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Chapter 1: Introduction

Project Background

In 1996, Upper Moreland Township adopted its third Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan and its first Open Space and Environmental Resource Protection Plan. The Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan was subsequently updated in 2000, using data from the 1990 U.S. Census. Just recently, in 2006, the Township approved a new Open Space Plan.

This update to the Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan utilizes data from the 2000 U.S. Census and will assist the Board of Parks and Recreation, Comprehensive Recreation Plan Committee, and Board of Commissioners in making decisions regarding Upper Moreland Township park and recreation facilities, programs and management.

Project Scope

This report documents current conditions and facilities, analyzes the findings, and recommends improvements. All park and recreation facilities within the Township were inventoried and analyzed. A recreational needs assessment was formulated through public meetings, community surveys and other information gathering techniques. Recommendations in this update include an implementation plan for operational functions over the next five years, and a ten year capital improvements plan that supports recreational needs of Upper Moreland Township residents.

Project Methodology

Information contained in the 2000 Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan served as the starting point for the 2007 Update. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software and data were used to inventory existing parks and identify potential locations for new parkland, using criteria such as parcel size, natural features, and proximity to more densely populated sections of the Township. The most recent National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards and level of service methodologies were used as a guide to help determine whether existing recreational facilities were adequate and what facilities would be needed in the future. U.S. Census data, along with Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) population projections, were combined with information gathered from resident surveys (mail-in, telephone, and in-person interviews) and public meetings. This collection of information was then entered into NRPA's level of service

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formulas to provide a determination of recreational facility supply and demand, and to serve as a guide in determining the number and type of needed active recreation facilities.

Goals

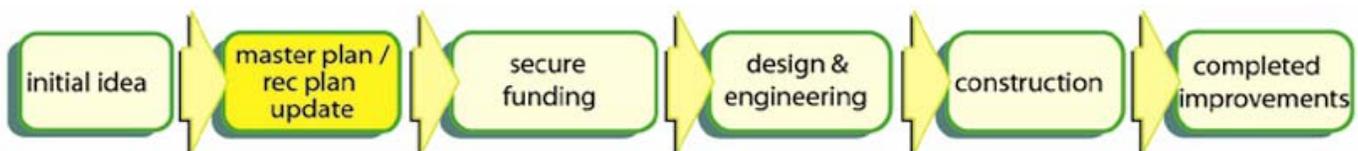
The goals of the 2007 Upper Moreland Township Parks and Recreation Plan Update are as follows:

- Provide park and recreation facilities that meet the needs of all residents of Upper Moreland Township for active and passive leisure-time activities;
- Manage and maintain park and recreation facilities in a manner that is attractive, clean and safe;
- Provide a basis for the allocation of financial resources necessary to support the Upper Moreland Township Park and Recreation Program;
- Create new partnerships and enhance existing ones to enrich park and recreation facilities in Upper Moreland Township; and,
- Establish an ongoing program of communication with Township residents regarding parks in order to gather and disseminate information on facilities available in the parks.

Public Participation Process

Public participation is a key ingredient in the success of any community project. Public meetings are designed to not only inform the public of the project status, but also as a means to receive input as to the types of recreation facilities desired. In addition, these meetings provide a forum to address any questions, comments or concerns relative to parks and recreation in Upper Moreland Township.

The graphic above was presented at the public meetings to illustrate to attendees how the Park and Recreation Plan Update relates to the overall



planning process. A total of three public meetings were conducted, along with five Committee meetings. Attendance records and notes from each of these meetings are included in the appendix of this report.

Comprehensive Recreation Plan Committee Meetings

- October 25, 2006

- November 20, 2006
- March 7, 2007
- March 28, 2007
- (June 6, 2007)

Public Meetings

- November 29, 2006
- January 3, 2007
- April 18, 2007 (Presentation of Draft Plan)

Final Plan Delivery

- July 2007

In addition to these meetings, input from residents of Upper Moreland Township was gathered from three surveys. One survey was mailed to all households in the Township. Another survey, conducted over the telephone, was administered by the firm the Reed Group. The third source of input from residents was 25 key-person interviews conducted to identify significant recreational, park, and open space items.

Benefits of Parks & Recreation Planning

Having an established parks & recreation system provides many economic, social - and most importantly - health benefits for township residents. Economic benefits include increased real estate and property values for those located near parks and recreation facilities. Social benefits of parks include providing additional locations for community interaction and improving the quality of life.

The most important benefit of a parks & recreation system is the opportunity these facilities can provide towards bettering the community's general health and well being through regular physical activity. Depression, obesity and diabetes are chronic diseases directly related to the physical inactivity and unhealthy eating habits associated with a sedentary lifestyle. The US Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that in the past 30 years, the prevalence of obesity amongst adults aged 20-74 has increased from 15.0% to 32.9%, and the estimated cost of obesity in the United States in 2000 was about \$117 billion. For more information on the facts presented as well as many other programs promoting healthy lifestyles by the CDC, please refer to their website: <http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyLiving/>

Therefore, the opportunity for physical activity that parks and recreation facilities and programs provide not only fights obesity and related diseases, but also results in reduced health care costs, increased work productivity, and improved longevity for the community as a whole.

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Chapter 2: Community Background

Regional Setting

Upper Moreland Township is a 7.5 square mile municipality located in the southeastern corner of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Upper Moreland is approximately 15 miles north of downtown Philadelphia and is part of the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area. The Township is bordered by Hatboro, Upper Dublin, Abington, Bryn Athyn, and Lower Moreland, all of which are located in Montgomery County. Warminster and Upper Southampton in Bucks County border the Township to the north. The major arterial roadways running through Upper Moreland include the Pennsylvania Turnpike, which runs east/west, and PA Route 611, which runs north/south. York Road (PA Route 263), Moreland Road (PA Route 63), County Line Road, Davisville Road, and Blair Mill Road are other noteworthy roads. Upper Moreland is primarily residential in nature, but also has several thriving business, industrial, and commercial districts.

Demographics

Socio-Economic:

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, Upper Moreland Township had a total population of 24,993. The population under the age of 18 was 5,520. The median age of the total population was 38.8. In comparison, the average median age of the five adjacent Montgomery County Municipalities was 39.4. 29.9% of the population over 25 years of age had a bachelor's degree or higher. The average household size in Upper Moreland Township is 2.4 people, with a median household income of \$50,454. In 2000, median household income in Montgomery County was \$60,829.

Projected Population Growth:

The DVRPC estimated that Upper Moreland Township's population in 2005 was 25,200. This represents an approximate 0.8% increase in population from the year 2000. By 2020, the DVRPC projects a total Township population of 25,130 – only a 0.5% increase from the 2000 Census population and a slight decrease from 2005 figures. These statistics confirm that the Township is essentially “built-out” and it is a reasonable expectation that long term population numbers will remain static.

Relevant Planning Documents

Upper Moreland Township Open Space Plan

Approved in 2006, the Open Space Plan serves as a guide acquiring new

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open space, connecting existing open space, and in developing programs and policies to maintain open space. Seven goals were outlined, each with a series of objectives and action steps, to provide a framework for making decisions pertaining to recommendations and implementation of the Open Space Plan. These goals included:

- Restoring developed floodplains to their natural state;
- Protecting natural features;
- Developing master plans for park improvements;
- Preserving and protecting historic structures and sites;
- Soliciting public involvement;
- Creating a coordinated open space network; and,
- Working with owners of large properties to give Upper Moreland Township first right of refusal on purchase of their property.

The Open Space Plan makes a series of recommendations. Regulations for protecting stream corridors with riparian buffers are needed and incentives should be provided to reforest or protect riparian corridors. In addition to reviewing Floodplain Zoning regulations, the plan suggests promoting the planting of native plant species in floodplains. It is recommended that those areas that flood frequently be converted back to their natural state. Concerns over steep slopes led to recommendations to regulate steep slopes along stream corridors and to keep development off of steep slopes. Clearing and grading should also be minimized to reduce erosion. Another recommendation was to regulate tree removal in the township.

The Open Space Plan also ranked open space acquisition and preservation projects from high to low priority. Some high priority projects to be completed by 2009 include:

- Preservation and cleanup of Pioneer Woods;
- Establishing access from Davisville Road to War Memorial Park;
- Extending Dawson Manor Park;
- The purchase of the Cardone Tract on Creek Road;



Pioneer Woods.



Buehler Park.

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Lighted baseball field at Masons Mill Park



Roller hockey rink at War Memorial Park

- The partial acquisition/easement along Creek Road adjacent to Pennypack Preserve; and,
- The expansion of Buehler Park.

Medium priority projects are projected to be completed in 2009-2011 and low priority projects are scheduled for 2011-2015.

Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan 2000 Update

Completed in September of 2000, the Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan identifies future needs of the Upper Moreland Township parks system that include development of new facilities, acquisitions of land, and parkland improvements. One suggestion is the need for a community center to accommodate the recreation and program development needs for senior citizens. The community center should also include a gymnasium to help reduce the strain on the School District for gym time for recreational groups. The plan also suggests adding lighting on the baseball field at Masons Mill Park. When the plan was written, the wiring infrastructure had been installed, but additional funding was needed to install the towers and lights; these lights have been installed since the report's completion.

Another recommendation was the addition of an adult size roller hockey rink and a skateboard facility. A roller hockey rink has been installed since the report was completed. A golf driving range and mini-golf course were proposed due to the popularity of golf, but a lack of open space has prevented construction of a golf course facility.

Nature trails, share the road cycling routes, and connections to the Cross-County Trail system were also strongly recommended in the plan. The Cross-County Trail will connect to Masons Mill Park and this could be used as a catalyst for local trail connections throughout Upper Moreland Township.

Park Facility Master Plans

Three parks within the Township have current master plans. Nathaniel Boileau Park and War Memorial Park both have individual master plans. There is a combined master plan for Mill Creek Park and the Bonnet Lane tract of land adjacent to it.

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The master plan for Boileau Park, formerly the Malloy Tract, suggests many improvements. The 2003 master plan calls for the rehabilitation of the four historic structures, the creation of walking trails, a full size multi-purpose field, picnic pavilions, rest rooms, open play areas, play equipment, parking improvements, a wetland nature boardwalk, and an outdoor terraced teaching area. A plan for the construction of the multi-purpose field is anticipated soon. It should be noted that the soccer field at Boileau Park is “existing” and the large field proposed will not be a “new” field.

The Mill Creek Park – Bonnet Lane Master Plan was developed in 2005. The Township acquired 21 single family home parcels through a flood plain “buy-out” in order to create the proposed area for Bonnet Lane Park. The area is bisected by Bonnet Lane and Burbridge Road and is adjacent to existing Mill Road Park.

The proposed combined park area is to include passive and active recreation spaces which will be suitable for all ages and abilities. Bonnet Lane will be closed from St. Dunstons Road to Burbridge Road in order to make a more contiguous space. Mill Road, which runs between Mill Creek Park and Bonnet Lane Park, will be expanded by one traffic lane width. Two new parking lots are proposed, one with 65 spaces in the Bonnet Lane Park area and one with 24 spaces in the existing Mill Road Park area. Additional proposed amenities include a multi-purpose field, two practice fields which will overlap the multi-purpose field, a 0.3 mile walking trail, a basketball court, and a sand volleyball court. The existing playground equipment at Mill Creek Park will be moved to the new park space. In addition to the proposed amenities at Bonnet Lane Park, two dog parks will be created at Mill Creek Park.



Creek and area to be used for a dog park at Mill Creek Park

A master plan for War Memorial Park was prepared in 2003. The plan proposes a roller hockey rink and a loop nature trail. The roller hockey rink portion of the master plan has already been constructed and enjoys heavy use.

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The 19 Upper Moreland Township parks were visited and inventoried during late fall 2006 and early winter 2007. A map of all existing Township, School District, and privately-owned fields is found at the end of this chapter. The safety surface at all of the playgrounds in the Township is replenished each spring and throughout the summer. See the Appendix for the Playground Equipment Replacement Schedule.

Upper Moreland Township Facilities

Blair Mill Park

Blair Mill Park, located along Blair Mill Road near County Line Road, is a small neighborhood park (1.0 acre). It is immediately adjacent to the Hatboro Little League Fields and shares a gravel parking area with that facility. Although the lack of parking may be an issue for Hatboro residents on busy Little League days, the park does act as a great amenity for those using the adjacent ball fields. The park is surrounded on all sides by fence; chain link along Blair Mill Road, split rail along the parking, and wood fencing along the neighboring homes. There is a playground structure for children ages 5-12 that is in fairly good condition. It includes slides, a balance beam, climbing opportunities, and a zip line. The playground area is surrounded by a large wooded turf area.

Blair Mill Park is not handicap accessible even though there is a wheelchair transfer platform on the play structure. An ADA accessible path is needed to access the play equipment. The timbers holding the safety surface in place should be reset.



Blair Mill Park

Needed Improvements:

1. ADA accessible path to play equipment;
2. Replacement of playground timbers;

Brooks Street Park

Brooks Street Park is a small neighborhood pocket park (0.4 acre) in Willow Grove. The park is dedicated to the memory of Ian A. McGain, II. The park also contains a bench dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew E. Piracci. Three boundaries of the small park are enclosed by a split rail fence. A row of spruce trees borders the entry. The playground structure consists of multiple

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slides, a tunnel, and climbing elements. Both the playground structure and the rubber tire safety surface are in good condition. There is a need for the addition of an ADA accessible path to the play equipment. Overall, the park has no major problems.

Needed Improvements:

1. ADA accessible path to play equipment.

Broughton Park

Broughton Park is a small (0.5 acre) pocket park located in a quiet Willow Grove neighborhood along Barrett Road. It contains very new playground equipment for children ages 5 to 12. The park also features two bucket swings and two small lawn areas. The playground equipment consists of a dinosaur climber, slides, climbing elements, monkey bars, and a see saw element. The equipment is surrounded by wood chip safety surface that is in good condition. Chain link fence runs the entire perimeter of the park except at the entry where there is split rail fence.

An ADA accessible path should be installed that leads to the playground equipment. This should not be difficult to install due to the flatness of the site from the entrance to the playground area. There is also some bank erosion along the creek at the park's perimeter that needs to be addressed.

Needed Improvements:

1. ADA accessible path to play equipment; and,
2. Stream bank stabilization.

Buehler Park Nature Study Area

Buehler Park Nature Study Area is a 7 acre wooded area bordered by the Park Maintenance Shop, a residential neighborhood, a high-rise apartment building, and Fitzwatertown Road. Due to the heavy traffic on Fitzwatertown Rd., it is difficult to pull in and out of the entrance to the parking area. There



Brooks Street park



Broughton Park

is a small asphalt parking area that is not striped. A tree stump in a mulch island is in the middle of the parking area. The stump should be removed so cars are not backing over it and the parking should be expanded and better defined. Adjacent to the parking area is a grass area with two picnic tables. The remainder of the park lies on the other side of a wooden bridge that crosses over a creek. The creek originates from a culvert found in the wooded park area. There is a trail that traverses through the site with a few benches along the way. At one end of the trail is a grass clearing. Although the beginning of the trail at the bridge is wood chipped, the rest of the trail is compacted earth. A great deal of the trail is very muddy and sinks beneath your feet. This problem will need to be addressed in order for residents to enjoy using the trail, especially in inclement weather. The park has potential to be a nice nature study area but signs, new benches and trash cans, and a more delineated path are necessary.



Buehler Park

Needed Improvements:

1. Interpretive signage;
2. New benches;
3. New trash cans; and,
4. Delineated pathway.

Cherry Street Park

Cherry Street Park, located on Cherry Street in Willow Grove, is a pocket park (0.5 acre) on a residential street. There is only street parking at this location, but it is a park that is within walking distance of most residents who use it. The park includes playground equipment, a swing set, and a basketball court. The basketball court has two nets and two keys painted on the asphalt, but it is not full size. The area is probably equivalent to a half court. The playground equipment is in relatively good condition and includes slides, tunnels, and climbing activities. The park is enclosed by a chain link fence.

Unfortunately, the park and playground are not ADA accessible. A pathway needs to be installed from the side entry to the playground and the basketball court. New benches and a few picnic tables would be nice additions.



Cherry Street Park

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Needed Improvements:

1. ADA accessible path to play equipment;
2. New benches; and,
3. New picnic tables.

Dawson Manor Park

Dawson Manor Park is a neighborhood park (1.0 acre) found on Lukens Lane in Hatboro. There is no parking lot, just street parking, but there is an emergency access road along one side of the park. The playground area of the park contains a swing set with two regular swings and two bucket swings. The entire swing set area needs to be regraded to flatten it out. There is also a play structure with slides, tunnels, and climbing areas for 5-12 year olds, in addition to a spring see saw and a spring riding animal. The safety surface under the play equipment is ground up rubber tires and is in excellent condition. Also found in the park is a basketball net located on an asphalt area big enough to fit a court key (slightly smaller than half court).

The low lying power lines throughout the park are a concern. There is also a transformer located on one of the poles at the edge of the park property. The park is also not ADA accessible. The playground structure has a wheelchair transfer platform, but there is no path or ramp down to the play area. Picnic tables would also be a welcome addition to this neighborhood park.

According to the 2006 Open Space Plan, the property adjacent to Dawson Manor Park is recommended for purchase by the Township in order to help mitigate the loss of a soccer field at the Round Meadow School. This land currently has a very old backstop on it and a large open field area. The newly acquired land will have the potential for many active recreation opportunities.

Needed Improvements:

1. ADA accessible path to play equipment;
2. Regrading of the swing set area;
3. New picnic tables; and,
4. Resolve low lying power line situation.

Fair Oaks Park

Fair Oaks Park is a 6 acre residential neighborhood park on Skrobul Road off Horsham Road in Hatboro. There is parking along the edge of the park in two areas. One area contains 15 spaces, one of which is



Dawson Manor Park

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handicap accessible and the other area contains only one parking space. Signage is needed to encourage people to park in the designated spaces instead of parking in neighboring driveways or on the street. There is a loop asphalt path that runs the perimeter of the park, although it is not fully ADA accessible due to the slope in a few areas. The playground area is ADA accessible. The playground is for 5-12 year old children and consists of a play structure and a swing set. The swing set has two regular swings and two buckets swings. The play structure has multiple slides and climbing elements. There are also other active recreation opportunities in the park. These include basketball, volleyball, roller hockey, softball, and soccer. The softball field has a backstop, player benches, and a skinned infield, all in pretty good condition. The soccer field shares the outfield grass area of the softball field. This area needs to be reseeded. The asphalt area that contains the volleyball court, basketball court, and roller hockey rink is in good condition. Unfortunately none of the active recreation areas in the park are ADA accessible. The park has drainage problems along the perimeter path in some areas which need to be addressed.



Play equipment at Fair Oaks Park.



Fair Oaks Park roller hockey area and basketball courts with the softball and soccer fields in the distance.

In addition to the programmed areas of the park, there is a large open lawn area at the entrance to the park that could be used as an active or passive recreation area. The large number of trees in the park create a welcome setting but also create a hazard of falling branches. An arborist should be consulted to review and remediate the trees within the park.

Needed Improvements:

1. Arborist to review/prune trees;
2. ADA accessible route to active recreation areas;
3. Drainage along pathway;
4. Seeding of softball outfield; and,
5. Parking signage.

Fern Village Park

Fern Village Park is an active recreation park located on High Avenue in Hatboro. Parking is available along the street of the residential neighborhood. An ADA accessible path runs from the entrance of the park to the playground

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area. The playground structure has multiple slides, a tunnel, and climbing areas. There is also a dinosaur climber, a merry-go-round, and a swing set with four regular swings and two bucket swings. Adjacent to the playground is an asphalt area that has one basketball court and an additional area the approximate size of a basketball court. Also in the park is a soccer field and two baseball/softball fields with backstops and grass infields with skinned baselines. A chain link fence runs along the perimeter of the park.



Fern Village Park

Although the playground is ADA accessible, it has other problems that need to be addressed. Due to safety concerns, the merry-go-round should be removed. The asphalt at the basketball court area is in good shape, but the chain link fence separating it from the playground equipment is rusted and should be replaced. Both backstops on the softball/baseball fields need to be replaced. The Township should consider putting player benches at each field. Another drainage problem is the swale that runs along the perimeter of the park. It needs to be regraded to allow water to flow properly.



Practice soccer field at Pileggi Park.

Needed Improvements:

1. New backstops;
2. New chainlink fence at basketball court;
3. Player benches;
4. Regrade swale; and,
5. Merry-go-round removal.

Frank J. Pileggi Park

One of the large community parks in Upper Moreland Township, Frank J. Pileggi Park is 53 acres of active recreation located along Shoemaker Road near County Line Road. The park has on-site parking in two separate lighted asphalt lots. The restroom facility is located in the concession stand building. The Upper Moreland Soccer Club has its own building on site. The two soccer fields in the park are only to be used with a use permit. One soccer field without lights is used as a practice field. The other soccer field has lights and a scoreboard. Both fields include player benches and bleachers for

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spectators. The park also contains a perimeter stone dust path, many picnic areas and benches, and two playground areas. The playground structure found behind the concession stand and Soccer Club building is lit by a security light, is ADA accessible, and contains a swing set and a play structure. The swing set consists of two regular swings and two bucket swings. The play structure has multiple slides and climbing elements. The second play area is by the soccer field with lights. This area has a slide, a zip line, and many climbing elements. However, this play structure is not ADA accessible and the wood ties holding the safety surface in place need to be reset. Adjacent to the entry drive is a full size basketball court that has three nets and a volleyball court layout sharing the space. The asphalt extends slightly past the end of the court to allow for an area for someone to use the third net. There is also a creek running along the one edge of the park that can be accessed by walking along the utility easement that is kept mown for access.



Lighted soccer field at Pileggi Park.



UM Soccer Club storage building and one of the two playgrounds at Pileggi Park.

The stone dust path that travels the perimeter of the park needs to be redesigned and reinstalled. In some areas it is completely washed away. Also, an ADA accessible path needs to be installed from the parking area to the soccer field with lights and the adjacent playground. These buildings do not contain enough space to meet the storage demands of the community. Two other improvements needed are the removal of any tree stumps near the edge of the practice soccer field, and the straightening of the wood posts that run along the entry drive and parking lots. The posts should either be removed or reset so they are uniform in appearance.

Needed Improvements:

1. Path renovation;
2. ADA accessible path to lighted soccer field;
3. Tree stump removal.

Masons Mill Park

Masons Mill Park, a 76 acre park found on Masons Mill Road near Byberry Road, is the primary community park for Upper Moreland Township. The two asphalt parking areas net a total of 141 spaces, 6 of which are designated

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as handicap spaces. The lower entrance to the park has poor sight lines which need to be addressed. The gazebo, located at the entrance to the park, is used for free concerts during the summer.

The park has many active recreation opportunities. There are four playground areas in the park. Three are ADA accessible and found together near the entrance to the park. All three of the play structures are in good condition. Two of them are for ages 5-12 and one is for ages 2-12. The poured-in-place rubber safety surface under the structures is in excellent condition. Also found in the playground area are a few spring riding animals, a water spray pole, and two sets of swings, each with two regular swings and two bucket swings. There is a rest room building and two maintenance buildings in the immediate area. Adjacent to the playground area is the Safety Town complex. Safety Town is a miniature replica of Upper Moreland Township, constructed for children to ride their Big Wheels and tricycles throughout. It is in good condition and is enclosed by a low chain link fence. There are three picnic pavilions which can be used for a fee, and many picnic tables and grills scattered throughout the park. An additional facility is the tennis courts. There are seven courts total, five of them with lights. Next to the tennis courts is a lit area with a basketball court and a volleyball court. Other sports facilities in the park include two softball fields, a baseball field, a football field, two horseshoe pits, and an archery range. The two softball fields are in reasonably good condition. One field has a new backstop and the second field has lights. There are however, some drainage problems on and between the fields. There are player benches and bleachers at both fields. Between the fields is the fourth playground area that contains two dinosaur climbers. This area is not ADA accessible. The baseball field has lights, dugouts, and shares its outfield with the football field. The football field has lights and is the home of the Willow Grove Bears. In addition to the lights, there is a score board, bleachers, and a concession/storage building at the field.

The archery range located in the park requires users to have a yearly permit. The range is in good condition; however, its close proximity to other features in the park is of concern.



Play equipment at Masons Mill Park.



Basketball and tennis courts at Masons Mill Park.



Softball fields at Masons Mill Park.



Woody's Fishin' Hole at Masons Mill Park.

Currently, a split rail fence is the only barrier between the archery range and the rest of the park. A potential improvement would be to install a more sturdy fence that would more readily keep out small children. Hunting is allowed in the 30 acre wooded Hobensac Nature area from September through January.

A stone dust trail runs the perimeter of the park, looping past all of the active recreation amenities. Along the trail are 18 fitness trail stations and Woody's Fishin' Hole for fishermen of all ages. The trail needs to be regraded and the drainage problems addressed. The Parks Department is currently paving portions of the path with asphalt. Woody's Fishin' Hole needs to have its bank stabilized and its bottom excavated. The steep slopes of the embankment present a hazard for small children. Security lighting is also needed along the parking lot edge of the pond and to the football field.

Needed Improvements:

1. Sight distance improvements at lower parking entry;;
2. Pond stabilization and excavation;
3. Path paving and regrading; and
4. Security lighting along path from football field to pond.

Mill Creek Park

Mill Creek Park is a very long, linear park bordered by the PA Turnpike and the relatively busy Mill Road. Parking is very limited with only approximately six existing gravel spaces. The park is bisected by Mill Creek. The south side of the park is accessed by crossing a few concrete stepping stones within the creek at one point. It appears that there may once have been a bridge across the creek further down stream, but it is no longer there. The south side of the park is a passive park space of trees and lawn with many areas prone to standing water. The north side of the park has picnic tables and grills beneath the trees, a playground, swings, and a basketball court. The basketball court is in good condition and is full size. The playground consists of an arched climbing structure and play equipment with slides and

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other climbing elements. There is a swing set with four regular swings and two bucket swings.

The park's biggest issue is drainage. There are many areas of the park with standing water and poor drainage. The creek has a poor quality riparian buffer that is compacted and eroding. The park is not currently ADA accessible and would require a path be constructed from the parking area to the playground and basketball court.



Mill Creek Park

A master plan was adopted for this park in July of 2005. Mill Creek Park will be constructed on the other side of Mill Road, in effect creating a larger park bisected by Mill Road. The parking situation will improve thanks to a 24-space parking lot proposed for the current Mill Creek Park area and a 65-space parking lot proposed for the new Mill Creek Park. The current playground equipment will be moved to the new Mill Creek Park area in order to make room for a proposed dog park(s) at the existing section of Mill Creek Park.

Needed Improvements:

1. Bridge over Mill Creek; and,
2. Dog park installation.

Nathaniel Boileau Park and Farmstead

Nathaniel Boileau Park is located at the intersection of Byberry and Orangeman's Roads. There is no designated parking, however, some parking can be found at the dead end of Orangeman's Rd. Currently, the park includes a large open grass area used for soccer, an asphalt path that leads to the existing house, guest house, barn, garage, and a large open grass area behind the existing buildings. A basketball hoop is mounted to one side of the barn. The 2003 master plan for the park calls for the revitalization of the four historic structures, the creation of walking trails, a full size multi-purpose field, picnic pavilions, rest rooms, open play areas, play equipment, parking improvements, a wetland nature boardwalk, and an outdoor terraced teaching area. This site has some drainage problems with standing water found in multiple areas. An arborist should determine what trees need to be pruned or cut down to eliminate the hazard of falling branches.

Needed Improvements:

1. Arborist to review / prune trees as necessary;

2. Drainage improvements;
3. Multi-purpose field installation; and,
4. Other master plan implementation recommendations.

North Willow Grove Park

North Willow Grove Park is a 3.0 acre neighborhood park located on Linden Avenue. The parking area has angled parking for 15 cars. A few additional spaces could be added if the striping was repainted to form right angle parking. At one end of the parking lot is a basketball standard. The park contains a playground structure with multiple slides, a draw bridge, and climbing elements, all of which are in good condition. There is a swing set that contains two regular and two bucket swings. The softball field on the site



Historic buildings at Nathaniel Boileau Park.

has drainage problems. The backstop is bent and rusty, making it a possible candidate for replacement or at least painting. The wood player benches on either side of the field are in fine condition. There is a large multi-purpose field that overlaps the softball outfield area. It can be used for football, however, it is currently being used for lacrosse and is in poor condition. The field needs to be reseeded. The youth athletic leagues may soon lose the ability to use the open field adjacent to the park. Abington Hospital owns the land and is planning to construct a building on the property. The park's other problems include poor overall drainage and a poor park sign location. The sign cannot be seen from Linden Avenue; it can only be viewed once visitors are in the parking lot.



North Willow Grove Park

Needed Improvements:

1. ADA accessible path to play equipment;
2. Replacement or painting of backstop;
3. Seeding of outfield; and
4. Drainage improvements for softball field.

Pioneer Woods

Pioneer Woods is 8.4 acres of woodland in its original state found at the intersection of Pioneer Road and Gibson Road. Because the park sign is parallel to the road, one could

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easily drive past the park without notice. There is no access to the site and there are no site amenities.

Terwood Park

Terwood Park is a 5.5 acre rectilinear space that contains a parking lot, multi-purpose field, and a softball field. The parking lot is asphalt but has no striping. The wooden posts along the edge of the lot to prevent cars from driving on the field are crooked and all different sizes and heights. They should be reset or replaced to provide a more uniform look. The softball field has player benches and a backstop that is in good condition. The infield needs to be groomed and has drainage problems. The multi-purpose field needs to be reseeded. The land is leased from the Upper Moreland-Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority so improvements may be difficult to get approved.

Needed Improvements:

1. Seeding of softball field.

Valley Green Park

Valley Green Park is a small, tree covered neighborhood park located along busy Moreland Road in Willow Grove. There is no parking available, and the site is not ADA accessible. The park is bordered by a creek, Moreland Road, and an apartment complex. The only element in the park is the playground area. It includes a swing set with two bucket and two regular swings and a modular play structure. The play structure has multiple slides and climbing elements. In addition to the lack of ADA accessibility, the site has significant drainage problems.

Needed Improvements:

1. ADA accessible path to play equipment; and,
2. Drainage Improvements.

War Memorial Park

War Memorial Park is bordered by railroad



Pioneer Woods



Terwood Park

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Valley Green Park



Play equipment at War Memorial Park.

tracks, SEPTA station parking, a creek, and a wooded area. The park has plenty of parking, but is difficult to find due to the numerous one way streets in the immediate vicinity. The park includes a memorial to the men and women of Willow Grove who served our country in all branches of the military. Unfortunately, the memorial has graffiti on it that needs to be removed. In addition to the memorial, the playground and bridges have graffiti markings. The playground equipment is very faded in color, but is still in fair condition. The playground is not ADA accessible. An asphalt path, which is in poor condition, loops around the perimeter of the park traveling past shuffle board courts, a picnic pavilion, basketball and volleyball courts, a roller hockey rink, and a wooded path. The path also crosses the creek via two bridges. Both the roller hockey rink and the basketball and volleyball area are in good condition. The shuffle board court is very faded and needs to be replaced. The picnic pavilion which includes the rest room facilities needs to be renovated. War Memorial Park has great potential; it could become a very nice downtown park if a connection across the railroad tracks to Davisville Road could be constructed allowing easier access. A fence should be installed along the railroad tracks to keep children away from the tracks.

Needed Improvements:

1. Fencing along railroad tracks;
2. Pavilion renovation;
3. Pathway reconstruction;
4. ADA accessible path to play equipment; and,
5. Graffiti removal.

Whitehall Park

Whitehall Park is a small neighborhood park on Hideaway Drive in Willow Grove. There is no parking lot, but street parking is available. The park has a playground, a basketball court, and a large open play area. The playground is ADA accessible and contains a play structure with climbing elements and multiple slides. There is a swing set with two regular swings

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and two bucket swings. The basketball court has a player bench and is in good condition. The large open play area is also in good condition. The bank of the creek that runs along the park's perimeter needs to be stabilized and the creek cleaned up.

Needed Improvements:

1. Creek bank stabilization; and,
2. Safety surface infill.

Woodlawn Park

Woodlawn Park is a large neighborhood park located next to a former elementary school. The entire park is enclosed by chain link fence and has a perimeter stone dust and asphalt path. There are three basketball courts (one lighted) that are in good condition. Next to the basketball courts is an asphalt volleyball court and two four-square courts. The park includes a baseball field with a backstop and player benches and two tennis courts that are only partially enclosed. Adjacent to the baseball field and sharing its outfield are the soccer and multi-purpose fields. Both fields need to be reseeded. The park has a playground area that includes two play structures, one for ages 2-12 and one for ages 5-12. There is a spring rider, a balance beam, and a dinosaur climber. The swing set has two bucket swings.

One potential improvement to the park includes renovation of the perimeter path. Currently, part of the path is asphalt and part of the path is stone dust. The stone dust area needs to be regraded. The asphalt area needs to be repaved. The playground is not ADA accessible and has drainage problems. Drainage issues occur at the baseball field and the tennis courts. The tennis courts are asphalt and have standing water in one corner. There is a significant channel of erosion off of the one corner of the courts. The tennis courts are also not fully enclosed, allowing balls to escape out into the



The pavilion at War Memorial Park with the basketball courts and roller hockey rink in the distance.



Whitehall Park



The baseball infield and soccer field at Woodlawn Park.



Play equipment at Woodlawn Park. The tennis courts can be seen in the distance.

grass and perimeter path area.

Needed Improvements:

1. Drainage improvements;
2. ADA accessible path to play equipment; and,
3. Perimeter path paving or regrading.

School District Owned Fields

The athletic fields at the Upper Moreland high school, middle school, and intermediate school are used by both the School District teams and the Township youth leagues.

The high school has a lacrosse field, a baseball field, a track, a large multipurpose grass area, two softball fields and two soccer fields. The varsity soccer field is only used for the high school varsity soccer games and the C.Y.O. soccer games. Youth leagues are scheduled on the junior varsity soccer field. Although most of the School District's fields at the high school are in fair condition, the baseball field is in such a poor condition that PIAA will not allow the high school baseball team to play games on it. The high school baseball team plays its games at Woodlawn and Masons Mill Parks. Another problem at the high school is the impending demolition of Cold Springs Elementary and its large multipurpose grass area that backs up to the high school fields. During demolition this summer and fall, the area surrounding the school and the fields adjacent to it will be unusable. This will leave the Willow Grove Bears Football Club without a practice field in the fall. There is also some debate and discussion over what will happen to the area after the building is demolished. Many residents are calling for athletic fields to be installed.

The intermediate and middle schools are located adjacent to one another on Orangemen's Road. In this area, there are four soccer fields, three softball fields, two baseball fields, a lacrosse field, and a football field. All of these fields are used by Township youth leagues in addition to the School District teams.

The availability of School District fields for Township youth leagues has both benefits and liabilities. Positively, the youth leagues have places to practice and play, and some of the scheduling and maintenance burdens are taken off of the Township fields. Unfortunately, the School District can prohibit the youth leagues from using the fields at any time that they need to due to bad weather or other scheduling problems. The School District fields are also

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not maintained as much as the Township fields due to limited staff and budget. In the future, the Parks and Recreation Department may take over the maintenance of the School District's athletic fields. This would, in turn, cause a need for more maintenance staffing in the Parks Department.

Park Interconnectivity

Currently, a number of Township parks offer walking paths that are heavily used. These parks include: Buehler Park, Fair Oaks Park, Frank J. Pileggi Park, Masons Mill Park, War Memorial Park, and Woodlawn Park. Unfortunately, many of these trails need to be regraded or repaved. Some even require better delineation. Because most of the Township's 19 parks are smaller neighborhood parks, they tend to have good connectivity to the residents living nearby through sidewalks. However, no connectivity between the Township parks exists. A Township-wide trail system that connects all 19 parks should be studied for development and implementation.

Maintenance

In order to accomplish day to day maintenance of the Township parks the Parks & Recreation Department owns a variety of vehicles and tools. This equipment includes: 2 pick up trucks, a bus, a van, 2 dump trucks, 8 mowers, a loader tractor, 2 ball field draggers, a back-hoe/loader, 2 turf trucksters, a chipper, 4 equipment trailers, and assorted trimmers, hand mowers, blowers, chainsaws, and hand held tools. See the Maintenance Equipment List in the Appendix for specific information.

The Township parks and recreation facilities are constantly being inspected for risk management problems. The Director of Parks and Recreation conducts a weekly visual inspection of each park. He also conducts a more in-depth park inspection and review each month. While this information is logged manually, he would like maintenance software to assist him with this process. The maintenance crew does a visual inspection every time they are at one of the parks and report any problems immediately. Park patrons are also encouraged to call the Parks Department office to report any problems



Walking loop at Masons Mill Park.



Deteriorating path at Frank J. Pileggi Park.

they encounter. Most problems are taken care of the day after they are reported. During baseball and softball season the ball fields are dragged at least 4 times a week, if not every day. DVIT (Delaware Valley Insurance Trust), the Township's insurance carrier visits every park in the fall/winter. DVIT then makes recommendations for improvements to the Parks Department. The list from the insurance carrier is usually very limited.

Upper Moreland Township Recreation Programs

Township Programs

Upper Moreland Township offers many programs for the young and young at heart. A complete list of Township Programs is included in the Appendix.

Youth (ages 2-12) programs offered include summer camps, educational camps, creative camps, instructional classes, self-improvement classes, year round intramurals, and special event programs. Teens (ages 13-19) can also attend summer camps. Both teens and adults (ages 20-55) can participate in self-improvement classes, intramural leagues, family trips, and special events. The Golden Age Club (ages 55+) holds monthly meetings and participates in one-day and multi-day trips, family events, and special events.

Although there are many programs currently offered, the Township would like to add additional programs. These programs would include additional pre-school age programs, teen programs, adult classes, and adult winter intramural leagues for basketball and volleyball. Unfortunately, a lack of indoor meeting rooms and gym space have prevented the Township from offering these additional programs.

Youth Athletic Leagues

- Upper Moreland Wrestling Club – 55 participants
- Willow Grove Bears Football Club – 250 participants
- Upper Moreland Little League Baseball Inc. – 775 participants (spring)
- Upper Moreland Lacrosse Club – 120 participants
- Upper Moreland Hoops – 417 participants
- Upper Moreland Soccer Club – 400 (spring) & 750 (fall) participants
- St. David Parish C.Y.O. – 70 (soccer), 75 (baseball/softball), 100 (track/cross-country) participants
- Upper Moreland Ice Hockey Club – 45 participants

Total Number of Participants: 3060 +/-

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Adult Athletic Leagues

- UM Parks & Recreation Men's Softball—320 (spring), 200 (fall) participants
- UM Parks & Recreation Coed Softball—225 (spring), 180 (fall) participants
- UM Parks & Recreation Women's Softball—80 (spring)
- UM Parks & Recreation Men's Football—140 (spring), 350 (fall) participants
- UM Parks & Recreation Women's Football—100 (fall)
- UM Parks & Recreation Hockey Leagues—to start in summer 2007
- UM American Legion Baseball Team—30 participants
- UM Pendell Baseball Team—25 participants
- UM Rugby Club
- UM Cricket Club
- UM Ultimate Golf

Total Number of Participants: 1700 +/-

Township residents are very active in the youth athletic leagues. Approximately 3,060 children participate in the youth athletic leagues of UMT; and approximately an additional 1,650 adults participate in the adult athletic leagues of UMT. Each year, participation increases for each club. Additionally, each sport is becoming more and more of a year-round activity. This, in turn, causes both Township and School District owned fields to be overused and allows no time for resting of fields. Currently, 20% of the demand for fields is not met and additional adult leagues are not offered due to field/court constraints. Scheduling is always tight and a day of rain can wreak havoc on the scheduling of practices and games. The youth athletic leagues were very vocal and well represented at the public meetings for this park and recreation plan. Each league has also submitted a wish list of facilities they believe the township needs to add. These letters and a compiled list of requested facilities can be found in the Appendix.

