

Implementation Success Stories:

Assembling the Right People, Tools,
& Funding to Achieve Plan Goals

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Agenda



INTRODUCTIONS

**HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**UPPER DUBLIN
OPEN SPACE PLAN**

**MIFFLINBURG
PARKS MASTER PLAN**

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Introductions



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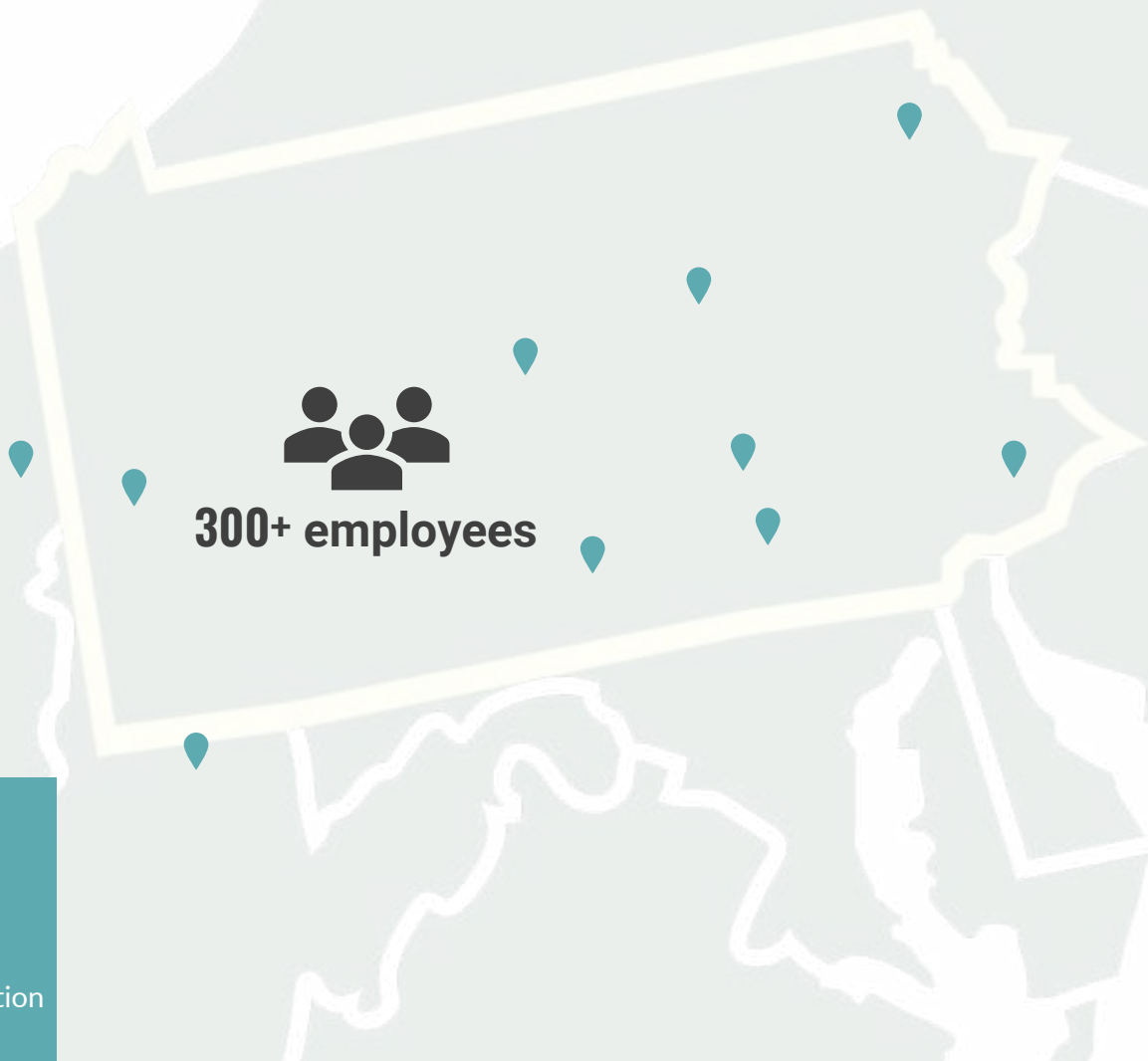


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Landscape Architect
& Project Manager



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A map of the United States with a yellow outline of the HRG service area. Several teal location pins are scattered across the map, primarily in the central and western regions.

Strategic Management &
Capital Solutions



Land Development



Environmental
Services



Geographic Information
Systems



Municipal



Survey



Transportation



Water Resources



Planning

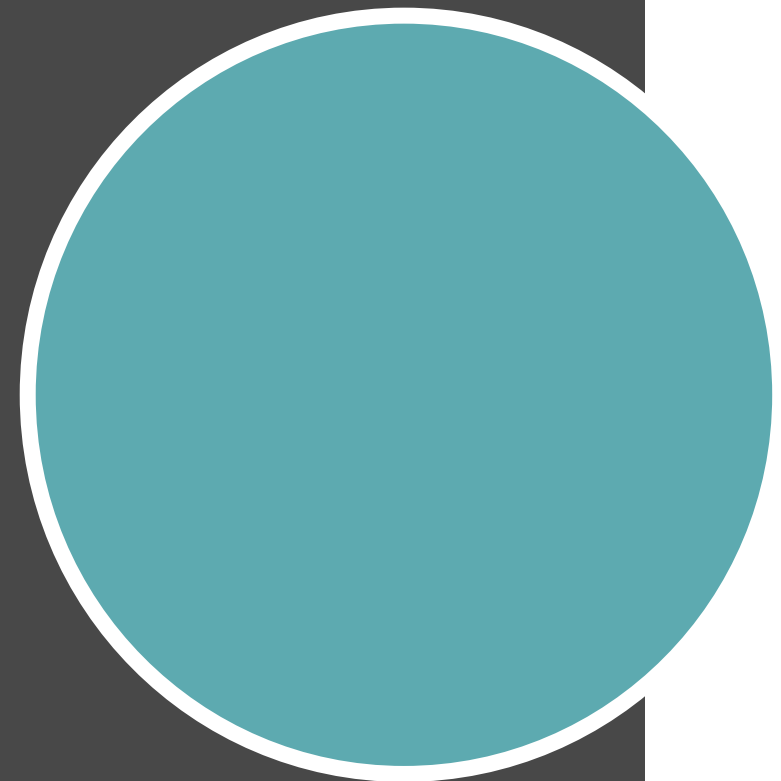


Water & Wastewater

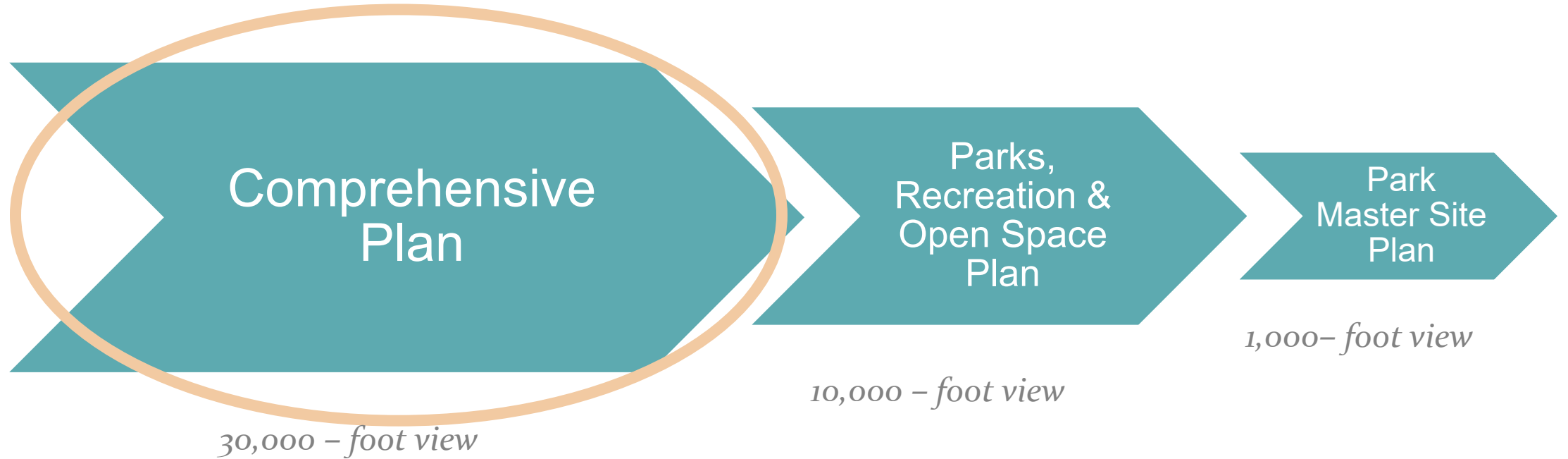


Construction Phase
Services

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



Project Types





Project Overview

- The project kicked off in February 2022
- Extensive public outreach and engagement efforts
- A total of 7 Theme Areas identified
- Plan was adopted on September 25, 2023

Project Scope of Work

PHASE 1: VISIONING, OUTREACH, NEEDS ASSESSMENT, AND STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

- Trends Report
- Staff Interviews and Community Tour
- Key Stakeholder Focus Groups
- Community Kickoff Meeting
- Online Survey, Online Activities, and Neighborhood Pop-Up Events
- Theme Areas and Related Goals, Objectives, and Strategies
- Transformation Sketches
- Additional Open House Meetings

