield	T-Ball	2 5 seat 15' aluminum bleachers with railings; straight backstop; dugouts; 2 aluminum player benches; all grass field	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access to field

COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - COLUMBUS BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
2 Ballfields	Little League	Lighted; dugouts; backstops; concession/announcers booth; fenced 4 seat aluminum bleacher; scoreboard	Good	Youth	Yes	
Playground	GameTime	Large play structure; swing set – 4 bay with belt seats; swing set – 2 bay with toddler seats; climbing wall bench fitness area engineered wood fiber surfacing & poured in place surfacing under 2 bay swing set	Good	2 – 5 5 – 12	No	Walkway needs installed from parking area to playground gate
Playground		Large play structure; climbing wall; swings benches 4 seat see-saw	Under construction	5 – 12	No	May be ADA accessible when completed
Basketball Court	Half court	One basket	Good	Youth to adult	Yes	

CONEWANGO KAYAK & CANOE - PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Dry Camping Area		Tent & small RV camping	Good	All	No	
Rentals		Kayak; canoes; paddle board; all accessories; family oriented	Good	Youth to adult	No	
Shuttle Service		4 trips ranging from 2 hours to 8 hours	Good	Youth to adult	No	

DIVISION STREET FIELD - YOUNGSRVILLE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign	Wood		Good	All	N/A	Part of Hill Top Park
Ballfield	L – 222' C – 234' R – 225'	Backstop; 2 sheds; dirt infield; one dugout; fencing around field; 2 aluminum player benches; picnic table; water spigot; two benches on hill	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access; clean up overgrown area around benches; American Legion sponsors

DOG PARK - CONEWANGO TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Dog Park	2 acre open site	Undeveloped at present, but boundaries staked out	N/A	N/A	N/A	Located adjacent to PA Visitor Center; potential drainage issues; develop parking area behind Visitor Center, if needed

EISENHOWER SCHOOL K - 12 - FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Soccer Fields		2 fields with one overlaying a ballfield	Good	Youth	No	
Ballfield		Backstop; fencing	Good	Youth	No	
Practice Football Field		Grass field	Good	Youth	No	
Old Football Game Field		Open grass field	Good	Youth	No	
Football Stadium		3 lane crushed limestone track; other track & field amenities; stadium seating; restrooms; concession	Good	Youth	Yes	Grass growing in track
Basketball		5 posts, but nothing else	Poor	Youth	Yes	Needs baskets & nets

ELK TOWNSHIP PARK - ELK TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Sign		Wood sign over stone foundation with a large bell	Good	All	N/A	
Community Center & Museum	Old school connected to museum	Municipal Offices; community rental hall; kitchen; museum	Good	All	Yes	
Pavilion	27' x 36'	Stone path to pavilion; lighted; 3 electrical outlets; 5 regular picnic tables; one handicap table; one child table; grill on connected concrete pad	Good	All	No	Improve path to ensure ADA access; many weeds in path
Swing		8' one bay with 3 belt seat swings	Fair	Youth	No	Swing old and should be replaced
Playground	GameTime	Stand-alone game; triangle spring pad; play structure; sand/pea gravel surfacing	Good	2 – 5 5 - 12	No	Improve path to ensure ADA access; many weeds in path; weeds in surfacing; surfacing not considered ADA accessible
Swing	Stand-alone	One bay with 2 toddler/infant swings	Fair	2 – 5	No	Provide ADA access; install proper surfacing material & use zone
Overhead climber	Stand-alone		Fair	5 - 12	No	Provide ADA access; install proper surfacing material & use zone
Basketball		Placed at end of large open grass area; pole, backboard, & hoop	Poor	Youth to adult	No	No net on hoop; area well maintained

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP PARK - FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Carol Witt Memorial Playground	Rainbow Play Systems	Small sign; Play structure – residential style, 2 belt swings, 2 climbers, climbing wall, slide, binoculars, 2 homemade crawl tubes & slides, swing set 8’ one bay with 2 belt seats; tetherball pole	Fair	2 - 12	No	Provide ADA access when upgrading; no surfacing
ballfield	Open field	10’ homemade backstop; one wood player bench; 6’ fence along 1 st base line	Fair	Youth	No	Provide ADA access

FRONT STREET BOAT LAUNCH - GLADE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Access	Gravel/grass road	40’ wide grass area with 12’ wide access ramp; kayak & canoe launch	Fair	Adult	No	

GRAND VALLEY PARK - ELDRED TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Entrance Road			Unusable	N/A	N/A	Completely overgrown with weeds; full renovation of park needed if park is to be used
Ballfield		Old wooden backstop	Unusable	N/A	N/A	Completely overgrown with weeds; backstop collapsing;

HATCH RUN CONSERVATION CENTER - GLADE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Parking Lot		Demonstrates proper installation of fabric & stone aggregate	Good	All	Yes	
Environmental Education Center	Relatively new building 3 – 4 years	Office complex; educational classrooms; youth camps	Excellent	All	Yes	
Open Field Areas		Grazing areas; community gardens	Good	Youth to adult	No	
Demonstration Area		Parking lot; sign; gated road & bridge over stream;; bulletin board; kiosk; ADA restroom; Pavilion – 24’ x 32’, 2 handicap tables & 8 regular tables, can rent; picnic grove with one table; stream; pond; 4 miles hiking & biking trails	Good	Youth to adult	No	Provide ADA access to pavilion; install dog waste stations; plan to build more trails

HILL TOP PARK RECREATION AREA - YOUNGSVILLE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Parking Lot	Paved	U – shaped with numerous parking spaces; two handicap spaces near playground; portable toilet	Fair	All	Yes	Parking lot needs paved – many cracks & pot holes; additional handicap spaces should be added
Park Sign	Wood		Good	All	N/A	
Pavilion	12' x 36'	Ramp; 4 – 8' tables; 1 -12' table; railings around three sides; 2 grills between pavilions	Fair	All	No	Walkway needs constructed from parking lot to pavilion ramp
Pavilion	12' x 36'	Ramp; 4 – 8' tables; 1 -12' table; railings around three sides; 2 grills between pavilions	Fair	All	No	Ramp; 4 – 8' tables; 1 -12' table; railings around three sides; 2 grills between pavilions
Bocce Courts	Two courts	Abandoned; 4 benched	Poor	N/A	N/A	Could be revived
Swimming Pool		Building – 24' x 100', concession area with covered section with 6 round tables & chairs; flag pole; bike rack; Round wading pool; canopy with 2 – 6' tables; large pool – lap lanes, spiral slide, climbing wall tables & chairs; 6' fencing; 4 lifeguard chairs; lighted; grass & concrete sunbathing areas	Good	All	Yes	
Play Area		Old fire ring; see-saw; swing set – 10' single bay with one toddler seat & one belt seat; swing set 10' three bay – two bays with one belt, center bay with one toddler seat & one belt seat	Poor to fair	2 - 12	No	Needs swing mats & proper surfacing; swings missing; center pipe bent on three bay swing set; all should be replaced
Pavilion	12' x 30'	Pea gravel floor; 5 – 12' tables; 3 grills	Fair	All	No	Pea gravel isn't ADA accessible
Playground	Playworld	Concrete walkway to play area; rules sign; Game "How to Play "BiBa"; 2 benches; play structure; engineered wood fiber surfacing; 6' x 6' wood border	Excellent	5 – 12	Yes	
Sand Volleyball		Brown sand; posts, nets, & rope lines	Good	Youth to adult	No	Should use white sand; provide ADA access for spectators
Basketball Court		In parking lot; 6' x 6' post; basket; no lines	Fair	Youth to adult	Yes	
Sledding Hill		Open grass hill to Division Street	Good	Youth	No	Sledding Event held