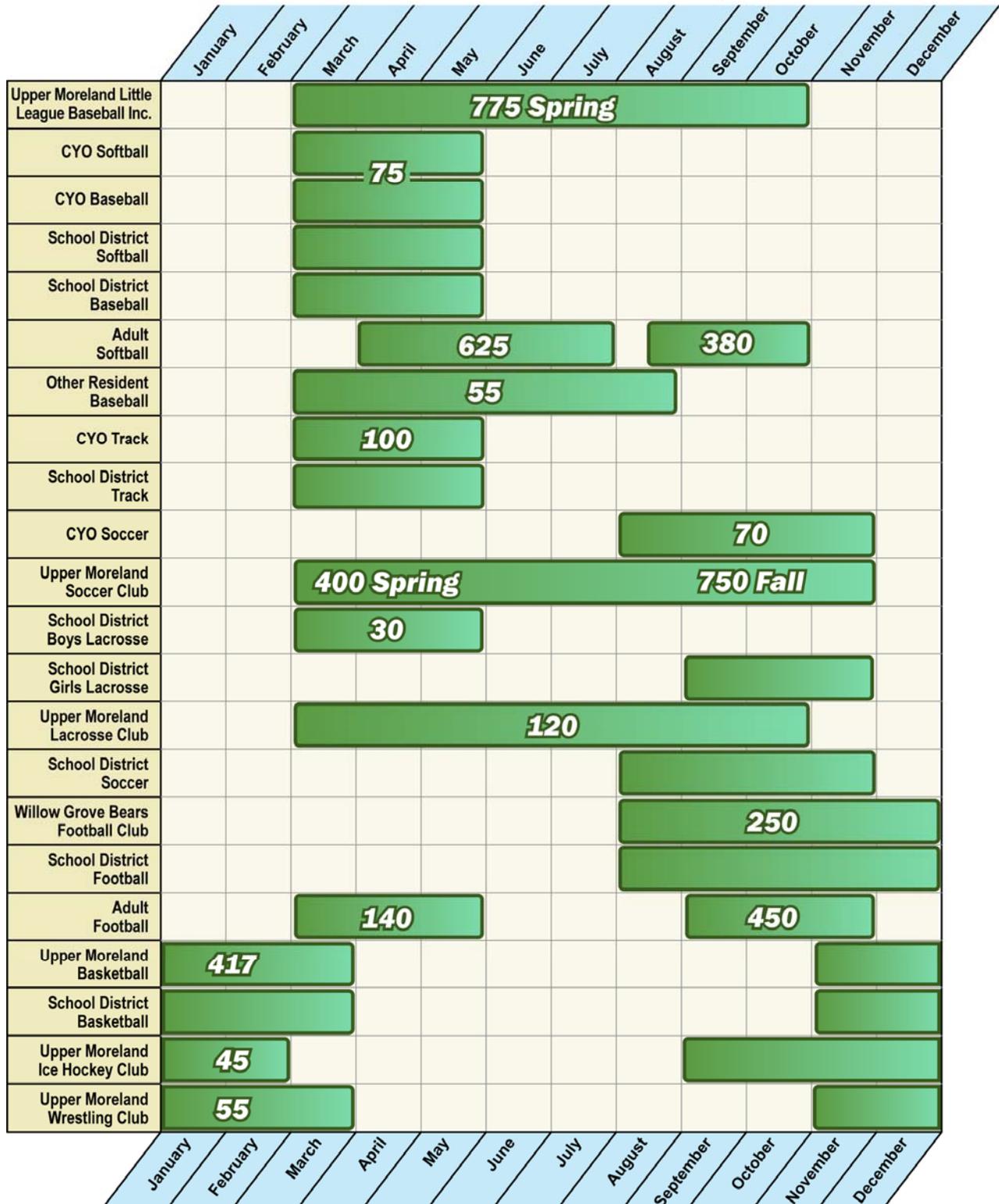
Private Recreational Facilities (including distance from UMT Township Building)

Approximately half of Township residents (50% phone survey, 56% mail survey) use private recreation facilities or fitness/health clubs. The following is a list of those private facilities used by residents:

- Bally Total Fitness – 151 York Road, Willow Grove (0.21 miles)
- Abington YMCA – 1073 Old York Road, Abington (2.41 miles)
- Hatboro YMCA – 440 South York Road, Hatboro (1.96 miles)
- LA Fitness – 2020 County Line road, Huntingdon Valley (3.61 miles)

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Upper Moreland Township Active Sports Calendar



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- Upper Moreland Swim Club – 3550 Moore Road, Hatboro (3.22 miles)
- Wintersport Ice Sports Arena – 551 North York Road, Willow Grove (0.5 miles)
- Curves – 1627 The Fairway, Jenkintown (3.07 miles)
 - 301 Horsham Road, Suite B, Horsham (2.85 miles)
 - 638 Welsh Road, Huntingdon Valley (3.97 miles)

UMT Parks & Recreation Programs in Comparison to Surrounding Communities

Upper Moreland Township offers many programs comparable to those offered by surrounding municipalities. All of the surrounding communities offer similar summer programs to UMT's that include supervised playgrounds, sports camps, and educational camps. Also, like surrounding townships, Upper Moreland offers youth programs year round. However, UMT offers less youth programs when compared to surrounding communities. This may be due to the fact that other townships have access to facilities during the day to provide such programs. One area in which both UMT and adjacent communities are lacking in is teen programming. No townships have activities for teens that are not school activity or sport related.

Two areas in which UMT is stronger than other communities is in its adult recreation leagues and its senior citizen club. The adult recreation leagues include softball and football. These leagues are very popular and have teams competing every night during the week. The Golden Age Club is very strong in the Township. This group participates in many meetings, entertainment activities, and dozens of one-day and multi-day trips.

Parks & Recreation Department Staff

The Parks and Recreation Department staff consists of:

1. Director of Parks and Recreation
2. Recreation Program Coordinator
3. Secretary
4. Parks Foreman
5. Parks Crew Leader
6. Jr. Equipment Leader
7. Parks Maintenance Personnel (2)

Additional Seasonal Staff consists of:

1. Part-time Secretary (1)
2. Supervised Playground Leaders (26)
3. Little Bear Camp Leaders (7)
4. Summer Bus Driver (1)

5. 1150 hr. Maintenance Worker (2)
6. 24 week Maintenance Worker – Buehler (4)
7. 24 week Maintenance Worker – War Memorial (1)
8. 16 week Maintenance Worker – Masons Mill (1)
9. Part-time Maintenance Worker – Pileggi (1)
10. Park Attendants – Masons Mill – 4000 hrs.
11. Park Attendants – War Memorial – 1000 hrs.

The Director of Parks and Recreation is responsible for the administration of the park maintenance and recreation programming in Upper Moreland Township. It is the director's duty to administer the policies established by the Township Manager and the Board of Commissioners. The Director is also responsible for staff supervision, the use of department finances, and public relations.

The Recreation Program Coordinator is responsible for the supervision and implementation of all of the Township's recreation programs. This includes children's programs as well as adult programs.

The Secretary is assigned to the Director of Parks and Recreation. The Secretary is responsible for registrations and other related clerical tasks.

The Parks Foreman has both an administrative and supervisory role in the Parks Department. This person is responsible for the supervision of maintenance activities and for the daily operations of the parks and recreation facilities in the Township.

The Parks Crew Leader is the liaison between the Parks Foreman and the crew. The Crew Leader is also the assistant to the Parks Foreman and will be responsible for the supervision and direction of all park maintenance personnel when the Park Foreman is absent.

The Junior Equipment Operator operates all forms of heavy equipment as well as driving different size trucks and construction equipment. This person is part of the Maintenance crew and reports to the Parks Foreman.

Parks Maintenance personnel are responsible for carrying out maintenance, construction, and repair work for the parks and recreation facilities in the Township.

The salaries of the eight members of the Parks & Recreation staff make up approximately 38% of the yearly Parks & Recreation Department budget.

Although the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council is not part of the Parks & Recreation staff, it is an integral part of the Department. The cooperation

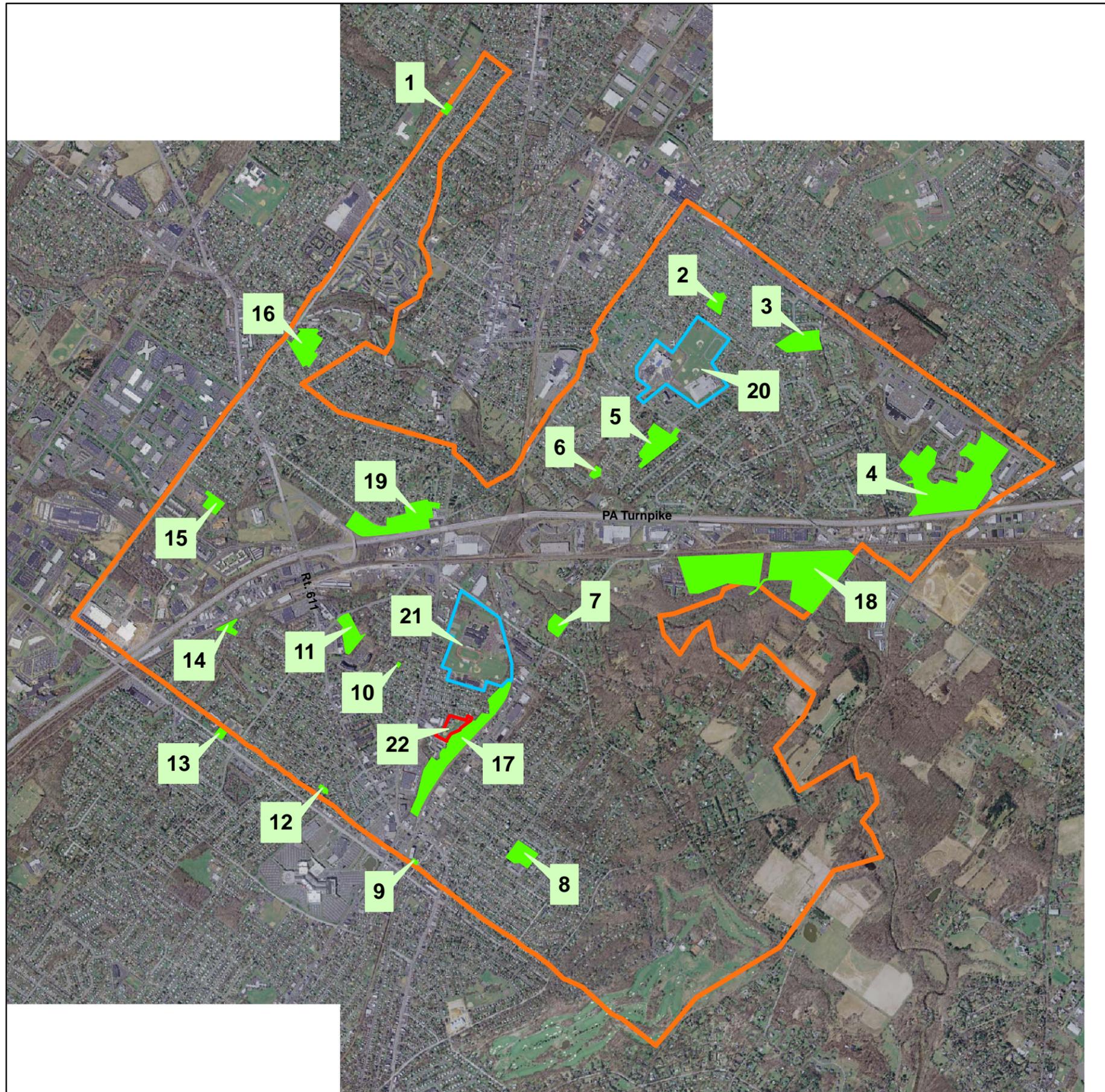
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between the Council and the Department staff is commendable. Ideas from both the in-house staff and the Council, which represents the public, are discussed at meetings and the best ideas for the Parks and Recreation Department are agreed upon.

Parks & Recreation Staffing Analysis and Projection

The Director of Parks and Recreation has several recommendations for modifications to the Department staff. The current Recreation Program Coordinator's title would be changed to Recreation Superintendent. Currently, the Department employs a part-time secretary. The Director would like to see this position upgraded to full time and to be given the title of Recreation/Office Assistant. This person would then assist with programs in addition to office clerical work. For the maintenance area of the department, a turf management specialist is needed to help the maintenance workers. The Parks Foreman also requests an additional full time Parks Maintenance crew member to help with overall park maintenance.

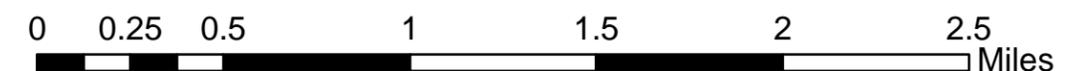
Existing Facilities Plan



Legend

-  Township Boundary
-  UMT Parks
 1. Blair Mill Park
 2. Fern Village Park
 3. Pioneer Woods
 4. Frank J. Pileggi Park
 5. Nathaniel Boileau Park
 6. Dawson Manor Park
 7. Terwood Park
 8. Woodlawn Park
 9. Cherry Street Park
 10. Brooks Street Park
 11. Buehler Park
 12. Broughton Park
 13. Valley Green Park
 14. Whitehall Park
 15. North Willow Grove Park
 16. Fair Oaks Park
 17. War Memorial Park
 18. Masons Mill Park
 19. Mill Creek Park
-  UM School District Fields
 20. UM High School
 21. UM Intermediate & Middle Schools
-  Private fields
 22. Little League Complex

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Chapter 4: Needs Assessment

Community Survey Results

Two types of resident surveys were conducted as a part of the Park and Recreation Plan Update.

A telephone survey was conducted of 200 township households. This survey has a 95% confidence rating with a 6.93% margin of error. A phone survey was selected since this is a statistically valid survey which includes households that should reflect the broad level of interest (or non-interest) in township park and recreation facilities and programs. The telephone survey also allows a more interactive exchange, since professional surveyors can ask different questions based on responses, and obtain more detailed information than is possible with a written survey.

A mail survey was concurrently conducted with survey forms sent to each of the township's 7,100 households. Since residents most interested in parks and recreation are more prone to respond to a mail survey, the mail survey results were weighted to attempt to account for this natural bias.

Telephone Survey Results

The firm the Reed Group administered Upper Moreland Township's telephone survey and contacted 200 households within the Township through a random sampling process. Residents were asked the frequency in which they participated in recreational activities and the locations in which these activities occurred. Playground usage was the most popular activity in the Township, with 69% of survey respondents reporting household use within the past year. Trail-based activities (including activities such as walking / hiking) were the second-most popular activities, with 66% of survey respondents reporting they engaged in these activities within the past year.

Eight out of ten Township residents are at least *somewhat interested* in a Community Center. 50% were *extremely/very interested*. These percentages are very close to the percentage results for the mail survey. The top two most requested amenities for a Community Center were a walking/running track (88%) and a cardio room (87%).

In general, the telephone survey shows that actual participation in organized recreational activities is less than the level of interest in those activities as measured by the mail survey. For example, the mail survey reports that 89% of respondents participate in youth warm weather sports. However, the telephone survey (which is statistically-valid) finds that only 60% of households in the Township participate in youth warm weather sports. This discrepancy is due to the fact that participants in organized recreational

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activities responded to the mail survey at a higher rate than residents not involved in organized recreational activities.

According to the telephone survey, the organized recreational activity in Upper Moreland Township with the highest participation level is youth league soccer (37% of households participating). Youth league baseball has an 18% participation rate, youth league basketball has a 14% participation rate and youth league football and youth league softball have a participation rate of 6% or below.

The telephone survey provided demand data specific to Upper Moreland Township for each recreational activity inquired about. For example, the survey determined the number of people participating in youth league baseball at Masons Mill Park. The survey also showed that those visiting Masons Mill Park participated in youth league baseball a certain number of times per year. Information such as this is critical in calculating demand for recreational facilities and in turn, the population able to be served by that facility.

Mail Survey Results

Trail-based activities (including activities such as walking / hiking) were the most popular activities in the Township, with 88% of survey respondents reporting people within their households engaged in these activities within the past year. Playground usage was the second-most popular activity, with 68% of survey respondents reporting use within the past year. Eight out of ten Township residents are at least *somewhat interested* in a Community Center according to the mail survey with 48% being *extremely/very interested* in a community center. In regards to facilities to be housed in a community center, the most requested amenity was an indoor walking/running track (88%). The second-most popular amenity requested was a gymnasium (79%).

Masons Mill Park (77%) was the most frequently visited recreational venue in the Township, followed by Woodlawn Park (38%). Two out of three mail survey respondents visit parks outside of the Upper Moreland Township Parks System. Of those people who visit other parks, 60% visit the Pennypack Preserve which is in the UMT area, but is not Township owned.

Results from both the telephone survey and the mail survey are contained in the Appendix of this report.

Key Person Interviews

In addition to conducting the mail and phone surveys, Simone Collins Inc.

conducted phone interviews with “key persons.” The Director of Parks and Recreation and the Advisory Council identified key community members and a list of 20 people total was compiled. See the Appendix for the key person interview list, a copy of the questions that were asked, the detailed responses, and additional comments.

The people interviewed use a wide variety of the Township parks and other parks or school facilities in the Upper Moreland area.

Most people believe there is a need for a synthetic turf field with lights. Many different sports teams could use the synthetic turf field, it could get as much use as at least two natural turf fields, and it could be used on after and during all kinds of weather. Because lighted synthetic turf field use is not limited by weather or daylight it could essentially be used almost constantly 7 days a week if needed. One person stated that the Township might benefit from the Township and School District collaborating on the cost and use of a field. Both organizations could benefit from this cooperation.

Most respondents think a community center is a very good idea. They believe there should be indoor facilities such as gyms for kids to play basketball and other sports, a fitness center, an indoor walking track, an aerobics/dance room, and meeting rooms where group activities could be held. Other people pointed out that it would reduce vandalism because youth would have a place to go after school and participate in healthy activities. It would also be a place for seniors and other adults to have activities that are appropriate for them such as adult education and enrichment classes. The community center could also serve as a home for the Parks and Recreation Department’s programs that are not sports specific.

Respondants made a number of additional suggestions. More walking trails would be a welcome addition in the Township. People are interested in walking or biking for exercise or just to enjoy the outdoors. One person pointed out that the Masons Mill Park walking track needs to be repaired quite often from rain washing it out in three locations. Some people are also supportive of adding a skateboard park. A few people pointed out that local businesses may make donations toward a skateboard park so that youth would use the park instead of hanging out in front of their stores. Dog parks or allowing dogs on leashes in some parks was another popular response.

When asked to categorize the maintenance and safety of the Township parks, everyone referred to the maintenance and safety as either good or fair. Field maintenance is a concern. Someone suggested the fields be properly aerated and some stated that the fields could use proper drainage systems. Another resident noted that the maintenance itself is done as well as it can be, but the budget the Township provides the Parks and Recreation Department is not nearly enough to properly maintain the fields. The

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maintenance staff is concerned about their work load and would like at least one more full time worker for the maintenance crew. They currently have 4 full time employees and 2-8 seasonal maintenance workers depending on the year. Salt spreaders and a new dump truck were also requested.

Every person interviewed expressed that the Parks and Recreation Department staff serves them in a very professional manner and is responsive to any problems that they may have. People pointed out that whenever they call the Department and report a problem it is taken care of by the next day.

National Recreation and Park Association Guidelines

In the past, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) guidelines recommended a uniform national standard for parkland and facilities within a community – such as 10 acres per 1,000 residents. Recently, this approach was replaced in favor of a less arbitrary standard called “Level of Service” (LOS). The NRPA defines the LOS as a “needs driven, facility-based and land measured formula.” It provides individual communities with an accurate calculation of the minimum acceptable amount of land needed to accommodate the recreational facilities desired by their populations. As a function of the current supply and demand of recreational facilities within a particular community, the LOS approach allows each community to plan for future recreational facilities.

To determine current demand for park facilities within Upper Moreland Township, a statistically-valid telephone survey of Township residents was conducted in January of 2007. Results of this survey here entered into the LOS formula, which produced a LOS standard that responds to the unique recreational needs of Upper Moreland Township.

Level of Service (LOS) Standard for Upper Moreland Township

Before considering the results of any LOS standard, it is important to understand that results of the LOS calculations are not the sole method in determining recreational facility need. Results of LOS calculations are highly dependent upon the quality of survey responses, a survey’s sample size and assumptions made regarding expected field use and availability.

Using existing scheduling data for athletic fields to determine availability of individual facilities and demand data provided by the telephone survey, population served per year at recreational facilities was calculated as per the NRPA formula. To review the NRPA formula and methodology, please refer to the Appendix of this report.

These calculations indicated that the Township does not have adequate youth league soccer, youth league baseball/softball and youth league football facilities to accommodate its population of 24,993 (2000 U.S. Census).

Facilities Needed

The NRPA calculations indicate that in 2007, the Township is able to serve a population of 17,095 with its current youth league soccer facilities. As a result, an additional three (3) soccer fields (each serving a population of approximately 3,000 per year) are needed now. These facilities will meet the Township’s need through the year 2020.

In regard to youth league baseball / softball, the NRPA calculations indicate that in 2007, the Township is able to serve a population of 23,466 with its current facilities. Accordingly, one (1) additional baseball / softball field (serving a population of approximately 10,000 per year) is needed now. This facility will meet the Township’s need through the year 2020.

The NRPA calculations indicate that in 2007, the Township is able to serve a population of 8,882 with its current youth football facilities. As a result, two (2) additional football fields (each serving a population of approximately 9,000 per year) are needed now. These facilities will meet the Township’s need through the year 2020.

In addition to facilities deemed to be necessary by the NRPA calculation, best management practices and the accommodation of future sports programs are also factors in determining facility need. Ideally, one (1) additional multi-purpose field could be utilized for soccer, lacrosse, and football. Establishing these additional multi-purpose fields would allow the Township to implement the management practice of “field resting” for the Township. Field resting places a field “off-line” for one year to rehabilitate the field’s surface.

In summary, the number of additional active sports facilities needed by the Township is as follows:

Facility	2007 # Required	2020 # Required
Soccer field	3	No additional need
Baseball/Softball field	1	No additional need
Football field	2	No additional need

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Chapter 5: Recommendations

The following recommendations for Upper Moreland Township's Parks and Recreation Department are the result of information gathered from resident surveys, a comprehensive recreational facility analysis, consultations with the Director of Parks and Recreation, and steering committee and public meetings. Recommendations are grouped into "short term" and "long term" categories, determined by the time required for implementation and the complexity and estimated cost of the recommendation. Some recommendations that appear in the Update 2000 Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Comprehensive Plan are listed again as part of this plan. See the Appendix for a list of Update 2000 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Comprehensive Plan recommendations.

Short Term Recommendations (1-5 yrs.)

- Add one (1) multi-purpose lighted synthetic turf field (large enough for soccer, football, and lacrosse) at Pileggi Park, War Memorial Park, Masons Mill Park, or another location to be determined. The Township and the School District should consider combining efforts and finances to install an additional multi-purpose lighted synthetic turf field that could be used by both parties.
- Conduct a Community Center Feasibility Study to seriously consider the development of a Community Center as proposed in the 2000 Update and Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Comprehensive Plan and as evidenced through the research in this plan;
- Conduct a Trail & Greenway Master Plan Study to examine opportunities for the establishment of a trail system throughout UMT that links to the Cross-County Trail as proposed in the Update 2000 Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Comprehensive Plan and connects all Township parks.
- Install loop trails called for in the Boileau Park, War Memorial Park, and Mill Creek Park Master Plans;
- Establish dog parks – designate two areas at Mill Creek Park as dog runs as proposed in the 2005 Bonnet Lane Park Master Plan, consider the installation of formal dog parks at War Memorial Park, Fair Oaks Park, and Masons Mill Park to provide dog parks throughout the Township;
- Increase the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Budget to provide for additional aerating, fertilizing, and overseeding of all fields to ensure safety and playability.
- Enhance the Parks and Recreation staff by switching one (1) full time Maintenance Crew member to a Turf Specialist position and by upgrading the part-time Office Assistant to a full-time Office/Programs Assistant.
- Investigate the acquisition of land parcels not currently owned by the

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Township through sale, lease, or cooperative use. Investigate the use of currently underutilized property that is owned by the Township.

Long Term Recommendations (5+ yrs.)

- Install lights at the second softball field at Masons Mill Park.
- Construct one (1) skateboard park at War Memorial Park or Pileggi Park as proposed in the Update 2000 Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Comprehensive Plan
- Construct one (1) multi-purpose athletic field at Mill Creek Park as proposed by the 2005 Bonnet Lane Park Master Plan
- Construct three (3) multi-purpose athletic fields at Masons Mill Park, Pileggi Park, War Memorial Park, or locations to be determined

Detailed Recommendations

Synthetic Turf Field

A multi-purpose lighted synthetic turf field should be constructed. A synthetic turf field has the use time equivalent of three natural turf fields. The average cost per hour of use based on the cost of installation and maintenance is approximately one quarter of the average cost per hour of use for a natural turf field. These statistics are based on a 10 year time period. Synthetic turf fields have environmental benefits, too. No fertilizers are needed that pollute the watersheds. The area under the fields can be used for stormwater detention instead of requiring additional land for a stormwater detention basin. See the Appendix for a 10 year cost analysis for installation and maintenance cost comparison of a synthetic turf field versus a natural turf field.

The cost of a synthetic turf field ranges from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 depending on the amount of site grading and base preparation needed. The synthetic turf field could be constructed at Pileggi Park, War Memorial Park, or Masons Mill Park. At Pileggi Park, the field could be located adjacent to the existing lighted soccer field. This area would require a substantial amount of grading and earthwork. At Masons Mill Park, the field could be constructed over the current football field or a new area could be cleared and graded in the Hobensack area of the park. A field could be constructed in the wooded area of War Memorial Park adjacent to the Little League Complex. Both the Hobensack area of Masons Mill and the area at Pileggi Park would need to be graded and cleared.

There is the possibility of putting synthetic turf over an existing field but this would lead to additional scheduling problems during the construction phase due to the loss of a field. Also, by building a totally new field that can act as the equivalent of three natural turf fields, the Township will be gaining three

field's worth of use time instead of just two if the synthetic turf were to be put on an existing field. The Township may want to consider jointly funding an additional field with the School District. Not only would having two synthetic turf fields make scheduling of games and practices easier, but it would also take a tremendous burden off of the existing natural turf fields in the Township and at the schools. There have been informal discussions on this topic.

It should also be noted that an artificial turf does not have to be constructed in a "park." For examples, a synthetic turf field can be easily constructed in a parking lot – due to the nature of its construction. This opens up the possibility of the adaptive reuse of a commercial or industrial site.

Community Center

A community center might accommodate all or many of the Parks and Recreation Department's indoor programs and serve as a central location where people of the community could gather to participate in numerous activities and programs. The community has shown an enormous amount of interest in creating a community center through the results of the mail, phone, and key person surveys, as well as through letters from youth athletic leagues and testimonials at the public meetings for this plan. Additionally, both the telephone and mail surveys showed very high interest in the development of a Community Center. It was also a recommendation of the year 2000 Park and Recreation Plan.

A feasibility study for a community center should be conducted. This study could examine alternative locations, examine the need for a new building(s) or the feasibility of the adaptive reuse of an existing building(s), and determine what amenities or facilities should be included in the center. The feasibility study would also determine costs, membership fees (if any), operational costs, funding options, and all of the other important economic questions.

Trail & Greenway Master Plan

The Township should develop a Trail & Greenway Master Plan that examines the feasibility of a township-wide system that connects the 19 township parks and examines pedestrian and bicycle connections to a variety of destinations within and outside of the Township, including links to the planned Cross-County Trail. The 2006 Open Space Plan identifies potential open space linkages that can tie together open space areas within Upper Moreland and connect to the proposed Powerline and Cross County Trail Systems. The Plan identifies stream corridors, utility and road corridors, The Pennypack Nature Preserve and Creek and existing trails as possible linkages throughout the Township. The Township should retain an independent consultant to

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develop this Trail Master Plan.

Not only does a Trail & Greenway Master Plan provide a way of moving from one area of the Township to another, but it also provides health and social benefits to the residents of the Township. Walking, biking, rollerblading, and running all provide cardiovascular workouts and promote healthy and fit lifestyles. It is becoming more and more important for people of all ages to be active and exercising. Trails also provide a way for people to socialize with neighbors and other Township residents, as well as meet new people.

Loop Trails in Existing Township Parks

The Township should make it a priority to implement loop trails in the existing Township parks. The Master Plans for Boileau Park, War Memorial Park, and Mill Creek Park all propose loop walking trails. It is important that the residents of Upper Moreland Township be able to not only walk or bike from park to park and throughout the Township but that they are also able to walk and bike in the parks themselves.

Dog Parks

As proposed in the 2005 Bonnet Lane Park Master Plan, two areas of Mill Creek Park should be developed as dog runs. The Township should provide a 0.90 acre dog park on the south side of the creek and a 0.70 acre dog park on the north side of the creek.

At least one other dog park should be constructed at either Fair Oaks Park, Masons Mill Park, or War Memorial Park. The first dog park can serve as a “test” of the community need for these facilities. Dog parks located in each of the mentioned parks would disperse use throughout the Township, saving travel time and reducing on-road traffic. These low cost facilities serve an important need in the community. As an alternative to formal dog parks, another option that could be considered is to allow dogs on leashes in some parks that do not have athletic fields. If the Township adopts this policy, dog waste bag stations at these parks should be installed.

Maintenance Budget

The Parks and Recreation Department’s current (2007) operational budget is \$1,041,100. It is broken down as follows:

- Salaries (full time)
- Seasonal salaries (part time)
- Program staff (summers)

- Equipment
- Supplies
- Contract labor
- Other

Over the past five years, total budgets have been as follows:

2003: \$744,500
2004 \$832,600
2005 \$835,525
2006 \$967,450
2007 \$1,041,100

It is recommended that the budget for park facility maintenance be increased. This is due to the added field maintenance required resulting from the high levels of field use. This maintenance includes topdressing each year, increased overseeding, aerating 3-4 times per year, and increased fertilization. By maintaining the fields properly throughout the year, the fields remain safe for people of all ages to play on and use. It also increases the playability of the fields so that they are able to be used more often.

While it is assumed that some of the youth athletic leagues, such as the UM Soccer Club, will continue to supplement township maintenance and maintenance costs (the UM Soccer Club recently contributed \$14,000 of their own funds to maintain the lighted field at Pileggi Park), additional funding is needed. It is proposed that the following capital improvements be made as they relate to maintenance:

- Field irrigation systems
- Maintenance inventory software
- Security cameras
- Security lighting
- Landscaping replacement
- Fencing replacement

Park and Recreation Department Staffing

The Parks and Recreation Department is in need of a Turf Specialist position. This person would handle all of the turf management issues associated with the 19 parks and their multiple athletic fields. The Turf Specialist position would replace one Maintenance Crew member position. Due to the expanding responsibilities of both the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Recreation Program Coordinator, the part-time Office Assistant position needs to be upgraded to a full-time Office/Programs Assistant position. This person would perform clerical work and also assist the Program Coordinator.

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Acquire / Utilize Additional lands for Park and Recreational Facilities

Refer to the map at the end of the chapter for privately owned land that the Township could consider for use for open space. Underutilized lands that the Township already owns are also shown, which might be more efficiently utilized. Many areas are wooded and could possibly be used for nature trails or portions could be cleared for athletic fields. Other smaller parcels may be suitable for less intense uses. See the Appendix for a list of specific recommendations for each parcel. This recommendation echoes a similar recommendation from the 2006 Open Space Plan, but expands on that study in that it examines other privately held lands that weren't recommended for acquisition in that plan. This acquisition use strategy could be a short term, lower cost alternative to development or use of other park facilities. It might also benefit property owners through conservation easement tax benefits.

Additional Sports Fields

Three (3) multipurpose fields that could be used for lacrosse, soccer, football, rugby, and field hockey could be constructed at:

- Pileggi Park;
- Masons Mill Park;
- War Memorial Park; and/or
- location to be determined

The location and number of fields that need to be constructed depends on whether a synthetic turf field or two is constructed and where.

One 200 foot by 360 foot multi-purpose field * (with two 180 foot by 250 foot fields overlapping it) should be constructed at Mill Creek Park. This is an opportunity to use newly acquired park land to construct a new fields. This additional field(s) would help to spread out the lacrosse, football, and soccer clubs' schedules for games and practices. The 2005 Bonnet Lane Park Master Plan that combines the Bonnet Lane land and Mill Creek Park into one large park recommends this field construction.

The above listing of fields shows that at least five soccer / football / lacrosse fields – and possibly up to six fields are needed, depending how the two overlapping fields at Mill Creek Park are viewed. This field need was determined by the Level of Service calculated for Upper Moreland Township. One of these fields is the proposed artificial turf field. As noted, a lighted artificial turf field can be viewed to replace at least two fields, since it will enjoy extended day and seasonal use. The final determination of which fields to develop first will rely to some degree on the decision to build or not to build an artificial turf field after a careful weighing of the cost / benefit

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	Synthetic Turf	Natural Turf			
Availability & Space Requirements		=			
Location	Anywhere	Open Space or Park			
Installation Cost	\$1,000,000	(\$340,000 x3) = \$1,020,000			
Annual Maintenance (10 Years)	\$50,000	(\$80,000 x3) = \$240,000			
Total Installation and Maintenance	\$1,050,000	\$1,260,000			

Source: FieldTurf

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analysis that looks at both capital costs and maintenance costs over a minimum ten year period of use.

A skateboard park should be constructed at War Memorial Park. The skateboard park would provide a healthy activity and bring more people to War Memorial Park. The skateboard park would be an appropriate complement to the existing roller hockey rink in the park and would draw roller bladders to this new facility.

Other Recommendations

- No new buildings over thirty-five feet tall shall be constructed on lots immediately adjacent to existing Township parks, or within 200 feet of the park boundary. This will prevent intrusion of a more urban character into the park aesthetic.

Capital Improvements Plan – 10 year (Draft – for review and discussion)

2008:

- Construct Boileau Park Soccer Field improvements: \$250,000
 - Apply for funding for Trail Master Plan
 - Apply for funding for Community Center Feasibility Study
 - Propose funding to construct multi-purpose lighted synthetic turf field
 - Installation of dog parks at Mill Creek Park: \$40,000
 - Propose budget increase for maintenance and two full time Department of Parks and Recreation positions: \$75,900
 - Conduct Community Center Feasibility Study: \$37,500 (DCNR), \$37,500 (Township)
- Sub-total Request for 2008: \$440,900

2009:

- Design synthetic turf field with lighting
 - Design Township wide Trail Master Plan: \$32,500 (DCNR), \$32,500 (Township)
 - Construct natural turf multi-purpose field @ Mill Creek Park: \$340,000
- Sub-total Request for 2009: \$405,000

2010:

- Construct synthetic turf field: \$1,000,000
- Make decision on whether or not to develop a Community Center
- Retain an architect for the design of a Community Center
- Apply for implementation funding for phase 1 Trail Master Plan

implementation

- Installation of dog park at one of the following parks: Masons Mill Park, Fair Oaks Park, or War Memorial Park: \$40,000
Sub-total Request for 2010: \$1,040,000

2011:

- Implement phase 1 Trail improvements: \$250,000
- Construct multi-purpose field: \$300,000

2012-13:

- Construct Community Center: \$5,000,000

2014

- Skateboard facility at War Memorial Park: \$200,000

2015

- Implement phase 2 Trail improvements: \$250,000

2016

- Construct 2 additional dog parks: \$80,000
- Construct multi-purpose field: \$300,000

2017

- Construct multi-purpose field: \$300,000

Potential Funding Sources

The Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2):

The State of Pennsylvania makes available grant money to municipal governments through this program to support greenway and park planning, design, and development. Applications for development grants are due in the spring of each year, and a 50 percent match is required from the local project sponsor. The amount of maximum award varies with the requested activity. Land acquisition and construction (development) grants typically range from \$150,000 to \$200,000. Upper Moreland Township will be in an appropriate position to apply for a development grant in April 2008, if so desired. If interested in applying for a grant, it is recommended that the township meet with the regional DCNR advisor as soon as possible. Additional information can be accessed at: <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/>

Growing Greener:

Growing Greener is the largest single investment of state funds in Pennsylvania's history. Growing Greener funds can be used for farmland-

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preservation projects; preserving open space; cleanup of abandoned mines, watershed planning; recreational trails and parks; and to help communities address land use concerns. Eligible applicants include non-profit groups, counties, and municipalities. A local match of 15% is required. The match can be met with cash, or in-kind goods and/or services. Additional information is available at: <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/growinggreener/site/default.asp>

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED):

DCED's mission includes four elements that each has a relationship to parks and greenways: economic development, travel and tourism, technical assistance, and community development. The Community Revitalization Program is an applicable funding program that supports local initiatives aimed at improving a community's quality of life and improving business conditions. These grants, typically range from \$5,000 to over \$50,000, require the active support of state legislators. Additional information can be accessed at: <http://www.newpa.com/default.aspx?id=1>

Private Foundations:

There are various corporations and foundations, which support public works such as park improvements. The competition for these funds has become brisk, but the opportunities should be researched. Funding must often be to non-profit organizations.

Schools:

The Upper Moreland School District may also be of assistance in several ways. The student body might get involved with clubs, fundraising events, and site cleanup days. While the amount of funds raised may be relatively small, this process builds constituents and support for the park, critical to its long-term success.

