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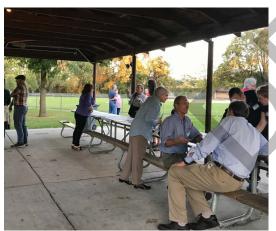


### Synopsis of Lemoyne's Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan

Recognizing the importance of recreation and parks in Lemoyne, Cumberland County, PA, this Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space (CRPOS)Plan was initiated. The process used to develop this Plan included extensive public input, detailed inventory and assessment, and the development of recommendations for the future of parks and recreation in Lemoyne.

The purpose of this study was to analyze the current recreation, parks, open space, trails and greenways and to develop recommendations and implementation strategies to ensure sufficient and appropriate recreation opportunities for residents both now and into the future.

Input received through the public participation process was an important asset as viable recommendations for the future of parks and recreation were developed. A strong study committee, comprised of a cross-section of residents, assisted the consultant in gathering and analyzing the public input. The public input included a series of of public meetings; an electronic recreation questionnaire; and key person interviews. This input brought forth a valuable understanding of how residents view parks and recreation and what they see as important for its future.



The public participation process culminated in the development of a Vision Statement for the Future of Recreation and Parks in Lemoyne. The Vision Statement is shown on the next page.

The inventory of recreation facilities included municipal recreation areas within the Borough, as well as those of regional significance that are located outside the border of Lemoyne. The information collected offers an overview of existing park and recreation conditions in the Borough. Professional assessment of the inventories and comparisons to current trends were completed to determine the condition of Lemoyne facilities and how they compare with typical facilities across the country.

This Plan recognizes the tremendous importance of open space and greenways in Lemoyne and addresses various components of each. Several recently completed plans impact these efforts. They include the County's Comprehensive Plan and the 2008 Imagine West Shore Comprehensive Plan. Drawing upon the public participation, inventory, assessment, and recently completed plans; recommendations for the future of recreation and parks were developed.

### Lemoyne's Vision and Mission

The community's vision for the future of Lemoyne's Recreation, Parks, Open Space and Greenways is that it will be a multi-faceted, comprehensive system of parks that will serve both current and future residents. The vision is to improve upon the use, maintenance, sustainability, and development of existing recreation facilities, while addressing unmet needs and programs. The park system will provide a balance of larger community parks with a multitude of inclusive recreational facilities; neighborhoods parks that serve residents near their homes; an interconnecting system of recreational trails, sidewalks and greenways; and preservation of natural features, stormwater management and sustainable design.

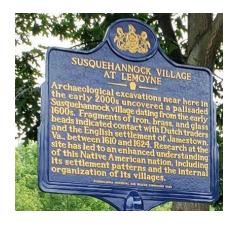
#### **Vision**

As stewards of the public spaces, parks and natural resources, the Borough of Lemoyne is dedicated to maintaining a diverse and vibrant sense of community which enriches the lives of citizens by providing safe, inclusive, and sustainable places to celebrate and recreate.

## Mission

Lemoyne Borough develops and maintains a diverse park, open space and trail system for the betterment of our community and the environment.









#### **Key Issues**

The Borough of Lemoyne has developed four key issues that will be used to guide the community in fulfilling its parks and recreation Vision and Mission. Those keys are:

- Community Park Redevelopment
- Connectivity and Open Space
- Shade Trees and Stormwater Management
- Recreational Programs

#### Success and Implementation of this Plan

The key to the success of this Plan is the building of enthusiasm and support for recreation, parks, and open space in Lemoyne. The recommendations are intended to accomplish each key issue. The implementation strategies are reorganized into tables. The information provided in this table includes action steps, strategies to achieve the action, which key issue it falls under, and the priority of the Borough to implement the step (short: 0-3 years, mid: 3-6 years, long: 6+ years). The implementation strategies provide guidance to the decision makers of the Borough and the organizations and staff designated to implement the recommendations of the Plan. Details related to each recommendation are outlined in Chapter 4 of the Plan.

This CRPOS Plan outlines guidelines for areas of improvement and presents new directions for the Borough to explore. The process of implementation is an ongoing and phased approach. Support for the implementation of the Plan's recommendations and a strong commitment to its use as a guide for the future will provide an improved quality of life in Lemoyne for years to come.