ISLAND PARK RECREATION AREA - YOUNGSVILLE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
First Parking Lot	Paved	Lights; portable toilet; benches along creek; Park Sign	Good	All	Yes	
Playground	GameTime	Swing set – 10’ – 2 bay with one belt seat & one toddler seat in each bay; 8’ metal slide; See-Saw; climber; wood chip surface	Good	2 - 5	Yes	Place belt seat in same bay & toddler seats in same bay; slide rusting & gap at top creates potential strangulation area; 2 toddler seat broken – need replaced; need swing mats
Basketball		2 hoops on parking lot – back to back not across from each other	Good	Youth to adult	Yes	
Tennis Court	Asphalt	Lined; posts; 8’ fence three sides & 10’ on fourth side	Good	Youth to adult	Yes	Needs a net; some cracks in surface
Ballfield	Open field	Decorative block dugouts; backstop; partial fencing; grass field	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access
Second Parking Lot	Paved	Curb; lighted; benches; 2 grills; dumpster	Good	All	Yes	
Playground	Swing & Slide	Wood structure; wood chips surface	Good	5 - 12	No	
Swing Set		Wood frame; 8’ – single bay with one toddler seat & one belt seat	Fair	2 – 5 5 - 12	No	
Basketball Court	45’ x 96”	Paved; lined benches; fencing; hoops	Good	Youth to adult	No	Provide ADA access
Pavilion	30’ x 42’	Benches; 2 grills; 9 – 12’ wood tables; well landscaped; 7 electrical outlets; lighted with switch	Good	All	Yes	Electrical outlets & light switch need covers
Fishing deck	Wood	ADA ramp; deck railings	Good	All	Yes	Good trout stream
Trailhead		Brokenstraw Bike/Hike Trail	Good	Youth to adult	No	
Kayak Access		Brokenstraw Creek	Good	Youth to adult	No	
		Park floods occasionally				

LANDER METHODIST CHURCH - FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Basketball Court	Half court	One hoop	Good	Youth - adult	Yes	
Pavilion	24’ x 32’	8’ wood tables, lights, 5 outlets; water spigot	Good	All	No	Electrical outlets are standard outlets, should be outdoor outlets
Playground	Recreation Equipment Co.	Landscape tie border; arch climber; small spring animal; 6’ slide; Little Tikes play structure; overhead climber; two benches; small plastic slide; GameTime Swing – 8’ two bay with 4 belt seats; tetherball pole with ball; woodchip surfacing; four score	Good	2 - 12	No	Provide ADA access; spring animal not attached; small slide broken; weeds in surfacing

LARIMER PARK - RUSSELL

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign		Large sign in planter; lighted; flag pole	Good	All	N/A	
Entrance Road & Parking Area	Partially paved at entrance	Small parking area with river gravel surfacing; dumpster; portable ADA toilet; triangular kiosk – Conewango Creek Water Trail information;	Good	All	No	Provide ADA parking area with proper signage; improve entrance road
2 Lions Pavilion	Each 24' x 36'	Reservation box; water spigot & fountain at one pavilion; 2 double electrical outlets; two 8' picnic tables; three 6' picnic tables each pavilion; two grills each pavilion	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access to each pavilion
Old horseshoe pit		Pitch concrete slab only			No	No longer usable
Old Basketball Area		Post with backboard & hoop	Poor	Youth to adult	No	Improve post & hoop or remove
Swing Set		10' two bay with belt seat in one bay & toddler/infant seats in other	Fair	Youth	No	Deep holes under swings; belt seats very low; install proper surfacing & used zone; place swing mats under swings
Swing Set		10' two bay with belt seats	Fair	Youth	No	Deep holes under swings; install proper surfacing & used zone; place swing mats under swings
Playground	Miracle	Plastic border; wood chip surfacing; 4 seat seesaw; 2 play structures	Good	2 – 5 5 - 12	No	Grass ramp to playground too steep
Ballfield	Open grass area	12' straight backstop; two 5 seat 15' aluminum bleachers without railings; dugouts; player benches; 8' fence to end of infield; storage box	Fair	Youth to adult	No	Needs maintained – many weeds growing thru bleachers, in dugouts, & in fence lines; trash can dumped; field well maintained
Basketball Court	48' x 84'	Concrete surface; lined; poles, backboards, hoops, & nets	Good	Youth to adult	No	Provide ADA access; repaint faded lines
Conewango Creek Access		Large open area with creek access; wood bench; picnic table	Good	Youth to adult	No	Remove dead ash trees; remove poison ivy growing on large ash tree
Storage Sheds		One block; one wood; electrical outlet; bike rack	Good	Adult	No	

LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP BALLFIELDS - LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Entrance Road & Parking Lot	Gravel		Good	All	No	
Ballfield		Backstop; dugouts; 15' aluminum player bench; 2 – 4 seat 15' aluminum bleacher; concession stand/restroom; fencing around field; dirt infield	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access
Ballfield		Backstop; 2 – 15' player benches; 2 – 4 seat 15' aluminum bleachers; fencing around field	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access

MATHER PARK - COLUMBUS TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Park Sign		Arched chain link sign with metal letters	Good	All	N/A	
Concrete Walkway		Benches; portable restroom	Good	All	No	Grass needs removed and concrete extended to provide ADA access
Slide	Metal	6' stand alone	Good	Youth	No	Needs proper surfacing
Swing Set		2 bay with pump swings in each bay	Good	Youth	No	Needs proper surfacing & swing mats
Gazebo	20'	2 sets of steps & one ramp; lighted 4 electrical outlets	Good	All	No	Concrete walkway should be extended to end of ramp; electrical outlets need covers
Ballfield		Backstop; storage shed; wood player benches; fencing	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access; maintained by Corry Little League
		Borough has another undeveloped park site on the other side of the Borough. it is a mowed area, but no foreseeable development				

