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E-1 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission – PA General assembly – Title 30

Available at: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&ttl=30>

E-2 Pennsylvania Game Commission – PA General Assembly – Title 34 and Title 58

Available at: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&ttl=34>

E-3 Forests, Waters, and State Parks – PA General Assembly Title 32

Available at: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&ttl=32>

E-4 Conservation and Natural Resources Act

Available at: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/WU01/LI/LI/US/PDF/1995/0/0018..PDF>

E-5 1965 Act 586 Land for Recreation – PA General Assembly (Limiting Liability)

Available at:

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&yr=1965&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=0586>

E-6 2018 Act 98 – Land For Recreation- Liability for Landowners to Recreational Users

Available at: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2018&sessInd=0&act=98>

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Available at: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/WU01/LI/LI/CT/HTM/75/00.035..HTM>

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G-2 State Forests --

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Prompton –

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/PromptonStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Tobyhanna –

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/TobyhannaStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Varden –

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/VardenConservationArea/Pages/default.aspx>

G-5 National Park

---add map or hyperlink of Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River

<https://www.nps.gov/upde/index.htm>

G-6 Trails

--Rail-Trails (Rail Trail Council of NEPA)

<https://trails.dcnr.pa.gov/trails/trail/trailview?trailkey=197>

<https://www.neparailtrails.org/guide/trails/>

--Trail Feasibility Study from Carbondale to Waymart (map in file)

Damascus Forest Loop- <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/pennsylvania/damascus-forest-loop>

Irving Cliff- <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/pennsylvania/irving-cliff>

Dorflinger-Suydam Sanctuary- <https://dorflinger.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Dorflinger-Suydam-Trail-Map.pdf>

G-7 Non-government Preserves and Natural Areas

--Van Scott Nature Preserve

<https://delawarehighlands.org/vsnr/map/>

--Lacawac Sanctuary

Add map and hyperlink

https://www.lacawac.org/uploads/4/6/4/4/46449361/lacawac_board_3-21.pdf

--Shuman Point Natural Area

Add hyperlink <https://uncoveringpa.com/hiking-shuman-point-natural-area>

G-8 Municipal Parks, Forests, and Open Space

<http://www.berlintownship.org/home.html>

--Damascus Township Forest add hyperlink <http://damascustwp.org/forest.html>

Damascus Forest Loop- <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/pennsylvania/damascus-forest-loop>

Damascus Township Park (last updated 5/26/17)- <http://damascustwp.org/park.html>

Dreher Memorial Park- <http://www.drehertownship-pa.org/carlton-drake-memorial-park/>

GDS Fair Grounds- <https://gdsfair.org/our-mission/>

Wayne County Fair Grounds- <https://waynecountyfair.com>

Bingham Park- <https://www.binghampark.org/>

Hawley Brochure- <https://visithawleypa.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Hawley-Brochure-2019-Flip.pdf>

Honesdale Pool- <http://honesdaleborough.com/departments-and-services/park-rules/pool/pool-schedule/>

Berris Memorial Park- [https://honesdaleborough.com/departments-and-services/park-rules/the-tony-and-marie-berris-memorial-park/](http://honesdaleborough.com/departments-and-services/park-rules/the-tony-and-marie-berris-memorial-park/)

Central/ Gibbons Memorial/Apple Grove- <http://honesdaleborough.com/>

Honesdale Ball fields- <https://honesdalelittlebaseball.com/>

Gouldsboro Union Park- http://www.leheightwpwayneco.org/site/?page_id=159

Samuel Meredith Monument-

<http://pleasantmount.us/#:~:text=Pleasant%20Mount%27s%20Monument%20to%20Samuel%20Meredith%201st%20Treasurer,of%20America.%20Monument%20was%20unveiled%20June%208%201904.>

G-9 Snowmobile/ATV

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<https://acesnowmobileclub.com/>

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1-1 Summary

The Wayne County Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resources Plan (WCRP) project began by conducting an inventory and assessment of the existing recreational and natural resources available to the public within Wayne County, Pennsylvania. By mapping the County's existing recreation network, the County can work to meet community needs, fill recreational gaps, and support and encourage fellow agencies and municipalities to do the same.

As shown on the *Assessment Maps* [Figures F, 1-28] in the report, a variety of public spaces and programs currently exist. Each existing site was compared against National and State standards, including those outlined by the National Recreation and Park Association (Operations, Finance, Human Resources, Programming, and Communications), the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. As each site was assessed, the consultant met with municipal leaders, recreation-oriented groups, committees, and stakeholders to obtain public requests at a local level.

The Complementary Recreation and Natural Resource Plans and Studies found in *Appendix A* and existing site layer information were provided by the Wayne County Planning Department (*the Planning Department*).

An Advisory Committee (*the Committee*), comprised of individuals with ties to recreation and natural resources in the region, were selected by the Wayne County Commissioners. The Advisory Committee provided guidance to Woodland Design Associates (*WDA, the Consultant*) throughout the planning process, including making the initial request to create individual maps for each of the twenty-eight municipalities. These maps, provided in *Appendix C*, feature a robust list of natural and recreational resources, commercial destinations, scenic views, and culturally significant sites available to the public. By creating a map for each municipality, site information could be reviewed at a manageable scale by stakeholders.

Due to several public surveys being advertised, *the Committee* requested that *the Consultant* speak directly with a member of each municipal board to obtain recreation and natural resource information within their community. This direct contact allowed the team to thoroughly inventory the recreation, parks, and natural resources throughout the entire County by visiting and listening to input from each community.

The Consultant began reaching out to each municipality (28 total) on November 20th, 2020. A letter explaining the project with a request to meet and discuss the included resource map(s) was provided to each community board. Phone calls and emails were also placed to ensure each municipality had an opportunity to respond, voice concerns, express hopes. Copies of each letter and meeting notes can be found in *Appendix C*.

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Throughout the project's process *the Committee* was able to review the assessment mapping and provide direction to the team regarding on-site assessments, evaluation of site safety and access, and the general condition of amenities. The *Assessment Maps* were regularly revised to reflect the information and requests received in real-time.

State lands, including forests, game lands, and waters are also included in the report. These provide thousands of acres of land for various public uses, as long as the participant obtains the proper licenses and/or pays the proper fee. As a result, high level personnel from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, and the Pennsylvania Game Commission were interviewed as key stakeholders. During these conversations it was noted that, depending on the type of public property, certain activities were allowed while others are prohibited. For example, camping is prohibited in Pennsylvania State Game Lands (PA Chapter 135 Title 58 Subchapter C) but allowed in Pennsylvania State Forests where designated (PA Code Title 17 Subpart C. State Forests, Chapter 21). To avoid any confusion a section was added to this report which clearly defines each agency and site term (see definitions). This report, where applicable, also directly references specific agency mapping and laws [*Figure G*]. It is the public participants' responsibility to know and follow the most up-to-date laws that apply to each site.

To fulfill the most critical objective of the WCRP, an *Implementation Matrix* was developed, comprised of recommendations for the County to pursue over the next ten years. Supporting partner information, cost estimate ranges, and possible funding sources for each recommendation are included in the matrix; all to support making each recommendation a reality.

In conclusion, the Wayne County Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resources Plan includes a total of nearly 300 existing and potential recreation sites throughout the County's 22 townships and 6 boroughs. Under the guidance of the appointed *Advisory Committee* the noted sites and recreation requests obtained were compared to the *Pennsylvania Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan*, the Trust for Public Land's *Access to Pennsylvania's Outdoor Recreation Areas*, and other applicable documents--ultimately resulting in the development of a thorough *Implementation Matrix* that provides recommendations to meet public recreation needs covering a supported and enhanced municipal, County, State, and regional recreation network. Supplemental mapping and funding source information are featured in this report to achieve these goals within ten years.

1-2 Study Purpose

Wayne County, Pennsylvania is a largely rural county in the north-east corner of Pennsylvania consisting of nearly 750 square miles of land and featuring more aquatic resources (streams, lakes, and rivers) than any of the other 66 counties in the state. Boasting a population of over 50,000 residents (2020 Census) it is a place of scenic beauty and outdoor opportunity. Though Wayne County's past includes the transportation of coal on the Delaware and Hudson Canal, the operation of America's first steam locomotive, and various agricultural activities, a large portion of the economy is now focused on tourism

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and small business services. Recreational opportunities like those on the Delaware and Lackawaxen Rivers have drawn tourists to the area to snowshoe, hike, fish, hunt, cross-country ski, kayak, canoe, cycle, bird watch, photograph, geocache, and plant identify.

The purpose of the Wayne County Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resources Plan (WCC BRC-TAG-24-158) is to study each of the twenty-eight municipalities (6 boroughs and 22 townships) to review the County-wide recreation network and develop recommendations for the County to pursue over the next ten years. As tourism and entrepreneurialism are key factors for the economic and social success of the County, the possible economic benefits which could be realized, should the recreational industry be enhanced were immediately noted. Example project outcomes may include: directive actions to maintain existing facilities, development of new programming, and the development of future recreation and conservation areas.

1-3 Objective(s)

1. Itemize Wayne County's existing, publicly accessible recreational areas, parks, and natural resources—create a mapped recreational network and consider its function(s).
2. Reach out to and interview leaders of each municipality and members of key recreational groups – in turn, better understanding the recreational and natural resource opportunities, constraints, and needs of the larger county-wide community.
3. Evaluate the existing recreational, parks, and natural resources identified against State and National standards of programming, safety, and maintenance.
4. Develop recommendations and guidance (a Plan) to build upon the existing recreational, park, and natural resource network to meet the needs of the public (over the next ten years).

1-4 Goal(s)

The Wayne County Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resources Plan shall provide information for agencies and groups to make informed decisions regarding the maintenance, upgrade, and creation of recreational elements and accesses within Wayne County. These are all deeply tied to citizen health and the economics of the region as described in *Pennsylvania Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan [Appendix A-1]*. It is the intent of this document to stand as a supplement to the Wayne County Comprehensive Plan, specifically focusing on recreation and natural resource conservation within the County.

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1-5 Definitions

FEDERAL SITE(s)

Federal Site(s) are lands and buildings owned and operated by the Federal Government. In this report, Federal Site(s) include only National Park Service lots and buildings and property owned and operated by the Army Corp of Engineers (USACOE). The Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River is one example of Federally regulated and operated property within Wayne County (see “Federal Corridor”).

STATE SITE(s)

State Site(s) are owned and operated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Examples of these include tracts of land owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureaus of Forestry, State Parks, and Recreation and Conservation. Although the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) provides designated bike routes and laneways they are noted separately in this report for organizational purposes, due to applicable statutes.

COUNTY SITE(s)

County Site(s) include properties and spaces owned and operated by Wayne County. Examples include: the Wayne County Park in Berlin Township adjacent to the Recycling Center, the Park Street Complex in Honesdale Borough, and Hankins Pond Park in Mount Pleasant Township.

MUNICIPAL SITE(s)

Municipal Sites in this report are defined as tracts of land owned by a municipality which have recreation, park, or natural resources available for public use. Examples include municipal forest trails, picnic areas, and parks on municipal grounds.

SCHOOL DISTRICT SITE(s)

School District Site(s) are sites identified throughout the County as owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. In these instances, the sites are grounds which operate in conjunction with a public school. The grounds typically offer outdoor recreation spaces for formal group activities and are frequently maintained. Examples include: ball fields, walking trails, track and field amenities, and high school football stadiums; most, if not all of which are available for public use outside of school hours and seasons.

NYS DELAWARE RIVER ACCESS(es)

An NYS Delaware River Accesses is defined as a tract of land open to the public, adjacent to Pennsylvania but within the State of New York. The Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River (US NPS) corridor provides a water trail and physical connection between Wayne County, Pennsylvania, and the State of New York on the opposite side. Annually the corridor receives a tremendous number of tourists and anglers eager to kayak, float, fish, camp, and recreate in the Delaware River corridor. The Delaware River falls under joint laws and enforcement by both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and

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the State of New York. Attendees enjoy access on both sides of the Delaware River (ingress and egress). Jointly owned state bridges are also noted as both the bridges and accesses provide vehicular and pedestrian connections to existing or future interstate and regional trail systems.

PUBLIC WATER ACCESS(ES)

The Public Water Access launches shown in the plan are existing public boat launch and river accesses within Wayne County, Pennsylvania. These Public Water Accesses are owned and operated by the State of Pennsylvania (municipalities, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, and others). These are available to the public to launch boats, kayaks, and canoes and otherwise access these waters for lawful recreation. Please refer to the individual *Assessment Maps* [*Figure F*] for detailed information. There is a total of 18 public boat launches in Wayne County.

PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WATER TRAIL(S)

Publicly Accessible Water Trails are defined in this report as waters designated by Pennsylvania Code Chapter 93 as “Navigable Waterways” and are accessible to the public. These streams and lakes are accessible for the public to lawfully recreate (PA Code Title 30). There are over 140 miles of navigable waterways throughout Wayne County. Only navigable streams which feature public accesses are noted as Publicly Accessible Water Trail(s) in the *Assessment Maps* provided as many of the waters are encompassed by private property.

PUBLIC HIKING TRAIL(S)

Public Hiking Trails are included in this plan as existing trails accessible for pedestrian, bicycle, and/or equestrian use. It is important to note that numerous hiking trails exist within State Game Lands, State Forests, Parks, and Conservation Areas within Wayne County. The specific agency maps and laws for these large public spaces are noted in *Appendix G*. Many of these require obtaining a license, permit, or fee payment to use them.

Examples of existing Public Hiking Trails in this report include the D&H Trail and the O&W Trail. The O&W Trail runs for 18 miles in Wayne County and the D&H Trail which runs for 5 Miles in Wayne County.

PA BIKE ROUTE(S)

PA Bike Routes are those noted by PennDOT in the “Pennsylvania Bicycle Routes Map”, available here: <https://www.penndot.gov/TravelInPA/RideaBike/pages/pennsylvania-bicycle-routes.aspx>

These routes were designated to allow sharing of the road by cyclists and vehicular traffic. Cyclists seeking to enjoy these routes are encouraged to review PA General Assembly Statute Title – 75 Chapter 35 for additional information [*Appendix E-8*].

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PA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION LAND(S) AND WATER(S)

Over 1458 acres of lands and waters are governed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for public use in the Commonwealth. These governed lands and waters include launches, streams, ponds, and lakes. Within Wayne County, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission jurisdictional sites include: the Delaware, Lackawaxen, and Lehigh Rivers, Belmont Lake, Miller Pond, Long Pond, and White Oak Pond in Clinton Township, Lower Woods Pond and Upper Woods Pond in Lebanon Township, Reining Pond in Cherry Ridge Township, and several streams which meet the jurisdictional criteria of PA General Assembly Title 30. Those looking to use these lands and waters are encouraged to visit the PA Fish and Boat Commission digital application, downloadable to Android or Apple devices, or the online GIS map for information on the specific waters they hope to enjoy.

FEDERAL CORRIDOR

The Federal Corridor includes waters and lands within Wayne County, operated and regulated by the Federal Government. Currently, the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, stands as the only Federally regulated and operated River Corridor in Wayne County. Please note that the land above the Delaware River's water line is owned primarily by private residents [Appendix E-1 and E-6].

State and municipal accesses are provided for public use on either side (within Pennsylvania and New York); while the National Park Service provides interpretive information, guidance, and regulatory enforcement on the water under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 [Appendix E-7] and U.S. Department of the Interior statutes. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Pennsylvania Game Commissions offer additional oversight at these waters, as they pertain to Commonwealth code.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE FOREST LAND(S)

Over 348 acres of State Forest Lands exist in Wayne County. These are lands set aside for management, public enjoyment, and fire prevention under Pennsylvania State Code 135. Information pertaining to specific PA State Forests is included in this report and those looking to hunt, fish, hike, and enjoy these publicly open properties should review State Code 135 and the maps made available through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources at:

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateForests/FindAForest/Pages/default.aspx>

This link provides management plans and information specific to each State Forest site.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GAME LAND(S)

Over 20,726 acres of State Game Lands are available for public use in Wayne County. State Game Lands are lands with specific allowed and prohibited uses [Appendix E-2] under PA Code – Title 34 and Title 58. These lands are funded by hunting and fishing licenses for hunters and anglers. In Wayne County there are six different tracts of State Game Lands: SGL 070 with 3,748 acres in Wayne County, SGL 159 with 9,288 acres in Wayne County, SGL 299 with 2,645 acres in Wayne County, SGL 300 with 120 acres in

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Wayne County, SGL 310 with 1,190 acres in Wayne County, and SGL 312 with 3,733 acres in Wayne County.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE PARK(S)

Over 2,713 acres of State Parks are available for public use in Wayne County. State Parks are lands set aside for public use under PA Code Title 32, The Natural Resources and Conservation Act and feature specific allowed and prohibited uses. In Wayne County, there are a total of four State Parks: Gouldsboro State Park (393 acres), Prompton State Park (1,356 acres), Tobyhanna State Park (548 acres), and the Varden Conservation Area (416 acres). PA DCNR provides and maintains a mini map for each of these State Parks with trails, parking, accesses, recreational elements, and acceptable activities noted. Please refer *Appendix G-4* for a record of current maps of these areas.

COMMERCIAL SITE(S)

The Commercial Sites noted in the Wayne County Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resources Plan are privately owned properties open to the public for commercial recreational activities and services. These are typically local businesses who offer recreation activities and access for a fee. Examples include summer camps, fairgrounds, and campgrounds. Although items like retail bicycle shops exist, these were not necessarily included in the Plan, as directed by the Committee, as they may sell specific recreation items, but they are not necessarily a recreation or natural resource facility. It should be noted that private schools with recreational offerings exist across the County, however, those that do not allow public use are not included.

CULTURAL SITE(S)

Cultural Sites in the WCRP are defined as privately or publicly owned sites that offer the public interpretive information and/or access to recreation elements, natural resources, or historic areas. Examples of a cultural site included in the report are: the Wayne County Historical Society's Lock 31 Site because it features the Towpath Trail (a recreational resource).

SCENIC WATERFALL(S)

As recognized by the *Advisory Committee*, Wayne County features several waterfalls (scenic view areas) along its waterways. Many of these are viewable from public roads or have trails to them which are open to the public. Waterfall access and views continue to be sought after destinations in Pennsylvania—as seen in numerous trail articles and web posts documenting their whereabouts. Because of their importance to the public and the fact that they provide a different recreational resource (viewing and visiting) than traditional water recreation, they have been marked with a unique symbol in the WCRP. Many of these locations have limited access, limited parking, and/or are on private property and can only be viewed from a distance. The public is asked to consider and respect these limitations.

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INTERSTATE BRIDGES

Several bridges exist connecting Wayne County, Pennsylvania to the State of New York in Buckingham, Damascus, and Manchester Townships. These provide vehicle and pedestrian access along the West Branch, and Main Stem of the Upper Delaware River Scenic and Recreational River. Many of these bridges offer walkways for safe pedestrian crossing. These points provide a connection between Pennsylvania and New York State's trail and recreation networks, although enhancements are needed. The Interstate Bridges noted in *Figure F* include: The West Branch Delaware River Bridge, The Lordville Bridge, Kellam Bridge, the Callicoon Bridge, the Damascus-Cochecton Bridge, the Skinners Falls-Milanville Bridge, and the Narrowsburg Bridge (Darbytown, PA to Narrowsburg, NY).

Chapter 2- Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resource Study

2-1 A Brief History of Recreational Planning in Wayne County

At the start of this project, the existing recreation plans available for each municipality within the County were received and reviewed by *the Consultant*. These are organized, available, and compiled as *Appendix A - Complementary Recreation and Natural Resource Plans and Studies*. As local community members themselves, the County Planning Department and Woodland Design Associates are very aware of the content of these plans and the general history of development in the area. This allowed for an immediate understanding of current recreation and conservation efforts in the region. It was noted that many of the proposed recreational development efforts in these municipal level plans have not been achieved and many years have passed. Careful consideration was given to each intended project noted in the municipal plans and current public needs.

Many historic and cultural sites exist throughout Wayne County, including the County Historical Society and Equinunk Historical Society Museums. These both offer great information regarding the indigenous Lenape people, European settling, and economic start of Wayne County. Both museums showcase settlement and economic activity first conducted as the region developed. These settlement and industrial activities, although not specifically recreational, had a direct impact on when, where, and why recreational and conservation areas developed. Public recreational and conservation needs were created, not only because of these activities, but from Wayne County's existing environmental features—For example, The Upper Delaware River now allows boating and fishing, due to the pristine waters and rural character that remain. Another example is Bingham Park in Hawley. This park was created with influence from New York City- the need to provide the public with open space, fresh air, and a healthy, relaxing alternative to the dense housing and the industrial metropolitan areas of the 1800s.

Early industry in Wayne County involved farming, the transportation of coal via the Gravity Railway from Lackawanna County to New York City, and a booming lumber industry. Remnants of the tow paths, canals, and foundations that existed from this era can still be seen today. Villages and town centers developed around these industries, although, oriented away from existing river waters, which were used to carry goods and effluent away. The invention of the locomotive led to the creation of additional open corridors connecting the towns and adjacent larger cities. Some of these existing or abandoned rail beds have been converted to Rail-Trails [*Appendix A-10*]. The Stourbridge Line (Railway) Museum, noted as "the Birthplace of the American Railroad", currently offers a section of track in eastern Wayne County which allow participants to rail-bike. The Stourbridge Line right-of-way between the Boroughs of Honesdale and Hawley, along the Lackawaxen River, was featured as an achievable trail corridor from Honesdale to Hawley, Pennsylvania (and beyond) in the Wayne County Trail Feasibility Study [*Appendix A-32*].

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The Delaware River is another example of a recreation area enjoyed by citizens which developed due to its past uses. The first Europeans who settled along the Delaware's banks (17th Century) harvested timber, built tanneries, and farmed. These minimal impacts, over time, kept waters cool and clean. The Upper Delaware would later be controlled to provide reservoir water for the New York and New Jersey Metropolitan areas as well as flow to the Delaware Bay for use in Philadelphia. Industrial landings and crossings gave way to boat and fishing accesses. Today, the National Park Service, through water management, assists in conserving the Upper Delaware River as a resource for future generations. Groups like the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) and Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR) work along the watershed to ensure proposed private development and construction align with their conservation efforts. Fly-fishing outfitters (and authors), kayak retail stores, camp sites, and overnight fishing retreats make up the economy along the corridor; all benefiting from the existence of this unique, pristine, natural place.

2-2 Recreational Needs

Although a great deal of recreational opportunities exist within Wayne County, as recent trends throughout the Commonwealth suggest, there is a need to maintain, update, and develop additional recreation opportunities. Only by maintaining these existing opportunities in a contemporary, safe condition and building upon them to meet all community recreational needs can the County fully benefit from the-- “Health and Wellness, Recreation for All, Sustainable Systems, Funding and Economic Development, and Technolog[ical]” enhancements noted in the *Pennsylvania Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2020-2024 (PSCORP, 2020-2024) [Appendix A-1]*.

Per the PSCORP: “88.4% of Pennsylvania’s outdoor enthusiasts said that outdoor recreation is an essential part of their lives, while 80.7% said they would participate more in outdoor activities” (page 31, *Public Survey*). 93% of Pennsylvanians have participated in outdoor recreation in the past year and more than 50% once a month or more (page 31 and 32). When compared to current census population numbers, this would suggest that a strong majority, 47,574 Wayne County residents potentially recreate with nearly 25,500 recreating once a month or more.

The PSCORP reports that each year \$29.1 billion dollars are spent on recreation in the Commonwealth with 251,000 jobs directly related to recreation services. Proportionally then, \$2,425 is being spent per person annually on recreation across the state (\$29.1 billion dollars/12,900,000 (current estimated PA population))—showing a potential for over \$115 million to be spent in Wayne County (\$2,425 x 51,000). The PSCORP goes on to state, “Outdoor recreation [growth is] tracking at 3.9% [annually]”, much higher than other markets.

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Wayne County Municipal Population Change: 2020 vs. 2010

MUNICIPALITY	2010 Census	2020 Census	Difference	Percent Change
Berlin Township	2,578	2,478	-100	-3.9%
Bethany Borough	246	241	-5	-2.0%
Buckingham Township	520	506	-14	-2.7%
Canaan Township	3,963	3,610	-353	-8.9%
Cherry Ridge Township	1,895	1,913	18	0.9%
Clinton Township	2,053	2,040	-13	-0.6%
Damascus Township	3,659	3,674	15	0.4%
Dreher Township	1,412	1,350	-62	-4.4%
Dyberry Township	1,401	1,397	-4	-0.3%
Hawley Borough	1,211	1,229	18	1.5%
Honesdale Borough	4,480	4,458	-22	-0.5%
Lake Township	5,269	4,850	-419	-8.0%
Lebanon Township	684	678	-6	-0.9%
Lehigh Township	1,881	1,876	-5	-0.3%
Manchester Township	836	785	-51	-6.1%
Mount Pleasant Township	1,357	1,439	82	6.0%
Oregon Township	781	841	60	7.7%
Palmyra Township	1,339	1,251	-88	-6.6%
Paupack Township	3,828	3,676	-152	-4.0%
Preston Township	1,014	1,000	-14	-1.4%
Prompton Borough	250	237	-13	-5.2%
Salem Township	4,271	4,115	-156	-3.7%
Scott Township	593	483	-110	-18.5%
South Canaan Township	1,768	1,793	25	1.4%
Starrucca Borough	173	169	-4	-2.3%
Sterling Township	1,450	1,482	32	2.2%
Texas Township	2,569	2,287	-282	-11.0%
Waymart Borough	1,341	1,297	-44	-3.3%
Wayne County	52,822	51,155	-1,667	-3.2%

Source: PA State Data Center

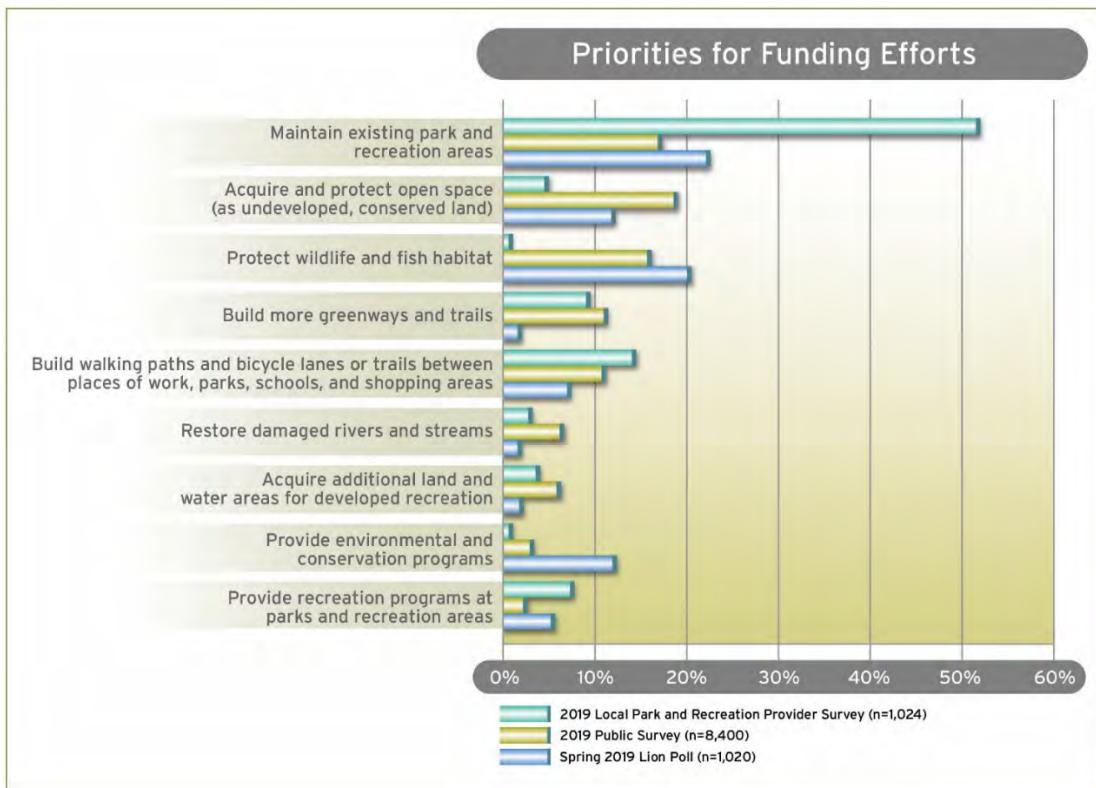
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The Upper Delaware River Tailwaters Recreation Plan (2022) [Appendix A-37] provides information regarding the tourist population within three hours driving distance of Wayne County. These tourists are an integral part of both the County's economy and rate of use at recreational sites. Of the 17 million people within a 3 hour driving distance of Wayne County, it is estimated that just over 2.5 million people specifically come to Northeast Pennsylvania to bike, kayak, fish, hike, hunt and otherwise recreate. This poses a very clear and strong opportunity for economic and infrastructure growth through recreation (Friends of the Upper Delaware and Shepstone Management Company, Inc., Page 2-3 and 2-4). Tourism

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in the area, as noted by several key stakeholders [see *Appendix D, Key Stakeholder Interviews*], appears to be thriving, with multiple concerns expressed regarding limited parking and deterioration of public sites due to overuse.

Additional positive economic potentials are outlined in the *Pennsylvania Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan*. They include public support of additional funding to be allocated towards the following recreational priorities, further justifying existing park maintenance and construction to meet requested recreational needs:



(*Pennsylvania Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2020-2024, page 64*)

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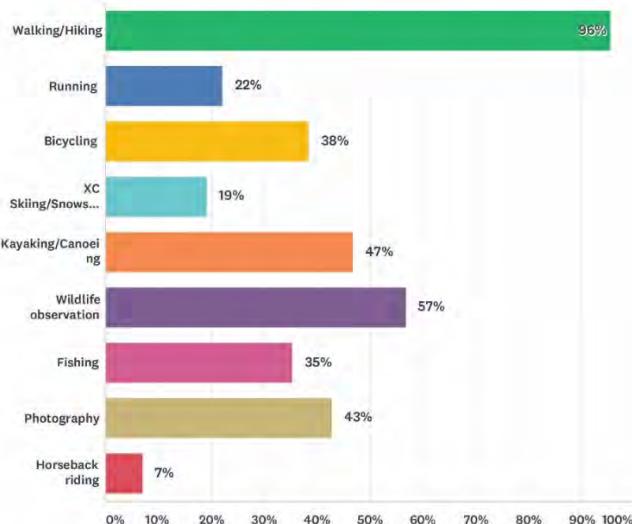
¹ Outdoor Foundation. 2019 Outdoor Participation Report. Available at: <https://outdoorindustry.org/resource/2019-outdoor-participation-report/>

(Pennsylvania Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2020-2024, page 34)

The Wayne County Trail Feasibility Study (2020), received very similar feedback:

Q4 Of the following, what outdoor activities do you regularly participate in? (Choose all that apply)

Answered: 1,731 Skipped: 23



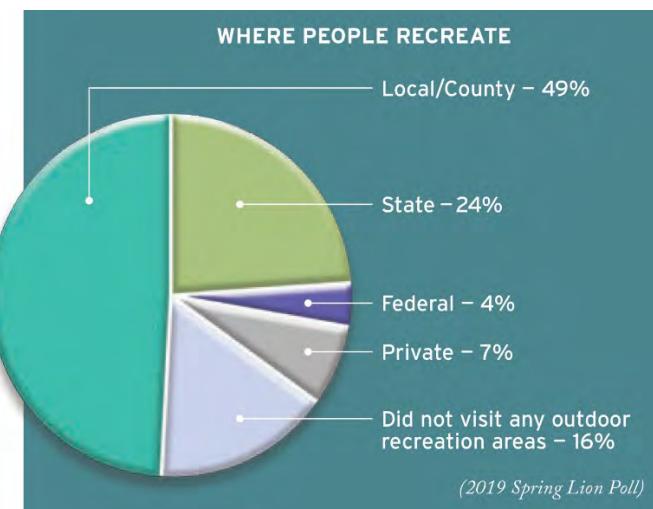
(Survey Question #4, Appendix H in the Wayne County Trail Feasibility Study 2020)

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The similarities found between the PSCORP, the County Trail Feasibility Survey, and the notes provided by each municipality clearly define the recreation and natural resource priorities of the County's population. Maintaining existing facilities and opportunities for hiking, biking, and access rise to the top; also noting that these would need to take place on public property that has natural, conservation, and or historic interests.

The *Pennsylvania Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan* also provides polling regarding where people prefer to recreate. This information is considered a “key” to the success of a local recreational network, because if the public cannot readily access a space with uses they prefer, then the site will simply not be used.

Where People Recreate:



Per this graph from the PSCORPS, nearly half of Pennsylvania's population recreates at local or County owned sites with “63% report[ing] they recreate within 10 miles of their home” (Outdoor Foundation Report). Emphasis is placed on sites which people can easily access multiple ways (walk, bike, drive) and participate at quickly.

A report, titled *“Access to Pennsylvania's Outdoor Recreation Areas”* from the Trust for Public Land (T4PL), was recently conducted, which directly considers recreational access within Wayne County, Pennsylvania [Appendix A-3]. The T4PL inventoried PA counties and municipalities with respect to park, trailhead, and open space access via pedestrian or vehicular means. Wayne County was determined to be in the top ten “Highest Need Counties based on...” a 10-minute walk/drive assessment for access to “Parks, Trailheads, and Open Access Land” and “Trail Access” and based on “Equity in Water Access.”

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Being primarily rural, Wayne County's current needs appear to match those noted by the T4PL report. The Wayne County Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resources Plan's localized mapping (see following figure(s) 1) illustrates existing access opportunities by referencing the municipal assessment mapping during the creation of the Wayne County Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resources Plan.

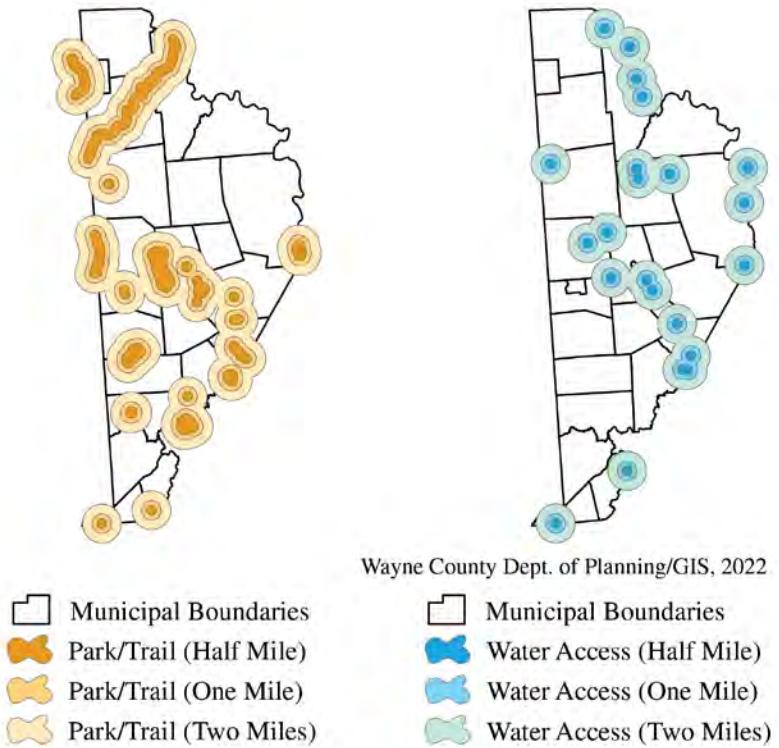


Figure 1

Please note the State Game Lands, State Forests, and School District sport facilities are not included in these figures of existing sites. Although they each provide substantial recreational offerings to the public and the overall County-wide recreation network, only municipal, County, PA Fish and Boat Commission, and State Parks are included to clearly show public accesses to public trails and waters, specifically.