PHASE 2: PLAN DEVELOPMENT, CAPACITY BUILDING, AND IMPLEMENTATION

- Plan Development
- Capacity Building and Prioritization Exercises with Committee and Staff
- Implementation Matrix
- MPC-compliant public review and adoption

Hempfield Township Comprehensive Plan



People

Hempfield Township
Westmoreland County Planning
Project Steering Committee
Key Stakeholders
Public Engagement / Local
Community



Tools

Public Meetings
Online Survey
Online Mapping Tool and
Activities
Transformation Sketches
Implementation Matrix



Funding

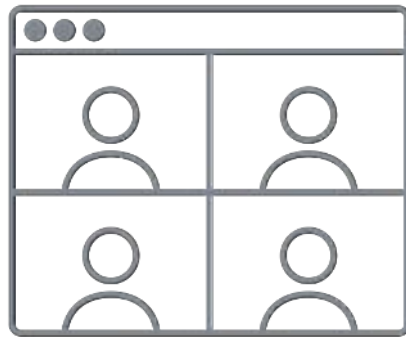
General Funds
DCED
DCNR
PennDOT
Regional MPO

People

COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



Steering
Committee
Meetings



Key
Stakeholder
Focus Groups



Online Survey
and Tools



Public
Meetings and
Open Houses

People

STEERING COMMITTEE

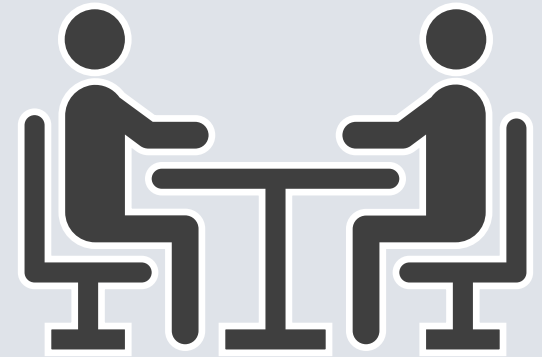
- Seven total meetings held throughout the course of the project
- Committee Members were representative of the community and region
 - Township Staff and Boards – Community Development Director, Board of Supervisors representatives, Parks and Recreation Director, Township Manager, Planning Commission Representative, Zoning Hearing Board representative, Fire Chief
 - Hempfield Area School District representatives
 - Westmoreland County Planning Department
 - Business Owners
 - Residents



People

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

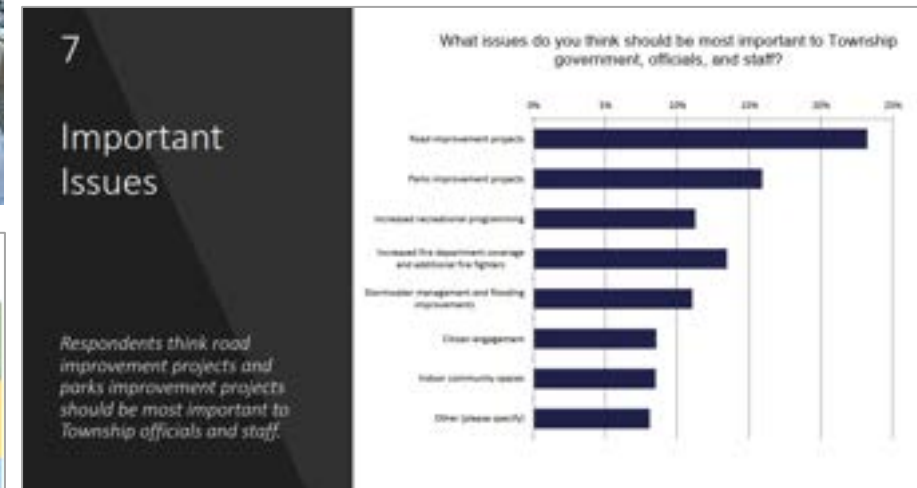
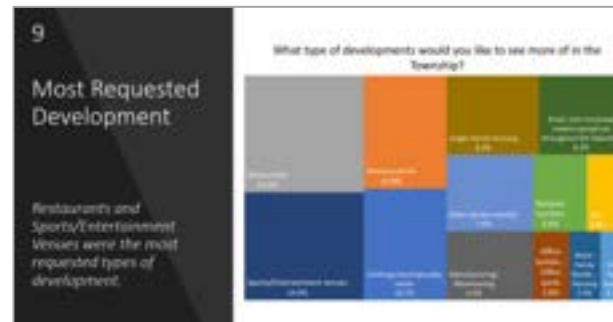
- Meetings held both in person and virtually
- Representative of various community and regional initiatives
 - Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce
 - Westmoreland County Land Bank
 - Developers
 - Business Owners
 - Residents
 - Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Director
 - Neighboring communities (City of Greensburg)
 - Go Laurel Highlands
 - Five-Star Trail



People

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

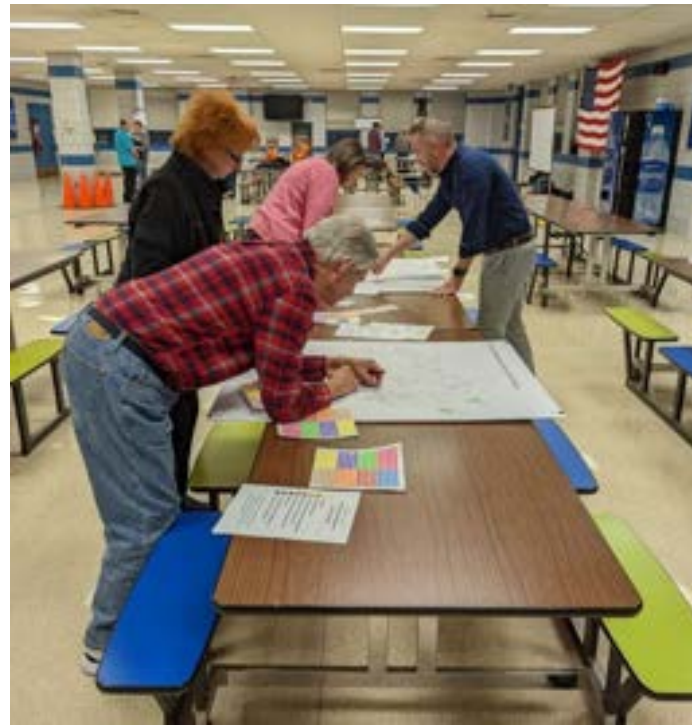
- Online Survey, Mapping Tools, and Discussion Boards
- Neighborhood Pop-Up Events
 - Concert in the Park and Fire Prevention Night



People

PUBLIC MEETINGS

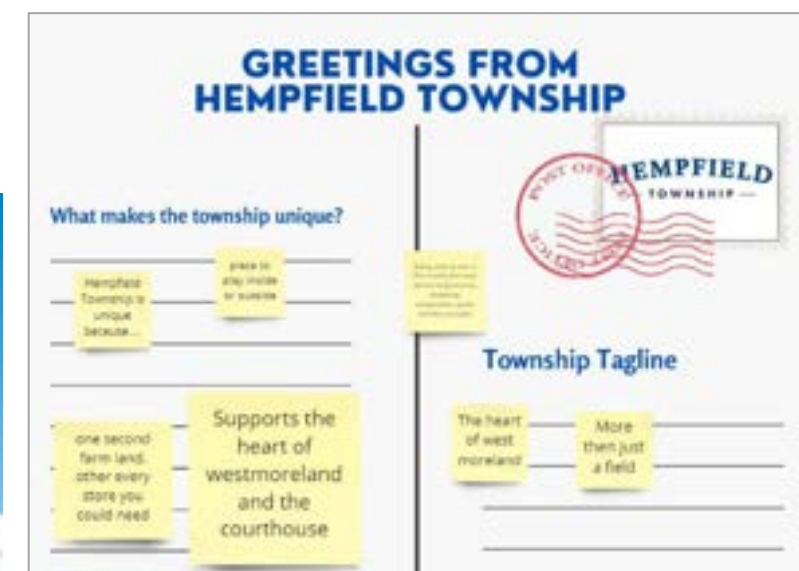
- Community Open Houses
 - A total of three spread throughout the community
- Public Meeting
- Public Hearing



