

Haverford Township Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan

Public Meeting #1

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Introductions & Key Personnel





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Administration,
Maintenance &
Personnel
Review, Analysis and
Recommendations



Trails & Connectivity
Review, Analysis and
Recommendations



Project Overview

What is a Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan?

- Develops a Township wide vision specifically for Township owned parks, recreation facilities, open spaces and trails.
- Evaluates existing conditions and community needs, considers trends, analyzes growth projections and develops recommendations for park needs, improvements, maintenance, programming, connectivity, open space management and potential acquisition.
- The recommendations will help provide a basis for local decision making and support grant applications for funding which will help implement the plan.

Comprehensive Plan

Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan

Park Master Site Plan

30,000 – foot view

10,000 – foot view

1,000–foot view

Haverford Township Comprehensive Plan Haverford Township Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan

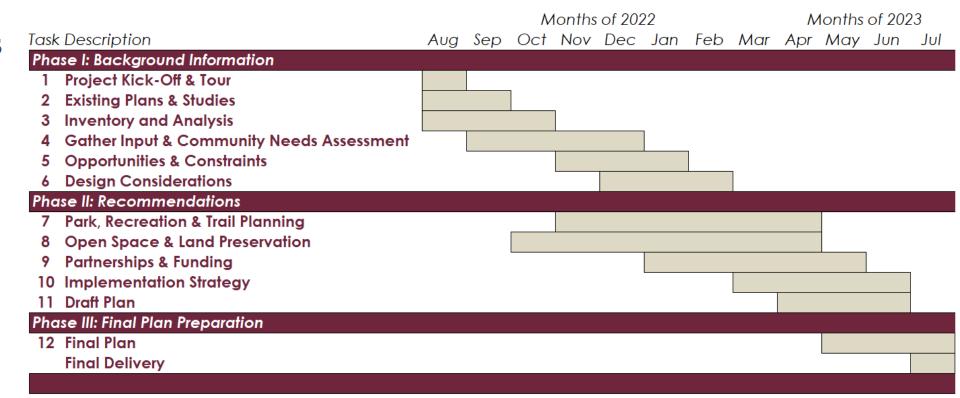
Brookline Park Master Site Plan

Project Goal

Develop a comprehensive and implementable plan for Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Spaces within the Township

Planning Process

- > Steering Committee
- > Public Participation
- > Inventory Analysis
- > Plan Development
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Trails
 - Open Space
 - Operations & Maintenance
 - Implementation Strategies





Favorite Park, Trail or Open Space

Parks	Count	%
Haverford Reserve	306	17%
Pennsy Trail	163	9%
CREC	159	9%
Paddock Farms Park	154	9%
Merry Place	119	7%
Grange Field	113	6%
Merwood Park	88	5%
Karakung Field	78	4%
Westgate Hills Park	56	3%
Darby Creek Trail	53	3%
CREC Trails	50	3%
Bailey Park	32	2%
Polo Field	28	2%
Highland Farms	27	2%
Preston Field	23	1%

13% Of responses identified a trail

Note: the chart above identifies the top 15

How do you get there?









Who do you go with?





KID(S) 21%



MYSELF **21%**



PARTNER 15%



FRIEND(S)
7%



DOG(S) **4%**



GRANDKID(S)
4%



NEIGHBOR(S)
1%

Favorite Activity

Response	Count	%
Playground	264	21%
Hiking	160	13%
Walking	106	8%
Running	89	7%
Let the Kids Play	66	5%
Pickleball	50	4%

28%

Of responses identified hiking, walking or running



Best Features



TRAILS **17%**



TREES & NATURE 13%



PLAYGROUND 12%



OPEN SPACE 6%



WATER 6%



FIELDS **5%**





Today's Activities

Activity #1 - Parks, Recreation Facilities, & Open Spaces

<u>Goal</u>: Help identify what Township parks or amenities you enjoy, utilize most, dislike or think could use improvement

<u>Task</u>:

Using the sticky note please provide feedback to the following question:

- ☐ What parks or amenities do you use most?
- ☐ What amenities or parks do you like? And why?
- What parks or amenities needs improvement?

Note: please be as detailed as possible and identify the specific park on your sticky notes

Activity #2 - Connectivity

<u>Goal</u>: As part of the plan, we aim to propose ways that the Township can increase bike and pedestrian connectivity to get you to your favorite places.

<u>Task</u>: Use the key to help highlight gaps, barriers and propose new pedestrian network facilities. Additionally, please use the cards to identify where you would like to walk or bike.

Activity #3 - Programming

<u>Goal</u>: Help us understand what recreational programming you and or your family participates in, as well as programming you would like to see offered.

Task:

Use the sticky notes to list the programs you or your family attends, (noting age and host organization) and programming you would like to see in the future.

Activity #4 - 2030 Vision, Smart, Goals & Wish

<u>Goal</u>: This plan will help to develop a vision, goals, and implementable recommendations for all things park, recreation, open space and trails in the Township. So, we want to hear your 2023 Vision!

Task:

This activity has four steps. Please use the sticky note to respond to each of the following prompts to help us develop a vision for the future of parks, recreation, open space and trails in the Township:

- 1. In a word, phrase or sentence describe the Township's parks, recreation facilities, open spaces and trails.
- 2. In a phrase or sentence please describe your 2030 vision for the Township's park, recreation facilities, open spaces and trails.
- 3. Please write down any specific, measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely goals you may have for Township's parks, recreation Facilities, open spaces and trails. You can think of short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals.
- Please note any wishes related to the Township's parks, recreation facilities, open spaces and trails on the "I
 Have a Wish" board.

Ways to Stay Connected

Township Website

www.haverfordtownship.org

Parks & Rec Website

www.haverfordtownship.org/Parks_and_Recreation.html

Parks & Rec Facebook

www.facebook.com/HaverfordRec

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