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Figure 2 below shows existing half-mile, one-mile, and two-mile radii surrounding park, trail, and water accesses in Wayne County, all combined on one map. This figure details Wayne County's rural nature, with open spaces for recreational access opportunities visible. The 0.5 to 2.0 mile ranges from each access point illustrate an approximately 10-minute journey by foot, bike, or automobile.

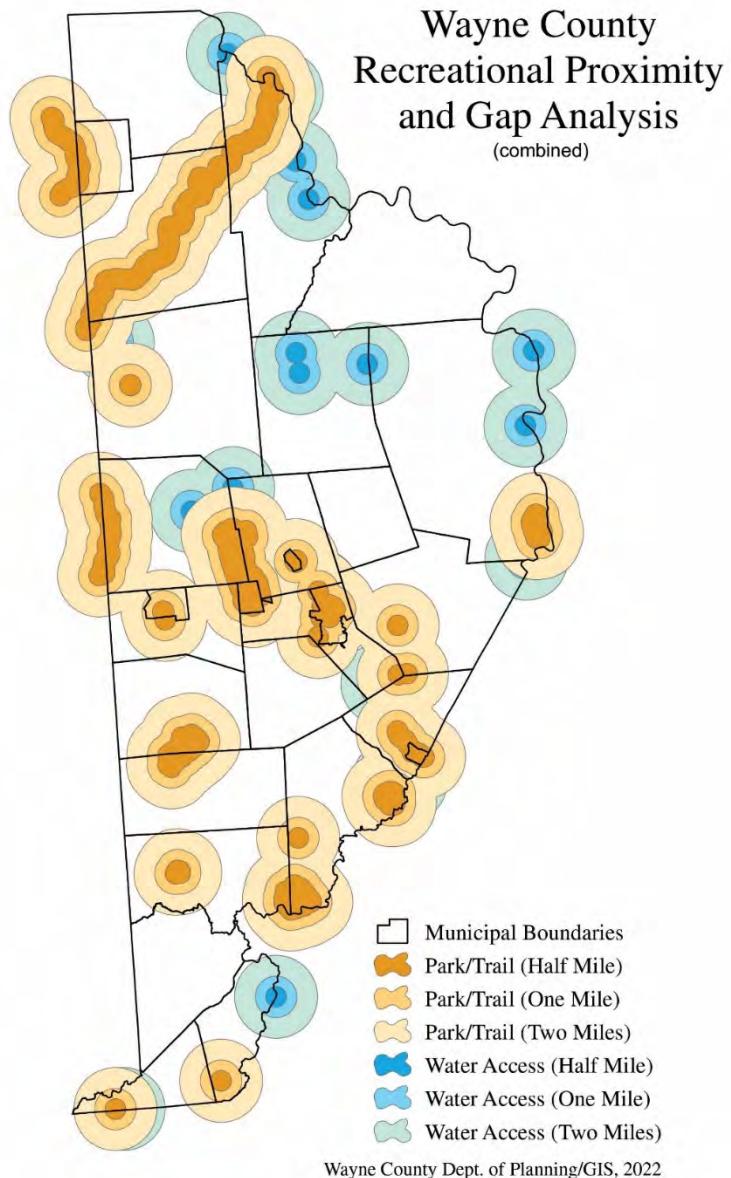


Figure 2

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When compared, the information shown in this map aligns with the findings in T4PL's report. South central and north-east sections of the County fall outside of the accessibility thresholds indicated by T4PL. Other areas of need that T4PL identified differ from the findings in the Wayne County mapping. Central Wayne County stands out as an area reasonably served by park, trail, and water access. This discrepancy is likely due to the availability of recent mapping of local, County, regional, and State Lands, showcasing the entire recreational network of lands; as well as the recent development of Lackawaxen River access points in Honesdale, White Mills, and Hawley. Difference in mapping aside, the T4PL report does highlight an area of focus and opportunity in Wayne County. Namely, the Route 6 corridor connecting Honesdale and Hawley Boroughs.

That corridor was previously studied with the Wayne County Trails Feasibility Study, completed in 2020. This study, subsequent grant awards, and new project development has maintained focus on building a land and water trail between Honesdale and Hawley. As such, a key area identified in the T4PL report is an area of importance to Wayne County recreation, parks, and natural resources planning.

The opportunities inherent in developing this trail and water access network through the heart of Wayne County's population centers are great. Existing recreation accesses, those being currently pursued, and those proposed in the Implementation Matrix of this Plan (future development), all seek to simultaneously achieve and address the access and equity concerns noted by both the Trust for Public Land and the Wayne County Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resources Plan.

Overall, understanding the economic development potentials, the public's desired recreational activities, preferred recreation locations, and the distance people are willing to travel to them are all key factors to the success of the *Implementation Matrix* the Wayne County Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resources Plan contains. The Committee's requested meetings with the twenty-eight municipalities provided a comprehensive list of existing sites and public needs. Each existing site was assessed to determine if it was meeting the requested level of adequacy (uses, condition, safety, access). Gaps and potentials within the existing recreation and conservation network are clear and recognizable.

2-3 Public Participation

Over the course of the Wayne County Recreation, Parks and Natural Resources Plan project, several decisions were made to obtain strong public input due to the limitations presented during the Covid-19 Pandemic (2020-present).

At the beginning of the project a committee (*the Committee*) of community members deeply involved and aware of recreational, natural resource, and cultural sites across Wayne County were appointed by the Wayne County Commissioners. During the first *Committee Meeting* it was recommended by *the Committee* to the *Consultant* that, in lieu of an immediate public meeting, Woodland Design Associates should prepare maps of known recreation and natural resource sites within the County's twenty-eight municipalities. These maps, with a list of the sites, and a letter describing the project were then sent to each individual municipality. These letters suggested a meeting between members of each town board

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and the consultant to obtain all existing recreational sites, recreational pursuits being made by the municipality, and requests for specific recreational elements made by the public. A record of these contacts and dates are provided in *Appendix C-1*.

The Advisory Committee, upon review of the information received from the municipalities, provided WDA with direction to conduct ten (10) *Key Stakeholder Interviews*. These interviews focused on recreational uses at specific sites, recreational needs, and prohibited activities. Clear opportunities immediately began to develop during these conversations. For example, Hankins Pond, a lot owned and regulated by the Fish and Boat Commission, due to its dam being breached, no longer provided its intended purpose. The Fish and Boat Commission expressed issues regarding their jurisdiction and the liabilities present. A meeting was held between the County Commissioners and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission; at which time agreements were formalized and recorded, reallocating part of the property to be owned by the County and another portion to be leased by the County—all for the development of public recreation!

Please note that this meeting is a recommendation of this report, though an agreement has already been reached and recorded. The conceptual plan being developed to provide walking trails and conservation area activities at the site stands as a testament to the Wayne County Commissioners commitment to meeting the recreational and natural resource needs of the region.

It was later requested by the Advisory Committee that waterfalls be added to the Plan. These are considered a scenic natural resource, enjoyed by the public, although, many of them are on private property but viewable from public property. The public is encouraged to respect private land and it is the responsibility of those who recreate to follow all applicable laws at each site.

Specific commercial establishments, although noted and discussed early in the Plan process, such as sporting good shops and restaurants were removed from the Plan. It was determined that these change hands frequently and are not, themselves, a public recreation or space. These commercial sites will, however, be reflected in the full *Comprehensive Plan*. Specific fly-fishing and Delaware River outfitters in townships along the Upper Delaware River were noted as they provide a significant portion of the economy in those locales and are specifically recreational and natural resource adjacent, offering state licensed excursions to a state operated source.

Multiple culturally significant sites are noted in the *Assessment Maps*. Many of these offer historic information and access to historic sites, only ones that also provide recreation or natural resource access opportunities were mapped. An example of this is the Wayne County Historic Society's Lock 31 property which features a trail with interpretive signage. The Wayne County Historical Society offers information regarding the locations of museums, historical buildings, and historic sites within the County.

2-4 Committee Meetings

Three (3) *Committee Meetings* with the Wayne County Commissioner's appointed *Advisory Committee* were conducted over the course of the project to gain insight and direction regarding the research and development of the Wayne County Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resources Plan. A list of the appointed individuals is included on page 2 of this document and meeting minutes from these gatherings are provided in *Appendix B*.

Committee members offered thorough document review, provided specific site information, recommended key stakeholders to interview, described future recreational elements being pursued, pointed out existing public sites, and assisted in determining items to evaluate. Many of the members were integral in the programming or financing evaluation of *the Plan* as they own businesses, offer grant support and information, or conduct or participate in group activities at many of the sites.

Along with recommending conference calls with each municipality (*Municipal Interviews*) to obtain recreation and natural resource information and needs, *the Committee* provided a key connection to the community through their insight. In fact, nearly all the Recommendations in *Implementation Matrix*, which encourage development of recreational facilities to meet public needs, were provided by Committee Members or a Key Interview Group.

2-5 Municipal Interviews

In an attempt to avoid survey fatigue and generate as much public input and consideration as possible during the Covid-19 pandemic, twenty-eight municipal letters with maps and a project description were sent to each municipal board on County record. These maps, lists, and description were compiled from the information provided by the Wayne County Planning Department. A spreadsheet record of contact names, contact type, and municipal role is included in *Appendix C-1. Appendices C-2 through C-29* include individual letters and documents provided to each municipality as well as meeting notes taken during subsequent phone calls.

During the requested calls a review of the *Assessment Maps* provided took place. A range of input was received from the municipalities; while some replied stating no recreational sites exist or are need, while others discussed their commitment to and pursuit of large scale recreational amenities (parks, trails, ball fields, etc.).

Each individual *Assessment Maps* [*Figure F, Description, Conclusion*] was revised to reflect the information received from each municipal discussion. Many of the sites noted by the municipality were not included in the original mailed lists and maps from the consultant. Some sites were removed from the Plan after a greater understanding of the Plan's objectives and goals were reviewed.

2-6 Key Group Interviews

Several interviews of key groups and stakeholders, identified by *the Committee* took place. Meeting minutes from each of these interviews, and how the individual or group is connected to recreation and conservation in the area, are included in *Appendix D*. Key stakeholders and agencies interviewed include: the PA Fish and Boat Commission, the PA Game Commission, PA DCNR Bureau of State Parks, PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry, the Rail-Trail Council of NEPA, the Upper Delaware Council (UDC), Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR), NEP SNO Trails, ACE Snowmobile Club, and the Wayne and Pike Trails and Waterways Alliance.

Input received from these stakeholders is included in the *Figure F Assessment Maps*, specifically in the “Description” and “Conclusion” sections of each map. Although a variety of requests were made, a primary request from several groups included *general support for the funding of maintenance at existing recreational sites and the creation of a County level department to organize, maintain, and support recreational facilities, grants, groups, programming, and funds*. The conclusions on each map, gathered from municipal, stakeholder, and Advisory Committee guidance, were then considered and developed into the recommendations found in the *Implementation Matrix* of this Plan.

Chapter 3- Assessment and Plans

3-1 Site Visits and Evaluations

The Wayne County Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resources Plan project led to the evaluation of access to recreational and natural resources within the County on a municipal scale. By studying the County's recreation and conservation sites on a municipal level, organized determinations could be made; including, not only the inventory of existing sites and their conditions, but the recreational network function as a whole—ensuring duplicate efforts or those that oppose each other (stakeholder conflicts) did not occur. This Plan process included speaking to and reviewing lists and mapping with municipal leaders, reviewing findings with a committee appointed by the County Commissioners, and then physically visiting and evaluating existing sites that provide immediate public use(s).

Each *Assessment Map* found in *Figure F* includes a site chart with the location, type, and description of each. Sites which were visited and evaluated are denoted by an asterisk that chart. Photos from the evaluation follow on the sheets after each map, along with a. Under written description stating available activities, notes on ownership, programming, maintenance, current public requests, and current stage of development and/or funding.

A color-coded chart stating the specific status of: Access, Safety, Condition, and Programming of each site is included below the site photos.

The *Access* category shows the status of site access compared against State and Federal design standards including parking and ADA accessibility. Access for all, meeting ADA standards to all activities at public sites is critical to the success and proper development of recreational sites.

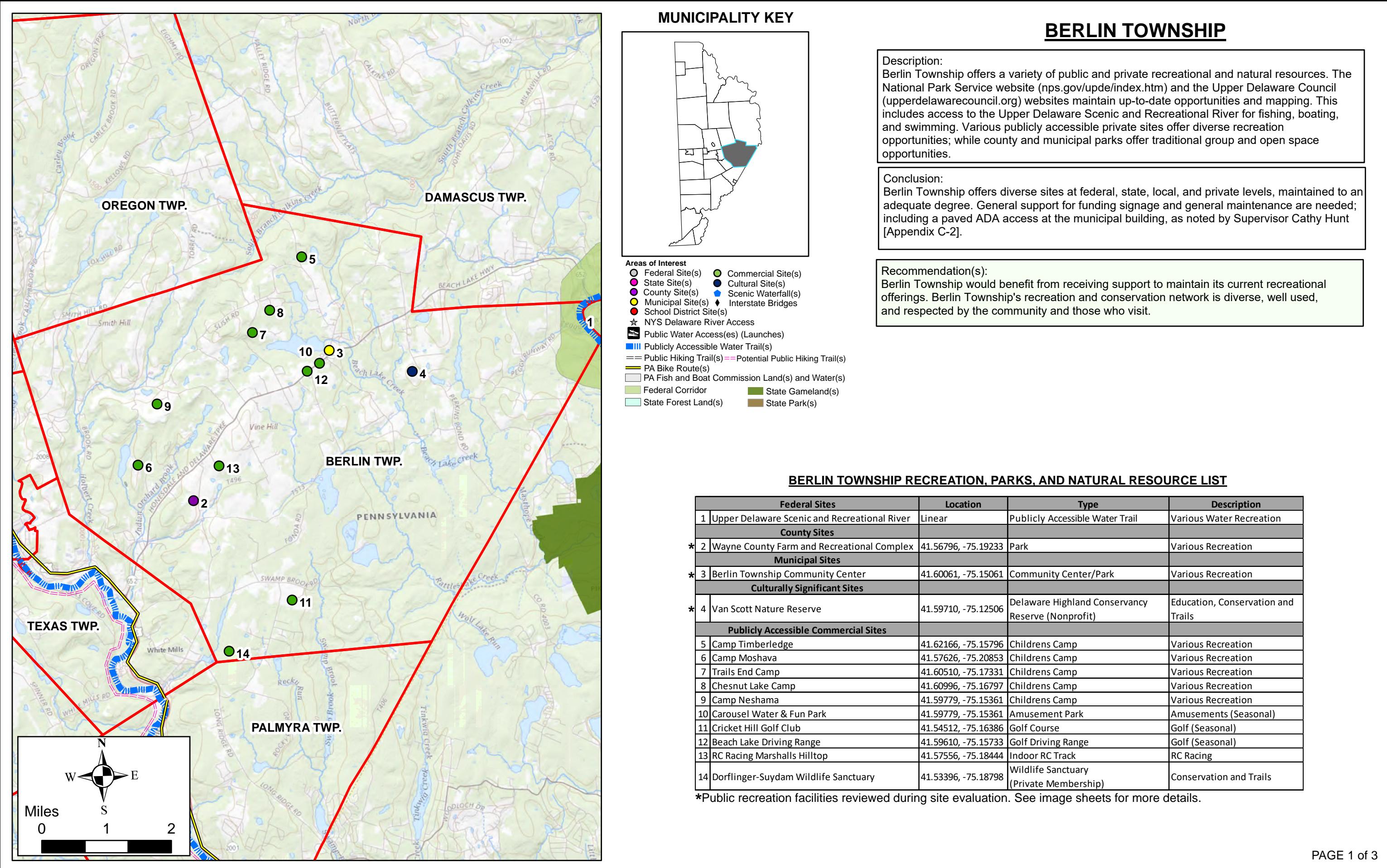
The *Safety* category states the status of safety standard offerings, such as hazard barriers and uneven ground. Signage displaying prohibited and allowable activities, parking, and ingress/egress are also noted. While some sites did offer overhead lighting, providing greater safety during foggy conditions or activities after dusk, these were not required to achieve adequacy in the category.

The *Condition* category considered the general status of amenities offered at a site; items in need of repair such as broken benches were noted in the description and in this category.

The *Programming* category evaluated the uses and activities of the site, comparing their success and frequency of attendance. Programming in the County is offered a variety of ways, including passively (physical access with signage), and in more obvious ways (scheduled yoga classes in an outdoor park, for example). A fishing access with a pre-cast ramp, proper parking, and signage would be deemed “adequate” where a park which was in a state of disrepair and not frequently mowed and used, would be marked as “improvements recommended”.

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Insert: Figure F Assessment Maps



BERLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



2. Wayne County Farm and Recreation Complex

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Minor Improvement Needed	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Wayne County Farm and Recreation Complex offers safe, well maintained recreation opportunities including: **Ball fields, soccer fields, compost restrooms, picnic pavilion, an exercise and walking trail, open space and, the Historic Society's one room school house.** Field resurfacing and pavilion updates are noted to best meet recreation standards.



3. Berlin Township Community Center

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Minor Improvement Needed	Adequate	Minor Improvement Needed	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Berlin Community Center offerings include **a community center for indoor activities, a pavilion and picnic tables, open space, and a softball field.** Funding for better ADA access to the building. General maintenance, repairs, and signage are noted to maintain a healthy, safe space for community gatherings. The softball field is not properly oriented and in very limited space, only for casual play.

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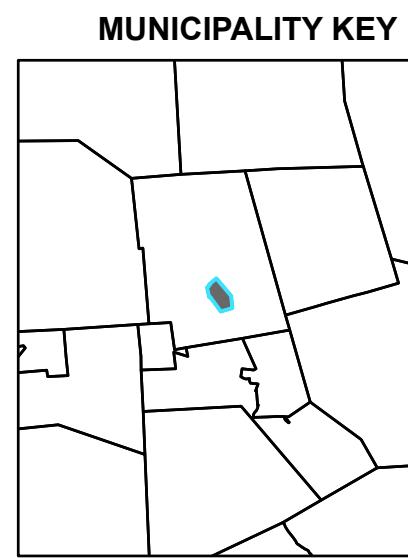
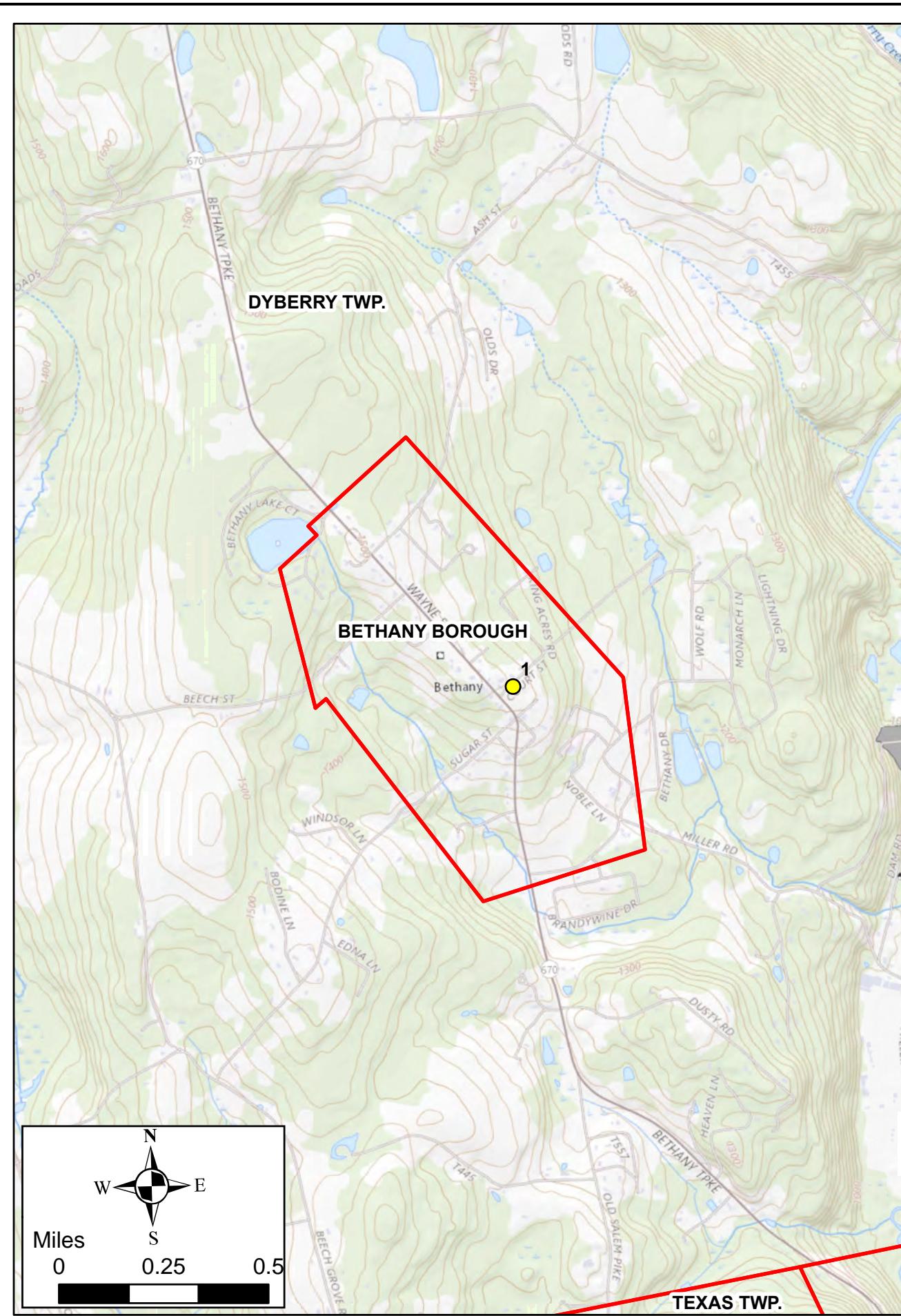


4. Van Scott Nature Reserve



Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Delaware Highlands Conservancy Van Scott Nature Reserve stands as a new, safe, up to date **public education center, trail, and natural viewing space**. Signage, parking, and the trail system are all proper and well maintained. The 145 acre reserve features ADA accommodations, allowing access for all. Additional information and a map are available here: <https://delawarehighlands.org/vsnr/>.



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BETHANY BOROUGH

Description:

Bethany Borough currently offers recreation and park resources all in one location: the Bethany Borough Park and Library. Here, at the center of the Borough, the public holds gatherings at the band stand and enjoys the playground, picnic area, and basketball court.

Conclusion:

Bethany Borough continues to meet community recreational needs by pursuing grants and regularly maintaining its offerings at its municipal park and library. At this time, Bethany Borough is limited in its size and ability to acquire and develop lands for recreation.

Recommendation(s):

Bethany Borough would benefit from the development of a ball field, loop trail, or conservation area, as limited recreation and conservation efforts currently exist there. The Borough has demonstrated their ability to meet past public recreation demands.

BETHANY BOROUGH RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

Municipal Sites	Location	Type	Description
* 1 Bethany Borough Park	41.61424, -75.28471	Park	Various Recreation

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

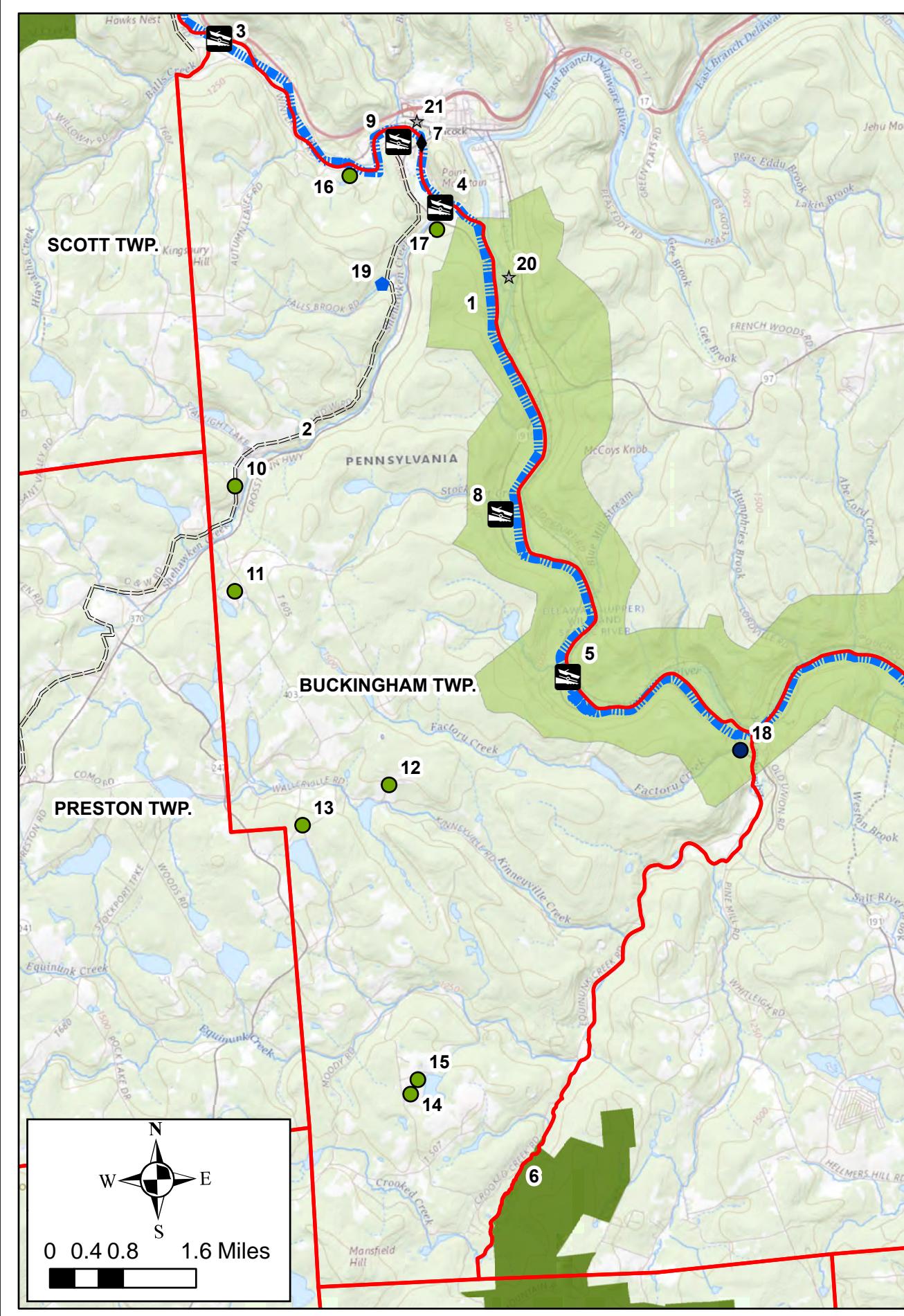
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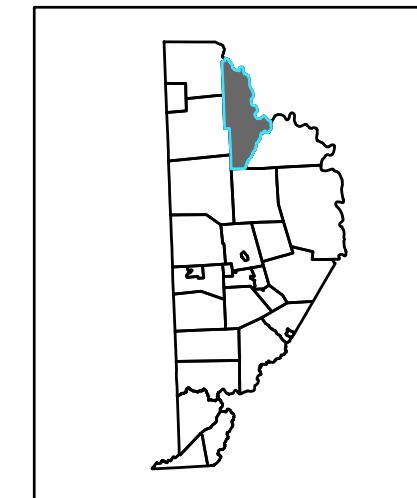
1. Bethany Borough Park

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Bethany Borough Park offers a **public gathering space, small playground, a basketball court, picnic tables, and a bandstand**. Semi-regular programming is offered by the municipality and adjacent library. The site is well maintained, safe, and offers ADA Parking and adequate signage. The Borough is currently pursuing obtaining trees to replace the older and failing trees in the park. Please visit www.waynelibraries.org/bethany.html for the most up to date information.



MUNICIPALITY KEY



BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP

Description

Encompassing the Upper Delaware National Scenic River, Buckingham Township stands as a true testament to the high level scenic, rural, character, and recreational opportunities Wayne County has to offer. Various state sites, including river trail accesses and the O&W Trail System support a strong recreation network, serving the greater region and poised to strongly connect to the New York State Trail System (Appendix D-7).

The pristine, cool waters of the Upper Delaware River provide a recreation economy sustained by fly fishing outfitters. Because they are such a recreational keystone, the recreational outfitters and accesses are noted.

Conclusion

With world class offerings such as fly fishing on the Upper Delaware River and the O&W Trail, Buckingham Township has strong scenic and natural recreation offerings. Although the Township continues to meet community need requests existing access to trails would benefit from Broadband Internet access, signage, and traditional recreation fields.

Recommendation(s)

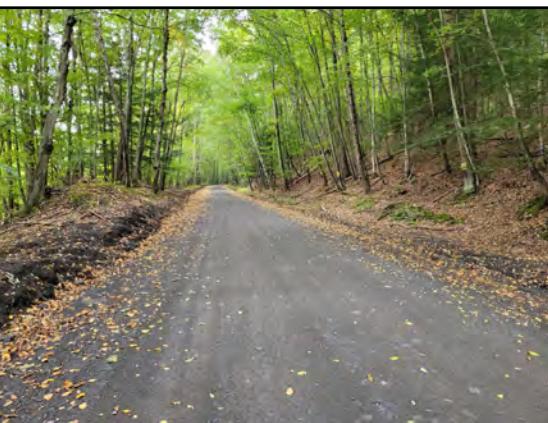
Per the public input summary received (Appendix D-7), titled, 'Upper Delaware River Trail Waters Recreation Plan Public Input Received During Preparation of Draft', support should be given to Buckingham Township, the Council of Governments in Northern Wayne County, and Friends of the Upper Delaware River to further develop the Stockport River Access and the Potential River Access along the O&W Trail (#8 and #9 below). Support for additional signage and maintenance at public sites is also noted. Providing Broadband Internet/Cellular infrastructure for the Upper Delaware River Corridor would provide a higher degree of safety for those who recreate.

BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

DELAWARE RIVER TRAIL, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES				
Federal Sites		Location	Type	Description
1	Upper Delaware National Scenic River	Linear	Water Trail	Various Water Recreation
State Sites				
*	2 Buckingham O&W Trail	Linear	Trail	Walking/Recreation Trail
*	3 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Balls Eddy Delaware River Access	41.96965, -75.33396	River Access	Public River Boat Launch and Various Water Recreation
*	4 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Shehawken Delaware River Access	41.94189, -75.28803	River Access	Public River Boat Launch and Various Water Recreation
*	5 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Buckingham Delaware River Access	41.86707, -75.26381	River Access	Public River Boat Launch and Various Water Recreation
*	6 State Game Lands 159	Access at Border of Municipaity	Outdoor Recreation	Hunting and Fishing (see Manchester Twp. Map)
7	West Branch Delaware River Bridge (Winterdale to Hancock)	41.95235, -75.29128	Interstate Bridge Crossing	Pedestrian Walking, Vehicle Crossing
Municipal Sites				
*	8 Buckingham Township Stockport Delaware River Access	41.90655, -75.26926	River Access	Various Water Recreation, Limited Parking
9	Potential River Access	41.95398, -75.29919	River Access	Various Water Recreation
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites				
10	Camp Starlight	41.89874, -75.33319	Childrens Camp	Various Recreation
11	Perlman Camp	41.88210, -75.33386	Childrens Camp	Various Recreation
12	Camp Lohikan	41.85080, -75.30231	Childrens Camp	Various Recreation
13	Camp Morasha	41.84479, -75.32089	Childrens Camp	Various Recreation
14	Camp Ramah in the Poconos	41.80178, -75.29959	Childrens Camp	Various Recreation
15	Camp Lavi	41.80403, -75.29799	Childrens Camp	Various Recreation
16	Delaware River Club Fly Fishing Resort	41.94784, -75.30696	Outfitter	Angling
17	White Tail Country Fly Shop Outfitters	41.94084, -75.29016	Outfitter	Angling
Culturally Significant Sites				
18	Equinunk Historic Society (Calder House Museum)	41.85467, -75.22762	Museum	Cultural Resource
*	19 The Falls	41.93139, -75.29820	Scenic Waterfall View	Natural Resource
New York State Sites				
20	Hancock New York Delaware River Access	41.95279, -75.29105	River Access	Public River Boat Launch
21	Outdoor Adventures Rec Services River Access	41.93139, -75.29820	River Access	Public River Boat Launch

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



2. Buckingham O&W Trail

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Limited Parking	Limited Signage	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Traversing the full width of Buckingham Township and ending on Winter Dale Road, the O&W Trail is a short walk to the West Branch Delaware Rivers. Limited parking, trail heads and signage are provided, and the trail/township road are well maintained. Potential parking areas could not be immediately identified. Please visit <https://trails.dcnr.pa.gov/trails/trail/trailview?trailkey=197> for the most up to date information. **Recreation and Natural Resource Offerings:** Hiking, biking, cross country skiing, equestrian, and natural views.



3. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Balls Eddy Delaware River Access

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Balls Eddy access offers a well developed well maintained Delaware River access with a precast boat launch, ADA parking, and removable restrooms. **Recreation and Natural Resource Offerings:** Fishing, boating, wading, and general water recreation.



4. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Shehawken Delaware River Access

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Limited Signage	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Adjacent to a commercial fly-fishing shop Shehawken River Access offers well maintained, safe access to various water activities. This access receives heavy use in spring, summer, and fall and provides designated ADA parking. Additional signage, Broadband Internet access, and paved river access would benefit the site. (Please see <https://www.fishandboat.com/Boat/Pages/default.aspx>)

Recreation and Natural Resource Offerings: Fishing, boating, wading, and general water recreation.

BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



5. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Buckingham Delaware Access

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Buckingham Delaware River Access offers beautiful, fully paved access to the Upper Delaware Scenic River, meeting ADA standards. The site is safe, well maintained, and offers designated ADA access and parking. The site would benefit from additional signage further outlining acceptable and prohibited uses and/or Broadband Internet access specifically for water level and access information. (Please see <https://www.fishandboat.com/Boat/Pages/default.aspx>)

Recreation and Natural Resource Offerings: Fishing, boating, wading, and general water recreation.