NORTH WARREN BALLFIELDS - CONEWANGO TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Entrance Road	Neighborhood street	Paved street to a gravel road with and old single lane metal frame bridge with wood plank boards	Poor	All	No	Bridge needs repaired/replaced; busses & trucks not permitted on bridge; wayfinding signs needed at Route 62
Parking		Gravel road extends into park with parking in the grass along the road	Fair	All	No	Needs designated ADA parking spaces near each field
Legion Field	L – 315' C – 365' R – 315'	Scoreboard with signs & planter; flagpole; 5' outfield fence with cap & screening; 8' fencing to end of 1 st & 3 rd bases then 4' fence along lines; 5 – 4 seat 15' aluminum bleachers; storage building; block dugouts with wood player benches; concession stand with light; 2 picnic tables; speakers; portable backstop & a 16' straight backstop; grass infield; safety pitch; large batter mat with home plate; practice pitch area	Good	Youth	No	Place bleachers on pads; equipment lying around storage shed is a hazard; many weeds growing on infield mix pile; tables in poor condition; grass growing in baselines; provide ADA access; Warren High School Baseball Field
Batting Cage	15' x 70'	Synthetic turf with concrete pad underneath; net sides & top; safety pitch; batter mat with plate	Excellent	Youth	No	
Girls' Softball Field	Lady Drago Softball	Electric outlet near left field foul pole; 2 portable toilets; 2 – 5 seat 15' bleachers without railings; 8' fencing thru front of dugouts; 4' fencing with caps along lines & outfield; enclosed practice pitch & warmup area; dirt infield; scoreboard; safety pitch; straight backstop; bat holders	Excellent	Youth	No	Bleachers should have railings; provide ADA access
Batting Cage	15' x 60'	Netting; safety pitch; grass area with carpet in center	Fair	Youth	No	Improve area; provide ADA access
Ballfield	L – 195' C – 228' R – 208"	Straight backstop; 2 player benches; 2 – 20' long 6' high fences; home plate	Poor	Youth	No	Remove & replace everything if field is needed
Hiking Trails		Mowed trail throughout area	Good	All	No	

NORTH WARREN COMMUNITY PARK - CONEWANGO TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Parking Lot	Paved & lined	2 handicap parking spaces; numerous regular spaces; lighted; bike rack; old school bell; park sign; arch	Excellent	All	Yes	
Community Center	Large building		Good	All	Yes	Can be rented; North Warren Presbyterian Church maintains
Pavilion	24' x 50'	Several 8' picnic tables; 4 electrical outlets; lighted	Good	All	Yes	Covers missing on electrical outlets
Playground	Fenced with gate	Engineered wood fiber surfacing; swing set – 8' two bay with 3 standard seats & one toddler seat, mats under swings; 4 benches; GameTime play structure – very large; spring motorcycle; stand-alone crawl tube	Good	2 - 12	Yes	Gate latch broken; pickets missing in fence
Basketball Court	Half court	One hoop; shed	Good	Youth to adult	Yes	

PA VISITOR CENTER - STARBRICK

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Entrance & Parking Area	Paved	2 handicapped parking spaces with proper signage; The Baby Arch; picnic table; CCC statue; flag pole	Excellent	All	Yes	Provides all types of information for the entire area

PICTURE SHOW PARK - TIDIOUTE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Walkway	Brick	Large planters	Good	All	Yes	
Gazebo	10'	ADA picnic table; 2 electrical outlets; flags inside	Good	All	No	Provide proper access into gazebo
Grettenberger Pump	Display	Old oil pump originally manufactured in Tidioute & mounted on concrete pad with display description	Good	All	No	Provide access to display

PITTSFIELD PLAYGROUND - PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Swing Set		4 bay – no swings with attached see-saw bar – no board; picnic table	Poor	N/A	N/A	Should be removed & replaced
Old Friendship Field		Old ballfield; now open grass area	Fair	All	No	

RIVERSIDE PARK - TIDIOUTE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Playground		Play structure; landscape tie wood border; pea gravel surfacing; wood balance beam; 4 climbers; Chin-up bar; overhead bars; parallel bars; swing set – 2 bay 10' with belt seats; 2 spring animals; bench	Fair	5 - 12	No	Pea gravel isn't an ADA accessible surfacing
Restrooms	Block	Men's & Ladies; water fountain	Good	All	No	
Entrance Road & Parking Area	Paved	Numerous boat trailer parking; regular spaces; 2 handicap parking spaces; historical sign – Rafting the Allegheny; turn around loop	Good	All	Yes	Paint handicap parking signs on pavement
2 Pavilions	10' X 10' each	8' tables with post in concrete pad	Good	All	No	One wood support post partially broken off & repaired with a metal pad; should be replaced; provide ADA access to pavilion
Boat Launch	Triple width launch	Paved access to concrete slats entering water; wood dock attached to a concrete pad	Good	All	Yes	Mud buildup on launch needs cleaned off
Grass Area		Memory Stone – George R. Jones; bench; 4 picnic tables on pads; Memory Stone – Christopher Cappisano "Cappy"	Good	All	No	Picnic tables in poor condition; provide ADA access to at least one table
Basketball Court	45' X 78'	Concrete surface with lines; hoops; lighted 2 – 12' benches				
Gazebo	20'	Wood posts; one 8' table; light; 4 electrical outlets; benches around the inside	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access; install a light bulb in light socket; install two missing covers on electrical outlets
Upper Road	Gravel		Fair	All	No	Use to be old railroad bed

RON JOHNSON FIELD - MEAD TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Firemen's Cage Battle		Large poles with a cage attached to a wire	Good	Adult	No	
Pavilion	12' x 24'		Good	All	No	Provide ADA access
Ballfield		Old backstop; wood player benches; 3 seat wood bleacher; fence	Fair	Youth	No	
Playground	Free standing play equipment	See-saw; swing – 7' single bay; slide; parallel bar; tire swing; old tire sandboxes	Fair	5 - 12	No	Provide ADA access when updating; no swings on swing set; no surfacing under equipment

ROUSE WARREN COUNTY HOME FISHING POND - BROKENSTRAW TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Fishing Pond		Covered building with ramp; benches; fishing pier with railings	Good	All	Yes	
Pavilion	Small	5 tables; grill	Good	All	Yes	