Tools

ONLINE DISCUSSION BOARDS

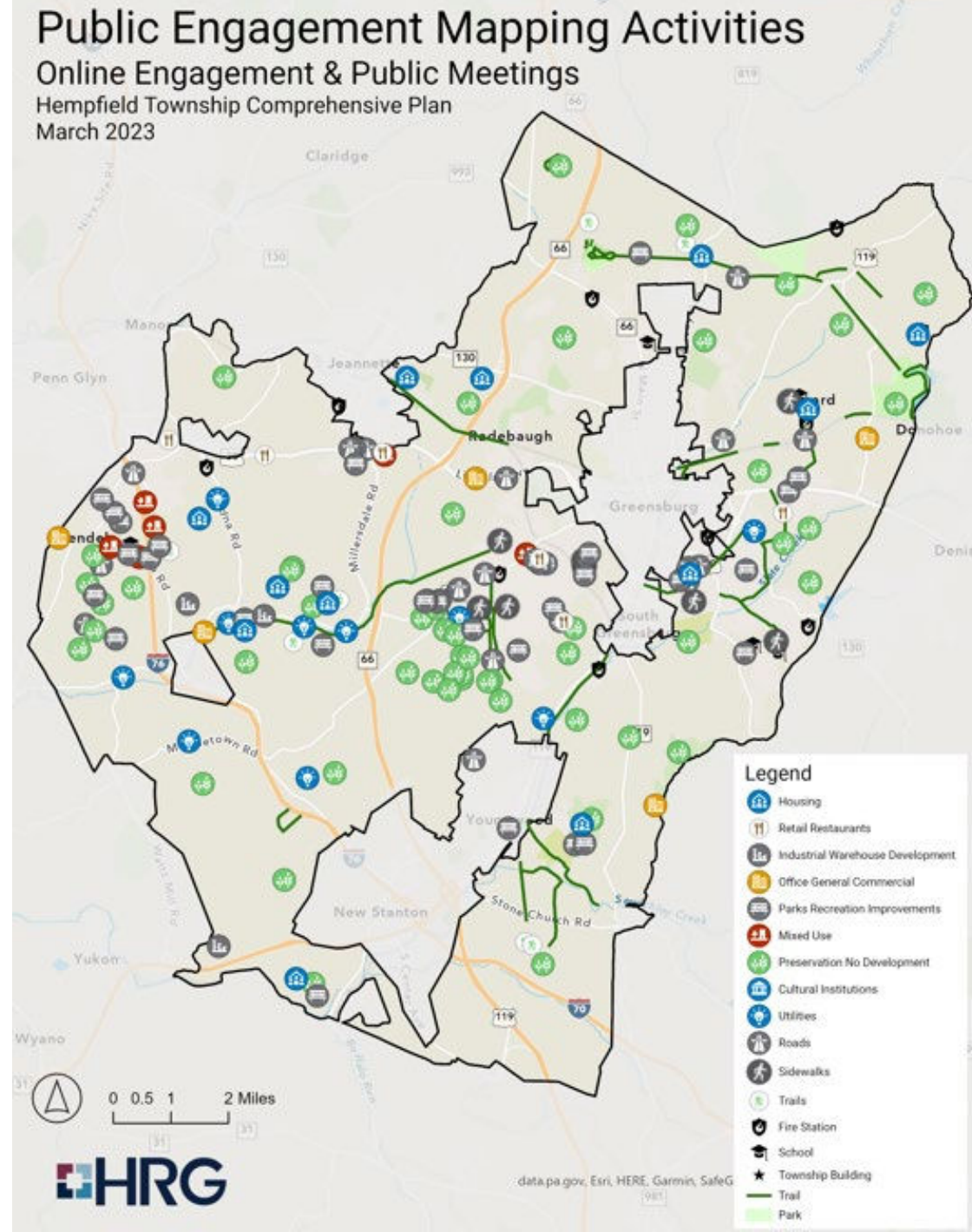
- Open House activities provided virtually using Miro Boards
 - Postcards from Home
 - Dream Box
 - Blue Sky Boards



Tools

ONLINE INTERACTIVE MAP

- Online Map using ArcGIS Online
- Residents and stakeholders could provide comments on the following:
 - Housing
 - Utilities
 - Roads
 - Sidewalks
 - Trails
 - Preservation
 - Cultural Institutions
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Economic Development – desired types of development and land uses



Tools

TRANSFORMATION SKETCHES



MT PLEASANT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



Mt Pleasant Road is a County road and major corridor between the City of Greensburg and the Route 30 interchange in Hamlet Township. In the vicinity of the interchange, there are three signalized intersections within just 420 feet of roadway with an average daily traffic count of 8,625 vehicles per day. There is not enough space for vehicles to stack at the signals, and vehicles often block exit lanes and the entrance to the neighborhood at Woodland Drive. In addition to heavy workday and commuter traffic, Mt Pleasant Road periodically has large increases in volume from two churches south of Route 30 as well as seasonal events at the Westwoodland Fairgrounds and the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. Finally, Township staff and the Steering Committee expressed concerns about safety due to frequent speeding, primarily by vehicles coming off the ramp from Route 30 exit-ramp and turning left onto Mt Pleasant Road.



Example of vehicular issues at the current intersection

Project Name: Mt Pleasant Road Improvements	
Scope	Roadway demolition and construction including the installation of two roundabouts and reconfiguration of Route 30 ramp, property acquisition, PennDOT design services, median and traffic calming installations, sidewalks, and crosswalks. Landscape and street lighting design and installation are recommended but not depicted at this scale.
Owner / Partners	Hamlet Township, Westwoodland County, PennDOT, Property and business owners, Design Consultant/Engineer
Timeline	4 years
Estimated Cost	\$1111
Funding Opportunities	Westwoodland County Local Share Account (LSA), Commonwealth Finance Agency Multimodal Transportation Fund (administered by DCEO), and Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) which uses federal funds, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), or Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) (recommend accessing through the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission)
Key Dependencies/ Potential Roadblocks	PennDOT collaboration, property acquisition and assessment

Tools

IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

- Broken down by theme area and then goals, objectives, and strategies within each theme
- Potential partners, cost, timelines, and potential funding sources identified

CREATING A SENSE OF PLACE & IDENTITY

Goal No.	Goal Description	Obj. No.	Objective Description	Potential Partners	Opinion of Probable Cost	Timeframe for Implementation	Potential Funding Strategy
1	Expand marketing and branding efforts.	1.1	Improve and expand marketing and branding efforts through social media outlets like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram as well as the other platforms such as the Headline Hemfield magazine, the Township website, and by offering Township themed promotional items at public community events.	Municipal Governance, Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce, Third-Party Vendor or Consultant	\$	Immediate 1-2 yrs	Staff Time, Meeting Time
		1.2	Develop an outreach and marketing plan.	Municipal Governance, Third-Party Vendor or Consultant	\$	Immediate 1-2 yrs	Staff Time, Meeting Time
		1.3	Create a new visual identity for the Township, which may include a new logo.	Municipal Governance, Third-Party Vendor or Consultant	\$	Short-term 2-5 yrs	Staff Time, Meeting Time
2	Engage in placemaking activities and enhance the important physical places throughout the Township available to residents.	2.1	Incorporate greenspaces, public spaces, and other outdoor spaces into new and existing developments in the Township.	Municipal Governance, Township Engineer, Parks and Recreation Board, Area business owners, Area private developers, DCNR	\$-\$-\$	Ongoing	Staff time, meeting time, DCNR Land Acquisition Grants, DCNR Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Fund
3	Improve and enhance signage, including neighborhood identification signage, wayfinding signage, welcome signage, and gate-way signage.	3.1	Create new signage that is consistent with the Township's marketing and branding plans.	Area Business Owners, Area Property Owners, Potential Area Sponsors	\$	Short-term 2-5 yrs	Staff Time, Meeting Time
		3.2	Develop a signage plan that identifies design standards for all types of signage to be installed throughout the Township.	Area Business Owners, Area Property Owners, Potential Area Sponsors	\$	Short-term 2-5 yrs	Staff Time, Meeting Time
		3.3	Develop a specific design standard for street identification signs to be installed throughout the Township, including a logo, seal, and/or the Township colors.	Area Business Owners, Area Property Owners, Potential Area Sponsors	\$-\$-\$	Short-term 2-5 yrs	Staff Time, Meeting Time

Tools

IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS



Collaborate with
Township Entities



Coordination
of Efforts



Pursue Grants &
Funding Sources



Provide Regular
Updates



Track Plan
Progress



Continue
Engagement



Develop
Signage Plan



Expand Trails
and
Connectivity



Improve and
Expand
Infrastructure

Funding

- HRG prepared cost estimates for the transportation improvements transformation sketches included in the Plan.
- HRG assisted the Township with a RAISE grant application for the Mt. Pleasant Road improvements.
- The Implementation Matrix identified potential funding sources for projects and goals outlined in the Plan.
- The Township continues to seek out funding sources (DCED, DCNR, SPC, PennDOT, etc.) for many of the projects included in the Comprehensive Plan.



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ENGINEER'S OPINION OF PROBABLE PROJECT COST

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP
MT PLEASANT ROAD AND ROUTE 30 IMPROVEMENTS
HRG Project Number: 007154.0428
26-Jun-23

PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS					
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	EST. QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST	EXTENSION
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION					
1	Mobilization	1	Lump Sum	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
2	Maintenance and Protection of Traffic	1	Lump Sum	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
3	Clearing & Grubbing	1	Lump Sum	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
4	Erosion and Sedimentation Control	1	Lump Sum	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
5	Construction Surveying	1	Lump Sum	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
ROUNDBOUT, ROADWAY AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION					
6	Excavation	1	Lump Sum	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
7	Northern Roundabout	1	Lump Sum	\$ 3,500,000.00	\$ 3,500,000.00
8	Southern Roundabout	1	Lump Sum	\$ 3,500,000.00	\$ 3,500,000.00
9	Roadway Widening/ Reconstruction	1	Lump Sum	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ 2,500,000.00
10	Pavement Overlay	1	Lump Sum	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
11	Storm Lines and Inlets	1	Lump Sum	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
12	Concrete Curb Ramps	14	Each	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
13	Sidewalks	1500	Linear Foot	\$ 150.00	\$ 225,000.00
14	Driveway - Convert to RIRO	2	Each	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
SIGNING AND PAVEMENT MARKING					
15	Misc. Signs	1	Lump Sum	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
16	Pavement Markings	1	Lump Sum	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
	SUBTOTAL CONSTRUCTION				\$ 15,395,000.00
	CONTINGENCY (30%)				\$ 4,618,500.00
	TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST				\$ 20,013,500.00
	UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS/ RELOCATIONS				\$ 2,500,000.00
	RIGHT-OF-WAY				\$ 4,000,000.00
	SURVEY AND DESIGN (15% of Construction)				\$ 3,002,025.00
	INSPECTION (8% of Construction)				\$ 1,601,080.00
	TOTAL ANTICIPATED PROJECT COST				\$ 32,000,000.00

Notes: The above estimates are for planning purposes only based on project concepts only.

