

Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan



For the communities of Brady Township,
Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock Township,
West Liberty Borough, and Worth Township

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RESOLUTION NO. 2010-6

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRADY, COUNTY OF BUTLER, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE NORTHWEST BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHWEST BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, DATED THIS 21st DAY OF July, 2010 AS PREPARED BY THE NORTHWESTERN BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL PLANNING GROUP, AND FACILITATED BY MACKIN ENGINEERING COMPANY, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE.

WHEREAS, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Planning Group serves as the official planning committee for Brady Township for the purposes of developing the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (adopted 2007) and the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan; and

Whereas, a copy of the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, which includes the text, map, charts and any other items, was made available for public review in the Brady Township Building is attached hereto as exhibit "A"; and,

Whereas, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan was sent to all contiguous municipalities, the Slippery Rock Area School District, and the Butler County Planning Commission for review and comment on October 23, 2009, which was the start of the forty-five (45) day public comment period; and,

Whereas, Brady Township has duly noted and considered all comments submitted during the forty-five (45) day comment period; and,

Whereas, notice of a public hearing was forwarded to the Butler County Eagle to be advertised and published on December 28 and January 8; and,

Whereas, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Planning Group held a joint public hearing on January 18, 2010 at 6:00 PM to hear and consider public comments, and that the comments received at the public hearing were duly noted; and,

Whereas, Brady Township, has not substantially revised the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, as originally set forth in Exhibit "A" after the public hearing; and,

Whereas, Brady Township has found the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan is beneficial to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BRADY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME:

SECTION I. The Township of Brady, by this resolution, adopts the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan as attached hereto as Exhibit "A", as pursuant to Article III and Article XI of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

SECTION II. The Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan is adopted as an amendment to the 2007 Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan.

Resolved and enacted this 21st day of July 2010.

ATTEST:



Candace Campbell
Secretary/Treasurer
(SEAL)

Brady Township
Board of Supervisors


Daniel Opalewski - Chairman

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RESOLUTION NO. 386

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SLIPPERY ROCK, COUNTY OF BUTLER, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE NORTHWEST BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHWEST BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, DATED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 2010 AS PREPARED BY THE NORTHWESTERN BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL PLANNING GROUP, AND FACILITATED BY MACKIN ENGINEERING COMPANY, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE.

WHEREAS, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Planning Group serves as the official planning committee for the Borough of Slippery Rock for the purposes of developing the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (adopted 2007) and the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, which includes the text, map, charts and any other items, was made available for public review in the Slippery Rock Borough Building is attached hereto as exhibit "A"; and,

WHEREAS, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan was sent to all contiguous municipalities, the Slippery Rock School District, and the Butler County Planning Commission for review and comment on October 23, 2009, which was the start of the forty-five (45) day public comment period; and,

WHEREAS, Slippery Rock Borough has duly noted and considered all comments submitted during the forty-five (45) day comment period; and,

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing was forwarded to the Butler County Eagle to be advertised and published on December 28 and January 8; and,

WHEREAS, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Planning Group held a joint public hearing on January 18, 2010 at 6:00 PM to hear and consider public comments, and that the comments received at the public hearing were duly noted; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Slippery Rock, has not substantially revised the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, as originally set forth in Exhibit "A" after the public hearing; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Slippery Rock has found the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan is beneficial to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH COUNCIL AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME:

SECTION I. The Borough of Slippery Rock, by this resolution, adopts the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan as attached hereto as Exhibit "A", as pursuant to Article III and Article XI of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

SECTION II. The Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan is adopted as an amendment to the 2007 Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan.

Resolved and enacted this 6th day of July, 2010.

ATTEST:

SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH COUNCIL



Lucinda G. Lipko
Borough Administrator
Borough of Slippery Rock



Blase F. Tucci
Council Vice President
Borough of Slippery Rock

(SEAL)

I, Lucinda G. Lipko, Borough Administrator for Borough of Slippery Rock, do hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution # 386, resolved and enacted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Slippery Rock on July 6, 2010.



Lucinda Lipko
Borough Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 10-7-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SLIPPERY ROCK, COUNTY OF BUTLER, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE NORTHWEST BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHWEST BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, DATED THIS 12th DAY OF July, 2010 AS PREPARED BY THE NORTHWESTERN BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL PLANNING GROUP, AND FACILITATED BY MACKIN ENGINEERING COMPANY, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE.

WHEREAS, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Planning Group serves as the official planning committee for Slippery Rock Township for the purposes of developing the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (adopted 2007) and the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan; and

Whereas, a copy of the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, which includes the text, map, charts and any other items, was made available for public review in the Slippery Rock Township Building is attached hereto as exhibit "A"; and,

Whereas, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan was sent to all contiguous municipalities, the Slippery Rock School District, and the Butler County Planning Commission for review and comment on October 23, 2009, which was the start of the forty-five (45) day public comment period; and,

Whereas, Slippery Rock Township has duly noted and considered all comments submitted during the forty-five (45) day comment period; and,

Whereas, notice of a public hearing was forwarded to the Butler County Eagle to be advertised and published on December 28 and January 8; and,

Whereas, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Planning Group held a joint public hearing on January 18, 2010 at 6:00 PM to hear and consider public comments, and that the comments received at the public hearing were duly noted; and,

Whereas, Slippery Rock Township, has not substantially revised the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, as originally set forth in Exhibit "A" after the public hearing; and,

Whereas, Slippery Rock Township has found the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan is beneficial to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SLIPPERY ROCK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME:

SECTION I. The Township of Slippery Rock, by this resolution, adopts the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan as attached hereto as Exhibit "A", as pursuant to Article III and Article XI of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

SECTION II. The Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan is adopted as an amendment to the 2007 Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan.

Resolved and enacted this 12th day of July 2010.

ATTEST:

Slippery Rock Township
Board of Supervisors



(SEAL)

RESOLUTION NO. 07-05-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST LIBERTY, COUNTY OF BUTLER, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE NORTHWEST BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHWEST BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, DATED THIS 5 DAY OF July, 2010 AS PREPARED BY THE NORTHWESTERN BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL PLANNING GROUP, AND FACILITATED BY MACKIN ENGINEERING COMPANY, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE.

WHEREAS, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Planning Group serves as the official planning committee for West Liberty Borough for the purposes of developing the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (adopted 2007) and the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan; and

Whereas, a copy of the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, which includes the text, map, charts and any other items, was made available for public review in the West Liberty Borough Building is attached hereto as exhibit "A"; and,

Whereas, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan was sent to all contiguous municipalities, the Slippery Rock Area School District, and the Butler County Planning Commission for review and comment on October 23, 2009, which was the start of the forty-five (45) day public comment period; and,

Whereas, West Liberty Borough has duly noted and considered all comments submitted during the forty-five (45) day comment period; and,

Whereas, notice of a public hearing was forwarded to the Butler County Eagle to be advertised and published on December 28 and January 8; and,

Whereas, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Planning Group held a joint public hearing on January 18, 2010 at 6:00 PM to hear and consider public comments, and that the comments received at the public hearing were duly noted; and,

Whereas, the Borough of West Liberty, has not substantially revised the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, as originally set forth in Exhibit "A" after the public hearing; and,

Whereas, the Borough of West Liberty has found the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan is beneficial to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WEST LIBERTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME:

SECTION I. The Borough of West Liberty, by this resolution, adopts the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan as attached hereto as Exhibit "A", as pursuant to Article III and Article XI of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

SECTION II. The Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan is adopted as an amendment to the 2007 Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan.

Resolved and enacted this 5 day of July 2010.

ATTEST:

West Liberty Borough
Council



(SEAL)

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-0002

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WORTH, COUNTY OF BUTLER, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE NORTHWEST BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHWEST BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, DATED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 2010 AS PREPARED BY THE NORTHWESTERN BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL PLANNING GROUP, AND FACILITATED BY MACKIN ENGINEERING COMPANY, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE.

WHEREAS, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Planning Group serves as the official planning committee for Worth Township for the purposes of developing the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (adopted 2007) and the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan; and

Whereas, a copy of the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, which includes the text, map, charts and any other items, was made available for public review in the Worth Township Building is attached hereto as exhibit "A"; and,

Whereas, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan was sent to all contiguous municipalities, the Slippery Rock Area School District, and the Butler County Planning Commission for review and comment on October 23, 2009, which was the start of the forty-five (45) day public comment period; and,

Whereas, Worth Township has duly noted and considered all comments submitted during the forty-five (45) day comment period; and,

Whereas, notice of a public hearing was forwarded to the Butler County Eagle to be advertised and published on December 28 and January 8; and,

Whereas, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Planning Group held a joint public hearing on January 18, 2010 at 6:00 PM to hear and consider public comments, and that the comments received at the public hearing were duly noted; and,

Whereas, Worth Township, has not substantially revised the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, as originally set forth in Exhibit "A" after the public hearing; and,

Whereas, Worth Township has found the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan is beneficial to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WORTH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME:

SECTION I. The Township of Worth, by this resolution, adopts the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan as attached hereto as Exhibit "A", as pursuant to Article III and Article XI of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

SECTION II. The Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan is adopted as an amendment to the 2007 Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan.

Resolved and enacted this 6th day of July 2010.

ATTEST:

Worth Township
Board of Supervisors


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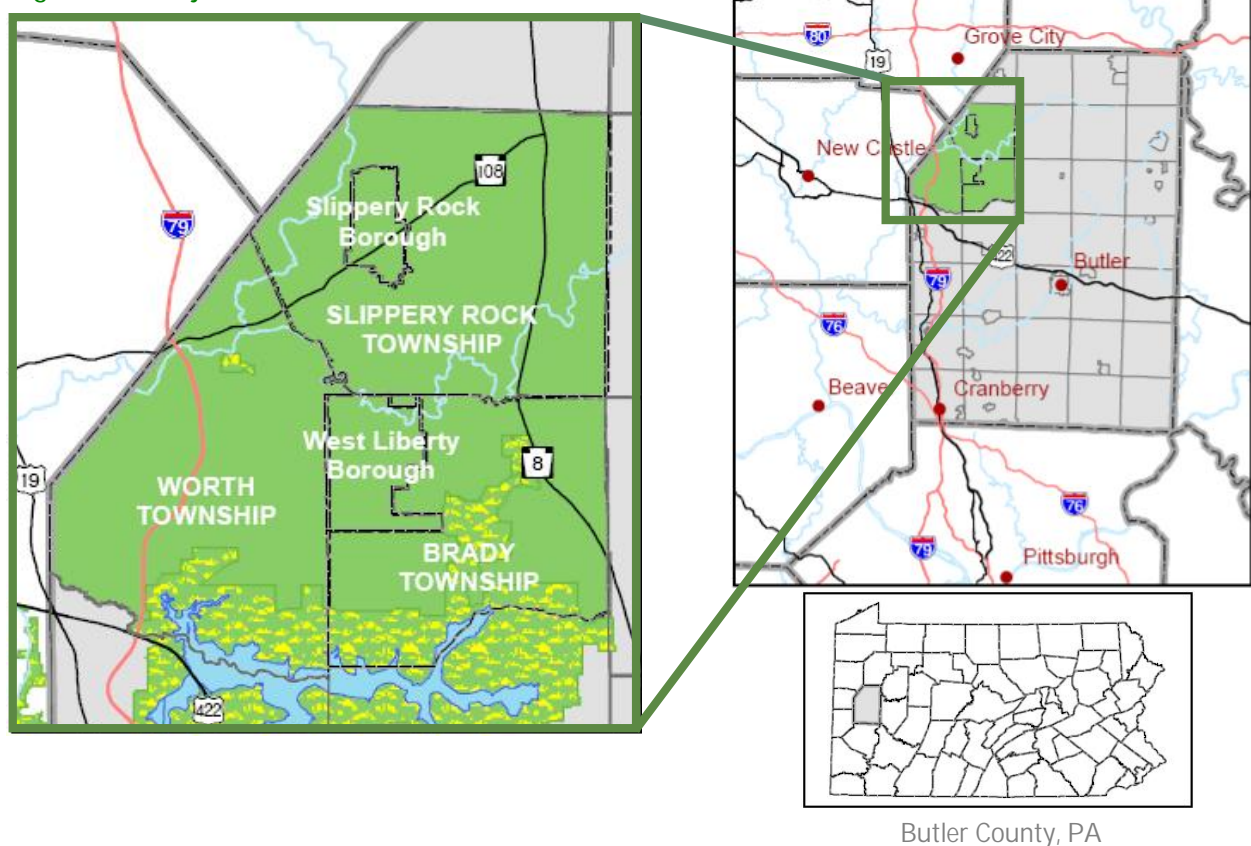
Executive Summary

In 2005, the public officials of five communities in Northwest Butler County opted for a regional approach and prepared a multi-municipal comprehensive plan to guide future development. The plan, adopted in 2007, recommended the communities continue their partnership. They began preparing a comprehensive parks and recreation plan in October of 2008; which is partially funded through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). This plan, entitled the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, will serve to identify future needs for parks, open space, recreation facilities, programs, and services and offer recommendations to address those needs. In addition, three Master Site Plans were completed as part of this project: Slippery Rock Community Park (existing), 19-acre site in Brady Township (proposed), and the Poplar Forest Mini-Park (proposed).

PROJECT AREA

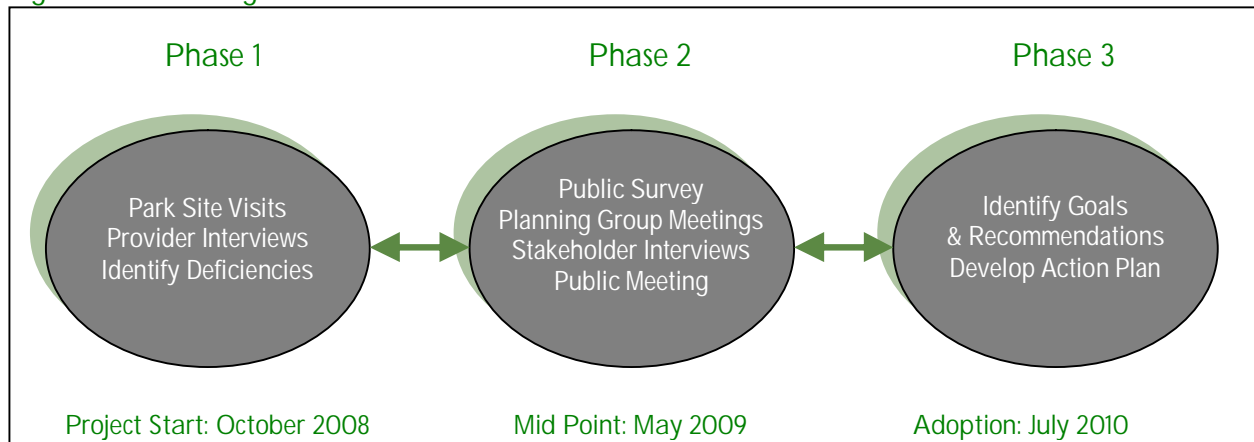
The Project Area, as shown in [Figure i.1](#), is located in Northwest Butler County and includes the municipalities of Brady Township, Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock Township, West Liberty Borough, and Worth Township. The Project Area lies approximately 50 miles north of the City of Pittsburgh (via I-79), and 15 miles northwest of the City of Butler.

Figure i.1: Project Area



PLANNING PROCESS

Figure i.2: Planning Process



PLAN PURPOSE

The Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan was completed to address the following elements that were recognized as high priority concerns during the planning process:

Northwest Butler Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan Goals:

- # 1: Identify future needs for additional parks/recreation sites.
- # 2: Ensure recreational facilities are utilized to their fullest extent.
- # 3: Capitalize on natural resources as recreational opportunities.
- # 4: Avoid the duplication of services while expanding programs.
- # 5: Develop a marketing campaign.
- # 6: Ensure that parks and recreation administration is capable of meeting the needs of an expanding program.
- # 7: Improve overall maintenance of recreation facilities to minimize costs
- # 8: Utilize a variety of methods to fund new programs and facilities

Parks & Recreation Facilities

- Slippery Rock Community Park fulfills the recommended community park standards for the entire Project Area.
- The Project Area needs 11.5 acres of neighborhood parks.
- Residents identified a need for trails, playgrounds, passive open space, and a community center.

Priority Recommendations (Short-Term: Years 1-4)

Implement the Poplar Forest Mini-Park Site Plan
Implement the Slippery Rock Community Park Master Site Plan
Revise municipal SALDOs to include mandatory dedication/fee-in-lieu of provision
Develop park trails within Slippery Rock Community Park
Install bike racks at "destination" centers throughout the Project Area
Implement the Slippery Rock Borough Sidewalk Master Plan
Update municipal subdivision and land developments to require sidewalks in all new developments and in areas of redevelopment

Programming

- Most residents would attend programs held at Slippery Rock Community Park, Moraine State Park, and Slippery Rock University facilities.
- Seniors were identified as the most underserved age group for recreational programs within the Project Area with Adults close behind.
- Most residents would like to see additional fitness programs offered, along with programs targeted to seniors, families, adults, and arts and crafts.

Priority Recommendations (Short-Term: Years 1-4)

Expand the partnership with the Slippery Rock Area School District
Expand the partnerships with Slippery Rock University (SRU)
Offer programs in the surrounding municipalities
Partner with YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park to offer programs
Develop cooperative programs with other recreation providers
Offer additional programs geared towards seniors, adults, and families
Offer special needs programs
Evaluate programs on a regular basis

Marketing

- Most residents hear about programs offered as a result of participation in past events, flyers/pamphlets, word of mouth, and newspapers.
- The top reason cited by residents for not participating in programs is that they are not well publicized.

Priority Recommendations (Short-Term: Years 1-4)

Provide program brochures to a variety of outlets	Advertise in a variety of publications and outlets
Send out e-mail blasts	Develop large community signs
Develop a logo	Improve visibility on the web
Develop an e-mail distribution list	Conduct post-participation user surveys

Administration

- Slippery Rock Community Park is overseen by the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Board, which is comprised of members appointed by Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock Township and the Slippery Rock Area School District.
- 60% of residents would support the creation of a parks and recreation board that would oversee parks and recreation in all five municipalities in Northwestern Butler County.

Priority Recommendations (Short-Term: Years 1-4)

Continue the Northwest Butler County Planning Group to oversee planning efforts
Update the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Board bylaws
Hire additional maintenance staff
Develop separate agreements with individual organizations
Improve record keeping

Maintenance

- A formal maintenance plan would provide the staff with the information needed to prioritize tasks and complete them efficiently and effectively.
- The formal plan would help to reduce liability risks and assist in the coordination of event planning.

Priority Recommendations (Short-Term: Years 1-4)

Develop a formal maintenance plan	Implement a risk management plan
Institute a replacement program	Implement a weekly inspection of equipment
Develop a field maintenance schedule	Maintain daily logs of maintenance activities
Implement a capital maintenance budget	Ensure staff is properly trained
Keep a maintenance record	

Financing

- 56% of residents would support their municipality making an annual contribution to parks and recreation.
- 25% of residents would personally donate money annually to their municipality to support recreation while an additional 19% would donate to support the region.

Priority Recommendations (Short-Term: Years 1-4)

Institute a tiered system for user fees
Include a budget line item for ADA accommodations
Increase programming revenues
Increase rental revenue sources
Use the mandatory dedication/fee-in-lieu of provision to fund new recreation facilities
Develop a "Friends of Slippery Rock Community Park" non-profit organization
Recruit sponsorships
Institute a fundraising campaign
Apply for grants for capital projects

MASTER SITE PLANS

Slippery Rock Community Park		(High Priority: Years 1-4)
Year	Description	Cost
1	Signage – improve park entrance signs, add wayfinding signs within the park and directional signs throughout the community	\$35,000
1	New Restrooms and Playground near the Rotary Pavilion	\$161,280
1-4	New Park Trail System	\$218,880
2-3	Improve the Existing Parking Lot near the Recreation Center and Park Office	\$38,400
3-4	New Basketball Court and Pavilion – replace current basketball court	\$70,400

Poplar Forest Mini-Park		(Medium Priority: Years 5-9)
Year	Project Description	Cost
1	Site Preparation (includes stormwater management) and Open Play Area – approximately 75' x 100' open play grass area	\$32,625
1	Tot Lot – 1,500 square foot surrounded by a 4' fence	\$31,850
1	Signage – at entrance near the intersection of Sassafras Drive and the proposed trail	\$2,500
1-2	Walking Trail – 8' wide, low impact, gravel trail and access way via Sassafras Drive	\$24,300
1-2	Screening – vegetative native plants along the perimeter	\$33,600
1-2	Neighborhood Garden Area	\$2,000

Brady Township Site		(Low Priority: Years 10+)
Year	Project Description	Cost
1	Site Preparation and Open Play Field – approximately 300' x 200'	\$385,875
1	New Gravel Entrance Drive and Parking Area off of West Liberty Road, Signage, and Gate	\$88,700
1	Stormwater Retention Facility	\$20,000
1-2	New Township Building/Community Center	\$1,629,600
1-2	New Maintenance Building and Yard	\$199,500
3-4	Walking Trail – 8' wide, low impact, gravel trail totaling one-half mile	\$42,228
3-4	Vegetative Screening and Garden Areas	\$11,000

Chapter 1...Background

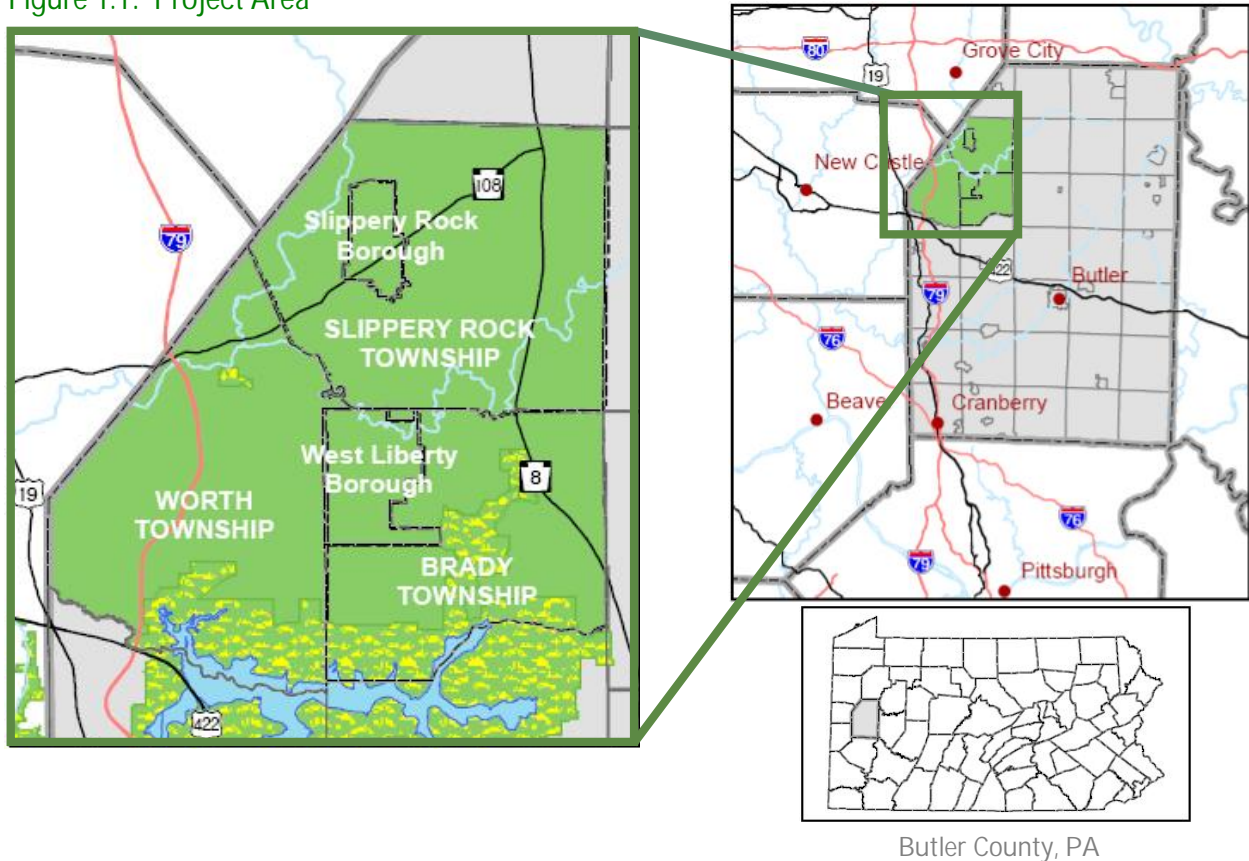
In 2005, the public officials of five communities in Northwest Butler County opted for a regional approach and prepared a multi-municipal comprehensive plan to guide future development. The plan, adopted in 2007, recommended the communities continue their partnership. They began preparing a comprehensive parks and recreation plan in October of 2008; which is partially funded through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). This plan, entitled the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, will serve to identify future needs for parks, open space, recreation facilities, programs, and services and offer recommendations to address those needs. Chapter 1: Background is set up as follows:

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PROJECT AREA

The Project Area, as shown in [Figure 1.1](#), is located in Northwest Butler County and includes the municipalities of Brady Township, Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock Township, West Liberty Borough, and Worth Township. The Project Area lies approximately 50 miles north of the City of Pittsburgh (via I-79), and 15 miles northwest of the City of Butler.

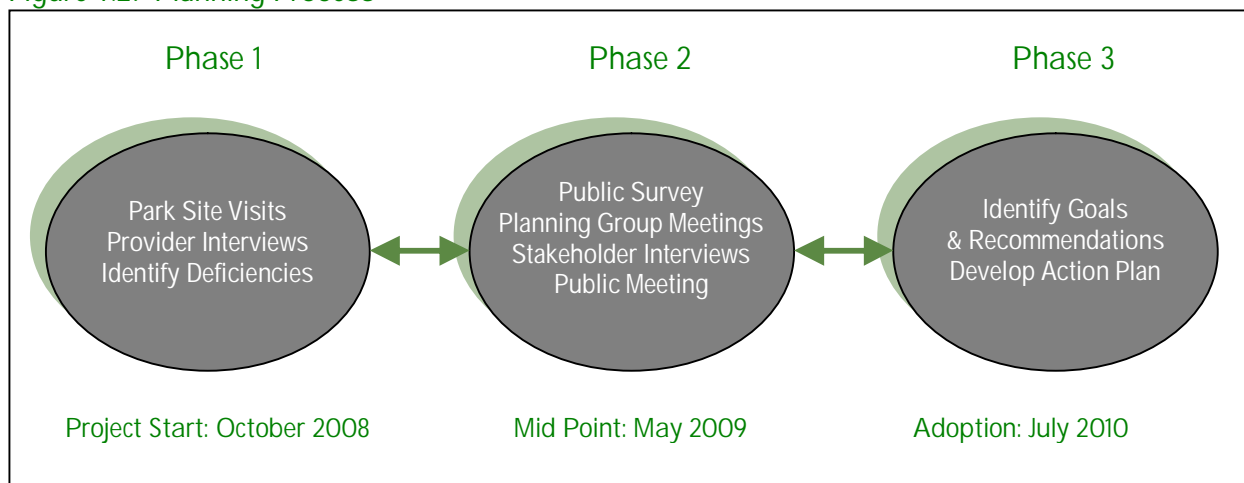
Figure 1.1: Project Area



PLANNING PROCESS

The comprehensive planning process for the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan included three phases (Figure 1.2):

Figure 1.2: Planning Process



Phase 1: Inventory & Analysis

Phase 1 included developing a community profile and analysis for demographics, parks and facilities, programs, and management and operations.

The community profile and demographic analysis were collected as part of the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007) and utilized to supplement the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan. The park and facility analysis, program analysis, and management and operations analysis were all completed by a Certified Parks and Recreation Practitioner (CPRP). These analyses were completed by conducting field views of parks and recreation sites as well as interviews with park staff, municipal officials, and other recreation providers. In addition to inventorying and analyzing public/municipal parks and recreation sites, the CPRP also conducted similar field views of quasi-public recreation facilities (provided by Slippery Rock Area School District, Slippery Rock University, the YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park, and other similar organizations) as well as private recreation facilities in the region. This phase also incorporated the mapping that was prepared for the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan.

Phase 2: Community Needs Assessment

Phase 2 included a Community Needs Assessment, which was completed to solicit feedback from residents regarding their needs and preferences for parks and recreation within the Northwest Butler County region. A variety of methods were used to ensure the participation of a cross-section of the region's population. In addition, the technical assessment of the region's parks and facilities, current

programs, and finances and operations that was conducted as part of Phase 1 was utilized to identify existing deficiencies and assist with determining future needs.

Planning Group Meetings

The Northwestern Butler County Planning Group (NBCPG) that was formed for the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007) was utilized to identify their vision for parks and recreation in the region. The NBCPG met monthly during the development of the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan. They provided direction and approval at key milestones throughout the project. In addition, a number of representatives of other area organizations were included as affiliate members to provide additional insight and assistance throughout the project. The meeting minutes are included in Appendix A-4.

Stakeholder Interviews

All public providers of recreation, in addition to a number of quasi-public/nonprofit and private providers were interviewed to supplement the Inventory as well as the Community Needs Assessment. The Planning Group also provided additional stakeholders who were interviewed due to specific interests that would be relevant to the components of the plan. Each of these individuals was interviewed and the information gathered was tabulated into the key person summary. A summary of the stakeholder interviews is included in Appendix A-1.

Public Meetings

Two public meetings were held throughout the planning process in order to gather public input and feedback. The meeting summaries are included in Appendix A-3.

Public Meeting #1 – May 18, 2009

A public meeting was held on Monday, May 18, 2009 at the Slippery Rock Township Building to gather public input on parks and recreation assets as well as deficiencies. The meeting was conducted in an open house format in an effort to allow people to stop by and go through the stations at their convenience. The meeting included the following:

- PowerPoint Presentation - A presentation was given that summarized the project background, planning process, as well as the public survey results.
- Park Master Site Plans Display - Draft master site plans of the following three sites were on display for review and comment.
 - Slippery Rock Community Park
 - 2-acre site in Slippery Rock Borough
 - Brady Township Site

- Issues Identification Station - Three maps were on display asking residents to identify needs related to parks and recreation facilities, programming, and trails/pathways.
 - Map 1: Parks and Recreation Facilities – designed to gather information on where residents want a new park as well as what type of facilities are needed.
 - Map 2: Recreation Programs – designed to gather information on where residents are willing to participate in new programs and what type of programs are needed.
 - Map 3: Trails & Pathways – designed to gather information on where residents want to see new trails and pathways developed as well as what type of trails/pathways are needed (i.e. sidewalks, on-road bikeways, connector trails, park trails).
- Municipal Representation - Representatives from each of the five municipalities were available to discuss the project as well as survey results by municipality.
- Regional Park Providers – Representatives from Moraine State Park and YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park were on hand to answer any questions and discuss programming opportunities at the parks.
- Survey – A survey was distributed to all the attendees at the meeting to gather additional feedback.

Public Meeting #2 – October 19, 2009

A final public meeting was held on Monday, October 19, 2009 at the Slippery Rock Township Building to present the draft plan and recommendations. The meeting included the following:

- PowerPoint Presentation - A presentation was given that summarized the project background, planning process, community needs assessments, and the action plan/recommendations.
- Park Master Site Plans Display - Draft master site plans of the following three sites were on display for review and comment.
 - Slippery Rock Community Park
 - 2-acre site in Slippery Rock Borough
 - Brady Township Site

Public Survey

A statistically valid community survey of 1,428 property owners within the Project Area was conducted at a 95% confidence level. Surveys were mailed to a random sample based on the population of each of the five municipalities. Of the 1,428 surveys mailed, 322 were returned, which is a 21% response rate. A full copy of the results can be found in Appendix A-3.

- Brady Township (278 surveys)
- Slippery Rock Borough (372 surveys)
- Slippery Rock Township (414 surveys)
- West Liberty Borough (99 surveys)
- Worth Township (265 surveys)

Phase 3: Action Plan

The information gathered during the Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007) was coupled with data gathered through Phase 1 and 2 of the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan and used to provide recommendations for enhancing existing recreational opportunities. The recommendations include specific actions that the municipalities should undertake to improve recreational services and programs to better meet the needs of residents. Recommendations were designed to promote better land use planning in the region with an understanding of municipal resources, both current and future. The Action Plan recommendations are broken down by short term (1-3 years), medium term (4-7 years) and long term (8 plus years), and identifies the responsible party and potential partners.

Master Site Plans

In addition to the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, master site plans were developed simultaneously. The master site plans were developed for Slippery Rock Community Park, the 19-acre site in Brady Township Park, and the proposed Poplar Forest Mini-Park, a 2-acre site in Slippery Rock Borough. The same public input methods that were used to gather data for the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan were also used to gather input for the master site plans.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Located in the northwest corner of Butler County, the Project Area is predominantly rural. Open space and farmland dominate the landscape; accounting for nearly eighty percent of all land use. The Project Area had a population of over 12,000 residents in 2005, which has been steadily increasing since 1960. The largest growth periods occurred in the 1960's and 1990's, coinciding with similar increases in enrollment at Slippery Rock University (SRU), whose enrollment reached 8,105 students in 2005. The rate of population change in the Project Area has been rapid, exceeding that of Butler County. This growth rate is significant, because Butler County is the only county in Western Pennsylvania that has experienced heavy growth since 1980.

The Project Area is very rural in terms of density, with a core concentration of population located in Slippery Rock Borough and in adjacent Slippery Rock Township. The Townships have land available to develop and are experiencing growth. The growth rate of housing units was 22 percent from 1990 to 2000, which is higher than Butler County (18.3%) and Pennsylvania (6.3%). In addition, the conversion of seasonal housing units to year-round residences is occurring more frequently, contributing to the overall growth of the Project Area.

Brady Township

Brady Township is mostly open space with limited agriculture and low-density residential located adjacent to major roads. Moraine State Park and Jennings Environmental Education Center cover approximately 2,900 acres in Brady Township or 27 percent of the total area. Brady Township had the largest percent growth during the 1990's in the Project Area (74.1%), increasing by 618 persons from 834 to 1,452. The age groups that showed the most percentage growth were preschool children, primary school, middle school, secondary school, college, child rearing, and older retired. The number of children under 18 increased by 211 since 1990. The Butler County Comprehensive Plan categorizes Brady Township as rural with high growth potential.

Slippery Rock Borough

As a small town, nearly two-thirds of Slippery Rock Borough is developed, with the remaining portion open space and agriculture. The land use pattern typifies a small town, with medium density housing in close proximity to the downtown business district, and then low density residential housing further out. The presence and growing enrollment of Slippery Rock University in the southeastern part of the Borough and in Slippery Rock Township has had a sizable impact on the Borough. Population growth when compared to building permit trends showed that growth in the Borough resulted from the construction of new multi-family units, either in response to the growth of Slippery Rock University or to an increasing elderly population.

Slippery Rock Township

The Butler County Comprehensive Plan identifies portions of Slippery Rock Township to the south of the Borough as suburban and the remainder as rural with high growth potential. Slippery Rock University has expanded into the Township, and areas in close proximity have been developed for high density student housing and low, medium density housing and some commercial/retail. The remaining portions of Slippery Rock Township are predominantly rural, consisting of open space and agriculture. Slippery Rock Township's population grew rapidly from 1990-2000, adding over 600 people to its population. The Township experienced the most growth in the child rearing age group, adding 280 people, which corresponds with the 63.8 percent increase in the primary school age group. Likewise, the only two age groups to lose population were childbearing and preschool children, which are obviously related.

West Liberty Borough

With 325 residents, the Borough of West Liberty is the smallest of the five municipalities and is very rural, offering a mix of open space, agriculture, and low density residential. The Borough grew by 43 people or about 15 percent during the 1990's. The largest increases in population by age group occurred in the preschool children, primary school, childbearing, and pre-retired groups. This indicates that young families with children are choosing the rural character of the Borough, and that it also may become a permanent home for pre-retired persons. The age groups with the largest percentage increases were primary school, middle school, secondary school, college, child rearing, preretired, and younger retired. Like Slippery Rock Township, the Borough decreased in the childbearing age group, which had a corresponding effect on the preschool age group being static during this time. This trend is expected since Baby Boomers aged out of the childbearing age group during the 1990's.

Worth Township

The Butler County Comprehensive Plan categorizes Worth Township as rural with high growth potential. Worth Township is mostly open space and agriculture, with an additional mix of low density residential and extraction (sand and gravel). Moraine State Park encompasses about 2,500 acres or 16.2 percent of the total area, including Lake Arthur. The population for 2000 of 1,331 exceeded the high-end projection from the previous plan by 129 people. The presence of the I-79/New Castle Road (State Route 108) interchange has created growth pressures in northern Worth Township. Low density housing, a medium density seasonal housing campground, and recently a 120-unit high density apartment complex surround a commercial area centered on the intersection of New Castle Road (State Route 108) and West Park Road. Recently subdivisions have been approved north of the intersection, also increasing the number of people living in this area.

PLAN PURPOSE

The Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan is an implementation project of the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 2007. The Parks and Recreation Plan is being completed to address the following elements that were recognized as high priority concerns during the planning process:

Ensure that existing recreational facilities are utilized to their fullest capacity.

While there is only one community park in the Northwest Butler County region (Slippery Rock Community Park), there is a general feeling amongst residents that the municipalities need to “take care of what you have” first rather than develop new facilities. Therefore, a Master Site Plan (see Chapter 4) was developed for Slippery Rock Community Park to ensure that the park meets the needs of current and future residents and conserves the natural, cultural, and historic elements that contribute to the site’s uniqueness.

Identify future needs for additional parks/recreation sites.

As the region is predominantly rural, other than Slippery Rock Community Park, the municipalities do not provide local recreational facilities. While most residents feel that recreation in their community is adequate today, as development pressures increase in the area, more dense development may create a demand for additional recreational facilities in the future.

Brady Township purchased a 15-acre parcel of undeveloped open space that has been designated for future use as park land. As part of the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, a Master Site Plan (see Chapter 4) was developed for the site (along with a four acre site adjacent to the parcel already owned by the Township to make the total site acreage 19) to determine the recreational needs and best use for the site. In addition, Slippery Rock Borough obtained a 2.12 acre parcel of land through a donation. The site is surrounded by homes and a site plan (see Chapter 4) was included as part of the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan.

Capitalize on natural resources as recreational opportunities.

The Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan indicated that most residents in the Northwest Butler County region felt that recreation in the area was ‘good’ to ‘excellent’. Outdoor recreational opportunities such as golfing and fishing were considered strengths. However, there were areas that residents would like to see expanded or explored, such as walking/hiking trails, camping facilities, a water trail along Slippery Rock Creek, and other outdoor activities. There is a wealth of natural resources present in Northwest Butler County and these resources should be capitalized upon to enhance existing recreational opportunities.

Avoid duplication of services while expanding programs.

Public input collected through the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan revealed a need to expand the programs offered within the Project Area. There are many nonprofit and private recreation providers that Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation may benefit from forming partnerships. The Project Area has a well-developed park and recreation system and places like Moraine State Park and Slippery Rock University provide residents with recreational opportunities that the municipalities cannot provide. These facilities, coupled with YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park, Slippery Rock Area School District facilities and other parks/facilities, offer unique recreational opportunities to the area. Avoiding duplication of services will allow the communities to provide additional recreational opportunities to residents.

Develop a marketing campaign.

Because of the presence of regional recreational opportunities, the Northwest Butler County region has the opportunity to become a major recreational destination. The communities realize the need for multi-municipal coordination and cooperation for promoting the area. Public input showed support for a marketing campaign to increase economic development opportunities that take advantage of the area's recreational facilities. There are many opportunities for the communities to work with nonprofit and private interests to increase the publicity of area programs and facilities.

Ensure that parks and recreation administration is capable of meeting the needs of an expanding program.

It is the role of municipal government to provide community recreation and services for the benefit of its residents. The Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan includes many recommendations aimed at improving and expanding the current facilities and programs offered. It is imperative that the municipalities ensure that future administration of parks and recreation will be adequate and capable of handling the increased activities, especially in the communities that fall outside of Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation administration.

Improve overall maintenance of recreation facilities to minimize costs.

Ensuring that all parks and recreation facilities are adequately maintained should be a top priority and regular maintenance can eliminate the need for larger repairs or replacement of equipment. Routine maintenance tasks need to be scheduled and tracked to ensure proper maintenance is being completed.

Utilize a variety of methods to fund new programs and facilities.

Many of the recommendations included in the plan require money to implement. It is important that the communities utilize a variety of funding sources available to fund the new programs and facilities. Sources may include tax support, concessions, user fees, gifts and donations, sponsorship, grant programs, and fundraising.

Chapter 2...Inventory & Analysis

Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan involved collecting data to conduct an inventory and analysis of all parks, recreation facilities, programming, as well as administration within the Project Area. The Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007) generated significant data regarding an inventory of parks and recreation facilities as well as the recreational needs of residents and desire to capitalize upon the natural, cultural, and historic elements inherent to the region. This plan has used the data collected during the comprehensive planning process and supplemented it with updates to provide a thorough understanding of the five municipalities. Additional data gathered through field views of the existing recreation areas and interviews with recreation providers was used to supplement this data. Chapter 2: Inventory & Analysis is set up as follows:

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Map 2.1: Public Parks

Map 2.2: Non-Profit Parks/Recreation Facilities

Map 2.3: Private Parks/Recreation Facilities

Map 2.4: Trails & Pathways

PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES

Recreation is vital to the quality of life of a community and is important to all segments of the population. Parks can provide many benefits to the local community from preserving green and open space to serving as a central gathering place for youth and adults. Parks and recreation services are provided through many outlets such as government, nonprofits, and other local or regional entities. The close proximity of Moraine State Park, Jennings Environmental Center, and McConnell's Mill State Park make the Project Area a major recreational destination and provide an influx of seasonal population during the summer months.

This section is an inventory of recreational facilities that are offered in the Project Area. The inventory classifies the parks and recreational facilities by type of ownership (public or private) and includes an evaluation of the facility by a Certified Parks and Recreation Practitioner (CPRP). The evaluations are used to identify gaps in service throughout the Project Area and develop recommendations to improve facilities and increase the awareness of recreational opportunities within the communities and the region. In addition to the Project Area inventory, parks and recreational facilities located outside of the Project Area that are used by local residents are discussed.

Parks and recreation are provided by a variety of organizations, however all fall into one of three sectors:

- Public – park areas, recreation facilities, programs and services that are provided by national, state, regional and/or local government and supported by tax dollars for use by the general public.
- Nonprofit – park areas, recreation facilities, programs and services that are provided generally by social service oriented associations that extensively rely on volunteer support; focus may be on health, the environment, disability, the arts, religion, youth development or the elderly. Nonprofit organizations typically have a specific mission and operate on a nonprofit financial basis, relying on membership fees, donations, grants, and often United Way funding. Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs, Lions Clubs and Little League Baseball organizations are examples.
- Private For-Profit – park areas, recreation facilities, programs and services that are provided by commercial recreation, travel and tourism companies; businesses who provide recreation for financial profit. Examples include bowling centers, health and fitness clubs, ski resorts, golf courses, amusement parks and race tracks.

Public Parks

Public parks within the Project Area are divided into four classes based on standards developed by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) in 1983 and also used in the Butler County Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan. These include Regional Park Reserve, Regional/Metropolitan Park, Community Park, and Neighborhood Park/Playground/ Mini-Park. All public parks within the Project Area are shown on [Map 2.1: Public Parks](#).

Regional Park Reserve

Regional Park Reserves are over 1,000 acres in size and have service areas of 40 to 50 miles. Eighty percent of the land is reserved for conservation and natural resource management, with the remaining developed for recreation uses. Regional Park Reserves have diverse or unique natural resources, such as lakes, streams, marshes, flora and fauna, or topography. The Project Area has one facility, Moraine State Park that is classified as a Regional Park Reserve, totaling 16,725 acres. While not located in the Project Area, McConnell's Mill State Park is also classified as a Regional Park Reserve and included in the inventory as many residents of the Project Area utilize McConnell's Mill for its abundant recreational opportunities.

Moraine State Park (Brady and Worth Townships)

The park includes 16,701 acres of land in Brady, Worth, Muddy Creek, Clay, and Franklin Townships. The park property is exempt from real estate taxes and encompasses between a quarter to a third of the land area of Worth and Brady Townships, eliminating a large amount of land from the Townships' tax base. However, Moraine State Park does provide complete protection and preservation of the land, and is a major recreational destination, drawing outdoor enthusiasts and tourists from all parts of the state.

Open for public use on May 23, 1970, Moraine State Park is one of 17 state parks located in southwestern Pennsylvania and is by far the largest recreational facility in the Project Area. Unlike other Pennsylvania state parks, Moraine State Park only offers limited camping facilities, which provide an opportunity for private property owners to offer this amenity to park visitors.

The central feature of Moraine State Park is Lake Arthur, a 3,225-acre man-made lake featuring two beaches and the Frank Preston Conservation Area. Moraine State Park is open daily from sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise posted. Park information, launch permits, cabin information, and assistance can be obtained at the park office near the entrance to the South Shore. The office is open year-round Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. as well as weekends during the summer.



Table 2.1: Moraine State Park Facilities lists the various activities as well as facilities that are available within the park. Moraine State Park continues to grow and provide new features for its visitors. The Park features an amphitheatre that seats 45,000 people; however, it needs to be updated to handle parking and restroom facilities for large venues.

Table 2.1: Moraine State Park Facilities

Facility	Equipment/Description	Requirements
Pavilions/Picnic Areas	7 Pavilions available for rental (4 ADA accessible and 1 with electric)	Reserve for a fee (1-888-PA-PARKS or www.visitpaparks.com) or use unreserved for free (if available)
Swimming Areas	Pleasant Valley Beach on the South Shore is a 1,200-foot turf and sand beach with a sand volleyball court and a playground. Lakeview Beach on the North Shore is a 550-foot sand beach with a playground.	Open daily from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day; sunrise-sunset
Boat Launches/Boat Rentals	10 Boat Launches around Lake Arthur; up to 20 hp motors permitted. Rentals available at the Crescent Bay Area of sailboats, rowboats, paddleboats, canoes, kayaks, motorboats, and pontoon boats.	Must have a state park launching/mooring permit or PA registration.
Windsurfing Areas	Barber Point Beach, near the Lakeview Beach, is popular windsurfing location.	State park launch permit is required for wind surfboards.
Lake Arthur (warm water fishery)	Lake Arthur is a 3,225-acre warm-water fishery with common species such as northern pike, largemouth bass, channel catfish, black crappie and bluegill. PA Fish and Boat Commission stocks muskellunge, walleye, channel catfish and hybrid striped bass. ADA accessible fishing piers are located at Bear Run Boat Launch, the Old Route 422 Boat Launch and McDanel's Boat Launch.	PA fishing license required.
Hiking Trails	28.6 miles of trails follow the lake shore and wind throughout the park. A major feature is the North Country Trail.	
Bike Trail	7-mile paved bicycle trail follows the shoreline between Davis Hollow and the Bike Rental Building in the northwest corner of the park.	Access points at Lakeview Beach and Watts Bay Marina area.
Mountain Bike Trail	6-mile loop trail for mountain bikes on the North Shore.	Trailheads located off of Mt. Union Road and Alexander Ridge Road.

Facility	Equipment/Description	Requirements
Horse Trails	20 miles of equestrian trails within the park. Riding is limited to designated trails and roadsides.	
Washington's Trail	Auto route retraces the path of George Washington's trip of 1753-1754 from Virginia to Fort LeBoeuf.	
Shelter	North Country Trail has a shelter off of Link Road that is available to backpackers. Otherwise, camping is available at nearby private campgrounds only.	For shelter reservations, call 724-368-8811 or www.visitpaparks.com
Organized Group Camping Areas	2 camping areas (Muskrat Cove and Five Points) are available for organized groups that feature picnic tables, cooking grills, and water (no showers).	Advanced reservations required. (1-888-PA-PARKS or www.visitpaparks.com)
Cabins	11 modern cabins that sleep 6 people have electric heat, full bathroom with shower, kitchen, dining/living area and a dock on Lake Arthur. 1 cabin is fully ADA accessible.	Available for rent year-round. (1-888-PA-PARKS or www.visitpaparks.com)
Hunting Grounds	13,840 acres are open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are waterfowl, deer, turkey, grouse, bear, rabbit, pheasant and squirrel.	PA license required.
Disc Golf	18-hole disc golf course is located in the Lakeview Day Use Area.	
Cross-country Skiing Trails	6 miles of trails include the Pleasant Valley and Sunken Garden trails; blazed yellow and pink.	All skill levels.
Snowmobile Trails	26 miles of trails within the park.	Must be at least 4 inches of snow.
Sledding Areas	Pleasant View Picnic Area on the South Shore.	
Iceboating	Sailing on Lake Arthur with approved ice conditions	State park launch permit required.
Ice Fishing	Common species caught are largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, yellow perch and northern pike.	Permitted in the Game Propagation area from January 15 – March 15.

Source: www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/moraine.asp.

McConnell's Mill State Park (Lawrence County)

McConnell's Mill is a 2,543 acre state park located in Lawrence County, approximately 7 miles or 15 minutes from Moraine State Park. Although the park is not located in the Project Area, it is a regional attraction offering outdoor recreational activities including hiking trails, white water rapids for kayaking, and cliffs for rock climbing in Slippery Rock gorge.

(<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/mcconnellsmill.aspx>)

Regional/Metropolitan Park

Regional/Metropolitan Parks are over 200 acres in size and have service areas of 40 to 50 miles. These parks have areas of natural or ornamental quality, provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and may encompass or be contiguous to natural resources. Jennings Environmental Education Center is classified as a Regional/Metropolitan Park within the Project Area with a land area of approximately 300 acres. In addition, Alameda Park is also classified as a Regional/Metropolitan Park, despite not being located within the Project Area.

Alameda Park (Butler Township)

Alameda Park is owned and operated by the Butler County Parks and Recreation Department. The park is roughly 418 acres and is located along Alameda Park Road in Butler Township, approximately 15 miles (25 minutes) from the Borough of Slippery Rock. Facilities include 14 shelters, modern playgrounds, a large outdoor pool, and two sand volleyball courts. The Butler County Parks and Recreation Department operates year-round, though the pool is open from June through August.

Jennings Environmental Education Center (Brady Township)

Jennings Environmental Education Center is one of several state parks specifically dedicated to provide environmental education and interpretation. Jennings Environmental Education Center is approximately 300 acres in size and is located along State Route 528 in Brady Township, north of Moraine State Park near the Old Stone House Museum, and about three miles south of Slippery Rock. The park is open seven days a week from sunrise to sunset for hiking and other nature-related activities. [Table 2.2: Jennings Environmental Center Facilities](#) lists the recreational facilities available for public use.



Table 2.2: Jennings Environmental Education Center Facilities

Facility	Equipment/Description
Environmental Education Center	Large open classroom Display room Park offices Restrooms
Picnic Areas	2 picnic areas: one with 2 picnic tables and one with 6 picnic tables
Hiking Trails	5 miles of trails
Foltz School House	Historical Site
Abandoned Mine Treatment Research Site	
Outdoor Interpretive Area	

The 20-acre prairie ecosystem, one of the park's main features, is home to distinctive prairie plants, such as the Blazing Star, and the endangered Massasauga rattlesnake. Jennings Environmental Education Center was established in the late 1950s and was the first reserve in Pennsylvania to protect an individual plant species. It remains the only public and protected prairie in the Commonwealth. More information on Jennings Environmental Education Center can be found online at: <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/jennings.aspx>.

Community Park

Community Parks are over 25 acres in size and have service areas of one to two miles. These parks are easily accessible, have areas of diverse environmental quality, and may include locations suited for intense recreational facilities and/or include a combination of both active and passive recreation opportunities. The 57-acre Slippery Rock Community Park is the only facility that falls under this classification in the Project Area; however, Harrisville Community Park and the Prospect Boys and Girls Club are located just outside of the Project Area and utilized by many residents for the recreational opportunities they provide.

Slippery Rock Community Park (Slippery Rock Borough)

Slippery Rock Community Park is centrally located in northern Slippery Rock Borough between North Main Street (State Route 258) and Grove City Road (State Route 173) and is adjacent to Slippery Rock Elementary School. The 57-acre park is owned by Slippery Rock Borough but is overseen by an agreement between the Borough, Slippery Rock Township, and the Slippery Rock Area School District. The park is home to Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation in addition to the local library and food cupboard. The mixture of ball fields, playgrounds, and picnic areas/pavilions make Slippery Rock Community Park a heavily used park while the overall park maintenance and the landscaping make it very attractive. The park also provides extensive ADA accessibility to its facilities, making it functional for persons with disabilities. Road maintenance is provided by Slippery Rock Township, who also addresses drainage issues.

Figure 2.1: Slippery Rock Community Park depicts the park boundary, broken down into six (6) main areas, labeled "A" through "F." *Table 2.3: Slippery Rock Community Park Facilities* lists the facilities and equipment available within each of the six (6) areas.

As the park is predominantly built-out, the Northwest Butler Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007) recommended a master site plan be developed for the park to ensure that it is being utilized properly. Therefore, a more detailed inventory and assessment of the park and its facilities can be found in Chapter 4 under the Slippery Rock Community Park Master Site Plan.



Figure 2.1: Slippery Rock Community Park



Table 2.3: Slippery Rock Community Park Facilities

Facility	Equipment/Description	Comments
A		
Recreation Building	Community/Playroom – 33' x 57' Meeting Room – 18' x 18' Class Room – 30' x 36' Library Storage rooms Kitchenette with wood burning stove Restrooms Bike Rack	Main parking area
Administration Building	Offices Meeting rooms Storage rooms	American Legion & VFW meet downstairs
Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard	Operated by non-profit organization who provides building maintenance and pays utilities	
Harold McDeavitt Maintenance Building	Dumpster Old equipment	
Large Picnic Shelter	12 picnic tables – 11 regular, 1 ADA Trash receptacles (3) Water Pump Electric – 110 & 220 Grill	20' x 50' ADA compliant
Horseshoe Pit		Needs benches
Ice Skating Pond	Pond constructed for ice skating Benches	
Two Person Swing	Aluminum	
Volleyball Court	Grass Court Benches (2)	
Pollinator Friendly Garden	A Penn State Master Gardener Project	

Facility	Equipment/Description	Comments
B		
Main Playground Area	Burke Playground Structure ages 2-5 Burke Playground Structure sign says for ages 5-12 but structure is marked for 2-5) Two-bay swing set 2 regular swing seats 1 infant swing seat 1 handicapped swing seat Sandbox Small picnic area 2 tables Single table shelter Benches along playground walkway Trash receptacles Port – a – John	Handicap access ramp into playground Woodcarpet surfacing and open grass area around playground
Playground near Small Ball Field	Burke Playground Structure ages 2-5 Single bay swing Climber Backhoe digger Bench (1)	Handicap parking & ramp Woodcarpet surfacing around playground

Facility	Equipment/Description	Comments
C		
Small Ball Field	Dirt infield Backstop Dugouts Bleachers 2– three level bleachers Trash receptacles	50' base line, 150' foul line
Gary Davis Ball Field	Grass infield Backstop Dugouts – decorative block Bleachers 1 – three level bleacher 1 – four level bleacher Net Batting cage	60' baseline, 200' foul line
Oliver Ross Ball Field	Grass infield Backstop Dugouts – decorative block Fenced Bleachers 2 – three level bleachers	70' baseline, 161' foul line & 198' foul line
Ball Field Amenities	Warm up areas at fields Picnic Shelter 4 tables Concession Stand/Restrooms Light and speakers Flag Pole Bike rack Water fountain Storage buildings Small dumpster near fields	Access road to concession stand

Facility	Equipment/Description	Comments
D		
New Ball Field	Backstop Dugouts Fenced Bleachers 5 level aluminum bleacher	Service road to field & storage shed
New Soccer Field	Soccer goals Retention pond	Gravel parking area
Bird Sanctuary	Surrounds soccer field parking area	
E		
Ball Field	Backstop Dugouts – block Bleachers 1 – three level bleacher 1 – four level bleacher 1 - three level bleacher at top of steep slope	60' baseline 200' foul line Parking area
Football Field	Concession stand Restrooms Light poles laying near field 1 goal post Bleachers 2 - four level bleachers; no railings 2 - three level bleachers	Parking area by concessions building

Facility	Equipment/Description	Comments
F		
Basketball Court	Asphalt surface Fencing on three sides Picnic table	33' x 63' Small parking area
Rotary Club Pavilion	12 tables – 11 regular & one ADA 1 grill Water Fountain Parking area	20' x 60' ADA compliant
Swing set	Single bay with infant swings	
Bike Rack		Poor condition
Pat Madden Amphitheatre	6 – 12' seats + hillside Backdrop	
Restroom Building	Men's and women's restrooms	
Cemetery		

Source: Mackin field views/site visits 2008/2009

Harrisville Community Park (Harrisville Borough)

Harrisville Community Park is located in Harrisville just off of State Route 8. It is a large flat tract of land that is fully developed with a variety of recreational facilities listed in [Table 2.4](#). These facilities receive relatively heavy use from associations, leagues and the general public. Many of the users travel a considerable distance to use these facilities.

The park is maintained in fair condition; however, more frequent grass cutting and some other general maintenance would enhance the park. Recently a grant was received to improve the skate park and now there are 15 structures rather than four. The park hosts Harrisville Community Days each year. Since the Harrisville Community Park is located within the Slippery Rock School District, an attempt should be made to coordinate some additional programming efforts and facility use with the park. Numerous attempts to reach the contact for the Harrisville Community Park were unanswered.



Table 2.4: Harrisville Community Park Facilities

Facility	Equipment/Description
Baseball Fields (3)	Field 1: 265' Field 2: 260' with bleachers, concession stand, announcers booth Field 3: 200' with bleachers
Batting Cage	Telephone poles with wires strung to attach netting
Soccer Fields (6)	2 large fields; 2 medium fields; 2 small fields
Skate Board Park	15 structures; asphalt surface
Pavilions (3)	Pavilion 1: 30'x40' with 9 tables, concrete floor, electric hook-ups, ADA access Pavilion 2: 24'x30' with 8 tables, concrete floor, lighted, electric hook-ups, water pump, no ADA access Pavilion 3: 24'x24' with 7 tables, lighted, electric hook-ups
Playground	Play structure, climbing structure, see-saw, two-bay swing set, surfacing material low, semi-ADA accessible, children fitness trail
Horseshoe Pits (2)	Regulation size with backboards
Basketball Court	30'x70'
Volleyball Courts (3)	3 with grass surface; remnants of an old sand volleyball court present
Restrooms	Men's and women's

Special Use

Special Use Parks covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use. These parks are variable in size and service area, depending on what is provided. In the NW Butler County region, two “parks” fall within this category: Slippery Rock Memorial Park and Gateway Park.

Slippery Rock Memorial Park

Slippery Rock Memorial Park is located at the southeast corner of Main Street and Cooper Street. The park provides access to the University from Main Street via landscaped paths. Benches are provided for studying or people-watching on Main Street.

Gateway Park

Gateway Park is a well-landscaped area with a waterfall and pavilion that serves as a gateway to the downtown area for motorists coming from New Castle Road (State Route 108). The park was funded using money from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the Main Street project, which included streetscape improvements on South Main Street (State Route 173). The Main Street project and Gateway Park have improved the aesthetic value of the downtown area and made it a more enticing place to visit and live. Among other programs, the park is the site of a farmers market on Saturdays.

School Recreational Facilities

Depending on the circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special use. By creating partnerships between agencies such as Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation, Slippery Rock University, and Slippery Rock Area School District, the recreation, education, and social opportunities can be expanded within the community in a cost effective manner. School recreational facilities should compliment other opportunities available to residents.

Slippery Rock University Athletic Fields (Slippery Rock Township)

Slippery Rock University is a regional attraction within the Project Area as people use the University for both educational and recreational opportunities. The University is a NCAA Division II school with 15 athletic programs. In addition, the University provides various recreational opportunities for approximately 8,200 students. Many of these opportunities are also available to local residents, which gives Project Area residents access to many more recreational programs compared with other rural areas of similar size. This provides a partnership opportunity, which Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation and Slippery Rock University have been active in building.

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation and the University partner on various programs and share the use of facilities. School recreational facilities are available on a priority basis; the first priority is academics, the second priority is school-sponsored activities, and the third priority is the Parks and Recreation. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation offers various swimming programs at the University's aquatic center at no cost to the Park. The Park is also able to use the University Aebersold Rec Center for recreational programs. Conversely, the University uses the pavilions in Slippery Rock Community Park free of charge and students in the Parks and Recreation program at Slippery Rock University conduct practicum/internships at the community park.

Table 2.5: Slippery Rock University Recreation Facilities lists each recreation facility that is available for public use along with a description/equipment available.

Table 2.5: Slippery Rock University (SRU) Recreation Facilities		
Facility	Equipment/Description	Open to Public
Aebersold Recreation Center (ARC)	Russell Wright Fitness Center Fitness classes held Monday through Thursday	YES – annual fee: <u>SRU Affiliate:</u> \$238 Single \$357 Combo \$535 Family <u>Community:</u> \$262 Single \$393 Combo \$589 Family <u>Senior Citizen:</u> \$238 Single \$357 Combo
	Aquatic Center (6 lanes; Zero degree entry) Home to Slippery Rock Eels Swim Team (competitive; children ages 5-18) Home to fitness classes and Swim Instruction Classes	
	Track (1/8 mile)	
	Full size basketball courts (4)	
	Multi-purpose Court Home to Group Exercise Classes (Boot Camp; Arthritis Stretch; Mix It Up; Conditioning & Core; Zumba) Home to Informal Recreation (pick up games of basketball, volleyball, soccer, deck hockey, badminton, etc.)	
	Lounge area	
	Climbing wall	

Facility	Equipment/Description	Open to Public
Miller Auditorium	Home to the SRU Performing Arts Series	YES – tickets are on sale to the public for a fee
Bailey Library	Computer Lab Reading Room (fiction/nonfiction books) Coffee Shop	YES – free to residents with a Slippery Rock address
Recreation Sports Complex	2 softball fields 4 multi-purpose fields for flag football, lacrosse, soccer, and rugby.	YES – by reservation, currently establishing user fee
Campground	18 sites grill and picnic table	YES – by permit, daily fee of \$5 (or \$7 with electric)
Track	Paved running/walking track Lighted dawn to dusk	YES
Ski Lodge	Rental facility and equipment rental	YES – for a fee \$50 per day, \$75 for 2 days, \$100 for 3 days, M-F \$200, Sat-Sun \$250
Ski Slope	Used for sledding only	YES – free

Slippery Rock Area High School (Slippery Rock Township)

The Slippery Rock Area Middle and High School complex is located across from the University on Keister Road in Slippery Rock Township. The high school has a variety of both indoor and outdoor facilities, which are used by Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation and by the community to some extent. The opportunity exists to utilize these facilities to a fuller extent. **Table 2.6: Slippery Rock Area High School Recreation Facilities** lists each recreation facility along with a description/equipment available and whether or not it is open to the public for use.

Table 2.6: Slippery Rock Area High School Recreation Facilities		
Facility	Equipment/Description	Open to Public
Auditorium	Seats approximately 800	YES – used by SR Parks & Recreation
Library	Books, computers	NO
Computer Labs (3)	Computer rooms for students	NO
Old Gym	Basketball court – two cross court or one full court Volleyball	YES – available by request
Large Group Instruction (LGI)	84 auditorium style seats	YES – available by request
Fitness Center	Contains a large variety and quantity of equipment plus TV's	YES – available by request, used by SR Parks & Recreation
Wrestling Room	Floor mats, padded walls	YES – available by request, used by SR Parks & Recreation
Gym	Basketball Court – 2 cross courts or 1 full court Volleyball Court	YES – available by request
Multi-purpose Room	Used by baseball, golf, cheerleading	YES – available by request
Softball Field	200' field	YES – available by request
Baseball Field	320' field	YES – available by request, used by summer leagues
Soccer Fields (2)	Game and practice fields	YES – available by request, used by Soccer Association
Football Field and practice areas (2)	Regulation size field; practice areas used by school only	Yes - used by Midget Football League

Slippery Rock Area Middle School (Slippery Rock Township)

The Middle School has facilities that are utilized by the Parks and Recreation Department for various programs and used by other community groups. [Table 2.7: Slippery Rock Area Middle School Recreation Facilities](#) lists each recreation facility along with a description/equipment available and whether or not it is open to the public for use.

Table 2.7: Slippery Rock Area Middle School Recreation Facilities

Facility	Equipment/Description	Open to Public
Cafeteria	Stage	YES – alumni association uses for free
Large Group Instruction (LGI)	Projection screen; 125 seats Used by a church for their services	YES – available by request
Gym	Two basketball courts	YES – used by SR Parks & Recreation for tournaments
	One volleyball court	
	Two cross court/one full court basketball	
Library	24 Computers	
Computer Room	30 computers	YES – used by SR Parks & Recreation for some classes
Ecology Trail		

Slippery Rock Area Elementary School (Slippery Rock Township)

Slippery Rock Area Elementary School houses grades kindergarten through five and is located on North Main Street (State Route 258) near the Slippery Rock Community Park. [Table 2.8: Slippery Rock Area Elementary School Recreation Facilities](#) lists each recreation facility along with a description/equipment available and whether or not it is open to the public for use.

Table 2.8: Slippery Rock Area Elementary School Recreation Facilities		
Facility	Equipment/Description	Open to Public
Library	Computers and large reading area	NO
Computer Room	Numerous computers for students, used occasionally for meetings	NO
Cafeteria/Auditorium	Home to before/after school program	YES – used by SR Parks & Recreation for Playsafe program
Gym	1 Full Basketball Court w/4 portable hoops 2 Volleyball Courts Climbing Rope	YES – used by SR Parks & Recreation for elementary basketball
Outdoor Fields	2 Full Basketball Courts Multi-Purpose Field	YES
Playground – 1st & 2nd Grades	2 Toss-ups 2 Three bay swings 2 Tire Swings Climber Small Climber Wheel Chair Swing (no access)	YES
Playground – 3rd & 4th Grades	Toss-up 2 Three bay swings 2 Tire Swings Climber	YES

It should be noted that Slippery Rock Elementary School is not the only elementary school within Slippery Rock Area School District. Moraine Elementary School, in Prospect, also offers recreational programs to the public, including a co-ed evening volleyball program open to anyone 16 years of age or older as well as youth baseball, basketball, and soccer.