Implementation Chart Key		
Community Development/Parks & Recreation Committee Borough Manager Public Works Shade Tree Committee Borough Council Norfolk Southern Railroad Lemoyne Business Association West Shore Recreation Commission West Shore School District West Shore Bureau of Fire	CDPRC BM PW STC BC NSRR LBA WSRC WSSD WSBF	
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## Step 1:

Adopt this Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan.

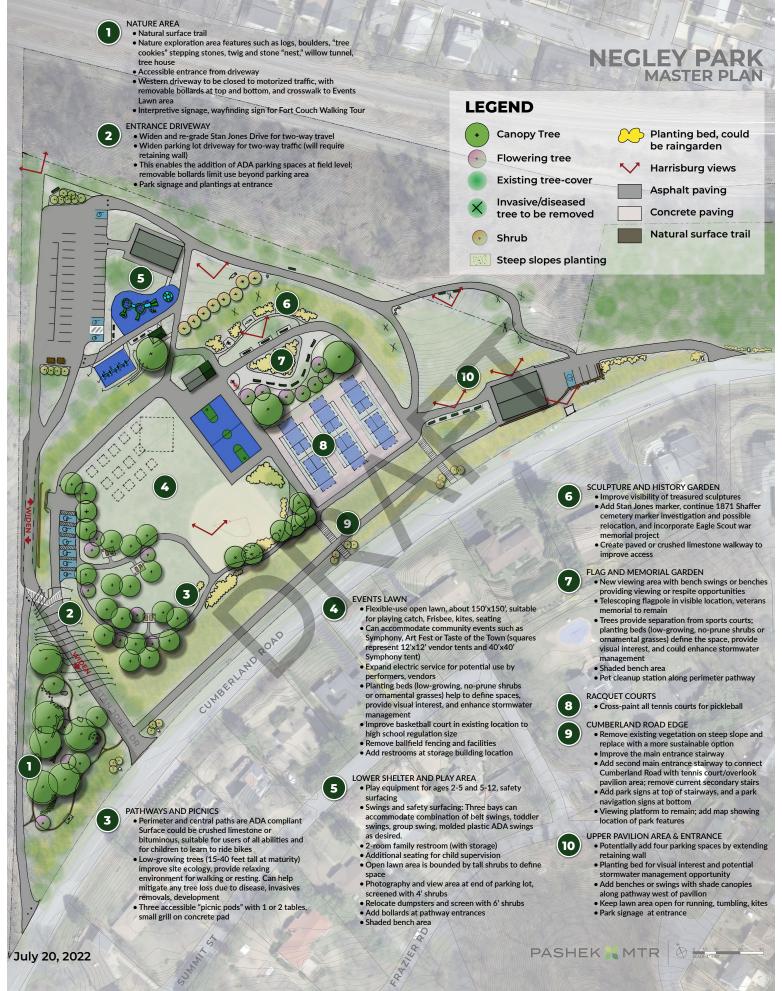
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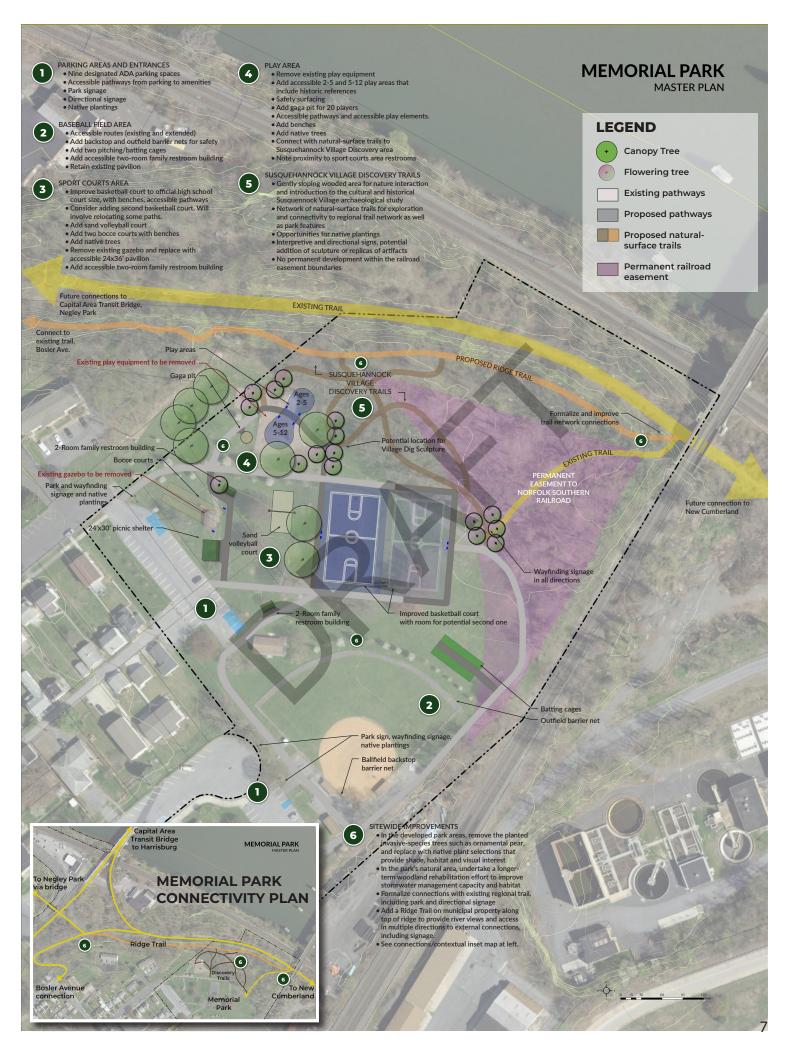
# Community Park and Redevelopment