Implementation

POST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Signage and Branding Plan
 - Completed August 2024



GW-2 Variation a



GW-2 Variation b

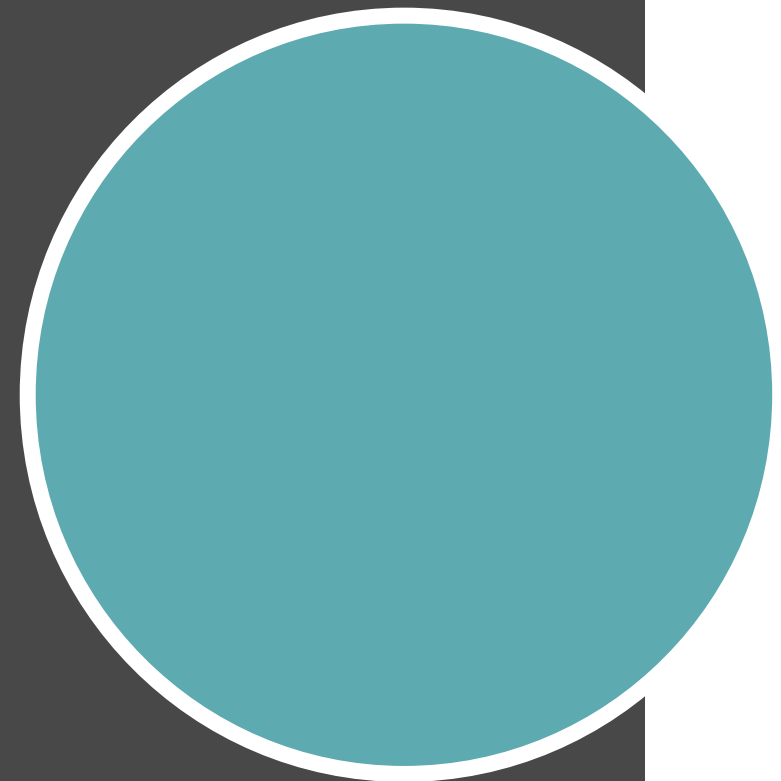


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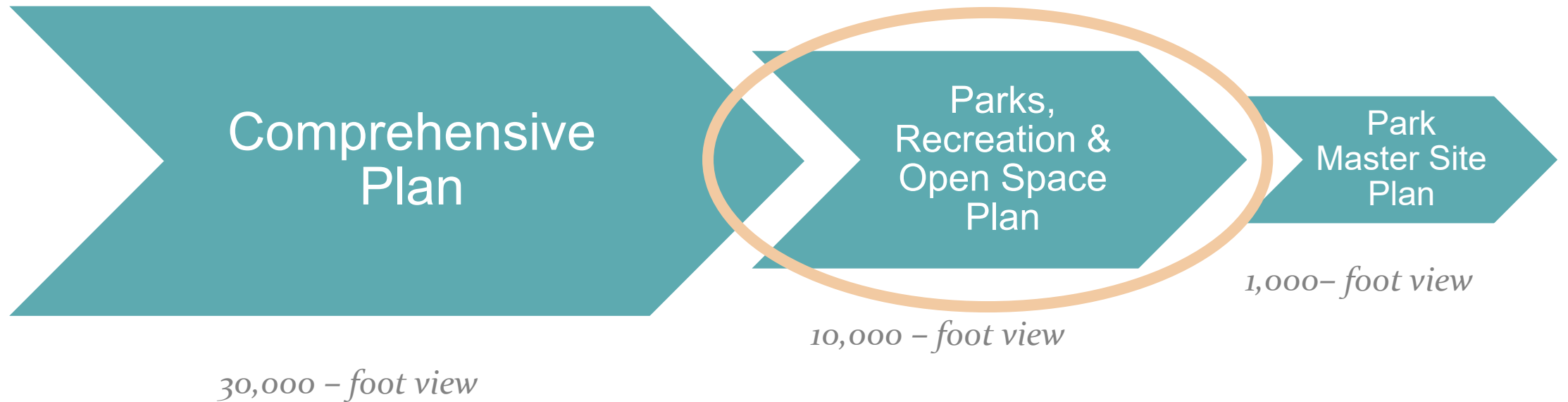


Examples of DS-1 with simplified logos

UPPER DUBLIN OPEN SPACE PLAN



Project Types





Project Overview

- In 2022 the project started to update Upper Dublin Township's Open Space Plan
- Previous Plan was Completed in 2005
- The Plan's progress was regularly updated over the years

Upper Dublin Open Space Plan



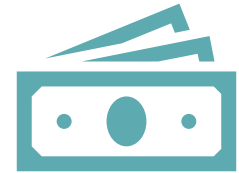
People

Upper Dublin Township
Community Members
Steering Committee
Implementation Committee



Tools

Implementation
Recommendations
Connection Prioritization
Worksheet
Open Space Prioritization
Worksheet
Interactive Map



Funding

General Funds
Grant Funding
Open Space Tax

People

COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



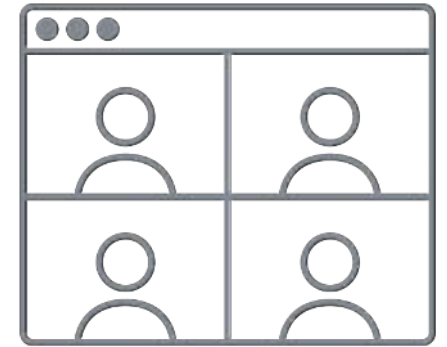
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Committee
Meetings



Open Houses &
Public Meetings



Focus
Groups

People

COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



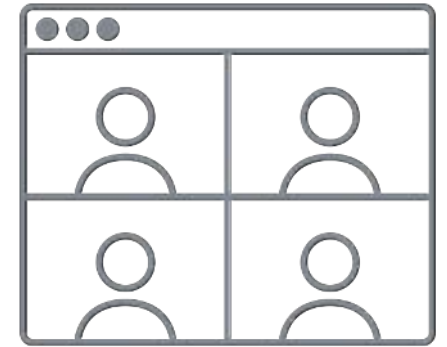
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Open Houses & Public Meetings



Focus Groups

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SURVEY

- Online & Randomly Mailed
- 713 out of 2,500 mailed surveys returned
 - 29% return rate
- 966 responses online

Parks & Recreation Use & Connectivity Survey
This survey is being conducted by Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation (UDPAR) for short and long-term planning purposes.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please return your completed survey in the self-addressed stamped envelope by 02/28/2020.

1. Indicate "the number" of people in your household in each age group:
a. 0-5 yrs. old b. 6-17 yrs. old c. 18-24 yrs. old d. 25-34 yrs. old e. 35-44 yrs. old f. 45-54 yrs. old g. 55-64 yrs. old h. 65+ yrs. old

2. Indicate which age group your household member is:
a. 0-5 yrs. old b. 6-17 yrs. old c. 18-24 yrs. old d. 25-34 yrs. old e. 35-44 yrs. old f. 45-54 yrs. old g. 55-64 yrs. old h. 65+ yrs. old

PARKS

3. Do people in your household ever visit Upper Dublin Parks?
a. Yes b. No

4. How often does your household visit an Upper Dublin Park?
a. Every day b. Several times per week c. Once per week d. Several times per month e. Once per month f. Other

5. For what purposes do people in your household visit Upper Dublin Parks? Select all that apply.
a. Recreation b. Exercise c. Socializing d. Other

6. How do you get to Upper Dublin Parks? Select all that apply.
a. Drive b. Walk/Run c. Bike d. Public Transit e. Other

7. Indicate with an "X" which Upper Dublin Parks have you visited within the last year? Select all that apply.
a. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) b. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) c. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) d. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) e. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) f. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) g. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) h. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) i. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) j. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) k. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) l. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) m. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) n. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) o. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) p. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) q. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) r. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) s. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) t. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) u. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) v. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) w. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) x. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) y. Westwood Commons (Jenkens) z. Westwood Commons (Jenkens)

8. What park amenities do you feel our park system is missing? If needed, feel free to use an additional sheet of paper.

CONNECTIONS & LINKAGES

9. Do people in your household walk or bike to Upper Dublin Township?
a. Yes b. No

10. Please indicate who those in your household walk or bike to the township? Select all that apply.
a. Exercise b. Work c. School d. Other

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11. Where do you walk or bike to? Select all that apply.
a. Parks, Recreation Facilities or Trails b. Schools c. Grocery d. Work e. Public Transit Stations (Bus, Train) f. Senior Center g. Other

12. Where would you like to walk or bike to but currently cannot? If needed, feel free to use an additional sheet of paper.