Non-Profit Parks/Recreation Facilities

All non-profit parks within the Project Area are shown on [Map 2.2: Non-Profit Parks/Recreation Facilities](#).

Parks/Natural Areas

Glacial Wetlands Natural Area (Worth Township)

The Wild Waterways Conservancy, through the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association and the Glades Conservation Alliance, Inc., protects and enhances the natural resources of Slippery Rock Creek. They seek to work cooperatively with both private and public partners to preserve the watersheds' unique ecological and community features. The Wild Waterways Conservancy owns a 100 acre parcel of wetland property located in Worth Township off of Swope Road known as Glacial Wetlands Preserve. Glacial deposits can be seen throughout the Glacial Wetlands Natural Area, which is just north of Tamarack Lake. The Glacial Wetlands Preserve is the approximate southern limit of the Wisconsin ice advance that occurred in Pennsylvania between 17,000 and 22,000 years ago. Future plans for the site is to develop nature trails that will allow better access to the major features of the property. The Wild Waterways Conservancy recently acquired another site along the Slippery Rock Creek Gorge (<http://www.wildwaterways.org/>).

Miller Esker Natural Area (Worth Township)

The Miller Esker Natural Area is owned by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) and is located in Worth Township off of West Liberty Road. An esker is a collection of gravel and other sedimentation deposited during the melting process of a glacier. The Miller Esker measures three miles long, 360' wide and 40' high. It is the largest and best remaining example of this type of glacial deposit in Western Pennsylvania. Much of the esker has been eroded or mined for its sand and gravel, but the 700' section owned by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy is entirely preserved. A portion of the natural area is mowed annually providing an excellent view of the mound. The eastern section of the esker is forested. The backside of the natural area looks into a wetlands which forms Tamarack Lake. This area provides an excellent opportunity for its visitors to travel back in time and experience the lower remains of the glacial age. All WPC natural areas are open to the public. Future plans for this site are to construct a parking area and erect signs providing historical information about the site. The Conservancy would like to do more outreach. They are willing to do a variety of educational programs and would welcome the opportunity to work with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation. Since this is Conservancy property, programming should be coordinated with the Conservancy and all programs must be free. www.waterlandlife.org or <http://www.paconserve.org/map>.

Millers Woods (Slippery Rock Township)

Millers Woods is owned by Slippery Rock University and located in Slippery Rock Township off of Miller Road, just south of Wolf Creek Narrows adjacent to Wolf Creek. It is an excellent site for nature study and used by the Slippery Rock University Natural Science Department for study and Research. It is also a Historical site known as a Delaware Indian Village – Kuskuskie. It was the site where Christian Fredrick Post signed a treaty with King Beaver and other chiefs in 1758.

Prospect Boys & Girls Club (Franklin Township)

The Prospect Boys and Girls Club is located off Country Club Road in Franklin Township, just south of Moraine State Park and the Project Area. It is operated by a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to providing the youth of the community, ages 3-19, the opportunity to participate in activities ranging from soccer to cheerleading. Membership costs are kept to a minimum to offer all children the same opportunity to participate. Financial aid scholarships are available for families in need.



The Club is governed and operated by an all-volunteer group of parents, friends and family that oversee the activities of the Club and all of its programs. The programs offered by the Club provide good recreational opportunities for both youth and teens in this region. The facilities and the park area do need more maintenance and upgrades although some improvements were made during the summer of 2009 (<http://www.prospectboysandgirlsclub.org/>).

Table 2.9 lists the facilities offered by the Club.

Table 2.9: Prospect Boys & Girls Club Facilities

Facility	Equipment/Description	Open to Public
Ball Fields (7)	Ball Field 1: T-ball Field – 100' + Ball Field 2: T-ball Field – 100' + Ball Field 3: 145' Ball Field 4: 175' Ball Field 5: Pony Field – 280' Ball Field 6: Little League Field – 200' Ball Field 7: Colt Field	YES –baseball and softball leagues
Batting Cage	Net type; poor condition	YES –baseball league

Facility	Equipment/Description	Open to Public
Football Field	Full-size with scoreboard, concession stand, announcers booth	YES – football league, cheerleading
Soccer Fields (4)	1 large field; 1 medium field, 2 small fields	YES – soccer league
Pavilions (2)	27'x30' shelters, poor condition	YES
Basketball Court	30'x80' in poor condition, no backboard on one side	YES
Shotgun Turkey Shoot Area	30 approximately 25-yard stations	
Concession Stand	Includes storage building for park equipment	

Wolf Creek Narrows (Slippery Rock Township)

Acquired in 1982, Wolf Creek Narrows is a 115 acre site in Slippery Rock Township with access from Miller Road and owned by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC). The Conservancy promotes the property for outdoor recreation and enjoyment. The land was purchased from the descendants of a Revolutionary War veteran who was given the land as part of a land grant. Other than some limited logging that occurred on the upper slope in 1900, the owners restricted land use and the forest was allowed to mature to its current state. It is believed that the steep, narrow gorge of Wolf Creek was once a cave whose ceiling was eroded by runoff from a melting glacier. Wolf Creek Narrows gorge consists of a high quality stream meandering through 50' cliffs. Programs at the site are available by request. www.waterlandlife.org or <http://www.paconserve.org/map>.

YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park(Slippery Rock Township)

The YMCA Camp/Armco Park is located in Slippery Rock Township off of State Route 173. The park is 67 acres and situated along Slippery Rock Creek. The park is open to the public daily between 9am and 8pm from June through September. YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park is first and foremost, a YMCA Camp; however it also offers public recreational opportunities. The park is currently used for day camps by the Butler YMCA and the Cranberry YMCA, Big Brother and Big Sisters and, local churches. It is the intent of the YMCA that the park will serve to celebrate the family- and community-oriented attitude that was a tradition of ARMCO, a steel mill that began operations in Butler in 1927 (www.bcfymca.org). Maintenance is provided by a YMCA six month maintenance crew, including two full-time and two part-time employees. Additional staff includes a head lifeguard, an assistant lifeguard and a number of volunteers.

Table 2.10: YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park Recreation Facilities lists the available facilities within the park.

Table 2.10: YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park Recreation Facilities

Facility	Equipment/Description	Open to Public
Camping Area	6 campsites: #1 and #6 offer water and electric, others have electric only; no septic hook-ups	YES – daily fee \$10 members, \$15 non-members
Horseshoe Pits (5)	Regulation size constructed by Eagle Scout; used by tournaments	YES – free
Learning Trail	Interpretive signs along trail, begins behind shelter #2	YES – free
Management House	Hall available for rent year round; kitchen with stove, sink, refrigerator; capacity of 150 people	YES – \$110 members, \$135 non-members
Multipurpose field	Used for softball, football, soccer, Frisbee, etc.	YES – free
Pavilion (Dance Hall)	Facility accommodates up to 600 people Concession stand nearby	YES – \$110 for members, \$135 for non-members; if over 250 people - \$150 members, \$175 non-members
Picnic Shelters (4)	Capacity ranges from 75 to 150 people, electricity	YES - \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members
Play Mill Playground	1 large and 1 small play structure Swings	YES – free
Sand Volleyball Court	Should be reconstructed	
Swimming Pool	Steel – 36' x 105' Lighted Large sun bathing area Tube slides (2) Restrooms/showers Concession stand	YES – free to members, daily fee for non-members (under 2 – free, 3-17 – \$2.50, 18+ – \$3) Season Passes (3-17 – \$55, 18+ – \$65; family of 4 - \$100 w/\$10 per additional)
Volleyball Courts (2)	Regulation size	YES – free

In 2006, the YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park developed a Master Site Plan in order to provide a framework for making decisions regarding the development of park facilities and help the YMCA meet its own recreational programming needs as well as those of the surrounding community. A copy of the Master Site Plan can be found online at (<http://www.bcfymca.org/dynamicdata/data/Master%20Site%20Plan.pdf>). The Master Site Plan recommends the following improvements/projects:

- Construct a Management/Administration Building – proposed to be home to the park offices, restrooms, first-aid station, and an ARMCO heritage display consisting of historic site photos and artifacts from the ARMCO plant
- Develop a Shared-Use Trail – proposed 1.3-mile paved trail along the perimeter of the park to accommodate walking, jogging, and cross-country skiing in the winter; connector trails would provide access to the various recreation facilities; include interpretive signing to comprise a “ARMCO Steel Trail”
- Construct New Picnic Pavilions – proposed five (5) new pavilions: one (1) large, two (2) mid-size, and two (2) small; all to have water and electric service and a charcoal grill
- Develop New Sports Courts/Fields – proposed new activity area to include two (2) outdoor basketball courts, two (2) sand volleyball courts, and a multi-purpose open field for baseball/soccer; the basketball court is proposed to be covered by a large open-air structure; two (2) small picnic pavilions proposed at the site
- Construct Public Restrooms – proposed three (3) new stand-alone public restroom facilities; one near the dance hall/playground and two (2) near the campsites
- Offer New Campsites – proposed 11 campsites; six (6) to have small cabins and five (5) for tent camping
- Construct a Dock on Slippery Rock Creek – proposed dock to provide creek access for fishing and swimming as well as a launch/landing for canoes and kayaks
- Construct an Archery Range – proposed range to accommodate 20 shooters
- Renovate the Dance Hall – proposed renovations to the dance hall
- Develop an Environmental Learning Area – proposed dock to provide access to wetland areas
- Construct Challenge/Climbing Tower – proposed physically demanding obstacle for camp groups/casual users

Campgrounds

There are a number of campgrounds that are owned by non-profit organizations, as shown on [Map 2.2: Non-Profit Parks/Recreation Facilities](#).

[Baptist Churches of Western Pennsylvania Youth Camp \(Worth Township\)](#)

The Slippery Rock Baptist Camp is a youth camp that provides camps for children of a variety of ages: a day camp for first through third graders; over-night camps for those in the fourth through twelfth grade; week-end retreats for teens and adults; and a special day just for seniors.

Overnight sports camps include volleyball, soccer, and basketball for seventh through twelfth graders. Soccer and basketball day camps are offered for those in fourth through eighth grade. Wilderness camp includes activities such as hiking, canoeing, and cooking over an open fire and is for seventh through twelfth graders. Paintball days are held several times throughout the year for teens and young adults and are also a great father/son activity.

A Family Camp is offered during the week of July 4th, including cabins, travel trailer hook-ups, and tent sites. Music Camp for seventh through twelfth graders is also offered during this week.

(<http://www.butlerfbc.com/srbc.html>).

Camp Bucoco (Slippery Rock Township)

Camp Bucoco is located in Slippery Rock Township off of State Route 8 and along Slippery Rock Creek. The Moraine Trails Council, the local Boy Scouts of America Council for western Pennsylvania, operates the 280 acre camp. Camp Bococo is open year around, serving as the Council Boy Scout Camp in the summer. When not used by the Boy Scouts, four rustic cabins and 11 campsites are available for rental in the fall, winter, and spring. Recreational facilities at the camp include a swimming pool, shooting ranges, ropes course, climbing/repelling area, orienteering course, an amphitheatre, and a 100-seating capacity pavilion. A key feature of the camp is the Preston Environmental Center, which hosts many scouting and community activities. The Center features a meeting hall for large groups, three smaller classrooms, as well as a library and computer room.

Camp Bucoco's future plans are to construct a lodge with 25 – 30 dorm rooms, a sand volleyball court and update the pool house. Interviews with staff revealed that the camp would like to expand to host company and church retreats, utilize the dining hall (seats 250) and Preston Hall (seats 180) as rental facilities on a regular basis, and offer shooting sports opportunities to outside groups.

(<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=6541&orgkey=887>).

Camp Crestfield (Slippery Rock Township, West Liberty Borough, and Worth Township)

Camp Crestfield is located in West Liberty Borough, Worth Township and Slippery Rock Township off of Taggart Road and along Slippery Rock Creek. Camp Crestfield was formed in 1948 as a camp and Christian ministry facility for Pittsburgh Presbytery and currently serves over 155 Presbyterian churches in Allegheny County. Other denominations and organizations are also welcome to use the retreat facilities, programs, and special events; for example the American Diabetes Association (ADA) of Western Pennsylvania offers a summer camp for children with diabetes at Camp Crestfield.

The Camp spans 226 acres that is open 12 months a year as a retreat facility for churches and non-profit organizations. Recreational facilities at the camp include the Scott Lodge, cabins, pioneer camp, a swimming pool, a playground, a low ropes course, a high rope course, and a zip line. The camp is open for day use, but reservations are required and user fees are charged. Camp Crestfield belongs to the Slippery Rock Business Association and participates in Harvest Day. They also work with Slippery Rock University utilizing some of their facilities and using interns from the Parks and Recreation Department (<http://www.crestfield.net/>).

Private Parks/Recreation Facilities

Private parks and/or recreational facilities are those owned by for-profit persons or organizations and offer recreational amenities to individuals or groups for a fee. When possible, private parks within the Project Area are shown on [Map 2.3: Private Parks/Recreation Facilities](#).

Parks

Rock Falls Park (Slippery Rock Township)

Rock Falls Park is a privately owned park in southern Slippery Rock Township along a scenic section of Slippery Rock Creek below the dam. The 15.62-acre site is rich in history having once been an amusement park that provided a popular picnic destination and a variety of facilities. Large rocks provide a natural slide as the creek drops approximately 10' in a short distance while the rocks above the creek's surface provide an excellent sunbathing area. The park has been closed for several years, but new ownership is currently improving the park through the Rock Falls Preservation Project; a project to preserve this site and its history. Facilities currently at the site include a concert and stage area, a primitive camping area available for rentals at a cost of \$7/person per night, a picnic area, and access to the waterfalls in Slippery Rock Creek.

The owners of the park have plans for the continued expansion and development of the park that will include additional pavilions/picnic areas, beach area, an expanded campground, fishing piers, and a restaurant/general store. They would like to see the site rezoned as a commercial district. Rock Falls Park would like to get involved in working with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation (www.rockfallsonline.com).

Campgrounds

Campgrounds are prime examples of commercial enterprises that were established to capitalize upon the close proximity of Moraine State Park. Visitors to the regional attractions provide a customer base for these campgrounds, which have become attractions unto themselves. One negative result of this commercial pursuit is the increased traffic generated, which places added stress on the rural road network as many of the campgrounds are located in remote locations away from better-equipped traffic routes.

Coopers Lake Campground (Worth Township)

Family owned and operated since 1971, Coopers Lake Campground is located off of Currie Road in Worth Township near I-79. The entire site spans approximately 500 acres, with 200 used for camping. Coopers Lake is open for camping from April through October and offers a wide range of camping experiences from very remote to full hook-ups. The campground features a large barn with indoor basketball, ping pong table and a stage; a small recreation building; restrooms with showers; a 10-acre fishing lake stocked with Bass, Bluegill, Catfish, and Perch (swimming is not permitted); a playground; a picnic pavilion; a Laundromat; and fire rings, picnic tables, WiFi. Ice and propane are available for purchase.

Coopers Lake accommodates approximately 20,000 annual visitors. The campground is open for club camping, hosting a wide variety of clubs throughout the season. Their biggest event is the Pennsic Wars, which is a medieval festival held from the end of July until the end of August, drawing approximately 12,000 people. Club events need to be scheduled at least one year in advance.

Besides club events, a variety of other activities are held each year including a Community Halloween Party; High School Cross County Meet; Holiday Weekend Events include entertainment, dance, bingo, candy toss, flea market, etc.; Brew Fest with bands and other entertainment; Motorcycle rally; Dog show; Vegetable soup & pot luck supper; and Rugby Tournament (www.cooperslake.com).

Lake Arthur Family Campground (Brady Township)

Lake Arthur Family Campground is a 64-acre campground, located along West Liberty Road adjacent to Moraine State Park. The campground is approximately 40 years old and open annually from May 1st through October 15th. Its current owner purchased the campground in July 1999 and has made significant improvement to the facility.

The campground offers 100 RV sites, two (2) cabins, and ten (10) campsites; but they are currently in the process of changing them to RV sites. The RV sites are leased on a yearly basis, with only three sites now available, and each site has full hookup with water, electric and sewage. The cabins are rented out on either a weekly or weekend basis; each has three bedrooms kitchen/dining area, full bath and a living area.

Lake Arthur is pet friendly and offers additional facilities including a large open field that can be used for ball games or other activities, a small game room, and a hiking trail that connects to the North Country Trail. The campground offers great bird watching and star gazing opportunities as well as a pot luck dinner held once a month. The owner maintains the campground with help from volunteers. The close proximity to Moraine State Park offers a full array of activities and facilities to campers (www.lakearthurfamilycampground.com).

Golf Courses

Golf courses are privately-owned recreational attractions that require a sizeable amount of land. Golf courses are an example of how large areas of open space can increase value and demand for residential dwellings in close proximity. Golf Courses are shown on [Map 2.3: Private Parks/Recreation Facilities](#).

Shamrock Public Golf Course (Slippery Rock Township)

Shamrock Public Golf Course is a 9-hole public course that is located off Grove City Road (State Route 173) in northern Slippery Rock Township. The course is comprised of 68 acres and features a Pro Shop with a back deck; a large hall with a kitchen and fireplace; an outdoor picnic area adjacent to hall with tables and a grill; and the Jack Jordan Memorial Pavilion. The large hall provides a banquet facility for events requiring seating for 70 or less people. The Jack Jordan Memorial Pavilion is primarily utilized by the men's league that plays at the course.

Shamrock offers junior golf lessons and hosts a junior golf league as well as three men's leagues, two women's leagues and 15 to 20 golf outings per year. The course is also the home golf course for the Moniteau High School golf team.

Oakview Golf Club (Slippery Rock Township)

Oakview Golf Club is a semi-public 18-hole golf course located off State Route 8 in Slippery Rock Township. Formerly the Armco Golf Club, the course opened in 1957 as an exclusive private club. Currently, Oakview has about 300-350 members. Non-members are welcome, though members are always given choice of tee times and unlimited use of the facility. Oakview spans 120 acres and features a driving range with grass tees; a putting green; a Pro Shop; a Banquet Hall, and a Restaurant/Bar. The Banquet Hall is available to rent for weddings and other functions.

Oakview Golf Club hosts a variety of outside events, outings, lessons and a new junior golf camp with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation. The Slippery Rock University Golf Team and the Slippery Rock High School Golf Team utilize the course.

Advertising is an issue facing the course, although Butler Tourism does provide some promotion. Oakview would like to tie the course into the YMCA facilities and are open to talking to the YMCA. They would also like to talk more with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation to potentially open up other opportunities to partner.

Other Private Recreation Facilities

Moraine Conservation & Sportsmen's Club (Brady Township)

Moraine Conservation and Sportsmen's Club is a 50 acre facility located in Brady Township. The Club offers a rifle range; a pistol range; a trap range; a black powder range; and indoor facilities. The Club hosts a youth rifle team as well as the Spring Frolic where campers come for a rendezvous. One of the main features offered at the club is the police qualifications.

Rogers Rifle, Rod & Reel (Worth Township)

Rogers Rifle, Rod & Reel is a multifunctional facility located on Mt. Union Road in Worth Township that offers an outdoor archery range with 20 to 30 3D targets. The facility offers a variety of types of hunting; featuring several tree stands where hunters can pay to hunt from the stands, as well as youth hunting. The facility also includes 97 acres of rental property where they plant food plots and provide mineral blocks for the wildlife.

A sporting goods facility is located on three (3) acres adjacent to Moraine State Park and one (1) mile from the marina. The sporting goods store provides a community service through the sale of a variety of baits, firewood, sailboat hardware, boat supplies, tackle, ice, pop & chips. They also provide bicycle and canoe rentals and a boat cleaning service. The store also sells a variety of firearms, ammunition, personal protection items and law enforcement specialty items.

Slippery Rock Dunes (Worth Township)

The Slippery Rock Dunes is located in Worth Township on Barron Road just off of State Route 108. It is a 115 acre site providing a wide array of facilities and activities for all ages, and approximately 90% of their clientele live more than 20 miles away. Slippery Rock Dunes offers motocross for adults and beginners, four miles of ATV/dirt bike trails, 330 campsites (primitive and trailers), an 8-acre fishing lake, access to Slippery Rock Creek, boat rentals, a volleyball court, horseshoe pits, as well as restrooms/shower facilities.

General admission is \$5.00 plus a \$10.00 riding fee. Party, special group rates and discount passes are also available. Slippery Rock Dunes offers a number of special programs throughout the year, including Western PA Pulling Trucks, Trucks Mud Racing, ASV/ATV Certification, and six concerts in the summer (www.SlipperyRockDunes.com).

They would like to see the facility become a weekend getaway and eventually create an amphitheatre that would seat between 6,000 to 7,000 people. Another feature considered for the future is a boat launch on Slippery Rock Creek offering canoe rides.

Slippery Rock Lanes (Slippery Rock Borough)

Slippery Rock Lanes is located in Slippery Rock Borough on Grove City Road, State Route 173. The bowling alley features 12 lanes with bumpers installed in all lanes and automatic scoring. During the summer of 2009, the owner installed new synthetic lanes in the bowling alley to increase the number of people bowling. Regular price for bowling is \$3.25 per game for adults, \$2.75 for students and \$2.50 for seniors; however, they offer several promotional opportunities to bowl at reduced rates. Slippery Rock Lanes have a number of leagues that use the facility, including youth leagues, Pee Wee Leagues Adult Leagues, and a Nascar League, with a possible NFL league in the fall.

Slippery Rock Lanes hosts birthday parties, fundraisers for the University, alumni programs and a junior league. The Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Day Care program uses the lanes once a month and will take the children there on rainy days. The bowling alley owners are interested in continuing to work with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation and are willing to discuss ideas for partnering as well as provide flyers to advertise programs at the lanes.

Slippery Rock Raceway, Inc. (Slippery Rock Township)

Slippery Rock Raceway is located in Slippery Rock Township off of Cemetery Lane. The Raceway is located on 18 acres and has been in operation for 22 years. Like Slippery Rock Dunes, the Raceway draws people from all over with 75% of the participants living out of the Slippery Rock area. It is a family oriented facility that provides a great place for children to race go carts.

The cost to use the facility is \$4.00 for spectators, \$7.00 for those in the pit and \$13.00 to enter a car/tractor. Every other Sunday afternoon during the season the gates open at 11:00 AM with practice laps at 1:00 PM and racing at 2:00 PM. The Raceway works with the Allegheny Valley School for special needs providing them free use of the facility. The Raceway also holds lawn tractor races, normally with about ten lawn tractors participating.

Slippery Rock Sportsmen's Club (Slippery Rock Township)

The Slippery Rock Sportsmen's Club is located off of Keister Road in Slippery Rock Township. The Club is situated on 65 acres and has 180 members who pay a membership fee of \$20 per year. The Sportsmen's Club offers Slippery Rock University students an affiliate membership for \$10 per year, but they do not have voting rights. The Club features a Clubhouse; two (2) trap ranges; a rifle range; a pistol range; an archery range; a horseshoe pit; and a pavilion with fire ring. The rifle range is a big draw for the Club, which offers a variety of shoots among the members, including a father son/daughter 22 rifle shoot. In the future, the club would like to offer the Hunter Safety Instruction.

The Club faces two main problems: funding and volunteers. As with any organization, funds are an issue and the Sportsmen's Club struggles each year to cover costs to operate the club. Tied directly to funds are volunteers to help maintain the club; if more people would get involved additional items could be accomplished at the club. The Slippery Rock Sportsmen's Club is very interested in getting youth involved in the Club and the programs offered.

Switchback Raceway, LLC (Clay Township)

Switchback Raceway is located one mile north of Unionville Road on State Route 8 in Clay Township. It is situated on 80 acres designed for dirt bike and ATV riding. While the raceway is not in the project area, it is a popular draw for residents throughout the region. The raceway is open for practice Saturday through Thursday evening for practice from 5:00 to dark. Membership cards cost \$5.00 while practice is \$20.00 and season passes can be purchased for \$500 for the first bike and \$250 for the second.

The Raceway features a super cross track, a motocross track, a children's track, trails, a maintenance building, showroom, port-a-johns, and a concession that's open on race days. Saturdays and Sundays during the day are the normal race days; drawing 200 riders and 600 spectators. The Raceway primarily uses their website and word of mouth to publicize the events. They hold three major events during the year. In the spring, a Mystery Grand Prix is held on the motocross track and the woods trail. In the summer there is a Series Racing event and in the fall a gobbler Grand Prix is held (<http://www.switchbackmx.com/index.htm>). In the future, the Raceway would like to host some charity events as well as find better ways to educate riders about the opportunities available.

Trails & Pathways

Trails and pathways provide alternative transportation options for residents and increase opportunities for recreation. Their linear nature allows for connections to be made between major recreational destinations. Promoting trails and bicycle routes can be another avenue for attracting new visitors to the area. Northwestern Butler County has an existing system of trails and pathways that was inventoried as part of this plan. The system is comprised of a variety of types of trails and pathways, as they are targeted for specific audiences, such as walkers, bicyclists, joggers, mountain bicyclists, motorized vehicle (ATV/dirt bike) users, equestrians, etc. Each of these trail users require special design considerations during trail construction to accommodate the intended use or uses and also comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility standards.

The National Recreation and Park Association places pathways under six classifications: park trail, connector trail, on-street bikeway, all-terrain bike trail, cross-country ski trail and equestrian trail. These classifications are defined and trails within the Project Area are identified and described according to the classification category or categories to which they belong. One additional category that is discussed in this section is Water Trails, which were identified as a need in the Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan. Where possible, existing trails and pathways are depicted on [Map 2.4: Trails & Pathways](#).

Park Trails

Park Trails are multipurpose trails located within greenways, parks, and natural resource areas (Mertes & Hall, 1996). These trails focus on recreational value and harmony with the natural environment. Park Trails located in the Project Area include the Moraine State Park Trail System and the Jennings Environmental Education Center Trail System.

Moraine State Park Trail System (Brady and Worth Townships)

Moraine State Park offers the most extensive trail system within the Project Area. While some of their trails fall under other classifications (i.e. all-terrain trails or cross-country ski trails), the following types of trails are found in Moraine State Park and open for public use.

Bike Trails

Moraine State Park offers a 7-mile paved bicycle trail follows the shoreline between Davis Hollow and the Bike Rental Building in the northwest corner of the park. Access points can be found at Lakeview Beach and Watts Bay Marina area.

Hiking Trails

Moraine State Park offers 28.6 miles of trails that follow the lake shore and wind throughout the park. The North Country Trail is part of the hiking trail system.

Snowmobile Trails

Moraine State Park also offers 26 miles of snowmobile trails within the park; there must be at least 4 inches of snow to use the trails, however.

Jennings Environmental Education Center Trail System (Brady and Worth Townships)

The hiking trails are perhaps the main feature at Jennings Environmental Education Center, with over five miles of trails traversing a variety of terrain and diverse habitat. The trails are designed for foot traffic only; however, leashed pets are permitted. There are eight different wooded trails and two prairie trails available for hiking; each provides a different ecological perspective of nature with the different types of terrain, plant life and animal life. The North Country Trail utilizes several of the trails at Jennings Environmental Education Center (<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/jennings.aspx>).

Wolf Creek Narrows Hiking Trail (Slippery Rock Township)

Wolf Creek Narrows, owned by Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC), features a one mile hiking trail. The trail boasts of waterfalls created by numerous springs pouring from cracks in the steep walls of the cliffs. From the trail, one can see beautiful wildflowers, mature forests of sugar maples and black cherry on the upper slopes and virgin hardwoods along the banks of the creek. Wildlife abounds throughout the area with a wonderful variety of birds, mammals, and amphibians. This is a great site to experience nature and step back in time to the glacial era. Currently a senior citizens walking group regularly uses this trail.

Connector Trails

Connector Trails are multipurpose trails that emphasize safe travel for pedestrians to and from parks and around the community. The focus of connector trails is as much on transportation as it is on recreation.

North Country Trail (NCT)

The North Country Trail is a national scenic trail that stretches over 4,600 miles from the Missouri River and Lake Sakakawea State Park in North Dakota to Lake Champlain in New York. Within Pennsylvania, the trail spans 300 miles connecting McConnell's Mill State Park, Moraine State Park, Jennings Environmental Education Center, Cook Forest State Park, and the Allegheny National Forest.

Within the Project Area, the trail stays mainly within the boundaries of Moraine State Park. Permitted uses include walking, hiking, backpacking, and other non-motorized uses such as cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and jogging. Bicycling and horseback riding are allowed on limited segments, where the trail has been specifically designed and designated for such uses.

The Butler County Chapter of the North Country Trail Association (NCTA) is one of Pennsylvania's five NCTA chapters and is responsible for building, maintaining, and promoting the Butler County section of the North Country Trail. The Butler County section of the NCT begins at Moraine State Park and

continues to the Old Stone House on State Route 8 (<http://www.northcountrytrail.org/but/index.htm>). The North Country Trail is a regional attraction that is underutilized and not fully developed in the Project Area. However, some private property owners, such as Lake Arthur Family Campground, have capitalized on their close proximity by providing connections to the Trail.

Washington's Trail

Washington's Trail is a vehicular trail that retraces the approximate route George Washington made through the region in 1753-1754 just prior to the French and Indian War. The Washington Trail Committee has taken steps to erect historical markers along Washington's route and to identify and market nearby recreational activities for the public. The trail enters the Project Area from the south on State Route 528, continues on State Route 8 to State Route 173. In Slippery Rock Borough, the trail makes a right onto Franklin Street (State Route 108), and then continues out of the Project Area on State Route 8.

The Washington Trail Committee has also identified a scenic drive that winds its way through the Project Area, beginning in Portersville on State Route 19 and continuing to West Park Road to Cornelius Road to Reichert Road to Mount Union Road to Roher Road to Slippery Rock Road to State Route 173 (<http://www.co.butler.pa.us/butler/cwp/view.asp?a=1407&Q=604922&butlerPNavCtr=|#34404>).

On-Street Bikeways

On-Street Bikeways are paved segments of roadways that serve as a means to safely separate bicyclists from vehicular traffic. There are no true on-street bikeways within the Project Area; however, BicyclePA Route A lies in close proximity while the Western Pennsylvania Wheelman Bicycle Club has identified roads suitable to bike.

BicyclePA Route A

BicyclePA Route A runs just west of the project area along US Route 19. The route traverses the entire state in the north-south direction, connecting Erie with the Pennsylvania/West Virginia boundary. Slippery Rock University and Moraine State Park provide two user groups, students/faculty and tourists, that would be better served if a safe bicycle connection to this state-designated bicycle route could be developed.

Western Pennsylvania Wheelmen Bicycle Club

The Western Pennsylvania Wheelmen (WPW) Bicycle Club, founded in 1969, is one of the largest cycling clubs in Pennsylvania. The WPW provides maps of routes for cyclists of all levels, opportunities to learn more about bicycling and social networking opportunities.

The WPW identified 23 bicycle routes that crossed through the Project Area, ranging in length from 28 to 124 miles. A common starting place for the bicycle routes was the Slippery Rock University stadium. Common roads used in the bicycle routes include West Park Road, Slippery Rock Road (SR 4008), West Liberty Road, State Route 528, State Route 8, State Route 258, Miller Road, Harmony Road, and Branchton Road.

All-Terrain Bike Trails

All-Terrain Bike Trails are off-road trails for all-terrain (mountain) bikes. Moraine State Park offers a 6-mile loop trail for mountain bikes on the North Shore. Trailheads are located off of Mt. Union Road and Alexander Ridge Road.

Cross-Country Ski Trails

Cross-Country Ski Trails developed for traditional and skate-style cross-country skiing. Moraine State Park offers six (6) miles of trails, which include the Pleasant Valley and Sunken Garden trails.

Equestrian Trails

Equestrian Trails are trails developed for horseback riding. Moraine State Park offers 20 miles of equestrian trails within the park. Riding is limited to designated trails and roadsides.

Water Trails

Water Trails are boat routes suitable for canoes, kayaks and small motorized watercraft (Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, 2006).

Slippery Rock Creek

Slippery Rock Creek has long been a source of recreation, as can be seen by the seasonal housing units that flank its banks in Slippery Rock Township, Brady Township, and Worth Township. In addition to the scenic views, Slippery Rock Creek has been a source of water recreation for canoeists and kayakers. Slippery Rock Creek is not formally designated as a water trail according to Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) nor has it been determined to be a navigable waterway. Portions of the stream are seen as navigable; however, the three dams make it difficult. Moraine State Park does have a canoe launch at their property in Worth Township along Slippery Rock Creek near West Park Road.

PROGRAMMING

Recreation programs help to contribute to the improved fitness and wellness of residents and there are a number of different providers, just as in parks and recreation facilities.

Public Sponsored Programs

State Programs

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) offers programs at three (3) parks within/near the Project Area:

Moraine State Park (Brady & Worth Townships)

In addition to the activities that are listed in [Table 2.1](#) (page 2-5); Moraine State Park also offers the following programs, many of which are free or offered for a minimal fee.

Table 2.11: Moraine State Park Programs

Biking programs	Hiking	Kayaking clinics	Sailing
Bird & Wildflower walks	Historical programs	National Get Outdoors Day	Snowshoeing building
Cross Country Skiing	Horseback Riding	Native gardening	Star gazing
Environmental education	Hunting	Nautical Nature pontoon boat rides	Windsurfing
Fishing programs	Ice fishing	Organized Group Camping	
Geocaching	Ice skating	Picnicking	

The park has the resources to offer unique activities and to go out into communities and offer programs. Representatives from the park stated that they are willing to partner with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation to expand programming opportunities for the residents of the area. Partnering with the region could enhance advertising potential for both entities and improve working relationships. The park would also be willing to provide space for program flyers for Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation.

Jennings Environmental Education Center (Brady Township)

Perhaps even more so than other state parks, Jennings Environmental Education Center focuses on offering programs to all age groups as well as classrooms. Jennings tries to provide an opportunity for everyone to be part of nature through the variety of programs they offer. Table 2.12 lists the programs available:

Table 2.12: Jennings Recreation Programs

Environmental Education Programs	Ecology programs	GPS	
	Eco-tours	Orienteering	
Class Programs	Outdoor environmental education programs for school groups		
School Outreach Programs	Curriculum Assistance	Special Population Programs	
Special Event programs	A Snowflakes Story	Mollusks in your backyard	The Great Backyard Bird Count
	Christmas Bird Count	National Public Lands Day	The New Sport of Dragonfly Watching
	Coming Over to the Wild Side	Prairie Improvement	Western PA and the Fur Trade
	Eating Green isn't just about Vegetables	Spring Wildflowers	Winter Mountain Adventure
	Get Outdoors Clinic: Fly Fishing	Take Back the Wood: Battle Invasive Species	
	Maple Sugaring	Teacher Workshops	

Jennings can provide a multitude of opportunities and is very open to working with other organizations and municipalities to provide recreational opportunities to the communities and enhance the quality of life of the residents. In order to expand these opportunities, Jennings would like to partner with the community in a number of ways such as:

- Offering special events
- Going offsite to provide classroom opportunities
- Coordinating fitness hikes/fitness campaign
- Coordinating a Maple Sugaring Event

- Connecting Slippery Rock and Jennings via a designated road with signage
- Participating in Earth Day events/programs in the communities
- Improving publicity of programs offered in the area
 - Press releases
 - Website
 - E-mail lists
 - Provide e-mail list for community programs
 - Cable channels
 - Place information with Butler County Tourism and Convention Bureau
 - Post and distribute brochures
 - Word of mouth
 - Use of distribution list

McConnell's Mill State Park (Lawrence County)

McConnell's Mill offers scenic hiking, whitewater boating and two rock climbing and rappelling in addition to historic tours of the 19th century gristmill. From Memorial Day through Labor Day the restored rolling gristmill is open for free tours in addition to interpretive tours of the historic mill, which last approximately 45 minutes.

Local Programs

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation is the primary provider of recreation programs to the region and offers numerous events throughout the year for residents of all ages. The Slippery Rock School District and Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation maintain a good working relationship. The department utilizes many of the school facilities for a variety of programs offered to the community. The use of these facilities is free, except the department has to pay janitor and security fees when using after hours. Continued use of school facilities will be vital to the expansion of programs throughout the school district. In addition, the Parents and Teachers Organization (PTO) and the Boosters Organization work to provide additional programs. The Department also works in cooperation with Slippery Rock University (SRU) to hold programs on SRU Campus.

Table 2.13: Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Programs is a listing and description of the current programs offered by Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation.

Table 2.13: Slippery Rock Area Parks & Recreation Programs			
Child Leisure/Physical (Fall)			
Age Group	Program	Location	Fee
Pre-School (ages 3-4)	Friends, Learning & Fun	SR Park	
Pre-School (ages 4-5)	Prep-Rec (includes Red Cross swim lessons)	SR Park/SRU (swim)	
Pre-School (ages 4-5)	Prep-Rec Plus	SR Park	\$80/month
Pre-School (ages 3-4)	Afternoon Pre-School	SR Park	\$80/month
Ages 18 mths to 7 years	Kindermusik	SR Park	\$160/child
Ages 2-3	Kiddie, Crafts & More	SR Park	\$20
Grades 3-12	Ceramics for Students	SRU Ceramic Studio	\$60
Grades 3-12	Creative Drawing & Painting	SRU Art Studio 1	\$60
Ages 10-13	Creative Digital Photography	SR Park	\$20
Ages 11-15	Babysitting (includes Red Cross certification)	SR Park	\$49
Ages 16 mths to 3 years	Rhythmic Movement	SR Park	\$15/session

Age Group	Program	Location	Fee
Ages 3-6	Gymnastics Pre-School	SR Park	\$25
Ages 7-11	Elementary Gymnastics	SR Park	\$25
Ages 4-15	Cheerleading	SR Park	\$7/week
Grades K-2	Hoop Heroes		\$20
Ages 4-8	Co-Ed Soccer	SR Park Soccer Field	\$25
Ages 6-13	Co-Ed Flag Football	SR Park	\$45
Ages 6 mths to 3 years	Swim Classes	SRU Pearle Stoner Instructional Complex	\$15
Children: Infant to Level 6	Swim Classes	SRU Pearle Stoner Instructional Complex	\$30/Session 1 \$27/Session 2
All ages	Swim – Private Lessons	SRU Pearle Stoner Instructional Complex	\$40
Teen/Adult Classes (Fall)			
Age Group	Program	Location	Fee
Teen/Adult	Ceramics for Adults	SRU Ceramic Studio	\$125
Teen/Adult	Digital Portrait Photography	SR Park	\$20
Teen/Adult	Re-Certification for CPR and/or First Aide	SR Park	\$25/CPR or \$32.50/both
Teen/Adult	Community First-Aid & CPR	SR Park	\$60
Teen/Adult	Basic Knitting	SR Park	\$18
Teen/Adult	Composting	SR Park	\$10
Adult (18+ years)	Lap Swim Classes	SRU Pearle Stoner Instructional Complex	\$15
Adult (18+ years)	Swim Trim Aerobics	SRU Pearle Stoner Instructional Complex	\$30-2x/week \$15-1x/week
Adult (18+ years)	Deep Water Exercise	SRU Pearle Stoner Instructional Complex	\$30

Annual Programs			
Age Group	Program	Location	Fee
All ages	VillageFest 5K Race/2M Walk		\$18/adults or \$13/under 12
All ages	Pumpkin Decorating	SR Park	\$5/pumpkin
All ages/Family	Haunted House	SR Park	\$3/person; Free/under 3
All ages/Family	Breakfast with Santa	SR Park	\$5
Other Programs			
Age Group	Program	Location	Fee
Adults	GED Classes	SR Park (Tues/Thurs)	
Adults/Families	Feed my Sheep Food Cupboard	SR Park (Tues/Thurs)	
Children of Working Parents	Play Safe (before and after school program)	SR Elementary Schools	\$3/child

Senior Center

The Senior Center is located in the Slippery Rock Township Building and is open from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The program is funded through the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and is operated through the Lutheran Service Society. Approximately 60 senior citizens attend the numerous programs that are offered on a weekly basis. Programs include exercise/fitness programs, yoga, educational programs about medical/healthcare, etc. In addition, the program includes a daily lunch. The Center has a large room for storage that doubles as a rental facility. Transportation is provided by Butler Area Rural Transit (BART).

Aebersold Recreation Center (ARC) (Slippery Rock University)

The Slippery Rock University (SRU) Aebersold Recreation Center is designed for students as well as the general public. ARC offers a wide variety of activities for all ages, with their large number of programs offered falling in the following categories:

- Aquatics
- Outdoor Adventure
- Fitness

- “Pay to Play” Programs
- Recreational Sports

Currently the ARC is involved in cooperative programming with the community. They offer swimming programs, Kayaking for kids, Summer Day Camps, an annual Martin Luther King 3-on-3 basketball tournament in January, leadership reaction, ski lodge rental, a campground and work with the scouting groups. The ARC is a center and does not receive any money from the state requiring them to generate 2M dollars a year to operate.

SRU also provides a number of opportunities for people with special needs. They conduct an adaptive physical education class for students from the Allegheny Valley School; classes are held Friday evenings during the school semester where the participants can enjoy a variety of activities. In addition, the National Women’s Wheelchair Basketball and Rugby are held at the University, the Steel Wheelers host programs at the ARC, and the Stoneharbor Equestrian center provides horseback riding for persons with special needs (www.sru.edu/ARC).

Slippery Rock University Lifelong Learning Program

The Lifelong Learning Program building at Slippery Rock University is located in the southeastern corner of the Gateway Park parking lot in Slippery Rock Borough. A number of programs that can be done inside are available at the building. However, they have a second location for outdoor programs located at SRU off of Stadium Drive in the northeastern part of the campus. Facilities at this site include an Executive Leadership Reaction Course, an Executive Leadership Challenge Tower, an Executive Leadership Teambuilding Trail, a Ropes Course, a Ski Lodge, a Ski Slope, and a Campground. The ski lodge, ski slope and campground are operated through the Aebersold Recreation Center. The remaining four facilities are part of the lifelong learning program. The Executive Leadership Program provides a leadership training experience that utilizes leadership challenges to build leaders and teams. The program implements a planned sequence of challenges with each challenge building off of the previous challenge.

A number of organizations use the program, including 500 inner city youth from Pittsburgh Partnership, 16 high schools/middle schools, Fortune 500 companies, PNC Bank, Alcoa, other Universities, Universal Well Leadership, and ROTC Training. These facilities have primarily been open to these and other similar groups to date. However, they are very open to considering program opportunities whereby they could partner with local communities as well as communities from around western Pennsylvania. Programs such as: team building, adventure programming and leadership would be included in a fast, effective and fun program offered at the University (www.sru.edu/pages/73d6asp).

Youth & Senior Free Fishing Day (Worth Township)

Worth Township Business Association in conjunction with the International Labor Union 373, International Labor Union 1058, and Pittsburgh Amateur Boxing host a Youth & Senior Free Fishing Day. This event is held in May at the West Park Bridge on Slippery Rock Creek. The event includes giveaways and contests

for all ages. Registration is held at “Drucker’s General Store”. The days schedule includes Fish Stocking, Instructions and Species Briefing, and Fishing.

Summary of Recreation Programs

In addition to the programs provided by Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation, Slippery Rock Area School District, and Slippery Rock University, Northwestern Butler County has a variety of public, private and quasi-public entities that provide various forms of recreational activities for residents of the area and beyond. Twenty-six public agencies, schools, churches, businesses and Conservancies were visited, inventoried and a representative was interviewed. Through this process it was noted that a variety of programs are already available in the community, as shown in [Table 2.14: Community Sponsored Programs](#).

Table 2.14: Community Sponsored Programs

Facility	Programs Offered	Target Participants	Program Fee
YMCA Camp/Armco Park	Swimming, Picnicking, Rentals, Playground, Activities	All Ages	Varies
Camp Bucoco	Camping, Shooting, Educational	Boy Scouts, Others	Varies
Camp Crestfield	Camping, Education, Bible Study, Swimming, Canoeing	Semi- private	Varies
Cooper’s Lake Campground		Families	Varies
Glades Conservation Alliance	Glacier Wetlands Conservancy, Hiking	Family	Free
Harrisville Community Park	Soccer, Baseball, Pavilions, Skate Park	Family	Free
Jennings Nature Center	Hiking, Educational Programs	All Ages	Free
Lake Arthur Family Campground	Camping	Families	Varies, Membership
Moraine Conservation & Sportsmen’s Club	Shooting Sports	Youth - Adult	
Moraine State Park	Swimming, Boating, Fishing, Hunting, Picnicking, Etc.	All Ages depending on program	Varies
Oakview Golf Course	Leagues, Golf Camp, Paintball	Youth/Adult	Varies
Prospect Boys & Girls Club	Soccer, Baseball, Football, Basketball	Family	Membership
Rock Falls Park	Camping, Swimming, Concerts	Families	Varies

Facility	Programs Offered	Target Participants	Program Fee
Roger's Rifle, Rod & Reel	Boating, Fishing, Hunting, Supplies	All Ages	Varies
Shamrock Golf Course	Leagues, Outings	Teens/Adults/Seniors	Varies
Slippery Rock Baptist Church	Gym (Coming Soon), Various Programs	All Ages	Free
Slippery Rock Bowling Lanes	Junior, Adult & Senior Leagues, Parties	Youth through Seniors	Varies
Slippery Rock Dunes	ATV & Motorcycle Tracks, Concerts	Youth - Adult	Varies
Slippery Rock Library	Book lending, story time, summer reading program	All Ages	Free
Slippery Rock Race Way	Go Karts & Tractors	Family	Varies
Slippery Rock Sportsmen's Club	Shooting Sports	Youth - Adult	Membership \$20/year
SRU ARC	Swimming, Fitness, Basketball	Youth -Adult	Membership
SRU Lifelong Learning	Adventure Programs/Facilities, Leadership/Team Building	Teens - Adults	Varies
Switchback Motocross	ATV, Motorcycle Trails	Youth - Adult	Varies
Western PA Conservancy	Natural Areas, Hiking	All Ages	Free

ADMINISTRATION

Just as parks are provided by a number of different entities, parks and recreation are also administered by a variety of organizations. This section will analyze how public parks and recreation services are provided within the Project Area.

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation

With Slippery Rock Community Park being the only existing municipal park in the Project Area, the only communities that administer public recreation are Slippery Rock Borough and Slippery Rock Township. Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock Township and the Slippery Rock Area School District developed a partnership that established Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation. Brady Township, Worth Township and West Liberty Borough do not have a park and recreation department or board and are not currently members of Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation.

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation was created through an agreement between the municipalities and school district; originally as the Slippery Rock Park and Shade Tree Commission in the 1960's but was renamed Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation in the late 1970's. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation hired its first full time director in 1975. The agreement was established to benefit the residents of the respective municipalities through jointly administered and supervised community recreation services and facilities. Utilizing the resources of the communities provides a more effective and economical method to meeting the present and future needs of their citizens. The agreement between these entities has operated effectively since its inception (*see Appendix B-1: Agreement*).

The agreement has been revised, with the most recent effective date being October 1, 1998, and is automatically renewable from year to year; however, it can be cancelled by any participating party by giving written notice to the other members' District. The agreement sets forth several terms and conditions, each of which is further discussed in other sections of this plan:

1. **Administration:** The Administrative Officer of the Parks and Recreation Board is the Director of Parks and Recreation. The Director is an ex-officio non-voting member of the of the nine member board. Each participating entity is represented by three members on the Board each serving a three year term.
2. **Administrative Policies:** The Parks and Recreation Program conducted under this agreement is administered by the Board. The administrative office location is established by the Board from time to time. The Board is responsible for the appointment of employees, for furnishing appropriate reports and preparing an annual budget. Both the Board and Program is to be audited annually.
3. **Personnel:** The Board appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation who serves as Executive Officer of the Board. All other personnel required to operate the Parks and Recreation Programs are employed by the Board. The Director is responsible for assigning, directing and supervising these employees.

4. Financial: The Board shall propose an annual operating budget and capital program. These must be approved by the governing boards by December 31st of each year. Each entity agrees to annually appropriate and budget a sum of money for operating the Parks and Recreation Program.
5. Facilities: The building and playgrounds of each entity may be available for the use of the Parks and Recreation Board when there is no conflict with regular activities and if such request is approved by an authorized administrator.

Parks and Recreation Board

The current Parks and Recreation Board is an appointed administrative board consisting of nine members, all of whom serve without pay. Each entity of the agreement (Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock Township, and Slippery Rock Area School District) appoints three members to the Board, each of whom serve a three year term. The terms are staggered whereby each year, the term of three Board members will expire.

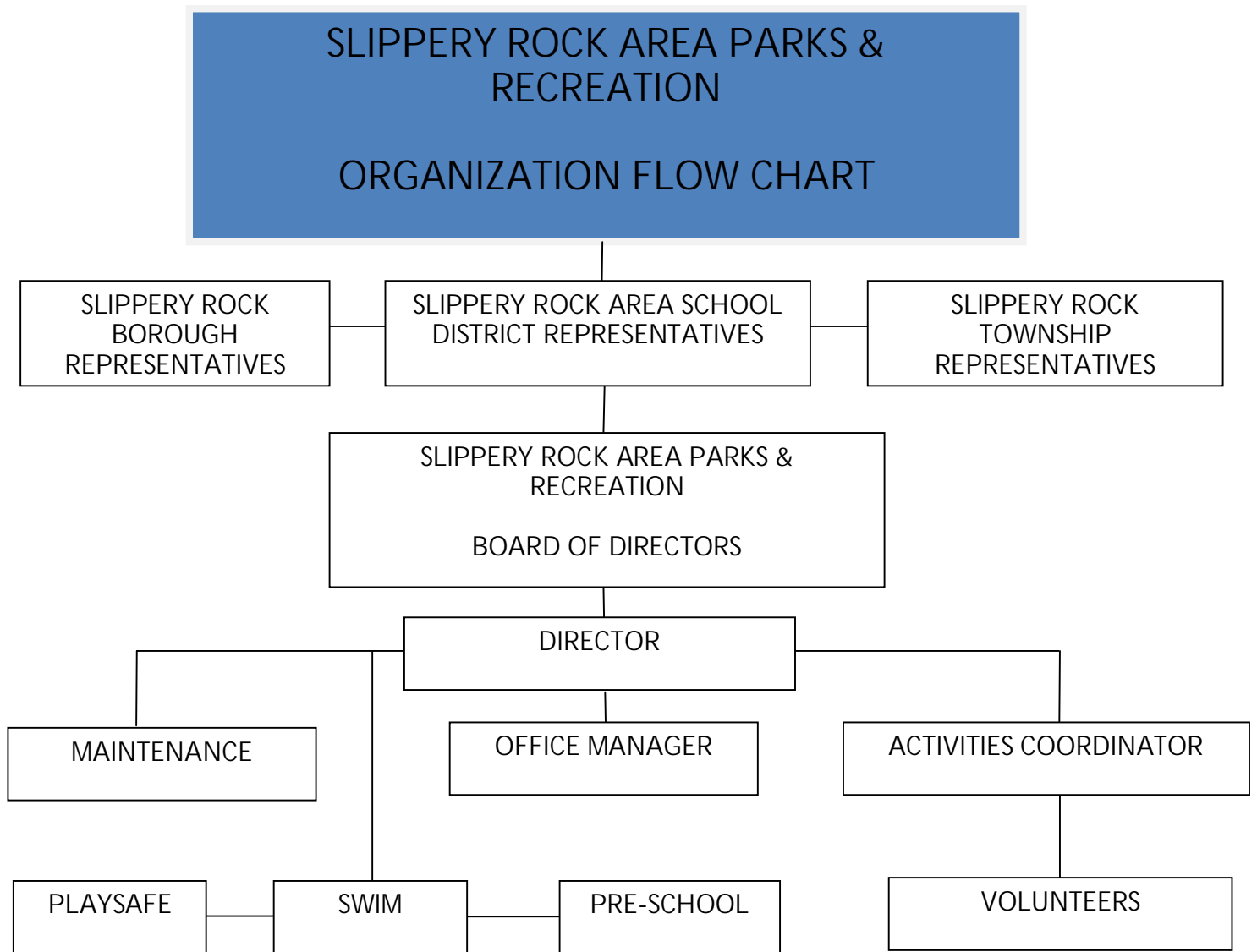
As an administrative Board, it is their responsibility to oversee all aspects of Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation and report back to the municipality/school district they represent. The Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Board has a set of bylaws that they operate under. It is a relatively simple but concise set of bylaws (see *Appendix B-2: Bylaws*).

Personnel

Under the Agreement, the Board appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation and approves all other personnel required to operate the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation programs. The Director is responsible for the oversight and supervision of all employees. Staffing can be divided into two main categories: (1) administrative staff and (2) program staff. The Administrative staff consists of the Director, an Office Manager, a Maintenance worker, and an Activities Coordinator who oversees the Volunteers. The program staff includes the instructors for all of the programs overseen by the Director. Maintenance is discussed in more detail on page 2-53.

Figure 2.2: Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation – Flow Chart provides a graphic representation of the organization of Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation.

Figure 2.2: Slippery Rock Area Parks & Recreation – Flow Chart



Policies & Procedures

Administrative Manual

An administrative manual was developed and used for many years, but, it was either lost or thrown away years ago during a transition period. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation does have various components of the manual such as an independent contractor's agreement (see *Appendix B-3: Independent Contractor Agreement*), volunteer information form (see *Appendix B-4: Volunteer Information Form*), and the Personnel Policies and Procedure manual (see *Appendix B-5: Personnel Policies and Procedures*). Incorporating this information, as well as other documents and forms, into the administrative manual will be necessary for the department staff to function in a proper and efficient manner, while keeping within the "policy parameters" developed by the Agreement and the Recreation and Park Board. The development of an administrative manual should adhere to the department's mission statement, and goals and objectives.

Record Keeping

Accurate record keeping is vital to the success of Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation. It ensures the effectiveness and efficiency and will eliminate the possibility of forgetting important information that can be used in the future to advance and/or protect the department in many areas. The importance of keeping good records cannot be over-emphasized. They are especially important when you are writing grants, preparing the budget, submitting for awards and in the case of liability issues.

Each of the municipalities maintains records that are required by law. Worth Township, also, retains historical records of the grange which is now their municipal building. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation currently retains very few records. Program registration forms are kept for a period of time. The only other record keeping is the yearly audit.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance of parks and other municipal owned properties is essential to providing safe, usable and aesthetically pleasing facilities and areas for the residents and visitors. An efficient and effective recreation and parks maintenance program will enhance recreation amenities, save money, reduce liability, improve life expectancy of facilities, create an attractive park atmosphere and foster environmental stewardship.

Although this is a Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan, the emphasis of this section will primarily be directed towards Slippery Rock Community Park and the maintenance of facilities and equipment utilized in that park. However, the majority of the information provided will be applicable either now or in the future for Slippery Rock Memorial Park, Gateway Park, Slippery Rock Borough Open Space Property, Brady Township Park property and Worth Township Community Center. Currently, these later properties are maintained as follows: Slippery Rock Memorial Park is maintained by volunteers, but mowed by Slippery Rock University; Gateway Park is maintained by First National Bank; Slippery Rock Borough Open Space site is maintained by Slippery Rock Borough; Brady Township property is primarily an open field that may be mowed once a year by a local landowner; and Worth Township Community Center is maintained by township staff and/or volunteers.

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation

Currently, the maintenance of Slippery Rock Community Park recreation facilities and open space areas is the responsibility of Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation. They are doing an adequate job of maintaining these areas and facilities; however, as with any community where there is a minimal maintenance staff, some things are left undone, or not taken care of promptly due to the daily work load and other responsibilities of the staff.

Personnel

Slippery Rock Community Park has one full time park maintenance person. The primary responsibilities of this person is to clean the buildings, pick up trash, mow the park twice a week during the appropriate seasons, repair equipment as needed, and other general maintenance responsibilities as directed by the Parks and Recreation Director. Assistance is provided by Slippery Rock Borough who plows the roads and Slippery Rock Township Public Works by doing drainage and construction work, assisting in tree removal, use of large equipment in the park (such as the backhoe), and delivery of products. If any equipment is sent into the park to do any type of work, a Township employee is used to operate the equipment allowing the park maintenance employee to continue his work. The Township's assistance provides a big help in maintaining the park.

Equipment

The Parks and Recreation Director is responsible for ordering the materials needed for park maintenance projects. The Director, along with the Secretary, develops the work schedule for the maintenance person. The Director is then responsible for seeing that park maintenance work is properly completed in a timely

manner. The Director, with recommendations from the park maintenance person, determines equipment needs and makes equipment purchases, when necessary. If equipment can be repaired, the park maintenance person handles most of the repairs. If major repairs are required, the equipment is sent out to have the work done. **Table 2.15: Slippery Rock Area Parks & Recreation Maintenance Equipment Inventory** lists each type of equipment along with its age, purpose, and general condition (where available).

Table 2.15: Slippery Rock Area Parks & Recreation Maintenance Equipment Inventory

Equipment	Age	Purpose	Condition
Zero degree turn mowers (2)	3-4 years	Grass cutting	Good
Craftsman Push Mower	5-6 years	Grass cutting	Very Good
Husquavarna Weed Wacker	10 years	Weed wacking	Fair
Shindiawa Weed Wacker	3-4 years	Weed wacking	Fair
Taft Tractor 25HP	20 – 25 years	Drag fields & plow roads	Poor
Gillson Snow Blower	10 years	Snow Blowing	Poor
Yard Machine 24" Snow Blower	3-4 years	Snow Blowing	Fair
Buffer	25 -30 years	Buffing Floors	Fair
Pressure Washer	6 months	Pressure washing	Excellent
Drill Press			
Circular Saw			
Mitre Saw			
Table Saw			
Jig Saw			
Numerous Hand Tools			

Maintenance Plan

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation does not have a formal written park maintenance plan to follow. The grounds maintenance work in the park, and work on the facilities and equipment are completed on an as needed basis. As mentioned, they have been maintained in adequate condition with the majority of the issues and concerns identified being primarily due to age, location, materials used or drainage problems. The only maintenance work that is routinely done is cutting grass on the athletic fields, picking up trash, repairing fences and gates and cleaning restrooms and other facilities. Currently, there is not any proactive (preventative) maintenance plan to address issues before they arise. The maintenance staff does not maintain any records pertaining to the parks. The lack of planning and scheduling has not affected the park maintenance to any significant degree to this point, however, as the areas and facilities grow, formal planning and scheduling of work tasks will need to be put in place.

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation is a relatively self sustaining entity. They do a large majority of the park work in house or with help from Slippery Rock Borough and Slippery Rock Township. A contractor is used when grants are received for the development of a specific area or facility. The Department also maintains relationships with various youth sports organizations. The Slippery Rock Baseball Association and the Slippery Rock Football Association do help with maintenance of the fields they use. The Slippery Rock Soccer Association does not use the soccer field, but occasionally holds meetings at the park.

The Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Director is responsible for developing the park maintenance budget. There is not a capital budget at this time, however, when there is a capital maintenance budget, it has to receive board approval and is monitored by the Park Board.

Risk Management

Risk management is another important aspect that must be taken into consideration in order to provide safe facilities and ensure the safety of park patrons, as well as, those performing the work in the parks. Currently, Slippery Rock Community Park's risk management approach is primarily reactive rather than having a written risk management plan. There are some first aid supplies available for the staff and they have some safety equipment to use for various tasks that require such equipment. Fire extinguishers should be available in park vehicles and on the equipment. The staff does occasionally attend training seminars to keep up to date on safety issues. All staff should be certified in CPR and AED every two years. Consideration should be given to providing access to an automatic electronic defibrillator (AED) in the park office or in the Recreation Center. The "Right to Know" information is available, but not readily accessible to the employees. The maintenance person does perform a visual risk assessment and park facility inspection, occasionally. However, this inspection is not properly recorded, especially the portion dealing with the playgrounds. Records of these inspections must be maintained to protect Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation in case of any lawsuits.

FINANCE

The most difficult issue facing almost every community in its quest to provide safe and aesthetically pleasing parks as well as a variety of quality programs is finances. Many communities face issues yearly with finding adequate financing needed to provide and maintain facilities and programs for their residents. The funds needed to support these facilities and programs usually come from the community's general fund. Since all departments in the community must draw from the general fund to cover their operating and capital budgets each year, it is impossible for each department to be fully funded yearly. In the past, and still in some communities today, park and recreation funding has been one of the first areas to be cut when funds are tight. However, many communities are becoming aware of the value of setting funds aside to provide quality facilities and programs. Over a period of time the value of recreation can be recognized through a reduction in crime and improvement in the quality of life of the residents.

Tax Support Philosophies

This section addresses the philosophy of the five communities involved in this plan.

Brady Township

Brady Township had the foresight a few years ago to purchase a fifteen acre site adjacent to their 3.82 acre storage site and their municipal building site. Although this purchase was met with some opposition the Township went forward and purchased the site. After participating in the Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007), where it was recommended that Brady Township complete a master site plan for their park, they followed through by including a Master Site Plan for their park (see Chapter 4). The Township's participation in both Comprehensive Plans and the development of a master site plan for their park are the appropriate first steps to providing parks and recreation for their residents. This establishes their initial philosophy toward providing tax support for parks and recreation in their community.

Slippery Rock Borough/Slippery Rock Township

The acquisition of what is now part of Slippery Rock Community Park, through a donation to Slippery Rock Borough by Mr. and Mrs. Baller in May of 1958, was the beginning of parks and recreation in the area. Although nothing happened immediately, tax support for parks and recreation did begin in the 1960's. In 1968 they showed their support for recreation through an acquisition for \$30,000. Additional support from the community came through donations from residents in 1988 and 1990. Continued support from Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock Township and the Slippery Rock School District through their annual contribution of tax dollars provides the base funding to keep Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation operating. They also support the program through the use of equipment, manpower and facilities to conduct programs.

West Liberty Borough

West Liberty Borough's involvement in the Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007) and the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan shows their support for spending tax dollars to discover the need for recreation opportunities in the Borough.

Worth Township

Worth Township's participation in the Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007) and the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan shows their support for using tax dollars to at least consider providing quality recreation opportunities for their residents. Furthermore, the positive potential to utilize their municipal building for programs indicates their utilizing tax dollars for recreation.

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation

Budget

Listed in [Table 2.16: Slippery Rock Area Parks & Recreation Revenues & Expenditures](#) are the actual revenues and expenditures for 2003 through 2008 for Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation. As can be seen from these figures, Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation has been able to maintain a relatively steady asset balance throughout the past six years. Although they experienced a drop in assets from 2005 through 2007, they recovered in 2008.

Year	Operating Expenses	Operating Revenues	Operating Loss	Non Operating Revenue	Net Assets January 1	Net Assets December 1
2003	\$242,653	\$190,703	\$51,950	\$74,907	\$57,918	\$80,875
2004	\$255,935	\$191,227	\$64,708	\$65,827	\$80,876	\$81,994
2005	\$266,213	\$202,096	\$64,117	\$48,481	\$81,944	\$66,358
2006	\$279,262	\$197,652	\$81,610	\$70,430	\$66,358	\$54,928
2007	\$285,099	\$220,606	\$64,493	\$75,389	\$54,928	\$65,824
2008	\$289,129	\$227,579	\$61,550	\$77,779	\$65,824	\$82,053

Process

The Director analyzes the previous year's revenues and expenditures while taking into the economic condition at the time to generate a proposed budget for the upcoming year. Budget expenditure considerations include: (1) Program expenses; (2) Administrative expenses; (3) Staff expenses; (4) Park expenses: such as utilities and maintenances supplies. Budget revenues are projected for the fees collected from the programs, as well as other sources. Once the proposed budget has been established, the Director submits it to the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Board. After their review and approval it goes to the Slippery Rock Borough Council, Slippery Rock Township Supervisors and to the Slippery Rock School District for their approval.

Revenues

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation has received revenues from several sources through the years. The main source for the past six years has been user fees collected for participation in activities. [Table 2.17: Revenue Sources](#) (page 2-60) lists these main revenue sources from 2003 through 2008. The revenues collected during this time frame continued to grow primarily because of increased revenues from the k activity fees. The growth in revenues is relatively steady with the main variable being the amount of revenues collected from grants each year.

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation receives tax dollars from three entities: Slippery Rock Area School District, Slippery Rock Borough and Slippery Rock Township. Currently, the three entities provide a total of \$65,000 towards the expenses for parks and recreation in the Slippery Rock area. Slippery Rock Township also budgets \$5,000 annually for park road repairs and maintenance. The representatives from each of these entities make up the Board, which is charged, in part, with monitoring the expenses from the allocated revenues and other funds generated through various means.

Slippery Rock Area Parks & Recreation has been fortunate to utilize grant programs in order to generate renovation and development funding. The funding has been provided by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, (Keystone Conservation Fund), Department of Economic and Community Development, (Community Revitalization Fund), and the Butler County Local Park Renovation Program.

Slippery Rock Parks & Recreation is also supported through local business donations. The Slippery Rock American Legion, Slippery Rock American Legion Auxiliary, the Slippery Rock Rotary Club are various organizations that make donations on a regular basis. These donations are used to support various programs offered by the Park.