Action Steps	Strategies	Responsible Party	Priority
Visualize and adopt a wayfinding and branding logo and design. Determine exact locations for entrance signage and wayfinding.	Community Development/ Parks & Recreation Committee and staff establish a branding style and sense of community. Refresh brand identity and communications. Apply for funding through a variety of sources (County, DCNR, DCED)	CDPRC, BM	S
Identify species of native planting, rain garden and shade tree canopy locations	Review Action Plans located in the Trees and Stormwater Management Recommendations	CDPRC, BM, PW, STC	S
Develop and adopt a ten-year Capital Improvement Plan	Establish available funding sources, fundraising efforts and Borough budget allocations. Leverage funds through grants. Create a Recreation and Parks Foundation.	CDPRC, BM, BC	S
Establish playground replacement plan for Memorial, Negley and Maple Parks.	Establish available funding sources, fundraising efforts and Borough budget allocations.	CDPRC, BM, BC	S
During reconstruction, design facilities to meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design	Develop construction documents in partnership with a Certified Landscape Architect to adhere with established standards.	CDPRC, BM, PW	S
Develop identities for each park's special place in the community	Explore historic and natural features of each park and highlight these themes throughout redevelopment		М

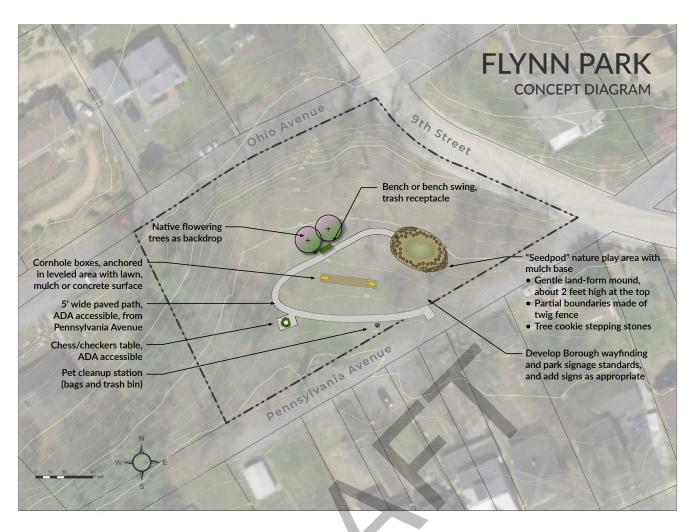
#### **Park Master Plans**

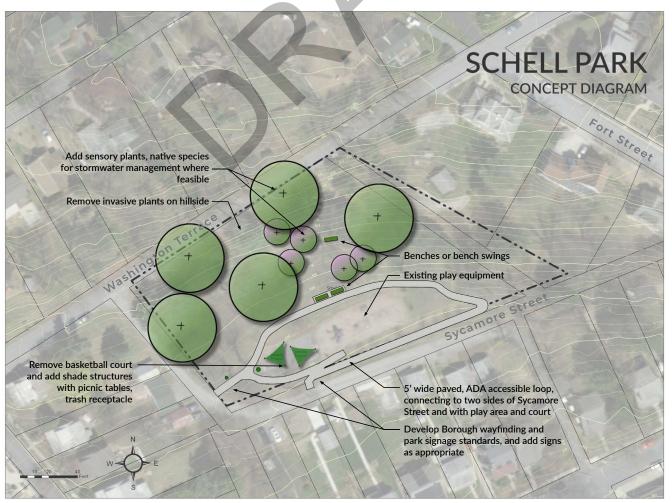
As part of this Plan, a Master Plan was developed for Negley Park and Memorial Park. Concept plans were created for four additional parks. They are included in the pages that follow. The cost estimates for these plans can be found in Chapter 4.