RECREATIONAL SERVICES

13. What types of recreational services has your household used within the last 5 years? Select all that apply.
a. Open House (movie, amusement, etc.) b. Park Challenge (if in the park, this makes) c. Recreational programs d. Community aged programs e. Adult programs (fitness or enrichment) f. Working open camps g. Working open camps h. Other (family-oriented special events) i. Other

14. What other recreational services or specific programs would you like UDPAR to consider offering?

15. How do you typically find out about UDPAR's Recreational Services? Select all that apply.
a. UDPAR Leisure Guide mailed b. Social media c. Word of mouth d. UDPAR Leisure Guide online e. UDPAR website f. Other

16. Where else do you feel UDPAR should be advertising its recreational services for residents?

17. If your household does not use UDPAR's Recreational Services, why not? Select all that apply.
a. Nothing of interest to me b. Not offered at convenient times/locations c. Do not know about them d. Cost is prohibitive e. Other

FUTURE FOCUS

18. Over the next 5 to 10 years, what do you think UDPAR's focus should be? Select all that apply.
a. Offering a greater variety of programs b. Enhance recreational amenities at existing Parks c. Offering a greater variety of special events d. Acquisition of Open Space e. Offering a greater variety of discount tickets f. Environmental improvements to Parks/Open Space g. Working to maintain the status quo, UDPAR's Recreation Services and Parks are just fine h. Other

ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK

19. Please provide any additional comments you may have concerning the UDPAR Department and/or its Parks and Recreational Services it provides to the residents of the Township. Please use an additional sheet of paper to do so. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please return your completed survey in the self-addressed stamped envelope by 02/28/2020.

People

STEERING COMMITTEE

- Application Process
- Generally reflected the community demographics
- 12 Meetings
- Offered In Person & Virtual



People

OPEN HOUSES

- Presentation of Project Overview followed by Breakout Station Activities
- Morning & Evening Sessions
- In Person & Virtual Attendance Options
- Recording & Online Activity Form



People

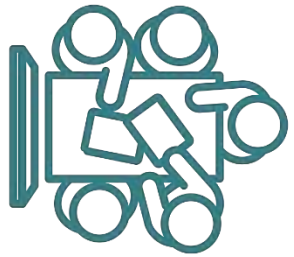
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

- Board Appointed Residents
- Coverage of Neighborhoods and Reflective of Community Demographics
- Includes a Member from the Board
- Technical Advisors & Support



Tools

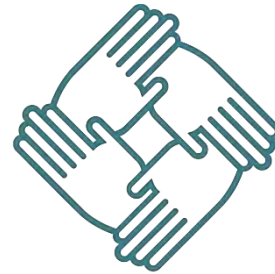
IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS



Working
Committee



Official
Map



Collaborate with
Township Entities



Coordination
of Efforts



Pursue Grants &
Funding Sources



Assess
Fee-in-Lieu



Assess Open
Space Tax



Provide Regular
Updates



Formalize
Communication



Continue
Engagement

CONNECTION PRIORITIZATION WORKSHEET

- Worksheet identified:

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OPEN SPACE PRIORITIZATION WORKSHEET

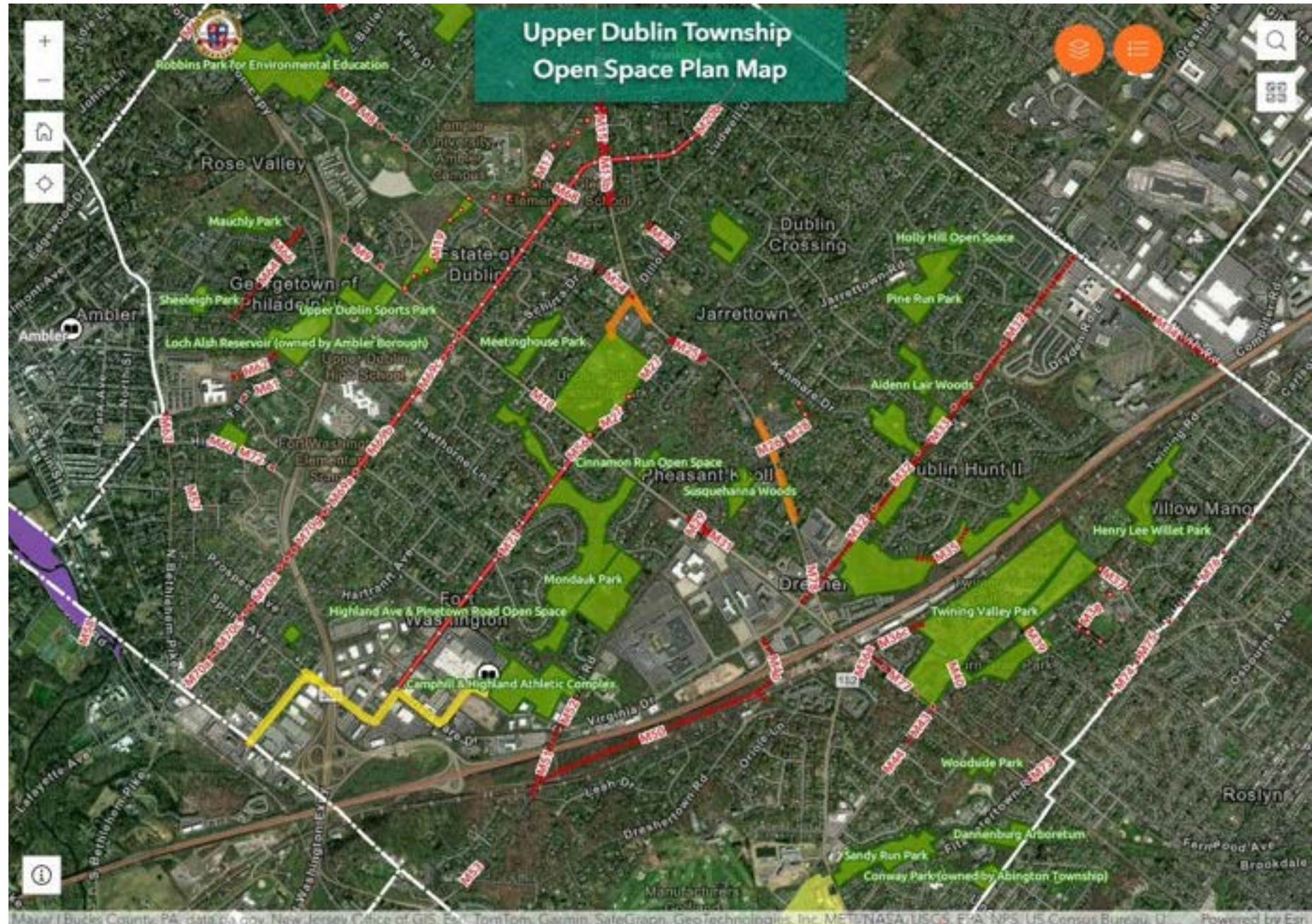
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Tools

INTERACTIVE MAP

Map Layers		
...	Montgomery County Libraries	...
...	Missing Connections	...
...	Missing Connections In Progress or Completed	...
...	> Trails & Sidewalks	...
...	UDT Properties of Interest	...
...	Montgomery County Municipal Boundaries	...
...	Upper Dublin Township-Owned Properties	...
...	> Schools	...
...	> Transportation & Transit	...
...	> Parks & Preserved Lands	...
...	Upper Dublin Parcels	...
...	Hybrid Reference Layer	...



Funding

- Identification of Funding Mechanism
- Identification of Grant Programs
 - Overview of Program and Project Types Funded
 - Submission Deadlines
 - Grant Request Amount
 - Match Requirements

USDOT - Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods (RCN) Program

The USDOT recently introduced their Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods Program which provides grant funding for eligible planning and capital construction projects that aim to build or improve complete streets, multiuse trails, regional greenways, or active transportation networks and spines.

- Grant Deadline: September
- Grant Request Amounts: Planning Maximum Request of \$2,000,000, Construction Minimum Request of \$5,000,000.
- Match Requirement: 20% Match Requirement for Planning Projects, 35% Match Requirement for Construction Projects. Other Federal Funds may be used for 15% of the match requirement.

State Grant Opportunities

Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) - Greenways, Trails and Recreation

The Commonwealth Financing Authority (the "Authority") Program provides funds for planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks and beautification projects using the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP). Projects could include development, rehabilitation and improvements to public parks, recreation areas, greenways, trails, and river conservation.

- Submission Deadline: Spring (May)
- Grant Award Amount: Maximum of \$250,000
- Match Requirement: 15% Match Required

Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCHN) - Community Conservation Partnerships Program (CCPP)

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Bureau of Recreation and Conservation assists local

PennDOT - Safe Routes to School Program

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a national and international movement to create safe, convenient, and healthy opportunities for students to walk and bicycle to school. The program encourages students to walk, bike, and roll to school, helping to reverse an alarming decrease in students' physical activity and an associated increase in obesity and other health conditions. Applicants must apply for Safe Routes to School project funding through PennDOT's Transportation Alternatives (TASAP) Program. SRTS projects, whether infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects, be within two (2) miles of a public or private middle, or high school (kindergarten through grade) to qualify for funding.

- Submission Deadline: The deadline to a mandatory Draft Application is in the Applicants will discuss the draft application with their local PennDOT District and A before submitting the final application is due in the early fall. The SRTS Program currently only offered on a bi-annual basis (2023 being an application year).
- Grant Request Amount: \$50,000 to \$1,000,000 (higher awards can be justified on a case-by-case basis for "exceptional" projects. The minimum for non-infrastructure projects is \$50,000).
- Match Requirement: No Match Required

County & Local Grant Opportunities

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission - Regional Trails Program

DVRPC's Regional Trails Program provides assistance and financial support to trail development, municipalities and nonprofit organizations to complete the Circuit, Greater Philadelphia's multi-use trail network. Projects could include trail planning and feasibility studies, engineering, and construction. Limited funding for right-of-way acquisition is also available; these projects will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

- Submission Deadline: Fall
- Grant Award Amount: Maximum of \$500,000
- Match Requirement: Planning and Studies - 30% Match Required, Design and Construction - 10% Match Required

Engineering - No Match Required, but those that provide a match are prioritized; Construction - 20% Match Required

Montgomery County - Montco 2040 Implementation Grant

The Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program is intended to assist municipalities in making targeted physical improvements that achieve real progress

Social Good Fund - PA Parks Fund

All parks located within Pennsylvania qualify for a grant, and funds can be used for any project within the park system.