Table 2.17: Revenue Sources

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Activity Fees	\$190,703	\$191,227	\$202,096	\$197,652	\$220,606	\$227,579
Contributions – SRASD & Municipalities	\$70,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$65,031	\$71,945	\$70,500
Interest & Rents	\$7,603	\$7,995	\$6,700	\$5,621	\$7,070	\$7,103
Grants	\$19,500	\$4,999	\$12,135	\$210	\$11,000	\$100
Donations	\$500	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,030	\$1,159	\$1,225
Miscellaneous	\$1,162	\$1,832	\$484	\$1,901	\$1,072	\$75
TOTAL REVENUES	\$289,468	\$262,053	\$276,615	\$271,445	\$312,852	\$306,582

Most of the revenue generated and needed to operate the parks and the programs comes from activity fees. [Table 2.18 Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Program Revenue](#) shows the actual attendance, program cost and revenues generated from programs offered by the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation. While not shown below, the largest revenue from activities is received from the Playsafe (before/after school) program, which generates approximately \$60,000 per year.

Table 2.18: Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Program Revenue

Program	Year	Attendance	Cost per Person	Income
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny	2009	86	\$5	\$430
Swim Program	2009	368	\$30	\$11,040
Adult H2O Classes	2009	113	\$30	\$3,390
Haunted House Haunted Hayride	2008	268	\$3	\$804
Cheerleading	2009	varies	\$7	
Breakfast With Santa	2008	51	\$5	\$255
Winter Carnival	2009	50	Free	Free
5K Race at Village Fest	2008	68	\$18	\$1,224

Program	Year	Attendance	Cost per Person	Income
High School Musical	2009	1384	n/a	\$1,000
Watermelon Wednesdays	2009	varies	Free	Free
Basketball	2009	72	\$40	\$2,880
Wrestling	2009	27	\$50	\$1,350
Soccer Camp	2009	43	\$50	\$2,150
Gardening	2009	28	\$5	\$140
Horse Camp	2009	independent	\$90	-
Variety of Activity Camps	2009	48	\$25	\$1,200
Kiddie Crafts & More	2009	44	\$20	\$880
Tumbling Tots	2009	50	\$15/session	?
Babysitting	2009	4	\$45	\$180
Ceramics	2009	17	\$150	\$2,550
First Aid/CPR	2009	11	\$25	\$275
Digital Camera Programs	2008	9	\$20	\$180
Kindermusik	2009	independent	\$120	-
Pumpkin Decorating	2008	55	\$5	\$275
Knitting	2008	9	\$18	\$162
Awesome Art	2008	7	\$20	\$140
Girls Basketball Camp	2009	69	\$60	\$4,140

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation has a well established fee structure for their activities. It is imperative that they generate substantial revenues through user fees since they have to depend to a large degree on these revenues to operate the park and provide additional programs. Over the past six years the revenues from programs has accounted for an average of 71.5% of the revenue budget. A large part of this revenue is obtained from the before/after school program. The before/after school program, as well as many of the other programs, utilize employee instructors who are paid \$8.00 per hour. This provides a generous revenue profit for these programs. Certain other programs use outside instructors to supervise

the programs. In these cases the instructors receive 80% of the user fee and Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation receives 20%. The Board should develop a written revenue policy that would establish a framework for setting fees and charges for both programs and facilities.

Grants are perhaps one of the best sources of obtaining alternative funding for parks and recreation to supplement the monies needed to improve park and recreation opportunities in the community. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation has applied for grants over the years and has been successful at receiving grant money for a number of projects in Slippery Rock Community Park. Following is a list of grants they have received over the past six years:

- 2003 Softball/Soccer Fields
 - DCNR - \$60,000
 - Butler County Local Park Renovation Grant - \$6,000
- 2004 Playground Equipment
 - DCNR - \$60,000
 - Butler County Local Park Renovation Grant - \$7,000
- 2005 Softball/Soccer Fields
 - DCED - \$25,000
 - Butler County Local Park Renovation Grant - \$7,000
- 2006 Upgrade Electric
 - Butler County Local Park Renovation Grant - \$8,000
- 2007 Handicap Walkways to Pavilions
 - Butler Local Park Renovation County Grant - \$6,700
- 2008 – 2009
 - No grants received

Besides the above improvement grants, they did receive a grant to do the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan and a grant to do the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan and the Master Site Plans for Slippery Rock Community Park as well as the 2-acre site; Brady Township received grant money to do a Master Site Plan for their park; and Worth Township received grant money to construct new restrooms in their community building.

A programming grant that is used by Slippery Rock is through the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. This grant provides funds for various arts programs including: concerts in the park, craft/art programs, drama, dance, etc.

Expenditure Comparisons

Municipal operating budget expenditures vary significantly from community to community as indicated in the chart below. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation does not have a capital operating budget. They have what they call non-operating expenses or capital outlays, which are expenditures that occur throughout the year that are not budgeted and are deducted from the non-operating revenues received during the year. Since Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation does not have a capital budget, their capital outlay for 2003 was used to compare against the other communities capital budgets. Municipalities in Butler County and surrounding counties that would be considered somewhat comparable with populations both above and below that of the Slippery Rock region population were used for comparison, as shown in [Table 2.19: Comparison of Park and Recreation Expenditures](#).

The Slippery Rock region falls very close to the center, being just slightly below the average in operating budget expenditures which includes both program and park expenses. Capital budget expenditures vary significantly between municipalities. This is primarily due to the projects proposed for that specific year and may be significantly impacted by grants that are awarded to the community. The Slippery Rock region capital expenditures are well below the average capital expenditures for comparable communities and a capital outlay of only \$2.07 per person, which is one of the lowest of the communities shown.

Table 2.19: Comparison of Park and Recreation Expenditures

Community	County	Population	Operating Budget	Budget Per Resident	Capital Budget	Budget Per Resident
Aliquippa	Beaver	13,374	\$85,000	\$6.35		
Butler Township	Butler	17,185	\$82,018	\$4.77	\$67,675	\$3.94
Center Township	Beaver	10,724	\$102,700	\$9.56	\$30,000	\$2.80
Clairton	Allegheny	8,400	\$154,000	\$18.33	\$80,000	\$9.52
Forest Hills Borough	Allegheny	7,335	\$104,932	\$14.30		
Franklin Park Borough	Allegheny	12,700	\$389,564	\$30.67	\$186,650	\$14.70
Marshall Township	Allegheny	6,500	\$266,073	\$40.93	\$8,400	\$1.29
Lower Burrell	Westmoreland	12,251	\$108,591	\$8.86	\$19,175	\$1.56
Pine Township	Allegheny	7,683	\$65,611	\$8.53	\$40,000	\$5.20
West Deer Township	Allegheny	11,371	\$55,360	\$4.86		

Community	County	Population	Operating Budget	Budget Per Resident	Capital Budget	Budget Per Resident
Slippery Rock Region	Butler	11,427	\$222,618	\$19.48	\$23,858	\$2.07
Averages		11,070	230,015	\$20.52	\$144,110	\$11.73

The figures shown were taken from the 2006 Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society's (PRPS) Membership Directory and are from a survey conducted by PRPS in (or about) the year 2002, which were the most recent available. The figures could change significantly each year based on the projects for that year and any grants that were received. Capital budget figures were not available for each community.

Table 2.20: Capital Outlays shows the annual capital outlay for Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation between 2003 and 2008. There seems to be a trend that in odd years there is a significantly larger capital outlay than in even years, which could indicate that larger projects are done every other year and/or that grants were completed in those years. As the region expands, capital outlay for both the improvement and the development of parks and recreation should increase.

Table 2.20: Capital Outlays					
2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
\$23,858	\$4,999	\$26,093	\$3,613	\$16,857	\$1,224

Chapter 3...Needs Assessment & Action Plan

Phase 2 included a Community Needs Assessment, which builds upon the data covered in Chapter 2: Inventory and Analysis. This analysis was completed to solicit feedback from residents regarding their needs and preferences for parks and recreation within the Northwest Butler County region. The Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007) revealed that the outdoor recreation opportunities available in the region were considered strengths; however, there was a need to improve upon the municipally provided parks and recreation to capitalize upon these economic development opportunities. Phase 3 involved developing recommendations to address each need. Chapter 3: Community Needs Assessment is set up as follows:

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Map 3.1: Future Park Needs

Map 3.2: Proposed Trails

PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES

Over 70% of residents in the Project Area rated recreation as being important to their quality of life and while almost 60% felt that recreation was adequate in their community; there is room for improvement. This section provides an overview of the identified needs in order to provide the municipalities with recommendations that can be implemented to improve the overall parks and recreation system.

Parks Needs Assessment

The Parks Needs Assessment provides an analysis of municipally provided parkland within the Northwest Butler County region.

NRPA Standards Comparison

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) set standards for the number of facilities required in municipalities' decades ago. In 1983, their publication, "Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines," provided extensive tables using a population baseline to determine how many fields, parks, facilities, etc. are needed in a community. In 1996, NRPA released an updated publication that allows municipalities to document a need and support for a facility without using population as a basis. However, in order to provide a baseline, the original standards are often used for comparison. The Guidelines also established a classification system for community recreational facilities based on the size and use of a park facility. It must be noted that the NRPA standards are only suggested guidelines and are not rigid requirements dictating park use or size requirements. [Table 3.1](#) lists the NRPA park standards.

Table 3.1: NRPA Park Standards				
Classification	Description	Size Criteria	Service Area	Current Park
Mini-Parks (Tot Lot)	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs	2,500 square feet to 1 acre	¼ mile	N/A
Neighborhood Park	Intense recreational activities such as fields, courts, play equipment and picnic areas. Easily accessible. Geographically central to specific neighborhood(s)	1 to 15 acres	¼ to ½ mile	N/A
Community Park	Meets community recreational needs. Active and passive use areas. Centrally located.	25 or more acres	1 to 2 miles	Slippery Rock Community Park

Based on the 2000 census data, the population of the study area is 11,427, not considering the University student population with a projected population of 13,490 by 2020. Table 3.2 provides a park land comparison to national standards. Currently, Slippery Rock Community Park is the only developed community park, as defined by NRPA standards, in the project area. As such, the project area meets the recommendation (now and in the future) for Community Parks; however, the area is lacking in Neighborhood Parks.

Table 3.2: NW Butler County Parks Comparison to NRPA Standards

Type of Park	NRPA Standards	Existing Acres	Current Need	Current Surplus/ (Deficiency)	Future 2020 Surplus/ (Deficiency)
Neighborhood Park	1 acre per 1,000 population	0	11.5	(11.5)	(13.5)
Community Park	5 acres per 1,000 population	67	57.5	10.5	0

Public Input Results

As mentioned previously, the NRPA standards for recreational lands are offered only as a general guideline to provide a base point in which to determine how existing parks compare to the “average” community. However, the standards should not be viewed as a requirement given that recreational demands vary across the country and from region to region. It must be noted that the comparisons used here only considered municipal owned sites within the study area. Nonprofit/private parks, Slippery Rock University facilities, school district facilities and facilities in surrounding communities were not included in the above tables. However, Project Area residents utilize many of these parks and recreation facilities in addition to Slippery Rock Community Park. In fact, Moraine State Park was cited as the most used park by residents according to the 2008 Public Recreation Survey (43% of residents), with Slippery Rock Community park second (28%) and Slippery Rock University facilities third (11% - most people cited the Aebersold Recreation Center, ARC). And while most people felt that parks and recreation is adequate in their community (59%), many residents felt that new parks are needed in the following communities:

- Slippery Rock Borough – 33%
- Slippery Rock Township – 28%
- Brady Township – 16%
- Worth Township – 13%
- West Liberty Borough – 10%

Parks Conclusions

Goal 1: Identify future needs for additional parks/recreation sites.

The Northwestern Butler County area has a well-developed park and recreation system. State owned facilities at Moraine State Park and Slippery Rock University provide area residents with recreational opportunities that municipalities of similar size cannot provide. The Jennings Environmental Education Center provides educational programming for area students, civic groups and the community. Slippery Rock Community Park is the lone community park, providing recreation facilities and programming to residents of the Northwestern Butler County area.

The more rural municipalities, including Brady Township, West Liberty Borough, Worth Township, and portions of Slippery Rock Township lack local recreational facilities. This is a result of both a lack of density to support the investment in recreation and large tracts of land that allow rural residents to recreate on their own property. However, as development pressures have increased in the area, more dense development has and will continue to create a demand for additional recreational facilities. [Map 3.1: Future Park Needs](#) depicts the location of the two proposed new parks (Brady Township Neighborhood Park and Poplar Forest Mini-Park) as well as the predicted housing future growth area, which was identified in the Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007) as the area most likely to see new housing developments and subdivisions over the next 10-15 years.

Action Item #1.1: Implement the Brady Township Park Master Site Plan

While the Project Area meets the need for Community Park, it is lacking in the Neighborhood Park classification; currently, there are none. Once developed, the Brady Township Park would likely serve as a Neighborhood Park and at 19 acres, would serve to meet the needs for the Project Area. Chapter 4: Master Site Plans includes the proposed recommendations for the Brady Township Park.

Action Item #1.2: Implement the Poplar Forest Mini-Park Master Site Plan

The NRPA does not provide recommended standards for Mini-Parks, thereby not shown in [Table 3.2](#). However, there are currently no Mini-Parks within the Project Area. The Poplar Forest Mini-Park, a 2-acre site in Slippery Rock Borough, once developed would help meet this need. Chapter 4: Master Site Plans includes the proposed recommendations for the Poplar Forest Mini-Park.

Action Item #1.3: Revise municipal SALDOs to include mandatory dedication/fee-in-lieu of provision

At this time, it is not recommended that the Project Area pursue any new park development outside of the 2-acre site in Slippery Rock Borough and the Brady Township site. However, as the population of the project area continues to grow and more residential subdivisions are constructed, there will be a need for additional parks, likely neighborhood parks and/or mini-parks/tot lots. Currently, four of the municipalities have an adopted subdivision and land development ordinance (SALDO) (West Liberty Borough does not have one) and are interested in updating them to include provisions for a mandatory dedication or fee in

lieu of provision, which if used properly, would provide land for parks/recreation facilities within new developments. It should be noted that priority funding is awarded to multi-municipal efforts to update ordinances to implement comprehensive plan recommendations (including recreational efforts) and therefore, if the municipalities elected to update their SALDOs for the mandatory dedication/fee-in-lieu-of provision, it should be as a joint effort. The Slippery Rock Area Park and Recreation Board should periodically meet with each municipal Planning Commission to ensure the coordination and implementation of provisions calling for park and recreation facilities through the subdivision and land development administrative process. This will ensure that all new parks and recreation facilities will be developed to meet the needs of the entire Project Area.

It is important to go to those responsible for the growth: the developers. The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) Act 170 Section 503 (11) provides special direct authority for a municipality to require a developer to dedicate land to the public that is suitable for park and recreation purposes. This has become a viable source for municipalities to acquire land or additional revenues to further the provision of recreation in their communities. Under the current statute for park or recreation purposes, if the applicant and municipality agree, a municipality may accept from the developer:

1. Payment of fees in lieu of dedication of land;
2. The construction of recreational facilities;
3. Private reservation of land; or,
4. A combination of the above.

In order to legally implement a mandatory dedication ordinance, the following components are needed:

1. Requirements of the ordinance cannot be made on any plan application, whether preliminary or final, pending at the time of enactment of the ordinance.
2. Standards must be identified. The ordinance must contain definite standards for determining the proportion of a development to be dedicated and the amount of fee to be paid in lieu of dedication.
3. Accessibility to the development. The land or fees, or combination thereof, are to be used only for the purpose of providing park or recreational facilities accessible to the development.
4. Formally adopted recreation plan. The governing body must have a formally adopted recreation plan.
5. Reasonable relationship. The amount and location of the land or the fees shall bear a reasonable relationship to the use of the park and recreational facilities by future inhabitants of the development or subdivision.
6. Interest-bearing account. A fee shall be deposited in an interest-bearing account, clearly identifying the specific recreation facilities for which the fee was received. Interest earned on such accounts shall become funds of that account. Funds shall be expended only for the cost incurred to construct the specific recreation facilities for which the funds were collected.

7. Refund of fees. The municipality must refund the fee plus interest upon the request of any persons who paid any fee if the municipality has failed to utilize the fee for the purposes it was paid within a period of three years from the date the fee was paid.
8. No municipality shall have the power to require the construction of recreational facilities or the dedication of land, or fees in lieu of, or private reservation except as may be provided by statute.

Currently, three municipalities in Butler County have mandatory dedication/fee-in-lieu-of provisions in their subdivision and land development ordinances: Buffalo Township, Clinton Township and Cranberry Township. While each municipality will need to determine their own appropriate ordinance requirements and fee schedule, the following excerpts are provided for comparison purposes.

Buffalo Township SALDO Requirements

213 Public Sites and Open Spaces: In order to Implement Section 503 (11) of the Pa. Municipalities Planning Code, Buffalo Township has adopted an Official Recreation Plan. This section applies to new residential subdivisions or land developments that would create new residential dwelling units (Including Planned Residential Developments or new Mobile Home Parks or new Mobile Home Lots) as defined and regulated by the Buffalo Township Zoning Ordinance.

- A) In order to Implement the Official Recreation Plan, the Township shall require the public dedication of land suitable for parks, playgrounds, or conservation recreational use (hereinafter also collectively referred to as "recreational use area") or upon agreement with the applicant or developer, the payment of fees in lieu of dedicated land, the construction of public recreation facilities, or a combination of dedicated land, facilities construction and fees. Such dedications and/or agreements or fees are to serve the future population of the Township, preserve special scenic areas, or create reserves of forestland suitable for wildlife habitat, which directly meets the recreational needs of Township residents. All such requirements shall conform to the authority conferred in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (53 P.S. §10101 et seq.), and constitute a condition precedent to preliminary or final plan approval. The applicant and developer shall hereinafter collectively be referred to as either "applicant" or "developer".
- B) All developers of residential subdivisions or residential land developments shall give due consideration to the provision of sites for recreational use areas. An applicant for preliminary plat approval on a multiphase plan or single phase final plan approval of a residential land development or subdivision shall dedicate to the Township for public use a portion of such site as a recreational use area. The total amount of land to be deeded to the Township shall be equivalent to at least 2,500 square feet per dwelling unit, or ten (10) percent of the total area proposed for the subdivision or residential land development (including any parent tract). In determining whether the amount is set at 2,500 per dwelling unit or 10 percent of total land area, the greater proportion shall be applied. Such land must meet all relevant criteria under Subsection C of this article. The Township may enter into an agreement with the developer to satisfy the recreational use and open space/green area public dedication requirements prescribed in this section upon payment to the Township of the sum of not less than \$1,500 for

- each dwelling unit in a residential land development plan or not less than \$1,500 for each lot in a residential subdivision or mobile home park. The above fee may be adjusted from time to time for inflation, and the current applicable fee shall be indicated in the Township schedule of fees, adopted by resolution. Payment of fees shall be in accordance with Subsections D and E of this section. Alternative land, fee, facility or construction combinations shall be an agreed amount based upon the value of any land, fees, items purchased and services provided.
- C) Criteria for site selection of land for recreational use.
- (1) Land may be proposed for general recreation, (such as parks, sports fields, or playgrounds), or conservation recreation (intended for such uses as wildlife viewing hiking, hunting or other outdoor recreation). The land proposed shall be accessible to the residents of the development and citizens of the Township. At least one (1) side of the proposed site shall abut a public street, for a minimum distance of fifty (50) feet, unless an easement at least fifty (50) feet in width and dedicated for access to the recreational land is provided.
 - (2) At least 75 percent (75%) of land for parks, playgrounds and sports fields shall be free of slopes greater than five percent (5%) as determined by mapping prepared for the Township Comprehensive Plan. Such land shall be in tracts of no-less than five (5) acres, or readily connected to other public recreation tracts
 - (3) Land Proposed for Conservation Recreation uses shall be in tracts of at least ten (10) acres or immediately abutting similar publicly accessible conservation lands, such as those owned by conservation organizations, or publicly accessible trails. If at least 50 percent of lands proposed for conservation recreation are comprised of slopes greater than 15 percent (15%), statutory wetlands, or floodplains, as determined by mapping prepared for the Township Comprehensive Plan, The ratio of land dedicated under section B. shall change from 2,500 square feet per dwelling unit to 6,000 square feet per dwelling unit.
 - (4) For phased plans, all land to be set aside shall be situated in the first phase, unless otherwise approved by the Township Board of Supervisors. Delivery of deed describing land proposed for dedication to the Township shall be completed prior to plan recordation.
- D) Fee in lieu of required recreational land.
- (1) If land offered to meet the criteria of sites for parks, playgrounds or other recreational use is not consistent with the recommendations of the Parks Commission and the Planning Commission, or if the Comprehensive Plan or Recreation and Open Space Plan for the Township of Buffalo indicate that such land offered cannot be properly located in the proposed development or subdivision because the future inhabitants of the development and surrounding area are to be served by recreational land/facilities established or to be established by the Township in the subject locality, or if the conditions to render the site suitable for the use intended cannot be agreed upon, then, upon agreement with the applicant or developer, the payment of fees in lieu of the land offered or a combination of fees and land, shall be required as a condition precedent to preliminary or final plan approval.
 - (2) The amount of the fee shall be not less than \$1,500 per dwelling unit in a residential land development or not less than \$1,500 per lot in a residential subdivision. The above fee may be adjusted for inflation annually, by the Township through resolution. It is intended that the amount of the fee shall be substantially equal to the anticipated costs to the

- Township in providing for recreational use lands and facilities that have a reasonable relationship to the use thereof by future inhabitants of the development or subdivision.
- (3) The fee in lieu of required land shall be paid to the Township prior to release of the plan for recordation or as specified in a schedule of payment agreed upon by the Township Supervisors.
 - (4) All fee payments received pursuant to this section shall be used solely and exclusively for the acquisition of land for parks, playgrounds or other recreational sites and the construction of improvements thereon, and for costs incidental and ancillary to such purposes, including but not necessarily limited to site planning, engineering and design of recreational space and improvements, utility relocation, grading and site preparation, provision of pedestrian and/or vehicular access and purchase of park equipment. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Township and the developer, payments received pursuant to this section shall only be used for land or improvements specifically included in the Official Recreation Plan for the Township of Buffalo, as amended, and as supplemented by the list of needed park improvements developed by the Park Advisory Board, and the Comprehensive Plan. Such park and recreational facilities shall be accessible to the subject development or subdivision.
- E) Disposition of fees. All fees-in-lieu paid to the Township shall be placed in a capital reserve fund established as provided by law, which shall clearly identify the facility or area for which the fee was collected. Funding from fees may only be used for public improvements within Buffalo Township to ensure the accessibility of such improvements to residents of the development. Interest earned on the capital reserve fund shall become part of the capital reserve fund. Fees collected shall be expended only in proper allocable proportions of the cost incurred to construct or purchase the specific recreational facilities for which the funds were collected.

Clinton Township SALDO Requirements

4.09 PUBLIC SITES AND OPEN SPACES

- A) The Township shall require the public dedication of land (or a fee in lieu of land) suitable for parks, playgrounds or other recreational use (hereinafter also collectively referred to as "recreational use area") or for open space or green area (hereinafter also collectively referred to as "green area," which may include forest or agricultural lands which meet the needs of Township residents by providing wildlife habitat for observation or hunting); and upon agreement with the applicant or developer, the construction of recreational facilities, the payment of fees in lieu thereof, the private reservation of the land or a combination for recreation park and open space or green area purposes. Such dedications and/or agreements or fees are to serve the future population of the Township, preserve special scenic areas, or create reserves of prime farm and forestland suitable for wildlife habitat, which directly meets the recreational needs of Township residents. All such requirements shall conform to the authority conferred in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (53 P.S. §10101 et seq.), and constitute a condition precedent to preliminary or final plan approval. The applicant and developer shall hereinafter collectively be referred to as either "applicant" or "developer."
- B) All developers of residential subdivisions or residential site developments shall give due consideration to the provision of sites for recreational use and green areas. An applicant for

preliminary plat approval on a multiphase plan or single phase final plan approval of a residential site development or subdivision shall dedicate to the Township for public use a portion of such site as a recreational use area or green area to remain undisturbed in its natural states as open space. The total amount of land to be deeded to the Township or maintained by a homeowner's association shall be equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the total site area, at the minimum, and must meet all relevant criteria under Subsection C of this Article.

- (1) The Township may enter into an agreement with the developer to satisfy the recreational use and open space/green area public dedication requirements prescribed in this section upon payment to the Township of the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each dwelling unit in a residential development plan or five hundred dollars (\$500) for each lot in a residential subdivision or mobile home park. The above fee may be adjusted from time to time for inflation, and the current applicable fee shall be indicated in the Township schedule of fees, adopted by resolution. Payment of fees shall be in accordance with Subsections D and E of this section.
- C) Criteria for site selection of land for recreational use.
- (1) The land proposed for parks, playgrounds or other recreational use shall be accessible to the residents of the Township. At least one (1) side of the proposed site shall abut a public street, for a minimum distance of fifty (50) feet, unless an easement at least fifty (50) feet in width and dedicated for access to the recreational land is provided.
 - (2) The land proposed for parks, playgrounds or other recreational use, if sloped, may not exceed an eight percent (8%) maximum slope either in its natural state or after grading by the developer. The shape shall be suitable for the proposed use, considering the size of the property, the proximity of the development to other park facilities and the recommendations contained in the Recreation and Open Space Plan for Clinton Township, as amended, and as supplemented by the list of needed improvements developed by the Park Advisory Board.
 - (3) Land intended for parks or playgrounds shall include at least five (5) contiguous acres. Land intended for continued agricultural green area purposes shall be in contiguous tracts of no less than twenty (20) acres each, and shall be accessible and usable for the intended purpose. Farmland tracts shall be within Agricultural Security Areas or Active Prime Farmland or other soils of statewide significance, and shall have been planted in forage, row crops, or vegetables in at least three (3) of the last five (5) years. Land intended for forest green area shall be in contiguous tracts of no less than twenty-five (25) acres each and capable of growing mature trees of hardwood native species.
 - (4) Land intended to be used for parks and playgrounds shall not be burdened with an undue number of restrictions such as mining conditions, overhead or underground utilities, stormwater management facilities, wetlands, etc., that would interfere with the proposed use of the property.
 - (5) For phased plans, all land to be set aside shall be situated in the first phase, unless otherwise approved by the Township Board of Supervisors. Delivery of deed describing land proposed for dedication to the Township shall be completed prior to plan recordation.
- D) Fee in Lieu of Required Recreational Land

- (1) If land offered to meet the criteria of sites for parks, playgrounds or other recreational use is not consistent with the recommendations of the Parks Commission and the Planning Commission, or if the Comprehensive Plan or Recreation and Open Space Plan for the Township of Clinton indicate that such land offered cannot be properly located in the proposed development or subdivision because the future inhabitants of the development and surrounding area are to be served by recreational land/facilities established or to be established by the Township in the subject locality, or if the conditions to render the site suitable for the use intended cannot be agreed upon, then, upon agreement with the applicant or developer, the payment of fees in lieu of the land offered or a combination of fees and land, shall be required as a condition precedent to preliminary or final plan approval.
 - (2) The amount of the fee shall be five hundred dollars (\$500) per dwelling unit in a residential site development or five hundred dollars (\$500) per lot in a residential subdivision. The above fee shall be adjusted for inflation annually, and the current applicable fee shall be as set by the Township by resolution. It is intended that the amount of the fee shall be substantially equal to the anticipated costs to the Township in providing for recreational use lands and facilities that have a reasonable relationship to the use thereof by future inhabitants of the development or subdivision.
 - (3) The fee in lieu of required land shall be paid to the Township prior to release of the plan for recordation or as specified in a schedule of payment agreed upon by the Township Supervisors.
 - (4) All fee payments received pursuant to this section shall be used solely and exclusively for the acquisition of land for parks, playgrounds or other recreational sites and the construction of improvements thereon, and for costs incidental and ancillary to such purposes, including but not necessarily limited to planning, engineering and design of recreational space and improvements, utility relocation, provision of pedestrian and/or vehicular access and purchase of park equipment. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Township and the developer, payments received pursuant to this section shall only be used for land or improvements specifically included in the Recreation and Open Space Plan for the Township of Clinton, as amended, and as supplemented by the list of needed park improvements developed by the Park Advisory Board, and the Comprehensive Plan. Such park and recreational facilities shall be accessible to the subject development or subdivision.
- E) Disposition of Fees: All fees-in-lieu paid to the Township shall be placed in a capital reserve fund established as provided by law, which shall clearly identify the facility or area for which the fee was collected. Interest earned on the capital reserve fund shall become part of the capital reserve fund. Fees collected shall be expended only in proper allocable proportions of the cost incurred to construct or purchase the specific recreational facilities for which the funds were collected.

Cranberry Township Subdivision and Land Development Requirements

§22-504. Recreation Open Space.

As a condition precedent to final approval of any subdivision or land development intended for residential use, except those of five or less dwelling units or lots, the developer shall dedicate for public use recreation open space meeting the design standards in §§22-616 and 22-308.4 of this Chapter, or upon agreement with the Township, pay a recreation fee (§22-308.4). (Ord. 96-266, 5/2/1996)

§22-616. Recreation Open Space.

Recreation open space shall meet the following standards:

- A) *Minimum Size.* 2,185 square feet per dwelling unit or lot.
- B) *Vehicular Access.* Shall be easily and safely accessible from all areas of the development, have adequate ingress and egress including meeting applicable site distance and other standard requirements, and have a minimum of 250' feet of frontage on a public or proposed public street.
- C) *Location.* Shall be centrally located within the development site, on one parcel of land with no intervening land.
- D) *Size and Shape.* Size and shape shall be suitable for development as a park and no single side of the land shall amount to more than 35% of the perimeter.
- E) *Maximum Finished Slope and Land Disturbance.* The finished grade shall have a slope of 4% or less.
- F) *Pedestrian Access.* Shall be accessible to each dwelling unit in the development via pedestrian easement or dedicated right-of-way within which sidewalks shall be built by developer prior to acceptance by the Township.
- G) *Utilities and Vegetation.* Shall be in reasonable proximity to utilities including water, sanitary sewer, electric, and shall have established vegetation thereon.
- H) *Use Limitations.* Shall be free from encumbrances or liens which would prevent, limit or restrict its use in any way.
- I) *Wetlands.* Shall not include areas defined as wetlands by either the Army Corps of Engineer's or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.
- J) *Floodplains.* Shall not include any areas defined as floodplains including floodway and floodway fringe areas, by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- K) *Utility Easements.* Not more than 15% can be encumbered by utility easements other than those servicing the parcel.
- L) *Timing of Dedication.* Shall be deeded to the Township at the time of recording of the final plat. If a plat is developed and constructed in phases, the land proposed for dedication to the public shall be deeded to the Township together with the recording of the final plat containing the land being dedicated and shall be dedicated and deeded to the Township not later than the phase when the total cumulative percentage of lots or dwelling units approved for recording in the phases of the plat reaches 35% of the total lots or dwelling units in all phases of the plat or land development granted preliminary approval.

- M) *Conformity with Township Recreation and Open Space Study.* All land proposed for dedication as recreation open space shall be suitable for the use intended and be located and designed in accordance with the recreation plan.
- N) *Modifications for Sites Less Than 5 Acres.* If the land to be dedicated to the Township is less than 5 acres, the Supervisors may waive any of the above criteria if such land fits within the Township's Comprehensive Plan for linear parks and greenways. (Ord. 96-266, 5/2/1996)

§22-308. Fee Schedule.

4. *Recreation Fees.*

- A) The Supervisors shall establish by resolution or ordinance a recreation fee schedule.
- B) When a recreation fee is required, final approval of a final application shall be conditioned upon the execution of an agreement between the Township and the applicant, on a form provided by the Township, providing for payment of the recreation fee at the time of issuance of a building permit for development pursuant to the final plat as approved, or the applicant shall pay the recreation fees prior to release of the final plat for recording. [Ord. 97-283]
- C) The Township Manager shall establish the recreation fees fund. Recreation fees shall be deposited into the recreation fees fund. The recreation fees fund shall be used solely for the purpose of providing land and facilities for recreation uses in the Township.
- D) Refunds. Upon request of any person who paid any fee under this Section, the Township shall refund such fee, plus interest accumulated thereon from the date of payment, if the Township had failed to utilize the fee paid for the purposes set forth in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code within 3 years from the date such fee was paid. If the Township does not use the recreation fees to provide land and facilities for recreation use within 3 years from the date of receipt of the recreation fees, then, upon receipt of a written request from the payer who paid the recreation fees, the Township shall refund the recreation fees plus interest earned from the date of payment approved, or the applicant shall pay the recreation fees prior to release of the final plat for recording. [Ord. 97-283]

Facilities Needs Assessment

The Facilities Needs Assessment provides an analysis of municipally provided *recreation facilities* as well as *trails/pathways* that are located within the Northwest Butler County region.

NRPA Standards Comparison

The equation used by NRPA to determine the actual facility demand and whether or not there are enough fields or courts being provided for organized sport league play is:

$$\frac{RFD = RP \times PF}{SS}$$

Recreational Facility Demand (RFD) equals Recreation Participants (RP) (#Participants/Year/Unit) multiplied by the Participation Frequency (PF) (#Visits/Year/Unit) divided by the sample size (SS) (Total number of occupants living in sampled households).

Table 3.3 compares the NRPA standards to Northwestern Butler County's current facilities. As the only municipal park, all recreation facility comparisons utilize those provided in Slippery Rock Community Park. As shown, the Project Area is lacking in basketball courts, picnic shelters, tennis courts, and volleyball courts.

Facility	Recommended Standard (per population)	Existing	Needs	Surplus/(Deficiency)
Ball Fields	1 per 2,500	5	5	0
Basketball Courts	1 per 5,000	1	3	(2)
Football Fields	1 per 20,000	1	1	0
Picnic Shelters	1 per 2,000	3	6	(3)
Soccer Fields	1 per 10,000	1	1	0
Tennis Courts	1 per 2,000	0	6	(6)
Volleyball Courts	1 per 5,000	1	2	(1)

However, if the comparison is expanded to include surrounding parks and quasi-public recreation facilities, the Project Area comes closer to meeting the NRPA standards. Table 3.4 provides a comparison of these same facilities expanded to include Moraine State Park, Jennings Environmental Education Center, Harrisville Community Park, Prospect Boys & Girls Club, Slippery Rock University (SRU), the Slippery Rock Area School District (SRASD) facilities, and YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park.

Table 3.4: NW Butler County Recreation Facility Comparison

	Ball Fields	Basketball Courts	Football Fields	Picnic Shelters	Soccer Fields	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts
Moraine State Park				X			
Jennings Environmental Education Center				X			
Slippery Rock Community Park	X	X	X	X	X		X
Harrisville Community Park	X	X		X	X		
Prospect Boys & Girls Club	X	X	X	X	X		
SRU		X	X			X	X
SRASD – HS	X	X	X		X		
SRASD – MS		X					X
SRASD – ES		X					X
YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park				X			X

Public Input Results

While the NRPA Standards should be used as a guide, the only true method of determining if the recreation facilities are adequate is to ask residents through the use of recreational surveys, program feedback forms and general observations of the use of recreational facilities (i.e., are your parks being over used, are fields booked solid).

As stated on page 3-6, the public survey revealed that many residents use parks in the area other than Slippery Rock Community Park. Reasons on why people use each park vary. For many residents in the Project Area, Moraine State Park is the closest park to their home in addition to the vast activities offered (picnic/pavilions, hiking/biking, fishing, etc.). Slippery Rock University and YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park offer the only public pools in the area. Harrisville Community Park offers a skate park, something no other park in the area has. These parks meet certain needs of residents that Slippery Rock Community Park and/or the other communities cannot provide.

When asked which recreation facilities residents felt were needed in the Northwestern Butler County region, the following responses were provided:

- Trails/bikeways – 53%
- More playgrounds – 22%
- Nothing/maintain passive open space – 20%
- Community Center – 17%
- Other – 17% (swimming pool was most cited facility)
- More pavilions/picnic areas – 15%
- Dog park – 15%
- Environmental areas – 15%
- Skate park – 11%
- More ball fields – 11%

The public meeting results confirmed the public survey results in terms of which facilities are most desired in the Project Area. As shown above, trails and pathways were identified as the priority in terms of recreation facilities. While there are trail systems located within Moraine State Park and Jennings Environmental Education Center, there are no true trails or pathways that connect these regional attractions with local parks and destinations. At the public meeting, residents were asked what type of and where they would like to see new trails and/or pathways developed; the results are shown below:

- Develop regional trails to connect Slippery Rock to Moraine State Park and Jennings Environmental Education Center
- Develop new park trails within Slippery Rock Community Park and Rock Falls Park
- Extend the North Country Trail
- Extend trail systems in Moraine State Park and Jennings Environmental Education Center
- Expand ATV trails at Slippery Rock Dunes
- Construct new sidewalks and On Road Bikeways
- Develop a Water Trail along Slippery Rock Creek

Facilities Conclusions

Goal 2: Ensure recreational facilities are utilized to their fullest extent.

Action Item #2.1: Implement the Slippery Rock Community Park Master Site Plan

The Slippery Rock Community Park Master Site Plan (see Chapter 4) was developed to address the detailed needs of the facilities currently available in the park. By implementing the Master Site Plan, Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation will be better able to meet the current and future needs of residents. For example, park trails and playgrounds were two most desired facilities. The Slippery Rock Community Park Master Site Plan includes proposed trails, new playgrounds, and new pavilions within the park as priority implementation projects.

If the municipalities decide to implement the mandatory dedication/fee in lieu of provision into their subdivision and land development ordinances (SALDO), any new residential development would be required to either dedicate land for recreation or pay a fee to the municipality to be used for recreation. This could be very useful in providing new tot lots, picnic areas/pavilions, or just passive open space within subdivisions so that the local residents could use these facilities.

Goal 3: Capitalize on natural resources as recreational opportunities.

Action Item #3.1: Develop park trails within Slippery Rock Community Park

Trails and bikeways were cited throughout the planning process as being the most desired recreational facility. In particular, there is a need for park trails within Slippery Rock Community Park. The Slippery Rock Community Park Master Site Plan (see Chapter 4) recommends the development of trails (for pedestrians and bicyclists) as one of the priority projects. Currently, people are forced to walk/bike along the roadways within the park, creating conflict with vehicles. Once developed, these trails will help to meet the needs of residents by providing a place to walk off-street. In addition, it is recommended that each park add dog waste stands along the trails to encourage people to pick up waste while walking pets.

Action Item #3.2: Develop park trails within the proposed Brady Township Park

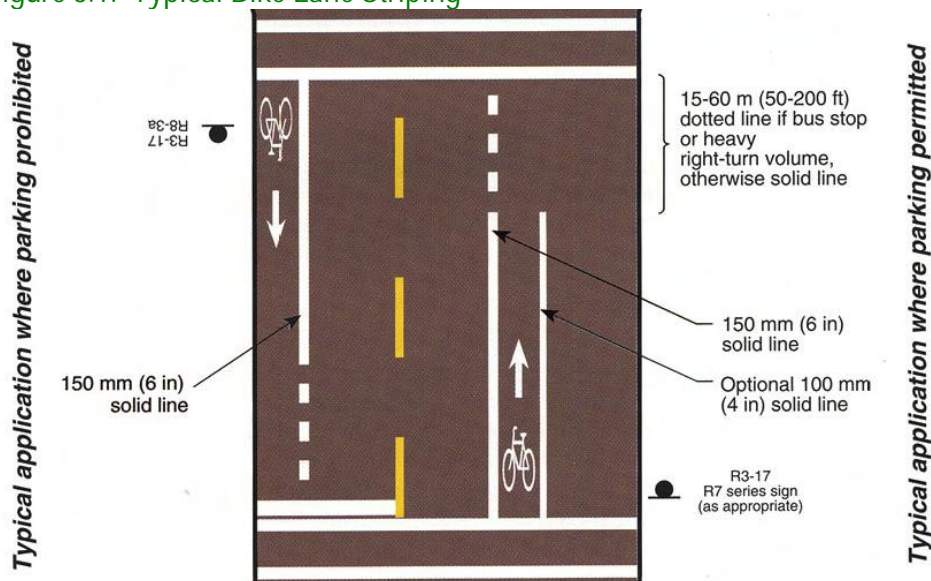
Developing park trails within the proposed Brady Township Park is recommended in the Master Site Plan (see Chapter 4). Again, many residents cited a need for a place to walk safely in the community and the proposed Brady Township Park provides an excellent location for residents who live outside of the immediate Slippery Rock area. It should also be noted that the YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park in Slippery Rock Township has plans to construct a walking trail in the park with exercise stations, which will help to fulfill the need for walking trails.

Action Item #3.3: Develop a connector trail along SR 173/Centerville Pike to connect Moraine State Park and Jennings Environmental Education Center to the downtown area of Slippery Rock Borough

In addition to park trails, there is also a need for connector trails that will provide residents with an alternative mode of transportation to access parks and attractions. One of the most oft-cited connections needed is between the Slippery Rock Borough downtown (including Slippery Rock Community Park and Slippery Rock Area Schools) to Moraine State Park/Jennings Environmental Education Center. Such a trail would connect the downtown area, Slippery Rock University, the Slippery Rock Area Middle and High Schools, YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park, and Moraine State Park/Jennings Environmental Education Center; as shown on [Map 3.2: Proposed Trails](#). The municipalities should first coordinate with the landowners to determine their interest level in permitting the development of a trail on their property. If they do not support the concept, the alternative would be to develop an on-road bicycle route. SR 173 is classified as a minor arterial highway and accommodates speeds between 25/35 miles per hour (mph) in Slippery Rock Borough to 55 mph in Slippery Rock Township.

The first step to develop an on-road bicycle route is to coordinate with PennDOT as it is a state road. If the existing paved right-of-way is wide enough, it may be possible to designate bike lanes along SR 173 simply by restriping the lanes. A bike lane consists of a striped lane and markings on the roadway, accompanied by signing, as shown in [Figure 3.1: Typical Bike Lane Striping](#) below. Bike lanes accommodate one-way travel only and lie on both sides of the roadway. All bike lanes should be developed in accordance with the *AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities*. A six (6) foot bike lane is recommended on roadways with speeds that exceed 40 mph. However, in constrained rights-of-way areas, it is possible to stripe four (4) foot lanes with 14 foot travel lanes to reduce speeds of travel. If the existing paved right-of-way is not wide enough, the bike lanes may need to be added during a future roadway reconstruction project.

Figure 3.1: Typical Bike Lane Striping



Source: (<http://www.smart-transportation.com/assets/download/Smart%20Transportation%20Guidebook.pdf>)

Action Item #3.4: Develop additional bicycle routes within the Project Area

While the development of SR 173/Centerville Pike as an on-road bicycle route would provide great benefits to the Project Area, there are other roadways that may be conducive to becoming designated bicycle routes as well. There are three main options to consider when developing bicycle routes:

- Bike lanes – as described on page 3-13, bike lanes are designated lanes adjacent to motorist lanes that are striped with pavement markings and may vary between four (4) and six (6) feet wide, depending on motorist speeds and rights-of-way.
- Shared roadways – there are two categories of shared roadways: paved shoulders and compatible curb lanes.
 - Paved shoulders are similar to bike lanes, where the paved shoulder of a roadway is used for bicycle travel. Four (4) foot shoulders are the recommended minimum, with it increasing with motorist speeds.
 - Wide curb lanes are often the most practical because of the relatively narrow rights-of-way for many roadways; however these have less potential to encourage bicycle use than bike lanes or paved shoulders. The recommended width for a wide curb lane on most streets is 14 feet; 15 feet on roadways with steep grades or speeds above 40 mph; and 12 feet on roadways with lower speeds and traffic without parking.
- Shared use path – paths that lie outside the roadway and are shared by many other non-motorist modes, such as pedestrians and roller-skaters. When installed parallel to roadways, shared use paths experience a higher rate of motorist-bicyclist conflicts than on-road facilities.

The type of path chosen will depend on many factors, including the width of the existing right-of-way, cooperation of PennDOT if it is a state road, as well as the interest level of adjacent landowners. If a shared use path is the most desired facility, the municipality(s) would need to work with the landowners to obtain permission, be it through property acquisition, easement, etc. It is recommended that the Northwest Butler Multi-Municipal Planning Group work with the local planning commissions to pursue the development of bicycle facilities within the Project Area to promote alternative transportation modes. Bicycle facilities provide many benefits to local communities such as reduced traffic congestion. The following roadways have been identified through the planning process as potential bicycle routes and are depicted on [Map 3.2: Proposed Trails](#) as proposed trails.

- Washington's Trail Scenic Drive Trail – while currently designated as a “scenic drive,” the Washington's Trail auto route has potential to be developed as a bicycle route. This would connect the Slippery Rock downtown with the West Liberty Borough Building and Moraine State Park. This route involves Slippery Rock Road/SR 4008 as well as local roads (Roher Road and Cornelius Road). In addition, there is potential to extend the route north on West Park Road to connect to the Worth Township Building/Community Center.

- Kelly Boulevard Trail – Kelly Boulevard is a local road that was identified as having potential to be developed as a bicycle route. This would provide additional connections between the Slippery Rock Elementary School and the Slippery Rock Community Park.
- West Liberty Road – West Liberty Road is a state road (SR 0636) and has been identified as having potential to be developed as a bicycle route. This would provide connections between the proposed Washington's Trail Scenic Drive Trail, the West Liberty Borough Building, Moraine State Park, and the proposed Brady Township Park.

Action Item #3.5: Extend the North Country Trail

The North Country Trail (NCT) stretches 4,600 miles across seven states from New York to North Dakota. The trail is the longest hiking path in the United States and is managed by the National Park Service with assistance from the North Country Trail Association (NCTA). As one of Pennsylvania's five NCTA chapters, the Butler Chapter is responsible for building, maintaining, and promoting the section of the North Country Trail in the County, which begins at Moraine State Park and continues to the Old Stone House on State Route 8 (<http://www.northcountrytrail.org/but/index.htm>). It is recommended that the Project Area municipalities work with the NCTA to complete the missing sections within Butler County, as shown on **Map 3.2: Proposed Trails**, and promote the NCT as a regional attraction. This trail connects the Project Area to a multi-state trail that could bring numerous tourists into the area and serve as an economic stimulator.

Action Item #3.6: Install bike racks at “destination” centers throughout the Project Area

Many residents cited the feeling that the area is unfriendly to bicyclists, etc. There is a need for new/additional bike racks throughout the area, particularly at each park (Gateway Park, etc.) as well as key destinations such as the Giant Eagle shopping center, etc. Slippery Rock University recently instituted a “green bike initiative” where they installed bike racks, etc. around campus. This may be something the Project Area municipalities can expand on to make the community/region more bicycle friendly.

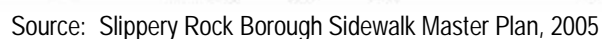
Action Item #3.7: Implement the Slippery Rock Borough Sidewalk Master Plan

The pedestrian network is limited to sidewalks within Slippery Rock Borough and in a few areas of Slippery Rock Township. Slippery Rock Borough commissioned a Sidewalk Master Plan (November 2005) to provide a needs-based assessment of recommended sidewalk locations and an implementation strategy. The study recommended that short-term, the Borough should construct or require the construction of sidewalks with ramps during construction of proposed, newly approved, or current developments where not all parcels have been built upon along the following roads:

1. State Route 258 north of the Elementary School (eastern side only)
2. Along Kelly Boulevard and within the adjacent residential subdivision as well as along Parklane Drive
3. Portions of SR 108 and the adjoining roads of Mulberry Lane and Vincent Street

The study also recommended that long term, the Borough should construct sidewalks in locations where sidewalks are deemed missing. The primary identified areas include:

- Figure 3.2: Slippery Rock Borough Sidewalk Plan



Action Item #3.8: Update municipal subdivision and land developments to require sidewalks in all new developments and in areas of redevelopment

As stated earlier, the sidewalk network outside of Slippery Rock Borough is extremely limited. There are some sidewalks in and around Slippery Rock University as well as Slippery Rock Area Middle/High School complex; however, residents expressed a desire to see this network expanded. In particular, residents would like to see the Slippery Rock Area Middle/High School complex connected to the downtown and noted areas of missing sidewalks, such as on Kiester Road and Normal Avenue. The most fundamental action to address this is to update municipal subdivision and land development ordinances (SALDO) to require all new developments and redevelopments to install sidewalks. The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)'s *Design and Safety of Pedestrian Facilities* recommends that sidewalks be provided:

- In commercial and industrial areas, along both sides of all roadways;
- In residential areas, along arterials and collectors, and local streets with 1 unit or more per acre while in areas with less than 1 unit per acre, only along one side of the roadway;
- On any local street within two (2) blocks of a school site

In particular, Slippery Rock Borough and Township need to work together with developers and landowners to connect residential neighborhoods to the local schools. Programs like Hometown Streets/Safe Routes to School fund the construction of such trails/pathways if they provide connections between residential areas and public schools.

Action Item #3.9: Develop a Water Trail along Slippery Rock Creek

The concept of a water trail along Slippery Rock Creek has been discussed for several years. A water trail is a boat route suitable for canoes, kayaks and in some cases, small motorized watercraft and is comprised of access points, boat launches, day use sites, and sometimes overnight camping areas. Portions of Slippery Rock Creek have been noted as navigable (for canoes and kayaks; NOT motorized boats); however, there are three dams along the creek within the Project Area that make it difficult. There are two sections proposed, each of which is contained between the dams: (1) Moraine State Park's canoe launch near West Park Road to a proposed launch/take-out point at Camp Crestfield and (2) YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park's proposed launch to a proposed launch/take-out point at Camp Bucoco.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) is the sole agency to designate official Pennsylvania Water Trails; however, individual trails and trail corridors are conceived and maintained by a network of volunteers, property owners, civic groups and associations. DCNR, PFBC, and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) are developing a state-wide water trails program as a component of the Greenway's Program. More information regarding how to develop a water trail can be found online on the PFBC website at <http://www.fish.state.pa.us/watertrails/index.htm>. The municipalities should work with interested volunteers to develop the water trails, as once developed, the trails would require continued maintenance, supervision, management, etc. and a volunteer organization is recommended to take the lead.

Action Item #3.10: Implement the recommendations regarding preservation that are included in the *Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007)*.

As documented in the *Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007)*, the Northwest Butler County region has an abundance of significant natural resources. These resources include biological diversity areas, important bird areas, Slippery Rock Creek and Wolf Creek. The way that these resources are used or protected can create conflicts within the area. Environmental groups protect and preserve resources, but also remove property from tax revenues. Property owners are entitled to use and benefit from their property, but development in certain areas can have detrimental impacts to highly significant environmental areas.

Previous land acquisitions, first by Jennings and Moraine State Park, and a later attempt in 2004 by Glades Alliance watershed association have created a strong sense of distrust among residents who still remember neighbors whose property was acquired by the State. In order to move forward, transparency and public involvement are two important elements needed in any preservation or conservation plan within the area. Residents recognize the value of preserving the Project Area's natural resources, but are more hesitant to allow passive recreational activities or have additional property removed from the tax rolls.

Therefore, the municipalities should take action to implement the following recommendations from the *Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007)*:

1. Ensure that future preservation and/or conservation projects include public involvement efforts to adequately inform the public of the project goals and impacts. Municipal notification to its residents of the project by any group and/or agency should be completed before a letter of support or funding is issued. Property owners should be made aware of and be included in the process of protecting the natural resources in the Project Area. Project description should be detailed to include who, what, where, when, how long, why, and any other pertinent information.
2. Encourage non-profit organizations such as conservation groups to pursue conservation easements rather than outright purchase. A conservation easement allows the landowner to limit the type or amount of development on his/her land while retaining ownership. The easement establishes a protection on the land, securing it from development for perpetuity. The benefit to the municipality is that the lands remain taxable, if at a reduced rate, while the land remains protected.
3. Adopt/update municipal zoning ordinances to ensure adequate protection of floodplains and steep slopes. Regional approaches are encouraged when protecting floodplains, as watershed boundaries cross municipal boundaries. .
4. Focus conservation and preservation efforts on environmentally sensitive areas experiencing the greatest development pressures, such as Slippery Rock and Wolf Creeks, as identified on [Map 3.1: Future Park Needs](#) as "Predicted Housing Future Growth Area".
5. Protect environmentally sensitive areas within the Rural Resource Area, as allowed under the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247 as reenacted and amended. Such a designation would include an understanding that public funds will not be dedicated to water or sewerage expansion within these locations except where water is needed to support agricultural activities.

6. Enact zoning regulations that limit development densities and uses in the Rural Resource Areas. Worth Township and West Liberty Borough at this time, do not wish to enact any zoning regulations.
7. Require subdivisions to preserve open space. This can be accomplished through the mandatory dedication/fee-in-lieu-of provision that is recommended to be included in each municipal subdivision and land development ordinance (SALDO) under **Action Item #1.3**. More information on this provision can be found on pages 3-5 to 3-13 of this Chapter.

There are a number of other preservation techniques that would be available to the municipalities if enough support was generated. As stated earlier, at this time, the municipal officials do not support implementing additional regulations that would create additional nontaxable land. However, it is valuable to include a summary of these techniques in the event that public and/or municipal officials' support for these endeavors changes.

- **Overlay Zoning** – A set of zoning requirements that is described in the ordinance text, is mapped, and is imposed in addition to those of the underlying district. It is a technique for imposing more restrictive standards for a certain area than those specified under basic zoning. Typical overlay zones include, but not limited to the following:
 - **Floodplain/Steep Slope Overlay** – As recommended in #3 above, a zoning ordinance should include distinct regulations to address development within a floodplain and/or steep slopes. Sections 604, 605 and 609 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code Act of 1968, P.L.805, No.247 as reenacted and amended, (PA MPC) address floodplain management and zoning. Slopes of 25 percent or greater should be considered for development only if other environmental factors allow for it. Slopes exceeding 40 percent should not be considered for development.
 - **Conservation Subdivision Overlay** – The purpose of a conservation subdivision is to protect natural resources while allowing for the maximum number of residences under current zoning and subdivision regulations. It can be implemented in a variety of ways, however, one common method is to offer incentives to developers to utilize conservation subdivisions, rather than require it. More information on conservation subdivisions can be found online at www.natlands.org.
 - **Riparian Buffer Overlay** – The purpose of a riparian buffer overlay district is to establish, maintain, and preserve riparian buffers to protect the streams and ponds within a municipality and to limit the surface areas of buildings and structures within these areas. The overlay would be applicable to any lot where a portion of the lot is located within a riparian buffer setback. The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) offers a model ordinance to municipalities looking to implement such an overlay into their zoning ordinance (<http://www.psats.org/searchord.cfm?ordinanceid=251>).

- Official Map – Article IV of the PA MPC allows municipalities to prepare and adopt Official Maps as tools for implementing their comprehensive plans. The Official Map is a map and ordinance that identifies both existing and proposed public lands and facilities within the entire community or in a specific area or neighborhood. The map is a declaration by the municipality that it may eventually need the mapped areas for uses and facilities that will advance and safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the residents. It identifies properties that the municipality reasonably expects for public purposes or improvements. Only those areas should be mapped which the municipality is able and willing to purchase outright or on which it can acquire easements.
- Conservation Easements – As mentioned in recommendation #2 above, a conservation easement is an agreement between a landowner and a private land trust or government. While at this time, none of the local governments are interested in pursuing any type of conservation easement, there are three land trusts that operate in Butler County that may be interested in working with interested landowners within the Project Area. More information on conservation easements can be found online at www.conserveland.org.
 - Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania – The mission of the Audubon Society is to “inspire and educate the people of southwestern Pennsylvania to be respectful and responsible stewards of the natural world.” There are a number of wildlife sanctuaries in the Project Area.
 - Western Pennsylvania Conservancy – The WPC “protects and restores exceptional places to provide our region with clean waters and healthy forests, wildlife and natural areas for the benefit of present and future generations. The Conservancy creates green spaces and gardens, contributing to the vitality of our cities and towns, and preserves Fallingwater, a symbol of people living in harmony with nature.” The WPC owns the Miller Esker Natural Area and the Wolf Creek Narrows Area within the Project Area.
 - Wild Waters Conservancy – The mission of the Wild Waterways Conservancy is to “protect and enhance the natural resources of the Connoquenessing and Slippery Rock Creek watersheds.” The WWC owns the Glacier Wetlands Preserve in Worth Township.

PROGRAMMING

Programming Needs Assessment

Brady Township, Worth Township and West Liberty Borough do not offer any type of recreation programs at this time. The residents of these communities who want to participate in recreation programs generally go to Moraine State Park or to the programs offered at Slippery Rock Community Park. Overall, programs offered by Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation have received positive feedback by residents throughout the planning process. However, programming requires constant monitoring of each activity to assure its continued value to the residents. Continuing to offer a vast variety of programs for all ages is very important, but it is imperative that Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation does not extend beyond its staffing ability. It is recommended to “go slow” and not offer too many programs at one time, which can be a frequent mistake and lead to stretching staff and volunteers too far, diminishing the quality of the programs offered, and creating problems for future programs. With this in mind, Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation should continue implementing programs that fall into several different categories that will meet the indicated needs.

Public Input Results

The public survey asked a number of questions related to programming and in particular, those offered at Slippery Rock Community Park. The first programming question asked where residents (or a family member) participated in programs within the past year:

- Slippery Rock Community Park – 43%
- Slippery Rock University – 41%
- Moraine State Park – 30%
- Jennings Environmental Education Center – 19%
- Harrisville Community Park – 16%
- Prospect Boys & Girls Club – 7%
- YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park – 6%

The second question asked where residents were willing to go in order to participate in programs.

- Slippery Rock Community Park – 70%
- Moraine State Park – 62%
- Slippery Rock University – 57%
- Slippery Rock Township – 49%

- Jennings Environmental Education Center – 44%
- Slippery Rock Borough – 44%
- Slippery Rock Area School District Facilities – 43%
- YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park – 36%
- Worth Township – 24%
- Brady Township – 24%
- West Liberty Borough – 22%

The third question asked which age groups residents felt were underserved by programs.

- Seniors – 33%
- Adults – 30%
- Youth – 19%
- Young adults – 17%
- Preschool – 13%
- Adolescents – 11%

And the final question asked what types of programs/activities would residents most like to see offered.

- Fitness – 32%
- Senior – 29%
- Family – 25%
- Adult – 24%
- Arts/crafts – 21%
- Youth – 20%
- Adult sports leagues – 15%
- Educational – 15%
- Young adult & Preschool & Summer day camp – 14%
- Computer – 12%

Programming Conclusions

Goal 4: Avoid the duplication of services while expanding programs.

Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock Township and the Slippery Rock School District have had a unique and effective working relationship for approximately 31 years. As can be seen from the public survey results, while almost half of the residents participate in programs at Slippery Rock Community Park, many residents participate in programs at other facilities; notably Slippery Rock University (many residents participate in the swimming program that is a cooperative venture between Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation and SRU) as well as Moraine State Park and Jennings Environmental Education Center. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation has done an admirable job of providing programming to the region and has taken advantage of facilities outside of Slippery Rock Community Park in order to provide additional programming that the park cannot accommodate.

Action Item #4.1: Expand the partnership with the Slippery Rock Area School District

Municipal-School relationships can open up many opportunities for the municipalities to offer a variety of programs utilizing school facilities, such as: gymnasium, cafeteria, auditorium, library, computer rooms, home economic rooms, art rooms, music rooms, shop areas and possibly class rooms. The opportunity also exists for using the schools' exteriors amenities, such as: the playgrounds, parking lots and field areas. This can be a win-win situation for the school and the municipalities by providing facilities that the municipalities would not otherwise have available to conduct programs. This allows the tax payers to feel like they are getting more for their school tax dollars.

The use of these facilities is free, except when using after hours. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation then has to pay janitor and security fees. Continued use of school facilities will be vital to the expansion of programs throughout the school district. The potential use of school employees as instructors for various programs is another asset to the recreation program.

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation offers programs at all of the school district facilities. Both the indoor facilities and the outdoor fields at Slippery Rock High School are used. One of the primary uses of this facility is the use of the auditorium for the annual musical presented by the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation in conjunction with the school. Slippery Rock Middle School's indoor basketball and volleyball courts and the computer lab are also used for programs.

The Slippery Rock Area Elementary School is used for before/after school programs and an elementary school basketball program. This school is adjacent to undeveloped park property, which opens up many opportunities for additional programming between the park and the school. The park area is at least partially a wetlands area and should be developed as a natural area for interpretative programming and passive recreation such as bird watching, butterfly gardens and other similar uses. The primary objective would be to maintain it as natural open space with only minimal disturbance. The remaining two elementary schools, Moraine Elementary and Har-Mer Elementary are part of the Slippery Rock School District, but they are not located within the communities involved in this plan. They are, however, used by Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation for various programs.

Action Item #4.2: Expand the partnerships with Slippery Rock University (SRU)

Another unique opportunity for Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation is to partner with Slippery Rock University and utilize some of their facilities. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation is able to offer various swimming programs to the community using one of the pools at SRU's aquatic center. The University does not charge for this use. In exchange the pavilions in Slippery Rock Community Park are used by the University free of charge. Some Parks and Recreation students do their practicum/internship at the community park. In many ways this has been an excellent partnership, but it has created little development of community owned facilities because of the facilities at the University. It is recommended that this partnership continues to expand by offering even more opportunities to the community and to the students at the University.

Potential partnership opportunities include the Aebersold Recreation Center and with SRU Lifelong Learning. Interviews with ARC staff revealed an interest in partnering, with some initial suggestions including summer opportunities, memberships, outdoor sports fields, summer sports leagues, and community recreation leagues such as adult volleyball and basketball. There is also potential to partner with the Lifelong Learning Center (offers adult education classes downtown) and the McCoskey Center (offers outdoor educational classes for elementary school students) to expand the educational programs offered by Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation.

Action Item #4.3: Offer programs in the surrounding municipalities

The public survey revealed that residents are willing and interested in participating in programs at locations outside of Slippery Rock Community Park and many would like to see programs offered in the municipalities that fall outside of the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation's jurisdiction. There is potential to partner with the surrounding municipalities to identify satellite locations to offer additional recreation programs.

- Brady Township – The Township is interested but currently, does not have the capacity at their current municipal building to host programs. However, once the Township implements the Master Site Plan for Brady Township Park (see Chapter 4), there may be opportunities to host outdoor programs. In addition, if the Township constructs a new municipal building, it should include space that can be used as a community center and possible indoor program location.
- West Liberty Borough – The Borough's municipal building is in need of upgrades and so recently, the Borough applied for and received a \$6,000 grant from the Butler County Local Park Renovation Program and matched \$2,000 from Borough funds. The \$8,000 will go towards replacing the building's roof, adding soffit and fascia, replacing the windows, and repainting the building. Once the upgrades are complete, the Borough should consider using the building as a satellite location for recreation programs.
- Worth Township – The Township recently upgraded their Community Building with new restroom facilities and would be interested in working with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation to offer programs. The upgrades cost a total of \$92,290, which consisted of

demolishing the old restroom addition, disconnecting and reconnecting the restroom to the sanitary system, and constructing a new energy efficient restroom addition. As shown below, even when a municipality has limited municipal funds, there are other funding sources available that can be used towards developing and/or renovating recreation facilities.

○ DCNR Small Communities Grant	\$33,775
○ Community Development Block Grant Funds	\$35,000
○ DCED Community Revitalization Funds	\$17,000
○ Butler County Local Park Renovation Grant	\$ 6,000
○ Worth Township Municipal Funds	\$ 515

Action Item #4.4: Partner with YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park to offer programs

Currently, the YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park does not offer programs but is used for day camps by the Butler YMCA and Cranberry YMCA, Big Brother and Big Sisters and local churches. However, as the park begins to implement the projects contained in the 2006 Master Site Plan, they will be able to begin offering recreation programs. As such, it will be important for Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation to work cooperatively with the YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park in order to ensure that programming is not duplicated but rather enhanced.

A common concern for municipal parks and recreation providers is the fiscal impact of new recreational programming providers, particularly that of private or non-profit affiliation. Oftentimes, these other providers can offer the same programming at a lower cost. In recognizing this, the YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park Executive Director attended the Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Planning Group meetings to discuss potential partnership opportunities to ensure that this does not occur. Cooperative programming will benefit both organizations as well as the residents they serve. From a fiscal standpoint, it would also serve both organizations well, as they will not be competing for the same participants and revenue.

The YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park expressed that they are extremely interested in partnering with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation to develop and offer new programs. One of the proposed projects for the YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park is an activity area including two (2) outdoor basketball courts, two (2) sand volleyball courts, and informal baseball and soccer fields (on a large open lawn). A large open-air structure is proposed to provide cover for the basketball courts, thus making them usable in all weather conditions. Once this is constructed, the YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park may partner with Slippery Rock Area Park and Recreation to offer recreational sports leagues using the basketball and volleyball courts. This is something that Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation would like to offer but does not have the facilities to do so. As the YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park continues to implement their Master Site Plan and make improvements to their park, there will be additional opportunities to implement cooperative programs. A continued open dialogue between both parks will be vital to their success.

Action Item #4.5: Develop cooperative programs with other recreation providers

Cooperative programming and partnerships are an excellent and effective way to expand a program schedule. Smaller organizations often would like to offer their residents a larger, more diversified selection of programs; however, due to limited staffing, financial restraints and facility availability, they are unable to do so. Through cooperative programming, the potential to expand is only limited by the amount of time that can devote to developing these programs. Benefits to cooperative programming partnerships include:

- Public/private partnerships
- Expanded staff/volunteer base
- Expanded facilities and services
- Unlimited program opportunities
- More diversified knowledge and abilities
- Less duplication of services
- Coordination of providers and instructors
- Greater sense of community

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation stated that their biggest need is an indoor sports facility/gymnasium. They currently rely solely on school district facilities, which can be unavailable at times. They would like to increase their sports programs to include intramural leagues for children as well as adult leagues, but there is no place to hold such programs. This type of facility, along with other facilities identified as needed/wanted by the public such as a skate park or additional courts/fields, will be more difficult for the Project Area to provide either due to limitations on available space within Slippery Rock Community Park or concerns regarding funding. It is important that the communities recognize the facilities available in the region and not try to duplicate facilities/services unnecessarily. For example, Harrisville Community Park features a skate park and is within a 10-15 minute drive of many Project Area neighborhoods.

While Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation already works with the school district and SRU to host programs, there are a number of other recreation providers in the region that are open to working with them to enhance recreational opportunities in the area. These partnerships will vary from things as simple as having each others brochures available, to coordinating programming, and/or the use of facilities. They will involve public/private partnerships, public/commercial partnerships, public/non-profit partnerships and public/public partnerships. Interviews with stakeholders and other parks and recreation providers revealed the following interests in developing cooperative programming/partnerships:

- Camp Bucoco – Interviews revealed a desire to offer shooting sports opportunities to outside groups.
- Camp Crestfield – Camp Crestfield currently participates in Harvest Day and works with Slippery Rock University utilizing some of their facilities and interns from Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation. While thus far, Camp Crestfield has not worked with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation, interviews revealed an interest in discussing potential partnership opportunities.

- Jennings Environmental Education Center – Park representatives have expressed a willingness to partner with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation to provide recreational opportunities to the communities and enhance the quality of life of the residents.
- Moraine State Park – Park representatives have expressed their willingness to partner with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation to expand programming opportunities for the residents of the area. Partnering could enhance advertising potential for both entities and improve working relationships.
- Oak View Golf Course – Interviews with representatives revealed an interest to tie the course into the YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park and a willingness to explore partnership opportunities with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation.
- Rock Falls Park – Interviews with the owners of this private park revealed an interest in partnering with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation to offer new programs at their site.
- Rogers Rifle, Rod & Reel – This facility organizes gun raffles and other fundraisers and interviews with the owner revealed a willingness to work with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation to establish a fundraiser for the program.
- Shamrock Golf Course – Shamrock used to offer a golf program in conjunction with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation and interviews with representatives revealed an interest in partnering again to offer golfing opportunities.
- Slippery Rock Baptist Church – The Church has plans to construct a gym and there is potential to partner with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Program to offer indoor sports programs.
- Slippery Rock Dunes – Interviews revealed an interest in partnering with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Program by trading advertising space
- Slippery Rock Lanes – Interviews revealed an interest in continuing to work with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation and to have program flyers available at the lanes.
- Slippery Rock Sportsmen's Club – Interviews revealed that the Club is very interested in getting youth involved in the Club and the programs offered. The club is willing to work with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation to consider potential opportunities to partner together in offering programs for the community. Any suggestions would need to be considered by their board at one of the Club's meetings.
- Western Pennsylvania Conservancy – The WPC is willing to offer a variety of educational programs and would welcome the opportunity to work with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation; however all programs must be free.

Action Item #4.6: Offer additional programs geared towards seniors, adults, and families

The vast majority of programs offered by Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation are geared towards children with a limited number of programs geared towards families, adults, and seniors. Senior programming was identified as being the most in need. While there are programs offered in the area by other providers (i.e. Slippery Rock Area Senior Center, local churches/camps, etc.), there is still an opportunity for Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation to expand their programming to meet the needs of these other population groups.

Potential Seniors Programs:

- Senior Advisory Council – an informative meeting of the seniors to discuss what is going on in the community, plus a special speaker at each meeting to discuss topics of interest for seniors.
- Senior Monthly Get Together – A monthly get together to socialize, meet new people, enjoy a hearty lunch and good entertainment.
- Senior Strutters – join a group of seniors as they walk for exercise
- Senior Card & Bingo Clubs
- Senior Potluck Lunches – Seniors bring a special dish to share as they socialize and meet new friends.
- Senior Fitness Classes – This can include a variety of types of fitness designed for seniors.
- Senior Supper Club – Seniors can enjoy an evening out with friends as a different restaurant is selected for each month. Seniors will meet at the restaurant where reservations have been made, a great price negotiated, a quality dining experience provided.
- Senior Computer Classes – many seniors are interested in learning how to use the computer, digital cameras and cell phones. Offering classes can help those interested in the basics to those wanting to know advanced computer operations.

Potential Adult Programs:

- Ballroom Dancing – This is a big craze right now and many adults want to learn how to ballroom dance or have a place they can go to dance.
- Line Dancing – many adults and seniors enjoy line dancing for fun and exercise.
- Zumba – a great opportunity to learn Latin dances and get a great exercise workout.
- Square Dancing – an evening of square dancing is full of laughter, exercise and fun.
- Tai Chi – seniors and adults enjoy this slow moving exercise.

- Yoga & Pilates – two other great control and exercise programs
- Karate, aikido and other marshal arts are good programs for adults
- Parenting Programs – provides parents information on understanding their children's needs while building a connection and trust with your children.
- Adult sporting activities of all types
- Fitness in the Park Programs – great physical training in a group setting
- Golf Outings – A special fun day of golfing for the community.

Potential Family Programs:

- Spring Bird Walks
- Wildflower Hikes
- Movies in the Park
- Dog Obedience Classes
- Puppy Kindergarten Classes
- Hip Hop Fitness Classes
- Family Swim Programs

Action Item #4.7: Offer special needs programs

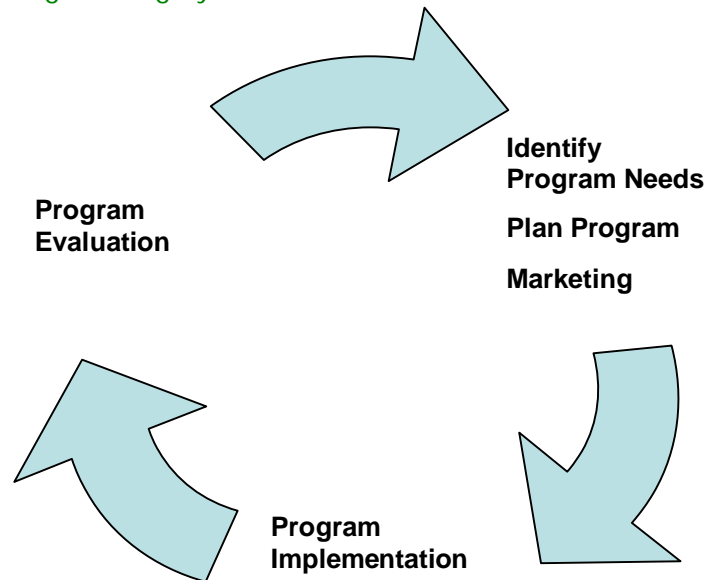
All programs should be inclusive and program brochures should explicitly state Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation's intention and ability to serve persons with varying abilities. The brochures, website, and other media that advertise programs should invite participation by individuals with disabilities, and provide contact information to arrange special needs accommodations in order to participate in the program. However, it is also worthwhile to offer programs geared specifically for those with special needs. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation should develop and offer one program geared specifically towards residents with special needs per season. Possible ideas could include specialized monthly dinner/dance outings, field trips, a bowling league, etc.

Action Item #4.8: Evaluate programs on a regular basis

As Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation increases the number and variety of programs offered, they should adopt the use of a Program Cycle. The use of a programming cycle will provide a complete programming process through the assessment of public relations efforts, evaluation of administration, evaluation of program staff, assessment of program affordability, assist with program staff recruitment, and provide a continual survey of additional program desires.

While program participants (or their parents) are given a program evaluation form to complete, another avenue that should be incorporated is an evaluation of the program by the instructor. It is important to know their perspective of how successful a program was and any improvements that could be made. This information should be properly filed and referenced before offering the program again. This will allow continued improvement in the programs and help keep up with the changing needs of the community.

Figure 3.3: Sample Programming Cycle



Throughout the process of planning, implementing and evaluating each program accurate records should be maintained. The records should include the following information:

- Day, date and time – Was the time convenient? Is there a better time to offer the program?
- Program Fee/Costs – Was it reasonable? What was the profit margin?
- Location – Was it suitable for the program? Is there a better location?
- Number of Participants – Was it well-attended? Should it be offered again?
- Program Publicity – What types were used? What was most effective?
- Program Evaluation – What could be improved?
- Accidents or Injuries – Were there any? If so, what was the cause?

Marketing Needs Assessment

Public relations and proper marketing is the key to successfully providing a vibrant parks and recreation programming initiative for the Project Area. Slippery Rock Area Park and Recreation utilizes several venues to disseminate information about their programs and facilities. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation maintains a website (<http://slipperyrockpark-rec.org/>); however, its most used method of publicity is sending the program brochures home with children at the elementary schools. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation is headed in the right direction with a number of tools already in place and by recognizing the need to enhance their marketing efforts.

It is important for the residents of the Slippery Rock area to be aware of the facilities and programs that the community offers. Therefore, spending resources on public relations and marketing is money well spent. Public relations, marketing, customer service and community relations are four complementary functions that have the same goal: making the recreation and park services more successful. In order for any marketing strategy to be successful, the organization has to know the needs of the community and offer programs that will meet those needs. Using catchy titles for programs is another way that often encourages participants. There are seven principal types of marketing communications used by municipal recreation and park agencies: (1) personal selling; (2) advertising; (3) incentives and special promotions; (4) point of participation communications; (5) publicity; (6) word of mouth; and (7) post-participation communication.

Public Input Results

The public survey asked two questions related specifically to marketing/promotion of recreation programs offered by Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation. The first question asked how residents who participated in programs in the past heard about the programs/activities.

- Participation in past events – 34%
- Newspapers – 27%
- Flyers/pamphlets – 30%
- Signs – 21%
- Word of mouth – 30%
- Online/web – 7%

The second question asked why residents did not participate in programs.

- Programs not well publicized – 11%
- Programs offered not of interest – 9%
- Programs offered not suitable to age – 5%
- Program times inconvenient – 4%

Marketing Conclusions

Goal 5: Develop a marketing campaign.

The most effective methods for promoting the facilities and programs are word of mouth and participation in past events. This is true in almost any area where quality programs and events are offered. However, the planning process identified the marketing and promotion of recreation programs as one of the biggest areas for improvement for Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation. Currently, program brochures are sent three times per year through the schools and while this is effective in reaching many of those with school age children, it eliminates residents without. As Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation expands and increases its programming, additional methods of marketing, such as the use of other types of media, will be needed to publicize the programs to the target audiences.

Action Item #5.1: Improve visibility on the web

While Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation has a website, it is not heavily travelled nor is it known on a widespread basis. They should include their website address on all publications, signs, brochures, etc. to help promote the site as a source of information. The website should also be regularly maintained so that all the information is current. An interactive on-line calendar could be developed for an 'at a glance' view of programs and events as well.

In addition, not all of the Project Area municipalities have municipal websites or if they do, are not easily found by conducting an online search. Improving municipal websites should be a focus for each of the municipalities, with a possibility of creating a "regional Northwestern Butler County" website that would link to all municipal and other local organizations' sites (including Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation, YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park, Slippery Rock Area School District, SRU, etc.). All municipal websites should provide a link to Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation's website and vice versa. The Project Area municipalities should consider hiring an independent consultant to develop the site(s) as needed and train staff, elected officials, or planning commission members to be able to update the site(s) on a regular basis.

Action Item #5.2: Send out e-mail blasts

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation should develop and maintain a database of e-mail addresses to alert residents of upcoming events. The e-mail list could be used for a bi-weekly/monthly e-newsletter to provide information on activities, meetings or other area happenings.

Action Item #5.3: Develop a logo

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation should develop a logo using the design standards for color and text developed as part of the Slippery Rock Community Park Master Site Plan (see Chapter 4). This logo as well as design standards should be used on all future park signs as well as recreation publications (website, program brochures, etc.) to enhance the recognition of Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation and its programs. In addition, similar thematic designs should be used for any new park or program offered within the Project Area municipalities.

Action Item #5.4: Develop a kiosk/marquee board in town

While there is already a non-profit kiosk on Main Street in Slippery Rock Borough where non-profit organizations can advertise events and programs, there is a need for a new kiosk or marquee board specifically catered to for-profit entities organizations. Many of the for-profit recreation providers identified a need for this and also identified a willingness to partner with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation in promoting each other's programs/events.

Action Item #5.5: Develop an e-mail distribution list

Develop an e-mail distribution list comprised of past participants, interested residents, etc. and send semi-annual e-mails announcing new programs, etc. E-mails are one of the most cost-effective and time saving methods to market programs to a large number of people at once. While some initial time will be needed up front to set up the list, minimal time will be needed to maintain the list and ensure it is current. E-mail addresses should be asked for on program registration forms in addition to a link on the website where people can sign up to stay informed.

Action Item #5.6: Advertise in a variety of publications and outlets

Advertising in the Butler County Parks and Recreation Program Guide, on municipal maps, restaurant placemats, etc. will help to improve the visibility of Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation and the programs offered. It will also help to promote the use of the website throughout not only the Project Area, but also Butler County.

Action Item #5.7: Develop large community signs

Signs are a very effective way for providing information about upcoming programs. The use of street signs, if permitted, digital display signs, if available, banners, kiosks, bulletin boards, store windows, etc. provide visible opportunities for marketing. In particular, Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation should develop a large banner style sign that would hang over Main Street and be used to advertise seasonal programs, events, etc.

Action Item #5.8: Provide program brochures to a variety of outlets

As stated earlier, Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation already has program brochures and currently distributes them through the Slippery Rock Area School District's three elementary schools. It is recommended that they expand the use of these programs and distribute them to a number of other outlets, such as local businesses, churches, local municipalities (including those within and outside of Slippery Rock Area School District), and other parks and recreation facilities.

In addition, there may be potential to partner with and advertise through the Butler Outdoor Club, which promotes outdoor education and provides year-round outdoor activities in western Pennsylvania and surrounding areas (<http://www.butleroutdoorclub.com/>).

Action Item #5.9: Develop a semi-annual newsletter

A semi-annual newsletter could be sent out to all residents to keep them up to date on current happenings. These newsletters could be sent as separate newsletters or in conjunction with newsletters currently sent out by some of the municipalities, such as, Worth Township's quarterly newsletter. To minimize mailing costs, it may be possible to send the newsletter with other mailings, such as quarterly tax bills, etc.

Action Item #5.10: Conduct post-participation user surveys

In order to determine what programs and publicity methods are working, Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation should conduct post-participation user surveys. Post participation communication can provide valuable information to determine programs that will entice the user to return or determine the best methods of reaching the users.

ADMINISTRATION

Administration Needs Assessment

With Slippery Rock Community Park being the only existing municipal park in the Project Area, the only communities that administer public recreation are Slippery Rock Borough and Slippery Rock Township. Slippery Rock Community Park is overseen by the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Board, which is comprised of members appointed by Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock Township and the Slippery Rock Area School District. Brady Township, Worth Township and West Liberty Borough do not have a parks and recreation department or board and are not currently members of Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation.

Public Input Results

The public survey asked residents whether or not they support the creation of a parks and recreation board that would oversee parks and recreation in all five municipalities in Northwestern Butler County; approximately 60% of residents supported the concept while 33% did not.

Administration Conclusions

Goal 6: Ensure that parks and recreation administration is capable of meeting the needs of an expanding program.

Action Item #6.1: Continue the Northwest Butler County Planning Group to oversee multi-municipal planning efforts

Brady Township, West Liberty Borough, and Worth Township are not currently part of the partnership nor do they provide parks and/or recreation programs. Growth in the region will eventually expand into these communities creating a greater need for programs and facilities. The logical step would be for these communities to be prepared in the area of recreation.

All five municipalities are currently involved in a multi-municipal partnership that created the Northwestern Butler County Planning Group, who was appointed to oversee the development and implementation of the Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007) as now the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan. It is recommended at this time that the municipalities continue to rely on the Planning Group to assist in plan review, grant writing, project implementation, etc.

If at some point in the future the other three municipalities decide to contribute annually to Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation, the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Board should then consider expanding their Agreement to include all five municipalities. This would provide residents of these communities' additional recreation opportunities and provide additional resources for Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation.

Action Item #6.2: Update the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Board bylaws

Although the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Board has bylaws in place providing guidelines as to their responsibilities, the bylaws should be updated to provide additional guidance and direction. The Parks and Recreation Board should review and, if needed, update the original agreement. A sample set of bylaws is included for reference and comparison reasons (*see Appendix C-1: Sample Bylaws*).

Action Item #6.3: Hire additional maintenance staff

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation has been in existence for many years and primarily functions seamlessly as an overall department. In terms of personnel, the Director identified a current need for a part-time summer maintenance worker and depending on future programming expansions, additional program operators. Depending on how the programs are developed and who they partner with, there may be an opportunity to utilize outside contractors rather than employees.

Action Item #6.4: Develop separate agreements with individual organizations

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation maintains a relationship with various youth sports organizations. The baseball and football organizations help to take care of the fields they use. It is recommended that a separate written agreement with each organization be developed and signed by both Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation and each organization. A properly written agreement will protect the rights and interests of each party, their participants, the facilities, and liability issues. Written agreements with each of these organizations would outline specifics regarding the use, maintenance and insurance issues concerning the fields and other facilities utilized on park property (*see Appendix C-2: Sample Agreement*).

Action Item #6.5: Develop an administrative manual

Developing an Administrative Manual will afford the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Board, the municipal officials, Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation and future staff, the ability to work together as a team, each knowing their respective roles and responsibilities. It will allow the staff to function in an organized and effective manner in all areas of administering the demands on the park and programs. It will, also, provide a quick reference for many documents needed on a daily basis. If the old manual is located, it could be used as a guideline to develop an updated administrative manual. If it cannot be located, a new administrative manual should be developed. This manual should include policies and procedures that govern the general operation of Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation as established in the Agreement. The administrative manual may need to be broken down into several different manuals including: a general operation manual, a park operation manual, a program operation manual and a facility rental manual. Each of these manuals should include subsections with pertinent information pertaining to the main topic. Depending on the needs, some listed information may need to be deleted, while other information may need to be added.

Sample Administrative Manual Components

➤ General Operations Manual

- Copy of the Ordinance which established the Park and Recreation Board, the Mission Statement, and the overall Goals & Objectives
- Organizational Chart, Job Descriptions, Personnel Evaluation Forms
- Job Application, Hiring Procedures, Sample Time Sheets, Vacation Request Forms, Daily Work Log, In-Service Training Procedures
- Personnel Policy Manual
- Union Contracts, Seniority List
- Insurance Information – Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Etc.
- Emergency Procedures, Accident Report Procedures, Right-To-Know Information
- Fees Schedules, Budget Information, Table of Organization
- Personnel Certification Requirements
- Personnel/Volunteer Background Check Requirements

➤ Parks Operation Manual

- Park User Letter, Hold Harmless Agreement, Park Rules & Regulations, Field Scheduling Policy
- Park Inventories – Equipment, Supplies, Facilities, Etc.
- Risk Management Plans – Inspection Forms, Work Schedule Chart, Pesticide Application Form
- Cooperative Agreements
- Equipment Replacement Schedules
- Park Product & Vendor List
- Facility Rules & Regulations – Playgrounds, Fields, Courts, Etc.
- Grant Information
- Park Signage Guidelines
- Park Volunteer Guidelines

➤ Program Operation Manual

- Program Policy Guidelines, Program Registration Form
- Program/Event Security Guidelines
- Public Relation & Marketing Guidelines & Sources, Newsletter Guidelines, Program Sign Guidelines, Flyer Guidelines, etc.

- Programming Fees & Charges, Non-resident Fee Policy, Procedures for Financial Expenditures & Collection of Program Fees, Policy Establishing Fees Charged for Programs, Financial Reporting Forms
- Policies for Fund Raising
- Sponsorships Guidelines & Contracts
- Program Grant Opportunities
- Program Guidelines Specific to each Program – Special Events, In-house Instructor Based, Private Instructor Based
- Program Forms, Program Evaluation Forms, Act 33 & 34 Clearance Forms
- Cooperative Agreements
- Vendor Lists & Contracts– Entertainment, Food, Activities, Products, Instructors, Purchasing Information & Procedures
- Program Volunteer Guidelines
- Facility Rental Policy Manual
 - General Rental Information
 - Field Rental Policies & Fees
 - Court Rental Policies & Fees
 - Shelter Rental Policies & Fees
 - Building Rental Policies & Fees
 - Special Events (conducted by others) Policies & Fees

Action Item #6.6: Improve record keeping

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation maintains very few records, save for the yearly audit and program registration forms (for a short time only). As the program grows, other records and various forms of information will have to be recorded, filed and maintained to meet the growing needs of the community, assist in budget preparation, and to protect Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation and the municipalities. Following is a list of records that should be maintained, updated continuously and filed properly for quick reference.

- Program attendance records – these are effective in determining if the program is growing, maintaining status-quo or losing participants. Although attendance will vary with the seasons, over a period of time it will help determine when specific programs should be offered.
- Program evaluation records – these records will provide direction in offering programs that meet the needs of the residents and ways to improve the programs offered (*see Appendix C-3: Program Evaluation Form*).

- Inventory records – these records will help the staff know what equipment and facilities are available, when they were purchased and constructed, where they were purchased, who was the manufacturer, their condition and any other pertinent information concerning the product or facility. These are especially important if the product or facility has a warranty (see *Appendix C-4: Inventory Forms*).
- Replacement records – these provide guidance for budgeting as well as determining quality of the product or facility and if the department received full value from their initial purchase.
- Equipment maintenance records – these records ensure that all of the equipment is properly maintained, preventative maintenance is used and warranties are protected (see *Appendix C-5: Equipment Maintenance Records*).
- Inspection records – these are especially important in risk management. They will record all pertinent information needed to ensure the safety of the users, report damages, make repairs in a timely manner, and avoid potential liability issues (see *Appendix C-6: Inspection Records*).
- Pesticide application records – detailed information on any pesticide applications must be maintained to avoid potential liability issues and to establish proper maintenance of areas where these applications are applied.
- Daily work log – this will provide the essential information for scheduling, determining what the staff is accomplishing, how long it takes them to complete a project and additional staff needs (see *Appendix C-7: Daily Work Log*).
- Volunteer records – maintaining a list of volunteers, the projects or programs they are involved with and the number of hours they work, will provide important information for retaining volunteers, determining future volunteer needs, and providing volunteers with information they may need in obtaining jobs, scholarships, etc. (see *Appendix C-8: Volunteer Records*).

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance Program Needs Assessment

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation follows a more responsive maintenance plan than a preventative plan in maintaining the park areas and facilities. While they perform adequate routine maintenance in the parks, a formal maintenance plan would provide the staff with the information needed to prioritize tasks and complete them efficiently and effectively. The formal plan would help to reduce liability risks and assist in the coordination of event planning.

Public Input Results

Overall, the public input indicated satisfaction with the level of maintenance of the facilities within Slippery Rock Community Park. Mostly, the public felt that major improvements are needed to the Recreation Center, Library, and the Amphitheatre. Chapter 4: Master Site Plan addresses specific recommended improvements to these and other facilities located within Slippery Rock Community Park. Overall maintenance activities are addressed below.

Maintenance Program Conclusions

Goal 7: Improve overall maintenance of recreation facilities to minimize costs

Action Item #7.1: Develop a formal maintenance plan

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation should implement a proactive maintenance plan. A proactive plan is designed to eliminate major issues before they arise and consider both short and long range maintenance details. This will not eliminate all responsive issues, but will allow the issues to be handled more efficiently when they arise. There is also a significantly lower cost to providing general maintenance than completing major repairs, not to mention that poor maintenance can result in substandard appearance and safety that may lead to a decreased use of the park, facilities and programs. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation should follow these steps to develop their maintenance plan:

- Step 1: Develop and implement an inspection program. All parks and facilities used for programs (including those outside of Slippery Rock Community Park) need to be inspected thoroughly. An effective inspection form needs to be created and used as a regular part of the maintenance inspection program.
- Step 2: Determine the cost of maintenance tasks. The cost of all maintenance tasks needs to be determined by adding labor costs, equipment use and supplies. Staff should track hours to complete each maintenance task. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation will also need to decide how often each task needs to be done as the frequency will determine the quality and cost of maintenance (*see Appendix C-9: Park Maintenance Chart*)

- Step 3: Set goals to guide the existing and future maintenance of the facilities. Goals will prioritize the needs of the facilities and develop a phasing approach depending on funds available. However, safety issues must be addressed immediately.
- Step 4: Developing standards. Standards should be developed for the facilities; standards should include a short description of what the facility should look like when the maintenance has been completed and may include specifics such as grass cutting heights and frequency. A checklist should be developed that includes each task along with the associated standard and a list of safety items, supplies, equipment and tools, number of personnel and estimated man hours to complete the task and be readily available to staff.

A playground safety audit was completed for the existing playgrounds in Slippery Rock Community Park; the results are included in Appendix A-5. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation should implement the priority recommendations and include them as part of its overall maintenance plan.

Action Item #7.2: Institute a replacement program

Two other aspects of the maintenance plan involve a replacement schedule for equipment and proper record keeping. A proactive maintenance plan and regular inspections of equipment will maximize the efficiency of Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation and help prevent accidents and unwarranted breakdowns. Therefore, it is recommended that a regular replacement program for all maintenance equipment be instituted. Record keeping of all maintenance performed on each piece of equipment will assist in developing a cost benefit analysis. Good record keeping practices and documentation of costs and use will help to justify any budget requests. An annual review of this information at budget preparation time will aid in planning and prioritizing the replacement of equipment.

Action Item #7.3: Develop a field maintenance schedule

Consideration should be given to developing a field maintenance schedule for fertilization, weed and pest control (see *Appendix C-10: Turf Maintenance Chart*). It would greatly enhance the quality of the athletic fields as well as other park areas. An effective turf management schedule would include the following routine:

- March – April: Apply pre-emergence
- May: Aerate fields
- May – June: Apply weed and feed
- June: Apply insect control
- September: Apply fertilizer
- October: Aerate, slit seed and fertilize with starter fertilizer
- De-thatching the turf areas periodically help maintain healthier turf

An alternative to this plan could be to apply a 13-13-13 slow release fertilizer in September – October and eliminate the starter fertilizer and possibly the spring pre-emergence. This would require a staff member to have their pesticide certification in Category 23, which covers the use of fertilizers and pesticides in park areas. Also, when applying these applications, signs should be posted informing park visitors of the applications.

When considering the development of a turf management plan for the fields, the values and benefits of utilizing the traditional methods should be weighed against the values and benefits of using organic lawn care methods. There are “green” alternatives to fertilizer that are more environmentally-friendly. These methods include the following:

- Setting the lawn mower height at 3 to 4 inches. Mowing the grass higher provides more shade to the soil leads to less watering; deeper roots which leads to less watering; thicker turf which leads to fewer weeds; slower growth which leads to less mowing.
- Water only when the grass shows signs of drought stress and then water deeply.
- Fertilize with an organic fertilizer in the fall and spring. Organic fertilizer is safe for humans, animals, insects, etc. and provides better water conservation and preservation as organic fertilizer does not contaminate water. In addition, organic fertilizer improves the soil and reduces pests.
- Have the soil pH professionally tested. Add lime if it is below 6.0 and gardener's sulfur if it is above 7.0.
- Add topsoil. Eight or more inches of topsoil will make for a great lawn.

Action Item #7.4: Implement a capital maintenance budget

At this time a capital maintenance budget has not been developed to project future capital maintenance expenditures for updating and improving the park. With the completion of the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan and Master Site Plans, consideration should be given to developing a capital maintenance budget that would improve the aesthetics and safety of the park.

Action Item #7.5: Keep a maintenance record

A maintenance record of equipment repairs should be kept for each piece of equipment; hours/miles should also be recorded for any piece of equipment that has a meter. In addition, any outside work or repairs done on equipment should also be recorded in a ledger for the specific equipment receiving the repairs. An equipment replacement schedule should be developed to ensure that staff has quality equipment to work with at all times. This will provide greater efficiency and effectiveness, enhance safety and make budgeting easier. The schedule will provide a basic guideline for replacement. Some equipment may need to be replaced sooner while other equipment that is properly maintained may last longer than the scheduled replacement date. Financial conditions will play an important part in the

replacement schedule making routine maintenance of equipment a vital part in keeping equipment in good condition.

Action Item #7.6: Implement a risk management plan

Risk management is defined by DCNR as “the process of making park areas and recreation facilities safer by conducting and documenting routine safety inspections, having procedures in place to correct problems and performing the necessary work promptly.” (Quoted from *Community Recreation and Parks – A Handbook for Pennsylvania Municipalities* by Susan E. Landis). A risk management plan should cover all recreation areas, facilities, programs and services offered (see *Appendix C-11: Risk Assessment Form*). Each component of the park or recreation area needs to be thoroughly inspected and compared to the standards of acceptable conditions and then classified a safety risk or in good condition. To prepare a successful Risk Management Plan, Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation should consider the following:

- Develop a plan of action by prioritizing identified hazards and determine cost to correct them (see *Appendix C-12: Safety Inspection Form*). Routine playground safety audits must be done to minimize liability.
- Address problems through the correction of hazards.
- Be pro-active to preventing accidents (see *Appendix C-13: Accident Report Form*).
- Implement mandatory safety training for staff, immediately act on complaints and repairing equipment with parts from the equipment manufacturer.
- Document all inspections and corrective steps.

Action Item #7.7: Implement a weekly inspection of equipment

It is recommended that the Program implement a weekly visual inspection of all park equipment, especially playground equipment, before and/or after heavy use periods. Any hazardous conditions should be noted and repaired immediately or closed if repairs cannot be made at that time. More detailed monthly inspections should be conducted to ensure safe conditions of all facilities and equipment. A very thorough yearly inspection of all playground equipment is highly recommended. Each of these inspections should be documented and properly filed so that work tasks can be scheduled to address any issues noted and for quick reference in case of potential law suits involving the equipment.

Action Item #7.8: Maintain daily logs of maintenance activities

Risk management record keeping should include daily logs of all maintenance activities, both scheduled and unscheduled. These logs should include the task performed, the amount of time taken, the materials needed and the equipment used. These daily maintenance logs will aid in determining maintenance needs and future budgeting. The development of a parks operation manual, as discussed in the section on administration, would provide the guidance needed in maintaining the parks and recording the

necessary information to ensure the safety of the residents and protect Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation against potential lawsuits.

Action Item #7.9: Ensure staff is properly trained

Recreation and maintenance staff, including public works personnel working in the parks should be provided the opportunity to attend proper training. Appropriate training and education is provided by various organizations such as the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS). At least one member of the staff should receive their Playground Safety Inspection Certification or at least attend the playground maintenance seminars offered by PRPS. A staff member that maintains the park grounds should have their Pesticide Certification in Category 23 along with any other appropriate categories. The staff should be trained to perform at a minimum the following duties:

- Continual monitoring of the physical condition of all facilities and open areas.
- Conducting immediate repairs to minor unsafe facilities and areas.
- Proper posting of unsafe conditions that cannot be immediately repaired.
- Prevention of the use of unsafe equipment and facilities.
- Reporting of safety hazards in writing.
- Submission of accident reports.
- Completion of major repairs as soon as possible.

Continual education opportunities should be provided for the entire staff and volunteers regarding the safety standards published by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and other such organizations. Each staff member and volunteer should be familiar with contact procedures concerning legal requirements and inspections for conformance to sanitary regulations, criteria for licensing, fire laws, building and zoning codes, pesticide applications, and safety procedures.

In addition, the following is recommended:

- As stated previously, first aid supplies and safety equipment should be readily accessible and regular training of staff regarding the use of First Aid, CPR and AED is essential.
- The "Right to Know" information and other information as required by law is posted in an easily accessible and highly visible location.
- In the area of programming, it should be required that any person working with children have their Act 33 & 34 clearances.

- As new equipment is purchased, new facilities constructed and new programs established; liability insurance should be revised to reflect the new changes.

FINANCE

Financing Needs Assessment

With an operating budget of approximately \$220,000, Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation is fairly comparable to other communities its size in Southwestern Pennsylvania. The operating budget includes expenditures for both programs and parks. Almost the entire operating budget is dedicated for programming, with a small percentage dedicated towards park maintenance/improvement.

Revenue is primarily generated through the following sources:

➤ Programs	\$208,373
○ Aquatics	\$ 33,550
○ Children's Leisure/Physical	\$170,648
○ Adult Leisure/Physical	\$ 4,175
➤ Contributions (municipal/school)	\$ 65,000
➤ Special Events	\$ 23,500
➤ Rentals (Recreation Center/Pavilions)	\$ 5,000
➤ Program Sponsors	\$ 2,500

As shown above, programming accounts for the vast majority of the revenue. Furthermore, revenue from children's programming accounts for more than 80% of all programming revenue, with aquatics accounts for 16% and adult programs just 4%.

Public Input

The public survey asked a number of questions related specifically to recreation funding. The first question asked whether or not residents would support their municipality making an annual monetary contribution to parks and recreation and over half (56%) were in support. The second question asked whether or not residents would be willing to personally donate money to fund recreation improvements. Of the responses received, 25% were willing to donate to recreation in their municipality; 19% were willing to donate for recreation within the Northwest Butler County region; and another 18% were willing to volunteer rather than provide a monetary contribution. Of those willing to donate, 65% were willing to contribute \$50 annually; 35% were willing to contribute between \$50 and \$100 annually; and 7% were willing to give more than \$100.

Financing Conclusions

Goal 8: Utilize a variety of methods to fund new programs and facilities

Action Item #8.1: Institute a tiered system for user fees

Currently, Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation charges a flat fee to program participants as well as for facility rental. Since Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock Township, and Slippery Rock Area School District contribute money annually to support Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation (tax dollars), it is recommended that Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation institute a three-tiered system for user fees. The system should be set up as follows:

- Tier 1: Resident of Slippery Rock Borough or Slippery Rock Township. These residents would pay the lowest rates to participate in a program or rent a facility since their municipality already makes an annual contribution. If at a future date other municipalities begin to contribute annually to Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation and fully join in the partnership, residents of these municipalities would then fall under Tier 1.
- Tier 2: Residents of Slippery Rock Area School District (outside of the Borough/Township). These residents would pay a slightly higher fee (i.e. \$5 increase) since a portion of their school taxes are used to support Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation, but their municipalities do not contribute.
- Tier 3: Residents outside of Slippery Rock Area School District. Any person who lives outside of the district would pay the highest fee, a 20% increase, since neither their school district nor their municipality contributes to Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation.

Action Item #8.2: Include a budget line item for ADA accommodations

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 prohibits the discrimination against any individual because of a disability. In most cases, this has primarily been taken into consideration in providing access to buildings and other facilities. However, ADA Regulation for Title II, as printed in the Federal Register (7/26/91) states: *"The Department of Justice's regulation implementing title II, subtitle A, of the ADA which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in all services, programs, and activities provided to the public by State and local governments, except public transportation services."* Therefore, any type of program or activity that is offered must be available to anyone with a disability. The law states that if asked, agencies/organizations must make "reasonable accommodations" which may include: interpreters, aids or other needs. The expense for the accommodations must be incurred by the agency offering the program and losing money on the program is not considered unreasonable. Also, programs cannot be cancelled to avoid covering the costs incurred to make reasonable accommodations.

It is recommended that a separate designated line item be included as part of the budget. An initial amount may be placed into an account. However, a designated figure, such as one dollar from every participant's registration in other programs, should be set aside in this special account. This should be a

restricted interest bearing account to cover any costs incurred by requests from disabled individuals wanting to participate in the programs offered. The account should remain as a separate account and not be absorbed into the general fund.

Action Item #8.3: Increase programming revenues

Most communities are able to charge a user fee to finance recreation programs on at least a break-even basis. Fees and charges are perhaps one of the best methods to cover costs. Through fees, those participating in the programs or utilizing the facilities are supporting the recreational opportunities rather than using tax dollars. The fees charged for a program should cover both the direct and indirect costs of that program and preferably provide for a profit.

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation offers a well rounded variety of programs to the residents of the area. For most of the programs, the fees charged are in line with fees charged in parks and recreation departments (see Chapter 2, Table 2.18 on page 2-58 for current program costs and revenues); however there are a few methods that they may want to consider to help increase program revenue:

- Mini-Camps: the fees charged for the mini camps seem to be very low for a camp that lasts a whole week. Perhaps they could be increased, however, the direct and indirect expenses for the camps should be looked at first to determine the value of the camps and the revenues generated from the camps.
- Other programs, such as those listed above for seniors, adults and families could be added to the schedule to fill in some gaps for those age groups.
- Sports programs for preschool children such as the Start Smart Soccer, Football, Baseball, Sports Development, Basketball, Golf and Tennis should be considered.
- Another area that should be looked at is becoming part of the Highmark Healthy 5 SPARK Active Recreation Program, attending their training and applying for one of their equipment grants. SPARK stands for "Sports, Play, Activity and Recreation for Kids and is a nationally recognized program that offers training opportunities to schools and nonprofit organizations to provide after-school recreational programs to children ages 5-14. More information on how to become a SPARK site can be found online at <http://www.paspark.org/become/become.shtm>.

Following are some examples of potential user fees generated through various programs; the programs listed below are only examples and do not reflect the programs or fees offered by Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation. The fees charged and expenses associated with each example represent several options on paying instructors, such as: a percentage split, flat rate, and use of volunteers. It also indicates potential supply costs including certain programs that require kits for each participant.

Table 3.19: Programming Revenue

Instructional Programs					
Type	Cost	# of Participants	Income	Instructor Fee/Cost	Revenue
Karate (family)	\$30/person 1 hour/week 12 weeks	12	\$360	\$300	\$60
Line Dancing (adults)	\$30/person 1.5 hour/week 10 weeks	15	\$450	\$300	\$150
Children's Theatre Program (children 8-14)	\$55/person 10 weeks	10	\$550	\$450	\$100
Flag Football (children 6-14)	\$60/person 6 weeks	50	\$3,000	\$2,400	\$600
Educational Programs					
Computer (50+)	\$20/person 4 classes	7	\$140	Free	\$140
Women's Self Defense (16+)	\$30/person 1 class	20	\$60	Free	\$60
Special Events					
Breakfast/Lunch with Easter Bunny	\$5/person	100	\$500	\$350	\$150
Breakfast/Lunch with Santa	\$5/person	100	\$500	\$400	\$100
Age Specific Programs					
Type	Cost	# of Participants	Income	Cost/Supplies	Revenue
Start Smart Programs – Sports Development (children 3-5)	\$65/person 1 hour/week 6 weeks	20/program	\$1,300/program	\$720	\$580
Playground Program (children 3-5)	\$45/person 2 hour sessions 12 sessions	24	\$1,080	\$400	\$680
Seniors Program (60+)	\$10/person Monthly	40	\$400	\$150	\$250

Many variables are involved in determining the actual revenues to be generated versus the costs to conduct the programs. The above examples provide some guidelines. Program fees and the number of participants may vary significantly, such as; Start Smart Basketball may only draw a small number of participants, while Start Smart Soccer may draw enough participants to offer several sessions. This does not mean that you do not offer the Start Smart Basketball; it may just mean that you need to offer it at a different time of the year. Economic conditions, in-house staffing vs. instructor staffing, materials needed, location of the program and income of area residents are some variables that should be considered when offering future programs and developing a fee schedule.

Action Item #8.4: Offer incentives to encourage increased participation

Incentives and special promotions could be offered to users for participating in different programs, which could be particularly useful when offering new programs. For example, the participation fees could be reduced for returning participants.

Action Item #8.5: Increase rental revenue sources

Picnic Shelter Rentals

Currently, Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation estimates \$5,000 in annual income generated through renting the pavilions and the rooms in the Rec Center. There are two large pavilions available for rent, one with amenities and one without. The Slippery Rock Community Park Master Site Plan (see Chapter 4) proposes to construct three (3) new large pavilions, four (4) new small pavilions, and to extend electric and other amenities to the large pavilion near Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard. While the smaller pavilions as well as one of the proposed new large pavilions (near the basketball court) are not recommended to be rented out, but rather available for free use, the four (4) remaining pavilions should be rented. If Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation were to implement the Master Site Plan and adopt the following rental guidelines, they could generate \$10,880 from pavilion rentals alone.

- Shelter 1 – Youth Pavilion, the large pavilion near Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard (electric and other amenities): currently rents out at \$50 per day.
 - If a tiered user fee system was instituted, it could be rented out at \$50 per day for residents and \$60 per day for non-residents.
 - At this rate, 40 resident rentals and 12 non-resident rentals per year would generate \$2,720 annual revenue.
- Shelter 2 – Rotary Pavilion (no amenities): rental fee was recently increased from \$40 to \$50 per day.
 - Using the tiered rates, 40 resident rentals and 12 non-resident rentals per year would generate \$2,720 annual revenue.
- New Shelter 3 – Large Pavilion near Amphitheatre (will include amenities): could be rented out at \$50 per day.

- Using the tiered rates, 40 resident rentals and 12 non-resident rentals per year would generate \$2,720 annual revenue.
- New Shelter 4 – Large Pavilion near Soccer Fields (will include amenities): could be rented out at \$50 per day.
- Using the tiered rates, 40 resident rentals and 12 non-resident rentals per year would generate \$2,720 annual revenue.

Note: Rental income is based on renting the shelters twice a week from May through October. They may be rented more than twice a week during some time periods and less than twice during other times. The construction of kitchen facilities in the shelters, a desired feature in many parks, would require higher rental rates.

Rec Center Rental

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation generates additional revenues by renting out three rooms in their recreation center for various functions. These rooms rent for \$60 per day for the large room, \$40 per day for the medium room and \$20 per day for the small room. The rooms that are available do not accommodate a lot of people and do not offer many additional amenities with them. However, even with that in mind the rental rates are very low. Consideration should be given to increasing these rates or perhaps establishing an hourly rate to rent the rooms. With an hourly rate the rooms could possibly be rented two or three times a day depending on the number of hours requested. This would require additional administrative work as well as assuring that the renters thoroughly clean the area before leaving so that the next part has a clean facility.

Field Rentals

Another revenue source for Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation is the \$5.00 per participant fee that the baseball association pays for use of the ball fields. Although this provides some revenues, it is a very minimal amount when the overall maintenance cost for the ball fields is considered. Consideration should be given to increasing this fee or to developing an alternative method for charging for use of the fields, such as, a flat rate per acre per year. An example may be \$1,000 per acre x 4 acres = \$4,000 per year. If Slippery Rock Community Park begins a scheduled turf management program, this would provide some of the additional funding needed for the program. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation could generate additional revenue through renting other fields and courts within the Park, such as the following:

- Ball fields could be rented out to adult leagues, when not in use by the associations, for anywhere from \$200 to \$800 per year per team.
- The basketball court could be rented out to leagues on specified evenings each week. The fee could be anywhere from \$100 to \$500 per year/team.
- Football/multipurpose fields can also be rented to various groups at \$200 to \$800 per year/team.

Daily rates for each of these facilities should be set at anywhere from \$20 to \$100 per day for event groups, i.e. Ultimate Frisbee, Basketball Tournament, etc., that may request use of the facilities. The various baseball, softball, football and soccer leagues using the fields should be reimbursing the park a portion of the registration fees to cover general field maintenance. This can be a flat fee (\$1,000/year), a percentage of the registration fee (10% of each registration fee), or a fee based on the number of acres used by the association (\$500/acre/year). These fees help offset the maintenance of the fields and other facilities associated with each sport. Some or all of these fees could be offset by improvements made to the facilities by the associations.

Home school groups may also want to rent these facilities for their Physical Education classes, which could be a one day or a season rental. In addition, various instructors, i.e. baseball, football, soccer, volleyball, flag football, etc., may want to offer clinics at these facilities. They may be one week camps or extend over several weeks. Typically, the revenue that is paid to the park is 10% to 30% of the instructor's fee per person or a minimum of \$5/per person, whichever is larger.

Action Item #8.6: Use the mandatory dedication/fee-in-lieu of provision to fund new recreation facilities

As mentioned earlier, the mandatory dedication/fee-in-lieu provision should be incorporated into each municipal subdivision and land development ordinances (SALDO) in the Project Area. The municipalities should consider adopting similar ordinances concerning mandatory dedication or fee-in-lieu of, rather than having several different ordinances in the region. There may be some differences due to the build out capacities of each community.

While this provision can be used to provide land for new parks/natural areas, it can also serve as a revenue generating opportunity. Mandatory dedication requires a developer to either set aside a certain amount of land for recreation in a development or pay a fee-in-lieu of. The fee must be placed in a separate interest bearing account designated for recreation development in the community and are based on each dwelling unit built. Note: this applies to residential developments only, not commercial development.

Standard fees can range anywhere from \$200 to \$2,000 per dwelling unit with the state average being \$750. It is recommended that fees should be in the \$800 to \$1,000 range. (For more detailed information, reference Public Dedication of Land and Fees-in-Lieu for Parks and Recreation at www.conserveland.org).

Action Item #8.7: Develop a “Friends of Slippery Rock Park” non-profit organization

The public survey for the plan revealed a number of interested residents in either giving an annual monetary donation or providing volunteer time to Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation. The municipalities should develop a “Friends of Slippery Rock Park” organization, which would be eligible to become a 501(c)3, certified non-profit organization capable of accepting tax-deductible donations as well as organize park volunteers.

Action Item #8.8: Recruit sponsorships

Sponsorships are another way to obtain additional monetary funds to enhance programs in the Project Area. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation should develop a brochure to solicit sponsorships. The brochure should clearly explain the program available for sponsoring, the benefits to sponsoring the program, the visibility of their sponsorship, and how it will improve their image. Many businesses look for an opportunity to promote their business, become involved in the community and create a positive image. An example of a sponsorship form is found in *Appendix C14: Sample Sponsorship Form*.

Action Item #8.9: Institute a fundraising campaign

Seeking donations is a part of almost every recreation department’s responsibilities, whether it is monetary donations, gifts, supplies, or some other type of donation. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation should be more proactive in soliciting donations, as the public survey revealed a high percentage of residents willing to donate money annually to support the park and its programs. Slippery Rock has a “Friends of the Park” organization that could be used to help solicit and collect donations as well as provide an opportunity for residents to become active volunteers. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation should work in conjunction with the Friends of the Park in order to develop a brochure that explains the organization, the benefit of donating time and/or money, as well as the many programs and activities provided by Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation within the community. These brochures should be supplied to local businesses, organizations, and residents.

Action Item #8.10: Apply for grants for capital projects

Additional funding will be needed, outside of the revenue generated through program fees and municipal donations, for larger ticket items; particularly to implement the Master Site Plans. It is recommended that the Director or someone representing the Director attend the various grant seminars and workshops that are offered in region. It takes time to research the various grants and foundations and a thorough knowledge of the grant program is necessary to submit an application that will be funded.

A list of possible grants and foundations can be found in *Appendix D-1: Possible Funding Sources*.

ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan is a guide for not only Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation, but also each participating municipality in the Northwest Butler county region regarding improvements in the area of recreation. In particular, the Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Planning Group should use the plan when making recommendations to their respective municipalities regarding applying for grants, recommending projects, etc. The Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan identifies potential projects that if implemented, will assist the communities in achieving the vision and goals sets forth. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Plan will serve as a component of the adopted Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007).

Implementing Priority Projects

The ease of implementing projects was taken into account during the compilation of the Action Plan. Hence, many short-term projects are those which can be implemented with relative ease due to low cost or small time commitments and not necessarily because they are vital to the future of the municipalities. On the other hand, some of the short-term projects, depending upon economic and political circumstances, may take longer to complete than five years. These considerations and the fluctuating nature of the implementation process – which is highly dependent upon local, regional, and state political, social, and economic situations – should be kept in mind when assessing and implementing the Action Plan.

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PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES	1: Identify future needs for additional parks / recreation sites	Action Item #1.1: Implement the Brady Township Master Site Plan	Brady Township	DCNR, SR Parks and Recreation	Medium Term
		Action Item #1.2: Implement the Popular Forest Mini-Park Conceptual Plan	SR Area Parks & Recreation	DCNR, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	Short Term
		Action Item #1.3: Revise municipal SALDOs to include mandatory dedication / fee-in-lieu of provision	Supervisors & Councils	DCED, Solicitors	Short Term
	2: Ensure recreational facilities are utilized to their fullest extent	Action Item #2.1: Implement the Slippery Rock Community Park Master Site Plan	SR Area Parks & Recreation	DCNR, SRASD, Municipalities, Sports Organizations	Short Term
	3: Capitalize on natural resources as recreational opportunities	Action Item #3.1: Develop park trails within Slippery Rock Community Park	SR Area Parks & Recreation	DCNR, SRASD, Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock Township	Short Term
		Action Item #3.2: Develop park trails within the proposed Brady Township Park	Brady Township	SR Parks and Recreation	Medium Term
		Action Item #3.3: Develop a connector trail along SR 173 / Centerville Pike to connect Moraine State Park and Jennings Environmental Education Center to the downtown area of Slippery Rock Borough	Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock Township, Brady Township, PennDOT	DCNR, Moraine, Jennings, Adjacent Landowners, SRASD, SRU	Medium Term
		Action Item #3.4: Develop additional bicycle routes within the Project Area	Municipalities, PennDOT	DCNR, Moraine, Jennings, Adjacent Property Owners, SRASD	Long Term
		Action Item #3.5: Extend the North Country Trail	North Country Trail Association	Municipalities, Moraine, Jennings	Long Term
		Action Item #3.6: Install bike racks at "destination" centers throughout the Project Area (est. at \$500 each)	Municipalities	DCNR, Local Businesses, SRU	Short Term
		Action Item #3.7: Implement the Slippery Rock Borough Sidewalk Master Plan	Slippery Rock Borough	Property Owners, SRASD, SRU	Short Term
		Action Item #3.8: Update municipal subdivision and land developments to require sidewalks in all new developments and in areas of redevelopment	Municipalities	DCED, Solicitors	Short Term
		Action Item #3.9: Develop a Water Trail along Slippery Rock Creek	Municipalities, Volunteers	Moraine, Camp Bucoco, YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park, SRU, PFBC, DCNR, PEC	Medium Term
		Action Item #3.10: Implement the recommendations regarding preservation that are included in the Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan (2007).	Municipalities	DCED, DCNR, PEC, Audubon Society of Western PA, Wild Waters Conservancy	Long Term

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PROGRAMMING	4: Avoid duplication of services while expanding programs	Action Item #4.1: Expand the partnership with the Slippery Rock Area School District	SR Area Parks & Recreation, School District	Municipalities, NWBPG	Short Term
		Action Item #4.2: Expand partnerships with Slippery Rock University (SRU)	SR Area Parks & Recreation, SRU	Municipalities, NWBPG	Short Term
		Action Item #4.3: Offer programs in the surrounding municipalities	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Brady Township, West Liberty Borough, Worth Township	Short Term
		Action Item #4.4: Partner with the YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park to offer programs	SR Area Parks & Recreation, YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park		Short Term
		Action Item #4.5: Develop cooperative programs with other recreation providers	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Moraine, Jennings, other non-profit / private parks and recreation providers	Short Term
		Action Item #4.6: Offer additional programs geared towards seniors, adults, and families	SR Area Parks & Recreation	SR Senior Center, non-profit / private parks and recreation providers	Short Term
		Action Item #4.7: Offer special needs programs	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Program Partners	Short Term
		Action Item #4.8: Evaluate programs on a regular basis	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Program Partners	Short Term
	5: Develop a marketing campaign	Action Item #5.1: Improve visibility on the web	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Municipalities, Local Businesses	Short Term
		Action Item #5.2: Send out email blasts	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Volunteers, Interns	Short Term
		Action Item #5.3: Develop a logo	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Local Businesses	Short Term
		Action Item #5.4: Develop a kiosk / marquee board in town (est. at \$800)	SR Area Parks & Recreation Board	Slippery Rock Borough, Local Businesses	Medium Term
		Action Item #5.5: Develop an email distribution list	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Butler County Parks & Recreation Department, Volunteers, Interns	Short Term
		Action Item #5.6: Advertise in a variety of publications and outlets	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Local Businesses, Butler County	Short Term
		Action Item #5.7: Develop large community signs (est. at \$2,000)	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Local Businesses, Slippery Rock Borough	Short Term
		Action Item #5.8: Provide program brochures to a variety of outlets	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Municipalities, Businesses, Churches, Butler Outdoor Club, non-profit / private parks and recreation providers	Short Term
		Action Item #5.9: Develop a semi-annual newsletter	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Municipalities, School District	Medium Term
		Action Item #5.10: Conduct post-participation user surveys	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Municipalities, Volunteers, Interns	Short Term

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ADMINISTRATION	6: Ensure that parks and recreation administration is capable of meeting the needs of an expanding program	Action Item #6.1: Continue the Northwest Butler County Planning Group to oversee multi-municipal planning efforts	NBCPG	Municipalities, SR Area Parks & Recreation	Short Term
		Action Item #6.2: Update the Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation Board bylaws	SR Area Parks & Recreation Board	Solicitors	Short Term
		Action Item #6.3: Hire additional maintenance staff	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock Township, School District	Short Term
		Action Item #6.4: Develop separate agreements with individual organizations	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Sports Organizations	Short Term
		Action Item #6.5: Develop an administrative manual	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Volunteers, Interns	Medium Term
		Action Item #6.6: Improve record keeping	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Staff	Short Term
MAINTENANCE	7: Improve overall maintenance of recreation facilities to minimize costs	Action Item #7.1: Develop a formal maintenance plan	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Maintenance Staff	Short Term
		Action Item #7.2: Institute a replacement program	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Maintenance Staff	Short Term
		Action Item #7.3: Develop a field maintenance schedule	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Maintenance Staff	Short Term
		Action Item #7.4: Implement a capital maintenance budget	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Maintenance Staff	Short Term
		Action Item #7.5: Keep a maintenance record	Maintenance Staff		Short Term
		Action Item #7.6: Implement a risk management plan	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Maintenance Staff	Short Term
		Action Item #7.7: Implement a weekly inspection of equipment	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Maintenance Staff	Short term
		Action Item #7.8: Maintain daily logs of maintenance activities	Maintenance Staff		Short Term
		Action Item #7.9: Ensure staff is properly trained	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Training Programs	Short Term

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Plan Element	Goal	Action Item	Responsible Party	Potential Partners	Priority
FINANCING	8: Utilize a variety of methods to fund new programs and facilities	Action Item #8.1: Institute a tiered system for user fees	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Municipalities, School District, non-profit / private parks and recreation providers	Short Term
		Action Item #8.2: Include a budget line item for ADA accommodations	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Municipalities, School District, non-profit / private parks and recreation providers	Short Term
		Action Item #8.3: Increase programming revenues	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Municipalities, non-profit / private parks and recreation providers	Short Term
		Action Item #8.4: Offer incentives to encourage increased participation	SR Area Parks & Recreation	non-profit / private parks and recreation providers	Medium Term
		Action Item #8.5: Increase rental revenue sources	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Sports Organizations	Short Term
		Action Item #8.6: Use the mandatory dedication / fee-in-lieu of provision to fund new recreation facilities	Municipalities	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Short Term
		Action Item #8.7: Develop a "Friends of Slippery Rock Park" non-profit organization	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Municipalities, Volunteers	Short Term
		Action Item #8.8: Recruit sponsorships	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Staff, Volunteers, Interns	Short Term
		Action Item #8.9: Institute a fundraising campaign	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Staff, Volunteers, Interns	Short Term
		Action Item #8.10: Apply for grants for capital projects	SR Area Parks & Recreation	Staff, Volunteers, Interns, School District, Municipalities, non-profit / private parks and recreation providers	Short Term

* DCNR = PA Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources; DCED = PA Dept of Community & Economic Development; SRASD = Slippery Rock Area School District; SRU = Slippery Rock University; PFBC = PA Fish & Boat Commission; PEC = PA Environmental Council
Moraine = Moraine State Park; Jennings = Jennings Environmental Education Center; NBPCPG = Northwestern Butler County Planning Group

Chapter 4...Master Site Plans

Completed concurrently with the Parks and Recreation Plan were three Master Site Plans: Slippery Rock Community Park, a new 2-acre mini-park in Slippery Rock Borough, and a new 19-acre neighborhood park in Brady Township. The Needs Assessment phase of this plan recommends the implementation of these Master Site Plans to meet current and future parks and recreational needs. The process in which the Master Site Plans have been created is the key to their success. Chapter 4: Master Site Plans describes this process and contains the following information:

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INTRODUCTION

The Master Site Plan is a comprehensive site planning tool used to guide short and long-term development on a given piece of property based on specific goals and objectives. In the case of this plan, three separate sites have been evaluated for parks and recreation improvements in conjunction with current and future facilities within their surrounding communities: the 57-acre Slippery Rock Community Park, a new park on a 19-acre parcel in Brady Township and a new mini-park for the 2-acre site in the Poplar Forest subdivision in Slippery Rock Borough.

The Master Site Plan is designed to meet the public's goals and objectives identified through Planning Group meetings, stakeholder interviews, public meetings and public survey. This process helps identify current needs, public support and plans for future growth. The implementation of each plan will ultimately be phased over a number of years to correlate with public demand, available funding and/or volunteer labor support levels.

Purpose

The Master Site Plans have been created to provide the municipalities with a thorough site planning tool to guide future development within their properties. The Master Site Plans propose improvements that enhance existing facilities where applicable and define the optimal use for the property, protect sensitive environmental features and meet the current and future recreational needs of the community.

Process

The Master Site Plans have been developed through a set of systematic steps to ensure that the final document meets the short term needs of each site/community, and provides the property owners with a realistic long term vision. The first step in the process involved a site analysis of existing conditions at each location and solicitation of community input through a public survey. Secondly, concept designs were developed and presented to both the community and Northwestern Butler County Multi-Municipal Planning Group. The next step was to incorporate community feedback into draft master site plan recommendations. Once reviewed and approved by the communities, the improvements were integrated into the final plan.

The Slippery Rock Community Park Master Site Plan utilizes a list of prioritized projects; this approach results in a manageable set a small projects to improve existing conditions and construct new park facilities. The 19-acre site in Brady Township and the 2-acre site in Slippery Rock Borough are undeveloped; therefore the improvements have been proposed as one comprehensive project.

Goals and Objectives

The success of any Master Site Plan lies in both the designer's and community's ability to establish a set of goals and objectives that meet the current and future needs of park users. This can only be accomplished through public participation and community outreach. The following is a list of goals and objectives established for each Master Site Plan.

Slippery Rock Community Park

- Provide park users with recreational facilities and infrastructure that meet community needs while maintaining a small town character and limiting the park's negative impacts on neighboring residential parcels.
- Increase pedestrian and bicycle mobility throughout the park, and enhance connections between the park, neighboring residential areas, downtown Slippery Rock and Slippery Rock University.
- Enhance security and safety in the park.
- Provide Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation with increased opportunities to generate revenues.

19-Acre Site in Brady Township

- Provide the residents of Brady Township and its surrounding communities with a convenient parks and recreational opportunity through the establishment of a walking trail and passive 'open-play' green space.
- Incorporate a new Township and Maintenance Building, including utility, roadway, and parking infrastructure, into the overall design.
- Consider security and safety in all design decisions.
- Consider ease of maintenance when determining the location, material and orientation of proposed design elements.
- Provide Brady Township with an increased opportunity to generate revenue.

Poplar Forest Mini-Park

- Create a space that supports the surrounding community's passive recreational needs without jeopardizing the privacy of adjacent landowners.
- Maintain unobstructed site lines into and out of the park for safety and security and to ensure successful policing.

Sustainability

The improvements proposed in each plan have been designed with respect to the long term vision for each property. With that in mind, it is important to apply Sustainable Design principals throughout the implementation process. The proposed improvements have been designed to minimize impacts to existing natural features on the sites; removal of existing vegetation is limited, and view sheds have been embraced and enhanced. The design of new facilities should consider the following:

- Use of local and/or recycled building materials
- Installation of pervious pavements to allow water to infiltrate the earth rather than run-off into streams and storm sewer systems
- Energy saving systems such as composting 'sweet smelling' toilets as viable alternative to structures tied into the municipal sanitary system, motion sensing lights in new buildings, skylights and solar collection panels.
- Wind turbines at existing high-points to generate electricity

These sustainable design suggestions offer the property owners a way to reduce the cost of utilities at new facilities; grant opportunities are available to help finance implementation.

It is also recommended that the municipalities and Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation review and take into consideration DCNR Bureau of Recreation and Conservation's Green Principles for Park Development and Sustainability when conducting maintenance, making improvements, etc. This document provides additional references and resources for further assistance with project implementation and can be found online at (<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/indexgreen.aspx>). Each proposed project in the Draft Master Site Plans takes into account the following green principles:

- Principle #1: Maintain and Enhance Trees and Natural Landscaping – natural landscapes require less maintenance, thereby reducing maintenance costs, noise and emission pollution from equipment, and minimizes the effects of pesticides and fertilizers on the environment.
- Principle #2: Connect People to Nature – public parks, trails, greenways, and playgrounds encourage a concept called "human well-being" that connects people to outdoor recreation, conservation and stewardship.
- Principle #3: Manage Stormwater Naturally – natural stormwater management systems, such as riparian buffers, wetlands, and critical recharge areas, can reduce pollution and sedimentation in streams and can be more cost-effective than traditional pipe systems.
- Principle #4: Conserve Energy – renewable energy, such as solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, biofuels, fuel cells, and plants, and energy efficiency leads to less air pollution, less water consumption, and less waste.
- Principle #5: Integrate Green Design and Construction – an ideal "green" project preserves and restores habitat and produces resources, materials, energy and water rather than consuming them and can save money long-term.

SLIPPERY ROCK COMMUNITY PARK

Site Analysis and Existing Conditions

Slippery Rock Community Park is a 57-acre park, centrally located in northern Slippery Rock Borough between North Main Street (State Route 258) and Grove City Road (State Route 173). More information regarding the site description and existing facilities in Slippery Rock Community Park can be found in Chapter 2, page 9. Surrounding land uses include mostly single family residential, some multi family residential, commercial, and the Slippery Rock Elementary School. Slippery Rock Community Park is zoned P-1: Parks and Recreation District, which provides for active and passive recreational activities and facilities. There is currently no comprehensive boundary or topographic survey of the park parcels. This project utilized tax parcel and topography data provided by Butler County and PASDA. The property deeds were also evaluated and are included in Appendix D-4. It is our recommendation that a boundary and topographic survey be conducted on the entire park property in conjunction with all proposed improvements.

Opportunities and Constraints

The existing conditions at Slippery Rock Community Park present an opportunity to improve many of its facilities in place, as well as reorganize and develop new recreational spaces that take advantage of the park's unique features. **Map 4.1: Slippery Rock Community Park Site Analysis**, located at the end of this chapter, depicts the existing conditions for the park along with the surrounding land uses.



Scenic view overlooking the new softball field

The park's topography is both its greatest asset and constraint. Views from the top of the ridge in the northern half of the park are spectacular, but the steep slopes along the ridge make development difficult and costly.

Access to the park and vehicular circulation throughout the park (Boller Drive) is good. The two existing park entrances, one at North Main Street (State Route 258) and the other at Grove City Road (State Route 173), make traveling through the park efficient and minimize one-way and dead-end streets. The existing speed bumps along Boller Drive are a dated approach to managing vehicular speed, but the concept of traffic calming is present and can be improved upon. The circulation pattern in the southern portion of the

park, adjacent to the Recreation Center and Park Office, presents a conflict by bisecting a pedestrian circulation route.

The park's central location within the community provides adjacent neighborhoods with a great opportunity to not only utilize the park's numerous facilities, but also use the property as a safe and convenient way to connect to the community's retail and commercial district on foot or by bicycle as opposed to their vehicles.

Prioritized Projects

The following are detailed descriptions of the prioritized projects: including project descriptions, public input gathered to support each project and proposed improvements. The prioritization of the projects has been reviewed and approved by the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Board. [Table 4.1: Slippery Rock Community Park Prioritized Projects](#) is a summary of the projects.

Table 4.1: Slippery Rock Community Park Prioritized Projects	
Project No.	Description
1	Signage
2	Rotary Pavilion, Restrooms and Playground
3	Trails
4	Improvements to Existing Parking Lot
5	Basketball Court and Pavilion
6	Parking and Driveway Improvements
7	New Amphitheater
8	Wetland Overlook and Connection to Elementary School
9	Soccer Field Pavilion and Restroom/Concession Building
10	Tot Lot at Football/Soccer Field
11	Patio at Football/Soccer Field Concession/Restroom Building
12	Patio at Baseball Field Concession/Restroom Building
13	New Large Pavilion
14	New Picnic Pavilions
15	Realignment of Boller Drive and Community Facilities Area

It is recommended that Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation form a Design Guidelines Committee charged with developing a comprehensive set of park standards and detailed inventory of park elements prior to implementation of these projects. The standards should include specific instructions for the color, size, material and style of all proposed park elements. The guidelines should be developed with consideration to Borough Ordinances and sustainable design.

The guidelines should include standards for the following:

- Architectural
- Landscape
- Sign hierarchy, including entrance, regulatory and safety, wayfinding, donor, interpretive and trail marker signage
- Street and pathway lighting
- Site furnishings

Whenever possible, color and material selections should include specific information such as manufacturer names, model numbers and color values. Catalogue cut-sheets of standard park elements should be kept on file in the Park Office to expedite the acquisition of these items.

Priority Project #1 – Signage

Project Description

Improve park entrances, provide wayfinding signs within the park and install directional signage throughout the community.

Community Input

The ability to bring visitors to your park, make a strong initial impression and direct them through the park efficiently is just as important to the park's success as the facilities within the park. It was noted in planning group meetings that one of the first steps in implementing the master plan would need to be a low cost project able to make an immediate impact and stimulate public support.



Existing entrance signage at Slippery Rock Community Park

Proposed Improvements

Entrance signage at the park's gateways at N. Main Street and Grove City Road are being proposed. The signage should be a monument style with an indigenous stone base; the sign colors and font should remain consistent with the developed guidelines. The colors used on the existing entrance sign at N. Main Street (tan background, brown posts and text with green accents) reads well from the street, and should be considered a good example for the future signage. Landscape plantings should be installed at the same time; plant species should be chosen to soften the architectural style and compliment the sign with seasonal color.