Friends-of-the-Park:

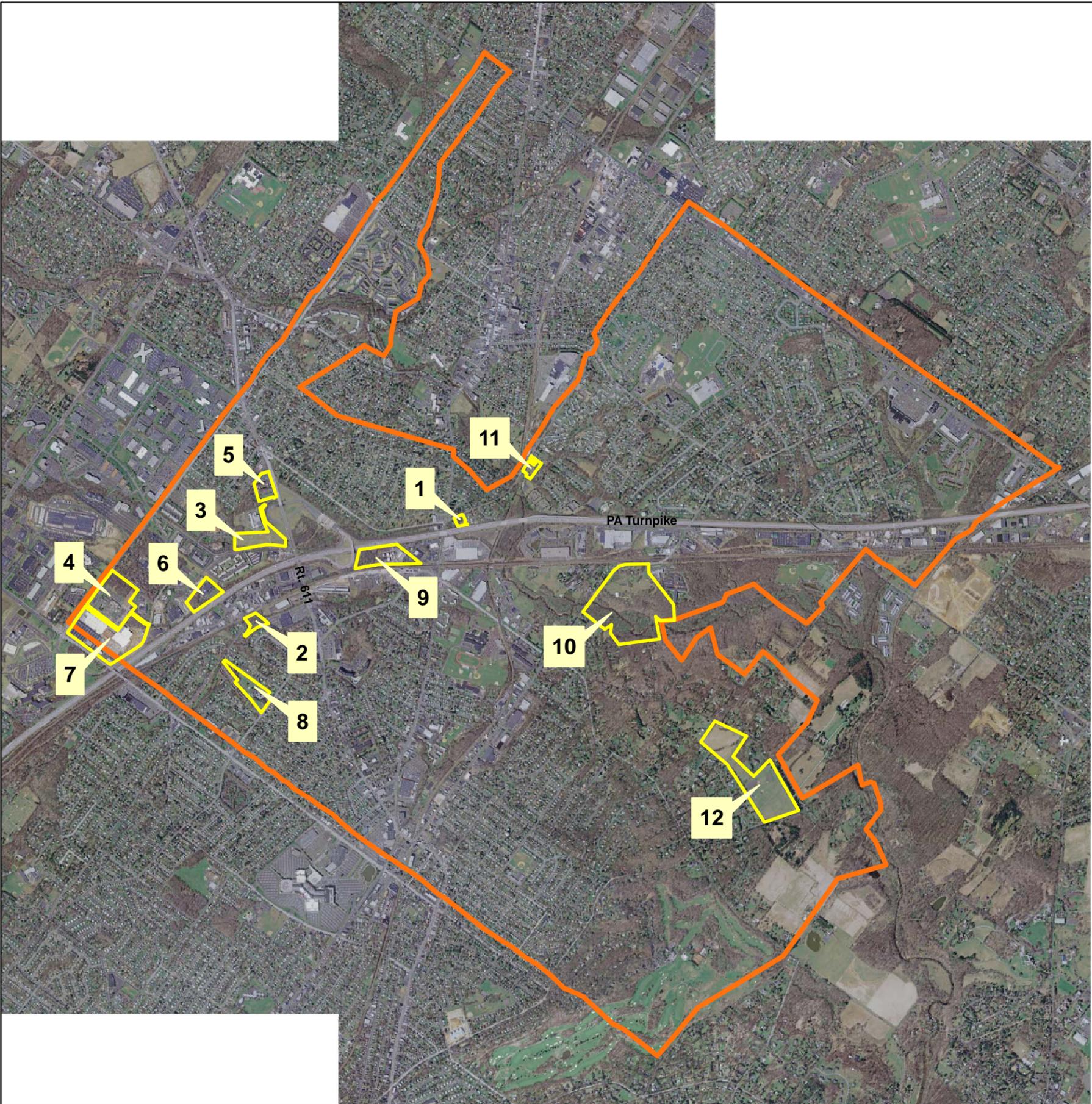
Similar to participation by school groups, the establishment of a non-profit 501 (C) (3) friends group can help raise grass roots funding for the parks and provide a conduit for tax deductible donations and foundation funding.

Potential Parcels for Parks & Recreation Use

Legend

 Parcels

- 1. 10 Warminster Rd. & York Rd.
- 2. 117 Park Ave.
- 3. 2560 Maryland Rd.
- 4. 2101 Blair Mill Rd.
- 5. 2350 Easton Rd.
- 6. 2465 Maryland Rd.
- 7. 3900 Welsh Rd.
- 8. 240 Fitzwatertown Rd.
- 9. 3290 Sunset Ln.
- 10. 3405 Davisville Rd.
- 11. 423 Warminster Rd. & Surrey Ln.
- 12. 1960 Huntingdon Rd.



June 2007



APPENDIX

- Meeting Notes & Attendance Lists
- UMT Parks Maps and Inventory Sheets
- Play Equipment Improvement Schedule
 - UMT Program List
- Community Group Facility Wish List
 - Community Group Letters
 - Skate Park Signatures
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 - Phone Survey
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 - Survey Result Report
 - Key Person Interviews Information
 - Level of Service Example
- Synthetic Turf Cost Comparison Information
- Potential Parcels for P & R Use Information



10/25/06

**Upper Moreland Township
Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan**
Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, PA
SC#06061.10

Committee Meeting #1 - AGENDA

WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK

PROJECT SCHEDULE

EVALUATION SHEET REVIEW

DRAFT SURVEY REVIEW

Mail Survey

Telephone Survey

PROGRAMMING - "YOUR IDEAS" – CARDS

NEXT STEPS

Notes:



11/6/06

**Upper Moreland Township
Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan**
Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, PA
SC#06061.10

Meeting Notes

Date/Time: 10/25/06

Location: Upper Moreland Township Building
7:30 PM

In Attendance: (see attached sign-in sheet)

Notes:

1. After Introductions, Peter Simone of Simone Collins (SC) provided an overview of the work SC will be performing and reviewed the project schedule.
2. SC will be using Geographic Information System (GIS) software for the primary project database. SC will coordinate with Pat S. regarding the Township's GIS capabilities, potential hardware/software needs, including the possibilities associated with providing map information over the Township website.
3. One of the primary project goals is to determine the Township's recreation needs. These needs will be determined based on the National Parks and Recreation Association (NPRA) Standards.
4. SC will tailor a PowerPoint presentation to the groups attending the Public Forums in January.
5. SC will be conducting twenty-five (25) Key Person Interviews. The committee is to coordinate with Pat on who should be included in this process and provide a list of names for SC to contact.
6. The Township will be advertising the public meetings via their newsletter, website, and the local paper.
7. The Plan and process will be formatted very similar to a typical DCNR study, including the public participation component.

8. Question for the Ted Reed (telephone survey consultant) - Is it recorded if spoken to a male or female during the phone survey?
9. Peter S. briefly reviewed the mail and telephone surveys distributed to the committee. Pat asked committee to provide him with their input / suggestions within the next two weeks.
10. It was suggested that the mail survey be formatted so that it can be folded and mailed back to the Township.
11. If a park is underutilized, will the survey determine why? The answer is no, although this information may surface in other ways.
12. Will the phone survey be able to determine from where within the Township the respondents are located? Suggestions include asking what ward, zip code, or nearest intersection to where the respondents live.
13. Another project goal is to determine if the existing facilities meet the level of service standards, and identify any specific deficiencies.
14. Survey suggestion: Would it be possible to add a question about funding, such as "If more is needed are you willing to pay for it?" Peter mentioned that it is often easy to say 'yes' to this type of question.
15. Peter S. stated that SC will also obtain information on the local private fitness clubs as part of the study.
16. Pat S. stated that he would like to know what info he might be able to obtain about a community center. He would also like some information on adult education programs, available gym space, increased field usage, synthetic surfacing, and grant opportunities / possible sources.
17. Peter S. asked if there are any facilities that are lighted for nighttime use. Pat S. stated that there is, but it also has the nicest quality turf and is heavily used for games only, not practices.
18. Pat S. stated that the sport lacrosse is very tough on the condition of the sports fields.
19. Pat S. stated that in order to maintain the fields, he has a staff of five (5) full time and ten (10) seasonal Parks & Recreation employees.
20. Peter S. suggested it would be beneficial to educate the Township commissioners on the sports field maintenance requirements.
21. An attendee asked if the surveys will indicate park overuse. The short answer is yes.
22. It was suggested that any building related historic preservation should not be taken out of Parks and Recreation budget – for example, the buildings at Boileau. The buildings may be historic, but their use is not for recreation.

23. Peter S. suggested that perhaps the buildings could be adaptively reused where the exterior is historically restored, and the interior is utilized for different recreational programs/adult education.
24. Peter S. suggested that each recreational group (soccer, lacrosse, etc.) prepare a 'wish list' in writing that will be added to the report.
25. Pat S. stated that he would like to take advantage of current technologies and update the township website to better promote the Townships Parks and Recreation facilities. The Township will also have its own cable channel in the near future that could be used for advertisement/ promotion.
26. It was noted that Upper Moreland Township is nearly built out with no real opportunity for acquiring any additional large open tracts of land for recreational use.
27. Pat S. stated that the local school district may be moving towards charging fees for use of their facilities.
28. One suggestion was to involve the school district facility manager in the Key Person Interviews.
29. Is there an opportunity to share facilities with adjacent municipalities? Currently there are no co-operative programs, and only Upper Dublin has expressed any interest, but this possibility should be investigated. Intermunicipal cooperation is a big selling point when applying for DCNR funding. Peter S. stated that he would draft a letter to the Township Commissioners for Pat S. to review that suggests the Township make such an inquiry to neighboring municipalities.
30. Peter S. asked if there is an existing regional recreation authority. Pat S. said there is not, and that only soccer has a residency requirement within the Township.
31. Pat S stated that there may be an opportunity to acquire another ball field. A former ball field is soon to be for sale next to Dawson Park within the Fulmer Heights community. This potential purchase was identified in the Township Open Space Plan.

Next Meeting: Committee Meeting #2, Monday, November 20th, 7:30 PM @ Upper Moreland Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,
SIMONE COLLINS, INC.
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE



Brian E. Styche, RLA
Associate

Upper Moreland Township Parks and Recreation Plan
 Committee Meeting #1
 Wednesday, October 25th, 2006, 7:30 PM @ Upper Moreland Township Building

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL
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Liz Hatch	207 Everett Ave W 21 19090	215-659-2973	
John Bethard	386 Lumberton Rd. N.C. 19090	215-657-4972	
PAT STASO	U.M.T.	215-659-3100	
Jim McQuinn	425 Seber Ave W.G. 19090	215-659-1216	
Darrel Bietz	705 Grant Ave W.G. 19090	215-657-1032	
Joe Thomas	3340 Whitehall Dr. WG	215 659-5925	
Jim McKay	2530 Turnen Rd. WG	215-659-7918	
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Peter Simone	▷ SIMONE COLLINS		
Geoff Greary			
Brian Stych			



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**Upper Moreland Township
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Committee Meeting #2 - AGENDA

PROJECT STATUS / SCHEDULE

DRAFT SURVEY COMMENTS

Mail Survey

Telephone Survey

PUBLIC MEETING #1 PREP

NEXT STEPS

**Next Meeting: Public Meeting #1, Wednesday, November 29th, 7:30 PM @
Upper Moreland Township Building.**

Notes:



11/28/06

**Upper Moreland Township
Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan**
Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, PA
SC#06061.10

Committee Meeting #2

Date/Time: 11/20/06

Location: Upper Moreland Township Building
7:30 PM

In Attendance: (see attached sign-in sheet)

Notes:

1. **Action by SC:** SC will revise the previous meeting notes as discussed for inclusion in the report appendix.
2. SC conducted the meeting using a Power Point presentation. The schedule and scope of work were reviewed first. A list of parks was followed by photos of each park that has been inventoried by SC.
3. Mill Road Park is actually named Mill Creek Park.
4. Peter S. asked for a contact person in the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Department to review the specifics of each park.
5. **Action by Township:** Pat S. stated that he would give SC the contact information for the acting foreman, Gary Steef.
6. Pat S. stated the Township has \$200,000 to reconstruct the soccer field at Boileau Park. The plans for the field are in the construction document phase.
7. Currently, there are no plans made for any improvements to Pioneer Woods. Pat S. stated the Township would like to hear any recommendations SC might have.
8. Pat S. asked how SC is categorizing sports fields that overlap (i.e. football overlapping softball). SC responded that we are looking at each park with this condition and will verify with the Township exactly how each area is used.

9. **Action by Township:** Pat S. will send information to the SC Team regarding the standard benches, trash cans, etc. he has selected.
10. A committee member asked if Ted Reed's company is experienced in conducting phone surveys. Peter S. stated that the Reed Group was selected to conduct the survey because they are very experienced in phone surveys.
11. Pat S. requested questions about interest in a community center/building to be added to the phone and mail surveys. If the person responding to the survey would be interested in a community building, they will be asked what facilities/activities they would like to have included.
12. **Action by Township:** Pat S. will send SC the results of a community building survey previously conducted by the Township.
13. Pat S. would like to add skateboarding and dog parks to the list of warm weather activities in section 4C of the phone and mail survey.
14. SC will suggest where in existing parks a community center could possibly be located. SC will gather information on community centers.
15. It was asked if the "Do Not Call" list affects the results of the survey. Peter S. stated that it does not because the surveyors are not soliciting a product for sale.
16. A committee member suggested the surveyors state the fact that the survey is being conducted for Upper Moreland Township first.
17. Peter S. stated that after reviewing the surveys with Ted Reed, he will send revised copies to Pat S. for final review and approval. The surveys will be conducted in early to mid January.
18. It was suggested that the addresses of each park be included and the font be made larger so the survey is easier to read. Pat S. stated that the survey could be as many pages as it needs to be in order to make it legible and user friendly.
19. Pat S. would like roller hockey and skateboarding added to the warm weather sports list.
20. On the mail survey, questions about a possible community center need to be added.
21. A section in the mail survey listing other programs people might be interested in such as arts programs, teen programs, after school programs, etc., should be added.
22. An additional comments section should be included at the bottom of the mail survey.
23. **Action by Township:** Pat S. will send SC the Township logo so it can be added to the top of the mail survey.

24. Pat S. stated that the week of January 9th is when the Township would like to send out the mail surveys.
25. The mail surveys will be returned to the Parks and Recreation Department and will have a 'return by' date listed on them (January 31st).
26. Pat S. stated that the public meeting has been announced via email, the Township's public TV channel, and the website. He also announced it earlier this evening at a Township public meeting.
27. Peter S. went through the format for the public meeting. Pat S. will introduce the SC Team and the Committee members. There will be a 15 minute Power Point presentation and the rest of the time will be open for public comment and suggestions.
28. Pat S. stated that he asked the recreational organizations of Upper Moreland Township to write a formal letter of what facilities or activities they need or would like to see.
29. Peter S. stated that it is important not to qualify any suggestions at the public meeting. All suggestions will be written down and considered.
30. The topic of artificial turf was brought up. Pat S. stated that the need for artificial turf fields will come up at the public meeting and should be considered.
31. A committee member asked about the status of the cross county bike trail. Pat S. stated that a cross county trail was included in the Open Space Plan and will probably not be constructed until 2015.

Next Meeting: Public Meeting #1, Wednesday, November 29th, 7:30 PM @ Upper Moreland Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Brian E. Styche, RLA
Associate



12/04/06

**Upper Moreland Township
Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan**
Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, PA
SC#06061.10

Public Meeting #1

Date/Time: 11/29/06

Location: Upper Moreland Township Building
7:30 PM

In Attendance: (see attached sign-in sheet)

Notes:

1. Pat S. gave a brief introduction and overview of the project and introduced the Steering Committee and SC Team.
2. SC delivered a Power Point presentation outlining the project schedule and scope of work. The floor was opened to public comment. Questions, suggestions, and ideas were noted on cards. A record summary of the cards can be found at the end of these notes.
3. One resident suggested creating a 200' buffer around each park in which no buildings over two stories would be allowed.
4. The concern was raised that North Willow Grove Park was not rezoned recreational as many other parks were recently rezoned. Action Item – Pat S. will provide recent parks zoning information to SC.
5. The Upper Moreland Soccer Club requested a lighted multi-purpose synthetic athletic field, an increase in the budget for maintenance, lights for the front soccer field at Pileggi, and a storage building. It was stated that research shows synthetic fields typically provide a cost savings after 8 years of operation when use, maintenance, and initial cost are considered.
6. The Willow Grove Bears Football Club would like a building with restrooms, storage, and a concession stand at Masons Mill Park. Additional requests for Masons Mill Park include: lighting for the path along the pond; further maintenance of the football field; and, additional parkin. The Club supported the idea of a recreation center.

7. CYO Girls Soccer noted that soccer is played almost year round. They too would like a recreation center and an artificial turf field.
8. Currently, dogs are prohibited in all Township Parks. The addition of dog parks was requested. The proposed dog park at Mill Creek Park will be constructed when funding is available.
9. The lacrosse organization would like a park to call their home, and a field with lights. They also support a recreation center.
10. The wrestling organization would like an indoor facility.
11. Cold Springs Elementary is going to be demolished and the area may be regraded for athletic fields. The School District is seeking Township support for the field construction.
12. Pat S. received an email from a resident requesting a skateboard park.
13. A resident stated the athletic groups will have more power if they band together and show up in force at public meetings.
14. The hockey organization requested an ice skating rink for War Memorial Park.
15. The hockey organization also suggested a building addition to Memorial Park that would serve as a park building with restrooms, a maintenance area for the Township, storage areas for hockey and lacrosse, and an upper level for meetings. Memorial Park could then serve as a home for lacrosse and ice hockey.
16. It was also suggested that there appears to be enough room in the Hankin section of Memorial Park for a lighted lacrosse field and a dog park.
17. Sam's Club currently stands empty and it was suggested that it be converted into a recreation center. It was suggested that it should be a higher priority on the Township Open Space Plan acquisition list.
18. The Kiwanis representative encouraged involvement in service clubs and expressed the concern that more money is needed for maintenance.
19. Vandalism and security are problems throughout the parks. Are cameras necessary?
20. It was recommended that more special events be held, like the Halloween event at Masons Mill Park.
21. It was suggested that senior and teen programs should be provided by the Township.
22. It was suggested that the babysitting course should be kept and expanded.
23. The need for more fields and the need for an indoor recreation facility were two common themes discussed by most organizations present.
24. An indoor recreation facility that may include gyms, fitness areas, a teen area, classrooms, and locker rooms would benefit individual groups and the Township

itself. Also, many residents moved to Upper Moreland from other areas and were surprised to find no such facility available.

25. The athletic groups would like to see the addition of one or two lighted synthetic turf fields that would be available year round, immediately following rain storms, and during the evening. It was discussed how sports have changed over the years with kids starting at a younger age, sports being played all year, and a wider variety of sports being offered. Therefore, the number of fields that may have sufficed in the past not longer suffice today.

Next Meeting: Public Forum #1, Wednesday, January 3rd, 7:30 PM @ Upper Moreland Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Brian E. Styche, RLA
Associate



Upper Moreland Township Parks and Recreation Plan

SC# 06061.10

CARDS RECORD – 11/29/06

Goals

- Determine Recreational Needs
- Inventory & Assess Existing Facilities
- Prioritize Recommendations
- Public Participation

Facts

- 19 Township Parks
- Active Recreation
- Passive Recreation
- Educational Programs
- N. Willow Grove Not Zoned Recreation
- Maintenance Costs are a Concern
- Vandalism
- Poor Field Conditions
- Willow Grove Bears Host Playoffs at Masons Mill Park

Concepts

- New Programs
- New Facilities
- Improve Existing Facilities
- Buffers between Residential & Commercial Areas
- 200' Buffer Around Parks with Buildings of 2 Stories or Less
- Buy Back Properties for Parks
- Equipment
- Recreation Center
- Artificial Turf Fields
- Lighted Fields

- Budget Increase
- More Soccer Fields at Pileggi Park
- Soccer Storage at Pileggi Park
- Football Storage at Masons Mill Park
- Parking Needed at Masons Mill Park
- Bathrooms Needed at Masons Mill Park
- Football Building
- Lighting at Masons Mill Park
- Traffic
- Safety
- Football Concession Stand
- Practice Football Field Needed
- Enrichment Program
- Wrestling
- Camps
- Field Space
- Dog Park
- Health Issue
- Lacrosse Fields
- Girl & Boy Scouts
- Lighted Lacrosse Field
- Kids Off the Street
- Class/Meeting Rooms
- Lacrosse Home
- Quantity & Quality
- More Little League Fields
- Better Little League Field Conditions
- Township + School District
- Convert Cold Springs to Fields

- Better Cooperation
- Skateboard Park
- People Need to Attend Meetings
- Club Buildings at War Memorial
- Ice Skating
- Sam's Club Acquisition
- Safety Town – Repairs
- Service Club Involvement
- Volunteers
- Security
- Community Activities/Events
- Senior Programs
- Revitalize Historic Sites
- Babysitting Course
- Teen Programs
- Host Dances

Upper Moreland Township Parks and Recreation Plan
Public Meeting #1

Wednesday, November 29th, 2006, 7:30 PM @ Upper Moreland Township Building

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1/16/07

**Upper Moreland Township
Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan**
Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, PA
SC#06061.10

Organizational Forum #1

Date/Time: 1/3/07

Location: Upper Moreland Township Building
7:30 PM

In Attendance: (see attached sign-in sheet)

Notes:

1. SC delivered a Power Point presentation outlining the project schedule and scope of work. The floor was opened to public comment. Questions, suggestions, and ideas were noted on cards. A record summary of the cards can be found at the end of these notes.
2. The Ice Hockey Club supports the idea of a recreation center that includes a gym, storage space, meeting space, and areas for adult programs. They also raised the concern of limited training facilities.
3. The Little League group requested an indoor pitching and batting facility. They currently rent space from the schools and are competing with Upper Moreland Hoops for time.
4. UM Hoops rents space from schools, churches, and the baseball group for storage. They have difficulty getting space for the 400-500 kids involved in their program.
5. It was noted that the schools are difficult to work with and that there are only limited times available at school gyms. Teams are paying to use the school gyms but can be bumped from the gym without notice. Some elementary schools have gym space that apparently is not being used due to a philosophical difference with the principal who schedules use.
6. The number of school facilities cannot meet the overall demand for use of those facilities.
7. There are perceived problems with the separation of the School District and the Township. A Community Center could be used by both the District and the Township. It was suggested that Upper Moreland Township and the School District should be thought of as "we", not as "us and them".

8. An individual representing the School District stated that the problem is primarily logistical with scheduling facilities, but that it is also philosophical. The School Board is in charge of policies about facilities, but each school's administration is in charge of the procedures for the use of those facilities. The Principals control who gets to use the school facilities, not the School Board.
9. It was suggested that if the schools could better maintain their facilities, Township residents would not be forced to always use the Township facilities.
10. It was suggested that the Township increase the Parks and Recreation maintenance budget. Pat S. stated that the budget has been increased but the fields are being overused and have no time to rest.
11. A lighted artificial turf field was suggested as a possible solution to address the heavy use and maintenance requirements.
12. Peter S. stated that if the Township shows interest in a community center, a study may follow to determine the location and number of buildings that may be needed.
13. The Cold Springs Elementary demolition may potentially displace the Willow Grove Bears from their practice location for the upcoming season. They were wondering what is the schedule for demolition and if there are any temporary solutions to providing them practice space.
14. The biggest need in the Township is for practice fields as opposed to game fields. More practice areas are needed for all athletic groups.
15. It was suggested that the Township increase its field capacity for the most efficient cost.
16. Peter S. suggested the idea of cooperating with adjacent Townships to meet field demands.
17. It was stated that Abington Hospital has a lot of open space. Could this space be available for recreational use?
18. The Willow Grove Bears requested the addition of signage and lights along the walkways and parking lots at Masons Mill Park. These measures would allow for safer entrance and exit of the park and reduce vandalism.
19. Pat S. stated that the addition of the roller hockey rink at War Memorial Park decreased the vandalism occurring there.
20. The Ice Hockey Club is looking for a storage building at War Memorial Park. They had an architect prepare a rendering for use in grant applications and suggested that the building could be used by other groups as well.
21. It was stated that the Township in general should be providing facilities for the programs as much as possible. A recreation center would allow the Parks and Recreation Department to provide programs for after school, teens, adults, and our seniors. All residents would benefit, not just the youth groups.
22. It was stated that programs nowadays are year-round with most organizations offering sports/programs for children starting at a younger age.
23. It was stated that the final plan should include recommendations that appeal to all age groups, including older residents.
24. The wrestling and lacrosse clubs would like to have additional storage space.

25. Pat S. stated that it may be possible to provide additional lighted fields at Masons Mill Park, Pileggi Park, and War Memorial Park.
26. It was suggested that an artificial turf field does not necessarily need to be located within an existing park.
27. It was suggested that with field & building additions at War Memorial Park, the Lacrosse, Wrestling, and Ice Hockey groups could all be served in one park.
28. It was suggested that the Township could sell the existing Township Building lands to fund a new community center and move their offices into that building.
29. Someone asked what the Township is doing with the letters each group has submitted with their requests. Peter S. stated that the letters will be included in the final report.
30. It was suggested that the Township buy the Sam's Club site, use the building as a recreation center, and put an artificial turf field over the asphalt (this was identified in the Township Open Space Plan).
31. It was suggested that all new natural fields be irrigated.
32. It was suggested that sunken fields be built that can then be flooded in the winter for ice skating (similar to what is don in Abingdon Township).
33. The Willow Grove Bears would like running water and restrooms near their field at Masons Mill Park.
34. It was asked if a multi-purpose field could be put at Terwood Park. Pat S. stated that it is not likely because the Township leases the land from the Sewer Authority.
35. It was suggested the cost of an artificial turf field versus a natural turf field with a roof be looked into. Pat S. stated that the Township will get the initial implementation cost back from an artificial turf field versus the maintenance costs of a natural turf field over a period of 8 years.
36. A resident asked if any Turnpike Property would be available for use.
37. Peter S. suggested being aggressive in finding areas for new fields/facilities. The Township should use all the tools at their disposable to find space for additional facilities as recreational facilities are an important element of any community's infrastructure.
38. It was suggested that the Township investigate using an Abington Hospital-owned site at the corner of Maryland and Easton, near Home Depot.

Next Meeting: Committee Meeting #3, Wed. February 14, 2007, 7:30 PM @ Upper Moreland Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,
SIMONE COLLINS, INC.
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Upper Moreland Township Parks and Recreation Plan
SC# 06061.10

CARDS RECORD – 1/3/06

Goals

- Determine Recreational Needs
- Inventory & Assess Existing Facilities
- Prioritize Recommendations
- Public Participation

Facts

- 19 Township Parks
- Active Recreation
- Passive Recreation
- Principals Control School Facility Use

Concepts

- New Programs
- New Facilities
- Improve Existing Facilities
- Meeting Space
- Recreation Center
- Storage Space
- Training Facilities Limited
- Indoor Pitching Facility
- Basketball Needs Space
- Schools Difficult to Work with
- Limited Times Available @ School Gyms
- # School Facilities Can't Meet Overall Demand
- Bumped from Gyms w/o Notice
- Why Charging \$ at Schools When Paying Taxes?

- Township & Schools Should Unite
- Scheduling Efficiently?
- Up Maintenance Budget
- Fields Used Too Much
- Artificial Turf
- More Fields
- Football Practice Field
- Cold Springs Demo Effects Practice Areas
- Practice Fields/Space Needed
- More Than Recreation
- Co-op w/ Other Townships
- Capacity
- Safety Issues
- Everyone Benefits from Good Parks
- Hockey: Storage & Building
- War Memorial for Multiple Groups
- Township Supplies, Groups Use
- Sports Start Younger & Year-Round
- Benefits More than Physical
- Walking Trails
- Adult Fields/Facilities Needed
- Lighted Fields
- Wrestling & Lacrosse Storage
- Synthetic Turf on Paved Area?
- Buy Sam's Club?
- Irrigation
- Ice Skating on Flooded Fields

- Restrooms
- Covered Turf vs. Artificial Turf
- Can June Fete Area be Used?
- Turnpike Property?
- Abington Hospital Corner Property?

**Upper Moreland Township Parks and Recreation Plan
Public Forum - Organizations
Wednesday, January 3rd, 2007, 7:30 PM @ Upper Moreland Township Building**

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3/7/07

**Upper Moreland Township
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Committee Meeting #3 - AGENDA

PROJECT STATUS / SCHEDULE

PRELIMINARY SURVEY RESULTS

GROUP WISH LISTS / REQUESTED FACILITIES

FACILITY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS

OTHER ISSUES

Next Meeting: Public Meeting #2, Wednesday, April 18th, 7:30 PM @ Upper Moreland Township Building.

Notes:



3/15/07

**Upper Moreland Township
Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan**
Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, PA
SC#06061.10

Committee Meeting #3

Date/Time: 3/7/07

Location: Upper Moreland Township Library
7:30 PM

In Attendance: (see attached sign-in sheet)

Notes:

1. Pat S. distributed a recent news article regarding synthetic turf fields. Another article noted that an Upper Moreland Township resident shows interest in building a community center.
2. Brian S. gave a brief description of synthetic turf fields and passed around brochures and samples of Field Turf and Sprint Turf.
3. Brian S. stated that over time a synthetic turf field is more cost effective. Even though the initial installation cost for a synthetic turf field is large, the amount of time the field can be used and the reduced year to year maintenance costs make up for that initial cost after several years.
4. Installation costs of synthetic turf fields can range from \$600,000 to \$1 million depending on the size of the field, the manufacturer chosen, and the amount of site grading and preparation required. The surfaces have a life span of 10+ years for varsity caliber football and 15+ years for youth sports, depending on the amount of use.
5. It was stated that synthetic turf fields can be considered environmentally friendly; stormwater can be retained below the surface, and no fertilizers or mowing are required for upkeep.
6. Peter S. stated that synthetic fields can be used year round and in all conditions because the turf does not hold moisture if properly installed.
7. Townships and school districts in the area that have synthetic turf fields include: Wissahickon, Christopher Dock, Upper Dublin, and Central Bucks.
8. The preliminary results of the telephone and mail surveys were discussed. The Reed Group provided SC with the topline data from the phone and mail surveys and will be completing a full analysis report that summarizes and compares both surveys. This information will be used to determine the Level of Service (LOS), which will in turn be used to determine whether or not additional active sports facilities are necessary for the Township.
9. Pat S. stated that approximately 7,800 mail surveys were sent out. 7,100 were sent specifically to residences. To date, a total of 329 mail surveys have been returned.

10. Pat S. stated that most mail surveys that were returned came from people who received them via mail, not from people who picked them up at the Parks and Recreation Department office.
11. The surveys showed a majority of Township residents are interested in a community center; 74% of the phone surveys and 79% of the mail surveys.
12. Walking was the most popular activity from the mail survey results. Peter S. stated that it is important to recognize that walking is an important activity in the Township and that the Township should consider inter-connecting its parks with neighborhoods by developing pedestrian facilities where needed, such as trails and sidewalks.
13. Skateboarding did not score as a popular activity on either survey but it was stated that a skateboard park would probably be heavily used by the under-served teen age group.
14. The athletic groups' wish list of facilities and fields was discussed. All of the athletic groups that submitted a wish list requested a recreation center. SC will document in the report how many participants belong to each athletic group.
15. Most groups requested a lighted multi-purpose synthetic turf field.
16. SC stated that they will create a graphic showing which months each athletic group is active in order to clearly communicate field conflicts, the need for more fields, and the overlap of athletic group timeframes.
17. The old NPRA Facility Development Standards results were discussed. It was stated that the numbers are deceiving because the old NPRA standards were used to calculate the facilities needed based on population alone. SC will develop a Level of Service (LOS) using the new NPRA standards and use that LOS standard to determine the number of facilities needed in the Township.
18. SC will investigate potential synthetic turf locations throughout UMT and include recommendations in the Draft report.
19. SC stated that they will investigate possible Township parks that could be used as or have portions converted to dog parks.
20. Pat S. stated that there is discussion throughout the Township about a community center, but the Township will wait for the recommendations of the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan before going any further.
21. Pat S. stated that discussions are underway about the possibility of the Parks and Recreation Department assuming the responsibility for maintaining the School District's recreation fields.
22. Pat S. stated that the UMT Parks and Recreation Department had a \$3 million bond issue that was used a few years ago. \$2 million was used for the purchase of open space that included Boileau Park and Pennypack Preserve.
23. Pat S. stated that the School District is taking out a \$36 million bond and that the Township's position is that it will not raise taxes because of this school bond.

Next Meeting: Committee Meeting #4, Wed. March 28, 2007, 7:30 PM @ Township Building Main Meeting Room

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Upper Moreland Township Parks and Recreation Plan

Committee Meeting #3

Wednesday, March 7th, 2007, 7:30 PM @ Upper Moreland Township Library

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Katie Kollar			
Jim McKay			



3/28/07

**Upper Moreland Township
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Committee Meeting #4 - AGENDA

PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

PHONE & MAIL SURVEY RESULTS

KEY PERSON INTERVIEWS SUMMARY

LEVEL OF SERVICE DETERMINATIONS

OTHER ISSUES

Next Meeting: Public Meeting #2, Wednesday, April 18th, 7:30 PM @ Upper Moreland Township Building.

Notes:



3/29/07

**Upper Moreland Township
Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan**
Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, PA
SC#06061.10

Committee Meeting #4

Date/Time: 3/28/07

Location: Upper Moreland Township Building
7:30 PM

In Attendance: (see attached sign-in sheet)

Notes:

1. Brian S. presented a list of preliminary recommendations for discussion by the committee. These recommendations include: an independent study for a Community Center; new facilities for youth programs; synthetic turf field(s); a dog park; and, a skateboard park. These recommendations, if included, will also directly affect the Parks & Recreation Department maintenance, staffing, and budget requirements.
2. According to the phone and mail survey results, 8 out of 10 people in the Township expressed at least some level of interest in a community center.
3. A community center is recommended in the final report and a feasibility study would need to be conducted to determine appropriate amenities and possible locations.
4. Pat S. stated that DCNR has grant funding available for the preparation of feasibility studies.
5. Pat S. stated that every group he has spoken with has expressed interest in a community center.
6. One resident expressed concern that UMT might be too small to fund a community center. He also stated that Philadelphia schools were built as combined schools and rec. centers. He noted that it would be nice if the

schools in UMT could be used in the same fashion. Pete S. added that other smaller communities have community centers.

7. A resident asked how long a feasibility study takes and if SC will consider the buildings and open space areas identified in the Open Space Plan when deciding on where to put a community center. Pete S. responded that whoever conducts the feasibility study would definitely consider the spaces identified in the Open Space Plan.
8. It was stated that UMT should consider asking private foundations or residents to donate money, land, or a building that could be used toward a community center.
9. Brian S. stated that based on the preliminary Level of Service (LOS) calculations, UMT may need at least one additional soccer, one baseball/softball, and one football field. Basketball, lacrosse, and ice hockey all seem to have deficiencies in facilities but SC is not sure if these types of facilities are definitely needed due to the lack of some data.
10. Brian S. stated that the resting of fields will need to be considered when recommending new fields. Pat S. stated that being able to rest at least one field would be ideal.
11. Pat S. passed out the Spring 2007 field use schedule to show that the current fields are being used every day.
12. The final report will suggest where proposed fields could be located and offer possible sites the Township could consider for acquisition or to seek an agreement for recreational use.
13. It was stated that a synthetic turf field should be located where it will be able to have lights to maximize use potential and where those lights would not disturb nearby residents.
14. Pat S. stated that UMT consider Montgomery County Open Space funds as a possibility to fund a synthetic field.
15. Brian S. stated that an old parking area could be converted into a synthetic turf field instead of using precious green space.
16. Brian S. suggested that the open area on the Turnpike side of Mill Road Park could be used as a dog park. In the report, SC will recommend possible locations for some formal dog parks.
17. A resident stated that dog parks should not be put in an area that could be used for human needs such as athletic fields. Pete S. stated that SC will not recommend putting a dog park where a field could be constructed.
18. It was suggested that certain parks in the Township should allow dogs on leashes. Bags for waste could be provided.

19. It was stated that a skateboard park would serve the growing need for a safe place for teens to hang out.
20. The number of additional facilities proposed in this plan will have an effect on the amount of budget and staffing that the Parks Department will require.
21. Brian S. reviewed the Power Point presentation prepared by the Reed Group that summarizes the results of the phone and mail surveys. The level of activity participation was higher with the mail survey than with the phone survey because people who actively participate in Parks and Recreation activities are more likely to respond. The phone survey includes people who are not interested in using the UMT parks system.
22. According to the survey results, using playgrounds and walking are the most popular activities.
23. SC suggested that the report will recommend Township-wide trail connections and bicycle / pedestrian improvements to provide additional linkages to the existing park.
24. The most visited Township parks are Masons Mill and Woodlawn. Pennypack Nature Preserve is also popular with residents.
25. It was stated that if a community center is constructed, it should not include amenities that compete with local businesses.
26. Andria K. provided a summary of the key person interviews conducted to date (attached).
27. More than one resident expressed concern over the demolition of Cold Springs Elementary and what is to be done with the land. The School District will be making decisions regarding the land use in April. One resident asked when SC will be making their recommendations to UMT and if it could be in time to influence the School District's decision about Cold Springs' land use. Pat S. stated that a meeting between Township representatives and School District representatives will be conducted to discuss this situation.

Next Meeting: Public Meeting #2, Wed. April 18, 2007, 7:30 PM @ Township Building Main Meeting Room

Respectfully Submitted,
SIMONE COLLINS, INC.
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Brian E. Styche, RLA
Associate



3/28/07

**Upper Moreland Township
Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan**
Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, PA
SC#06061.10

Key Person Interviews Summary

1. What Township facilities do you currently use for your organization?

*Brook St. - playground
Masons Mill – football, baseball, softball, running track, playground
N. Willow Grove - lacrosse
Boileau
Middle school fields
Upper Dublin Park – Mondawg
Pileggi
Fair Oaks – softball
Cold Spring – softball, baseball, football
High school – track, soccer
Woodlawn - baseball
Buehler
UM school gyms – basketball
Terwood
Little League complex
Fern Village*

2. Do you have any suggestions of what kinds of fields the township needs to add? Number, size, new or just improve the old? Do you think there is a need for a synthetic turf field? Is there a need for fields with lights?

Fields needed:

*Baseball
T-ball
Lacrosse
Basketball
Soccer
Softball
Synthetic turf with lights – Most people who responded think there is a need for a synthetic turf field with lights. All the different sports teams could use it, it would free up some field space, and it could be played on after and during all kinds of weather. One person stated that the Township might benefit from the Township and School District collaborating on the cost and use of a field. Both organizations would benefit.*

3. Do you have any suggestions for kinds of facilities / buildings needed? If they think a community center is needed, what would your group use it for (storage, classroom instruction, clinics/camps, gym space?)?

Most respondents think a community center is a very good idea. They believe there should be indoor areas such as gyms for kids to play basketball and other sports, a fitness center, an indoor walking track, aerobics/dance room, and meeting rooms where group activities could be held. Other comments were that it would reduce vandalism because kids would have a place to go and participate in activities and that it would also be a place for seniors and other adults to have activities that are appropriate for them. The community center could also serve as a home for the Parks and Rec Department's programs that are not sports specific.

4. Can you think of any facilities or amenities needed in the township that aren't associated with your organization? For example, do you think the township would benefit from: skate parks, dog parks, walking trails, water play/spray poles, ice rink?

Many people responded that walking trails would be a welcome addition. One person pointed out that the Masons Mill walking track needs to be repaired quite a bit in three locations from rain washing it out. People are also supportive of adding a skate park and either a dog park or for allowing dogs in a park or two.

5. What is your overall impression of the maintenance and safety of the parks in Upper Moreland Township? What facilities have you visited to make that determination?

Most people referred to the maintenance and safety of the parks as either good or fair. Field maintenance is a concern. Someone suggested the fields be properly aerated and someone else stated that the fields could use proper drainage systems. Another resident noted that the maintenance itself is done as well as it can be, but the budget the Township provides the Parks and Recreation Department is not nearly enough to properly maintain the fields.

The maintenance staff is concerned about their work load and would like at least one other full time worker. They currently have 4 full time employees and 2 part-time volunteers. A salt spreader and a new dump truck were also requested.

6. Is the Parks and Recreation staff responsive to your needs and do they serve you in a professional manner?

Everyone said that the Parks and Recreation staff is very responsive and helpful. Problems that are pointed out are usually fixed the next day.