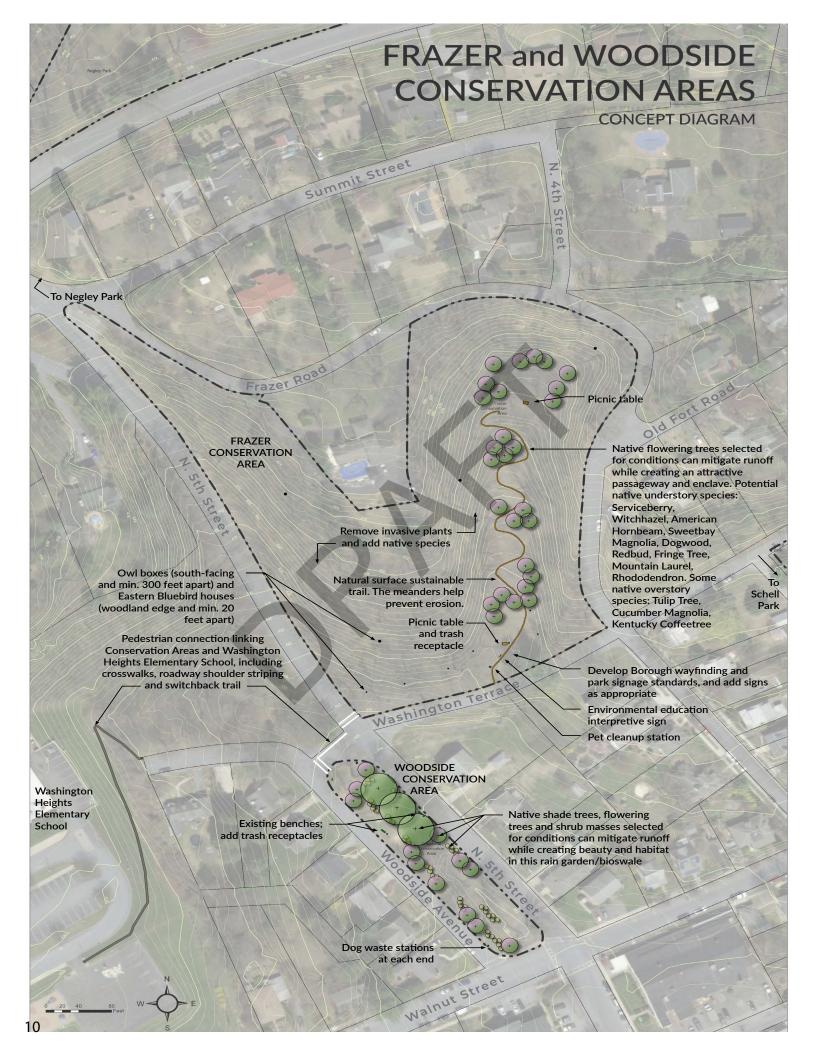










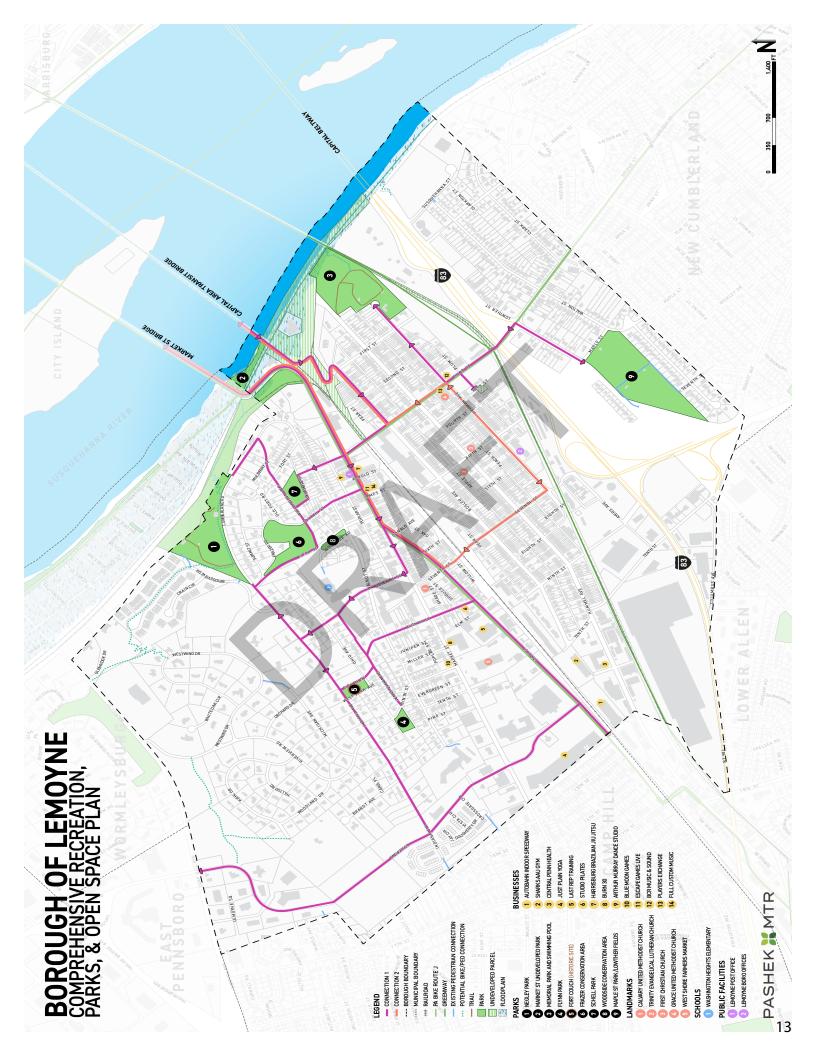






# Connectivity and Open Space

Action Steps	Strategies	Responsible Party	Priority
Incorporate the Connectivity Map as a part of the subdivision and land development review process, with staff comment on the impact (positive or negative) of proposed development on the network.	Establish and build out a cycling and pedestrian network	CDPRC, BC	S
Recruit members of the community to join the Eastern Cumberland County Regional Trails Group and report back to Community Development/Parks & Recreation Committee.	Involvement in recommendations and initiatives related to the Cumberland Valley Trail, Norfolk Southern future trail alignment	CDPRC	S
Appoint a member of the Community Development/Parks & Recreation Committee and define its responsibilities, primarily to include connectivity and trail initiatives	Establish and build out a cycling and pedestrian network	CDPRC	S
Add information on land conservation programs to the Borough's website and advise residents that such options are available	Link land owners with land conservation options	ВМ	S
Identify and carry out a project from Connectivity Map for incorporating on-road bikeways or pedestrian paths as part of the Borough's annual road maintenance program	Improve safe on-road riding/walking conditions	BC, BM	S
Continue to communicate with Northfolk Southern on the rail extension near Memorial Park	Identify a staff or committee member to attend public meetings.	BC, NSRR	S
As part of the maintenance program, evaluate whether such improvements can be made part of projects on the paving list.	Improve safe on-road riding/walking conditions	BM, PW	S
Continue to develop partnerships with neighboring communities, businesses, private owners to strengthen funding opportunities through County, DCNR and DCED funding sources.	Build out a cycling and pedestrian network	CDPRC, BM	S
Implement high quality connections based on the Connectivity Map.	Build out a cycling and pedestrian network	ВМ	S
