

### CONESTOGA VALLEY

PARKS & RECREATION PLAN





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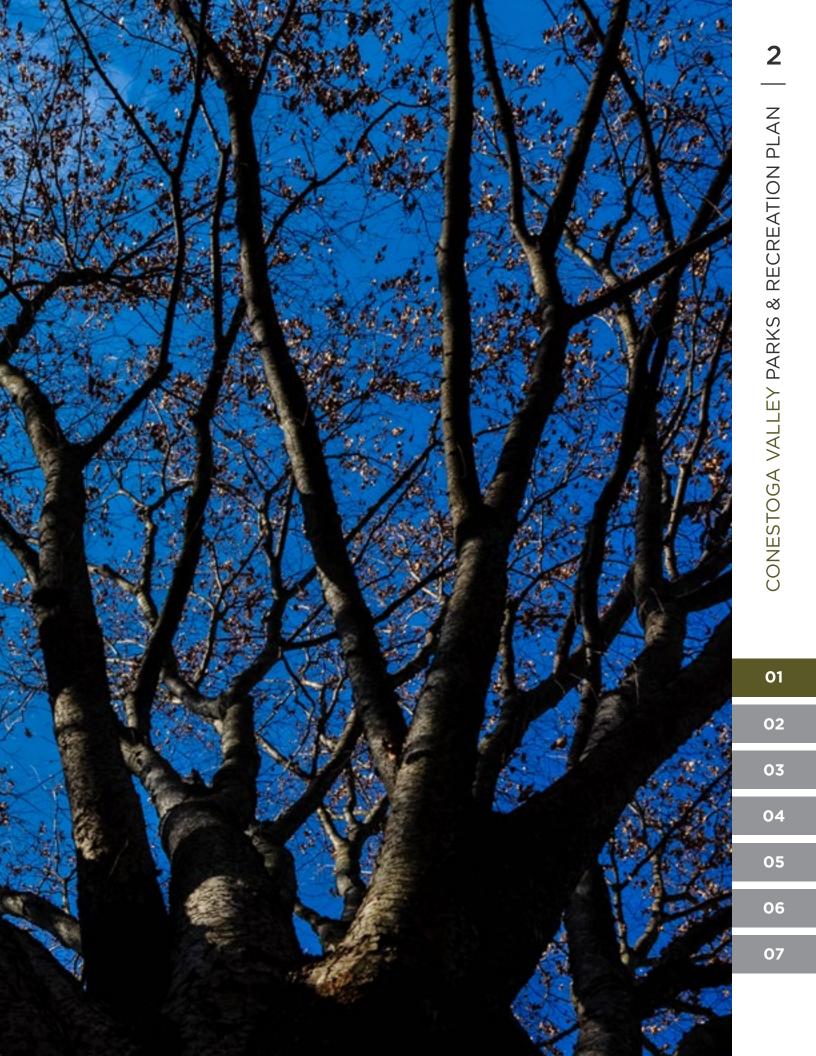
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### **Executive Summary**





Conestoga Valley envisions a region with strategically planned open spaces, recreation facilities, programs, and events that celebrate the community's character, promote healthy lifestyles, attract visitors, and foster civic pride.

The Conestoga Valley Parks & Recreation Plan (Plan) provides an inventory of existing park, recreation, leisure, and cultural facilities and programs within Conestoga Valley, analyzes gaps in services, and develops a regional action plan to guide future park and recreation projects.

The four goals listed below direct the Plan's priorities:

#### Collaboration

Approach recreation from a regional perspective by looking for ways to integrate recommendations from existing plans and studies across the three townships, as well as sharing findings from new studies.

#### Variety

Develop a regional park system that is accessible to a wide range of residents, including areas for active (e.g., playgrounds and sports fields) and passive (e.g., greenways, trails, and picnicking) recreation.

#### Camaraderie

Place an emphasis on producing events and activities that can bring residents together as a community, including festivals, cultural celebrations, informal gathering places, and sporting events.

#### Support

Provide the administrative and financial structure necessary to implement a collaborative, regional approach.

A review of previously proposed projects, analysis of existing conditions, and feedback from residents helped identify recreational needs in the Plan area.

The Plan's engagement process included:

- Project website
- Online survey
- Stakeholder interviews
- Piggy-back events

In addition to public feedback, the project team was lead by a steering committee made up of representatives from two of the townships and the school district. The steering committee helped identify events for public outreach and shaped project recommendations through a team workshop.

Below is a list of initial recommendations or "critical actions", that if completed first, can help ensure implementation of the other recommendations in the Plan.

#### **Critical Actions**

- Establish a multi-municipal agreement for recreation asset sharing and establish a multi-municipal recreation entity
- Participate in the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources' (DCNR) Peer Grant Program
- Participate in the DCNR Circuit Rider Grant Program
- Establish a Director of Parks & Recreation position (with the Circuit Rider as a likely candidate)

# Context

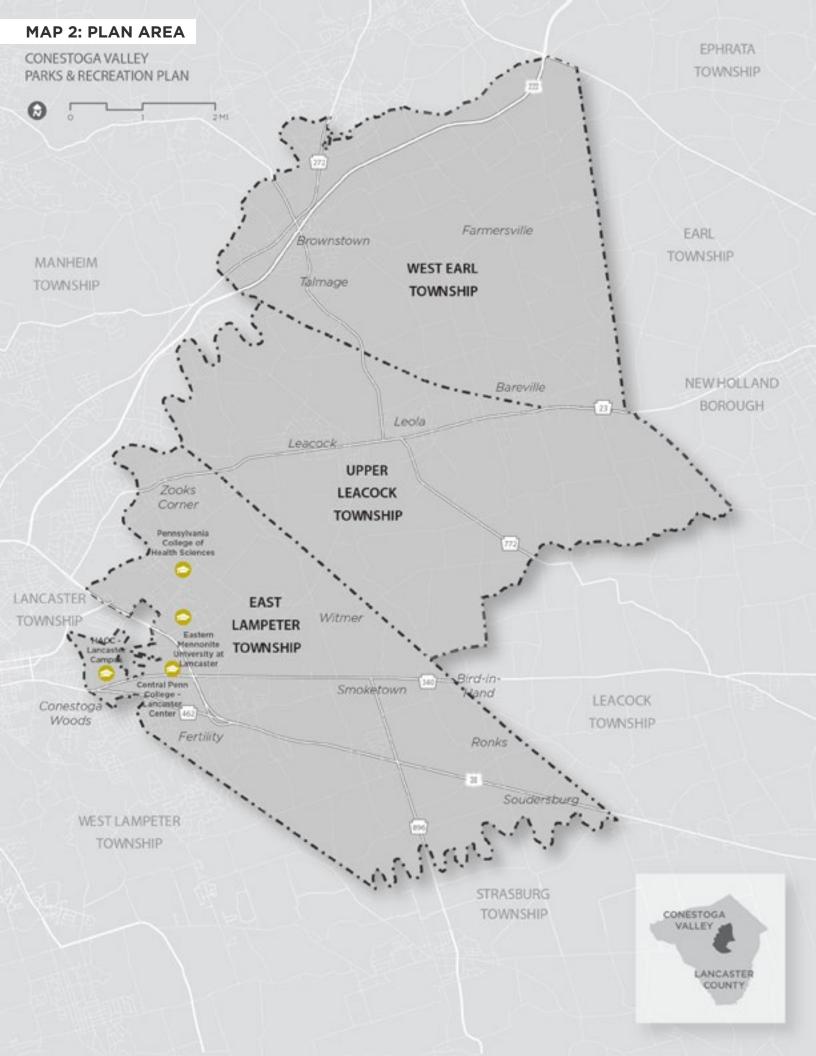
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2.1 Background

East Lampeter Township, Upper Leacock Township, and the Conestoga Valley School District partnered together to create a comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan (Plan) for Conestoga Valley in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

This region's rich cultural history includes agricultural success stemming back to Mennonite settlement in the early 1700s. Today, the largest Amish population in the world calls the region home. The area's fertile farmlands and local handicrafts serve as a large tourism draw, with more than 8 million people visiting the region in 2015 helping to generate nearly \$2 billion in spending.<sup>1</sup>

In addition to agriculture and tourism, Central Penn College - Lancaster Center, Eastern Mennonite University of Lancaster, Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences, and a diverse array of employers make the region a desirable place to live and work. To support residents' health and quality of life, the region developed a network of park and recreation facilities. These regional facilities are managed by East Lampeter Township's Parks & Recreation Board, West Earl Township's Parks & Recreation Board, and Upper Leacock's Board of Supervisors. Encompassing all three townships, the Conestoga Valley School District also manages a large number of recreational facilities including school properties which serve community members of all ages.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Economic Impacts of Tourism in Lancaster County. *Tourism Economics*. 2016. <https://bit.ly/2kZ9TTd>

# 2.2 Goals

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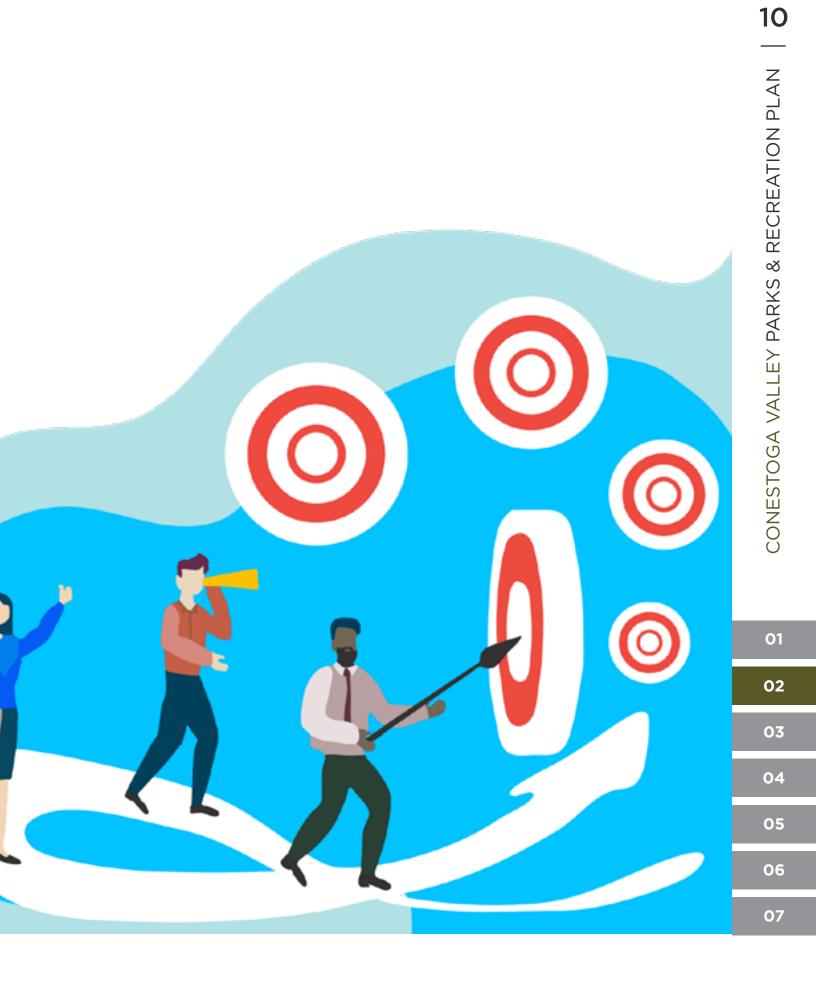
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#### Support

Provide the administrative and financial structure necessary to implement a collaborative, regional approach.





# 2.3 Past Plans

Just as the region boasts a strong cultural history, it also has a proud history of recreational planning. The plans below have guided the region's park and recreation system over the past two decades:

#### **Conestoga Greenways: A River Corridor Conservation Plan (1999)**

Developed by the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee (LIMC), this plan served as a guide for organizations to work cooperatively to designate and develop greenways through central Lancaster County.

#### Pennsylvania Greenways: An Action Plan for Creating Connections (2001)

Funded by the Federal Highway Administration, this plan sets a vision for a statewide "Hub & Spoke" greenway network, with hubs entailing natural, recreational, cultural, and historic sites.

#### Conestoga Valley Region Strategic Comprehensive Plan (2003)

This long-range plan included a "Recreation Strategy" for East Lampeter, Upper Leacock, and West Earl townships. Through community focus groups and a visioning forum, residents indicated a lack of youth and senior activities, as well as a lack of summer and art/craft activities. The strategy developed recreational goals for the region and recommended creation of a strategic planning process.

#### Growing Together: A Comprehensive Plan for Central Lancaster County, PA (2006)

As an update to the 1993 *Regional Park & Open Space Plan* for Lancaster County, LIMC included a "Park & Open Space" chapter in its comprehensive plan. The chapter set a goal of providing broad coverage of parks and connecting them by greenway, with two new neighborhood parks proposed in East Lampeter Township.

### Program Manual for Heritage Partners (2015)

This user guide details the strict authenticity, interpretation, and visitor readiness criteria for Lancaster County's heritage tourism program. To improve heritage tourism in the county, the Lancaster County Planning Commission recommended improved wayfinding and signage, greater recognition of the contributions made by African-, Asian-, and Latino-Americans, and embracing new technology for messaging.

#### Route 23 Sidewalk Master Plan (2016)

PA-23 functions as the backbone of Upper Leacock Township's transportation system, connecting Leacock, Leola, and Bareville. This plan proposed construction of curbs and sidewalks on PA-23 through the entire length of the township, as well as ordinance revisions to encourage implementation.



Places 2040 serves as a roadmap for a future land use and transportation system that will help preserve Lancaster County's unique character for generations to come.



Lancaster's Active Transportation Plan builds on Places 2040 to recommend specific bicycle and pedestrian connections through the county.

### Places 2040: A Plan for Lancaster County, PA (2018)

This plan documents a sense of urgency to protect the county's unique customs and traditions and its connection to the land. Recreation-related performance measures included:

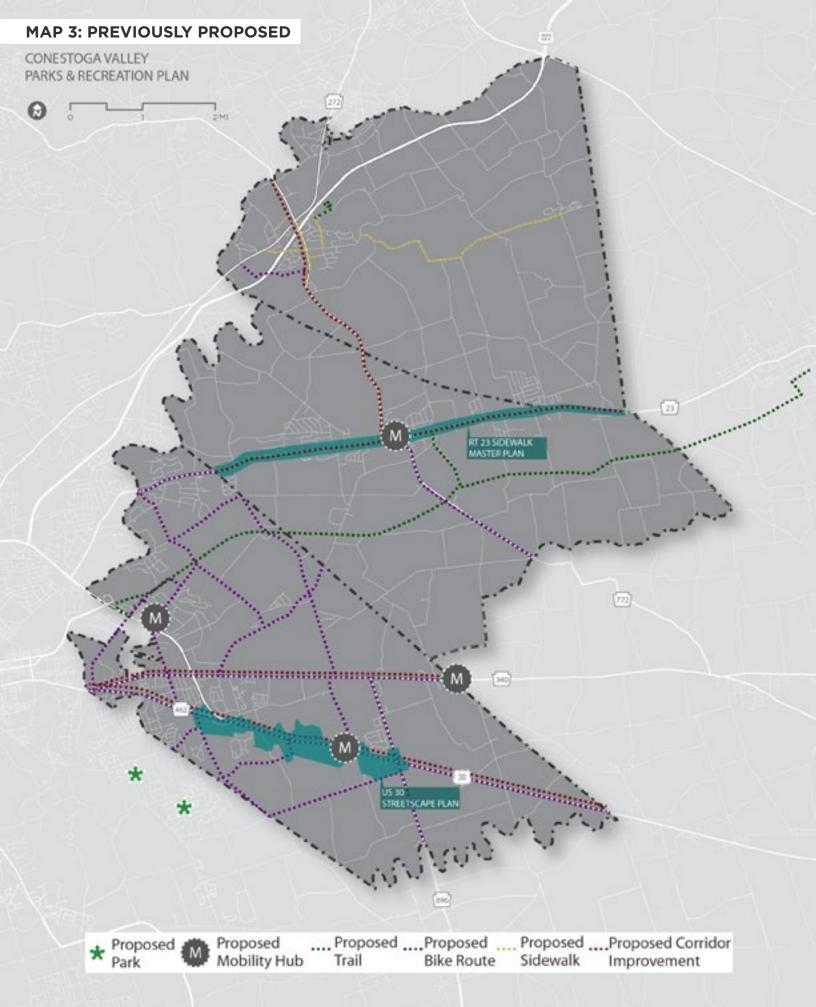
- Miles of regional trails
- Parks per 1,000 people
- Density allowances near parks
- · Percent of roads with sidewalks
- · Miles of on-road bikeways
- Total acres of preserved natural land
- · Percent of contiguous natural land

### West Earl Township Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (2018)

This plan served as a supplement to the 2003 *Conestoga Valley Region Strategic Comprehensive Plan*. It included short-term recommendations for curb and sidewalk construction on South State Street near Sylvan B. Fisher Park and on North Church Street near the Red Rose Transit Authority bus stop, as well as "pull-off rest areas" for bicyclists along Turtle Hill Road, W. Metzler Road, and Locust Street. The plan also proposed a policy to create 8-foot-wide paved cartway shoulders, where possible.

### Lancaster Active Transportation Plan (2019)

This plan recommended an east-west trail connecting Lancaster and New Holland, secondary mobility hubs at Leola and Fertility, a tertiary mobility hub at Bird-in-Hand, and corridor improvements along PA-23, PA-340, PA-722, PA-896, and US 30.



Previously proposed projects include:

- Expanded sidewalk network in West Earl Township
- Continuous sidewalks along PA-23 in Upper Leacock Township
- Trail loop at the West Earl Township building
- Completion of the Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway ("Goat Path") through East Lampeter and Upper Leacock townships
- Streetscape improvements on US 30 in East Lampeter Township
- Two new parks in East Lampeter Township (location not identified) and two new parks just south of East Lampeter Township
- Network of on-road bicycle routes with pull-off areas throughout the region
- Secondary and tertiary "Mobility Hubs" in East Lampeter and Upper Leacock townships

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Conestoga Valley High School (CVHS) Spirit Rally & Bonfire



CVHS Spirit Rally & Bonfire





CVHS Spring Vocal & Band Concert



CVHS Spirit Rally & Bonfire



CVHS Spring Vocal & Band Concert

### **2.4 Community** Engagement

The public engagement process helped identify recreational needs in the Plan area. The engagement process included:

- Project website [CVRegionRecreation.org]
- Online survey
- Stakeholder interviews
- Public events

In addition to public feedback, the project team was led by a Steering Committee made up of representatives from East Lampeter and Upper Leacock Townships and the school district. The steering committee helped identify events for public outreach and shaped project recommendations through a team workshop.

The project team solicited feedback at two public workshops held in conjunction with local events. On May 11, 2018, members of the project team attended the annual Conestoga Valley Senior High School Spring Vocal and Band Concert. The team set up displays outside of the auditorium to inform residents and facilitate feedback on the Plan. This included a visual preference survey poster that stated "Choose your future park activities" and posed the question, "What would you like to see offered in the Conestoga Valley Region?" The top six activities identified during the visual preference survey included "Water Access," "Wildlife Viewing," "Basketball," "Art and Culture Classes," "Fitness Court," and "Community Festivals". The activities in which people were least interested included "Community Fitness Classes, and "Adult Sports Leagues." A second public input activity during the concert involved willing participants to identify potential greenway

and trail connections throughout the study area.

On October 3, 2018, the project team attended the Conestoga Valley High School Spirit Rally and Bonfire to listen to residents and learn more about what they want to see in their future parks and recreation amenities. The same visual preference survey from the spring concert was utilized and repeated to increase the sample size. The top five activities identified during this visual preference survey were "Archery" (28), "Multi-Purpose Fields" (23 responses), "Water Access" (21 responses), "Bike Trails" (write-in 20 responses) and "Basketball" (19 responses). The least desired activities were "Skate Parks" (6 responses), "Art and Culture Classes" (6 responses), "Public Gardens" (5 responses), "Rifle Ranges" (1 response), and "Community Fitness Classes" (0 responses).

Appendix D: Events, Appendix E: Meetings, and **Appendix F: Survey** document feedback from the public engagement process and Section 4.2: Feedback provides a synthesis of the major findings.



allowed the public to track the project's status and to contact the project team with questions and suggestions.

### Needs Analysis

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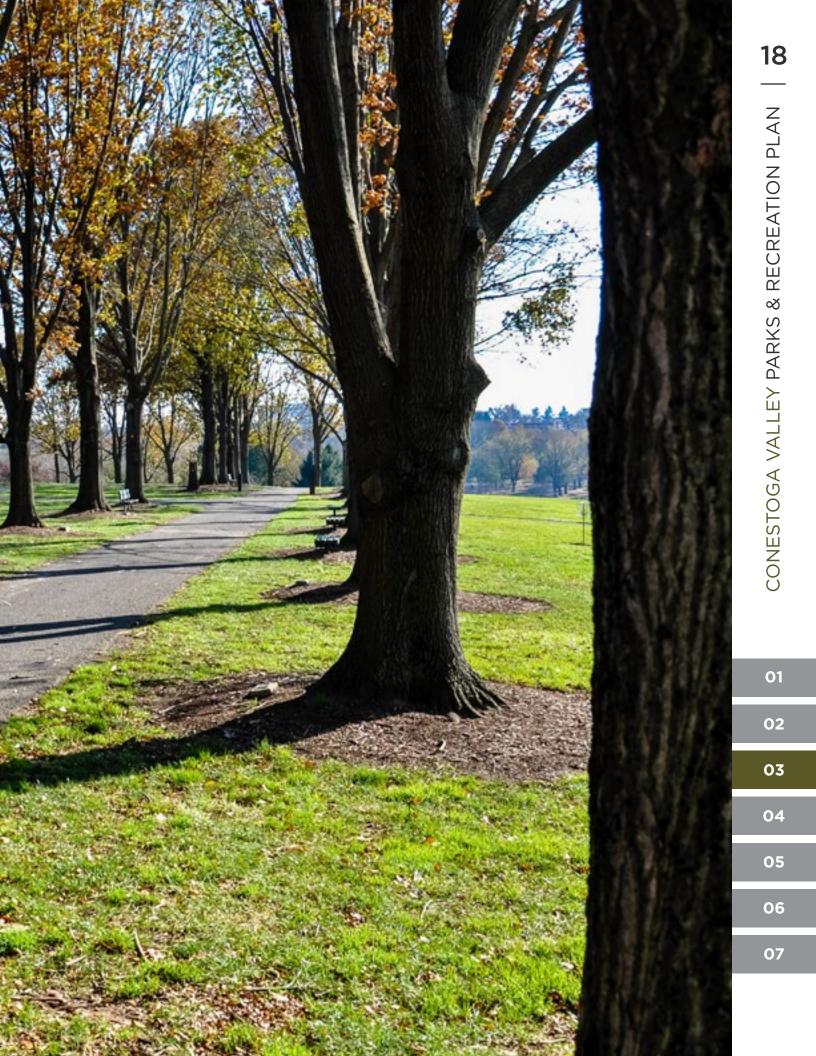
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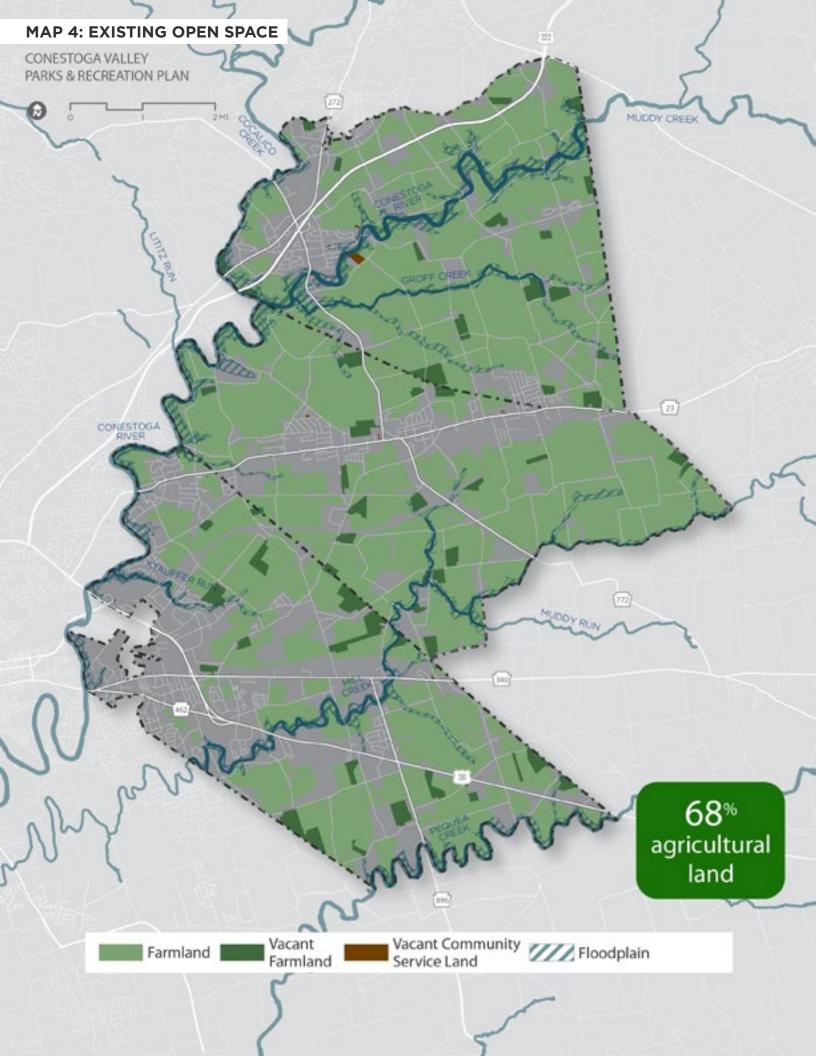
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## 3.1 Open Space

Conestoga Valley is blessed with some of the most productive farmland in the county, and agricultural land uses (actively farmed and vacant land) make up over twothirds of the Plan area. To help preserve this land and the region's rural culture, some land owners have entered into voluntary conservation easements or designations as an Agricultural Security Area (ASA).

Currently, conservation easements or ASA designations exist on over 6,800 acres within the Plan area (27% of total agricultural land), helping to encourage a long-term commitment to agriculture, protection providing from public nuisance complaints against normal farming operations, and granting financial compensation to landowners in exchange for the relinquishment of their right to develop private property.<sup>2</sup>

Although no public forest land exists within the study area, several streams and rivers within the three townships provide conservation and recreation opportunities. The surrounding stream buffers serve as a vegetated transition between water and land and act as natural filters for reducing sediment and pollutants before they enter the region's waterways. They also provide opportunities to see local wildlife and native plants. In particular, the **Conestoga River Water Trail** offers 60 miles of scenic canoeing and kayaking for outdoor enthusiasts, with an access point at Stone Quarry Park.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Agricultural Conservation Easement Program Guidelines. *Agricultural Preserve Board*. 2010. <https://bit.ly/2mBNN9Q>



# 3.2 Parks

Nestled between the region's rich agricultural land, Conestoga Valley boasts approximately 266 acres of park space. East Lampeter Township contains 14 separate park parcels, totaling over 185 acres and there are 8 and 6 park parcels in Upper Leacock and West Earl townships, respectively. In relation to population size, the distribution of parks among the three townships is fairly equal, with between 0.7 and 0.9 parks per 1,000 residents.

In addition to dedicated park space, the region's schools function as community gathering places. Regularly used for events, sports, and exercise, schools offer some of the most used and well-maintained recreation facilities in the region.

Providing a living laboratory, Conestoga Valley's colonial legacy is preserved through its historic cemeteries, covered bridges, and mills. Tourist attractions like the Amish Village, American Music Theatre, Dutch Wonderland, Mascot Roller Mills, and the Mennonite Information Center help bring the region's history and culture to life through interactive activities and shows that provide insights into the lives of residents past and present. To better understand the region's recreation assets, **Appendix A** includes site inventories of the following parks, schools, and other recreation facilities:

- American Music Theatre
- Bareville Fire Company Grounds
- Berry Patch
- Brownstown Middle School
- Cobbler Court
- Conestoga Valley High School
- Conestoga Valley Middle School
- Dutch Wonderland
- East Lampeter Township
   Community Park
- Flory Park
- Greenfield Park
- J.E. Fritz Elementary
- Lafayette Tower Park
- Lancaster Host Resort Golf Course
- Leola Community Pool & Park
- Leola Elementary
- Leola Library/Upper Leacock Offices
- Lost Treasure Mini Golf
- Mascot Park
- Old Mill Stream Campground
- Sky Zone Trampoline Park
- Smoketown Elementary
- Sylvan B. Fisher Township Park/ Stone Quarry Park
- West Earl Community Park
- West Earl Municipal Building

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As part of the park inventories, the project team conducted an internal workshop with the goal of evaluating Conestoga Valley from the perspective of someone living outside of the region. This workshop was used to identify what is working well for the region as a whole and individual parks, as well as potential limitations, space for improvement, and interests potentially competing with recreation. Once completed, the project team shared the draft analysis of the park inventories with the Plan's steering committee to develop a finalized list.

#### **Regional Strengths**

- Popular cultural destination for tourists
- Well-preserved agricultural land
- Deep-rooted agricultural heritage
- Clear distinction between developed land and agriculture
- Distinctive Amish and Mennonite communities
- Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway
   infrastructure
- Existing on-road pedestrian facilities
- Wide right of way via buggy paths
- Strong School District support for recreation
- Abundance of undeveloped land
- Paddle-ready waterways
- Tourism-related shopping venues
- Close proximity to Lancaster
- Accessible via arteries including
   Lancaster Avenue and Route 30 bypass
- Nearby Amtrak station
- Recently acquired recreation areas
- Seasonal diversity for recreation
- Picturesque rural aesthetic
- Covered bridges
- Strong food scene
- Active county tourism agency
- Lancaster County is one of the healthiest counties in Pennsylvania
- Lancaster County Planning Commission provides guidance on community growth

- Lack of tree coverage due to extensive amounts of farmland
- Traffic congestion
- Many gaps in sidewalk network
- Not all residents know where the parks are located
- Residents are not sure what Conestoga Valley School District facilities are available for public use when school is not in session
- Lack programming in parks
- Minimal pedestrian connections to parks and schools
- Not a well defined municipal recreation department
- Wayfinding is dominated by tourism, caters less to local population
- Poor air quality
- Some parks have aging infrastructure
- Plan area is dominated by vehicular travel
- Lack of multimodal transportation opportunities between existing parks and housing

#### **Regional Opportunities**

- Wide shoulders offer additional opportunities for on-road bikeways
- Local manufacturing jobs
- Multiple opportunities for bicycle rentals
- Undeveloped open space
- Room to expand recreation offerings within existing park boundaries
- Untapped opportunities for budget positive or neutral recreational programming
- Growing diversity among local population
- Ample fertile soil and available water
- Generally, the area is gradually sloped, with distinct areas of steep slopes that are unique to the surrounding terrain, such as Flory Park

#### **Regional Threats**

- Tourists
- Suburban sprawl
- Increased flooding from extreme rain events
- Development pressure on agriculture
- Plan area is subject to Chesapeake Bay Watershed's Total Maximum Daily Load, a four state regulatory guideline for environmental pollutants
- Traffic volume and speeds continue to increase as population grows and as roads are widened

#### TABLE 2: PARK INVENTORY ANALYSIS

Park	Strengths	Weaknesses/ Threats	Opportunities
Leola Community Pool & Park	Two basketball courts Play area by the pool Pool is a big local draw in the summer Beautiful views of the rolling landscape	Parking may be an issue in the summer months Not all areas are connect- ed with the path system No delineation of the baseball field may cause user conflict The path for the fitness loop is narrow	Expansion of facilities would not compromise the existing feel of the park Room to create a meandering path that could extend the distance of existing paths and generate additional interest Harness the viewsheds in the park through adjustment of the walking path and landscape features
Flory Park	Picturesque setting Mix of active and passive recreation Newly restored stream Rock outcroppings provide character	Lack of benches and places to rest Poor internal circulation and difficult to navigate	Room to create a walking loop trail to increase day use Study an ADA-accessible walkway to the shopping center Space to add a kayak launch area where users can access and interact with the creek Space to expand interpretive signage to include environmental programing, such as water quality monitoring
Lafayette Tower Park	Walking path contributes to day use Clean and well- maintained Good access and circulation Open space for passive recreation	No picnic space Lack of shade No water fountain	Room to widen existing walking path to 8-foot multi-use path Space to plant a picnic grove with ADA access near storage sheds Space to plant trees near the playground for shade

Park	Strengths	Weaknesses/ Threats	Opportunities
East Lampeter Township Community Park	Multi-generational space Existing health and fitness trail Functions well for day-use and special- use Multiple programs can be running at once without interference	The topography can be a challenge for users with limited mobility Playground equipment is outdated Entrance is not well signed	Underutilized fishing opportunities Room to replace existing equipment with a "nature play" space with climbing for older youth Underutilized disc golf course
Mascot Park	Plenty of shade Amenities in good condition Highly utilized	The sign is undersized and misplaced Potential water quality issue/lack of water access	Space to add benches and regulatory signs to support fishing
Leola Library/Upper Leacock Offices	Gentle hills for sledding Close to school and well utilized by children Functions well as a recreation space	No signs indicating park ownership and no park rules	Room to add bleachers and shade trees to enhance spectator experience

#### MAP 6: RELATIVE DEMAND

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Placing park and recreation facilities in high demand areas can help maximize resources

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## 3.3 Demand

According to Lancaster County estimates, the number of people living in Conestoga Valley is expected to grow by 16% between 2020 and 2040, from approximately 36,000 residents to 42,000 residents.

With more residents moving to the region, the park system should be prepared for additional users. Currently, the median age in each of the three townships is below the median age of the state as a whole (39 years old in East Lampeter Township, 33 in Upper Leacock Township, and 40 in West Earl Township compared to 41 across Pennsylvania).<sup>3</sup>

Among the three townships, East Lampeter Township is expected to receive the largest influx of residents, with around 3,600 expected new residents by 2040. East Lampeter Township benefits from its close proximity to the City of Lancaster, allowing residents to more easily access recreational facilities, major employment opportunities, shopping districts, and transit just outside of the township boundary.

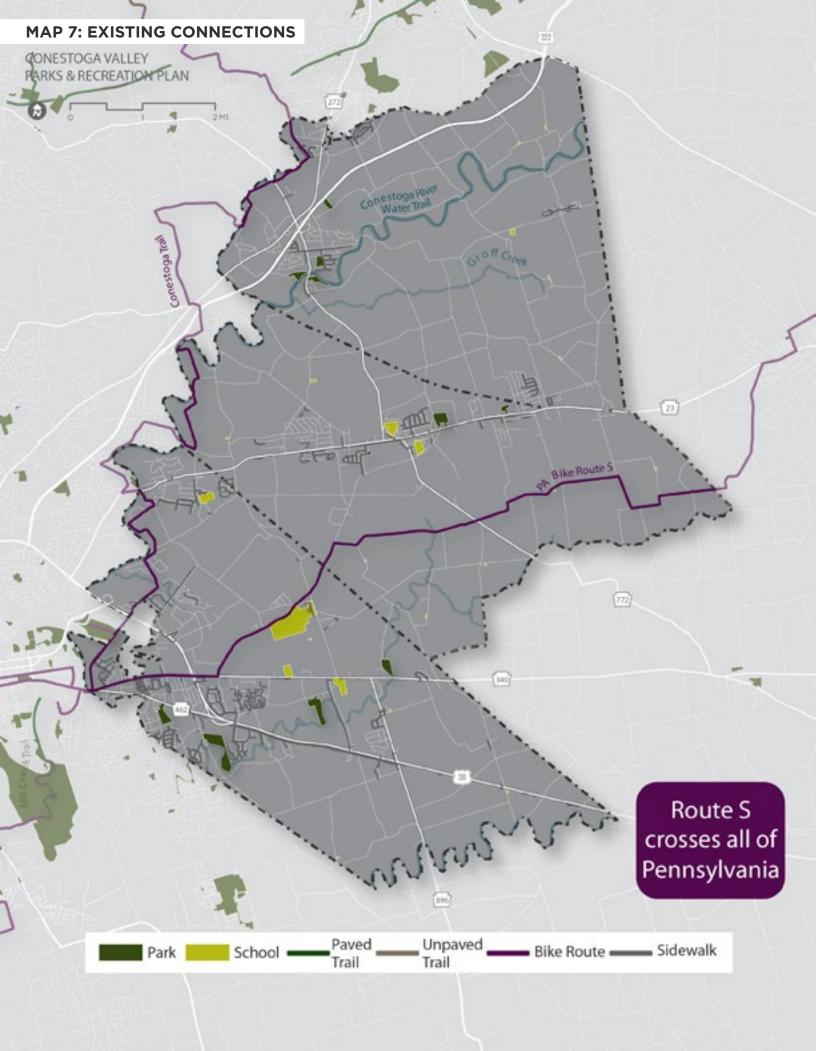
The most densely populated areas are Zooks Corner and the area south of US 30 in East Lampeter Township, the Leola-Leacock-Bareville corridor on PA-23 in Upper Leacock Township, and the neighboring communities of Talmage and Brownstown in West Earl Township. To better understand where demand for recreation facilities may be most concentrated in Conestoga Valley, a demand analysis was completed. The following categories were incorporated into the analysis:

- Live Where housing is located
- Work Where jobs are located
- **Play** Where existing parks, trails, and cultural and historic sites are located
- Shop Where retail stores are located
- Learn Where schools are located
- Transit Where bus stops are located

Results of the composite analysis show that the greatest concentration of these facilities are near town centers and along the major road corridors. It also shows that existing facilities are generally located near the highest demand areas, with a gap in coverage along US 30 in the southeastern section of East Lampeter Township.

For more information on the demand analysis, see **Appendix B**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> American Community Survey estimates (2017).