7. Do you have any additional comments, suggestions, or problems you would like to discuss?

Additional comments included:

- 1. The fitness equipment along the track at Masons Mill needs to be replaced.*
- 2. The parks system needs to take advantage of the historic and passive areas in its parks such as Boileau.*
- 3. Connecting the parks or walking trails to the Cross County trail system would be great.*
- 4. Groups other than UMSC should be able to use Pileggi Park because it is a Township park, not the soccer club's private facility. It might help with scheduling issues.*
- 5. The old elementary school next to the high school is currently used by a lot of skateboarders. It might be a good place to consider building a skate park.*
- 6. The township needs to make sure all paths have good drainage and are defined (ex. Buehler). The proposed trail from Cold Springs to War Memorial should be installed.*
- 7. There is a concern that the sledding hill at Cold Springs will be removed when the school is demolished and turned into a parking lot or fields.*
- 8. Pileggi Park should be developed further like Masons Mill Park. A community center could possibly be included in this development.*

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Blair Mill Park
 Location: Blair Mill Rd. near County Line Rd. Hatboro
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Size: 1.0 acre
 Date of Review: 11/10/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

Facility	Exist Y/N	Quantity	General Condition			Notes note or circle
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	N					
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	Y		X			gravel - shares parking w/ Harboro L.L. fields
Baseball/Softball Fields	N					
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	N					
Basketball Courts	N					
Field or court lights	N					
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	N					
Walking/Biking Trail	N					
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	N					
Seating Areas / benches	Y	2	X			wood
Open Field areas	N					
Tot Lot / Playground	Y	1	X			5-12 yrs.
Swings	N					
Safety Surface	Y			X		Surface Type: Wood carpet - compacted
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	2	X			
Trash receptacles	Y	2	X			wood
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	N					
Other (Specify)						
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance			X			
Overall Maintenance				X		
Tree cover in non athletic field areas			X			
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	none

Comments:

Park has split rail fencing and is actually located in Horsham Twp. Wood fence along neighboring residential properties. Chain link fence along road.
 Timbers need to be reset around playground. Adjacent to Hatboro Little League fields and busy road. Residential area. Could benefit from picnic tables.
 Enforcement of park rules is a problem because the park is not in Upper Moreland Township (Hatboro-Horsham).
 ADA issues: Playground not accessible, however, has transfer station.
 CPSC issues:



Blair Mill Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Brooks St. Park
 Location: Brooks St. Willow Grove
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Date of Review: 11/21/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

Facility	Exist	Quantity	General Condition			Notes
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	N					
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	N					street
Baseball/Softball Fields	N					
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	N					
Basketball Courts	N					
Field or court lights	N					
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	N					
Walking/Biking Trail	N					
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	N					
Seating Areas / benches	Y	2	X			aluminum, wood dedicated bench
Open Field areas	N					
Tot Lot / Playground	Y	1	X			5-12 yrs.
Swings	N					
Safety Surface	Y		X			Surface Type: rubber tires
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1	X			
Trash receptacles	Y	2	X			wood
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	N					
Other (Specify)	N					
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance			X			
Overall Maintenance			X			
Tree cover in non athletic field areas			X			
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	

Comments:

Purchased with assistance from Montgomery County. Dedicated bench and dedicated signage. Residential neighborhood. Pocket park.
 Located in an area where most people probably walk to the park. Kids cut through the neighbors' yards. Need to make ADA accessible.

ADA issues: Playground is not ADA accessible. There is a wheelchair transfer platform.

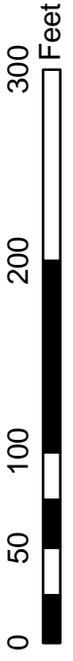
CPSC issues: N/A



Patterson Ave.

Brooks St.

Raab St.



Brooks Street Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Broughton Park
 Location: 107 Barrett Rd. Willow Grove
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Size: 0.5 acres
 Date of Review: 11/10/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

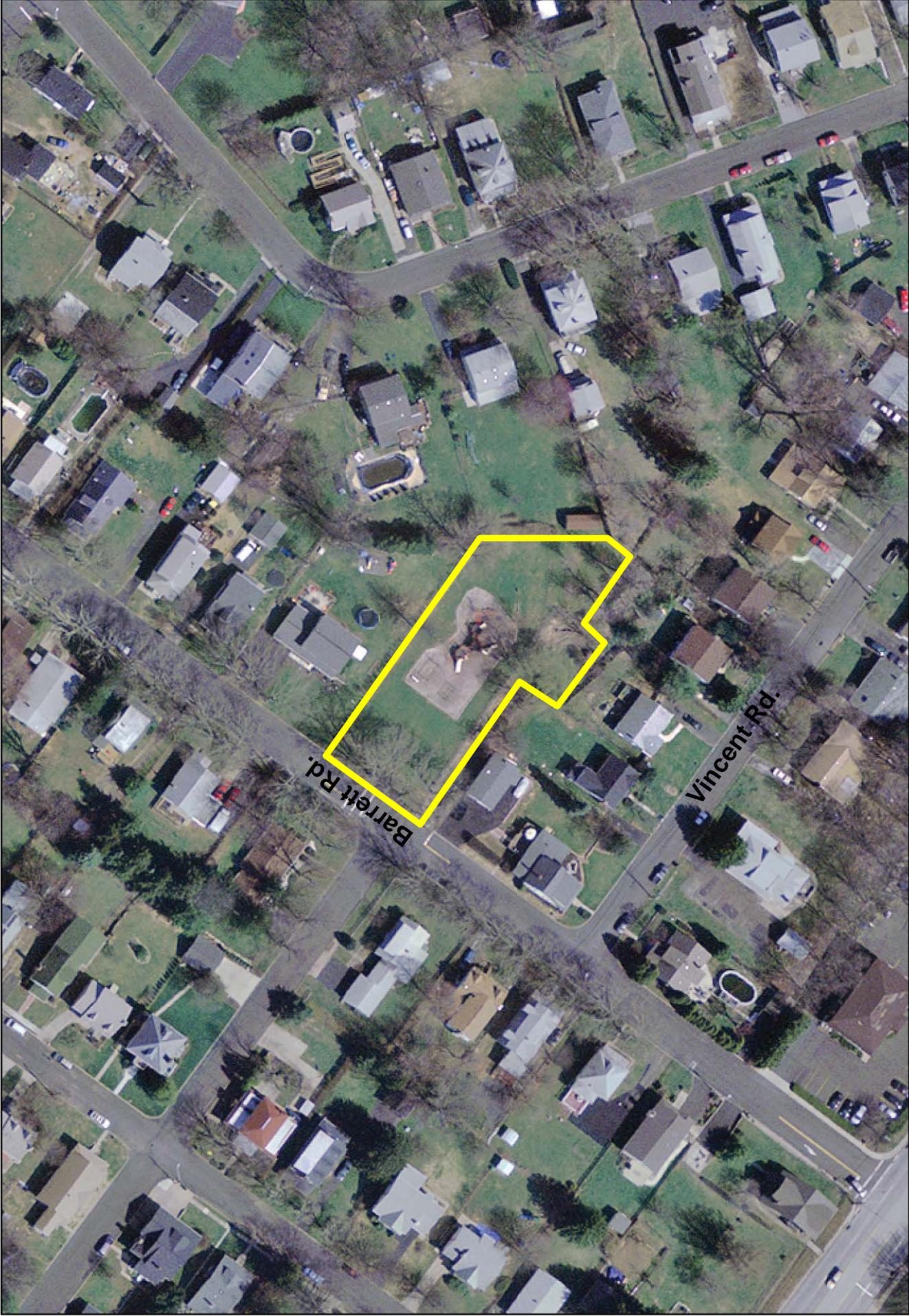
Facility	Exist	Quantity	General Condition			Notes
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	N					
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	N					street
Baseball/Softball Fields	N					
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	N					
Basketball Courts	N					
Field or court lights	N					
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	N					
Walking/Biking Trail	N					
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	N					
Seating Areas / benches	Y	2	X			aluminum and wood
Open Field areas	N					
Tot Lot / Playground	Y	1	X			5-12 yrs.
Swings	Y	2	X			2 buckets
Safety Surface	Y		X			Surface Type: Wood carpet - very uneven, add more
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1	X			
Trash receptacles	Y	3	X			wood and barrel
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	N					
Other (Specify)	N					
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance			X			
Overall Maintenance			X			
Tree cover in non athletic field areas			X			
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	none

Comments:

Deep swale borders the property and is eroding the bank. Bank stabilization is a problem. New split rail fence at entry. Residential pocket park in good condition.

ADA issues: Playground not accessible because coming across grass. Has transfer station and could easily be made accessible.

CPSC issues:



Broughton Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

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**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Buehler Park Nature Study Area (& Parks Maintenance Shop)
 Location: 627 Fitzwatertown Rd. Willow Grove
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Date of Review: 11/21/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

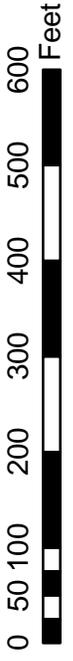
Facility	Exist	Quantity	General Condition			Notes
			Good	Fair	Poor	
	Y/N					note or circle
Restrooms	N					
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	Y		X			asphalt with no striping
Baseball/Softball Fields	N					
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	N					
Basketball Courts	N					
Field or court lights	N					
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	N					
Walking/Biking Trail	Y				X	wood chips @ bridge, dirt elsewhere, deep mud
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	Y	2		X		picnic tables
Seating Areas / benches	Y	3		X		wood
Open Field areas	N					
Tot Lot / Playground	N					
Swings	N					
Safety Surface	N					
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1	X			
Trash receptacles	Y	4		X		wood, barrels, rubber
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	Y	2				next to the maintenance building
Other (Specify)	Y					flagpole
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance				X		
Overall Maintenance				X		
Tree cover in non athletic field areas			X			
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	none

Comments:

Woodchipped walking loop through woodlands needs more wood chips. Trails need to be defined. Difficult entrance and exit. Surrounded by houses, maintenance building, and high-rise apartments. Creek runs through the site and under a wooden bridge at the entry. There is deep mud along the trail throughout the site. There is an area of open lawn (clearing). There are two security lights associated with the maintenance building. Better benches and trash cans are needed, in addition to a bulletin board and interpretive signage. The parking area needs to be expanded and better defined.

ADA issues: Non-compliant

CPSC issues:



Buehler Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Cherry Street Park
 Location: 24 Cherry St. Willow Grove
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Size: 0.5 acres
 Date of Review: 11/10/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

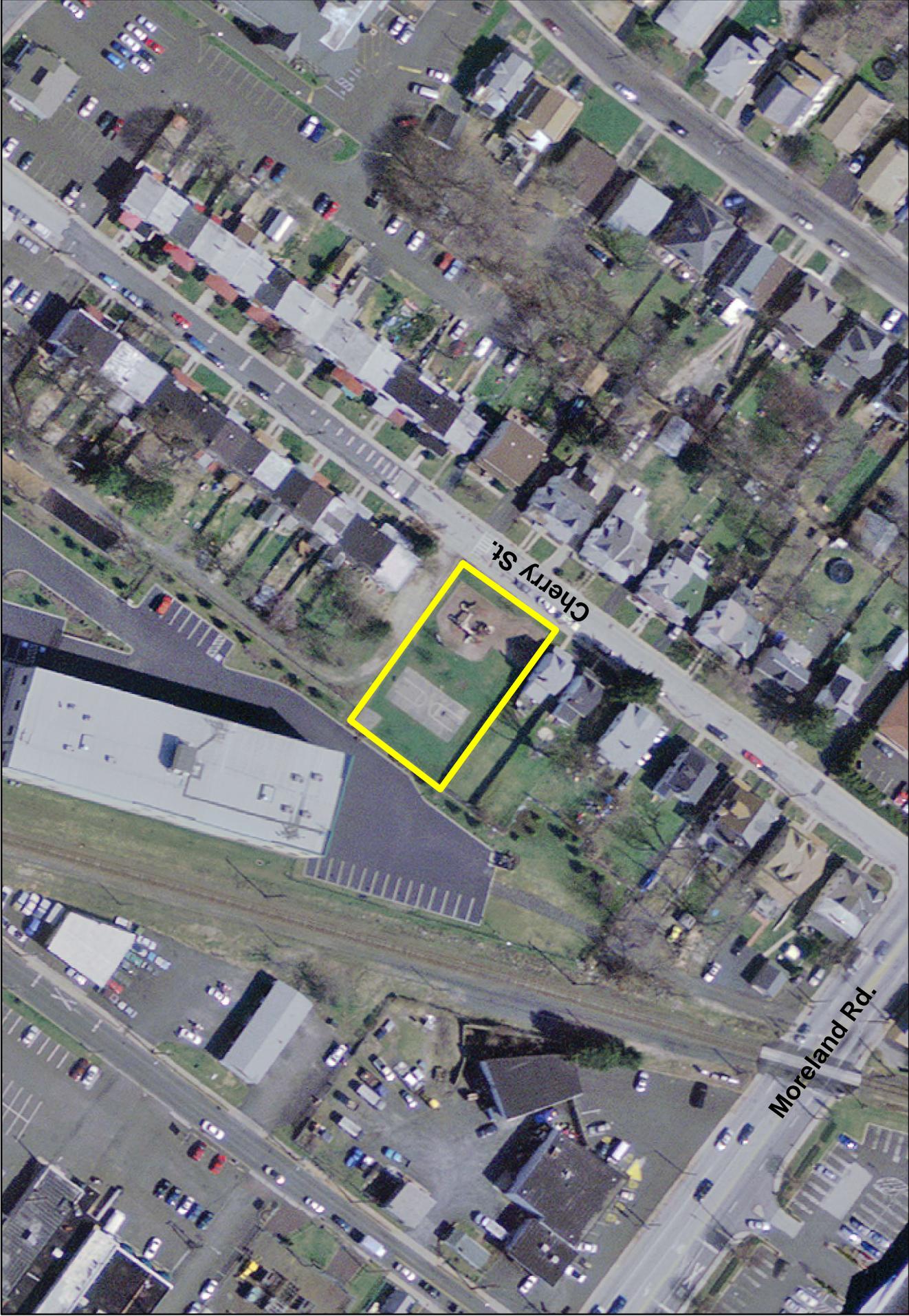
Facility	Exist	Quantity	General Condition			Notes
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	N					
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	N					street
Baseball/Softball Fields	N					
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	N					
Basketball Courts	Y	1		X		not full size
Field or court lights	N					
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	N					
Walking/Biking Trail	N					
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	N					
Seating Areas / benches	Y	1	X			aluminum
Open Field areas	N					
Tot Lot / Playground	Y	1	X			
Swings	Y	4		X		2 regular, 2 bucket
Safety Surface	Y		X			Surface Type: Wood carpet - needs to be filled in
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1	X			
Trash receptacles	Y	2	X			wood
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	N					
Other (Specify)	N					
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance				X		
Overall Maintenance				X		
Tree cover in non athletic field areas			X			
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	none

Comments:

Residential pocket park. New picnic tables and benches are needed.

ADA issues: Playground is not accessible.

CPSC issues:



Cherry Street Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Dawson Manor Park
 Location: 3630 Lukens Ln. Hatboro
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Size: 1.0 acre
 Date of Review: 11/10/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

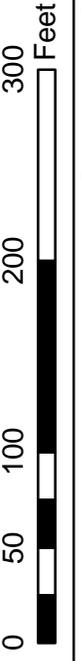
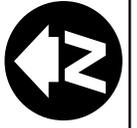
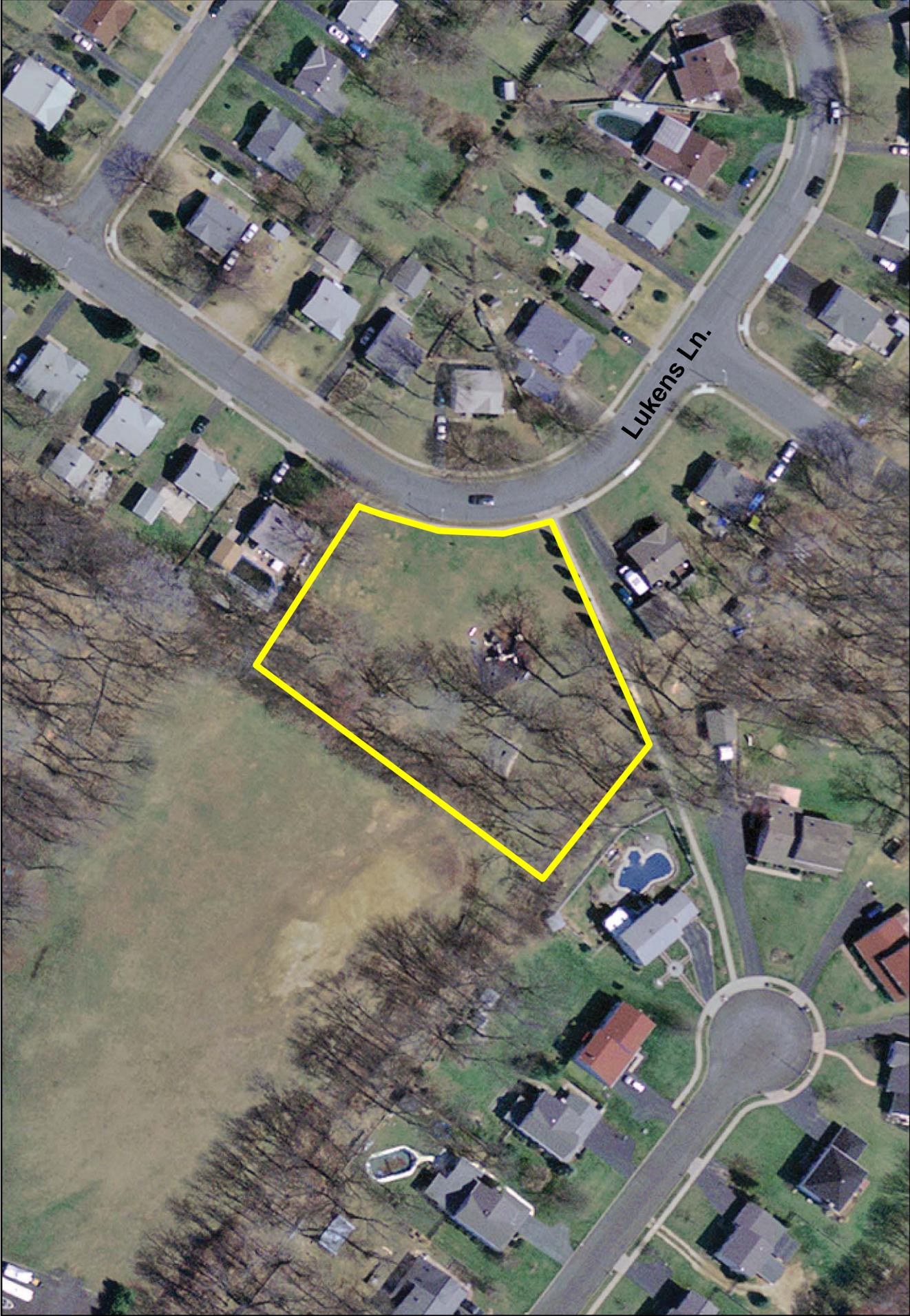
Facility	Exist	Quantity	General Condition			Notes
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	N					note or circle
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	N					street
Baseball/Softball Fields	N					
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	N					
Basketball Courts	Y	1		X		1/2 Court
Field or court lights	N					
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	N					
Walking/Biking Trail	N					
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	N					
Seating Areas / benches	Y	2	X			aluminum
Open Field areas	N					
Tot Lot / Playground	Y	1	X			5-12 yrs. structure, seesaw
Swings	Y	4	X			2 regular, 2 bucket
Safety Surface	Y		X			Surface Type: ground rubber, wood chips @ swings
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1		X		kind of rickety
Trash receptacles	Y	2	X			wood
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	Y	1				Cobra light over basketball court
Other (Specify)	N					
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance			X			
Overall Maintenance			X			
Tree cover in non athletic field areas			X			
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	none

Comments:

Emergency access alley way. Low lying power lines and transformer on pole. Residential area. Open space behind park is underutilized. Swing area needs to be regraded. Picnic tables should be added.

ADA issues: Playground not accessible, however, has a transfer station.

CPSC issues:



Dawson Manor Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Fair Oaks Park
 Location: 2300 Skrobul Rd. Hatboro
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Size: 6.0 acres
 Date of Review: 11/10/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

Facility	Exist Y/N	Quantity	General Condition			Notes note or circle
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	N					
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	Y	16	X			asphalt, 1 handicap space, 1 at separate entrance
Baseball/Softball Fields	Y	1		X		softball- benches behind backstop, grooming needed
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	Y	1		X		shares w/softball - needs to be reseeded
Basketball Courts	Y	1	X			
Field or court lights	N					
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	Y	1	X			asphalt area adjacent to bball and roller hockey
Walking/Biking Trail	Y		X			Asphalt - loops perimeter of park
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	N					
Seating Areas / benches	Y	5	X			aluminum
Open Field areas	Y			X		large lawn area - needs to be reseeded
Tot Lot / Playground	Y	1	X			5-12 yrs.
Swings	Y	4	X			2 regular, 2 bucket
Safety Surface	Y			X		Surface Type: Wood carpet - compacted, fill in
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N		X			
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1	X			
Trash receptacles	Y	7				wood and barrel
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	N					
Other (Specify)	Y		X			roller hockey area adjacent to basketball
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance			X			
Overall Maintenance			X			
Tree cover in non athletic field areas			X			
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	none

Comments:

Sidewalk leads to play equipment and acts as wood carpet border around equipment. Drainage issues along path. Security lighting needed. Trees are dangerous; arborist needed. Parking is an issue. Can more be done with signs and painting to encourage people to park in the designated spaces and to create more spaces?

ADA issues: Playground may be accessible. Unsure of slope of path to play area. No accessibility to basketball, volleyball, hockey, soccer, or softball. Path too steep to be accessible all the way around the park. Dangerous bollard at entry. Residential area.

CPSC issues:



Fair Oaks Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Fern Village Park
 Location: 614 High Ave. Hatboro
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Size: 5.0 acres
 Date of Review: 11/10/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

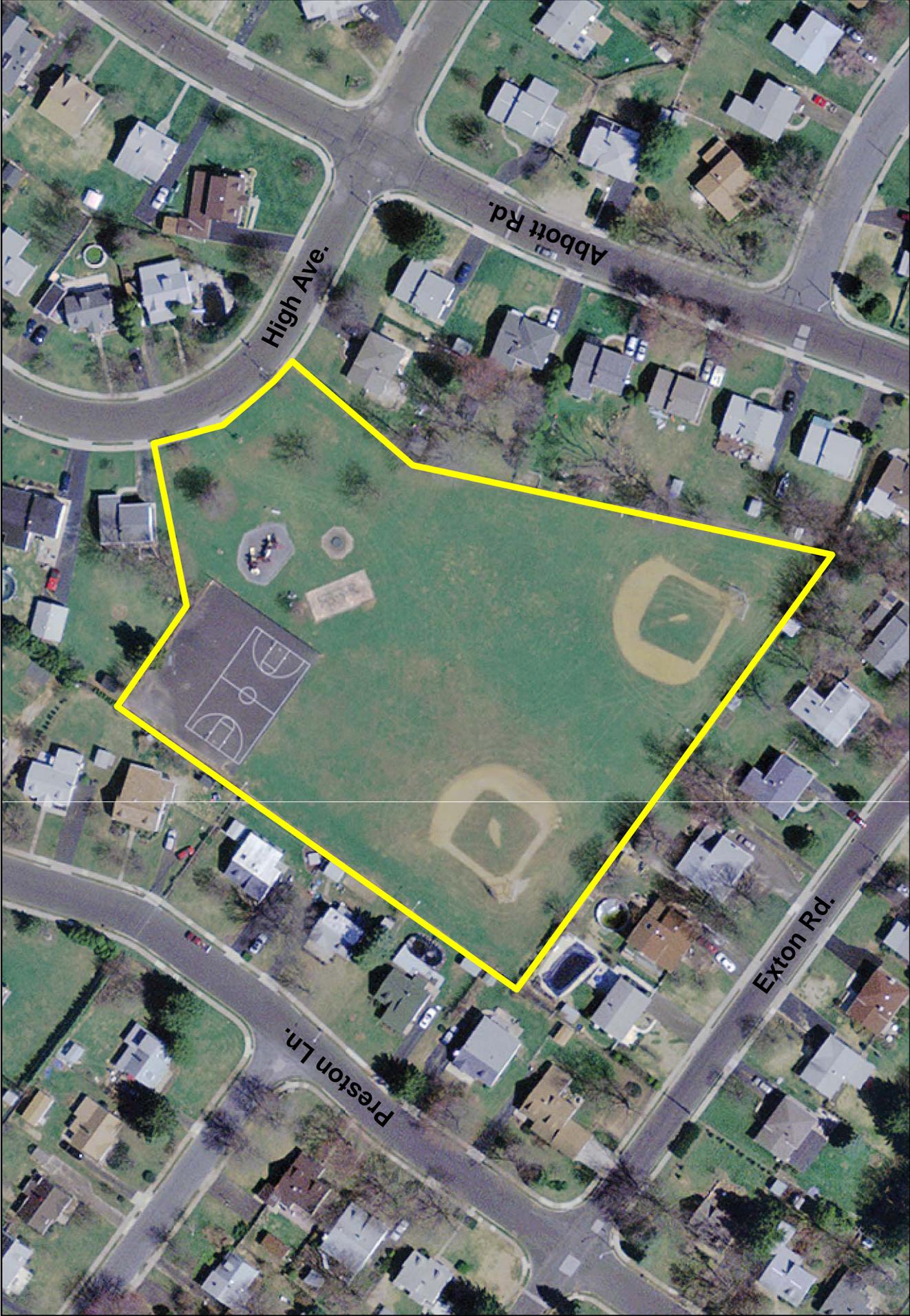
Facility	Exist Y/N	Quantity	General Condition			Notes note or circle
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	N					
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	N					street
Baseball/Softball Fields	Y	2	X			softball - grass w/ skinned baselines, no benches
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	Y	1		X		
Basketball Courts	Y	1	X			has addition asphalt area
Field or court lights	N					
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	N					
Walking/Biking Trail	N					
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	N					
Seating Areas / benches	Y	2	X			aluminum
Open Field areas	N					
Tot Lot / Playground	Y	1	X			5-12 yrs. structure, merry-go-round
Swings	Y	6		X		4 regular, 2 bucket
Safety Surface	Y			X		Surface Type: Wood carpet - compacted, needs fill in
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1	X			
Trash receptacles	Y	5	X			wood, rubber, barrel
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	Y	4	X			3 Cobra heads, 1 flood light
Other (Specify)	N					
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance			X			
Overall Maintenance			X			
Tree cover in non athletic field areas				X		
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	none

Comments:

Sidewalk leading to and around playground equipment. Replace both backstops. Rusty chain link fence on playground side of basketball court. Chain link fence along perimeter of park need to be replaced. Drainage issues on softball fields and at southern end of site. Swale must be redug. Residential area.

ADA issues: Playground accessible?? Has transfer station.

CPSC issues:



Fern Village Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Frank J. Pileggi Park
 Location: 4255 Showemaker Rd. Huntingdon Valley
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Size:
 Date of Review: 10/24/06

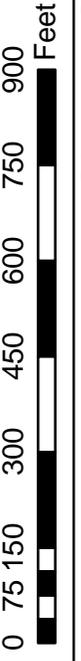
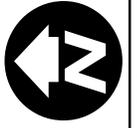
Facility Inventory & Analysis

Facility	Exist	Quantity	General Condition			Notes
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	Y	1	X			locked
Drinking Fountains	Y	2			X	
Parking Spaces	Y					asphalt - no striping, 2 separate lots
Baseball/Softball Fields	N					
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	Y	2	X			One lit, one unlit
Basketball Courts	Y	1	X			1 full court, 3 nets
Field or court lights	Y	4	X			athletic field lights
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	Y	1				Mixed use with basketball
Walking/Biking Trail	Y				X	stone dust - poorly graded
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	Y	5	X			picnic tables
Seating Areas / benches	Y	11		X		wood, aluminum, metal
Open Field areas	N					
Tot Lot / Playground	Y	2	X			5-12 yrs., one lit, one unlit
Swings	Y	4	X			2 regular, 2 bucket
Safety Surface	Y			X		Surface Type: Wood chips - fill in some places
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1	X			
Trash receptacles	Y	18	X			wood, barrel, rubber
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	Y	8	X			
Other (Specify)						
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance			X			
Overall Maintenance				X		
Tree cover in non athletic field areas			X			
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	some forsythia shrubs

Comments:

Sidewalk to and around play equipment. Building has storage, rest rooms, and a snack stand. Home of U.M.T. Soccer. County funding assistance.
 Tree stumps adjacent to soccer field are hazardous. 6x6 wood posts around parking not straight or uniform. Chainlink fence around perimeter. Some trash cans need repair. Some light poles are rusty. Pay phone on Concession stand building. Both buildings have security lighting. Drainage issues around buildings and lit playground. Creek along edge of park. Lit soccer field has scoreboard, 2 sets of bleachers, and 4 side line benches. Unlit soccer field has 6 sideline benches, and one set of bleachers. Flagpole adjacent to concession building. Trail throughout park needs to be redone. A wetland study is in progress to look at area across creek. This area could be used for new artificial turf field and accessed from County Line Rd. Storage is a big problem.
 ADA issues: Lit playground is accessible. Unlit playground is not accessible, had no transfer station, and needs the wood carpet replaced because it is too compacted.

CPSC issues:



Frank J. Pileggi Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Masons Mill Park
 Location: 3500 Masons Mill Rd. Huntingdon Valley
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Size: 76.0 acres
 Date of Review: 11/10/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

Facility	Exist	Quantity	General Condition			Notes
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	Y	2		X		1 set in building, 2 port-a-toilets
Drinking Fountains	Y	3	X			
Parking Spaces	Y	135				asphalt - with striping
Baseball/Softball Fields	Y	3		X		2 softball (1 lit) fields, 1 lit baseball field
Football Fields	Y	1	X			lights
Soccer Fields	N					
Basketball Courts	Y	1	X			lights
Field or court lights	Y	36	X			# standards for all athletic fields
Tennis Courts	Y	7	X			7 courts, 5 lit
Volleyball Courts	Y	1	X			lights, asphalt
Walking/Biking Trail	Y	1		X		stone dust - needs regrading, asphalt in few places
Fitness Trail	Y	1			X	
Picnic Areas	Y	13	X			picnic tables
Seating Areas / benches	Y	28	X			wood, aluminum
Open Field areas	N					
Tot Lot / Playground	Y	3	X			1 2-5 yrs., 2 5-12yrs.
Swings	Y	8	X			4 regular, 4 buckets
Safety Surface	Y		X			Surface Type: rubber s.s., wood carpet (swings)
Pavilion	Y	3	X			picnic pavilions
Horseshoes	Y	2	X			sets of pits
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1	X			
Trash receptacles	Y	45	X			wood, rubber
Bike racks	Y	1	X			
Security or pedestrian lights	Y	9	X			parking and path lighting
Other (Specify)	Y					Archery range, Big Wheel village, fishing pond
						nature trail/hunting area, 2 spring riders in playground
						2 dinosaur climbing items behind softball fields
						water spray column
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance			X			
Overall Maintenance			X			
Tree cover in non athletic field areas			X			
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)				X		

Comments:

U.M.T.'s major park. Home of Bears football, H.S. baseball, Little League, and others. Softball fields have benches, each has 2 sets of bleachers. The lit field has a brand new backstop, other backstop is ok. Baseball field has major drainage issues. Also has dugouts with major drainage problems. Football field has 2 sets of bleachers, a scoreboard, and a Concession stand/garage. Stone dust path has drainage problems and needs to be regraded. There is a gazebo. There are 14 grills found along with the picnic tables. The building next to the main playground has restrooms in it. There are 2 garage buildings, both with lights. Hunting is allowed in the woods now. Could possibly put in artificial turf field in wooded area. Major drainage problems in upper right corner of property. Softball fields have drainage problems. Pond has problems: bank stabilization needed, excavate bottom. Security lighting at lower parking area needed. Need to address sight lines at lower entrance to park.

ADA issues: All the playgrounds are ADA accessible. The water spray area is not. The loop around the park is too steep in areas to be accessible. No accessibility to softball, baseball, or football fields.

CPSC issues:



PA Turnpike

Byberry Rd.

Masons Mill Rd.



Masons Mill Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

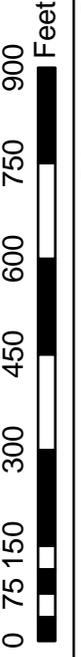
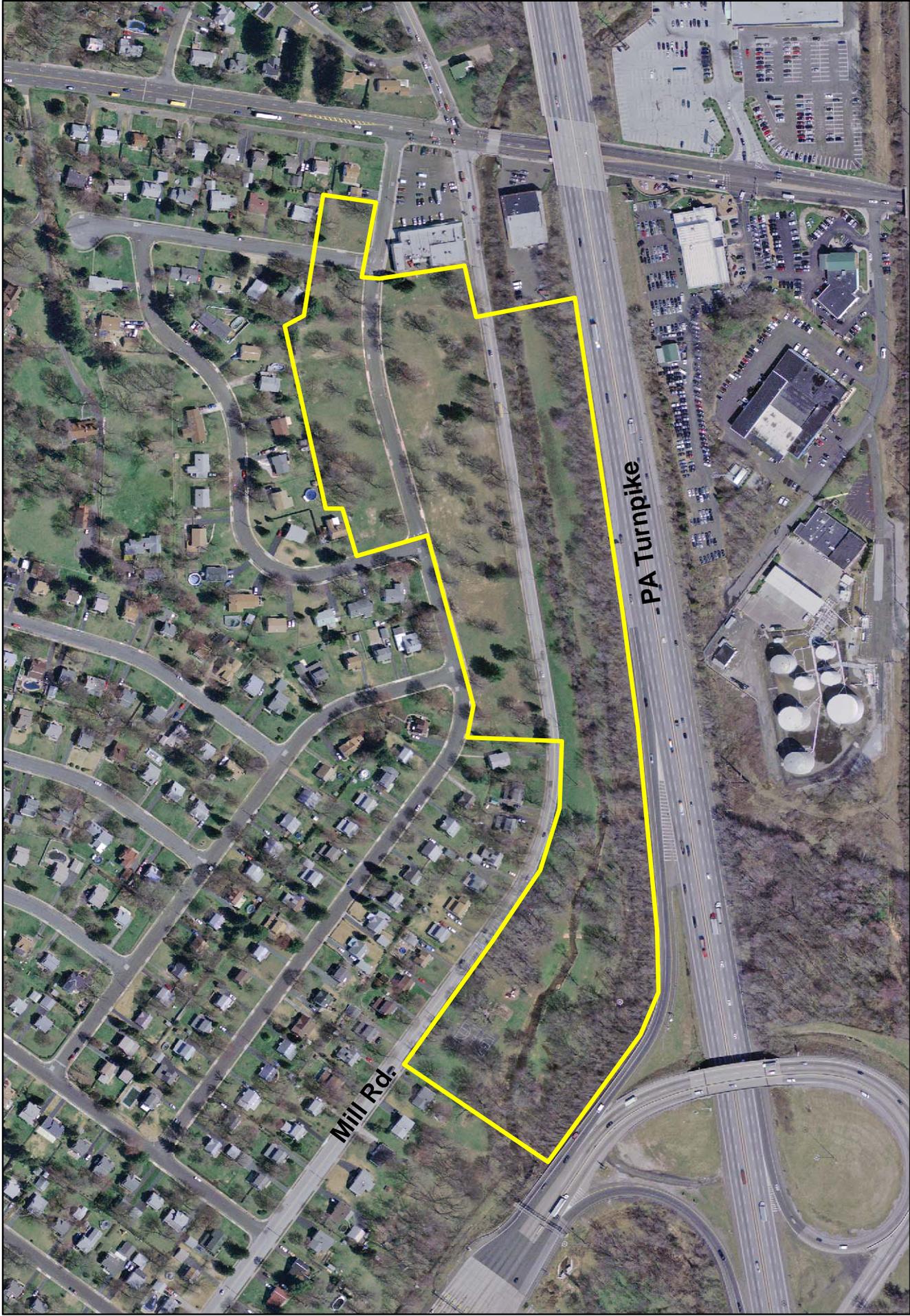
Name of Facility: Mill Creek Park
 Location: 3530 Mill Rd. Hatboro
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Size: 14.8 acres
 Date of Review: 11/10/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

Facility	Exist	Quantity	General Condition			Notes
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	N					note or circle
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	Y	6		X		gravel, bad entry for low-riding cars
Baseball/Softball Fields	N					
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	N					
Basketball Courts	Y	1	X			asphalt, full court
Field or court lights	N					
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	N					
Walking/Biking Trail	N					
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	Y	4		X		picnic tables, 3 grills
Seating Areas / benches	Y	2				wood
Open Field areas	N					
Tot Lot / Playground	Y	1	X			5-12 yrs. play structure, climbing structure
Swings	Y	6			X	4 regular, 3 bucket - needs safety surface beneath
Safety Surface	Y		X			Surface Type: Wood carpet
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1	X			
Trash receptacles	Y	3	X			barrel
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	N					
Other (Specify)	Y					Creek runs through park.
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance			X			
Overall Maintenance			X			
Tree cover in non athletic field areas			X			
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	none

Comments:

Partial purchase through F.E.M.A. flood buy out program. Master plan exists. County funding assistance. Strong residual light from turnpike lights.
 Busy road on access side, turnpike on other side. Site is bisected by a creek. There are stepping stones across creek at one point. The creek has a bad riparian buffer - compacted with erosion problem. Standing water on turnpike side of creek. Residential area. No permanent structures allowed due to flooding. Used by dog walkers. Flooding is issue.
 ADA issues: Playground is not accessible, however, it does have a transfer station.
 CPSC issues:



Mill Creek Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: North Willow Grove Park
 Location: 1391 Lindon Ave. Willow Grove
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Size: 3.0 acres
 Date of Review: 11/10/06

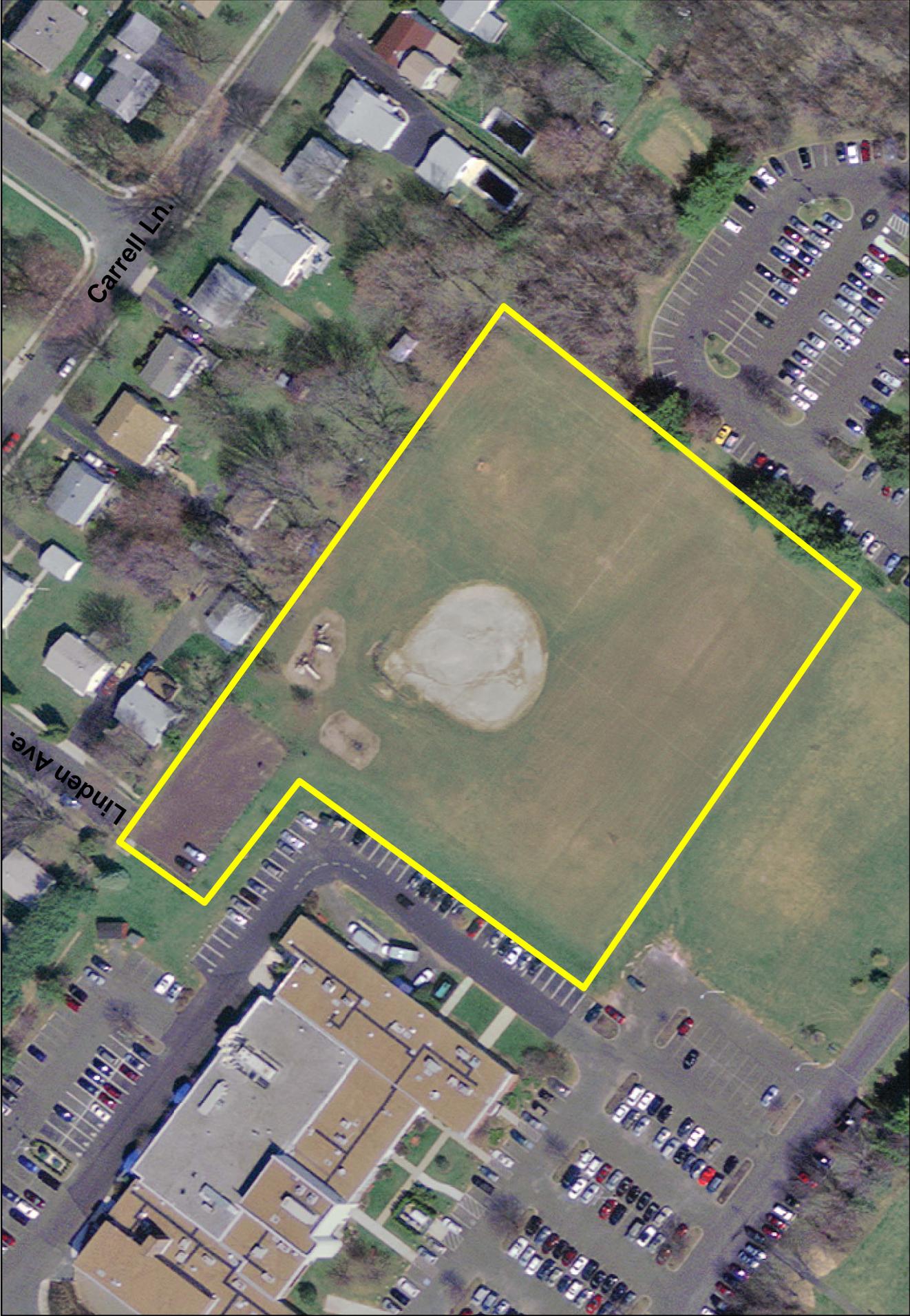
Facility Inventory & Analysis

Facility	Exist Y/N	Quantity	General Condition			Notes note or circle
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	Y	1				port-a-toilet
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	Y	15	X			asphalt w/ striping - could fit more if restripe
Baseball/Softball Fields	Y	1		X		softball - bad drainage, benches, rusty backstop
Football Fields	Y	1			X	multi-use with softball field - need to be reseeded
Soccer Fields	N					
Basketball Courts	Y	1		X		basketball hoop in parking lot
Field or court lights	N					
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	N					
Walking/Biking Trail	N					
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	N					
Seating Areas / benches	Y	1			X	wood
Open Field areas	Y	1			X	
Tot Lot / Playground	Y	1	X			5-12 yrs.
Swings	Y	4		X		2 regular, 2 bucket
Safety Surface	Y				X	Surface Type: Wood carpet - compacted, redo
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1	X			bad location
Trash receptacles	Y	2	X			barrels
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	Y	1	X			flood light
Other (Specify)						
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance				X		
Overall Maintenance				X		
Tree cover in non athletic field areas				X		
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	none

Comments:

Upper Moreland lacrosse now uses the softball outfield and is destroying the field. 5 lacrosse nets. People utilize adjacent parking instead of designated parking lot. Need conc. car stops in adjacent parking to prevent cars from rolling into field. Foul pole in right field is hazard. Dead limbs on trees along property line need to be limbed up. Severe erosion problems on softball field. Abington Hospital is building a building right next to park. This will eliminate the ability to use the park for softball, lacrosse, and football. It could become a large artificial turf field with lights for practice use.
 ADA issues: Playground is not accessible, however, it has a transfer station. No accessibility to softball or multi-purposed field.