Wayfinding signs help visitors orient themselves on the site and successfully navigate within the park. Two wayfinding signage locations are being proposed; one sign at the intersection of Boller Drive and the Girl Scout 'Forget Me Not Gardens', and the other adjacent to Boller Drive at the park office.

Directional signage within the community is also being proposed. These signs are meant to direct first time park users who may be unfamiliar with Slippery Rock Township, as well as establishing a set of markers that target community members who may be unaware of the park's location. The directional signage should be installed along major thoroughfares leading into Slippery Rock Borough; coordination with Local and State agencies will be required.

The total cost for implementing Prioritized Project #1 is \$35,000; a detailed breakdown of the elements associated with this project can be found on [Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#).

Priority Project #2 – Rotary Pavilion Restrooms and Playground

Project Description

Construct a new restroom building and small playground near the Rotary Pavilion to enhance its usability.

Community Input

When asked which factors prevented them from using facilities at Slippery Rock Community Park, 25% of the public survey respondents stated the lack of restrooms. While the park provides adequate support facilities such as restrooms to its users, those facilities are not always conveniently located adjacent to highly used park elements such as the Rotary Pavilion.

In addition, the public survey results indicated that playgrounds were the most often used facilities within the park. Providing a new playground near the Rotary Pavilion will offer a play area for children when the pavilion is rented for picnics and parties.

Proposed Improvements

Figure 4.1 shows the location of the proposed structure and playground in relationship to the Rotary Pavilion; the new structure is graphically represented in dark brown, and the playground in yellow.

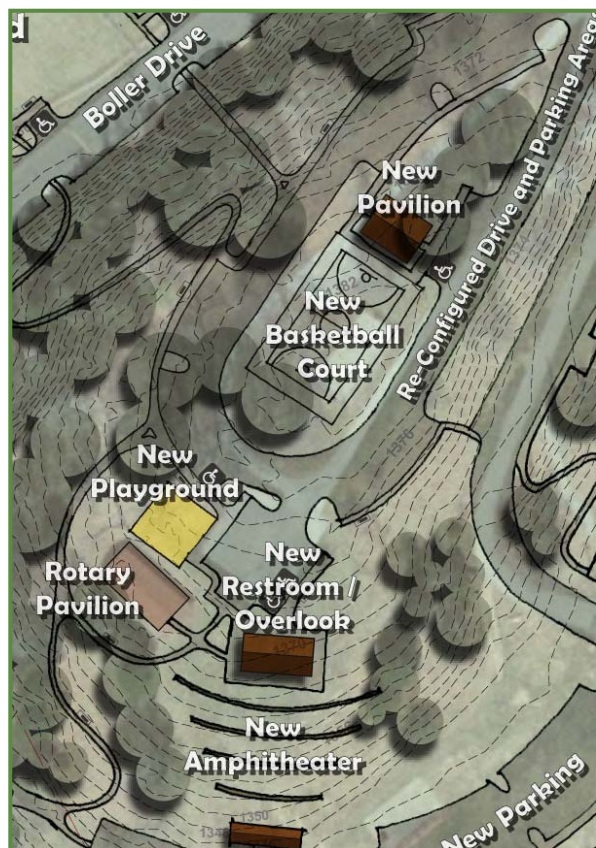


Figure 4.1

The restroom building will be approximately 40' x 30', and include both male and female toilet rooms. A covered patio/overlook on one side of the structure will provide a sheltered viewing area for the new amphitheater; location of the amphitheater is described later in this chapter. The restroom structure may be a 'sweet smelling' composting facility purchased through a manufacturer as a pre-fabricated structure. This type of construction may prove more cost-efficient for the Borough over the life of the project. Electric and water utilities should be provided to the Rotary Pavilion as part of this project.

The restroom/overlook building should be constructed at a similar elevation to the Rotary Pavilion to ensure ADA accessibility between the two structures; accessibility should be provided between the structure and adjacent parking areas as well.

The new playground is proposed to be 2,000 square feet. This playground should provide play equipment for children ages 6-10; a nearby playground by the small ball field is intended for younger children and a new tot lot is proposed at the football/soccer field. No fencing is proposed at this playground. The playground is to have an engineered wood fiber safety surface.

Alternatives to traditional playground designs are available for installation, including spray play areas incorporating water activities, rock climbing walls, mounded earthen tunnels and thematic play equipment that draw on the community's history and heritage.

The total cost for implementing Prioritized Project #2 is \$161,280; a detailed breakdown of the elements associated with this project can be found on [Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#).

Priority Project # 3 – Trails

Project Description

Develop a system of trails that provide safe connections between park facilities; extend the trail system to the park's boundaries in strategic locations to enhance community connections.

Public Input

When asked which recreation facilities residents felt were needed in the Northwestern Butler County region, trails/bikeways were identified by 53% of the public survey respondents. More specifically, when asked which factors prevented them from using facilities at Slippery Rock Community Park, 20% of the public survey respondents answered the lack of trails/pathways.

Proposed Improvements

A phased implementation plan of trails is proposed within the park boundaries. The trail is proposed to have a crushed stone surface and an 8' minimum width. It is recommended that the trail maintain ADA accessibility (width, cross-slope and profile grade) whenever feasible. Asphalt trail should be considered on slopes 5% or greater (ramp and landings) and/or in areas of heavy use and multiple user types. The trail should be designed to avoid conflicts with existing plant materials, follow the grade of the site and minimize the use of steps.

Approximately two miles of trails are being proposed. The four phases of implementation are as follows:

- Phase 1 – Recreation Center/Office Connection to the Softball Fields
- Phase 2 – Softball Field Connection to Football Field and Amphitheater
- Phase 3 – Recreation Center/Office Connection to Football Field and Amphitheater
- Phase 4 – Park Connections into the Community

The trails should include bump-outs for benches at shaded locations, at high points with good views, adjacent to playgrounds and overlooking the ice skating area next to the Recreation Center. The bump-outs should be designed with a 36" x 48" clear ground space adjacent to the bench to comply with accessibility guidelines. Future improvements, including landscape plantings and exercise stations, should be considered along the trail as funds become available.

The total cost for implementing Prioritized Project #3 is \$218,880; a detailed breakdown of the elements associated with this project can be found on [Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#). **Map 4.2: Master Site Plan for Slippery Rock Community Park**, located at the end of this Chapter, shows the layout of the proposed trails.

Priority Project #4 – Improvements to Existing Parking Lot

Project Description

Make minor modifications to the existing parking lot adjacent to the Recreation Center and Park Office to improve circulation, increase the number of parking spaces and enhance pedestrian safety.

Public Input

It was noted during several planning group meetings that this parking lot would benefit from minor improvements. The primary mode of transportation that visitors use to get to the park is by vehicle (74% according to the public survey), and when asked where those individuals park, 53% identified the lot by the Recreation Center.

Proposed Improvements

One of the more powerful characteristics of a Master Site Plan is its ability to simultaneously look at the immediate and future development of the park, and therefore make short term recommendations that don't conflict with long term plans. A re-alignment of Boller Drive and parking lots adjacent to the Recreation Center, Park Office and Food Cupboard is being proposed as part of Prioritized Project #15. For this reason, only minor modifications are being proposed to improve short term conditions.

Improvements include repaving and restriping the lot with two-way travel lanes and 90° parking stalls. The lot should be designed in accordance with Slippery Rock Borough Ordinances with ADA accessibility provided. The existing parking arrangement provides 30 spaces; the creation of two double-loaded rows of parking would yield approximately 42 spaces, including two accessible stalls.

The total cost for implementing Prioritized Project #4 is \$38,400; a detailed breakdown of the elements associated with this project can be found on [Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#).

Priority Project #5 – Basketball Court

Project Description

Construct a new regulation size basketball court at the location of the existing court, and construct a new pavilion to provide shelter for players and spectators.

Public Input

Although the public survey results indicated that only minor improvements were needed at the existing basketball court, the planning group meetings and stakeholder interviews identified the basketball court as an often utilized park element in need of improvement.

Proposed Improvements

The existing basketball court and fence are to be demolished to make room for a new regulation size court in the same location. The solar orientation of the court's main axis remains in a north/south direction. The new court should be fenced in on all sides to avoid basketballs leaving the court area and rolling down the adjacent slopes; maintain minimum 10' clear zones between the court and any fence.

A new 20' x 20' pavilion with electric and water utility is being proposed to the north of the court and should be sited in close proximity to parking. **Figure 4.2** shows the layout of the new basketball court and pavilion. The existing basketball court can be seen in the background behind the linework of the proposed court.

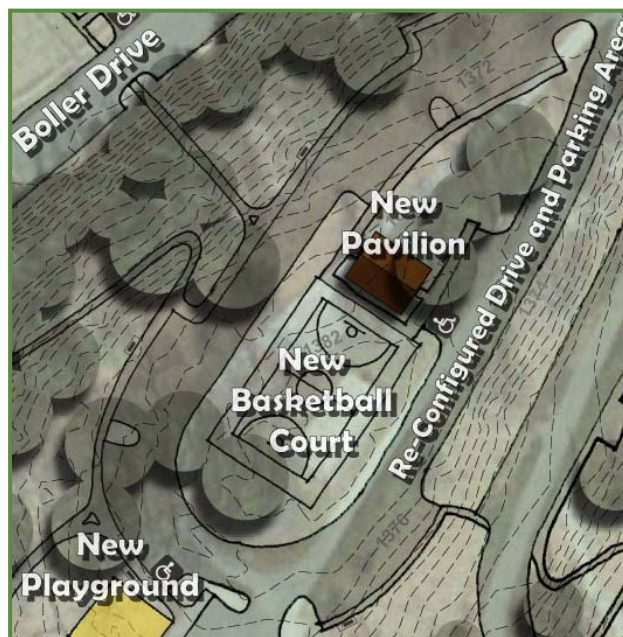


Figure 4.2

The total cost for implementing Prioritized Project #5 is \$38,400; a detailed breakdown of the elements associated with this project can be found on **Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs**. The cost for the new court may be reduced if existing elements such as the chain link fence and basketball hoops can be reused; this decision should be determined based upon inspection of the items at the time of final design and before construction.

Priority Project #6 – Parking and Driveway Improvements

Project Description

Realign the drive aisles and parking stalls in the northern half of the park which provide access to the basketball court, Rotary Pavilion, new restroom/amphitheater overlook, football/soccer field and amphitheater.

Public Input

Parking at the Slippery Rock Community Park was not an item of concern based on feedback received during the public input process; 53% of the public survey respondents answered 'No' when asked if they ever have trouble parking or finding a spot available, while 26% responded 'Yes'. However, the construction of new pavilions, restrooms and playgrounds will increase the future requirements for parking.

Proposed Improvements

A new alignment of the gravel access road and associated 'off-street' parking is being proposed to meet the future parking demands at the park. Parking requirements are based on Slippery Rock Borough Ordinances and Landscape Architectural standards; parking has been situated in close proximity to the facilities in which they serve. There are approximately 105 existing parking spaces in the northern half of the park. The proposed parking lots would yield approximately 210 spaces, including a minimum of seven accessible stalls.

The gravel surface has been designed at an 8" depth; 6" AASHTO #1 coarse aggregate base with a rolled surface coarse of 2A stone. The gravel offers a low impact alternative to asphalt, and minimizes surface runoff. Pavement markings are not necessary in a gravel lot. Wheel stops are not recommended due to their perpetual maintenance requirements.

The total cost for implementing Prioritized Project #6 is \$376,320; a detailed breakdown of the elements associated with this project can be found on [Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#). The cost for this project assumes that a portion of the existing gravel lots/drive aisle will remain in place. **Map 4.2: Master Site Plan for Slippery Rock Community Park**, located at the end of this chapter, shows the layout of the proposed improvements.

Priority Project #7 – New Amphitheater

Project Description

Construct a new amphitheater on the south facing slope of the ridge on the high-point of the park.

Public Input

Discussions with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation identified the existing amphitheater as a primary location for community events. The discussions also noted the lack of restrooms, parking and ADA accessibility in close proximity to the amphitheater.

Proposed Improvements

The existing amphitheater is proposed to be demolished. A new amphitheater (location to be approximately 50' west of existing; see [Figure 4.3](#)) with terraced seating areas, wooden benches and new elevated stage is to be constructed. The new location has been chosen to take advantage of its proximity to the restrooms/overlook structure

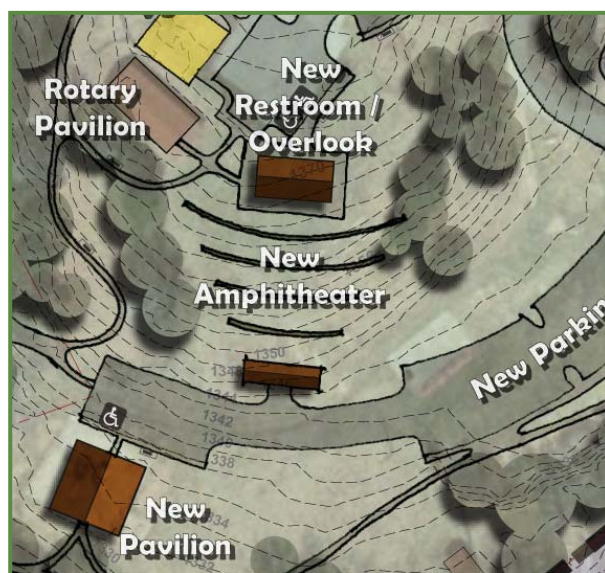


Figure 4.3

(Priority Project #2) and new parking lot (Priority Project #6). The adjacency with the restroom structure will also satisfy ADA accessibility to the overlook viewing patio.

The total cost for implementing Prioritized Project #7 is \$35,000; a detailed breakdown of the elements associated with this project can be found on [Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#).

Priority Project #8 – Wetland Overlook and Connection to Elementary School

Project Description

Construct a raised boardwalk and wetland overlook platform along the pedestrian connection between the park and Elementary School, and enhance the trail system throughout the park with signage and entrance garden areas.

Public Input

When asked which recreation facilities residents felt were needed in the Northwestern Butler County region, 53% of the public survey respondents stated trails/bikeways. More specifically, when asked which factors prevented them from using facilities at Slippery Rock Park, 20% of the public survey respondents answered lack of trails/pathways.



Proposed Improvements



Figure 4.4

A raised boardwalk and overlook platform with covered pavilion (10' x 20') is proposed in the northwest corner of the park. The location of the boardwalk and platform takes advantage of the existing wetlands in park, and creates an educational and interpretive opportunity for park users and elementary school students. [Figure 4.4](#) identifies the location of the overlook and boardwalk; the Elementary School is located along the west property line.

The boardwalk has been designed at a 12' width; the overlook platform is a raised concrete platform on steel supports and piling foundations. Interpretive signage at the overlook is an integral feature to take advantage of this educational opportunity; the interpretive signs should be a laminated material to withstand outdoor conditions.

This project also proposes miscellaneous signage, such as interpretive and mileage markers, along the trail. Entrance garden areas at the entrance/egress points of the trail are also proposed. These gardens should include woody ornamental shrubs as well as perennial plantings; this is an opportunity to partner with gardening and community groups to assist in planting and maintaining these areas.

The total cost for implementing Prioritized Project #8 is \$288,256; a detailed breakdown of the elements associated with this project can be found on [Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#).

Priority Project #9 – Soccer Field Pavilion and Restroom/Concession Building

Project Description

Construct restrooms, concession and a pavilion to support activities at the new softball and soccer field in the northernmost portion of the park. Improve drainage at the two fields.

Community Input

When asked which factors prevented them from using facilities at Slippery Rock Park, 25% of the public survey respondents answered lack of restrooms. While the park provides adequate support facilities such as restrooms to its users, those facilities aren't always conveniently located adjacent to highly used park elements such as the new softball and soccer field.

Proposed Improvements

A new restroom/concession building and large pavilion (20' x 30') are being proposed northeast of the soccer field. The restroom /concession building should include male and female toilet rooms, a concession area with storage and utility closet. Utility extensions from Evergreen Court will be required for the structure. The pavilion is to be constructed on a concrete base with electric utility. The two structures should be constructed of like materials, and adhere to park design guidelines.

The restroom structure may be a 'sweet smelling' composting facility purchased through a manufacturer as a pre-fabricated structure. This type of construction may prove more cost-efficient for the Borough over the life of the project. Skylights, motion sensor interior lights and the use of recycled materials can also result in energy savings. [Figure 4.5](#) shows the location of new structures north of the soccer field.



Figure 4.5

Drainage improvements, including PVC under drains and yard drains, are to be installed along the field perimeter to assist in storm water conveyance. The installation of these subsurface elements should occur after a topographical survey of existing conditions is complete to ensure positive drainage is achieved.

The total cost for implementing Prioritized Project #9 is \$413,952; a detailed breakdown of the elements associated with this project can be found on [Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#).

Priority Project #10 – Tot Lot at Football/Soccer Field

Project Description

Construct a fenced tot lot at the southern end of the football/soccer field.

Public Input

Meetings with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation identified the soccer/football field as a location that needed additional amenities to draw its users to the restroom concession building. It was also noted that parents who bring their older children to use the field have no nearby facilities available to entertain toddlers. The public survey results indicated that playgrounds were the most often used facilities within the park, however there are no playgrounds within visible distance of these fields.

Proposed Improvements

A 4,000 square foot tot lot is to be constructed; the tot lot is for ages 1-4 years, and the entire play area is to be fenced with a 4' height chain link fence; one gated entrance is proposed. An engineered wood fiber safety surface is proposed throughout the play area.

The total cost for implementing Prioritized Project #10 is \$43,500; a detailed breakdown of the elements associated with this project can be found on [Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#). **Map 4.2: Master Site Plan for Slippery Rock Community Park**, located at the end of this chapter, shows the location of the tot lot.

Priority Project #11 – Patio at Football/Soccer Field Concession/Restroom

Project Description

Construct a decorative patio at the football/soccer field restroom/concession building.

Public Input

Meeting with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation identified that the existing concession building lacked an outdoor eating area that patrons could use to congregate and watch the activity on the field. It

was also noted that the field's southern end zone lacked access control, resulting in un-obstructed point of entry for unauthorized motor vehicles.

Proposed Improvements

A new decorative concrete patio is being proposed between the restroom/concession structure and new tot lot. Tables with chairs and umbrellas should be affixed to the decorative surface, and ornamental trees in decorative pots are to line the border between the patio and field to prohibit vehicular access. Trash receptacles should also be provided.

These improvements will create a cohesive and safe environment for parents and their children of different ages to congregate in one central location. The improvements will also increase revenue opportunity at the existing concession. This concept creates an opportunity for a 'Donor Plaza' to raise money for construction through the use of engraved bricks and plaques on site furnishings.

The total cost for implementing Prioritized Project #11 is \$40,950; a detailed breakdown of the elements associated with this project can be found on [Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#). **Map 4.2: Master Site Plan for Slippery Rock Community Park**, located at the end of this chapter, shows the location of the patio.

Priority Project #12 – Patio at Baseball Field Concession/Restroom

Project Description

Construct a decorative patio adjacent to the baseball concession building.

Public Input

Meeting with the Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation noted that although the existing concession building contained a covered eating area, an outdoor patio would enhance the space for park users.

Proposed Improvements

A new decorative concrete patio is being proposed outside the existing concession building. Tables with chairs and umbrellas should be affixed to the decorative surface, and trash receptacles should be provided.

The total cost for implementing Prioritized Project #12 is \$15,500; a detailed breakdown of the elements associated with this project can be found on [Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#). **Map 4.2: Master Site Plan for Slippery Rock Community Park**, located at the end of this chapter, shows the location of the patio.

Priority Project #13 – New Large Pavilion

Project Description

Construction of a large pavilion south of the new amphitheater, at the location of the playground removed in the summer of 2009.

Public Input

When discussing revenue sources with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation, rentals fees collected from the existing pavilions within the park were a significant generator. It was also noted that there is a demand for additional pavilions strategically located throughout the park.

Proposed Improvements

This project includes the construction of a new pavilion (60' x 30') placed on reinforced concrete surface. Utilities, including electric and water, are to be extended to the new pavilion location. The design of the pavilion should adhere to park design guidelines.

The new pavilion in this location will also serve as a replacement for the Jaycee pavilion, which was demolished in the summer 2009. Restroom facilities will be available, however ADA accessibility to the restrooms from the pavilion location will not be provided. Parking, including ADA accessible parking stalls, will be provided; see Priority project #6. The pavilion location adjacent to the wooded area in the southern portion of the park provides a unique picnicking opportunity that is not currently available at the park. Figure 4.6 is a proposed pavilion rendering that can be utilized as a basis for design style and materials.

Figure 4.6



The total cost for implementing Prioritized Project #13 is \$96,000; a detailed breakdown of the elements associated with this project can be found on [Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#). **Map 4.2: Master Site Plan for Slippery Rock Community Park**, located at the end of this chapter, shows the location of the proposed pavilion.

Priority Project #14 – New Picnic Pavilions

Project Description

The construction of four small picnic pavilions in the wooded area below the retention pond, south of the Recreation Center.

Public Input

When asked to rate their opinion of facilities within the park, pavilions/picnic areas was identified as needing ‘minor improvements’ by 35% of the of the public survey respondents. During discussions with Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation, small picnicking pavilions were a facility that the park does not currently offer to its users.

Proposed Improvements

This project includes the construction of four small pavilions (10' x 10') placed on reinforced concrete pads. The pavilions are to be interspersed between the trees in the wooded area south of the Recreation Center. The pavilions will be accessible via the pedestrian trail system; see Priority Project #3, Phase 4. Parking for the pavilions will be at the Recreation Center/Park Office lot.

The pavilion materials and style should adhere to park design guidelines. No utilities are being proposed to these pavilions; however electric utility is available in close proximity. The location of these pavilions should be chosen after a detailed analysis of the area; this is a low spot on the site with the potential for flooding.

The total cost for implementing Prioritized Project #14 is \$46,000; a detailed breakdown of the elements associated with this project can be found on [Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#). **Map 4.2: Master Site Plan for Slippery Rock Community Park**, located at the end of this chapter, shows the location of the pavilions.

Priority Project #15 – Realignment of Boller Drive and Community Facilities Area

Project Description

Reconstruct and realign Boller Drive between the park entrance at N. Main Street and the Oliver Ross ball field

Public Input

The concept of separating vehicular and pedestrian traffic patterns in the Recreation Center/Park Office parking lot was discussed and embraced by the project planning group as well as Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation.

Proposed Improvements

The primary reason for implementing a project of this magnitude is to clearly delineate vehicular versus pedestrian circulation patterns and create a Community Facilities 'pedestrian campus' at the existing Recreation Center and park office. The project would not only involve a new roadway and parking facilities, but also require the existing playground equipment and maintenance building be relocated.

Improvements include raised speed tables with brick paver crosswalks to accent pedestrian crossings along Boller Drive and bio-retention areas with ornamental species to assist in storm water retention and pollution filtering. It will be essential to maintain views to the Community Facility areas from Boller Drive. Opportunities will exist for either the expansion of existing or the introduction of new facilities; the final orientation and spatial layout of this area will be developed once program elements are determined and building designs are complete. The proposed parking configurations at the Recreation Center and park office will yield approximately 70 spaces, including a minimum of three accessible stalls. The proposed parking configurations along Boller Drive, adjacent to the three ball fields would yield approximately 80 spaces, including a minimum of four accessible stalls.

The total cost for implementing Prioritized Project #15 is \$1,085,952; a detailed breakdown of the elements associated with this project can be found on [Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#). **Map 4.2: Master Site Plan for Slippery Rock Community Park**, located at the end of this chapter, shows the location of the improvements associated with this project.

Utilities

An integral component to all master plan projects is the ability to readily provide utilities. Failure to adequately study the location and capacity of existing infrastructure can result in added costs and/or infeasibility of implementing proposed improvements.

Field investigation of the water and sewer utilities at Slippery Rock Community Park were conducted with representatives from the Slippery Rock Municipal Authority to determine the location of existing infrastructure. Water and sewer lines enter the park from N. Main Street and service the Recreation Center and Park Office. The sewer line extends north along Boller Drive to the ball field concession area. Water and sewer utilities also enter the site from E. Water Street; the utilities enter the site at a location across from the Slippery Rock Borough Building. This water service extends to the Rotary Pavilion, Baseball Field and Football/Soccer field concession and restroom buildings and baseball field in the eastern corner of the park. The sewer line extends to the football/soccer field restroom and concession building.

Water and sewer utilities exists along the road corridor of Evergreen Court; this infrastructure would service the new structures described in Priority Project #9, Soccer Field Pavilion and Restroom/Concession Building

A gas line extends north/south through the park. The line is located along Boller Drive from the park entrance at N. Main Street to the baseball fields. Overhead electric utilities are present throughout the park; the electric utility enters the park at approximately the same two locations as the water and sewer infrastructure. Telephone and cable utilities are available at the Recreation Center and Park Office.

The location of all proposed elements has been planned to minimize the cost of utility extensions, and the opinion of probable costs include provisions for infrastructure extension.

Invasive Species Management

The presence of invasive species, specifically Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), was identified throughout the park, and a plan to manage these species is recommended. The plan should take into consideration early identification, control and management and restoration of inundated areas. Representatives from Moraine State Park have offered technical assistance to the Borough and Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation maintenance personnel to assist in the management of invasive species.

Appendix D2: Japanese Knotweed Management is a management data sheet published by the Penn State Vegetative Management Division of the Department of Horticulture. Additional information can be accessed on-line at (http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/invasivetutorial/japanese_knotweed.htm).



19-ACRE SITE IN BRADY TOWNSHIP

Site Analysis and Existing Conditions



Existing conditions at the Brady Township site

The 19-acre site is located approximately 1,500 linear feet west of the intersection of Muddy Creek Drive and West Liberty Road, both Township roads. The parcel's road frontage is on West Liberty Road, and is considered a 'flag' lot with an approximately 60' wide sliver of land that extends to Muddy Creek Drive.

Map 4.3: 19-Acre Brady Township Site Analysis, located at the end of this chapter, depicts the existing conditions for the site along with the surrounding land uses.

The 19 acres is made up of two parcels owned by the Township; a 15 acre parcel and a 3.8 acre parcel. The larger parcel was once a cultivated farm field; rolling topography, short grass pasture and extensive views describe the character of the property. Surrounding land use includes two residential properties, the 3.8 acre Township-owned property, and agricultural fields. The southern portion of the Township-owned property currently houses the Township maintenance building and salt shed. While not adjacent, the existing Brady Township municipal building is located just south of the 19-acre site.

The 19-acre site and the surrounding properties to the north, south, and east are zoned R: Residential while the property immediately adjacent to the west is zoned AR: Agricultural Residential. The Residential District provides for residential development while the Agricultural Residential District provides for agricultural uses and low impact development.

Public Input

While the public survey revealed that most people felt that parks and recreation is adequate in their community (59%), 16% of the respondents felt that a new park is needed in Brady Township. The survey sent to residents of Brady Township asked two specific questions: what facilities would they like to see, and what concerns or issues they have with regards to the development of a public park. Many residents cited a need for a place to walk safely in the community. A pavilion/picnic area, playgrounds, flower garden, multi-purpose field and maintaining passive open space were also elements that the community

identified. Once developed, the park would serve as a Neighborhood Park for Brady Township and the surrounding communities.

However, some residents of Brady Township expressed concerns regarding a township park. Funding for the park was the greatest concern cited while public safety, vandalism, maintenance of the park and traffic/noise were also concerns. In addition, many residents, along with the Brady Township Supervisors, expressed the need for a new township building and maintenance building. The current Brady Township municipal building is a one-room schoolhouse that was constructed in the late 1800's or early 1900's. The 2007 Comprehensive Plan recommends that Brady Township apply for funding to construct a new, updated municipal building as the schoolhouse has no restroom facilities while preserving the old schoolhouse as an historic structure.

Proposed Improvements

The Master Site Plan for the 19-acre site was developed to include a location for a new township building and maintenance building in conjunction with passive recreation facilities including a walking trail and open play field. Pavilion/picnic areas and playgrounds were not included on the Master Site Plan due to the Supervisors' concerns regarding costs and maintenance as well as the feeling that residents can access these facilities at Slippery Rock Community Park and/or Moraine State Park.

Walking Trail

An 8' wide, low impact, gravel trail traversing the site is the primary design element; trail length is approximately one-half mile. The trail should follow existing grade as closely as possible, and serpentine gently down slopes to maximize ADA accessibility. The trail also extends east and connects to Muddy Creek Drive. The existing hedgerow which bisects the site on its north/south axis should be maintained to take advantage of wildlife habitat and shade along the trail. Pockets of new vegetation should be planted along the trail. There are several locations where multiple segments of the proposed trail intersect; these intersections present an opportunity for garden plantings. The garden areas should be planted with low maintenance, native species. The high-point of the site has been identified as a location for star gazing and interpretation.

The trail includes several bump-outs for benches at shaded locations, at high elevations to take advantage of good views and adjacent to the open play field. The bump-outs should be designed with a 36" x 48" clear ground space adjacent to the bench to comply with accessibility guidelines.

Open Play Field

An area approximately 300' x 200' adjacent to the lower level of the new Township municipal building has been identified as an open play field. The final grade of the field should not exceed 2% to facilitate activities such as soccer and football. The field should be planted with a hardy, low maintenance seed mixture since the surface will not be used for organized sporting events. The costs associated with the construction of the field are included in the earth cut and fill operations, new topsoil, and seed and mulch line items of the opinion of probable costs.

Access/Screening

Access to the trail will be via a new gravel entrance drive and parking area off of West Liberty Road. Access control to the trail from the parking area will be maintained via a gate accessible by maintenance and emergency vehicles only. No lights are being proposed along the trail. It will be essential that the new facilities be screened from view of adjacent residential properties; mounded earthen berms with substantial vegetative cover are proposed. This screening should not interfere with views into the site from the access drive and parking areas; these view sheds should remain open for policing purposes.

Stormwater Management

A storm water retention facility is proposed along the west property line; this facility will be required to meet County Conservation District permit requirements.

Township Building/Community Center

The new township building is being sited at the top of the hill, directly north of a 44 space new parking areas; a minimum of two accessible stalls is required. The building is proposed as a two-story structure; the top floor will access the parking area, and the bottom floor will open to a decorative patio overlooking a multi-purpose field and view to the northwest. The first floor of the building will be dedicated to office and meeting space. The bottom floor is meant to serve as a community space with rental capabilities. The design of the new facilities should fit into the context of the community. Indigenous stone and timber construction should be considered.

Maintenance Building/Yard

A new maintenance building and yard is proposed as a stem off the main access drive. The construction of the drive, parking areas and maintenance yard will require earthwork be completed in the southern portion of the site.

Cost

The total cost for implementing the Brady Township Master Site Plan is \$729,126; a detailed description of the proposed improvements can be found on [Table 4.3: 19-Acre Site in Brady Township Opinion of Probable Costs](#). The cost estimate identifies the new Municipal Building, Maintenance Building and associated infrastructure cost as alternate bid items, which total \$1,829,100. **Map 4.4: Master Site Plan for the 19-Acre Parcel in Brady Township**, located at the end of this chapter, depicts the improvements associated with this project.

Utilities

An integral component to all master plan projects is the ability to readily provide utilities. Failure to adequately study the location and capacity of existing infrastructure can result in added costs and/or infeasibility of implementing proposed improvements.

New utilities will be required at 19-acre parcel since the land is undeveloped. Public water and sewer utilities are not available at the site; the proposed Municipal Building and Maintenance Building will require drilling a well for water and installing either a septic system or composting toilet rooms. Electric, telephone and cable utilities are available along West Liberty Road. New utilities and utility extensions have been included in the opinion of probable costs for the project.

POPLAR FOREST MINI-PARK

Site Analysis and Existing Conditions

The 2-acre parcel of land is located in the Poplar Forest Plan #8 in Slippery Rock Borough; the nearest intersection is that of Kelly Boulevard and Willow Drive. The park can be accessed via a 10' access right-of-way off Sassafras Drive. The park parcel is bounded by residential properties, open space (subdivided lots for single family residential development) and a church; there is no street frontage. **Map 4.5: Poplar Forest Mini-Park Site Analysis**, located at the end of this chapter, depicts the existing conditions for the site along with the surrounding land uses.



The parcel is primarily covered in short meadow grasses with a grouping of deciduous trees in the southwestern portion of the site. The parcel is sloped at an approximate 6% grade from northeast to southwest. There are no water features, wetlands, floodplains, historic features, or any environmentally sensitive areas within the site.

The parcel, as well as all adjacent parcels, is zoned R-1. The R-1 District provides for single family residential neighborhoods along with other compatible uses, such as parks and community facilities.

Proposed Improvements

The proposed improvements are considered passive recreation. While the park is considered a community facility, it will serve as a Mini-Park as most users of the space will come from the immediately adjacent residences or within walking distance. The playground and open play field have been clustered towards the adjacent church property in the northeastern portion of the site to minimize noise towards residential parcels.

Walking Trail

An 8' wide gravel perimeter trail and access way via Sassafras Drive is proposed. The trail includes several bump-outs for benches at shaded locations and adjacent to the tot-lot. The bump-outs should be designed with a 36" x 48" clear ground space adjacent to the bench to comply with accessibility guidelines.

Neighborhood Garden Area

A neighborhood garden area is proposed at the intersection of the Park's access route and its loop trail. The intention of this garden area is to provide the adjacent land owners with a planted area within the park which they can take ownership of. Plantings within this area could either come from the suggested shrub and perennial plant palette, or consist of edible vegetable or berries. If the latter is chosen it will be important to choose thornless varieties and consider fencing to deter wildlife grazing.

Tot Lot/Play Area

Minor grading in the northeastern portion of the site will be required to create a level area for a 1,500 square foot tot lot and 'open-play' grass area. The tot lot is to be fenced with a 4' height chain link fence; one gated entrance is proposed. An engineered wood fiber safety surface is proposed throughout the play area.

An area approximately 75' x 100' adjacent to the Tot Lot has been identified as a level area for activities. The final grade of the field should not exceed 3%. The field should be planted with a hardy, low maintenance seed mixture since the surface will not be used for organized sporting events. The costs associated with the construction of this area are included in the earth cut and fill operations, new topsoil, and seed and mulch line items of the opinion of probable costs.

Signage

Entrance signage is to be placed at the intersection of the trail and Sassafras drive. A neighborhood garden area is proposed in the northernmost portion of the site; this garden area could be perennial flowers, annual plantings or vegetable garden.

Screening

Screening the property from adjacent residential properties is essential in the success of this neighborhood park. Groupings of native plants are proposed along the parcel perimeter. These plantings not only serve as screening, but also provide shade for the walking trail and habitat for animal life. A listing of native plants is shown on **Map 4.6: Poplar Forest Mini-Park Site Plan**.

Stormwater Management

Storm water management will be an integral component of the design since the parcel is situated in a swale with runoff entering from adjacent properties. It will be important during final design to limit impervious materials and contain runoff on-site. The use of pervious surface are encouraged for the trail and playground.

Parking

Parking for this park is not provided, however it was noted during the final public meeting that the potential exists for an agreement between the church and the Borough for patrons to utilize the church parking lots. Bicycle parking should be provided for within the park.

Cost

The total cost for implementing the Poplar Forest Mini-Park is \$168,871; a detailed description of the proposed improvements can be found on [Table 4.4: Poplar Forest Mini-Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#). **Map 4.6: Poplar Forest Mini-Park Site Plan**, located at the end of this chapter, depicts the improvements associated with this project.

Utilities

The proposed improvements at the Poplar Forest Mini-Park do not include utilities. If in the future the Borough would like to provide water at the tot lot, a new meter (including any tapping fees), service line and drinking fountain would be required.

PERMITTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION

There are several permitting and environmental investigative procedures that the land owners must consider prior to implementation of the master planned improvements.

The Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program's Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) Project Planning Environmental Review searches for and identifies potential impacts on special concern species and resources within a given project area. A PNDI search has been completed on each piece of property to identify any potential impacts that might exist. No known impacts have been identified at the Poplar Forest Mini-Park; a potential impact involving a sensitive species was identified by the US Fish and Wildlife Service at the Brady Township site; a potential impact involving a sensitive species was identified by the PA Game Commission at the Slippery Rock Community Park. Further coordination with these agencies will be required once preliminary engineering and design begins. A copy of the PNDI search receipts can be found in Appendix D-3.

PA Code Title 25 Chapter 102 Regulatory requirements in Pennsylvania require that earth moving activities implement Best Management Practices to minimize erosion during the disturbance of earth. A majority of the projects at the Slippery Rock Community Park will be disturbing less than five (5) acres with no new point source discharges to waters of the Commonwealth, so a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit will not be required. However, the realignment of Boller Drive may require such permit. The proposed activities at the Brady Township will require NPDES permit while the Poplar Forest Mini-Park will require only Erosion and Sedimentation Plan review.

The municipalities will need to coordinate with the Butler County Conservation District (BCCD) to initiate an Erosion and Sedimentation Plan review and NPDES permit as required. The BCCD Technical Review Fee Schedule can be accessed via the internet at:

<http://www.bccdonline.org/feeschedule/feescheduleNov2008.html>.

A Wetland Delineation Report for Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation was prepared in 2002 by Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. This report specifically focused on the 11.25 acres of Slippery Rock Park adjacent to the Slippery Rock Area Elementary School. The report concluded that a wetland meadow and accompanying marsh existed on the site, and wetland areas were delineated in the field with flagging; no mapping was conducted. Due to the duration of time which has passed and the fact that no jurisdictional determination has been conducted on the site, it will be necessary to conduct another wetland delineation report and subsequent jurisdictional determination prior to construction within this area.

OPINION OF PROBABLE COSTS

Design and Construction Costs

The estimates for construction are an opinion of probable costs, using current (2010) construction prices for similar project types. These subtotals should be used as budget numbers for development. Final costs will be a result of detailed engineering and design, the specific materials identified for construction and labor and market rates.

Cost estimates will be affected by many elements including but not limited to the following:

- Number of bidding contractors
- Supply and demand of the local market
- Bidding time (when contractors are busy, prices are typically higher)
- Scope of the project
- Site location and ease of access to the site
- Total quantities being installed
- Environmental concerns and permitting
- Inflation

Although the estimates have been developed using public bid unit costs, some of these projects can be completed by Public Works, volunteer groups, and through in-kind donations of equipment and material to reduce the total cost. [Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#), [Table 4.3: 19 Acre Site in Brady Township Opinion of Probable Costs](#) and [Table 4.4: Poplar Forest Mini-Park Opinion of Probable Costs](#) are detailed cost estimates for construction of the proposed Master Planned Alternatives.

The cost estimate for the Slippery Rock Community Park reflects a phased sequence of implementation. The phases, identified as prioritized projects, have been developed to provide the land owner with a monetarily manageable set of smaller projects that can be implemented to achieve the desired end-product. Priority projects have been programmed into groups of projected years for completion; the prioritization has been reviewed and approved by the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Board.

A majority of the prioritized projects associated with the Slippery Rock Community Park will require items such as clearing and grubbing and demolition, erosion and sediment pollution control, cut/fill operations, new topsoil and seed and mulch. A 28% mark-up has been added to the sub-total for each of these projects to address these costs.

The cost estimates for the 19 acre site in Brady Township and the Poplar Forest Min-Park have been divided between site preparation and proposed improvements at each site. This approach has been taken since the improvements at these sites can be considered one holistic project on each site. The 19 acre site in Brady Township is a long range (10-15 yrs.) implementation project and the Poplar Forest Min-Park is a medium range (5-9 yrs.) implantation project.

Table 4.2: Slippery Rock Community Park Opinion of Probable Costs

Project Description ¹	Qty.	Unit	Unit Cost	Total
Prioritized Project #1 – Signage (yrs. 1-4)				
<i>New Park Signage at Grove City Road (including landscaping)</i>	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
<i>New Park Signage at N. Main Street (including landscaping)</i>	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
<i>Wayfinding Signage/Kiosks - Inside Park Boundaries</i>	2	EA	\$5,000	\$10,000
<i>Directional Signage - Outside Park Boundaries</i>	5	LS	\$1,000	\$5,000
			Sub-Total	\$35,000
Prioritized Project #2 – Rotary Pavilion, Restroom; and Playground (yrs. 1-4)				
<i>Restroom/Amphitheater Overlook Building</i>	1	LS	\$100,000	\$100,000
<i>(40' x 30' w/ Male/Female Facilities, Overlook w/ Utility Chase and Storage)</i>				
<i>New Playground at Rotary Pavilion</i>				
Playground Equipment	1	LS	\$20,000	\$20,000
Safety Surface (engineered wood fiber)				
			Sub-Total²	\$161,280
Prioritized Project #3 – Trails (yrs. 1-4)				
<i>8' Crushed Gravel Trails Within the Park (2" No. 10 Surface, 6" 2A Subbase); Cost Include Benches Along Trail</i>				
Phase 1 - Recreation Center/Office Connection to Softball Fields	2,850	SY	\$18	\$51,300
Phase 2 - Softball Field Connection to Football Field and Amphitheater	1,900	SY	\$18	\$34,200
Phase 3 - Recreation Center/Office Connection to Football Field and Amphitheater	1,425	SY	\$18	\$25,650
Phase 4 - Park Connections into the Community	3,325	SY	\$18	\$59,850
			Sub-Total²	\$218,880
Prioritized Project #4 – Improvements to Existing Parking Lot (yrs. 1-4)				
<i>Improve Existing Lot at Recreation Center, Park Office Building and Food Pantry</i>	1	LS	\$30,000	\$30,000
<i>(re-pave existing lot and re-stripe to maximize parking spaces)</i>				
			Sub-Total²	\$38,400

Project Description ¹	Qty.	Unit	Unit Cost	Total
Prioritized Project #5 – Basketball Court and Pavilion (yrs. 1-4)				
<i>New Basketball Court (can be utilized for deck hockey)</i>	1	EA	\$30,000	\$30,000
(84' x 50' with clear zones, Regulation High School, includes surface/fence/hoops)				
<i>New Pavilion at Basketball Courts</i>	1	EA	\$25,000	\$25,000
(20' x 20' Pavilion with Shingle Roof, Reinforced Concrete Pad and Electric Utility)	1	EA	\$30,000	\$30,000
			Sub-Total²	\$70,400
Prioritized Project #6 – Parking and Driveway Improvements (yrs. 5-9)				
<i>Gravel Surface for Parking and Drive Aisles (includes re-alignment of parking/drives on Park's ridge, new lot at amphitheater, and maintenance access road)</i>	14,500	SY	\$20	\$290,000
(6" AASHTO #1 coarse aggregate base; spread and roll new 2A stone @ 2" depth, total assumes 20% of existing surface can be utilized)				
<i>Trees along Boller Drive access from Grove City Road</i>	10	EA	\$400	\$4,000
			Sub-Total²	\$376,320
Prioritized Project #7 – New Amphitheater (yrs. 5-9)				
<i>New Amphitheater (includes re-grade of existing amphitheater area)</i>	1	LS	\$35,000	\$35,000
(30' x 20' raised stage and terraced lawn area; wooden benches)				
			Sub-Total²	\$44,800
Prioritized Project #8 – Wetland Overlook and Connection to Elementary School (yrs. 5-9)				
<i>New Wetland Overlook Area/Connection to Elementary School</i>				
Raised Boardwalk (12' width, elevated, 550 LF)	6,600	SF	\$22	\$145,200
Raised Concrete Platform (30' x 30', steel supports, pilings/foundation and railings)	1	LS	\$53,000	\$53,000
New Overlook Pavilion (10' x 20')	1	LS	\$15,000	\$15,000
Interpretive Signage	1	LS	\$2,500	\$2,500
Garden Areas at Trail/Park Entryways	5	LS	\$1,500	\$7,500
<i>Miscellaneous Signage Along Trail (Mileage Markers and Location)</i>	10	LS	\$200	\$2,000
			Sub-Total²	\$288,256

Project Description ¹	Qty.	Unit	Unit Cost	Total
Prioritized Project #9 – Soccer Field Pavilion and Restroom/Concession Building (yrs. 5-9)				
<i>New Pavilion at Soccer Field</i>	1	LS	\$30,000	\$30,000
(20' x 30' Pavilion with Shingle Roof, Reinforced Concrete Pad and Electric Utility)				
<i>New Restroom/Concession at Soccer Field</i>	1	LS	\$250,000	\$250,000
(Male/Female Facilities, concession area with water and electric utilities, utility extensions included)				
<i>Improve Drainage at existing Softball and Soccer Fields</i>				
Earthwork	800	CY	\$23	\$18,400
Underdrains and yard drains	1,000	LF	\$25	\$25,000
Sub-Total²				\$413,952
Prioritized Project #10 – Tot-Lot at Football/Soccer Field (yrs. 5-9)				
<i>New Tot Lot at Football/Soccer Field</i>				
Play Equipment - Playworld Systems	1	LS	\$25,000	\$25,000
Safety Surface (engineered wood fiber)	4,000	SF	\$3.00	\$12,000
Vinyl Coated Chain Link Fence with Gate	260	LF	\$25	\$6,500
Sub-Total				\$43,500
Prioritized Project #11 – Patio at Football/Soccer Concession/Restroom Building (yrs. 10-15)				
<i>New Patio Area at Football/Soccer Field Concession Building</i>				
Patio Surface (decorative concrete)	70	SY	\$120	\$8,400
Ornamental Trees in Decorative Pots	6	EA	\$2,000	\$12,000
Site Furniture (tables, chairs and umbrellas)	10	EA	\$1,800	\$18,000
Trash Receptacles	3	EA	\$850	\$2,550
Sub-Total				\$40,950
Prioritized Project #12 – Patio at Baseball Field Concession/Restroom Building (yrs. 10-15)				
<i>New Patio Area at Baseball Fields Concession Building</i>				
Patio Surface (decorative concrete)	40	SY	\$120	\$4,800
Site Furniture (tables, chairs and umbrellas)	5	EA	\$1,800	\$9,000
Trash Receptacles	2	EA	\$850	\$1,700
Sub-Total				\$15,500
Prioritized Project #13 – New Large Pavilion (yrs. 10-15)				
<i>New Pavilion at Location of Removed Playground</i>	1	EA	\$75,000	\$75,000
(60' x 30' Pavilion with Shingle Roof, Reinforced Concrete Pad and Electric Utility)				
Sub-Total²				\$96,000

Northwest Butler County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan

Project Description ¹	Qty.	Unit	Unit Cost	Total
Prioritized Project #14 – New Picnic Pavilions (yrs. 10-15)				
<i>New Pavilions at skating pond (beneath trees at park entrance from N. Main St.)</i>	4	EA	\$11,500	\$46,000
(10' x 10' Pavilion with Shingle Roof, Reinforced Concrete Pad)				
Sub-Total				\$46,000
Prioritized Project #15- Realignment of Boller Drive and Community Facilities Area (yrs. 10-15)				
<i>Asphalt and Pavement markings (Boller Drive from N. Main to Grove City Road)</i>	6,200	SY	\$60	\$372,000
<i>Asphalt and Pavement markings (Parking at Recreation Center and Park Office)</i>	3,000	SY	\$60	\$180,000
<i>Concrete Mountable Curb - Between Parking and Pedestrian Pathways</i>	300	LF	\$28	\$8,400
<i>Landscaping (Trees) Along Drive and at Parking Areas</i>	60	EA	\$400	\$24,000
<i>Raised Pedestrian Crossings (Traffic Calming Features)</i>	3	LS	\$15,000	\$45,000
(Raised Speed Table with Asphalt Taper and Brick Crosswalk)				
<i>Remove Existing Maintenance Building</i>	1	LS	\$15,000	\$15,000
<i>New Maintenance Building (50' x 40' structure)</i>	2,000	SF	\$80	\$160,000
<i>Relocation of Existing Playground Equipment</i>	1	LS	\$20,000	\$20,000
<i>Safety Surface at New Playground Location (engineered wood fiber)</i>	8,000	SF	\$3	\$24,000
Sub-Total²				\$1,085,952
Total				\$2,975,190
Plus a 10% Construction Contingency				\$3,272,709
Investigation and Design Services				
Site Engineering and Design (10% Tot)	1	LS	\$327,271	\$327,271
Construction Survey Layout (2% Tot)	1	LS	\$65,454	\$65,454
Construction Inspection and Management (part-time services) (9% Tot)	1	LS	\$294,544	\$294,544
Grand Total				\$3,959,978
Notes:				
¹ The list of projects has been developed in a prioritized fashion based on the project's importance in the overall re-development of the park, its ability to generate revenue and its ability to stimulate community involvement.				
² The Sub-Total cost for each project includes a 28% mark-up for the following: clearing, grubbing and demolition; erosion and sediment pollution control; cut/fill operations; new topsoil, seed and mulch.				

Table 4.3: 19-Acre Parcel in Brady Township Opinion of Probable Costs

Project Description	Qty.	Unit	Unit Cost	Total
Site Preparation (cost includes the 300' x 200' open play area) – Year 1-2				
<i>Clearing and Grubbing</i>	5	AC	\$5,000	\$25,000
<i>Erosion and Sedimentation Control (includes basin)</i>	1	LS	\$20,000	\$20,000
<i>Earth Cut and Fill Operation</i>	14,200	CY	\$23	\$326,600
<i>New Topsoil (Furnished and Placed)</i>	623	CY	\$40	\$24,900
<i>Seed & Mulch Disturbed Earth</i>	7,500	SY	\$1.25	\$9,375
			Sub-Total	\$405,875
Roads, Parking and Traffic Control – Year 2				
Gravel Surface/Access Road, Parking and Maintenance Yard (6" AASHTO #1 coarse aggregate base; spread and roll new 2A stone @ 2" depth)	4,025	SY	\$20	\$80,500
Concrete Mountable Curb - Between Parking and Pedestrian Pathways	150	LF	\$28	\$4,200
Park Entrance Signage	1	LS	\$2,500	\$2,500
Trail Entrance Gate at Parking Lot (two, 6' wide Farm Gates)	2	EA	\$750	\$1,500
			Sub-Total	\$88,700
Trail – Year 5				
<i>8' Crushed Gravel Trail (2" No. 10 Surface, 6" 2A Crushed Limestone Subbase); Cost Include Benches Along Trail</i>	2,346	SY	\$18	\$42,228
<i>Trees Along Trail</i>	15	EA	\$400	\$6,000
<i>Garden Areas at Pathway Intersections</i>	2	LS	\$2,500	\$5,000
			Sub-Total	\$53,228
			Total	\$547,803
			Plus a 10% Construction Contingency	\$602,583
Investigation and Design Services				
Site Engineering and Design (10% Tot)	1	LS	\$60,258	\$60,258
Construction Survey Layout (2% Tot)	1	LS	\$12,052	\$12,052
Construction Inspection and Management (part-time services) (9% Tot)	1	LS	\$54,232	\$54,232
			Grand Total	\$729,126

Project Description	Qty.	Unit	Unit Cost	Total
Alternate Bid Items – Year 2-4				
<i>New Municipal Building (60' x 80' structure, two-stories)</i>	9,600	SF	\$150	\$1,440,000
Utilities to Building				
Water (well)	1	EA	\$20,000	\$20,000
Septic	1	EA	\$10,000	\$10,000
Electric	500	LF	\$80	\$40,000
Concrete Sidewalk (at building frontage and lower level patio)	650	SY	\$150	\$97,500
Reinforced Concrete Steps	50	SY	\$250	\$12,500
Handrail at Steps	120	LF	\$80	\$9,600
<i>New Maintenance Building (80' x 30' structure)</i>	2,400	SF	\$80	\$192,000
Utilities to Building	1	LS	\$7,500	\$7,500
Sub-Total				\$1,829,100

Table 4.4: Poplar Forest Mini-Park Opinion of Probable Costs

Project Description	Qty.	Unit	Unit Cost	Total
Site Preparation (cost includes the 75' x 100' open play area) – Year 1				
<i>Clearing and Grubbing (includes demolition of existing field)</i>	0.25	AC	\$5,000	\$1,250
<i>Erosion and Sedimentation Control</i>	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
<i>Earth Cut and Fill Operation</i>	650	CY	\$23	\$14,950
<i>New Topsoil (Furnished and Placed)</i>	208	CY	\$40	\$8,300
<i>Seed & Mulch Disturbed Earth</i>	2,500	SY	\$1.25	\$3,125
Sub-Total				\$32,625
Trail, Signage, Tot Lot – Year 1-2				
<i>8' Crushed Gravel Trail (2" No. 10 Surface, 6" 2A Crushed Limestone Subbase); Cost Include Benches Along Trail</i>	1,350	SY	\$18	\$24,300
<i>Landscape Plantings</i> (groups of 7 Canopy Trees, 5 Understory Trees and 30 Shrubs)	7	EA	\$4,800	\$33,600
<i>Park Entrance Signage</i>	1	LS	\$2,500	\$2,500
<i>Garden Areas (at entrance signage and trail intersection in park parcel)</i>	1	LS	\$2,000	\$2,000
<i>Tot Lot</i>				
Playground Equipment	1	LS	\$16,500	\$16,500
Safety Surface (engineered wood fiber)	3,000	SF	\$3	\$9,000
Vinyl Coated Chain Link Fence with Gate	220	LF	\$25	\$5,500
Bicycle Rack	1	EA	\$850	\$850
Sub-Total				\$94,250
Total				\$126,875
Plus a 10% Construction Contingency				\$139,563
Project Description ¹	Qty.	Unit	Unit Cost	Total
Investigation and Design Services				
Site Engineering and Design (5% Tot)	1	LS	\$13,956	\$13,956
Construction Survey Layout (2% Tot)	1	LS	\$2,791	\$2,791
Construction Inspection and Management (part-time services) (3% Tot)	1	LS	\$12,561	\$12,561
Grand Total				\$168,871

Funding

The question at the forefront of any recreational improvement project in a small community is arguably, "How are we going to pay for these improvements?" A list of possible funding sources is included in *Appendix D-1: Funding Sources*.

Operations and Maintenance Costs

It is important to note that perpetual operations and maintenance costs of all existing and proposed park amenities must be an integral part of annual budgets to ensure that adequate funding and manpower are available. Without this foresight, the master planning and implementation effort will fall short of its potential.

Improvements at the Slippery Rock Community Park are more extensive with the construction of restroom and concession facilities, pavilions and paved roads and gravel parking areas. [Table 4.5: Operations and Maintenance Costs, and Annual Revenue](#) outlines the estimated costs for maintenance and operations of proposed facilities, as well as projected annual revenue. The costs have been developed based on projects of similar nature, as well as discussions with Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation.

Table 4.5: Operations & Maintenance Costs, and Annual Revenue

Prioritized Project # and Proposed Improvement	Annual Operations Cost	Annual Maintenance Cost	Annual Revenue*
Prioritized Project #2 – Rotary Pavilion (no utilities)	N/A	\$1.50/SF (painting and minor repairs)	\$2,720.00
Prioritized Project #3 – Trails	N/A	\$1.00/SY (resurfacing)	N/A
Prioritized Project #5 – Basketball Court	N/A	\$.35/SF (surface clean/seal)	\$100-\$500 per team
Prioritized Project #6 – Gravel Roads/Parking Areas	N/A	\$1.50/SY (resurfacing)	N/A
Prioritized Project #9 – New Large Pavilion (with utilities)	\$100.00 (electric and water)	\$1.50/SF (painting and minor repairs)	\$2,720.00
Prioritized Project #9 – Restroom/Concessions Building	\$350.00 (electric and water)	\$2.00/SF (painting and minor repairs)	N/A (Rec. Organizations Operate)
Prioritized Project #13 – New Large Pavilion (with utilities)	\$100.00 (electric and water)	\$1.50/SF (painting and minor repairs)	\$2,720.00

Prioritized Project # and Proposed Improvement	Annual Operations Cost	Annual Maintenance Cost	Annual Revenue*
Prioritized Projects #2, #10 and #15 – Playground Areas	N/A	\$1.00/SF (resurfacing and minor repairs)	N/A
<i>*See Chapter 3 Needs Assessment, Action Item #8.5 for additional information regarding revenue</i>			

Typically the annual operations and maintenance costs for all facilities are the responsibility of the property owner. However, in the case of Slippery Rock Community Park, these costs are absorbed by the recreational organizations who utilize the park facilities. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation collect field usage and player fees from each organization, as well as invoice for electric utility costs for the restroom concessions buildings adjacent to the fields being used. Routine cleaning, concession and restroom supplies and operation are all the responsibility of the recreation organizations. Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation in turn employs a single maintenance person responsible for oversight and maintenance of the entire park.

This scenario presents the Slippery Rock Community Park with a unique opportunity; the proposed restroom, concession and pavilion facilities will cost the park little to operate and maintain, while increasing the marketability of the park to potential recreational organizations.

Annual operation and maintenance costs at the 19 acre site in Brady Township and the Poplar Forest Mini-Park will be minimal since the primary improvements are trails at each site, a gravel road and parking area at the Brady Township site and a tot-lot at the Poplar Forest site. The operations and maintenance costs for the improvements will be the same as those listed in [Table 4.5: Operations and Maintenance Costs, and Annual Revenue](#).

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Appendix A-1: Stakeholder Summary

Dave Johnston
Butler County Planning Commission

Gary Pinkerton
Butler County Parks & Recreation

Jason Jamison
Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation Baseball

Steve Lawniczac
Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation Football

Mike Magliocca
Slippery Rock Soccer Association

Beth Meals
Slippery Rock Eels Swim Team

Stacy McLaughlin
Girl Scouts

Jean Conlon
Girl Scouts

Ken Hertzog
Moraine Conservation and Sportsmen's Club
Property Owner (adjacent to Brady Twp. site)

Jerry Donovan
Harrisville Community Park

Betty Angelina
Camp Crestfield

Andy Zadnik
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

Jeremy Rekich
Moraine State Park

Greg Sferra
Slippery Rock University
Aebersold Recreation Center

Switchback Raceway, LLC

Mike Rogers
Roger's Rifle, Rod & Reel

Bob McFeaters
Shamrock Golf Course

Shawn Irland
SR Sportsmen's Club

Todd Heinsberg
Rock Falls Park

Jim Hughs
Camp Bucoco

Mike Morano
Slippery Rock Lanes

Mike McFeaters
Slippery Rock Raceway

Dave Barnhouse
Slippery Rock Baptist Church

Jessie Horne
Oakview Golf Club

Eric Hillard
Prospect Boys & Girls Club

John Huselton
Slippery Rock Dunes

Mike Johnson
YMCA Camp/ARMCO Park

Dave Johnson
Jennings Environmental
Education Center

Jim Kushner
Slippery Rock University
Lifelong Learning

Appendix A-1: Stakeholder Summary

1. What makes your community a good place to live?

Small town	(6)
Location	(5)
University	(5)
Tight knit community	(3)
Quiet	(3)
People	(3)
Low crime rate	(3)
Rural Atmosphere	(2)
Activities/Programs	(2)
Country Flair	
New library when built	
University programs	
Lake Arthur	
Park	
Weekends busy	
Educational & cultural	
Low Taxes	
Weather	

2. Have you or your family used the community park or participated in any of the community programs?

Yes __12__ No __3__

a. If yes, what facilities have you used?

Baseball	(4)
Playground	(3)
Basketball	
Most of the Park	
Facilities used for church programs	
Use meeting room	
Football – uses field for practice, High School for games	

b. If yes, what programs did you participate in?

Preschool program	(2)
After school program	(2)
Basketball	
Ride bikes	
Face Painting	
Egg Hunt	
Cupcakes	
Cleanup	
School activities	

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Musical
Football
Hoop heroes
Computer
Plays
Watermelon Wednesdays
Swimming

c. If you haven't used the facilities or participated in the programs, why not?

Live in Grove City
Not familiar with programs and facilities

3. What age groups appear to be best recreationally served? Least served?

Everyone is served pretty well
All ages served in Moraine

Best

Youth (10)
College (2)
Older Adult
Preschool

Least

Seniors (7)
Teens (6)
Preschool (2)
Adults (2)
Youth – sports but little else

4. What future recreation/park opportunities would you like to see initiated?

Facilities

Swimming pool (3)
More summer activities (2)
Dog park
Ice rink
Outdoor basketball court
Indoor facility
Playgrounds
Tennis courts
Walking trails
Gym in park
Lights on football and baseball fields
Additional field space
Picnic pavilion
Better access to facilities
Eliminate park road as a throughway
More work on fields
Jennings – dog walk

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Programs

Senior programs
Summer camps – low cost
Swimming opportunities for adult/senior
More music programs
More cultural programs
Art classes
Computer classes

5. In your opinion, what key issues are hampering the development of parks and recreation opportunities in your community?

Funding (6)
Lack of space (5)
Publicity (2)
Cost of programs (2)
Traffic
Geared toward University instead of community
Lack of volunteers for football and baseball
Lack of facilities
Need for Mandatory Dedication
Lack of water/sewage
Can't expand

6. How important do you think the of cooperation between the city, the school district, athletic association, churches, businesses and other organizations is to development of quality parks and recreational opportunities?

 6 Very Important 4 Important Somewhat Important Not Important

Not aware of existing cooperation
Lines get blurred with school vs. park programs

7. Would you/your organization be willing to partnership with the community in the development of the Comprehensive Recreation, Park & Open Space Plan and the future of recreation in the community?

Yes 9 No

Working with Baseball (2)
Willing to partner with Program
Forget-Me-Not Garden – daughter built bridge 1999
New stone for leader that passed away 2002
Girl Scouts continue to maintain
Fundraiser
Involved in Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan

Appendix A-1: Stakeholder Summary

8. Where do you see your community being in the area of parks and recreation in the next five to ten years?

Need for more recreation (2)
More growth
More land for parks
Brady Township – ½ Moraine, 27 miles of roads
Depends on infrastructure/lack of water & sewage
New library built
More activities
Free programs
Not going to change
Change in commercial area
Potential to expand and become more integrated into community
Slippery Rock area growing – not enough room to expand; need to purchase additional property for ball fields and soccer fields
Some expansion in key areas
Residential expansion
More people involved
More community cooperation
Basketball Court
Tennis Court
Pavilions

9. Comments/ Recommendations/Suggestions

Abersol Center programs and prices are good
Baseball fields – need major work (infield mix)
Need ADA accessible restrooms
Correct drainage issues
Parking is a problem when 2 or 3 games going
Difficult getting volunteers
Breaking ground for 12,000 sq.ft. gym
University easier to deal with than school district
40 – 45 Home School families – don't receive program information
Own 3 acres surrounded by Township property – Brady Township Park
Nothing done to property – Brady Township Park
Need Township building and garage, Township has no emergency mgmt. services
Brady Township Park – Ball Park excavated & laid out, horseback riding trails, sledding
Girl Scout project spread throughout the community
Need more publicity
ARMCO offering more programs
School District won't let Girl Scouts hand out flyers
Website
Newsletters
Old Stone House – University
Girl Scouts maintain elementary garden

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Girl Scouts losing numbers
Girl Scouts help with programs
Continue to what you are doing
Red Cross programs good
Forget-Me-Not Garden – no plans for expansion
Get troops to adopt part of the garden
Area strength - programs offered year around for all ages – run smoothly
Good programs, but don't take advantage of most of them
Need soccer fields close to existing park – combine travel programs halfway between Prospect & Harrisville.
Slippery Rock Community Park – no soccer association
Roads inhibitive for walking
Walking/travel distances a problem
Parks Department offers a good diversity of programs
Place signs at park entrances for football and baseball signups
Publicity an issue – schools, Tri-County News, banners
Seek grants & contributions
Develop a relationship with Harrisville Park
Establish a non- resident fee or three tier fee structure
Other Townships need to look at obtaining property
Need to understand and apply for grants
People living here are use to being outdoors/many have larger properties
Centennial Day Race
Tractors in parade
Various forms of advertising – unsuccessful
Work with Director to set up programs
Slippery Rock Community Park – some things falling by the wayside, doing their best on upkeep
Facilities decent

Appendix A-2: Public Meetings Summary

Public Meeting #1: Monday, May 18, 2009

Open House 6pm – 8pm

Registration Table

23 people signed in for the public meeting. See attached sign-in sheet.

Station 1: PowerPoint Presentation

A presentation was given that summarized the project background, planning process, as well as the public meeting survey results.

Station 2: Park Master Site Plans

Draft master site plans of the following three sites were on display for review and comment. See revised draft Master Site Plans.

Slippery Rock Community Park
2-acre site in Slippery Rock Borough
19-acre Brady Township Site

Station 3: Issues Identification

Three maps were on display asking residents to identify needs related to parks and recreation facilities, programming, and trails/pathways.

Map 1: Parks and Recreation Facilities

Where do people want a new Park?

- Brady Township (1)
- Slippery Rock Borough (1)
- Slippery Rock Township (8)
 - Near Rock Falls Park (3)
- West Liberty Borough (1)
- Worth Township (1)

What type of facilities do people most want to see in that park?

1. Dog Park
2. Skate Park
3. Trails
4. Environmental Area
5. Pavilions/Picnic Areas
6. Community Center
7. Nothing – Maintain Passive Open Space
8. Playgrounds
9. Other
 - a. Water Park
 - b. Library Expansion

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- c. Improve Amphitheatre
- d. Deck Hockey
- e. Zip Line
- f. Ice Hockey Rink

Map 2: Recreation Programs

Where do people want to participate in new programs?

- Slippery Rock Park (3)
- Moraine State Park (2)
- Rock Falls Park (2)
- Camp Crestfield (2)
- Jennings (1)

What type of programs do people most want to offered?

- 1. Educational Programs
- 2. Fitness Programs
- 3. Family Oriented Programs
- 4. Senior Programs
- 5. Computer Programs

Map 3: Trails & Greenways

Where do people want to see new trails and/or connections?