SHEFFIELD MEMORIAL PARK - SHEFFIELD

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Entrance		Concrete steps to walkway; memorial area – small flags & ground level plaques representing all wars; 2 aluminum benches; flagpole; Park Sign; landscaped area; Memorial Stone – John Gertsch	Excellent	All	No	
Playground	GameTime	Swing set – 3 bay 8’ all belts with mats; wood chip surfacing; overhead bars very large play structure; 3 benches Four Score ball	Good	5 - 12	No	Swing set in poor condition – chains wearing, one seat disconnected from chain, sharp metal edges on seats; provide ADA access
Concession/ Restrooms/ Storage	42’ x 132’		Good	All	Yes	
Basketball Court	Half court – 30’ x 30’	Color coated; posts, backboard, hoop, net	Good	Youth to adult	Yes	
Basketball Court	Full court 36’ x 90’	Color coated; posts, backboard, hoop, net	Good	Youth to adult	Yes	
Volleyball Court		Posts; grass	Good	Youth to adult	No	
Batting Cage		Carpet surface	Poor	Youth	No	No netting; posts bent
Ballfield		Dugouts; 4 – 8’ aluminum player benches; 3 – 4 seat 15’ aluminum bleachers; backstop 6’ fence along sidelines; grass infield	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access
Stadium Bleachers		10 seat 4 section bleacher with railings; ADA deck	Good	All	Yes	Originally served as bleachers for the High School football field
Shelter	18’ x 72’	Display of old log; nearby cast iron sign & post; kiosk of Lumber Heritage Region	Good	All	No	Provide ADA viewing access
Playground		Border; engineered wood fiber surfacing; 6 benches; 10’ swing with 3 bays with toddler seats; GameTime play structure; 4 seat see-saw; 2 spring play features	Good	2 - 5	No	Provide ADA access; remove weeds/grass from surfacing; replace missing toddler seat
Pavilion	30’ x 45’	5 – 8’ wooden tables; one 12’ ADA table; 2 grills	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access

SHEFFIELD MUSIC BOOSTERS FIELD - SHEFFIELD

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Playground		Large play structure; swing set; border; surfacing; small soccer goals	Excellent	K - 12	Yes	
Baseball Field		Dugouts; aluminum player benches; backstop; 4 – 5 seat 15’ aluminum bleachers with railings; fencing around field, dirt infield	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access; bleachers should have railings; grass growing in infield mix
Sheffield Township Sports Complex Building	42’ x 100’	Restrooms; handicap restroom; concession; storage; field house	Excellent	High School	Yes	Home of Sheffield Wolverines
Football Field	Regulation stadium	Block retaining wall; wide asphalt walkway to stadium bleachers & announcers booth; 4 lane track around field; other track & field areas; goals; aluminum bench on pad at starting line; electric at edge of track; scoreboard; flagpole	Excellent	High School	Yes	
Shot Put Area	Circular area	Large posts for safety netting; lights; water outlet; electric & speaker wiring	Good	High School	No	Light is falling; electric & speaker wires are bad

SMITH COMPLEX BALLFIELDS - MEAD TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Ballfield	T-Ball	Dugouts; fencing around field; 2 - 4 seat 15' aluminum bleachers; player benches; grass infield	Fair	Youth	No	Replace dugouts; remove grass from baselines
Ballfield	Small field	Dugouts; fencing around field; 2 - 4 seat 15' aluminum bleachers; player benches; grass infield	Fair	Youth	No	Replace dugouts; remove grass from baselines
Grass Area & Parking		Storage shed; millings stored	Good	Adult	N/A	
		Boy Scout Project – Planning on improving fields				

SPRING CREEK PLAYGROUND - SPRING CREEK TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Entrance	Dirt road between homes	Drop off onto entrance road; some gravel, dirt, and grass; grass parking	Poor	All	No	
Pavilion	18' x 32'	River gravel floor; large charcoal bar-b-que; three 8' wood tables; grill	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access; replace missing grill
Playground	Free standing	Climbing dome; see-saw; swing set – 10' two bay with three pump swings; metal slide; old bar for see-saw; wooden whirl; slide	Poor	5 – 12	No	Provide ADA access when updating; see-saw not mounted to bar; slide supports tilted at bottom; gap at top of slide; no surfacing; remove whirl; 2 nd slide – rusting, tilting, gap at top, bottom bent
Restroom	Block building		Fair	Youth – adult	No	Applying for Act 13 money to renovate; Provide ADA access & fixtures; fascia boards rotting; shingles bad
Enclosed building	Wood structure	4 – 12' tables, lights, outlets; window covers; old gas regulator; grill in weeds	Fair	All	No	Provide ADA access; wood siding needs replaced; shingles bad; weeds in gutters
Ballfield		Homemade backstop; 2 benches; flagpole; old light pole; all grass – no baselines	Poor	Youth	No	Needs renovated; light missing on light pole
Tennis Court	Asphalt	8' fence on ends; 6' fence on sides; tennis net posts; basketball hoop at one end	Unusable	N/A	No	Weeds growing in cracks & fencing; net missing; tree overhanging

SUGAR GROVE COMMUNITY PARK - SUGAR GROVE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Parking	Paved	Lined vertical parking on street	Good	All	Yes	
Park Sign	Foam Board	Well landscaped	Good	All	N/A	
Memorial Area	Concrete	Walkway; stone wall with small flags & war memorial plaques; 6' picnic table on pad connected to walkway; lighted	Excellent	All	Yes	
Horseshoe Area	Old	Pitch pads only part still remaining	Fair	N/A	N/A	
Pavilion		4 – 6' picnic tables; lighted; electrical outlets with keyed lock	Good	All	Yes	4 electrical outlets need covers
Open Grass Area		Located behind pavilion	Good	All	No	
Flag Area		Bricks; retaining block wall with planters; 3 flags – US, PA, MIA/POW	Excellent	All	Yes	

SUGAR GROVE FREE METHODIST CHURCH PLAY AREA - SUGAR GROVE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Gazebo	24'	Playhouse; toddler play equipment	Good	2 – 5	Yes	Day Care center
Large Building		Kitchen; reception hall; large overhang – lighted, two 6' tables; storage garage; box hockey	Good	All	Yes	
Playground	Park Structures	3 benches; play structure – slides, climbers, overheads; digger; climber; 4 seat see-saw; tie border; pea gravel surfacing	Good	5 - 12	No	Pea gravel surfacing isn't ADA accessible

SUGAR GROVE PLAYGROUND - SUGAR GROVE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Old School Building			Good	All	Yes	Borough would like to acquire back part of building for an indoor recreation center
Parking Lot	Paved	Shed; portable restrooms; basketball post	Fair	All	Yes	
Playground		ADA access ramp; plastic border; engineered wood fiber surfacing; swing set – 8’ – 2 bay with 3 swing per bay, one bay with toddler seats, one with belt seats; swing set – 12’ – 5 bay all with two belt seats; GameTime play structure; Geodome; balance beam; whirl; 4 score funnel; tire swing – 2 bay; 3 benches; bike rack	Good	2 – 5 5 - 12	No	Move ADA access ramp to center between swings & provide paved access from parking lot; place swing mats under swings
Basketball Court	45’ x 70’	Full court with baskets; 4’ fencing around	Good	Youth to adult	No	Provide ADA access
Baseball Field		Backstop; 15’ aluminum player benches; partially fenced	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access; need restrooms, bleachers; dugouts
Soccer Field		Small open field area with soccer goals sitting in the weeds	Fair	Youth	No	Provide ADA access
Baseball Field	Large open field	Straight backstop; partially fenced; 2 aluminum player benches	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access
		Land behind playground area now part of Borough property; private land owner with property behind that willing to put up money for a pavilion & trees to develop an arboretum				Need a walking path in the park