# **3.4 Connections**

Conestoga Valley currently hosts two extended on-road bicycle routes:

#### **Conestoga Trail**

Transecting Lancaster County from the Horse-Shoe Trail in Lancaster County to the Susquehanna River in York County, this 60-mile route alternates between onroad and off-road sections. Within the Plan area, an on-road bicycle route meanders along the western edge of all three township boundaries, spanning a total of approximately 9 miles and connecting multiple covered bridges, farms, and historic sites. Just outside of the Plan area, this route directly ties into Lancaster County Central Park.

#### **PA Bike Route S**

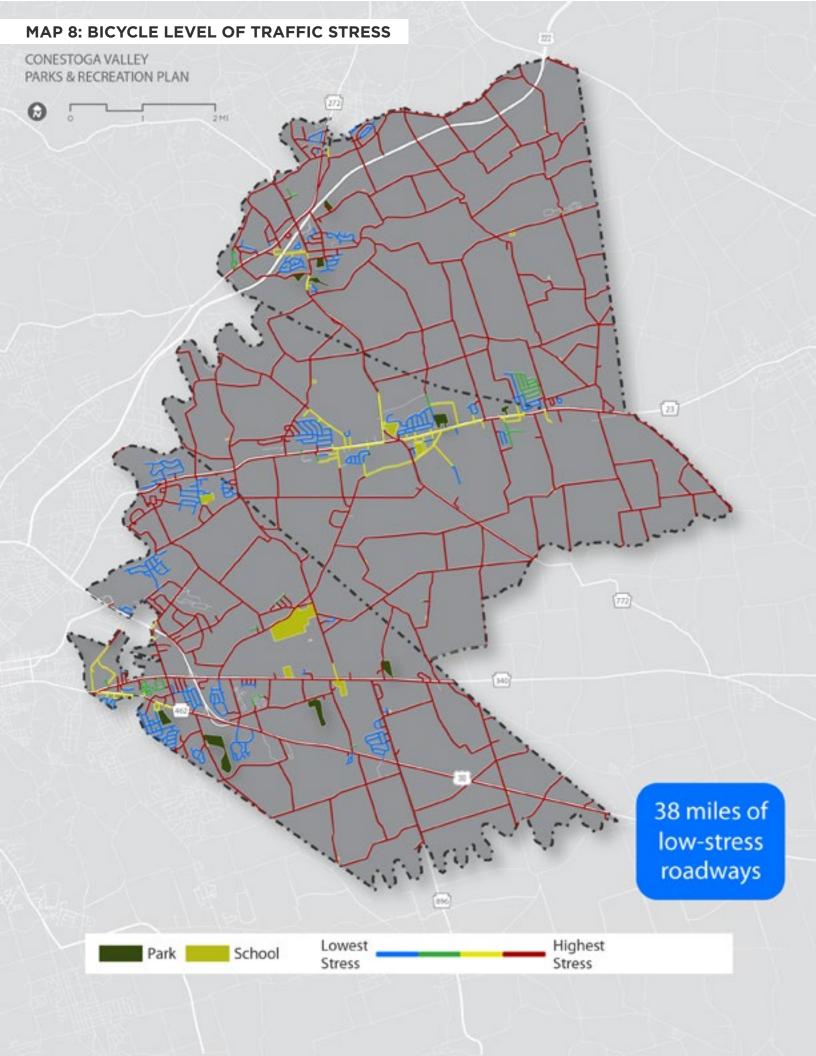
Stretching 435 miles from Pennsylvania's western border to its eastern border, this on-road bicycle route connects the metropolitan areas of Pittsburgh, Lancaster, and Philadelphia. Approximately 11 miles of the route crosses through the Plan area along rural farmlands, tying together Conestoga Valley Senior High School and Myers School, as well as passing near Mascot Park.

#### **Sidewalks**

Primarily clustered within town and village centers, Conestoga Valley has over 60 centerlane miles of sidewalks. Approximately 33% of roadways in East Lampeter Township have a sidewalk on at least one side of the street, compared to 16% in Upper Leacock Township and 12% in West Earl Township.



A pedestrian bridge continues the existing Witmer Road sidewalk over Mill Creek near East Lampeter Township Community Park.



As part of Lancaster's **Active Transportation Plan**, a "level of traffic stress analysis" (LTS) was completed for the County. LTS is a method used to quantify the user experience along and across the existing network of roadways and trails. It aims to describe the comfort level of the existing roadway network for bicyclists and provides an intuitive framework to describe the benefits of bicycling.

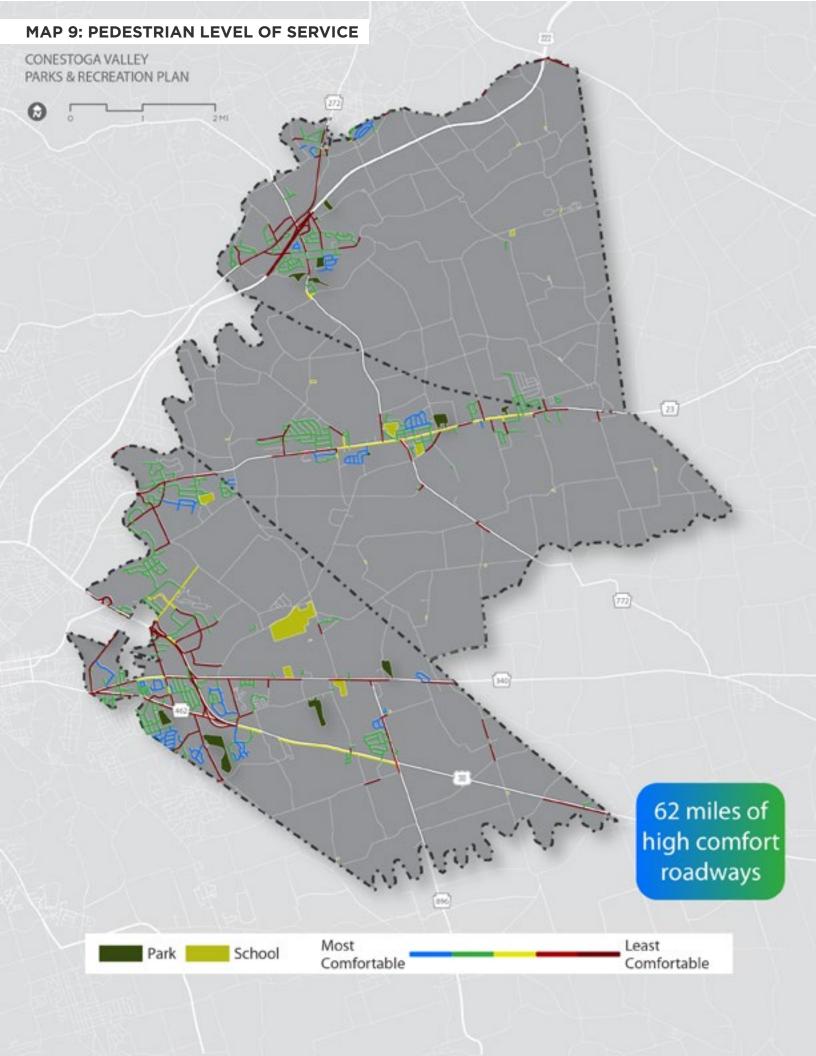
LTS scoring results in a range of LTS 1 to LTS 4, representing a spectrum from lowest stress to highest stress facilities. LTS 1 represents the lowest stress/greatest comfort, whereas LTS 4 represents the highest stress/greatest discomfort. To serve all types of people riding bicycles, a bicycle network should consist of continuous low-stress LTS 1 and LTS 2 segments and intersections. An LTS analysis helps to focus on identifying the improvements that will bring the high-stress LTS 3 and LTS 4 gaps down to low-stress LTS 1 and LTS 2 levels, thereby removing barriers to bicycling for a large proportion of the population.

LTS analyses are subject to the availability and accuracy of roadway data. Inputs into the analysis were posted speed limits, presence and width of bikeways, traffic volumes, and the number of travel lanes. Below is a breakdown of roadways by bicycle LTS within the Plan area:

- LTS 1 38 miles (15%)
- LTS 2 6 miles (<3%)
- LTS 3 14 miles (6%)
- **LTS 4** 188 miles (76%)

Using these classifications, the following gaps in the low-stress bikeway network were identified:

- PA-772 through Brownstown and Talmage and connecting to Zook's Mill covered bridge
- PA-23 between Leola, Leacock, and Bareville
- PA Bike Route S is a high-stress facility throughout the Plan area, including connections to Conestoga Valley Senior High School and Mascot Park
- Connections from PA Bike Route S to facilities along PA-462 and US 30 (Lancaster Mennonite School, East Lampeter Township Community Park, Smoketown Elementary, Flory Park, Lafayette Tower Park, and Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market)
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In addition to the Bicycle LTS analysis, Lancaster's **Active Transportation Plan** also included a pedestrian "level of service" (LOS) analysis. A pedestrian LOS analysis provides a data-driven assessment of roadway comfort for pedestrians. The results of the analysis helps to identify gaps in the walking network.

Pedestrian LOS scores range between LOS 1 and LOS 5, with LOS 1 representing the most comfortable roadways to walk and LOS 5 representing the least comfortable. Inputs into the analysis were posted speed limit, presence of sidewalks or roadway shoulders, and total roadway width. The quality of the analysis is subject to the availability of accurate roadway data. Roadways with no or limited data were excluded from the analysis.

Below is a breakdown of roadways by pedestrian LOS within the Plan area:

- LOS 1 14 miles (13%)
- LOS 2 48 miles (43%)
- LOS 3 7 miles (7%)
- LOS 4 2 miles (2%)
- LOS 5 39 miles (35%)

Using these classifications, the following gaps in the high-comfort pedestrian network were identified:

- Crossing PA-272 and US 222 towards
   Akron
- Along PA-772 between Sylvan B. Fisher Township Park and West Earl Community Park
- Connections to Cobbler Court, Leola Community Pool & Park, and Bareville Fire Company Grounds along PA-23
- Connections from Conestoga Valley Senior High School and Huesken Middle School to Lancaster Mennonite School, Smoketown Elementary, and parks south of PA-340
- Routes south of Lafayette Tower Park and Flory Park to neighboring townships

# 3.5 Programs

Because no overarching parks and recreation agency exists within Conestoga Valley, the Conestoga Valley School District controls most of the public programming for the region. The school district's website offers a **calendar of community events** and **Table 1** shows existing programs in the region.

#### Featured: Leola Community Pool

Although costly to operate, the Leola Community Pool sees heavy use and strong community support.

**Operations:** Memorial Day to Labor Day, noon to 8:00 PM

**Programming:** All operational offerings are planned and carried out by Lititz Rec, with the aquatic fitness classes sponsored by the Office of Aging. Swim lessons are available for different levels of swimmers. June through mid-July, the "Aquabucks" hold practices and swim meets, including the Conestoga Valley Invitational. The pool can be rented out for private events between 8 PM and 10 PM. "Moonlight Swims" programming is offered at a \$3 fee.

**Memberships:** Upper Leacock and East Lampeter Township residents seasonal fees: family (up to 6 people) - \$260; individual - \$100; senior - \$50; swim team: -\$75

Non-resident seasonal fees: family - \$310; individual - \$115; senior - \$60; swim team -\$90



Water slides at Leola Community Pool (source: Lititz Rec Center)

#### Expenditures: \$291,000 (2018)

**Revenues:** \$117,747 (2018)

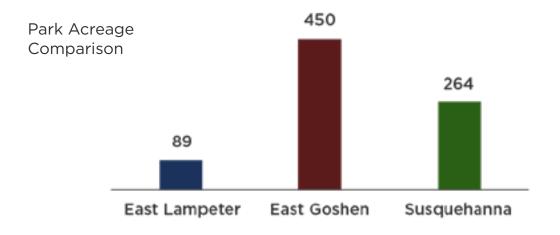
- Admission \$63,131 (2018)
- Memberships \$40,095 (2018)
- Swim lessons \$6,261 (2018)
- Resident rates \$8,000

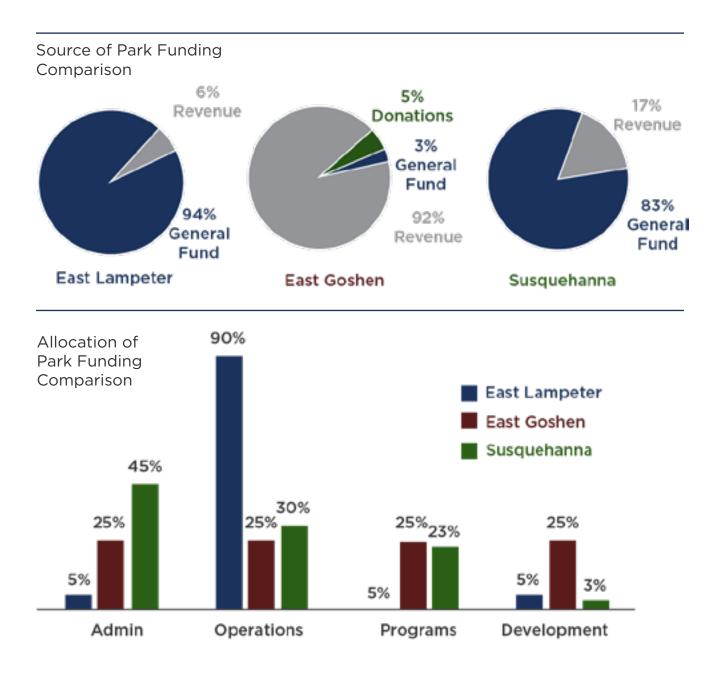
#### Net Loss: \$173,253

#### TABLE 1: EXISTING PROGRAMS

Program	Host	Audience	Fee	Location	Date
Girls basketball summer clinic	CV Buckskins Basketball	Girls 2nd-8th	\$85	Conestoga Valley High School (CVHS)	June
Boys lacrosse paint night fundraiser	Conestoga Valley Boys Lacrosse Team	Families	\$40/ painter	CVHS	April
Walk & Ride food bank and Childhood Hunger Initiative fundraiser	Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services	Families	\$20, \$15 for seniors, free below 16	CVHS	May
Summer swim team	Aquabucks Summer Swim	Families	Varies	Leola Community Pool	April- May

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Using data from the National Recreation & Park Association, East Lampeter Township's park operations were compared to two other municipalities in the state: East Goshen Township and Susquehanna Township (data for Upper Leacock and West Earl townships was not available).

Through employment of a Parks & Recreation director, East Goshen Township was able to generate enough revenue to support 92% of their parks budget. This has allowed the department to be self-sufficient while also allowing them to provide a greater variety of programs. East Goshen is also able to spend 60% of their expenditures on parks and 40% on recreation, which is relatively balanced. East Lampeter is less balanced with expenditures going mostly to parks (96%) and the rest to recreation (4%). Having a director in place also helped East Goshen Township go after and secure a \$3.6 million grant to build Paoli Pike Trail Project, which will connect parks, schools, and local businesses.

In East Lampeter almost all personnel are tasked with parks and recreation operations and maintenance (90%). In East Goshen and Susquehanna, personnel are spread across administration, operations/maintenance, programs, and capital development responsibilities.

A large reason for these differences may be because East Lampeter only has a few parks compared to East Goshen and Susquehanna, with 89 acres of park space in East Lampter compared to 450 acres and 264 acres in East Goshen and Susquehanna, respectively.

See **Appendix G** for a full list of park metrics.

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# 3.6 Feedback

Feedback from the general public was primarily collected through an online survey, in-person responses at "piggy-back" events, and stakeholder interviews.

Conestoga Valley residents were asked to participate in an online survey to capture the needs of the current population. The survey was available online from January to mid-October 2018, and it took approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. The survey covered topics such as park preferences, transportation habits, and potential improvements to existing parks. A total of 226 responses were collected.

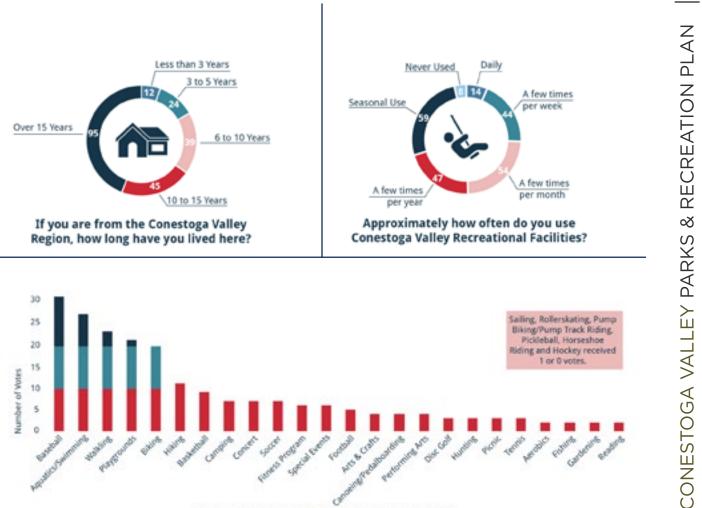
The survey revealed that the residents in the region span a wide variety of recreation activity levels, from using recreation facilities a few times a week (20%) to using recreation facilities just seasonally (26%). In addition, many respondents said that they use recreation facilities outside of Conestoga Valley (72%). Respondents also said their families currently enjoy recreational activities such as walking, bicycling, aquatics, hiking, baseball, playgrounds, and special events.

A majority of respondents (88%) said they would support the development of additional trails or greenways in the area, which echoed feedback received at piggy-back events. Participants also said that if there was greater access to trails, greenways, and parks, they would be more encouraged to walk or ride a bicycle in their community (75-80%), particularly to visit neighbors, local stores, schools, and parks. Survey participants also described what recreational amenities are missing in their community. In addition to not enough multiuse/non-motorized trails and walking paths, participants believe there are not enough indoor swimming pools, access to water sports, gymnasiums, and fitness centers. Participants also believe there are not enough organized activities, such as youth programs.

Even more so than recreational opportunities, the community believes they are lacking in cultural opportunities which include concerts, community celebrations, festivals, arts and crafts fairs, wildlife clubs, performing arts, and local history tours. Participants consider farmers markets their "favorite" special event (50%) in the region.

Feedback from over 100 participants at the piggy-back events showed that the most popular proposed amenities were archery (28%), new multi-use fields (23%), increased water access (21%), and trails for bicycling (20%).

Feedback through interviews with local recreation stakeholders found new sports leagues, such as volleyball, field hockey, and golf, located away from school properties were desired in order to help prevent student "burn out" before beginning high school sports and to reduce the financial burden associated with registration fees. Interviewees also noted that volunteerism was in decline and that a need for volunteers existed to help organize leagues and clean-up events.

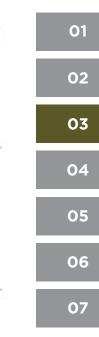


#### Recreational facilities Voted #1 (Out Of 5 Choices)









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# 4.1 Parks

The following recommendations outline a course of action for Conestoga Valley. They provide general guidance, and it is expected that they will evolve over time. General park recommendations focus on infrastructure and equipment within the existing parks, as well as creating a cohesive identity for a regional park system.

In addition, three parks were selected by the Plan's steering committee for more detailed conceptual designs:

- Gibbons Park at Nolt's Mill
- Leola Community Pool & Park
- Flory Park

These concept designs in **Chapter 6** offer site-specific design recommendations, facility upgrades, and proposed amenities. The concept designs were informed by existing conditions analysis, steering committee recommendations, and public input provided through an online survey.



Entrance at Nolt's Mill



Existing playgrounds at Flory Park

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### **Expand Leola Park**

Upper Leacock Township identified a parcel adjacent to Leola Community Park as "future open space" on its Official Map. This parcel may prove to be a viable option to expand the park and possibly add valuable space for multi-use sports fields. This expansion of the park could add an additional location of youth sports fields that could serve the northern areas of the region and relieve stress on the School District's sports facilities.

Following the acquisition of this parcel, a Master Site Development Plan (MSDP) should be created for the site.

# **Aging Equipment**

A system-wide inventory of park equipment and structures should be created and used to identify a renovation and replacement schedule for all structures. This schedule may include, but is not limited to, play structures, sports fields, sports courts (e.g., tennis and basketball), pavilions, trail facilities, and signage.

Establishment of this schedule will help to develop a comprehensive budget for maintenance of the system.



"Future Open Space" adjacent to Leola Community Park



Existing signage at Mascot Park

### Smoketown Elem.

The Conestoga Valley School District has plans to move the Smoketown Elementary to the existing middle school, in turn creating a new middle school building on the District Campus. At this time the plans for facilities at the current elementary location are unknown; however, the location could be closed or repurposed in the future. Any future loss of community access to existing gymnasium, playground, the ball diamond, outdoor basketball court, and other various schoolyard courts (four square, Gaga Pit, funnel ball, etc.) would have a negative impact on the surrounding community, and East Lampeter Township should work with the School District closely on future plans.



#### **Sports Fields**

Conversion of existing single-use sports fields to multi-use may help reduce scheduling conflicts for competing youth sports teams within the region. These fields will also prove to be a better long-term solution if registration for any one particular sport declines over time. Potential fields for retrofit include Leola Community Park and East Lampeter Township Community Park.

The Conestoga Valley School District has plans for the addition of two multi-use synthetic turf fields as part of the new middle school development. Also included in this development are three undetermined athletic fields. Depending on future use of Smoketown Elementary school fields, these should also be considered for retrofit.



Playground at East Lampeter Community Park



Softball diamond at East Lampeter Township Community Park

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#### **Gaga Pits**

Gaga Ball is a children's sport growing in popularity. A variation of dodgeball, it is played in an wooden octagon enclosure called a "pit". It requires minimal equipment, takes up little space, and can include up to 30 participants at a time. The pits can be temporary or permanent, and they range in costs between \$500 and \$4,000 depending on materials and permanence. Portable gaga pits can be rented as part of pavilion reservation packages for events and parties. Multiple pits in one location could offer a venue for Gaga Ball competitions and tournaments.



# **Pickleball Courts**

Based on input from Lancaster County Office of Aging and feedback from local residents, pickleball is another sport that is gaining popularity, especially with older, active adults. Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. Pickleball is played with a tennis-style net on a court approximately half the size of a standard tennis court. Although the only tennis courts within the park system are located at Leola Community Park, dual markings could easily be added to the courts for pickleball capabilities. This temporary installation can be monitored for use, to determine if a permanent conversion should be considered. The existing School District tennis courts should not be considered for retrofit due to their use for athletics.



Gaga Pit at Leola Library/Upper Leacock Township Offices



Tennis Courts at Leola Community Park

#### PA-8

### **Central Rec. Center**

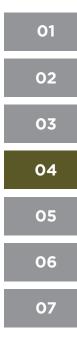
Creation of a centrally located Recreation Center could serve as a meeting place and identifiable centerpiece for the community. Creation of this type of facility would be a large expense for the community, and its location and business plan will have to be carefully considered to ensure its success. Creation of a recreation entity and a parks and recreation manager is a prerequisite for this recommendation. Initial planning for this facility should identify potential parcels that are appropriate for the use. With the pending decommissioning of Smoketown Elementary, valuable recreation assets may be removed from the Conestoga Valley recreation system, and a Recreation Center may be a long-term solution to replace lost recreation facilities.

### **Preservation Plan**

To ensure the availability of open space and parklands in the future, a plan should be developed that identifies parcels targeted for conservation or acquisition, including undeveloped parcels within and adjacent to the Urban Growth Areas. As these areas urbanize this will ensure availability of lands for recreational uses. Lands adjacent to the designated "Growth Areas" should be large enough to accommodate a neighborhood park (4-15 acres), and lands within the growth area for acquisition may only need to be large enough for a mini or pocket park. In many cases, these smaller parks may be less than 0.25 acres. Parcels along proposed corridor improvements should also be identified.



Softball diamond at East Lampeter Township Community Park



#### PA-9

#### **Stream Buffers**

Restoration of stream (riparian) buffers help to:

- Reduce peak stormwater flow
- Filter pollutants and fertilizer runoff
- Stabilize stream banks
- Mitigate air pollution
- Create food sources and habitat for fish and wildlife

Stream buffers can also have a positive impact on recreation by providing opportunities for the creation of greenways and blueways (water trails). Where feasible, multi-use and hiking trails should be included in the planned restoration efforts which will help facilitate the proposed greenways along the Conestoga River, Mill Creek, and Pequea Creek (see Section 5.2). Education on the importance of stream buffers can help build public support for these projects and should be included in the educational events and documents for the MS4 stormwater program.

Because the region falls within the Chesapeake Watershed, fundina Bay opportunities exist for stream buffer restoration. Partnerships with local conservation entities may also help facilitate restoration, including the Pennsylvania Reserve Enhancement Conservation Program (CREP) and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).



Mill Creek buffer area at Flory Park



Mill Creek buffer area at East Lampeter Township Community Park



Mill Creek buffer area at Gibbons Park

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# 4.2 Connections

Recommendations in this section seek to develop a connected network of parks and trails and to ensure that the recreational facilities in the region are accessible to residents through multiple means of transportation. Development of the trails and greenways can help improve a region's quality of life, spur economic development, protect and restore natural habitat, and improve the quality of air and water.

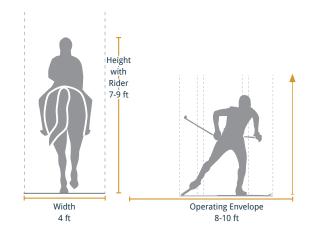
Recommendations in this section are consistent with and build upon past and ongoing planning efforts, including Lancaster's **Active Transportation Plan**. Recommendations include proposed trails, greenways, blueways, mobility hubs, sidewalks, and bikeways.

This Plan is meant to serve as a living document, and, therefore, it is expected that details related to the connectivity recommendations will evolve over time. Implementation of the proposed projects will require collaboration between neighboring municipalities, as well as nonprofit, state, and federal organizations.

#### **Typical Trail Users**

Regular users of multi-use paths and greenways within Conestoga Valley may include walkers, runners, and bicyclists. Though less frequent, horseback riders, cross-country skiers, skateboarders, scooter users, and fishermen may use these facilities.

Of the above users, equestrians create the highest impact to trail surface and require the largest vertical clearances while crosscountry skiers require the widest horizontal clearances. By designing multi-use paths and greenways to accommodate these users, it will help ensure a safer and more comfortable trail experience for all users.



#### CO-1

### **Mill Creek**

Celebrate the region's heritage by creating a trail that takes users through picturesque views of Conestoga Valley by water and land. An opportunity exists to connect four parks (including Lancaster County Central Park outside of the Plan area) by creating a trail along the banks of Mill Creek. This corridor would require few street crossings and on-road sections because of existing opportunities for buffer expansion and restoration along the creek.

# CO-2

#### **GLHP**

Land currently owned by the State of Pennsylvania via an abandoned highway project is large enough to accommodate a multitude of uses and provide passive and active recreation space.

The majority of the Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway (GLHP), or "Goat Path", is located within Conestoga Valley, and completion of the proposed pathway will create a viable form of active transportation between the Plan area and Lancaster along commercial corridors. In the short term, a task force should be created that is comprised of officials from East Lampeter and Upper Leacock townships to communicate desired concerns and support to the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee, Lancaster County, and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT).



Mill Creek at US Route 30 (Lincoln Highway)



View from abandoned highway project

# Lincoln Hwy Trail

The **Lincoln Highway Streetscape Plan** calls for implementation of a 12-foot-wide concrete multi-use path along the south side of US Route 30 (Lincoln Highway) between Strasburg Pike and PA-896. The proposed connections for Flory Park and Lafayette Tower Park loop will connect to the proposed Lincoln Highway Trail, as well as the proposed Mill Creek Greenway.

#### CO-4

#### **Flory Park**

As shown in the Flory Park design concept, develop a trail loop to connect to Lafayette Tower Park, the proposed Lincoln Highway Trail, the proposed Mill Creek Greenway, East Lampeter Township Community Park, Mill Creek Trail, and Lancaster County Central Park. In addition, develop a new canoeing and kayaking access point.



Cross-section showing proposed Lincoln Highway Trail (source: Lincoln Highway Streetscape Plan)

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#### CO-5

#### **Gibbons Park**

As shown in the Gibbons Park at Nolt's Mill design concepts, connect to Smoketown Elementary via the proposed Mill Creek Greenway, develop an interior park trail system, and implement a new canoe/kayak launch point.

#### **E. Lampeter Park**

Connect to Flory Park and Gibbons Park via the proposed Mill Creek Greenway.

Connect to Conestoga Valley Senior High School, East Lampeter Township offices, and Smoketown Elementary via a new trail that extends to the proposed Goat Path.

Connect to the Mill Creek Blueway for fishing and water access via the proposed Mill Creek Greenway.

CO-7

#### Mascot Park

Connect to Gibbons Park via implementation of the proposed Mill Creek Greenway. Also connect to the proposed Goat Path, Leola Library/Upper Leacock Offices, Leola Community Pool & Park, and Leola Elementary via a new trail along Newport Road. CO-8

#### Leola Park

Lancaster's **Active Transportation Plan** proposed the termination of the GLHP at the intersection of N. Maple Avenue and W. Main Street in Leola. From this intersection, there are intermittent sidewalks and no bikeways that would connect to Leola Community Park. Closing this gap will help extend the usefulness of the GLHP. Potential funding sources include block grants, PADCED, the PennDOT Multimodal Fund, CFA Multimodal Fund, and Safe Routes to School.

# West Earl Park

Develop trail connections to Leola Community Pool & Park, Leola Elementary School, and the proposed Groff Creek Greenway from the West Earl Community Park. Also develop a trail loop that will connect to Sylvan B. Fisher Park and Brownstown Elementary School.



# Lafayette Tower

Create trail connections to the proposed Lincoln Highway Trail and to Flory Park.



Entrance sign at the West Earl Community Park

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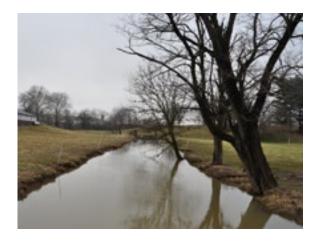
#### **Blueways**

Access to water was identified throughout the planning process as a high priority for the Conestoga Valley. The establishment of blueways (water trails) and greenways with water access provides the community with opportunities for fishing and paddling Mill Creek, Groff Creek, and the Conestoga River. Blueways can be implemented in association with stream buffer restoration to improve both recreation offerings and water quality. Small non-motorized boat access should be explored for all parks and open spaces along the region's waterways, as well as partnerships with sportsman's organizations and conservancies.

#### **New Mobility**

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transportation technologies New are emerging in cities across the US, and the Conestoga Valley must be prepared for these changes. The close proximity to the City of Lancaster and the strength of tourism in the region will likely result in new forms of transportation that could include: ridesharing/ride hailing services, electric bicycles (e-bikes), scooter sharing, and the introduction of mobility hubs to the region. Lancaster's Active Transportation Plan discusses these ideas in depth and should be used as a reference to this Plan. Municipalities should consider ordinances to regulate the use of electric bikes/scooters on both roads, sidewalks, and trails. The region should be prepared to be approached by these micro mobility services and leverage partnerships to generate revenue for the system.



Groff Creek at Glenbrook Road



Bike It Lancaster, the City of Lancaster's bike share program (source: Zagster)

#### CO-13



### **Sidewalks**

Within Lancaster County's "growth areas", there are a number of gaps in sidewalks throughout Conestoga Valley. Bridging these gaps are critical for safer pedestrian activity and overall mobility for the region. Priorities should be given to connecting population centers and parks.

Estimated capital costs for sidewalks is between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000 per mile.



Sidewalk to trail connection in Millersville, PA

#### **Bikeways**

Conestoga Valley is currently underserved by on-road bikeways. Adding these facilities has been identified as a priority in the County's **Places2040 Plan**, the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee's **Growing Together** plan, Lancaster's **Active Transportation Plan**, and the **Lincoln Highway Streetscape Plan**.

Roads in the region are already used by commuter, recreational, and touring bicyclists, and many of the roadways have shoulders wide enough to accommodate horse-drawn buggies. This existing infrastructure should be formalized and improved to provide routes that can be classified as bikeways. Incremental changes such as signage and striping will provide the means to provide safer and more viable routes for bicyclists of varying skill and comfort levels. These bikeways will also provide tourists with routes around the region so that they can connect to destinations such as parks, restaurants, and commercial centers. These formalized routes could also be used for revenue-generating bicycle tours and bicycling races.

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# 4.3 Wayfinding

Wayfinding represents a complete system of signs and pavement markings that help to more safely guide greenway users to their destinations along preferred routes.

Signs throughout the wayfinding network should clearly indicate to users the direction of travel, the locations of destinations, and the travel time/distance to those destinations. The system should also adhere to Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and equality guidelines so that users of all abilities can interact with the signs.

The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and ADA guidelines help provide insights into how to develop a wayfinding system, including the color and finish, sign and text height, hierarchy, and size.

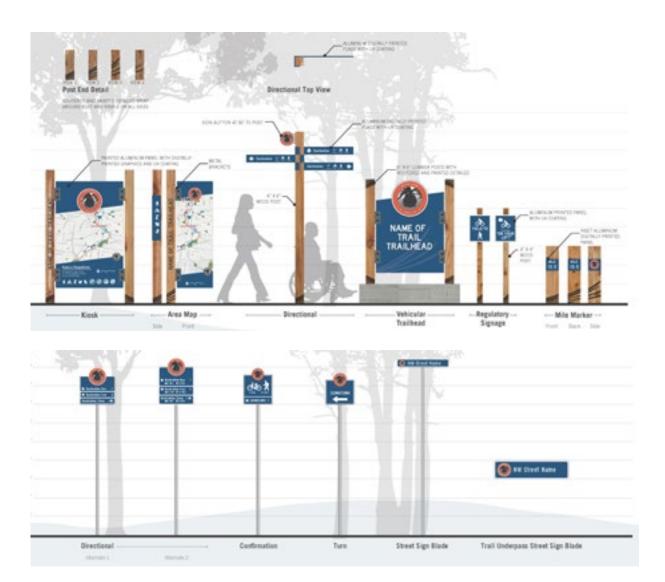
A successful wayfinding system includes standards for logos, color, typography, and symbols. Together all of these elements provide consistency across a range of sign types such as trailhead identification signs, trail markers, mile markers, pedestrian directionals, regulatory signs, confidence markers, interpretive signs, and information kiosks. All created maps for the greenways system should employ the same symbols, fonts, color system, and style as the signs within the system.

# **Complete Package**

**WA-1** 

Design a comprehensive park and wayfinding signage package to help unify and generate awareness of the region's recreation offerings.

A consistent design will help to create brand recognition for the region, and a complete wayfinding package should include community wayfinding, an on-road sign family, off-road sign family, and welcome signage for all parks, trails, greenways, and blueways. Development of a logo and possibly a slogan for the system should also be considered a part of this package.



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[Above] Example of a wayfinding package. Wayfinding signs can be used to express community identity and pride or reflect local values and character. Conestoga Valley has an opportunity to use wayfinding signs to direct multi-use path and greenway users to and from popular destinations such as historical sites, parks, and event spaces.

[Right] Example of a directional wayfinding sign that shows distance and time to destinations.



# 4.4 Programs

Programming provides a valuable complement to a connected park system. The following recommendations were informed by public input, trends in recreation planning across the country, and revenue generation needs for the Plan area.

#### PR-1

#### **Youth Programs**

Camps and programs offered at park locations throughout the region can help to generate revenue for the region while offering fun, active, and educational experiences for youths during the summer break from school. Currently, the only locations feasible for these programs would be within existing parks. If a community Recreation Center was to be developed as proposed in Section 5.1, these summer programs could be expanded greatly and generate funding for the Center. In varying lengths and locations these programs could include a 6-7 week summer playground program staffed by paid and volunteer workers or a STEM Camp with multi-day or week-long courses.

#### **Senior Programs**

PR-2

Creating programs and activities for senior citizens within the park system will provide local activities for seniors looking to remain active. Partnerships should be pursued with the Lancaster County Office of Aging to offer programs that will invite active seniors into the townships' and School District's facilities.

#### PR-3

### **Aquatic Programs**

Coordination with Lititz Rec should be considered to diversify programming at the Leola Community Pool. Additional activities that could be offered to include:

- Water aerobics
- Wacky Water Olympics
- Synchronized swimming
- Flick and Float (movie nights at the pool)

In addition, consider contracting with an alternative pool operator.



Leola Community Pool's kiddie pool

#### PR-4

### **Special Events**

Members of the public expressed a desire for additional special events. Parks, trails, and blueways located throughout the system could be utilized for events, in addition to the existing events hosted by the Conestoga Valley School District. Partnerships with organizations and businesses should be pursued. The following list of events offer the opportunity for fundraising and revenue generation by charging a fee for registration, admission, or concessions:

- Arboretum Tours
- Wine in the Wild (wine pairing with local cuisine)
- Mother's Day picnic in the park
- Earth Week park clean-up and potluck
- Soapbox derby
- · Monthly bus tours
- Outdoor summer concerts
- Bingo in the park
- Harvest festival
- Bike races (on-road)
- 5k, 10k, and half-marathon foot races
- Movie nights
- Kayak races
- Tubing on the river
- Bike rodeo
- Touch-a-truck event
- Drone races

### Gardens

Community gardens offer not only rentable garden plots but also create a sense of ownership for the park system. These are particularly important in areas located near high-density housing and apartment complexes where individual outdoor space for gardening may not be available. Flory Park and Leola Community Park are viable options to create community garden spaces for nearby residences.

Community gardens become active outdoor spaces through active gardening and they produce fresh food for the community. A new community garden in Flory Park or Leola Park would give residents in the area the opportunity to grow their own food and provide for those who have limited access to healthy food. There are a number of grant funding opportunities for community gardens through various foundations and organizations (i.e. PADEP, Lancaster County Community Foundation).