6. State Game Lands 159

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Encompassing 9,446.5 acres of huntable and fishable property open to the public, multiple parking lots and accesses are available along with proper list of acceptable and prohibited activities at PGC.PA.GOV or on the PA State Game Commission App. Providing additional access meeting ADA standards would benefit all hunters. NEP Sno Trails and ACE Snowmobile Club welcome and support crossing these Game Lands via snowmobile, connecting their trail systems for a limited time in winter. Additional signage, including acceptable activities and service, access roads for maintenance, and enforcement may also benefit hunters and anglers. A link to the Game Lands map is available here: https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/StateGameLands/Documents/SGL%20Maps/SGL_159.pdf

Recreation and Natural Resource Offerings: Hunting, fishing, hiking, a shooting range.

BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



8. Buckingham Township Stockport Delaware River Access

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Deemed not adequate	Deemed not adequate	Deemed not adequate	Deemed not adequate

ASSESSMENT: In Buckingham Township, River Road is a municipally owned road which runs from State Route 191, approximately 800' to the edge of the Delaware River. Parking is currently unsafe and the road services only two landowners and homes. Regular anglers who use the site encourage support to develop safe parking and a proper Delaware River Access at this location.



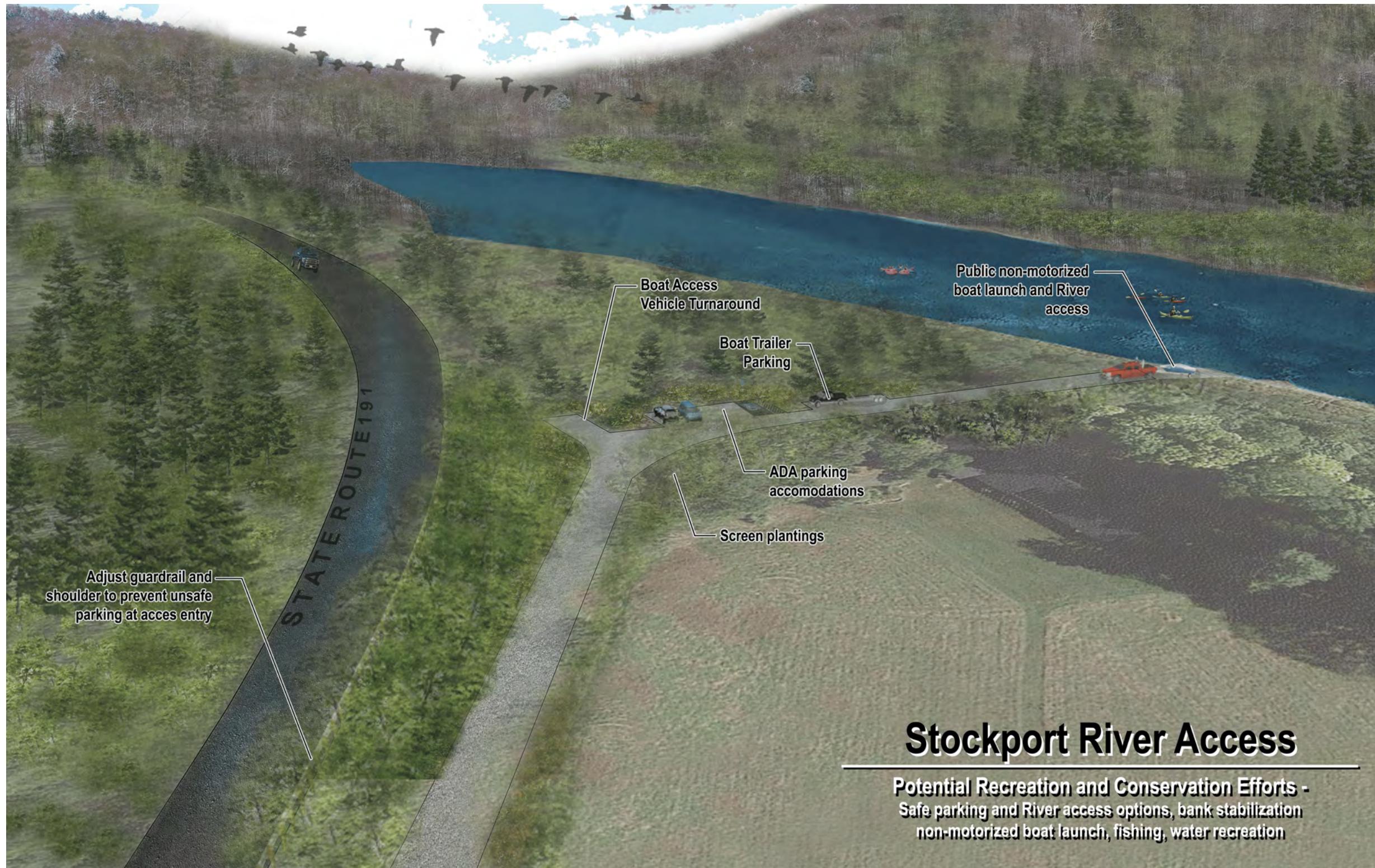
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19. The Falls

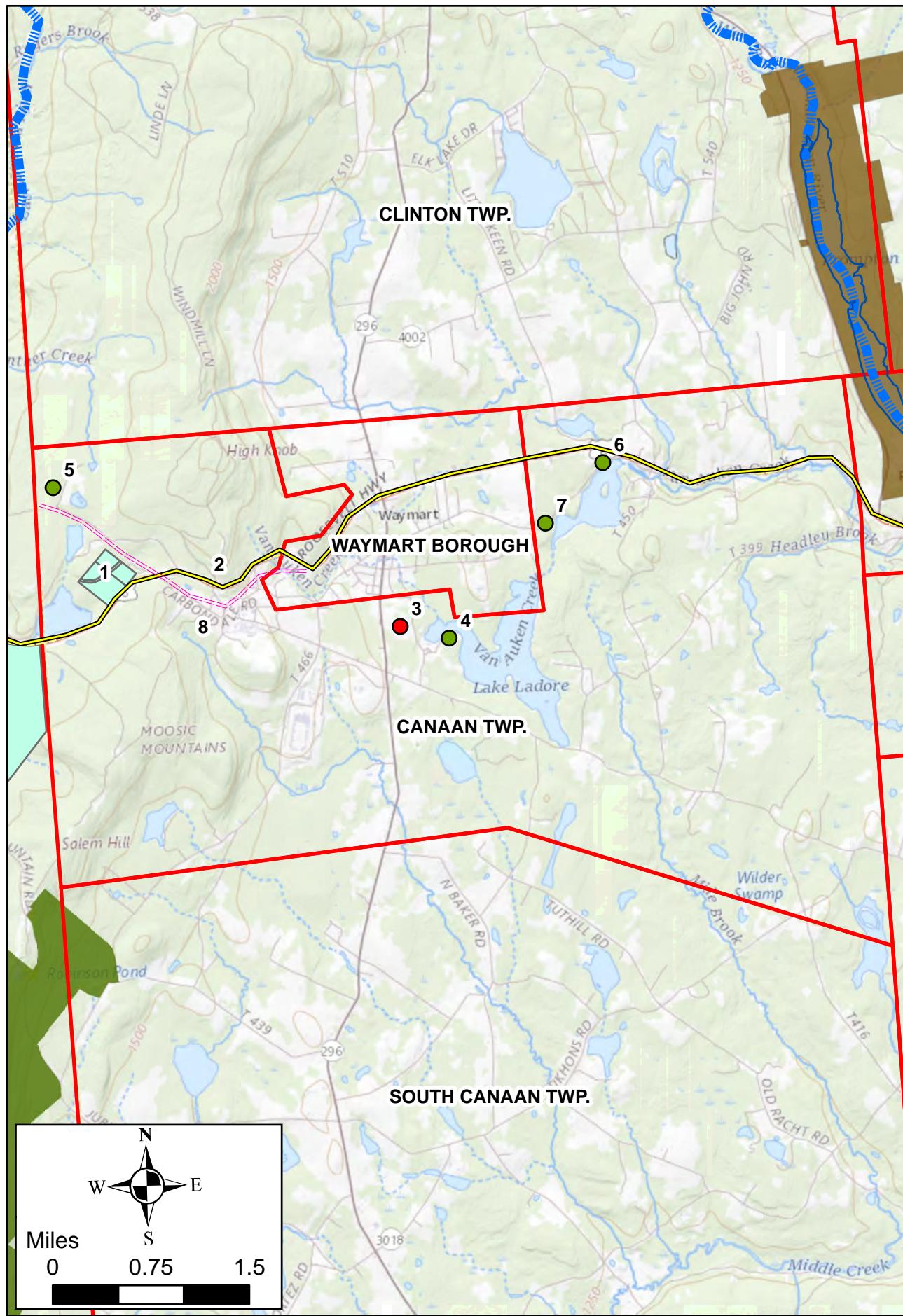
Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Non-applicable	Non-applicable	Non-applicable	Non-applicable

ASSESSMENT: Adjacent the O&W trail views of Buckingham falls are provided. Though identified on google and having beautiful scenic views, this site is on private property. Trespassing is not condoned or permitted.
Recreation and Natural Resource Offerings: Scenic views of a natural resource

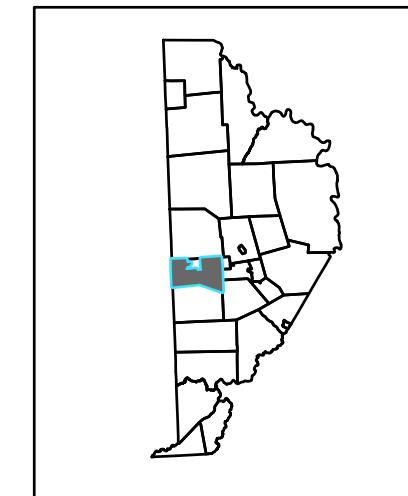
BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



Artist Rendering of the potential Stockport River Access in Buckingham Township. The site is an existing Township Road with right-of-way to the Delaware River where a bridge once existed. Today the site is used by anglers who unsafely park along State Route 191 and access on foot, discussions with adjacent land owners should take place. Conversations should take place between partners in an effor to provide safe parking and boat access for water recreation. This Delaware River access would be approximately 2.5 miles from the Shehawken and Buckingham Delaware river accesses, filling a gap along the River.



MUNICIPALITY KEY



CANAAN TOWNSHIP

Description:
Offering playgrounds, large group play fields, a state forest, and Pennsylvania designated Bike route, Canaan Township provides a well developed recreational and natural resource system. Several items are recommended to enhance the Township's recreation and natural resource offerings to achieve a fully comprehensive network

Conclusion:
Canaan Township has met all public recreation and natural resource conservation requests through its multitude of public and private offerings. The following recommendations would strengthen the Township's offerings. A request has been made to review the 2001 Gravity Rail Trail Feasibility Study--effectively connecting Waymart Borough and Canaan Township with Lackawanna County and the D&H Trail System.

Recommendation(s):
Canaan Township would benefit from additional Broadband Internet/Cellular infrastructure to ensure a higher degree of safety for those who recreate. Public access to waters (lake or creek) for water recreation would also benefit the public. Development of the trail identified in the 2001 Trail Feasibility Study along the historic gravity rail rights-of-way between Carbondale and Waymart Borough (through Canaan Township) would be extremely beneficial as well.

CANAAN TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

State Sites		Location	Type	Description	
1	Pinchot State Forest	41.57993,-75.45081	Forest	Various Recreation, Limited Parking	
2	PennDOT Bicycle Route Y (State Route 6)	Linear	PA Bike Route	Public Bike Route	
School District Sites					
*	3	Western Wayne School District R.D Wilson Recreational Complex	41.57416,-75.40618	District Grounds	Various Recreation
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites					
4	Camp Ladore	41.57272, -75.39902	Private Campground and Conference Center	Various Recreation	
5	Camp Freedom	41.59049, -75.45675	Children's Camp	Various Recreation	
6	Keen Lake Camping Cottage Resort	41.59162, -75.37570	Private Campground and Resort	Outdoor Recreation and Campground	
7	Happy Trails Riding Stable	41.58526, -75.38890	Horseback Riding	Trail Riding - Equestrian	
Culturally Significant Sites					
8	Gravity Rail Trail	Linear	Potential Future Trail	Multimodal	

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

CANAAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS

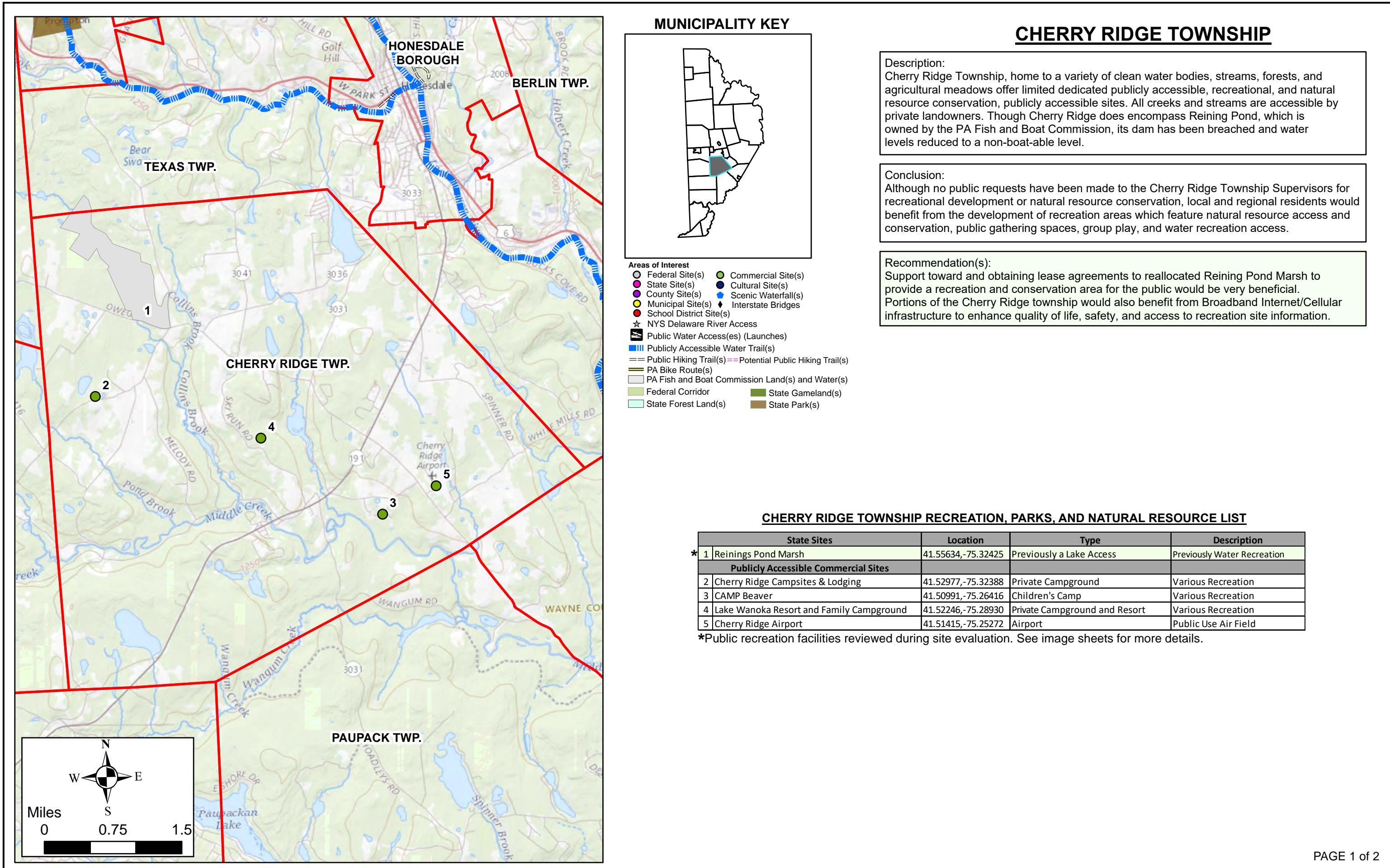


3. Western Wayne School District R.D. Wilson Recreational Complex

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Western Wayne School District R.D. Wilson Recreation Complex offers a variety of recreational opportunities for the public outside of public-school hours. These are all well maintained, safe, and offer access that meets current ADA standards. Good lighting and signage enhance safety across the site.

Recreation and Natural Resource Access: soccer field, playgrounds for ages 5-12, baseball fields, and a basketball court.



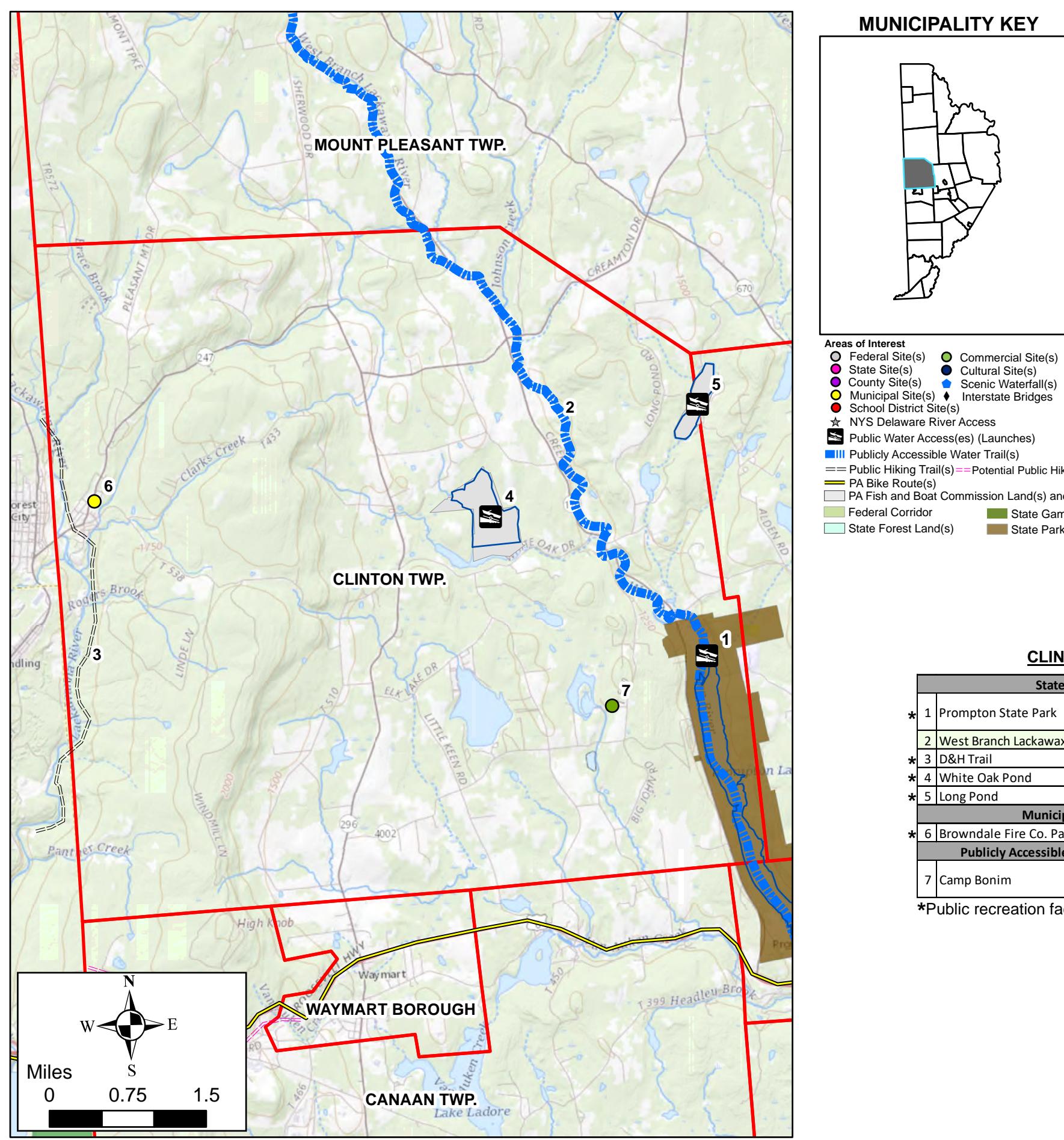
CHERRY RIDGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



1. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Reining's Pond Marsh

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited

ASSESSMENT: Though some parking and dilapidated amenities exist, Reining Pond Marsh's dam was deemed "High Hazard" by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and was breached. Lake waters have been drained to a stream level, effectively limiting fishing and boating. The pond has been removed from the PA Fish and Boat Commission website, though it is still under their ownership. As described in the meeting notes [Appendix D-1] with PA Fish and Boat Commissioner Gibney, the Fish and Boat Commission is open to discussions and agreements with the surrounding municipalities to reallocate this property for alternative public use and recreation. Please see: Fishandboat.com/Resource/Lakes/Pages/Default.aspx



CLINTON TOWNSHIP

Description:
Clinton Township provides a variety of recreational and natural resource conservation areas for the public through, primarily, a variety of state agencies. These include Prompton State Park and two (2) Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission lakes with boat accesses. A portion of the 38-mile D&H Rail Trail traverses the Township, and a small municipal park is open on Browndale Firehall grounds.

Conclusion:
Although no recreation or natural resource elements are being requested at this time, Clinton Township is very attuned to community needs and is able to pursue funds and development when they are in demand. The Township has noted the heavy use of Prompton State Park, specifically the area(s) used for pheasant hunting. The Township and Commonwealth maintain the existing sites in Clinton Township well.

Recommendation(s):
White Oak Pond, Long Pond, Prompton Lake, and the West Branch of the Lackwaxen River are all within Clinton Township, providing extensive access to waters for fishing and recreating. Hiking opportunities exist along the D&H Trail as well as closed roads and trail around Prompton State Park. Clinton Township would benefit from Broadband Internet/Cellular infrastructure to allow citizens to access recreation information immediately at the site and be tied to safety should help be needed.

CLINTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

State Sites		Location	Type	Description	
*	1	Prompton State Park	41.61113,-75.34146	Park	Outdoor Recreation and Over 424 Acres of Federal Property
	2	West Branch Lackawaxen	Linear	Navigable Stream	Various Water Recreation
*	3	D&H Trail	Linear	Trail	Walking/Recreation Trail
*	4	White Oak Pond	41.64950,-75.38223	Fishing & Boating	Various Water Recreation
*	5	Long Pond	41.66420,-75.34342	Fishing & Boating	Various Water Recreation
Municipal Sites					
*	6	Browndale Fire Co. Park	41.65305,-75.45538	Park	Public Recreation Field
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites					
	7	Camp Bonim	41.62283,-75.36070	Children's Camp	Outdoor Camping and Various Recreation

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

CLINTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



1. Prompton State Park

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Limited	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Prompton State Park offers a variety of parking and access points, **a boat launch, signage, open spaces, conservation areas, hiking trails, and a disc golf course**. All are very well and regularly maintained, signage is adequate, and most activities feature ADA accommodations. However the site would benefit from additional ADA accommodations in its gravel parking area. A website regarding Prompton State Park is viewable here: <https://www.dnrc.pa.gov/stateparks/findapark/promptonstatepark>.



3. D&H Trail

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The D&H Trail segment within Clinton Township is built and managed by the Rail-Trail Council of NEPA. It features multiple trailheads, parking areas, signage and meets ADA accessibility standards for trail goers to: **hike, bike, horseback ride, and cross country ski**. Portions of the trail allow snowmobiling as well. Signage and fencing as well as the trail surface appear new and well maintained. The site is free of debris and safe (<https://www.neparailtrails.org/guide/trails>)

CLINTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



4. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission White Oak Pond

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Limited	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: White Oak Pond provides a **boat launch access and parking for water recreation and fishing**; though the Lake is currently drawn down. The average water depth of the lake has fallen 6 ft, boating and fishing may be limited during certain times of the year. Information for this 225-acre site is available online here: <https://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/Lakes/Pages/WhiteOakPond.aspx>.



5. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Long Pond

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

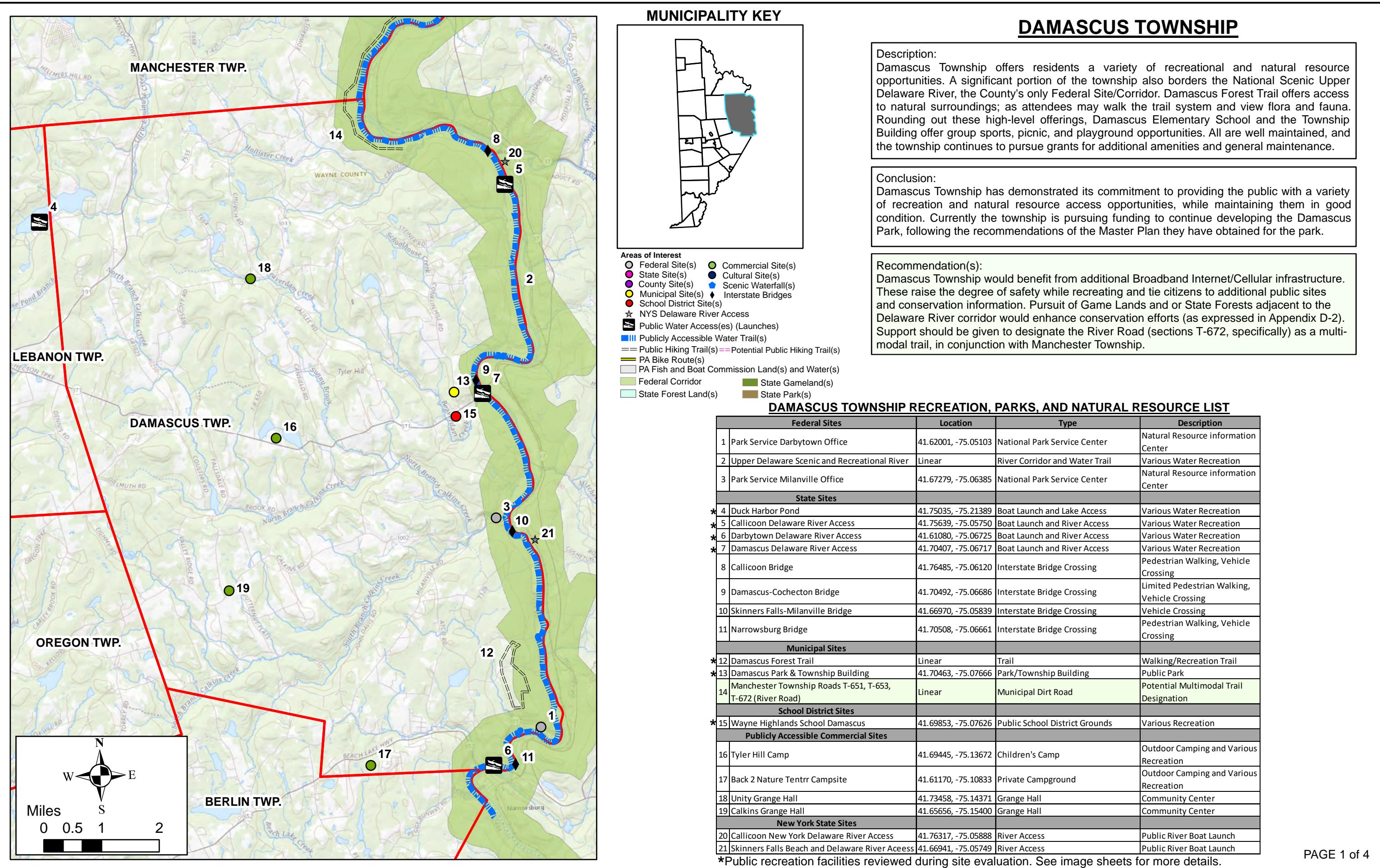
ASSESSMENT: Long Pond offers a **public boat launch and access** for use by the community and region (<https://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/Lakes/Pages/LongPond.aspx>) The 81-acre lake is easily and safely accessed at the designated launch, complete with adequate signage and safety regulations. Long Pond would benefit from the development of designated ADA parking accommodations.



6. Browndale Fire Co. Community Park

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Updates Recommended	Adequate	Updates Recommended	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Browndale Fire Company Park provides a **soccer field, baseball field, a picnic pavilion, and softball backstops**. Support for maintenance, softball backstop updates, signage, and ADA access are recommended. This receives use throughout the year for picnics and ball games.



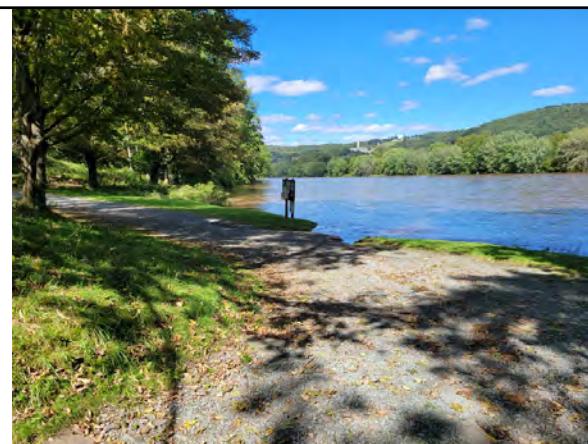
DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



4. Duck Harbor Pond Public Lake Access

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Duck Harbor Pond Access provides a **public boat launch, restroom, picnic area, fishing, boating, and general water access**. The public launch and water is regulated by PA Fish and Boat Commission. Signage and safety are adequate, though the site would benefit from designated ADA parking and additional signage.



5. PA Fish and Boat Commission Callicoon River Access (Pennsylvania)

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Callicoon River Access **provides access** to the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River system. Additional ADA accommodations and signage would benefit the site, though it is well maintained and heavily used. (<https://scenicwilddelawareriver.com/entries/callioon-pa-river-access-calicon-pa/ce300c74-2948-4ec2-87b0-5ee94715294a>)



6. Darbytown Delaware Access

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Darbytown Delaware River Access provides access to the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. The site is heavily used and was recently paved and updated to better accommodations for all.

DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



7. Pennsylvania Game Commission Damascus Delaware River Access

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Damascus River Access provides access to the Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. The well maintained and heavily used site would benefit from designated ADA parking. (<https://scenicwilddelawareriver.com/entries/damascus-pa-river-access-damascus-pa/1523ac48-45be-4907-beb8-1d0b075f2b00>)



12. Damascus Township Forest Trail

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Damascus Forest Trail is a municipal trail provided to the public and recognized by the National Park Service due to its proximity to the Scenic Delaware River Water Trail. Signage and parking are provided in a natural setting, though ADA accommodates are non-existent.



13. Damascus Park & Township Building

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Damascus Township (<http://damascustwp.org>) features a well maintained, safe park for its community adjacent to its Municipal Building. Recreation opportunities include **swings, playground equipment, a new picnic pavilion, a baseball field, and volleyball court**. Damascus Township has demonstrated its ability to offer the community access to recreation and natural resources, develop a master plan and fund its construction. Although ADA accommodations and signage are limited, the Township continues to pursue funds to realize the entire park plan.

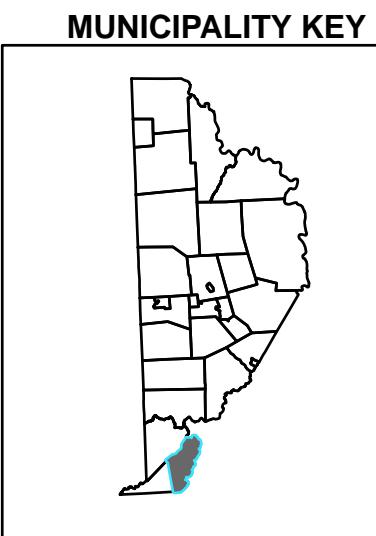
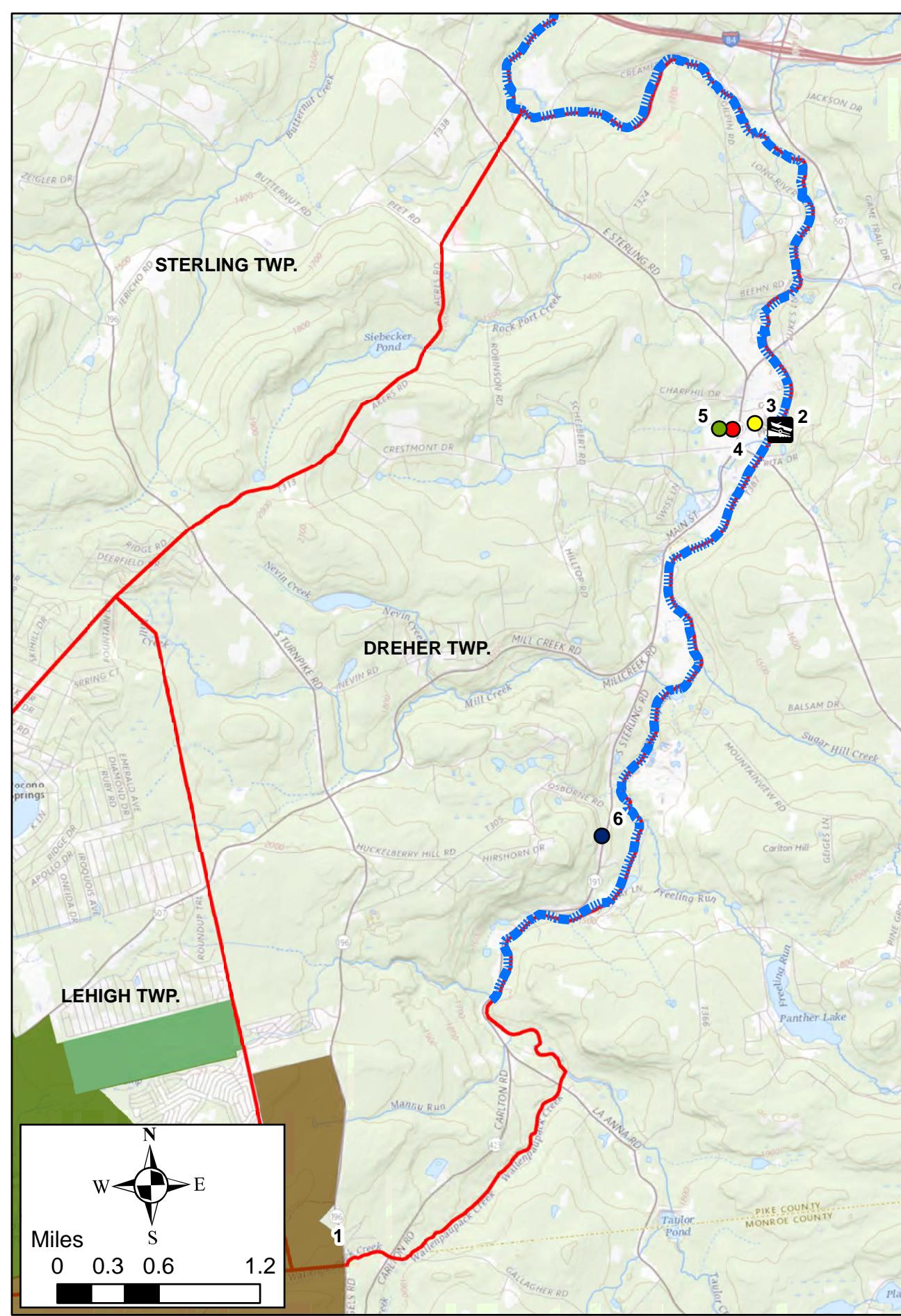
DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



14. Wayne Highlands School Damascus

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Damascus Elementary School provides a wide array of recreation opportunities for the community during after school hours. Well maintained **swings, playgrounds, and ball fields** are used by different leagues in the community throughout summer and fall. The site is well maintained and safe with accommodations for all.