The Borough should continue to invest in infrastructure improvements that enhance the public realm and pedestrian experience (lighting, street furniture, signage, landscaping, sidewalks, etc.)	Build out a pedestrian network	BC, BM	S
Continue to build out the cycling/pedestrian network through trails, paths, and sidewalks to create safe, attractive and convenient connections between and among destinations.	Build out a cycling and pedestrian network	BC, BM	М
The Community Development /Parks & Recreation Committee should consider the addition of members with diverse skills including marketing, and fund raising. Consider an additional member that will represent the younger demographics.	Build capacity, fundraising for park redevelopment, trail and open space	CDPRC	М
The Community Development/Parks & Recreation Committee should continue to proactively identify opportunities and work with staff and Council to help the Borough develop partner relationships.	Form partnerships to further address residents needs and desire	CDPRC	М





# Shade Tree and Stormwater Management

Action Step	Strategies	Responsible Party	Priority
Develop a Tree Planting & Maintenance Plan utilizing the recommendations of the Plan. The Shade Tree Commission should discuss during a workshop to share thoughts with the Community Development/Parks & Recreation Committee.	Identify diseased or potential dangerous trees in Borough parks and streets. Determine the location, species, size and timeline related to tree replacement.	CDPRC, STC	S
Establish native plantings, removal of invasives and stabilization of steep slopes located in the parks as indicated in the conceptual and master plans developed as part of this plan.	Apply for funding through a variety of sources, such as the County, DCNR, Penn State Extension.	CDPRC, PW	S
Develop a list of properties with high preservation value, in terms of connection to the green corridor network, environmental quality and ability to contribute to community resilience (tree canopy, fragile steep slopes, stormwater control).	MS4 Coordinator to develop a list of properties.	CDPRC, BM, PW	М