#### Education

Educational programming within the system can lead to increased appreciation of park facilities and foster stewardship of the local ecosystem. Community organizations may make strong partners in offering educational components within the parks, but educational programs do not have to be limited to ecology and nature and can focus on STEM-based classes as well as arts and cultural offerings. Educational offerings may include:

**Art Classes:** Watercolor, landscape photography, and natural ephemeral art for all ages and skill levels

**Ecology Classes:** Plant identification, invasive plant management, stream ecology, bird identification, hydrology, gardening, and orienteering

**Culinary Classes:** Preparing homegrown vegetables, canning, grilling, brewing, and fermentation

#### Fitness & Wellness

Organized youth athletics are an integral part of the Conestoga Valley recreation offerings, and they should continue to be supported. Additional introductorylevel and alternative offerings should be considered. Fitness activities and programs for all ages are a low-cost, revenue generating opportunity to increase the level of active wellness within the community. Many programs do not require any special equipment and may be performed at all parks within the system.

Fitness offerings may include Cross-Fit, yoga (for all users: seniors, "Mommy and Me", families, and youths), tai-chi, karate, dance, strength training, ultimate frisbee, pickleball leagues and clinics, Gaga Ball leagues, volleyball, and archery.

#### **Sports Programs**

PR-8

Currently, the vast majority of practices for Youth Sports are located at Conestoga Valley Senior High School. While it may be convenient for some families, it places a heavy wear-and-tear on the facilities and can lead to scheduling issues. Moving some of the sports practices to parks and elementary schools throughout the region may also serve families that do not live in the immediate vicinity of the high school.



Members of the Conestoga Senior High School marching band at the school's Spirit Rally & Bon Fire



#### PR-9

### **Organized Trips**

Organized walks, hikes, and bicycle rides can be initiated immediately at little or no cost to the region. These group activities would meet regularly for pre-planned routes rotating throughout the region's parks, and groups for multiple levels of mobility and skill could be established.

#### PR-10

#### Volunteering

Formal volunteer organizations for parks and trails will foster stewardship and help grow civic leaders focused around the region. Volunteer groups could be initiated for a variety of programs and may include:

- Gardening groups
- Park ambassadors
- Arboretum tour guides
- Historians
- Junior park rangers
- Stream stewards

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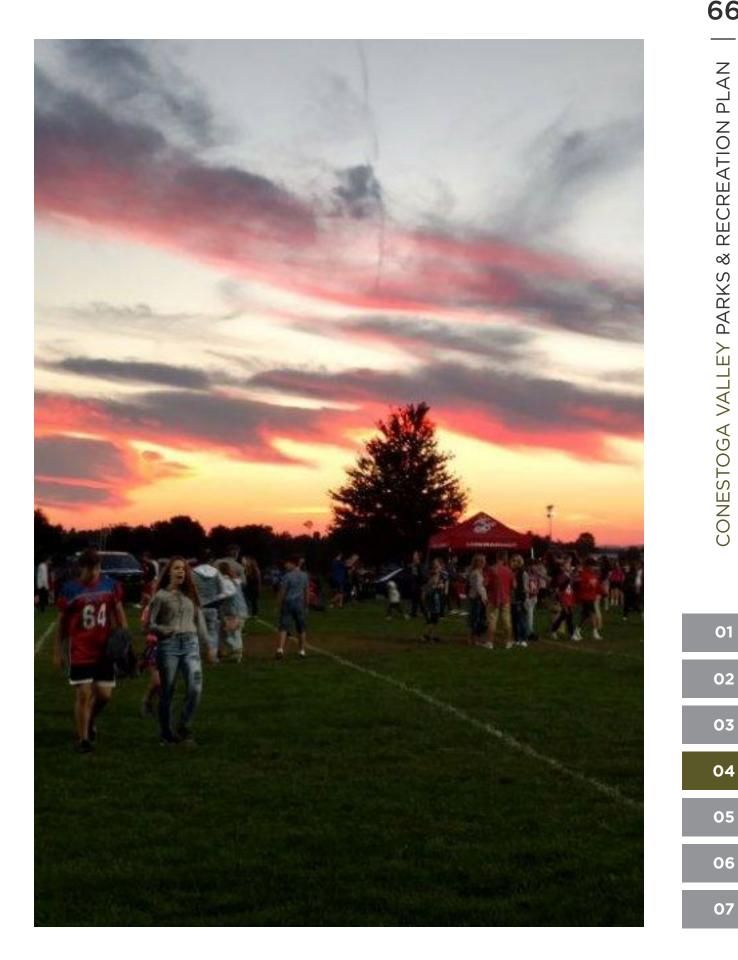
#### **Church Programs**

Local churches currently provide important recreational programming in the region and will continue to be important partners in offering recreational opportunities for residents. Current activities include canning, grilling, brewing, and fermentation.



[Above] Conestoga Senior High School Spirit Rally & Bon Fire

[Right] Football field at Conestoga Senior High School



# 4.5 Management

Recommendations in this section represent overarching coordination, administration, and funding needs for Conestoga Valley. Some of the recommendations may take large, long-term planning among the three townships and the Conestoga Valley School District to accomplish.



# **Parks at Campuses**

Addition of park and recreation facilities to existing municipal campuses helps to create a greater sense of community at the municipal offices, similar to the walking trail at the East Lampeter Township Offices. The inclusion of parks within these campuses lends to a welcoming experience for visitors. Creating this multi-purpose landscape also helps to control regular maintenance costs, and having the nearby public works and police forces may act as a deterrent for vandalism and littering.



Park & Recreation webpages for West Earl [top], Upper Leacock [middle], and East Lampeter townships [bottom]



#### MA-3

#### **Recreation Agency**

Townships in the Conestoga Valley own their own recreational assets and operate completely separate from one another. East Lampeter Township, Upper Leacock Township, and West Earl Township should study the creation of a governance structure or legally binding agreement to share recreational facilities among all three townships. The Conestoga Valley School District should also be a part of this agreement to ensure long-term availability of school district recreational assets.

This agreement would establish the responsibilities for maintaining, upgrading, and programming parks and open spaces thatfall within the multi-municipal recreation entity. The formation of a governing board should be studied as part of this process. This recommendation acknowledges that this is a long-term process that will involve consensus building and the participation of all municipal stakeholders in the region.

#### Website

Currently, there is no online location for the recreation offerings for the region. The Conestoga Valley School District has a welldeveloped website that contains all of the activities that happen on school district properties. A similar model could be applied to the region. This website should have the capabilities for online reservation of facilities and act as a clearinghouse for all of the recreation assets for the region. The website could also be used to capture public input for ongoing projects, share park and trail maps, and provide general rules and regulations pertaining to the facilities. Websites can be easily created using low or no-cost online platforms. This recommendation is contingent upon establishment of a multimunicipal recreation entity.

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#### **Recreation Guide**

A pocket-sized recreation guide could be used to establish a brand for Conestoga Valley Recreation. The guide would serve as a valuable tool for both residents and tourists to locate nearby recreation assets. The guide should be made available online on the proposed regional park and recreation website and on individual township websites. Print versions of the guide should be available at local tourist destinations and included in welcome packets for new residents to the region.

#### MA-5

#### Newsletter

A quarterly newsletter may help to reach the largest cross-section of the local community. This newsletter may include a schedule of special events, and description of new recreation programs and facilities. This newsletter should be mailed to all residents and business owners in the region, and it should be made available online.

#### MA-6

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#### **Playground Safety**

Regular inspections of playground facilities by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) helps to ensure the safety of all playground users and to identify maintenance Lampeter needs. East Township maintains a current and gualified CPSI on staff. The region should utilize this professional across municipalities to ensure safe operations of all playground facilities within the region on both park grounds and at school district facilities. Utilization of East Lampeter's CPSI could help to cut costs of contracting an outside consultant to perform these regular inspections.

#### **Proposal Review**

The inclusion of recreation facilities should be included and enforced in the Subdivision and Land Development approval process. The recommended improvements should also be considered for addition to the individual township's official recreation plan. Greenfield Corporate Center exemplifies the inclusion of recreational facilities on private property, and future developments of all scales should be held to the standards set by its design. Once established, the proposed multi-municipality recreation agency could provide review during the Subdivision and Land Development approval process.

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### MA-8

### Collaborate

Meetings with representatives from each township (or within the proposed multimunicipal recreation entity) and the Conestoga Valley School District athletic director should be held quarterly to ensure regional coordination of recreational facilities.

Meetings should include updates on recreational progress towards goals, may include stakeholders and they from youth sports organizations, local community groups, Lancaster County Planning Commission, Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee, recreation clubs, and philanthropic organizations. These meetings will help facilitate partnerships, community building, and information sharing among the region's recreation stakeholders.

### MA-9

### **Non-Profits**

There are multiple philanthropic organizations headquartered in Conestoga Valley that invest in improving the lives of those who live and work in the area. There may be opportunities to seek funding from these organizations for capital improvements for facilities. There is also an opportunity to partner with these organizations for special events and programs within the region.



Playground at Leola Community Park



Greenfield Corporate Center

### MA-10

### **Peer Grants**

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR) Peer Grant program is meant to help agencies build capacity to develop parks and recreation programs and conserve natural resources in a community. This program can help fund development of an action plan/ study on forming a legal agreement or governance structure for joint park and recreational operation in the region.

Maximum grant funding is \$10,000 among the organizations that enter into the multi-municipal agreement. Municipalities applying for the grant project are accomplished through a contract to hire an experienced park, recreation, and conservation professional to work closely with the local leaders and jointly work on the peer grant.

### **Circuit Rider Grants**

The DCNR Circuit Rider Grant program is meant to help new municipalities jointly increase capacity by funding a full-time staff member. In this 4-year program, 100% of the Circuit Rider's salary is paid Year 1 and by Year 4, 25% is paid. The intention is that by Year 5 the program is financially stable enough to continue to fund the position. To be eligible for Circuit Rider funding, two or more municipalities must cooperate in a new intergovernmental effort by adopting an intergovernmental agreement. Applying for this grant assumes the municipalities within the region establish a new legal framework for partnering on parks and recreation. The newly created entity would apply and receive the Circuit Rider grant to fund a staff person to support initiating programs and services for the parks, open spaces, and trails. A number of recommendations in this section require staffing support that could be provided through Circuit Rider funding. If the program is successful and a new formal parks and recreational governance entity set up, the Circuit Rider staff position could transition into a Parks & Recreation director for the region.

In most situations, a "peer review" (technical assistance) is required by the DCNR Bureau of Recreation & Conservation before a Circuit Rider grant application is accepted. The newly created entity would apply and receive the peer review before applying for the Circuit Rider grant.



### **Revenue Generation** Arboretum

Use existing recreation facilities to generate revenue for funding the new Parks and Recreation department and help to provide the grant matches necessary for DCNR grants. Rental of sports fields or sheltered facilities on township properties and fees for permits for vendors to operate within the parks are viable options to generate funds in the short term.



Gazebo at East Lampeter Township Community Park

The arboretum at East Lampeter Township Community Park is a unique regional asset. Obtaining official arboretum accreditation status with the park system will not only diversify the offerings of the public land within the system, but it may open doors for additional grant funding streams and provide a valuable source of low- or nocost programming. There are 4 levels of Accredited Arboreta, and with some effort a number of park and public lands within the region may qualify.

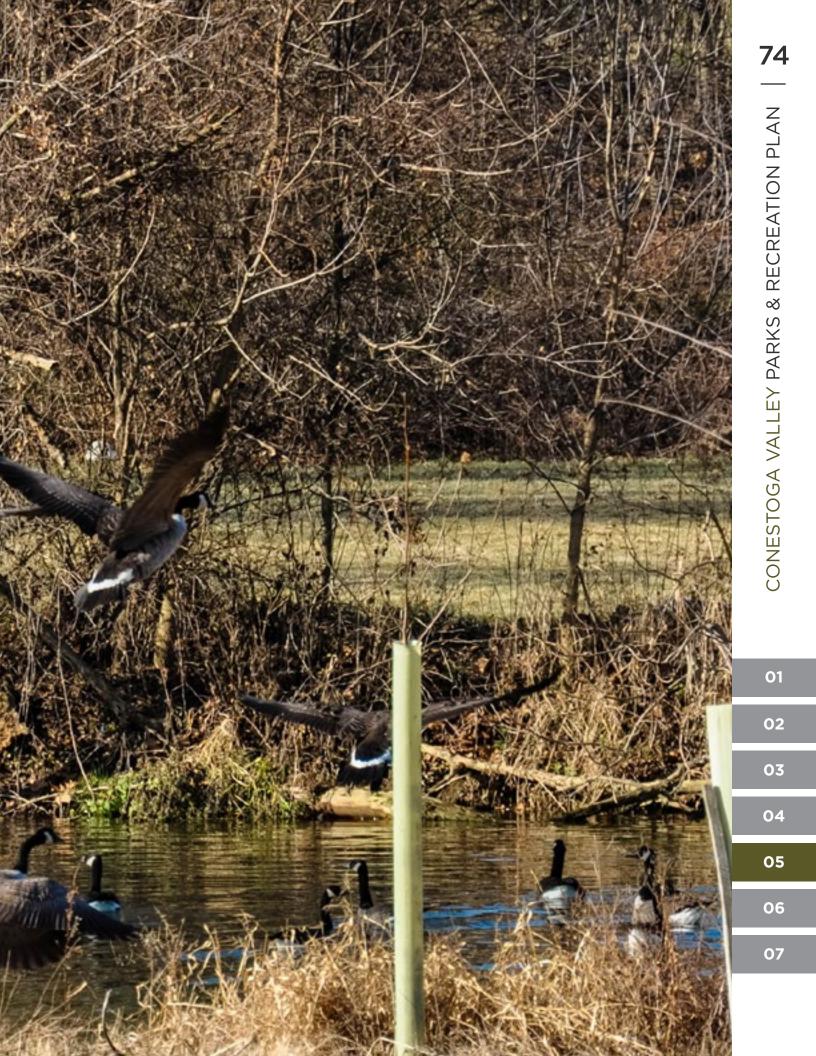
For Level 1 accreditation status the following requirements must be met:

- An arboretum plan that defines the purpose as an arboretum
- An arboretum organizational group (governing board)
- An arboretum collection a minimum of 25 woody plant species, labeled for identification and documented on the plan.
- An arboretum staff or volunteers
- An arboretum public dimension (public access or minimum 1 public event per year)

# 05 Action Plan

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# 5.1 Priorities

Sequencing the recommendations in **Chapter 5** will help organize priorities in the Plan area. Below is a list of initial recommendations or "critical actions", that if completed first, can help ensure implementation of the other recommendations in the Plan.

### **Critical Actions**

- Establish a multi-municipal agreement for recreation asset sharing and establish a multi-municipal recreation entity
- Participate in the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources' (DCNR) Peer Grant Program
- Participate in the DCNR Circuit Rider Grant Program
- Establish a Director of Parks & Recreation position (with the Circuit Rider as a likely candidate)

Much of the proposed greenway network is located in land zoned for agriculture, but areas of the Conestoga River Greenway and Mill Creek Greenway are located within regionally-designated "Growth Areas" and may face competition from development. To mitigate this threat, establishment of easements for parcels within the "Growth Areas" should be prioritized.

Changes in weather patterns and more extreme weather events may begin to change hydrology of the rivers and streams in the region. Implementation of stream buffer restorations will not only help to mitigate water flows and create habitat but also will establish easements for recreation use.

**Table 3** lists the full "Action Matrix" of project andprogram recommendations within the Plan.

### TABLE 3: ACTION MATRIX

Recommendation	Description	Responsible	Goals
		Parties	
Study Recreational Asset Sharing with Goal of Establishing a Multi-Municipal Recreation Entity	Townships in the CV Region own their own recreational assets and operate completely separate from one another. East Lampeter Township, Upper Leacock Township, and West Earl Township should study the creation of a governance structure or legally binding agreement to share recreational facilities between all three townships. The CVSD needs to be part of this agreement to ensure long-term availability of District recreational asset availability. This agreement would establish the responsibilities for maintaining, upgrading, and programming, recreational facilities and open spaces that will fall on the newly created Parks and Recreation entity. The formation of a governing board should be studied as part of this process. This recommendation acknowledges that this is a long-term process that will involve consensus building and the participation of all municipal stakeholders in the region.	East Lampeter Township, Upper Leacock Township, West Earl Township, Conestoga Valley School District	Short-Term: Townships and CVSD continue with informal coordination Mid-Term: Establish legal agreement to allow municipalities to jointly apply for grants. Long-Term: With participation of all townships and CVSD, establish formal governance entity.
Apply for PEER Grant	Purpose of a PEER grant is to support creation of an intergovernmental cooperation agreement to establish a multi-municipal recreation and park authority/commission with support to hire a full-time professional position. Municipalities could apply for the grant jointly if a legal agreement in place, or one municipality could apply to move forward to develop joint park and recreation programming for the townships and school district.	East Lampeter Township, Upper Leacock Township, West Earl Township, Conestoga Valley School District	Receive PEER Grant to support future Circuit Rider grant
Apply for Circuit Rider Grant	The DCNR Circuit Rider Grant program is meant to help new municipalities jointly increase capacity by funding a first-time, full-time professional Recreation Director. The newly created entity would apply and receive the Circuit Rider grant to fund a staff person to support initiating programs and services for the parks, open spaces, and trails within the CV Region. A number of recommendations in this plan require staffing support that could be provided through Circuit Rider funding. If the program is successful and a formal new parks and recreational governance entity set up, the Circuit Rider staff position could transition into a Parks and Recreation Director for the region.	Park and Recreation Board, East Lampeter Township, Upper Leacock Township, West Earl Township, Conestoga Valley School District	Receive Circuit Rider Grant
Establish a Parks and Recreation Director position	The Circuit Rider position would transition into a Parks and Recreation Director for the newly created Parks and Recreation entity for Conestoga Region.	Future multi-municipal park and recreation entity	Parks and Recreation Director is established
Review development proposals for recreation facilities	Municipalities should ensure land developments include appropriate infrastruc- ture improvements.	Individual municipalities	Continued enforcement of dedication of recreation lands
Create partnerships with philanthropic organizations	There are multiple philanthropic organizations headquartered in the CV Region that invest large sums of money to improve the lives of those who live and work in the area.	Individual municipalities	Receive a grant from a philanthropic organization within 2 years
Renovations to aging equipment	A systemwide inventory of park equipment and structures should be used to identify a renovation and replacement schedule for all structures.	Individual municipalities	Number of playground equipment renovated
Generate revenue beyond pavilion rentals	Rental of sports fields on Township properties, and fees for permits for vendors to operate within the parks are viable options to generate funds short-term.	Individual municipalities, new Park & Recreation director	Generated Funds leveraged for Grants that require matches
Seek arboretum accreditation for East Lampeter Township Community Park	Formal accreditation of the arboretum at East Lampeter Township Community Park will not only diversify the public lands offerings within the system, but may open doors for additional grant funding streams, and provide a valuable source of low or no cost programming for the region	East Lampeter Township	Accredited arboretum status for ELT Community Park
Add more Gaga pits	Gaga Ball is a wildly popular sport, growing rapidly. This Dodgeball variation, played in an octagon "pit" requires minimal equipment and can include up to 30 participants at once.	Individual municipalities	Gaga Pits at all Community Parks, and Temporary pits for rental and events
Add Pickleball facilities (retrofit tennis courts)	Pickleball is another sport that is gaining popularity, especially with active adults. Although the only tennis courts within the park system are located at Leola Community Park, markings could easily be added to the courts for Pickleball Capabilities.	Upper Leacock Township	Pickleball capabilities at Leola Tennis Courts
Initiate regular playground inspections	Regular inspections of playground facilities by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI), not only ensures the safety of all playground users, but will also help to identify pending maintenance and replacement of play structures for budget planning.	Individual municipalities	Playgrounds are inspected
Expand Leola Community Park for sports fields	Upper Leacock Township has identified a parcel adjacent to Leola Community park as "future open space" on its Official Map. This parcel may prove to be a viable option to expand the park and possibly add valuable space for multi-use sports fields.	Upper Leacock Township	Leola Community Park has new sports fields, added to the CV Recreation System.
Provide community gardens within park space	Community gardens become active outdoor spaces through active gardening and they produce fresh food for the community. A new community garden in Flory Park or Leola Park will give residents in the area the opportunity to grow their own food and provide for those having limited access to healthy food.	Individual municipalities	New community gardens implemented

Desired Outcome	Timeframe	Est. Costs	Potential Funding Source
Established legal agreement between municipalities and the Conestoga Valley School District, eventually leading to a formal governance structure and entity	1–5 years		
PEER Grant awarded	1–3 years	\$1,000 - 10% match for DCNR Peer Grant Program of \$10,000	DCNR
Circuit Rider Grant is awarded	1–3 years	This is a four-year commitment of funding. Match is variable based on the year of funding. Year 1: up to 100% of gross salary. Year 2: up to seventy- 75% of gross salary. Year 3: up to 50% of gross salary. Year 4: up to 25% of gross salary.	DCNR, CV Recreation
Parks and Recreation Director is established	3-7 years		Future multi-municipal park and recreation entity
Recreation infrastructure dedications and fees- in-lieu collected	1–3 years		
Receive funding for programs or capital improvements	1-3 years		The Clark Foundation, The High Foundation, Penn Foundation
Renovate 1 playground and one pavilion every 2 years.	4-7 years		
Establish one new revenue stream from recreation assets each year	1–3 years		
Accredited arboretum status for ELT Community Park	1-3 years	\$1,000 - \$15,000, depending upon volunteer contribution.	A variety of Federal, State and organizational grants may apply to the tasks necessary for accreditation.
Add 2 additional Gaga pits each year	1–3 years	\$500 – \$4,000 depending on materials and permanence	A variety of Federal, State and organizational grants are available for play structures (KaBOOM!, PHIT America, The Hershey Company).
Add pickleball markings to existing Tennis Court	1-3 years	\$300 for painted markings on existing court	
Implement regular playground inspections (one every year)	1-3 years	\$300 - \$600	A variety of Federal, State and organizational grants are available for play structures (KaBOOM!, PHIT America, The Hershey Company).
Construct 3 new sports fields in Leola Community Park	8 years +	\$400,000 per multi- purpose sports field (100,000 SF), \$30,000 per year per field for maintenance	
Design and implement one new community garden in Flory Park and one in Leola Park	1-3 years	\$3,000-\$5,000	

### TABLE 3: ACTION MATRIX cont'd.

Recommendation	Description	Responsible Parties	Goals
Find central location for a new rec center	Creation of a centrally located Recreation Center could serve as a meeting place and identifiable centerpiece for the community.	Municipalities jointly / New park and recreation entity	Parcel identified for future recreation center
Replace Recreation Facilities lost in Smoke- town by Elementary School relocation.	At this time the future plans for facilities at the current location are unknown; however, there is potential that these could be closed or repurposed in the future. Any future loss of community access to the gymnasium, playground, diamond field, outdoor basketball, and other various schoolyard courts (four square, Gaga, funnel ball, etc.) would have a negative impact on the surround- ing community and ELT should work with CVSD closely on future plans.	CVSD, Municipalities	Replace Outdoor Recreation Amenities lost by Elementary School Relocation
Complete gaps in sidewalk infrastructure within the growth areas	Within the Growth areas as identified by Lancaster County, there are a number of gaps in sidewalks throughout the Region.	Municipalities	Feet of sidewalk added between completed sidewalks
Establish more Blue Trails	Access to water was identified throughout the planning process as a high priority for the CV Region. The establishment of blueways and greenways with water access provides the community with fishing and paddling opportunities for the Mill Creek, Groff Creek and the Conestoga River.	Municipalities	Number of blue trail access points
Implement the GLHP (Goat Path)	The CV Region is currently underserved by on-road bike facilities. Adding these facilities has been identified as a priority in the Places2040 Plan, The LIMC Growing Together Plan and the LATP. Roads in the Region are already heavily used for cycling by the plain clothes populations, and touring cyclists and many of the roadways have wide shoulders to accommodate horse- drawn buggies.	Municipalities, Lancaster County and PennDOT.	Linear feet of completed GLHP (Goat Path)
Connect the GLHP (Goat Path) to Leola Community Park	The Lancaster ATP proposes the termination of the GLHP at the intersection of N. Maple Ave. and W. Main Street in Leola.	East Lampeter Township, Upper Leacock Township	Non-vehicular transportation connection made between GLHP (Goat Path) and Leola Community Park
Implement more bikeways	The CV Region is currently underserved by on-road bike facilities. Adding these facilities has been identified as a priority in the Places2040 Plan, The LIMC Growing Together Plan and the LATP. Roads in the Region are already heavily used for cycling by the plain clothes populations, and touring cyclists and many of the roadways have wide shoulders to accommodate horse- drawn buggies.	Municipalities, PennDOT	Miles of bikeway
Plan for "New Mobility"	New transportation technologies are emerging in cities across the US and the CV region must be prepared for these changes. The close proximity to the City of Lancaster and the strength of tourism in the region will likely result in new forms of transportation to include: ridesharing / ridehailing services, electric bike, and scooter sharing and the introduction of mobility hubs to the region.	Municipalities	Ordinance regulating new forms of mobility
Implement an outdoor summer camp	Programs and camps offered at park locations throughout the region may help to generate revenue for the region while offering active educational fun during summer break.	Municipalities / future park and recreation entity	Day camps offered in the parks
Implement additional outdoor activities during the summer	Summer activities get residents outside and in parks, trails, and pools. New summer activities for Conestoga Valley could include (but not limited to) swim lessons at the community pool, playground programs, sports leagues, and environmental education adventure classes.	Municipalities / future park and recreation entity	Number of activities added for the summer
Implement more special events and festivals	Special events and festivals provide fun activities for families and people of all ages and abilities and can generate income for the Parks and Recreation entity. New special events and festivals could include (but not limited to) a summer concert series, fall harvest festival, movie night in the park, drone races, and food truck festivals.	Municipalities / future park and recreation entity	Number of special events and festival added
Implement more senior programs in outdoor locations	No senior centers are located within the CV region. Creating programs and activities for our seniors within the parks system will provide local activities for active seniors.	Municipalities / future park and recreation entity	Number of senior programs added
Decentralize fields for youth sports	Currently the vast majority of Youth Sports practices are located at the High School, while it may be convenient for some families, it places heavy wear and tear on the facilities and places scheduling pressure on the Athletic Department.	Youth Sports Leagues, munici- palities, new Park & Recreation entity	Youth sports relocated to parks and Elementary Schools
Formalize volunteer opportunities	Formal volunteer organizations for the parks and trails will foster stewardship and grow civic leaders focused around the Region's recreation system.	Conestoga Valley Parks & Recreation Department	Volunteer Programs established in the CV Recreation System
Implement walking, jogging, biking, and hiking programs	Programs that promote active mobility such as walking, jogging, bicycling, and hiking give people opportunity to exercise and live healthier lives. New pro- grams that involve this type of activity could include (but not limited to) jogging clubs, 5k runs/walks at parks, organized bicycle rides, and hiking groups	Municipalities/ future park and recreation entity	Walking, bicycling, and hiking programs created

Desired Outcome	Timeframe	Est. Costs	Potential Funding Source
Identify a parcel for a future recreation center	8 years +	\$185 per Square Foot	
Coordinate on any potential loss of recreational access due to closure	4-7 years		
Add at least 500 feet of sidewalk completed each year beginning year three.	4-7 years	\$800,000-\$1,000,000 per mile	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), PADECD, PennDOT Multimodal Fund, CFA Multimodal Fund, Safe Routes to School
At least 2 new successful Blue Trail access points open for public use every 4 years	Every 4 years	Costs vary depending on access	Pennsylvania Environmental Council, DCNR
Add at least 2000 feet of completed trail every 2 years	8 years (full path)	\$13,880,000 (per LATP)	DCED (Multimodal Transportation Fund), PennDOT (Multimodal Transportation Fund),
Non-vehicular transportation connection is constructed between the GLHP (Goat Path) and Leola Community Park	8 year +	\$250,000	DCED (Multimodal Transportation Fund), PennDOT (Multimodal Transportation Fund),
Complete at least 1/2 mile of bikeway every 4 years	4-7 years	Varies from \$100,000 per mile (shared street) to \$1,200,000 for greenway trail.	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), PADECD, PennDOT Multimodal Fund, CFA Multimodal Fund, Safe Routes to School
Establish ordinance related to operation of E-bikes and Scooters within recreation facilities	1-3 years		
Offer at least 1 new outdoor summer camp	4–7 years	Costs vary, initial costs may include, staff, training, insurance, and purchase of any special equipment needed.	The American Camp Association, maintains a database of current camp funding opportuni- ties, volunteers
At least 3 new activities added every year	1–3 years	Costs vary, initial costs may include, staff, training, insurance, and purchase of special equipment needed.	Volunteers, foundations, non-profits
At least 2 new special events and festivals every year	1-3 years		Foundations, non-profits, local businesses
implement one new program per year	1–3 years		Lancaster County Department of Aging may offer grants for specific programs
Relocate one sports organization per year, until stress on facilities is reduced.	1–3 years		
Three volunteer organizations established by year 5	1-5 years		
, One walking group, one hiking group, and one bicycling group established by year four	1-4 years		

### TABLE 3: ACTION MATRIX cont'd.

Recommendation	Description	Responsible Parties	Goals
Restore riparian buffers	Restoration of riparian buffers provides a number of environmental benefits. In the agrarian Conestoga Valley, restoration of riparian buffers may reduce peak stormwater flow, filter pollutants, uptake nutrients from fertilizer runoff, stabilize streambanks, mitigate air pollution and create food sources and habitat for fish and wildlife.	Municipalities, local conservation organizations	Restored Riparian Buffers
Strategize for open space parcel acquisition and preservation plan	To ensure the availability of open space and parklands in the future, a plan should be developed that identifies parcels targeted for conservation or acqui- sition. Undeveloped parcels within and adjacent to the Urban Growth Areas. As these areas urbanize this will ensure availability of lands for recreational uses.	Municipalities jointly / future park and recreation entity	
Create a Conestoga Valley Parks and Recreation website	There is no central online location for information about all recreational assets in the three townships in Conestoga Valley. A new Parks and Recreation website will show residents where parks and trails are, what they have to offer, and who they can contact to find out more information.	Municipalities jointly / future park and recreation entity	Established Parks and Recreation website
Design a recreation guide for the Conestoga Valley Region	The guide would serve as a valuable tool for both residents and tourists to locate nearby recreation assets. The guide should be available online on the Parks and Recreation and Townships websites	Municipalities jointly / future park and recreation entity	Completed recreation guide for the Cones- toga Valley Region
Mail Conestoga Valley residents a Quarterly Newsletter	There is no way for residents to know about new programs and activities offered by the new Parks and Recreation entity. A quarterly mailer with a schedule of events will regularly inform Conestoga Valley Residents about events happening in the region.	Municipalities jointly / future park and recreation entity	Newsletter mailed out
Sustain regular communication with other local agencies	There are no consistent meetings between the three townships in Conestoga Valley, organizations, and the new PRD. Regular meetings between these entities will ensure all parks and recreation related operations and activities will run smoothly.	Municipalities jointly / future park and recreation entity	Regularly organized meetings are being held per the schedule
Design consistent wayfinding	Park and wayfinding signage will direct park and trail users to nearby recre- ational facilities. A successful wayfinding package will help unify and generate awareness for the network of parks and trails in Conestoga Valley.	Municipalities jointly/ future park and recreation entity	Plan and design uniform (CV themed) parks and recreation wayfinding signage
Explore shifting operator of Leola Com- munity Pool	Explore transfer of operations for the Leola Community Pool to an outside, non-governmental entity.	Lititz recCenter and Upper Leacock Township	Reduce operational costs associated with managing the Leola Community Pool
Implement proposed improvements for Gibbons Park, Leola Community Park, and Flory Park	Implement park improvements detailed in 'Chapter 6: Design Concepts'.	Municipalities jointly / future park and recreation entity	New Gibbons Park space and upgraded facilities at Leola Community Park and Flory Park

Desired Outcome	Timeframe	Est. Costs	Potential Funding Source
6 acres of restored buffer by year 4, 2 acres every year after.	4–7 years	\$400 per acre, not to include land acquisition costs	PA Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
	1-3 years	\$400 per acre, not to include land acquisition costs	PA Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
Established Parks and Recreation website	1-3 years		
Completed recreation guide for the Conestoga Valley Region	1-3 years	\$10,000-\$20,000	
Mail Newsletter to at least 75% of Conestoga Valley residents each year	1–3 years		
Maintain one meeting in person between the PRD and the three townships in Conestoga Valley per quarter Maintain one meeting in person between the PRD and different local organizations per quarter	1-3 years		
Design wayfinding package within four years and then fabricate and install at least 10 signs every year thereafter	4-7 years	\$80,000-\$100,000 for design and placement	
Transfer operation of pool	TBD		
Completed park upgrades every 5 years	1-15 years		Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) PADECD, DCNR, CV Recreation

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# 5.2 Funding

The Department of Community & Economic Development has a number of programs for trail planning and development, including the Greenways, Parks, Trails & Recreation Program and Multimodal Transportation Fund. Also, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Protection and the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission all offer grant programs that can be applied to greenway development. The table below identifies cost of greenway and blueway improvements. Design, construction, and right-of-way costs are included in the estimates.

On-road improvements identified in Lancaster's **Active Transportation Plan** are not included in this table.

### **TABLE 4: COST ESTIMATES**

Proposed Project	Est. Cost/Mile	Miles	Est. Cost
Mill Creek Trail extension to Flory Park	\$1.2 m	1.0	\$1.2 m
Mill Creek Greenway	\$1.2 m	12.0	\$14.4 m
Pequea Creek Greenway	\$1.2 m	7.2	8.7 m
Conestoga River Greenway	1.2 m	18.0	\$21.6 m
Groff Creek Blueway*	N/A	N/A	\$0.1 m
Misc. trail and on-road improvements**	\$0.2 m	27.7	\$5.5 m

\* Costs associated with planning, wayfinding, and small boat access construction

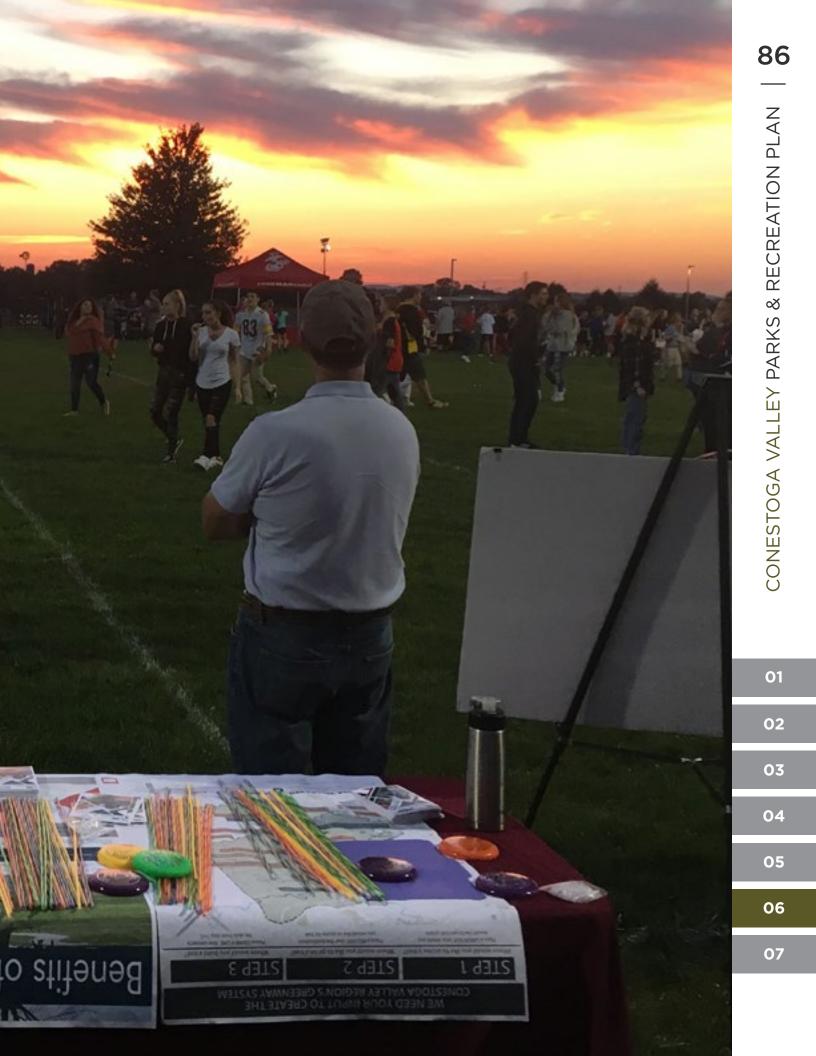
\*\* Additional study may be needed to identify appropriate facility type of right of way availability

# 06 Design Concepts

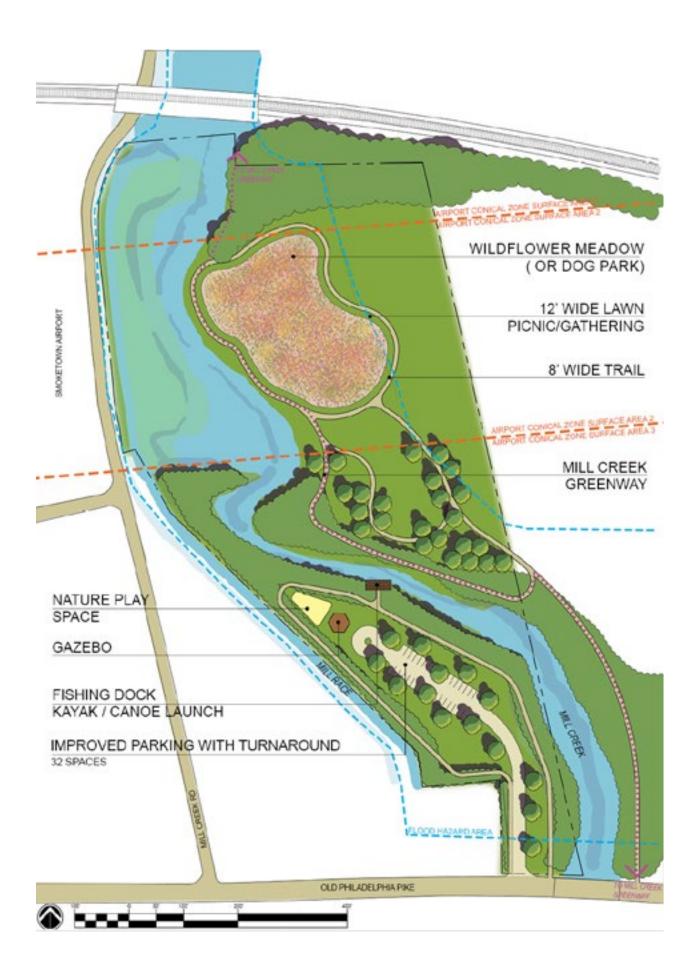
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### MAP 11: GIBBONS PARK CONCEPT



# 6.1 Gibbons Park

**Location:** Owned by East Lampeter Township, this 15-acre potential park space of Gibbons Park at Nolt's Mill in Smoketown abuts a railroad to the north, an industrial property to the east, a commercial corridor with Nolt's Mill to the south, and the Smoketown Airport to the west (which places constraints on tree and building heights that limit visibility). The property is relatively flat but includes a 25-foot slope leading to Mill Creek, which runs through the center of the site.