CPSC issues:



Carrell Ln.

Linden Ave.



North Willow Grove Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Nathaniel Boileau Park and Farmstead
 Location: 2668 Byberry Rd. Hatboro
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Size: 10.4 acres
 Date of Review: 11/10/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

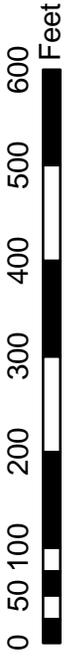
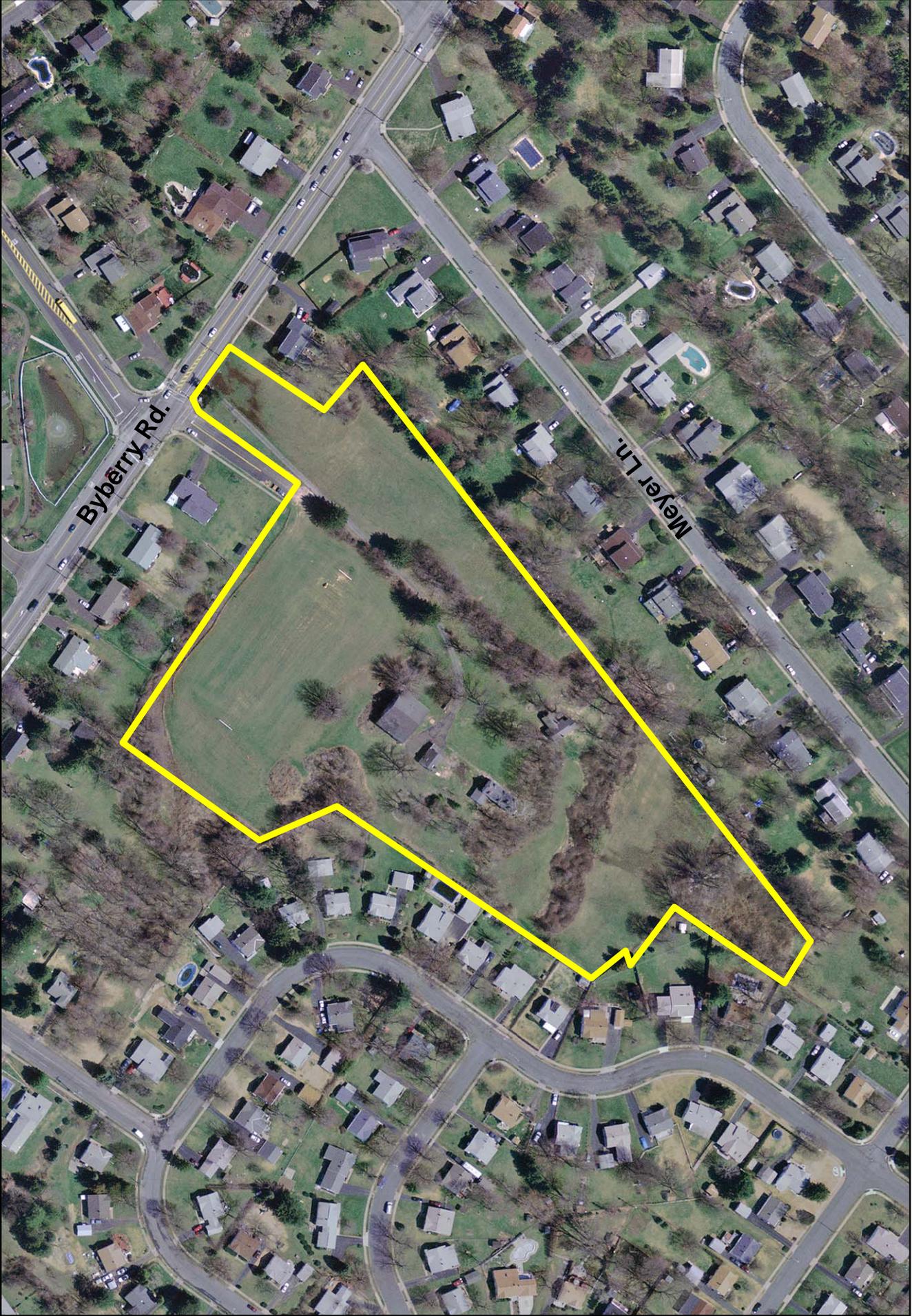
Facility	Exist Y/N	Quantity	General Condition			Notes
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	Y	1				port-a-toilet
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	N					no real parking - possible street parking
Baseball/Softball Fields	N					
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	Y	1			X	needs to be regraded and seeded
Basketball Courts	Y	1			X	hoop on side of barn
Field or court lights	N					
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	N					
Walking/Biking Trail	N					
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	N					
Seating Areas / benches	N					
Open Field areas	Y			X		
Tot Lot / Playground	N					
Swings	N					
Safety Surface	N					
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1		X		tilting over
Trash receptacles	N					
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	Y	3	X			flood lights
Other (Specify)						
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance					X	
Overall Maintenance					X	
Tree cover in non athletic field areas					X	
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	none

Comments:

Master Plan in place. Standing water in sign area and at barn. Asphalt path cracked. Orange snow fence surrounding edge of soccer field.
 Historic barn, house, and outbuildings need to be renovated. Vandalism problems. Trees are dangerous. Soccer field with irrigation will be installed.

ADA issues: Not accessible

CPSC issues: Yes



Nathaniel Boileau Park
Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania
Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Pioneer Woods _____
 Location: Pioneer Rd. at Gibson Rd. Hatboro _____
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township _____
 Size: 8.4 acres _____
 Date of Review: 11/10/06 _____

Facility Inventory & Analysis

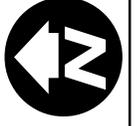
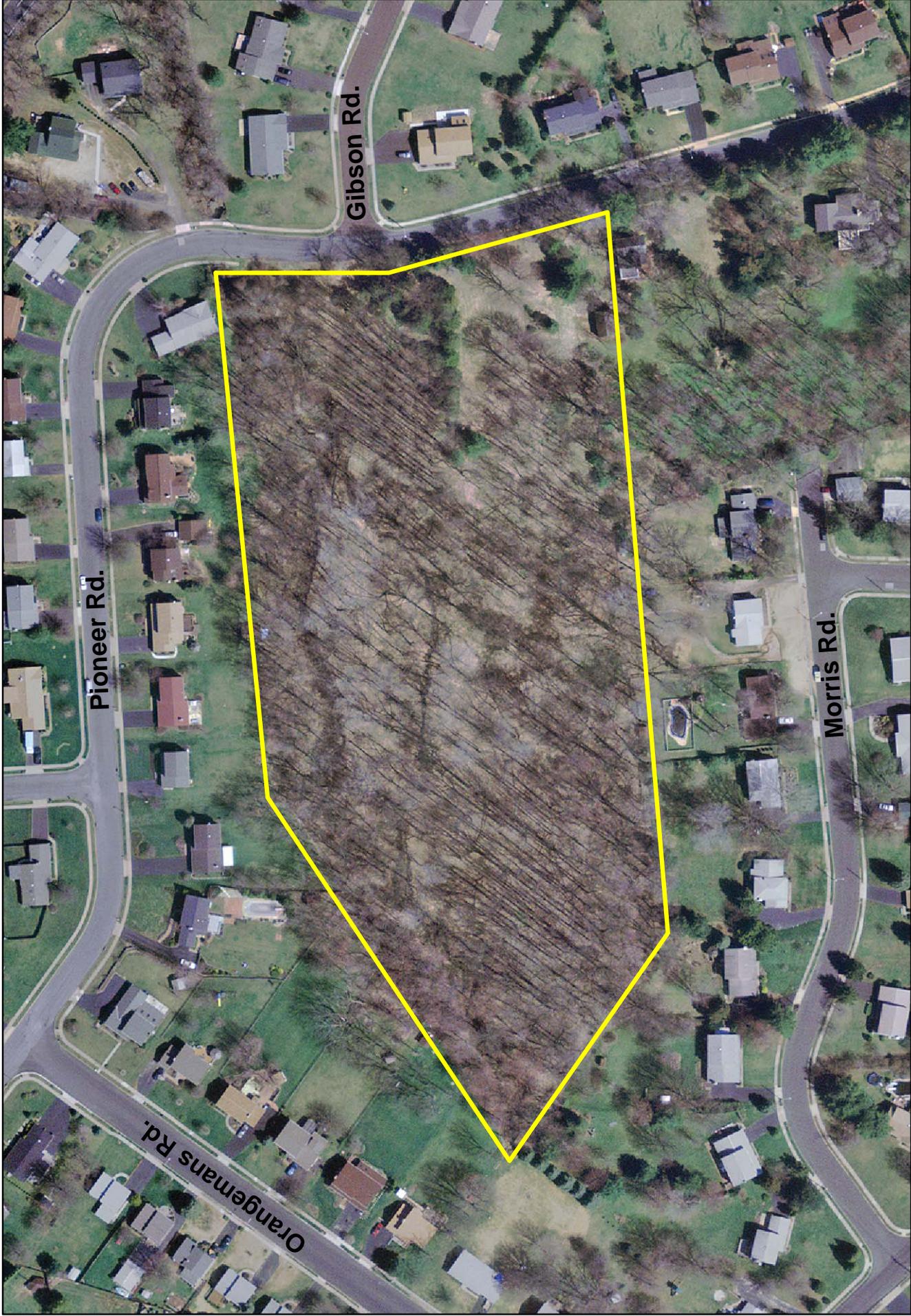
Facility	Exist	Quantity	General Condition			Notes
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	N					
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	N					no access
Baseball/Softball Fields	N					
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	N					
Basketball Courts	N					
Field or court lights	N					
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	N					
Walking/Biking Trail	N					
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	N					
Seating Areas / benches	N					
Open Field areas	N					
Tot Lot / Playground	N					
Swings	N					
Safety Surface	N					
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1		X		crooked
Trash receptacles	N					
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	N					
Other (Specify)	N					
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance				X		
Overall Maintenance				X		
Tree cover in non athletic field areas				X		
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	none

Comments:

Funding assistance via County. Woodlands. No access. Residential area.

ADA issues:

CPSC issues:



Pioneer Woods

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Terwood Park
 Location: 3100 Davisville Rd. Willow Grove
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Sewer Authority
 Size: 5.5 acres
 Date of Review: 11/10/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

Facility	Exist	Quantity	General Condition			Notes
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	Y	1				port-a-toilet
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	Y		X			asphalt - no striping
Baseball/Softball Fields	Y	1				softball - benches behind backstop
Football Fields	Y	1				multi-use with softball field - needs to be seeded
Soccer Fields	N					
Basketball Courts	N					
Field or court lights	N					
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	N					
Walking/Biking Trail	N					
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	N					
Seating Areas / benches	N					
Open Field areas	N					
Tot Lot / Playground	N					
Swings	N					
Safety Surface	N					
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1	X			
Trash receptacles	Y	4	X			barrel
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	N					
Other (Specify)	N					
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance				X		
Overall Maintenance				X		
Tree cover in non athletic field areas					X	
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	none

Comments:

Softball field has drainage problems. Backstop needs a top to it so balls don't get lost in the woods. Surrounded by busy road on one side, mulch storage area, and wooded area. Park is the terminus of the Cross County Trail. May lose land because leased to UMT by water treatment plant.

ADA issues: Softball field is not accessible.

CPSC issues:



Terwood Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Valley Green Park
 Location: 3403 Moreland Rd. Willow Grove
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Size: 1.0 acre
 Date of Review: 11/10/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

Facility	Exist	Quantity	General Condition			Notes
			Good	Fair	Poor	
	Y/N					note or circle
Restrooms	N					
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	N					no street parking, closest associated w/ apartments
Baseball/Softball Fields	N					
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	N					
Basketball Courts	N					
Field or court lights	N					
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	N					
Walking/Biking Trail	N					
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	N					
Seating Areas / benches	Y	3	X			aluminum
Open Field areas	N					
Tot Lot / Playground	Y	1		X		5-12 yrs.
Swings	Y	4			X	2 regular, 2 bucket
Safety Surface	Y					Surface Type: Wood carpet - pretty compacted
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1	X			
Trash receptacles	Y	3	X			wood
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	N					
Other (Specify)	N					
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance			X			
Overall Maintenance				X		
Tree cover in non athletic field areas			X			
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	none

Comments:

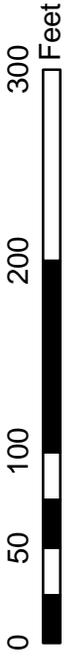
Very bad drainage. Lots of tree stumps that are potentially hazardous. Creek along one side, very busy road along another. Adjacent to apartment complex.
Only used by apartment complex.

 ADA issues: Playground is not accessible, however, it has a transfer station.

 CPSC issues:



W. Moreland Rd.



Valley Green Park
Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: War Memorial Park
 Location: 220 Mineral Ave. Willow Grove
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Date of Review: 11/21/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

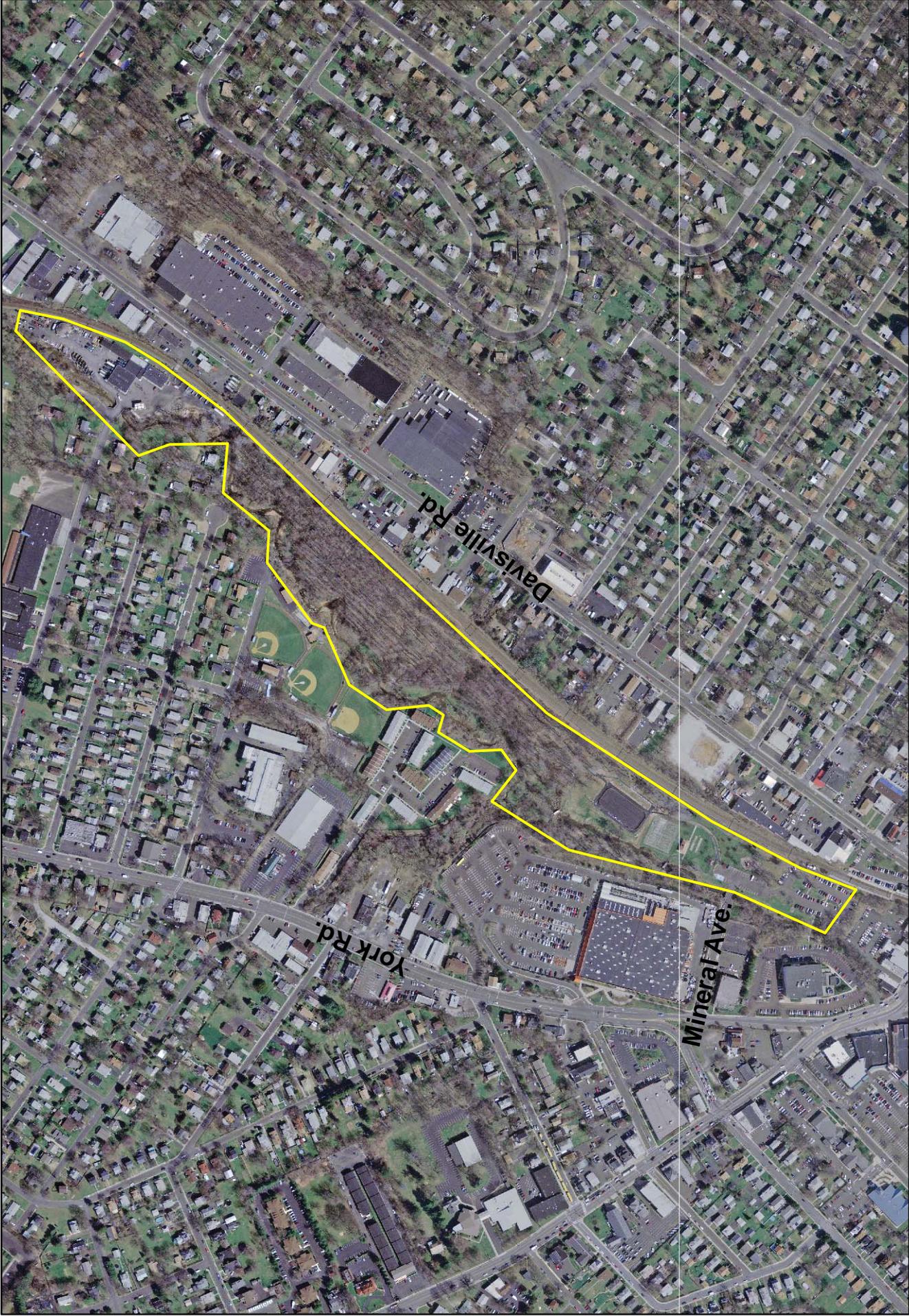
Facility	Exist Y/N	Quantity	General Condition			Notes note or circle
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	Y				X	very poor
Drinking Fountains	Y				X	
Parking Spaces	Y	29		X		asphalt - striping, 2 handicapped spaces
Baseball/Softball Fields	N					
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	N					
Basketball Courts	Y	2	X			green tennis-court asphalt
Field or court lights	Y	8	X			4 standards @ basketball, 4 standards @ hockey
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	Y	2	X			shared with basketball
Walking/Biking Trail	Y				X	asphalt
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	N					
Seating Areas / benches	Y	5			X	wood, new benches needed
Open Field areas	N					
Tot Lot / Playground	Y	1		X		5-12 yrs., faded, graffiti, condition still ok
Swings	N					
Safety Surface	Y					Surface Type: Wood carpet
Pavilion	Y				X	
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1		X		
Trash receptacles	Y	7		X		wood, rubber, barrels
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	Y	5	X			
Other (Specify)	Y					Roller hockey rink - good condition
						Memorial in place
						shuffle board - very faded, poor condition
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance				X		
Overall Maintenance				X		
Tree cover in non athletic field areas			X			
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	

Comments:

Master Plan exists (2004). Creek bisects property. 10 acres. Recent acquisition via County. Donated from Veterans group.
 MUST replace rest room/pavilion building. Adjacent to SEPTA rail line. Needs fence between RR and park. Needs ADA and public accessibility.

ADA issues: Playground equipment is not accessible. There is a wheelchair transfer platform.

CPSC issues:



0 125 250 500 750 1,000 1,250 1,500 Feet

War Memorial Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Whitehall Park
 Location: 2 Hideaway Dr. Willow Grove
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Size: 4.0 acres
 Date of Review: 11/10/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

Facility	Exist Y/N	Quantity	General Condition			Notes note or circle
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	N					
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	N					street
Baseball/Softball Fields	N					
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	N					
Basketball Courts	Y	1		X		not full size - has one player bench
Field or court lights	N					
Tennis Courts	N					
Volleyball Courts	N					
Walking/Biking Trail	N					
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	N					
Seating Areas / benches	Y	2	X			aluminum, wood
Open Field areas	Y	1	X			
Tot Lot / Playground	Y	1	X			5-12 yrs., ADA accessible
Swings	Y	4	X			2 regular, 2 bucket
Safety Surface	Y			X		Surface Type: wood carpet, fill in & even out
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1	X			
Trash receptacles	Y	3	X			wood
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	N					
Other (Specify)	N					
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance			X			
Overall Maintenance			X			
Tree cover in non athletic field areas			X			
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	none

Comments:

Sidewalk to and around the playground equipment. Chain link fence around the perimeter of the park is rusty. There are some drainage problems. Creek adjacent to the site. Creek needs to be cleaned up. Playground is in a residential neighborhood.

ADA issues: No issues, playground is ADA accessible.

CPSC issues:



Whitehall Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Evaluation Sheet**

General Information

Name of Facility: Woodlawn Park
 Location: 601 Division Ave. Willow Grove
 Ownership: Upper Moreland Township
 Size: 6.0 acres
 Date of Review: 11/10/06

Facility Inventory & Analysis

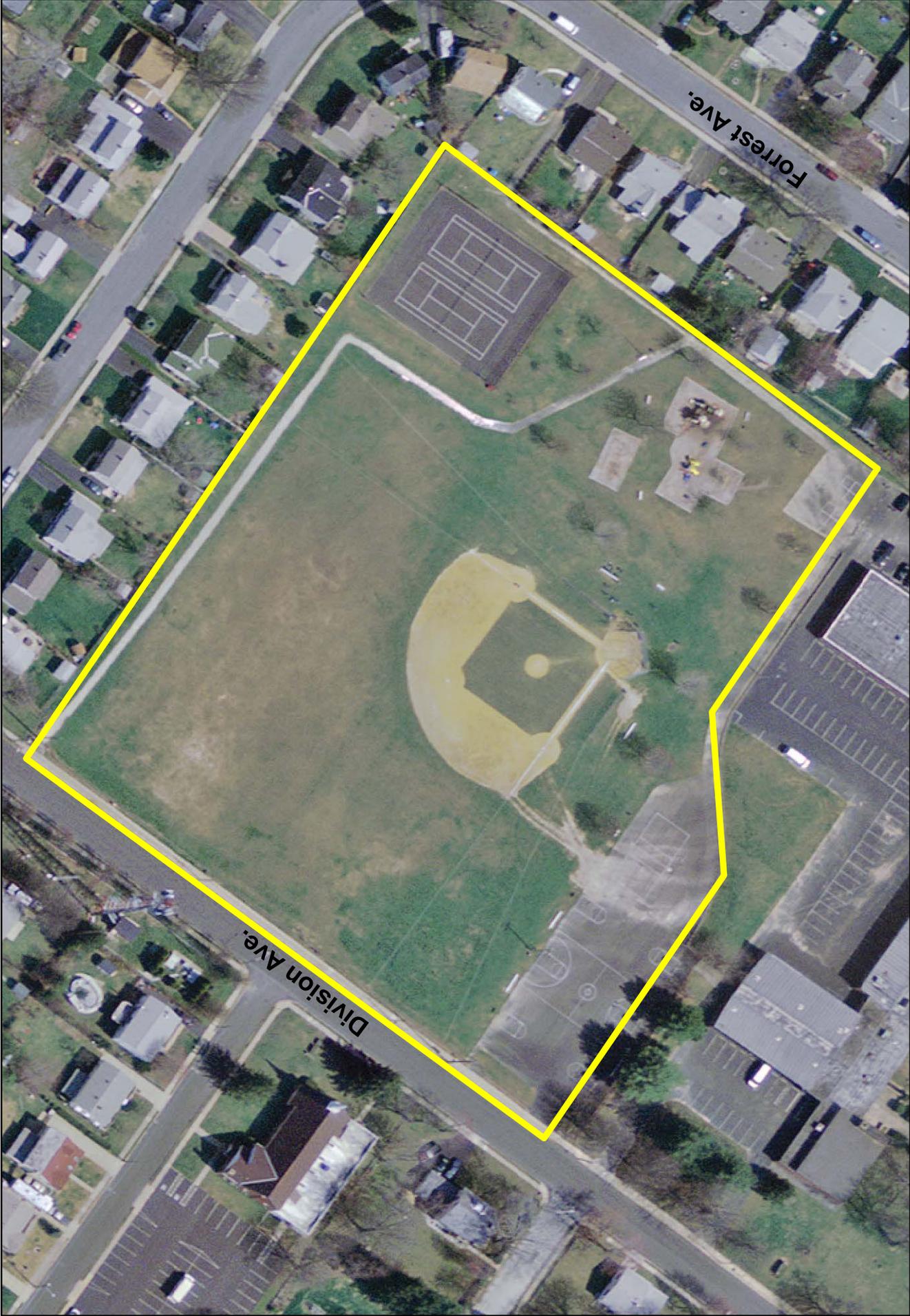
Facility	Exist	Quantity	General Condition			Notes
			Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms	Y					port-a-toilet
Drinking Fountains	N					
Parking Spaces	N					street
Baseball/Softball Fields	Y	1	X			shared use - benches behind backstop, backstop ok
Football Fields	N					
Soccer Fields	Y	1	X			shared use - needs to be seeded
Basketball Courts	Y	3		X		
Field or court lights	Y	2	X			flood lights at basketball court
Tennis Courts	Y	2		X		poor drainage, not fully enclosed
Volleyball Courts	Y	1		X		
Walking/Biking Trail	Y				X	asphalt to stone dust - stone dust needs regrading
Fitness Trail	N					
Picnic Areas	N					
Seating Areas / benches	Y	11	X			aluminum
Open Field areas	N					
Tot Lot / Playground	Y	2	X			5-12 yrs. & 2-5 yrs., drainage problems
Swings	Y	6		X		4 bucket, 2 regular
Safety Surface	Y		X			Surface Type: Wood carpet - more needed to fill in
Pavilion	N					
Horseshoes	N					
Identification signage (park / facility name)	Y	1		X		
Trash receptacles	Y	8	X			wood
Bike racks	N					
Security or pedestrian lights	Y	1	X			flood light at playground
Other (Specify)	Y					2 4-square courts
Aesthetic Quality / Overall Appearance			X			
Overall Maintenance			X			
Tree cover in non athletic field areas				X		
Ornamental landscape plantings (flower beds, etc.)					X	none

Comments:

Chain link fence around perimeter of park in good condition. Poor drainage on baseball field. Residential area adjacent to elementary school.

ADA issues: Playground ins not accessible, however, it has a transfer station. Timbers holding safety surface in need to be reset.

CPSC issues:



Woodlawn Park

Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania

Simone Collins Inc.

**Upper Moreland Township Parks
Existing Facilities Chart**

Park	Archery Range	Baseball Field(s)	Baseball Field(s) Lighted	Basketball Court(s)	Basketball Court(s) Lighted	Benches	Bike Rack(s)	Building Facility	Bulletin Board	Cooking Grills	Concert Gazebo	Drinking Fountain(s)	Fitness Trail	Horseshoes	Identification Sign (Park name)	Kid's Fishing Pond	Master Plan Developed	Multi-Purpose Field	Multi-Purpose Field Lighted	Nature Trail/Area	Open Play Area	Parking Spaces	Picnic Pavilions	Picnic Grills	Picnic Table(s)	Playground	Rest Room Facilities	Roller Hockey	Safety Town (big-wheel town)	Security or Pedestrian Standards	Soccer Field(s)	Soccer Field(s) Lighted	Softball Field(s)	Softball Field(s) Lighted	Swings	Tennis Court(s)	Tennis Court(s) Lighted	Trash Receptacles	Volleyball Court(s)	Walking/Biking Trail		
Blair Mill Park	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	
Brooks Street Park	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0	0	X	S	0	0	X	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0
Broughton Park	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	S	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	
Buehler Park	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	X	X	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	X
Cherry Street Park	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	
Dawson Manor Park	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0		
Fair Oaks Park	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	16	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	7	0	X		
Fern Village Park	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	2	0	6	0	0	5	0	0			
Frank J. Pileggi Park	0	0	0	1	0	11	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	?	0	0	5	2	1	0	0	8	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	18	1	X		
Masons Mill Park	1	0	1	0	1	28	1	4	0	0	1	3	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	X	0	135	3	14	13	3	2	0	1	9	0	0	1	1	8	2	5	45	1	X		
Mill Road Park	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	X	0	0	0	1	6	0	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	3	0	0			
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UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN
July 30, 1999; June 2001; June 2002, Sept. 2003; Sept 2005

Below is a list of parks including the original date of play equipment installation, suggested replacement and condition status. I would like to incorporate this plan as part of our ongoing Capital Improvements Program.

<i>Park Name</i>	<i>Installation Year</i>	<i>Replacement Year desired</i>	<i>Condition Report</i>	<i>Years of Service</i>
Memorial Park	1995	2007	Fair	13
Valley Green Park	1996	2008	Good	13
Blair Mill Park	1997	2009	Very Good	13
Pileggi Park – II	1997	2009	Very Good	13
North Willow Grove	1998	2010	Very Good	13
Brooks Street Park	1999	2011	Very Good	13
Mill Road Park	1999	2013	Very Good	14
Dawson Manor Park	2001	2014	Excellent	14
Woodlawn Park	2002	2016	Excellent	14
Masons Mill Park – III	2003	2016	Excellent	13
Broughton Park	2003	2016	Excellent	15
Cherry Street Park	2003	1017	Excellent	15
Masons Mill Park I	2005	2018	Excellent	14
Masons Mill Park II	2005	2018	Excellent	14
Pileggi Park I	2005	2019	Excellent	15
Whitehall Park	2006	2020	Excellent	15
Fair Oaks Park	2006	2020	Excellent	15
Fern Village Park*	2006	2020	Excellent	15

* was replaced due to vandalism

As you will note, our average life expectancy of our play equipment is 13.6 years. New play equipment is designed to last between 12-14 years. Our play equipment life is due to the dedication of our Parks Maintenance staff and the time and effort our Department and the Township puts into our park system. Additionally, the residents notify my department when minor problems arise and our crew responds immediately.

During the past few years we have been hit hard by vandalism. Unfortunately with the many upgrades made by play equipment manufacturers (safety, ADA...) as equipment becomes older replacement parts are no longer available.

As we upgrade our parks, I upgrade our safety surface. With the additions in 2005, all our playgrounds now meet the Consumer Product Safety Commissioner Guidelines for playground safety. Additionally, our safety surface now meets the American with Disabilities Act for accessibility.

With our 2005 playground installations, we began to contract the play equipment construction. This serves several purposes. One, it allows the Parks Dept to work on other projects. Two, the contractors complete the work in a week as compared to our crew with many times took three to four week. And lastly, we transfer liability from the township to the contractor should an accident occur.

Winter Programs

- Youth educational “wee” classes vary year to year and include: dance, nature, science, crafts, reading, math, creative writing, and other courses
- Winter intramurals for 4th and 5th graders including: floor hockey and volleyball
- Babysitters Training two sessions
- Youth Karate
- Adult shallow water aerobics
- Adult deep water aerobics
- CPR & First Aid Training classes
- Adult Fly Fishing Classes
- Adult Dog Obedience Classes
- Adult Volleyball (recreational and Competitive)
- Antiques Class
- Adult Karate
- Adult Sewing Classes
- Additional adult classes that vary year to year.
- Senior Citizens Club (G.A.C.) with monthly meetings and over 25 one-day and multi-day trips (year round activity)
- Discounted tickets to ski resorts
- Flower Show Tickets
- New York City Play trips

Spring Programs

- Spring Intramurals 4th and 5th grade Sports & Games
- Youth educational classes vary year to year (similar to Winter programs)
- Girl’s Lacrosse Program
- Wee Kick Soccer
- Youth Drawing Contest
- Continuation of youth and adult karate as listed in Winter Programs
- Continuation of Adult Classes listed in Winter Programs
- Adult Coed Softball
- Adult Men’s Softball
- Adult Women’s Softball
- Adult Men’s Touch Football
- Adult Hockey League
- Senior Citizens Club (G.A.C.) with monthly meetings and over 25 one-day and multi-day trips (year round activity)
- Departmental Trips
- Special Event Tickets (king Tut, Phillies, Circus...)

Summer Programs

- Little bear Camp (ages 3-8) 6 weeks long Monday – Thursday mornings
- Supervised Playgrounds (grades 2-8) 7 weeks long Monday – Friday 8:30A-4:30P
- Youth Basketball Camp
- Youth Tennis Lessons
- Youth Field Hockey Camp
- Youth Lacrosse Camp
- Youth Multi Sports Camp
- Youth Science Camp
- Junior Theater Camp
- Theater Camps
- Discounted Amusement Park Tickets
- Adult Summer/Fall Coed Softball
- Adult Summer/Fall Men’s Softball
- Departmental Trips

Fall Programs

- Youth educational “wee” classes vary year to year and include: dance, nature, science, crafts, reading, math, creative writing, and other courses
- Fall intramurals for 4th and 5th graders including: Touch Football, Volleyball, Outdoor Activities
- Youth Karate
- Babysitting classes (2)
- Youth educational classes
- A community Halloween event (hayrides, scarecrow making...)
- Thanksgiving “Fowl” Shooting Contest
- Calls from Santa
- Holiday Card Decorating Contest
- Adult Karate
- Adult Men’s Football
- Adult Women’s Football
- Continued Adult Men’s Softball
- Continued Adult Coed Softball
- Adult Roller Hockey League (beginning 2007)
- Departmental Trips
- Senior Citizens Club (G.A.C.) with monthly meetings and over 25 one-day and multi-day trips (year round activity)
- CPR & First Aid Training classes
- Adult Fly Fishing Classes
- Adult Dog Obedience Classes
- Adult Volleyball (recreational and Competitive)
- Antiques Class
- Adult Karate
- Adult Sewing Classes
- Additional Adult Classes that vary year to year



3/7/07

Upper Moreland Township Parks and Recreation Plan
SC# 06061.10

Facility Wish List

UM Little League Baseball

- **Current facilities:** unknown
- **Wants:**
 - 2 softball fields w/ lights
 - Maintenance budget for new fields
 - Recreation center
 - Gym
 - Mtg. room w/ video capability
 - Indoor batting & pitching area

UM Lacrosse Club

- **Current facilities:** field shared w/softball at N. Willow Grove Park
- **Wants:**
 - Lighted multipurpose synthetic turf field
 - Maintenance budget increased
 - Equipment storage space
 - Lacrosse field
 - Recreation center
 - Gym
 - Senior programs

UM Hoops

- **Current facilities:** use Calvary Church, H.S. & M.S., over 400 kids
- **Wants:**

- Recreation center
 - Gym

Willow Grove Bears Football Club

- **Current facilities:**
 - practice at Cold Spring fields,
 - games at Masons Mill
 - garage for concessions at Masons Mill
- **Wants:**
 - Building at Masons Mill for storage and concessions
 - Running water at Masons Mill
 - Restrooms at Masons Mill
 - Lights at the parking area and an additional lot
 - Practice fields needed b/c losing Cold Spring fields
 - Multi-purpose synthetic turf field
 - New surface for football field
 - Better signage along Pond
 - Recreation center
 - Gym
 - Mtg. room
 - Cheerleading

UM Soccer Club

- **Current facilities:** use Pileggi Park
- **Wants:**
 - Lighted multipurpose synthetic turf field
 - 1 or more soccer fields at Pileggi Park
 - Storage at Pileggi Park
 - Lights on front soccer field at Pileggi Park
 - Increased maintenance budget
 - Recreation center
 - Gym
 - Indoor soccer
 - Classes/camps
 - Teen programs
 - Senior programs

- Lighted multipurpose synthetic turf field
- Building in War Memorial Park for storage and meetings
- Ice rink in War Memorial Park that can also accommodate summer activities
- Recreation center
 - Gym

UM Wrestling Club

- **Current facilities:** uses Middle School wrestling room, will outgrow soon
- **Wants:**
 - Recreation center
 - Gym

St. David Parish C.Y.O.

- **Current facilities:** fights for any fields can get – used school fields for soccer, has baseball, softball, basketball, football, volleyball, track, and cross-country kids
- **Wants:**
 - Lighted multipurpose synthetic turf field
 - Soccer fields
 - Possibly additional baseball & softball fields
 - Recreation center
 - Gym
 - Kids programs
 - Senior programs

UM Ice Hockey Club

- **Current facilities:** uses War Memorial Park for roller hockey rink
- **Wants:**



3/7/07

Upper Moreland Township Parks and Recreation Plan
SC# 06061.1

Facilities Requested

- Recreation Center
 - Gym
 - Meeting/conference room w/ video capability
 - Indoor pitching & batting cages
 - Senior programs
 - Teen programs
 - Kids programs
 - Indoor soccer
 - Cheerleading
 - Classes/camps
 - Host wrestling matches
 - Groups that want it:
 - UM Little League
 - UM Lacrosse
 - UM Hoops
 - Willow Grove Bears
 - UM Soccer
 - C.Y.O.
 - UM Ice Hockey
 - UM Wrestling
- Lighted multipurpose synthetic turf field
 - UM Lacrosse
 - Willow Grove Bears
 - UM Soccer
 - C.Y.O.
 - UM Ice Hockey
- Increased maintenance budget
- Softball fields – lighted
 - Little League
 - C.Y.O.
- Lacrosse field

Facilities Requested at Specific Locations

- Storage and concession building at Masons Mill
- Storage and meeting building at War Memorial
- Restrooms at Masons Mill
- Signage along Pond at Masons Mill
- Additional parking at Masons Mill
- Lights on soccer field at Pileggi Park
- Storage building at Pileggi Park
- Soccer fields
 - At Pileggi for UM Soccer
 - C.Y.O.
- Ice rink at War Memorial



UPPER MORELAND WRESTLING CLUB

January 5, 2007

Mr. Stasio

I am writing this letter to introduce you, and the township board, to our club and to request inclusion in any upcoming township projects regarding youth sports.

The Upper Moreland Youth Wrestling Club was formed in 2005 with 45 wrestlers and has increased to 55 wrestlers this year. Participants range in grades K through 8. The club's goals are to teach the fundamentals of wrestling to each participant while stressing the importance of teamwork, discipline, confidence and physical fitness. The club competes in the Inter-County Wrestling League (ICWL).

