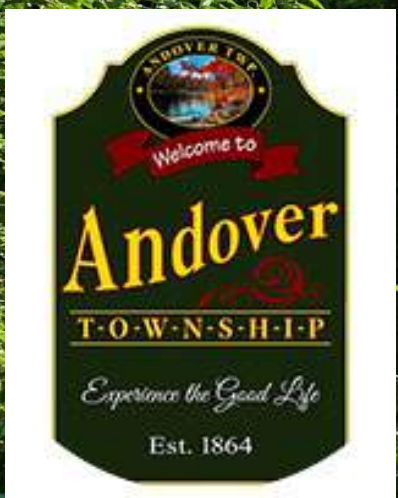


ANDOVER TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 26, 2021



CONSULTANT TEAM

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- VAST EXPERIENCE IN A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS:
 - OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLANNING
 - PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS
 - ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES INVENTORY
 - RESILIENCY PLANS
 - MASTER PLANNING
 - ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD AND ASSESSMENT



Public Workshop Summary Report

On May 1st, 2019, the Township of Pequannock held its Community Workshop for the development of the new Master Plan. The following document is a summary of the results of that workshop.

[Pequannock Township Master Plan Public Participation Summary for the May 1st Community Workshop](#)

On November 6th, 2019, the Township of Pequannock presented the survey results and preliminary recommendations of the new Master Plan. The following document is the presentation.

[Summary results of the survey presented at the November 6th meeting can be found here](#)

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Hiding comments - If you choose to hide your comments, only yourself and the project team for the study can view your comment.

Agreeing with comments - You can reply to another participant's comments, you click on "agree" below their comment to indicate your approval or agreement with what they've said.

Flagging comments - If you think a comment is unnecessary, or disrespectful, you can "flag" it for review by the moderation team.

Any comments, or questions? Email Pequannock@PublicInput.com

WHAT IS AN OPEN SPACE PLAN?

- THE OPEN SPACE PLAN IS A GUIDING DOCUMENT DETAILING THE CONDITIONS, EXTENT, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF A MUNICIPALITY'S OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION FACILITIES. THE PLAN INCLUDES RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEET CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS.

Element Strategy Plan					
	Strategy	Implementing Party	Priority Level	Completed	Year Completed
Strategy Category					
1	Strategy	Borough and/or partner	Priority 1 Priority 2 Priority 3	✓	insert year

Goals and Objectives

Conditions Analysis

Public Input

Open Space Inventory

Needs Assessment

Recommendations and Implementation

- Goal is to have implementable recommendations and strategies

OVERARCHING GOALS

PRESERVE, ENHANCE, EVOLVE

- **PRESERVE** - THIS STRATEGY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT PLACES SUCH AS ENJOYABLE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS MAY NOT DESIRE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AND THE PLAN SHOULD REFLECT THE PRINCIPLE THAT NOT ONLY SHOULD THESE PLACES BE RECOMMENDED AGAINST WHOLESALE CHANGE BUT SHOULD BE PROTECTED FROM IT.
- **ENHANCE**- AT THE SAME TIME, THERE ARE AREAS WHERE PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES GENERALLY REFLECT THE GOALS OF A COMMUNITY BUT NEED TO BE ENHANCED WITH MORE RECREATIONAL OPTIONS OR MORE MODERN OFFERINGS.
- **EVOLVE**- FINALLY, THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP WHERE THE PLAN CAN LAY THE GROUNDWORK TO EVOLVE. IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS THAT RECOGNIZE CHANGING RECREATIONAL DEMANDS AND AVAILABILITY OF PROPERTIES TO CONNECT OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES CAN HELP MOVE THE TOWNSHIP FORWARD A DESIRED COHESIVE FASHION.
- ROBUST, INCLUSIVE, AND IMMERSIVE PUBLIC OUTREACH THROUGH PUBLICINPUT.COM
- PLAN THAT ACCURATELY REFLECT PUBLIC FEEDBACK BASED ON SURVEY RESULTS
- PROVIDE STRATEGIES WITH FUNDING MECHANISM IDENTIFICATION
- RESULT IN A PLAN THAT IS A USEFUL AND RESOURCEFUL WORKING DOCUMENT FOR STAFF AND RESIDENTS