### Current Use: Agriculture

### Proposed (South of Mill Creek):

- 32-space parking lot off of Old Philadelphia Pike with a turnaround
- Gazebo adjacent to the parking lot for shelter, shade and views of Mill Creek
- A "nature play" space adjacent to the gazebo to encourage kids to connect with nature
- Accessible fishing dock with kayak/ canoe platform for universal access to Mill Creek and as an educational node to study local flora and fauna
- 8-foot-wide walking trail encircling the parking lot, gazebo, and play space
- Connection to proposed "Mill Creek Greenway" (see Section 5.2)

### Proposed (North of Mill Creek):

- Pedestrian entrance and trail on the east side of Mill Creek from Old Philadelphia Pike
- Wild flower meadow to filter stormwater runoff, promote groundwater infiltration, help prevent erosion and flooding in this area, and provide habitat for birds, insects, and other wildlife.
- Alternatively, the meadow could be enclosed for an off-leash dog park
- 12-foot-wide lawn around the meadow for picnics and social gatherings
- 8-foot-wide trail encircling lawn and picnic area
- Add 20+ shade trees (outside of the airport's restricted surface area) to create wooded area near Mill Creek to help with stormwater management, allow for a greater diversity of ecological habitats, and to improve the nature feel of the park
- Meandering trail through the wooded area

### **Potential Programs:**

- Mother's Day picnics
- Environmental school field trips
- Earth Week park clean-up with community potluck
- Pumpkin painting/decorating at the gazebo

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### MAP 12: LEOLA COMMUNITY PARK CONCEPT



# 6.2 Leola Park

**Location:** This existing 20-acre Leola Community Pool & Park in Leola abuts farmlands to the north and east, farmlands and housing to the south, and housing to the west. Located on a slight hill, 25 feet of grade change exists from the north and south boundaries.

**Current Use:** Swimming, wide range of sports, picnicking, and social gathering; 46 parking spaces (highly utilized in summer)

### **Proposed (Southern Half):**

- Expand south parking lot to 57 spaces
- Add new 16-space gravel parking lot
- New road connecting Maple Avenue, existing and proposed parking lots, and E. Main Street to improve internal circulation
- Secondary pool entrance on the east side of the pool area to provide greater access, shade, and shelter
- Additional basketball courts near the existing tennis courts
- A pavilion located close to the existing trail and tennis courts to provide shade and sitting areas

### **Proposed (Northern Half):**

- Multi-use, 0.5-mile loop trail to connect the fitness center area and pool to the active recreation spaces
- Create 0.25-mile fitness loop around the existing fitness stations and connect to central trail

- Upgrade fitness stations by replacing aging wooden components and signage; space equal distance along fitness loop
- Add a "natural play" space with shade trees near the fitness loop to allow children to play while parents exercise
- New picnic grove with pavilions to create a sheltered gathering space in the center of the park
- Add 40+ trees for additional shade, stormwater management, wildlife habitat, and improving the natural feel of the park

### **Potential Programs:**

- Water aerobics for people of all ages and abilities, including senior citizens and people with disabilities
- Synchronized swimming or artistic swimming classes
- "Flick & Float" family-friendly movie screenings on an outdoor screen while floating on the water on a tube or raft
- "Wacky Water Olympics" with 25¢ shallow-end scramble, biggest splash contest, egg-in-the-spoon water relay, and "one-breath" underwater swim
- Summer basketball league
- Easter egg hunt

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# 6.3 Flory Park

**Location:** This existing 43-acre park in Lancaster abuts a commercial corridor to the north, housing to the east, and Mill Creek to south and west. The park is relatively hilly compared to the surrounding area and includes rock outcroppings. Southern and northern sections feel disconnected.

**Current Use:** Baseball, picnicking, and playgrounds; 120 existing parking spaces (highly utilized); privately-owned parcel in northern section to which East Lampeter Township has the right of first refusal

### **Proposed (Southern Half):**

- Add 16 parking spaces to southernmost parking area with turnaround to improve vehicular circulation
- Add 28 overflow parking spaces along driveway to the southern parking lot
- Add 70+ trees for additional shade, stormwater management, wildlife habitat, and improving the natural feel of the park
- Extend sidewalk to create a 0.7-mile multi-use trail loop around the southern end of the park and connect to the park's trail network
- Upgrade playground through additional signage indicating intended ages for the equipment, additional benches and shade structures, resurfacing wood equipment to ensure ADA compliance and appropriate depth for fall attenuation

### **Proposed (Northern Half):**

- Expand trail between southern and northern halves of park to 15 feet to allow for emergency and maintenance vehicle access and to connect to a multi-use loop
- New fishing dock and canoe/kayak launch at east park entrance and new fishing dock near north park entrance
- Expand parking with 74 additional spaces in the northwestern lot, plus add new pavilion and restrooms
- Add an emergency truck access location near the proposed stream withdrawal standpipe
- Add 60+ trees for additional shade, stormwater management, wildlife habitat, and improving the natural feel of the park
- New gated maintenance vehicle entrance to provide access to the adjacent Walmart parking lot
- Create 0.7-acre bicycle pump track
- Build a sheltered stage and an open stage with lawn spaces and shade trees for special events
- A drop-off area adjacent to the stages for improved access for people with disabilities and students

### Potential Flory Park Programs:

- "Bicycle Rodeo" at proposed bicycle pump-track with serpentine route for kids, bike inspections, and safety education (Police Department may be able to get a grant for this program)
- Organized bicycle rides along widened pathways
- Stock fishing area through the PA Fish & Boat Commission; Sponsor "Fishing Derby" at the two proposed fishing docks, supported by a participation fee and/or donated prizes for various categories and age groups
- Summer softball league with participation fee
- Fee-permitted food trucks, potentially in coordination with softball games
- Community picnics within the lawn area, based around a theme or purpose such as "Mother's Day Tea" in the park or after a park clean-up
- Sponsored outdoor summer concert series on the new, proposed stages
- Create community gardening spaces for cultivation by nearby residents (potentially on the privately-owned parcel)



Kiosk at Flory Park



Playground at Flory Park



Pavilion at Leola Community Park

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# A. Inventory

Public parks within the Plan area were evaluated for the following attributes:

- Access & Circulation
- Wayfinding & Signage
- Site Features & Conditions
- Architecture & Amenities
- Recreation Opportunities

The site inventories include parks amenities that are unique to Conestoga Valley, such as hitching posts for horses.

Detailed inventories were collected for the following facilities:

- East Lampeter Township
   Community Park
- Flory Park
- Lafayette Tower Park
- Leola Community Pool & Park
- Leola Library/Upper Leacock Offices
- Mascot Park

In addition to the six detailed park inventories, higher-level inventories were collected for the facilities listed below and shown on the facing page:

- American Music Theatre
- Bareville Fire Company Grounds
- Berry Patch
- Brownstown Elementary
- Cobbler Court
- Conestoga Valley High School
- Conestoga Valley Middle School
- Dutch Wonderland
- Greenfield Park
- J.E. Fritz Elementary
- Lancaster Host Resort Golf Course
- Lancaster Mennonite School
- Leola Elementary
- Lost Treasure Mini Golf
- Old Mill Stream Campground
- Sky Zone Trampoline Park
- Smoketown Elementary
- Sylvan B. Fisher Township Park
- West Earl Community Park
- West Earl Municipal Building

Facility	Acres	Amenities
Conestoga Valley High School	107	Track, stadium, Gymnasium, Multipurpose Fields, Football, Tennis, Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Auditorium
Conestoga Valley Middle School	23	Gymnasium, Multipurpose Fields, Softball, Soccer, Auditorium
Brownstown Elementary School	10	Gymnasium, Playground, Baseball
J.E. Fritz Elementary	13	Gymnasium, Playground, Multipurpose Fields
Leola Elementary	16	Gymnasium, Playground, Baseball, Multipurpose Fields, Auditorium
Smoketown Elementary	16	Gymnasium, Playground, Basketball, Baseball
West Earl Community Park	7	Playground, Basketball, Tennis, Softball
Sylvan B. Fisher Township Park	10	Walking/ Dog Walking Path
West Earl Municipal Building	6	Playground, Basketball, Tennis, Softball
Bareville Fire Company Grounds*	5	Baseball
Berry Patch	<1	Trail, benches, Playground
Cobbler Court	1	Basketball
Greenfield Corporate Park*	N/A	Pavilion, trail, sculpture garden, Playground, Tennis
Lost Treasure Mini Golf*	3	Mini Golf
Sky Zone Trampoline Park*	8	Trampoline Park
Lancaster Host Resort Golf Course	160	Golf
Old Mill Stream Campground*	22	Adjacent to Dutch Wonderland
Dutch Wonderland*	36	Amusement Park
American Music Theatre*	7	

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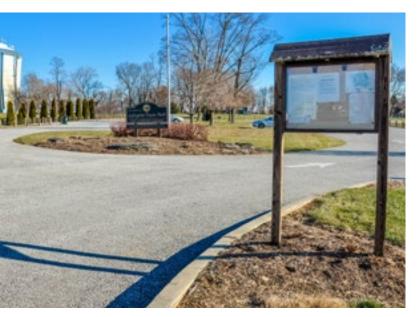
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[*Upper Left*] The North Parking Lot Entrance is tucked away in the adjacent neighborhood. There is a lack of pedestrian infrastructure connecting the park to the community.



[*Center*] If trespassing becomes an issue on the adjacent private residence, a fencing or landscaping are potential solutions.

[Lower Left] There seems to be a shed that could be a concession stand, but there is a lack of drinking fountains and running water. The area adjacent to the shed appears to be underutilized.

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[Upper Right] The post-and-chain fence limits access to the walking path to only a few locations in the parking lot.



[Center] The South Parking Lot Entrance is in nice shape and allows access to the park to another section of the community. The parking lot would benefit from striping the walkway adjacent to the handicap parking spaces.

[Lower Right] The playground has benches for chaperons, but the area lacks shade which may limit the use on hot sunny days. The play equipment seems to be appropriately sized for ages 12 and under, although there are no signs or stickers indicating this. An appropriate mulch level needs to be maintained to comply with ADA requirements (height equal to surrounding curb).





### Lafayette Tower Park

### Park Type

Location	1905 Woodland Ave, Lancaster, PA 17602	Owne
Acres	10	East L
Primary Use	Little League / Multi-use	Hour

### Ownership

East Lampeter

### Hours

Dawn to Dusk

		Condition	
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	N=Needs improvement S= Satisfactory C=Commendable	Notes
Access & Circulation			
Pedestrian Access	-	Ν	Adjacent neighborhood generally lacks sidewalks. Sidewalk access is present to rear parking area via Woodland Ave.
Bicycle Access	-	S	The park is located adjacent to quiet neighborhood streets.
Hitching Posts	0	-	There is no apparent demand.
Bicycle Parking	0	Ν	
Internal Circulation	-	S	Widen walking path to accommodate multi-use (8ft). The post-and-chain fence limits access to trail. Playground, gazebo, and spectator seating is well connected.
Park Trail System	0.3 mi	S	Widen the path to 8 feet.
Vehicular Parking	-	с	Stripe handicap access next to parking.
Greenway Connectivity & Potential			
Wayfinding & Signage			
Park Identification Signage	2	С	
Internal Signage (Wayfinding)	n/a	S	
Internal Signage (Rules & Regulations)	2 kiosks	S	
Site Features & Conditions			
Sun/Shade	-	Ν	Spectator seating and playground area need improvement.
Lighting	None	S	The park is dawn to dusk.
Site Layout & Lighting (General)	-	С	The grounds are well maintained.
Site Security & Vandalism	-	С	No vandalism observed.
Park Use Separation (Spacing, Fencing, etc.)	-	C	Make breaks in post-and-chain fence for better access. If trespassing on private property is an issue, fencing could be used in that location.
User Diversity (Age & Ability)	-	S	More benches for the walking path could increase the over 65 demographic.

		Condition	
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	N=Needs improvement S= Satisfactory C=Commendable	Notes
Architecture & Amenities			
Gymnasium	-		
Restrooms/Changing Rooms (Stalls)	0	Ν	Portable restrooms are brought in during high use periods.
Concession Stand	0		
Vending Machines	0		
Drinking Fountain	0	Ν	Add one drinking fountain near storage shed.
Picnic Shelter/Gazebo	0		
Picnic Tables (Sheltered)	0		
Picnic Tables (Exposed)	0	N	Create picnic grove near storage shed with at least 1 ADA accessible table.
Charcoal Grills	1	С	Relocate the grills to the new picnic grove.
Electrical Outlets	0	-	
Benches	2	С	Add additional benches along trail.
Pet Waste Stations	3	С	
Bleachers	2	Ν	Add shade and railings to the bleachers when there is more than 3 tiers of seating.
Trash Receptacles	-	S	Add trashcans near storage shed and the new picnic grove. Move trashcans away from the playground.
Recreation Opportunities	I		
Open Space	-	С	
Access to Water Recreation	-		
Environmental Feature	-		
Cultural/Interpretive Feature	-		
Playground (Specify Age)	Tot Lot (1)	C	Add permanent age guidance signs.
	Age5-12 (1)		
Multipurpose Fields (Specify Sport)	0		
Basketball Court (Specify Indoor/Outdoor)	0		
Tennis Court	0		
Baseball (Little League, Tee Ball, etc.)	1	C	The scoreboard needs improvement.
Softball			
Volleyball	0		
Pool	-		
Sledding Potential	-		
Fishing Area	-		
Miscellaneous Features	-		

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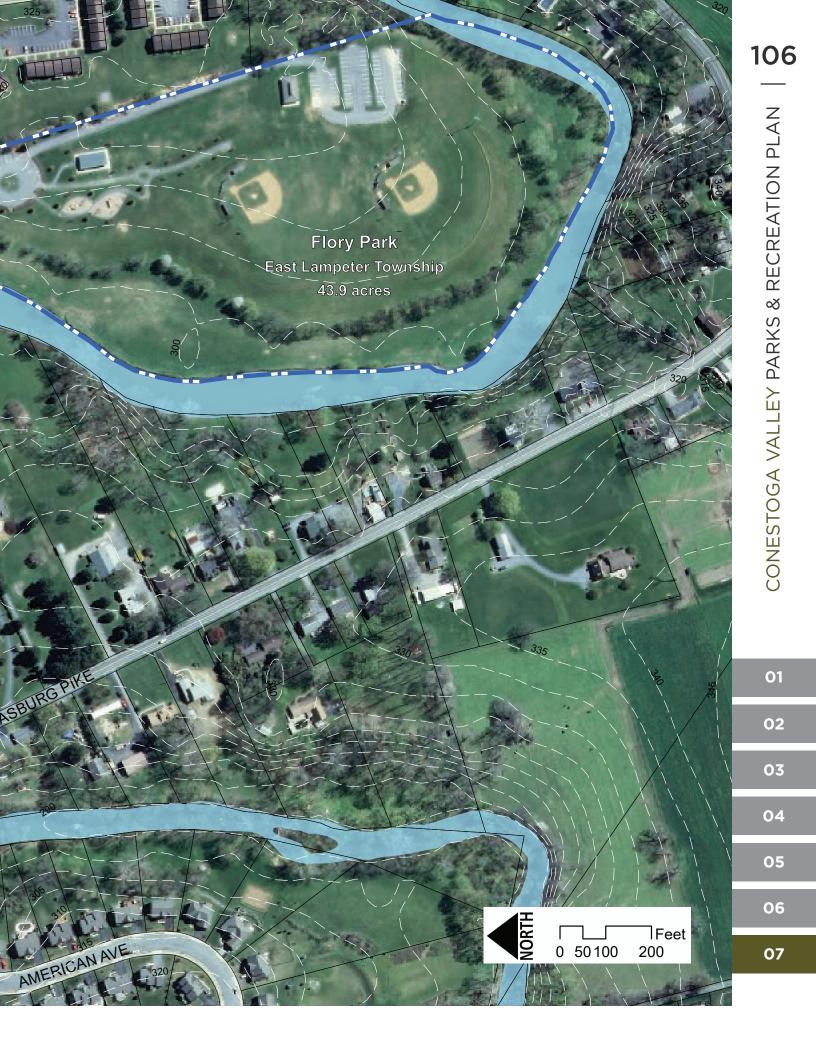
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[*Upper Left*] The pedestrian entrance to the park in inviting, but it lacks a map that orients users to various areas of the park. The pavilion and playground are close to the parking lot and easily assessable.



[*Center*] Routine maintenance is required to keep the park sign, off of Strasburg Pike, clear of vegetation and visible.

[Lower Left] The pavilion is large enough to handle big parties or multiple user groups at one time. This pavilion also provides one of two sets of restrooms for the park. It is close to the playground and parking lot and is assessable via a paved path.



[Upper Right] The path ends abruptly, leaving users no controlled access to the ballfields, second parking lot, or concession building. The connectivity of the various use areas could be improved.

[*Center Top*] The rock outcroppings are a unique environmental feature that brings character and identity to this park.



[*Center Bottom*] A hitching post is available to tie up horses while using the park.

[Lower Right] The playground has benches for chaperons, but the area lacks shade which may limit the use on hot sunny days. The play equipment seems to be appropriately sized for ages 12 and under, although there are no signs or stickers indicating this. An appropriate mulch level needs to be maintained to comply with ADA requirements (height equal to surrounding curb).





## **Flory Park**

## Park Type

Location	Address: 416 Dohner Dr., Lancaster, PA 17602
Acres	44
Primary Use	Little League / Mixed-Use

## Ownership

East Lampeter

## Hours

Generally Dawn to Dusk

		Condition N=Needs improvement S= Satisfactory	
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	C=Commendable	Notes
Access & Circulation			
Pedestrian Access	-	S	The side path connects into the neighborhood. There is a path connecting the Walmart shopping center to the park.
			Potential sidewalks on Greenland Dr.
Bicycle Access	-	S	No adjacent facilities, the park is connected via neighborhood roads.
Hitching Posts	1	S	
Bicycle Parking	0	Ν	
Internal Circulation	-	5	Add striping to handicap isles. Add handicap parking to Field 2 parking lot.
Park Trail System	-	Ν	The walking path does not connect to all use-areas.
	-	N	Add multi-use path in South Use Area/
Vehicular Parking			New Ballfields
Greenway Connectivity & Potential			Route 30 Streetscape Plan recommends multi-use trail on northern part of park from Strasburg Pike toward Oakview Road. Greenway easement exists along adjacent properties to the west.
Wayfinding & Signage			
Park Identification Signage	2	С	Trim the shrubs in North Parking Lot to uncover the sign.
Internal Signage (Wayfinding)	-	Ν	The park needs an orientation map/kiosk.
Internal Signage (Rules & Regulations)	3	S	The existing interpretive signage is nice.
Site Features & Conditions			
Sun/Shade	-	S	Shade would improve the playground and spectator seating.
Lighting	-	N	Add lighting to Field 2 Parking Lot.
Site Layout & Lighting (General)	-	С	
Site Security & Vandalism	-	С	Closing off the road to Field 2 Parking Lot is a great idea.
Park Use Separation (Spacing, Fencing, etc.)	-	С	
User Diversity	-	S	Add a playground for kids ages 5-12 and walking loop for older adults, 65 and over.

		Condition N=Needs improvement	
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	S= Satisfactory C=Commendable	Notes
Architecture & Amenities			
Gymnasium	0	-	
Restrooms/Changing Rooms (Stalls)	2	S	No access to changing room, but they seem to be in good shape.
Concession Stand	1	-	
Vending Machines	0	-	
Drinking Fountain	2	S	
Picnic Shelter/Gazebo	1	С	
Picnic Tables (Sheltered)			
Picnic Tables (Exposed)			
Charcoal Grills	3		
Electrical Outlets	18	S	Outlets are available at concessions and sheltered picnic area.
Benches	6	N	Replace wooden slats, add more benches along the water and walking path.
Pet Waste Stations	2	S	
Bleachers	0	Ν	New bleachers should be added to each field.
Trash Receptacles	-	S	
Recreation Opportunities			
Open Space	-	C	
Access to Water Recreation	N	Ν	There is an opportunity to create access along the water.
Environmental Feature	Y	С	Rock outcroppings create great space , the water is nice with the restoration project.
Cultural/Interpretive Feature	Υ	C	Great interpretive signage kiosk .
Playground (Specify Age)	Tot Lot (1)	N	Recommend a 5-12 play area, mark age use. Mulch needs to be brought up to match the curb height for ADA compliance.
Multipurpose Fields (Specify Sport)	0	-	
Basketball Court (Specify Indoor/Outdoor)	0		
Tennis Court	0		
Baseball	2		
(Little League, Tee Ball, etc.)			
Softball			
Volleyball	0		
Pool	-		
Sledding Potential	-	- NI	No safe areas.
Fishing Area	0	Ν	There is potential to mark and create fishing areas.
Miscellaneous Features			

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East-Lampeter Community Park East-Lampeter Township 26.61 acres

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[Upper Left] Memory Lane is a beautiful alley of trees that provides shade to spectators and benches along the path. Some of these benches are too low for comfortable use. The park has great circulation, but there are no signs that indicate the difficulty of the paths. The over 65 year old demographic may find it difficult to walk the entirety of the path.



[Lower Left] There is one ball field located at the park, leaving the remainder of the park, mostly open to passive recreation opportunities. The ball field is good shape.



[*Upper Right*] The playground contains some outdated equipment, but appeared to be well used. It is centrally located between the parking lot and two picnic pavilions.

[*Center Top*] The park does have some signage indicating the programmed spaces , but more signage to delineate these areas and aid in navigation would be helpful.



[*Center Top*] The picnic pavilion provides relief from the elements and a large gathering area surrounded with charcoal grills and a nearby sand volleyball court.





## East Lampeter Township Community Park

## Park Type

Location	2349 Hobson Road, Lancaster, PA 17602
Acres	27
Primary Use	Day Use / Passive Recreation / Picnic

## Ownership

East Lampeter

## Hours

Dawn to Dusk

		Condition	
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	N=Needs improvement S= Satisfactory C=Commendable	Notes
Access & Circulation			
Pedestrian Access	-	Ν	Possible connections?
Bicycle Access	-	Ν	
Hitching Posts	0	Ν	Add posts.
Bicycle Parking	0	Ν	Add bike racks.
Internal Circulation	-	S	
Park Trail System	-	С	The entire site will not be ADA accessible, ensure picnic shelters and other areas are accessible.
Vehicular Parking	-	S	Nice paths, the asphalt may need to be replaced in the coming years. Possibly widen the paths to 8ft.
Greenway Connectivity & Potential			
Wayfinding & Signage			
Park Identification Signage	1	Ν	Align the sign to read sign from road and trim the vegetation.
Internal Signage (Wayfinding)	-	Ν	Improve signage to indicate level of difficulty, map, and trail distance.
Internal Signage (Rules & Regulations)		S	
Site Features & Conditions			
Sun/Shade	-	С	
Lighting	-	S	No lighting needed.
Site Layout & Lighting (General)	-	С	Add plant ID tags to the arboretum.
Site Security & Vandalism	-	С	
Park Use Separation (Spacing, Fencing, etc.)	-	С	
User Diversity (Age & Ability)	-	C	Consider adding picnic games such as bocce and horseshoes.

		Condition	
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	N=Needs improvement S= Satisfactory C=Commendable	Notes
Architecture & Amenities			
Gymnasium	0		
Restrooms/Changing Rooms (Stalls)	2	S	Not accessible, appears to be in good condition
Concession Stand	0		
Vending Machines	0		
Drinking Fountain	2	S	
Picnic Shelter/Gazebo	3 shelters, 1 Gazebo	С	
Picnic Tables (Sheltered)	63		
Picnic Tables (Exposed)			
Charcoal Grills	9	S	Remove the grills from arboretum area.
Electrical Outlets	Y	С	Electric is located at picnic shelters.
Benches	25	С	Improve the benches on memorial lane, the benches are too low to the ground.
Pet Waste Stations	3	С	
Bleachers	2	S	
Trash Receptacles	n/a	S	
Recreation Opportunities			
Open Space	-	С	Nice views and the arboretum is great.
Access to Water Recreation	-	S	
Environmental Feature	-	С	The arboretum and creek are nice features.
Cultural/Interpretive Feature	-	-	The arboretum unique to this park site.
Playground (Specify Age)	1		This park is a possible candidate for nature play space with removal of existing aging playground equipment.
Multipurpose Fields (Specify Sport)	0	-	
Basketball Court (Specify Indoor/Outdoor)	0	-	
Tennis Court	0	-	
Baseball (Little League, Tee Ball, etc.)	1	S	
Softball	-	-	
Volleyball	1	S	
Pool	0	-	
Sledding Potential	Υ	S	
Fishing Area	Y	Ν	Signs needed to indicate fishing areas
Miscellaneous Features			There are outdoor fitness stations and disc golf

# **MASCOT PARK**

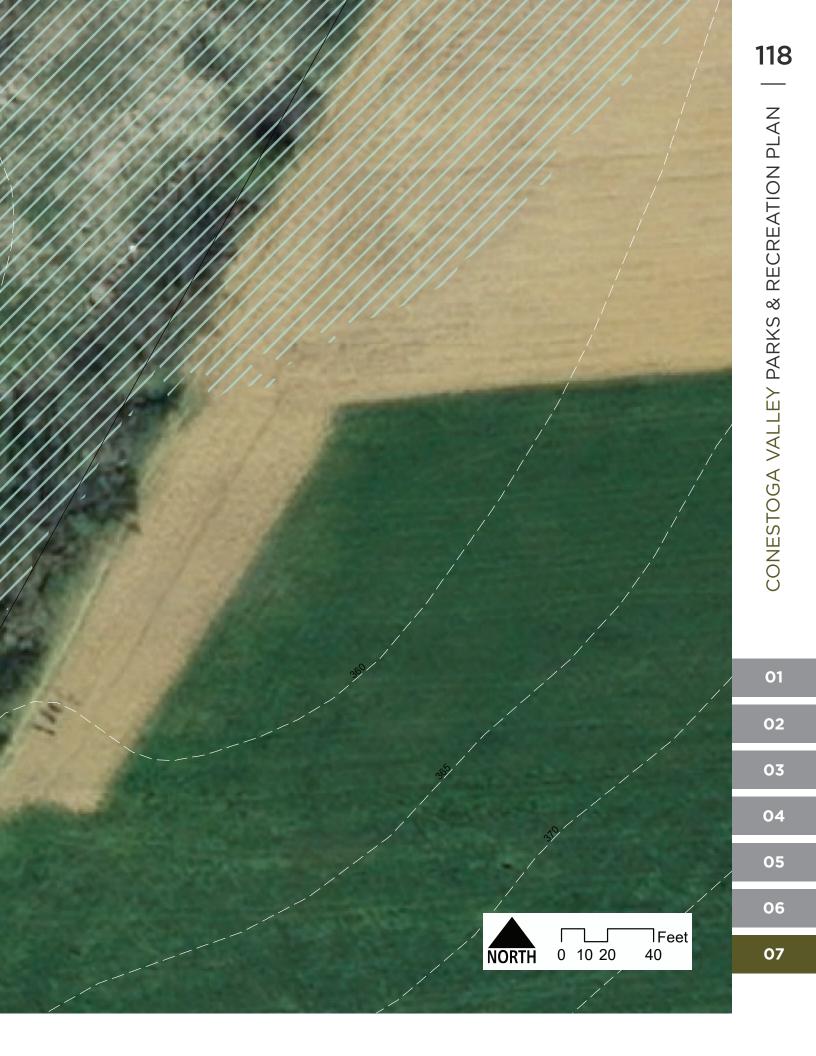
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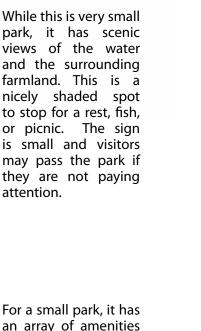
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## MASCOT PARK

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For a small park, it has an array of amenities appropriate for its size. There is a portable restroom and a bicycle rack. A hitching post is absent from this area which seems necessary in this area of the Conestoga Region.



There are picnic tables scattered throughout Mascot park which is seems to be the most fitting use for this park. With the water being right next to the park, there is potential for access and fishing. Fishing may already occur here, but there are no regulatory signs.

## **Mascot Park**

## Park Type

Location	2910 Stumptown Rd, Ronks, PA 17572
Acres	<1
Primary Use	Picnic

Ownership

Upper Leacock

Hours

N/A

		Condition	
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	N=Needs improvement S= Satisfactory C=Commendable	Notes
Access & Circulation		_	
Pedestrian Access	-	S	
Bicycle Access	-	S	
Hitching Posts	Ν	Ν	Potential location for a hitching post, lots of buggies observed.
Bicycle Parking	1		
Internal Circulation	Y	S	
Park Trail System	-	-	
Vehicular Parking	-	-	
Greenway Connectivity & Potential			
Wayfinding & Signage	1		
Park Identification Signage	1	Ν	Replace and relocate the park sign.
Internal Signage (Wayfinding)	-	-	
Internal Signage (Rules & Regulations)	-	-	
Site Features & Conditions			
Sun/Shade	-	С	This site has great canopy coverage.
Lighting	-	-	
Site Layout & Lighting (General)	-	-	
Site Security & Vandalism	-	-	
Park Use Separation (Spacing, Fencing, etc.)	-	-	
User Diversity	-	S	

		Condition	
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	N=Needs improvement S= Satisfactory C=Commendable	Notes
Architecture & Amenities			
Gymnasium	0	-	
Restrooms/Changing Rooms (Stalls)	-	-	There is a porta-potty on site with privacy fence.
Concession Stand	0	-	
Vending Machines	0	-	
Drinking Fountain	0	-	
Picnic Shelter/Gazebo	0	-	
Picnic Tables (Sheltered)	0	-	
Picnic Tables (Exposed)	4	S	
Charcoal Grills	0	-	
Electrical Outlets	0	-	
Benches	1	Ν	The park would benefit from more benches
Pet Waste Stations	0	-	
Bleachers	0	-	
Trash Receptacles	-	-	
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Recreation Opportunities			
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Open Space	-	- N	There is potential to engage the water.
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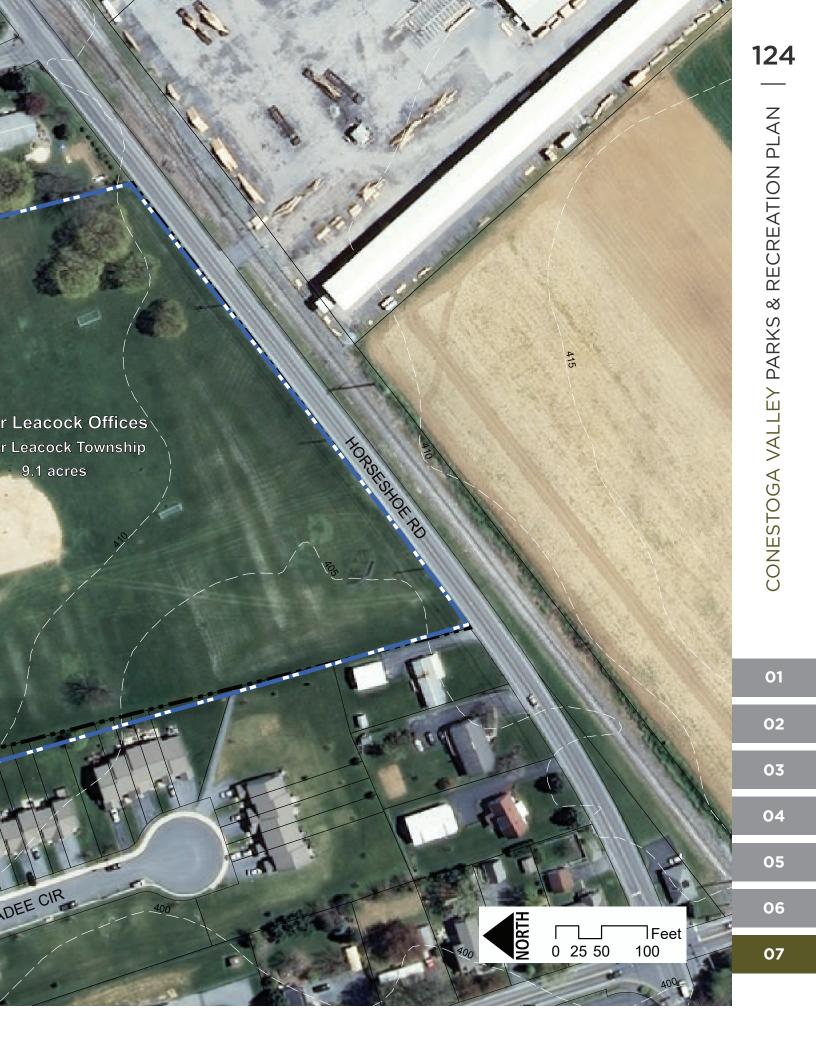
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## Leola Library/Upper Leacock Offices

## Park Type

Location	36 Hillcrest Ave, Leola, PA 17540
Acres	12
Primary Use	Active Recreation / Sports Programs

## Ownership

Upper Leacock

## Hours

Dawn to Dusk

		Condition	
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	N=Needs improvement S= Satisfactory C=Commendable	Notes
Access & Circulation			
Pedestrian Access	-		
Bicycle Access	-		
Hitching Posts	-	S	
Bicycle Parking	-	Ν	A bike rack would be a good addition.
Internal Circulation	-	S	Parking could be an issue depending on the programs running out of the multi-use building.
Park Trail System	-		No Circulation.
Vehicular Parking	-	-	
Greenway Connectivity & Potential			
Wayfinding & Signage			
Park Identification Signage	0	Ν	Signage is need near parking and along Horseshoe Rd.
Internal Signage (Wayfinding)	-	n/a	
Internal Signage (Rules & Regulations)	-	Ν	Some signage should be added to indicate ownership and regulations.
Site Features & Conditions			
Sun/Shade	-	Ν	This park would benefit from more shade.
Lighting	-	S	
Site Layout & Lighting (General)	-	Ν	The landscape could be improved for placemaking and user comfort.
Site Security & Vandalism	-	С	
Park Use Separation (Spacing, Fencing, etc.)	-	С	
User Diversity (Age & Ability)	-	S	This park is used mostly for young children and little league sports.

Notes
The playground is closed to public.
Small court that can only be used when the parking lot is clear.
Great safe sledding potential for families

## Leola Library/Upper Leacock Offices

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The designated area to the left is used by the school children is used to play a game called Gaga.



The playground is restricted to the kindergarten classes at the school, but a slide is available to use outside the locked area.



# LEOLA COMMUNITY POOL & PARK

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There are two basketball courts located in the park. The gated basketball court is frequently used by skateboarders.





The pool appears to be in great shape and is frequently used. The benches surrounding the pool are a nice addition that allows for supervision and a place to rest. The pool is exposed, but there are shade structures beyond the end of the pool. The playground within the pool area allows users the opportunity to freely change activities while maintaining supervision in the pool area.





Two large pavilion areas and three individual picnic shelters are equipped with tables and charcoal grills. The two large pavilions also have electrical outlets. The pavilion pictured to the right also houses the park bathrooms.



There are multiple playgrounds located throughout the park. Some of the equipment is outdated. Shade is also lacking around the playground.

The walking path should be widened to accommodate walkers and users of the fitness loop. The path is also very straight and could meander to add interest.







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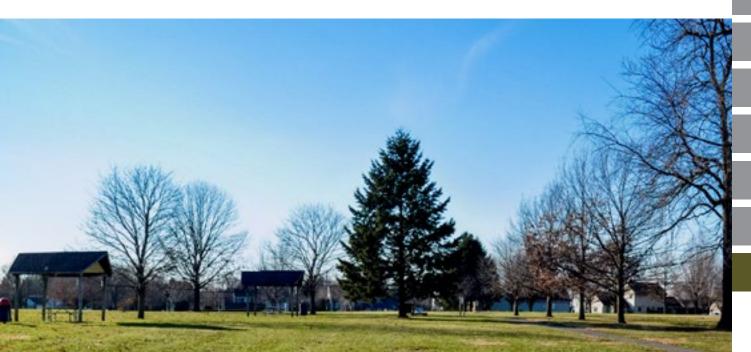
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## Leola Community Pool & Park

## Park Type

Location	23 E Main St, Leola, PA 17540		
Acres	N/A		
Primary Use	POOL, PICNICKING, PASSIVE RECREATION		

## Ownership

Upper Leacock

## Hours

Dawn to Dusk

		Condition	
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	N=Needs improvement S= Satisfactory C=Commendable	Notes
Access & Circulation			
Pedestrian Access	-		
Bicycle Access	-		
Hitching Posts	-	n/s	
Bicycle Parking	2	Ν	Bike racks should be moved to a new location.
Internal Circulation	-	Ν	More formal parking would be beneficial during heavy use such as peak pool season.
Park Trail System	-	Ν	The circulation could be improved to connect all use areas.
Vehicular Parking	-	Ν	The path should be widened to 8' and meander for user interest.
Greenway Connectivity & Potential			
Wayfinding & Signage			
Park Identification Signage	2	S	
Internal Signage (Wayfinding)	-	Ν	
Internal Signage (Rules & Regulations)		Ν	Signage could be updated.
Site Features & Conditions			
Sun/Shade	-	S	The individual picnic shelters are nice. For the most part, this park is very exposed.
Lighting	-	S	There is security lighting present.
Site Layout & Lighting (General)	-	S	
Site Security & Vandalism	-	C	
Park Use Separation (Spacing, Fencing, etc.)	-	S	
User Diversity	-	С	A nice mix of recreation opportunities.