TIDIOUTE BALLFIELD - TIDIOUTE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Ballfield		Backstop; fencing around field; scoreboard; dirt infield; one wood player bench; 2 – 5 seat 15’ aluminum bleachers without rails; wood hillside seating; concrete bank hillside seating; concession stand; restrooms/storage	Good	Youth	No	Wood hillside seating in poor condition; remove grass from dirt infield; restroom door signs missing
Soccer Goals		Large open grass area for soccer in ballfield right field area	Good	Youth	No	

TIDIOUTE HIKE/BIKE TRAIL - TIDIOUTE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Hike/Bike Trail	3 ½ mile trail		Rough trail	Youth to adult	No	Plan to expand to a 7 to 10 mile trail

TIONESTA CREEK ACCESS AREA - SHEFFIELD

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Parking Area	Paved	One handicap space with proper signage; multiple regular spaces; ADA path to steps; Large Welcome to Sheffield sign; kiosk	Good	All	Yes	
Restroom	Decorative block	Mens and Ladies	Good	All	Yes	
Grass Area		3 benches; 2 grills; picnic table	Good	All	No	
Access Ramp	Paved	Concrete abutment; bench	Fair	Youth to adult	No	Ramp washed out – needs improved; area floods; good fishing area

TIONESTA PARK - SHEFFIELD

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Entrance Road & Parking	Limestone surfacing		Good	All	No	
Pavilion	8' x 10'	2 – 8' picnic tables; grill	Good	All	Yes	
Tionesta Park Walking Trail	Dirt trail	Trail sign; benches along creek	Good	Youth to adult	No	
Ballfield	Little League	Dugouts; player benches; backstop; fencing around field; grass infield; 2 – 4 seat 15' aluminum bleachers; restrooms/storage area; electric outlet; flagpole; storage box	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access to field; weeds growing in fence lines
Al Sebring Field	T-ball	Straight backstop; fence along sidelines; player benches; grass field ; 5 seat 15' wood bleacher without railings	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access to field; bleachers should have a railing

TRAILS AT JAKE'S ROCKS - MEAD TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Entrance Road	Paved single Lane	Wayfinding signs	Good	N/A	N/A	
Parking Area	Paved	Kiosk with roof, bench, & trail map; numerous parking spaces; bike pole – used for bike repair; grill; picnic table	Good	Teens to adults	Yes	
Mountain Bike Trails	Natural surfacing	Three levels of difficulty; 10.9 miles of easy trails; 10.1 miles of moderate trails; 1.5 miles of difficult trails	Good	Teens to adults	No	
						Northern Allegheny Bike Association Future improvements – restroom; 12 additional miles of trails

VFW PARK - CLARENDON BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Entrance Road	River gravel		Fair	All	No	Entrance road needs improved; water issues; no parking area
Pavilion	60' x 100'	Shed; large bar-b-que pit; 4 picnic tables; 5' round & 8' long folding tables & chairs	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access
Open Grass Area		Flag; cannon; memorial stone	Good	All	No	

WARREN BIKE TRAILHEAD - CITY OF WARREN

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
Trail Sign	Metal		Fair	Youth to adult	N/A	Remove graffiti; coordinate with other park signage
Parking Area	Paved	Asphalt; one handicap space with markings; approximately 6 unlined spaces; railroad ties along parking lot	Good	All	Yes	Paint lines on parking lot
Trail	Paved	Three miles total length; bike rack; concrete planter; fence & posts block vehicles from entering trail; bench; covered interpretative board of Conewango Creek Watershed; kiosk	Good	Youth to adult	Yes	Remove trash from planter & install trash receptacle; future plans to extend to Russell along old railroad bed and eventually connect into the Chautauqua Trail

WARREN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Large Open Field			Good	All	No	
Pavilion		Large	Good	All	?	Concerts & shows
Animal buildings		Several buildings	Good	All	?	
Horse Show Ring		Seating	Good	All	?	
Motor Sports Arena		Seating	Good	All	?	
Campground		Mainly for events	Good	All	?	

WARREN COUNTY MINOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL - CONEWANGO TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Entrance Road & Parking	Gravel	Roads gravel/dirt; parking in grass near fields	Good	All	No	Wayfinding signage needed along Route 62
Hawbaker Field	L – 195’ C – 195’ R – 186”	Announcers booth; practice pitch area; dugouts; player benches; backstop; warmup area; scoreboard; 8’ fencing to end of dugouts; 4’ fencing with cap along lines & outfield; safety pitch; dirt infield; 2 – 5 seat 15’ aluminum bleachers without railings	Good	Youth	No	Dugouts in poor condition – should be reconstructed; bleachers should have railings; provide ADA access
Mark Garrett Memorial Field	L – 204’ C – 198’ R – 178’	Dugouts; player benches; backstop; safety pitch; dirt infield; 4’ capped fence sidelines & outfield	Good	Youth	No	Dugouts are in fair condition but should be upgraded; provide ADA access
Randy Weidert Field	L – 315’ C – 318’ R – 312’	Large wooden platform behind backstop; backstop; dirt infield; dugouts; player benches; 8’ fence to gate; 6’ capped fence to end of dugouts 4’ capped fence along sidelines & outfield; lighted with 6 standards; 5 seat 54’ raised bleachers with railings	Good	Youth	No	Dugouts in poor condition – should be reconstructed; upper half of one light standard missing – needs replaced; bleachers are in poor condition – should be repaired or replaced; provide ADA access; holes in grass between field & batting cages - hazard
Batting Cages	Two cages	Outdoor carpeting over limestone; netting; batter mats; safety pitches	Good	Youth	No	Carpeting bunched up in places – possible trip hazard
Field 5	L – 204’ C – 210’ R – 195’	Backstop; dugouts; player benches; 6’ fence to end of dugouts; 4’ capped fence along lines & outfield; dirt infield; portable raised mound	Good	Youth	No	Dugouts in fair condition – should be upgraded; provide ADA access
Ballfield	L – 200’ C – 189’ R – 200’	Backstop; dugouts; player benches; safety pitch; dirt infield; 6’ fence to end of dugouts; 4’ capped fence along lines & outfield; 4 seat 15’ aluminum bleacher	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access
Concession Stand/ Restrooms	Decorative block building	3 wood picnic tables; serving area	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access
Storage Buildings	Three buildings	Buildings & equipment on concrete pad; dumpster; storage bin;	Good	Adult	No	
Kiwanis Field	T-ball field L – 168’ C – 114’ R – 114’	Small backstop; 2 aluminum player benches; grass infield	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Playground		Large play structure; borders engineered wood fiber surfacing; two tables	Good	5 – 12	No	
Swing Set		8' – 3 bay with belt	Good	5 – 12	No	
Swing Set		10' single bay with belt seats	Good	5 – 12	No	
Swing Set		8' – 2 bay with belt seats	Good	5 – 12	No	One swing missing
Ballfield		Backstop, grass field	Good	Youth	No	
Basketball Court	On parking lot	One Glass backboard; post; hoop, net; 8' fence behind court	Good	Youth to adult	Yes	