- Submission Deadline: January
- Grant Award Amount: Maximum of \$50,000 for 2023, but varies year to year
- Match Requirement: No Match Required

PeopleForBikes - People for Bikes Community Grant Program

The PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program supports bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride. PeopleForBikes focuses most grant funds on bicycle infrastructure projects, such as bike paths, lanes, trails and bridges, mountain bike facilities, bike parks and pump tracks, BMX facilities, end-of-trip facilities such as bike racks, bike parking, bike repair stations and bike storage.

- Submission Deadline: Fall
- Grant Award Amount: Maximum of \$10,000
- Match Requirement: 50% Match Requirement

Natural Lands - PECO Green Region Open Space Program

This grant program is administered by Natural Lands. The PECO Green Region program has awarded 346 grants totaling \$17.9 million in support of open space and environmental projects throughout its service area since 2004. Projects can include a wide variety of planning and direct expenses associated with developing and implementing open space programs.

- Submission Deadline: Fall
- Grant Award Amount: Maximum of \$10,000
- Match Requirement: 50% Match Requirement

Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) - REI Cooperative Action Fund

REI Co-op founded the REI Cooperative Action Fund, a community-supported nonprofit that partners with and provides financial support for organizations building a new outdoor culture and improving the health and well-being for all people. The grant program has three different focus areas: Connecting People Outside, Creating Spaces Outside, and Centering Health Outside.

Note: This program does not include a traditional grant application, but potential grantees can submit for consideration by using their "recommend a potential grantee" to be considered to receive funding.

- Submission Deadline: "Recommend a potential grantee" forms can be submitted anytime, with funds being awarded in the Spring and Fall
- Grant Request Amount: No request amount requirements
- Match Requirement: No Match Required

American Academy of Dermatology - Shade Structure Grant Program

The American Academy of Dermatology's (AAD) Shade Structure Program awards funds to schools, daycares, parks, and other non-profit organizations for installing permanent shade structures where children learn and play. In addition to the grant, the AAD also provides a permanent sign to be placed near the shade structure featuring sun-safety tips.

- Submission Deadline: Rolling Submission
- Grant Request Amount: Maximum of \$8,000
- Match Requirement: No Match Requirement. AAD notes that \$8,000 will cover most shade sails of 10' X 10', however many shade projects require additional resources, therefore, applicants should assure they have additional funding necessary for the project to be installed by calendar year end.

Note: The above grant opportunities list provides a summary of the grant opportunities. There may be some changes to the match and the type of submission required for each program. Additionally, there could be new programs and others not included on this list that would be used to help fund the implementation of this plan.

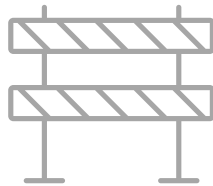
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ONE YEAR LATER

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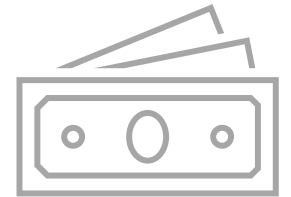
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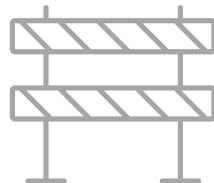


~\$1 Million Secured
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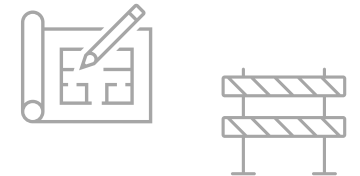
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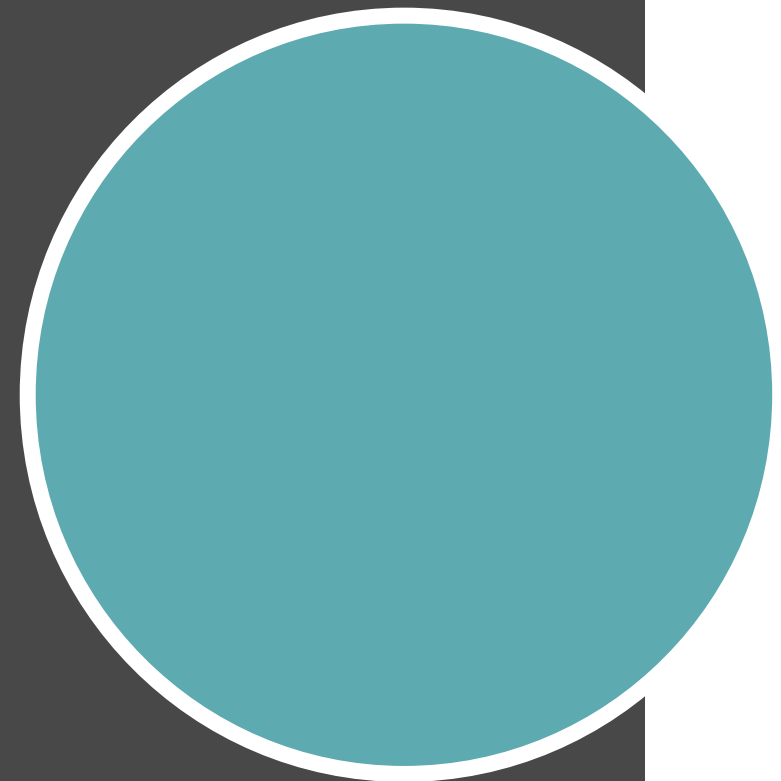


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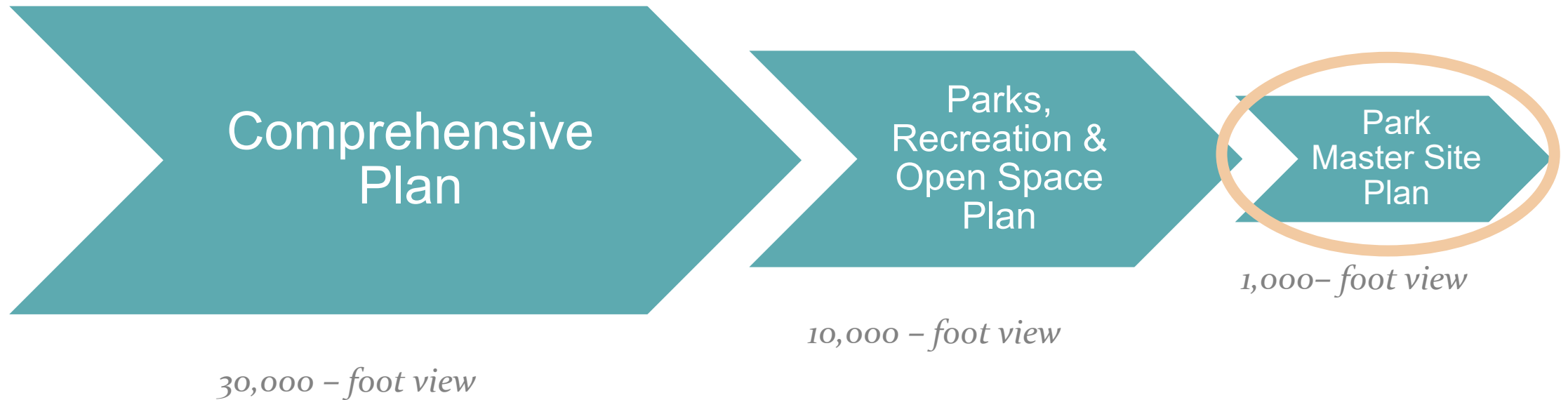