		Condition		
	0	N=Needs improvement S= Satisfactory		
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	C=Commendable	Notes	
Architecture & Amenities		real sector of the		
Gymnasium	0	-		
Restrooms/Changing Rooms (Stalls)	1	S	There was no access to the restrooms, but they seem to be in good condition.	
Concession Stand	1	S		
Vending Machines	0	-		
Drinking Fountain	1	S	The fountain was winterized at the time of the evaluation.	
Picnic Shelter/Gazebo	5	С		
Picnic Tables (Sheltered)	30	С		
Picnic Tables (Exposed)	7	S		
Charcoal Grills	5	S		
Electrical Outlets	14	S		
Benches	2	N	More benches should be added around the walking path.	
Pet Waste Stations	0	N	If pets are welcomed in the park, there should be signage and a pet waste station.	
Bleachers	2	С	Bleachers look new and have compliant railings	
Trash Receptacles	-	S		
Recreation Opportunities	l			
Open Space	-	C		
Access to Water Recreation	-	-		
Environmental Feature	-	-		
Cultural/Interpretive Feature	-	-		
Playground (Specify Age)	3	S	Three playground areas for Tots-12. Some of the equipment is outdated.	
Multipurpose Fields (Specify Sport)	0	-		
Basketball Court (Specify Indoor/Outdoor)	2	S		
Tennis Court	2	С		
Baseball (Little League, Tee Ball, etc.)	1	Ν	This field would benefit from programming and routine maintenance.	
Softball	-	-		
Volleyball	1	С		
Pool	1	С	The pool is a great feature and seems to be in great condition.	
	_	-	-	
Sledding Potential	-			
Sledding Potential Fishing Area	-	-		

## B. Demand

## Purpose

This memo 1) outlines the process used for the Live Work Play Analysis conducted as part of the Conestoga Valley Regional Open Space, Greenway, and Recreation Plan, and 2) presents the results of this analysis in the form of six maps of individual factors that contribute to Live Work Play Analysis and one composite map of all six of those factors.

## Methodology

The Live Work Play Analysis model provides a general understanding of expected active transportation and recreational activity by analyzing spatial data representative of origins and destinations in the study area. In the model, Live Work Play is influenced by where people live, work, play, shop, learn, and access transit. The resulting analyses shows where people are likely to walk and bike based upon the demand model inputs.

The Live Work Play Analysis' scoring method is a function of density and proximity. Areas that have more features, and features that are closer together, have higher scores. Low feature density areas, and areas where features are further apart, receive lower scores. Composite demand is calculated by summing all six categories: Live, Work, Play, Shop, Learn, and Access to Transit. All categories are given the same weight in the Composite Demand for Recreation Map.

The analysis reveals high demand areas exist throughout the study area, yet some areas reveal much higher demand than other. Areas with higher demand concentrations are, unsurprisingly, located along major roadways such as Lincoln Hwy E (Route 30), Old Philadelphia Pike (Route 340), New Holland Pike/Main Street (Route 23), and Oregon Pike (Route 272). This concentration of demand is likely attributed to amenities, such as shopping and job opportunities, along these major roadways. Additional hotspots, shown in orange and yellow, located further from these major roadways can be attributed to the existing trail system as well as contributions from the other demand factors included in this analysis.

## Data Inputs

Where People Live: These locations represent potential trip origin locations. More trips can be made in areas with higher population density if conditions are right.

Where People Work: This category represents trip ends for people working in the study area, regardless of residency. Depending on the type of job, employment can act as a trip attractor (i.e., retail stores or cafes), trip generator (i.e., office parks and office buildings), or both.

Where People Play: This category is a combination of recreation land use types and destinations such as parks, trails, and other land open to public recreation.

Where People Shop: This category represents the location of commercial locations in Conestoga Valley. In addition to being locations of employment, these locations also serve as trip ends for people, regardless of residency.

Where People Learn: This category shows the locations of all educational facilities within the region. Including public and private elementary, middle, and high schools, Amish and Mennonite schools, and college campuses.

Where People Access Transit: This category includes transit stops in the study area.

Data Input	Score	Notes	
<b>Live:</b> Population Density	US Census Bureau Population Data: 2016 American Community Survey (ACS)	Computed at the block group level	_
Work: Employment Density	2015 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamic (LEHD), Work-Area Characteristics	Computed at the block level	5
<b>Play:</b> Parks and Trails	Lancaster County GIS Dataset	Existing parks and trails	2
Shop: Commercial Density	2015 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamic (LEHD), Work-Area Characteristics	Computed at the block level	÷
Learn: Schools	Lancaster County GIS Dataset	Public and private elementary, middle, and high schools, Amish and Mennonite schools, and colleges	ī
Transit: Transit Stops	Lancaster County GIS Dataset	Bus stops	ī

## **Key Findings**

There is high demand for active transportation and recreation in the following locations:

- Lincoln Hwy E (Route 30)
- Old Philadelphia Pike (Route 340)
- New Holland Pike/Main Street (Route 23)
- Oregon Pike (Route 272)
- Zooks Corner
- Leacock
- Leola
- Bareville
- Smoketown
- Bird-in-Hand
- Witmer
- Fertility
- Conestoga Woods on the east side of the Conestoga River
- Talmage

Future recommendations should create active transportation and recreation opportunities to connect these hotspots.

## **Results by Factor**

## Where People Live

The "Live" portion of the demand analysis creates a heat map depicting where people live within the study area and assumes the demand for active transportation and recreational opportunities increases as populations densify. The accompanying map indicates higher population densities in the northwest portion of West Earl Township, the north-central portion of Upper Leacock Township in Leola and Bareville north of Main Street (Route 23), the central portion of East Lampeter Township between Lincoln Hwy E (Route 30) and Old Philadelphia Pike (Route 340), and the northern portion of East Lampeter Township in Zooks Corner.

## Where People Work

An analysis of where people work helps determine potential destinations for pedestrians and bicyclists, ultimately contributing to the composite demand for active transportation opportunities in the region. This can also help indicate the need for walking or biking opportunities during a lunch hour or after work around employment locations. This portion of the analysis highlights employment hubs along Lincoln Hwy E (Route 30) and in the western portion of East Lampeter Township, along New Holland Pike/Main Street (Route 23) near the intersection of Snake Hill Rd and between Leola and Bareville within Upper Leacock Township, and in the northwest portion of West Earl Township along Oregon Pike (Route 272).

## Where People Play

An analysis of existing recreational and open space opportunities is an important component of the composite demand for active transportation and recreation within Conestoga Valley. The "Play" portion of the analysis includes public parks, trails, and greenways. The Conestoga River Water Trail, Pennsylvania Bike Route S, and Conestoga Trail are represented along with multiple parks throughout the study area. This analysis reveals increased access to parks in the central portion to East Lampeter Township as well as the north-central portion of Upper Leacock Township near Leola. The "empty" space, such as in the southern areas of West Earl and East Lampeter Townships reveals gaps in the current active transportation and recreation system in Conestoga Valley. Future active transportation and trail routes should consider connecting to existing parks and trails through "gap" areas to help create a cohesive and connected recreational system throughout the study area.

## Where People Shop

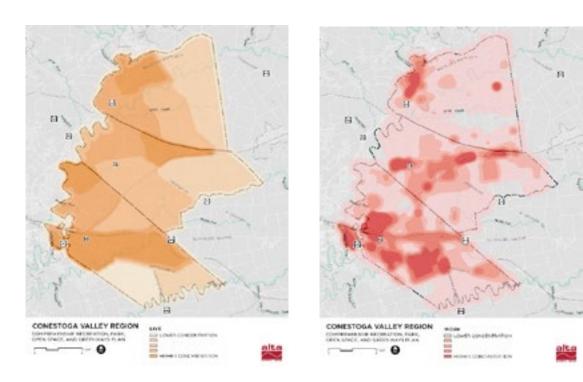
An analysis of where people shop helps provide connections between the local economy and outdoor recreation destinations. This portion of the analysis shows that retail opportunities are concentrated similarly to employment hubs in Conestoga Valley. Shopping locations can be found along Lincoln Hwy E (Route 30) and in the western portion of East Lampeter Township, along New Holland Pike/Main Street (Route 23) in Leola and Bareville within Upper Leacock Township, and along Oregon Pike (Route 272) in West Earl Township.

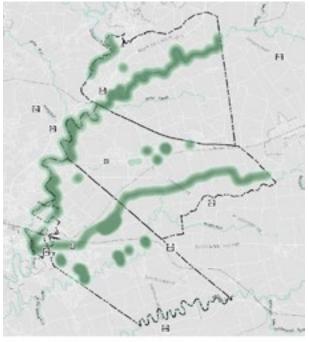
## Where People Learn

The analysis includes the location of public and private elementary, middle, and high schools, Amish and Mennonite schools, and colleges. It assumes educational facilities create a demand for recreational opportunities for students in the surrounding area. This analysis shows there are numerous schools dispersed throughout the study area. Future pedestrian and bicycle connections should consider the location of educational facilities to provide safe connections to and from school for students of all ages.

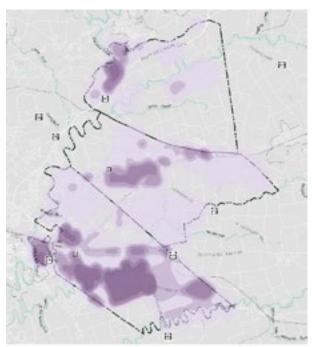
## Where People Access Transit

This portion of this analysis identifies areas where people access transit. The transit system in Conestoga Valley is concentrated to the four major roadways that commonly appear in all categories of this analysis: Lincoln Hwy E (Route 30), Old Philadelphia Pike (Route 340), New Holland Pike/Main Street (Route 23), and Oregon Pike (Route 272).



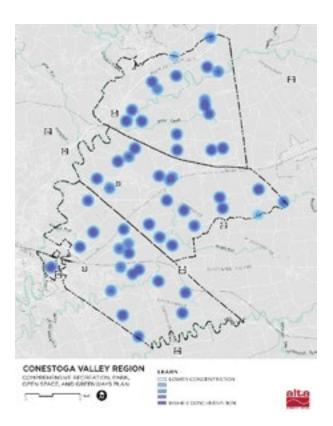


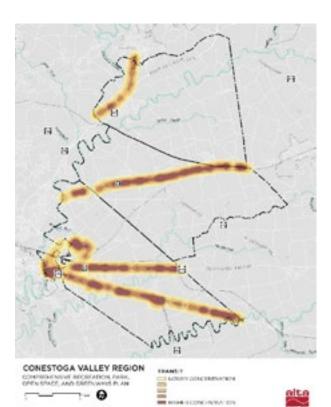
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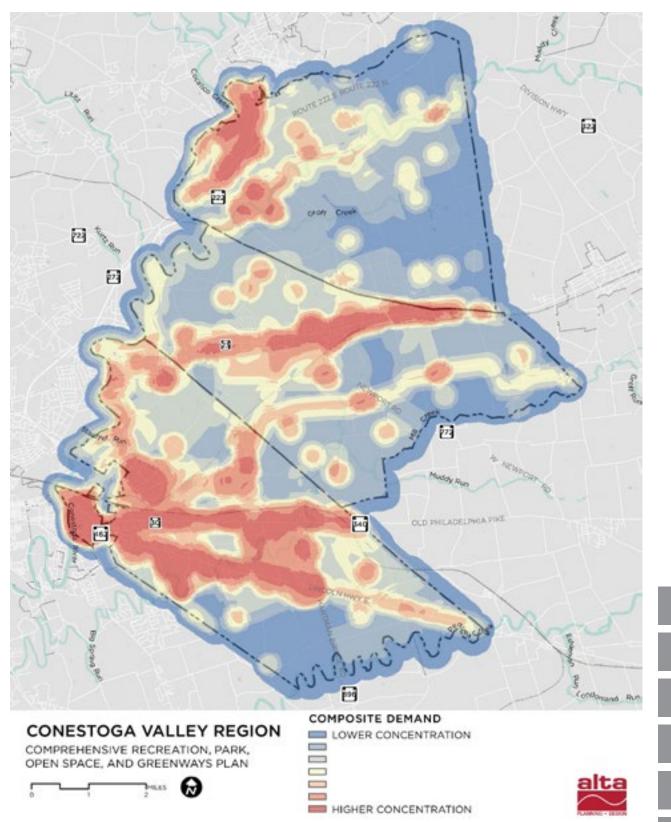


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# C. Equity

## Introduction – Why Consider Equity?

Without access to transportation, people in our community will have a harder time getting to work, buying healthy food, seeing a doctor, going to school, or connecting with others. While all communities offer a variety of ways to get around, not everyone has equal access to a wide range of convenient, safe, and affordable means of transportation. Many communities rely on a variety of modes to connect to basic services that are necessary to live productive, fulfilling, and healthy lives. However, convenient, safe, and affordable transportation options are not always available to those who need them most. Referenced here as communities of concern, the following analysis considers populations who have been historically disadvantaged or are otherwise considered vulnerable to unsafe, disconnected, or incomplete active transportation facilities. These communities—who may experience poor financial, health, and housing circumstances, and/or physical or communication limitations —are prevented from fulfilling basic needs without safe, convenient transportation options.

Transportation facilities are essential components in creating communities of opportunity and reducing the disproportionate economic and health burdens on communities of concern.<sup>4</sup> Often, traditionally vulnerable populations, such as children, older adults, people of color, people with limited English proficiency, and low-income individuals rely heavily on affordable transportation options, specifically walking, biking, and transit.<sup>1–3</sup> Further, many areas with a concentration of low income or non-English speaking populations suffer from an underinvestment in transportation infrastructure. A lack of high-quality walking, biking, and transit facilities can result in unsafe travel conditions and/or long travel times. Uneven distribution of active transportation infrastructure can also provide health, safety, mobility, and economic benefits for those who are more fortunate, while increasing hardships for communities of concern. One way this becomes apparent is in the disparity in the number of collisions involving bicyclists or pedestrians in disadvantaged areas.<sup>26</sup>

In this memorandum, we define the pursuit of equitable outcomes in planning as having two steps: a) Understanding the historic situations that have disadvantaged certain communities, and b) seeking to reduce the impact of those disadvantages by providing these populations with resources to live more healthy lives. By having the resources to provide mobility options all members of a community, communities can experience improved access to jobs, housing, and other critical services. These needs include access to jobs, housing, and other critical services. Equity recognizes that different people experience different barriers to securing their needs.<sup>4</sup> Working towards equity may mean prioritizing active transportation funding in areas with a greater concentration of disadvantaged populations instead of distributing funding equally based on geography.

For Alta's equity analysis process, we have defined the following equity indicators, which are factors derived from US Census data that have historically been connected to disadvantaged and vulnerable populations, including: concentrations of children, older adults, people of color, people with limited English proficiency, households with no access to a vehicle, and low-income individuals. Equity is particularly important for these groups because of their common reliance on active and public transportation, which renders them more vulnerable to poor infrastructure. Alta's equity analysis identifies where the majority of individuals within each indicator reside within Conestoga Valley. Understanding where these individuals are most densely located helps to prioritize transportation improvements to address historic inequities. Increasing transportation opportunities for the communities that most depend on such services improves access to life-enhancing services and opportunities.

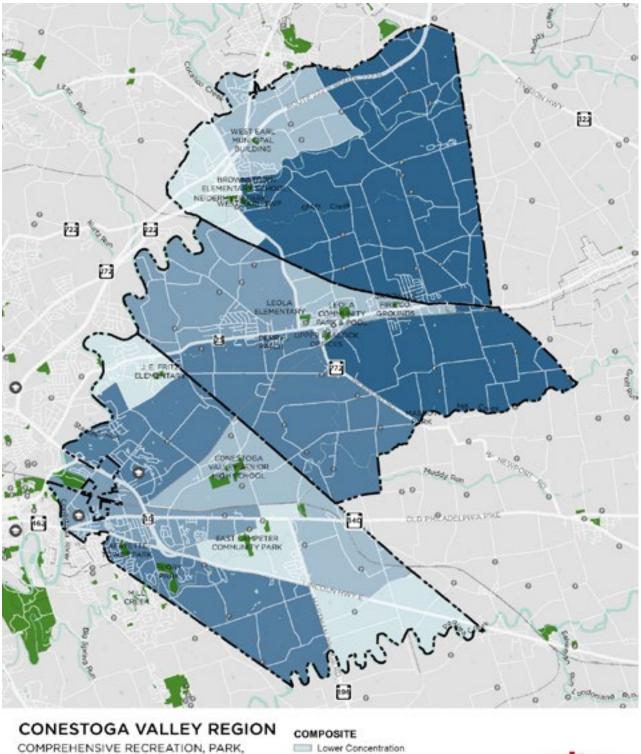
#### Methods

The project team conducted an equity analysis using existing demographic information from the US Census Bureau. All data was obtained from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates and analysis was conducted at the Census Block Group level for Conestoga Valley. Each of the six indicators received equal weight in determining the composite equity score. For this analysis, the following indicators were used:

- Race: This indicator measures the percentage of the population that identifies as non-white.
- Age Children and Senior Citizens: Individuals under the age of 18 and over the age of 65 comprise this indicator. These two age groups are displayed separately to better identify the differing needs of these populations.
- **Income**: This indicator measures individuals of working age living at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, which is a threshold set by the U.S. Census Bureau and is updated annually.
- Educational Attainment: This indicator represents the percentage of the population over 25 years of age that does not have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Limited English Proficiency (LEP): This indicator measures the percentage of the population that identifies as not speaking English well or at all.
- Access to a Vehicle: This indicator measures the percentage of household who do not have regular access to a vehicle.

The equity analysis demonstrates relative need for transportation investments based on concentrations of the populations listed above. Results for each Census Block Group are based on a comparison to all Census Block Group within the study area in order to provide greater context for the relative need identified through these indicators. For each Census Block Group, the equity score reflects the distance from the mean of the comparative geography.

All indicators help identify where populations that may have specific mobility needs (youth and elderly populations, no access to a vehicle) or have historically been disadvantaged (LEP, Race, Income, Education) live within the study area. These populations may rely on active transportation networks for daily trips, access to services or recreational facilities. While this analysis does not directly assess access to existing facilities, the results identify areas where more facilities may be needed or access to existing facilities should be improved. The project team can use the resulting maps to identify focus areas for new investments that may address equity needs.



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#### Equity Analysis Results and Discussion

The following discussion explains why each indicator is utilized, the observed trends in Conestoga Valley, and implications for network recommendations based on each indicator.

#### COMPOSITE EQUITY

The composite equity analysis displays the sum of the results from each of the indicators explored above. Higher relative need is found in the northeast portion of the study area, largely focused in the eastern portions of the West Earl and Upper Leacock Townships. The recommendations included in this Plan will consider the results of this analysis to ensure more vulnerable populations in need of active transportation and recreation infrastructure to access daily amenities and improve levels of quality of life will have access to these types facilities in Conestoga Valley in the future. Investing in active transportation facilities in these areas of highest need will likely improve access to health and economic advancing opportunities.

#### Race: Non-White Population

**Rationale:** Racial or ethnic minorities are more likely to live in areas with poor or limited active transportation facilities, educational opportunities, job resources, and healthy food outlets.<sup>1,6</sup> They tend to be more dependent on transit and active transportation; black individuals are more than four times and Hispanics three times as likely to not have access to a household car compared to their white counterparts, regardless of income.<sup>7</sup> In turn, these deficits exacerbate the disproportionate health burdens communities of color experience. Lastly, communities of color experience a greater proportion of pedestrian crashes and have increased risk of mortality after pedestrian injury.<sup>9,10</sup> Therefore, increasing active transportation facilities and connectivity may promote physical activity, enhance economic opportunities, and increase transportation safety.

**Findings:** Non-white populations range from 0% of a Block Group's population to 41.9% in Conestoga Valley; however, the Conestoga Valley mean is around 15%. Higher concentrations of non-white populations are located within the central portion of West Earl Township and the western portion of East Lampeter Township.

**Recommendations:** Increased access to active transportation and recreation opportunities should be considered in these areas, especially in areas away from existing transit service. Facilities around large employers and key services, such as health care and quality food outlets, should be considered as a priority.<sup>1</sup> Facility planning, designing and implementation should be done with special attention to input and ideas from communities of color.<sup>6</sup>

#### Age: Under 18

**Rationale:** The population under 18 years of age is thought to have higher active transportation infrastructure need because they have less access to motor vehicles and may rely more on alternative modes of transportation. Other youth-related vulnerabilities may include lacking knowledge of safe travel behaviors; greater susceptibility to environmental exposures, such as damage caused to developing bodies through emissions; and difficulty navigating poorly-designed areas.<sup>1</sup> Youth especially need safe transportation to/from places to be physically active and to build social connections.<sup>1</sup> Research on transportation facilities shows that road design and sidewalk conditions determine youth physical activity; safe crossings, well-built sidewalks, and traffic calming strategies are all associated with greater physical activity in youth.<sup>11</sup> Promoting physical activity in youth is important for physical and social development, boosting academic achievement and self-esteem, and preventing costly chronic diseases.<sup>12</sup> Further, physical and cognitive development impact a child's ability to safely walk and bicycle in a high traffic scenario.<sup>30,31</sup> For younger children in particular, this means that children lack proficiency in actions such as scanning for traffic and identifying safe locations for crossing. Areas with high concentrations of youth populations will benefit from improved crossing conditions and additional separated facilities.

**Findings:** Youth comprise larger portions of the population throughout the northeast portion of Conestoga Valley and in a majority of the Block Groups in West Earl Township. Youth also have a high presence in the eastern part of Upper Leacock Township and the southern part of East Lampeter Township. Youth comprise between 24.3% and 62.3% of the population across all Block Groups, with a mean of 43.1%.

**Recommendations:** For Block Groups with higher youth populations, especially in the northeast portion of the study area, connections to active transportation networks that do not require use of a vehicle should be considered. Additionally, connections to youth community gathering hubs, such as schools, community centers, shopping malls, and green spaces should receive particular attention.<sup>1</sup>

#### Age: Over 65

**Rationale:** The population over 65 years of age may have more mobility needs than the general adult population, specifically in that they may require more alternatives to driving. Older adults increasingly depend on active transportation modes, such as using public transit, walking and/or biking when they decrease or stop driving. Prioritizing active transportation needs enables older adults to maintain positive well-being, despite the onset of functional limitations.<sup>13</sup> Walkable access to adequate public transportation is essential for older adults to maintain their daily activities and independence.<sup>14</sup> Additionally, safe, walkable communities that promote physical activity help prevent or delay chronic diseases such as arthritis, osteoporosis and diabetes in older adults.<sup>15</sup> As 61% of American adults ages 65 years or older have at least one activity-based limitation, creating communities where older adults can safely be active and access necessary resources is crucial to the future prevention of such disability.<sup>16</sup> Lastly, older adults are especially vulnerable to social isolation, which can result in significant declines in physical health; increasing walkability enhances older adults' ability to connect with others.<sup>2,14</sup>

**Findings:** The concentration of population over the age of 65 has both similar and different spatial distributions to that of the population under the age of 18 depending on the township. Similar to the youth population, there is a high conentration of people over the age of 65 in the northeast portion of West Ear Township. The senior population in East Lampeter Township, however, is concentrated closer to the City of Lancaster in the western portion of the Township. Block groups range from 2.9% to 33.8%, with a mean of 16.1%. Higher concentrations of those over the age of 65 are in close proximity to some of the existing active transportation and recreation networks.

**Recommendations:** Connections to recreational trails and basic service hubs, such as grocery stores and medical services, should be considered, whether via additional protected facilities or through transit access.<sup>2</sup> Ensuring connectivity for accessing public transit systems should also be considered,<sup>1</sup> specifically through imrproved pedestrian and bicycle facilities between residential areas and transit stops.

#### Income: Poverty

**Rationale:** Poverty is a socioeconomic vulnerability, linked with disproportionate exposure to poor housing, homelessness, and limited access to resources, such as transportation services, quality food, recreation facilities and health care facilities.<sup>1,17,18</sup> With transportation costs, especially those associated with vehicle ownership, often comprising the second largest portion of an individual's income (second to housing), reduced access to transit and active transportation networks may lead to greater reliance on an automobile and therefore have significant financial impacts on poor households.<sup>29</sup> Populations with higher levels of poverty may have limited access to vehicles and rely more on active transportation networks to access daily trips. Of U.S. residents with incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), 32% overall do not have access to a household vehicle.<sup>7</sup> Comparatively, 55% of Black and 39% of Hispanic individuals at or below the 200% FPL do not have such access.<sup>7</sup> Even with increased dependence on non-automotive transportation, low-income residential areas are often less walkable, a condition that creates barriers to living safe, social, and active lives.<sup>1,18</sup> Lastly, children living in low socioeconomic status areas are more likely to experience traffic injuries and more likely to die from traffic injuries than children in more affluent areas.<sup>19</sup> Increasing low-income residents' active transportation facilities can improve access to economic and educational opportunities, improve health through increased physical activity, and promote safety.<sup>20,21</sup>

**Findings:** Block Groups in various portions of the Townships have higher concentrations of households at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. While the lowest percentage of households within a Block Group is around 14.6%,

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the highest is 64.8%, with the mean falling closer to 32.5%. Higher concentrations of these populations can be found in the southern portion of East Lampeter Township, the eastern portion of Upper Leacock Township, and the southern portion of West Earl Township.

**Recommendation:** With some of the higher concentrations of populations at or below 200% of the poverty level located away from existing facilities, improvements to connectivity and coverage of networks should provide for utilitarian trips, specifically to schools, food outlets, employment centers, social services and health centers. Traffic calming around high-traffic corridors common in low-income communities should be considered.<sup>18</sup>

#### Education: No High School Diploma or Equivalent

**Rationale:** Nationwide those without high school diplomas have the highest rates of walking and the second highest rates of biking to and from work.<sup>3</sup> These individuals may depend on walking and biking due to financial constraints and lack of adequate and/or convenient transportation options. Educational attainment, as a socioeconomic indicator, correlates with income levels. Therefore, although this population is most likely to walk to work, individuals without high school diplomas tend to live in areas without adequate biking and walking facilities.<sup>1</sup> Boosting active transportation resources in areas where these individuals reside could promote increased access to educational resources and job opportunities.

**Findings:** Populations without a high school diploma are primarily found in the northeast part of Conestoga Valley. The Block Group percentages of the population without a high school diploma ranges from 0% to 45.1%, with a mean of 20.9% across Conestoga Valley. The concentration is slightly higher within West Earl Township, where the mean is 29.9%.

**Recommendation:** A greater provision of facilities that accommodate recreational and utilitarian trips may require additional consideration of access and network coverage. Specific consideration should focus on connections to/from multipurpose or joint uses of life-long educational resources, community centers and health care facilities.<sup>1</sup>

#### Limited English Proficiency

**Rationale:** Individuals with Limited-English Proficiency (LEP), or who identify as not speaking English well or at all, tend to rely more on active transportation as their primary means of transportation than the average English speaker.<sup>20,22</sup> General low economic status of LEP individuals may correlate with low car ownership rates and high reliance on active transportation facilities.<sup>23</sup> Given low car ownership and poor active transportation conditions, immigrants and LEP individuals are more likely to walk and ride along roads that lack appropriate biking and walking facilities, forcing individuals into unsafe transportation situations.<sup>20</sup> Therefore, access to active transportation services is critical for LEP individuals to access basic employment and other necessities.<sup>23</sup> Further, LEP individuals are less likely to participate in decision-making processes, in part due to barriers caused by limited English proficiency and in part due to the correlation with low-income status and implications of work schedule.<sup>24</sup>

**Findings:** In general, areas with higher concentrations of limited-English proficiency are found in the southern portion of West Earl Township and the southwest portion of East Lampeter Township. Block Groups range from having 0% of the population identify as limited-English up to nearly 11% of the population. Those Block Groups that display as having higher need are those with up to 11% of the population having limited-English proficiency. However, the mean percentage in Conestoga Valley wide is just over 2%.

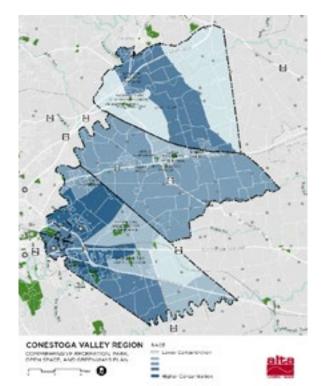
**Recommendation:** Additional, multilingual outreach is needed in communities with high LEP concentrations in order to better understand active transportation access needs.<sup>24,25</sup> Engaging LEP communities using focus groups in the policy, planning, and designing processes may assist in creating more appealing transportation improvements.<sup>1</sup> LEP populations may be less likely to engage in planning processes because of language barriers and language exclusion, and if so, they may not be as likely to advocate for active transportation facilities in their area.<sup>25</sup>

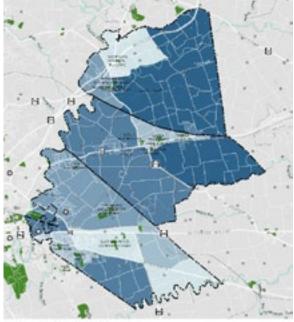
#### Access to a Motor Vehicle

**Rationale:** In less urbanized locations, specifically those with limited transit access and coverage, access to a motor vehicle carries strong implications for one's ability to reach employment, access healthy foods, and reach basic services.<sup>27</sup> A diverse transportation system that offers multiple modes, including transit, bicycling, and walking, reduces reliance on automobiles and can provide for more equitable access to services.<sup>20</sup> Providing access via quality walking and bicycling infrastructure is one method for increasing equity in access for locations with limited vehicle availability.<sup>20</sup> Studies have also found that access to a motor vehicle improves employment rates, as it provides a reliable means to commute to work.<sup>27</sup>The addition of safe and comfortable walking and biking routes, as well as developing improved connections to transit, have the ability to also serve as a reliable means to commute to work. This has the potential to alleviate the necessity of a motor vehicle to reach employment opportunities.

**Findings:** In general, areas with higher concentrations of no motor vehicle access are found in the northeast portion of Conestoga Valley with multiple Block Groups in West Earl Township and Upper Leacock Township having high concentrations of households without access to a motor vehicle. Block Groups range from having 0% of households not having access to a motor vehicle, up to nearly 31% of the population. However, the mean percentage in Conestoga Valley is just over 12% and somewhat higher at 16% within the West Earl and Upper Leacock Townships.

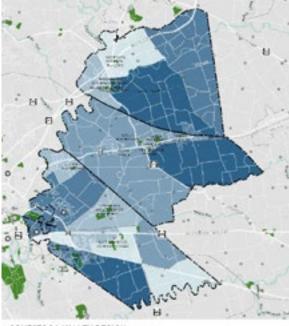
**Recommendation:** Facility development should be considered in areas with limited access to vehicles. Implementation of safe walking and bicycling connections to transit centers can facilitate transit access, while low-stress facilities, such as separated trails, may better connect more rural locations employment centers, schools, and quality food centers.





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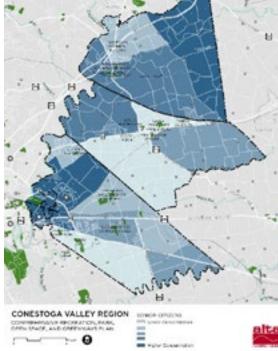




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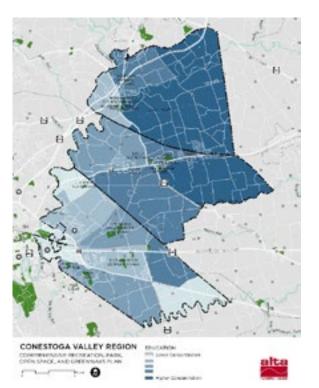
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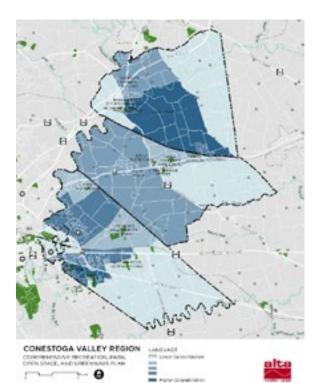
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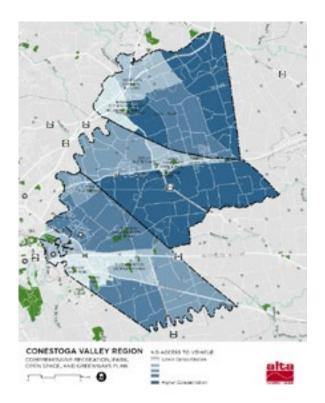


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## D. Events

#### Conestoga Valley Senior High School Spring Vocal & Band Concert

On May 11th 2018, members of the project team attended the annual Conestoga Valley Senior High School Spring Vocal and Band Concert. Alta set up displays outside of the auditorium to inform residents and facilitate feedback on the Conestoga Valley Parks & Recreation Plan. Alta prepared a visual preference survey poster that stated "Choose your future park activities" and posed the question, "What would you like to see offered in the Conestoga Valley Region?" Participants were then instructed to place colored stickers below the activities which they would like to see brought to the Conestoga Valley Region. These activities ranged from wildlife viewing to organized outdoor fitness classes. Concert attendees were excited to participate in this activity and valuable feedback was collected from this effort. The concert gave the project team the opportunity to collect feedback from parents, children, and faculty who live and work in the Conestoga Valley Region. A diverse pool of participants is valuable to the planning process because it lends a complete and well-rounded list of community needs and preferences. The top six activities identified during the visual preference survey included "Water Access," "Wildlife Viewing," "Basketball," "Art and Culture Classes," "Fitness Court," and "Community Festivals". The activities in which people were least interested included "Community Fitness Classes, and "Adult Sports Leagues."

The second public input activity during the concert involved willing participants to identify potential greenway and trail connections throughout the study area. Unfortunately, this activity was not as successful as the visual preference survey and only a few concertgoers participated. The few who did participate were asked to draw lines where they thought potential trails should be, which connect various areas of interest throughout the Conestoga Valley Region. Residents identified desired connections between Gibbons Park at Nolt's Mill and the Goat Path. The Spring Concert may have not been the most appropriate venue for this activity because interest and participation were low. An evaluation of this activity after the engagement event revealed that more passive event such as a fair or cookout on a weekend may yield more promising results from this activity. The schedule for the Spring Concert which fell on a weeknight likely deterred participation.

In addition to both visual preference surveys, the project team displayed "Benefits Board" which described the benefits of parks and open space which include health, economic, and academic benefits. Flyers containing a link to the online public survey were also distributed to concert attendees.

#### Conestoga Valley Senior High School Spirit Rally & Bonfire

On October 3rd 2018, the project team attended the Conestoga Valley High School Spirit Rally and Bonfire. At the bonfire, the team was able to listen to residents and learn more about what they want to see in their future parks and recreation amenities. This was also another opportunity for the project team to generate more buzz about the plan and inform the public on its progress. The spirit rally was sponsored by the school's chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving.

The event was well attended by Conestoga Valley residents who were very active in the participation process at the event. The same visual preference survey from the spring concert was utilized and repeated to increase the sample size of the input gathered during the May 11th event.

To attract more residents to the visual preference survey, glow necklaces and minidisc golf discs (donated by East Lampeter Township), were given out to participants. These handouts encouraged younger Conestoga Valley residents to participate in the survey. By attracting children to the table, the project team was also able to engage their parents.

Approximately 100 residents participated in the visual preference survey. Results from this round of public input varied slightly from the results from the engagement effort on May 11th. This variance is likely due to the increased sample size and the diversity of participants. The top five activities identified during this visual preference survey was "Archery" (28), "Multi-Purpose Fields" (23 responses), "Water Access" (21 responses), "Bike Trails" (write-in 20 responses) and "Basketball" (19 responses). The least desired activities were "Skate Parks" (6 responses), "Art and Culture Classes" (6 responses), "Public Gardens" (5 responses), "Rifle Ranges" (1 response), and "Community Fitness Classes" (0 responses).

The data gathered from the event was aggregated with the previous engagement effort and was also compared with the online survey to make recommendations that best suit the recreation needs and desires of the Conestoga Valley Region.

## E. Meetings

### Youth & School Sports Organization Interview

- Dave Hartlaub Physical Education Teacher
- Todd Scheetz Junior Varsity Soccer Coach and Teacher
- Dina Henry CVHS Athletic Director

All of the interviewees were employed by the school district but are also involved in youth sports as volunteers or board members.

The purpose of the interviews was to identify challenges, concerns, and gaps pertaining to youth sports in the Conestoga Valley. These identified issues inform the recommendations within the plan. Additionally, the interviewees were asked general questions about recreation offerings in the region.

Youth and academic athletics are by far the dominant form of recreation in the Conestoga Valley region. The majority of organized sports in the region take place in athletic fields located on school district property. All scheduling of the High School and Middle School sports facilities are coordinated and scheduled by the District Athletic Director.

Although scheduling of the Districts facilities is challenging, currently there are adequate facilities to accommodate the current demand of organized youth sports. There are concerns about the current School District focused model, due to stress to the sports fields. There are also concerns that having the large majority of youth athletics at the schools deter youth from participating in regular youth sports. This is due to youth sports acting more like a prelude to varsity sports and less separate from school activities. It was mentioned that kids tend to "burn out" before reaching the high school sports level. Another concern related to youth leagues is the rising costs of registration being cost prohibitive to lower-income families. It also seems that there is community interest for additional leagues to include: Volleyball, Field Hockey and Golf. Addition of these leagues may put stress on the current inventory of facilities.