MUNICIPALITY KEY

DREHER TOWNSHIP

Description:

Dreher Township provides a variety of recreation and natural resource access offerings throughout its jurisdiction. These include both municipal and state level sites. Tobyhanna State Park offers connections to Tobyhanna Lake, State Game Lands, and State Forests. Sites like Dreher Memorial Park and Wallenpaupack School offer playgrounds, group sports fields, and safe parking. All provide safe accessibility and are well maintained.

Conclusion:

Dreher Township offers robust recreation opportunities and strives to provide access to natural resources, while conserving them for future generations. All sites provided are well maintained and heavily used by the public. The Township would benefit from providing additional conservation and recreation areas for public use, though the public has not requested them recently.

Recommendation(s):

Recreation facilities in Dreher Township are adequate and meet community needs. The Wallenpaupack Creek Boat Launch/Access at Dreher Memorial Park is earthen at this time and the Township is in support of developing a more formal one that would benefit their annual "Fish for the Kids" event.

DREHER TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

	State Sites	Location	Type	Description
*	1 Tobyhanna State Park	41.24001, -75.36861	Outdoor Recreation	Outdoor Recreation
	2 Wallenpaupack Creek & UNT's	Linear	Navigable Stream	Various Water Recreation
Municipal Sites				
*	3 Dreher Memorial Park (Carlton Drake Memorial Park)	41.30930, -75.31771	Park	Municipal Resource
School District Sites				
*	4 Wallenpaupack School Newfoundland	41.30885, -75.32027	Public School District Grounds	Various Recreation
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites				
5	Greene-Dreher-Sterling Fair Grounds	41.30892, -75.32177	Fairgrounds	Fairgrounds
Culturally Significant Sites				
6	Greene-Dreher Historical Society Building	41.27440, -75.33641	Museum	Cultural Facility

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

DREHER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



1. Tobyhanna State Park

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Tobyhanna State Park offers thousands of continuous acres of state land with access to a variety of allowable recreation activities as well as natural resource viewing and enjoyment. This includes access to State Game Lands 312, a State Forest area, Gouldsboro State Park, Tobyhanna Lake, and a municipal park to the south. Recreation enthusiasts are encouraged to review the DCNR provided maps (http://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocument?docId=1753207&DocName=TOBY_GOUL_ParkMap.pdf), applicable laws, and information regarding each state site prior to venturing out. Each of these documents provide camping, boat launch, and trail information. Tobyhanna State Park offers limited parking and access within Wayne County, but just outside the county in Monroe County to the south a **large campground, parking area, and trail heads are provided.**



3. Dreher Memorial Park

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Dreher Memorial Park (Carlton Drake Memorial Park) features **multiple baseball, soccer, and football fields**, which are all heavily used by the public. A concession stand, public restrooms, picnic areas, parking, and playground (for those two to twelve years of age) are all provided and well maintained. Safety and maintenance are a high priority of the Township and conducted well here. An earthen bank access for anglers and non-motorized boats exists into Wallenpaupack Creek on the eastern edge of the park. It is noted that the Township would benefit from and are in support of providing a clearer, more formal access to the creek. The park would benefit from additional signage describing prohibited park activities and updating the fluorescent field lights to LED.

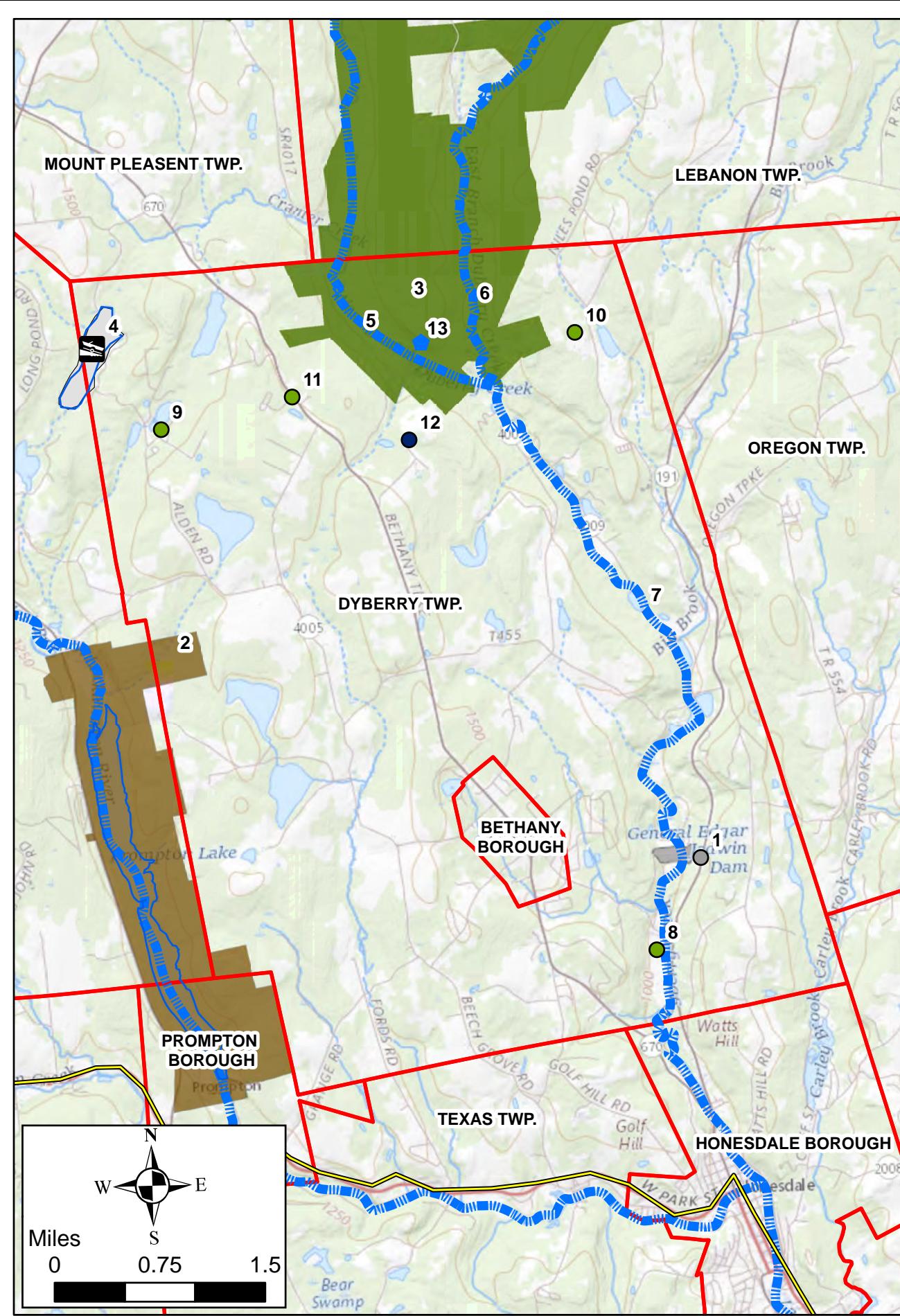
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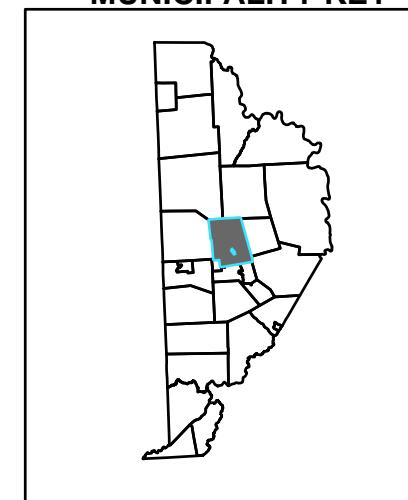
4. Wallenpaupack School Newfoundland

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Adjacent to Carlton Drake Memorial Park (via crosswalk at State Route 191 and sidewalk) and physically connected to the Greene-Dreher-Sterling Fairgrounds, the Elementary school in New Foundland maintains a great amount of offerings recreationally for the public. Well maintained, paved parking, **basketball courts, a small playground, and the fairgrounds** all provide recreational uses and programming. Students and the public may also cross over to Carlton Drake Memorial Park for additional group activities and access to Wallenpaupack Creek.



MUNICIPALITY KEY



Areas of Interest	
○	Federal Site(s)
●	Commercial Site(s)
■	Cultural Site(s)
◆	Scenic Waterfall(s)
▲	Interstate Bridges
●	Municipal Site(s)
●	School District Site(s)
★	NYS Delaware River Access
■	Public Water Access(es) (Launches)
■■■	Publicly Accessible Water Trail(s)
==	Public Hiking Trail(s) == Potential Public Hiking Trail(s)
—	PA Bike Route(s)
■■■	PA Fish and Boat Commission Land(s) and Water(s)
■■■	Federal Corridor
■■■	State Gameland(s)
■■■	State Forest Land(s)
■■■	State Park(s)

DYBERRY TOWNSHIP

Description:

Dyberry Township offers a variety of recreation and natural resources for its citizens. Portions of State Game Lands and State Parks are within its jurisdiction, offering access to water trails, open lands, and recreational activities beyond its border. The Wayne County Fairgrounds host multiple agricultural and grandstand activities throughout the year for all ages.

Conclusion:

Dyberry Township has a great deal to offer its citizens in terms of water and natural resource access. The Township would benefit from acquiring and offering additional State Lands or recreational fields which encourage group play or offers playgrounds.

Recommendation(s):

Support can be offered to develop recreational fields which encourage group play within the municipality. Adding signage and ADA parking at State Game Lands 159 will promote hunting by citizens of all abilities. Support toward an agreement between NEP SNO-Trails, ACE Snowmobile Club, and the Game Commission to connect snowmobile trails through State Game Lands 159 during limited times each year has been requested by the public and is encouraged.

DYBERRY TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

Federal Sites	Location	Type	Description
* 1 Jadwin Dam Overlook	41.61139, -75.26140	Dam Overlook	Scenic View and Over 192 Acres of Federal Property
State Sites			
2 Prompton State Park East	41.63400, -75.33268	Park	Outdoor Recreation
* 3 State Game Lands 159	41.67763, -75.29568	Outdoor Recreation	Outdoor Recreation
* 4 Long Pond	41.66553, -75.34318	Public Boat Launch and Lake Access	Various Water Recreation
5 West Branch Dyberry Creek	Linear	Water Trail	Publicly Accessible Stream, Various Water Recreation
6 East Branch Dyberry Creek	Linear	Water Trail	Publicly Accessible Stream, Various Water Recreation
7 Dyberry Creek	Linear	Water Trail	Publicly Accessible Stream, Various Water Recreation
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites			
8 Wayne County Fairgrounds	41.60202, -75.26781	Fairgrounds	County Agriculture Fair and Grandstand, Horse Racing
9 Ponderosa Pines Family Campground	41.65703, -75.33394	Private Campground	Various Recreation
10 Camp Cayuga	41.66585, -75.27666	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
11 Honesdale / Poconos KOA Holiday	41.66002, -75.31579	Private Campground	Various Recreation
Culturally Significant Sites			
12 Himalayan Institute	41.65526, -75.29989	Lodging/Retreat/wellness	Private Recreation Facilities
13 Tanner's Falls	41.66299, -75.29768	Scenic Waterfall View	Natural Resource

* Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

** Note: Please see Clinton Twp. Map; most of Prompton State Park is in Clinton Township and Prompton Borough

DYBERRY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



1. Jadwin Dam Overlook

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Jadwin Dam Overlook offers a scenic view with a walkable trail below the dam. Interpretive signage and parking offer great advantages and the site is safe and well maintained.



3. State Gamelands 159

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

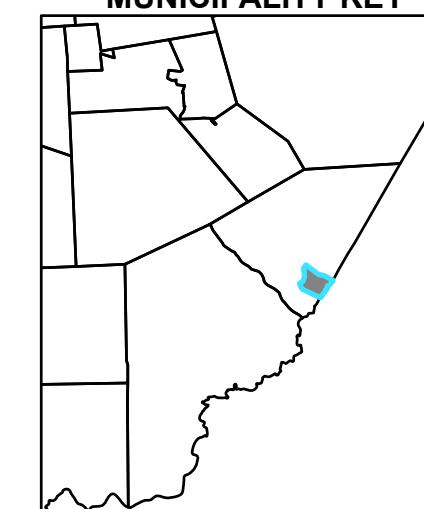
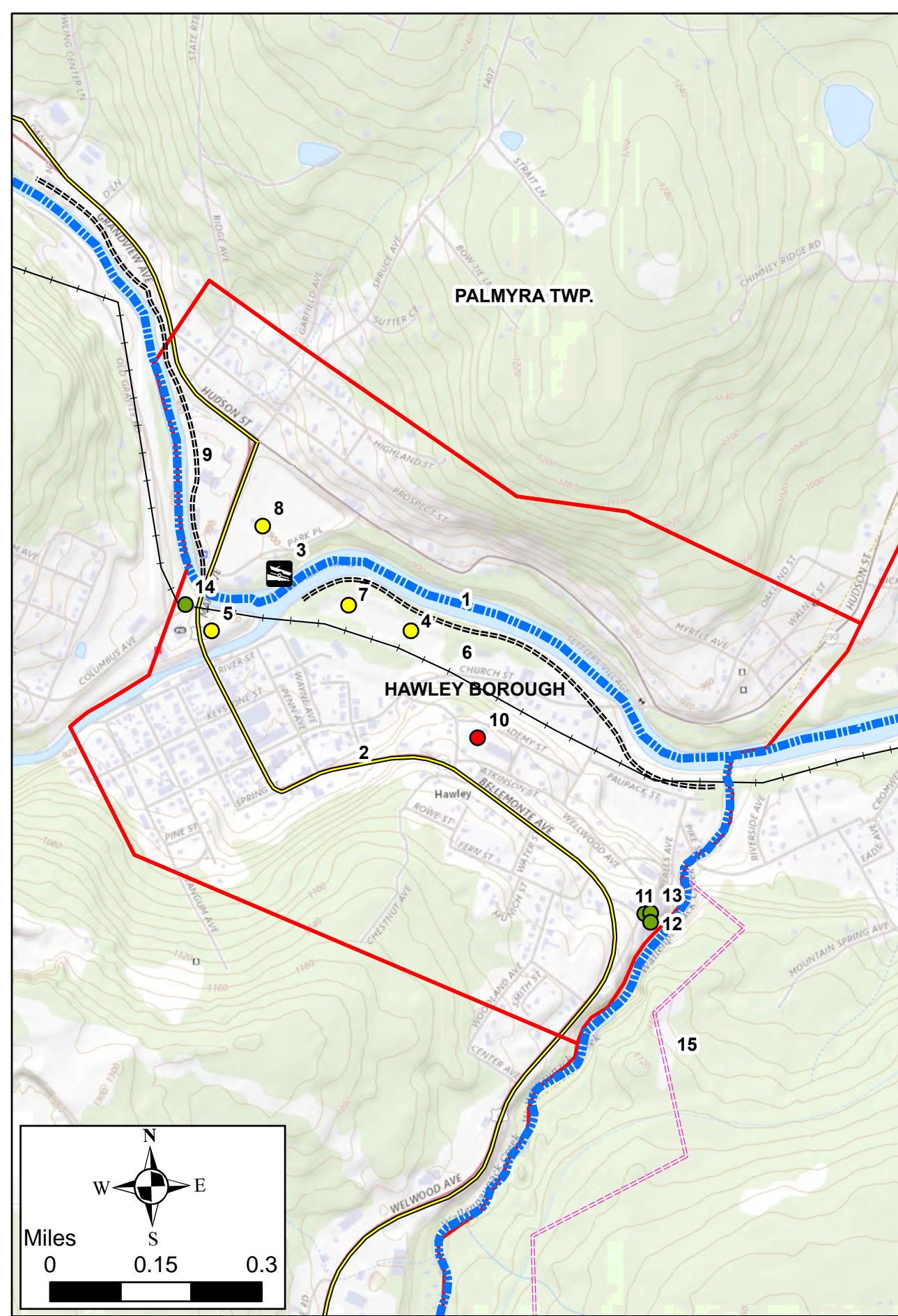
ASSESSMENT: Although primarily in Lebanon Township, State Game Lands 159 offers access to **natural resources, hunting, and streams** within Dyberry Township. The east and west branches of Dyberry Creek come together in the southern portion of State Game Lands 159 and offer the public access to each. As mentioned, State Game Lands 159 would benefit from additional designated parking, signage, and ADA accommodations. Please refer to the Game Commission Map available here: (https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/StateGameLands/Documents/SGL%20Maps/SGL__159.pdf)



4. Long Pond

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Long Pond offers a public boat launch and access for use by the community and region. (<https://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/Lakes/Pages/LongPond.aspx>) The 81-acre lake is easily and safely accessed at the designated launch, complete with adequate signage and safety regulations. Long Pond would benefit from the development of designated ADA parking and accommodations.



HAWLEY BOROUGH

Description:

The Hawley Borough features a parks and recreation committee which helps maintain their existing natural and recreational resources, develops requested ones to meet community needs, and pursues opportunities to fund them. At this time the Borough is in possession of a Master Plan for Bingham Park, which focuses their grant efforts. Current top priorities include: resurfacing the tennis courts, refurbishing the band stand, and adding to their community garden. The newly installed boat launch/river access is being heavily used. Hawley Borough is supportive of the rail trail noted in the Wayne County Trail Feasibility Study and supportive of the Gorge trail extending their River Walk Trail. Future plans include pursuing funding for a pavilion and public picnic area near the Riverside Dog Park.

Conclusion:

Hawley Borough continues to support recreation, accommodate community requests, pursue funding and development of recreational offerings, and protecting natural resources. Their parks and recreation committee continues to meet the needs of the community providing safe sites with ADA access.

Recommendation(s):

While Hawley is able to achieve and provide most of the recreation and natural resource items requested by the public, general grant and funding support is always beneficial.

HAWLEY BOROUGH RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

State Sites	Location	Type	Description
1 Lackawaxen River	Linear	Publicly Accessible Water Trail	Various Water Recreation
2 PennDOT Bicycle Route Y (State Route 6)	Linear	Bike Trail	Public Bike Route
Municipal Sites			
* 3 Bingham Park Boat Launch and River Access	41.47950, -75.18049	River Access	Boat Launch
* 4 Riverside Dog Park	41.47778, -75.17836	Dog Park	Canine Recreation
5 Wayne County Library Hawley	41.47790, -75.18380	Library	Education and Public Engagement
6 Hawley River Walk	Linear	Park and Trail	Various Recreation
* 7 Riverside Park and River Walk Trail	41.47834, -75.18004	Park and Trail	Various Recreation
* 8 Bingham Park	41.48074, -75.18181	Park	Various Recreation
9 Towpath Trail (from Lock 31 to Settlers Inn)	Linear	Trail	Walking/Recreation Trail
School District Sites			
10 Wallenpaupack School Kindergarten	41.47554, -75.17662	Public School	Various Recreation
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites			
11 Lackawanna College Lake Region	41.47184, -75.17221	Public College	Fitness Center
12 Lackawanna Region Fitness	41.47185, -75.17205	Fitness Center	Membership Fitness
13 Mountain Laurel Pilates Studio	41.47185, -75.17205	Studio	Membership Fitness
14 Soaring Eagle Rail Tours	41.47842, -75.18435	Excursions	Outdoor Recreation
Culturally Significant Sites			
15 Future Gorge Trail Connection	Linear	Potential Future Trail	Multimodal

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

HAWLEY BOROUGH PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



3. Bingham Park Boat Launch and River Access

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: In a joint effort (partnership) the Bingham Park Boat Launch and River Access was provided by Hawley Borough (Municipal) on municipal property through funding from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. The Boat Launch and River Access is for nonmotorized boats and was funded and built in 2019-2020. It features signage and regular maintenance. The gravel trail and fencing provide safe access. ADA parking accommodations are provided within Bingham Park.



4. Hawley Borough Riverside Dog Park

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Hawley Riverside Dog Park features adequate parking, ADA designated parking, signage, fencing and amenities (**benches, waste receptacles, dog amenities**). The site is well maintained, safe, and heavily used by the community.



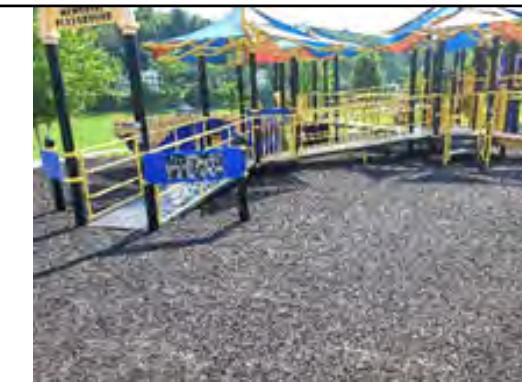
7. Riverside Park and River Walk Trail

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Hawley Borough Park and Riverwalk Trail is the focal point of the Hawley Trail Guide, providing a pedestrian friendly corridor adjacent to town. This trail segment will connect to the proposed Gorge Trail system (in Pike County) and provides safe, adequate, and maintained surfaces and signage for use by all.

Available uses: pedestrian trail, open space, biking, hiking.

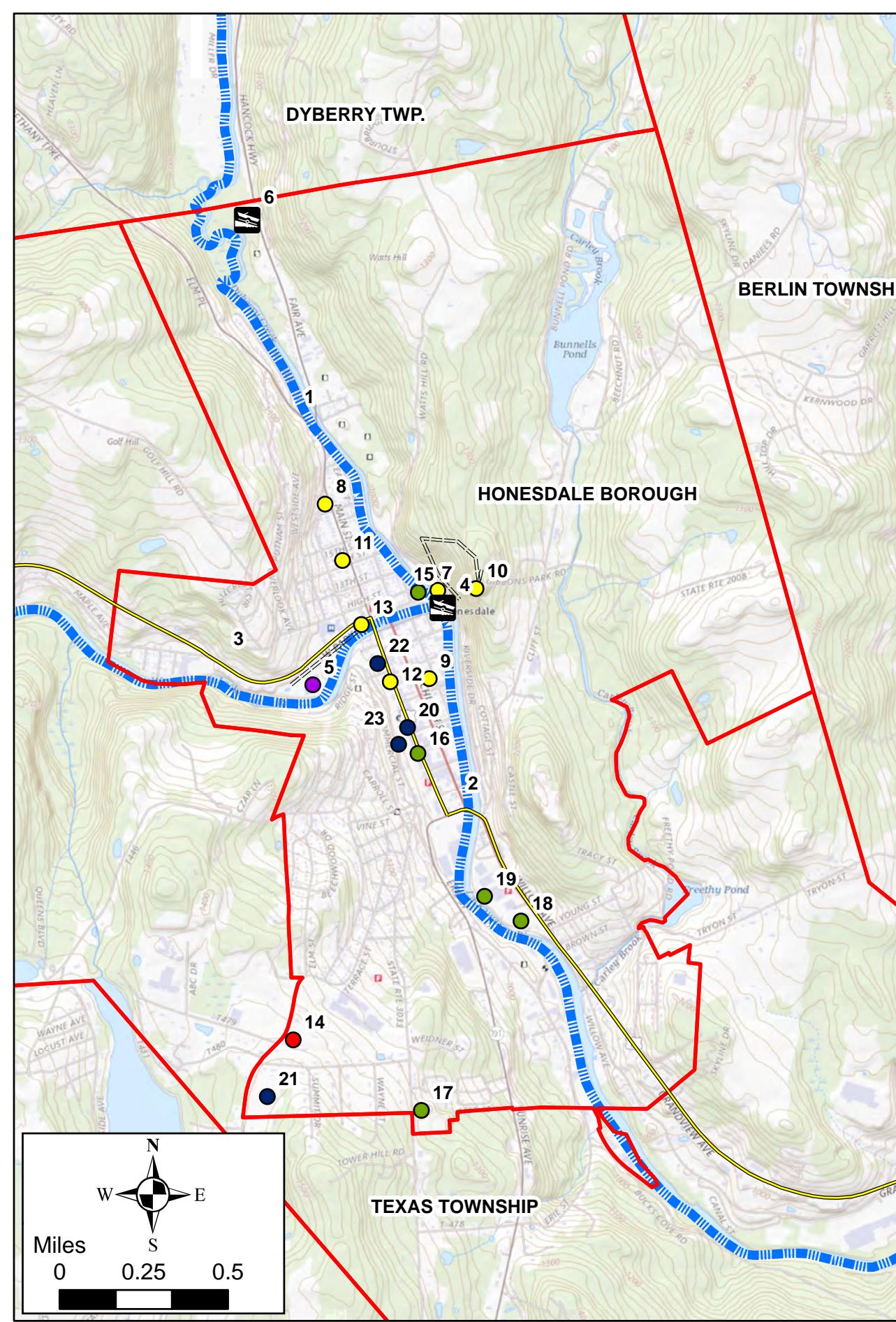
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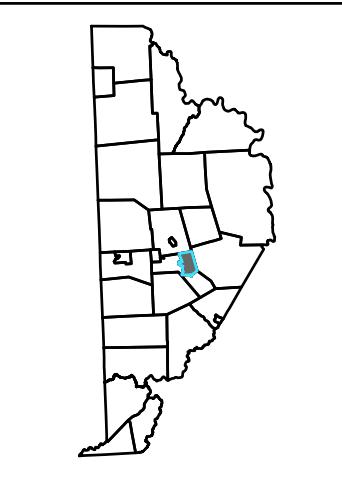
8. Bingham Park

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Bingham Park is a municipal park with robust public offerings, including: **restrooms, tennis courts, a band stand, ball fields, basketball courts, play grounds, open space with programming, and a skate park** – all adjacent to a newly constructed Lackawaxen River Access. All are safe and well maintained with the Borough actively pursuing funding for refurbishing and repairs.



MUNICIPALITY KEY



HONESDALE BOROUGH

Description:

Honesdale Borough, which encompasses the County Seat, and a substantial portion of Wayne County's population, offers many significant recreational sites. Groups like the Wayne Pike Trails and Waterways Alliance, the Borough Parks and Recreation committee, and a variety of private recreation enthusiasts actively support the parks and recreation network. Currently a variety of recreation development grants and opportunities are being pursued to gain access to the Lackawaxen River and strengthen the towns' walkability and multi-modal offerings.

Conclusion:

Honesdale Borough maintains a great variety of recreation and natural resources for the public, with the public requesting and pursuing more. Continued organization, planning, and funding will sustain the focused pursuits for development, maintenance, and growth of sites. At the time of this assessment, the Borough is pursuing funding for walkable planning (PA WalkWorks Grant) a contemporary streetscape that accommodates businesses and pedestrians, among others.

Recommendation(s):

Honesdale Borough would benefit from support to achieve the multi-modal trail illustrated in the Wayne County Trail Feasibility Study (2020) and the streetscape they are actively pursuing.

HONESDALE BOROUGH RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

State Sites	Location	Recreation Type	Description
1 Dyberry Creek	Linear	Water Trail	Navigable Waterway
2 Lackawaxen River	Linear	Water Trail	Navigable Waterway
3 PennDOT Bicycle Route Y (State Route 6)	Linear	Bike Route	Public Bike Route
County Sites			
* 4 Wayne County Industrial Point Property	41.57745,-75.25389	Boat Launch (Future Park)	Various Recreation
* 5 Wayne County Park Street Complex	41.57414,-75.26131	Park	Various Recreation
Municipal Sites			
* 6 Honesdale Borough Apple Grove / Veterans Park / Honesdale Pool	41.59407,-75.26516	Park, Pool, and Boat Launch	Various Recreation
7 Honesdale Borough Berries Memorial	41.57821,-75.25417	Memorial	Public Greenspace
* 8 Honesdale Borough Triangle Park	41.58189,-75.26064	Park	Various Recreation
* 9 Honeadale Central Park	41.57443,-75.25512	Park	Various Recreation
10 Honesdale Borough Gibbons Park (Irving Cliff)	41.57829,-75.25198	Scenic Cliff	Various Recreation
11 Wayne County Library	41.57948,-75.25963	Library	Education and Public Engagement
* 12 Honesdale Borough Benches and Garden	41.57428,-75.25688	Park	Public Greenspace
* 13 Honesdale Borough Riverside Park	41.57673,-75.25854	Park	Public Greenspace
School District Sites			
* 14 Wayne Highlands Recreation Complex	41.55891,-75.26237	Park	School Recreation Facilities
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites			
15 Wayne County YMCA	41.57812,-75.25529	Indoor Recreation	Various Recreation
16 Honesdale Borough Fred Miller Pavilion	41.57121,-75.25528	Pavilion	Public Gathering Location
* 17 Honesdale Borough Ballfields	41.55590,-75.25502	Park	Outdoor Recreation
18 CrossFit Honesdale - The Garage	41.56403,-75.24935	Gym	Various Recreation
19 Designer Bodyworks	41.56509,-75.25144	Gym	Indoor Recreation
Culturally Significant Sites			
20 Wayne County Historical Society	41.57232,-75.25588	Museum	Cultural Facility
21 First Presbyterian Vineyard Center	41.55647,-75.26384	Church	Indoor Recreation Facility
22 The Cooperage	41.57506,-75.25760	Community Gatherings	Public Gathering Location
23 Stourbridge Railroad		Railroad, Museum	Cultural Facility, Tours

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

HONESDALE BOROUGH PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



4. Industrial Point

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
In Development	In Development	In Development	In Development

ASSESSMENT: The industrial point property, recently acquired by the county for a **future park space, trail, river access, and parking area**, currently offers a limited gravel public river access. At this time the property is overgrown with plants, and unsafe due to the presence of a collapsing building. Parking is also currently limited. Various grants have been received to address the site as described; this includes providing adequate ADA access, signage, and safety standards for public use.



5. Wayne County Park Street Complex

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Park Street Complex Wayne County facility provides a scenic, **pedestrian trail, a Lackawaxen River access and boat launch, picnic and playground area, benches, and a basketball court**. All are used frequently by the public. An additional county parking area added recently provides adequate parking. Signage, cameras, and some lighting provide a high level of safety, while the site is regularly used, patrolled, and maintained.

HONESDALE BOROUGH PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



6. The Honesdale Borough Apple Grove, Veterans Park, and Pool

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Honesdale Borough Apple Grove Picnic Area, Veterans Park and the Honesdale Pool properties combine to provide a unique variety of public recreation opportunities and access to natural resources. **Large open space, a ball field, a disc golf course, pavilion, picnic areas, a grass trail, access to Dyberry Creek, and the borough pool** all provide choice activities for public use. Honesdale Borough continues to meet public needs through planning process, funding applications, and a parks and recreation budget. The Park space may benefit from additional paved and designated ADA parking and paved paths to park areas which meet ADA standards.



8. Honesdale Triangle Park

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited

ASSESSMENT: Honesdale Triangle Park provides a centrally located open space for public gatherings but has limited parking and recreational offerings. The site would benefit from additional offerings and programming if requested by the community.

HONESDALE BOROUGH PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



9. Honesdale Central Park

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Honesdale Borough Central Park provides a centrally located park space with many recreational offerings for the public. The site is heavily used, has surrounding parking with ADA designation, and pathways that meet ADA access standards throughout. Adequate signage and safe offerings include: **a playground, a stage, and open green spaces for public gatherings.**



10. Gibbons Park (Irving Cliff)

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Honesdale Borough's Gibbons' Park at Irving Cliff offers **beautiful scenic views, access to a climbable cliff (at climbers' own risk), a public green space, interpretive signage, and a trail connecting to Riverside Drive.** All are well maintained and safe. ADA access is limited due to steep slopes and no designated parking spots.

HONESDALE BOROUGH PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



12. Honesdale Borough Benches and Garden

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Honesdale Borough Benches and Garden in downtown provide needed seating for pedestrians along Main Street. Lighting and benches meeting ADA standards, and beautiful gardens meet the intent of the small parklet.



13. Honesdale Borough Riverside Park

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Limited Parking	Limited Signage	Limited	Limited

ASSESSMENT: Honesdale Borough Riverside Park is a public green space with recently updated interpretive signage and respite offerings. These offerings are high quality and the site is well maintained. Although the grass surface access to the **benches** is flat and stable, the site would benefit from designated ADA parking and **a paved path network** for residents that meets ADA standards. An application for the development of a trail network system connecting this with the adjacent downtown and existing trails has been submitted for funding to PA DCED, to obtain these enhancements.



14. Wayne Highlands Sports Complex

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: As part of the Wayne Highlands public school system, the sports complex offers various, highly maintained, accessible, and safe recreation activities for all ages. This includes numerous **ball fields, a track, and tennis courts** – all open to the public on weekends and evenings when not being used by the school district. All signage and ADA parking and access are proper and adequate. Lighting provides additional safety for attendees into the evening.