WARREN STATE HOSPITAL SOCCER FIELDS - CONEWANGO TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Parking Areas	Along RT 62 & Lot behind fields	Dirt/grass parking along RT 62; rear lot – lighted, paved, shed, stock piles of pea gravel	Poor	All	No	Parking lot in poor condition
Bike/Hiking Path	Paved	Trail along side between RT 62 & soccer fields	Good	All	Yes	
Soccer Field	174'	2 – 20' goals	Good	12U	No	
Soccer Field	100'	2 – 20' goals	Good	8U	No	
Soccer Field	132'	2 - 20' goals	Good	10U	No	
Soccer Field	216'	2 – 24' goals	Good	16U	No	
Soccer Field	102'	2 – 6' goals	Good	6U	No	
Soccer Field	102'	2 – 6' goals	Good	6U	No	
Soccer Field	130'	2 – 9' goals	Good	10U	No	
Soccer Field	72'	2 – 9' goals	Good	6U	No	
Soccer Field	78'	2 – 9' goals	Good	6U	No	
Soccer Field	108'	2 – 12' goals	Good	8U	No	
Soccer Field	108'	2 – 12' goals	Good	8U	No	
Soccer Field	91'	2 – 12' goals	Good	8U	No	
Soccer Field	255'	2 – 24' goals & 2 – 4' goals	Good	18U & 4U	No	
Soccer Field	150'	2 – 20' goals, 2 – 5' goals, 2 benches	Good	10U & 4U	No	
Soccer Field	210'	2 – 20' goals	Good	16U	No	
Soccer Field	294' & 174'	2 - 24' goals, 2 – 12 goals, 2 benches	Good	18U & 12U	No	Smaller field overlays large field
Soccer Field	206'	2 – 24' goals	Good	16U	No	One goal broken; overlays 348' field
Soccer Field	348'	2 – 24' goals	Good	18 & up	No	
Ballfield		Backstop; benches; grass infield; 4 – 5 seat wood bleachers with rails; portable toilet	Good	Youth	Yes	
Playground		6' slide; whirl; climber	Fair	5 – 12	No	Provide ADA access
						Provide some ADA access; extra small goals; portable toilets; storage shed; additional fields could be added or existing fields expanded: Soccer run by YMCA – approximately 600 – 650 players

WERNER PARK - PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Entrance Road	\ Paved	Gated	Good	All	Yes	One side of gate is badly bent – needs replaced
Park Sign	Large sign	Landscaped underneath	Good	All	N/A	Sits back in from Route 62 making it more difficult to see if you're not looking into the park
Parking	Dirt/river gravel/grass	Handicap parking signs; concrete blocks with landscape tie between to form barriers	Good	All	No	There aren't any actual designated parking spaces and once parked no routes to maneuver to fields
Ballfield	Open field	Dugouts; fencing along sidelines; player benches large backstop; dirt infield; one 4 seat 15' aluminum bleacher	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access
Legion Field	L – 333' C – 360' R – 309'	Flag pole; 10 seat 20' wooden/metal frame bleacher; lights at bleacher; water spigot; electrical outlets; dugouts; player benches; large backstop; safety pitch; grass infield; fencing around field	Good	Youth to adult	No	Eisenhower Knights Baseball; High School Boys field
Bulletin Board		Landscaped; roof	Good	All	No	
Batting Cage	12' x 70'	Synthetic turf carpet; safety pitch netting with screen; bench	Good	Youth	No	
Storage Buildings	Two buildings	Maintenance equipment storage	Good	Adults	No	
Pavilion	Large building	Kitchen; two grills; water spigot; 9 wood 8' tables; 2 – 8' folding tables; 7 electrical outlets	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access; install an ADA accessible table
Pavilion		2 grills; 6 – 8' picnic tables inside 2 – 8' tables outside; 4 electrical outlets; 12' ADA picnic table; 8' bench	Good	All	Yes	
Playground		Bench; wood chip surfacing; stand-alone slide; homemade wooden play structure; BYO Playground Structure; Burke Climb Round	Fair	2 – 5 5 – 12	No	Provide ADA access; stand-alone slide in poor condition – possible strangulation area
Sand Volleyball		Brown sand with border; two wood benches; posts & net	Good	Youth to adult	No	Remove grass & weeds from sand; should use white sand; provide ADA access for spectators
Horseshoe pits		Backboard; 2 benches	Good	Adults	No	Weeds growing in pits; provide ADA access
Walking Trail	Wood chip surface with stone border	Sign – 15 minute walk thru wooded area; lighted grass area at entrance with two benches	Good	Youth to adult	No	
Gaga Ball Pit	20'	Wood frame with entrance; river gravel surface; ball storage box with ball	Good	Youth to adult	No	Provide ADA access for spectators
Playground	Wood chip surface	Chin-up bar; wood swing structure benches	Fair	5 – 12	No	Playground should be upgraded; provide ADA access
Memorial Pavilion	30' x 42'	Brick pavers; ADA parking adjacent; 9 – 8' picnic tables; 1 – 12 ADA picnic table; 5 electrical outlets; grill; 30' bench; 2 folding tables	Good	All	Yes	
Jaycee Ballfield	L – 213' C - 191' R - 231'	Dugouts; player benches; fencing around field; 4 seat 15' aluminum bleacher; straight backstop; grass parking area behind left field	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access; address drainage issues along baselines; remove tire steps from parking area - hazard
Fireman Field	L – 290' C – open R – 285'	Dugouts; straight backstop; fencing along lines; open outfield; water spigot; 2 – 5 seat 15' bleachers with railings& steps between; dirt infield	Good	Youth to adult	No	Provide ADA access
		These fields are owned & maintained by Russell VFD				

WILDER FIELD - BROKENSTRAW TOWNSHIP

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Entrance Road	Semi-circular	River gravel; extend through site	Fair	All	No	
Entrance Sign	Wooden sign with large lettering	Ellwood Wilder Field	Good	All	N/A	
Memorial Plaque		Robert O. Wilder Memorial Field 1927 – 1995 on a large circular stone; flag pole	Good	All	No	
Garage	3 garage doors	Storage area; purple martin bird house on top	Fair	Adults	No	
Grass Area		Small wishing well; old fountain area with concrete border & cast iron kettle in the middle	Fair	All	No	
Brick Building		Old building – possibly and old registration area	Poor	Adults	No	Needs repairs
Fencing	Surrounds field area	6' high, locked gate to fields; sign – area closed until spring	Poor	N/A	N/A	In poor condition, sections bent
Bleachers	Stadium style	Large wooden bleachers	Poor	All	No	Should be removed
Pavilion	Large facility		Good	All	?	Couldn't access
Ballfields		Three old fields – no longer designated as ballfields just a large open grass area with some remnants of the fields	Fields poor, grass area good	All	No	
Old Tennis Courts		Appeared to be two or three courts; old asphalt pavement; posts; lights	Poor	N/A	N/A	No longer usable; overgrown with weeds & brush