KEY
GUIDANCE
COMMITTEES
STAKEHOLDERS
BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS

PUBLIC

Open Space Plan Subcommittee-
Driving Process

Community Stakeholders Group-
Key Input

Open Space Committee

Planning Board and Governing
Body

COMMUNITY INPUT-PARAMOUNT

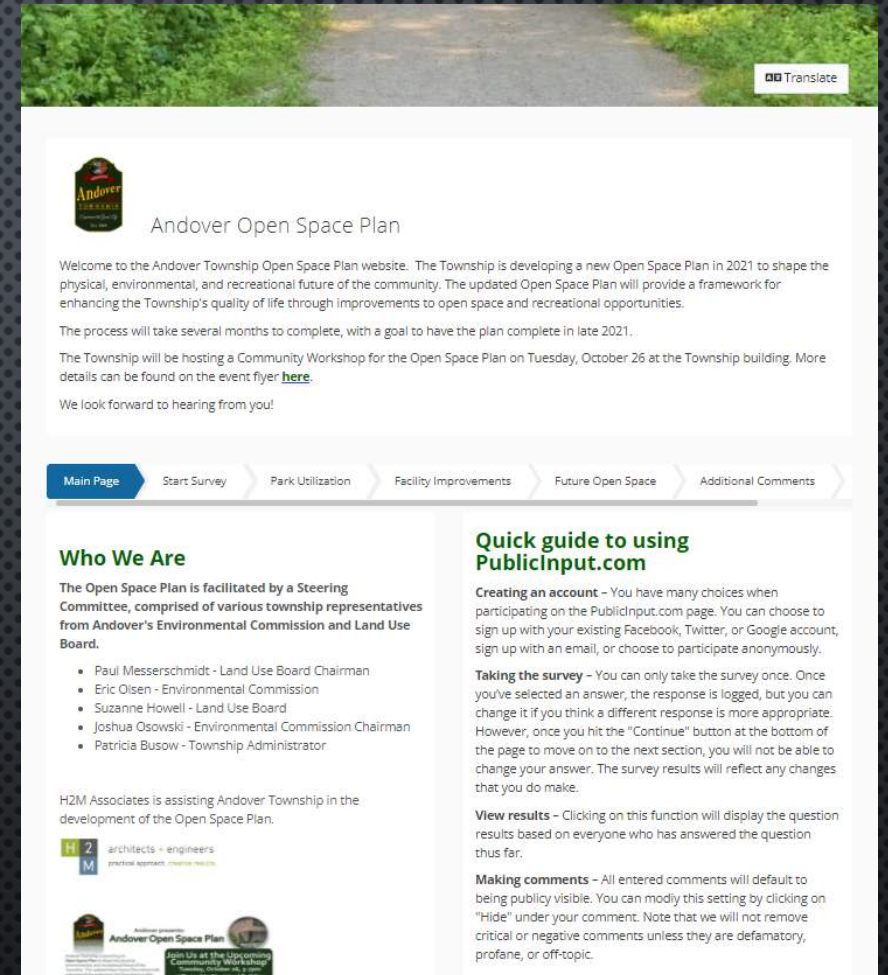
SCOPE




PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS

PUBLIC INPUT WEBSITE

- LAUNCHED IN SEPTEMBER
- INCLUDES COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE SURVEY
- TO CONTINUE TO BE OPEN THROUGH REMAINDER OF PROJECT
- INCLUDES INFORMATION ON PROJECT
- ANNOUNCEMENTS





Andover Open Space Plan

Welcome to the Andover Township Open Space Plan website. The Township is developing a new Open Space Plan in 2021 to shape the physical, environmental, and recreational future of the community. The updated Open Space Plan will provide a framework for enhancing the Township's quality of life through improvements to open space and recreational opportunities.