Currently, our club practices in the Upper Moreland Middle School wrestling room. The room is ample for the current club size, as we stagger practices for different ability levels. However, as the club continues to grow in size we anticipate that we will outgrow the room quickly. In addition, to continue as a competitive member of our parent league we will soon be required to host league meets. Unfortunately, available gym time is difficult to acquire at the middle school. Therefore, the wrestling club is in strong favor of an indoor recreation center.

Please take in consideration our club in any future endeavors.

Thank you

Robert M. Gannon
215-675-9544

January 3, 2006

To: Upper Moreland Township Parks & Rec., 2007 Comprehensive Parks and Rec. Plan Steering Committee Members

From: Willow Grove Bears Football Club

Re: 2007 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan

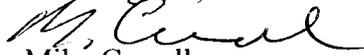
Gentlemen of the Committee,

It is our pleasure to submit the attached "Wish List" to the Committee and the UM Parks and Recreation Department. The Willow Grove Bears Football Club has enjoyed their partnership with the Township over the last several years and is encouraged by the formation of this committee to further strengthen our partnership. Due to growth of the club and improvements of facilities other organizations in our area have experienced it is our desire to improve our facilities and amenities as well.

We understand that all of the things we request may not be granted. However there are some items and improvements we feel almost necessary to continue operating safely and efficiently.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to a successful future with the Township.

Best Regards,



Mike Carroll

Executive Board

Willow Grove Bears Football Club

Practice Fields

We practice at the Cold Spring fields behind the High School. The situation right now is satisfactory. There are some problems with the fields. There are gullies, puddles stay long after rain and the High School team uses the fields too.(It is their Field). With the uncertainty of the Demolition @ Cold Springs we may be in need of a practice area. Enclosed find drawings of the proposed NEW SITE and photos of the area as it is now and how we occupy it.

We are not sure how this will work out but we need a practice area at least equal in size to the spot we use now. Please take this under serious consideration when making your decisions.

Mason's Mill

Football Field

The Field we use at Masons Mill Park is the best field in our league and we are very satisfied with it for the most part towards the end of the season the field over the last few years has lost almost all of the grass on one end of the field. Keeping grass on the field longer would be a great improvement.

General Use Building

We submitted and had approval from the Township to have a building put at the field to house equipment and other material and to hold meetings. This is very much appreciated but we need more. We need a building with running water for bathrooms. The situation now is a far walk to a single and sometimes two *port a potty's*. *Nobody likes a port a potty*. The buildings similar to those @ Pilleggi Park would suit us fine. Water near the snack stand is also vital. Some say that the best restaurant in Upper Moreland is the Willow Grove Bears snack stand. The work that goes into getting water in and out back there is amazing. It would be so much easier and more sanitary to have it running to our snack stand area.

Parking Lot

Parking Lot Lighting

At the present time the lighting for the Parking Lot at Masons Mill where most of the football crowd parks is not sufficient. During night games the area is very crowded with pedestrians going to their cars both opposite side of the pond and across Masons Mill Road at the Business Park Complex. This is very dangerous. There is not much room for 2 cars going in opposite directions and a group of pedestrians. Couple this with bad lighting and it is a recipe for an accident of some kind. Keep in mind many of the pedestrians traveling this path are our children and children of our visiting clubs.

Expand Parking Area

This is a wish and certainly not a necessity. It would be optimum not to have to use the Business Complex parking area if possible. Right now people park in the area where the mulch is stored.

Signage

Signage along the Pond could be better too. We are constantly asking people to move their cars from this area. The Police Dept. is constantly monitoring this during our games. Better signage may decrease their activity.

Artificial Surface Playing Fields

The Willow Grove Bears Football Club supports having an Artificial Surface Field in the Township for all outdoor sports clubs to share. The field could be used by the Bears for a total of 10 weekends and maybe a few week nights from Sept through November. We have not looked into the financial aspects of this undertaking, however if it was fiscally responsible we would support it.

Indoor Recreation Center

The Willow Grove Bears support the construction of the indoor center. There are many uses that could benefit the Bears including indoor practices, meetings, and cheerleading. Cheerleading at this time has no real home for their competition squads. The building would be perfect.



UPPER MORELAND

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL INC.

WILLOW GROVE, PA. 19090

January 3, 2007

The Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners
117 Park Avenue
Willow Grove, PA 19090

Dear Board of Commissioners,

On behalf of the Upper Moreland Little League, we are presenting our list of needs in the proposed new community/recreation center for the township of Upper Moreland.

First, there is a great need for a recreation center in the township. This would be a benefit for baseball and many other clubs who service the children of Upper Moreland Township.

- Most important would be the access to a large indoor gym facility. Instructional clinics for coaches and players would be held. Clubs and outside training academies can be used to improve the quality of coaches for any program with an area to accommodate this. It is known that most of the township based sports programs run with the help of volunteers. Many of these people step forward with little to no instruction or training. We are very happy to have the volunteers, but this facility would allow space for additional training bettering all sports clubs.
- Also needed is a large conference room. This would be used for meetings and instruction and should be equipped with video capability.
- We would also like to see a facility for hitting and pitching instruction ranging from 45 to 75 feet. These hitting and pitching cages could provide an area of training for softball and baseball players ranging in ages from 8 to 18. Pitching instruction could continue during the winter months.

Second, there is a need for additional softball and baseball fields outside this facility.

- We would like to see two softball fields created with the proper lighting and upkeep. This would benefit the girls in Upper Moreland giving them more space. With lighting, there is the possibility for practice times to be carried out during the early spring months.
- A budget would need to be set aside for the proper maintenance of these fields.

We appreciate the chance to present our ideas for your consideration. We are available to take an active role in the chance to make this happen. It would be a great benefit for the youth of Upper Moreland and for all of the clubs in this fine township.

Sincerely,

Ed Decker
Executive Board Member

Ron Christensen
Executive Board Member



Upper Moreland Lacrosse Club
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Willow Grove, PA 19090-1001
215-674-1010
www.umlax.com
info@umlax.com

November 25, 2006

The Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners
111 Park Avenue
Willow Grove, PA 19090

Dear Board of Commissioners:

On behalf of the Upper Moreland Lacrosse Club I am providing you with our "wish list" for the recreation study that will be discussed later this month.

First, our township needs a recreation center where a variety of activities would be available for the children in our township. This would also benefit the sports clubs who partner with the township in providing many activities for our kids.

Every sports club, organization or group in the township could find this type of facility to be beneficial. The Lacrosse Club could use this as an indoor practice or training facility. All sports, soccer, baseball, wrestling, football etc... would benefit from this. We could also have classrooms for instruction. Senior could even run programs during the day or evening, etc...A way to keep our children off the streets and out of trouble benefits the whole community.

Lacrosse is one of the fastest growing sports in our community and still does not have a home field. We need at least 1 field that we can call home, a place where we can add a facility so we can store our equipment. The current field that we share with softball maybe eliminated due to the potential Abington Hospital expansion in North Willow Grove Park.

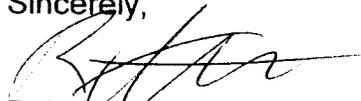
Lacrosse is also played during March, April, May and June. Without a lighted field we do not have the ability to practice in March and April after 6 or 6:30pm in the evening due to darkness.

A multipurpose synthetic turf field with lights that would be available day and night. Lacrosse and all other sports programs would benefit from this. Year round our kids will have a place to play rain or shine. There may be a significant initial outlay but from my discussions with other area program the cost is recouped in about 5-7 years.

We need an increase in the budget to maintain the township fields. For example the North Willow Grove Park has 3 or 4 teams practicing and playing games on the same field. If the field had better maintenance it would hold up better. With the proper Budgets in place, the township will be able to properly maintain our fields. If the township had the proper equipment it may even cut down on the overall cost.

We appreciate the opportunity to present our ideas for your consideration. As your community partner we look forward in being an active participant in moving this process forward for the benefit of the entire community.

Sincerely,



Robert Fattizzi

President

Upper Moreland Boys Lacrosse Club

Stasio, Patrick

From: Jim Smith [jsmith@expertta.com]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2006 1:26 PM
To: Stasio, Patrick
Cc: samv@buxmonttrans.com; pad22@comcast.net
Subject: Recreation center

December 1st, 2006

Dear Patrick:

On behalf of the Upper Moreland Hoops basketball program I wanted to share the need that our program of 400 plus children could benefit from a recreation center in the township. As of today we use Calvary Church as well as the High School and Middle school to run our program. Upper Moreland Hoops pays currently to use all 3 facilities and would much rather contribute that money to be part of our own recreation center similar to what Hatboro Horsham does with their own basketball program.

I can think of so many other great reasons that this facility would be great for all the other programs in the township which can only play when the weather permits and usually never permits between November and March. Any place that can provide a dry warm environment that is well lighted for the kids to play anything from having a catch to playing in a pick up soccer game or just a place to run around is better then hanging out on comers in the township just waiting to get in trouble out of boredom has to be a positive.

At the basketball registration this year we had a petition form that every parent sighed and anyone we talked to was excited about possible having a recreation center in our township. I remember as a boy growing up in Abington township having the boys club to get together with friends and the little recreation center that we had at Roslyn park that we used to have Knock hockey tournaments which kept us busy for hours at a time especially those times of the year when it was dark at 5.00pm and we had nothing else to do.

Our basketball teams and other township teams could really use a place to call our own recreation center in the township.

Best regards,
Jim Smith
UM Hoops President
215-674-4437
Cell- 610-960-8663

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Willow Grove Bears Football Club

Wish List

1. **Building for storage and other uses at Masons Mill Park.** Although a building was approved for the site it lacks some of the amenities we need to be consistent with other facilities. Reasons for the new building below
 - Current free standing shed is full to capacity
 - Food and football equipment are side by side.
 - Need for running water
 - Meeting room
 - Bathrooms
2. **Increased Parking area @ Masons Mill (better lighting)**
 - Would alleviate parking at the property across the street which is private
 - Allow more parking for others while football games are played
 - The parking lot gets dark and is hard to see pedestrians at night. Could use lighting along the entrance
 - There could be more spots to park back where the Mulch is stored
3. **Indoor Rec center**
 - Could use for cheerleading practice
 - Every organization could benefit from the center.
 - Could be used by School district for enrichment
 - Soccer – indoor games
 - Football practice possibly during bad weather and film viewing
 - Other uses include camps,youth and senior programs,elctions,wrestling,basketball,etc.
4. **Practice Fields for Camp in August.** Currently we use the UMHS and Cold Spring Complex. With the uncertainty of what will happen to the school we are in limbo with those fields. In addition the proposed play for play could adversely affect us as well. If the students are paying to use the facilities I am sure the Bears will too. It is important we have sufficient space to practice in August and store our equipment. The School District facility has served us well over the years but with the situation at hand it may serve us better to find another location
5. **Synthetic Field or new surface for the field at Masons Mill or both**
 - The Multi Purpose field could be economical if it was used by everyone all year round (Football, Soccer, Lacrosse)
 - Can be used immediately after bad weather with out damaging the surface.
 - Lower maintenance over a 10 year period
 - No fertilizers needed



The Upper Moreland Soccer Club
PO Box 85
Willow Grove, PA 19090

November 20, 2006

The Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners
117 Park Avenue
Willow Grove, PA 19090

Dear Board of Commissioners:

On behalf of the Upper Moreland Soccer Club I am presenting our "wish list" for the comprehensive recreation study that is on the schedule for later this month.

- **First and foremost we would like to see a recreation center in the township.** All of the sports clubs could benefit from this and it would provide the youth of this township a facility that they could use for a variety of activities.
 - The soccer club could use this for indoor soccer as well as a training facility.
 - All other sports and non-sports groups could find reasons to use the building.
 - Give the township a place to hold indoor class instruction youth camps, teen programming, seniors could even run programs during the day, etc...
- **A lighted multipurpose synthetic turf field** so that it could be used 365/24/7. Soccer, lacrosse and football would strongly benefit from this.
 - Cost less to maintain annually, no grass cutting, fertilization needed
 - Average annual maintenance of a synthetic field is about \$500 as compared to a grass field, which would be about 8 to 10,000 plus the cost of cutting the grass.
 - After any rainstorm – you could play on the field immediately after the water drains off.
 - In terms of annual use, 4 grass fields are equal to 1 Lighted synthetic field.
 - Synthetic fields allow for year round play, requires little annual maintenance and allows for immediate sports change.
 - The expected life of a synthetic field in a recreational setting is now 17 to 20 years
 - The capital expense of a synthetic field is high, but you can recoup your money after 8 years of use (accounting for field installation and annual maintenance).
- **An increase in the budget to maintain the township fields**, specifically the soccer fields at Pileggi Park. The soccer club is willing to pay our fair share of the costs to keep the fields in playable conditions. We have spent \$34K to irrigate the rear field, and this year another \$14K for maintenance of the fields. As a result they look beautiful. It is going to cost \$10K every year to maintain these soccer fields every year and we don't have \$10K to put into the fields every year. With the proper Budgets in place, the township will be able to properly maintain our fields. If the township purchased the proper equipment then maybe they could cut down on the cost of what we had to out-source this year.
- **Expansion of the Pileggi Park fields**, pending the findings of the wetlands studies. If possible we would like to have another full size or a downsized soccer field there as we lost three full size soccer fields do to the construction of the Primary and Secondary schools.

- **We would like to light the front field at Pileggi Park.** This will increase the amount of kids playing/practicing at any given time, thus adding quality to our soccer program. It would also help eliminate any bottle necks at Mason Mill Park when we practice there in November.
- **Increasing the storage area of the buildings at Pileggi Park.** Little League is looking to use our space at the Little League site for their own needs. If we were forced to move our inventory out of this building, we would have no other place to store it.

Thank you for the opportunity to present these ideas for your consideration. We look forward in being an active participant in moving this process forward as it is for the benefit of all of the youth in the community and the community in general.

Sincerely,

Rick Mitchell-President
Upper Moreland Soccer Club

cc: Sam Valenza – Upper Moreland Soccer Club
Dean Swedberg- Upper Moreland Soccer Club

November 27, 2006

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The Township of Upper Moreland
117 Park Avenue
Willow Grove, PA 19090 USA
215-659-3100

Attn: Patrick T. Stasio
215-659-3100 Ext. 1041

Re: Comprehensive Recreation + Parks Plan

Dear Patrick:

It has been brought to our attention that your department has been, and is involved with a township wide "Comprehensive Recreation + Parks Plan". I'm hopeful to make the Parks + Recreation Committee meeting, tomorrow.

I wanted to write to you, so you can get an idea of the needs of our CYO group. Roughly, 95% of our kids are Upper Moreland residence. A little bit more than one third of our kids attend the school districts schools.

Our children compete in; baseball, softball, basketball, football, volleyball, track and cross-country. These kids range from 4th grade thru 12th grade.

In all cases the teams are divided up into boys + girls teams. Example; 5th & 6th grade boys soccer + 5th & 6th grade girls soccer. There are 7th & 8th grade boys soccer + 7th & 8th grade girls soccer teams. As a matter of fact, we had two 7th & 8th grade girls' soccer teams, this past season.

CYO has always relied on your help for our teams to have fields to train and compete on. This past season we did not have a field to have our games on. The school district decided to not allow us to use the varsity field for our games. You were very helpful in reaching a compromise with the school district, which allowed us to have a home field at the high school. So you have first hand knowledge that there is a real need for additional Soccer fields in this township.

I think that it is important for our program to continue without the fear of our teams not being able to train and compete on what we consider “our” fields. Whether they be township or school district fields + courts.

We recognize that you are stretched so thin that you wind up pulling your hair out, just for us. You have Bears Football, U.M. Soccer, U.M. Wrestling, U.M. Little League, U.M. Lacrosse, Adult Evening School, UM Ice Hockey, etc.

We want you to know that there is a real need a light multipurpose artificial surfaced field somewhere in the township. This past year we did not have anywhere to play our soccer games and we have to fight to get fields for our baseball and softball teams.

There is also a big need for an indoor facility or some type of Recreation center where people in our community can get together for a variety of reasons. Our CYO teams and other township sports teams could use the township center. St David seniors groups and other senior groups in the township could find a need for this type of a facility. There are sports groups in the community that would take advantage of this facility YEAR ROUND. Anything to keep the kids busy and out of trouble.

I will try my best to attend tomorrow’s meeting. Please try to keep us informed of any changes or any recommended changes.

Best regards,
Timothy M. Curran
St. David Girls CYO Varsity Soccer
215-657-4888
Mobile No. 267-934-9340

Upper Moreland



Ice Hockey Club

1/2/07

Upper Moreland Township
Dept. of Parks and Recreation
117 Park Ave
Willow Grove, PA 19090
Pat Stasio

Dear Pat,

I am responding to your request for input into the ten year comprehensive Parks plan, on behalf of the Upper Moreland ice Hockey Club. First, I would like to thank you for your interest in the needs of our club. Second, I would like to compliment you and your staff on such an insightful and forward thinking approach to the recreational needs of our entire community, especially the children within Upper Moreland.

As you know, our organization is a rapidly growing club. We have 3 full teams now including a varsity team. The addition of the roller rink will surely help us to continue to get more kids involved in hockey. The improvements at War Memorial Park are fabulous and our "wish list" revolves around further improvements to the park for all township residents.

All of the ideas on our attached "wish list" are ideas that could help other clubs as well. In fact, many of our needs are similar to those of other clubs. If we could incorporate our design ideas together, we could assist a few clubs simultaneously. If you have any questions on our list, please feel free to contact me.

Jim Goebel
President
UMIHC
215-659-2844

Visit us online at www.uppermorelandicehockey.org

Upper Moreland Ice Hockey Wish List

1. Township Rec center- a general recreational facility that includes a workout center for all youth teams and kids within the township.
2. A building in War Memorial Park to house storage for the UMIHC, including office space and meeting space. This way the UMIHC could base its operations, meetings, training, registration and equipment storage adjacent to the Roller rink. This would create year round activity in the park keeping vandalism to a minimum. This would also allow for coordinated efforts between the club and the Parks and Rec Dept to expand Roller Hockey within the Township. Depending upon the space allotted, a number of other clubs could also be housed here further increasing the activity within War Memorial. This building would also be a Parks and Rec facility for War Memorial Park to be used for classes, meetings for all Township residents. Again, creating more activity within War Memorial Park to deter vandalism.
3. War Memorial Park may also be a great location for additional lighted fields that could be used by every youth club within the township.
4. An “ice rink” within War Memorial Park similar to what is in Bryn Athyn at the Bryn Athyn school complex. An open air facility for use by all township residents. This facility could be used in all four seasons as the facility in Bryn Athyn is used. A great winter place for families to congregate, to take a date out to and after the ice is melted, a place for summer activities. If an ice rink facility is not deemed “useful”, if fields are built within the township, a recessed field like the ones in Abington, that can be flooded in the winter, would provide winter use for township residents as well as the UMIHC. Abington Township has hydrants near the fields on Silver Ave and along the western side of the Willow Grove mall that they turn on when temperatures make sense to provide for winter ice activities.

Stasio, Patrick

From: Jennifer Fleming [jennifers4boys@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2007 2:10 PM

To: Stasio, Patrick

Subject: P & R Comprehensive Plan

Hi Pat, I have reviewed the Comprehensive Plan and everything looks good. Lacrosse is especially in favor of a "home" site. War Memorial seems to be our best option. Are storage facilities still an option? Sorry I am unable to be in attendance this evening. I left a message with Bob as to where and when the meeting is tonight. Thanks, Jennifer Fleming, UMBLC

Change is good. See what's different about Windows Live Hotmail. [Check it out!](#)

Stasio, Patrick

From: Fleming, William [MCCUS Non J&J] [WFleming@MCCUS.JNJ.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2007 7:41 AM

To: Stasio, Patrick

Subject: Master plan

Hi Pat

I was able to look at the plan over the weekend and it looks good, the Bears are in full support.

Thanks Bill

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Football". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the 'F' and 'B' being particularly prominent.

5/29/2007



**The Upper Moreland Soccer Club
PO Box 85
Willow Grove, PA 19090**

May 29, 2007

The Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners
Park Avenue
Willow Grove, PA 19090

Dear Board of Commissioners:

As a follow up to our “wish list” from November of 2006, I would like to present the following for your consideration. The two main points for the township in general are listed below and the wishes specifically for the soccer club are listed as well.

- **A Recreation Center-** would benefit all of the sports clubs and youth of the township.
 - The sports clubs could conduct indoor training sessions and classroom seminars.
 - The township could offer youth camps and senior programs that benefit the community in general.
 - Recreational Programs could be looked at as a “summer day care camp” given the right facility and personnel.

- **A Lighted Synthetic Surface Field-** could be used 365/24/7. Many of the townships clubs would benefit from developing / installing this type of field.
 - This would allow many different sports teams to use the same field giving the clubs more practice and playing time.
 - While up front costs are higher, the long term maintenance costs are less.



We would like to see further field development of Pileggi Park for the soccer club to utilize. This includes adding additional fields and lighting the front field at the park. The Upper Moreland Soccer Club has worked hard over the years to make the fields and park a place we all can be proud of. Cooperation between Parks and Recreation, and the Board of Commissioners have provided desirable results for all involved. The soccer club paid for and built the clubhouse, irrigated the back field and working with Parks and Recreation, paid our share of the maintenance for the fields last year and again this year.

As a result the fields look beautiful and our kids benefit by being able to play and practice on this great surface. The soccer club was able to help reduce the cost to the township to maintain the fields. With the soccer club being in and out of the park, we provide a stabilizing presence and the parks trails and playgrounds seem to be utilized more often.

Thank you for the opportunity to present these ideas for your consideration. We look forward in being an active participant in moving this process forward as it is for the benefit of all of the youth in the community and the community in general.

Sincerely,

Rick Mitchell-President
Upper Moreland Soccer Club

cc: Sam Valenza – Past President Upper Moreland Soccer Club
Dean Swedberg- Vice President Upper Moreland Soccer Club

Comments from Nick Scull
re: Comp. Parks and Rec. Plan Draft
5/29/07

Page 6 --- references '06 UMT Open Space Plan, 7 goals, #4 "Preserving and protecting historic structures and sites"

Where is this addressed in this draft plan?

Page 18 Boileau Park Needed Improvements-

1. Arborist to review and prune trees
2. drainage
3. multipurpose field
4. Other Master Plan Improvements

No mention of anything related to "preserving and protecting" or anything about increasing walking trails and other passive recreation in the park.

Pg. 43 '09- commit funding for Boileau building improvements—what does this refer to??

Current recreation and Parks Budget is 1,041,100. this is an increase of 40% in four years ('03 \$744,500) Aside from cutting the grass, what has been spent at Boileau since '03 to "preserve and protect"?

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4 S'Ve Hellwig		215-757-5077
5 Dan Shellhammer		267-343-5420
6 Ally Bremme	513 Lincoln Ave	(215) 7409225
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9 KATIE OLSHANSKY		
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11 Judy Onimus	11 Abbeyview Ave WB.	215-659-2287
12 Carol Bremme	513 Lincoln Ave WG	215-784-9093
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14 Santiago Velez	11	1

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3 Karen Cavanaugh	3800 Reiniger Rd Hatboro	
4 Melba M... G... G...	2715 Veser Lane Willow Grove	
5 Judy Rens	6 Ellis Rd, Willow Grove	
6 Bernadette Klorok	326 Surrey Ln Hatboro	
7 John K... John Hierholzer	326 Surrey Ln Hatboro PA	215-674-411
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9 Paulette Hakes	14 Fern Ave Willow Grove	215 657-59
10 Dawn Seppel	205 Castello Ave. Hatboro, PA 19040	
grant 12 Valarie Niles	2555 Veser Ln WG, PA 19090	
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14 Jim Farrell	170 Abbott Rd. Hatboro PA	215-682-0403

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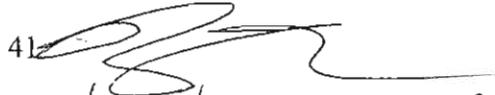
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- 16 ~~Jeff~~ 2539 Pioneer Rd Hatboro, Pa 19040
- 17 Jeff James 507 Grant Ave Willow Grove, PA 19090
- 18 Joe Venezia 231 Lawnton Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090
- 19 DAWN TAYLOR 3425 Bartram Rd. W. Willow Grove, Pa 19090
- 20 ~~Beth~~ ~~DerMorse~~ 5035 Warminster Rd. F-6 Hatboro, PA 19040
- 21 Al DerMorse 2549 Damian Dr. Hatboro, PA 19040
- 22 Carey Zeigler 3505 Moreland Rd J121 Willow Grove PA 19090
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- 24 Home Angstadt 171 Fairhill St., WG pa 19090
- 25 ANN Plenderleith 520 Grant Ave. WG PA 19090
- 26 Jim Schneider 520 Grant Ave W.G., PA 19090
- 27 Jackie Pitman 502 Division Ave. W.G. 19090
- 28 Leo Reice 1206 Division Ave WG, PA 19090
- 29 Randy Yeager 212 Duffield St WG PA 19090
- 30 Kerry Lynch 628 Exton Rd Hatboro PA 19040
- 31 Eileen Seum 118 Everett Ave Willow Grove 19090
- 32 Nancy Burns 8 Forest Ave Willow Grove 19090
- 33 Rudy Gieri 2380 Winding Rd Hatboro, PA 19040
- 34 Mike Valera 32 Woodhill Dr WG 19090
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- 36 Mike Buonis 517 High Arc Hatboro, PA 19040
- 37 Jeanette King 212 Newington Dr. Hatboro PA 19040

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3425 Bartram Rd. 610-279-6201

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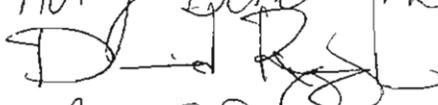
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50 Kathleen Mcboldrick 11 Newington Dr. Hatboro PA 19040
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56 Michelle Santos 622 Aintree Rd Hatboro

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- 63 Cindy Burns 517 High Ave. 215-675-5248
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- 66 ~~P. H. H.~~ 3215 PENNYPACK ROAD 215-657-0176
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- 71 Denise Jakowuski 188 Duffield St. 215-659-1556
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- Help 74 Lynne Budnick-Lennon 213 Duffield St 267-781-0385
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- 77 Israel Chertant 810 MIRIAM AVE 215-657-1161
- 78 Iraida B. Coret 812 Miriam Ave 215-659-2547
- 79 Denise Keim 521 Raab St. 215 605 7908
- 80 Jennifer Horan 515 Raab St. 215-657-7339
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10 Benjamin Wright	499 Lincoln Ave	215-346-2300
11 Dana Portuguese	499 Lincoln Ave.	215-346-2300
12 Walter Portuguese	499 Lincoln Ave.	215-346-2300
13 JOHN MARLOW	654 BECCA WOOD RD.	215-659-4015
14 Evelyn J. Stonich	338 N. York Rd	215-460-4319

- 15 Melissa DelGrande 16 Fern Ave. 267-243-1005
- 16 Joseph Coon 519 N York rd 215-208-9199
- 17 Peter Kune 150 park Ave W 6th 215-657-2160
- 18 J & Pardy Fair 1546 North Hills Ave 215 407 3436
- 19 Amy Schofield 2517 Dorothy St. 215-672-0623
- 20 KEN MORAN 580 PARK AVE 215 658-1240.
- 21 John Percy 72 N. York Rd 215-784-9099
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- 23 Judy Becker Raab St, W-6, 19090 657-2850
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Arlington Valley 19006
- 29 Tom Sawyer 412 N. York Rd 215 886-4888
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- 31 Sawyer 736 Central St 215 659-1110
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Grant ADV / HELP

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Upper Moreland Township Parks Maintenance Equipment List

Facility Inventory & Analysis

Equipment Item	Yr./Model	Unit Miles/Hours
601 Crew Cab Pick Up	2006 Chevrolet	23,250 miles
602 Pick Up *	1994 Chevrolet	80,625 miles
612 Small Dump Truck	2000 Chevrolet	26,918 miles
614 Van	2006 Chevrolet	21,606 miles
615 Small Dump Truck	1996 Chevrolet	38,332 miles
619 Recreation Bus	1989 Bluebird	42,577 miles
625 14' Mower	Torro 14' cut	257 miles
621 935 Mower	2001 Deere	1,863 hours
622 935 Mower	2001 Deere	1,875 hours
624 935 Mower	1998 Deere	2,621 hours
623 Zero Turn Mower	2004 X-Mark	352 hours
627 Zero Turn Mower	2004 X-Mark	385 hours
626 Zero Turn Mower	2006 X-Mark	187 hours
629 Zero Turn Mower	2006 X-Mark	117 hours
631 Loader Tractor	1988 Ford	broken hrs. meter
655 Ball Field Dragger Unit	1997	2,840 hrs
635 Back-Hoe/Loader	2001	1,994 hours
632 Turf Truckster at MMP	2006 Gator	1,533 hours
633 Turf Truckster at MMP	1997 Gator	N/A
640 Chipper (purchased used)	2001	3,533 hours
Equipment Trailers (4)		

Additional Equipment: string trimmers, hand mowers, blowers, chainsaws, assorted hand held tools and equipment

* Scheduled for replacement in 2007

Upper Moreland Township Recreation Study
QUOTA = 200

(ASK TO SPEAK TO MALE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, IF NO MALE OR NOT AVAILABLE, ASK TO SPEAK TO FEMALE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD)

Good morning/afternoon/evening, Upper Moreland Township is conducting a brief survey about recreation services that are available to residents in the township and would like to include your opinions. I'm _____ calling from Reed Group, an independent, market research firm in Philadelphia. The interview should take less than 10 minutes of your time. **(IF NECESSARY: This is not a sales call and your answers will be kept completely confidential.)**

First we'd like to get some information about you and your household.

SA. What is the name of the township where you live?

- (1) Upper Moreland Township
- (2) Other township than Upper Moreland **(THANK AND TERMINATE)**
- (9) Refused **(THANK AND TERMINATE)**

S1. What is your age? **(DO NOT READ LIST, ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE)**

- (0) Under 18 **(ASK TO SPEAK TO AN ADULT OVER 18, IF NO ADULT OVER 18, TERMINATE)**
- (1) 18 to 24
- (2) 25 to 34
- (3) 35 to 44
- (4) 45 to 54
- (5) 55 to 64
- (6) 65 or older
- (9) Refused **(TERMINATE)**

S2. And how many people live in your household? **(RANGE OF RESPONSES IS 1 TO 17, ALLOW DON'T KNOW AND REFUSED)**

_____ PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD

(IF 2+ IN Q.S2, ASK Q.S3 AND Q.S4, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.S5)

S3. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living in your household?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (9) Refused

S4. And are there any senior citizens, that is, adults over the age of 65, living in your household?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (9) Refused

S5. Record Gender by Observation (**TRY TO GET BALANCE OF MALE AND FEMALE**)

- (1) Male
- (2) Female

Note – we got in trouble last time when the survey was posted and our asking for the male head

(IF 2+ IN Q.S2 READ) For the rest of this survey, I am going to be asking you about some activities that you or other members of your household might participate in. When answering the questions, please consider not only your own activities but also those of the other members of your household.

MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE

Now I would like to ask you about some recreational activities for which you or other members of your household might use local, regional, or state parks or other public areas or facilities.

1. In the past 12 months, has any member of your household done any activities using a paved or unpaved trail at a local, regional or state park or other public area? This would include any activity that can be done on a trail, such as biking, walking, rollerblading, horseback riding, etc.
 - (1) Yes
 - (2) No (**SKIP TO Q.3**)
 - (9) Refused (**SKIP TO Q.3**)
- 2A. Now, we'd like to know about some specific trail activities. In the past 12 months, has anyone in your household visited a park or other public area for (**READ**)?
(FOR EACH YES IN Q.2A, ASK Q.2B AND Q.2C IN TANDEM BEFORE MOVING ON TO THE NEXT ITEM IN Q.2A)
- 2B. And in TOTAL, how many trips have the members of your household made to parks or public areas for...(READ)...in the past 12 months? (**RANGE OF RESPONSES IS 1 TO 365, PROBE FOR BEST ESTIMATE IF NECESSARY, ALLOW DON'T KNOW AND REFUSED**)
- 2C. Which local, regional, or state parks or other public areas have you or other household members visited for...(READ)...in the past 12 months? (**DO NOT READ LIST, ALLOW MULTIPLE ANSWERS, USE PARK LIST**)

(RANDOMIZE)	Q2A Do Activity			Q2B	Q2C
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	# Visits Past Year	Parks Used
Walking or hiking	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Jogging	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Inline skating or rollerblading	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Bicycling	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Horseback riding	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Mountain biking	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____

3. In the past 12 months, has any member of your household played any warm weather sports at a local, regional or state park or other public area? This would include all sports that can be played outdoors but that do not require ice or snow such as football, baseball, soccer, basketball, golf, tennis, swimming, etc.

- (1) Yes
- (2) No *(SKIP TO Q.5)*
- (9) Refused *(SKIP TO Q.5)*

- 4A. Now, I'd like to ask about some specific warm weather sports. In the past 12 months has anyone in your household visited a park or public area for *(READ)*?
(FOR EACH YES IN Q.4A, ASK Q.4B AND Q.4C IN TANDEM BEFORE MOVING ON TO THE NEXT ITEM IN Q.4A)
- 4B. And, in TOTAL how many times have the members of your household visited parks or public areas for ...*(READ)*...in the past 12 months? *(RANGE OF RESPONSES IS 1 TO 365, PROBE FOR BEST ESTIMATE IF NECESSARY, ALLOW DON'T KNOW AND REFUSED)*
- 4C. Which local, regional or state parks or other public areas have members of your household visited for ...*(READ)*...in the past 12 months? *(DO NOT READ LIST, ALLOW MULTIPLE ANSWERS, USE PARK LIST)*

<i>(RANDOMIZE)</i>	<u>Q4A Do Activity</u>			<u>Q4B</u>	<u>Q4C</u>
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>	<u># Visits Past Year</u>	<u>Parks Used</u>
<i>(IF YES IN Q.S3)</i> Youth league baseball including T-ball, robo-ball, little league, etc.	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Adult league baseball	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
<i>(IF YES IN Q.S3)</i> Youth league basketball	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Adult league basketball	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
<i>(IF YES IN Q.S3)</i> Youth league softball	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Adult league softball	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
<i>(IF YES IN Q.S3)</i> Youth league football	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
<i>(IF YES IN Q.S3)</i> Youth league soccer	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Adult league soccer	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
<i>(IF YES IN Q.S3)</i> Youth league volleyball	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Adult league volleyball	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Beach volleyball	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Tennis	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Golf	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Rugby	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Shuffleboard	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Swimming	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Skateboarding	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Dog Walking	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____

5. In the past 12 months, has any member of your household done any cold weather sports at a local, regional, or state park or other public area? This would include activities that can be done outside only in very cold weather such as ice skating, sledding, skiing, etc
- (1) Yes
(2) No *(SKIP TO Q.7)*
(9) Refused *(SKIP TO Q.7)*
- 6A. Moving onto some specific cold weather sports, in the past 12 months, has anyone in your household visited a park or public area for *(READ)*?
(FOR EACH YES IN Q.6A, ASK Q.6B AND Q.6C IN TANDEM BEFORE MOVING ON TO THE NEXT ITEM IN Q.6A)
- 6B. And, in TOTAL how many times have the members of your household visited parks or public areas for...*(READ)*...in the past 12 months? *(RANGE OF RESPONSES IS 1 TO 365, PROBE FOR BEST ESTIMATE IF NECESSARY, ALLOW DON'T KNOW AND REFUSED)*
- 6C. Which local, regional, or state parks or other public areas have your household members visited for...*(READ)*...in the past 12 months? *(DO NOT READ LIST, ALLOW MULTIPLE ANSWERS, USE PARK LIST)*

<i>(RANDOMIZE)</i>	<u>Q6A Do Activity</u>			<u>Q6B</u>	<u>Q6C</u>
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>	<u># Visits Past Year</u>	<u>Parks Used</u>
Ice skating	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Sledding or tobogganing	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Cross-country skiing	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Ice hockey	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Snowmobiling	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____

(IF YES TO Q.S3, ASK Q.7, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.9)

7. In the past 12 months, has any member of your household used playgrounds or youth programs at a local, regional, or state park or other public area?
- (1) Yes
(2) No *(SKIP TO Q.9)*
(9) Refused *(SKIP TO Q.9)*
- 8A. In the past 12 months, has anyone in your household visited a park or public area to use *(READ)*?
(FOR EACH YES IN Q.8A, ASK Q.8B AND Q.8C IN TANDEM BEFORE MOVING ON TO THE NEXT ITEM IN Q.8A)
- 8B. And in TOTAL, how many times have the members of your household visited parks or public areas to use...*(READ)*...in the past 12 months? *(RANGE OF RESPONSES IS 1 TO 365, PROBE FOR BEST ESTIMATE IF NECESSARY, ALLOW DON'T KNOW AND REFUSED)*
- 8C. At which local, regional, or state parks or other public areas have your household members used...*(READ)*...in the past 12 months? *(DO NOT READ LIST, ALLOW MULTIPLE ANSWERS, USE PARK LIST)*

<i>(RANDOMIZE)</i>	Q8A Do Activity			Q8B	Q8C
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>	<u># Visits Past Year</u>	<u>Parks Used</u>
A playground	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
A summer youth program such as day camp or arts and crafts programs	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____

9. In the past 12 months, has any member of your household done any nature study activities at a local, regional, or state park or other public area? This would include activities such as walking on nature trails or using an outdoor educational center.
- (1) Yes
(2) No *(SKIP TO Q.11)*
(9) Refused *(SKIP TO Q.11)*
- 10A. In the past 12 months, has anyone in your household visited a park or public area to *(READ)*? *(FOR EACH YES IN Q.10A, ASK Q.10B AND Q.10C IN TANDEM BEFORE MOVING ON TO THE NEXT ITEM IN Q.10A)*
- 10B. And in TOTAL, how many trips have the members of your household made to parks or public areas to...*(READ)*...in the past 12 months? *(RANGE OF RESPONSES IS 1 TO 365, PROBE FOR BEST ESTIMATE IF NECESSARY, ALLOW DON'T KNOW AND REFUSED)*
- 10C. Which local, regional, or state parks or other public areas have you or other household members visited to...*(READ)*...in the past 12 months? *(DO NOT READ LIST, ALLOW MULTIPLE ANSWERS, USE PARK LIST)*

<i>(RANDOMIZE)</i>	Q10A Do Activity			Q10B	Q10C
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>	<u># Visits Past Year</u>	<u>Parks Used</u>
Use nature trails	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Use an educational center / adult education	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____

(IF YES TO Q.S4, ASK Q.11, OTHERWISE SKIP TO CLOSE)

11. In the past 12 months, has any member of your household participated in senior citizen activities at a local, regional, or state park or other public area? This would include activities such as participating in fitness activities, community gardening, or other activities for seniors.
- (1) Yes
(2) No *(SKIP TO Q.13)*
(9) Refused *(SKIP TO Q.13)*
- 12A. In the past 12 months, has anyone in your household visited a park or other public area to *(READ)*? *(FOR EACH YES IN Q.12A, ASK Q.12B AND Q.12C IN TANDEM BEFORE MOVING ON TO THE NEXT ITEM IN Q.12A)*

- 12B. And in TOTAL, how many trips have the members of your household made to parks or public areas to...(READ)...in the past 12 months? (**RANGE OF RESPONSES IS 1 TO 365, PROBE FOR BEST ESTIMATE IF NECESSARY, ALLOW DON'T KNOW AND REFUSED**)
- 12C. Which local, regional, or state parks or other public areas have you or other household members visited to...(READ)...in the past 12 months? (**DO NOT READ LIST, ALLOW MULTIPLE ANSWERS, USE PARK LIST**)

<i>(RANDOMIZE)</i>	Q12A Do Activity			Q12B	Q12C
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>	<u># Visits Past Year</u>	<u>Parks Used</u>
Fitness training	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Lawn games (bocce, badminton, etc.)	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____
Gardening	(1)	(2)	(8)	_____	_____

13. How interested would you and the members of your household be in a possible Upper Moreland Township Community Center Building? Would you be...(READ)...?
- (5) Extremely interested
 - (4) Very interested
 - (3) Somewhat interested
 - (2) Not very interested (**SKIP TO Q.15A**)
 - (1) Not at all interested (**SKIP TO Q.15A**)
 - (8) (**DO NOT READ**) Don't know/refused (**SKIP TO Q.15A**)

- 14A. I am going to read you a list of facilities that could be included in the possible Upper Moreland Township Community Center and for each please tell me if the members of your household would be very, somewhat, or not at all interested in that activity. How interested would the members of your household be in...(READ)...?