- Slippery Rock Dunes (ATV)
- Moraine State Park (North Country Trail)
- Rock Falls Park
- Jennings
- West Liberty Borough
 - Along Slippery Rock Creek
- Slippery Rock Borough
 - Slippery Rock Park
 - Northern neighborhoods
- Slippery Rock Township
 - SRU
 - Schools
 - Liberty Road/Slippery Rock Road

What type of trails do you want to see developed? Where?

- 1. Construct Sidewalks
 - a. Liberty Road to Main Street
 - b. Near Slippery Rock Elementary
 - c. Weathermane to SRU
 - d. Applewood north to Slippery Rock downtown

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- e. Extend sidewalks throughout Borough and into Township
- f. Repair sidewalks along Main Street in Borough
- g. SR 173 to Rock Falls Park
- h. Applewood Meadows to SR 173
- i. Applewood Lane to Liberty Road
- 2. On Road Bikeways
 - a. Slippery Rock to Armco Park
 - b. Slippery Rock to West Liberty Road
 - c. Rock Falls Park to Jennings
- 3. Develop Regional Trails to Connect Communities
 - a. Slippery Rock to Moraine
 - b. Slippery Rock to Jennings
 - c. Jennings to Rock Falls Park
 - d. Slippery Rock to SRU (new walking trail on campus)
- 4. Develop Trails within Parks
 - a. Southside of Moraine State Park

Station 4: Municipal Representation

Representatives from each of the five municipalities were available to discuss the project as well as survey results by municipality.

Station 5: Moraine State Park

Moraine State Park representatives were on hand to answer any questions and discuss programming opportunities at the park.

Station 6: Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park

Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park representatives were on hand to answer any questions and discuss programming opportunities at the park.

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Sign-In

	Name	Mailing Address	Email Address
1	Al M. McManis	958 Centerville Ave	
2	Don Opalewski	295 Lindey Rd.	
3	Jim Graham	593 Slippery Rock Rd Slippery Rock, PA 16057	
4	Chris Coton	123 Cemetery Road Slippery Rock 16057	
5	Deanne McGuire-Conlon	113 Applewood Ln Slippery Rock, PA 16057	
6	Michael P. Conlon	113 Applewood Lane Slippery Rock PA 16057	
7	Goodman Probst	TRILLED NEWS PO Box 190 Grandview PA 16129	
8	Todd Heinsberg	PO. Box 632 Slippery Rock, PA 16057	
9	Ron Lighthner	P.O. Box 236 SLIPPERY ROCK PA 16057	
10	Royce Lawrence	306 Vermont Av SLIPPERY ROCK, PA 16057	

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Sign-In

	Name	Mailing Address	Email Address
11	Paul Allen	873 New Double Rock Rd. Shirley Rock 16057	
12	Jan Forrest	638 S. Main St. SR	
13	Jim GREEN	Box 203 Shirley Rock	
14	Molly Breakiron	458 Center St SR	
15	Sue Mraz	113 Old Forge Rd.	
16	Christy Tichy	325 E. Water St SR	
17	Gary ELLIS	105 Old Forge Rd SR	
18	Mike Ellis	105 Old Forge Rd Shirley Rock	
19	Carol Lambert	105 Bradman Hts SR	
20	Mary & Bill Blansett	208 Center St. SR	

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Sign-In

	Name	Mailing Address	Email Address
21	Kenneth Harris	436 Center St, SR PA 16057	
22	Cornie Melles	1021 New Castle Rd Sleepy Rock PA 16057	
23	Margaret Maslyn Wilson Emerson Tuten	144 W. Liberty Street Sleepy Rock PA 16057	
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Appendix A-2: Public Meetings Summary

Public Meeting #2: Monday, October 19, 2009

7pm

Registration Table

13 people signed in to the public meeting. See attached sign-in sheet.

PowerPoint Presentation

A presentation was given that summarized the project background, planning process, public input results, and the proposed recommendations and action plan.

Questions & Answers

- Question 1: Do the population figures include Slippery Rock University population?
 - No, the student population was removed in the percentages shown.
- There is no parking provided for at the 2-acre site in Slippery Rock Borough – where will people park?
 - The park is designed to be a mini-park and be used by the adjacent neighborhood. There is no room for parking within the property that was donated to the Borough. There may be a possibility for the Borough to partner with the adjacent Church and share their parking lot.
- Does the plan look at using roadways as bike lanes, such as Kelly Boulevard?
 - Yes, the plan identifies and maps a few roads that were identified as possible bicycle routes. Information is also provided regarding standard widths for bike lanes, etc.
- Does the plan take green design principles into account?
 - Yes – the DCNR Green Principles are cited as well as used where applicable. For example, native plant species are recommended for all of the parks and a list is provided. In addition, there are recommended open space areas, natural areas, and possible wetland interpretation areas.
 - May need to look at providing visual screening/enhancement in the area “B” on the Slippery Rock Community Park Master Site Plan. There is a 75 foot right-of-way, but has bad soils and needs plants that are conducive.
- There is Japanese knotweed in the park – does the plan address this?
 - Yes, the plan notes it and recommends management strategies.
 - The representative from Moraine State Park offered technical assistance.

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Sign-In

	Name	Representing	Email Address
1	John MARTIN	WORTH TWP	
2	Carl Rodgers Sr	Worth Twp	
3	Jesse Allen	Brady Township	
4	Jan Forrest	SR borough	
5	Tue Denton	SR township	
6	Dan Bockel	Moraine State Park	
7	Steph Rex	Butler Eagle	
8	MARK Willis	Brady Twp	
9	MARY PODUSANSKI	W LIBERTY BORO	
10	TERRY DEER	SR. Twp.	

Northwest Butler County Parks Recreation Plan
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Sign-In

	Name	Representing	Email Address
11	Carol Ann Jones	Colleen N 2000	
12	Royce Roberts	S. R. BROWN 14	
13	Dan Opalewski	Brady Tapp	
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Appendix A-3: Public Survey Results

Public Survey

Survey Results for Entire Project Area

Survey Results for Brady Township

Survey Results for Slippery Rock Borough

Survey Results for Slippery Rock Township

Survey Results for West Liberty Borough

Survey Results for Worth Township

——-PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES——-

1. Where do you live? (Please check only 1)

Brady Twp

☐

Slippery Rock Boro

☐

Slippery Rock Twp

☐

West Liberty Boro

☐

Worth Twp

☐

2. How important is recreation to you and your family? (Please check 1)

Very Important

☐

Important

☐

Somewhat Important

☐

Not at All

☐

3. Overall, do you feel that parks and recreation is adequate in your community? Yes ☐ No ☐

4. How many times during the past year did you and/or members of your family visit the following parks? (Please check only 1 response for EACH park listed below)

	Never	1-4 times	5-10 times	More than 10 times
Slippery Rock Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moraine State Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennings Environmental Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
YMCA Armco Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slippery Rock University Recreation Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prospect Boys & Girls Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Harrisville Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5a. Which park do you visit the most? (please specify)

5b. Which of the following best describes why you go to that park most often? (Please check up to 3)

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Programs / Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnics / Pavilions | <input type="checkbox"/> Cabin Rentals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Sports / Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Festivals / Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking / Biking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Programs / Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Boating / Sailing / Surfing | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Programs / Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relax / Enjoy Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Park is close to home | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify _____) |

6. In which of the following communities would you like to see a new park? Please check ALL that apply.

Brady Twp

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Slippery Rock Boro

☐

Slippery Rock Twp

☐

West Liberty Boro

☐

Worth Twp

☐

7. Which of the following facilities would you most like to see in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check up to 3)

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails / Bikeways | <input type="checkbox"/> Bocce Courts | <input type="checkbox"/> More ball fields / courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skate Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing—Maintain Passive Open Space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park | <input type="checkbox"/> More Pavilions / Picnic Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gazebo | <input type="checkbox"/> More Amphitheatres | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center | <input type="checkbox"/> More Playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify _____) |

—RECREATION PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES—

8. Did you or anyone in your family participate in programs / activities at any of the following parks within the past year? (Please check ALL that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slippery Rock Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Moraine State Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Jennings Environmental Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Slippery Rock University | <input type="checkbox"/> Prospect Boys & Girls Club
<input type="checkbox"/> Harrisville Park
<input type="checkbox"/> YMCA Armco Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |
|---|---|

9. If yes, how did you hear about the programs / activities? (Please check ALL that apply)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Online / Web
<input type="checkbox"/> Flyers / Pamphlets
<input type="checkbox"/> Participation in Past Events
<input type="checkbox"/> Signs in Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Friends
<input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |
|--|---|

10. If no, why not? (Please check ALL that apply)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs are too hard to register
<input type="checkbox"/> Program times are inconvenient
<input type="checkbox"/> Programs / registration fees too expensive
<input type="checkbox"/> Programs not suitable to my age group
<input type="checkbox"/> Programs are not ADA / handicap friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs are not offered near my home
<input type="checkbox"/> Programs are not well publicized
<input type="checkbox"/> Programs offered are not what I am interested in
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |
|---|--|

11. If additional programs were to be offered in Northwestern Butler County, where would you be willing to go in order to participate? (Please check ALL that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slippery Rock Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Moraine State Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Jennings Environmental Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Brady Twp
<input type="checkbox"/> Worth Twp
<input type="checkbox"/> Slippery Rock Twp | <input type="checkbox"/> YMCA Armco Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Slippery Rock University Facility
<input type="checkbox"/> Slippery Rock School District Facility
<input type="checkbox"/> West Liberty Boro
<input type="checkbox"/> Slippery Rock Boro
<input type="checkbox"/> Other |
|--|--|

12. What age group(s) are under served by recreation programs in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check NO MORE than 2)

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool (0-5) | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (13-18) | <input type="checkbox"/> Adults (40-59) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adolescents (6-12) | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults (19-39) | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors (60 yrs +) |

13. Of the following programs / activities, which would you MOST like to see offered in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check NO MORE than 4. If you have a specific program in mind, please state it below.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool programs _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Adolescent programs _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth programs _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult programs _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult programs _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior programs _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Single's programs _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family oriented programs _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Day Camp _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer programs _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult sports leagues _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Fitness programs _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts & crafts _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance & drama programs _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Martial Arts programs _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational programs _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
|---|--|

——-RECREATION SUPPORT——-

14. Would you support your municipality making an annual monetary contribution to parks and recreation?

Yes ☐No ☐

15. Would you support the creation of a parks and recreation board that oversees parks and recreation in all five municipalities in Northwestern Butler County?

Yes ☐No ☐

16. Would you be willing to donate money to fund recreation improvements? (Please check one)

☐ Yes, to support efforts throughout the entire five municipality Northwestern Butler County region

☐ Yes, but only to support efforts within the municipality that I live in

☐ No, but I would provide volunteer support

☐ No, I would not donate money to recreation

17. If yes, how much would you be willing to contribute annually? (Please check one)

☐ More than \$500

☐ Between \$50 and \$100

☐ Between \$100 and \$500

☐ Less than \$50

——-HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION——-

18. Which age group best describes you?

Child (under 18 yrs)

☐

Young Adult (19-39 yrs)

☐

Adult (40-59 yrs)

☐

Seniors (60+ yrs)

☐

19. Including yourself, how many members of your household are in the following age groups?

Preschool
(under 5 yrs)

Adolescents
(6-12 yrs)

Youth
(13-18 yrs)

Young Adults
(19-39 yrs)

Adults
(40-59 yrs)

Seniors
(60 yrs)

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20. Please use the space below to provide any additional comments you have regarding parks and recreation in the Northwestern Butler County region.

THANK YOU!!!

—SLIPPERY ROCK PARK—

The following questions refer ONLY to Slippery Rock Park. In addition to the Northwestern Butler County Recreation Plan, a Master Site Plan is being developed for Slippery Rock Park that will provide recommendations for improving facilities, access, programming / activities, etc. within the Park itself. We ask that you take a few additional minutes to complete this portion of the survey.

1. How often do you or members of your family use the following facilities at Slippery Rock Park?

	Often	Seldom	Never		Often	Seldom	Never
Amphitheater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pavilions / Picnic Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basketball Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food Cupboard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Which factors prevent you from using facilities at Slippery Rock Park? (Please check ALL that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Park is too far from my home	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of trails / pathways
<input type="checkbox"/> Not well maintained	<input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism / graffiti
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdated facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Need more facilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Too crowded / facilities not available for use	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of parking
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety of equipment / facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of picnic facilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Do not feel safe in park	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of restrooms
<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of lighting at dusk / night	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Not handicap accessible (not ADA compliant)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____

3. Please rate your opinion of the following facilities in Slippery Rock Park:

	Excellent—no improvements needed	Adequate—minor improvements needed	Poor—major improvements needed
Recreation Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food Cupboard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amphitheater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pavilions / Picnic Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basketball Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Please tell us the facility that is need of the MOST improvement in Slippery Rock Park and why:

5. How do you get to Slippery Rock Park? (Please check ONE response)

Walk

☐

Bicycle

☐

Drive

☐

Drop Off

☐

Other (please specify)

☐**6. If you drive, where do you park? (Please check ONE response)**Parking Lot by
Rec Center☐Parking Area by
Football Field☐Parking Area by
Ball Fields☐Parking Area by
Soccer Field☐Along
Roadway☐

Other (please specify)

☐**7. Do you ever have trouble parking or finding a spot available?**Yes ☐No ☐**8. Did you or anyone in your family participate in programs or activities at Slippery Rock Park within the past year?**Yes ☐No ☐**9. How did you hear about the programs / activities? (Please check ALL that apply)**☐ Online (www.slipperyrockpark-rec.org)☐ Friends☐ Flyers / Pamphlets☐ Newspapers☐ Participation in Past Events☐ Other (please specify) _____☐ Signs in Slippery Rock Park☐ I do not hear about programs in the Park**10. Which of the following do you feel would be more effective in publicizing programs / activities?**☐ Email blast to past program participants☐ More signs in / around community☐ Direct mailings to households☐ Other (please specify) _____**——-BRADY TOWNSHIP PARK——-**

The final questions refer **ONLY** to a 15-acre site owned by Brady Township near the municipal building. A Master Site Plan is also being developed for this site and we are asking for input from Northwest Butler County residents to help us determine what facilities may be best suited for this area. We ask that you take a few additional minutes to complete the remainder of the survey. Thank you for your time and effort!

1. Which of the following facilities would you most like to see developed at this site? (Please check up to 3)☐ Amphitheatre☐ Playground☐ Multi-Purpose Field☐ Nothing—Maintain Passive Open Space☐ Flower Garden / Natural Area☐ Trails / Pathways☐ Gazebo☐ Other (please specify) _____☐ Pavilion / Picnic Area☐ Other (please specify) _____**2. Do you have any concerns or issues with the development of a public park in Brady Township?**

THANK YOU!!!

Appendix A-3: Public Survey Results

Results for Entire Project Area
Total of 322 surveys returned = 21% response rate

Question 1: Where do you live? (Please check only 1) (Please check 1)

- i. 22.7% – Brady Township (63 respondents)
- ii. 22.6% – Slippery Rock Borough (84 respondents)
- iii. 19.3% – Slippery Rock Township (80 respondents)
- iv. 34.3% – West Liberty Borough (34 respondents)
- v. 22.5% – Worth Township (61 respondents)

Question 2: How important is recreation to you and your family? (Please check 1)

- i. 41% – important
- ii. 30% – very important
- iii. 24% – somewhat
- iv. 5% – not at all

Question 3: Overall, do you feel that parks and recreation is adequate in your community? (Please check 1)

- i. 59% – Yes
- ii. 27% – No

Question 4: How many times during the past year did you and/or members of your family visit the following parks? (Please check only 1 response for EACH park listed below)

More than 10 times

- i. 25% – Slippery Rock University
- ii. 23% – Moraine State Park
- iii. 19% – Slippery Rock Community Park

5-10 times

- i. 19% – Slippery Rock University
- ii. 16% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 11% – Moraine State Park

1-4 times

- i. 47% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 38% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 30% – Jennings Environmental Center
- iv. 25% – Slippery Rock University
- v. 18% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- vi. 17% – Harrisville Community Park

Never

- i. 53% – Prospect Boys & Girls Club
- ii. 52% – Harrisville Community Park
- iii. 45% – Jennings Environmental Center
- iv. 41% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- v. 23% – Slippery Rock University
- vi. 21% – Slippery Rock Community Park

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Question 5a: Which park do you visit the most? (Please specify)

- i. 43% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 28% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 11% – Slippery Rock University

Question 5b: Which of the following best describes why you go to that park most often? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 59% – Close to home
- ii. 47% – Relax/enjoy nature
- iii. 29% – Picnics/pavilions
- iv. 26% – Hiking/biking
- v. 20% – Fishing
- vi. 18% – Festivals/events
- vii. 16% – Swimming
- viii. 15% – Youth sports & Adult programs
- ix. 15% – Other(playgrounds & walking was highest)

Question 6: In which of the following communities would you like to see a new park? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 33% – Slippery Rock Borough
- ii. 28% – Slippery Rock Township
- iii. 16% – Brady Township
- iv. 13% – Worth Township
- v. 10% – West Liberty Borough

Question 7: Which of the following facilities would you most like to see in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 53% – Trails/bikeways
- ii. 22% – More playgrounds
- iii. 20% – Nothing/maintain passive open space
- iv. 17% – Community Center
- v. 17% – Other (swimming pool was highest)
- vi. 15% – More pavilions/picnic areas
- vii. 15% – Dog park
- viii. 15% – Environmental areas
- ix. 11% – Skate park
- x. 11% – More ball fields

Question 8: Did you or anyone in your family participate in programs/activities at any of the following parks within the past year? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 43% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- ii. 41% – Slippery Rock University
- iii. 30% – Moraine State Park
- iv. 19% – Jennings Environmental Center
- v. 16% – Harrisville Community Park
- vi. 7% – Prospect Boys & Girls Club
- vii. 6% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park

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Question 9: If yes, how did you hear about the programs/activities? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 34% – Participation in past events
- ii. 30% – Flyers/pamphlets
- iii. 30% – Word of mouth
- iv. 27% – Newspapers
- v. 21% – Signs
- vi. 7% – Online/web

Question 10: If no, why not? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 11% – Not well publicized
- ii. 9% – Not offer programs of interest
- iii. 5% – Not suitable to age
- iv. 4% – Times inconvenient

Question 11: If additional programs were to be offered in Northwestern Butler County, where would you be willing to go in order to participate? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 70% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- ii. 62% – Moraine State Park
- iii. 57% – Slippery Rock University
- iv. 49% – Slippery Rock Township
- v. 44% – Jennings Environmental Center
- vi. 44% – Slippery Rock Borough
- vii. 43% – Slippery Rock Area School District Facilities
- viii. 36% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- ix. 24% – Worth Township
- x. 24% – Brady Township
- xi. 22% – West Liberty Borough

Question 12: What age group(s) are under served by recreation programs in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check NO MORE than 2)

- i. 33% – Seniors
- ii. 30% – Adults
- iii. 19% – Youth
- iv. 17% – Young adults
- v. 13% – Preschool
- vi. 11% – Adolescents

Question 13: Of the following programs/activities, which would you MOST like to see offered in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check NO MORE than 4)

- i. 32% – Fitness
- ii. 29% – Senior
- iii. 25% – Family
- iv. 24% – Adult
- v. 21% – Arts/crafts
- vi. 20% – Youth
- vii. 15% – Adult sports leagues
- viii. 15% – Educational

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- ix. 14% – Young adult & Preschool & Summer day camp
- x. 12% – Computer
- xi. 11% – Adolescent

Question 14: Would you support your municipality making an annual monetary contribution to parks and recreation?

- i. 56% – Yes
- ii. 36% – No

Question 15: Would you support the creation of a parks and recreation board that oversees parks and recreation in all five municipalities in Northwestern Butler County?

- i. 59% – Yes
- ii. 33% – No

Question 16: Would you be willing to donate money to fund recreation improvements? (Please check one)

- i. 30% – No
- ii. 25% – Yes to municipality
- iii. 19% – Yes to region
- iv. 18% – No but volunteer

Question 17: If yes, how much would you be willing to contribute annually? (Please check one)

- i. 65% – <\$50
- ii. 35% – \$50-\$100
- iii. 7% – \$100-\$500
- iv. 0% – >\$500

Question 18: Which age group best describes you?

- i. 47% – 40-59
- ii. 32% – >60
- iii. 15% – 19-39

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Slippery Rock Park

Question 1: How often do you or members of your family use the following facilities at Slippery Rock Park?

“Often” used facilities:

- i. 22% – Playgrounds
- ii. 14% – Library
- iii. 12% – Pavilions/Picnic & Recreation Center & Ball Fields

“Seldom” used facility?

- i. 37% – Pavilions/picnic areas
- ii. 24% – Playgrounds
- iii. 23% – Recreation Center
- iv. 22% – Library
- v. 17% – Amphitheatre
- vi. 13% – Ball Fields
- vii. 11% – Basketball Court

Question 2: Which factors prevent you from using facilities at Slippery Rock Park? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 25% – Lack of restrooms
- ii. 20% – Lack of trails/pathways
- iii. 16% – Need more facilities
- iv. 14% – Other (too busy/no interest)
- v. 12% – Outdated facilities

Question 3: Please rate your opinion of the following facilities in Slippery Rock Park:

Poor—major improvements needed

- i. 18% – Library
- ii. 12% – Recreation Center
- iii. 11% – Amphitheater
- iv. 8% – Basketball Court
- v. 7% – Pavilions/Picnic Areas
- vi. 5% – Playgrounds
- vii. 4% – Food Cupboard
- viii. 4% – Soccer Fields
- ix. 3% – Baseball/Softball Fields
- x. 3% – Football Field

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Adequate—minor improvements needed

- i. 35% – Pavilions/Picnic Areas
- ii. 33% – Playgrounds
- iii. 31% – Recreation Center
- iv. 28% – Baseball/Softball Fields
- v. 28% – Football Field
- vi. 25% – Library
- vii. 25% – Soccer Fields
- viii. 24% – Food Cupboard
- ix. 22% – Amphitheater
- x. 22% – Basketball Court

Question 4: Please tell us the facility that is need of the MOST improvement in Slippery Rock Park:

- i. 10% – Other (restrooms/walking paths)

Question 5: How do you get to Slippery Rock Park? (Please check ONE response)

- ii. 74% – Drive
- iii. 11% – Walk
- iv. 2% – Bike

Question 6: If you drive, where do you park? (Please check ONE response)

- i. 53% – Lot by Recreation Center
- ii. 11% – Near ball fields
- iii. 4% – Football/Soccer fields

Question 7: Do you ever have trouble parking or finding a spot available?

- i. 53% – No
- ii. 25% – Yes

Question 8: Did you or anyone in your family participate in programs or activities at Slippery Rock Park within the past year?

- i. 43% – Yes
- ii. 40% – No

Question 9: How did you hear about the programs/activities? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 28% – Flyers
- ii. 23% – Word of mouth
- iii. 20% – Participation in past events
- iv. 20% – Signs in park
- v. 20% – Newspapers
- vi. 13% – Don't hear

Question 10: Which of the following do you feel would be more effective in publicizing programs/activities?

- i. 45% – Direct mailings
- ii. 32% – More signs in community
- iii. 10% – Email blast

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Brady Twp Park

Question 1: Which of the following facilities would you most like to see developed at this site? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 29% – Trails/pathways
- ii. 25% – Pavilion/picnic area
- iii. 24% – Playground
- iv. 19% – Flower garden/natural area
- v. 14% – Multi-purpose field
- vi. 12% – Nothing – maintain passive open space

Question 2: Do you have any concerns or issues with the development of a public park in Brady Township? (Please specify)

- i. Funding
- ii. Safety/vandalism
- iii. Maintenance
- iv. Traffic/noise
- v. Unnecessary – enough other parks & facilities in region

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Results for Brady Township

Total of 63 surveys returned out of 278 mailed = 22.6% response rate

Question 1: Where do you live? (Please check only 1) (Please check 1)

- i. 22.6% – Brady Township (63 respondents)

Question 2: How important is recreation to you and your family? (Please check 1)

- i. 35% – very important
- ii. 33% – important
- iii. 29% – somewhat
- iv. 5% – not at all

Question 3: Overall, do you feel that parks and recreation is adequate in your community? (Please check 1)

- i. 62% – Yes
- ii. 22% – No

Question 4: How many times during the past year did you and/or members of your family visit the following parks? (Please check only 1 response for EACH park listed below)

More than 10 times

- i. 29% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 19% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 11% – Slippery Rock University
- iv. 11% – Jennings Environmental Center

5-10 times

- i. 37% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 10% – Slippery Rock University
- iii. 6% – Slippery Rock Community Park

1-4 times

- i. 43% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- ii. 33% – Moraine State Park
- iii. 33% – Jennings Environmental Center
- iv. 27% – Slippery Rock University
- v. 22% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- vi. 19% – Harrisville Community Park

Never

- i. 71% – Prospect Boys & Girls Club
- ii. 65% – Harrisville Community Park
- iii. 60% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- iv. 38% – Jennings Environmental Center
- v. 38% – Slippery Rock University
- vi. 30% – Slippery Rock Community Park

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Question 5a: Which park do you visit the most? (Please specify)

- i. 56% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 17% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 11% – Jennings Environmental Center
- iv. 10% – Slippery Rock University

Question 5b: Which of the following best describes why you go to that park most often? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 67% – Close to home
- ii. 56% – Relax/enjoy nature
- iii. 35% – Fishing
- iv. 32% – Hiking/biking
- v. 22% – Picnics/pavilions
- vi. 19% – Boating/Sailing/Surfing

Question 6: In which of the following communities would you like to see a new park? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 49% – Brady Township
- ii. 13% – Slippery Rock Township
- iii. 10% – West Liberty Borough
- iv. 8% – Slippery Rock Borough
- v. 6% – Worth Township

Question 7: Which of the following facilities would you most like to see in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 43% – Trails/bikeways
- ii. 30% – More playgrounds
- iii. 19% – Nothing/maintain passive open space
- iv. 17% – Community Center
- v. 17% – More pavilions/picnic areas
- vi. 16% – Environmental areas
- vii. 14% – Other (swimming pool was highest)
- viii. 13% – Skate park
- ix. 11% – Dog park

Question 8: Did you or anyone in your family participate in programs/activities at any of the following parks within the past year? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 38% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 32% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 29% – Jennings Environmental Center
- iv. 27% – Slippery Rock University
- v. 14% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- vi. 11% – Harrisville Community Park
- vii. 5% – Prospect Boys & Girls Club

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Question 9: If yes, how did you hear about the programs/activities? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 43% – Word of mouth
- ii. 25% – Participation in past events
- iii. 25% – Newspapers
- iv. 17% – Flyers/pamphlets
- v. 14% – Signs
- vi. 11% – Online/web

Question 10: If no, why not? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 14% – Not offer programs of interest
- ii. 10% – Not well publicized
- iii. 6% – Not suitable to age
- iv. 5% – Times inconvenient

Question 11: If additional programs were to be offered in Northwestern Butler County, where would you be willing to go in order to participate? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 78% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 67% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 67% – Brady Township
- iv. 57% – Jennings Environmental Center
- v. 48% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- vi. 41% – Slippery Rock University
- vii. 35% – Slippery Rock Township
- viii. 33% – Slippery Rock Area School District Facilities
- ix. 24% – Slippery Rock Borough
- x. 24% – West Liberty Borough
- xi. 3% – Worth Township

Question 12: What age group(s) are under served by recreation programs in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check NO MORE than 2)

- i. 25% – Seniors
- ii. 24% – Adults
- iii. 21% – Youth
- iv. 17% – Preschool
- v. 14% – Adolescents
- vi. 13% – Young adults

Question 13: Of the following programs/activities, which would you MOST like to see offered in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check NO MORE than 4)

- i. 33% – Family
- ii. 32% – Fitness
- iii. 21% – Senior & Youth & Preschool
- iv. 19% – Arts/crafts
- v. 16% – Adult
- vi. 14% – Young adult & Educational & Summer day camp
- vii. 13% – Adolescent

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Question 14: Would you support your municipality making an annual monetary contribution to parks and recreation?

- i. 49% – Yes
- ii. 30% – No

Question 15: Would you support the creation of a parks and recreation board that oversees parks and recreation in all five municipalities in Northwestern Butler County?

- i. 49% – Yes
- ii. 48% – No

Question 16: Would you be willing to donate money to fund recreation improvements? (Please check one)

- i. 48% – No
- ii. 22% – Yes to municipality
- iii. 17% – Yes to region
- iv. 13% – No but volunteer

Question 17: If yes, how much would you be willing to contribute annually? (Please check one)

- i. 56% – <\$50
- ii. 40% – \$50-\$100
- iii. 12% – \$100-\$500
- iv. 0% – >\$500

Question 18: Which age group best describes you?

- i. 60% – 40-59
- ii. 24% – >60
- iii. 16% – 19-39

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Slippery Rock Park

Question 1: How often do you or members of your family use the following facilities at Slippery Rock Park?

“Often” used facilities:

- i. 24% – Playgrounds
- ii. 10% – Ball Fields
- iii. 10% – Football Field

“Seldom” used facility?

- i. 22% – Pavilions/picnic areas
- ii. 21% – Playgrounds
- iii. 16% – Library
- iv. 14% – Recreation Center

Question 2: Which factors prevent you from using facilities at Slippery Rock Park? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 16% – Lack of restrooms
- ii. 16% – Other (too busy/no interest)
- iii. 14% – Too far from my home
- iv. 13% – Lack of trails/pathways
- v. 13% – Outdated facilities
- vi. 10% – Need more facilities

Question 3: Please rate your opinion of the following facilities in Slippery Rock Park:

Poor—major improvements needed

- i. 6% – Recreation Center
- ii. 5% – Library
- iii. 3% – Amphitheater
- iv. 3% – Playgrounds
- v. 2% – Pavilions/Picnic Areas
- vi. 2% – Soccer Fields

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Adequate—minor improvements needed

- i. 27% – Pavilions/Picnic Areas
- ii. 27% – Playgrounds
- iii. 24% – Recreation Center
- iv. 24% – Food Cupboard
- v. 22% – Baseball/Softball Fields
- vi. 22% – Library
- vii. 19% – Football Field
- viii. 17% – Soccer Fields
- ix. 16% – Amphitheater
- x. 16% – Basketball Court

Question 4: Please tell us the facility that is need of the MOST improvement in Slippery Rock Park:

- i. 8% – Other (restrooms/walking paths)
- ii. 6% – Recreation Center

Question 5: How do you get to Slippery Rock Park? (Please check ONE response)

- iii. 79% – Drive

Question 6: If you drive, where do you park? (Please check ONE response)

- i. 52% – Lot by Recreation Center
- ii. 10% – Near ball fields

Question 7: Do you ever have trouble parking or finding a spot available?

- i. 49% – No
- ii. 22% – Yes

Question 8: Did you or anyone in your family participate in programs or activities at Slippery Rock Park within the past year?

- i. 54% – Yes
- ii. 33% – No

Question 9: How did you hear about the programs/activities? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 22% – Word of mouth
- ii. 22% – Participation in past events
- iii. 19% – Newspapers
- iv. 19% – Don't hear
- v. 16% – Flyers
- vi. 16% – Signs in park

Question 10: Which of the following do you feel would be more effective in publicizing programs/activities?

- i. 41% – Direct mailings
- ii. 19% – More signs in community
- iii. 10% – Email blast

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Brady Twp Park

Question 1: Which of the following facilities would you most like to see developed at this site? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 38% – Playground
- ii. 38% – Pavilion/picnic area
- iii. 30% – Trails/pathways
- iv. 19% – Flower garden/natural area
- v. 19% – Nothing – maintain passive open space
- vi. 16% – Multi-purpose field
- vii. 10% – Amphitheatre
- viii. 10% – Other
 - a. *Swimming Pool*
 - b. *Municipal Building*
 - c. *Skate Park*
 - d. *Bocce Courts*
 - e. *Community Center*
- ix. 6% – Gazebo
- x. 6% – No response

Question 2: Do you have any concerns or issues with the development of a public park in Brady Township? (Please specify)

- i. 65% – No concerns
 - a. *Sounds great*
 - b. *Would love a park closer to home*
 - c. *Need something for seniors to do*
- ii. 22% – Funding
 - a. *Potential costs*
 - b. *Ok as long as taxes are not raised*
 - c. *Costs too high and will only serve a few*
 - d. *Do not use taxes to build a park – use money from donations by people who will use it*
 - e. *Do not want to see tax money spent on this*
 - f. *Do not want taxes raised*
 - g. *Ongoing funding*
 - h. *Concern with tax increase*
 - i. *Would taxes go up?*
 - j. *Township does not have money to maintain a park*
- iii. 16% – Unnecessary
 - a. *We have enough parks in our area*
 - b. *No need for park – no benefit to local residents*
 - c. *No reason to duplicate facilities/activities offered at Moraine*
 - d. *No need for another park – Moraine and Jennings are enough*
 - e. *Too much public land detracting from tax base*
 - f. *Do not develop more land – improve what you have*
 - g. *Enough parks in region – would just provide place for kids to hang out unsupervised and do drugs/alcohol*

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- h. Preserve wildlife habitat*
 - i. Location is not suitable for a public park – terrain is too steep*
- iv. 5% – Safety/vandalism
 - a. Safety is first concern*
 - b. Concern with vandalism on neighboring properties*
 - c. Vandalism*
- v. 5% – Traffic/noise
 - a. Maintain safe and quiet neighborhood*
 - b. Property is across from mine - do not want extra traffic & noise*
 - c. Already too much traffic – prefer quiet*
- vi. 5% – New municipal building a higher priority
 - a. Need new municipal building and garage for equipment*
 - b. The land should be sold and the Township should use the money to construct a building for meetings w/indoor restrooms*
 - c. Township needs a new building and equipment*
- vii. 5% – Maintenance
 - a. Who would be responsible for maintenance?*

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Results for Slippery Rock Borough

Total of 86 surveys returned out of 372 mailed = 23.1% response rate

Question 1: Where do you live? (Please check only 1) (Please check 1)

- i. 23.1% – Slippery Rock Borough (86 respondents)

Question 2: How important is recreation to you and your family? (Please check 1)

- i. 48% – important
- ii. 30% – very important
- iii. 19% – somewhat
- iv. 2% – not at all

Question 3: Overall, do you feel that parks and recreation is adequate in your community? (Please check 1)

- i. 49% – Yes
- ii. 35% – No

Question 4: How many times during the past year did you and/or members of your family visit the following parks? (Please check only 1 response for EACH park listed below)

More than 10 times

- i. 33% – Slippery Rock University
- ii. 28% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 15% – Moraine State Park

5-10 times

- i. 23% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- ii. 17% – Moraine State Park
- iii. 13% – Slippery Rock University
- iv. 13% – Jennings Environmental Center

1-4 times

- i. 49% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 41% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 33% – Jennings Environmental Center
- iv. 27% – Slippery Rock University
- v. 20% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- vi. 17% – Harrisville Community Park

Never

- i. 66% – Harrisville Community Park
- ii. 48% – Prospect Boys & Girls Club
- iii. 42% – Jennings Environmental Center
- iv. 24% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- v. 23% – Slippery Rock University
- vi. 14% – Moraine State Park
- vii. 7% – Slippery Rock Community Park

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Question 5a: Which park do you visit the most? (Please specify)

- i. 38% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- ii. 24% – Moraine State Park
- iii. 15% – Slippery Rock University

Question 5b: Which of the following best describes why you go to that park most often? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 60% – Close to home
- ii. 47% – Relax/enjoy nature
- iii. 31% – Picnics/pavilions
- iv. 21% – Adult programs/activities
- v. 19% – Hiking/biking
- vi. 16% – Swimming
- vii. 15% – Festivals/Events
- viii. 15% – Other (Library, walking, playgrounds)
- ix. 14% – Youth sports/games/activities

Question 6: In which of the following communities would you like to see a new park? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 49% – Slippery Rock Borough
- ii. 29% – Slippery Rock Township
- iii. 2% – Brady Township
- iv. 1% – West Liberty Borough
- v. 1% – Worth Township

Question 7: Which of the following facilities would you most like to see in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 64% – Trails/bikeways
- ii. 20% – More playgrounds
- iii. 20% – Other (swimming pool was highest)
- iv. 19% – Nothing/maintain passive open space
- v. 14% – More pavilions/picnic areas
- vi. 14% – Community Center
- vii. 13% – Dog park
- viii. 10% – Environmental areas

Question 8: Did you or anyone in your family participate in programs/activities at any of the following parks within the past year? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 52% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- ii. 48% – Slippery Rock University
- iii. 20% – Moraine State Park
- iv. 19% – Jennings Environmental Center
- v. 15% – Harrisville Community Park
- vi. 7% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- vii. 7% – Prospect Boys & Girls Club

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Question 9: If yes, how did you hear about the programs/activities? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 43% – Participation in past events
- ii. 35% – Flyers/pamphlets
- iii. 33% – Word of mouth
- iv. 26% – Signs
- v. 22% – Newspapers
- vi. 8% – Online/web

Question 10: If no, why not? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 13% – Not well publicized
- ii. 6% – Not offer programs of interest
- iii. 6% – Not suitable to age

Question 11: If additional programs were to be offered in Northwestern Butler County, where would you be willing to go in order to participate? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 83% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- ii. 71% – Slippery Rock University
- iii. 67% – Slippery Rock Borough
- iv. 55% – Slippery Rock Area School District Facilities
- v. 53% – Slippery Rock Township
- vi. 52% – Moraine State Park
- vii. 45% – Jennings Environmental Center
- viii. 38% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- ix. 10% – West Liberty Borough
- x. 9% – Brady Township
- xi. 6% – Worth Township

Question 12: What age group(s) are under served by recreation programs in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check NO MORE than 2)

- i. 36% – Seniors
- ii. 28% – Adults
- iii. 21% – Young adults
- iv. 14% – Youth
- v. 12% – Adolescents
- vi. 10% – Preschool

Question 13: Of the following programs/activities, which would you MOST like to see offered in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check NO MORE than 4)

- i. 37% – Seniors
- ii. 35% – Fitness
- iii. 28% – Adult
- iv. 24% – Adult sports leagues
- v. 23% – Youth
- vi. 21% – Arts/crafts
- vii. 16% – Young adult & Summer day camp
- viii. 14% – Preschool & Educational
- ix. 13% – Family & Computer

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Question 14: Would you support your municipality making an annual monetary contribution to parks and recreation?

- i. 67% – Yes
- ii. 24% – No

Question 15: Would you support the creation of a parks and recreation board that oversees parks and recreation in all five municipalities in Northwestern Butler County?

- i. 70% – Yes
- ii. 20% – No

Question 16: Would you be willing to donate money to fund recreation improvements? (Please check one)

- i. 34% – Yes to municipality
- ii. 24% – Yes to region
- iii. 19% – No but volunteer
- iv. 17% – No

Question 17: If yes, how much would you be willing to contribute annually? (Please check one)

- i. 68% – <\$50
- ii. 30% – \$50-\$100
- iii. 6% – \$100-\$500
- iv. 0% – >\$500

Question 18: Which age group best describes you?

- i. 45% – 40-59
- ii. 34% – >60
- iii. 15% – 19-39

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Slippery Rock Park

Question 1: How often do you or members of your family use the following facilities at Slippery Rock Park?

“Often” used facilities:

- i. 26% – Playgrounds
- ii. 23% – Library
- iii. 17% – Pavilions / picnic areas
- iv. 16% – Recreation Center
- v. 10% – Ball Fields

“Seldom” used facility?

- i. 42% – Pavilions/picnic areas
- ii. 29% – Amphitheater
- iii. 28% – Library
- iv. 28% – Recreation Center
- v. 26% – Playgrounds
- vi. 20% – Ball Fields
- vii. 17% – Basketball Court
- viii. 10% – Soccer Field
- ix. 10% – Football Field

Question 2: Which factors prevent you from using facilities at Slippery Rock Park? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 24% – Lack of trails/pathways
- ii. 24% – Lack of restrooms
- iii. 23% – Need more facilities
- iv. 17% – Outdated facilities

Question 3: Please rate your opinion of the following facilities in Slippery Rock Park:

Poor—major improvements needed

- i. 38% – Library
- ii. 23% – Recreation Center
- iii. 19% – Amphitheater
- iv. 16% – Basketball Court
- v. 15% – Playgrounds

Adequate—minor improvements needed

- i. 45% – Pavilions/Picnic Areas
- ii. 42% – Playgrounds
- iii. 35% – Football Field
- iv. 34% – Recreation Center
- v. 31% – Baseball/Softball Fields
- vi. 30% – Soccer Fields
- vii. 29% – Food Cupboard
- viii. 27% – Amphitheater

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- ix. 24% – Library
- x. 24% – Basketball Court

Question 4: Please tell us the facility that is need of the MOST improvement in Slippery Rock Park:

- i. 5% – Library

Question 5: How do you get to Slippery Rock Park? (Please check ONE response)

- ii. 64% – Drive
- iii. 34% – Walk

Question 6: If you drive, where do you park? (Please check ONE response)

- i. 56% – Lot by Recreation Center
- ii. 9% – Near ball fields

Question 7: Do you ever have trouble parking or finding a spot available?

- i. 55% – No
- ii. 30% – Yes

Question 8: Did you or anyone in your family participate in programs or activities at Slippery Rock Park within the past year?

- i. 51% – Yes
- ii. 29% – No

Question 9: How did you hear about the programs/activities? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 31% – Word of mouth
- ii. 31% – Flyers
- iii. 24% – Signs in park
- iv. 24% – Newspapers
- v. 23% – Participation in past events
- vi. 16% – Don't hear

Question 10: Which of the following do you feel would be more effective in publicizing programs/activities?

- i. 47% – Direct mailings
- ii. 43% – More signs in community
- iii. 10% – Email blast

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Brady Twp Park

Question 1: Which of the following facilities would you most like to see developed at this site? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 30% – Trails/pathways
- ii. 19% – Flower garden/natural area
- iii. 16% – Pavilion/picnic area
- iv. 15% – Playground
- v. 10% – Multi-purpose field
- vi. 7% – Nothing – maintain passive open space
- vii. 7% – Other
 - a. *Swimming Pool*
 - b. *Municipal Building*
 - c. *Skate Park*
 - d. *Bocce Courts*
 - e. *Community Center*
- viii. 6% – Amphitheatre
- ix. 2% – Gazebo

Question 2: Do you have any concerns or issues with the development of a public park in Brady Township? (Please specify)

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Results for Slippery Rock Township

Total of 80 surveys returned out of 414 mailed = 19.3% response rate

Question 1: Where do you live? (Please check only 1) (Please check 1)

- i. 19.3% – Slippery Rock Township (80 respondents)

Question 2: How important is recreation to you and your family? (Please check 1)

- i. 45% – important
- ii. 36% – very important
- iii. 18% – somewhat
- iv. 1% – not at all

Question 3: Overall, do you feel that parks and recreation is adequate in your community? (Please check 1)

- i. 69% – Yes
- ii. 29% – No

Question 4: How many times during the past year did you and/or members of your family visit the following parks? (Please check only 1 response for EACH park listed below)

More than 10 times

- i. 38% – Slippery Rock University
- ii. 20% – Moraine State Park
- iii. 20% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iv. 13% – Harrisville Community Park

5-10 times

- i. 23% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- ii. 13% – Jennings Environmental Center
- iii. 13% – Slippery Rock University

1-4 times

- i. 58% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 40% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 29% – Slippery Rock University
- iv. 26% – Jennings Environmental Center
- v. 20% – Harrisville Community Park
- vi. 19% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park

Never

- i. 76% – Prospect Boys & Girls Club
- ii. 59% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- iii. 54% – Harrisville Community Park
- iv. 46% – Jennings Environmental Center
- v. 15% – Slippery Rock University
- vi. 15% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- vii. 11% – Moraine State Park

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Question 5a: Which park do you visit the most? (Please specify)

- i. 35% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 35% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 15% – Slippery Rock University

Question 5b: Which of the following best describes why you go to that park most often? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 55% – Close to home
- ii. 41% – Relax/enjoy nature
- iii. 20% – Picnics/pavilions
- iv. 25% – Hiking/biking
- v. 21% – Other (walking, playgrounds)
- vi. 18% – Fishing
- vii. 18% – Festivals/Events
- viii. 18% – Adult programs/activities
- ix. 18% – Youth sports/games/activities
- x. 16% – Boating/sailing/surfing
- xi. 15% – Swimming

Question 6: In which of the following communities would you like to see a new park? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 60% – Slippery Rock Borough
- ii. 61% – Slippery Rock Township
- iii. 11% – Brady Township
- iv. 11% – West Liberty Borough
- v. 5% – Worth Township

Question 7: Which of the following facilities would you most like to see in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 59% – Trails/bikeways
- ii. 25% – Dog park
- iii. 24% – Other (swimming pool was highest)
- iv. 20% – Environmental areas
- v. 19% – More playgrounds
- vi. 16% – Community Center
- vii. 16% – Skate Park
- viii. 13% – Nothing/maintain passive open space
- ix. 13% – More amphitheatres
- x. 11% – More pavilions/picnic areas
- xi. 10% – More ball fields/courts
- xii. 10% – Bocce courts

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Question 8: Did you or anyone in your family participate in programs/activities at any of the following parks within the past year? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 64% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- ii. 58% – Slippery Rock University
- iii. 28% – Moraine State Park
- iv. 23% – Jennings Environmental Center
- v. 25% – Harrisville Community Park
- vi. 8% – Prospect Boys & Girls Club
- vii. 4% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park

Question 9: If yes, how did you hear about the programs/activities? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 45% – Participation in past events
- ii. 44% – Word of mouth
- iii. 39% – Flyers/pamphlets
- iv. 34% – Newspapers
- v. 26% – Signs
- vi. 8% – Online/web

Question 10: If no, why not? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 9% – Not well publicized
- ii. 6% – Not offer programs of interest
- iii. 6% – Not suitable to age

Question 11: If additional programs were to be offered in Northwestern Butler County, where would you be willing to go in order to participate? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 80% – Slippery Rock Township
- ii. 79% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 71% – Slippery Rock University
- iv. 63% – Moraine State Park
- v. 54% – Slippery Rock Borough
- vi. 53% – Slippery Rock Area School District Facilities
- vii. 51% – Jennings Environmental Center
- viii. 44% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- ix. 20% – West Liberty Borough
- x. 16% – Brady Township
- xi. 14% – Worth Township

Question 12: What age group(s) are under served by recreation programs in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check NO MORE than 2)

- i. 39% – Seniors
- ii. 34% – Adults
- iii. 25% – Youth
- iv. 19% – Young adults
- v. 18% – Preschool
- vi. 6% – Adolescents

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Question 13: Of the following programs/activities, which would you MOST like to see offered in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check NO MORE than 4)

- i. 35% – Arts/crafts
- ii. 33% – Seniors
- iii. 31% – Family
- iv. 29% – Fitness
- v. 26% – Adult
- vi. 16% – Youth
- vii. 16% – Educational
- viii. 15% – Preschool
- ix. 15% – Adolescent
- x. 14% – Computer
- xi. 13% – Adult sports leagues
- xii. 13% – Young adult

Question 14: Would you support your municipality making an annual monetary contribution to parks and recreation?

- i. 55% – Yes
- ii. 34% – No

Question 15: Would you support the creation of a parks and recreation board that oversees parks and recreation in all five municipalities in Northwestern Butler County?

- i. 58% – Yes
- ii. 30% – No

Question 16: Would you be willing to donate money to fund recreation improvements? (Please check one)

- i. 35% – No
- ii. 25% – No but volunteer
- iii. 23% – Yes to region
- iv. 18% – Yes to municipality

Question 17: If yes, how much would you be willing to contribute annually? (Please check one)

- i. 66% – <\$50
- ii. 38% – \$50-\$100
- iii. 3% – \$100-\$500
- iv. 0% – >\$500

Question 18: Which age group best describes you?

- i. 43% – 40-59
- ii. 36% – >60
- iii. 11% – 19-39

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Slippery Rock Park

Question 1: How often do you or members of your family use the following facilities at Slippery Rock Park?

“Often” used facilities:

- i. 29% – Playgrounds
- ii. 21% – Library
- iii. 19% – Recreation Center
- iv. 19% – Ball Fields
- v. 16% – Pavilions / picnic areas
- vi. 10% – Football Field

“Seldom” used facility?

- i. 43% – Pavilions/picnic areas
- ii. 29% – Amphitheater
- iii. 26% – Recreation Center
- iv. 21% – Library
- v. 20% – Playgrounds
- vi. 19% – Ball Fields
- vii. 13% – Basketball Court

Question 2: Which factors prevent you from using facilities at Slippery Rock Park? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 38% – Lack of restrooms
- ii. 29% – Lack of trails/pathways
- iii. 20% – Need more facilities
- iv. 15% – Other (too busy/lack of publicity)
- v. 14% – Lack of picnic facilities
- vi. 13% – Lack of lighting at night
- vii. 10% – Lack of parking
- viii. 10% – Outdated facilities

Question 3: Please rate your opinion of the following facilities in Slippery Rock Park:

Poor—major improvements needed

- i. 20% – Library
- ii. 16% – Amphitheater
- iii. 13% – Recreation Center
- iv. 10% – Food Cupboard
- v. 10% – Basketball Court

Adequate—minor improvements needed

- i. 40% – Pavilions/Picnic Areas
- ii. 39% – Recreation Center
- iii. 35% – Baseball/Softball Fields
- iv. 34% – Playgrounds
- v. 34% – Football Field

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- vi. 31% – Library
- vii. 31% – Soccer Fields
- viii. 28% – Basketball Court
- ix. 26% – Amphitheater
- x. 26% – Food Cupboard

Question 4: Please tell us the facility that is need of the MOST improvement in Slippery Rock Park:

- i. 19% – Other (restrooms)
- ii. 10% – Library

Question 5: How do you get to Slippery Rock Park? (Please check ONE response)

- iii. 88% – Drive
- iv. 6% – Walk

Question 6: If you drive, where do you park? (Please check ONE response)

- i. 60% – Lot by Recreation Center
- ii. 16% – Near ball fields

Question 7: Do you ever have trouble parking or finding a spot available?

- i. 69% – No
- ii. 21% – Yes

Question 8: Did you or anyone in your family participate in programs or activities at Slippery Rock Park within the past year?

- i. 55% – Yes
- ii. 34% – No

Question 9: How did you hear about the programs/activities? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 44% – Word of mouth
- ii. 33% – Flyers
- iii. 26% – Signs in park
- iv. 26% – Participation in past events
- v. 21% – Newspapers
- vi. 16% – Don't hear
- vii. 3% – Online

Question 10: Which of the following do you feel would be more effective in publicizing programs/activities?

- i. 51% – Direct mailings
- ii. 31% – More signs in community
- iii. 10% – Email blast

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Brady Twp Park

Question 1: Which of the following facilities would you most like to see developed at this site? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 29% – Trails/pathways
- ii. 23% – Pavilion/picnic area
- iii. 20% – Flower garden/natural area
- iv. 16% – Playground
- v. 11% – Multi-purpose field
- vi. 8% – Gazebo
- vii. 6% – Amphitheatre
- viii. 5% – Nothing – maintain passive open space
- ix. 4% – Other
 - a. *Swimming Pool*

Question 2: Do you have any concerns or issues with the development of a public park in Brady Township? (Please specify)

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Results for West Liberty Borough

Total of 34 surveys returned out of 99 mailed = 34.3% response rate

Question 1: Where do you live? (Please check only 1) (Please check 1)

- i. 34.3% – Slippery Rock Township (34 respondents)

Question 2: How important is recreation to you and your family? (Please check 1)

- i. 35% – important
- ii. 24% – very important
- iii. 21% – somewhat
- iv. 18% – not at all

Question 3: Overall, do you feel that parks and recreation is adequate in your community? (Please check 1)

- i. 56% – Yes
- ii. 9% – No

Question 4: How many times during the past year did you and/or members of your family visit the following parks? (Please check only 1 response for EACH park listed below)

More than 10 times

- i. 26% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 18% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 12% – Slippery Rock University

5-10 times

- i. 12% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 12% – Slippery Rock University

1-4 times

- i. 41% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 24% – Jennings Environmental Center
- iii. 21% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iv. 21% – Slippery Rock University

Never

- i. 56% – Harrisville Community Park
- ii. 53% – Prospect Boys & Girls Club
- iii. 53% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- iv. 44% – Jennings Environmental Center
- v. 32% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- vi. 29% – Slippery Rock University
- vii. 12% – Moraine State Park

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Question 5a: Which park do you visit the most? (Please specify)

- i. 47% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 18% – Slippery Rock Community Park

Question 5b: Which of the following best describes why you go to that park most often? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 38% – Relax/enjoy nature
- ii. 35% – Close to home
- iii. 29% – Picnics/pavilions
- iv. 29% – Fishing
- v. 29% – Festivals/Events
- vi. 26% – Hiking/biking
- vii. 21% – Youth sports/games/activities
- viii. 12% – Other (hunting, exercise)
- ix. 12% – Adult programs/activities
- x. 15% – Boating/sailing/surfing

Question 6: In which of the following communities would you like to see a new park? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 35% – West Liberty Borough
- ii. 15% – Slippery Rock Borough
- iii. 15% – Brady Township
- iv. 12% – Slippery Rock Township
- v. 12% – Worth Township

Question 7: Which of the following facilities would you most like to see in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 50% – Trails/bikeways
- ii. 26% – Nothing/maintain passive open space
- iii. 21% – Community Center
- iv. 15% – More playgrounds
- v. 15% – Skate Park
- vi. 12% – Dog park
- vii. 12% – Other (hunting, equestrian)

Question 8: Did you or anyone in your family participate in programs/activities at any of the following parks within the past year? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 29% – Slippery Rock University
- ii. 18% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 18% – Moraine State Park
- iv. 12% – Harrisville Community Park

Question 9: If yes, how did you hear about the programs/activities? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 24% – Newspapers
- ii. 21% – Word of mouth
- iii. 21% – Flyers/pamphlets
- iv. 18% – Participation in past events

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Question 10: If no, why not? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 15% – Not well publicized
- ii. 15% – Not offer programs of interest
- iii. 12% – Other (too busy, do own activities)

Question 11: If additional programs were to be offered in Northwestern Butler County, where would you be willing to go in order to participate? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 65% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 53% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 41% – West Liberty Borough
- iv. 38% – Slippery Rock University
- v. 29% – Slippery Rock Township
- vi. 26% – Worth Township
- vii. 24% – Brady Township
- viii. 24% – Slippery Rock Borough
- ix. 24% – Jennings Environmental Center
- x. 21% – Slippery Rock Area School District Facilities
- xi. 18% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park

Question 12: What age group(s) are under served by recreation programs in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check NO MORE than 2)

- i. 29% – Seniors
- ii. 26% – Adults
- iii. 18% – Youth
- iv. 12% – Young adults
- v. 9% – Adolescents
- vi. 0% – Preschool

Question 13: Of the following programs/activities, which would you MOST like to see offered in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check NO MORE than 4)

- i. 26% – Fitness
- ii. 24% – Seniors
- iii. 24% – Adult
- iv. 18% – Family
- v. 18% – Youth
- vi. 18% – Educational
- vii. 12% – Adolescent
- viii. 12% – Computer
- ix. 12% – Adult sports leagues
- x. 12% – Young adult
- xi. 12% – Summer Day Camp
- xii. 12% – Dance/drama

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Question 14: Would you support your municipality making an annual monetary contribution to parks and recreation?

- i. 44% – Yes
- ii. 38% – No

Question 15: Would you support the creation of a parks and recreation board that oversees parks and recreation in all five municipalities in Northwestern Butler County?

- i. 53% – Yes
- ii. 32% – No

Question 16: Would you be willing to donate money to fund recreation improvements? (Please check one)

- i. 32% – No
- ii. 21% – No but volunteer
- iii. 15% – Yes to region
- iv. 12% – Yes to municipality

Question 17: If yes, how much would you be willing to contribute annually? (Please check one)

- i. 67% – <\$50
- ii. 44% – \$50-\$100
- iii. 223% – \$100-\$500
- iv. 0% – >\$500

Question 18: Which age group best describes you?

- i. 35% – 40-59
- ii. 32% – >60
- iii. 15% – 19-39
- iv. 3% – <18

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Slippery Rock Park

Question 1: How often do you or members of your family use the following facilities at Slippery Rock Park?

"Often" used facilities:

- i. 15% – Playgrounds
- ii. 12% – Library

"Seldom" used facility?

- i. 32% – Pavilions/picnic areas
- ii. 18% – Library
- iii. 15% – Recreation Center
- iv. 12% – Ball Fields
- v. 12% – Soccer Field

Question 2: Which factors prevent you from using facilities at Slippery Rock Park? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 21% – Lack of restrooms
- ii. 12% – Lack of trails/pathways
- iii. 12% – Do not feel safe in park
- iv. 12% – Other (too busy)

Question 3: Please rate your opinion of the following facilities in Slippery Rock Park:

Poor—major improvements needed

- i. 6% – Library
- ii. 3% – Amphitheater
- iii. 3% – Basketball Court

Adequate—minor improvements needed

- i. 18% – Recreation Center
- ii. 15% – Library
- iii. 15% – Pavilions/Picnic Areas
- iv. 15% – Playgrounds
- v. 15% – Baseball/Softball Fields
- vi. 12% – Football Field
- vii. 12% – Soccer Fields

Question 4: Please tell us the facility that is need of the MOST improvement in Slippery Rock Park:

- i. 15% – Other (restrooms)

Question 5: How do you get to Slippery Rock Park? (Please check ONE response)

- ii. 59% – Drive

Question 6: If you drive, where do you park? (Please check ONE response)

- i. 35% – Lot by Recreation Center

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Question 7: Do you ever have trouble parking or finding a spot available?

- i. 32% – No
- ii. 26% – Yes

Question 8: Did you or anyone in your family participate in programs or activities at Slippery Rock Park within the past year?

- i. 56% – Yes
- ii. 24% – No

Question 9: How did you hear about the programs/activities? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 35% – Flyers
- ii. 15% – Signs in park
- iii. 15% – Newspapers
- iv. 12% – Word of mouth
- v. 12% – Participation in past events

Question 10: Which of the following do you feel would be more effective in publicizing programs/activities?

- i. 38% – Direct mailings
- ii. 26% – More signs in community
- iii. 12% – Email blast

Brady Twp Park

Question 1: Which of the following facilities would you most like to see developed at this site? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 32% – Playground
- ii. 29% – Trails/pathways
- iii. 26% – Pavilion/picnic area
- iv. 26% – Flower garden/natural area
- v. 21% – Nothing – maintain passive open space
- vi. 18% – Multi-purpose field
- vii. 12% – Amphitheatre
- viii. 9% – Other
 - a. *Community Center*
 - b. *Skate Park*
 - c. *Fitness Center*
- ix. 3% – Gazebo

Question 2: Do you have any concerns or issues with the development of a public park in Brady Township? (Please specify)

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Results for Worth Township

Total of 61 surveys returned out of 265 mailed = 23.0% response rate

Question 1: Where do you live? (Please check only 1) (Please check 1)

- i. 23.0% – Worth Township (61 respondents)

Question 2: How important is recreation to you and your family? (Please check 1)

- i. 38% – important
- ii. 33% – very important
- iii. 23% – somewhat
- iv. 5% – not at all

Question 3: Overall, do you feel that parks and recreation is adequate in your community? (Please check 1)

- i. 56% – Yes
- ii. 23% – No

Question 4: How many times during the past year did you and/or members of your family visit the following parks? (Please check only 1 response for EACH park listed below)

More than 10 times

- i. 28% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 13% – Slippery Rock University
- iii. 11% – Slippery Rock Community Park

5-10 times

- i. 20% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 10% – Slippery Rock Community Park

1-4 times

- i. 48% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 34% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 30% – Jennings Environmental Center
- iv. 18% – Slippery Rock University
- v. 16% – Harrisville Community Park
- vi. 15% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- vii. 11% – Prospect Boys & Girls Club

Never

- i. 54% – Jennings Environmental Center
- ii. 33% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iii. 11% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- iv. 11% – Slippery Rock University
- v. 11% – Harrisville Community Park
- vi. 10% – Prospect Boys & Girls Club

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Question 5a: Which park do you visit the most? (Please specify)

- i. 61% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 20% – Slippery Rock Community Park

Question 5b: Which of the following best describes why you go to that park most often? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 66% – Close to home
- ii. 51% – Relax/enjoy nature
- iii. 34% – Picnics/pavilions
- iv. 30% – Hiking/biking
- v. 23% – Festivals/Events
- vi. 21% – Swimming
- vii. 21% – Fishing
- viii. 15% – Boating/sailing/surfing
- ix. 11% – Youth sports/games/activities

Question 6: In which of the following communities would you like to see a new park? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 46% – Worth Township
- ii. 8% – West Liberty Borough
- iii. 8% – Slippery Rock Borough
- iv. 7% – Brady Township
- v. 7% – Slippery Rock Township

Question 7: Which of the following facilities would you most like to see in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 52% – Trails/bikeways
- ii. 28% – Nothing/maintain passive open space
- iii. 26% – More playgrounds
- iv. 25% – More ball fields
- v. 23% – More pavilions/picnic areas
- vi. 20% – Community Center
- vii. 18% – Environmental areas
- viii. 10% – Dog park
- ix. 10% – Other (hunting, swimming pool, tennis courts)

Question 8: Did you or anyone in your family participate in programs/activities at any of the following parks within the past year? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 44% – Moraine State Park
- ii. 30% – Slippery Rock University
- iii. 30% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iv. 10% – Harrisville Community Park

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Question 9: If yes, how did you hear about the programs/activities? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 31% – Flyers/pamphlets
- ii. 30% – Word of mouth
- iii. 28% – Newspapers
- iv. 25% - Signs in Community
- v. 23% – Participation in past events

Question 10: If no, why not? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 13% – Not well publicized
- ii. 10% – Not offer programs of interest

Question 11: If additional programs were to be offered in Northwestern Butler County, where would you be willing to go in order to participate? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 66% – Worth Township
- ii. 56% – Moraine State Park
- iii. 51% – Slippery Rock Community Park
- iv. 43% – Slippery Rock University
- v. 34% – Slippery Rock Area School District Facilities
- vi. 31% – Jennings Environmental Center
- vii. 30% – Slippery Rock Borough
- viii. 26% – West Liberty Borough
- ix. 26% – Slippery Rock Township
- x. 20% – Camp YMCA/ARMCO Park
- xi. 11% – Brady Township

Question 12: What age group(s) are under served by recreation programs in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check NO MORE than 2)

- i. 34% – Adults
- ii. 30% – Seniors
- iii. 16% – Youth
- iv. 16% – Young adults
- v. 15% – Adolescents
- vi. 15% – Preschool

Question 13: Of the following programs/activities, which would you MOST like to see offered in Northwestern Butler County? (Please check NO MORE than 4)

- i. 36% – Fitness
- ii. 26% – Family
- iii. 25% – Seniors
- iv. 25% – Adult
- v. 20% – Youth
- vi. 16% – Adult sports leagues
- vii. 15% – Young adult
- viii. 15% – Summer Day Camp
- ix. 15% – Computer
- x. 15% – Arts & crafts
- xi. 15% – Educational

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Question 14: Would you support your municipality making an annual monetary contribution to parks and recreation?

- i. 57% – Yes
- ii. 38% – No

Question 15: Would you support the creation of a parks and recreation board that oversees parks and recreation in all five municipalities in Northwestern Butler County?

- i. 57% – Yes
- ii. 38% – No

Question 16: Would you be willing to donate money to fund recreation improvements? (Please check one)

- i. 41% – No
- ii. 31% – Yes to municipality
- iii. 13% – No but volunteer
- iv. 10% – Yes to region

Question 17: If yes, how much would you be willing to contribute annually? (Please check one)

- i. 68% – <\$50
- ii. 32% – \$50-\$100
- iii. 4% – \$100-\$500
- iv. 0% – >\$500

Question 18: Which age group best describes you?

- i. 48% – 40-59
- ii. 31% – >60
- iii. 20% – 19-39

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Slippery Rock Park

Question 1: How often do you or members of your family use the following facilities at Slippery Rock Park?

"Often" used facilities:

- i. 11% – Playgrounds
- ii. 10% – Ball Fields

"Seldom" used facility?

- i. 38% – Pavilions/picnic areas
- ii. 34% – Playgrounds
- iii. 25% – Library
- iv. 25% – Recreation Center
- v. 13% – Ball Fields
- vi. 13% – Soccer Field
- vii. 11% – Basketball Court
- viii. 11% – Football Field

Question 2: Which factors prevent you from using facilities at Slippery Rock Park? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 30% – Other (too busy, no interest, lack of activities)
- ii. 18% – Lack of restrooms
- iii. 18% – Too far from home
- iv. 11% – Lack of trails/pathways
- v. 10% – Need more facilities

Question 3: Please rate your opinion of the following facilities in Slippery Rock Park:

Poor—major improvements needed

- i. 7% – Recreation Center
- ii. 7% – Library
- iii. 7% – Amphitheater

Adequate—minor improvements needed

- i. 36% – Playgrounds
- ii. 33% – Pavilions/Picnic Areas
- iii. 30% – Recreation Center
- iv. 28% – Library
- v. 28% – Baseball/Softball Fields
- vi. 28% – Football Field
- vii. 25% – Food Cupboard
- viii. 25% – Soccer Fields
- ix. 25% – Basketball Court
- x. 23% – Amphitheatre

Question 4: Please tell us the facility that is need of the MOST improvement in Slippery Rock Park:

- i. 11% – Other (restrooms, more publicity)

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Question 5: How do you get to Slippery Rock Park? (Please check ONE response)

- ii. 70% – Drive

Question 6: If you drive, where do you park? (Please check ONE response)

- i. 48% – Lot by Recreation Center

Question 7: Do you ever have trouble parking or finding a spot available?

- i. 44% – No
- ii. 26% – Yes

Question 8: Did you or anyone in your family participate in programs or activities at Slippery Rock Park within the past year?