YOUNGVILLE ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL - YOUNGVILLE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Playground		Large play structure; plastic border; ADA ramp; Swing set – 8' – 4 bay with two belt seat swings per bay	Good	5 - 12	Yes	
Basketball		2 hoops on parking lot – side by side, not across from each other	Fair	Youth to adult	Yes	

YOUNGVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FIELD - YOUNGVILLE BOROUGH

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS/ COMMENTS
Track & Field	Located around football field	Crushed Limestone track; shotput area; other track amenities	Good	All	Yes	
Football Field	Regulation	Stadium bleachers both side of field; announcers booth; concession stand; restrooms; scoreboard; lighted; storage shed; flagpole	Good	All	Yes	

Appendix D

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Grants

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Baseball Tomorrow Fund	The Baseball Tomorrow Fund, a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, offers grants to nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations involved in youth baseball and softball programs.	www.baseballtomorrowfund.com
Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grants	DCNR's Bureau of Recreation and Conservation (BRC) assists local governments and recreation and conservation organizations with funding for projects related to: Parks, Recreation, Conservation. Applications for DCNR's Community Conservation Partnerships Program grants are accepted once a year, typically during the spring.	https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Grants/Pages/default.aspx
Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program — Rural Communities	The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides grants, low-interest direct loans, and/or combinations of the two to develop essential community facilities in rural areas, including public facilities, community support services, and local food systems such as community gardens and food hubs. Public entities, nonprofit organizations and tribal entities in rural communities are eligible to apply. Applications accepted on a rolling basis.	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program
Common Grant Application Format	The Grantmakers of Western PA provide the materials needed to apply for many grants geared toward foundations in the western part of Pennsylvania. Visit their website for links to the common grant application and details on writing your grant application.	https://gwpa.org/resources/common-grant-application-formcommon-grant-report-form
Get Outdoors PA Community Partners	\$1,500 - \$3,000 Grants to fund equipment and training related to outdoor programming. Must be a Get Outdoors Partner	www.dcnr.state.pa.us
Grants.gov	The federal government's master system for listing and tracking grants. It includes all 50 states as well as federally funded programs.	http://www.grants.gov/
International Society of Arboriculture	Information to assist with landscaping/tree plantings	http://www.isa-arbor.org
KaBOOM! Playground Grants	KaBOOM! is the national non-profit dedicated to bringing balanced and active play into the daily lives of all kids, particularly those growing up in poverty in America. KaBOOM! provides communities with a number of grant opportunities for playgrounds and creative play.	https://kaboom.org/grants
Lisa Libraries Grant Program	Nonprofit organizations that serve low-income or underserved areas are eligible to apply for in-kind	https://lisalibraries.org/need-books/

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	<p>donations from The Lisa Libraries. Lisa Libraries provides donations of free books for community facilities to host their own small libraries or to operate programs where children can take the book home. While book donations are free, The Lisa Libraries requests that recipients cover the shipping and handling costs, which are based on the destination and quantity of books. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis</p>	
Local Government Academy	<p>Serving all of Southwestern Pennsylvania, the Local Government Academy's purpose is to promote excellence in government by providing educational opportunities to assist public officials, employees, and citizens in effectively meeting the needs of their communities.</p>	<p>http://localgovernmentacademy.org/</p>
National Endowment of the Arts – Grants for Organizations	<p>We fund projects only. Projects may consist of one or more specific events or activities. Projects do not have to be new. Excellent existing projects can be just as competitive as new activities. Projects do not need to be big either; we welcome small projects that can make a difference in their community or field. Matching grants generally range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. A minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount is required.</p>	<p>https://www.arts.gov/grants</p>
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	<p>Provides grants for conservation and environmental education projects.</p>	<p>www.nfwf.org</p>
National Gardening Association Youth Garden Grants	<p>Provides grants of over \$750 for seeds, tools and gardening supplies for children to learn and work in outdoor gardens.</p>	<p>www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp</p>
National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) – Grant Opportunities	<p>NRPA provides online grant and fundraising resources and current grant opportunities. Out-of-School Time Programs is a grant from the Walmart Foundation to support children's health through park and recreation out-of-school time programs. One-year grants are available and are expected to range from \$25,000 to \$35,000. Matching funds are not required.</p>	<p>www.nrpa.org/grants</p>
NFL Community Football Fields Program	<p>Provides grants of up to \$100,000 for capital improvement projects to improve or create football fields in low and moderate –income neighborhoods.</p>	<p>www.nflfoundation.org/applications/programs/view/grassroots</p>
NFL Youth Football Fund	<p>Provides grants of \$500 to \$2,500 to purchase equipment, repair fields, establish new football programs, and improve existing programs.</p>	<p>www.nflfoundation.org/</p>
PennDOT Multi Modal	<p>Establishes dedicated funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.</p>	<p>http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/MultimodalProgram/Pages/default.aspx#.VrOWv7lrLRY</p>

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Transportation Fund (MTF)		
Pennsylvania Council on the Arts	The PCA offers funding for organizational and staff development; provides funding and resources in two programmatic divisions, Arts in Education and Preserving Diverse Cultures; undertakes partnerships and initiatives to leverage opportunities; seeks solutions to challenges affecting the arts in the Commonwealth; and initiates programs that will serve and provide opportunities for a broad spectrum of artists, arts organizations and arts participants throughout the state.	www.arts.pa.gov/
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED)	If you're seeking funding for a business venture, a community project or site revitalization in Pennsylvania, DCED offers a variety of programs to help. Program information is subject to change; for the most up-to-date information, use our online search tool.	https://dced.pa.gov/programs-funding/
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP)	DEP has dozens of grants and loans to assist individuals, groups and businesses with a host of environmental issues. Below, you'll find a list of available grants and loans, a description of each program, links to applications and eligibility information. DEP's Grants Center is available to assist with general questions.	http://www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/GrantsCenter/
Pennsylvania Department of Conversation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) –	The DCNR Bureau of Recreation and Conservation (BRC) builds connections between the citizens and the outdoors through recreation enhancement, natural resources conservation and community revitalization efforts. BRC partners with communities and organizations across Pennsylvania to provide technical assistance and financial support for these efforts.	http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) Boating Facility Grant Program	The grant will reimburse recipients for up to 50% of the costs for land acquisition, project design and engineering, development, expansion, and major rehabilitation of public recreational boat access facilities. Eligible activities include the rehabilitation, expansion or construction of new boat ramps, bulkheads, courtesy floats, access roads, parking areas, restrooms, signs and localized landscaping. All construction activities must benefit and directly support recreational boating. Eligible projects must occur on lands owned by the project sponsor, or where the sponsor has a long-term lease or agreement on the site. Grant funds are used for major site improvements and not for any routine maintenance or operation activities.	https://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/default.aspx
Pennsylvania Humanities Council	The Pennsylvania Humanities Council is the only statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the humanities throughout the	www.pahumanities.org