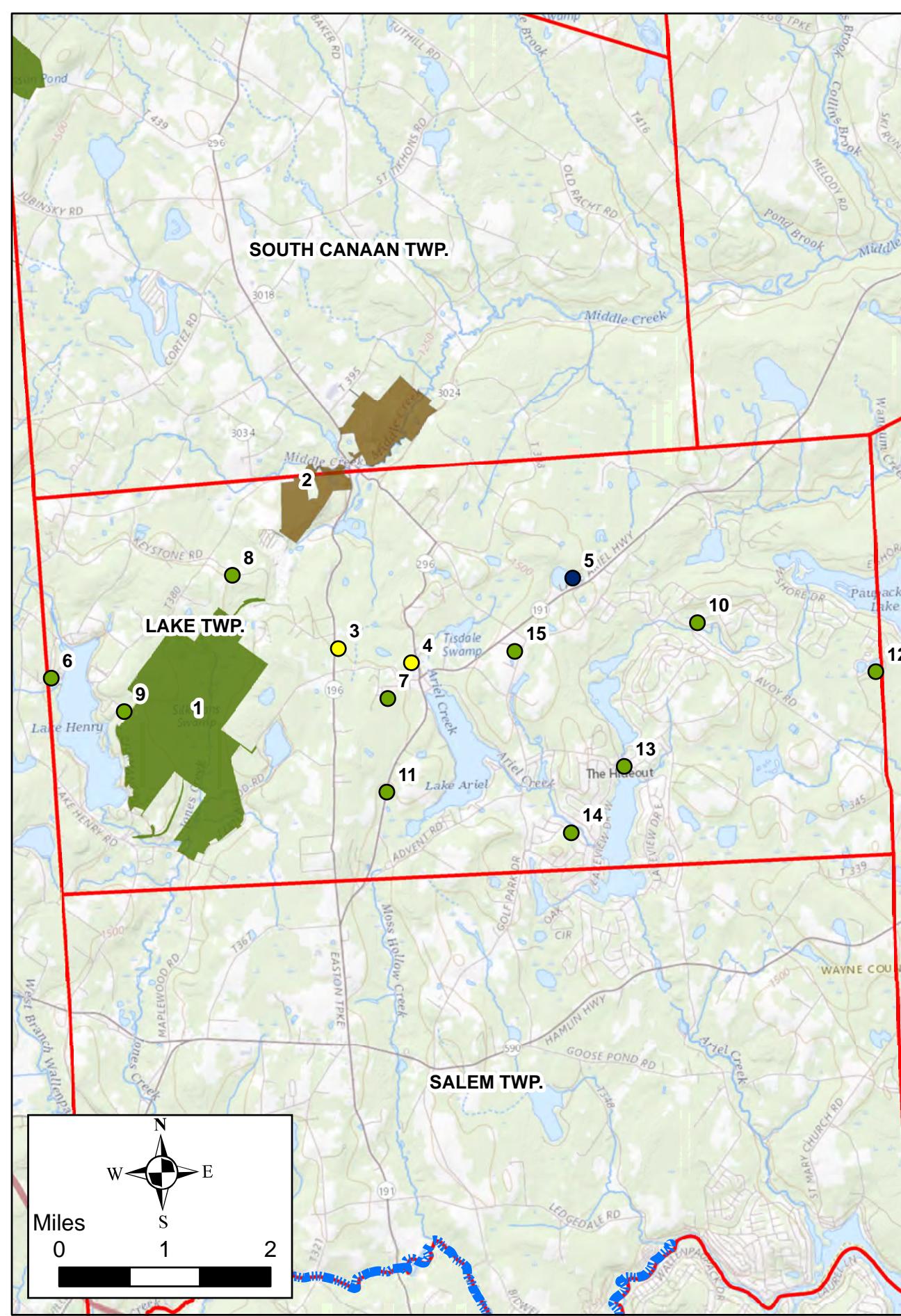
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17. Honesdale Ball Fields

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Minor Improvement Needed	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Scott Kinzinger Honesdale (Little League) Sports Complex provides multiple, well maintained little league baseball fields available for public league use throughout the spring, summer, and fall. These fields are heavily used seasonally and highly regarded by the community. Parking at the site is limited with no designated ADA parking locations and limited access for those with disabilities. All three fields are oriented slightly off the proper North-South axis, though re-orienting them would limit their size and not meet league requirements.



LAKE TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

State Sites	Location	Type	Description
* 1 State Game Lands 310	41.44884, -75.42576	Outdoor Recreation	Hunting and Fishing
* 2 Varden Conservation Area	41.48030, -75.40516	Park	Conservation Area and Trails
Municipal Sites			
* 3 Lake Township Building and Ballfield	41.45784, -75.39822	Park	Various Recreation
* 4 Lake Ariel Property, Park, Courts, and Ballfield	41.45452, -75.38391	Park	Various Recreation
Culturally Significant Sites			
* 5 Audubon Society Price-Simpson Wetlands	41.46662, -75.35515	Northeast PA Audubon Society Sanctuary (Nonprofit)	Public Natural Area
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites			
6 Clayton Park RV Escape	41.45487, -75.45068	Private Campground	Outdoor Camping
7 Fierce Fit	41.45082, -75.38946	Gym	Indoor Fitness
8 Klim's Orchard	41.46826, -75.41717	Orchard	Cultural Recreation
9 Elmer Alunni Orchard	41.45002, -75.43754	Orchard	Cultural Recreation
10 The Hideout Golf	41.46002, -75.33265	Golf Course	Golf (Seasonal)
11 RC Racing Lake Ariel Speedway	41.43805, -75.39009	Indoor RC Car Track	RC Racing
12 Secluded Acres Campground	41.45265, -75.30040	Private Campground	Outdoor Recreation (Seasonal)
13 Hideout North Beach	41.44066, -75.34672	Swimming	Outdoor Recreation (Seasonal)
14 Hideout Ski Slope	41.43177, -75.35671	Outdoor	Outdoor Recreation
15 Lake Equestrian Center	41.45681, -75.36609	Equestrian Facility	Horseback Riding

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

LAKE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



1. State Game Lands 310

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Please refer to the definitions of this report and Chapter 135 of the Pennsylvania Code for acceptable and prohibited recreational activities within State Game Lands. Signage on site is limited. Parking and access on site is limited to informal game trails and gravel lots. The site would benefit from ADA parking accommodations and promoting hunting access for citizens with disabilities. A lockable gate and trail would allow for better access, removal of game, and general access for law enforcement, the management of the land, and those with disabilities. Please see: https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/StateGameLands/Documents/SGL%20Maps/SGL_310.pdf



2. Varden Conservation Area

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The site features **restroom facilities, adequate parking, signage, an ADA designated parking spot, and a nature trail for hiking and walking**. Information is clearly posted and the ground well maintained and safe for public use. Please refer to the definitions of this report and Pennsylvania code chapter 5 subpart B State Parks for acceptable and prohibited activities; some of these are posted for the public to view. Additional information is available here: <https://www.dnrc.pa.gov/stateparks/findapark/vardenconservationarea/pages/default.aspx>



3. Lake Township Building and Ballfield



Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Lake Township Municipal Building, ballfield, and playground provides a safe, accommodating space for the community to recreate. Paved parking, signage, ADA designated parking, **baseball field, batting cage, pavilion, playground for ages 5-12, and swing set** are all well maintained and meet community recreational needs. Although the playground features ADA surfacing, there is a steep grass slope to all activities. The ball field is oriented correctly facing north.

LAKE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



4. Lake Ariel Courts, Ballfield, and Park

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
In Development	In Development	In Development	In Development

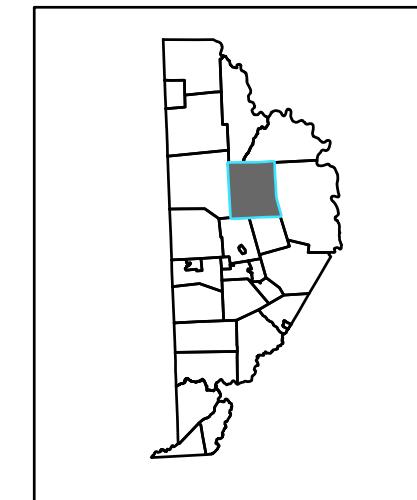
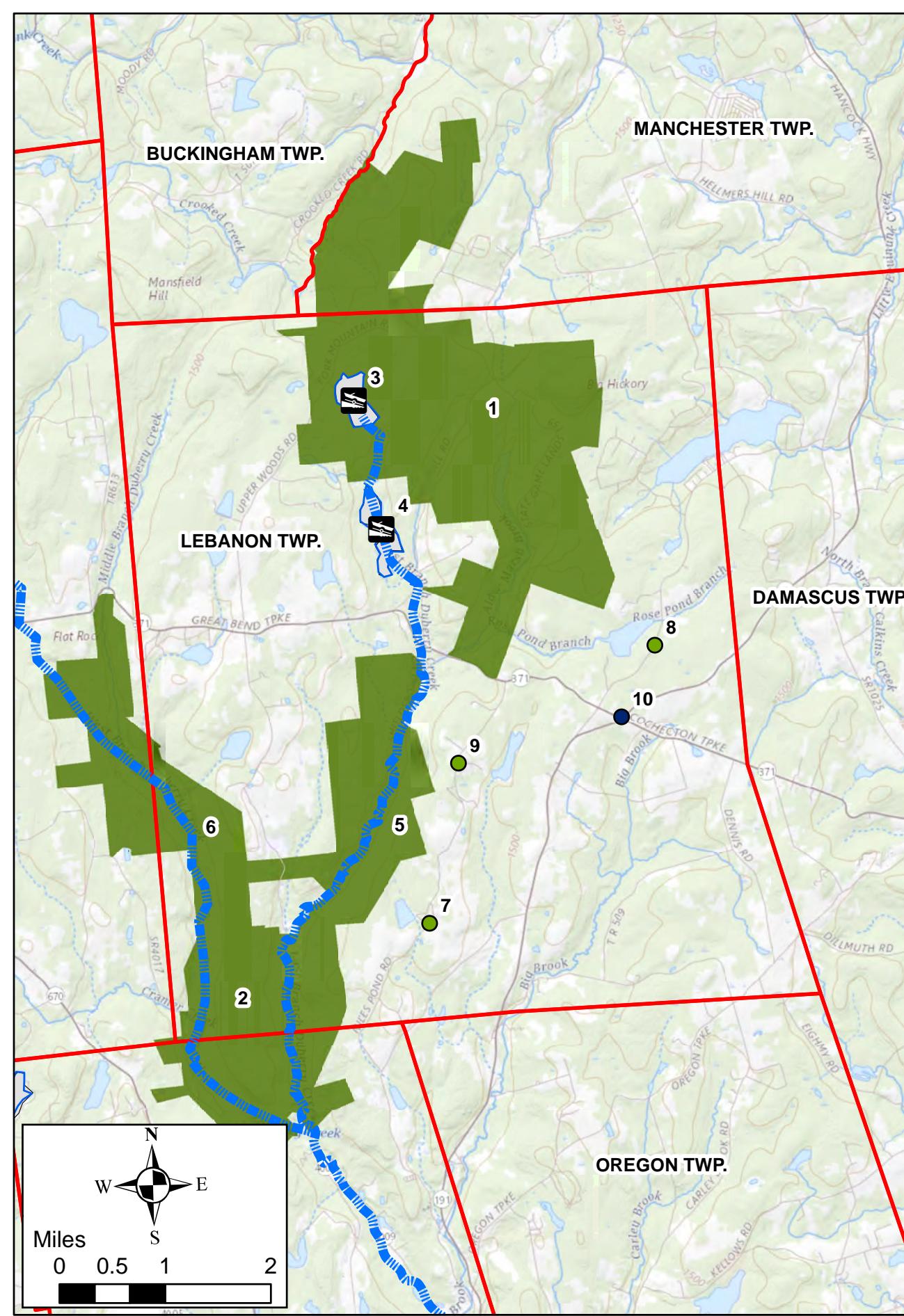
ASSESSMENT: The Lake Ariel courts, ball field, and park (Lake Ariel Consolidated School Grounds) are currently under renovations to meet the proposed Master Plan developed by the township. The recently demolished school area has been cleared and currently provides additional parking. A properly oriented **baseball field** is provided and maintained well. A **basketball court** is oriented east-west and may be corrected if the opportunity arises. A **playground is provided for ages 5-12** with limited ADA access and use. A restroom is available for public use. Although adequate signage is present and the park is safe and maintained, no ADA parking is designated. Updates and a trail are planned for the property continuing to meet the community's needs.



5. Audubon Society Price-Simpson Wetlands

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Limited	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Northeast Pennsylvania Audubon Society Price-Simpson wetland showcases an established, well-functioning natural wetland habitat preserve. Access for public use, education and viewing is limited, allowing the space to function separate from the public; ultimately providing viewable, unencumbered, natural processes.



Areas of Interest	
○ Federal Site(s)	● Commercial Site(s)
● State Site(s)	● Cultural Site(s)
● County Site(s)	● Scenic Waterfall(s)
● Municipal Site(s)	◆ Interstate Bridges
● School District Site(s)	
★ NYS Delaware River Access	
■ Public Water Access(es) (Launches)	
■■■ Publicly Accessible Water Trail(s)	
== Public Hiking Trail(s)	== Potential Public Hiking Trail(s)
— PA Bike Route(s)	
PA Fish and Boat Commission Land(s) and Water(s)	
■■■ Federal Corridor	■■■ State Gameland(s)
■■■ State Forest Land(s)	■■■ State Park(s)

LEBANON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



1. State Game Lands 159

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: State Game Lands 159 offers over 9,000 acres of huntable land for public use. It stands as one of Wayne County's largest public land offerings and includes both branches of Dyberry Creek (east and west). State Game Lands 159 would benefit from the development of formal parking lots, additional signage directing hunters to applicable maps and laws, (https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/StateGameLands/Documents/SGL%20Maps/SGL_159.pdf), and additional access roads for retrieval of game and general land management. In discussion with NEP Sno Trails and ACE Snowmobile Club support of a connection between these snowmobile trails via agreements with the Pennsylvania Game Commission through these game lands is encouraged.

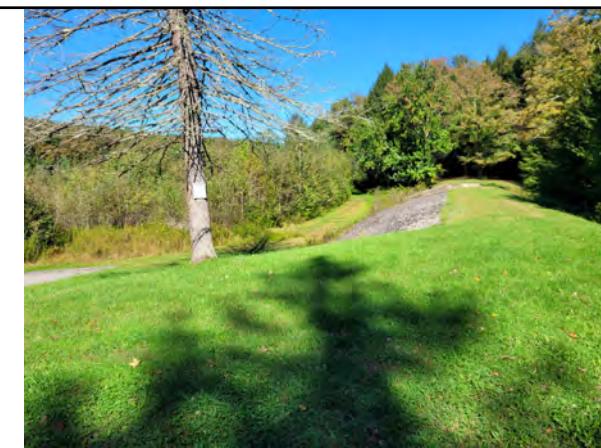


3. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Upper Woods Pond

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Upper Woods Pond (<https://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/Lakes/Pages/UpperWoodsPond.aspx>) provides 80 acres of lake for fishing and boating. Currently, a gravel parking lot and boat launch exist meeting heavy public use. Signage is adequate but would benefit from adding information regarding directions to obtain mapping and approved use information. There does not appear to be any designated ADA vehicle spots at this lake's parking area.

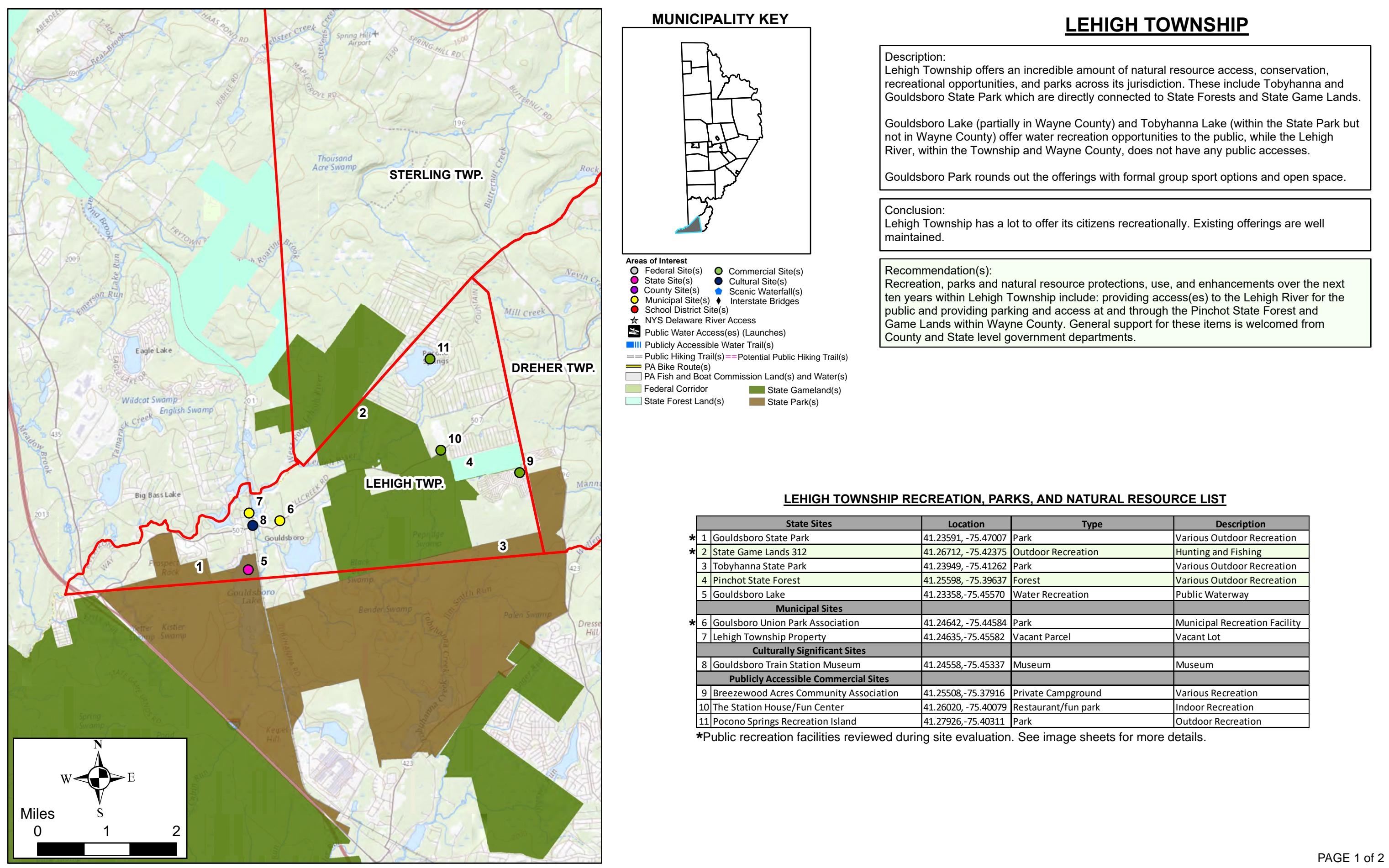
LEBANON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



4. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Lower Woods Pond

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Development Needed	Development Needed	Development Needed	Development Needed

ASSESSMENT: Lower Woods Pond has been drawn down by the Army Corp of Engineers as its dam appears to be high hazard. Over the last couple of years, a local group partially built a walking trail across the dam and grounds. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission was not notified and have discussed the ramifications and liability with those involved. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat commission can only enforce activities within the Pennsylvania Code pertaining to the use of waters, fishing, boating, and access to these facilities. The Fish and Boat Commission are open to coordinating activities and different recreational uses of their property provided the proper agreements are made. Signage, parking, and access all exist on site with the site being mowed and maintained; however, only a stream channel exists for water recreation at this time. (<https://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/Lakes/Pages/LowerWoodsPond.aspx>)



LEHIGH TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



1. Gouldsboro State Park and Lake

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Gouldsboro State Park provides multiple parking areas with designated ADA parking and restrooms. Recreational amenities and natural resource offerings include: **Multiple trails, picnic areas, beaches, boat rentals and launches, trash receptacles, and adequate signage.** A map of offerings and information for Gouldsboro Park is available here: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/GouldsboroStatePark/>



2. State Game Lands 312

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: State Game Lands 312 consist of 4,459 acres and borders State Parks and State Forest in this instance allowing for additional hunting and fishing. The State Game Lands in Wayne County would benefit from parking and access. Currently the property has very limited vehicle access on the sides abutting Wayne County. Additional parking and access to accommodate Wayne County hunters, those with disabilities, with additional signage would be beneficial. The PA Game Commission Mapping of Lands 312 is available here: https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/StateGameLands/Documents/SGL%20Maps/SGL_312.pdf

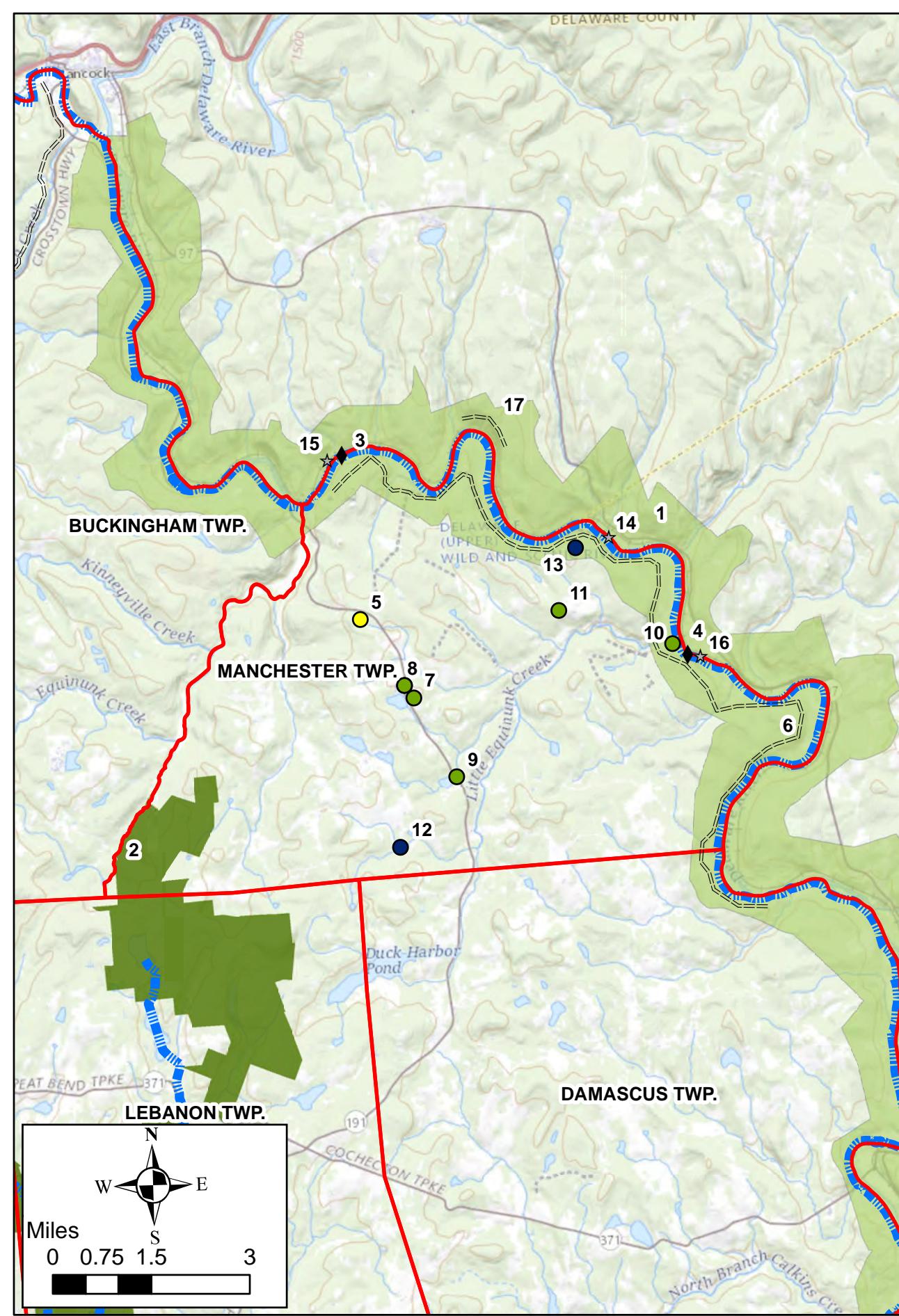


6. Gouldsboro Union Park Association

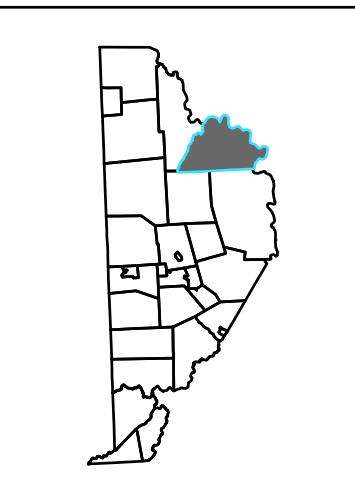
Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Gouldsboro Union Park Association provides a large municipal park that is well maintained and safe.

Recreational and Natural Resource include: ADA designated parking and access to baseball and soccer fields, a basketball court, batting cage, pavilion, and concessions.



MUNICIPALITY KEY



MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

Description:
Manchester Township meets community natural resources and recreation needs through a variety of public Federal, State, municipal, and cultural sites. Although it may benefit from the additional acceptable uses of a state park or forest the Delaware River, State Game Lands, township ball fields, private campgrounds and public preserve fulfill some recreation demands.

Conclusion:
The Township would undoubtedly benefit from funding application support and being open to natural resource access and public recreation developments. A requested need to designate River Road a multi-modal trail, reopen River Road to provide access to the Nature Conservancy Property, and work towards a potential river access and boat launch are noted.

Recommendation(s):
Support to update the existing municipal ball field, provide a Delaware River Access, and provide ADA parking at public recreation facilities throughout the Township are welcomed. Providing Broadband Internet/Cellular infrastructure for the Upper Delaware River Corridor and would enhance safety as well as be beneficial to the public.

Designation of River Road (T-651, 652, and 672) as a multi-modal trail has been requested, along with reopening sections of T-672, as it has washed out. This would allow access through the Nature Conservancy Property (#13) providing opportunities for partners to meet, draft agreements, and potentially provide a public Delaware River Access.

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

Federal Sites		Location	Type	Description
1 Upper Delaware National Scenic River		Linear	Water Trail	Various Water Recreation
State Sites				
* 2 State Game Lands 159		41.76973, -75.26315	Outdoor Recreation	Hunting and Fishing
3 Lordville Bridge		41.86792, -75.21370	Interstate Bridge Crossing	Pedestrian Walking, Vehicle Crossing
4 Kellam Bridge		41.82347, -75.11366	Interstate Bridge Crossing	Pedestrian Walking, Vehicle Crossing
Municipal Sites				
* 5 Manchester Township Library & Ballfield		41.83180, -75.20880	Public Library	Municipal Recreation Facility
6 Manchester Township Roads T-651, T-653, T-672 (River Road)		Linear	Municipal Dirt Road	Potential Multimodal Trail Designation
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites				
7 Camp Blue Ridge		41.81697, -75.19636	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
8 Camp Equinunk		41.81697, -75.19636	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
9 Indian Head Camp		41.79655, -75.18174	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
10 Soaring Eagle Camp Ground		41.82445, -75.11697	Private Campground	Various Recreation
11 Honeybee Harescramble		41.83247, -75.15021	Off-road race track	Private Outdoor Racing Facility
Culturally Significant Sites				
* 12 Audubon Society Browning Beaver Meadow		41.78140, -75.19895	Northeast Pennsylvania Public Preserve (Nonprofit)	Public Natural Area and Trail
13 The Nature Conservancy John Parrish Site		41.81055, -75.09051	120 Acre Conservation Site	Potential Trail/Public Access Site
New York State Sites				
14 Long Eddy Delaware River Access		41.84895, -75.11366	River Access	Public River Boat Launch
15 Lordville Delaware River Access		41.86829, -75.21403	River Access	Public River Boat Launch
16 Kellman's DEC River Access		41.82389, -75.11241	River Access, Walk in Fishing	Various Water Recreation
17 Bouchoux Trailhead (Jensen Ledges)		Linear	Trail	Walking/Recreation Trail

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



2. State Game Lands 159



Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Featuring 9,446.5 acres of **huntable and fishable** property open to the public, multiple parking lots and accesses available to the public, State Game Lands 159 is very well established. A list of acceptable and prohibited activities can be found at PGC.PA.GOV or on the PA State Game Commission App. A site map is available at https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/StateGameLands/Documents/SGL%20Maps/SGL_159.pdf. Providing ADA parking and access will enhance maintenance, law enforcement, and access for all.



5. Manchester Township Library & Ballfield

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Minor Improvement Needed	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Adjacent to the Manchester Township Building and Library, the municipal ball field offers group play but no designated ADA parking or backstop support for formal play, development would benefit the site.

Recreational and Natural Resource offerings include: Open space and a baseball field with backstop and some seating.

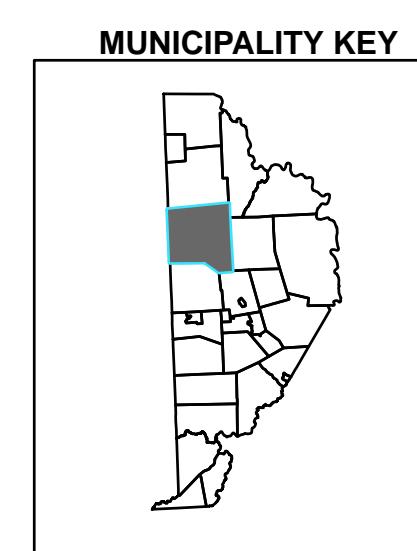
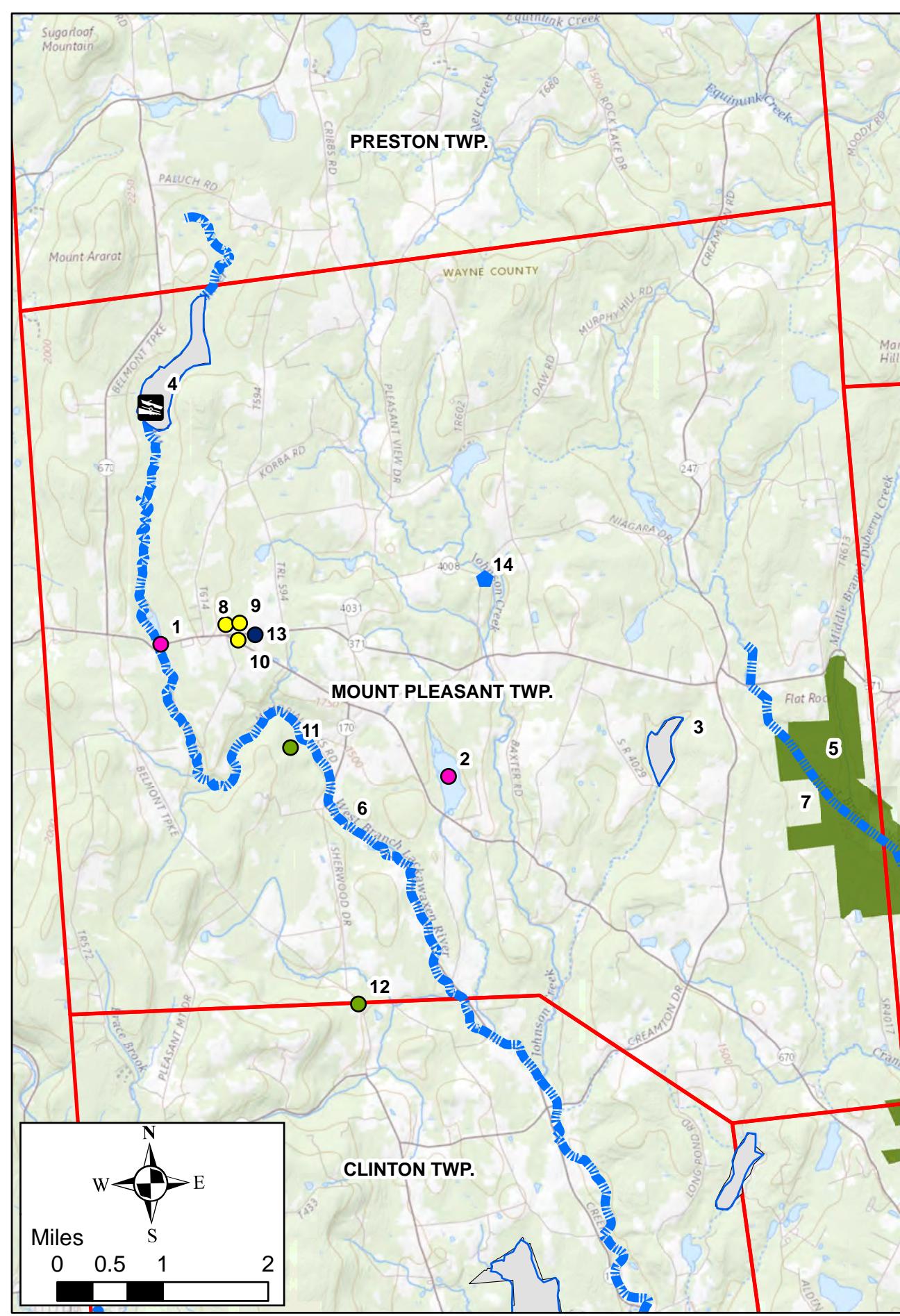


12. Northeast Pennsylvania Audubon Society Browning Beaver Meadow

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Northeast Pennsylvania Audubon Society Browning Beaver Meadow offers a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile trail system well maintained. Signage is present and the site provides safe access; however, parking is limited.

Recreation and Natural Resource Offerings Include: a loop trail through existing natural habitat along natural lake shoreline.



MOUNT PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

Description:
Mount Pleasant Township provides a strong variety of recreational opportunities and natural resource conservation. From State Game Lands 159 to Belmont Lake, the public is treated to thousands of open public land and water acreage. State, municipal, and private opportunities are provided; however, recreation goers are encouraged to review Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and Game Commission mapping prior to visiting. Unfortunately, Hankins Pond and Miller Pond have been closed to fishing as the Dam has been breached due to safety concerns. Miller Pond is still noted to allow access and fishing.

Conclusion:
In discussion with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, ponds such as Miller and Hankins no longer offer fishing and boating opportunities to the public. The Boat Commission is open to discussing agreements with agencies and public support groups to reallocate these properties to allow different forms of recreation, access, and natural resource management.

Recommendation(s):
Overall, Mount Pleasant Township has demonstrated an ability to meet public need and offer a variety of recreation and natural resource opportunities. Recommendations for this township include adding general signage and updating some items to provide proper ADA accessibility. Converting large available tracts of property to provide appropriate natural resource conservation and recreation area extremely beneficial and welcomed by the the community. This includes the Hankins Pond property.

As described in Appendixes D-9 and D-10, support is encouraged to connect the NEP SNO Trails system and ACE Snowmobile Club systems through State Game Lands 159 and/or willing landowners via facilitated conversations and agreements with the PA Game Commission.

MOUNT PLEASANT TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

State Sites	Location	Type	Description
1 Pleasant Mount Fish Hatchery	41.73898, -75.44671	Fish Hatchery	Natural Resource Facility
* 2 Hankins Pond	41.71982, -75.39463	Public Boat Launch and Lake Access	No Longer Open to Public
* 3 Miller Pond	41.72257, -75.35546	Public Boat Launch and Lake Access	No Longer Open to Public
* 4 Belmont Lake	41.77489, -75.44520	Public Boat Launch and Water Access	Various Water Recreation
* 5 State Game Lands 159	41.73510, -75.32221	Outdoor Recreation	Outdoor Recreation
6 West Branch Lackawaxen River	Linear	Water Trail	Various Water Recreation
7 West Branch Dyberry Creek	Linear	Water Trail	Various Water Recreation
Municipal Sites			
* 8 Mount Pleasant Community Center	41.74035, -75.43364	Community Center	Outdoor Recreation
9 Samuel Meridith Monument	41.74000, -75.43423	Monument	Public Greenspace
10 Pleasant Mount Public Library	41.74043, -75.43396	Public Library	Community Library
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites			
11 Memorial Links Golf	41.72435, -75.42342	Golf Course	Public Golf Course
12 Valleyview Farm & Campgrounds	41.68899, -75.41227	Private Campground	Various Recreation
Culturally Significant Sites			
13 Pleasant Mount Historical Society	41.74008, -75.43052	Museum	Open space
14 Little Niagara Falls	41.74732, -75.38720	Scenic Waterfall View	Natural Resource

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

MOUNT PLEASEANT PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



2. Hankins Pond

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
In Development	In Development	In Development	In Development

ASSESSMENT: Currently the Hankins Pond property features the remnants of an old dam, signage, beautiful scenic views, and an access drive around much of the lake—however in recent years the Army Corp of Engineers deemed the dam “high hazard” and breached it, allowing the pond to drain back to its natural stream bank flow. The stream now does not support large aquatic life and the site is vacant. Foreseeing the benefits the property could have to the public, both recreationally and in the form of managed natural resource conservation, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is open to discussing agreements with public agencies to reallocate and design the property to meet other recreation and natural resource needs.