<i>(RANDOMIZE)</i>	Q14A Interested Activity		
	<u>Very interested</u>	<u>Some what Interested</u>	<u>Not interested</u>
Gymnasium	(1)	(2)	(8)
Walking / Running Track	(1)	(2)	(8)
Weight Room	(1)	(2)	(8)
Cardio Room	(1)	(2)	(8)
Racquetball	(1)	(2)	(8)
Swimming Pool	(1)	(2)	(8)
Sauna	(1)	(2)	(8)

Hot Tub	(1)	(2)	(8)
Locker Rooms	(1)	(2)	(8)
Meeting Rooms	(1)	(2)	(8)
Day Care Center	(1)	(2)	(8)
Climbing Wall	(1)	(2)	(8)
Aerobics / Dance Studio	(1)	(2)	(8)

14B. Are there other activities you would like to be included in a Community Center?

15A. In the past 12 months, has anyone in your household visited a private gymnasium / health club?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No (**CLOSE**)
- (3) Refused (**CLOSE**)

15B. In TOTAL, how many visits have the members of your household made to a private gymnasium / health club in the past 12 months? (**RANGE OF RESPONSES IS 1 TO 365, PROBE FOR BEST ESTIMATE IF NECESSARY, ALLOW DON'T KNOW AND REFUSED**) _____ visits.

15C. What are the names and locations of the facilities you have visited? (**PROBE FOR NAME, CITY AND STATE OF EACH FACILITY**)

FACILITY NAME	CITY	STATE

Those are all of my questions – thank you very much for your time!

Collect first name and phone number for verification purposes only

PARK LIST

[(IF OTHER SPECIFY, RECORD IN TWO FIELDS – FIRST WILL HAVE NAME OF PARK OR PUBLIC AREA, SECOND WILL PROBE FOR PARK TYPE)

	PARK NAME	PARK TYPE
(01)	Blair Mill Park	Upper Moreland Township
(02)	Brooks Street Park	Upper Moreland Township
(03)	Broughton Park	Upper Moreland Township
(04)	Buehler Park Nature Study Area	Upper Moreland Township
(05)	Cherry Street Park	Upper Moreland Township
(06)	Dawson Manor Park	Upper Moreland Township
(07)	Fair Oaks Park	Upper Moreland Township
(08)	Fern Village Park	Upper Moreland Township
(09)	Masons Mill Park	Upper Moreland Township
(10)	Mill Creek Park	Upper Moreland Township
(11)	Nathaniel Boileau Park (Molloy Tract)	Upper Moreland Township
(12)	North Willow Grove Park	Upper Moreland Township
(13)	Frank J. Pileggi Park	Upper Moreland Township -
(14)	Pioneer Woods	Upper Moreland Township
(15)	Terwood Park	Upper Moreland Township
(16)	Valley Green Park	Upper Moreland Township
(17)	War Memorial Park	Upper Moreland Township
(18)	Whitehall Park	Upper Moreland Township
(19)	Woodlawn Park	Upper Moreland Township
(00)	Other (<i>SPECIFY</i>) _____	<p>PROBE: Would you describe that as a park or public area that is...(<i>READ</i>)...? (<i>ONE RESPONSE</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A public park or other public area in Upper Moreland Township</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A public park or other public area in Montgomery County</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A Pennsylvania State Park</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Privately owned</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Or something else</p>
(88)	Can't remember name	
(99)	Refused	

Times Per Past Year

Sports - Cold Weather

- Ice Skating
- Sledding & Tobogganing
- Cross-country Skiing
- Ice Hockey
- Snowmobiling

Playground Activities

- Tot Lot / Playground
- Shuffleboard
- Summer Youth Program - (day camp, arts & crafts)

Nature Study

- Use Nature Trails
- Educational Center / Adult Education

Other Activities

- Fitness Training
- Lawn Games (Bocce, badminton, etc.)
- Gardening

Special Events

- Educational and Cultural
- Festivals
- Concerts and Musical Programs
- Special Sporting Events
- Stage Productions

Youth Activities

- Art Program - children
- Art Program - teenagers
- After School Program - children
- After School Program - teenagers
- Boys and Girls Club
- Girl Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Tutoring
- Mentor Program
- Music Program - children
- Music Program - teenagers
- Baby Sitter Certification
- CPR Certification

Miscellaneous

- Fishing
- Boating/Sailing
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Camping/Tent or Trailer (please circle)
- Fitness Course with Exercise Stations
- Picnic Tables
- Picnic Pavilion—Group accommodations
- Dog Walking / Dog Park

Please complete the survey and return it to the Parks and Recreation Department located in the Upper Moreland Township Building. You may also return the survey via mail. Please mail to the Parks and Recreation Department, 117 Park Avenue, Willow Grove, PA 19090. Thank you



Upper Moreland Township Parks & Recreation 2007 Resident Survey

Prepared for:



Prepared by:



Background and Objectives

- This study was designed to gain insight into the recreation habits and preferences of Upper Moreland Township residents to inform Township recreation planning efforts.
- Specifically, this research measured:
 - Participation in recreational activities
 - Parks used for recreational activities
 - Interest in a proposed Upper Moreland Township Community Center

Methodology

- **200 telephone surveys with Upper Moreland Township residents**
 - Random sample of adults living in Upper Moreland Township
 - Personal telephone interviews conducted by reed|group in February 2007
 - Because of the importance of age in determining recreational preferences, phone survey data were weighted to US Census Upper Moreland Township population proportions for age
- **315 mail surveys completed by Upper Moreland Township residents**
 - 7,400 surveys mailed to Upper Moreland Township households in late January 2007
 - 4% of surveys (315) returned to Upper Moreland Township Parks & Recreation by late February 2007
 - Mail survey data are unweighted because respondent age not collected
- **There were some content differences between the mail and phone versions of the survey.**
 - Slides showing only one group of survey participants reflect questions that were not asked in both versions.

Key Findings

- In evaluating this research, the reader should note that although mail survey participants report greater participation rates/frequency for many recreational activities examined, the overall trends in resident attitudes and behavior are, for the most part, consistent across versions.
- Differences in participation rates between mail and phone survey participants are likely attributable to the following factors:
 - Wording differences between the mail (number of times doing activity in past year) and phone (have you visited a park for this activity) surveys.
 - The possibility that very active residents were more likely to complete and return the mail survey versus the greater likelihood of including less active residents using the random phone survey method.

Key Findings

Upper Moreland Township Resident Recreational Activity

- Residents most often participate in:
 - Playground/youth programs (Phone: 69%; Mail 68%), especially by using playgrounds or tot lots (Phone 67%; Mail 62%)
 - Trail activities (Phone 66%; Mail 88%), most often walking/hiking (Phone 58%; Mail 81%)
 - Warm weather youth league sports (Among those with children: Phone 60%; Mail 89%), most often soccer (Phone 37%; Mail 39%) and baseball (Phone 18%; Mail 41%)
 - Adult or all age warm weather sports (Phone 42%; Mail 68%), typically golf (Phone 12%; Mail 27%), tennis (Phone 10%; Mail 20%) and swimming (Phone 9%; Mail 49%)
 - General outdoor activities (Mail 65%) such as gardening (49%)
 - Cultural and sporting events (Mail 67%), specifically concerts and musical programs (52%)
- Walking/hiking (Mail 56%) is by far the most frequently identified "favorite activity" among township residents.

Key Findings

Parks and Recreational Facilities Used

- Among Upper Moreland Parks, Masons Mill and Woodlawn are most frequently used by survey participants. Pennypack Nature Center is also a popular site for recreational activity.
- Phone survey participants identify these parks as the top locations for all activities except cold weather sports, which typically take place at schools or private facilities.
 - Among residents doing trail activities, 52% have used Masons Mill and 30% have used the Pennypack Nature center in the past year.
 - Masons Mill (44%) and Woodlawn (34%) are the most common areas for playground use among those doing playground/youth activities.
 - Masons Mill (25%) and Woodlawn (21%) are also the most popular locations for warm weather sports.
 - Residents doing nature study activities identify Pennypack Nature Center (56%) as the top location used.

Key Findings

Parks and Recreational Facilities Used *(continued)*

- When mail survey participants were asked which Upper Moreland Township parks they visited in the past year, they most often said Masons Mill (77%), followed by Woodlawn (35%).
- Two out of three mail survey participants (68%) visit parks outside of Upper Moreland Township.
 - Residents typically stay in Montgomery County (60%), most often visiting the Pennypack Nature Center (16%), Luken's Park (14%) and Horsham Park (13%).
 - Tyler State Park (14%) is also a relatively popular destination.
- Half of township residents (50% Phone; 56% Mail) use private recreation facilities or fitness/health clubs.
 - Among phone survey participants, Bally's (34%) and the Abington (25%) and Hatboro (22%) YMCAs are most commonly used.
 - The Upper Moreland Swim Club (26%) and the Hatboro YMCA (17%) are the private facilities mail survey participants use most often.

Key Findings

Interest in Upper Moreland Township Community Center Building

- Township residents appear to be interested in the proposed Community Center Building and prefer that facilities included be oriented towards specific fitness activities.
- Eight out of ten township residents are at least *somewhat interested* in the Community Center; half are *extremely* or *very interested* (Phone: extremely/very 48%, somewhat 33%; Mail extremely/very 50%, somewhat 30%).
- Considering specific facilities the Community Center might include, township residents are most interested in:
 - Cardio room (Phone 87%; Mail 71%)
 - Walking/running track (Phone 88%; Mail 88%)
 - Swimming pool (Phone 83%; Mail 74%)
 - Aerobics/dance studio (Phone 81%; Mail 68%)
 - Gymnasium (Phone 81%; Mail 79%)
 - Locker rooms (Phone 71%; Mail 68%)
 - Weight room (Phone 72%; Mail 66%)

Detailed Findings

Section I:

Participation in Recreational Activities



Participation in Recreational Activities

- Trail activities, playground/youth programs, warm weather sports and outdoor activities such as boating, fishing and camping appear to be the most popular activities among Upper Moreland Township households.
- Mail survey participants are typically more likely than Phone Survey participants to say someone in their household has done all activities evaluated. This trend is likely due to a combination of:
 - Wording differences between the mail (number of times doing activity in past year) and phone (have you visited a park for this activity) surveys.
 - The possibility that very active residents were more likely to complete and return the mail survey versus the greater likelihood of including less active residents using the random phone survey.

Participation in Selected Activity Types – Past 12 Months

Activity	Phone	Mail
Playground/Youth Programs*	69%	68%
Trail Activities	66%	88%
Warm Weather Sports – Youth*	60%	89%
Warm Weather Sports – Adult/All Age	42%	68%
Nature Study Activities	25%	47%
Cold Weather Sports	17%	40%
Other Activities (Fishing, Boating, Camping, etc.)	Not Asked	70%
Cultural/Sporting Events	Not Asked	67%
General Outdoor Activities (Gardening, Lawn Games, etc)	Not Asked	65%
Youth Activities (After School Program, Boy/Girl Scouts, etc.)	Not Asked	31%
Base: Total	(200)	(315)

Participation in Recreational Activities

- More than six in ten township residents with children have used playgrounds or tot lots in the past year.
- Use of summer youth programs is less common.

Participation in Specific Youth Program/Playground Activities – Past 12 Months

Activity	Phone	Mail
Playground/Youth Programs (net)	69%	68%
Playground/Tot Lot	67%	62%
Summer Youth Program (day camp, arts and crafts programs)	7%	26%
<i>Base: Have Children</i>	<i>(62)</i>	<i>(140)</i>

Participation in Recreational Activities

- Walking and hiking are the most popular trail activities among township residents.
- Across survey versions, about one in four residents say their trail activity included jogging.
- Four out of ten mail households and one out of four phone households reported bicycling on park trails during the past year.

Participation in Specific Trail Activities - Past 12 Months

Activity	Phone	Mail
Trail Activities (net)	66%	88%
Walking or Hiking	58%	81%
Jogging	30%	24%
Bicycling	24%	44%
Inline Skating/Rollerblading	17%	15%
Dog Walking	10%	28%
Mountain Biking	4%	10%
Horseback Riding	3%	6%
<i>Base: Total</i>	<i>(200)</i>	<i>(315)</i>

Participation in Recreational Activities

- Considering participation in warm weather youth sports leagues, township households most often report having children involved in soccer, baseball and basketball.

Participation in Specific Youth Warm Weather Sports - Past 12 Months

Activity	Phone	Mail
Youth Warm Weather Sports (net)	60%	89%
Soccer – Youth League	37%	39%
Baseball – Youth League	18%	41%
Basketball – Youth League	14%	31%
Football – Youth League	6%	23%
Softball – Youth League	6%	12%
Volleyball – Youth League	Not Asked	6%
Roller Hockey – Youth League	Not Asked	9%
<i>Base: Have Children</i>	<i>(62)</i>	<i>(140)</i>

Participation in Recreational Activities

- Golf, tennis and swimming are the most common adult or all age warm weather activities for Upper Moreland Township residents.

Participation in Specific Adult/All Age Warm Weather Sports - Past 12 Months

Activity	Phone	Mail
Warm Weather Sports (net)	42%	68%
Golf	12%	27%
Tennis	10%	20%
Swimming	9%	49%
Volleyball – Adult League	5%	4%
Softball – Adult League	5%	7%
Skateboarding	3%	8%
Beach Volleyball	2%	8%
Shuffleboard	1%	4%
Basketball – Adult League	1%	3%
Baseball – Adult League	1%	5%
Soccer – Adult League	0%	4%
Football – Adult League	Not Asked	2%
Roller Hockey – Adult League	Not Asked	2%
Rugby	Not Asked	1%
<i>Base: Total</i>	<i>(200)</i>	<i>(315)</i>

Participation in Recreational Activities

- Township residents, particularly those responding to the mail survey, typically say they have done nature study activities by using nature trails in the past year.

Participation in Specific Nature Study Activities - Past 12 Months

Activity	Phone	Mail
Nature Study Activities (net)	25%	47%
Nature Trails	22%	43%
Educational Center/Adult Education	11%	18%
<i>Base: Total</i>	<i>(200)</i>	<i>(315)</i>

Participation in Recreational Activities

- Among the cold weather sports evaluated, sledding and ice skating are most popular among township residents.

Participation in Specific Cold Weather Sports - Past 12 Months

Activity	Phone	Mail
Cold Weather Sports (net)	17%	40%
Sledding or Tobogganing	10%	30%
Ice Skating	7%	22%
Cross Country Skiing	1%	4%
Ice Hockey	0%	5%
Snowmobiling	Not Asked	3%
<i>Base: Total</i>	<i>(200)</i>	<i>(315)</i>

Participation in Recreational Activities

- Half of mail survey participants have done gardening over the past year.
- One third have done fitness training and two in ten have played lawn games.

Participation in Specific General Outdoor Activities - Past 12 Months

Activity	Mail
General Outdoor Activities (net)	65%
Gardening	49%
Fitness Training	36%
Lawn Games	20%
<i>Base: Total</i>	<i>(315)</i>

Note: Not asked in Phone Survey

Participation in Recreational Activities

- Half of mail survey participants have attended concerts and musical programs during the past year.
- About four in ten attended stage productions or festivals.

Participation in Specific Cultural/Sporting Events - Past 12 Months

Activity	Mail
Cultural/Sporting Events (net)	67%
Concerts and Musical Programs	52%
Stage Productions	39%
Festivals	37%
Educational and Cultural	34%
Special Sporting Events	28%
<i>Base: Total</i>	<i>(315)</i>

Note: Not asked in Phone Survey

Participation in Recreational Activities

- Mail survey participants report a varied range of youth activities over the past 12 months.

Participation in Specific Youth Activities - Past 12 Months

Activity	Mail
Youth Activities (net)	31%
CPR Certification	11%
After School Program - Children	10%
Art Program - Children	7%
Music Program - Children	6%
Music Program - Teenagers	5%
Tutoring	4%
After School Program - Teenagers	4%
Art Program - Teenagers	3%
Boys and Girls Club	3%
Girl Scouts	3%
Boy Scouts	3%
Babysitter Certification	3%
Mentoring Program	2%
<i>Base: Total</i>	<i>(315)</i>

Participation in Recreational Activities

- Four out of ten mail survey participants used picnic tables and three out of ten used picnic pavilions during the past year.
- Three out of ten went fishing in the past year.

Participation in Other Activities - Past 12 Months

Activity	Mail
Other Activities (net)	70%
Picnic Tables	41%
Fishing	30%
Picnic Pavilion – Group Accommodations	28%
Fitness Course with Exercise Stations	24%
Camping	23%
Boating/Sailing	20%
Canoeing/Kayaking	18%
<i>Base: Total</i>	<i>(315)</i>

Participation in Recreational Activities

- Walking/hiking is by far the most favored activity among Upper Moreland Township households responding to the mail survey.
- Aside from walking and hiking, township residents report a variety of recreational activities favored.

Favorite Activities (Up to Three Mentions Allowed)

Favorite Activities	Mail
Walking/Hiking	56%
Swimming	17%
Gardening	17%
Bicycling	15%
Dog Walking	15%
Playground/Tot Lot	16%
Concerts and Musical Programs	13%
Fitness Training	12%
Use Nature Trails	11%
Golf	11%
Jogging	8%
Baseball – Youth League	6%
<i>Base: Total Answering</i>	<i>(291)</i>

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Note: Not asked in Phone Survey All others mentioned by 5% or fewer residents

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Detailed Findings Section II: Frequency of Participation in Recreational Activities



Frequency of Participation in Recreational Activities

- Phone survey participants used playgrounds about once a week over the past year while mail survey participants used them about three times a month.
- Phone survey participants report an average of 42 visits for summer youth programs; mail survey participants report about half as many days using summer youth programs.

Number of Trips for Youth Program/Playground Activities – Past 12 Months

(Among Those Doing Activity in Past 12 Months)

Activity	Phone	Mail
Playground/Tot Lot	57	48
Summer Youth Program (day camp, arts and crafts programs)	42	23
<i>Base: Did Activity in Past 12 Months</i>	<i>Varies</i>	<i>Varies</i>

Frequency of Participation in Recreational Activities

- With the exceptions of dog walking and horseback riding, mail survey participants appear to participate in trail activities with greater frequency than do phone survey participants.
- On average, phone survey participants went walking, hiking or jogging about three times a month; mail survey participants walked/hiked about twice a week and jogged about once a week.
- Residents who walk dogs appear to do so at least twice a week on average.

Number of Trips for Trail Activities - Past 12 Months

(Among Those Doing Activity in Past 12 Months)

Activity	Phone	Mail
Walking or Hiking	39	88
Jogging	34	63
Bicycling	18	34
Inline Skating/Rollerblading	18	37
Dog Walking	141	126
Mountain Biking	8	24
Horseback Riding	26	5
<i>Base: Did Activity in Past 12 Months</i>	<i>Varies</i>	<i>Varies</i>

Frequency of Participation in Recreational Activities

- Among users, frequency of youth league recreational activities averages more than once a week for the season.

Number of Trips for Youth Warm Weather Sports - Past 12 Months
(Among Those Doing Activity in Past 12 Months)

Activity	Phone	Mail
Soccer – Youth League	47	35
Baseball – Youth League	42	30
Basketball – Youth League	31	27
Football – Youth League	16	29
Softball – Youth League	15	24
Volleyball – Youth League	Not Asked	43
Roller Hockey – Youth League	Not Asked	64
<i>Base: Did Activity in Past 12 Months</i>	<i>Varies</i>	<i>Varies</i>

Frequency of Participation in Recreational Activities

- Among township households engaging in warm weather sports, swimming, adult league basketball and skateboarding represent the highest number of trips, averaging several times a week during the season.

Number of Trips for Adult/All Age Warm Weather Sports - Past 12 Months
(Among Those Doing Activity in Past 12 Months)

Activity	Phone	Mail
Golf	19	21
Tennis	19	16
Swimming	59	40
Volleyball – Adult League	19	21
Softball – Adult League	16	20
Skateboarding	15	80
Beach Volleyball	6	7
Shuffleboard	23	5
Basketball – Adult League	75	9
Baseball – Adult League	1	22
Soccer – Adult League	0	16
Football – Adult League	Not Asked	8
Roller Hockey – Adult League	Not Asked	34
Rugby	Not Asked	6
<i>Base: Did Activity in Past 12 Months</i>	<i>Varies</i>	<i>Varies</i>

Frequency of Participation in Recreational Activities

- Phone survey participants used nature trails about once a month over the past year while mail survey participants used them just under twice a month.
- Mail survey participants used adult education about once a month while phone survey participants used it four times in the past year.

Number of Trips for Nature Study Activities - Past 12 Months

(Among Those Doing Activity in Past 12 Months)

Activity	Phone	Mail
Nature Trails	11	19
Educational Center/Adult Education	4	11
<i>Base: Did Activity in Past 12 Months</i>	<i>Varies</i>	<i>Varies</i>

Frequency of Participation in Recreational Activities

- Mail survey households appear to be more active in cold weather sports compared to phone survey households.
- Among users, mail survey households report an average of 33 times playing ice hockey per year and 10 times ice skating. Phone survey participants report half as many trips a year for ice skating and none for ice hockey.
- Households participating in the remaining cold weather sports report doing so only a few times during the season.

Number of Trips for Cold Weather Sports - Past 12 Months

(Among Those Doing Activity in Past 12 Months)

Activity	Phone	Mail
Sledding or Tobogganing	2	4
Ice Skating	5	10
Cross Country Skiing	4	5
Ice Hockey	0	33
Snowmobiling	Not Asked	3
<i>Base: Did Activity in Past 12 Months</i>	<i>Varies</i>	<i>Varies</i>

Frequency of Participation in Recreational Activities

- Township residents doing fitness courses report an average of 23 sessions a year.
- Participation in other activities ranges from about once a month to only a few times per year.

Participation in Other Activities - Past 12 Months

(Among Those Doing Activity in Past 12 Months)

Activity	Mail
Picnic Tables	8
Fishing	10
Picnic Pavilion – Group Accommodations	3
Fitness Course with Exercise Stations	23
Camping	9
Boating/Sailing	8
Canoeing/Kayaking	6
Base: Did Activity in Past 12 Months	Varies

Note: Not asked in Phone Survey

Frequency of Participation in Recreational Activities

- Households that attend cultural and sporting events typically do so several times a year.

Number of Trips for Cultural/Sporting Events - Past 12 Months

(Among Those Doing Activity in Past 12 Months)

Activity	Mail
Concerts and Musical Programs	7
Stage Productions	5
Festivals	4
Educational and Cultural	9
Special Sporting Events	8
Base: Did Activity in Past 12 Months	Varies

Note: Not asked in Phone Survey

Frequency of Participation in Recreational Activities

- Township residents who do gardening and fitness training report doing these activities at least once a week.

Number of Trips for General Outdoor Activities - Past 12 Months

(Among Those Doing Activity in Past 12 Months)

Activity	Mail
Gardening	51
Fitness Training	89
Lawn Games	17
Base: Did Activity in Past 12 Months	Varies

Frequency of Participation in Recreational Activities

- Among users, mail survey households report engaging in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and music programs for teenagers most frequently.
- The remaining activities are used with varying frequency by participating households.

Number of Trips for Youth Activities - Past 12 Months

(Among Those Doing Activity in Past 12 Months)

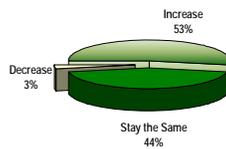
Activity	Mail
CPR Certification	3
After School Program - Children	19
Art Program - Children	9
Music Program - Children	16
Music Program - Teenagers	36
Tutoring	22
After School Program - Teenagers	14
Art Program - Teenagers	10
Boys and Girls Club	21
Girl Scouts	31
Boy Scouts	45
Babysitter Certification	1
Mentoring Program	10
Base: Did Activity in Past 12 Months	Varies

Frequency of Participation in Recreational Activities

- Half of township residents expect the time they spend on leisure and recreation to increase over the next five years and four out of ten expect it to remain stable.
- Very few anticipate a decrease.

Projected Change in Time Spent on Leisure and Recreation – Next 5 Years

(Mail Survey Total Answering n=309)



Detailed Findings Section III: Parks/Facilities Used for Recreational Activities



Parks/Facilities Used for Recreational Activities

- Phone survey households typically use Upper Moreland Township parks, particularly Masons Mill and Woodlawn, for playground and youth activities.

Parks Visited for Playground/Youth Activities – Past 12 Months

Parks/Facilities	Phone
Masons Mill Park	44%
Woodlawn Park	34%
Broughton Park	22%
Luken's Park/Everybody's Playground	15%
Abington-Roychester Park	9%
Upper Moreland High/Middle School	6%
Horsham Park	5%
Central Park/Kid's Castle	5%
<i>Base: Have Done Activity in Past 12 Months</i>	<i>(37)</i>

Note: Not asked in Mail Survey
All others mentioned by 4% or fewer residents

Parks/Facilities Used for Recreational Activities

- Masons Mill Park followed by the Pennypack Nature Center are used most often for trail activities.

Parks Visited for Trail Activities – Past 12 Months

Parks/Facilities	Phone
Masons Mill Park	52%
Pennypack Nature Center/Watershed	30%
Broughton Park	12%
Woodlawn Park	8%
War Memorial Park	8%
Fairmount Park	7%
Tyler State Park	6%
Peace Valley Nature Center	6%
Mondauk Nature Center	6%
Luken's Park/Everybody's Playground	5%
Crestmont Park	5%
Upper Moreland High/Middle School	5%
<i>Base: Have Done Activity in Past 12 Months</i>	<i>(116)</i>

Note: Not asked in Mail Survey
All others mentioned by 4% or fewer residents

Parks/Facilities Used for Recreational Activities

- Masons Mill Park and Woodlawn Park are the most common locations for warm weather sports.

Parks Visited for Warm Weather Sports – Past 12 Months

Parks/Facilities	Phone
Masons Mill Park	25%
Woodlawn Park	21%
Frank J. Pileggi Park	10%
Upper Moreland Elementary School	9%
Fort Washington State Park	9%
Pennypack Nature Center/Watershed	7%
War Memorial Park	7%
YMCA	7%
Abington-Roychester Park	6%
Upper Moreland Middle/High School	5%
Horsham Park	5%
Huntingdon Valley Country Club	5%
<i>Base: Have Done Activity in Past 12 Months</i>	<i>(75)</i>

Note: Not asked in Mail Survey All others mentioned by 4% or fewer residents



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Parks/Facilities Used for Recreational Activities

- The Pennypack Nature Center is the most popular location for nature study activities.

Parks Visited for Nature Study Activities – Past 12 Months

Parks/Facilities	Phone
Pennypack Nature Center/Watershed	56%
Briar Bush Nature Center	13%
Buehler Park Nature Study Area	5%
Peace Valley Nature Center	5%
<i>Base: Have Done Activity in Past 12 Months</i>	<i>(52)</i>

*Note: Not asked in Mail Survey
All others mentioned by 4% or fewer residents*



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Parks/Facilities Used for Recreational Activities

- Cold weather sports most often take place at schools or private arenas.

Parks Visited for Cold Weather Sports – Past 12 Months

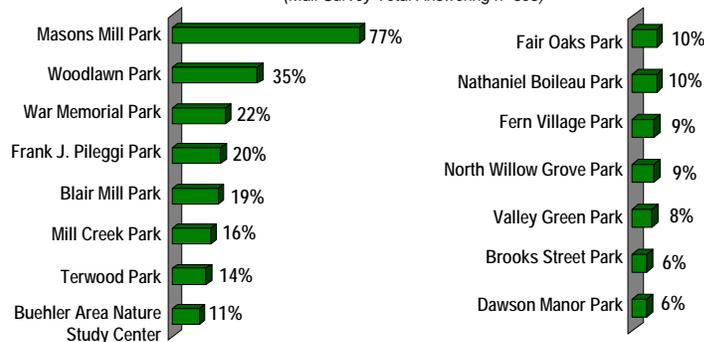
Parks/Facilities	Phone
Cold Springs Elementary School	25%
Wintersport Ice Sports Arena	16%
Woodlawn Park	12%
Upper Moreland Middle/High School	10%
Blue Cross River Rink	5%
Penn Hills	5%
Abington High School	5%
<i>Base: Have Done Activity in Past 12 Months</i>	<i>(75)</i>

Note: Not asked in Mail Survey
All others mentioned by 4% or fewer residents

Parks/Facilities Used for Recreational Activities

- Consistent with the popularity of Masons Mill Park among phone survey participants, three out of four mail survey participants visited the park during the past 12 months.
- One out of three mail survey households visited Woodlawn park in the past year.
- War Memorial Park, Frank J. Pileggi Park and Blair Mill Park have been visited by about two in ten mail survey households.
- The remaining parks have been visited by fewer than two in ten households.

Incidence of Visiting Upper Moreland Township Parks – Past 12 Months *(Mail Survey Total Answering n=305)*

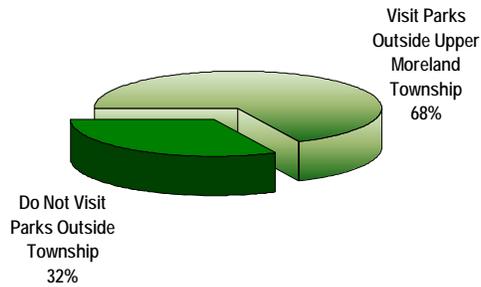


Note: Not asked in Phone Survey
All others mentioned by 5% or fewer residents

Parks/Facilities Used for Recreational Activities

- The majority of mail survey participants visit parks outside of Upper Moreland Township.

Visit Parks Outside of Upper Moreland Township
(Mail Total Answering n=304)



Note: Not asked in Phone Survey Survey

Parks/Facilities Used for Recreational Activities

- When visiting parks outside of Upper Moreland Township, mail survey participants typically stay close to home, favoring Montgomery County Parks.

Parks Outside of Upper Moreland Township Visited

Parks/Facilities	Mail
Montgomery County Parks (net)	60%
Pennypack Nature Center/Watershed	16%
Luken's Park/Everybody's Playground	14%
Horsham Park	13%
Mondauk Nature Center	11%
Abington-Roychester Park	5%
Bucks County Public Areas/Parks (net)	39%
Bucks County Parks (no specific name given)	13%
Canal Trail (New Hope)	6%
Central Park/Kids Castle	5%
Core Creek Park	5%
Pennsylvania State Parks (net)	31%
Tyler State Park	14%
Nocamixon State Park	9%
Valley Forge National Park	5%
Fairmount Park	10%
Base: Visit Parks Outside of Upper Moreland Township	(208)

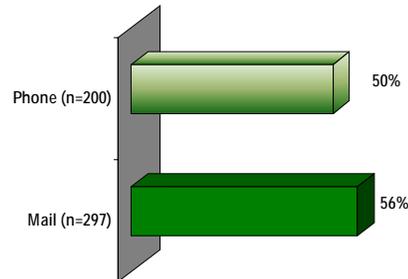
Note: Not asked in Phone Survey

All others mentioned by 4% or fewer residents

Parks/Facilities Used for Recreational Activities

- Half of township residents use private recreational facilities or health clubs.
- On average, phone survey participants who use such facilities visit about 7 times a month (average 82 visits per year).

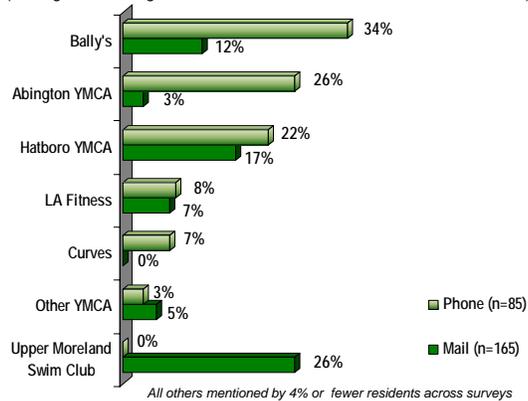
Incidence of Using Private Recreation/Fitness Facilities/Health Clubs



Parks/Facilities Used for Recreational Activities

- Among phone survey participants using private recreational facilities, Bally's and the Abington and Hatboro YMCAs are most popular.
- Mail survey participants most often report using the Upper Moreland Swim Club.
- The reader should note that the phone survey specified private gyms/health clubs while the mail survey asked about private recreational facilities, including but not limited to private gyms and health clubs.

Private Recreation/Fitness Facilities/Health Clubs Used
(Among Those Using Private Recreation/Fitness Facilities or Health Clubs)



Detailed Findings

Section IV:

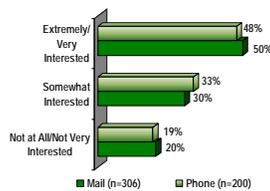
Interest in Upper Moreland Township Community Center



Interest in Community Center

- Eight out of ten township residents are at least *somewhat interested* in a Community Center Building; half are *extremely* or *very interested*.

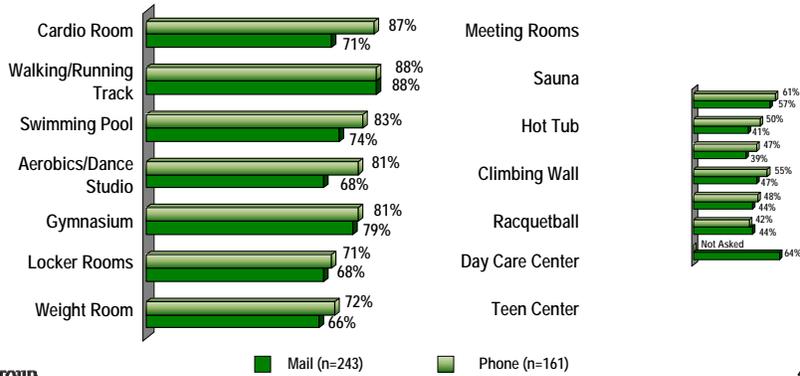
Interest in Upper Moreland Township Community Center Building



Interest in Community Center

- Among those interested in the Community Center, phone survey participants express a significantly higher level of interest in a cardio room, swimming pool and aerobics studio.
- However, township residents are consistent across versions with regard to which facilities generate the highest levels of interest. The majority of township residents across versions are interested in a cardio room, walking track, swimming pool, aerobics studio, gym, locker rooms, weight rooms and meeting rooms.

Interest in Possible Upper Moreland Township Community Center Facilities
 % Very/Somewhat Interested
 (Among Those Interested in a Community Center Building)



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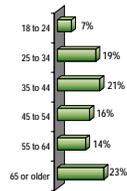
Detailed Findings Section V: Demographic Profile



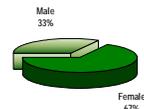
Demographic Profile

- The age distribution shown below reflects the weights applied to insure that population proportions by age are represented in survey results.
- Two thirds of phone survey participants are female.

Age
(Phone Total n=200)



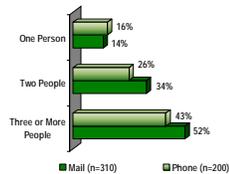
Gender
(Phone Total n=200)



Demographic Profile

- About half of township residents included in this research live with two or more other people.
- Two person households account for one in four phone survey households and one in three mail survey households.

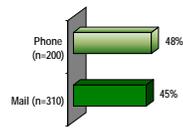
Household Size



Demographic Profile

- Half of township residents included in this research have children under 18 living in their household.

Have Children in Household



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Additional comments and activity/facility suggestions are welcome. Please include them on the lines provided below, or attach an additional sheet of paper to this survey.

- *Keep up the good work.*
- *If it doesn't make our taxes go up, it would be a great idea to have a community building. We shouldn't have to pay more taxes to support this building. We have new schools or even use Cold Springs. It isn't necessary to have the amenities as a sauna, hot tub, pool, locker rooms. We have enough in the district. Why spend the taxpayer money on something that's not needed? We need a high school. It was bad enough when they spend all that money on two elementary schools.*
- *UM Township bus trips to both county and state parks for guided-trail walks. Make township road crosswalks more users friendly. Please add roadway signage symbols with the words "Please stop for pedestrians in crosswalk" on a placard directly below the signage symbol. Today, cars do not stop.*
- *Any improvement to the fishing pond at Mason's Mill would be great.*
- *We need a rec center for kids. Especially for basketball. The kids need a place to go have fun.*
- *I think your survey missed a category. I have 5 teenage grandchildren who live in the Harrisburg area. They visit here only 4 to 5 times a year because their dad is a police officer on shift work. When they do, especially early spring, fall, and winter, there is nowhere to go except the mall. I think the community center is the most important project to plan for. Everyone would enjoy them. If you have not done so, check out Hershey Township Community Center, it is wonderful.*
- *School district should list pool hours on website. UM Township might join with another township to share facilities.*
- *Until UM gets its school spending under control, additional spending would more than irresponsible and a mite less than criminal!*
- *A golf chip and putt facility.*
- *We love the community center at my daughter's in Plymouth Meeting. It is also used a lot from what I can see!*
- *Please keep Willow Grove as green as possible. Thank you for your hard work.*
- *Family oriented activities and healthy teen activities to keep us happy, busy, and safe.*
- *Is there a senior center or group meeting place?*
- *I think UM residents/children are in need of more space. I am not sure why we aren't using the new primary school gym for the UM students that are involved with UM sports. Maybe we are using it and I'm not aware. If we*

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aren't, we should be. If we can use the middle school and the high school then we should be using the primary/intermediate too. My children are involved with sports but they also enjoy skateboarding. How many times do we drive down the road and look to the left and right in a store parking lot and see a bunch of children skateboarding? I've seen it many times. There are many parents in UM that drive their kids to the Franklin Mills Mall to skate at Woodward or drive them to other townships that have skate parks. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, not even concrete. Cheltenham's skate park is movable. It's not much but it's better than nothing. They have a nice wooden playground so parents can bring their younger children as well as the older children that like to skateboard or inline skate. Your survey asks us to list how many days we've done an activity in the last year. If there were classes and activities in one place, I think residents would consider doing more for their children. There were activities that I would like my children to be involved with but when you have a few children doing different activities at different locations, it makes it difficult. I think a community center in UM is a great idea.