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	Commonwealth. We produce innovative programs, give strategic grants and connect people with ideas.	
Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) RecTAP Program	Provides technical assistance grants of up to \$2,500 to help recreation and park boards and departments with specific issues. No matching funds are required.	https://prps.org/PRPSGrants
RePlay Grant Program	ESPN and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) are offering Planning Grants and Implementation Grants to revitalize vacant lots into places for sports, recreation and play. Local community-based groups and other qualified organizations are eligible to apply for funding and technical assistance for early stage projects, support of capital improvements, and to close funding gaps for projects that are in the implementation phase of projects. Applications are due April 30. Learn more and apply.	https://www.lisc.org/our-initiatives/sports-recreation/espn-replay/
Rite Aid Foundation KidCents Regional Grants	KidCents Regional Grants ranging from \$15,000 to \$30,000 are available in select counties and states for out-of-school time programs that improve nutrition, physical fitness or academic success. Eligible projects must include an educational component, and priority will be given to programs that deliver quality out-of-school services to children and youth in high-need families. Eligible applicants are limited to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations serving eligible service areas. Letters of interest are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis	https://foundation.riteaid.com/
The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation Grant Program	Municipal entities, local nonprofits and public schools are eligible to apply to support the planting of fruitful trees and plants to alleviate hunger, combat global warming, strengthen communities and improve the surrounding environment. Trees can be planted at community gardens, city and state parks, low-income neighborhoods, Native American reservations, schools, and other locations where they will serve the greater community. The Foundation provides high-quality trees and shrubs, equipment, on-site orchard design expertise and oversight, horticultural workshops, and aftercare training and manuals. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.	https://www.ftpf.org/apply
U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development	This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a	http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program

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Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program	primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.	
U.S. Department of Agriculture – Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) ensures that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. This summer, USDA plans to serve more than 200 million free meals to children 18 years and under at approved SFSP sites.	http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program-sfsp
U.S. Department of Education	Provides information on grants to apply for in cooperation with school districts.	http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html
U.S. Department of Education - 21 st Century Learning Program	Supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. The program helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.	http://www2.ed.gov/programs/21stcclcl/index.html
U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services	Provides information on available grants that can be used to fund recreation programs that improve health.	https://www.hhs.gov/grants/index.html
U.S. Forest Service Grants	The Grants & Agreements Administration & Management (GAAM) office works with state and local governments, institutions of higher learning, and both non-profit and for-profit organizations to accomplish many objectives such as diversifying local economies; protecting lives, homes and natural resources from uncontrolled wildland fires; and assisting with forest stewardship.	http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fap/fap.shtm
United States Tennis Association (USTA) Facility Services Program	The USTA offers business development, advocacy, technical and financial support to improve or construct tennis facilities across the country. In addition, each applicant will be appointed a project consultant from the USTA national staff who will deliver personalized support and service. Service applications are accepted on a rolling basis.	https://www.usta.com/en/home/organize/grants-and-assistance/national/about-usta-facility-assistance.html
Waste Management Charitable Giving	Waste Management offers charitable gifts to promote civic pride, economic development and revitalization. Waste Management primarily supports environmental initiatives, including promoting parklands and green	https://www.wm.com/us/en/inside-wm/social-impact/community-impact

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	<p>spaces for people to enjoy and play, and environmental education initiatives targeted at middle and high school students. Eligible entities include 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and public organizations. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.</p>	
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Foundations

Foundations	Description	Contact Information
The Eberly Foundation	Grants are awarded for projects related to youth, community arts, historical, sports and camps, miscellaneous, or economic development. Submit requests in letter format at any time.	http://www.eberlyfoundation.org/
The Grable Foundation	Projects awarded for youth, disabled, families, seniors, community arts, historical, or camps and sport projects. Grants awarded in February, June and October. Use the Common Grant Application Format of Grantmakers of Western Pa as formal application.	http://grable.org/apply-for-funding/
Heinz (Howard) Endowment	Send a letter of inquiry before formal application. Projects must relate to families, youth, disabled, community arts, historical, or sports and camps.	www.heinz.org
Laurel Foundation	Grants are awarded for youth, families, seniors, disabled, community arts, historical, conservation and ecology, sports and camps, or miscellaneous projects. No call is needed to discuss feasibility.	http://laurelfdn.org/
McCune Foundation	Send letter of inquiry to Executive Director, 2 pages maximum. Grants awarded for youth, families, seniors, disabled, community arts, historical, sports and camps, or miscellaneous projects.	http://www.mccune.org/
The Tony Hawk Foundation	Provides funding for construction of skate parks.	www.tonyhawkfoundation.org
U.S. Soccer Foundation	The goal of the grantmaking program is to focus funding on those programs or projects that develop players, referees, and coaches with special emphasis on the economically disadvantaged in urban areas. The foundation's grants program is open to anyone with a soccer-specific program or project that benefits a not-for-profit purpose and meets the established focus.	www.ussoccerfoundation.org
Finish Line Youth Foundation	Encourages Sport Life Style in America's youth. Funding and assistance for education, sports and exercise placing importance on living a healthy lifestyle, bolstering confidence and leadership skills, and teaching youth the importance of teamwork.	http://www.finishline.com/store/corporate_info/youthfoundation.jsp
Woman's Sports Foundation – GoGirl Grant Program	The GoGirlGo! Grant and Education Program is dedicated to the development and funding of girls' sports/physical activity programs that combine athletic instruction and programming with the delivery or educational information aimed at reducing risk behaviors.	www.womanssportsfoundation.org
Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation	Funds for constructing dek hockey courts	www.pittsburghpenguinsfoundation.org

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Other Sources

Source	Contact Information
Baseball Tomorrow Fund	www.baseballtomorrowfund.com
For the Good of the Game Grants	www.usga.org
Good Sports	www.goodsports.org/equipment/apply/
Nature Explore Classroom	www.natureexplore.org
Take Me Fishing	www.takemefishing.org
Tennis in the Parks	www.usta.com/About-USTA/Tennis-in-the-Parks/Tennis_In_The_Parks
United States Golf Association Grants	www.usga.org/
USA Football Equipment Grant	www2.usafootball.com/grants
US Paralympics Grants	www.teamusa.org
Urban Revitalization & Livable Communities Act	www.govtrack.us