- i. 41% – No
- ii. 36% – Yes

Question 9: How did you hear about the programs/activities? (Please check ALL that apply)

- i. 26% – Flyers
- ii. 16% – Newspapers
- iii. 15% – Do not hear
- iv. 15% – Word of mouth
- v. 11% – Signs in park

Question 10: Which of the following do you feel would be more effective in publicizing programs/activities?

- i. 39% – Direct mailings
- ii. 34% – More signs in community
- iii. 10% – Email blast

Brady Twp Park

Question 1: Which of the following facilities would you most like to see developed at this site? (Please check up to 3)

- i. 30% – Pavilion/picnic area
- ii. 26% – Playground
- iii. 21% – Trails/pathways
- iv. 20% – Multi-purpose field
- v. 13% – Flower garden/natural area
- vi. 11% – Amphitheatre
- vii. 7% – Nothing – maintain passive open space
- viii. 5% – Gazebo

Question 2: Do you have any concerns or issues with the development of a public park in Brady Township? (Please specify)

**Appendix A-4:
Northwestern Butler County Planning Group
Meeting Minutes**

Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission
February Minutes

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: February 18, 2008

Members Present: Slippery Rock Borough: Dick Manning, Herb Carlson and Jesse Hines.
Slippery Rock Township: Tracy Frampton. Worth Township: CJ Barkley. Brady Township:
Jesse Allen and Mark Willis. West Liberty Borough: Mary Podvasnik and Bill Buchanan Ex-
Others Present: There was no Public Present.

Jesse Allen called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

January Minutes: Dick Manning motioned that the Commission minutes for the month of January be approved as distributed. Seconded by Bill Buchanan. **Motion passed unanimously.**

1. Mr. Hines reported that the Printing of the Comprehensive Plan had been completed. 15 Black and White copies, 1 Executive Copy, and 10 CD's were distributed to each Municipality.
Mr. Hines also reported that the document is also available for view on the Slippery Rock Borough website (srboro.net).
2. Mr. Hines reported that since the Document had been printed, he would coordinate the distribution of the document to the following;
 - a. LGA
 - b. DCED
 - c. Dr. Smith (SRU)
 - d. University Library
3. Mr. Hines reported that he had met with Gary Pinkerton of the Butler County Parks and Rec, Monica Hoffman of the DCNR, and Mary Messer of the Slippery Rock Parks and Rec. At this meeting Monica Hoffman reported that there were five requirements of the Parks and Recreation Grant that needed to be finalized. Mr. Hines reported that he and Gary Pinkerton were in the process of obtaining the final items. When the final requirements have been met and the Scope of work is approved by the DCNR; the project then can be awarded to Mackin Engineering.
4. Jesse Allen requested for any updates or reports on any implementation plans in process from the participating municipalities. Jesse Allen then stated that Brady Township and Slippery Rock Borough were discussing the possibly of amending and reinstating their Zoning and SALDO's consistent with the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan.

Hearing no further comments, Tracy Frampton **motioned** for adjournment at 6:45 p.m.. Seconded by Bill Buchanan. **Motion passed**

Jesse Allen
Chairman, Jesse Allen

Jesse E. Hines
Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

3-17-08 Date approved

**Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission
March Minutes**

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: March 17, 2008

Members Present: Slippery Rock Borough: Slippery Rock Township: Terry Doerr Worth Township: CJ Barkley. Brady Township: Jesse Allen and Mark Willis. West Liberty Borough: Ex-Officio: Jesse Hines

Others Present: Mr. McMurray & John Martin

Jesse Allen called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m..

February Minutes: Mark Willis **motioned** that the Commission minutes for the month of February 18, 2008 be approved as distributed. Seconded by Terry Doerr. **Motion passed.**

1. Mr. Allen reported that the final Comprehensive plan had been distributed as discussed to the Butler County Planning Commission, LGA, DCED, University Library, and to the President of Slippery Rock University.
2. Mr. Hines reported that the final documents necessary to fulfill the DCED grant for the Parks and rec project were being gathered and that Mackin Engineering is anticipating attending the April meeting to begin the project.
3. Terry Doerr **motioned** to approve advertising the meeting dates for the rest of the 2008 calendar year, for the meetings to be held on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Slippery Rock Township Building. With each municipality to be invoiced for their share of the cost, 1/5 the total cost of advertising. Seconded by Mark Wills. **Motion Passed.**
4. Terry Doerr **motioned** to recognize the study group members list as distributed to be sent to the DCED as part of the grant requirement with the understanding that list may evolve through the process and may be updated from time to time. Seconded by Mark Wills. **Motion Passed.**
5. Chairman Allen advised the group that the next meeting will be on April, 21, 2008 and the intent is to have Mackin Present to begin the Parks and Rec project.
6. CJ Barkley advised the committee that Worth Township had appointed Ron Dilisano, as a new member to be serving on the committee representing Worth township at future meetings.

Hearing no further comments, Terry Doerr **motioned** for adjournment at 6:16 p.m.. Seconded by Mark Wills. **Motion passed**


Chairman, Jesse Allen

5-19-08

Date approved


Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

**Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission
May Minutes**

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: May 19, 2008

Members Present: Slippery Rock Borough: Herb Carlson and Jerry Heller Slippery Rock Township: Terry Doerr Worth Township: CJ Barkley. Brady Township: Jesse Allen West Liberty Borough: Mary Podvasnik **Secretary:** Jesse Hines

Ex-Officio: Mary Messer and Mike Johnson

Others Present: Mr. McMurray, John Martin and B Scrolls.

Jesse Allen called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:03 p.m..

March Minutes: Terry Doerr **motioned** that the Commission minutes for the month of March 17, 2008 be approved as distributed. Seconded by Jesse Allen. **Motion passed.**

1. Mr. Hines reported that Comprehensive Recreation Plan and Master Site Plan, Scope of work was being reviewed by the Butler County Recreation Department and the following were considerations that were discussed from the proposed scope of work.
 - a. County goals
 - i. Include Master Site Plan for Slippery Rock Borough Park
 - ii. Examine YMCA programs / relationship with Slippery Rock Borough Parks and Recreation
 - iii. Assess fiscal impact of fee-based programming
 - iv. Assess impact of Armco Park Master Site Plan
 - v. Include Harrisville programming/facilities
 - vi. Include Prospect Boys & Girls Club / Franklin Township
 - vii. Expand scope to address school district as the service area for Slippery Rock Borough Parks and Recreation
 - b. County Participation (to be confirmed)
 - i. Assist w/ survey distribution
 - ii. Conduct playground inspection
 - c. Local Support (Slippery Rock Borough Parks and Recreation)
 - i. Complete progress reports
2. Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan implementation
 - a. Mr. Hines reported that the County was to adopt the NWBCMMCP by resolution at their upcoming meeting.

Hearing no further comments, Terry Doerr **motioned** for adjournment at 6:21 p.m.. Seconded by Jerry Heller. **Motion passed**



Chairman, Jesse Allen



Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

18-8-08

Date approved

Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission

August Minutes

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: August 18, 2008

Members Present: Slippery Rock Borough: Jerry Heller Slippery Rock Township: Terry Doerr Worth Township: None Present. Brady Township: Mark Wills West Liberty Borough: Bill Buchanan **Secretary:** Jesse Hines
Ex-Officia: Mary Messer, Chris Glenn, and Mike Johnson
Others Present: Mr. McMurray,.

Jerry Heller called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:07 p.m..

May Minutes: Terry Doerr **motioned** that the Commission minutes for the month of May 19, 2008 be approved as distributed. Seconded by Mark Wills. **Motion passed.**

Terry Doerr **motioned** to recommend Slippery Rock Borough Council enter into the Professional Services Agreement as revised with Mackin Engineering Company for the purpose of completing a Comprehensive Recreation Plan and Master Site Development Plan for the Northwestern Butler County Planning Committee; Pending approval by both the State DCNR and the Butler County parks and Recreation Department. Seconded by Mark Wills. **Motion passed.**

Hearing no further comments, Terry Doerr **motioned** for adjournment at 6:30 p.m.. Seconded by Jerry Heller. **Motion passed**



Chairman, Jesse Allen

10-20-08

Date approved



Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission

October Minutes

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: October 18, 2008

Members Present: Slippery Rock Borough: Herb Carlson Slippery Rock Township: Terry Doerr and Tracey Frampton Worth Township: Brady Township: Jesse Allen and Mark Wills West Liberty Borough: Mary Podvasnick and Bill Buchanan:
Mackin Engineering: Amy Senepole and Jim Watenpool.
Others Present: John Martin, Mike Johnson, Jeremy Rekich, Bea Sprowles, Wil Taylor, Mary Messer.

Jesse Allen called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m..

September Minutes: Mark Willis **motioned** that the Commission minutes for the month of September, 2008 be approved as distributed. Seconded by Terry Doerr. **Motion passed.**

1. Mackin Engineering distributed the Scope of work and discussed the Master Parks and Recreation Plan its study and the process for adoption. They also explained the public participation associated with the plan. They explained that our area already has many resources and the goal of the plan will be to set short and long term goals and create partnerships.
2. Mackin Engineering explained that they would like the committee to create a Stake Holders list of local people and programs that could be included with the study.
3. Chairman Allen advised the group that the next meeting will be on November 17, 2008.

Hearing no further comments, John Martin **motioned** for adjournment at 7:00 pm. Seconded by Terry Doer. **Motion passed**



Chairman, Jesse Allen

12-15-08

Date approved



Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission

November Minutes

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: November 17, 2008

Members Present: Slippery Rock Borough: Herb Carlson Slippery Rock Township: Terry Doerr Worth Township: John Martin and Don Greenway Brady Township: Jesse Allen West Liberty Borough: Mary Podvasnick and Carie Senge:
Mackin Engineering: was not present.
Others Present: Mike Johnson, Jeremy Rekich, Wil Taylor, Mary Messer.

Jesse Allen called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

October Minutes: Jesse Allen announced that the minutes from the Month of October were not produced yet and their approval will be on the agenda for the December Meeting.

1. Discussed the Stakeholder list and collected names and numbers from anyone who brought them.
2. Discussed the draft Parks and Rec Survey and requested each member to review and to be prepared provide comment at the December Meeting.
3. As there is no Vice Chair because CJ Bakley moved; Terry Doer **motioned** to appoint John Martin as the Vice Chair of the Committee, seconded by Herb Carlson. **Motion Passed**
4. Chairman Allen advised the group that the next meeting will be on December 15, 2008.

Hearing no further comments, Terry Doer **motioned** for adjournment at 6:20 pm. Seconded by John Martin. **Motion passed**



Chairman, Jesse Allen

12-15-08

Date approved



Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

**Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission
December Minutes**

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: December 15, 2008

Members Present: Slippery Rock Borough: Herb Carlson and Kurt Pitluga Slippery Rock Township: Tracy Frampton Worth Township: John Martin and Brian McMurdy. Brady Township: Jesse Allen. West Liberty Borough: Mary Podvasnik **Secretary:** Jesse Hines **Mackin Engineering:** Amy Senepole and Jim Watenpool **Others Present:** Mike Johnson and Mary Messer

Jesse Allen called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:03 p.m..

Minutes: John Martin **motioned** that the Commission minutes for the month of October 20, 2008, and November 17, 2008 be approved as distributed. Seconded by Herb Carlson. **Motion passed.**

1. Mackin Engineering

- a. Reviewed the Stakeholder list and expanded the contact list to include several more local places that could be interviewed for the study.
- b. Provided Field View Results to the committee from their site visit of October 22, 2008. The sites visited include the Slippery Rock Park, The Brady Township Site, Rock Falls Park, the Prospect Boys and Girls Club, and the Harrisville Town park.
- c. Requested and received input regarding the draft Public Survey. After much discussion several revisions were made and the committee was to receive a revised version that would be E-mailed to them before the January meeting.

2. John Martin notified the Committee that the Worth Township ADA compliant Restrooms were recently completed.

3. Herb Carlson Motioned to approve the meeting dates for the Third Monday of each Month for the 2009 Calendar Year, for the meetings to be held on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Slippery Rock Township Building; With each Municipality to be invoiced for their share of the cost, 1/5 the total cost of advertising. Seconded by Kurt Pitluga. **Motion Passed.**

4. Mary Podvasnik discussed the States new law pertaining to local Tax Collection. She proposed investigating into a possible partnership with the Committees participating Municipalities and possibly assigning a single entity to represent the participating Municipalities. After discussion it was agreed that the topic would be further discussed in the future.

Hearing no further comments, Kurt Pitluga **motioned** for adjournment at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Tracey Frampton. **Motion passed**


Chairman, Jesse Allen

1-19-09
Date approved


Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission

January Minutes

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: January 15, 2009

Members Present:

Slippery Rock Borough: Herb Carlson and Kurt Pitluga **Worth Township:** John Martin **Brady Township:** Jesse Allen & Mark Wills **Secretary:** Jesse Hines

Jesse Allen called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m..

Kurt Pitluga nominated Jesse Allen for the Chairperson position. Seconded by John Martin.
Motion passed unanimously

Kurt Pitluga nominated John Martin for the Vice-Chairperson position. Seconded by Jesse Allen.
Motion passed unanimously

Minutes: John Martin **motioned** that the Commission minutes for the month of December 15, 2008, be approved as distributed. Seconded by Herb Carlson. **Motion passed.**

- 1) Jesse Hines notified the committee that the Stakeholder list had been expanded to include all of the entities that the committee requested to be included. This information was then delivered to Mackin Engineering to be included with the study.
- 2) Discussed the Public Survey and reviewed its final format. Jesse Hines reported that the survey had been delivered to the Butler County Parks and Rec department and that they were in the process of mailing them out to the residents. Mackin Engineering will review the data when received and will report the information back to the group at the next meeting.

Hearing no further comments, Jesse Allen **motioned** for adjournment at 6:20 p.m. Seconded by Herb Carlson. **Motion passed**



Chairman, Jesse Allen



Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

3-16-09

Date approved

Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission March Minutes

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: March 16, 2009

Members Present: **Slippery Rock Borough:** Herb Carlson and Jerry Heller **Slippery Rock Township:** Tracy Frampton **Worth Township:** John Martin. **Brady Township:** Jesse Allen **West Liberty Borough:** Mary Podvasnik and Bill Buchanan **Secretary:** Jesse Hines

Ex-Officia: Mary Messer, Mike Johnson and Jeremy Rekich

Mackin Engineering: Amy Senopole, Jim Watenpool and Bill Moldevan

Jesse Allen called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:25 p.m..

January Minutes: Herb Carlson **motioned** that the Commission minutes for the month of January 19, 2009 be approved as distributed. Seconded by Tracy Frampton. **Motion passed.**

Mackin Engineering:

Distributed survey results and discussed the master Site Plan Expectations and other information as follows,

A. Public Survey Update

- a. Response Rate (as of Tuesday, March 11, 2009)
- b. Drawing

B. Individual Sites Discussion

- a. Brady Township Parcel
- b. 2-Acre Site, Slippery Rock Borough
- c. Slippery Rock Park
 - i. Site Analysis (opportunities/constraints)

C. Public Meeting

- a. Date, Time, Location of May 18, 2009 at 6pm was agreed upon.

Hearing no further comments, Tracy Frampton **motioned** for adjournment at 8:23 p.m.. Seconded by Bill Buchanan. **Motion passed**



Chairman, Jesse Allen

4-20-09

Date approved



Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission
~~April Minutes~~

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: April 20, 2009

Members Present: **Slippery Rock Borough:** Herb Carlson and Jerry Heller **Slippery Rock Township:** Terry Doerr **Worth Township:** John Martin. **Brady Township:** Jesse Allen and Mark Willits **West Liberty Borough:** Mary Podvasnik **Secretary:** Jesse Hines

Mackin Engineering: Amy Senopole and Jim Watenpool

Ex-Officia: Mary Messer and Mike Johnson

Others Present: Stephenie Rex of the Butler Eagle


Jesse Allen called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m..

March Minutes: Herb Carlson **motioned** that the Commission minutes for the month of March 16, 2009 be approved as distributed. Seconded by Terry Doer. **Motion passed.**

Amy Senopole of Mackin Engineering updated the Committee on the progress of their study as follows.

1. Comprehensive Recreation Plan and Master Site Plan
2. Public Survey Results
3. Review of Draft Master Site Plans
4. Programming
 - a. Existing programs
 - b. Ages best served & least served
 - c. Future program ideas
 - d. Inclusion
 - e. Partnerships
 - f. Coordination & collaboration to avoid duplication
 - g. Promoting programs to achieve greater attendance
 - h. User Fees
 - i. Staffing programs
5. Public Meeting – May 18; 6-8pm (open house format)
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Room Setup
 - c. Volunteers
 - d. Publicity

Hearing no further comments, Herb Carlson **motioned** for adjournment at 8:13 p.m.. Seconded by Jerry Heller. **Motion passed**


VICE Chairman, Jesse Allen — JOHN MARTIN
6-15-09
Date approved


Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

*Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission
June Minutes*

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: June 15, 2009 **Members Present:** Slippery Rock Borough: Herb Carlson Slippery Rock Township: Tracy Frampton Worth Township: John Martin. Brady Township: Mark Willis **Secretary:** Jesse Hines **Ex-Officia:** Mary Messer

John Martin called the Planning Committee meeting to order at 6:05 p.m..

April Minutes: Mark Willis **motioned** that the Commission minutes for the month of April 20, 2009 be approved as distributed. Seconded by Herb Carlson. **Motion passed.**

Committee members reviewed the Final Master plans and the short narratives, explaining the design changes for each plan that were revised per the feedback received during the public meeting. The committee then discussed the revised plans and narratives and provided the following comments.

- 1) Mackin Engineering did a very good job in conducting the Public Meeting and all of the stations were beneficial in providing information. It was also noted that the comments reviewed were consistent with information received at the public meeting.
- 2) Consider phasing and stages for each aspect of the plan for implementation. For example: break the walking trail into sections and prioritize its development by sections.
- 3) As the walking trails in Slippery Rock Park do not have lights there should be a plan to identify posted times of use and rules.
- 4) Develop a standard detail to be recognized when creating new signs for the parks (both directional and entrance). This would provide continuity in their design and a better understanding of providing "park information"
- 5) As with the Multi-Municipal Comp Plan; identify funding sources with the recommendations.
- 6) Have the master sight plan reflect the recommendation to improve the park entrance on Grove City Road with identified property lines and improvement ideas.
- 7) The site plan has the note to relocate the existing playground near the front entrance, but does not provide any recommendation as to where.

Plan related comments and questions not specific to the Master Site plans were as follows.

- 1) Could the YMCA master Site Plan be adopted as part of the final plan?
- 2) What role does the committee play in assisting the individual municipalities pursuing funding for projects?

The committee members were encouraged to provide any questions or feedback directly to Mackin before the July meeting.

Hearing no further comments, Herb Carlson **motioned** for adjournment at 7:28 p.m.. Seconded by Tracey Frampton. **Motion passed**


Chairman, Jesse Allen

8-20-09 
Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

***Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission
July Minutes***

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: July 20, 2009 **Members Present:** Slippery Rock Borough: Herb Carlson and Jerry Heller Slippery Rock Township: Terry Doer Worth Township: John Martin. Brady Township: Jesse Allen Mark Willis Mackin Engineering: Amy Senepole **Secretary:** Jesse Hines **Ex-Officia:** Mary Messer, Mike Johnson.

Jesse Allen called the Planning Committee meeting to order at 6:05 p.m..

April Minutes: Herb Carlson **motioned** that the Commission minutes for the month of June 15, 2009 be approved as distributed. **Seconded** by Mark Wills. **Motion passed.**

Committee members reviewed the Final Master plans and the short narratives, explaining the design changes for each plan that were revised per the feedback received during the public meeting. The committee then discussed the revised plans and narratives and provided the following comments.

- 1) Master Site Plans– the following was discussed:
 - Mackin will wait for SR Borough Council regarding the location of the library. The Master Site Plan will reflect that decision.
 - Walking trails will be phased in sections
- 2) Administration – the committee is not yet ready to commit to a full regional parks and recreation board at this time (mainly due to financial reasons) however; the planning committee will continue and serve to assist in grant writing, project implementation, etc.
- 3) Staffing – Mary indicated a current need for a part-time summer maintenance worker and depending on future programming expansions, additional program operators (dependent on how they are set up – may just be outside contractors).
- 4) User Fees – the committee agreed that a three-tiered system was appropriate as we had discussed; however the increase between member municipalities and school district municipalities should be LOWER than the diff between school district and outside. They believe this will eventually encourage the other 3 municipalities to fully join the board and provide an annual contribution.
- 5) Programming – senior programming has been identified as being the type most in need. In addition, Worth Township is interested in working w/the board (Mary) to offer programs in the Worth Twp municipal building (Worth Twp residents would then pay the same user fee as “member” municipalities). Brady Township is interested but does not have the capacity at their current municipal building to host such programs. YMCA Armco Park is extremely interested in partnering to host programs at their park.
- 6) Future Parks – at this time, it seems that the only new park recommended is Brady Township. However, 4/5 have a SALDO (West Liberty Borough does not) and all 4 are interested in updating to include provisions for a mandatory dedication or fee in lieu of for new parks / recreation facilities.
- 7) Publicity / Marketing – the committee agrees that this is an area in need of improvement. Ideas that were discussed include:

- Improving municipal websites (possibility of creating a “regional NW Butler County” website that links all municipal and other organizations sites, including SR Parks & Rec, YMCA Armco, SR School District, SRU, etc.) and hiring an independent consultant to develop the sites as needed;
 - New kiosk / marquee board in SR Boro to promote for-profit entities / programs (there is already a non-profit kiosk on Main Street);
 - Using the logo / signage that Bill Moldovan develops for SR Park as part of the Master Site Plan on ALL parks / recreation publications and at all other parks / recreation sites (similar fonts, colors, etc.); and
 - Ensuring that the publications on programming, etc. that SR Parks & Rec currently develop are made available at all of the municipalities, including those w/in and outside of SR School District.
- 8) Walking / Biking – the committee feels that the region is unfriendly to cyclists, etc. There is a need for new / additional bike racks throughout the area, particularly at each park (Gateway Park, etc.) as well as key destinations such as the Giant Eagle shopping center, etc. SRU has instituted a “green bike initiative” where they installed bike racks, etc. around campus – possibility to expand this into the community / region. More discussion will take place regarding trails, sidewalks, bike paths at the August meeting.

Hearing no further comments, Terry Doer **motioned** for adjournment at 7:00 p.m.. Seconded by John Martin. **Motion passed**

John Martin 8-17-09
 VICE Chairman, ~~Jesse Allen~~
 JOHN MARTIN

Jesse E. Hines 8-17-09
 Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission
August, 2009 Minutes

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: August 17, 2009 **Members Present:** Slippery Rock Borough: Herb Carlson an Slippery Rock Township: Terry Doerr Worth Township: John Martin. **Secretary:** Jesse Hines **Ex-Officia:** Mary Messer, Mike Johnson **Mackin Engineering:** Amy Senopole, Jim Watenpool.

John Martin called the Planning Committee meeting to order at 6:05 p.m..

July Minutes: Herb Carlson **motioned** that the Commission minutes for the month of July 20, 2009 be approved as distributed. Seconded by Terry Doerr. **Motion passed.**

The following was discussed concerning the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Parks and Rec Plan.

1. Comprehensive Recreation Plan and Master Site Plan

a. Master Site Plans

- i. Slippery Rock Park Phasing Meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2009**

b. Final Public Meeting

- i. Present Draft Recreation Plan & Master Site Plans on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 6:00pm at the Slippery Rock Township Building**

c. Plan Adoption

- i. 45-day Public Comment Period**

- a. Begin Monday, October 26, 2009**

- b. End Friday, December 11, 2009**

- ii. Meeting with Elected Officials**

- a. Review draft plan & recommendations**

- b. Monday, November 16, 2009 @ 6:00pm**

- iii. Joint Public Hearing**

- a. Need to schedule**

- b. Must be legally advertised**

- iv. Adopt via Resolution – Mackin will provide**

d. Recreation Plan: Needs Assessment / Recommendations

- i. Recommendations are being developed for the following categories based on expressed needs by SR Parks / Recreation: Administration; Personnel; Maintenance; and Financing. These items will be addressed for the other municipalities as needed (i.e. Brady Township site, other potential parks / recreation facilities / programming)**

- ii. Parks / Recreation Facilities**

- a. Biggest need is an indoor sports facility / gymnasium. SR Parks / Recreation currently relies solely on school district facilities, which can be unavailable at times. Would like to increase sports programs to include intramural leagues for children as well as adult leagues but there is no where to hold such programs. Possibility to partner w/the Baptist Church, who is constructing an indoor facility. YMCA has plans to construct an outdoor covered basketball court but no indoor facility.**

- b. Interest in adding dog waste stands throughout SR Park to encourage people to pick up waste while walking pets.
- c. Harrisville has a skate park – no need to duplicate facilities.
- d. YMCA plans to construct a walking trail in their park with exercise stations.

iii. Programming

- a. YMCA not offering programs yet – interested in partnering w/SR Parks / Recreation.
- b. Looking to offer satellite programs at YMCA Armco Park, Worth Township, Slippery Rock Township Building.
- c. Slippery Rock Township Building functions as a Senior Center – need to contact to see what is offered, what is needed.
- d. Jim Watenpool to provide details on Senior Programs and Pre-School Programs that are successful in other areas.
- e. SR Parks / Recreation would like to begin offering summer leagues (basketball, sand volleyball, etc.) but need facilities.
- f. SR Parks / Recreation has a good working relationship w/SRU Tennis.
- g. Educational Programs were identified as being needed / wanted – but what types? Potential to partner with SRU Lifelong Learning (offers adult education classes downtown), McCoskey Center (offers outdoor educational classes for elementary school students), etc.

iv. Trails & Greenways

- a. Need to connect SR downtown / schools / parks to Moraine State Park / Jennings. Potential to use SR 173 / Centerville Pike – need to contact PennDOT for ROW information and interest in developing bike lane / trail alongside.
- b. Washington's Trail is signed by County – contact Butler County Planning to see what plans are.
- c. North Country Trail – need to contact to determine status.
- d. Talk of constructing a snowmobile trail around Arthur Lake in Moraine State Park – need to determine plans / status.
- e. Need to connect High School to downtown – missing sidewalks on Kiester Road. Look at connecting residential neighborhoods to schools. There are gaps in sidewalks on Normal Avenue. Slippery Rock Borough has a sidewalks plan – Jesse to send Mackin a copy.
- f. Slippery Rock Creek Water Trail – portions of the stream are navigable however the three dams make it difficult; two sections were noted as possibilities: Moraine State Park has a boat launch near West Park Road to Camp Crestfield & YMCA Armco Park to Camp Bucoco.

Hearing no further comments, Terry Doerr **motioned** for adjournment at 7:50 p.m.. Seconded by Herb Carlson. **Motion passed**


Chairman, Jesse Allen

 9-21-2009.
Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission

September Minutes

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: September 21, 2009 **Members Present:** Slippery Rock Borough: Herb Carlson

Slippery Rock Township: Tracy Frampton & Terry Doer **Worth Township:** John Martin &

Briaan McMurdy. Brady Township: Jesse Allen **Secretary:** Jesse Hines **Ex-Officia:** Mary

Messer, Mike Johnson, Mackin Engineering: Amy Wiles, Bill Moldovan & Jim Watenpool

Jesse Allen called the Planning Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m..

August Minutes: Herb Carlson **motioned** that the Commission minutes for the month of August 17, 2009 be approved as distributed. Seconded by Terry Doer. **Motion passed.**

The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft plan as supplied by Mackin Engineering. They were requested to complete an Implementation/Priority Plan sheet and have it returned to Mackin Engineering no later than October 4th. Then discussed the following dates for final draft and approval;

- a. Final Public Meeting
 - i. Present Draft Recreation Plan & Master Site Plans
 - ii. DAY: Monday, October 19, 2009
 - iii. TIME: 6:00pm
 - iv. LOCATION: Slippery Rock Township Building
- b. Plan Adoption
 - i. 45-day Public Comment Period
 - a. Begin Monday, October 26, 2009
 - b. End Friday, December 11, 2009
 - ii. Meeting with Elected Officials
 - a. Review draft plan & recommendations
 - b. Monday, November 16, 2009 @ 6:00pm
 - iii. Joint Public Hearing
 - a. January 18, at the Slippery Rock Township Building.
 - b. Must be legally advertised – Mackin will provide.
 - iv. Adopt via Resolution – Mackin will provide,
 - a. First meeting of February by each municipality at their regularly scheduled meetings.

Hearing no further comments, Terry Doer **motioned** for adjournment at 7:18 p.m.. Seconded by Tracey Frampton. **Motion passed**


Chairman, Jesse Allen 11-15-09


Secretary, Jesse E. Hines 11-15-09

Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Committee

November Minutes

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: November 16, 2009.

Members Present: **Slippery Rock Borough:** Herb Carlson & Jerry Heller **Slippery Rock Township:** Tracy Frampton & Terry Doerr **Worth Township:** John Martin **Brady Township:** Jesse Allen & Mark Willis **West Liberty Borough:** Mary Podvasnik **Secretary:** Jesse Hines **Ex-Officia:** Mary Messer & Mike Johnson.
Mackin Engineering: Amy Senopole & Brandy Roselli

Jesse Allen Called the Planning Committee Meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

September Minutes: Terry Doerr motioned that the Commission minutes for the month of September 21, 2009 be approved as distributed. Seconded by Herb Carlson; **Motion passed.**

The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft plan and the master site plan as supplied by Mackin Engineering. They reviewed the planning process and asked for any comments on the draft plan.

Mackin Engineering made the Public and the Committee aware the the draft plan was available for review at each of the participating municipalities government buildings as well as online; at www.mackinengineering.com/northwestbutlercounty.

Mackin Engineering made the Committee and public aware that the comment period ends on Friday, December 11, 2009.

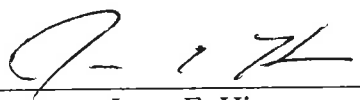
Herb Carlson motioned that the Joint Public Hearing is to be held on January 18th at 6pm, to be held at the Slippery Rock Township Community Center, and that advertising for the public hearing would be coordinated between Mackin Engineering and Jesse; with each municipality to be invoiced for their portion (1/5) the cost of the legal advertisement. Seconded by Terry Doerr; motion passed.

The Committee agreed to cancel the December meeting if there were no major comments received.

The committee requested any input from the public and there was none.

Hearing no further comments, Herb Carlson motioned for adjournment at 6:10pm Seconded my Mark Willis. Motion passed.


Chairman 1-18-10


Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission

January Minutes

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: January 18, 2010

Members Present: Slippery Rock Township: Tracy Frampton & Terry Doerr **Brady**

Township: Jesse Allen **West Liberty Borough:** Bill Buchanan **Secretary:** Jesse Hines **Ex-**

Officia: Gary Pinkerton, Mike Johnson **Mackin Engineering:** Amy Wiles.

Others Present: Harry McMurray, Daniel Opalewski, John Martin, Cheryl McMurray

Jesse Allen called the Public Hearing to order at 6:53 p.m..

Reorganazation:

Terry Doerr motioned to nominate Jesse Allen as the **Chairman**, seconded by Tracey Frampton; motion passed.

Terry Doerr motioned to nominate Tracey Frampton as the **Vice-Chairman**, seconded by Jesse Allen; motion passed.

Jesse Allen thanked the members for their service and thanked John Martin for his input to the committee.

November Minutes: Terry Doerr motioned that the commission minutes for the month of November 16, 2009 be approved as distributed. Seconded by Tracey Frampton; motion passed.

The committee reviewed and discussed the draft plan and master site plan as supplied by Mackin Engineering; and discussed the following;

- 1) Agreed that they would like to take the recommendation of Gary Pinkerton and wait to have the Butler County Parks and Recreation and the State DCNR comments received before making a recommendation on the plan.

Terry Doerr motioned to advertise that the group would be meeting in February and March on the third Monday of each month at 6pm at the Slippery Rock Township Building; seconded by Jesse Allen; **motion passed.**

- 2) There was much discussion about the DCNR recommendation, wanting the plan to encourage greenways and conservation easements more than it currently does. The committee agreed that the input received from the residents was such that they did not support such programs.

- 3) The committee requested that the safety survey and the meeting minutes be incorporated with the plan as an appendix. They requested that the Key person interview information be included and the organizational chart be updated.

The committee requested any input from the public and there was a comment that Crestfield and Moraine does not support the tax base and does not pay a fees-inlu-of to the municipality for their use of the roads.

Hearing no further comments, Terry Doer **motioned** for adjournment at 8:05 p.m.. Seconded by Jesse Allen. **Motion passed**



Chairman, Jesse Allen

 5-15-10

Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission

***Public Hearing Minutes
Monday, January 18, 2010***

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: January 18, 2010

Members Present: Slippery Rock Township: Tracy Frampton & Terry Doer Brady Township: Jesse Allen West Liberty Borough: Bill Buchanan **Secretary:** Jesse Hines **Ex-Officia:** Gary Pinkerton, Mike Johnson **Mackin Engineering:** Amy Wiles.

Others Present: Harry McMurray, Daniel Opalewski, John Martin, Cheryl McMurray

Jesse Allen called the Public Hearing to order at 6:04 p.m..

The Committee commented on the plan and its development as supplied by Mackin Engineering; summarized by the following key talking points.

- a. Summary of the project / planning process
- b. Summary of the public comment period
- c. Why a public hearing is held
 - i. MPC Requirements
 - ii. Reviewed the format for providing comments at a hearing
- d. Public Hearing
 - 1) Dan Opalewski commented the following
 - a. That the wording of who was actually holding the Public Hearing should be revised to be more specific.
 - b. Wanted clarification as to the powers of the Northwest Butler County Planning Committee
 - 2) Gary Pinkerton commented on the following
 - a. Recommended that the plan should not be recommended for adoption until his office conducted its final review and comment as well as conducted a safety report for the Slippery Rock Park.
 - b. Recommended that the plan should not be recommended for adoption until the DCNR conducted its final review and comment on the plan.
 - c. Stated that the plan should include the minutes of the meetings held of the Committee during the development of the project.
- e. Next Steps: Amy Wiles of Mackin Engineering commented how public comments would be incorporated and a the procedure for major revisions if necessary.

Hearing no further comments, Terry Doer **motioned** for adjournment at 6:52 p.m.. Seconded by Tracey Frampton. **Motion passed**


Chairman, Jesse Allen

 3-17-09
Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission

May, 2010 Minutes

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: May 17, 2010

Members Present: **Slippery Rock Township:** Tracy Frampton & Terry Doerr **Brady Township:** Jesse Allen **West Liberty Borough:** Bill Buchanan & Mary Podvasnik **Worth Township:** Fred Breezel **Secretary:** Jesse Hines **Ex-Officia:** Gary Pinkerton, Mike Johnson
Others Present: Harry McMurray

Jesse Allen called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m..

March Minutes: Terry Doerr motioned that the commission minutes for the month of March 15, 2010 be approved as distributed. Seconded by Bill Buchanan; **motion passed unanimously.**

The committee reviewed and discussed the final Comprehensive Parks and Recreation plan and Master Site Plan as supplied by Mackin Engineering. Gary Pinkerton of the Butler County Parks and Recreation department discussed the review status of the plan and reported that he has discussed it with Monica Hoffman with the State DCNR office. At this time Gary reported that the information requested by the DCNR office has been included with the plan and has been resubmitted to their office for final review comment. He said that he is confident that the committee could comfortably make a recommendation for each respective municipality to adopt the plan by resolution pending receiving the final approval letter from the DCNR office. He also said that he does not anticipate that the review will be completed by the DCNR office until sometime in mid to late June.

The committee discussed the information received and made the following motion

Terry Doerr made a motion recommending adoption of the final Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan and Master Site Plan to the governing bodies of each of the participating municipalities (Worth Township, Brady Township, Slippery Rock Township, West Liberty Borough and Slippery Rock Borough). This motion is made contingent upon the committee receiving the letter of recommendation from the State DCNR office for the plan that most likely won't be received until sometime in June 2010. Seconded by Herb Carlson; **motion passed unanimously.**

It was further discussed that the participating municipalities should start to review and consider the draft resolution as provided and request that they prepare to adopt them at their July, 2010 meetings. The secretary and the chairman will work to draft letters from the committee to each of the participating municipalities governing bodies advising them of the motion to recommend adoption of the plan. .

The committee then went on to discuss when they would meet again and what topics would be on the agenda.

Terry Doer made a motion to advertise that the group would be meeting next on September 20, 2010 at 6pm at the Slippery Rock Township Building; seconded by Jerry Heller; **motion passed unanimously.**

Each member was requested to review the recommendations made in the Multi Municipal Comprehensive Plan and in the Multi Municipal Parks and Recreation Plan and prepare to discuss future projects for the committee at the September meeting.

Jesse Hines reported that he would work with Mackin Engineering to obtain copies of the final adopted Parks and Recreation Plan as are to be supplied per the contract with Mackin Engineering. He also reported that the Slippery Rock University printing office has agreed to reproduce the documents for the committee but SRU has not provided a cost per plan as of yet.

Hearing no further comments, Terry Doer **motioned** for adjournment at 6:25 p.m.. Seconded by Mary Podvasnik. **Motion passed**

Chairman, Jesse Allen

Secretary, Jesse E. Hines

Date

Northwestern Butler County Comprehensive Planning Commission
March 15, 2010 Minutes

Place: Slippery Rock Township Community Center

Date: March 15, 2010

Members Present: Slippery Rock Township: Terry Doer Worth Township: Fred Bezel. Brady Township: Jesse Allen. West Liberty Borough: Mary Podvasnik. **Secretary:** Jesse Hines
Others Present: Gary Pinkerton, Amy Senopole, Mary Messer, John Martin, W.M McMurray.

Jesse Allen called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

January Public Hearing Minutes: Terry Doer motioned that the Commissions Public Hearing minutes for meeting of January 18, 2010 be approved as distributed. Seconded by Mary Podvasnick. **Motion passed unanimously.**

January Minutes: Terry Doer motioned that the Commissions minutes for the monthly meeting of January 18, 2010 be approved as distributed. Seconded by Mary Podvasnick. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The committee then reviewed and discussed the draft plan and master site plan. Gary Pinkerton of the Butler County parks and Recreation office discussed the final two items that need to be completed before the state DCNR would grant a letter giving their recommendation for approval. The final two pieces of information included a safety survey of the play area at the Slippery Rock Park and a revised information chart to be supplied by Slippery Rock Park.

The committee discussed the outstanding items to be completed concerning the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation plan and agreed to wait until they were complete and a recommendation from the State DCNR office to adopt the plan was received before they recommended thire respective municipalities to adopt the final plan.

Jesse Allen **Motioned** to advertise April 19, 2010 and May 17, 2010 as meeting dates for the committee to further consider the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan. Seconded by Terry Doer. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Hearing no further comments, Jesse Allen **motioned** for adjournment at 7:05 p.m.. Seconded by Mary Podvasnick. **Motion passed unanimously.**



Chairman, Jesse Allen



Secretary, Jesse Hines

5-17-10

Date approved

Appendix A-5:
Slippery Rock Community Park
Playground Safety Audits

**Conducted by Butler County Parks and Recreation Department
March 2010**

Playground Safety Audits

Across the nation over 200,000 children are injured on playgrounds each year seriously enough to be treated in hospital emergency room-an average of seventeen deaths occur annually from playground injuries. Seventy-five percent of injuries happen on public playground equipment.

- Nineteen percent of the children get injured getting on and off equipment. Falls account for seventy-five percent of the injuries
- Twenty-nine percent of the injuries occur by tripping, falling and running into equipment located within the playground area.
- Fifty-three percent of the injuries are due to interaction with others, playing tag, running into swings or in front of slides.

To aid in reducing the occurrence of injuries and severity of playground injuries, national organizations have invested in developing playground safety standards. The implementation of the established standards, will aid dramatically reducing the number of playground accidents. The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board are three organizations that have established general guidelines for new and existing playgrounds and technical guidelines for equipment and surfacing. These guidelines and regulations include the following:

- A. ASTM F-1487 Standard for Playground Equipment for Public Use
- B. ASTM F-1292 Standard for Playground Surfacing for Public Use
- C. United States Consumer Product Safety Commission Handbook for Public Playground Safety
- D. Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities; Play Areas; Final Rule

Playground hazards are generally classified into five priorities based on their potential to cause serious injury. The following chart identifies the priority and corresponding number of audit points for each.

Key to Assigned Index Points on Audit Form		
Priorities	Points	Condition likely to cause:
Priority 1	15 or more	Permanent disability, loss of life or body part in a high risk area
Priority 2	10	Permanent disability, loss of life or body part in a high risk area
Priority 3	5	Serious injury or illness resulting in temporary disability
Priority 4	1	Minor (non-disabling) injury
Priority 5		Non compliant

Examples of Playground Hazards:

Priority One

- A. Swinging wheelchair platforms in an unsecured and unsupervised area.
- B. Merry-go-rounds (whirls) with open platform seating.
- C. Exposed concrete footers.
- D. Asphalt surface within fall zone of play equipment.
- E. Ten-foot high freestanding slide without a transition platform.
- F. Metal animal swings.
- G. Swings are attached to play structure.
- H. Entanglement hazards at top of slides.
- I. Entrapment openings.
- J. Inadequate fall zones.

Priority Two

- A. Severely worn S-hooks.
- B. Handholds used for supporting users weight turn and move when in use.
- C. No sign indicating age appropriateness of equipment.
- D. Worn or cracked rubber belt swing.
- E. Loose or worn hardware.

Priority Three

- A. Broken swing chain.
- B. Surfacing containment barrier creates a trip hazard.
- C. There is no regulatory or information signage for the play area.
- D. Protruding bolts.
- E. There are one belt and one bucket swing in the same bay.
- F. Broken bench or picnic table board.

Priority Four

- A. Litter and debris scattered throughout the playground.
- B. Surfacing material can be found scattered on the playground perimeter walkways.
- C. A pre-school tube slide diameter is 20" instead of the minimum 23".

Priority Five

- A. Lack of trash receptacles.
- B. A shady area is not provided.
- C. User cannot get to the playground via an accessible route.
- D. Metal equipment is showing rust and paint is chipping and worn in several areas.

Based on a field review conducted by the Butler County Parks and Recreation Department during March of 2010, the Department noted the playground safety hazards identified on the following pages.

General Recommendations-For play areas.

Priority One

Maintain a safety surface of 12” of engineered wood fibers at all playgrounds unless otherwise specified by the equipment manufacturer.

All playgrounds need signage indicating the following:

- The appropriate age group for the type of equipment that is installed (ages 2-5 or 6 -12)
- Rules for playground use
- Hours the play area is open
- Emergency phone numbers

Playground inspections need to be conducted on all playground equipment and safety surfaces at least weekly.

Appropriate maintenance and repairs should follow immediately after inspection if necessary. Written reports should be kept of all inspections and all corrective actions taken.

Priority Two

Caution signs should also be placed on roads adjacent to the playground areas, notifying drivers to be cautious. ADA walkways should be installed from all parking areas to the play areas. Eliminate protruding bolts so that no more than two threads are exposed.

All Priority One and Priority Two Hazards should be corrected immediately

LOWER LEVEL PLAYGROUND AREA

Slippery Rock Community Park under took a major renovation of the lower level playground area in 2004 which resulted in the removal of all earlier playground equipment, except for a four place fire truck climber, four place swing set and back-hoe diggers.

All new equipment placed within the playground area currently meets all existing playground standards and guidelines.

The following items need to be addressed within the playground area.

Priority One

Safety surface must be improved to meet current standards. Additional engineered wood fibers needs to be added to the existing surface to bring it back to the recommended twelve inch depth.

Priority Three

Existing section of the safety surfacing containment barrier currently is creating a tripping hazard.

Existing bench although not broken needs to be reinstalled so that the seating area is not sloping forward.

Priority Four

Existing tire on the fire truck climber needs to be replaced due to the possibility of being injured from the steel bands in the side wall.

Cover sand box to prevent animals from using it.

Clean sand at least once a week.

Priority Five

Due to the size of the playground area additional trash receptacles need to be added.

UPPER LEVEL PLAYGROUND AREA

Slippery Rock Community Park undertook a major renovation of the upper level playground area in 2004 which resulted in the removal of all existing playground equipment, except for the back-hoe climber.

The modular playground unit and swing the one-bay swing that was installed in 2004 currently meets all existing playground standards and guidelines.

The following items need to be addressed within the playground area.

Priority One

Inadequate fall zone area between tree climbers and safety surface containment barriers.

Priority Three

Broken plastic safety surface barriers need to be replaced.

Appendix B-1: Slippery Rock Area Parks & Recreation Agreement

The signed copy of the Agreement among the Borough of Slippery Rock, the Township of Slippery Rock, and the Slippery Rock Area School District, effective October 1, 1998.

**AN AGREEMENT AMONG SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH,
SLIPPERY ROCK TOWNSHIP, AND SLIPPERY ROCK
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE JOINT OPERATION
OF A PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAM**

This AGREEMENT is made this 1st day of October, 1998,
among **THE BOROUGH OF SLIPPERY ROCK; THE TOWNSHIP OF SLIPPERY ROCK;**
and **THE SLIPPERY ROCK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**, all being municipal bodies situated
in the County of Butler, Pennsylvania.

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, it is believed by all parties hereto that the citizens of their respective municipalities will be benefitted by a parks and recreation program jointly administered by the Borough of Slippery Rock, the Township of Slippery Rock and the Slippery Rock Area School District, which recreation program shall comply with all applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is to provide supervised community recreation services and facilities in certain areas of the agreeing municipalities and District through joint efforts of the governmental bodies rather than by separate efforts of each body to prevent duplication of efforts and the wasting of finances in order to promote and conduct a program of community recreation successfully; and

WHEREAS, the District and the municipalities mutually desire to mobilize all community resources to effectively and economically meet the present and future needs of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have determined that a parks and recreation program can be best administered by a Parks and Recreation Board, as hereinafter provided with the cooperation of the Borough Council, the Township Supervisors and the School Directors; and

WHEREAS, all parties are legally authorized to enter into such an agreement for the joint administration of a parks and recreation program for their respective municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound hereby, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, do jointly and severally, for

themselves and each of their successors and assigns, covenant and agree that the following terms and conditions shall govern the operation of the parks and recreation program:

1. ADMINISTRATION:

a. This Agreement, the provisions herein, and any supplemental written agreement approved by all parties of the participating municipalities shall govern the administration of the parks and recreation program.

b. The Administrative Officer of the Parks and Recreation Board shall be the Director of Parks and Recreation, who shall serve as the Executive Officer of the Parks and Recreation Board. Said Director shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board.

c. The Parks and Recreation Board shall consist of nine (9) members, all of whom shall serve without pay, appointed as follows: Three (3) of said members shall be appointed by the Borough of Slippery Rock; Three (3) of the members shall be appointed by the Township of Slippery Rock; and Three (3) of the members shall be appointed by the Slippery Rock School District. At least one (1) appointee appointed by each body shall be from each body's respective governing board. Each director shall serve a three (3) year term. Initially, each Board shall appoint a member to a one (1) year term, appoint another member to a two (2) year term, and appoint the third appointee to a three (3) year term. Thereafter, any appointee shall serve a three (3) year term. If any representative of one of the aforesaid municipal bodies who is a member of the Board shall cease to be a member of said municipal body for any reason prior to the expiration of his/her term on the Parks and Recreation Board, his or her membership on the Parks and Recreation Board shall automatically terminate at such time, and the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Board so caused shall be filled by the proper governing body by appointment for the balance of the term.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES:

a. The Parks and Recreation Program conducted under this agreement shall be administered by the Parks and Recreation Board through its administrative officers.

b. The office of administration shall be in such location as is established from time to time by the Parks and Recreation Board.

c. The Parks and Recreation Board shall be responsible for the appointment of all employees, for furnishing appropriate reports and preparing an annual budget, and for doing all other things necessary to carry out its purposes, all of which shall be in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

d. The Board and Program shall be audited at least annually by an accounting firm chosen by the Board.

3. PERSONNEL:

a. The Parks and Recreation Board shall appoint a Director of Parks and Recreation who shall serve as the Executive Officer of the Board and who shall coordinate the development and supervision of park and recreational activities.

b. All other full-time and part-time personnel necessary to operate the Parks and Recreation Program shall be employed by the Parks and Recreation Board.

c. It shall be the responsibility of the Director of Parks and Recreation to assign, direct and supervise employees duly employed by the Parks and Recreation Board.

d. No employee of the Parks and Recreation Board shall be considered an employee of any municipal body hereunder.

4. FINANCIAL:

a. The Parks and Recreation Board shall propose each year by November 1, an annual operating budget governing expenditures for salaries, materials and supplies, and all other matters connected with operation of the Parks and Recreation program to the Borough, Township, and School District for the following year. Additionally, it shall propose a capital program or revision to the long-term budget governing expenditures for capital improvements. Such budgets shall not be binding upon the parties hereto until approved by the governing boards of the parties hereto. Said approval shall be made no later than December 31 of the same year in which the annual operating budget is proposed.

b. The Borough of Slippery Rock, the Township of Slippery Rock and the Slippery Rock Area School District each agree that they will annually appropriate and budget a sum of money as set forth in Paragraph 4C for operating the Parks and Recreation Program. The amounts to be appropriated by each party are based on the following provisions which are agreed to by the parties:

1) The cost of the salary and approved employee benefits of the Director of Parks and Recreation and all other employees shall be paid from the Board's budget.

2) The Parks and Recreation Board shall reimburse the Slippery Rock Area School District, the Borough of Slippery Rock and the Township of Slippery

Rock for costs and expenses incurred for custodial and other services, when such services are required for parks and recreation programs conducted by the Parks and Recreation Board, and such services are beyond, or in addition to, those normally and ordinarily required for the operation of the School District, the Borough and/or the Township.

c. The Borough of Slippery Rock, the Township of Slippery Rock and the Slippery Rock Area School District each agree that they will for the Parks and Recreation Board operational years 1999, 2000 and 2001 appropriate and create in their budget a sum of money as follows:

Slippery Rock Borough	\$25,000.00
Slippery Rock Township	\$20,000.00
Slippery Rock Area School District	\$20,000.00

d. The Parks and Recreation Board shall provide stenographic, clerical, purchasing, payroll and accounting services. These services shall be paid for from the Parks and Recreation Budget.

e. All funds appropriated to the Parks and Recreation Board shall be received and disbursed by the Treasurer of such Board, through the use of a special account, in accordance with the requirements of the law.

f. The operating budget shall consist of the municipal appropriations set forth herein, activities fees and contributions from various community entities.

5. FACILITIES:

a. The buildings and playgrounds of the Slippery Rock Area School District may be available for the use of the Parks and Recreation Board when there is no conflict with regular school activities and if such request is approved by an authorized administrator.

b. The buildings and playgrounds of the Township of Slippery Rock may be available for the use of the Parks and Recreation Board when there is no conflict with regular activities and such request is approved by an authorized administrator.

c. The buildings and playgrounds of the Borough of Slippery Rock may be available for the use of the Parks and Recreation Board when there is no conflict with regular activities and such request is approved by an authorized administrator.

d. All real property and equipment shall remain the property of the individual municipal body except for such property or equipment purchased directly by the Parks and Recreation Board.

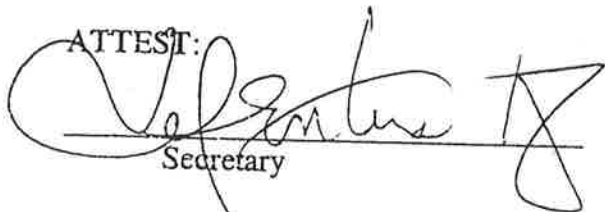
6. TERM OF AGREEMENT.

a. This Agreement shall become effective the 1ST day of October 1998, and shall continue in full force and effect until the 31st day of December, 2001, and shall be automatically renewable from year to year thereafter, unless cancelled by any party giving notice in writing to the others, not later than one (1) year before the end of the year prior to that in which it is proposed to terminate the Agreement. This agreement shall not be effective until it is signed by all three (3) parties.

b. Any party may withdraw from this Agreement if one of the other parties breaches this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, intending to be legally bound, the parties hereto have set forth their respective hands and seals, the day and year first written, pursuant to resolutions duly adopted authorizing the execution of this Agreement.

ATTEST:


Secretary

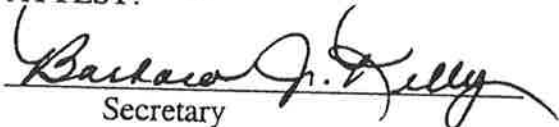
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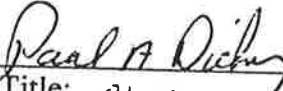
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Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF SLIPPERY ROCK

By

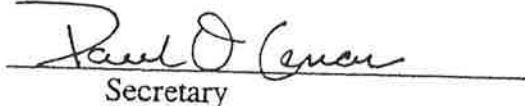


Title:

Chairman

12/8/98

ATTEST:


Secretary

SLIPPERY ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

By



Title:

Appendix B-2:
Slippery Rock Area Parks & Recreation Board
Bylaws

**The official bylaws of the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Board
Adopted: November 12, 2009**

BY-LAWS

of the

SLIPPERY ROCK AREA
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Adopted: November 12, 2009

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Board, and it shall be referred to herein as the "Board."

Section 2. The object of this Board shall be to administer the Agreement amongst and between Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock Township and the Slippery Rock Area School District concerning the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Program (the "Park").

Section 3. Any conflict between the Agreement and these By-Laws shall be resolved in favor of the Agreement.

ARTICLE II - GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. The Board shall consist of nine (9) members, all of whom shall serve without pay, appointed as follows: Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Borough of Slippery Rock; Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Township of Slippery Rock; and, Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Slippery Rock School District. At least one (1) appointee appointed by each body shall be from each body's respective governing board. All of said members shall be appointed for such terms as shall, from time to time, comply with existing laws. If any representative of one of the aforesaid bodies who is a member of the Board shall cease to be a member of said body for any reason prior to the expiration of his/her term on the Board, his or her membership on the Board shall automatically terminate at such time, and the vacancy on the Board so caused shall be filled by the proper governing body by appointment for the balance of the term.

Section 2. Each governing body shall appoint Directors to staggered three year terms.

Section 3. Pursuant to these By-Laws, the Board shall elect a Vice-President, and Treasurer, and appoint a Secretary, who may be a board member. The Secretary also may be the Executive Director or such other employee of one of the governing bodies as is appointed by the Board. The position of President shall be occupied by the Board member elected as Vice President the prior year.

Section 4. The term of office of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Board shall be one (1) year or until their successors are elected and qualified. Their terms shall begin at the beginning of the calendar year following the year in which they were elected and shall terminate at the end of such calendar year.

Section 5. The terms of the Directors shall begin at the beginning of the calendar year following the year in which they were appointed and shall terminate at the end of the third calendar year of their term. Any Director may be appointed to the office of Director for additional terms.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall hold a regular meeting six times per year, with an annual organizational meeting being part of the December meeting, for the purpose of the election of Officers. The Board shall meet at a time and place designated by the Board.

Section 2. Special meeting of the Board shall be called by the President at his or her own discretion, or upon the receipt by the Secretary of a written request for a meeting from five (5) members of the Board. At least ten (10) days before a special meeting, the Secretary shall send to each Board member, a Notice stating the time, date, place and purpose of the meeting.

Section 3. A quorum for any meeting of the Board shall be at least five (5) members.

ARTICLE IV - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The members of this Board shall have the power to alter, revise, or amend these Bylaws. The procedure for amending the Bylaws shall be:

A. Any proposed amendment must have been received by the President at least ninety (90) days prior to consideration by the Board.

B. The Secretary shall send to each Director each proposed amendment at least sixty (60) days prior to consideration by the Board.

C. The Secretary shall present to the Board each proposed amendment in the form of a resolution. The resolutions shall be voted on at the following meeting.

D. The amendments shall become effective upon the adoption of the resolution by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board who are present and entitled to vote at the meeting.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board; shall call special meetings of the Board; shall appoint members of the Board to serve as members of the committees; and shall perform all the duties pertaining to the office of the President. The President shall have served the prior year as the Vice President. Should the prior year's Vice President be unwilling, or unable, to serve as President, for any reason, the President shall be elected from the remaining Board members.

Section 2. The Vice President shall assist the President in directing the affairs of the Council and shall act as President in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall be elected, on a rotating basis, from Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock Township and the Slippery Rock Area School District. Beginning in 2009 the Vice President shall be elected from the three representatives of Slippery Rock borough. In 2010 the Vice President shall be elected from the three representatives of the Slippery Rock Area School District. In 2011 the Vice President shall be elected from the three representatives of Slippery Rock Township. The order of rotation shall then be maintained and repeated.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep and prepare the minutes and perform such duties as designated herein or as designated by the President or Board of Directors. The Secretary shall also be custodian of the Board Records.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the administration of all funds received by the Parks and Recreation Program as directed by the Board.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body and shall be responsible for the general management of the affairs of the Parks and Recreation Program, subject to the provisions of the Bylaws of the Board.

The foregoing expressed powers are not in diminution of the general powers of the Board of Directors to manage the affairs of the Board.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President shall have the power to create Ad Hoc Committees as necessary and to appoint the members thereof.

ARTICLE VII - RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. All Questions of order shall be decided by the presiding officer, subject to appeal by any member of the Board.

Section 2. As far as practicable, the Board shall follow Robert's Rules of Order.

Appendix B-3: Independent Contractor Agreement

SLIPPERY ROCK AREA PARKS & RECREATION INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

This agreement made on _____ between Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation, 320 N. Main St., Slippery Rock PA 16057, hereinafter called the Park and _____, hereinafter called the Instructor/Supervisor.

In consideration of the mutual obligations contained herein, the parties hereto have agreed as follows:

The purpose of this Agreement is to develop and maintain quality recreational and instructional programs for the residents of the Slippery Rock Area. To that end, the Park appoints the Instructor/Supervisor as its contractor for the _____ program, which shall be held at (place) _____ on (date) _____ at _____ am/pm.

The Park agrees to pay the Instructor/Supervisor the fee of \$_____ for providing the instruction/supervision for the program.

The Instructor/Supervisor is to operate as an independent contractor for the Park. The Instructor/Supervisor is not an employee of the Park for any purpose. The responsibility for finding a substitute in the event of the Instructor/Supervisor's temporary absence lies wholly and exclusively with the Instructor/Supervisor.

You must provide the Park with a copy of your current clearances:
Act 34 & Act 151 before start date of the class.

This agreement shall continue in effect until the conclusion of the program subject to the provisions for early termination below. Either party may terminate this agreement two day prior to the start of the program for any reason whatsoever.

This constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and no part of this agreement may be deleted, altered, or added to without the express consent in writing of the parties.

Appendix B-3: Independent Contractor Agreement

By signing below, I am verifying that I have received a check from the Park in the amount of the agreed price.

Date

Park Director

Date

Instructor/Supervisor

Instructor Address _____

Social Security Number _____

Appendix B-4: Volunteer Information Form

SLIPPERY ROCK AREA PARKS & RECREATION VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FORM

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE # (H) _____ (C) _____

VOLUNTEER POSITION _____
DATES: FROM _____ TO _____

CLEARANCES: CRIMINAL (151) _____ YEAR _____
CHILD ABUSE (34) _____ YEAR _____

In order to volunteer for Slippery Rock Area Parks & Recreation, you must submit a copy of your current clearances or submit your application for your clearances.

I have agreed to volunteer for Slippery Rock Area Parks & Recreation (SRAP&R). By volunteering, I agree to abide by all policies and procedures set forth by the Slippery Rock Area Parks & Recreation Board of Directors. I will not hold SRAP&R responsible for any liability of any sort, and that SRAP&R be held harmless and indemnified for any accident or injuries sustained while volunteering for the Park.

Health Insurance Carrier _____
Policy Number _____
Group Number _____
Expiration Date _____

I have enclosed a copy of my health insurance card _____

Volunteer Signature

Date

Appendix B-5:
Slippery Rock Area Parks & Recreation Board
Personnel Policies and Procedures

**The official Personnel Policies and Procedures for
Slippery Rock Area Parks & Recreation**

Approved: September 14, 2005

**Slippery Rock Area
Parks and Recreation**

**Personnel Policies
and Procedures**

Approved

09/14/2005

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SECTION 1 PURPOSE AND INTENT

It is the intent and purpose of the Board of Directors at SRAP&R (Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation) for this document to establish various conditions of employment for all employees of SRAP&R and to provide a procedure for prompt and equitable adjustments of various concerns so that there shall be no compromise to the efficiency and effectiveness of SRAP&R operations.

This document provides for the fair and consistent treatment of SRAP&R Employees in order to encourage a responsible, competent and efficient work force. The personnel policies and procedures included in this document are intended to provide a system of hiring, pay, benefits, and working conditions that will attract and retain qualified workers.

STATEMENT OF VALUES

Our foundation is based upon the principle of personal integrity. We will deal with co-workers, customers, and the community at large responsibly, honestly, and with the highest degree of ethics.

Employees are the key to our success. We will employ and/or promote the most qualified people on the basis of performance, experience, and ability without regard to age, race, gender ethnic background, religion or any other difference unrelated to performance.

SECTION 2 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the SRAP&R at its discretion, possesses the prerogative to manage all operations, including, but not limited to the direction of the work force, the right to hire, to discipline or discharge, the right to decide job qualifications for hiring and promotion, the right to lay off for lack of work or funds, the right to abolish positions, the right to make rules and regulations covering safety and the right to determine schedules of work. The parties hereto recognize and affirm that the employment relationship between the parties is one of **EMPLOYMENT AT WILL** in which either party has the right to request severance of the employment relationship with or without cause. Willfulness conduct will negate any unemployment claim. The Board of Directors may at any time change any part of this document at their sole discretion as well as change any of the terms of employment, compensation and benefits paid hereunder.

SECTION 3 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

In the administration of this document, SRAP&R does not discriminate against any person in recruitment, selection for employment, management, training, promotion, retention, discipline, benefits, condition of work or any other aspect of personnel administration because of political or religious opinions or affiliations, of race, age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, national origin or other non-job related factors. SRAP&R is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

In developing our equal employment programs, and to further the principle of equal employment opportunity, we commit ourselves to :

- Ensuring that all employment decisions including recruiting, hiring, training, and promoting persons in all job classifications will be made without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, or other non-job related factors
- Ensuring that all personnel actions relating to compensation, benefits, transfers, termination, training, social and recreation programs, and education are administered in a non-discriminatory manner.
- Ensuring that all promotion decisions are in accordance with principles of equal opportunity and that only valid requirements are imposed for promotional opportunities.

SECTION 4 EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATIONS

Employee classifications as established by the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation.

Permanent Full-Time Employee - An employee who is hired to fill an established position and who is scheduled to work 40 hours per week and who has successfully completed the probationary period. Permanent Full-Time Employees are eligible to receive all applicable benefits stated in this document.

Permanent Part-Time Employee - An employee who is hired to fill an established position on an on-going basis and who is scheduled to work less than 40 hours per week. Permanent Part-Time employees are excluded from coverage under all benefits stated herein except as expressly stated by the Board of Directors of the Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation.

Temporary Employee – An employee who is hired for a specified length of time, not to exceed one year, and/or not to exceed 1500 hours in a given year. Temporary employees are excluded from coverage under all benefits stated herein except as expressly stated by the Board of Directors of the Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation.

Employee classifications as established by the Fair Labor Standards Act

Exempt - The term exempt employees is defined as those employees who are classified as not subject to hour-of-work and overtime pay provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The Director is considered to be an exempt employee.

Nonexempt - Those employees who, regardless of title or function, are not exempt from the hours-of-work and overtime pay provisions of the FLSA. All employees who do not meet the qualifications for exemption are included in the term nonexempt.

Employees who are employed under a contract shall adhere to the terms and conditions of the contract. All policies and procedures included in the contract shall supersede the terms and conditions of the personnel policies and procedures stated herein.

SECTION 5 FILLING POSITIONS

1. The Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation Board of Directors, with input from the Director, may fill a position by transferring, promoting, or demoting a current employee if the employee possesses the qualifications for the position to be filled.

Before transferring from another position or department, this person will be subject to a review conducted by the Director. The Board of Directors will determine whether the employee meets the minimum requirements for the position to be filled. The review may consist of written, oral or performance tests or an evaluation of the applicant's experience and training compared to the requirements of the job. This evaluation may include review of a written application form, oral review and reference checks.

2. Once an employee is transferred to another department, promoted or demoted, the position left vacant will be filled by whatever means are necessary and practical to assure public knowledge of the vacancy and to attract a sufficient number of qualified candidates.
3. All newly hired permanent employees will serve a probationary period of six (6) months. Promoted, transferred or demoted employees will serve a probationary period of three (3) months with no interruption of benefits. During this time the employee will be required to demonstrate fitness for the position prior to receiving permanent appointment. A review of the employee's performance will be conducted at the end of the probationary period by the Director and will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval or disapproval of the employment. The probationary period for new employees may be extended for up to an additional three (3) months with an explanation therefore being given to the applicant.
4. Once an employee becomes a permanent employee, he/she shall accrue all non-monetary benefits from the original date of employment.

SECTION 6 CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

1. Political Activity: No employee will participate in any political activity of any kind while on SRAP&R time.
2. Acceptance of Gifts: Employees will not accept gifts given under circumstances indicating the hope or expectation of receiving a favor or better treatment than

that generally accorded the public. In cases involving gifts from vendors doing business or proposing to do business with the SRAP&R, all such gifts of more than a token value must be politely refused, regardless of whether the employee has any direct involvement with the vendor.