The conversation also led to a general discussion of recreation, park facilities, and programming in the region, especially outdoor activities, events, and programs. It was stated that the CVHS Homecoming Bonfire is the largest community event in the region, and there is a strong desire for more public events in local parks. Addition of outdoor recreation programming for youth during the summer is in high demand.

SUMMARY:

- Sports facilities meet the current demand for youth sports
- The is a desire for more organized athletics at the local parks and Elementary Schools
- The volunteer pool of parents for youth sports is declining
- Summer Recreation offerings in the parks are in high demand
- Field Maintenance is an issue on both CVSD fields and fields in the public parks

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

TROY BRESCH - PARKS SUPERINTENDENT - EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

Troy was selected for the interview due to his in-depth knowledge of the Township's parks, as well as his experience with the Public Works Departments equipment capabilities, and current staffing, both of which are critical to the day to day operation of the Township's park assets.

Troy explained that the Township has a regular maintenance routine that ensures the park system is maintained to a high standard. The public works department works with the Township's leadership to make sure necessary upgrades to existing facilities are performed within the allowed annual budget. Regular Maintenance includes: edging and mulching two parks per year, weekly mowing during the warm seasons, and annual maintenance of the wooden structures within the parks. The most intense maintenance for the parks is housekeeping. Troy spends much of his time cleaning up the parks and performing litter clean-up. When asked about what additional facilities and amenities could be added to the township's system, Troy explained that all but one of the parks is built-out. Troy identified Flory park as the park within the township that has space available for additional amenities and programmable areas.

#### SUMMARY:

- Build volunteer pool to help with park clean-ups
- Current Maintenance demands are managed well
- The "northern end" of East Lampeter Township Community Park could use an additional recreation facility to serve that area

#### **DISCOVER LANCASTER**

JOEL CLIFF - DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY

Discover Lancaster has been in existence since 1958 and serves as an economic catalyst for the community through helping create jobs, enhance amenities within the community, and bolster tourism-driven tax revenues within the entire County. Discover Lancaster also serves local businesses and municipalities by marketing their special events and services. The organization's website sees over 2 million hits per year, reaches 10-12 million people per year through the press, and has over 850,000 social media followers. The greatest tourism draws from a park and recreation perspective are the running and cycling races, sports tournaments, festivals, and trails. Trends in recreation and tourism include dog-friendly facilities, events, and trails that have stops and amenities built along with them such as restaurants, breweries, and parks. Special events such as marathons, festivals and mud sales are also wildly popular with tourists. When asked what changes could be made to the Conestoga Valley Region to better cater to events, Joel recommended improved on-road multimodal facilities designed for cyclists of all ability levels, more venues for special events (weddings), and more Agriculture related festivals and special events.

#### SUMMARY:

- The CV Region should communicate special events and activities with Discover Lancaster.
- Special Events that cater to both locals and tourists may help to generate more revenue for the local community. On-road cycling and running races could attract both locals and tourists.
- The region should continue to highlight its agricultural heritage to leverage tour-ism-generated tax dollars.

#### THE HIGH FOUNDATION

ROBIN STAUFFER - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Robin Stauffer has been the Executive Director of the High Foundation since 2005 and has worked with the High Family since 1985. The High Foundation as its known today was formed in 2010, succeeding a similar organization founded in 1980. The following is a description of the organization from its website: "The primary goal of the Foundation is to bridge the gap from poverty to sustainability. Through grant programs, the Foundation engages with community groups and other stakeholders with a common interest in eliminating poverty and increasing vibrancy in the Lancaster community and beyond." The foundation is headquartered in East Lampeter Township and concentrates its philanthropic activities locally. Annually the foundation contributes over one million dollars to improve the lives of people who live and work in the Lancaster area.

The foundation sees the importance of parks and recreation in the area but doesn't often have the opportunity to fund park and recreation improvements. The grants awarded by the foundation mostly focus on capital improvements, not operational or maintenance funding. The High Foundation awards grants on a yearly basis and awards are given by the organization's board of trustees.

#### SUMMARY:

- The High Foundation directly improves the lives of residents of the Lancaster area through its philanthropic efforts.
- The foundation grants awards for capital improvements in the region.

#### Meeting Notes - Conestoga Valley Region

#### Steering Committee

Location: East Lampeter Township Offices

Date/Time: April 17, 2019

Attending: Corey B. Meyer, Darrel Siesholtz, John Leen, Ralph Hutchison, Diane Tyson

Notes by: Liam Cleary, Adam Supplee



Meeting notes:	Action Items	
<ul> <li>Brief overview of Plan status, and updates</li> </ul>	•	
Discussion of NRPA Metrics, community comparisons	•	
Public input summary, discussion about Key person interviews	•	
Recommendations discussions	<ul> <li>Recommendations to be tabled: Smoketown Recreation Center. This location is not appropriate, but recommendation for a Rec. Center (long-term) should be included.</li> </ul>	
•	<ul> <li>Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market: residents are knowledgeable about the region's agriculture; these kinds of facilities are not appropriate.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Programming Recommendations discussions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The list of programs should be reviewed to identify conflicts (ex. No 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks)</li> </ul>	

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Conestoga Valley Region Comprehensive Recreation, Park, Open Space, and Greenways Plan

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Alta Staff and Project Steering Committee	https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oOLndf4MktViKZxCr_5aJGPg9Ar 6WLF_T7WYNMrsY6w/edit?usp=sharing
FTP Site	<ul> <li>location <u>https://alta.brickftp.com</u></li> <li>username ConestogaClient</li> <li>password BuckSkins8845</li> </ul>
Project Website	TBD

## **ROLLING AGENDA 11/20**

#### **KICK OFF MEETING**

#### 20 NOV 2017 / 2:00 PM / LOCATION East Lampeter Township Building

#### 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike Lancaster, PA 17602

#### **ATTENDEES (Please sign in)**

Corey Meyer, Diane Tyson, John Smucker, Phyllis Heverly Flesher, Brad Deise, Melissa Miklus, Adam Supplee, Darrel Siesholtz, Ralph Hutchison, Chris Brown

#### AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Please share your name, organization, and why you want to be involved in this process
- Outcomes and Objectives

- If you had to share three main outcomes of this plan, what would they be? What do you expect out of the planning process? What will this final product do for you and your community?
  - Howl Leaman Upper Leacock Township
    - Upper Leacock most mileage on the GOAT path
    - More unified and better planned process
  - John Smucker School District
    - School Board = best serve constituents
    - GOAT path connections
  - Phyllis Heverly Flesher School District
    - Color runs, Relay for Life
    - School is the connection for multiple communities
    - Open space and parks would alleviate pressure to program and staff events
    - Schools open to public dusk until dawn
    - Point of contact for schools is the athletic director for sports organizations
    - Youth fields lines differently than schools
    - Bucks County has a sensory park for children with autism, parks that provide an opportunity for partnership
    - Amenities that are outside the school's mission should be included in the parks
    - Schools is really hosting youth sports, not for adult leagues
    - Facebook page exists for youth baseball and other sports
    - Nothing existing for the adult sports
    - Conestoga Valley Youth Sports
  - Ralph Hutchison East Lampeter
    - Actions steps to implement the plan
    - Public support needed
    - Environmental aspect to the implementation of new facilities MS4
    - Gibbons park
      - Stream Restoration in MS4 plan
  - Corey Meyer East Lampeter
    - Youth Sports go-to
    - Heavy user of rec areas
    - Ability to have recreation in the community can really help with a lot of community issues

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- Want to know how much money over how many years to get exactly what is planned implemented
- Darrel Siesholtz East Lampeter Planning Commission
  - Citizen and community inclusive (how to pull people in)
  - Plan that is understandable and does not need translation
  - Readily acceptable and adoptable without a lot of haggle
  - Clear roles and responsibilities
  - Meets the current needs, but also addresses the future
  - Continuity something that will stay with the kids as they grow and sustainable structure for volunteers and recreation users
  - Affordable and accessible recreation
  - Pool is 8/day with membership available, tax supported
  - Pool is a constant drain on the area
  - Some hotels have pools that you can pay into and some HOAs have community pools
  - Two YMCAs, one in West Lampeter
- Diane Tyson East Lampeter Park Board
  - Bought a new park with Flory only half developed (plan in place for 20 years)
  - GOAT path
  - What is the best use to develop the existing park
  - Partnerships are need, schools, public/private
  - Void for existing adult recreation
  - More passive recreation than active recreation
  - Want to develop a better sense of community
  - What would be the cutting edge approach? How can we be the model for other communities
  - Non-public schools fracturing the sense of community
  - Need community identity
  - Community Center was a non-profit with no municipal support and resources were limited (funding).
  - Business Park is a rec. Facility
- Chris Brown Upper Leacock Planning
  - New ideas and fresh ideas
  - Looking at things differently push the envelope
  - Implementation and legibility rack card style of information and opportunities

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- We need graphics that can show the community potential to get them excited
- Melissa's Summary
  - Need to create a centralized information outlet
  - Need to create a community engagement strategy
  - Need clear roles and action steps
- Planning Process
  - Process
  - Melissa to touch base with Tara next week to discuss data
- Base Data Review + Inventory
  - o Data
  - Diane doesn't want to spend a lot of time on West Earl in the plan since they chose not to be a part of this process, Melissa suggested including the parks in the service area but no deep dive into site evaluation matrix
  - Parks Opportunities and Constraints?
    - \*(EL) Flory Park 43.93 acres
      - Include in Inventory and EValuation
    - \*(EL) Lafayette-Tower Park (and Fire Co Grounds) 18.37 acres
      - Include in Inventory and EValuation
    - \*(EL) East Lampeter Township Community Park 27.33 acres
      - Include in Inventory and EValuation
    - \*(EL) Gibbons Park at Nolt's Mill (called Farm Market Park in shapefile) -14.94 acres
      - Master Plan
    - \*(UL) Leola Community Park + Pool 19.42 acres
      - Include in Inventory and EValuation
    - \*(WE) West Earl Community Park (called West Earl Municipal Building in shapefile) - 6.51 acres
      - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
    - \*(WE) Stone Quarry Park (called Neidermeyer Park in shapefile) 10.46 acres
      - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
    - \*(WE) West Earl Township Park 8.87 acres
      - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
    - Conestoga Valley High School 106.93 acres
      - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)

- Gerald G. Huesken Middle School (this is lumped together with Conestoga Valley Senior High School)
  - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
- Brownstone Elementary 9.87 acres
  - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
  - J. E. Fritz Elementary 12.98 acres
    - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
- Leola Elementary 15.74 acres
  - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
- Smoketown Elementary 15.68 acres
  - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
- Mill Creek 12.91 acres
  - Include in Inventory and EValuation
- Bareville Fire Co Grounds 5.11 acres
  - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
- Mascot Park 0.34 acres
  - Include in Inventory and EValuation
- Berry Patch 0.48 acres
  - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS) HOA
- Cobbler Court 1.43 acres
  - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS) HOA
- Upper Leacock Offices 11.95 acres
- Weavertown Mennonite Schools 2.79 acres
  - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
  - (ADD) Lancaster Mennonite School
    - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
- (ADD)Locust Grove
  - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
- (ADD) Lancaster County Christian
  - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
- (ADD)Greenfield Corporate Park
  - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
- (ADD)Pennsylvania college of health science
  - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
- (ADD)Harrisburg Community College
  - Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)
- (ADD)Tanger Outlets has a new path that leads to playground

#### • Inventory (NO ANALYSIS)

Other Amish schools with recreation – how engaged should we be? Invite them to be part of the process – there is a sense that we should not list their schools. How can we engage the Amish?

- $\circ$  Trails
- Programs
- Events
- Review <u>Site Evaluation Matrix</u>
  - Connectivity park to park and within
  - Add connectivity to the matrix
  - Parking good/bad
  - Park signage keep
  - Internal Signage Keep
  - Restrooms Keep
  - Separate benches and picnic tables to inventory
  - Picnic tables in the open and picnic tables under shelter
  - Show that no municipalities owned gymnasium, Upper Peacock has a very small one
  - Schools have gyms, but do not count towards inventory
  - Separate softball and baseball # of backstops
  - Categorize the different types (sizes) of ball fields
  - Inventory multipurpose fields # of soccer/lacrosse/football/field hockey goals
  - No bocce
  - No shuffleboard
  - No horseshoes not used
  - Park use separation keep
  - Safety will be considered but not a full formal safety report
  - General assessment of landscaping keep
  - Site security and vandalism keep (restrooms have been locked at Laola park and port o potties added instead
  - User diversity may be noted but added to challenges/ opportunities later
  - Add Hitching post
  - Add Bike rack
  - Add Vending machines/ concessions
  - ADA/ Handicap
  - Sledding

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- Add trails as a separate category
- Add lighting
  - Existing? Condition?
- Add posted rules and regulations
- Add dog waste receptacles (dog poop bags)
- Electrical outlets
- Volleyball, basketball courts
- Playground equipment
- Boat access to streams/rivers
- Fishing access
- Charcoal grills
- Water fountains
- building/gazebo
- Fencing
- Trash receptacles #
- bleachers

Any existing plans? (No, waiting on priority list)

Flory Park is intended to be used at night for recreation.

- Community Comparison
  - Sister Community?
    - Lampeter-Strasburg
    - Warwick Township
    - Manheim Township
  - Aspirational Community?
    - Manheim Township's sports complex (Weaver Road
      - http://lancasteronline.com/news/new-manheim-township-sports-complex -is-gamefully-employed/article\_a41d58ed-4a92-54a1-855f-448541730130.h tml
      - .
- Mission, Vision, Goals
  - Reviewed but more critical look at a later date
  - Plan Goals vs. Committee Goals
  - What type of entity is responsible for implementing this plan?
  - Mission Should there be a unified mission?
  - Vision Should there be a unified vision?

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- What is the vision of this plan?
- Goals of the Project Discuss
  - Provide a regional approach to recreation including the use of facilities and programming and integrating recommendations from existing and future recreation plans and studies.
  - Provide a broad range of recreational programs for all ages including sports, cultural, informal gatherings, and community festivals / celebrations.
  - Provide a regional parks system that will be available to the region's citizenry, including areas for passive (greenways, trails/paths, picnicking) and active recreation.
  - Provide the administrative structure and support to implement the regional recreation approach.
  - Provide particular emphasis on activities and events to gather people of the region together.
- Public Input
  - Build a public outreach toolkit
  - Setup project website
  - Timeframe for public input survey open for 3 months (with holiday maybe 4 months)
  - Evaluate the survey once a month
  - Push at start, push after Christmas, push close to March (survey)
  - What do we want to know?
  - Who do we ask?
    - Name the Goat Path (Contest?)
  - Opportunities to reach the community?
    - Two weeks senior citizen breakfast 200+ people (Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>) with concert to follow
    - Coasters at Funks? (Bar survey)
    - Chick Fil A community nights
    - Alta Community Events Includes:
      - Booth
        - Cars with website info
        - On site survey
        - Project Boards

- What would you like to see in a new park?
- No big event to piggyback as of now maybe create an event
- High family leadership center brand new, organize a tour/ open house
- (Skeleton of website as soon as possible)
- Plan an open house event in January with some survey information already collected
- Volunteer Fire Co. is a great way to reach 40-50 people as well
- Lions Club
- Rotary Club
- Initial Discoveries
- Next Steps
- Housekeeping
  - Is there a funding statement that will be included on the final plan?

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### Client

- 1. Funding Source Statement
- 2. Gather additional data:

https://drive.google.com/a/altaplanning.com/file/d/1GC9od5QhWPsSJMybl7QdmrCG1 M\_5aHkP/view?usp=sharing

Pass along additional data below:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oOLndf4MktViKZxCr\_5aJGPq9Ar6WLF\_T7WYN MrsY6w/edit#gid=687499588

- 3. Review Mission, Vision, Goals
- 4. <u>Presentation</u> Review

#### Alta

- 1. Data Needs Memo
- 2. Send Survey Link to Steering Committee
- 3. Refine Matrix
- 4. Schedule Site Evaluation

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- 5. Map:
  - a. Color Code Mennonite Schools on Maps
  - b. Fix Park Names
  - c. Distinguish between park system facilities and recreational resources (See above)
  - d. Clearly distinguish the Goat Path
  - e. Take off Pennsylvania Bike Route S
  - f. Conestoga River Trail Status (Question for Ralph)

### **ROLLING AGENDA 11/09**

#### **DCNR** Call

#### 09 NOV 2017 / 9:00 AM / LOCATION DCNR Conference Line

#### ATTENDEES (Please sign in)

Melissa, Adam, Ralph, Cindy

#### AGENDA

- Early Implementation Project
  - Do not have to bring up to the community right now, this can be used to keep the momentum going
  - What are the requirements?
    - Ralph will communicate with Cindy
    - We will talk about what to submit:
      - Addendum to professional services with new scope of work
      - Cost
      - Designate LA team member to lead
      - Send email to Cindy she will amend the grant agreement
      - (They meet monthly to review)
      - Jan 2019 next round -

• Can this be an improvement?

- Yes, Ralph may already have something in mind that could benefit multiple municipalities
- Could this be a program?
  - Uncertain
- Is there a deadline for implementation?
  - Ralph is confident there is something they would like to do 12/31/18 is the expiration date
- Could this cover something like signage? Or an element in multiple location?
  - Yes
- o Trail?
  - Yes (feasibility study)
- Furnishings?
  - Uncertain
  - Lighting improvements?
    - Maybe
- Master Site Development
  - Yes
- Example

- Site that would be first up for renovations -
- Master Site Development
- Updating ordinances for open space preservation
- $\circ$   $\;$  Feasibility study for trail connector from park to development
- SIte drawing with cost estimates
- Will be added to the cost of the project depending you could get two sites done
- Funding
  - 10K with 10k match
- Why?
  - This has been a pilot program that has proven to be successful, for implementing "low hanging fruit" projects, without having to wait another 18 months for implementation
- Hows
  - Ralph should get back to Cindy when we know what an implementation project might be, this will be an addendum to expand the scope of work to the existing contract to implement a s"small project"
  - This could be used in other "creative" ways to keep the momentum between the planning process and the design/ implementation process
  - Wrap up the plan by end of 2018, then we can roll into another grant application in 2019, while we are implementing a small project to keep the momentum

#### Meeting Notes - Conestoga Valley Regional OS, Greenway and Rec. Plan

#### Steering Committee Meeting/Workshop

Location: East Lampeter Township Offices

Date/Time: Aug. 8, 2018

Attending: Ralph Hutchinson, Corey Meyer, Diane Tyson, John Smucker, Phyllis Flesher

Notes by: Alta Staff



	Meeting notes:		Action Items	
Int	roductions of Alta Staff, agenda Presentation			
•	Review of revised Mission, Vision and Goals, C. Meyer commented that "financial structure" should be added to Goal #4.	•	Revise goal #4, distribute draft of Mission, Vision and Goals to R. Hutchison for Distribution to the Committee	
•	Brief Discussion on the equity analysis performed by Alta. Young children and over 65+ populations were identified as key demographics.	•	Ensure that there is explanation in the report that mentions the unique situation within the planning area, regarding Amish and Mennonite communities regarding the "No access to Vehicle" topic.	
·	Review of trends in population, and discussions regarding NRPA "side by side analysis". The Committee thinks it will be valuable to add Upper Leacock to Analysis, and make sure that one of the comparable communities should include a community from within Pennsylvania. Ensure that Parks Metrics Data along with Public Input Data are driving the Planning Recommendations.	•	Alta to regenerate the Side by Side comparison, including Upper Leacock Township, and replacing one of the communities with a Pennsylvania Native. Alta will also analyze park types and trends to determine if there is a need to quire additional land for parks.	
•	This led into a discussion of possible revenue generation for the Parks and Recreation System for the Region. There was also a brief discussion about public/private partnerships that may include sub-contracting park vendors or selling banner advertisements, similar to the school system.	•	Alta will conduct research and identify methods of revenue generation, by the comparison communities and others.	
•	Discussion of Connections Mapping: large developments (retail, business parks and otherwise, ex. Greenfield Corporate Center, PA College of Health sciences), should be shown on mapping and connections should be made to these privately- owned public spaces. Also, inclusion of the large tourist	•	Noted elements will be explored and those connections should be identified and refined. Review and Revise Mapping for any typographical errors (remove "shot" from Tower Park Label). Alta team will identify	
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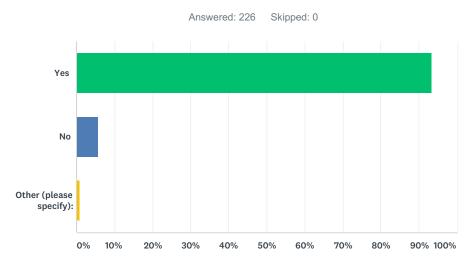
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•	destinations and Lincoln Highway Streetscape improvements should be included/connected. Refer to the Heritage Pathway Plan (GOAT path). Efforts should be focused on connections to the GOAT path and not on the development of the GOAT path itself. Conestoga Valley High School is adding an additional building		connections to the Outlets along Rt 30 and Greenfield Corporate Park. Remove the word "Shot" from Lafayette Tower Park. Alta to work with Township to discuss
-	to which they hope to expand connections throughout the campus.		public use and connections to Greenfield Corporate Park
	Flory Park concept Review: discussion of private parcel within park bounds. It was determined that East Lampeter has the right of first refusal and long terms plans should include this property. There is a need for additional parking and improved circulation. People currently park on the shoulder of the access road. Addition of viewing area at rock outcropping should be explored along with opportunities for Winter Recreation.	-	Alta to revise the plan based upon committee discussion.
•	Gibbons Park at Nolt's Mill: discussion of possible access from neighboring property, addition of possible dog park, viewing area for plane departures form neighboring airfield, interpretation of mill race, also possible removal of the race. Alternative uses may include a natural play/demonstration area that could be tied to current CVSD.	•	Alta to revise the plan based upon committee discussion.
1	Leola Park and Pool: Show possible pedestrian access and infrastructure to connect to surrounding residences.	•	Alta to revise the plan based upon committee discussion.
•	Additional Park opportunities/discussion:	•	Alta to schedule and coordinate
•	Look for opportunities to convert ballfields to multipurpose sports fields.		setting up a table for the Homecoming Bonfire
1	Adult playgrounds		
•	What are Winter recreation opportunities? Town does not currently plow parks in the winter.		
1	Identify put-ins at parks along Mill Creek.		
1	Look at opportunities for mini-parks.		
•	Rockvale Outlets is removing a building to construct a ¼ mini park.		
•	The Host Conference Center is looking to spend money to connect people to their greenspace in conjunction with their ongoing facility improvements.		
•	Keep in mind the possible loss of Smoketown Elementary facilities, look for possible replacement.		
•	Conestoga Valley Highschool is an important hub and connections should branch out from this node.		
1	Alta would like to do another piggyback event in the Fall. The Homecoming Bonfire (Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2018) was identified as the target event. Suggestions included using the firetrucks to provide light at the booth and having giveaways on hand to incentivize people to participate.		
•	Park branding and signage would identifying fishing, open play areas, and other features. Identifying and clarifying use of existing park features is a low cost way to address some of the feedback received through public input.		
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# F. Survey

### Q1 Are you a resident of Conestoga Valley? (Please select one.)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	93.36%	211
No	5.75%	13
Other (please specify):	0.88%	2
TOTAL		226

#### Q2 If you are not from the Conestoga Valley Region, where do you live?

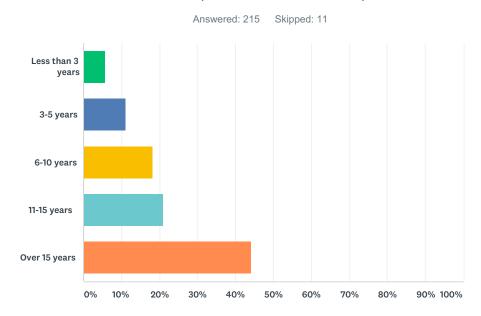
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State:		91.43%	
Zip:		94.29%	
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3	Brownstown		8/15/2018 10:59 AM
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5	Leola		7/22/2018 2:57 PM
6	2497A Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster		7/21/2018 9:14 PM
7	Leola		7/21/2018 8:20 PM
8	Lancaster		7/21/2018 11:40 AM
9	Lancaster		7/21/2018 9:16 AM
10	Brownstown		7/21/2018 8:02 AM
11	Brownstown		7/20/2018 8:27 AM
12	Leola		7/20/2018 8:04 AM
13	Leola		7/20/2018 12:09 AM
14	Lancaster		7/19/2018 11:53 PM
15	Brownstown		5/11/2018 6:58 AM
16	Lititz		4/12/2018 9:26 AM
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18	Lititz		4/11/2018 12:58 PM
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21	Lancaster		4/11/2018 9:01 AM
22	Mount Wolf		4/11/2018 8:23 AM
23	York		4/11/2018 7:56 AM
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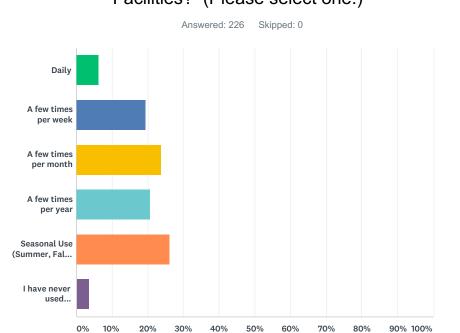
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## Q3 If you are from the Conestoga Valley Region, how long have you lived here? (Please select one.)



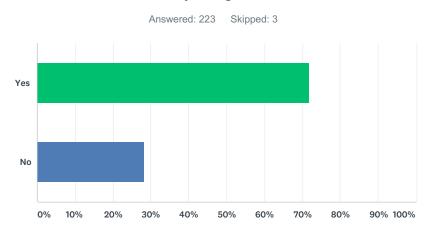
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 3 years	5.58%	12
3-5 years	11.16%	24
6-10 years	18.14%	39
11-15 years	20.93%	45
Over 15 years	44.19%	95
TOTAL		215



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	6.19%	14
A few times per week	19.47%	44
A few times per month	23.89%	54
A few times per year	20.80%	47
Seasonal Use (Summer, Fall, Spring, Winter)	26.11%	59
I have never used recreational facilities within East Lampeter or Upper Leacock	3.54%	8
TOTAL		226

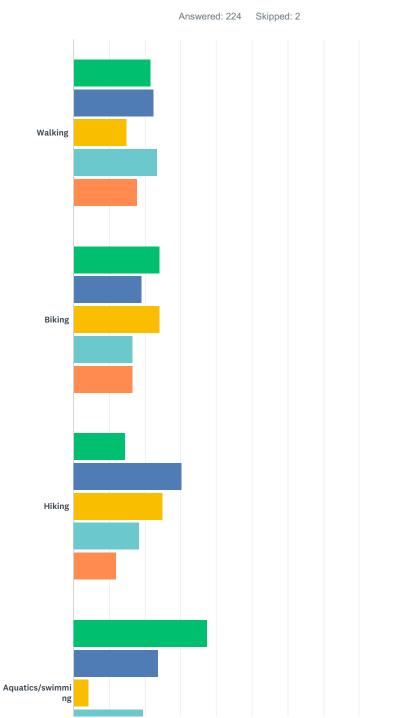
#### Q4 Approximately how often do you use Conestoga Valley Recreational Facilities? (Please select one.)

# Q5 Do you use parks and recreation facilities outside of the Conestoga Valley Region?

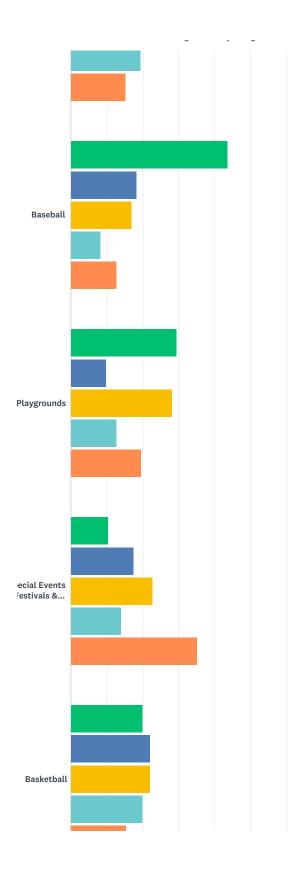


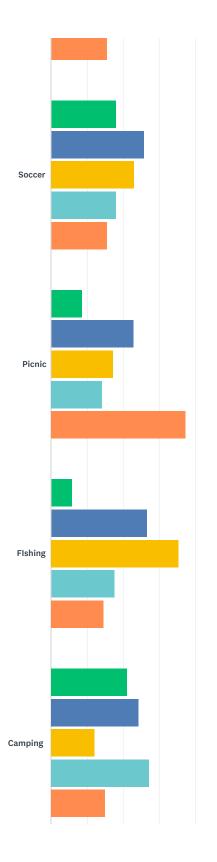
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.75%	160
No	28.25%	63
TOTAL		223

## Q6 Which top five activities do you and your family enjoy? (Please rank your top 5 choices with 1 being most enjoyable.)



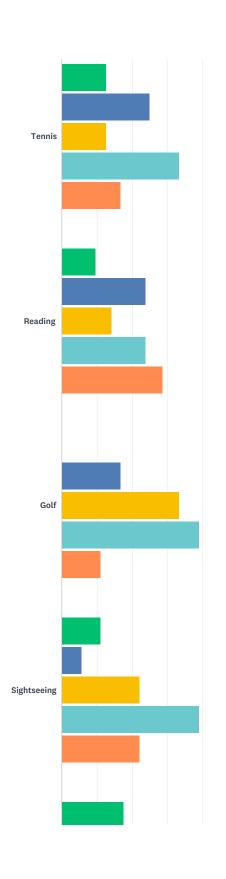
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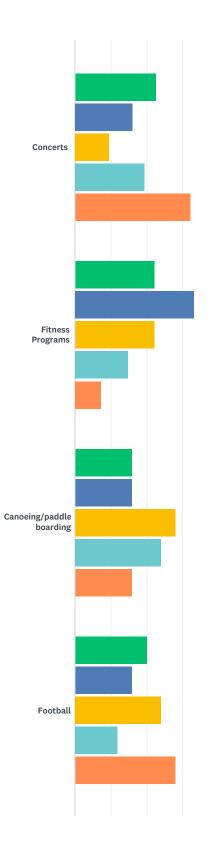


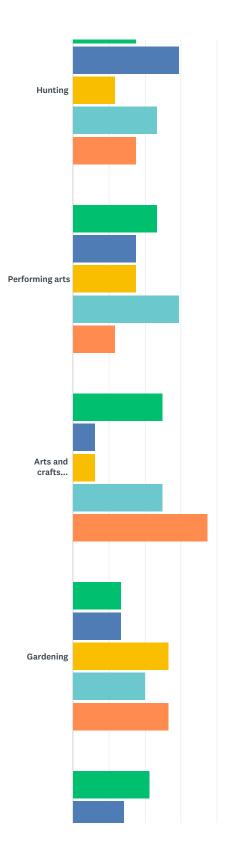


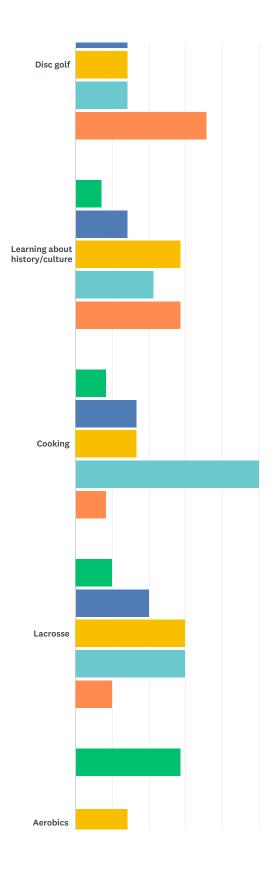
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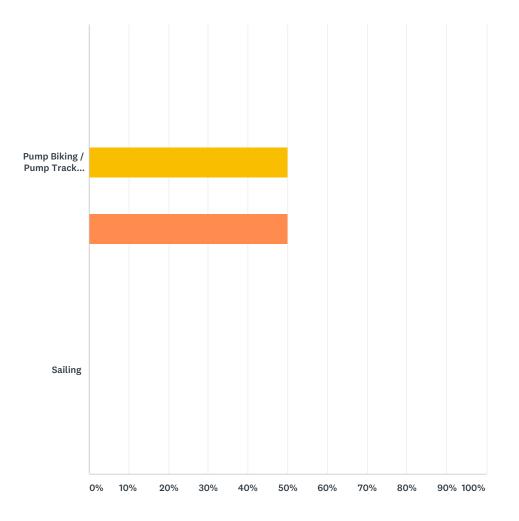












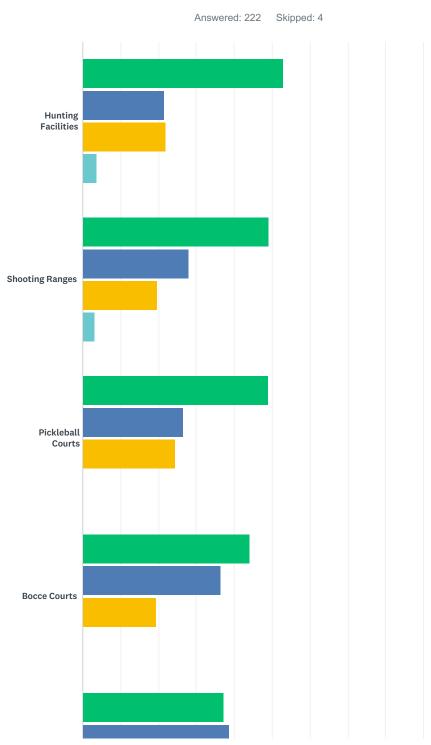
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Walking	21.50%	22.43%	14.95%	23.36%	17.76%	
	23	24	16	25	19	107
Biking	24.05%	18.99%	24.05%	16.46%	16.46%	
	19	15	19	13	13	79
Hiking	14.47%	30.26%	25.00%	18.42%	11.84%	
	11	23	19	14	9	76
Aquatics/swimming	37.50%	23.61%	4.17%	19.44%	15.28%	
	27	17	3	14	11	72
Baseball	43.66%	18.31%	16.90%	8.45%	12.68%	
	31	13	12	6	9	71
Playgrounds	29.58%	9.86%	28.17%	12.68%	19.72%	
	21	7	20	9	14	71
Special Events (Festivals & Fairs)	10.53%	17.54%	22.81%	14.04%	35.09%	
	6	10	13	8	20	57
Basketball	20.00%	22.22%	22.22%	20.00%	15.56%	
	9	10	10	9	7	45
Soccer	17.95%	25.64%	23.08%	17.95%	15.38%	
	7	10	9	7	6	39

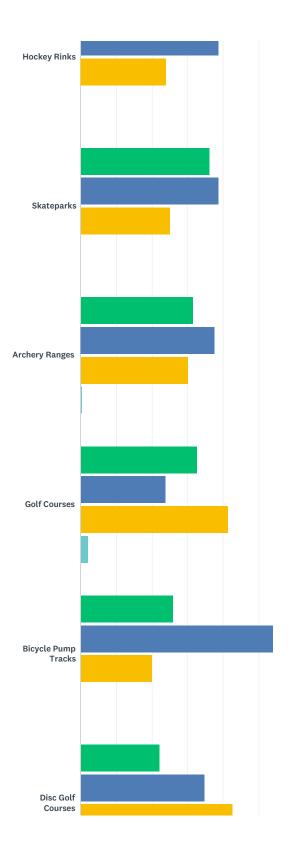
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Flshing	5.88%	26.47% 9	35.29% 12	17.65% 6	14.71% 5	34
Camping	21.21%	24.24%	12.12%	27.27%	15.15%	
Camping	7	24.24%	12.12%	9	15.15%	33
Concerts	22.58%	16.13%	9.68%	19.35%	32.26%	
	7	5	3	6	10	31
Fitness Programs	22.22% 6	33.33% 9	22.22% 6	14.81% 4	7.41% 2	27
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Canoeing/paddleboarding	16.00% 4	16.00% 4	28.00% 7	24.00% 6	16.00% 4	25
Football	20.00%	16.00%	24.00%	12.00%	28.00%	
	5	4	6	3	7	25
Tennis	12.50%	25.00%	12.50%	33.33%	16.67%	
	3	6	3	8	4	24
Reading	9.52%	23.81%	14.29%	23.81%	28.57%	
	2	5	3	5	6	21
Golf	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	38.89%	11.11%	10
	0	3	6	7	2	18
Sightseeing	11.11% 2	5.56% 1	22.22% 4	38.89% 7	22.22% 4	18
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lunting	17.65% 3	29.41% 5	11.76% 2	23.53% 4	17.65% 3	17
Performing arts	23.53%	17.65%	17.65%	29.41%	11.76%	
	4	3	3	5	2	17
Arts and crafts (quilting,neeedlepoint,etc.)	25.00%	6.25%	6.25%	25.00%	37.50%	
	4	1	1	4	6	16
Gardening	13.33%	13.33%	26.67%	20.00%	26.67%	
	2	2	4	3	4	15
Disc golf	21.43%	14.29%	14.29%	14.29%	35.71%	
	3	2	2	2	5	14
Learning about history/culture	7.14% 1	14.29% 2	28.57% 4	21.43% 3	28.57% 4	14
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Cooking	8.33% 1	16.67% 2	16.67% 2	50.00% 6	8.33% 1	12
acrosse	10.00%	20.00%	30.00%	30.00%	10.00%	
	1	2	3	3	1	10
Aerobics	28.57%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	57.14%	
	2	0	1	0	4	7
Hockey	0.00%	33.33%	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	
	0	2	1	2	1	6
Pickleball	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%	
	0	1	0	2	3	6
Bird watching	20.00%	0.00%	40.00%	0.00%	40.00%	
	1	0	2	0	2	5
Boating	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%	20.00%	0.00%	_
Boating						
Horseback riding	0.00%	2 20.00%	40.00%	40.00%	0.00%	5

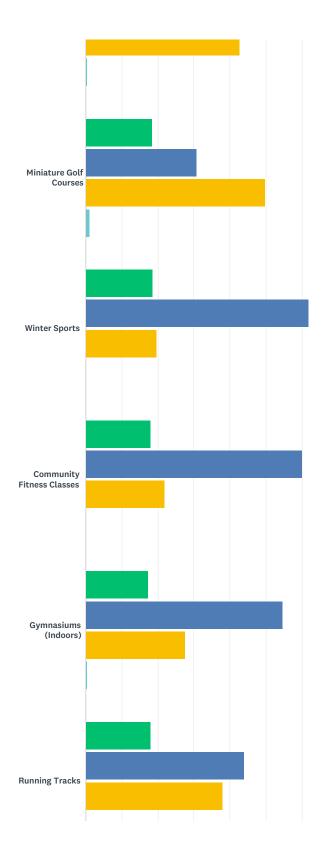
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	0	0	1	3	1	
Skateboarding	40.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	0.00%	
	2	1	1	1	0	
Bocce	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
	0	1	1	0	0	
Pump Biking / Pump Track Riding	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	
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Sailing	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
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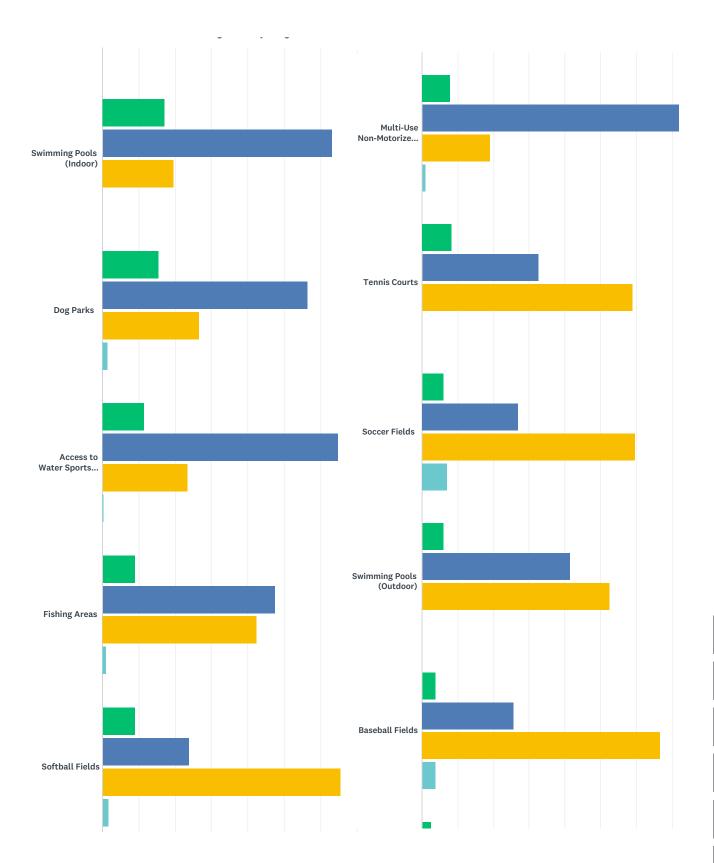
# Q7 Do you think there are enough of the following active recreation opportunities within the Townships? (Please select one response per item.)