Recreational offerings are very limited due to fishing and boating no longer being allowable. The County, at this time, is working with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to develop this property into a publicly accessible park with trails and access to the natural habitat and stream conditions which exist on site. These changes will best provide the public with safe recreational and natural resource access within Mt. Pleasant Township and the region at this time.



3. Miller Pond

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Limited Due to Draw Down	Adequate	Limited Due to Draw Down	Limited Due to Draw Down

ASSESSMENT: The Dam at Miller Pond has been breached by the Army Corp of Engineers resulting in a partial drawdown of the lake. Fishing is limited and the boat launch ramp no longer reaches the water. Boating on the stream appears to be near impossible. At this time, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is open to discussions and agreements to allow the public to develop additional recreational and natural resource management opportunities on the site, if desired. (<https://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/Lakes/Pages/MillerPond.aspx>)

Recreational and Natural Resource Offerings: Due to the draw down of the lake, the site offers limited programming and access. It is recommended that agreements be encouraged between the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and willing municipalities to provide a public park with trails and recreation items with programming and access that best suits the needs of the public. The waters, parking, and site may remain open for the limited fishing and boating that is achievable.

MOUNT PLEASEANT PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



4. Belmont Lake

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Belmont Lake offers a precast boat launch, signage, ADA parking, and paved parking. All are well maintained and meet reasonable safety standards. The site would benefit from additional signage, specifically directing lake users to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission maps and website where acceptable and prohibited uses are listed (<https://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/Lakes/Pages/BelmontLake.aspx>); though it is assumed that citizens will act lawfully and are aware of the prohibited and allowable activities at the site.

Recreational and Natural Resource Offerings include: **Parking and access to the lake for fishing, boating, and water recreation. The lake's aquatic habitat and the woodland surrounding the lake provide viewing of high functioning Pennsylvania natural processes throughout the year.**



5. State Game Lands 159

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Offering over 9000 continuous acres for hunting and fishing, State Game Lands 159 offers one of the largest continuous properties in Wayne County--conserving and protecting natural resources and the environment, and allowing public access. If available, providing signage which directs patrons to Pennsylvania Game Commission Map of the site, and additional parking and access meeting ADA standards are recommended to ensure a strongly accessible, maintained site accommodating all members of the public.

The County and Mount Pleasant Township are encouraged to support a partnership between the Pennsylvania Game Commission, NEP SNO Trails, and ACE Snowmobile trail systems through State Game Lands 159. Mapping and the status of the coordination are provided in this plan as Appendix G-9.

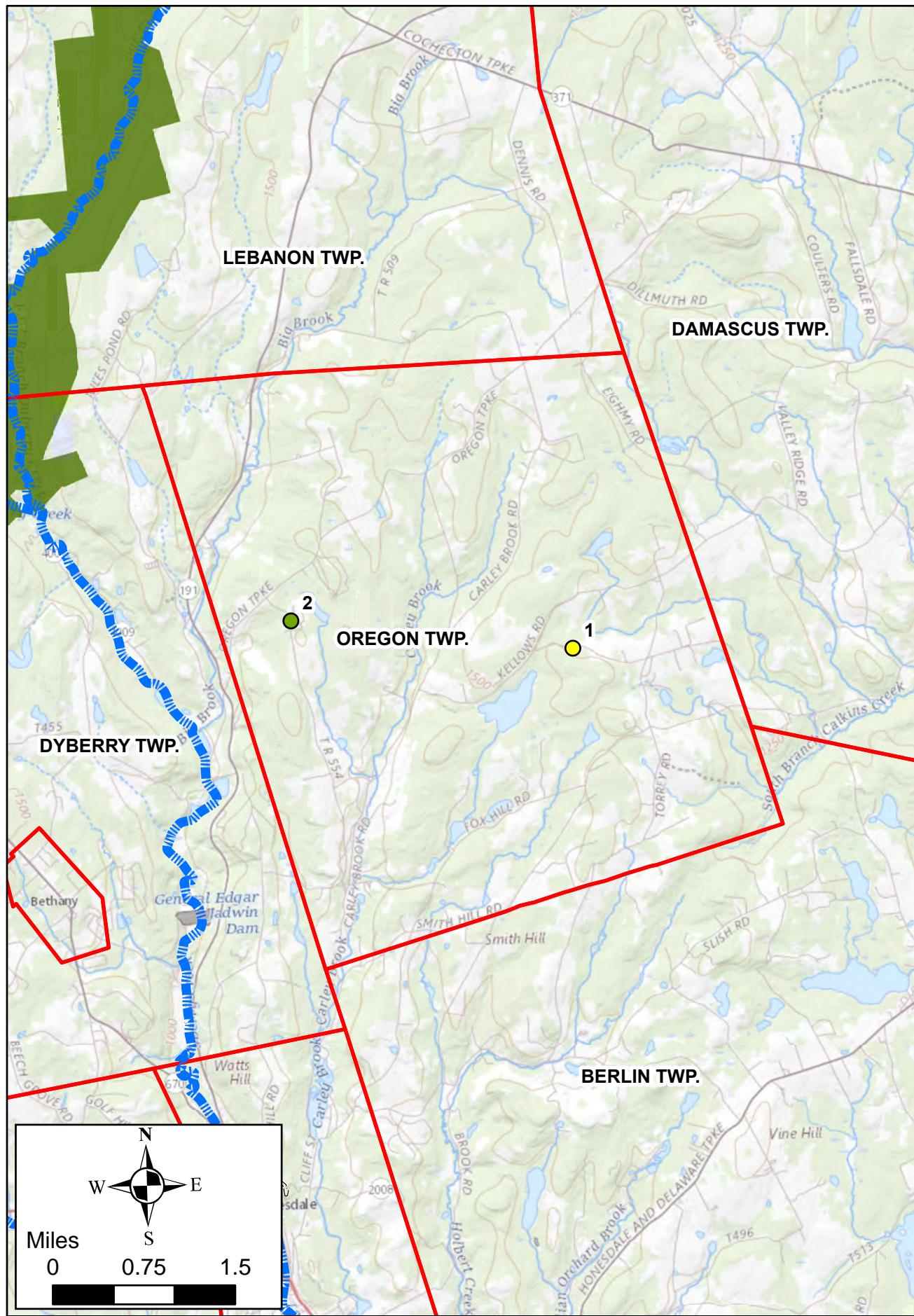
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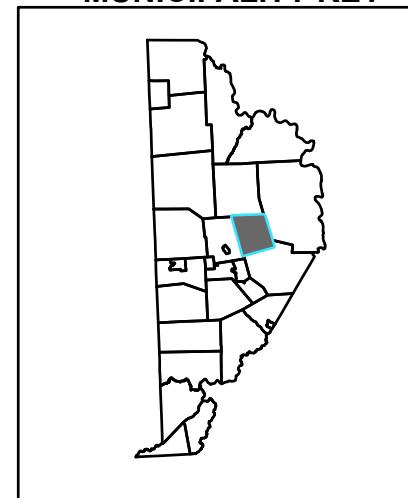
8. Mount Pleasant Community Center

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Mount Pleasant Community offers a variety of park level recreation elements for use by the public. These include: a softball field, a playground and swings for kids 5-12, an open mowed greenspace, and a picnic pavilion. Parking on site is limited, though there is a paved ADA space. Overall, the playground, softball field, and pavilion could use funding for contemporary updates. Signage for the site can provided outlining proper uses and rules.



MUNICIPALITY KEY



OREGON TOWNSHIP

Description

Description: Oregon Township, with a population of over 700 residents, maintains the fantastic rural character and beautiful farms and woodlands typical of Wayne County, Pennsylvania. At this time, though private landowners enjoy large properties for engagement with the outdoors and conservation of the environment, the Township offers only one private commercial campground to its citizens for recreation and natural resource purpose. The Township would benefit from offering parks, trails, access to streams or lakes, and physically supporting the conservation of natural resources.

Conclusion

Citizens of the Township would benefit from development, support, and agreements to provide park land for recreation and/or property for the conservation of natural resource, should the opportunity present itself.

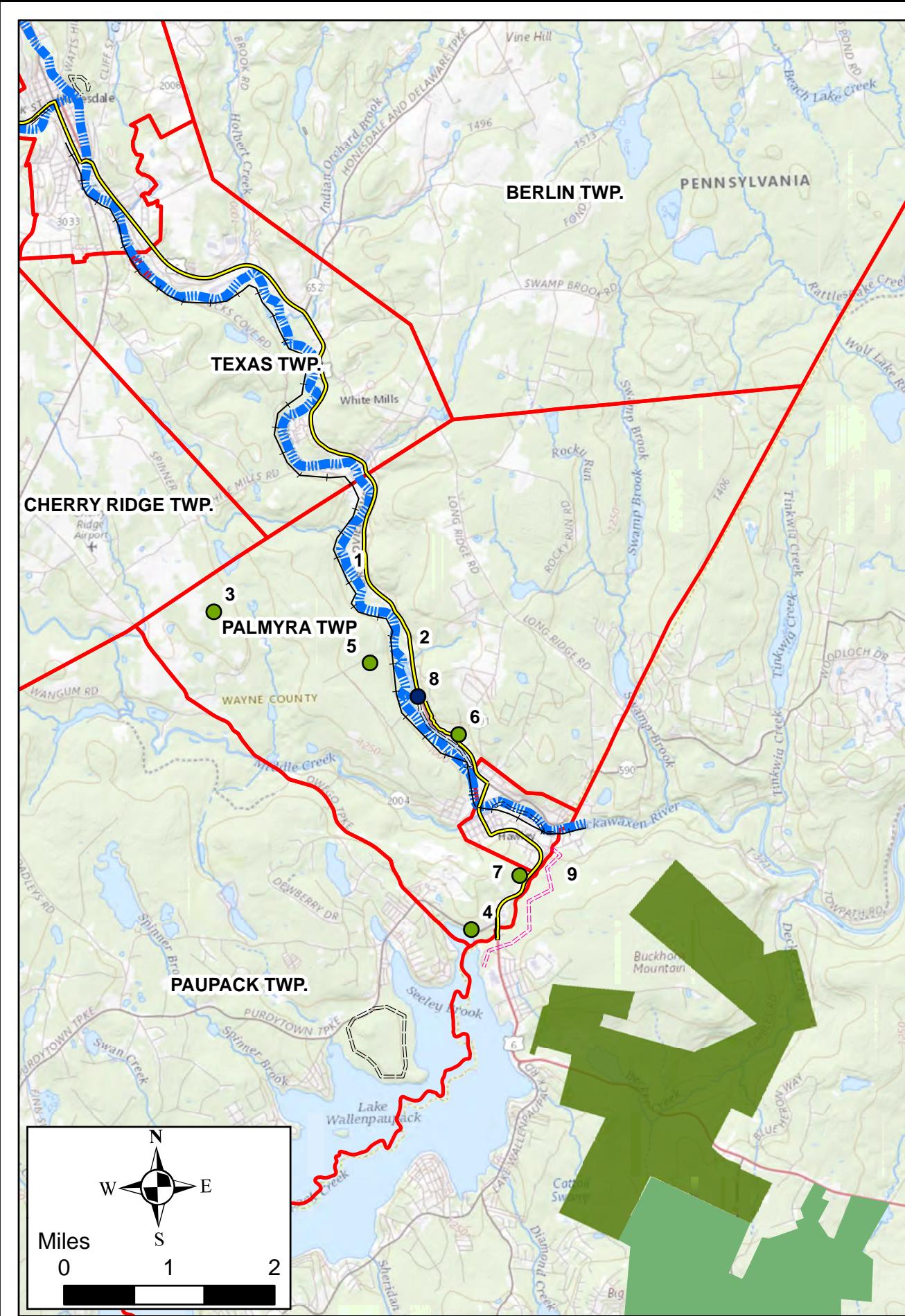
Recommendation(s)

Although citizens in Oregon Township benefit from organized private hunting clubs, and private access to beautiful streams and habitat, the municipality would benefit from the development of public recreation and natural resource access offerings. At this time, no public requests have been made. Although, a lot owned by the municipality that potentially could provide this has been identified.

OREGON TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

Municipal Sites		Location	Type	Description
1	Oregon Township Property	41.64247,-75.20383	Vacant Municipal Lot	Municipal Property
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites				
2	Bryn Mawr Mountain Retreat	41.64669,-75.24844	Camp	Private Recreation Camp

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.



PALMYRA TOWNSHIP

Description:
Palmyra Township offers a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities and is home to beautiful natural and cultural resources. At this time the supervisors have noted that no municipal public parks or grounds are provided, nor have they been requested. No funding is being pursued at this time.

Conclusion:
The Lackawaxen River Trail, Route 6 (Bike Route Y), the Lock 31 Tow Path Trail and the Lake Wallenpaupack Dam Overlook provide access to and through natural and cultural resources. All have signage and are well maintained.

Recommendation(s):
The Stourbridge Line Railroad right-of-way, Lackawaxen River, and State Route 6 are noted in the Wayne County Trail Feasibility Study as opportunities to provide a regional trail. The Lock 31 Wayne Historical Society grounds offer a great opportunity to access historic grounds and the towpath trail spur that exists. The township would benefit from developing a Lackawaxen River Access for public use.

PALMYRA TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

State Sites		Location	Type	Description
1	Lackawaxen River	Linear	Water Trail	Navigable Waterway
2	PennDOT Bicycle Route Y	Linear	Bike Trail	Public Bike Route
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites				
3	Triple W Riding Stable Inc	41.50632, -75.23157	Stable	Riding Stable
4	Lake Wallenpaupack Dam Overlook	41.46165, -75.18618	Dam Overlook	Scenic View
5	Stourbridge Railroad	Linear	Railroad (Future trail)	Outdoor Recreation
6	Wallenpaupack Bowling & Sports Center	41.48849, -75.18745	Bowling Alley	Indoor Recreation Facility
7	Harmony in the Woods	41.46848, -75.17595	Amphitheater	Outdoor Recreation
Culturally Significant Sites				
* 8	Wayne County Historical Society Lock 31 Grounds	41.49388, -75.19471	Historical Landmark	Cultural/Outdoor Recreation
9	Future Gorge Trail Connection	Linear	Potential Future Trail	Multimodal

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

PALMYRA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



4. Lake Wallenpaupack Dam Overlook

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Lake Wallenpaupack Dam Overlook provides a scenic view, parking, and interpretive signage for visitors. Although there is no designated ADA parking, visitors can park adjacent to signage. Access and parking are adequate and well maintained.

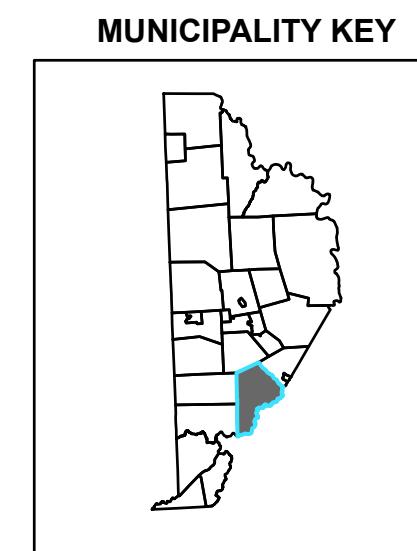
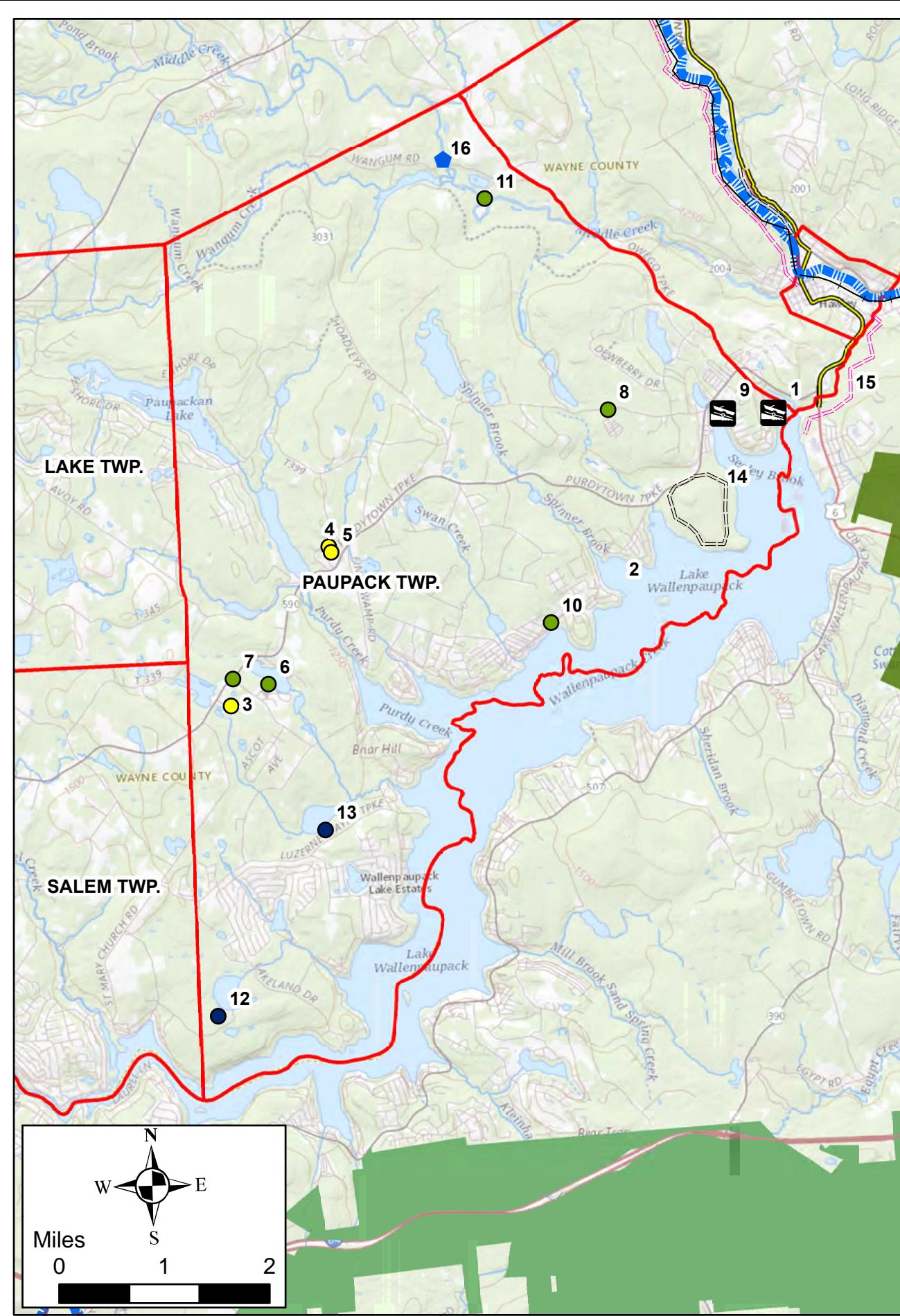
Recreational and Natural Resource Offerings include scenic views of Lake Wallenpaupack and the habitats associated with it. The Lake is used for water recreation and hydroelectric power. Interpretive signs are provided describing the history of the lake.



7. Lock 31

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Lock 31 interpretive grounds provide parking, a **tow path trail, interpretive signage, and educational historic museums**. The grounds offer ADA accommodations. As noted in the Wayne County Trail Feasibility Study (2020) and The Lock 31 (2006) grounds and D&H Canal Towpath Master Site and Greenway Plan, the site lends itself to create a fantastic, public access to the Lackawaxen River.



Description:
Paupack Township offers a great amount of recreational activities; from state hiking trails, a large lake and water access(es), viewpoints, a large municipal park, many private campgrounds, and a non-profit sanctuary.

Conclusion:
Paupack Township has shown that they are capable of maintaining their existing sites, value input from the community, and strive to offer recreation and conservation amenities. All sites offer great degrees of safety and are well maintained.

Recommendation(s):
Paupack Township would benefit from support to pursue grant funding to maintain their offerings at a high level. Though the Township appears to meet community recreation and natural resource needs, the development of a large public park or public forest would offer specific uses and conservation efforts not available currently.

PAUPACK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



1. Mangan Cove Public Lake Access and Boat Launch

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Mangan Cove Picnic Area and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Boat Ramp offers extremely well maintained, safe, and adequate paved parking, ADA parking, signage, an accessible picnic area, and concrete boat launch into Lake Wallenpaupack. All are open to the public throughout the year. During the summer boating season this launch received extremely high use.



3. Paupack Recreation Complex

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Paupack Township offers and strongly maintains the Paupack Recreation Complex. The site is frequently used and well respected. ADA parking and access accommodations are present. (<http://paupackwoenship.org/parks.htm>)

Recreational and Natural Offerings Include: tennis courts, playgrounds, picnic areas, baseball fields, and clean open space for the public.

PAUPACK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



6. Lake Lacawac Trail

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

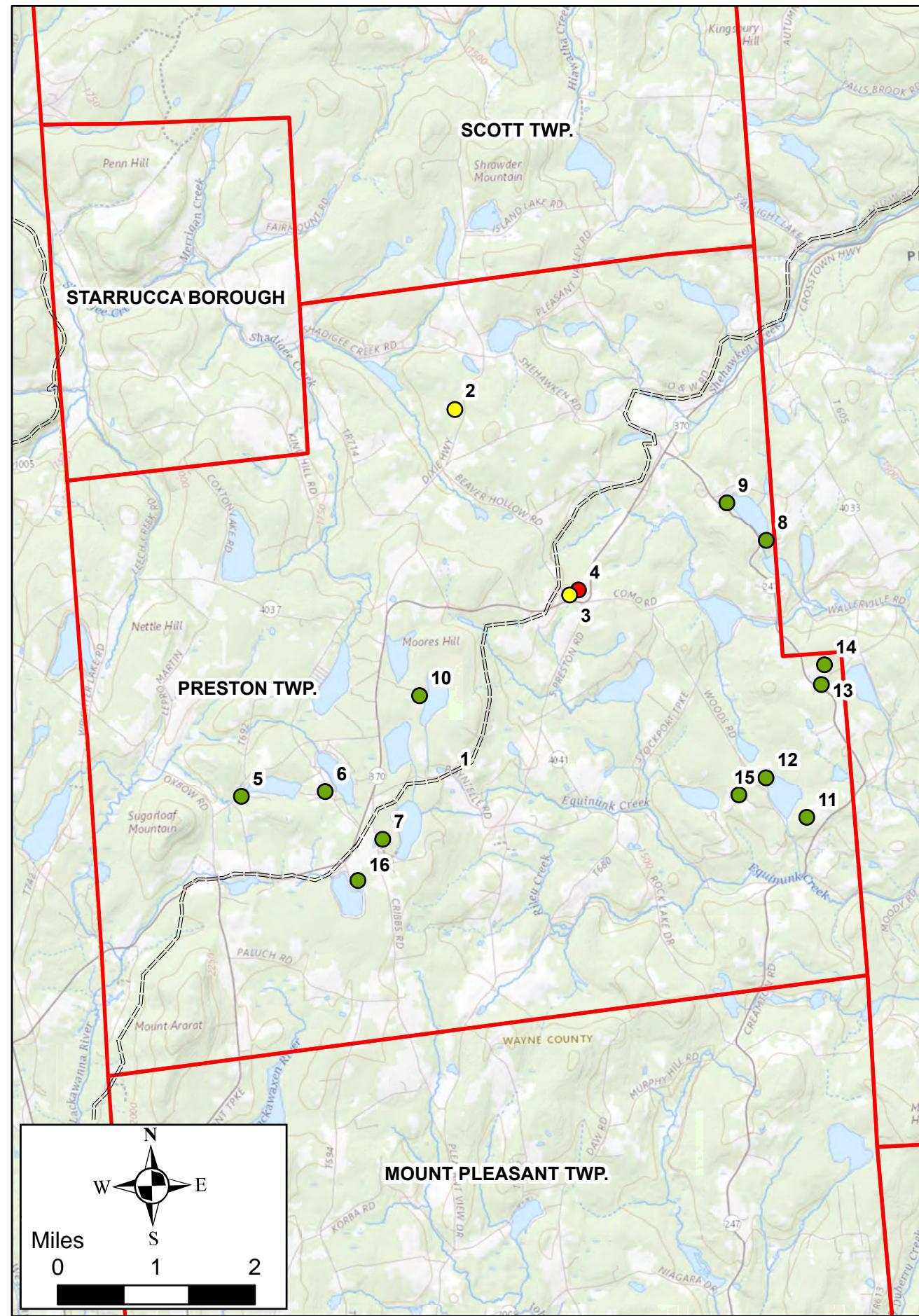
ASSESSMENT: Lacawac Sanctuary (<https://www.lacawac.org/>), a non-profit agency, offers 510 acres of conserved land along the shore of Lake Wallenpaupack. **Over nine miles of trail are available to the public from dawn to dusk, with a nature education center, restrooms, parking, and ADA accommodations.** The site is very up-to-date, safe and offers a thorough interaction with the environment for all ages.



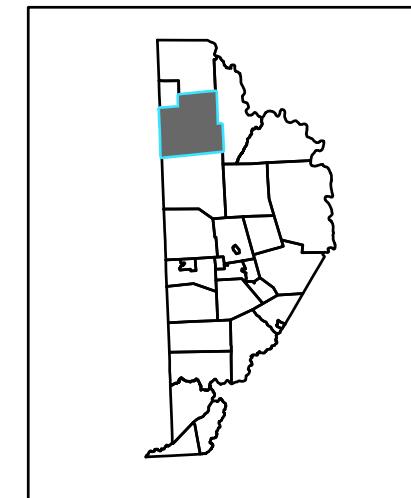
8. Shumans Point Hiking Trail

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
ADA Accomodations Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Shumans Point Hiking Trail and natural area is a privately owned property dedicated to the public use through funding from a variety of sources included Talen Energy (Public Utility) and PA DCNR. The site provides a **3.5-mile loop scenic trail** and the general conservation of over 250 acres property. The site would benefit from ADA parking and a portion of the trail meeting those standards, if possible.



MUNICIPALITY KEY



PRESTON TOWNSHIP

Description:
Preston Township offers public recreation opportunities at both its elementary school and the O&W Rail Trail, which traverses nearly seven miles through the township, offering biking, hiking, horseback riding, and snowshoeing/cross country skiing. Via these sites, the community enjoys group sports, social gatherings, and a strong access to the outdoors.

Conclusion:
Offering its population of over 1000 people the existing opportunities at the O&W Trail and public school allow Preston to strongly meet the immediate needs of its community.

Recommendation(s):
The Township would benefit from developing additional conservation efforts, such as acquiring game lands or public forests, for hunting and conservation, if possible. Though the O&W Trail extends to the Delaware River, the access to public waters within the Township for recreation do not exist. Access to a number of navigable, trout stocked waters is only available through private property.

Providing Broadband Internet/Cellular infrastructure to this municipality would be beneficial for the safety and welfare of the public as they recreate.

PRESTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

State Sites		Location	Type	Description
*	1 Preston O&W Rail Trail	Linear	Trail	Multi-use Trail
Municipal Sites				
2	Preston Township Property	41.88234, -75.39783	Vacant Municipal Lot	Municipal Property
3	Northern Wayne Community Library	41.85385, -75.37766	Library	Community Library
School District Sites				
*	4 Preston Area School	41.85456, -75.37589	Public School District Grounds	Various Recreation
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites				
5	Independent Lake Camp	41.82564, -75.44319	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
6	Camp Westmont	41.82602, -75.42671	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
7	Camp Poynette	41.81879, -75.41567	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
8	Camp Wayne For Boys	41.86107, -75.33871	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
9	Camp Wayne For Girls	41.86673, -75.34626	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
10	Camp Zeke	41.83970, -75.40769	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
11	Camp Nesher	41.82030, -75.33228	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
12	Camp Weequahic	41.82626, -75.34009	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
13	Camp Morasha Kollel	41.83970, -75.32870	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
14	Camp Morasha	41.84502, -75.32100	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
15	Camp Shoshanim	41.82387, -75.34550	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
16	Lake Lorain Golf Course	41.81285, -75.42076	Golf Course	Public Golf Course

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

PRESTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



1. Preston Area School

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

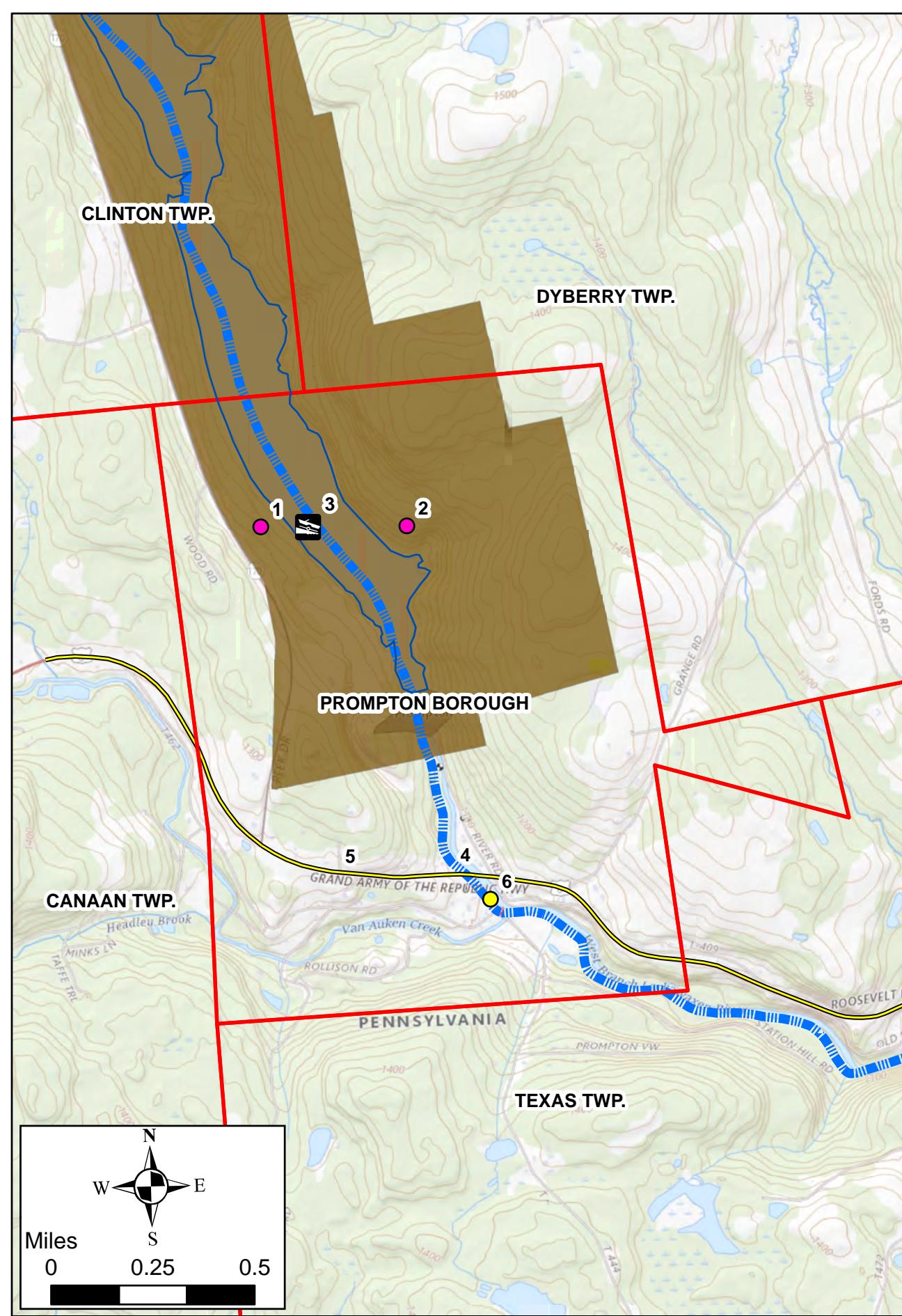
ASSESSMENT: The Wayne Highlands School District Preston Area School offers a **basketball court, playground, and swings for ages 5-12, multi-use open space field, and a baseball field**. These are all generally well maintained with ADA parking accommodations and access to each activity. As discussed with on site personnel, items are updated as funding is received.



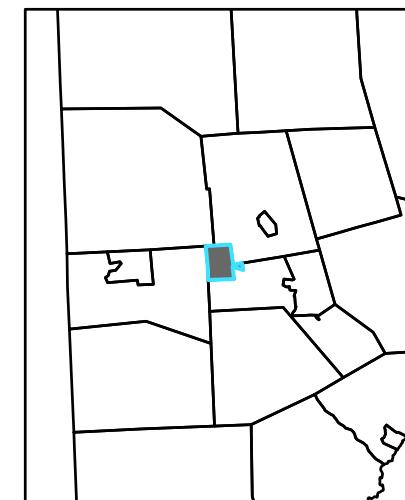
4. Preston O&W Trail

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Preston O&W Trail (<https://trails.dcnr.pa.gov/trails/trail/trailview?trailkey=197>) offers **over seven miles of open trail**, some of which is along Township owned gravel roads. All are well maintained with good signage for vehicles and pedestrians. Parking and trail heads are limited, and the site would benefit from additional offerings, though parking along the road is acceptable. Biking, horseback riding, hiking, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing are all acceptable uses. This trail connects to the bridge across the Delaware River (pedestrian walkway only) into Hancock, New York where it continues for 27 miles. Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR) are in strong support of additional connections, trail offerings, and access(es) for citizens on both sides of the river.



MUNICIPALITY KEY



Areas of Interest	
○	Federal Site(s)
●	Commercial Site(s)
●	Cultural Site(s)
●	Scenic Waterfall(s)
●	Interstate Bridges
●	Public Water Access(es) (Launches)
●	Publicly Accessible Water Trail(s)
==	Public Hiking Trail(s)
—	Potential Public Hiking Trail(s)
—	PA Bike Route(s)
—	PA Fish and Boat Commission Land(s) and Water(s)
—	Federal Corridor
—	State Gameland(s)
—	State Forest Land(s)
—	State Park(s)

PROMPTON BOROUGH

Description:

A large portion of Prompton Borough is Prompton State Park, maintained by the Lackawanna State Park System (PA DCNR). Robust recreational offerings include boating, hiking, disc golf, bird watching, fishing, hunting, sledding, and pavilions for picnics. Citizens are encouraged to review Pennsylvania State Code 135 and the PA DCNR Prompton State Park website for a full list of acceptable and prohibited activities. Prompton Riverside Park also exists with limited offerings along the West Branch Lackawaxen River, in the southern portion of the municipality. Though there is a pedestrian bridge over the river at the park, access to fishing and enjoying the river do not exist.

Conclusion:

Prompton State Park offers ample recreation activities while protecting and respecting Prompton Borough's natural resources. Although Prompton Borough Riverside Park provides a small playground and basketball court, no river access is provided, and the offerings are in need of updating.