The process will take several months to complete, with a goal to have the plan complete in late 2021.

The Township will be hosting a Community Workshop for the Open Space Plan on Tuesday, October 26 at the Township building. More details can be found on the event flyer [here](#).

We look forward to hearing from you!


[Main Page](#) [Start Survey](#) [Park Utilization](#) [Facility Improvements](#) [Future Open Space](#) [Additional Comments](#)

Who We Are

The Open Space Plan is facilitated by a Steering Committee, comprised of various township representatives from Andover's Environmental Commission and Land Use Board.

- Paul Messerschmidt - Land Use Board Chairman
- Eric Olsen - Environmental Commission
- Suzanne Howell - Land Use Board
- Joshua Osowski - Environmental Commission Chairman
- Patricia Busow - Township Administrator

H2M Associates is assisting Andover Township in the development of the Open Space Plan.

 architects - engineers
practical approach creative results


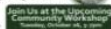
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Join Us at the Upcoming Community Workshop
Tuesday, October 26, 2021

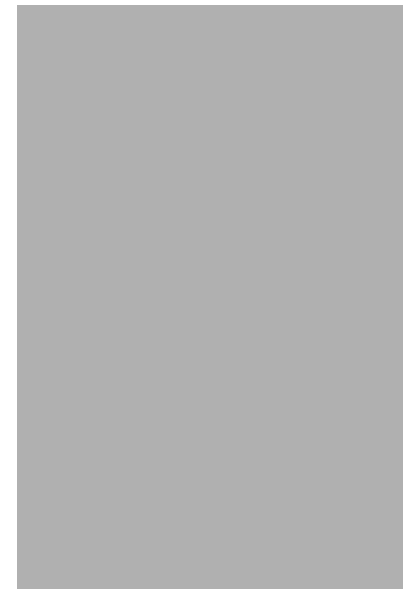
ADDITIONAL OUTREACH

- DEPARTMENT HEAD INTERVIEWS
- COORDINATION MEETINGS WITH TOWNSHIP STAFF
- PLANNING BOARD AND GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS
- OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA AND PROMOTION OF SURVEY

EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS

FIELD VISIT

- PHOTOGRAPHIC FIELDWORK AND EXPLORATION
- FIELDWORK WILL INFLUENCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND POLICIES
- UPDATE EXISTING DATA WITH FIELDWORK



2011
 PERIODIC REEXAMINATION REPORT
 OF THE MASTER PLAN AND
 DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Andover Township
 Sussex County, New Jersey
 May 17, 2011

Prepared by the Andover Township Land Use Board

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OPEN SPACE
 AND RECREATION PLAN

for
 Township of Andover
 County of Sussex




Compiled by
 Morris Land Conservancy
 a nonprofit land trust
 with the
 Township of Andover
 Open Space Committee and
 Environmental Commission

March 2008


EXISTING MATERIAL REVIEW

- 2008 OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN
- 2011 MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION
- 2016 SUSSEX COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN
- ALL OTHER AVAILABLE REPORTS AND INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE OPEN SPACE PLAN, INCLUDING REGIONAL PLANS AND CURRENT LAW UPDATES



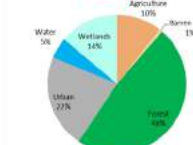
Andover Township

Sussex County



Total Area: 20.7 sq. mi. (13,242 acres)
Population (2010): 6,319
Population Density: 305 persons/sq. mi.