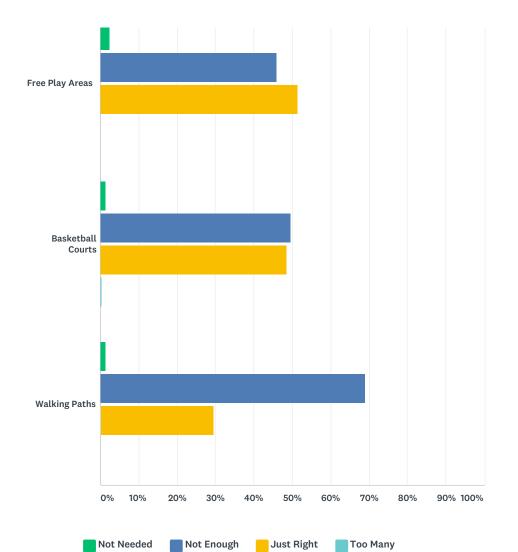
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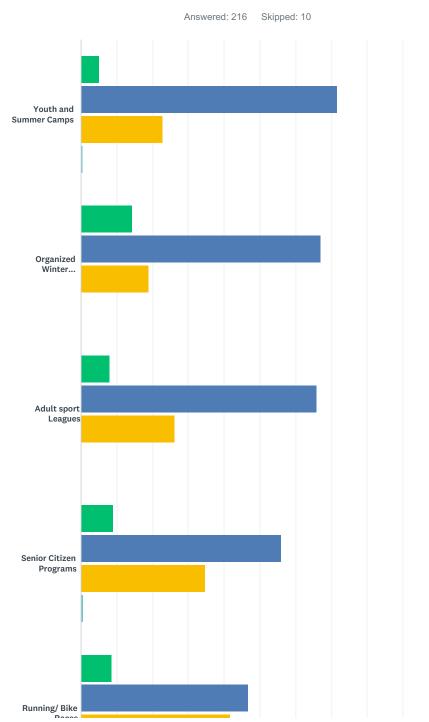
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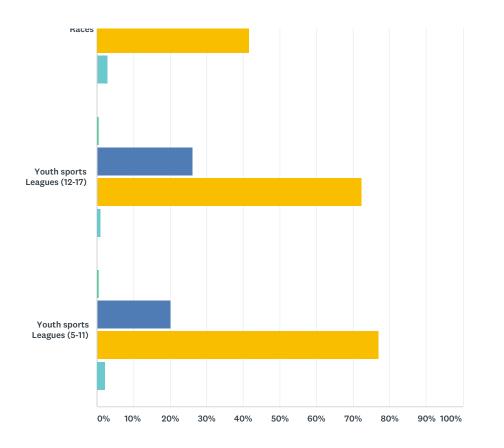
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	NOT NEEDED	NOT ENOUGH	JUST RIGHT	TOO MANY	TOTAL
Hunting Facilities	52.88%	21.47%	21.99%	3.66%	
	101	41	42	7	191
Shooting Ranges	49.21%	28.04%	19.58%	3.17%	
	93	53	37	6	189
Pickleball Courts	48.91%	26.63%	24.46%	0.00%	
	90	49	45	0	184
Bocce Courts	44.21%	36.32%	19.47%	0.00%	
	84	69	37	0	190
Hockey Rinks	37.17%	38.74%	24.08%	0.00%	
	71	74	46	0	191
Skateparks	36.13%	38.74%	25.13%	0.00%	
	69	74	48	0	191
Archery Ranges	31.68%	37.62%	30.20%	0.50%	
	64	76	61	1	202
Golf Courses	32.64%	23.83%	41.45%	2.07%	
	63	46	80	4	193

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18.56% 36	61.86% 120	19.59% 38	0.00% 0	194
17.95% 35	60.00% 117	22.05% 43	0.00%	195
17.35%	54.59%	27.55%	0.51%	
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17.17% 34	63.13% 125	19.70% 39	0.00%	198
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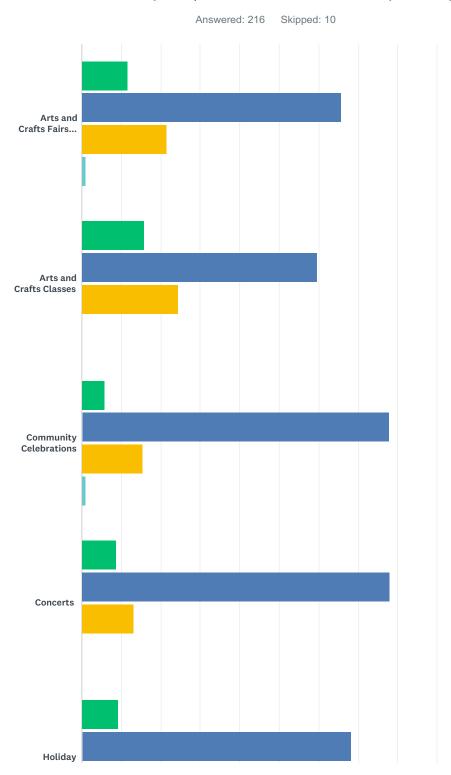
### Q8 Do you think there are enough of the following organized activities in East Lampeter and Upper Leacock?

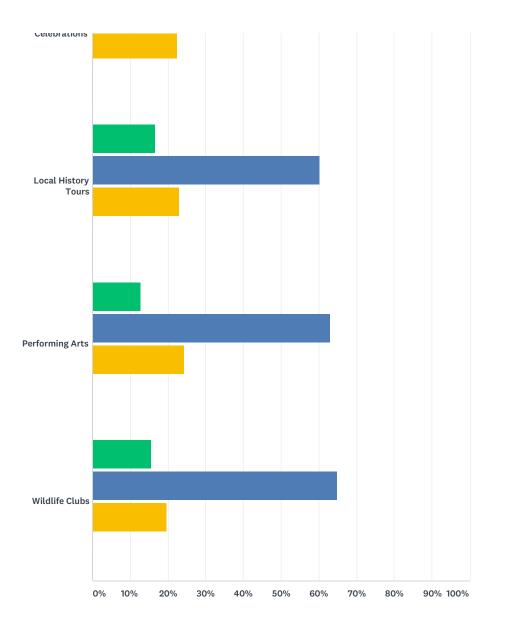




Not	Needed Not Enough	Just Right	Too Many		
	NOT NEEDED	NOT ENOUGH	JUST RIGHT	TOO MANY	TOTAL
Youth and Summer Camps	5.08%	71.57%	22.84%	0.51%	
	10	141	45	1	197
Organized Winter Activities	14.21%	67.01%	18.78%	0.00%	
	28	132	37	0	197
Adult sport Leagues	8.04%	65.83%	26.13%	0.00%	
	16	131	52	0	199
Senior Citizen Programs	8.95%	55.79%	34.74%	0.53%	
	17	106	66	1	190
Running/ Bike Races	8.54%	46.73%	41.71%	3.02%	
	17	93	83	6	199
Youth sports Leagues (12-17)	0.49%	26.11%	72.41%	0.99%	
	1	53	147	2	203
Youth sports Leagues (5-11)	0.48%	20.10%	77.03%	2.39%	
	1	42	161	5	209

Q9 Do you think there are enough of the following cultural opportunities within the Townships? (Please select one response per item.)





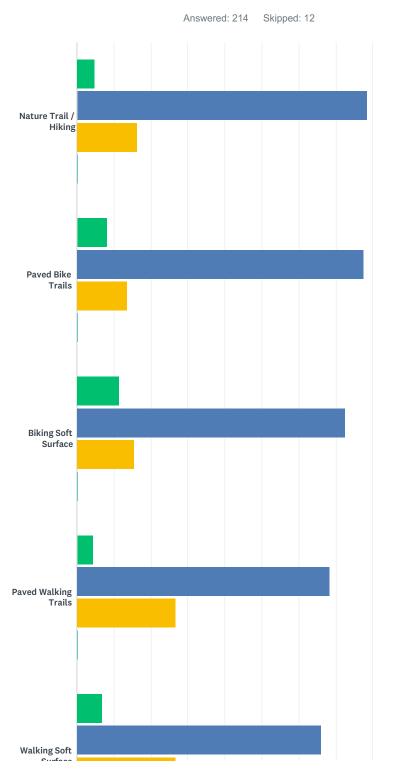
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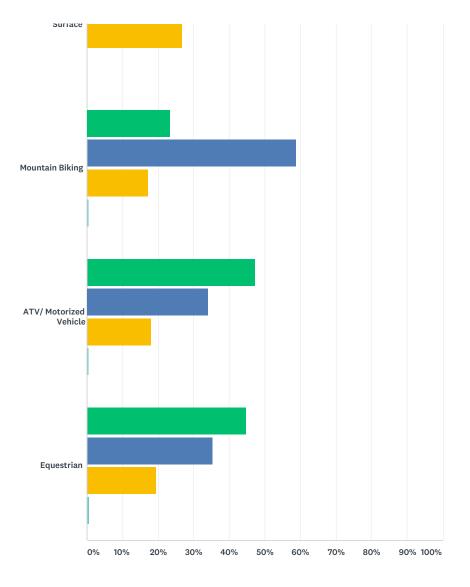
	NOT NEEDED	NOT ENOUGH	JUST RIGHT	TOO MANY	TOTAL
Arts and Crafts Fairs/ Festivals	11.76%	65.69%	21.57%	0.98%	
	24	134	44	2	204
Arts and Crafts Classes	15.92%	59.70%	24.38%	0.00%	
	32	120	49	0	201
Community Celebrations	5.80%	77.78%	15.46%	0.97%	
	12	161	32	2	207
Concerts	8.78%	78.05%	13.17%	0.00%	
	18	160	27	0	205
Holiday Celebrations	9.27%	68.29%	22.44%	0.00%	
	19	140	46	0	205

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25	124	48	0	197
15.58%	64.82%	19.60%	0.00%	
31	129	39	0	199
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Q10 Do you think there are enough of the following trails and greenways in the Conestoga Valley Region? (Please select one per item.)



CONESTOGA VALLEY PARKS & RECREATION PLAN



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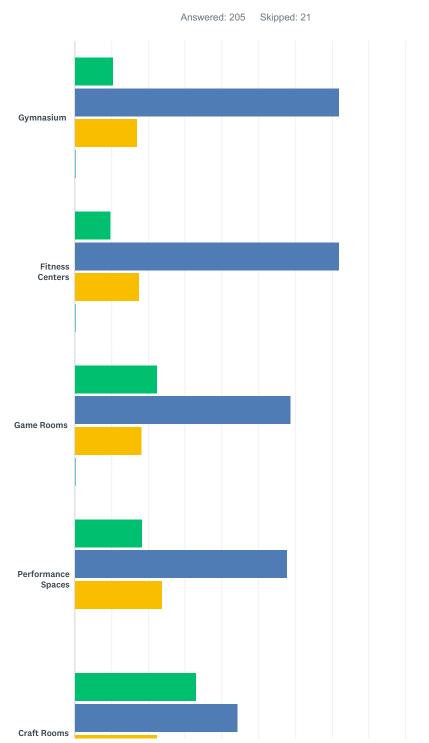
Not Enough Just Right Too Many

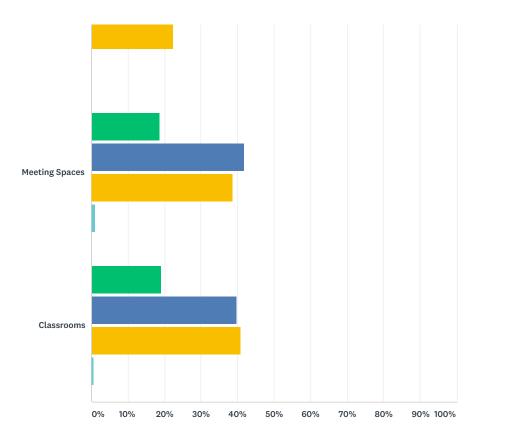
	NOT NEEDED	NOT ENOUGH	JUST RIGHT	TOO MANY	TOTAL
Nature Trail / Hiking	4.81%	78.37%	16.35%	0.48%	
	10	163	34	1	208
Paved Bike Trails	8.25%	77.67%	13.59%	0.49%	
	17	160	28	1	206
Biking Soft Surface	11.50%	72.50%	15.50%	0.50%	
	23	145	31	1	200
Paved Walking Trails	4.31%	68.42%	26.79%	0.48%	
	9	143	56	1	209
Walking Soft Surface	6.97%	66.17%	26.87%	0.00%	
	14	133	54	0	201

Mountain Biking	23.44%	58.85%	17.19%	0.52%	
3	45	113	33	1	192
ATV/ Motorized Vehicle	47.24%	34.17%	18.09%	0.50%	
	94	68	36	1	199
Equestrian	44.74%	35.26%	19.47%	0.53%	
	85	67	37	1	190

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#### Q11 Are there sufficient indoor spaces within the Conestoga Valley Region Parks and Recreation System? (Please select one per item.)



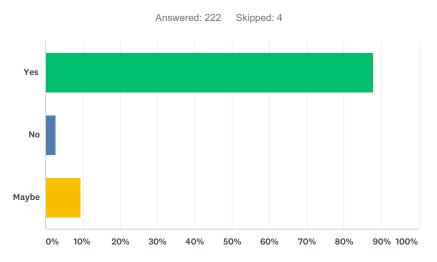


Not Needed Not Enough

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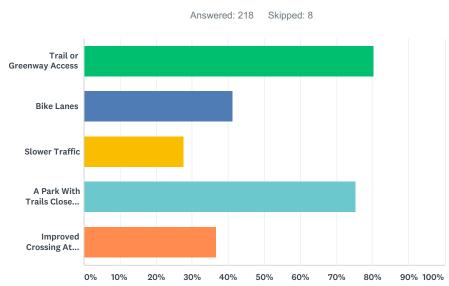
	NOT NEEDED	NOT ENOUGH	JUST RIGHT	TOO MANY	TOTAL
Gymnasium	10.50% 21	72.00% 144	17.00% 34	0.50% 1	200
Fitness Centers	9.84% 19	72.02% 139	17.62% 34	0.52% 1	193
Game Rooms	22.40% 43	58.85% 113	18.23% 35	0.52% 1	192
Performance Spaces	18.38% 34	57.84% 107	23.78% 44	0.00% 0	185
Craft Rooms	33.16% 62	44.39% 83	22.46% 42	0.00% 0	187
Meeting Spaces	18.56% 36	41.75% 81	38.66% 75	1.03% 2	194
Classrooms	19.02% 35	39.67% 73	40.76% 75	0.54% 1	184

## Q12 Would you support the development of additional trails and/or greenways in the area?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	87.84%	195
No	2.70%	6
Maybe	9.46%	21
TOTAL		222

### Q13 Which factors would encourage you to walk or bike? (Choose all that apply.)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Trail or Greenway Access	80.28%	175
Bike Lanes	41.28%	90
Slower Traffic	27.52%	60
A Park With Trails Close To My Home	75.23%	164
Improved Crossing At Intersections	36.70%	80
Total Respondents: 218		

# Q14 Where would you like to be able to ride your bike? (Please list as specifically as possible.)

Answered: 115 Skipped: 111

ANSWE	R CHOICES	RESPONSES	
FROM:	(neighborhood/store/school/park/etc.)	100.00%	11
TO: (nei	ghborhood/store/school/park/etc.)	92.17%	10
#	FROM: (NEIGHBORHOOD/STORE/SCHOOL/PARK/ETC.)	DATE	
1	My home on Old Philly Pike	11/5/2018 5	:17 PM
2	Millcross Road	10/30/2018	5:11 PM
3	rte 23	10/9/2018 6	:20 PM
4	Safe bike lane on route 30 from Paradise	10/9/2018 1	0:23 AM
5	on east main st leola, pa	10/9/2018 1	0:17 AM
6	neighborhoods	9/24/2018 8	:14 PM
7	tulip dr	8/21/2018 1	0:04 PM
8	Creek Hill development	8/15/2018 1	0:59 AM
9	Falls at Olde Mill	7/31/2018 1	0:46 PM
10	CVHS	7/30/2018 4	:24 PM
11	Southridge Farms	7/26/2018 1	:33 PM
12	Forrest hills	7/26/2018 7	:19 AM
13	Joy ave	7/23/2018 1	0:58 PM
14	Leola	7/23/2018 1	0:25 AM
15	around parks, trails, waterways, watershedsetc.	7/23/2018 9	:22 AM
16	Center Square	7/22/2018 7	:05 PM
17	na	7/22/2018 4	:48 PM
18	Leola elementary	7/22/2018 2	:57 PM
19	along 30	7/21/2018 9	:14 PM
20	n/a	7/21/2018 8	:20 PM
21	Any starting location	7/21/2018 7	:45 PM
22	Home	7/21/2018 1	2:49 PM
23	home	7/21/2018 1	1:40 AM
24	The Oaks	7/21/2018 1	1:34 AM
25	New Holland Pike	7/21/2018 1	0:53 AM
26	Neighborhood	7/21/2018 9	:58 AM
27	Brownstown/Oregon Pike/Creek Hill neighborhood	7/21/2018 9	:37 AM
28	Fritz	7/21/2018 9	:22 AM
29	Fritz	7/21/2018 9	:20 AM
30	Not sure	7/21/2018 9	:16 AM

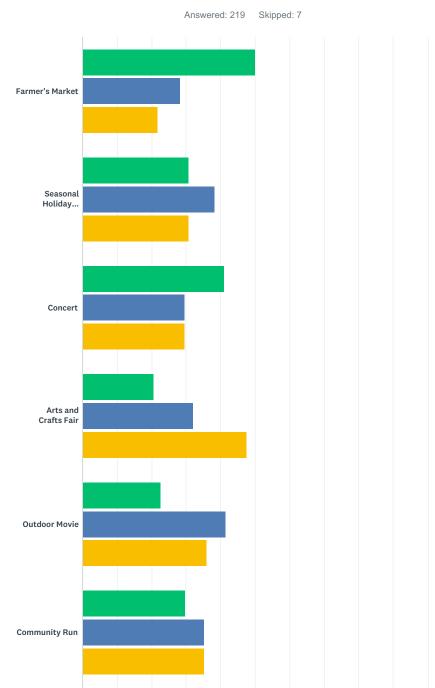
31	Along some of the streams	7/21/2018 8:58 AM
32	Neighborhood	7/21/2018 8:48 AM
33	Conestoga pines	7/21/2018 8:16 AM
34	Leola	7/21/2018 8:12 AM
35	Brownstown	7/21/2018 7:47 AM
36	Leola	7/21/2018 7:45 AM
37	Maples	7/20/2018 11:04 PM
38	Home	7/20/2018 8:10 PM
39	West Earl / Brownstown	7/20/2018 11:08 AM
40	Neighborhood	7/20/2018 10:29 AM
41	horseshoe road, goat path	7/20/2018 9:04 AM
12	Neiborhood and trails	7/20/2018 8:50 AM
43	Smoketown	7/20/2018 8:48 AM
44	CV High School	7/20/2018 8:43 AM
45	West Earl township	7/20/2018 8:37 AM
16	Brian drive	7/20/2018 8:33 AM
47	Freeze and Frizz/Fritz Elem area	7/20/2018 8:31 AM
48	The Goat path	7/20/2018 8:29 AM
49	Westgate neighborhood in Brownstown	7/20/2018 8:25 AM
50	Forest Hills Development	7/20/2018 8:24 AM
51	Waterford Dr neighborhood	7/20/2018 8:22 AM
52	Neighborhood	7/20/2018 8:12 AM
53	Pine Drive	7/20/2018 8:11 AM
54	Fritz Elementary	7/20/2018 8:08 AM
55	Newport rd	7/20/2018 8:04 AM
56	School lane over to leola	7/20/2018 7:59 AM
57	Bridgeport	7/20/2018 7:50 AM
58	Horseshoe heights	7/20/2018 7:28 AM
59	Kolbacre Ridge	7/20/2018 7:25 AM
60	Leola	7/20/2018 7:15 AM
61	Inside the parks	7/20/2018 6:57 AM
62	route 30 rockvale	7/20/2018 6:55 AM
63	Brownstown	7/20/2018 6:52 AM
64	Southridge	7/20/2018 6:48 AM
65	Bridgeport	7/20/2018 6:46 AM
66	Southridge area	7/20/2018 6:34 AM
67	Hornig Road	7/20/2018 6:20 AM
68	Home	7/20/2018 5:32 AM
69	Willow Acres	7/20/2018 4:05 AM
70	West earl township	7/20/2018 12:23 AM
71	Fruit bowl	7/20/2018 12:09 AM

72	Near Greenfield	7/19/2018 11:53 PM
73	home	7/19/2018 11:34 PM
74	From Southridge Farms neighborhood	7/17/2018 10:00 PM
75	Neighborhood - traffic doesn't obey speed limit in my neighborhood (n Hershey Ave) making walking/biking with kids treacherous	5/23/2018 9:07 AM
76	neighborhood	5/11/2018 8:21 AM
77	School lane farms	5/11/2018 6:58 AM
78	The maples development - down maple ave	5/11/2018 6:16 AM
79	Eden manor	5/10/2018 11:36 PM
80	Highland Acres/neighborhood	5/10/2018 8:35 PM
81	Brownstown	5/10/2018 3:55 PM
82	neighborhood	5/6/2018 12:50 PM
83	I ride my bike everywhere even though navigating traffic can be tricky	5/6/2018 11:29 AM
84	Leola or New Holland	4/16/2018 8:33 PM
85	Park	4/12/2018 9:26 AM
86	Neighborhood	4/11/2018 1:43 PM
87	here	4/11/2018 12:58 PM
88	Flory Park	4/11/2018 8:23 AM
89	Millport Road	4/11/2018 7:14 AM
90	Neighborhood	4/8/2018 2:51 PM
91	Leola park	4/5/2018 12:45 PM
92	Community Park	3/28/2018 2:39 PM
93	Hellers Church Road	3/21/2018 2:37 PM
94	House	3/20/2018 10:13 PM
95	Neighborhood	3/20/2018 9:02 PM
96	Pine Dr	3/20/2018 7:15 PM
97	Leola elementary	3/20/2018 6:35 PM
98	Cv high school	3/20/2018 2:30 PM
99	Along rivers/streams and natural areas	3/19/2018 7:08 AM
100	Home	3/17/2018 4:57 PM
101	Neighborhood	3/15/2018 8:49 AM
102	neighborhood	3/15/2018 8:02 AM
103	Forest Hills	3/14/2018 6:46 PM
104	My House	3/11/2018 3:50 PM
105	with 5 ppl in our family it makes more sense for us to ride bikes at a park	3/10/2018 9:13 AM
106	My neighborhood	3/9/2018 4:49 PM
107	home	3/9/2018 2:25 PM
108	Greenland	3/8/2018 2:01 AM
109	leola to lancaster city	3/7/2018 8:34 AM
110	Home	3/6/2018 9:55 PM
111	Brownstown Elementary/West Earl Com Park	3/5/2018 11:58 AM

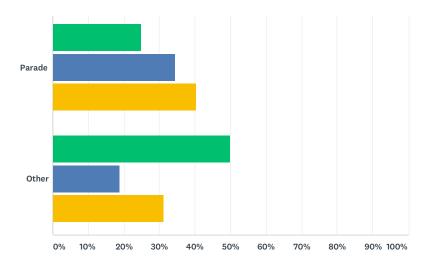
112	neighborhood	3/3/2018 5:08 PM
113	on Route 23	3/2/2018 1:00 PM
114	ELT	1/31/2018 11:01 AM
115	home	1/29/2018 7:39 PM
#	TO: (NEIGHBORHOOD/STORE/SCHOOL/PARK/ETC.)	DATE
1	Greenfield Corporate Center	11/5/2018 5:17 PM
2	CV high school	10/30/2018 5:11 PM
3	lancaster	10/9/2018 6:20 PM
4	Downtown Lancaster	10/9/2018 10:23 AM
5	sharp shopper	10/9/2018 10:17 AM
6	stores (Bridgeport), parks	9/24/2018 8:14 PM
7	paradise	8/21/2018 10:04 PM
8	Park in Brownstown	8/15/2018 10:59 AM
9	Lancaster Mennonite School	7/31/2018 10:46 PM
10	East Lampeter or Flory Parks	7/30/2018 4:24 PM
11	CVHS	7/26/2018 1:33 PM
12	Cv high school complex	7/26/2018 7:19 AM
13	Leola park or leola elementary	7/23/2018 10:58 PM
14	Brownstown	7/23/2018 10:25 AM
15	back to the parking lotso, you aren't out in traffic, but away from the busyness of the streets.	7/23/2018 9:22 AM
16	Leola	7/22/2018 7:05 PM
17	na	7/22/2018 4:48 PM
18	Conestoga valley high school	7/22/2018 2:57 PM
19	to 340 and back roads	7/21/2018 9:14 PM
20	n/a	7/21/2018 8:20 PM
21	Through our farm country preferably close to any of our streams/runs/Conestoga river	7/21/2018 7:45 PM
22	Work	7/21/2018 12:49 PM
23	all of these	7/21/2018 11:40 AM
24	Leola & CVHS	7/21/2018 11:34 AM
25	New Holland	7/21/2018 10:53 AM
26	Work	7/21/2018 9:58 AM
27	Brownstown Park	7/21/2018 9:37 AM
28	CVHS	7/21/2018 9:22 AM
29	Brownstown	7/21/2018 9:20 AM
30	Connecting to other trails	7/21/2018 8:58 AM
31	Park	7/21/2018 8:48 AM
32	Leola pool	7/21/2018 8:16 AM
33	Cv high school	7/21/2018 8:12 AM
34	Leola	7/21/2018 7:47 AM
35	Lancaster	7/21/2018 7:45 AM
36	Brownstown	7/20/2018 11:04 PM

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37	Schools	7/20/2018 8:10 PM
38	Leola and CVHS	7/20/2018 11:08 AM
39	School	7/20/2018 10:29 AM
40	Schools and parks	7/20/2018 8:50 AM
41	Highschool	7/20/2018 8:48 AM
42	Leola	7/20/2018 8:43 AM
43	Upper Leacock township	7/20/2018 8:37 AM
44	Brownstown elementary	7/20/2018 8:33 AM
45	Leola Pool	7/20/2018 8:31 AM
46	The goat path!!	7/20/2018 8:29 AM
47	Anywhere	7/20/2018 8:25 AM
48	Other side of Leola	7/20/2018 8:24 AM
49	Fritz Elementary	7/20/2018 8:22 AM
50	Park	7/20/2018 8:12 AM
51	CVHS	7/20/2018 8:11 AM
52	CV middle school	7/20/2018 8:08 AM
53	Leola elementary school	7/20/2018 8:04 AM
54	A park closer to home without being run over on 462	7/20/2018 7:50 AM
55	New holland	7/20/2018 7:28 AM
56	A park with trails, Lancaster Country Club area	7/20/2018 7:25 AM
57	Anywhere.	7/20/2018 7:15 AM
58	rt 340 bird in hand	7/20/2018 6:55 AM
59	Cv high school, Warwick, Manheim township, or ephrata areas	7/20/2018 6:52 AM
60	Highschool or East Lampeter	7/20/2018 6:48 AM
61	Smoketown	7/20/2018 6:46 AM
62	Food market	7/20/2018 6:34 AM
63	East Lampeter Township park	7/20/2018 6:20 AM
64	Friends houses	7/20/2018 5:32 AM
65	Tamger Outlets and/or Strasburg	7/20/2018 4:05 AM
66	Cv high school	7/20/2018 12:09 AM
67	park	7/19/2018 11:34 PM
68	CVHS	7/17/2018 10:00 PM
69	On trails or paths safe for small kids	5/23/2018 9:07 AM
70	work	5/11/2018 8:21 AM
71	Talmage Park	5/11/2018 6:58 AM
72	Leola Community Park- needs sidewalk on maple ave	5/11/2018 6:16 AM
73	Fritz	5/10/2018 11:36 PM
74	School/store/park/work	5/10/2018 8:35 PM
75	Leola	5/10/2018 3:55 PM
76	park	5/6/2018 12:50 PM
	Lancaster City	4/16/2018 8:33 PM

78	Park access area	4/12/2018 9:26 AM
79	Closed course	4/11/2018 1:43 PM
80	there	4/11/2018 12:58 PM
81	Flory Park	4/11/2018 8:23 AM
82	Flory Park	4/11/2018 7:14 AM
83	Park	4/8/2018 2:51 PM
84	New holland	4/5/2018 12:45 PM
85	Nolt Mill	3/28/2018 2:39 PM
86	Leola park	3/21/2018 2:37 PM
87	Store	3/20/2018 10:13 PM
88	Parks and store	3/20/2018 9:02 PM
89	Leola	3/20/2018 7:15 PM
90	Conestoga Valley High School	3/20/2018 6:35 PM
91	Cv elementary schools	3/20/2018 2:30 PM
92	Neighborhoods and pool	3/17/2018 4:57 PM
93	Store	3/15/2018 8:49 AM
94	park	3/15/2018 8:02 AM
95	Leola Pool	3/14/2018 6:46 PM
96	School (Conestoga Valley HS) Litiz/Fruitville/Oregon Pikes	3/11/2018 3:50 PM
97	unfortunately we have to drive to Overlook Park to get to a nice trail for bike riding.	3/10/2018 9:13 AM
98	grocery store (Weis), Walmart, friends' houses, additional parks in area	3/9/2018 4:49 PM
99	community park/ pool	3/9/2018 2:25 PM
100	Flory	3/8/2018 2:01 AM
101	School	3/6/2018 9:55 PM
102	Leola Community Park	3/5/2018 11:58 AM
103	store/school/park	3/3/2018 5:08 PM
104	somewhere safer	3/2/2018 1:00 PM
105	Manheim Township & Lancaster City	1/31/2018 11:01 AM
106	work	1/29/2018 7:39 PM



### Q15 What is your favorite type of special event? (Please rank 1 as highest preference and 3 as lowest preference.)



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	1	2	3	TOTAL
Farmer's Market	50.00%	28.17%	21.83%	
	71	40	31	142
Seasonal Holiday (Harvest Celebration, Easter Egg Hunt)	30.84%	38.32%	30.84%	
	33	41	33	107
Concert	40.95%	29.52%	29.52%	
	43	31	31	105
Arts and Crafts Fair	20.51%	32.05%	47.44%	
	16	25	37	78
Outdoor Movie	22.67%	41.33%	36.00%	
	17	31	27	75
Community Run	29.63%	35.19%	35.19%	
	16	19	19	54
Parade	25.00%	34.62%	40.38%	
	13	18	21	52
Other	50.00%	18.75%	31.25%	
	8	3	5	16

# Q16 Please let us know any additional thoughts or comments on how we can improve your recreational services within the Conestoga Valley Region.