Recommendation(s):

Although the municipality has recently resurfaced the basketball court, encouragement and support from the County to update Prompton Borough Riverside Park to contemporary safety standards would be helpful. Developing a public access to the Lackawaxen River would also be an enjoyable recreational addition that would benefit the public.

PROMPTON BOROUGH RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

State Sites		Location	Type	Description	
*	1	Prompton State Park West	41.59598, -75.33500	Park	Various Recreation and Over 606 Acres of Federal Property
	2	Prompton State Park East	41.59587, -75.32808	Park	Various Recreation and Over 606 Acres of Federal Property
	3	Prompton State Park Boat Launch	41.61224, -75.34151	Lake Access and Boat Launch	Public Lake Boat Launch and Various Water Recreation
	4	West Branch Lackawanna River	Linear	Navigable Stream	Water Trail
	5	PennDOT Bicycle Route Y (State Route 6)	Linear	Bike Route	Public Bike Route
Municipal Sites					
*	6	Prompton Riverside Park	41.58254, -75.32461	Park	Various Recreation

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

PROMPTON BOROUGH PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



1. Prompton State Park



Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

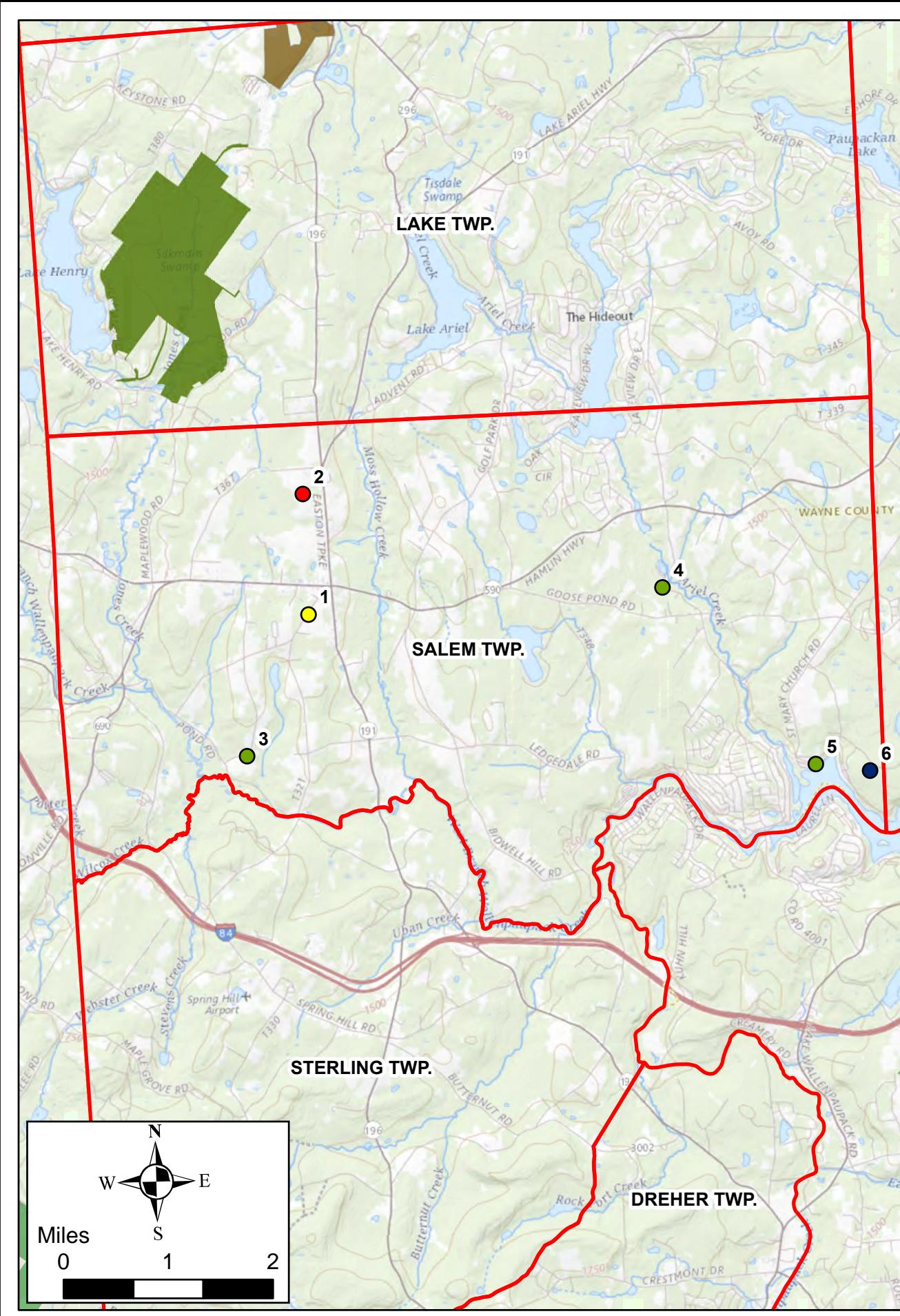
ASSESSMENT: The Prompton State Park property offers a wide variety of recreation and access to natural resources; **including boating and fishing on the 290-acre lake, picnicking, hiking, birdwatching, sledding, and disc golf.** The site is very well maintained, with adequate parking and ADA access to parking, restroom(s), and facilities throughout. These may benefit from additional signage regarding State Park offerings and laws. Additional recreation offerings, such as rock climbing, continued to be developed and pursued by the State Park at this location.



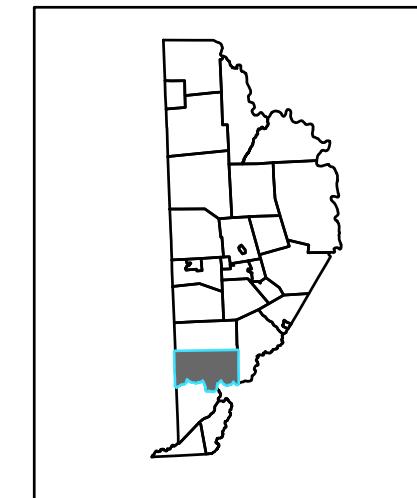
6. Prompton Riverside Park

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Limited	Updates Recommended	Updates Recommended	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Prompton Riverside Park **provides picnic tables, playground equipment, and a basketball court**, all of which would benefit from safety updates and support from the community. A bridge connects to the adjacent residential area but appears to need repairs as well. Parking is very limited with one ADA spot designated. Providing a public access to the West Branch of the Lackawaxen River at this site or elsewhere within Prompton Borough would be beneficial.



MUNICIPALITY KEY



Areas of Interest	
○	Federal Site(s)
●	Commercial Site(s)
■	State Site(s)
■	Cultural Site(s)
■	County Site(s)
■	Scenic Waterfall(s)
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■	Interstate Bridges
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==	Potential Public Hiking Trail(s)
■	PA Bike Route(s)
■	PA Fish and Boat Commission Land(s) and Water(s)
■	Federal Corridor
■	State Gameland(s)
■	State Forest Land(s)
■	State Park(s)

SALEM TOWNSHIP

Description:

Although only available to the public in three locations, Salem Township offers strong and diverse recreational and natural resource opportunities: including nearly nine miles of trails throughout the beautiful Lacawac Sanctuary Nature Preserve. Lacawac Sanctuary offers programming, activities, and educational opportunities for all ages and most are free to the public. Donations and/or membership money help to maintain these facilities.

The Salem Recreation Complex is a well-maintained park offering safe, open space for group sports, a pavilion/picnic area, and playground. While the Western Wayne Evergreen Elementary school provides similar, safe offerings.

Conclusion:

A conservation area and a variety of recreation opportunities are offered in Salem Township. All are very well maintained. Salem Township demonstrates its ability to support recreational and natural resource conservation for the public.

Recommendation(s):

Recommendations include continued pursuit of natural areas for conservation efforts and maintenance of the existing sites.

SALEM TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

Municipal Sites			
* 1	Salem Recreation Complex	41.39978, -75.40250	Park
School District Sites			Outdoor Recreation
* 2	Western Wayne School Evergreen Elementary	41.41644, -75.40296	School
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites			School Recreation Facilities
3	Hamlin Speedway	41.38047, -75.41447	Speedway
4	Claws and Paws Zoo	41.40219, -75.33736	Zoo
5	Sterling Marina	41.37722, -75.31010	Marina
Culturally Significant Sites			Boat Launch
* 6	Lacawac Sanctuary	41.37891, -75.29443	Wildlife Sanctuary (Non-profit)
*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.			Nature Center and Preserve

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



1. Salem Recreation Complex

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Salem Recreation Complex receives heavy use from the surrounding population and is held in high regard. The provided ball field is oriented off the north - south axis. If the opportunity arises this may be corrected to be as safe as possible. Salem Township demonstrates its capability and support for this space through committed up-keep.

Recreation and Natural Resource Offerings: soccer fields, open space, picnic areas, paved parking, ADA accommodations, and a playground with rubber mulch.



2. Western Wayne School Evergreen Elementry

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Western Wayne Evergreen Elementary School offers open space, soccer fields, ball fields, paved drives for access, ADA parking, and interpretive signage describing geothermal heating provided in the building. **A playground is provided. All are well maintained, safe, and accessible. LED lighting illuminates the parking lot and play areas for patrons to safely leave at dusk.**

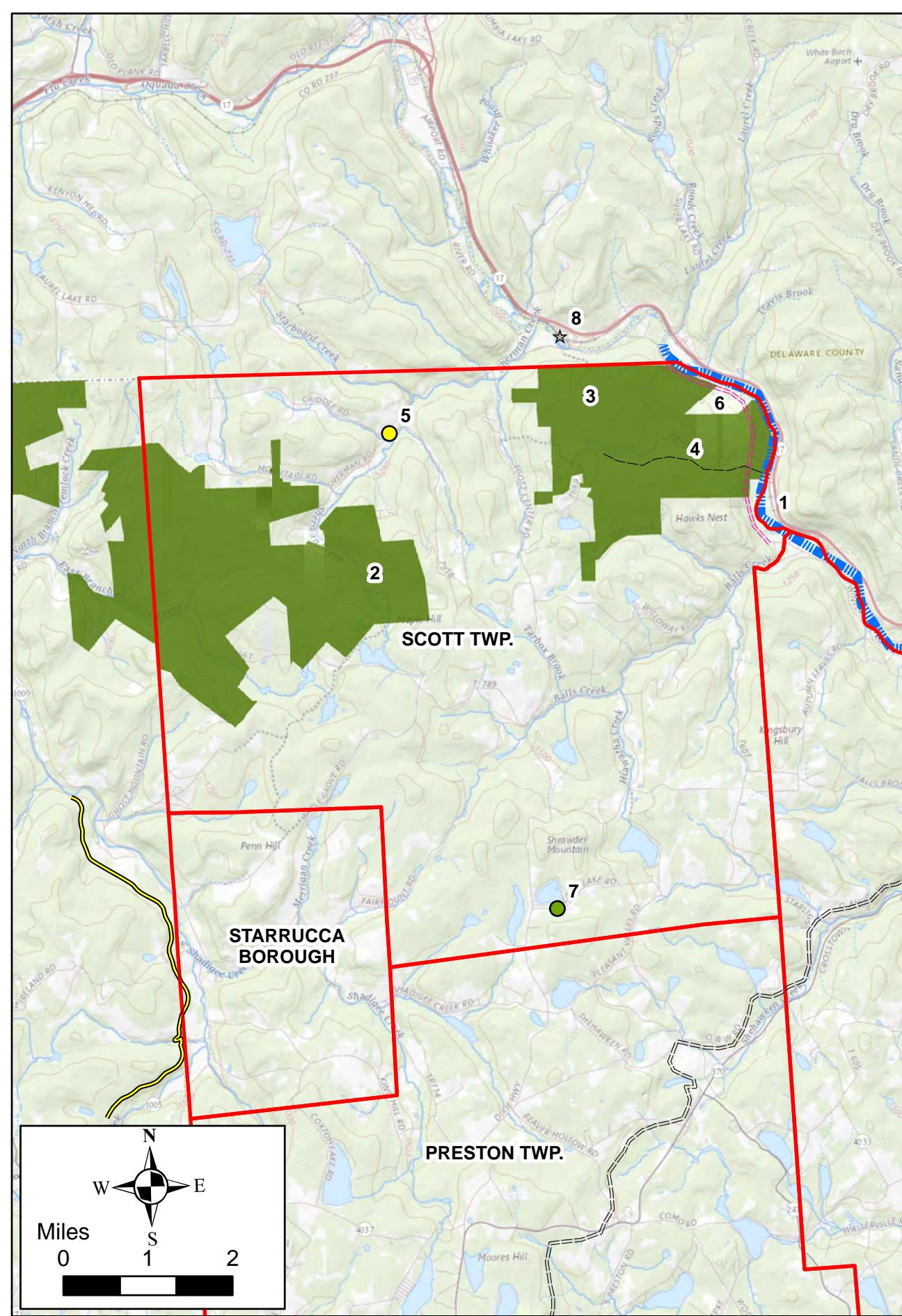
SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



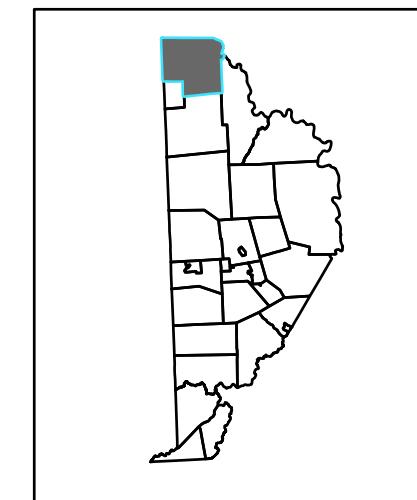
6. Lacawac Sanctuary

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Lacawac Sanctuary is a non-profit organization offering **nearly nine miles of trails**, free of charge, across its grounds in Salem Township. A **nature center**, programming, and signage provide educational opportunities for all ages for preserve attendees. The site is extremely well maintained, safe for the public, and provides access for all. The Lacawac Sanctuary provides research and coordination with surrounding universities and works to achieve funding through its donation and membership programs.



MUNICIPALITY KEY



Areas of Interest	
○	Federal Site(s)
●	Commercial Site(s)
■	Cultural Site(s)
■■■	Scenic Waterfall(s)
◆	Interstate Bridges
●	Municipal Site(s)
●	School District Site(s)
★	NYS Delaware River Access
■	Public Water Access(es) (Launches)
■■■	Publicly Accessible Water Trail(s)
==	Public Hiking Trail(s)
==	Potential Public Hiking Trail(s)
—	PA Bike Route(s)
■■■	PA Fish and Boat Commission Land(s) and Water(s)
■■■	Federal Corridor
■■■	State Game Land(s)
■■■	State Forest Land(s)
■■■	State Park(s)

SCOTT TOWNSHIP

Description:
Although limited in number, Scott Township offers access to over 8,000 acres of State Game Lands, a small park, and a community center. Scott Township encompasses portions of State Game Lands 299 which borders the Upper Delaware National Scenic River.

Conclusion:
Scott Township strongly maintains Wayne County's rural character and meets community recreational needs through limited offerings. Although no formal recreation or natural resource access or conservation requests have been made, the community would benefit from a dedicated river access and boat launch along the West Branch Delaware River. From the Delaware River through State Game Lands 299 to Star Pond, a woodland path exists, which is noted on the map. Throughout the summer many members of the community enjoy biking, walking, and hiking along Penn York Road, which runs along the West Branch Delaware River with State Game Lands 299 on both sides.

Recommendation(s):
The regional public would undoubtedly benefit from designating and promoting Penn York Road as a public trail--promoting shared multi-modal uses, connecting adjacent towns, the river, and Star Pond, via the existing Game Lands trail (by those who posses a valid hunting license and follow applicable laws).

Scott Township would benefit from Broadband Internet/ Cellular infrastructure to enhance the quality of life, safety, and welfare of those who recreate in the area.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

Federal Sites	Location	Type	Description
1 West Branch Delaware River	Linear	Water Trail	Various Water Recreation
State Sites			
* 2 State Game Lands 070	41.96324, -75.43232	Outdoor Recreation	Hunting and Fishing
* 3 State Game Lands 299	41.98349, -75.34331	Outdoor Recreation	Hunting and Fishing
4 Game Lands Trail from Penn York Road to Star Pond	Linear	Trail	Hiking Trail
Municipal Sites			
5 Sherman Community Center	41.98870, -75.42604	Community Center	Community Center
* 6 Penn York Road (Township Road T-780)	Linear	Municipal Dirt Road/Potential Multimodal Trail	Actively used as Trail
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites			
7 Island Lake Camp	41.90680, -75.39046	Children's Camp	Various Recreation
New York State Sites			
8 Hale Eddy West Branch Delaware River Access	42.00321, -75.38382	River Access	Public River Boat Launch

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



2. State Game Lands 070

ASSESSMENT: State Game Lands 070 provides access to fishing and hunting 6,300 acres in both Susquehanna and Wayne Counties. Currently the Pennsylvania Game Commission is open to widening access roads and creating additional parking for **hunters and anglers**. State Game Lands 070 users would benefit from additional signage and ADA parking accommodations if achievable.
(Please see: https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/StateGameLands/Documents/SGL%20Maps/SGL_070.pdf.)

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Additional ADA Parking Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

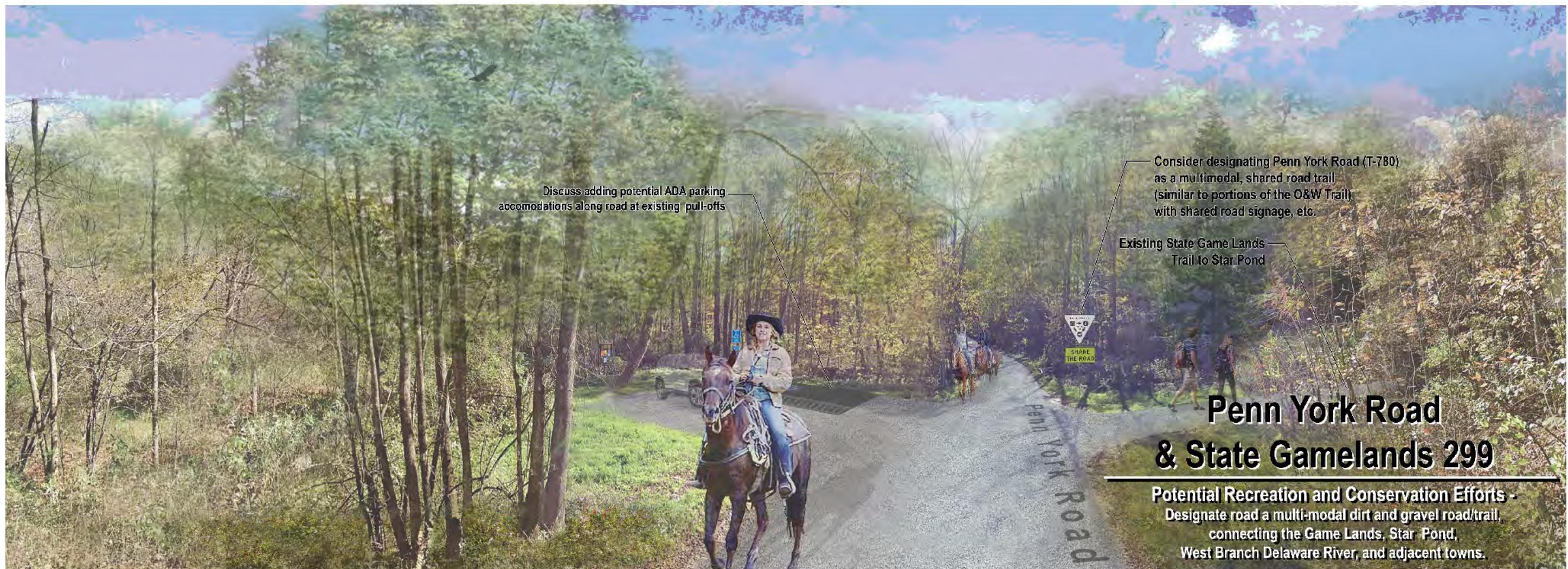


3. State Game Lands 299

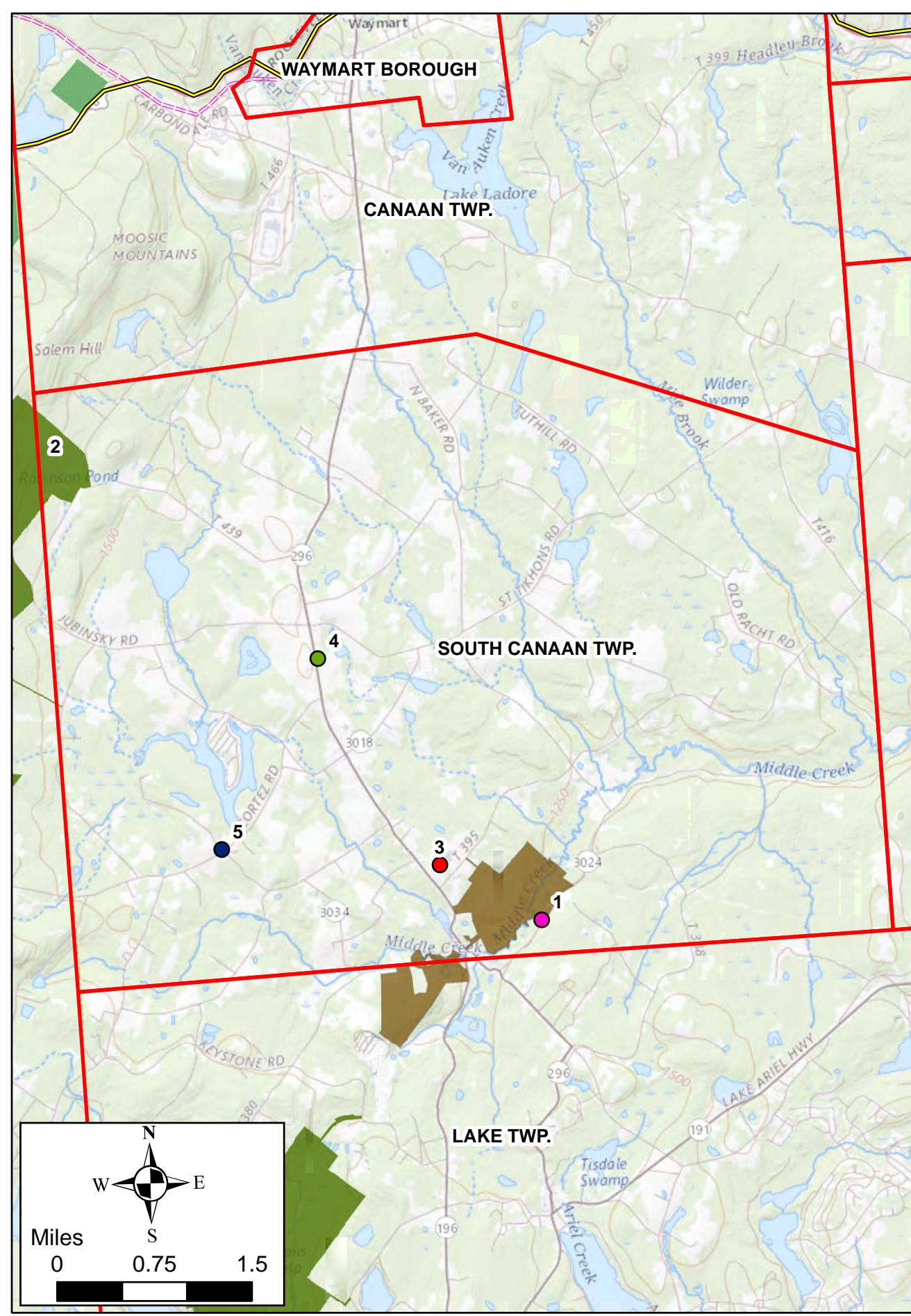
ASSESSMENT: State Game Lands 299 provides **hunting and fishing** opportunities across Scott Township and borders the West Branch Delaware River. Proposed development recommendations include a dedicated, public river access and boat launch, and designation of the Penn York Road as a multi-modal trail for pedestrian, cycle, and equestrian use--connecting to an access on the Delaware River and to the entrance of the Game Lands Trail to Star Pond. ADA parking and access offerings should be incorporated into the existing parking along Penn York Road with signage displaying websites and/or information regarding lawful use.
(Please see https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/StateGameLands/Documents/SGL%20Maps/SGL_299.pdf.)

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Additional ADA Parking Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

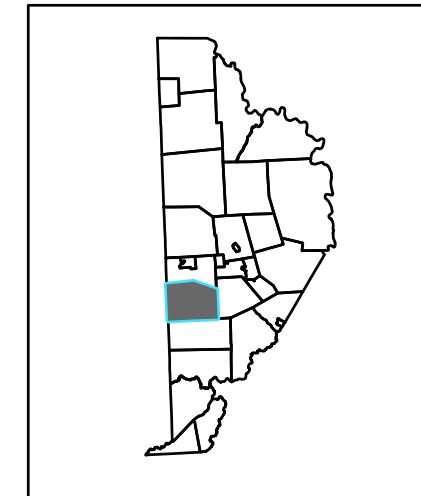
SCOTT TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



This artist rendering along Penn York Road (T-780) shows the potential recreational and natural resource offerings, should the recommended designation of Penn York Road into a multimodal gravel road and trail take place. Connections between the West Branch Delaware River, State Game Lands, Star Pond, and adjacent towns would be strengthened. Required agreements should be discussed between partners to offer ADA parking and accommodations along existing parking areas, if possible.



MUNICIPALITY KEY



SOUTH CANAAN TOWNSHIP

Description:
South Canaan Township offers a well maintained variety of recreational opportunities within its jurisdiction-- including group sports fields, State Game Lands, a State Park, a heritage building with walkable grounds and information, and a privately owned golf course.

Conclusion:
At this time the Township Supervisors have not received any requests and are not pursuing any additional recreational offerings. Multiple streams, ponds, lakes, and trails exist and public accesses are only offered through Varden Conservation Area and State Game Lands 300. Existing facilities are well maintained with adequate signage. ADA accommodations at the Game Lands would benefit resident access to recreation.

Recommendation(s):
South Canaan Township provides a variety of recreation and natural resource access for its residents. Providing ADA accommodations at the Game Lands access points would be beneficial and promote hunting by residents of all abilities.

SOUTH CANAAN RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

State Sites		Location	Type	Description
*	1 Varden Conservation Area	41.48622,-75.38383	Park	Conservation Area with Trails
*	2 State Game Lands 300	41.53929,-75.45547	Outdoor Recreation	Hunting and Fishing
School District Sites				
*	3 Western Wayne High School/Middle School	41.49264,-75.39868	Public School	Various Recreation
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites				
4	Red Maples Golf	41.51597,-75.41599	Golf Course	Golf (Seasonal)
Culturally Significant Sites				
5	Octagon Stone Schoolhouse	41.49501,-75.43100	Heritage Building	Open Space

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

SOUTH CANAAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



1. Varden Conservation Area

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The site features restroom facilities, adequate parking, signage, an ADA designated parking spot, and nature trail. Information is clearly posted and the ground well maintained and safe for public use. Please refer to the definitions of this report and Pennsylvania Code Chapter 5 Subpart B State Parks for acceptable and prohibited activities; some of these are posted for the public to view. A map of the park is available here: <https://www.dnrc.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/VardenConservationArea/Pages/default.aspx>



2. State Game Lands 300

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Additional ADA Parking Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

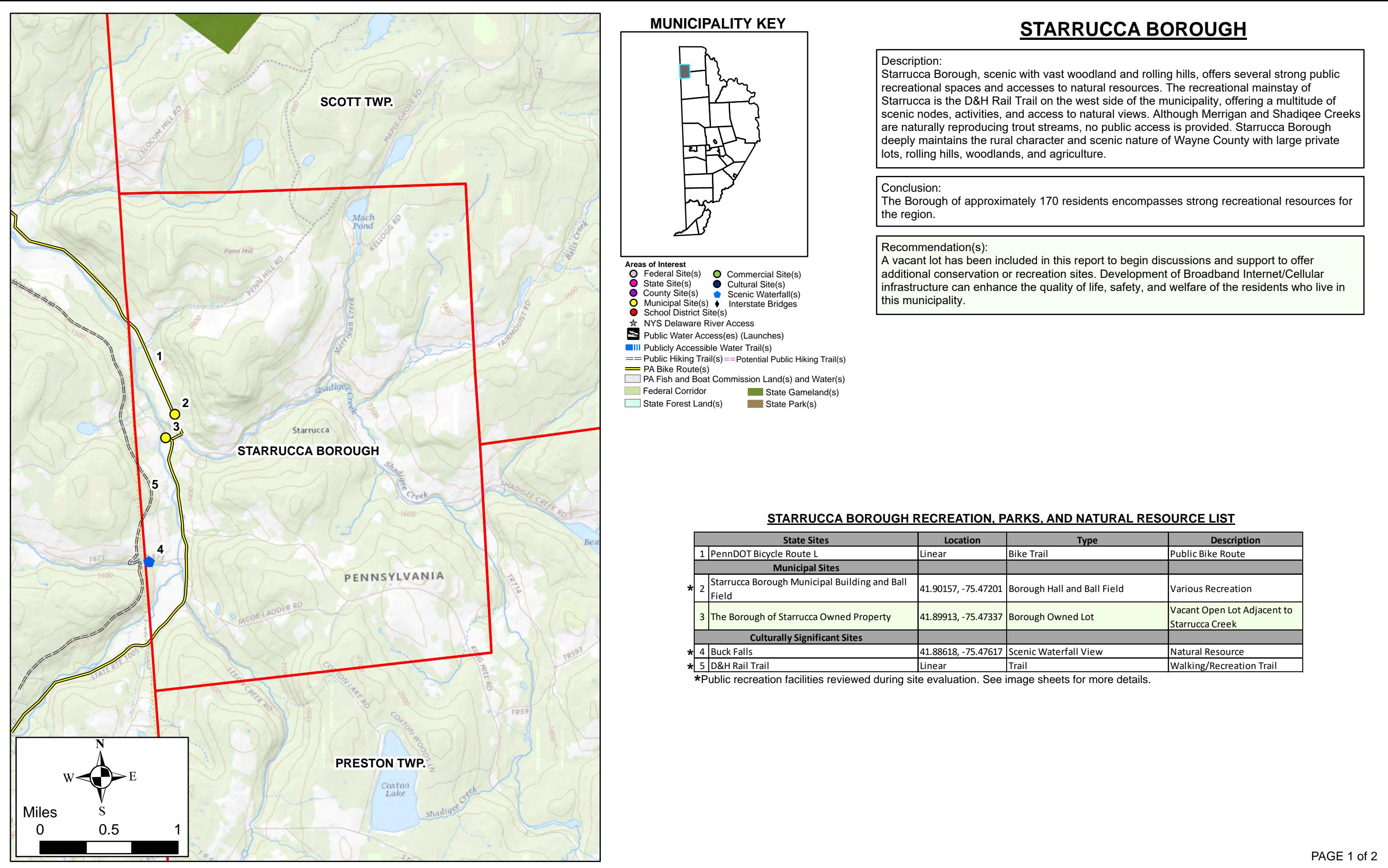
ASSESSMENT: Please refer to the definitions of this report and Chapter 135 of the Pennsylvania Code for acceptable and prohibited recreational activities within State Game Lands. Signage on site is limited; Game Lands 300 would benefit from additional signage; specifically noting Pennsylvania Code 135 stating acceptable and prohibited activities. Parking and access on site is limited to informal game trails and gravel lots. The site would benefit from ADA parking accommodations and promoting hunting access for citizens with disabilities. A lockable gate and trail would allow for better access, removal of game, and general access for law enforcement, the management of the land, and those with disabilities.
(Please see https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/StateGameLands/Documents/SGL%20Maps/SGL_300.pdf)



3. Western Wayne High School

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Western Wayne High School and Middle School Sports Complex provides adequate, paved ADA parking, safe access, and is well maintained. Although some of the lighting could be updated to LED, visibility is good. **Recreation offerings include baseball, soccer, football fields, track and field, and basketball and tennis courts.**



STARRUCCA BOROUGH PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



1. Starrucca Borough Municipal Building and Ballfield

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Additional ADA Parking Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Starrucca Borough Ballfield, adjacent to the Borough Municipal Building provides **bleachers and amenities for little league baseball**. The ball field is oriented correctly, safe, and well maintained. Parking is limited with no designated ADA spots.



4. Buck Falls

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited

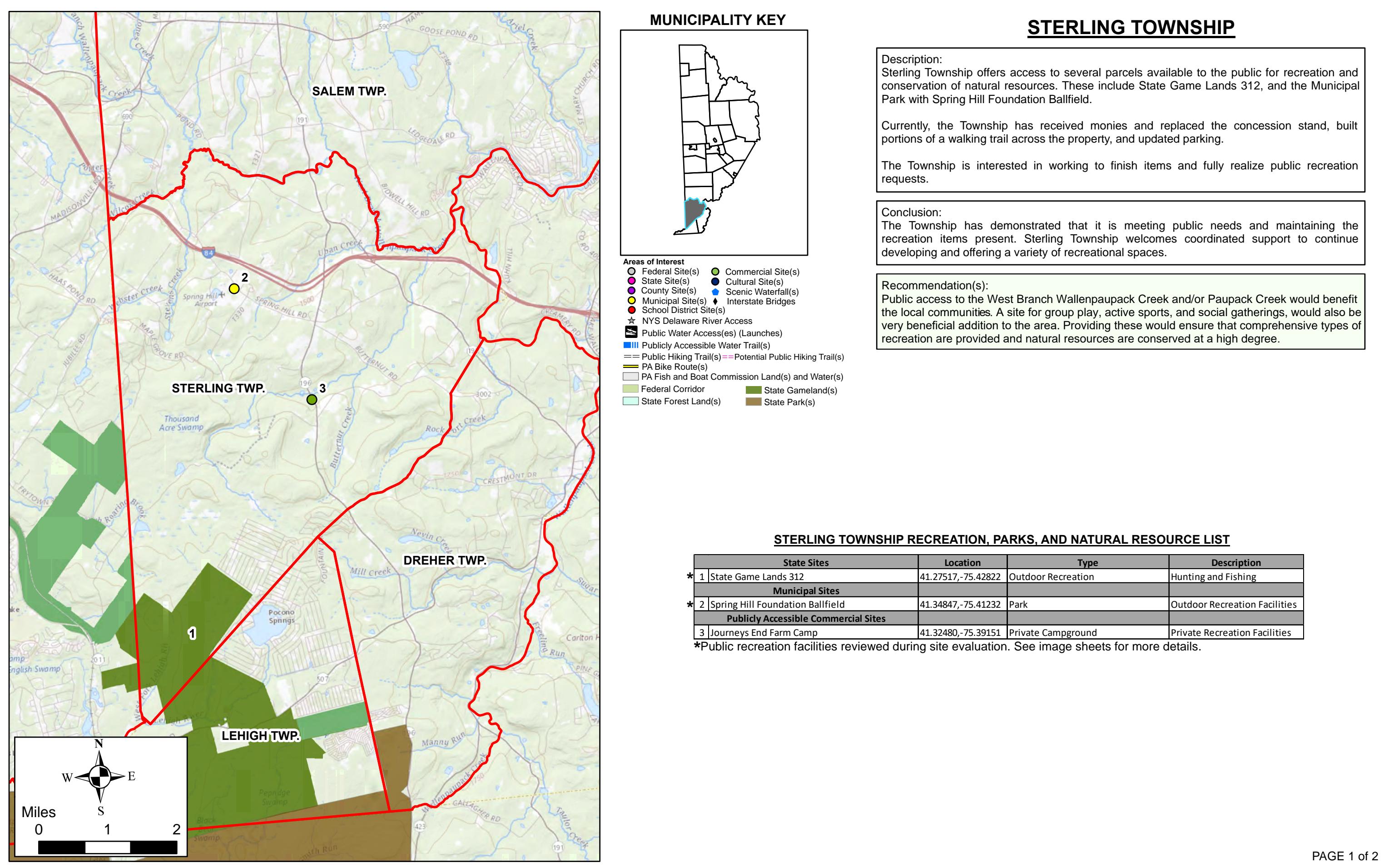
ASSESSMENT: Viewable from the adjacent Bucks Falls Road (B-671) and the D&H Rail Trail, Buck Falls offers **scenic views of clean natural waters and processes**. The falls are on private property and access is prohibited without permission from the owner.