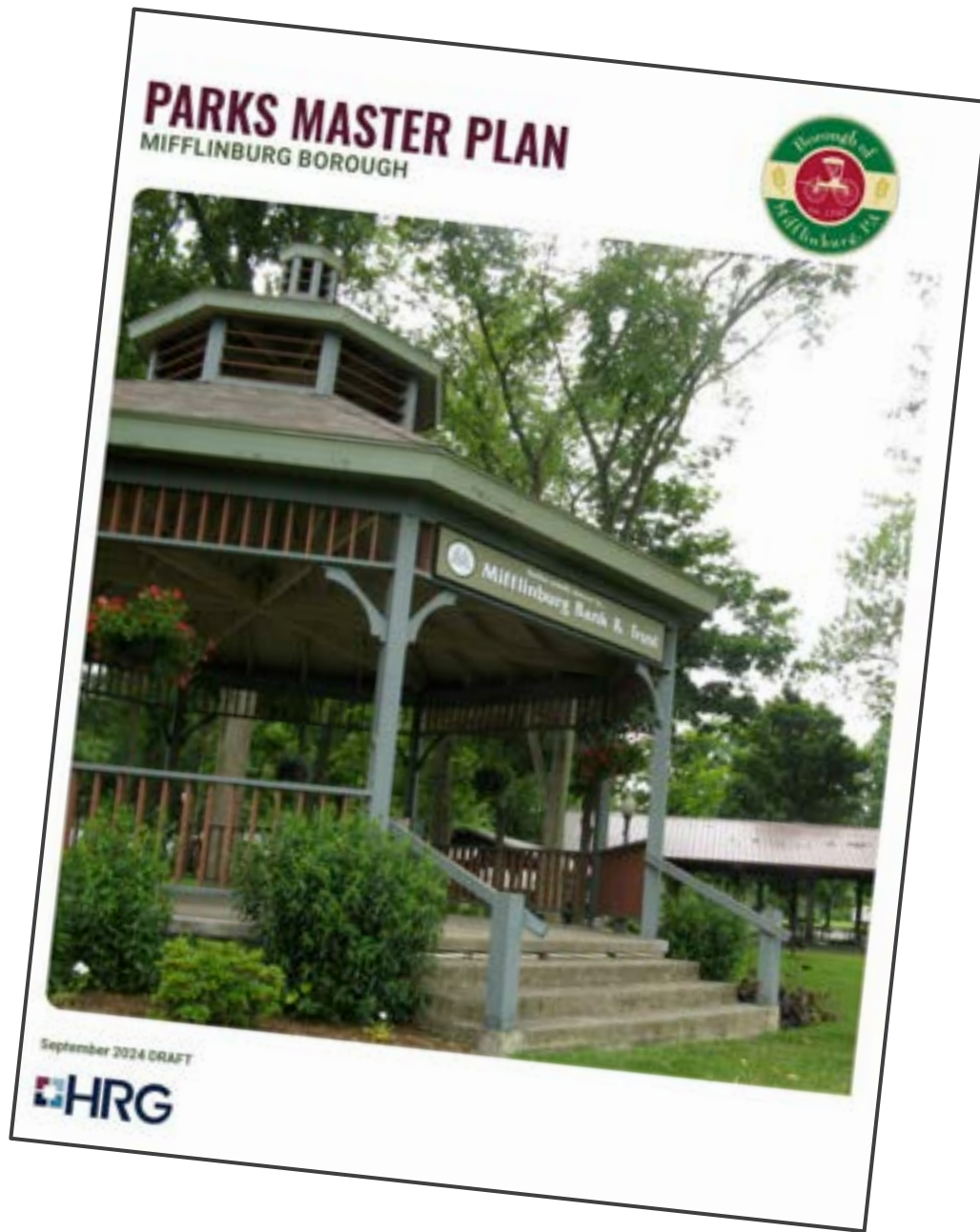
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MIFFLINBURG PARKS MASTER PLAN



Project Types





Project Overview

- In late 2023 the project started to create Mifflinburg Borough's Parks Master Plan Study
 - Community Background & Needs Assessment
 - Site Inventory & Analysis
 - Public Participation
 - Activity & Facility Analysis
 - Park Conceptual Designs
 - Cost Estimates & Phasing Plans

Mifflinburg Parks Master Plan



People

Mifflinburg Borough

MiffCPAP

**(Mifflinburg Community Parks
Action Program)**

Local Community



Tools

Site Visits

Needs Assessment

Amenity Prioritization

Community Park Concept

**Phased Capital Development
Plan**



Funding

DCNR

DCED

**Degenstein Foundation
Grants**

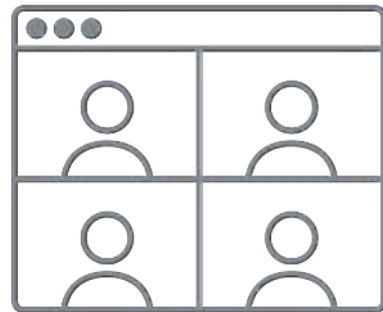
Donations

People

COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



Steering
Committee
Meetings



Key
Stakeholder
Focus Groups



Online
Survey



Public
Meetings and
Open Houses

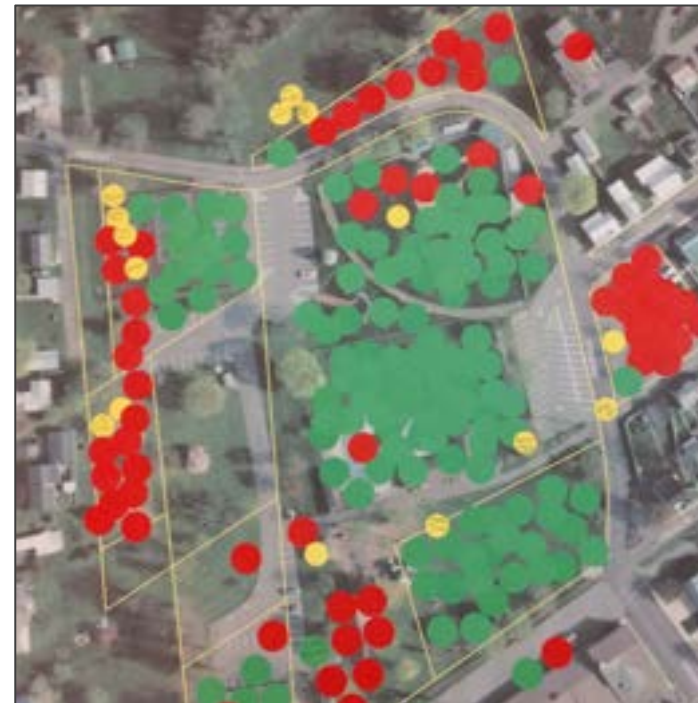
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- MiffCPAP
 - Mifflinburg Community Parks Action Program
- Community & Stakeholder engagement
 - Steering Committee
 - Community Open House
 - Online Citizen Survey
 - Key Person Interviews
 - Public Presentations



Vision Board at Open House



S.W.O.T. Analysis

Amenity	Tally
Pickleball/Tennis	53
Trails	43
Baseball/Softball	40
Nature Play	38
Basketball	35
Outdoor Exercise Equipment	22
Accessible Amenities	21
Bocce/Horseshoe	18
Inclusive Play	16
Volleyball	4
Other	11

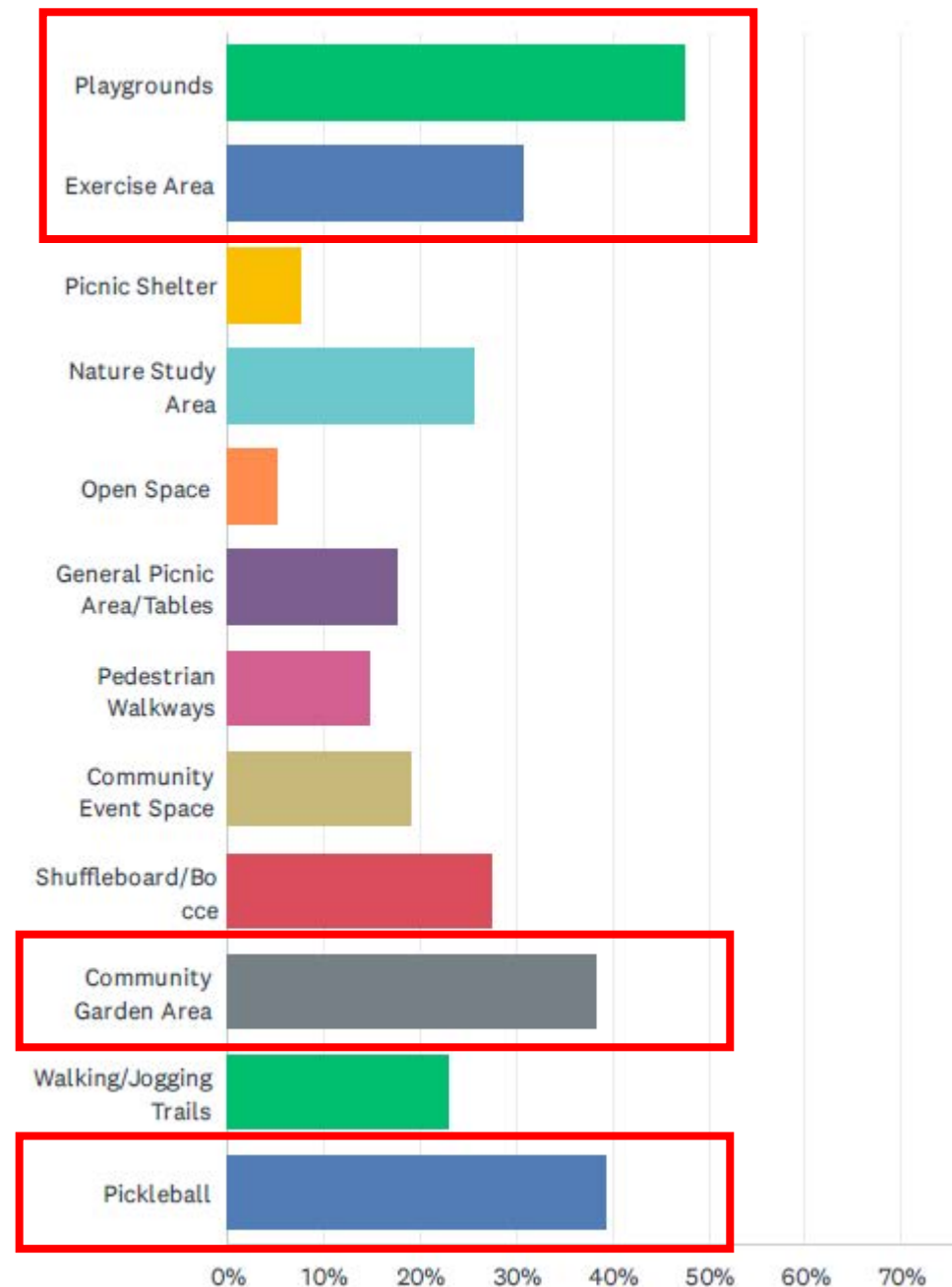
“Cash In Your Chips”