Land Use



Source: NJDEP 2012

Open Space Trust Fund

for maintenance and development of municipal lands


2,751 acres


Total preserved lands within Andover Township:
State parks, municipally owned land, preserved farmland, and non-profit lands

Preservation Priorities


- Promote ecotourism
- Upgrade recreational facilities and parks
- Connect Andover Township and Kittatinny State Park to Allamuchy Township via a new rail trail

Population Trends

6,319

 (2010)

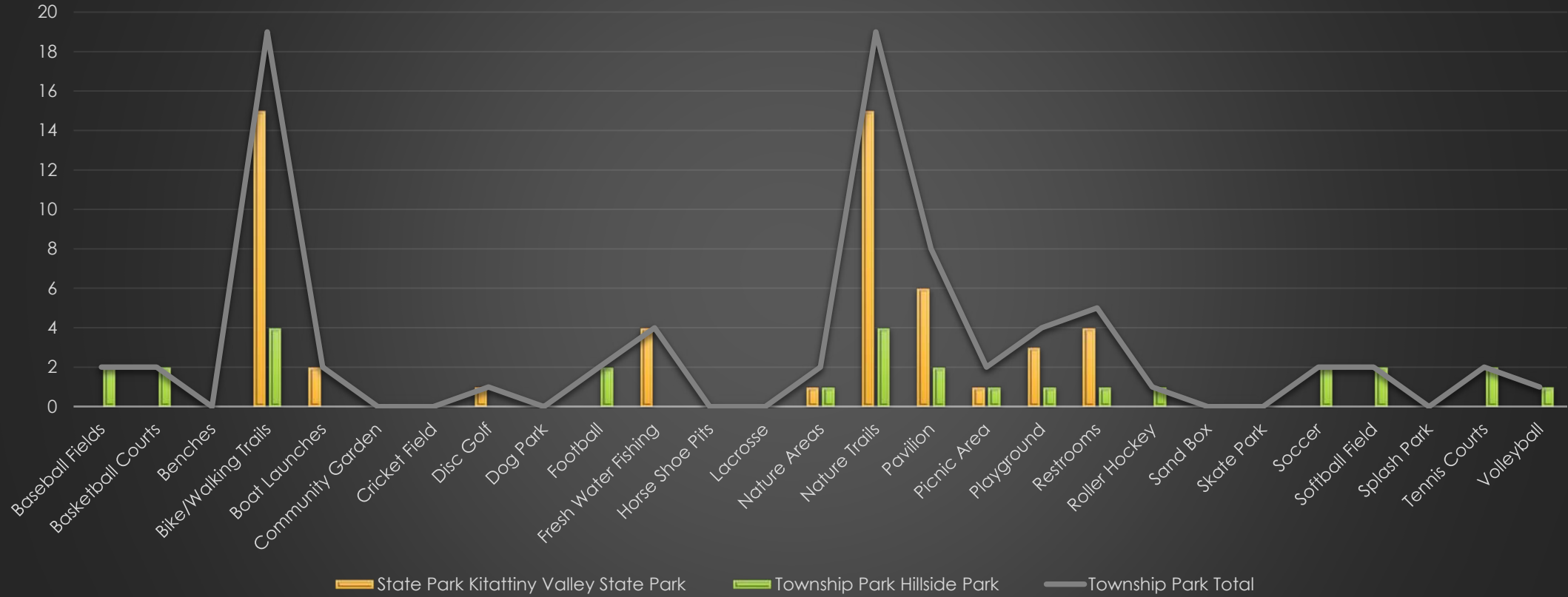
6,207

 (2014)

Source: US Census Bureau 2016



Field at Lake Ritt

Township Rec Facilities



RECREATIONAL FACILITIES



NEXT STEPS

- FINALIZE OPEN SPACE INVENTORY /LOS ANALYSIS
- COMPILATION OF PUBLIC FEEDBACK AND ENGAGEMENT
- DRAFT PLAN DEVELOPMENT
- DRAFT REVIEW WITH SUBCOMMITTEE AND
- ADOPTION HEARING

A gravel path winds through a dense, lush green forest. The path is flanked by thick vegetation and tall trees, creating a canopy overhead. Sunlight filters through the leaves, casting dappled shadows on the gravel. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

Thank You!