Answered: 87 Skipped: 139

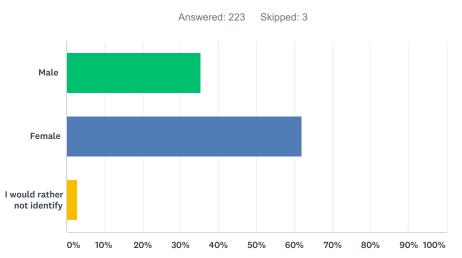
#	RESPONSES	DATE	
1	I believe as many walking and biking trails you can build, they will always be welcomed and used by the community!	10/30/2018 5:11 PM	
2	expand upper leacock walking trail use daily as do many other people	10/9/2018 6:20 PM	
3	The caretakers at Hobson park do a fantastic job keeping the park clean and well cared for.	10/9/2018 10:23 AM	
4	a lot of people use the Leola Park walking path I think it could be expanded to a longer path, there is extra ground beside current one. A pavilion by the tennis court and play area would be nice addition also.	10/9/2018 10:17 AM	
5	More trail running and biking.	9/24/2018 8:14 PM	
6	Glad we have he opportunity for feedback. Paved bike paths for little kids would be great	8/21/2018 10:04 PM	
7	The CV region greatly needs vast improvements in Brownstown especially. A fitness facility, pool, 8/15/2018 10:59 A more baseball fields, and other recreational developments would do wonders for the town and CV in general. Please rank developing Brownstown high on your list-its so under utilized for a beautiful area!		
8	Safer walking or biking areas along the roads, especially in EL Township.	7/31/2018 12:42 PM	
9	More easily accessible information on what is offered. Is there a website? A brochure? Involve 7/25/2018 10:5 local people in planning, marketing, etc.		
10	More trails, safer roads	7/23/2018 10:58 PM	
11	simply preserving more green space is a necessity for recreational use should be a priority	7/23/2018 10:25 AM	
12	I have lived here 75% of my life, I played sports here my entire childhood, and I now coach 2 youth sports within our region and spend countless hours at indoor practice facilities, and all of these outdoor courts/fields/poolsI don't want to travel to Manheim to use "their" facilityI don't want my fitness club to be in Manheim Township (preferably), growing up, there were NICE outdoor courts EVERYWHERE around here, now I don't know where to go to shoot hoops with my kids and try to get a pick up game goingI will continue to invest tons of my time and energy into coaching, civic duties, and volunteerismand, even MORESO, if we continue to dedicate our time, resources, and energies back into our community, and our facilities. This is THE GREATEST place to raise a family and live on the planet earth.		
13	na	7/22/2018 4:48 PM	
14	CV has a need for a sporting facility. We have no rec center. A CV rec would be beneficial to the residents young and old. Tear down Smoketown Ele. and use the space for a recreational facility for all to enjoy.	7/21/2018 9:14 PM	
15	But the farm next to smoketown elementary, bulldoze smoketown school, turn the newely aquired farm and fields of smoketown into a multipurpose multiple turf field with lights for baseball, football and lacrosse, and soccer. Hold tournaments and reguvinate cv sports	turf field with lights for baseball, football	
16	n/a	7/21/2018 8:20 PM	
17	In regards to questions 7 and 11 when the survey asks about "opportunities" and "facilities" it was unclear if the survey was asking about ALL things in those categories to include private businesses in our area, or was the survey asking about those things as they pertain to things that the Township currently offers to the public at "no cost". There are several facilities that people can pay for out in the community to get some of the things mentioned. It would be good to see an initiative by the township to provide some of the things mentioned to the public.	7/21/2018 7:45 PM	
18	Christmas Tree lighting event	7/21/2018 4:53 PM	

19	Christmas Tree lighting event	7/21/2018 4:53 PM
20	Thank you for looking into this!	7/21/2018 11:34 AM
21	As an avid runner I wish there were more rail trails . I have to run on the roads which have low visibility and little to no shoulders	7/21/2018 9:58 AM
22	More development needed throughout the Conestoga Valley area, especially Brownstown-not as developed, or closed to recreationally developed areas. Rails-to-Trails would be beneficial, more parks, more baseball fields, different community structuresalso, the biggest thing for us, is there is little to no promotion of events in the district. This would effectively increase attendance, participation, and overall enjoyment of the areas. More in Brownstown is desperately needed!	7/21/2018 9:37 AM
23	Bike trails connecting areas or simply going far enough to be exercise would be great!!!	7/21/2018 9:22 AM
24	I'd love to see something happen with the goat path. A walking/riding trail with mini parks along the way would be awesome. Festivals would be an awesome addition to the community as well. Anytime you can get the community interacting and supporting each other is a great thing.	7/21/2018 9:20 AM
25	None at this time	7/21/2018 9:16 AM
26	Investing in recreational facilities supports the youth of the community and the wellness of everyone. Trails that are flat and paved would be especially beneficial for wheelchair use, hand cycling, or jogging strollers	7/21/2018 8:58 AM
27	Thanks for all you do!	7/21/2018 8:48 AM
28	Indoor sports rec building. Something with basketball courts, indoor pool, fitness center, conference rooms, arcade, indoor/outdoor playground. Indoor batting cages.	7/21/2018 8:16 AM
29	Brownstown residents have a long way to go for youth sports and other park activities since most are in the Lampeter area. It hurts our motivation to participate.	7/21/2018 7:47 AM
30	Advertise what resources we do have	7/20/2018 11:04 PM
31	Thanks for working on this!	7/20/2018 11:08 AM
32	Honestly, I am not even sure where to find information on available programs. Maybe twice a year, mailing a catalog of available programs, recreation, event dates and costs would be helpful in allowing residents to know what's available to what age group and giving residents first priority over non residents. Manheim Township does a great job offering programs and informing residents. We would love to see a Rec swim lesson availability, Rec dance programs for kids, guided nature hikes, group day bus trips to nearby destinations. We love the idea of the rail trail from Lititz to Ephrata. I'm unsure if this is possible within our district, and we love that CV has more rural aspects of it than some other districts so we don't like to see continuous development of what makes it so pretty. Walking/biking trails I believe would get utilized if they conveniently connected schools or parks.	7/20/2018 8:48 AM
33	I would love to have safe, lighted, paved walking/running paths. I love to run/walk but don't always feel comfortable running on the road. People are too distracted while driving. Thanks for this survey. I am anxious to see what comes from it.	7/20/2018 8:43 AM
34	Why was West Earl not included? It is one of CV's townships.	7/20/2018 8:37 AM
35	Thanks for all you do!	7/20/2018 8:33 AM
36	We need community events that incorporate all townships	7/20/2018 8:31 AM
37	This is a great community and we would love more opportunities to come together and promote outdoor recreation!	7/20/2018 8:25 AM
38	A kids day camp at some of the region's parks during the summer.	7/20/2018 8:22 AM
39	I feel there are little to no recreational facilities, and if there are, they are poorly communicated.	7/20/2018 8:15 AM
40	Would love to see an outdoor splash pad that is free to those in our region to use. Better communication on youth sports programs in cv school district for those age 5-12. Would love to see a low cost or free summer enrichment program for children in the summer is sports, free swim lessons with pool membership. Free or low cost Summer reading and math tutoring programs for students in need of additional academic support available in the cv school district. I see other areas with these programs but would love some closer to home.	7/20/2018 8:12 AM
41	None	7/20/2018 8:04 AM

42	Copy East Pete, there are constantly movies, fairs, car shows etc that we attend because the events here are few and far in between	7/20/2018 7:50 AM
43	I'm wondering why the play equipment at Flory Park is getting taking out and nothing new is being added. My kids don't like playing there anymore. They loved it before.	7/20/2018 7:35 AM
44	Love being a part of the CV community	7/20/2018 7:28 AM
45	It would be very nice to have a community fitness center like Lititz Rec or Hempfield Rec with an indoor pool. This area is really missing that amenity and it is a disadvantage. Also, the trail system in Manheim Township and the parks is something to strive for. Having more trails would really benefit this area.	7/20/2018 7:25 AM
46	Rename the Leola Pool to the Conestoga Valley Community Pool	7/20/2018 7:15 AM
47	Maybe we have some of these things in our local parts and I'm just not familiar with all of the trails, excetera for our use. A pamphlet or book labeling the parks and their addresses would be a good idea to let the people in the community know exactly where are outdoor park spaces are located.	7/20/2018 6:57 AM
48	Indoor Rec center would be great	7/20/2018 6:30 AM
49	Need indoor/outdoor pool facilities. Ymca is too far away.	7/20/2018 6:20 AM
50	Paved Bike trails and community concerts!	7/20/2018 4:05 AM
51	We are a disjointed community. Leola is a pass through not a town.	7/20/2018 12:09 AM
52	CV need more things to involve kids and teens. A dog park would be nice as well. Our township is lacking	7/19/2018 11:53 PM
53	It would be nice to have an indoor facility for youth sports. Now, all of our youth sports programs travel to other places, Rock Sports, Nook, Keystone Academy, etc, it would be nice if there is a location here in CV. We also don't have enough baseball fields. We cannot continue to grow the baseball programs if we don't have fields to play on. It would be nice if older children 14, 15, etccould ride their bikes to the parks and the schools. However, CV has such busy roads, it makes it to unsafe for them to do so. Offering a transportation service for these teens wanting to get to and from events for working families would be ideal.	7/19/2018 11:34 PM
54	We have considerably less baseball fields in our community compared to other Townships in Lancaster County. Would love to see more baseball fields and funds to maintain them. Also, it was unfortunate when Lafayette fire company was built and we lost a baseball field and basketball courts. Would love to see that replaced somewhere in the community.	7/17/2018 10:00 PM
55	Improve access to water ways for kayaking. This would be something we could have done by the people who kayak. I would be happy to volunteer in improving sites and getting other to help. Maybe adding a clean the water ways day in the township with volunteers.	7/8/2018 9:42 PM
56	Please, please, please see if you can turn the cow path into a recreational trail.	5/11/2018 8:21 AM
57	Side walk on maple ave. People drive SO fast on maple and many kids walk from the corner of Aspen drive to the Leola pool via maple ave	5/11/2018 6:16 AM
58	Any improvements or additional activities would be an upgrade. I work as an activity coordinator in Lancaster County and do not have any activities scheduled in this area because there is nothing to do in our parks. My most recent visit to Leola Community Park was not productive. The sand/volleyball area is not clean, the fitness obstacles along the track are rotting or broken, the playground area has broken and damaged areas and the bathrooms are always seem to be locked locked	5/10/2018 9:08 PM
59	Community Activities in tjeEast Lampeter area, public space for youth to gather and be active together like outdoor skate park and skating rink, as well as more walking trails and biking trails.	5/10/2018 8:35 PM
60	We need additional places to hunt and fish withing CV.	5/10/2018 3:55 PM
61	CV is difficult as there is not a specific downtown/focal point for CV. Does not feel like a cohesive community. More just multiple disconnected small neighborhoods	5/10/2018 3:40 PM
62	Create a recreational facility like other surrounding communities have. I hope this can be a collaborative project between CVSD and the township. The district's impending development provides such a unique opportunity!	5/7/2018 2:47 PM
63	ice skating rink, movie theater, or aquarium sensory gardens or places for people with mental or physical dissabilities	5/6/2018 12:50 PM

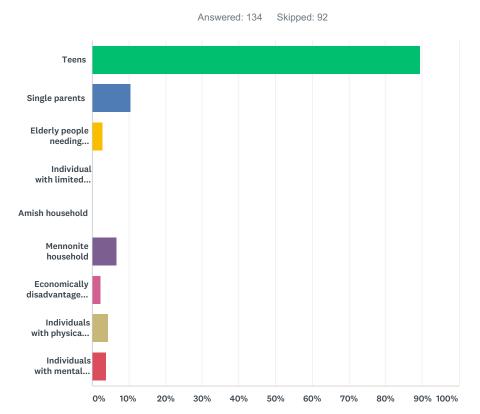
64	Have fundraiser dinners, and offer people to give donations to special events like concerts, fairs, etc. to help with cost.	5/2/2018 8:29 PM
65	School mtb access to parks	4/12/2018 9:26 AM
66	More please	4/11/2018 1:43 PM
67	Do not do business with David Butterworth. You will regret it.	4/11/2018 12:58 PM
68	More bike trails (mountain bike, cyclocross, all-terrain) would be a great addition.	4/11/2018 11:50 AM
69	Please support more road cycling races. we used to have them around here, and now they're more sparse.	4/11/2018 11:42 AM
70	Open Flory Park to biking	4/11/2018 8:23 AM
71	Mountain biking, hiking, cross country running, and skiing trails at Flory Park	4/11/2018 7:14 AM
72	Na	4/8/2018 2:51 PM
73	The trails and greenways question only asked about walking and biking, what about water greenways and trailsfrom Nolt to Community. Putting in at one and take out at the other, that would be great for kayaking.	3/28/2018 2:39 PM
74	There aren't enough sidewalks or safe places for kids to ride bikes or roller skate	3/20/2018 9:02 PM
75	Indoor facility to practice baseball	3/20/2018 6:35 PM
76	Improve Leola Park and continue to utilize the swimming pool.	3/17/2018 4:57 PM
77	I would love to see the option for summer day camps for school aged kids. I would also enjoy having the option of a reasonably priced gym that would have child care and class options especially for the winter months. I also think having team sports for kids who are 3-5 other than soccer shots (which is really expensive). I'd like to see maybe soccer and t ball. Those are two sports which are easy to play and don't require too much equipment.	3/15/2018 8:02 AM
78	Support Leola Pool more. Always went as a kid and now my kids go.	3/14/2018 6:46 PM
79	Bike lanes	3/11/2018 3:50 PM
80	Encourage the development of the goat path for recreation	3/11/2018 1:52 PM
81	Like mentioned above, a nice, long trail to go bike riding would be great. We don't live in a development and can't take the whole family out on Old Philly Pike or Horseshoe Rd. Also, we always have a hard time trying to find decent basketball court. Leola updated theirs last summer so we did get there a lot over the summer and fall, but any other courts we would find, they were in need of much needed repair. Also, we absolutely love the Leola pool! We used to drive to Strasburg YMCA to go to their outdoor pool, but Leola has them beat!!! Thank you for keeping the pool open and in our community!	3/10/2018 9:13 AM
82	I'd love to see this area be more walkable and bikeable. I'd like to see more community events that bring neighbors/neighborhoods together.	3/9/2018 4:49 PM
83	updated playground equipment; pool managed by municipality; recreation center with indoor pool; all youth sports under one umbrella	3/9/2018 2:25 PM
84	Keeping existing parks and expanding greenways	3/5/2018 11:58 AM
85	You are doing well.	3/3/2018 5:08 PM
86	Thank you for seeking input!	1/29/2018 10:15 PM
87	Contests like scavenger hunts that drive people to explore the parks.	1/29/2018 6:17 PM

### Q17 What is your gender?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	35.43%	79
Female	61.88%	138
I would rather not identify	2.69%	6
TOTAL		223

## Q18 In our house there are: (Please check all that apply to your household.)

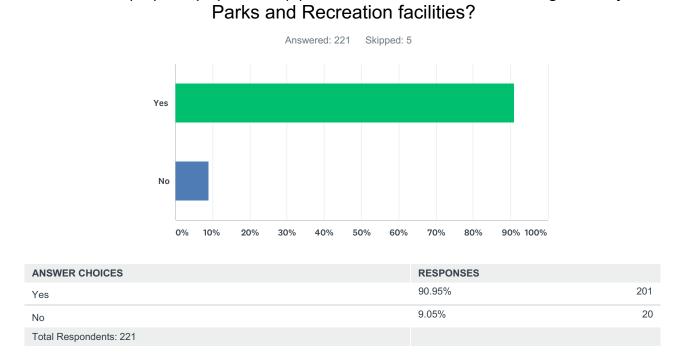


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Teens	89.55%	120
Single parents	10.45%	14
Elderly people needing assistance	2.99%	4
Individual with limited English proficiency	0.00%	0
Amish household	0.00%	0
Mennonite household	6.72%	9
Economically disadvantaged families	2.24%	3
Individuals with physical disabilities	4.48%	6
Individuals with mental disabilities	3.73%	5
Total Respondents: 134		

## Q19 What are the ages of the members of your household? (Please indicate the number of people in each group.)

Answered: 220 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 5 years old	22.73%	50
5-9 years old	45.00%	99
10-14 years old	51.82%	114
15-19 years old	35.91%	79
20-24 years old	15.00%	33
25-34 years old	19.09%	42
35-44 years old	55.00%	121
45- 54 years old	39.55%	87
55-64 years old	15.00%	33
65 years or older	10.00%	22



Q20 Do(es) the population(s) selected above use Conestoga Valley

# G. Metrics

#### Agency Operations

		East Lampeter					
		Township	%	#	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile
1	Agency's total annual operating expenditures	\$247,886		4	\$367,342	\$468,516	\$566,154
2	Percentage of agency's total operating expenditures for the following categories:						
	a. Parks	95.6		4	38.0	53.3	68.9
	b. Recreation	4.4		4	7.8	24.5	43.4
	c. Other			4	79.0	79.0	79.0
3	Percentage of agency's total operating expenditures for the following categories:						
	a. Personnel services	63.0%		3	64.0%	65.0%	72.0%
	b. Operating expenses	34.0%		3	27.5%	34.0%	34.5%
	c. Capital expense not in CIP	3.0%		3	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
	d. Other (describe below)			3			
	If "Other," please describe:						
4	Percentage of agency's total operating expenditures from the following sources:						
	a. General fund tax support	94.0%		3	43.0%	83.0%	88.5%
	b. Dedicated levies			3			
	c. Earned/generated revenue	6.0%		3	11.5%	17.0%	54.5%
	d. Other dedicated taxes			3			
	e. Sponsorships			3			
	f. Grants			3			
	g. Other (describe below)			3	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
	If "Other," please describe:						
5	Agency's total annual non-tax revenues	\$15,806		4	\$59,077	\$115,091	\$273,762

#### Agency Summary Effectiveness Ratios

		East Lampeter					
		Township	%	#	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile
1	Operating expenditures per capita	\$15		4	\$16	\$19	\$25
2	Revenue per capita	\$1		4	\$3	\$5	\$13
3	Total revenue to total operating expenditures	6.4%		4	15.1%	23.8%	45.3%
4	Total tax expenditures per capita	\$14		4	\$11	\$14	\$14
5	Park operating expenditures per acre of parkland	\$2,663		4	\$753	\$1,103	\$1,646
6	Operating expenditures per acre of parkland	\$2,785		4	\$2,333	\$2,698	\$2,790
7	Operating expenditures per acres of parks and non-park sites	\$2,384		4	\$1,408	\$1,942	\$2,408
8	Operating expenditures per FTE	\$159,926		4	\$133,481	\$212,431	\$349,372
9	FTE's per 10,000 population	0.91		4	0.7	0.8	1.5
10	Acres of parks per 1,000 residents	5.24		4	6.2	6.9	11.8
11	Number of residents per park	4,250		4	1,637.1	2,749.5	3,800
12	Number of acres per park	22.25		4	19.7	23.6	25.5
13	Number of participants per program			2	51.4	79.7	108
14	Ratio of fee programs to all programs			2	65.7%	72.4%	79.1%
15	Ratio of building attendance to park attendance			2	21.0%	22.4%	23.7%

	Jurisdiction Information						
		East Lampeter					
-		Township	%	#	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile
1	Agency/department's jurisdiction type	Township					
	Borough		0.0%	0			
-	City		0.0%	0			
	Town		0.0%	0			
	Township		100.0%	4			
	County		0.0%	0			
	State		0.0%	0			
	Special District		0.0%	0			
	Regional/Metro Authority		0.0%	0			
	Independent District/Authority		0.0%	0			
	School District		0.0%	0			
	Military Department		0.0%	0			
	Tribal Lands/Reservation		0.0%	0			
	Other		0.0%	0			
	Village		0.0%	0			
	If "Other," please describe:						
	Jurisdiction's total annual operating and capital						
2	budget						
	a. Jurisdiction annual total operating budget	\$15,888,752		4	\$8,297,869	\$12,794,647	\$15,035,039
	b. Jurisdiction annual capital budget	\$2,589,343		2	\$2,147,336	\$2,294,672	\$2,442,007
	Square mileage and population of the						
3	incorporated jurisdiction the agency serves						
	a. Square mileage of incorporated jurisdiction	22		4	12.6	17.7	22.6
	b. Population of jurisdiction	17,000		4	17,769.5	21,031	24,414.5
4	Country	US			,. 5515	,001	, , 1 110
· ·	US		100.0%	4			
	CA		0.0%	0			
	If "Other," please describe:		2.370				

		East Lampeter					
		Township	%	#	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile
	Agency's total capital budget for the next 5 years and total						
1	capital budget for the fiscal year:						
	a. Capital budget for next 5 years			1	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
	b. Capital budget for the fiscal year	\$7,594		2	\$505,696	\$1,003,797	\$1,501,899
	Percentage of agency's current fiscal year's capital budget						
2	designated for the following purposes:						
	a. Renovation	100.0%		1	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	b. New Development			1			
	c. Acquisition			1			
	d. Other			1			
	If "Other," please describe:						
	Dollar value of authorized general obligation bonds and						
3	revenue bonds authorized for the agency this year						
	a. Value of general obligation bonds authorized	\$0		1	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
	b. Value of revenue bonds authorized	\$0		0			

#### Jurisdiction Information

	Personnel						
		East Lampeter					
		Township	%	#	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile
1	Number of funded employees at your agency:						
	a. Number of full-time employees	1		4	1	1.5	2.3
	b. Number of non-full-time employees	2		3	3.5	5	23
	c. Total annual hours worked by non-full-time employees	1,150		3	700	1,150	5,271
	d. Total number of full-time equivalent employees (FTEs)	1.55		4	1.4	1.8	3.4
2	Percentage of total full-time equivalents (FTEs) involved in the following operational areas:						
	a. Administration	5.0%		4	20.0%	25.0%	30.0%
	b. Operations/Maintenance	90.0%		4	28.8%	40.0%	60.0%
	c. Programmers			4	23.5%	25.0%	25.0%
	d. Capital development	5.0%		4	4.0%	5.0%	15.0%
	e. Other			4			
3	Number of volunteers and number of annual hours worked by the volunteers at the agency						
	a. Number of volunteers	50		3	37	50	87.5
	b. Total hours worked by volunteers	200		3	350	500	625
4	Percentage of agency's that have staff covered by collective bargaining (i.e., are union members)	No					
	Υ		0.0%	0			
	Ν		100.0%	3			

	Workload						
		East Lampeter					
		Township	%	#	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile
	Number of individual parks or non-park sites the						
	department/agency maintains and/or has						
1	management responsibility over:						
	a. Total number of parks	4		4		10	
	b. Total park acres	89		4	139.3	172.5	254.3
	c. Total number of non-park sites	1		3	-	2	6.5
	d. Total acres of non-park sites	15		3	11.5	15	147
	Total number of parks + non-park sites (a+c)	5		4	12.5	16.5	18
	Total acres of parks + non-park sites (b+d)	104		4		307	454.5
		104			145	307	
	Number of acres of developed and undeveloped						
	open space for which the department has						
2	management responsibility over or maintains:						
~	a. Developed	51		4	50.8	77.5	116.8
	b. Undeveloped	38		4	48.5	95.5	110.0
-	Total number of trail miles managed or	50			+0.5	55.5	1/0
3	maintained by the agency	10		4	2.5	6.3	11.3
5	maintained by the agency	10			2.5	0.5	11.5
	Number of buildings and the square footage of						
4	the buildings operated by the agency:						
-	a. Number of operated buildings	0		3	1	1	1.5
	b. Square footage of operated buildings	0		3		25,000	
	Number of programs the agency offers annually	0		3	12,830	23,000	23,000
	and the number of people (i.e., contacts) served						
5	by these programs:						
5	a. Total number of programs offered	0		2	53.8	72.5	91.3
	b. Number of fee based programs	0		2		47.5	56.3
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	c. Total program contacts (estimate as necessary)	0		2	4,356	7,904	11,452
6	Number of contacts (e.g. participants, users) of						
6	the agency's parks and facilities per year:				000	1 600	2 200
	a. Total building facility contacts			2		1,600	,
	b. Total park facility contacts	0		2	,	6,507.5	9,253.8
	c. Total facilities and parks contacts	0		2	4,661.3	8,107.5	11,553.8

Agency	Responsibilities	
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r	Agency Responsibilities			
		East Lampeter		
		Township	%	#
1	Agency Responsibilities			
	a. Operate and maintain park sites	No	100.0%	3
	b. Operate and maintain indoor facilities	No		
	c. Operate, maintain, or contract golf courses	No	33.3%	1
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	d. Operate, maintain, or contract campgrounds	No		
	e. Operate, maintain, or contract indoor swim			
	facility	No		
	f. Operate, maintain, or contract outdoor swim	NO		
		No		
	facilities/water parks	No		
	g. Operate, maintain, or contract tennis center		22.24	
	facilities	No	33.3%	1
	h. Operate, maintain, or contract tourism			
	attractions	No		
	i. Provide recreation programming and services	No	100.0%	3
	j. Operate and maintain non-park sites	No	33.3%	1
	k. Operate, maintain, or manage trails,			
	greenways, and/or blueways (TGB)	No	66.7%	2
	I. Operate, maintain, or manage special purpose			
	parks and open spaces	No	33.3%	1
	m. Manage or maintain fairgrounds	No		
	n. Maintain, manage or lease indoor performing			
	arts center	No		
<u> </u>	o. Administer or manage farmer's markets	No	33.3%	1
	p. Administer community gardens	No	33.3%	1
	q. Manage large performance outdoor	110	33.570	-
	amphitheaters	No	33.3%	1
		NO	55.576	1
	r. Administer or manage professional or college-	No		
	type stadium/arena/racetrack	No		
	s. Administer or manage tournament/event			
	quality indoor sports complexes	No		
	t. Administer or manage tournament/event			
	quality outdoor sports complexes	No		
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	u. Conduct major jurisdiction wide special events	No	66.7%	2
	v. Have budgetary responsibility for its			
	administrative staff	No	66.7%	2
	w. Include in its operating budget the funding for			
	planning and development functions	No	33.3%	1
			/0	

I	Facilities						
		East Lampeter Township	%	#	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile
J	lurisdiction population per facility or activity						
1 a	areas within facilities:						
á	a. Recreation centers			0			
l	b. Community centers			3	21,031	24,036	24,793
(	c. Senior centers			1	24,036	24,036	24,036
(	d. Teen centers			0			
6	e. Fitness center			0			
	f. Gyms			0			
	g. Stadiums			0			
	h. Ice rink			0			
	. Arena			0			
ŕ	. Performance amphitheater			1	18,026	18,026	18,026
	k. Indoor track			0			
	. Nature centers			0			
	lurisdiction population per outdoor facility:						
	a. Playgrounds	5,666.67		4	4,834	5,388.3	6,503.3
	b. Totlots			3	10,393.5	12,775	15,400.5
	c. Community gardens			1	18,026	18,026	18,026
	d. Basketball courts			3	3,631.3	4,258.3	4,532.8
	e. Multiuse courts -basketball, volleyball			3	16,524.5	24,036	24,793
	f. Tennis courts (outdoor only)			3	4,423.8	6,008.7	9,013.3
	g. Diamond fields: baseball - youth	5,666.67		4	5,162.5	7,339.8	9,764.3
	h. Diamond fields: baseball - adult			2	12,768.8	16,524.5	20,280.3
	. Diamond fields: softball fields - youth			2	13,520	15,022	16,524
	. Diamond fields: softball fields - adult	17,000		3	17,513	18,026	21,031
	k. Diamond fields: tee-ball			2	9,764.3	10,515.5	11,266.8
	. Skate park			1	25,550	25,550	25,550
	m. Dog park			0			
	n. Ice rink (outdoor only)			0			
	p. Rectangular fields: multi-purpose			3	6,635.7	9,013	10,515.5
	p. Rectangular fields: cricket field			1	18,026	18,026	18,026
	q. Rectangular fields: field hockey field			0			
	r. Rectangular fields: football field			2	14,087.8	15,400.5	16,713.3
	s. Rectangular fields: lacrosse field			0			
	t. Rectangular fields: soccer field - adult			3	5,447	6,387.5	9,202.8
	u. Rectangular fields: soccer field - youth			2	5,257.8	6,509.5	7,761.3
	v. Overlay field			0			
	w. Multipurpose synthetic field			0			
	Iurisdiction population per golf facility:						
	a. Driving range stations			1	25,550	25,550	25,550
	b. Regulation 18-hole courses			1	25,550	25,550	25,550
	c. Regulation 9-hole courses			0			
	d. Executive 9-hole courses			0			
	e. Executive 18-hole courses			0			
	f. Par 3; 18-hole courses			0			
	g. Par 3; 9-hole courses			0			
	lurisdiction population per swimming/aquatics						
	facility.						
	a. Aquatics centers			0			
	b. Swimming pools (outdoor only)			0			
	c. Indoor competitive swimming pools: 50 meters			0			
(	d. Indoor competitive swimming pools: 25 meters			0			
	e. Other indoor competitive swimming pools			0			
f	f. Indoor separated diving well			0			
	g. Total indoor competitive swimming pools			0			
	h. Indoor pool designated exclusively for leisure				Т		
	(i.e. non-competitive)			0			
i	. Therapeutic pool			0			

		East Lampeter		
		Township	%	#
	Percentage of agencies offering the following			
1	activities:			
	a. Health and wellness education	No	66.7%	Ĩ
	b. Safety training	No	66.7%	-
	c. Fitness enhancement classes	No	66.7%	2
	d. Team sports	No	66.7%	-
	e. Individual sports	No	66.7%	-
	f. Racquet sports	No	66.7%	-
	g. Martial arts	No		
	h. Aquatics	No		
	i. Golf	No	33.3%	1
	j. Social recreation events	No	100.0%	3
	k. Cultural crafts	No	33.3%	1
	I. Performing arts	No	66.7%	2
	m. Visual arts	No	33.3%	1
	n. Natural and cultural history activities	No	66.7%	2
	o. Themed special events	No	66.7%	2
	p. Trips and tours	No	33.3%	1
	Percentage of agencies offering the following Out-			
2	of-School Time (OST) activities?			
	a. Summer camp	No		
	γ		50.0%	2
	N		50.0%	2
	b. Before school programs	No		
	Y		0.0%	(
	N		100.0%	2
	c. After school programs	No		
	Υ		25.0%	1
	N		75.0%	3
	d. Preschool	No		
	Y		0.0%	(
	N		100.0%	4
	e. Full daycare	No		
	Y		0.0%	(
	N		100.0%	4
	f. Specific teen programs	No		
	Y		25.0%	
	N		75.0%	
	g. Specific senior programs	No		
	Y		50.0%	
	Ν		50.0%	
	h. Programs for people with disabilities	No		
	Y		50.0%	
	Ν		50.0%	

	Agency Operations			
				Susquehanna
		East Lampeter	East Goshen	Twp Parks &
		Township	Township	Recreation
1	Agency's total annual operating expenditures	\$247 <i>,</i> 886	\$675,000	\$407,160
	Percentage of agency's total operating expenditures			
2	for the following categories:			
	a. Parks	95.6	60	12
	b. Recreation	4.4	40	9
	c. Other			79
	Percentage of agency's total operating expenditures			
3	for the following categories:			
	a. Personnel services	63.0%	65.0%	79.0%
	b. Operating expenses	34.0%	35.0%	21.0%
	c. Capital expense not in CIP	3.0%		
	d. Other (describe below)			
	If "Other," please describe:			
	Percentage of agency's total operating expenditures			
4	from the following sources:			
	a. General fund tax support	94.0%	3.0%	83.0%
	b. Dedicated levies			
	c. Earned/generated revenue	6.0%	92.0%	17.0%
	d. Other dedicated taxes			
	e. Sponsorships			
	f. Grants			
	g. Other (describe below)		5.0%	
			Donations via	
	If "Other," please describe:		Friends Group	
5	Agency's total annual non-tax revenues	\$15,806	\$625,000	\$73,500

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Agency Summary Effectiveness Ratios
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				Susquehanna
		East Lampeter	East Goshen	Twp Parks &
		Township	Township	Recreation
1	Operating expenditures per capita	\$15	\$37	\$17
2	Revenue per capita	\$1	\$35	\$3
3	Total revenue to total operating expenditures	6.4%	92.6%	18.1%
4	Total tax expenditures per capita	\$14	\$3	\$14
5	Park operating expenditures per acre of parkland	\$2,663	\$900	\$313
6	Operating expenditures per acre of parkland	\$2,785	\$1,500	\$2,610
	Operating expenditures per acres of parks and non-park			
7	sites	\$2,384	\$1,500	\$2,483
8	Operating expenditures per FTE	\$159,926	\$602 <i>,</i> 679	\$54,144
9	FTE's per 10,000 population	0.91	0.62	3.13
10	Acres of parks per 1,000 residents	5.24	24.96	6.49
11	Number of residents per park	4,250	1,001.44	1,848.92
12	Number of acres per park	22.25	25	12
13	Number of participants per program		136.36	23.09
14	Ratio of fee programs to all programs		59.1%	85.7%
15	Ratio of building attendance to park attendance		25.0%	19.7%

#### **Capital Budget**

				Susquehanna
		East Lampeter	East Goshen	Twp Parks &
		Township	Township	Recreation
	Agency's total capital budget for the next 5 years			
1	and total capital budget for the fiscal year:			
	a. Capital budget for next 5 years		\$8,000,000	\$0
	b. Capital budget for the fiscal year	\$7,594	\$2,000,000	\$0
	Percentage of agency's current fiscal year's			
	capital budget designated for the following			
2	purposes:			
	a. Renovation	100.0%	40%	
	b. New Development		60%	
	c. Acquisition			0.0%
	d. Other			0.0%
	If "Other," please describe:			
	Dollar value of authorized general obligation			
	bonds and revenue bonds authorized for the			
3	agency this year			
	a. Value of general obligation bonds authorized	\$0	\$8,000,000	\$0
	b. Value of revenue bonds authorized	\$0		\$0

	Personnel			
		East Lampeter Township	East Goshen Township	Susquehanna Twp Parks & Recreation
1	Number of funded employees at your agency:			
_	a. Number of full-time employees	1	1	3
	b. Number of non-full-time employees	2	5	41
	c. Total annual hours worked by non-full-time employees	1,150	250	9,392
	d. Total number of full-time equivalent employees (FTEs)	1.55	1.12	7.52
2	Percentage of total full-time equivalents (FTEs) involved in the following operational areas:			
	a. Administration	5.0%	25.0%	45.0%
	b. Operations/Maintenance	90.0%	25.0%	30.0%
	c. Programmers		25.0%	22.0%
	d. Capital development	5.0%	25.0%	3.0%
	e. Other			
3	Number of volunteers and number of annual hours worked by the volunteers at the agency			
	a. Number of volunteers	50	125	24
	b. Total hours worked by volunteers	200	500	750
4	Percentage of agency's that have staff covered by collective bargaining (i.e., are union members)	No	No	No

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	Workload			
		East Lampeter Township	East Goshen Township	Susquehanna Twp Parks & Recreation
	Number of individual parks or non-park sites the			
	department/agency maintains and/or has			
1	management responsibility over:			
	a. Total number of parks	4	18	13
	b. Total park acres	89	450	156
	c. Total number of non-park sites	1	0	2
	d. Total acres of non-park sites	15	0	8
	Total number of parks + non-park sites (a+c)	5	18	15
	Total acres of parks + non-park sites (b+d)	104	450	164
	Number of acres of developed and undeveloped			
	open space for which the department has			
2	management responsibility over or maintains:			
	a. Developed	51	155	104
	b. Undeveloped	38	295	52
	Total number of trail miles managed or			
3	maintained by the agency	10	15	2.55
	Number of buildings and the square footage of			
4	the buildings operated by the agency:			
	a. Number of operated buildings	0	2	1
	b. Square footage of operated buildings	0	25,000	660
	Number of programs the agency offers annually			
	and the number of people (i.e., contacts) served			
5	by these programs:			
	a. Total number of programs offered	0	110	35
	b. Number of fee based programs	0	65	30
	c. Total program contacts (estimate as			
	necessary)	0	15,000	808
	Number of contacts (e.g. participants, users) of			
6	the agency's parks and facilities per year:			
	a. Total building facility contacts		3,000	200
	b. Total park facility contacts		12,000	1,015
	c. Total facilities and parks contacts	0	15,000	1,215

	Agency Responsibilities			
				Susquehanna
		East Lampeter	East Goshen	Twp Parks &
		Township	Township	Recreation
1	Agency Responsibilities			
	a. Operate and maintain park sites	No	Yes	Yes
	b. Operate and maintain indoor facilities	No	No	No
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	c. Operate, maintain, or contract golf courses	No	No	No
	d. Operate, maintain, or contract campgrounds	No	No	No
	e. Operate, maintain, or contract indoor swim		110	110
	facility	No	No	No
	f. Operate, maintain, or contract outdoor swim		110	110
	facilities/water parks	No	No	No
		NO	NO	INU
	g. Operate, maintain, or contract tennis center	N1 -	V	A I _
	facilities	No	Yes	No
	h. Operate, maintain, or contract tourism			
	attractions	No	No	No
	i. Provide recreation programming and services	No	Yes	Yes
	j. Operate and maintain non-park sites	No	No	Yes
	k. Operate, maintain, or manage trails,			
	greenways, and/or blueways (TGB)	No	Yes	Yes
	I. Operate, maintain, or manage special purpose			
	parks and open spaces	No	Yes	No
	m. Manage or maintain fairgrounds	No	No	No
	n. Maintain, manage or lease indoor performing			
	arts center	No	No	No
	o. Administer or manage farmer's markets	No	Yes	No
	p. Administer community gardens	No	Yes	No
	q. Manage large performance outdoor			
	amphitheaters	No	Yes	No
	r. Administer or manage professional or college-			
	type stadium/arena/racetrack	No	No	No
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	s. Administer or manage tournament/event			
	quality indoor sports complexes	No	No	No
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	t. Administer or manage tournament/event			
	quality outdoor sports complexes	No	No	No
		INO	NO	NO
	u. Conduct major jurisdiction wide special events	No	Vac	Ma
┣───	u. Conduct major jurisdiction wide special events	No	Yes	No
	v. Have budgetary responsibility for its			
	administrative staff	No	Yes	Yes
	w. Include in its operating budget the funding for			
	planning and development functions	No	No	Yes

#### **Agency Responsibilities**

	Facilities			
		East Lampeter Township	East Goshen Township	Susquehanna Twp Parks & Recreation
	Jurisdiction population per facility or activity			
1	areas within facilities:			
	a. Recreation centers			
	b. Community centers		18,026	24,036
	c. Senior centers			24,036
	d. Teen centers			
	e. Fitness center			
	f. Gyms			
	g. Stadiums			
	h. Ice rink			
	i. Arena			
	j. Performance amphitheater		18,026	
	k. Indoor track			
	I. Nature centers			
2	Jurisdiction population per outdoor facility:		0.012	4.000
	a. Playgrounds	5,666.67	9,013	4,006
	b. Totlots		18,026	8,012
	c. Community gardens		18,026	4 007 0
	d. Basketball courts		3,004.33	4,807.2
	e. Multiuse courts -basketball, volleyball		9,013	24,036
	f. Tennis courts (outdoor only)	5 666 67	6,008.67	12,018
	g. Diamond fields: baseball - youth	5,666.67	9,013	12,018
	h. Diamond fields: baseball - adult		9,013	24,036
	i. Diamond fields: softball fields - youth		18,026	12,018
	j. Diamond fields: softball fields - adult	17,000	18,026	24,036
	k. Diamond fields: tee-ball		9,013	12,018
	I. Skate park			
	m. Dog park			
	n. Ice rink (outdoor only)			
	o. Rectangular fields: multi-purpose		9,013	12,018
	p. Rectangular fields: cricket field		18,026	
	q. Rectangular fields: field hockey field			
	r. Rectangular fields: football field		18,026	
	s. Rectangular fields: lacrosse field			
	t. Rectangular fields: soccer field - adult		4,506.5	12,018
	u. Rectangular fields: soccer field - youth		9,013	4,006

	Activities			
				Susquehanna
		East Lampeter	East Goshen	Twp Parks &
		Township	Township	Recreation
	Percentage of agencies offering the following			
1	activities:			
	a. Health and wellness education	No	Yes	Yes
	b. Safety training	No	Yes	Yes
	c. Fitness enhancement classes	No	Yes	Yes
	d. Team sports	No	Yes	Yes
	e. Individual sports	No	Yes	Yes
	f. Racquet sports	No	Yes	Yes
	g. Martial arts	No	No	No
	h. Aquatics	No	No	No
	i. Golf	No	No	No
	j. Social recreation events	No	Yes	Yes
	k. Cultural crafts	No	Yes	No
	I. Performing arts	No	Yes	Yes
	m. Visual arts	No	Yes	No
	n. Natural and cultural history activities	No	Yes	Yes
	o. Themed special events	No	Yes	No
	p. Trips and tours	No	Yes	No
	Percentage of agencies offering the following			
2	Out-of-School Time (OST) activities?			
	a. Summer camp	No	Yes	Yes
	b. Before school programs	No	No	No
	c. After school programs	No	Yes	No
	d. Preschool	No	No	No
	e. Full daycare	No	No	No
	f. Specific teen programs	No	Yes	No
	g. Specific senior programs	No	Yes	Yes
	h. Programs for people with disabilities	No	Yes	Yes

#### **Jurisdiction Information**

				Susquehanna
		East Lampeter	East Goshen	Twp Parks &
		Township	Township	Recreation
1	Agency/department's jurisdiction type	Township	Township	Township
	If "Other," please describe:			
	Jurisdiction's total annual operating and capital			
2	budget			
	a. Jurisdiction annual total operating budget	\$15,888,752	\$675,000	\$14,750,468
	b. Jurisdiction annual capital budget	\$2,589,343	\$2,000,000	\$0
	Square mileage and population of the			
3	incorporated jurisdiction the agency serves			
	a. Square mileage of incorporated jurisdiction	22	10.2	13.34
	b. Population of jurisdiction	17,000	18,026	24,036
4	Country	US	US	US
	If "Other," please describe:			
5	State/Province	PA	PA	PA

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