- I've been disappointed by the number of parks in this township which do not allow dogs.*
- It would be helpful to have a list of UM recreational facilities.*
- Classes for seniors, i.e. art cards, mahjong, knitting, bingo, book club.*
- Please note I have just moved to the area.*
- We can't manufacture land, please don't take any park land for more buildings.*
- I feel a community center would be a wonderful addition to Upper Moreland! It's very important for the pre-teen and teenage population to have a place that they can go and hang out with friends and other peers that would offer constructive activities, different sports, a pool, different educational type classes that the parks and rec already have but would have them in this place. I think this could possibly keep them from being tempted to do many negative things, for example, setting Fern Village park on fire, writing on school buildings, defacing playground equipment, etc. Yes, this is not going to eliminate the destructive behavior altogether but I think it may have a positive outcome for our children. The children of our township are our future! Many other townships have community/rec centers. My husband grew up in Upper Southampton township which had a youth center that offered basketball, volleyball, etc. I know other parents would agree with this community center idea. Another thing, I think this survey needs to be changed to be less confusing and involved and have it be simple and easy to understand. More residents would pay attention and be more willing to participate in it than just using it for the recycle bin. When you initially see it you have every attention to participate but it seems to be a little overwhelming and involved.*
- Many children in this township like to inline skate or rollerblade. I would like to see a facility built where they could enjoy their sport. They seem not to be*

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welcome anywhere. I'd rather they skate/rollerblade than cause a problem because they have nothing to keep them occupied.

- Most of this survey you do not provide the school district and youth groups do. This is a waste of tax dollars.
- I am writing to tell you that I am additionally interested in seeing more open space in the township. With increasing population and development in our township there is absolute need to preserve what little open space there is left. This space is vital in balancing our growing community's needs. We easily recognize the need for more roads, schools, grocery stores, etc. But we also must be aware of our need to spread out, appreciate nature, enjoy the quiet, allow our imaginations to run wild, exercise, give our dogs a place to run freely, and our children a place to play without fear of being harmed by a vehicle. These aspects of balancing everyday life are often overlooked or neglected in the plans of a growing community, but remain integral to increasing the quality of life of our community members. I feel there is a great need in our community for a multi-generational recreational center. Within this facility could be a day care for the elderly and young children. It would also provide activities for teens and adults. The possibilities for these individuals from different generations to interact with each other and help each other and learn from each other are endless. These experiences are enriching and invaluable and will increase the quality of living in our community. For example, the teen babysitting classes could have some hands-on training with the day care program. The elderly in elder care program could teach a knitting class for young teens and adults. I realize there would need to be a lot of planning, but these are worthwhile ideas that can provide enrichment to our entire community as a whole, not just for the kids who use the playgrounds. I would like to see every generation utilize our township's resources instead of only a small segment of the population.
- My husband and I moved to Upper Moreland 10 years ago and love the area. We have 2 adult (college student) children. My husband and son are assistant scoutmasters at St. David's Church troops, thus their interest in camping and hiking. Our son, 22, has been a camp counselor since he was 13 years old. He worked at the Hatboro Y for several years, helped run an environmental program at Peace Valley Nature Center in Doylestown, and most recently ran an environmental program at Elbow Lane Day camp in Warrington. He'll probably return to Elbow Lane this summer. He is about to receive his Master's in Secondary Education and will be certified to teach Biology/Environmental Science (his BS is in Environmental Science). I'm sure he'd like to see more use (and better upkeep) of nature trails in Upper Moreland. Also, he and his friends joined the Upper Moreland Softball League ("Just Win") last summer and will be signing up again this summer. His friends play softball, basketball, soccer and beach volleyball recreationally. They frequently play in Southampton or Warrington because the fields are in better shape and are lit for night sports. If there are any questions he or we would

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answer for you, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your interest and good luck with your project.

- Bethlehem Township recently opened a new community center that you might want to check out for ideas. I believe the full name is Bethlehem Township Municipal Center.*
- We're seniors. We're not against progress but I have checked off quickly the activities which I believe have adequate facilities in the township and schools. Additionally other facilities are already in place for more at a nominal fee. Progress is wonderful, but someone has to think about reducing, not increasing.*
- Would you please consider some type of system that would allow the teenagers and young adults that want to play roller hockey in the winter and spring a way to turn the lights off and on at the rink? The rink at Horsham Park has a switch so that the lights can be turned on. The lights then automatically turn off after 2 hours. If the guys are still playing, they just turn them back on. Giving the youth of our community access year-round to recreational activities helps to keep them healthy and out of trouble.*
- It seems everything is geared toward sports and physical activities but nothing for cultural or artistic opportunities. I would like a community center that would provide a stage for small theatrical and musical programs and lecture series. Why can't we have some cultural and thought-provoking opportunities in Willow Grove?*
- Thank you for reading our comments. We have 3 boys who skateboard. All are constantly under threat of fines and confiscation of their boards. They have been threatened, physically assaulted, and harassed by the local police. They are at a point that they see the police as bad. Please build a skate park to help the kids in our community. With all the other parks, we have that no one even uses, give these kids somewhere to go that's safe. Skateboarding is here to stay, either help these kids or change the laws in our community. We are very tired of our kids coming home talking about how mean our local police are.*
- More activities during the week for toddlers and preschoolers aged 2 to 5. Swimming lessons available.*
- Would welcome a dog park!*
- Let's work on making Upper Moreland roads bike friendly.*
- Our family, along with other families I have spoken with, would love an outdoor township community pool. Similar to the Hatboro Memorial Pool. Families or individuals would pay a membership fee yearly or they could pay as they go. There would be no bonding fee. It would be for anyone who lives in the township. No waiting lists or needing to know someone to get in like other area swim clubs. Ideally it would have a large pool and a small wading pool for babies and children. There would be rest rooms, changing areas with*

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showers and a picnic area with a snack or concession stand. My family spent the past summer at the Hatboro Memorial Pool just about every day and loved it. For a family membership, we spent less than \$275! I honestly hope this is something that will be considered. It would really benefit the community and revitalize the township.

- It would be good to have an auditorium in the [community center] building where concerts and other events might take place.*
- Allow survey to be submitted online.*
- My family has lived in Willow Grove for 20 years. While my children are now grown, when they were young we participated in, enjoyed and appreciated many of the activities the Township had to offer. These included Little League, Upper Moreland Soccer Club, Mason's Mill Park, Brook Street Park and especially the Summer Camp program. My youngest, who is now 17, currently enjoying the roller hockey rink that was opened last year. We had been waiting for that for a long, long time. The addition of a community center would encourage all of us to continue participating in activities that would benefit our health and community involvement. All my children attended the Cold Spring Elementary School and we are sad that it has to go but we are excited about the new playing fields it will provide for the township. If that is where the community center would be, that would be wonderful too. I encourage you to continue to discuss these plans and move in a positive direction to establish a community center for Upper Moreland Township.*
- We are first year participants in Upper Moreland Hoops. It would be nice if they had access to a community gym for their program.*
- I found it difficult to answer the number of times my family used the various activities listed on pages 1 and 2. Some sporting events are seasonal and the number would vary. Also with the outdoor winter activities, number of times depends so much on the weather. Some activities I would like my children to participate in if I could find them locally at reasonable prices are horseback riding and art lessons. I appreciate the opportunity to take part in this survey. I have lived in the township for over 20 years and don't remember ever being asked to complete one. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of my family.*
- Would love to see a pool in the area. I loved the art program at Pileggi (we make a mess). It was a great pre-school program.*
- We badly need an indoor facility for basketball, etc. Teams are sometimes held hostage by the school for use.*
- Indoor tennis.*
- My understanding is that the township is considering utilizing the open space next to Mill Road as a dog park. I would love that! So many of our residents have dogs and unless you own a lot of ground that is fenced in, there is no place for our dogs to run. I often go to a dog park close to Lansdale. It is*

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very clean and appears to be fairly low maintenance. They have a chain link fence around it and cover the ground in wood chips. They've left many of the trees and put in a few benches. They also provide biodegradable poop bags which everyone uses. I've been there and people have been very considerate about picking up after their dog. I realize that people like their sports fields but it sure seems as if we have enough of those. I vote dog park!

- *The archery course at Mason Mill has been a real source of enjoyment.*
- *We need indoor or outdoor skateboard parks. This is a very important issue since anywhere kids try to skateboard, including the public schools; the police are citing them which can require fines or community service! Skateboarding is a positive way to spend their time!*
- *Make a dog park on the property behind In and Out at the corner of Mill and York Roads where the houses were flooded.*
- *Our family would love a dog park nearby. We really enjoy the sandbox at Mondauk park.*
- *The center should include tennis courts, basketball courts, adult women's basketball and a flag football league*
- *I am interested in tennis. However, Upper Moreland has no practice tennis walls on any of its tennis courts. There is one at Roychester in Abington. Woodlawn Park would benefit from practice walls. I see a lot of people use that tennis court. Even Mason Mill would be good to have a practice wall. Love Mason Mill Park. Thanks for all the new playground equipment. It is a great way for the kids to cool off.*
- *[The community center] would be a great idea, I highly support it!*
- *Far too much land space is devoted to the singular sport of soccer. Divvy some of that space up to get us a greater variety of family (not teen) activity. The community desperately needs a skateboard park or two or three for the kids. They are being kicked out of every where and it is a healthy outdoor sport. Also, can we have ice skating space (shallow) like Cresmont - for more than just hockey - we have no place to skate.*
- *Nice gesture! Appreciate you reaching out to the community.*
- *No taxpayer money for this project [the community center], including maintaining it!!!*
- *We enjoy Mason's Mill Trail but would like it in a more populated and open area similar to Mondauk Park in Upper Dublin*
- *Would love to see the railroad tracks in Pennypack Creek turned into a rollerblading trail!*
- *If the building were to be focused solely on physical exercise, swimming and recreation, we already have the YMCA and Bally's which cover a wide*

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affordability range. However, if these activities and the facility were going to be funded, by grant or private donations, and offered free to the community, that might be worthwhile, especially in facilitating competitive games for young people. On the other hand, if the building was more of an "all purpose" nature and made malleable, it could also be used for stage presentations, such as little theatre, concerts, education lectures, book reviews and political debates, etc. as well as community flea markets and other fund-raising activities. Rooms/areas could be rented out or made available (depending on ability to pay) to area groups and organizations like service clubs (Lions, etc), churches, Girl Scouts, AA/NA Meetings, men's clubs, women's clubs, seniors, etc. If the facilities were attractive enough, they could be rented for receptions, weddings, anniversaries, reunions, etc. Of course these uses would require sufficient amenities, including parking, a full kitchen and lavatory facilities large enough to handle the crowds of people, showers for the athletic events, as well as proper and frequent maintenance and supply restocking. A responsible attending staff would be needed to oversee building usage for the duration of each occasion. Volunteers might be organized for these purposes. Good luck in your efforts.

- *Thank you for all of your great programs, Bear camp, summer camp, tennis camp, trips and the Mason Mill concerts. Keep up the excellent work!*
- *The community center should include senior activities*
- *We are interested in playground facilities primarily. I think there is too much competition regarding pool/gym with the YMCAs. Leave that business to the YMCA, they are good at it. We would rather see tax money used for outdoor recreation, etc. Buildings are too expensive to maintain and staff.*
- *Have an animal center (petting zoo).*
- *Upper Moreland Township needs a community center with multiple basketball courts. Upper Moreland's basketball program doesn't have leisure to any inside basketball courts. They have to lease basketball courts. Upper Moreland School District has the right to kick the basketball program off their courts, with little notice, when they want to use the basketball courts. Upper Moreland Township needs lighted, multi-purpose, artificial fields. Approximately three fields in the township at this time would fulfill the sports programs. There are more sport programs in 2007 than there were in 1990. There are more kids playing in sports programs year-round. Example, soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse and hockey. Upper Moreland Township has parks big enough to supply lighted artificial fields.*
- *All the taxes that went to UMLs and no one can use the facilities!! The community center is a great idea; Upper Moreland schools don't give enough time for the public user. We need basketball courts for hoops!*

25 Key Person Interview List

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Position</u>
1	Matthew Casey		215-706-2371	Athletic Director
2	Bob Felte	5 York Rd. Willow Grove, 19090 (W)	215-659-1400 (W)	Realtor
3	Sam Valenza	2415 Edgehill Rd., Huntingdon Valley 19006	215-659-5809/215-659-0245(W)	Soccer & Little League
4	Bob Fattizzi	2707 Carroll La., Willow Grove, 19090	215-443-5007	Park Neighbor, Lacrosse
5	Katie Kollar	UM Township Parks & Recreation	215-659-3100 x 1040	Recreation Prog. Coord.
6	Sen. Stewart Greenleaf	711 York Rd., Willow Grove, 19090 (W)	215-657-7700 (W)	State Senator
7	*Ken Barkley	WG Bible Church, 200 Everett Ave., WG 19090	215-659-1902 (W)	Church Pastor
8	*Bob DeMarco	UMSD	215-830-1511 - facilities maint.	UMSD Grounds
9	*Michael Braun	UMSD	215-830-1504	UMSD Facilities
10	*Jean Williams	177 Fairhill St., Willow Grove, 19090	215-657-6527	UM GAC
11	Steve Grant	2680 Centennial Rd., Hatboro, 19040	215-672-6396	Teacher
12	Randy/Jennifer Berglund	701 Grant Ave, Willow Grove, 19090	215-784-0789	Park Neighbor
13	Bill Oettinger	Davisville Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090	215-657-2564	Park neighbor
14	Gary Steif	UM Township Parks Department	215-659-3100 x 1063	Parks Acting Foreman
15	Marvin Clymer	514 Rabb Street, Willow Grove, PA 19090	215-657-0566	Park Neighbor
16	Alex Levy	UM Township Police Lt.	215-659-3100 ext. 1005	Police Department
17	Bill Fleming	3645 Mill Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090	215-328-0206	Willow Grove Bears
18	Tim Curran	Upper Moreland School Board	215-657-4164	School Official
19	Tim Kerry	180 Deer Run Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090	215-657-7367	Karate Instructor
20	Patrick Collier	424 Silver Avenue, Willow Grove, PA 19090	215-824-0400	Park Neighbor & CYO
	* Indicates person unable to be reached.			



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25 Key Person Interview Questions

1. Name:
2. Organization:
3. # of people and age groups:
4. What Township facilities do you currently use for your organization?
5. Do you have any suggestions of what kinds of fields the township needs to add? Number, size, new or just improve the old? Do you think there is a need for a synthetic turf field? Is there a need for fields with lights?
6. Do you have any suggestions for kinds of facilities / buildings needed? If they think a community center is needed, what would your group use it for (storage, classroom instruction, clinics/camps, gym space?)?
7. Can you think of any facilities or amenities needed in the township that aren't associated with your organization? For example, do you think the township would benefit from: skate parks, dog parks, walking trails, water play/spray poles, ice rink?
8. What is your overall impression of the maintenance and safety of the parks in Upper Moreland Township? What facilities have you visited to make that determination?
9. Is the Parks and Recreation staff responsive to your needs and do they serve you in a professional manner?
10. Do you have any additional comments, suggestions, or problems you would like to discuss?
11. Additional questions pertaining to organization or role in the community.



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**Upper Moreland Township
Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan**
Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, PA
SC#06061.10

Key Person Interviews Summary

1. What Township facilities do you currently use for your organization?

*Brook St. - playground
Masons Mill – football, baseball, softball, running track, playground
N. Willow Grove - lacrosse
Boileau
Middle school fields
Upper Dublin Park – Mondawg
Pileggi
Fair Oaks – softball
Cold Spring – softball, baseball, football
High school – track, soccer
Woodlawn - baseball
Buehler
UM school gyms – basketball
Terwood
Little League complex
Fern Village*

2. Do you have any suggestions of what kinds of fields the township needs to add? Number, size, new or just improve the old? Do you think there is a need for a synthetic turf field? Is there a need for fields with lights?

*Fields needed:
Baseball
T-ball
Lacrosse
Basketball
Soccer
Softball
Synthetic turf with lights – Most people who responded think there is a need for a synthetic turf field with lights. All the different sports teams could use it, it would free up some field space, and it could be played on after and during all kinds of weather. One person stated that the Township might benefit from the Township and School District collaborating on the cost and use of a field. Both organizations would benefit.*

3. Do you have any suggestions for kinds of facilities / buildings needed? If they think a community center is needed, what would your group use it for (storage, classroom instruction, clinics/camps, gym space?)?

Most respondents think a community center is a very good idea. They believe there should be indoor areas such as gyms for kids to play basketball and other sports, a fitness center, an indoor walking track, aerobics/dance room, and meeting rooms where group activities could be held. Other comments were that it would reduce vandalism because kids would have a place to go and participate in activities and that it would also be a place for seniors and other adults to have activities that are appropriate for them. The community center could also serve as a home for the Parks and Rec Department's programs that are not sports specific.

4. Can you think of any facilities or amenities needed in the township that aren't associated with your organization? For example, do you think the township would benefit from: skate parks, dog parks, walking trails, water play/spray poles, ice rink?

Many people responded that walking trails would be a welcome addition. One person pointed out that the Masons Mill walking track needs to be repaired quite a bit in three locations from rain washing it out. People are also supportive of adding a skate park and either a dog park or for allowing dogs in a park or two.

5. What is your overall impression of the maintenance and safety of the parks in Upper Moreland Township? What facilities have you visited to make that determination?

Most people referred to the maintenance and safety of the parks as either good or fair. Field maintenance is a concern. Someone suggested the fields be properly aerated and someone else stated that the fields could use proper drainage systems. Another resident noted that the maintenance itself is done as well as it can be, but the budget the Township provides the Parks and Recreation Department is not nearly enough to properly maintain the fields.

The maintenance staff is concerned about their work load and would like at least one other full time worker. They currently have 4 full time employees and 2 part-time volunteers. A salt spreader and a new dump truck were also requested.

6. Is the Parks and Recreation staff responsive to your needs and do they serve you in a professional manner?

Everyone said that the Parks and Recreation staff is very responsive and helpful. Problems that are pointed out are usually fixed the next day.

7. Do you have any additional comments, suggestions, or problems you would like to discuss?

Additional comments included:

- 1. The fitness equipment along the track at Masons Mill needs to be replaced.*
- 2. The parks system needs to take advantage of the historic and passive areas in its parks such as Boileau.*
- 3. Connecting the parks or walking trails to the Cross County trail system would be great.*
- 4. Groups other than UMSC should be able to use Pileggi Park because it is a Township park, not the soccer club's private facility. It might help with scheduling issues.*
- 5. The old elementary school next to the high school is currently used by a lot of skateboarders. It might be a good place to consider building a skate park.*
- 6. The township needs to make sure all paths have good drainage and are defined (ex. Buehler). The proposed trail from Cold Springs to War Memorial should be installed.*
- 7. There is a concern that the sledding hill at Cold Springs will be removed when the school is demolished and turned into a parking lot or fields.*
- 8. Pileggi Park should be developed further like Masons Mill Park. A community center could possibly be included in this development.*

Surplus/deficiency analyses can show whether park and recreation resources and facilities are being delivered to the community in an equitable and efficient manner. Once deficiencies are identified, it is up to the planners and policy makers to devise methods to remedy the deficiencies. Where a surplus exists, they must determine if some land could be reprogrammed or even sold and the resulting funds used to purchase the class of park land where a deficiency exists. This makes the LOS an important measure of how efficiently the existing parks system is delivering services.

If a community is to achieve a balance within its park and recreation system, then it is necessary to remedy deficiencies within that system. Through the surplus/deficiency analysis the community can begin to identify available options to provide additional park space to meet real time recreation demand for facilities and activities which should take place within each park classification.

The LOS reflects the minimum amount of park land and recreation facilities needed to meet recreation demand as determined by the needs assessment. Although the LOS is measured in acres per 1,000 people, it is based on the premise that land alone does not meet the demand; rather, the LOS is the sum of the instances of use activity areas and facilities required to meet recreation demand and to determine the minimum land necessary to provide those same recreation spaces and facilities.

Small Community Planning and the LOS

How can the LOS standard be used by small communities with limited resources? At first glance, the previously described procedure may appear extremely complicated and expensive. In reality, it is neither. As will be shown in this section, the LOS standard methodology can be scaled down to fit the needs and capabilities of the smallest community that chooses to develop their LOS standard in this manner.

Before discussing the procedure, it will be beneficial to revisit the standards concept. A standard is nothing more than a benchmark or acceptable measure of performance or delivery that has been agreed upon by a profession, a professional organization, required by policy or as a matter of law by a state or local government entity. For example, we have alluded to national codes for infrastructure such as the construction specifications for municipal streets, water and sewer lines, and storm water drainages. Another illustration is the space and building size and configuration standards developed by professional educators for use by school agencies when preparing plans for construction of new school facilities. The park and recreation space, development, and facility standards recommended in this document are an example of such national standards.

Standards such as those just mentioned are the product of research, professional judgment, and intuition of people having some experience with the subject. Unless a particular standard is mandated by law, there is no absolute requirement that it be used as anything more than a guideline. This is precisely how most national standards or codes are used. As a practical matter, local communities have several options available which include: adoption verbatim of a published national standard; adoption of a standard prepared by a state agency; adoption of a standard

prepared by a state or national professional organization or trade association; or, simply cut and paste together a standard which they believe will best meet their local needs and conditions. So it is with park and recreation standards. While certainly there may have been advantages in knowing that a community's park and recreation standards accorded with those published by NRPA, there is no law requiring a community to do so. If, however, a community wishes to evaluate its present system, as is usually the case when a community moves from an unplanned system to the first comprehensive park, recreation, and open space plan, then it is helpful to see how the existing system stacks up.

Consider why a small community might need to formally adopt a park and recreation LOS standard. Perhaps the community senses that the growth of its park and recreation system has not kept up with the growth and changing demographic patterns of the community. If more land and facilities are to be added to the system, then how much land and what kind of facilities? Consider a small community that senses it is about to experience a major growth surge. In today's public sector fiscal climate, the community leaders realize that they do not have the resources to buy land in advance and begin to develop the new parks they know they will need. The community wishes to begin planning for this rather than wait until it is too late.

Every community has an opportunity to avail itself of state enabling legislation which allows it to require the mandatory dedication of park land, exact fees-in-lieu of land or use an impact fee to shift most, if not all, of the cost of new growth to future residents. In order to use these legal tools, the law requires a space and facility standard which is reasonably related to the need for the new facilities that the future residents will generate. In this latter instance or in any situation where there is a requirement or request for some widely accepted means for justifying the amount of land requested as well as the funds to develop the requested facilities, the LOS standard becomes an almost indispensable tool.

There are several ways a community may go about arriving at an acceptable park and recreation space standard. For purposes of illustration, consider a hypothetical community called "Greenville USA."

Preparing a LOS for "Greenville USA"

Greenville is a community of 20,000 people. It is located in an agricultural and forested region about 15 miles from the entrance to a national parkway. A fairly wide river with a low, wet floodplain flows through the community. A part of the shoreline of a 500 acre lake is within the community. There are expensive lake front retirement homes located around the lake shoreline. The town has a large saw mill, a major flour mill, and the usual mix of commercial/retail and professional business. This is a delightful area in which to live and work. It has the quality of life that many high-tech companies are seeking for relocation and expansion sites.

The town has 14 mini-parks located on 1 acre parcels in various neighborhoods, some with apartment complexes. Two other residential neighborhoods have neighborhood parks on 5 acre tracts. The town center neighborhood has a 15 acre community park, and an outlying, sparsely populated area has a 40 acre athletic complex. The flood plain of a stream flowing through town has been acquired over time and has been developed as a community greenway park which

provides several light traffic transportation alternatives, consistent with the flood plain hydraulics and environmental constraints. This floodplain is a major natural resource feature element within the community. There are large patches of upland forest within the community which drain through small creeks and streams. Together these features provide the major natural resource structuring elements within the community landscape. The parks receive reasonably heavy use; however, the residents have begun to complain about all the tourists that use the town center park on the weekend. The town manager gets frequent calls from a resident complaining that the tennis courts seem to be constantly busy, which means many people don't have a chance to play.

To further complicate matters, rumor has it that a major corporation is looking at several thousand acres adjacent to the city as the site for a new high-tech research park, electronic assembly plant, and housing development. Other developers have heard this and are shopping for available parcels to begin platting new subdivisions. The town is ready for a major growth surge.

Greenville has never had an official comprehensive park and recreation plan. The existing sites were purchased by the town council as needed. These parks appeared to be doing the job, so there was never a need to worry about justifying the expenditure of tax funds for the facilities. In the past, some state and federal grant money was used to add new playground equipment, lighting, a few new ball diamonds, and an athletic field. The town manager just did as he was instructed by the town council or as he intuited.

Under current conditions, Greenville's Level of Service (LOS) is 79 acres per 20,000 people, or 3.95 acres per 1,000 people. This LOS seems deficient when compared to the common "standard" of 10 acres per 1,000 people. But is it? Aside from the tennis court complaints, Greenville residents seem to be well served by their park, recreation and open space system. The larger question at this point is whether it is practical and economically feasible to maintain a higher standard in the future. What is a reasonable amount of land needed to provide an acceptable LOS within the fiscal and public policy paradigm of the future?. The problem is that while 3.95 acres per 1,000 people is below the "standard" of 10 acres per 1,000 people, there is no empirical base from which to link either LOS to needed facilities and areas. Each LOS carries with it social and economic costs. If, in the minds of the community, this amount of park land is doing the job, the standard in this context is adequate and imposes no economic or political burden on the community. If, on the other hand, the community is beginning to voice concern about frequent overcrowding and turn-aways at facilities, then perhaps the time has come to make some changes in the system.

At this point, the town council could take several avenues to define what an acceptable future LOS for parks and recreation should be and what is the most effective and efficient way to deliver that service. They could intuitively decide that they would like the system-wide LOS to be 6 acres/1000 population, because they believe this could deliver enough land on which to build their recreation facilities and offer their recreation programs.

Another approach would be to seek assistance from the state outdoor recreation planner. This could result in a suggestion that similar communities throughout the state were able to deliver an acceptable level of park and recreation services with 3 acres/1000 people. Which is correct?

The answer is that LOS which best meets the needs of the present and future residents of Greenville and is achievable under the conditions which exist in the community now, and that can be reasonably expected to occur in the future. While we need visionary long-range planning, particularly to protect valuable natural and historical resources, we must also bear in mind that in highly dynamic communities the life cycle of a plan can be very short. There must be the ability to revise and redirect investments in resources, products and services on short notice in response to a calamity or window of opportunity.

If the town council decides to look ahead at the potential new growth and put in place a planning system to deal with this growth, then the time has come to undertake a comprehensive park, recreation, and open space planning study.

The park and recreation planner or consultant for Greenville could use the following procedure to calculate the LOS. The procedure uses simple numbers which can be obtained using the directions provided. This will generate reliable data for defining community needs and defending the costs to be incurred in implementing the LOS.

The first task is to make an inventory of the existing recreation supply. This inventory should include all lands, waters and facilities which provide any kind of recreation opportunity, and that are to be considered in the ultimate community LOS.

Recreation demand for a small community like Greenville is calculated by ascertaining recreation use or activity participation through of a "menu" of park areas and facilities. Using the Recreation Activity Menu is the foundation upon which the subsequent steps are built. The LOS is derived in the following steps:

1. Determine the type of parks or *Park Classifications* for which LOS standards will apply.

For example:

Greenville Park Classifications

Park Classifications	LOS will apply	LOS will not apply
Mini-Parks	X	
Neighborhood Parks	X	
Community Parks	X	
Athletic Complexes	X	
Natural Areas Preserves		X
Historic District Parks		X
Greenways		X
Ornamental Features		X

2. Determine typical *Recreation Activity Menus* for each park classification for which the LOS will apply.

For example:

Greenville Recreation Activity Menus
By Park Classifications

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Mini</i>	<i>Neighborhood</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Athletic</i>
Tot Lot	1	1	1	1+
Family Picnic	2 tables	5 tables	10 tables	N/A
Open Space	1/2 acre	3 acres	10 acres	N/A
Group picnic	N/A	N/A	2 shelters	5 shelters
Outdoor Basketball	N/A	1 court	2 courts	4 courts
Outdoor Tennis	N/A	1 court	4 courts	8 court complex
Athletic Fields	N/A	N/A	2 baseball/football	5 softball
Walking/Jogging	N/A	1/4 mile	1 1/2 miles	2 miles
Indoor Basketball	N/A	N/A	1 court	2 courts
Indoor Crafts	N/A	N/A	2 rooms	4 rooms
Indoor Fitness	N/A	N/A	2 rooms	3 rooms
Auditorium	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Meeting Rooms	N/A	N/A	1 room	1 room
Concessions	N/A	N/A	N/A	1+
Swimming Pool	N/A	N/A	1 community	1 olympic
Maintenance Yard	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Parking	N/A	5 spaces	150 spaces	400 spaces

3. Determine the Park Size Standards for each park classification for which the LOS will apply. For example, using our Greenville Park Classification, the park size standards are:

Greenville Park Size Standards

<i>Park Classification</i>	<i>Minimum Size</i>
Vest Pocket Parks	1 acre
Neighborhood Parks	5 acres
Community Parks	25 acres
Athletic Complexes	40-80 acres

4. Determine the present *Supply* of each recreation activity.

$$\begin{matrix} \text{Expected Use} \\ (\# \text{ Visits/Day/Unit}) \end{matrix} \times \begin{matrix} \text{Availability} \\ (\# \text{ Days/Year/Unit}) \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{Recreation Facility Supply} \\ (\# \text{ Visits Available/Year/Unit}) \end{matrix}$$

Example: *Neighborhood Park Tot Lot*

After reviewing attendance records, talking to park and recreation managers, and observing actual tot lot use, it was determined that the expected use of a typical neighborhood tot lot in Greenville is 49 visits per day. It was also determined through the same means that the availability of the tot lot was 340 days per year. This means that the tot lot was not available for 25 days during the year due to bad weather and periodic preventive maintenance. Therefore, recreation facility supply for the neighborhood tot lot is:

Expected Use = 49 Visits/Day/Tot Lot

Availability = 340 Days/Year/Tot Lot

49 Visits/Day/Tot Lot x 340 Days/Year/Tot Lot = 16,660

Visits Available/Year/Tot Lot

5. Determine the *Demand* for each recreation activity choice.

Demand Formula:

$$\frac{\text{Recreation Participation} \quad \times \quad \text{Participation Frequency}}{\text{Sample Size}} = \text{Recreation Facility Demand}$$

(# Participants/Year/Unit) (# Visits/Year/Unit)
Visits Required/Person/Year/Unit

Example: *Neighborhood Park Tot Lot*

Greenville conducted a telephone survey interviewing 1,200 households containing 4,500 people. Questions were asked about activity participation and participation frequency in the menu of recreation choices for each person in the household. The survey used standard techniques appropriate for telephone sampling of a stratified random group. Based on the survey's finding, 2,353 people enjoyed the use of neighborhood park tot lots during the year, averaging 15 visits per year. Recreation facility demand for the neighborhood tot lot is calculated as follows:

Recreation participation = 2,353 People/Year

Participation Frequency = 15 Visits/Person/Year

2,353 People/Year x 15 Visits/Person/Year =

4,500 People in Survey

7.84 Visits Required/Person/Year/Tot Lot

6. Determine the *Minimum Population Service Requirement* for each recreation activity choice.

Minimum Population Service Formula:

$$\frac{\text{Recreation Facility Supply}}{(\# \text{ Visits Available/Yr/Unit})} \div \frac{\text{Recreation Facility Demand}}{(\# \text{ Visits Required/Person/Yr/Unit})}$$

= Minimum Population Service Requirements
(Minimum Persons Served/Yr/Unit)

Example: *Neighborhood Park Tot Lot*

From our previous example, it was determined that Recreation Facility Supply = 16,660 visits available/year. It was also determined that Recreation Demand = 7.84 visits required/person/year. Minimum Populations Service Requirement for the neighborhood park tot lot example is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Recreation Facility Supply} &= 16,660 \text{ Visits Available/Year/Tot Lot} \\ \text{Recreation Facility Demand} &= 7.84 \text{ Visits Req'd/Person/Yr/Tot Lot} \\ \\ 16,660 \div 7.84 &= 2,125 \text{ People Served/Year/Tot Lot} \end{aligned}$$

7. Determine the LOS for each Park Classification.

Level of Service By Park Classification Formula:

$$\text{Park Acres/Classification} \div \frac{\text{Total Population Served}}{1,000 \text{ People}} = \text{LOS by Classification}$$

Example: *Level of Service for Neighborhood Park*

The Recreation Activity Menu for a neighborhood park in Greenville includes a tot lot, family picnicking, open space, basketball court, and a walking/jogging path. The minimum population served for each of these activities are:

Greenville Neighborhood Park
Population Served

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Population Served</i>
Tot Lot	2,125
Family Picnic	1,300
Basketball Court	900
Walking/Jogging Path	1,574
TOTAL SERVED	5,899

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FieldTurf Timeline

- October 1985 FieldTurf Pres. Jean Prevost meets PGA Tour player Freddie Haas.
- January 1987 After exhaustive testing, FieldTurf develops patented infill system.
- March 1990 FieldTurf product is in demand on golf, tennis and sports fields worldwide.
- April 1995 John Gilman, former player and CFL coach, joins FieldTurf Inc. as CEO.
- January 1997 FieldTurf is selected by Premiership's Middlesbrough FC.
- October 1997 Ringgold HS in PA becomes first high school stadium with FieldTurf.
- April 1998 First independent safety tests conclude FieldTurf safer than natural grass.
- May 1998 FieldTurf offers clients a third party insured warranty.
- December 1998 Tom Osborne discovers FieldTurf at Ringgold High School in PA.
- January 1999 NFL picks FieldTurf for NFL Experience at Super Bowl XXXIII.
- May 1999 Nebraska picks FieldTurf for practice facility.
- August 1999 Cornhuskers select FieldTurf for Memorial Stadium.
- December 1999 FieldTurf opens European office in the UK.
- March 2000 FC Barcelona inaugurates FieldTurf training field.
- March 2000 FieldTurf installed at Tropicana Field for Tampa Bay Devil Rays.
- May 2000 Seattle Seahawks to play home games on FieldTurf at Husky Stadium.
- July 2000 FieldTurf builds training pitch for Germany's Werder Bremen.
- August 2000 The Pittsburgh Steelers becomes the first NFL team to select FieldTurf.
- September 2000 Cleveland Browns select FieldTurf for their practice facility.
- April 2001 The Kansas City Chiefs pick FieldTurf.
- June 2001 First ever FIFA 1-Star rating for Boston University's FieldTurf.
- June 2001 The Ottawa Renegades become the first CFL team with FieldTurf.
- July 2001 The NFL Quarterback Greats Club and AIG invest in FieldTurf.
- August 2001 The New York Jets choose FieldTurf for their practice field.
- January 2002 FieldTurf beats natural grass in first biomechanical turf tests.
- March 2002 FieldTurf is installed at the Tokyo Dome.
- May 2002 Seattle Seahawks choose FieldTurf for Qwest Field.
- June 2002 FieldTurf gets first FIFA field certification in the UK at Walsall FC.
- August 2002 The Detroit Lions choose FieldTurf for Ford Field.
- March 2003 FieldTurf selected for Giants Stadium - Giants, Jets, and Red Bulls.
- April 2003 FieldTurf's first FIFA field certification at Middle East stadium in Bahrain.
- June 2003 The Denver Broncos install FieldTurf at Paul D. Bowlen practice facility.
- July 2003 First ever UEFA Cup qualifying round takes place on FieldTurf.
- July 2004 The NFLPA ranks FieldTurf 3rd in the NFL at Seahawks Stadium.
- July 2004 Major League Soccer adds Real Salt Lake to Rice-Eccles Stadium FieldTurf.
- February 2004 The NFL's Pro Bowl is held on FieldTurf at Aloha Stadium.
- April 2004 Metrodome, home of Minnesota Vikings and Twins, picks FieldTurf.
- May 2004 FieldTurf reaches 1000 sporting installations worldwide!
- June 2004 The Cincinnati Bengals select FieldTurf.
- July 2005 San Diego Chargers practice field is outfitted with FieldTurf.
- August 2005 Indianapolis Colts and the St. Louis Rams pick FieldTurf for their domes.
- September 2005 FieldTurf secures first FIFA 2-star rating at Dundalk FC.
- September 2005 FieldTurf Tarkett becomes largest entity in sports surfacing industry.
- February 2006 FieldTurf designated "Official Playing Surface of Super Bowl XL".
- March 2006 The World Baseball Classic is played on FieldTurf.
- April 2006 FieldTurf Tarkett launches basketball court division in North America.
- May 2006 FieldTurf Tarkett launches le Monde, world's fastest track system.
- June 2006 FieldTurf Tarkett launches ClayTech Tennis System in EU.
- August 2006 FieldTurf launches FieldTurf DUO, the revolutionary multi-mono fiber turf system.

How FieldTurf Saves You Money

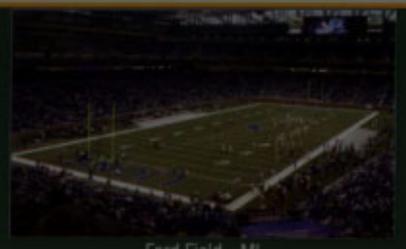
10 year Cost Analysis

	Natural Grass	FieldTurf
Base:	\$280,000	\$280,000
Materials:	\$220,000 (cost of sod)	\$400,000
Maintenance:	\$52,500 X 10 yrs. (annual cost for herbicides, pesticides, re-sodding, water, mowing)	\$5,000 x 10 yrs.
Total:	\$1,025,000	\$730,000
Scheduling:	60 hrs x 26 weeks x 10 yrs = 15,600 hrs	100 hrs x 48 weeks x 10 yrs = 48,000 hrs
Avg. Cost Per Hour of Use:	\$65.71	\$15.21

Note: Costs are based on a typical 80,000 sq. ft. field. Base material and labor costs vary from state to state. For the purpose of this comparison we have used an average of \$3.50 per sq. ft. for both the Natural Grass and FieldTurf volumes.

Annual Maintenance Cost

	Natural Grass	FieldTurf
Mowing Equipment	7,068	-
Labor (\$20 per hr)	6,000	1,000
Clipping Removal	2,861	-
Fertilization	4,856	-
Overseeding	486	-
Coring	2,848	-
Topdressing	9,565	-
Thatch Removal	185	-
Monitor Irrigation	846	-
Equip. Depreciation & Fuel	3,500	1,500
Water Cost	5,400	-
Sub Total:	43,595	2,500
Re-Stripping Field Lines		
Labour	5,800	1,000
Material	3,105	1,500
Total:	52,500	5,000





4/18/07

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Potential Parcels for Parks & Recreation Use

1. 10 Warminster Rd. & York Rd.
 - Owner: Upper Moreland Township
 - Potential use: Playground
2. 117 Park Ave.
 - Owner: Upper Moreland Township
 - Potential use: Nature trails
3. 2560 Maryland Rd.
 - Owner: Abington Hospital
 - Potential use: Softball field (existing) and multi-purpose field
4. 2101 Blair Mill Rd.
 - Owner: Private
 - Potential use: Nature trails or multi-purpose field if wooded area is cleared
5. 2350 Easton Rd.
 - Owner: Private
 - Potential use: Playground or basketball courts
6. 2465 Maryland Rd.
 - Owner: Private
 - Potential use: Nature trails or basketball courts or small softball field if wooded area is cleared
7. 3900 Welsh Rd.
 - Owner: Private
 - Potential use: Nature trails
8. 240 Fitzwatertown Rd.
 - Owner: Private
 - Potential use: Walking path, playground, passive recreation park
9. 3290 Sunset Ln.
 - Owner: Private
 - Potential use: Nature trails or softball/baseball field or multi-purpose field if wooded area is cleared
10. 3405 Davisville Rd.
 - Owner: Private

- Potential use: Nature trails, walking/biking path, multi-purpose field, softball/baseball field, playground (in addition to existing), basketball courts (in addition to existing)

11. 423 Warminster Rd. & Surrey Ln.

- Owner: Upper Moreland Township
- Potential use: Playground

12. 1960 Huntingdon Rd.

- Owner: Abington Memorial Hospital & Health Care (June Fete area)
- Potential use: Multiple softball/baseball and multi-purpose fields, walking/bike path, playground