Tools

ONLINE SURVEY

- Q16 What park amenities do you feel the Borough's park system is missing?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Playgrounds	47.60%
Exercise Area	30.77%
Picnic Shelter	7.69%
Nature Study Area	25.48%
Open Space	5.29%
General Picnic Area/Tables	17.79%
Pedestrian Walkways	14.90%
Community Event Space	19.23%
Shuffleboard/Bocce	27.40%
Community Garden Area	38.46%
Walking/Jogging Trails	23.08%
Pickleball	39.42%
Total Respondents: 208	



Tools

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Amenity Type	2023 % of All Agencies with Amenity	Less than 20,000	# Based on Median	# of Amenity in Borough Parks
Playgrounds	95%	2,014	1.7	2
Basketball Courts	86%	3,729	0.9	2
Baseball Fields (Adult & Youth)	79%	3,114	1.1	3*
Tennis Courts	78%	2,805	1.2	1
Multi-Purpose Fields	69%	3,859	0.9	0
Dog Parks	68%	11,110	0.3	1
Softball Fields (Adult & Youth)	63%	5,440	0.6	2*
Community Gardens	52%	8,178	0.4	0
Swimming Pools	51%	9,745	0.4	1
Soccer Fields (Youth)	50%	3,600	1.0	0
Multi-Use Courts (Basketball & Volleyball)	49%	5,093	0.7	0
Tot Lots	48%	5,816	0.6	1**
Soccer Field (Adult)	42%	6,955	0.5	0
Skate Parks	41%	10,726	0.3	0
Football Fields	35%	8,637	0.4	0
Pickleball Courts	31%	3,252	1.1	0
Multi-Use Courts (Tennis & Pickleball)	27%	4,868	0.7	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Fields	25%	9,518	0.4	0

Tools

COMMUNITY PARK SITE VISIT

AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS	PRIORITY
Parking (4 lots)	Good	All	Yes	Surfaces, striping, and ADA Spaces are good but have some cracks. Not sure why so many little lots are scattered around the park.	
Baseball	Good	All	No		
Playground	Good	1-12 yrs	No	Needs ADA access and equipment	
Basketball (2.5 courts)	Good	All	Yes	Court lighting and video surveillance present - How well do they work? Minor surface cracked gate	
Tennis (1)	Good	All	Yes	Court lighting - (Present - does it work?)	
Restroom	Good	All	Yes	Vandalism target to be addressed.	
Pool	N/A	N/A	N/A	Surrounding area appears ADA compliant but why is there a road around it?	
Sand Volleyball	Poor	All	No	No ADA access, no sand only grass, nets destroyed. Is this amenity needed? Why leave nets up?	
Pavilion 1	Poor	All	No	Edges too steep, structure is aging.	
Pavilion 2	Good	All	Yes	Add bumper blocks to adjacent parking spaces.	
Veterans Memorial	Good	All	Yes		
Pit BBQ Structure	Good	All	Yes	limited ADA access	

Tools

AMENITY PRIORITIZATION

- Explore opportunities to add Pickleball Courts.
- Add more accessible walking paths inside parks to expand the local trail network and better connect amenities to each other.
- Add more event space in Community Park.
- Explore opportunities to remove the internal road and small parking area in Community Park.
- Add more park seating and low-impact activities (Walking, Fitness)
- Install Outdoor Exercise Stations in parks where appropriate.
- Upgrade playground equipment over time and include more ADA/adaptive play equipment in each playground.
- Identify opportunities to develop a Skateboard Park or other Teen focused destination in the Township.
- **FUTURE CONSIDERATION:**
 - Improve Little League field and add accessible dugouts and bleachers over time.



Tools

COMMUNITY PARK DESIGN CONCEPT

- Key Features:
 - Relocated parking lot to promote pedestrian circulation and safety
 - Accessible Park Loop Trail w/ overlap for vehicular access
 - Tot Lot w/ ADA play features
 - New Teen/Tween Active Play Area
 - Pickleball Overlay at Tennis and Basketball Courts
 - Additional Event Lawn spaces
 - Picnic Groves w/ ADA picnic tables
 - Benches with ADA companion seating
 - Expanded Park Lighting w/ Security Cameras
 - Native landscape plantings



Tools

COMMUNITY PARK DESIGN CONCEPT

Playground Upgrades
& Teen/Tween Zone



Funding

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES



MIFFLINBURG BOROUGH COMMUNITY PARK & HARRY HANEY PARK

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES				
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	GRANT (% FUNDED) OR LOAN	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	OPEN FUNDING ROUND (TYPICAL)
PA Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR)	Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2)	Grant (typically 50%)	Planning, acquisition, and development of public parks, recreation areas, trails, rivers conservation and access, and conservation of open space.	January – April
Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA)	Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP)	Grant (85%)	Provides funding for public park and recreation areas, greenways and trails, and rivers conservation projects.	February 1 – May 31
Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA)	Local Share Account (LSA) – Statewide	Grant (100%)	Distributed from gaming funds to support economic development projects, community improvement projects, and projects in the public interest, including parks and recreation.	September 1 – November 30
PA Office of the Budget	Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP)	Grant (50%)	Provides funding for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement projects.	Varies
Major League Baseball	Youth Development Foundation Grant Program	Grant (50%)	The Foundation considers requests for a variety of purposes including funding capital projects (e.g. building and renovating fields), baseball/softball programs, and education initiatives.	Rolling
American Academy of Dermatology	Shade Structure Grant Program	Grant	Grants of up to \$8,000 to schools and non-profits for installing permanent shade structures at places such as parks, pools, and recreation spaces.	October 1 – December 15, 2024
Tree Pennsylvania	Bare Root Tree Program	Grant	Aims to assist communities in Pennsylvania with increasing the tree canopy and commitment to urban and community forests.	2024 pre-apps due in July
Chesapeake Bay Trust	Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (G3)	Grant	Projects that reduce stormwater runoff, increase the number and amount of green spaces in urban areas, improve the health of local streams and the Chesapeake Bay, and enhance quality of life and community livability.	Due in March
The Skatepark Project	Skatepark Project National Grant Program	Grant	Help underserved communities create safe and inclusive public skateparks for youth, funds public concrete skatepark projects.	Rolling

PHASE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

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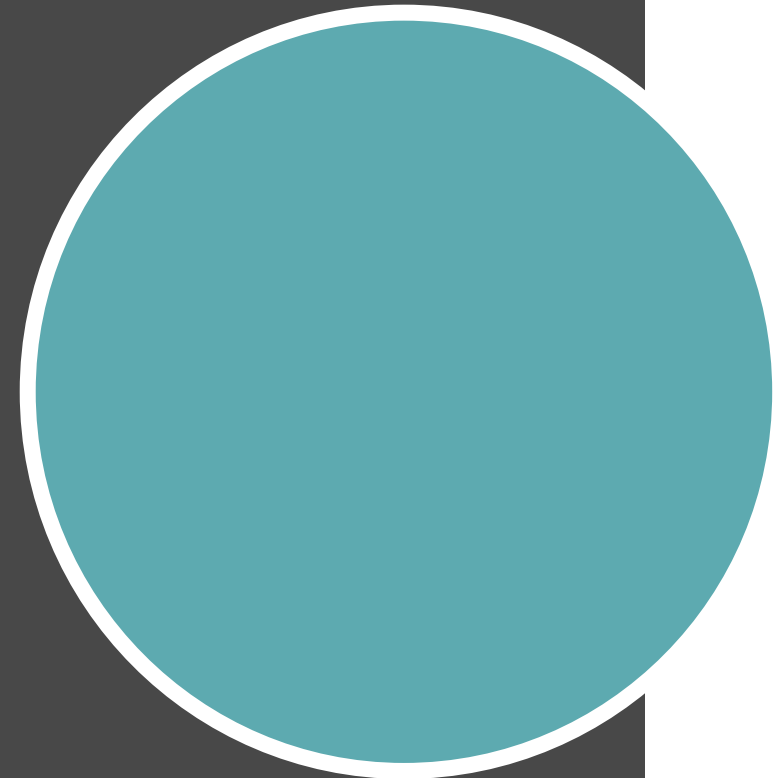
Implementation

TOT LOT

- Worked with Borough and Vendor to navigate grant funding limits & requirements
- Prepared construction drawings with ADA design features based on Vendor's renderings
- Coordinated with MiffCPAP, Playground and Fence contractors for Community Build Day
- Assisted Borough with DCNR grant administration.



KEY TAKEAWAYS



People

ASSEMBLING & ENGAGING
THE RIGHT PEOPLE



Multiple Engagement Efforts &
Platforms



Reflective of the Community



Invested in Project Success



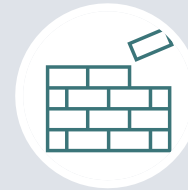
Include Technical Professionals

Tools

PROVIDING THE
RIGHT TOOLS



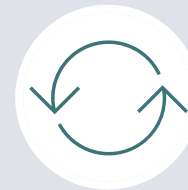
Provide a Toolbox



Use the Tools for Plan Development



Make them Understandable Beyond
the Planning Process



Allow Them to be Updatable &
Adaptable

Funding

SETTING THE BE SUCCESSFUL



Engaging the Right Folks & Gaining Momentum



Providing the Tools to Be Successful in Securing Grants & Funding



Provide Resources on Available Funding Options



Identify Priorities & Attainable Quick Wins

THANK YOU

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