5. D&H Trail

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Delaware and Hudson Rail Trail in Starrucca offers access to scenic views, natural resources, and a wide well-maintained trail allowing: **Biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, hiking, and cross-country skiing**. Signage and safety are adequate, additional trailheads, parking, and signage would benefit resident. (Please see <https://www.traillink.com/trail/delaware-and-hudson-rail-trail> for most up-to-date info regarding the D&H Rail Trail)



STERLING TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



1. State Game Lands 312

ASSESSMENT: State Game Lands 312 provides 4,459 continuous acres through three counties, including Wayne, Lackawanna, and Monroe. The tract connects with a State Park, municipal park, and state forest, providing a variety of recreational opportunities; although the site would benefit from additional signage, parking, ADA offerings, and general access. The public is encouraged to familiarize themselves with the State Game Lands Sportsman's Recreation map (https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/StateGameLands/Documents/SGL%20Maps/SGL_312.pdf) as well as the adjacent State Land Laws to ensure proper activities are conducted and the lands properly enjoyed.

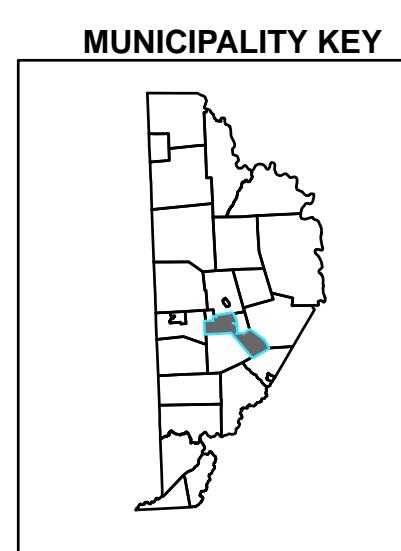
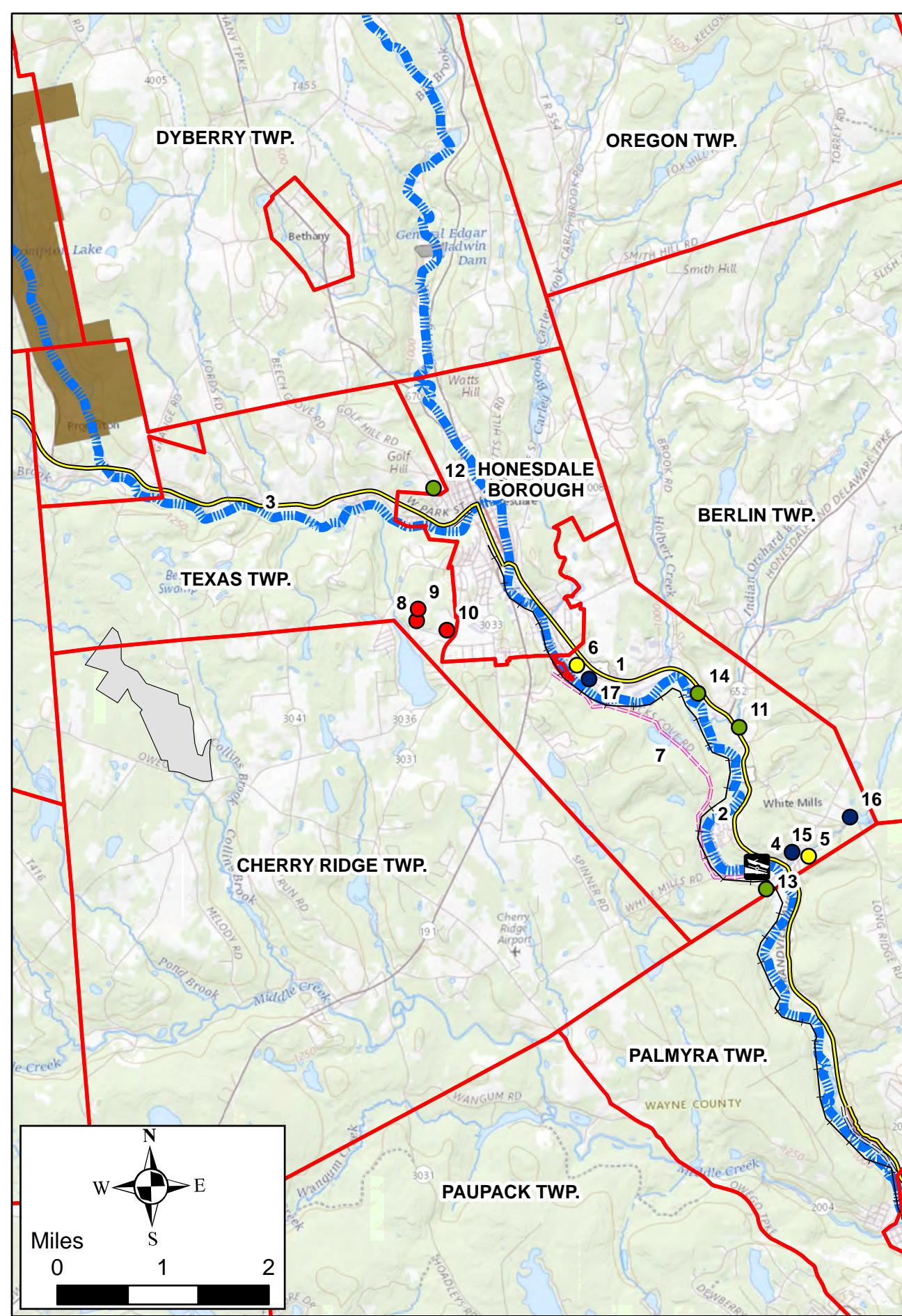
Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Additional ADA Parking Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate



2. Spring Hill Foundation Ballfield

ASSESSMENT: Sterling Township currently is resurfacing and developing the Spring Hill Foundation Ballfield. The full municipal owned property is ten (10) acres allowing it to provide park offerings. **A Ball field, playground, concession stand, score board, and gravel trail** have been recently provided. Overall, the site is well maintained and in good condition. The Township is encouraged to continue its development as funding is made available.

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate/Under Development	Adequate/Under Development	Adequate/Under Development	Adequate/Under Development



Areas of Interest

- Federal Site(s)
- Commercial Site(s)
- State Site(s)
- Cultural Site(s)
- County Site(s)
- Scenic Waterfall(s)
- School District Site(s)
- Interstate Bridges
- ★ NYS Delaware River Access
- Public Water Access(es) (Launches)
- Publicly Accessible Water Trail(s)
- == Public Hiking Trail(s)
- PA Bike Route(s)
- PA Fish and Boat Commission Land(s) and Water(s)
- Federal Corridor
- State Gameland(s)
- State Forest Land(s)
- State Park(s)

TEXAS TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

State Sites	Location	Type	Description
1 PennDOT Bicycle Route Y (Route 6)	Linear	Bike Route	Public Bike Route
2 West Branch Lackawaxen River	Linear	Water Trail	Various Water Recreation
3 Lackawaxen River	Linear	Water Trail	Various Water Recreation
County Sites			
* 4 Wayne County White Mills River Access	41.52590, -75.20509	Public Boat Launch and River Access	Public Boat Launch & Various Recreation
Municipal Sites			
* 5 The Dorflinger Glass Factory Trail to Lollipop Pond	41.52762, -75.20159	Trail	Hiking Trail
6 Texas Township Property	41.55426, -75.24054	Vacant Municipal Lot	Municipal Property
7 Bucks Cove Road (Township Road T-468)	Linear	Municipal Road	Potential Trail
School District Sites			
8 Lakeside Elementary School	41.56130, -75.26967	Public School	Various Recreation
9 Stourbridge Elementary School	41.56289, -75.26935	Public School	Various Recreation
10 Wayne County School Recreation Complex	41.55990, -75.26420	Public School	Various Recreation
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites			
11 Khols Aerobis & Fitness Center	41.54547, -75.21144	Gym	Indoor Recreation Facility
12 Honesdale Golf Club	41.57934, -75.26589	Private Golf Course	Golf (Seasonal)
13 Sports Factory	41.52478, -75.20568	Gym	Indoor Recreation Facility
14 3B's Indoor Shooting Range	41.55026, -75.21875	Shooting Range	Indoor Recreation Facility
Culturally Significant Sites			
15 Dorflinger Factory Museum and Trail	41.52659, -75.20328	Museum and Trails	Cultural Site
16 Dorflinger Glass Museum	41.53295, -75.19226	Museum, Trails, Grounds, & Amphitheater	Cultural Site
17 Wayne County Historical Society's Canal Remnant Property	41.55300, -75.23941	Path/Walk	Trail with Historic Site-Access and Information

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

TEXAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



4. Wayne County White Mills River Access

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: The Wayne County White Mills River Access, adjacent to the Sports Factory, is an open space lot recently funded (2021) by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to be developed to provide safe, clear, and adequate parking and river access for residents.

Future Recreational Offerings Include: Public restrooms and parking amenities, ADA accommodations, a boat launch, clear space for access to the river for various water recreation.

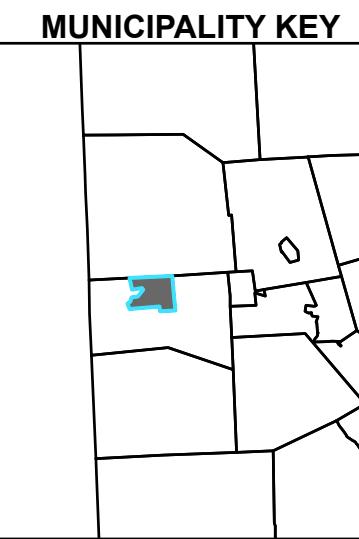
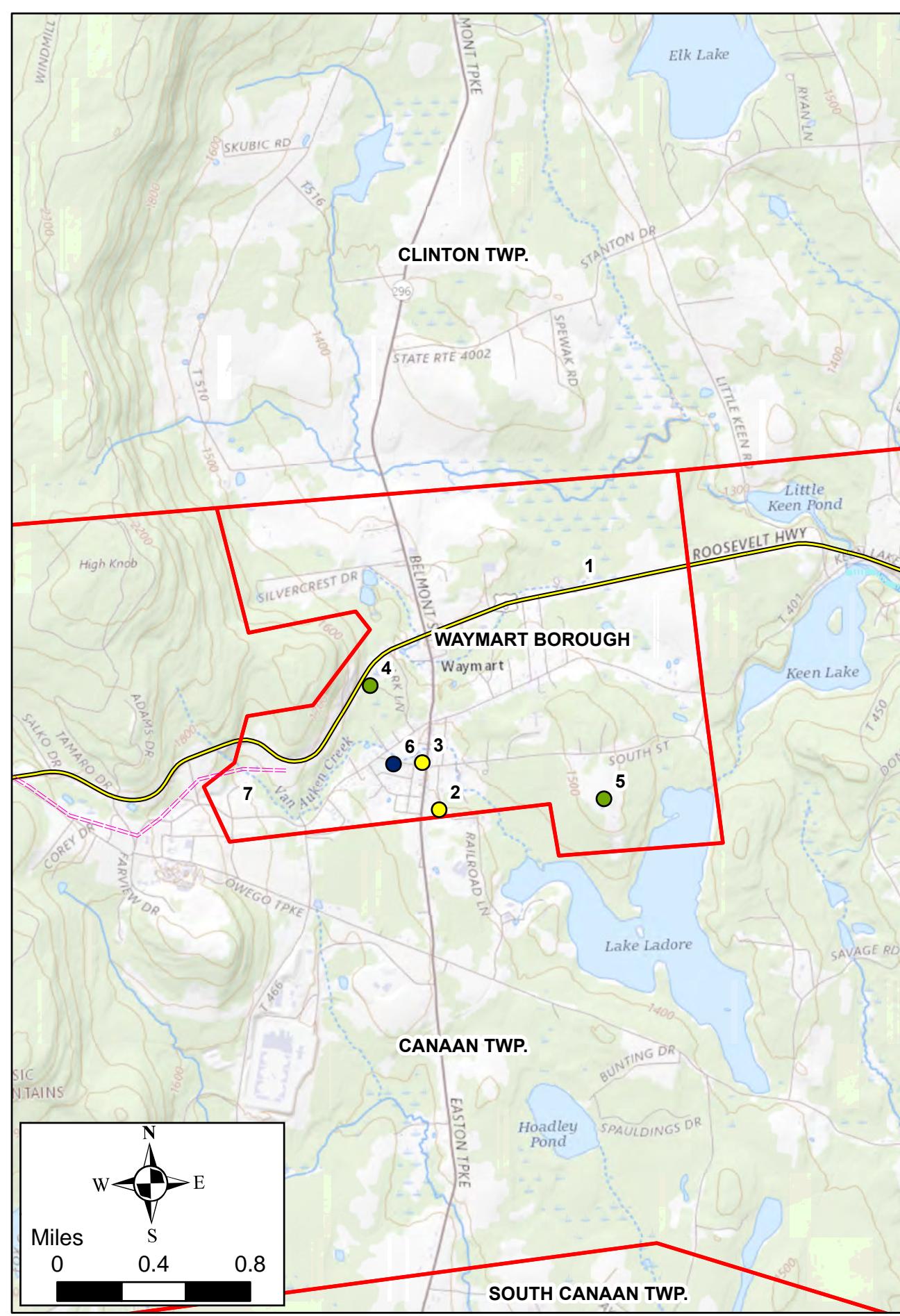


5. The Dorflinger Glass Factory Trail to Lollipop Pond

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
In Development	In Development	In Development	In Development



ASSESSMENT: The Dorflinger Glass Factory Grounds features a Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources funded trail with interpretive signage connecting an access on Route 6 up to Lollipop Pond, which is municipally owned. A desire to connect this with the Dorflinger Glass Museum Grounds Trails and the water trail have been expressed and are being pursued. The trail and parking are safe, well maintained and meet ADA standards.



Areas of Interest

- Federal Site(s)
- Commercial Site(s)
- State Site(s)
- Cultural Site(s)
- County Site(s)
- Scenic Waterfall(s)
- Municipal Site(s)
- Interstate Bridges
- School District Site(s)
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- == Public Hiking Trail(s)
- PA Bike Route(s)
- PA Fish and Boat Commission Land(s) and Water(s)
- Federal Corridor
- State Game Land(s)
- State Forest Land(s)
- State Park(s)

WAYMART BOROUGH

Description:
Celebrating 170 years since its establishment, Waymart Borough continues to pursue and meet community recreation needs, while maintaining and providing healthy rural character and cultural significant spaces. Currently, (2021) Waymart Borough is conducting a Feasibility Study of the Borough's Veterans Park. Funding for this effort was received from Pennsylvania recreation and park society. Next steps will include focused design and construction to meet community needs.

Conclusion:
Waymart Borough continues to meet public recreation needs and provide high level recreation opportunities and access while protecting natural resources.

Recommendation(s):
Waymart Borough should continue to fulfill the findings of their Veteran's Park Feasibility Study. With public support obtained and the right opportunities, updates should be made to Kennedy's Grove Park as noted. The development of an access to waters would greatly benefit the public.

The 2001 Trail Feasibility Study identifies a possible trail route to connect Waymart Borough with the D&H Trail in Lackawanna County. The creation of this trail would be extremely beneficial to the public. Revisiting the study and the possibilities identified is highly recommended.

WAYMART BOROUGH RECREATION, PARKS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE LIST

State Sites	Location	Type	Description
1 PennDOT Bicycle Route Y (Route 6)	Linear	Bike Route	Public Bike Route
Municipal Sites	Location	Type	Description
* 2 Waymart Railroad Lane Park	41.57794, -75.40761	Park	Various Recreation
* 3 Waymart Veterans Park	41.58079, -75.40886	Park	Various Recreation
Publicly Accessible Commercial Sites			
* 4 Kennedys Grove Park	41.58546, -75.41261	Park	Various Recreation
5 Lodore Lodge	41.57833, -75.39441	Private Campground	Various Recreation
Culturally Significant Sites			
6 D&H Gravity Depot/Historical Society	41.58075, -75.41116	Museum	Cultural Site
7 Potential Gravity Rail Trail	Linear	Potential Future Trail	Multimodal

*Public recreation facilities reviewed during site evaluation. See image sheets for more details.

WAYMART BOROUGH PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



2. Waymart Railroad Lane Park

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: Waymart Borough Railroad Lane Park offerings include **soccer and baseball fields, complete with a concession stand and portable (seasonal) restrooms; a playground with proper ADA access for ages 5-12 is present.** At the adjacent R.D. Wilson (public school, see Canaan Township map). This Park is connected to the R.D. Wilson School Recreation Grounds via two (2) provided pedestrian bridges. Paved, designated, ADA parking is provided, and the site is well maintained. Signage, visibility, and site safety meet typical standard requirements.



3. Veterans Park

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Under Review	Under Review	Under Review	Under Review

ASSESSMENT: Currently under assessment by the Borough and the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society for needs programming, and functionality, a revised park plan is being developed for future success. Offerings at this time include: **benches and picnic tables, walkways, playgrounds for ages 2-12, and space for a removable band stand, used annually.** It is recommended that the Borough continue to work towards providing the items identified in the study and updating the existing facilities to best meet ADA and safety standards.

WAYMART BOROUGH PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY EVALUATIONS



4. Kennedys Grove Park

Access	Safety	Condition	Programming
Additional ADA Parking Recommended	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate

ASSESSMENT: This park property is owned by the Waymart Volunteer Fire Company and offers **pavilion and picnic amenities with a small playground**. Some safety and maintenance concerns exist with a general need to update the facility to offer ADA parking and accessibility, signage, and safe, maintainable recreation equipment for public use. The site is limited in use at this time to fund raising barbecues and volunteer fire fighting training.

Chapter 3 – Assessment and Plans

3-2 Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resources Plan

With nearly all *Objective* requirements considered (existing recreational and natural resources mapped and interview information received), *Recommendations* were formulated for the future of Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resources in Wayne County. A comprehensive list of these *Recommendations* are provided in the following *Implementation Matrix*. The *Implementation Matrix*, combined with the *Assessment Maps* found in *Figure F*, successfully reach the *Goal(s)* outlined in the Wayne County, Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resources Plan, as they provide guidance for agencies and groups to make informed decisions regarding the future of recreation and natural resource conservation sites within Wayne County (maintenance, upgrading, and creation) over the next decade.

The *Implementation Matrix* prescribes steps to positively build upon the County's strong recreation and conservation network and meet the public demands found by the Advisory Committee, municipal leaders, and stakeholders, and in the *Pennsylvania Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan*. While many of the *Recommendations* include County-wide adjustments, those that are physical and specific are highlighted in the specific municipal *Assessment Map* [*Figure F*] charts they pertain too. Direction regarding next steps, potential partners, approximate time frames, and funding sources are provided in the matrix. Funding source information, although continuously changing, is provided in *Chapter 3-5*.

Insert: Implementation Matrix

#	Recommendation	Potential Partners	Implementation Schedule	Approximate Cost	Potential Funding Source(s)
I.	Pursue agreements, conversations, and the development of a pedestrian and water trail (with accesses) connecting the Boroughs of Hawley and Honesdale.	PA Fish and Boat Commission, Honesdale Borough, Texas Township, Palmyra Township, Hawley Borough, and Lackawanna River Trails (LRT).	5-10 Years	\$1,000,000 +	Var. Multi-modal and trail funds, including those from: PA DCNR, PA DCED, PennDOT, LSA (Statewide and Monroe), the PEC, and donations and matching from LRT/local shares.
II.	Support the designation of Bucks Cove Road in Texas Township as a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal trail; including possible ADA parking offerings.	Texas Township and LRT.	1-3 Years	\$0-500,000	Various Multi-modal and trail funds, including those from: PA DCNR, PA DCED, PennDOT, LSA (Statewide and Monroe), the PEC, and donations and matching from LRT/local shares.
III.	Consider forming a County Level Group or position to oversee existing recreational spaces and regularly review maintenance and funding needs.	Honesdale Borough, Hawley Borough, and all other willing municipalities; Lackawanna River Trails.	1-3 Years	\$0-250,000 (Annually)	County and Municipal Capital Improvement Budgets, PA DCNR Park Rehabilitation Grants, etc.
IV.	Pursue agreement, draft plans, and develop the 73 acres surrounding Hankins Pond into a Public Recreation Area or Park.	Mt. Pleasant Township, PA Fish and Boat Commission, and PA DCNR.	5-10 Years	\$1,000,000 +	PA Fish and Boat Commission, Municipal Funds; Various Multi-modal and trail funds, including those from: PA DCNR, PA DCED, PennDOT, LSA (Statewide and Monroe), the PEC; and donations and matching from LRT/local shares.
V.	Support a partnership between PA Fish and Boat and Lebanon Township to offer the publicly requested trail and amenities at Lower Woods Pond.	Lebanon Township, PA Fish and Boat Commission, and the Local Scout Troop.	3-5 Years	\$250,000-1,000,000	PA Fish and Boat Commission, Municipal Funds, Local Scout Troop; Various multi-modal and trail funds, including those from: PA DCNR, PA DCED, PennDOT, LSA (Statewide), the PEC, and donations and matching from LRT/local shares.
VI.	Encourage the construction of the Gorge Trail in Pike County to connect to Wayne County's public Lackawaxen River Trail network.	Palmyra Township, Hawley Borough, and LRT.	1-3 Years	\$0-500,000	Various Multi-modal and trail funds, including those from: PA DCNR, PA DCED, PennDOT, LSA (Statewide and Monroe), the PEC, and donations and matching from LRT/local shares.
VII.	Support the pursuit of the trail system proposed in Canaan Township to connect the greater D&H Regional Trail System through the existing Gravity Rail right of way to Waymart Borough.	Canaan Township, Waymart Borough, Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, Lackawaxen River Trails, and the Rail-Trail Council of NEPA.	5-10 Years	\$0-1,000,000	Various Multi-modal and trail funds, including those from: PA DCNR, PA DCED, PennDOT, LSA (Statewide and Monroe), the PEC, and donations and matching from LRT/local shares.
VIII.	Support NEP SNO Trails and Ace Snowmobile clubs to connect their trail systems through PA State Game Lands 159.	Bethany Township, Lebanon Township, Mt. Pleasant Township, NEP SNO Trails and Ace Snowmobile Club.	3-5 Years	\$0-500,000	Various Multi-modal and motorized trail funds, including those from: PA DCNR, PA DCED, PennDOT, LSA (Statewide and Monroe), the PEC, and donations and matching from LRT/local shares.
IX.	Support conversations with partners, agreements, and ultimately the development of Stockport Fishing Access located on the Upper Delaware River to provide safe parking and access, meeting public demand.	Buckingham Township, Friends of the Upper Delaware River, PA Fish and Boat Commission, Upper Delaware Council, and the National Park Service	5-10 Years	\$0-500,000	Various river access and park grants, including those from: PA DCNR, LSA (Statewide and Monroe), the PEC, and the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

X.	Support the designation of portions of River Road (T-651, T-653, and T-672) as a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal trail; including re-opening of portions of T-672 that have washed out which traverse through the Nature Conservancy Property. Also, engage in conversations, agreements, and ultimately the development of a public Delaware River Access in this area.	Manchester Township, the Nature Conservancy, Friends of the Upper Delaware River, PA Fish and boat Commission, and the National Park Service.	1-3 Years	\$0-500,000	Various multi-modal and trail funds, including those from: PA DCNR, PA DCED, PennDOT, LSA (Statewide and Monroe), the PEC, and donations and matching from LRT/local shares; the County Dirt and Gravel Road Program.
XI.	Support the designation Penn-York Road in Scott Township as a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal trail adjacent to State Game Lands 299; including possible ADA parking offerings.	Scott Township, PA Game Commission, Friends of the Upper Delaware River, PA Fish and boat Commission, and the National Park Service.	1-3 Years	\$0-500,000	Various Multi-modal and trail funds, including those from: PA DCNR, PA DCED, PennDOT, LSA (Statewide and Monroe), the PEC, and donations and matching from LRT/local shares; the Wayne County Dirt and Gravel Road Program.
XII.	Support lease agreements between the PA Fish and Boat Commission and either Wayne County or Cherry Ridge Township to development Reining Pond Marsh into a public Recreation Area or Park	Cherry Ridge Township, PA Fish and Boat Commission	3-5 Years	\$250,000-1,000,000	Various water access and park grants, including those from: PA DCNR, LSA (Statewide and Monroe), the PEC, and the PA Fish and Boat Commission.
XIII.	Support the creation of an Upper Delaware River Public Boat and Fishing access in Manchester Township.	Manchester Township, PA Fish and Boat Commission	3-5 Years	\$0-500,000	Various river access and park grants, including those from: PA DCNR, LSA (Statewide and Monroe), the PEC, and the PA Fish and Boat Commission.
XIV.	Continue to support the development of broad band internet and/or cellular infrastructure throughout the County.	All Municipalities.	5-10 Years	\$1,000,000 +	Various Broadband Grants available through Commonwealth CFA.
XV.	Provide additional, clear signage and information for acceptable activities, throughout parks County-wide. Consider matching signage and QR Code connections.	All Municipalities, applicable agencies, and non-profits.	1-3 Years	\$250,000-500,000	Various wayfinding and signage grants, including those from: PA DCNR, PA DCED, PennDOT, LSA (Statewide and Monroe), the PEC, and donations and matching from LRT/local shares; municipal capital improvement budgets.
XVI.	Maintain existing sites in a safe, working, and contemporary level as funding is made available.	All Municipalities, applicable agencies, and non-profits.	5-10 Years	\$1,000,000 +	Various wayfinding and signage grants, including those from: PA DCNR, PA DCED, PennDOT, LSA (Statewide and Monroe), the PEC, and donations and matching from LRT/local shares; municipal capital improvement budgets.
XVII.	Support NEP SNO Trails, Friends of the Upper Delaware River, Rail Trail Council of NEPA, and citizens pursing connecting trail systems along the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania into New York.	Buckingham Township, Manchester Township, Scott Township, NEP SNO Trails, Friends of the Upper Delaware River, and the Rail Trail Council of NEPA.	3-5 Years	\$0-500,000	Various Motorized trail funds for planning and construction, including those from: PA DCNR, PA DCED, PennDOT, LSA (Statewide and Monroe), the PEC, and donations and matching from LRT/local shares.
XVIII.	Encourage pedestrian and bicycle accommodations within existing street networks to better connect parks.	All Municipalities, applicable agencies, and non-profits.	1-3 Years	\$0-250,000	Various wayfinding and signage grants and multimodal grants including those from: PA DCNR, PA DCED, PennDOT, LSA (Statewide and Monroe), the PEC, municipal capital budgets, and donations and matching from LRT/local shares.
XIX.	Create a digital map application for smart phone use to provide key information about sites throughout Wayne County.	All Municipalities, PA DCNR, applicable organizations.	1-3 Years	\$0-250,000	Various planning grants including those from: PA DCNR, PA DCED, LSA (Statewide and Monroe) and pilot programs.

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3-4 Next Steps

The most important aspect of the Wayne County Recreation, Parks, and Natural Resources Plan is its implementation. Realizing the *Recommendations* noted in the *Implementation Matrix* over the next ten years will allow the recreation and natural resource systems in the County to function optimally. Strengthening connections will allow access for all to a variety of recreation types and benefit the economy and health of the public throughout the region.

The recommendations in the *Implementation Matrix* are not prioritized. Instead, they are listed in a clear format so that work can begin on many of them in many ways, depending on support and availability of resources. It is highly suggested that contact be made with each group or municipality referenced to begin each specific Recommendation first. Many of these recommendations will best be carried out via a partnership by key recreation and conservation groups, agencies, municipalities, and County level departments. A comprehensive list of grants follows as guidance for those seeking funding to achieve the recommendations.

3-5 Grant Funding Opportunities

Pennsylvania Department of Natural Resources (DCNR)

Pennsylvania Department of Natural Resources provides a variety of funds towards trails and recreational programming throughout the State. These grants typically require a 50 percent match; however, non-cash matching options are available. To gain more information regarding non-cash matching options and grant funding limits, applicants are encouraged to reach out to their PA DCNR Regional Advisor. Required matching ranges from 20%-50% for projects with a range of total monies available.

Grant Round: Typically Jan. – Apr.; annually.

Contact: <http://apps.dncr.pa.gov/grants>

*Rachel Carson State office Building
400 Market Street Harrisburg, PA 17105*

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development offers ***the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP)***, among others. Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority to provide matching funds for the “planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of recreation trails, open space and parks.” Projects which provide river conservation are also desired. Municipalities, businesses, institutions, and authorized organizations can apply. Grants of up to \$250,000 are awarded and a 15 percent match of the project cost is required.

Grant Round: February 1st – May 31st; annually.

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DCED also offers the ***Multimodal Transportation Fund*** which focuses on alternative forms of transportation and is specifically for projects over \$100,000. Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation, and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets and transit-oriented development. Municipalities, Councils of Governments, businesses, economic development organizations, ports and rail/freight are eligible. Grants of this type do not exceed \$3,000,000. 30 percent matching is typically required. The Fund is separate from PennDOT's Multimodal Program.

Grant Round: March 1st – July 31st; annually.

DCED is also the administrative authority for the ***Monroe County Local Share Account (LSA)***. This grant is provided under Act 71 (the Gaming Act). These funds may be used for economic development, community development, and public interests' projects in Monroe, Carbon, Lackawanna, Northampton, Pike and Wayne Counties. This grant has no maximum and no match required.

Grant Round: July 1st – September 30th; annually.

In conjunction with the Commonwealth Financing Authority, the Department of Community and Economic Development through the PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act, for the distributes monies for qualifying projects throughout the state (***LSA Statewide Grant***). Over the last several years this opportunity has been made available for projects over \$25,000 and under \$1,000,000 with no required match. Eligible applicants include municipalities and Counties with redevelopment and revitalization projects. Applications are typically received from January to March of each year.

Grant Round: January – March; annually.

DCED is also the administer of the ***Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)***. This is provided as identified under the Pennsylvania Act of 179 of 1984 as amended, for any eligible community development activities. Funding uses include housing rehabilitation, public services, community facilities infrastructure improvement, development, and planning. Wayne County is currently eligible through the entitlement program which provides annual funding to designated municipalities. 75% of each entitlement grant must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. For projects of this nature, funding would be specific to American Disabilities Act requirements.

Grant Round: Annually, each year has a specific application period.

Contact: www.dced.pa.gov/hot-to-apply

Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North St. 4th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225
1-866-466-3972

Pennsylvania Game Commission

Pennsylvania state wildlife grants program this grant program focuses money toward the conservation, preservation, and benefit of endangered species and their habitat. Grant award amounts and

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requirements change year to year. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to their regional Game Commission representative:

Contact: 2001 Elmerton Avenue Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797
(717)787-4250

Penn State Extension's Dirt and Gravel Roads Program

The purpose of this program is to create a better public road system with a reduced environmental impact. Focuses of the program are to reduce the impact of road runoff and sediment into local streams and to reduce long term maintenance costs of the gravel roadways. Any state or local public entity that owns and maintains public roads is eligible to apply. The portion of this trail that proposes navigating along Bucks Cove Road would be an excellent candidate for this grant program to create a walkable/bikeable lane on the road while better managing the stormwater runoff into the Lackawaxen River. Monies are made available through an on-going application process at the local Conservation District. Application, contract, and other funding forms are available at the dirtandgravel.psu.edu website. This grant is a 50 percent matching grant.

Contact: www.extension.psu.edu

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PAF&BC)

The PAF&BC commission provides funds to develop and construct boating facilities to public entities, including townships, boroughs, municipal and county governments as well as non-profit groups that have or will have the capability to provide boat access facilities that are open and available for public use. This grant can cover up to 50% of costs for land acquisition, project design and engineering, development, expansion, and construction of public recreational boat access facilities.

Grant Round: Annually, each year has a specific application period.

Contact: <https://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/default.aspx>

1601 Elmerton Avenue P.O Box 67000 Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000
(717)705-7800

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)

The **PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP)** provides funds to develop and construct non-driver access to public transportation, trails, bicycle facilities, etc. This program is funded through the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program. Project construction costs for this grant are for at least \$50,000 and do not exceed \$1,000,000.

*Rails with trails projects, adjacent to active (not abandoned) lines" directly qualify for Eligibility under Appendix A of PennDOT's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Guidance Procedures. This should be confirmed with the PennDOT TA-Set Aside Grant Coordinator.

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Grant Round: All submitted information is due between July through September, on a two-year cycle. This should be confirmed with the PennDOT TA-Set Aside Grant Coordinator.

The **PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)** provides funds to develop and construct projects which provide access to or additional types of transportation. This includes, but is not limited to greenways, bicycle facilities, crosswalks, traffic lights, transit stops, upgrades, signage, and improving transportation connectivity. Grants are available for projects with a total cost of \$100,000 or more. Grant amounts normally do not exceed \$3,000,000 for any project. Local match is not less than 30% of the amount awarded.

Grant Round: All submitted information is typically due to PennDOT by November 1st, annually. This should be confirmed with the PennDOT TA-Set Aside Grant Coordinator.

Contact: PennDOT District 4

65 Keystone Industrial Park Dunmore, PA 18519
(717)775-3276

Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC)

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) offers several mini-grants (typically up to \$10,000; \$20,000 total projects) for existing and proposed trails (water, pedestrian, cyclist, and snow sport).

Contact: Northeast Region

175 Main Street, Luzerne, PA 18709
(570) 718-6507

Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau (PMVB) Community Impact Grant

At the time of this report the Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau is offering grants to municipal and redevelopment authorities and agencies for projects that improve the quality of life, support recreation, and have a lasting community impact. A 50% match is required with a limited amount of funding available. Submissions are due by April 30, 2022 and awards are made on May 31st, 2022. (This is the first of a possibly annual grant).

Contact: Marlyn Kissner

Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau
mkissner@poconos.org
(610) 751-4932