# Recreational Programs

Action Step	Strategies	Responsible Party	Priority
In partnership with the West Shore Recreation Commission, develop additional program opportunities located in Memorial, Maple, and Negley Parks. (Summer Camps, Swimming Lessons, Nature, Health & Wellness, Special Needs programs.)	Provide inclusive programming in areas of the Borough which may be lacking resources to participate in programs.	CDDDC W/SDC	S
Continue to partner with the West Shore Bureau of Fire to assist with community events such as Smoke in the Park	Determine potential needs for a large event during redevelopment of the park	BC, WSBF	S
Continue to partner with Lemoyne Business Association and Sponsors to present the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra Concert	Encourage businesses and community members to become reengaged in this spectacular event, as well as new events	BC, LBA	S
Develop pick up basketball initiatives in Memorial Park.	Partner with West Shore Recreation Commission to develop & promote programs.	CDPRC, WSRC	S
Develop scholarship opportunities to offset program fees for families in need.	Community Development/ Parks and Recreation Committee, in conjunction with West Shore School District and local businesses, establish a scholarship fund.	CDPRC, WSRC	М
Develop pickleball and tennis clinics for all ages.	Partner with West Shore Recreation Commission to develop & promote programs.	CDPRC, WSRC	М
Issue a call for local artists to submit artwork that captures a defined theme for each park. Appoint a volunteer jury and consider posting top submissions online to involve residents in voting for a favorite.		CDPRC, WSRC, WSSD	М
Partner with local businesses to become involved and provide funding for supplies and promotion. Funds should cover a prize for the winning artist in addition to the cost of installation.	Partner with local businesses for supplies and prizes.	CDPRC, LBA	М