3. Safety: Employees are expected to use good judgement and caution if placed in a potentially dangerous situation. (Act 174 General Safety Law). Employees will take all necessary precautions when working with materials which may cause injury or illness. In accordance with the "Right to Know Act" employees will be informed of potential hazards for materials and chemicals to which they may be exposed. The SRAP&R reserves the right to make and enforce reasonable regulations regarding the use of safety equipment, protective devices and other necessary equipment to properly protect the employee from injury or disease. A monthly safety meeting may be held by the employees for the purpose of discussing safety concerns. All safety concerns and infractions are to be reported to the Director immediately.
4. On the Job Conduct: Employees are expected to work diligently while on duty, to show respect and concern for the public, supervisors and fellow employees, and not to take any action that would subject the SRAP&R to ridicule, embarrassment or litigation.

SECTION 7 DISCIPLINE

DISCIPLINARY VIOLATIONS

- A. **INSUBORDINATION**-All acts of insubordination are prohibited. These include but are not limited to:
 - a. Direct disobedience of, or deliberate refusal to obey or carry out a Director/Supervisor's direction or order.
 - b. Verbal assault or a challenge to the general authority and position of a Director/Supervisor, including discourteous language and conduct.
 - c. Abuse, intimidation or harassment of a Director/Supervisor or members of his or her family.
 - d. Use of obscene or profane language or gestures directed towards a Director/Supervisor, co-worker, customer or vendor.
 - e. Actions designed to frustrate work directions.

While we strive for flexibility for our Permanent Part-time employees, there is an expectation of commitment to your position. If an employee takes advantage of call-offs, your case is open to review by the Park Board of Directors.

B. ABSENTEEISM-An employee is absent if he/she does not report for work on a day when scheduled.

Employee is responsible in finding own substitute from employee list. If sub is unavailable other arrangements must be made with the Director.

Call offs:

- a. Proper call offs: Minimal three day notice when possible. (If abused will be considered as improper call off).
- b. Improper call offs: Less than three day notice/no notice. Improper call offs result in termination.

Tardy/Early Out:

- a. Any employee who is late to work or leaves early.

Discipline for Improper call-offs and Tardy/Early out

2 times	-	Written Warning
3 times	-	Final Written Warning
4 times	-	Termination

Exceptions: Unforeseen emergency within reason approved by the Director. Ex. Sudden illness

Employees who are absent and do not report-off for two (2) consecutive days will have abandoned their job and voluntarily resigned their position.

Any disciplinary action under this Policy, is based upon a 12 month period.

Nothing in this policy shall affect the responsibility of every employee to notify the Director of any anticipated absence or tardiness prior to the start of the scheduled shift.

Management Rights: The Director reserves the right to review mitigating circumstances and waive absences or disciplinary steps for extraordinary circumstances. In addition, severe attendance problems may result in termination prior to reaching the termination level in the policy.

The concept of progressive discipline is adopted by SRAP&R to ensure that discipline is approached through problem solving efforts to eliminate or minimize future infractions. The usual sequence of steps when disciplinary action is necessary is:

- A. Written warning
- B. Dismissal

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- A. Written Warning: When an employee is given written warning, it will include reasons for the warning, severity of the offense, the performance expectations for the employee to correct or resolve the problem, and a description of the next step in the disciplinary process. Written warning will be given by the Director.
- B. Dismissal: Upon approval by the Board of Directors, an employee may be terminated if the violation or violations warrant. The employee will receive compensation for earned vacation leave, accumulated compensatory time and accrued sick days, in accordance with SRAP&R policies. All other employee rights and privileges, except for the right of grievance, shall cease on the termination date.

SECTION 8 ETHICS

Every Employee's Responsibility: Personal Integrity

As an employee of the Park, you have an obligation to be honest in all your dealings with the Park, co-workers, customers and vendors. You should be familiar with, and adhere to all Park policies and procedures. There is no excuse for noncompliance. Maintaining the highest ethical standards is everyone's responsibility. If you are aware of any ethical or legal violations, you have an obligation to inform your Director or other Park administrators. If you know of a problem, you cannot remain silent. You must step forward.

Common sense, good judgement and acceptable personal behavior is expected from each employee. Violations of Park rules and performance standards are dealt with through the Park's normal disciplinary procedures. Falsifying any Park document, providing knowingly false or misleading information to the Park or withholding information from the Park may entail more serious discipline, up to and including immediate discharge.

Director's Responsibility: Ethical Leadership

As a manager or supervisor, you are responsible for making sure that your employees understand and apply the ethical standards set out in this booklet.

Provide adequate explanation and supervision. Encourage your employees to raise questions and concerns. Listen to your employees and act on the personal example of the highest ethical standards in the performance of your job. It is up to you to set the tone for the Park.

Ethical Action Quick Test

If you are confronted with an ethics situation that you are not sure how to handle (whether it involves your own actions, or your observations of actions being taken by others), judge your response against the following simple guidelines:

1. Does it comply with the law and the Park policies and procedures?
2. Would your conscience bother you if you took the action?
3. How would it look to your family and friends?
4. How would it look if it were reported in the newspaper?
5. If you know it's wrong, don't do it.
6. If you are not sure, ask. Keep asking until you get an answer that makes sense.

Open discussion of ethical and legal issues, without fear or retaliation, is vital to the effectiveness of the compliance program. The Park will not tolerate retaliation against any employee who, in good faith, reports an ethical or legal concern. On the contrary, such reports are encouraged. Any employee who engages in retaliation will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

The Three-Step Communication Program

1. Report the issue(s) to your Director/Supervisor

Your immediate Director/Supervisor knows you and the issues in your workplace as well as anyone in the Park. Give your Director a chance to solve the problem.

2. Speak to your Director

If you and your Director cannot find an answer, or you do not feel that your concern is receiving proper attention, or if the issue involves your Director, you can request a meeting with the President of the Board of Directors.

3. Speak to your Board of Directors.

If your Director or Board President are unable to resolve the matter to your satisfaction or answer your questions, you can address your concern to the Board of Directors.

Accident Reporting

It is every employee's responsibility to immediately report accidents to the Director to ensure that all accidents are properly investigated in an attempt to prevent similar future occurrences. Any employee who fails to immediately report an accident that he/she was involved in (and resulted in physical injury, or property damage) will be subject to progressive discipline as follows:

- 1st offense - Written Warning
- 2nd offense - Written Warning
- 3rd offense - Termination

SECTION 9 EMPLOYEE BEHAVIOR

Illegal Acts

The Park strictly prohibits any acts considered illegal under federal, state or local law that are committed on Park time or property. The Park also strictly prohibits the commission of any act relating to or potentially affecting employment that is considered a felony or misdemeanor under Federal, State, or Local law, even if such act occurs off Park premises or off Park time. Illegal acts include, but are not limited to:

1. Illegal possession, sale or use of narcotics, marijuana and other drugs..
2. Receipt of stolen property.
3. Participation in illegal gambling.
4. Destruction or vandalism of any property owned by the Park, its customers, vendors or other employees.
5. Any act of espionage or sabotage.
6. Any fraudulent act or extortion.

Unacceptable Acts

Cell Phones-Cell phone used only in an emergency situation. No personal use of cell phones permitted.

Alcohol and Drug-For everyone's safety and protection, we are committed to maintaining an alcohol-free and drug-free workplace. Individual who abuse these substances risk their lives and the welfare of their families. They also pose a danger to other persons and property and reduce the effectiveness and efficiency of our customer service.

Everyone is strictly prohibited from;

1. Bringing onto Park property or the site at which employment occurs, or possessing or using on Park property or time any alcoholic beverage, any illegal controlled substance or habit-forming drug, or a drug, which the Park believes, may impair the employee's ability to perform job duties in a safe and responsible manner.
2. Being under the influence on Park property or the site at which employment occurs or time (including lunch and breaks) of alcohol, any illegal or habit-forming drug, or any drug which the Park believes may impair the employee's ability to perform job duties in a safe and responsible manner. "Under the influence" means, for the purpose of this policy, that the employee is affected by a drug or alcohol or any combination thereof in any detectable manner.
3. The illegal use, possession, purchase, distribution, manufacture, growing, transportation or sale of drugs by any employee whether or not on Park property or time. The presence of any detectable amount of illegal drug or controlled substance in an employee while performing Park business or in a Park facility is prohibited. Further, employees engaged in illegal drug activity off-the-job shall be in violation of both the Illegal Acts policy and this policy.

Lethal Weapons-No one shall carry or use any lethal weapon on Park premises or the site at which employment occurs or during work hours, whether you have a permit to carry this weapon or not. Lethal weapons include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Firearms and/or ammunition.
2. Fireworks.
3. Knives (including switchblades, daggers, hunting knives, straight razors) other than pocket knives or those used as work tools.

Physical Attacks and Threats-Employees are strictly prohibited from fighting with, making threats to or physically attacking a supervisor, support staff, or any employee or any member of their families.

Violation of any of these employee behavior policies, will result in immediate discharge.

SECTION 10 HOSPITALIZATION

Health insurance including hospitalization coverage shall be provided to Permanent Full-Time Employees and their dependents with no cost to the employee except the deductible or any co-pay.

From time to time, the Board of Directors may opt to change the fringe benefits package available to employees. Employee benefits may be increased, reduced, eliminated altogether, or employee participation therein may be changed at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 11 VACATION

Full-time Employees

Paid vacations are provided to Permanent Full-Time and Permanent Part-Time Employees. The current hourly rate for the employee multiplied by the number of hours the person is normally scheduled to work in a given day is used to calculate the vacation wages for Permanent Part-Time Employees. Vacation time is accrued at the rate outlined below. All vacation must be taken during the calendar year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31) in which it is earned, unless written authorization extending this period is obtained from the Director.

Earned vacation rate:

0-60 months	10 days vacation	(0.83 days/mo.)
61-120 months	15 days vacation	(1.25 days/mo.)
After 120 months	20 days vacation	(1.66 days/mo.)

Vacation Leave Administration

1. All vacation leave schedules must be approved by the Director.
2. Any vacation time exceeding two consecutive weeks must be approved by the Board of Directors.
3. When a holiday occurs during an employee's scheduled vacation and the employee is regularly entitled to the holiday, it will not be counted as part of the vacation time.
4. If at the end of the year three or less vacation days are unused, SRAP&R will allow these days to be used within the first two weeks of the following year.

5. When an employee terminates employment the employee's total earned vacation leave will be calculated and rounded to the next higher whole day earned. For the purpose of computing vacation earned an employee shall be considered to have earned full vacation entitlement for any month in which such employee worked up to and including the fifteenth (15th) day of said month.
6. Vacation leave may be granted by the Director as long as the following conditions are met:
 1. A one month notice of days off are submitted in writing to the Director
 2. A substitute is available to cover the requested vacation days.
 3. The frequency of the request does not become abused. (Reviewed by the Board of Directors)

Permanent Part-time Employees (12 month position)

Unpaid vacations are permitted for part-time employees as long as the following conditions are met: A maximum of a 2 week vacation is permitted at any one time. Each vacation will be evaluated on an individual basis at the discretion of the Director based on the availability of substitutions.

1. A one month notice must be submitted in writing to the Director for approval. Approval will be based upon schedule and availability of substitute from employee list.
2. Employee is responsible in finding own substitute from employee list. If sub is unavailable other arrangements must be made with the Director.

SECTION 12 SICK LEAVE – LIFE INSURANCE

Paid sick leave is provided to Permanent Full-time Employees. The current hourly rate for the employee is multiplied by the number of hours the person is normally scheduled to work in a given day is used to calculate the sick time wages for Permanent Full-time. A sick day is equal to the number of hours the employee is scheduled to work during the normal workday.

Sick Leave

1. After the first thirty days of employment, all eligible employees are credited with one sick day each month up to a maximum accumulation of fifty (50) days.
2. Current insurance or another plan accepted by the Board of Directors awards seventy (70%) of current wages after seven (7) days of sick leave are used. Sick leave insurance will cover seventy percent 70% of wages for up to twenty-six (26) weeks.

3. The employee's accumulated sick leave may be used to supplement the 70% insurance coverage thereby providing 100% wages for as long as the employee's accumulated sick leave makes it possible.
4. When an employee is injured in an accident, the 70% insurance coverage begins on the first day. In such cases accumulated sick leave may be applied immediately thereby providing full pay as long as accumulated sick leave makes it possible.
5. Upon return to work an employee must present a doctor's certification in the event that more than three consecutive sick days are used.
6. Upon termination SRAP&R agrees to pay 30% of the employee's base wage for all unused sick days.

Life Insurance

1. SRAP&R will provide life insurance on each employee Permanent Full-Time Employee.
2. The amount of the policy for each employee will be equal to the annual base salary up to a maximum of \$20,000.
3. Life insurance coverage will begin sixty (60) days after the date of hire.

SECTION 13 DENTAL

1. Individual dental coverage will be provided for the Permanent Full-Time Employee. All deductibles will be paid for by the employee. The employee has the option to purchase additional coverage for their spouse, children/step-children.
2. Dental coverage will begin sixty (60) days after date of hire.

SECTION 14 HOLIDAYS – PERSONAL DAYS – BEREAVEMENT – JURY DUTY

Holidays:

The following will be observed as paid holidays for Permanent Full-Time employees:

1. New Years Day
2. ½ day Good Friday
3. Memorial Day
4. July 4th
5. Labor Day

6. Veteran's Day
7. Thanksgiving
8. Day after Thanksgiving
9. Christmas Eve
10. Christmas Day
11. New Years Eve (1/2 Day)

If one of the holidays mentioned above falls on a weekend the employee will receive either the day before the holiday or the day after the holiday, as determined by the Board of Directors.

If an employee is off sick the day before or the day after a scheduled holiday, he/she shall not be entitled to holiday pay unless a doctor's slip verifying said illness is provided to the Director.

Personal Days:

Each Permanent Full-Time Employee will be granted two (2) paid personal days each calendar year. Personal days must be used in the year in which they are granted. No unused personal days may be carried into the next year.

Bereavement Leave:

In the event of a death in the immediate family of an employee, in order to enable the employee to make household or family adjustments or to attend funeral services, Permanent Full-Time Employees will be granted three (3) consecutive working days of paid leave away from his/her position. Immediate family is defined as spouse, parent, step parent, grandparent, grandchild, child, step child, sister, brother, step sister, step brother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law and son-in-law. Permanent Full-Time and Permanent Part-Time Employees will be granted one (1) paid working day away from his/her position in the event of the death of uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, first cousins or non-relatives who reside in the family home of the employee, in order to enable the employee to make household or family adjustments or to attend funeral services.

Jury Duty:

Employees who are chosen to serve Jury Duty in any Court of this Commonwealth and who perform such Jury Duty shall receive full wages for each day of Jury Duty service provided that SRAP&R was given prior notice that he/she has been summoned for jury duty and satisfactory evidence is presented that jury duty was performed on the days for which payment is requested. The employee must reimburse SRAP&R any pay received from the court for Jury Duty performed less round-trip mileage to the court site at the rate set in this document.

Military Leave:

Military leave shall be granted to members of the reserve components of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard for a maximum of two weeks per one calendar year. Official documents must be presented to prove validity of the military leave requested. Requests for military leave must be presented in writing to the Director at least one month prior to the beginning of the military leave. Approval of the request will be placed in the employee's personnel file. The two-week military leave will result in no loss of pay. Being called or recalled to active military service, in excess of a two-week time period, will be approved with loss of pay for the time period. The employer will comply with mandated federal and state provisions.

**SECTION 15 DEDUCTIONS FROM PAY – TIME OF WORK -
CHAIN OF COMMAND****Deductions from Pay:**

The Business Manager is authorized to deduct sums from pay checks, which include Federal Income Tax, State Income Tax, Social Security and Medicare Tax, Local Income Tax, Pension Contributions, Occupational Privilege Tax, Individual Insurance Deductions, and other required or authorized deductions. The above deductions from pay are not open to public record or SRAP&R Board members.

Time of Work:

Each Full-Time Employee shall work forty (40) hours per week. Office hours will be 7:30am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday. Each employee is entitled to a ½ hour unpaid lunch break each day and 2 paid breaks each day of 15 minutes each. Flex-time will be approved or required on a case-by-case basis by the Director.

The Director shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining or ensuring that others keep and maintain the following records:

1. Attendance
2. Sick leave earned, used and accumulated
3. Overtime worked and compensatory time used
4. Vacation time earned and vacation time used

Employee's are responsible to submit their own timesheet. Any timesheet not submitted on time, the employee will have to wait until the next pay period to receive their wages.

Chain of Command:

Each department supervisor shall be responsible for the employees in the respective departments. In the event of absence of the department supervisor, the Director will be responsible for all duties of the department supervisor as assigned by that supervisor.

SECTION 16 OVERTIME COMPENSATION

Hourly employees shall be paid overtime at the rate of one and one-half times his/her regular rate of pay for work in excess of forty hours in one week.

SECTION 17 PERSONAL USE OF SRAP&R EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

SRAP&R employees are not granted the privilege of personal use of equipment.

SRAP&R is not responsible for personal equipment that an employee may bring for use at the work place.

SRAP&R is not responsible or liable for injuries or damage to equipment or other facilities that may result from violation of these rules.

SECTION 18 SEMINARS –TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Employees may attend one-day workshops, seminars or classes upon approval of the Director; or in the case of the Director, at his/her discretion without prior approval of the Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation Board of Directors, provided the cost is reasonable. The Director must report to the Board of Directors any and all seminars attended by the staff.

In cases of sessions of more than \$100 or more than one day, which would require overnight expense and/or additional travel expense, prior approval of the Board of Directors is required.

Employee will be paid for his/her regular 8-hour shift for attending training. No overtime will be paid for training time.

SRAP&R will pay for the following expenses incurred for training/travel:

1. Registration fees
2. When an employee's personal vehicle is used, mileage at the IRS standard rate, plus road tolls or actual expense incurred (i.e. Bus, train or air fare). Itemized

documentation of either mileage and road tolls or actual expense must be submitted to the Business Manager.

3. The cost of overnight accommodations.
4. Meals during the time of training (not to exceed \$25.00 per day).

Non-allowable expenses:

1. Expenses incurred for someone other than the employee (ie. Spouse, child or other person) for travel expense, overnight accommodations, meals, registration fees or other program fees.
2. Expenses for alcoholic beverages
3. Other expenses not directly related to the training.

Payment for training and travel will be made in the following manner:

1. Whenever possible SRAP&R will prepay expenses for registration and accommodations directly to the agency, association, hotel or motel.
2. Employee must submit a request for reimbursement upon return from training. Itemized documentation of expenses must accompany the request. SRAP&R will pay reimbursements of total expenses incurred with the submission of receipts, which must be received within 30 days of the event.
3. In the event of a dispute of an expense, the matter will be submitted with all documentation to the Board of Directors for resolution.

SECTION 19 PERSONNEL RECORDS

The following shall be kept by the Director and are available for inspection by members of the Board of Directors.

- Social Security Number
- Address
- Date of Hire
- Date of Birth

- Wage and Salary History
- W-4
- Certificates of training
- Resume and/or employment application
- Letters of reprimand and written warnings – kept two years
- Letters of commendation – kept permanently
- Job title
- Promotions
- Act 34 and 151 Clearances
- I-9 form

SECTION 20 PAY PERIODS AND PAY INCREASES

All employees will be paid every two weeks. Overtime earned during a two-week period will be paid with the regular pay for the pay period in which it was earned. Pay increases and decreases will be determined on a yearly basis.

SECTION 21 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Family Leave Act

Eligibility-In order to qualify to take family and medical leave under this policy, the employee must meet both of the following conditions:

1. The employee must have worked for the Park at least 12 months. The 12 months need not have been consecutive. For eligibility purposes, an employee will be considered to have been employed for an entire week even if the employee was on the payroll for only part of a week or if the employee is on leave during the week
2. The employee must have worked at least 1250 hours during the 12 month period prior to the leave.
3. For employees not eligible for Family Medical Leave, the Park will review business considerations and the individual circumstances involved.

Type of Leave Covered-In order to qualify as FRLS leave for one of the following reasons:

1. The birth of a child and in order to care for that child
2. The placement of a child for adoption or foster care
3. To care for a spouse, child or parent with a serious health condition
4. The serious health condition (as described below) of the employee
5. A "serious health condition" means an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves either:

Any period of incapacity or treatment connected with inpatient care in a hospital, hospice or residential medical-care facility; and any period of incapacity (i.e., inability to work, attend school or perform other regular daily activities)

6. This policy covers illnesses of a serious and long-term nature, resulting in recurring or lengthy absences. Generally, a chronic or long-term health condition which, if left untreated, would result in a period of incapacity of more than three days.
7. The Park will require an employee to provide a doctor's certification of the serious health condition.
8. An eligible employee can take up to 12 weeks of leave under this policy during a "rolling back" 12 month period. Each time an employee takes leave, the Park will compute the amount of leave the employee has taken under this policy and subtract it from the 12 weeks of available leave and the balance remaining is the amount the employee is entitled to take at that time.
9. If a husband and wife both work for the Park and each wishes to take leave for the birth of a child, adoption or placement of a child in foster care, the husband and wife may only take a total of 12 weeks of leave.
10. During unpaid leaves of absence an employee may carry medical benefits for a maximum of three (3) months at the employee's expense.
11. An employee on unpaid leave of absence does not earn sick leave, holidays or vacation time during said leave.
12. If federal or state law mandates greater leave benefits, this section shall be superseded by the federal or state law leave provisions.

Intermittent Leave-An employee under certain circumstances may use the leave to reduce the workweek or workday, resulting in a reduced work schedule. In all cases, the leave may not exceed a total of 12 week in a 12 month period.

Procedure for Requesting Leave-Except where leave is not foreseeable, all employees requesting leave under this policy are required to provide a 30-day advance notice of the need to take FMLA leave. If it is not possible to give at least 30 day notice, the employee must give as much notice as is practicable. An employee undergoing planned medical treatment is required to make a reasonable effort to schedule treatment to minimize disruptions to the company's operation.

If an employee fails to provide at least 30 days notice for a foreseeable leave with no reasonable excuse for the delay, the leave request may be denied until at least 30 days from the date the Park receives notice. While on leave, employees are to report monthly to the Director regarding the status of the medical condition and their anticipated return to work.

All leaves must be proposed before the Park Board of Directors and upon approval, will be granted. The Park Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any leave not falling under the jurisdiction of the FMLA.

Employee Status & Benefits During Leave-While an employee is on leave, the Park will continue the employee's health benefits during the leave period at the same level and under the same conditions as if the employee had continued to work. If the employee chooses not to return to work for reasons other than a continued serious health condition, or other reasons beyond an employee's control, the Park will require the employee to reimburse the Park the amount paid for the employee's health insurance premium during the leave period. If you normally pay a portion of the premiums for your health insurance, these payments will continue during the period of FMLA leave. Arrangements for payment of such contributions will be discussed and agreed upon prior to taking leave.

Employee Status After Leave-An employee who takes leave according to this policy will be restored to the same position or a position with equivalent status that was held prior to the leave. The employee's pay, benefits and other terms and conditions of employment. will remain the same.

Paid vs. Unpaid Leave-An employee is required to use vacation, personal or any sick days if available for the leave required by this law. Any remaining time in the 12 week period must be unpaid.

SECTION 22

SEXUAL AND OTHER UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT

It is Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation's policy to prohibit harassment of or by any of the Park's employees. The purpose of this policy is to insure that they can work with dignity and are not required to endure insulting or degrading treatment from colleagues, superiors, subordinates or others, including outsiders such as vendors, visitors and customers. It is also the purpose of this policy to assure that the public **will be served with the same respect. Harassment in any manner or form is prohibited.**

This includes inappropriate harassment that may not be illegal, such as rites of initiation to the workplace or being the continual butt of harassing jokes.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitutes sexual harassment when:

- Submission to such conduct is made, either explicitly or implicitly, a term or condition of employment; or
- Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used or threatened to be used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individuals, such as changes in employment status, evaluations, wages, advancement, assigned duties or hours of work.
- Any unwelcome e-mail communication or viewing, downloading or transmitting sexually explicit or offensive material from the Internet also constitutes creating a hostile work environment.

Sexual harassment also includes conduct of a sexual nature or with sexual overtones which has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment. Such conduct includes verbal abuse of a sexual nature: graphic verbal comments about an individual's body or actions; sexually degrading words to describe an individual; display in the workplace of sexually suggestive objects or pictures, physical conduct such as sexually suggestive gestures, touching or blocking another's movement; or condoning any of the above.

Racial or Ethnic Harassment

Racial or ethnic harassment includes conduct such as verbal abuse of a racial nature; racially degrading or derogatory words to describe an individual or his or her appearance, speech, mannerisms or culture; jokes, epithets or slurs of a racial or ethnic nature; display of racially or ethnically offensive symbols; exclusion from job-related social events; insensitivity to an individual's culture or ethnic heritage; using race or ethnicity as a consideration in determining any term or condition of employment; or condoning any of the above.

Other Harassment

Action, words, jokes or comments based on an individual's age, religion or any other legally protected characteristics will not be tolerated.

Procedures

Any employee who believes that he or she is a victim of sexual or other unlawful harassment should immediately report the matter to the Director, or if it is not appropriate, to report the sexual or other unlawful harassment to the Director, then the employee should report the matter to the Board of Directors. Reports of sexual or other unlawful harassment, whether through informal discussion or formal complaint, should be made within thirty (30) days of the incident(s). All statements will be sworn to and in writing. All employees must cooperate with any investigation.

The Director or the Board of Directors will promptly and thoroughly investigate all complaints of sexual or other unlawful harassment. To the greatest extent possible, complaints will be processed in a manner that protects the person(s) making the complaint and maintains confidentiality. If it is discovered that an employee has harassed another employee or the SRAP&R's constituency, corrective measures which reflect the severity of the conduct will be taken. Such disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, warning, suspension, loss of privileges, demotion or job termination.

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(Municipalities Name) RECREATION BOARD Board Bylaws, Procedures and Member Guide

ARTICLE I NAME

101. This Board is known as the (Municipalities Name) Recreation Board (referred to as the Board). The Recreation Board was organized as a policy making Board by the (Municipalities Name) Board of Supervisors in 1954. It has since been revised several times by the Board Supervisors of the (Municipalities Name). In 1998, the Recreation Board was changed from a policy making Board to an Advisory Board under Ordinance No.465-98.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

201. Assist the Township Supervisors and the Parks and Recreation Director/Assistant Director to fulfill the Parks and Recreation Department's (referred to as "Department") mission, goals and objectives.
202. Serve as a liaison between the Department, the Township Supervisors and the residents of the Township.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

301. The Recreation Board can consist of up to nine voting members who shall be qualified electors and residents of (Municipalities Name). Each member shall have one vote.
302. The Township Supervisors shall be responsible to appoint all nine members.
303. Recreation Board membership recommendations - Listed below are some qualities that individuals should possess to be considered for membership.
- a. Strong commitment to helping the Department.
 - b. Sensitivity to residents of the community and their needs.
 - c. Good judgment and the ability to work well with others.
 - d. Ability to inspire the support, respect and confidence of the community.
 - e. Time available to be an active member helping the Department with tasks, attending meetings and activities.
304. Recreation Board membership requirements:
- a. Persons interested in being appointed to the Recreation Board must attend three Recreation Board meetings. These should be, but are not required to be, consecutive meetings. After attending these meetings, the individual must decide if this is something that they want to do and the Recreation Board will determine if this person would be a good candidate for the position.
 - b. The individual must then submit a letter of interest to the Recreation Board and the Township Supervisors in order to be considered when a position becomes available.
 - c. The Recreation Board will make their recommendation to the Supervisors concerning the appointment of the individual.
 - d. Township Supervisors will appoint the individual at a public meeting.

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- 305. Members serve five year terms which shall conclude on December 31st of their fifth year. Terms of office shall be staggered in such a manner that at least one, but no more than two, expire annually.
- 306. All persons appointed shall serve their full term unless they voluntarily resign or are removed by the Township Supervisors for not fulfilling said duties.
- 307. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments, except the term of membership is restricted to the unexpired term of the member being replaced.
- 308. Recreation Board members are volunteers who serve without monetary compensation. Members may be reimbursed for expenses incurred because of participation in conferences, seminars and workshops as approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation in accordance with current department policies.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

- 401. Regular meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month, January through November, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Board.
- 402. All regular meetings are held at the (Municipalities Name & Address).
- 403. Meetings will convene at 7:00 PM unless otherwise agreed upon by the Board.
- 404. Special meetings may be called by the Board Chairperson or the Parks and Recreation Director.
- 405. The first regular meeting in January of each year is the organizational meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers for the current year.
- 406. Five voting members constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting. The number of voting members constituting a quorum will change if the Board consists of fewer members.
- 407. Board action requires a concurrence of a majority of voting members present at a properly convened meeting with a quorum in attendance. The Board is not required to take action on any matter that is not specifically listed on the agenda.
- 408. All meetings are open to the public and shall be held and conducted in accordance with provisions of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act. The schedule of the Board's regular monthly meeting shall be advertised in the NEWSPAPER NAME, NEWSLETTER, and WEBSITE. Any changes to the schedule of the regular meetings should be advertised in the newspaper by the Township Secretary.
- 409. Meetings are conducted in accordance with the requirements of The Sunshine Act and the procedures within this guide.

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410. The following shall be the order of business for regular Board meetings. These rules of order may be suspended and any matters considered or postponed by Board action. Alterations to this agenda may be made under special circumstances.
- a. Call to order
 - b. Correction/Approval of minutes
 - c. Additions to agenda
 - d. Old business
 - e. New business
 - f. Adjournment
411. The Director/Assistant Director shall prepare and distribute an agenda for all meetings. Any member or other person may request that an item be included on the agenda under "Additions to agenda".

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

501. The officers of this Board shall be: Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Secretary and Publicity. The officers shall be elected at the organizational meeting in January to serve for one year or until a successor shall be elected. Vacancies in office shall be filled at the next meeting by special election. Reference "Duties of Board Officers".
- a. Chairperson. The chairperson shall preside over all meetings, appoint committees, call special meetings, represent the Board at special affairs and perform all such duties as designated in "Duties of Board Officers", except when such duties are properly delegated. The Chairperson may succeed himself/herself and shall be elected from among the Board members.
 - b. Co-Chairperson. The Co-Chairperson of the Board performs all duties of the Chairperson in their absence. The Co-Chairperson is responsible to see that all committees function as directed by the Board or Chairperson.
 - c. Secretary. The Secretary shall perform the usual duties pertaining to the office. He/she shall complete the minutes of all regular or special meetings within one week or so that they can be included in the Supervisor's packets which are put together the Friday preceding the first Wednesday of each month.
 - d. Publicity. The Publicity Chairperson shall provide all correspondence with all forms of media to disseminate information to the general public concerning recreation programs and all other pertinent information. They shall retain up to date records concerning all forms of publicity.

ARTICLE VI DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD AND MEMBERS

601. Planning: The Board assists the Director to find specific strategies and objectives to fulfill the Board and Department's mission and goals. The Board also assists with a variety of short and long range planning activities including program plans, updating the comprehensive recreation, parks and open space plan, land acquisition and development plans, special purpose studies, budgeting, etc.
602. Board members promote Department programs and services to the community through various publicity methods, interacting with people at activities or other special events, assisting the Department to produce materials by writing, photos, artwork, etc.

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603. Liaison: Members are part of the Department's "grass roots connection" to the community. Members help the Department understand the needs and desires of the community. The Board also supports the Department when requested for their interaction with citizens, community organizations, agencies, businesses, the Township Supervisors, School Board, other elected and appointed officials and government agencies.
604. Finances: The Board provides the Director with input for the Department's budget process at their August/September meeting. The Board also actively works to supplement the budget through a variety of methods including: conducting fundraising events, soliciting sponsorships, donations, etc. To be effective, all Board members must take an active hands on role in this process. The expenditure of these supplemental funds is to be based upon the Township's fundraising policy.
605. Conduct Activities: Members assist the Department to conduct activities. This may involve a range of responsibilities from running an entire program to helping the Department where assigned. Members are encouraged to be involved in as many programs as possible, especially special events; helping with Community Day is expected.
606. Advise: The Board serves as a forum for the Department to discuss new ideas, programs, policies and procedures.
607. Employment: The Board in conjunction with the Township Manager and possibly the Director (depending on the position), conducts a search, interviews and recommends to the Township Supervisors the best candidate for employment to an administrative position.
608. Evaluation: The Board provides feedback concerning how Department programs meet established objectives both from their personal observation and from interaction with participants.
609. Member Attendance: Members are expected to attend and take an active role in all meetings. If a member cannot attend a meeting he/she should contact the Director prior to the meeting to assure that a quorum is in attendance at all meetings. The Township Supervisors may remove any member who misses three or more regular meetings in any twelve month period without prior notification.
610. Powers and duties: The Recreation Board shall only be advisory in nature and shall perform no administrative duties. Its duties shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. To act in an advisory capacity to the Supervisors in matters relating to parks, recreation and forestry.
 - b. To develop and review policy matters with respect to recreation.
 - c. To cooperate with other government agencies and civic groups in the advancement of parks and recreation in the Township.
 - d. To recommend policies pertaining to the municipal park and recreation matters within the Township.
 - e. To review and make recommendations with the Township Manager and the Supervisors concerning problems with the development of recreation areas, facilities, programs and improved recreational services.

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- f. To make recommendations concerning the comprehensive system of recreation and park areas, facilities, and programs to meet the needs of the Township residents. To recommend plans and general policies with respect to public park and recreation services. To assess the importance and need of recreational services to the general public and make recommendations to the Supervisors.
- g. To inform the Supervisors as to the status and progress of recreation and park service.
- h. To promote stability and continuity of park and recreation services.
- i. To annually evaluate the park and recreation system in the community in relation to its objectives.
- j. To submit an annual report to the Supervisors as deemed necessary.
- k. To promote the planting of trees, shrubbery, etc. on private and public property in the Township.

ARTICLE VII COMMUNICATIONS GUIDELINES

Listed below are guidelines to help Board members interact with each other and with the department. These guidelines are important to make the most out of the Board – Department relationship. The guidelines are intended to create a professional atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation.

- 701. Be open and honest; remember to respect other member and Department points of view, even though they may be different than your own.
- 702. Actively support Department programs and initiatives whenever possible.
- 703. Board members are volunteers who accepted an appointment to assist the Department. This assistance is provided by the Board at its meetings through Board committees or by individual members helping the Department with defined tasks. Members are not authorized to issue orders or instructions to the Department. The Director is responsible to direct Department operations and staff.
- 704. Any formal meeting to discuss relative issues between the Board and the Department should take place either at a scheduled meeting or with the knowledge of the Director. It is important to keep this line of communication open so that the Director is aware of all issues.
- 705. No one should knowingly embarrass any Department or Board member, nor put them “on the spot”. The Board should be protective of the Department, while remembering that they have an obligation to serve the public.
- 706. Members must act in an ethical manner in their dealings with each other and the Department. Please avoid gossiping, asking for special favors, consideration, etc.

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ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

801. Members shall select a position as Chair or Co-Chair of special events running from February 1st of that year to January 31st of the next year at the January Board meeting. Committee Chairperson/Co-Chairperson serve until their function is complete. The Board Chairperson and the Director serve as ex-officio on all committees.
802. Other special committees may be set up throughout the year when necessary. The Board Chairperson can appoint a Chairperson for these committees at this time.
803. Committee Chairperson reports will be presented at the Board meetings when necessary. Interim reports shall be submitted to the Department as needed prior to Board meetings.
804. Sub-committees may be formed for certain committees such as Community Day. Chairpersons can recruit interested individuals to help on their committees.
805. Standing committees include:
 - a. Lunch with the Easter Bunny/Easter Egg Hunt
 - b. Community Day
 - c. Movies in the Park
 - d. Halloween Costume Party
 - e. Lunch with Santa
 - f. Winter Bonfire and Carriage Ride
 - g. Fundraising Committee – Responsible to solicit sponsorships, donations, etc. through personal contacts and/or other methods.

ARTICLE IX CONFORMANCE WITH LAWS, ORDINANCES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

901. The Board shall at all times comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, policies and regulations as may be adopted governing the Department.

ARTICLE X NON-DISCRIMINATION

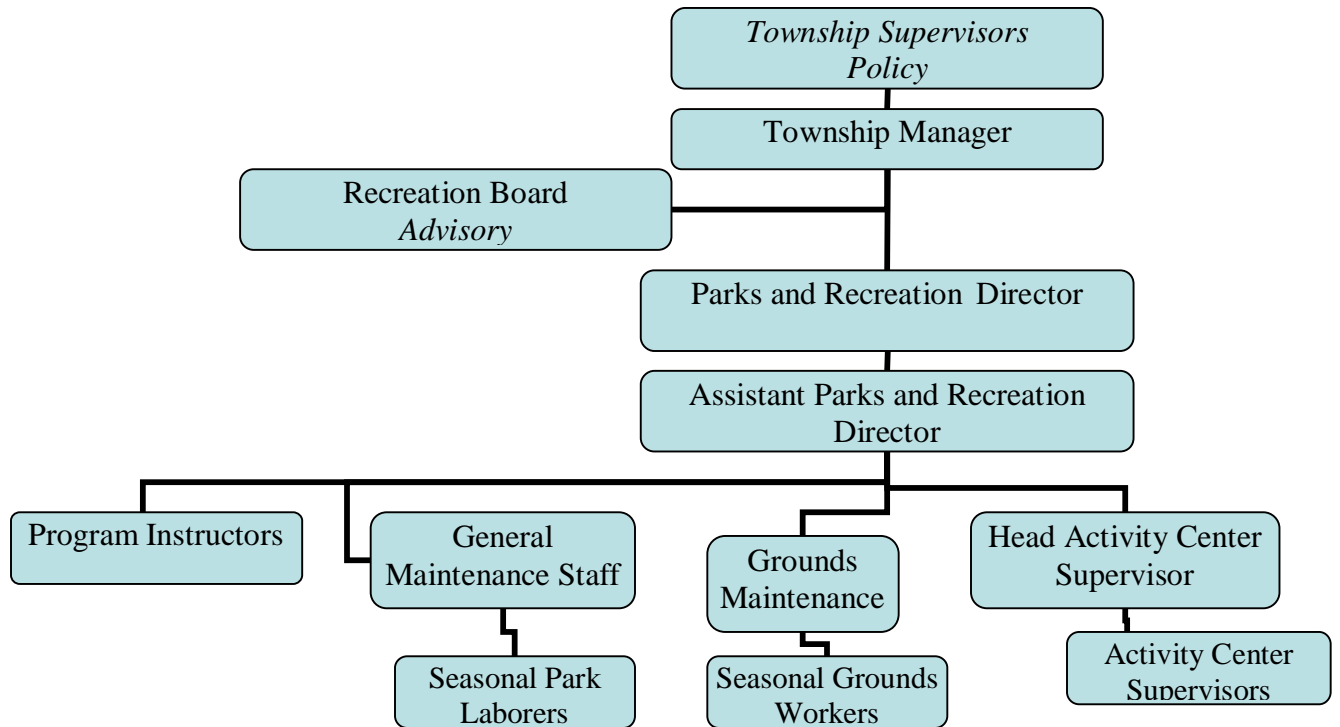
1001. The Board shall not discriminate in any manner against any person by reason of race, color, national origin, religious creed, ancestry, age, sex, handicap or political affiliation.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

1101. The Township Supervisors may amend, revise or replace these procedures at any time as deemed necessary following consideration, advice and recommendation from the Board. Notice of any change will be provided to all Board Members at the next regular meeting following the change.

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ARTICLE XII ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ARTICLE XIII EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy was last reviewed and approved by the Township Supervisors on the ____ Day of _____ 201_.

Chairman
(Municipalities Name)

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MUNICIPALITIES NAME & ASSOCIATION'S NAME

This Lease Agreement made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2009, by and between, MUNICIPALITIES NAME a municipal corporation in the County of _____ and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereinafter referred to as "LESSOR," ASSOCIATION'S NAME, an incorporated association situate in the MUNICIPALITIES NAME, County and Commonwealth aforesaid, hereinafter referred to as a "LESSEE."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the LESSOR is the owner of _____ Park, a municipally maintained recreation park in the MUNICIPALITIES NAME, which park has erected therein one baseball field, one girls' softball field, one t-ball field and one multipurpose ball field; and

WHEREAS, the LESSOR is the owner of _____ Park, a municipally maintained recreation park in the MUNICIPALITIES NAME, which park has constructed one Little League baseball field and two T-ball fields, which said fields and any mutually agreed upon future fields are the subject of the Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LESSEE desires to lease said balls fields annually for a term beginning April 1st and ending November 1st, renewable as hereinafter set forth, at a fee as contained in the Township Fee Schedule as may be amended by the Supervisors from time to time and filed with the Township Secretary for the purposes of furthering the goals of the Association's Name by providing recreational athletics for the young people of the MUNICIPALITIES NAME and neighboring communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises as hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto, intending hereby to legally bind themselves and their respective successors and assigns, do mutually covenant and agree as followed:

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FIRST

The LESSOR does hereby lease unto the LESSEE, for an annual term beginning April 1st and ending November 1st, for the seven (7) aforementioned ball fields presently maintained at _____Park and _____Park in the MUNICIPALITIES NAME, which said Lease shall be automatically renewed annually for the next fifteen (15) years, to the end that the said Lease may be extended, upon approval of the LESSOR and LESSEE. Revisions or termination of the Lease may be made during the term of the Lease or upon renewal of the new Lease.

SECOND

That during the annual term beginning April 1st and ending November 1st, as hereinabove set forth, the LESSEE shall have the exclusive right, license and privilege to utilize the _____Park ball fields for its purpose, from 3:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. on weekdays, and from 9:00 A.M. until 9:00P.M. on Saturdays and Sundays, both prevailing local time. The LESSEE shall have the exclusive right, license and privilege to utilize the _____Park ball fields from 3:00 P.M. until 11:00 P.M. on weekdays, and from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 P.M. on Saturdays and Sundays, both prevailing local times. The said fields will be held available for the use of the residents of the TOWNSHIP when not in use by the LESSEE.

THIRD

That the areas mentioned are the subject of this Lease and are those areas which have been set aside for the aforementioned ball fields, associated facilities and sufficient areas adjacent thereto accommodate all required parking.

FOURTH

That the LESSEE shall and will pay the rental fee contained in the Township Fee Schedule as may be amended by the Supervisors from time to time and filed with the Township Secretary on or before April 1, 2009, and on or before the first day of April of each succeeding year according to the then existing Township Fee Schedule, pursuant to the provisions hereof, so long as said terms are renewed. In addition, the LESSEE shall and will pay additional fees for said premises, the maintenance of ball fields and the adjacent parking areas and whatever minor improvements may

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be constructed and installed by the LESSEE that may be necessary, if damage occurs as described in the FIFTH paragraph of this Agreement. NEVERTHELESS, the LESSEE will make no alterations of a major nature to said ball fields or to the adjacent parking areas without the specific written approval of the Township Supervisors.

FIFTH

That the LESSEE shall and will use the aforementioned premises only for the conduct of appropriate ball games, and for the parking of motor vehicles adjacent thereto, and shall and will surrender the same in as good of a condition as the premise now are, reasonable wear and tear alone excepted. The LESSEE shall use common sense judgment in determining use of the fields in inclement weather to avoid unreasonable wear and tear to the turf. The LESSEE may be subject to covering costs associated with repairing unreasonable wear and tear to turf areas.

SIXTH

That the LESSEE shall and will at its own cost and expense, obtain adequate liability insurance, as may be required by the LESSOR, to secure the indemnification by the LESSEE unto the LESSOR of any costs, damages and expenses to which the LESSOR may be put during the term of this Lease or any extensions thereof, as the result of any action, cause of action, money, suits, claims, demands, or any other thing arising against the LESSOR as the result of maintenance, use and occupancy of the leased areas by the LESSEE. The LESSEE shall identify the LESSOR as additionally insured on their insurance policy.

SEVENTH

That the MUNICIPALITIES NAME will not, under any circumstance, be requested, demanded or asked to contribute unto the LESSEE or to expend any Township funds in any manner in connection with the operation of the baseball and/or softball, or any other team, by the LESSEE.

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EIGHTH

In the event that the LESSEE wants to make improvements to the said areas and facilities, such improvements must be approved by the Township Supervisors with advice from the Recreation Board before any publicity, fundraising or construction can begin. In the event any improvements are installed or constructed by the LESSEE of a permanent nature in or upon the leased areas, including minor improvements, the same may not be removed by the LESSEE upon the termination of any term, or upon the termination of this lease; the same at such time shall become the property of the LESSOR. Any such improvement must be maintained in high quality condition at the expense of the LESSEE, unless otherwise agreed upon by both parties. LESSOR may permit the LESSEE to adjust the amount of its annual fee required under the then existing Township Fee Schedule when improvements are undertaken at LESSEE's expense.

NINTH

That no formal admission charge shall be made by the LESSEE to any person for the privilege of viewing any of the games or other athletic event sponsored by the LESSEE on the leased premises; nor shall any charge be made by the LESSEE to any person for the privilege of parking on the leased premises during such athletic event; however, the LESSEE shall be privileged to receive voluntary contributions from those persons in attendance.

TENTH

The LESSEE shall have priority over any other group during the baseball/softball seasons described herein for the use of said fields during specific hours. The LESSOR retains the right to use said field for special activities during the ball seasons provided thirty (30) days advanced notification has been given the LESSEE. The LESSOR further retains the right to use said fields as needed during the off-season. All use of said fields is with the understanding that said use will not, in any way, be detrimental to the integrity of said fields, and that the LESSOR shall pay for and be responsible for any and all repairs or maintenance required due to LESSOR's use of the fields and any adjacent parking areas.

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ELEVENTH

The LESSEE shall retain ownership of all refreshments unless otherwise agreed upon and exclusive rights to the use of the concession stand, however, with prior written approval the LESSOR may use said equipment and building.

TWELFTH

The LESSOR shall be responsible for routine lawn maintenance, cutting and trimming, and any general maintenance to and around the fields, structures and facilities. The LESSEE agrees to be responsible for any special needs to the turf, building, fences or other facilities used by the LESSEE. The LESSOR shall maintain and/or repair all existing areas, buildings and facilities and make new improvements as agreed upon by both parties with the LESSEE purchasing materials and the LESSOR providing the labor. However, if mutually agreed upon an outside contractor or the LESSEE may do certain tasks.

THIRTEENTH

The Township agrees to maintain insurance on any permanent associated structure associated with the baseball fields including the press box and refreshment building. Said insurance shall include general liability and casualty insurance. Further, the Township agrees to also maintain property liability insurance on the baseball fields. This Lease Agreement represents the LESSOR and LESSEE's complete and final agreement, and supersedes all prior informal understandings and oral agreements.

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IN WITNESS WHEREFOR, THE MUNICIPALITIES NAME has caused these presents to be executed under the hand of the Chairman of the Township Supervisors, duly attested by its secretary, and its corporate seal affixed; and ASSOCIATION NAME, has caused these present to be executed under the hand of _____, its President, duly attested by _____, its Secretary, all as of the day and year written above:

ATTEST:

MUNICIPALITIES NAME

Secretary

Chairman, Township Supervisors

ATTEST:

ASSOCIATION Name

Secretary

President

Appendix C-3: Program Evaluation Form

(Municipalities Name) Recreation and Park Department Program Evaluation Form

It is the desire of the (Municipalities Name) Parks and Recreation Department to provide the very best experiences possible while enrolled in its programs. With this in mind, we are asking you to kindly fill out this survey which will aid us in our plans for future programming.

- 1) Which program are you taking? _____
- 2) What is your opinion of the method of presentation? _____
- 3) What did you like most about the program? _____
- 4) What did you like least concerning the program? _____
- 5) Did you register as a result of the newsletter sent to you through the mail, or another means?

- 6) What other means of publicity did you see or hear? Please check:
Newspaper/Magazine _____ which one _____
Posters in stores _____ which one _____
Radio _____ which one _____
Word of mouth _____ friend _____ neighbor _____
- 7) What other programs would you like to have initiated?

- 8) Have you or other members of your family participated in any of our other programs?

- 9) Do you feel the fee charged is fair? _____
- 10) Comments on overall operation of the program. Any specific recommendations?

- 11) Do you plan to participate in future (Municipalities Name) Programs? _____
- 12) Do you have any skills which you are willing to share with the residents as a leader/instructor?

- 13) Are you a resident of the (Municipalities Name) ? Yes _____ No _____

Your signature is not necessary but would be appreciated _____
Phone _____

This form is used to assist the Recreation Department in future plans and evaluation. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Appendix C-5: Equipment Maintenance Record

EQUIPMENT# _____

DATE PURCHASED _____

DATE	SERVICE PERFORMED	ROUTINE MAINT.	HOURS	PARTS NEEDED	PROBLEM DESCRIP.	INITIALS

Routine Maint. - check when done, includes checking all fluid levels, grease fittings, tire air pressure, etc.

Service Performed - list all major and minor service including: added oil, put air in tires (specify tire), changed blades, etc.

Appendix C-6: Inspection Records

WEEKLY RECREATION FACILITY & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Inspected by & Date	Park	Picnic Tables, Bleachers & Benches	Playground Equipment	Shelters	Buildings	Courts	Other*

* OTHER: SIGNS, TRAILS, LANDSCAPING, POOL AREAS, FIELDS, ETC.

NOTE WHICH PARK, SHELTER NUMBER, ETC. ANY PROBLEM SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR.

Appendix C-7: Daily Work Log

TIME WORKED

EMPLOYEE _____

PERIOD _____ TO _____

DAY/DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS WORKED	CODE
SAT			
SUN			
MON			
TUES			
WED			
THURS			
FRI			
DAY/DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS WORKED	CODE
SAT			
SUN			
MON			
TUES			
WED			
THURS			
FRI			

*Please provide a description of projects worked on & the number of hours per project.

Supervisor will code the projects.

EXAMPLE CODES:

452 PARTICIPANT RECREATION

454 PARKS

APPROVED BY DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION _____

Appendix C-8: Volunteer Records

VOLUNTEER RECORDS

PERIOD _____ TO _____

VOLUNTEER	DESCRIPTION	HOURS WORKED
NAME		
NAME		
NAME		
NAME		
NAME		
NAME		
NAME		
NAME		
NAME		
NAME		
NAME		
NAME		
NAME		
NAME		
NAME		

*Please provide a description of projects worked on & the number of hours per project.

APPROVED BY DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION _____

Appendix C-9: Park Maintenance Chart

PARK MAINTENANCE CHART

PARK: _____

DATE: _____

WEATHER CONDITION: _____

TIME: _____

INSPECTOR: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DIRECTIONS: Complete work chart for any jobs recognized/planned in the parks. Give necessary details, location, seriousness or time frame in expediting job.

General Maintenance	Capital Improvement	Location in Park	Equipment/Items Needed	Expediency*	Date Completed

* EXPEDIENCY: Immediate

Short Term

Long Term

Appendix C-9: Park Maintenance Chart

PARK MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULING CHART

PARK: _____

[illegible]

Appendix C-9: Park Maintenance Chart

PARK WORK LIST

Park Name: _____ Inspection Date: _____ Inspector: _____

Project Type

Priority (H,M,L)

Date Completed

Safety:

Landscaping:

Clean Up:

Repairs:

General Maintenance:

Park Projects:

Appendix C-10: Turf Maintenance Chart

[illegible]

Appendix C-11: Risk Assessment Form

Use this checklist to assess risks at any site where programs and services are being offered, or proposed. Inspect all items for possible hazard.

Location: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Assessment by: _____

Your Name Printed Neatly

Signature: _____

<i>Items</i>	<i>Risk/Hazard</i>		<i>Degree of Risk/Hazard</i>	<i>Action</i>
Add your own as needed	Yes yes answers require degree and action assessment	No	High, Medium Low	Deny, Reduce, Transfer Risk?, How?, When?, By Whom?
1 Facility-ies				
2 Equipment				
3 Staff # Adequate				
4 Staff Trained				
5 Participants				
6 Policies & Procedures				
7 Consents				
8 Nature of Activity-ies				
9 Handicapped Access				
10 Emergency Equipment & Procedures in View& Current				
11 Egress/Evacuation Plans in View & Current				
12 Phone Access				
13 Restrooms				
14 Lighting Functioning				
15 Ventilation Functioning				
16 Storage Adequate				
17 Spectator Protection				
18 Staff Supervision				
19 Adequate Cleaning				
20 Chemicals on site				
21 Hazards-potential				
22 ADA Compliance ¹				
23 Vehicle Maintenance				
24 Other-specify				

This is an academic and presentation tool. It is not recommended for use without proper legal advice from your own counsel and/or approval of your agency policy makers.

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Questions to consider:

1. Have you fairly and accurately described all hazards that could result in injury or property damage?
2. How severe could this potential loss be?
3. How often could this occur?
4. Have you fairly and accurately evaluated the risks: high, medium, low?
5. Who is responsible for risk reduction planning and execution?
6. Have you notified those responsible?
7. Have you asked and been informed when the work will be completed to correct risk issues?
8. Is there any intermediate action that could be taken in the meantime? Describe that action. By whom should it be taken?
9. If the intermediate work needed is not completed on time, who should be informed? By when?
10. If the long-term work needed is not completed on time, who should be informed? By when?
11. Have you adequately documented your concerns at the organizational level that needs to know about this?
12. How have you documented your work in all this? Have you sent any letters, memos, summary reports, or copies of this report to authorities in charge of this?
13. Have you established and kept safe your file materials? Have you filed all your information for future reference?
14. Have *you* met the reasonably prudent professional standard to which *you* might be held in the event of litigation?

Appendix C-12: Safety Inspection Form

AGENCY NAME: _____ PARK: _____

TYPE OF INSPECTION:

☐ AUDIT ☐ ANNUAL ☐ PERIODIC ☐ DAILY

DATE OF INSPECTION: _____ TOTAL INSPECTION TIME (MIN.) _____

INSPECTOR (S) _____

INSPECTION SUMMARY

☐ NO HAZARDS FOUND ☐ THE FOLLOWING HAZARDS WERE NOTED AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION
TAKEN: _____

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS			
HAZARDS IDENTIFIED (DESCRIBE HAZARD & LOCATION)	MAINTENANCE TASK PERFORMED (DESCRIBE)	AREA CLOSED (ENTER DATE)	WORK ORDER SUBMITTED (ENTER DATE)

I VERIFY THAT I HAVE COMPLETED THE ABOVE INSPECTION AND NOTED ALL HAZARDS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS.

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR(S): _____

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR: _____

Appendix C-13: Accident Report Form

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

SAFETY

It is important that rules of safety be adopted for the use of apparatus and facilities. The participants should be made familiar with these rules. Make a daily check of the equipment and facilities used and if anything is out of order, repair or make changes immediately. It is the staff member's responsibility to see that equipment and facilities are safe and secure.

ACCIDENTS

In the event of an accident, staff members must be prepared to act efficiently and promptly. First aid kits will be available. Ice available (cold packs).

PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW:

1. Alert other staff members as to the nature or degree of the accident.
2. Administer first aid, C.P.R., A. E. D., etc. immediately.
3. Contact the appropriate emergency rescue squad or police department if help is needed:
EMERGENCY NUMBER 911

ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

(Municipalities Name) Police Department

Ambulance Authority

When call is answered give:

- a) Name
 - b) Position
 - c) Location
 - d) What happened
 - e) What is being done
 - f) What to do next
4. Listen to what other party says.
 5. DO NOT HANG UP until other party hangs us first.
 6. Keep onlookers out of the way.
 7. Send someone else to meet any help that is to arrive outside.
 8. Make no comments to reporters, witnesses or bystanders. Report emergency to the
(Municipalities Name) Parks and Recreation Department or Manager only:
Name: _____ Phone No.: _____
Name: _____ Phone No.: _____
 9. Fill out accident report form at the (Municipalities Name) Parks and Recreation Department office. Call to check on injured person's progress and any additional medical follow up to be performed must be documents on accident report form.

Appendix C-13: Accident Report Form

Name of Injured _____ Age _____

Address _____ Phone _____

How did the accident occur? _____

Extent of Injury _____

What was done for the injury? _____

Medical Care: _____

Doctor _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Witness Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Witness Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Date of Accident _____ Time of accident _____

Place of Accident _____ Weather _____

Remarks _____

Follow up procedure* _____

Supervisor's Signature

** Follow up procedure requires the supervisor to call the injured participant and document comments*

Appendix C-14: Sample Sponsorship Form

COMMUNITY DAY 201 SPONSORSHIP CONTRACT

Company Details

Name of Sponsor: _____
Contact: _____ Phone #: _____
Email: _____ Fax #: _____
Address: _____

Website Address: _____

Sponsorship Details

Event: _____
Date: _____ Times: _____
Sponsorship Tier: _____ Amount: _____

Agreement

By participating in this sponsorship opportunity I, _____, understand that our business will in turn **receive the following:** (Name)

- Acknowledgement in Community Day mailer (circulation 13,000)
- Acknowledgement on all day of event promotional materials
- 30 attraction tickets

Please return the contract signed and dated along with the check made out for the correct amount within two weeks from _____. If more time is needed, please notify the Township.

Sponsor's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Agency's Signature: _____

Date: _____

***Please fill in any blank areas before returning contract**

Appendix D-1: Funding Sources

Grant / Program Name	Description	Website Address
Baseball Tomorrow Fund	The Baseball Tomorrow Fund, a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, offers grants to nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations involved in youth baseball and softball programs.	http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp
Bowerman Track Renovation Program Offers Grants	Provides matching cash grants of up to \$50,000 to community-based, youth organizations that seek to refurbish or construct running tracks.	http://www.nikebiz.com/responsibility/community_programs/bowerman_track_program/
Butler County Park Renovation Program	Butler County offers a local park renovation grant program to all of its municipalities.	www.co.butler.pa.us
Council on Foundations	The Council on Foundations is a national nonprofit association of approximately 2,000 grantmaking foundations and corporations.	http://www.cof.org/
CVS Caremark Community Grants	Program awards grants up to \$5,000 to nonprofit organizations for programs targeting children with disabilities; programs focusing on health and rehabilitation services; and public schools promoting a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs, and initiatives that give greater access to physical movement and play.	http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants
Foundation Center	A database of foundations and other funding sources.	http://foundationcenter.org/
Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds	Awards grants to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations for local efforts to protect healthy, natural streams, to clean up pollution and to restore degraded wildlife habitat..	http://www.pennsylvaniawatersheds.org/?page_id=3
Grants.gov	Provides information on hundreds of federal grants that can be used to support a variety of programs.	http://www.grants.gov/
International Society of Arboriculture – TREE Fund	This program supports the development of arboriculture educational programs and materials for K-12 students.	http://www.treefund.org/ed_grants.htm
KaBOOM!	KaBOOM! offers communities occasional grant opportunities to begin or complete playspace projects.	http://kaboom.org/build_playspace/get_funding/grants
Mantis Awards for Community and Youth Gardens	Each year, Mantis presents the Mantis Awards for charitable and educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life in their host communities. Any nonprofit garden program may apply, including schools, churches, correctional facilities, parks departments, youth camps, community gardens, and many others.	http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp

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Grant / Program Name	Description	Website Address
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation provides funding on a competitive basis to projects that sustain, restore and enhance the Nation's fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats through our Keystone Initiative Grants and other Special Grant Programs.	http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Grants
National Gardening Association (NGA) – Youth Garden Grants	NGA awards Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. Applicants must plan to garden in 2010 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 years.	http://assoc.garden.org/grants/
National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)	NRPA provides education for professionals and the public on the essential nature of parks and recreation and advocates for increased national funding for parks and recreation through federal grants and initiatives.	www.nrpa.org
National Tree Trust	The mission of the National Tree Trust is to promote healthy communities by providing resources that educate and empower people to grow and care for urban and community forests.	http://www.nationaltreetrust.org/
NFL Community Football Fields Program	Provides grants to non-profit, neighborhood-based organizations, middle schools and high schools for financing and technical assistance to improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of local football fields in low to moderate income areas.	http://www.popwarner.com/articles/nflgrassroots.asp
NFL Youth Football Fund	Provides grants of \$500 to \$2,500 to purchase equipment, repair fields, establish new football programs, and improve existing programs.	http://www.nflyff.org/
PA CleanWays of Butler-Lawrence Counties	A non-profit organization that helps communities take action against illegal dumping and littering.	http://www.pacleanways.org/
Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) – Local Government	Provides grants to local governments to assist in funding arts programs, arts projects, regrant programs, and pass through projects.	http://pacouncilonthearts.org/pca.cfm?id=46&level=Third
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) – Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund	State grants to construct new library buildings, renovate or rehabilitate existing facilities and make library buildings accessible for persons with disabilities. Joint applications are required from a sponsoring municipality (or Councils of Government and authorities approved by the participating local governing body of the COG or authority) and a state-aided public library.	http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/funding-detail/index.aspx?progId=118

Appendix D-1: Funding Sources

Grant / Program Name	Description	Website Address
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) – Local Municipal Resources and Development Program (LMRDP)	Grants to municipalities for the construction or rehabilitation of infrastructure, building rehabilitation, acquisition and demolition of structures/land, revitalization or construction of community facilities, purchase or upgrade of machinery and equipment, planning of community assets, public safety, crime prevention, recreation, and training.	http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/funding-detail/index.aspx?progId=78
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) – Urban Development Program	Provides grants for <u>urban</u> development and improvement projects, including the construction or rehab of infrastructure, building rehabilitation, acquisition and demolition of structures/land, revitalization or construction of community facilities, purchase or upgrade of machinery and equipment, planning of community assets, public safety, crime prevention, recreation, and training.	http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/funding-detail/index.aspx?progId=81
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) – Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2)	C2P2 grants are open to local / county governments and non-profit organizations to assist with recreation projects; three basic types: planning, acquisition and development. Includes grants for community recreation, land trusts, rails-to-trails, rivers conservation, snowmobile/ATV, heritage areas, land and water conservation fund, and recreational trails.	http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) – Peer to Peer Technical Assistance	Grants of up to 90 percent of eligible costs (\$10,000 maximum) to study problem-specific issues dealing with the administration of park and recreation facilities and/or services. These are short-term projects conducted primarily by experienced park and recreation professionals who work closely with community leaders.	http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/itagrant.aspx
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) – TreeVitalize	TreeVitalize is a public-private partnership to help restore tree cover, educate citizens about planting trees as an act of caring for our environment, and build capacity among local governments to understand, protect and restore their urban trees.	http://www.treevitalize.net/index.aspx
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) – Wild Resource Conservation Program (WRCP)	The Wild Resource Conservation Program is accepting grant applications for projects in the following areas: Effects of Climate Change on Biodiversity; Education; Wildlife Action Plan Priorities; Wild Plant Management; and General Biodiversity Projects	http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/wrcp/grants/index.aspx

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Grant / Program Name	Description	Website Address
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) – Community Cleanup Program	The DEP Community Cleanup Program assists local partners with cleaning up illegal dumpsite. The community cleanup program is a partnership among community organizations, environmental groups, local business and industry, and local, county and state governments. The program brings together these partners to identify illegal dumps, prioritize cleanups, coordinate cleanups and provide surveillance and enforcement.	http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/landrecwaste/cwp/view.asp?a=1418&Q=505004&landrecwasteNav=
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) – Environmental Education	School districts, private schools, nonprofit groups and county conservation districts may apply for funding to develop new or expand current environmental education programming. This program is a reimbursement program with a 20 percent matching funds component, with certain exceptions.	http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/enved/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=473224
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) – Growing Greener Watershed Grants	Restore watersheds and streams, reclaim mined lands, remediate AMD	http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/growinggreener/site/default.asp
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) – PA Conservation Works!	One-time grants for motivated local governments and non-profit entities with shovel-ready projects that will save or conserve a minimum of 25 percent of all energy used.	https://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us/documents/conservation_works_7000_bk_dep4250.pdf
Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry – PA Conservation Corps Program	Offers grants to municipalities for conservation, recreation, historic preservation, graffiti removal and repair of vandalism. Funds may be used to purchase materials and services.	http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/pennsylvania_conservation_corps/10573/project_grants/599288
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC)	The Commission has a number of grant programs that provide funding in support of fishing, boating and aquatic resource conservation; including the Boating Facility Grant Program, the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program, and the Coldwater Heritage Partnership.	http://www.fish.state.pa.us/grants.htm
Pennsylvania Humanities Council	Humanities Grants foster collaborative learning through public programs. Examples of humanities projects include discussion groups exploring books or films, workshops, walking tours, panel discussions, exhibitions with interpretive programs, and craft demonstrations integrating conversations about the craft.	http://www.pahumanities.org/resources/grants.php

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Grant / Program Name	Description	Website Address
Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) RecTAP Program	Provides technical assistance grants of up to \$1,500 to help recreation and park boards and departments with specific issues. No matching funds are required.	http://www.prps.org/grantsrectap.htm
Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST); Green Infrastructure Projects	PENNVEST actively funds Green Initiatives that promote and encourage environmental responsibility in our communities that are creative and innovative with green solutions for water quality management.	http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/programs/9322/green_initiatives/541807
Pew Charitable Trust	Provides grants related to environment, culture, and health and human services.	www.pewtrusts.com/grants
SPARK (Sports Play and Active Recreation for Kids)	This is a high quality program that provides staff training and one of the few areas that funds can be obtained to purchase equipment.	www.paspark.com
Target Store Grants – Arts Grants	Funds arts programs that bring the arts to schools or make it affordable for youth and families to participate in cultural experiences, such as school touring programs, field trips to the theater or symphony, or artists residencies and workshops in schools.	http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031819
Tiger Woods Foundation	Provides grants to certified non-profit organizations that provide opportunities to underserved youth, ages 8-18, with the average grant range between \$2,500 and \$25,000. Eligible programs include education and youth development; non-salary programmatic support; year round programs that enhance learning for children; and volunteer based mentoring, tutoring programs and community service projects.	http://www.tigerwoodsfoundation.org/grants.php
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	Provides meals and snacks for after school and evening youth recreation programs.	http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Care/CACFP/aboutcacfp.htm
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	Provides funding for breakfast, lunch, and snacks for children ages 18 and under at summer playgrounds, camps, and other recreation programs.	http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Summer/
U.S. Soccer Foundation	The Foundation awards grants to help pay for field development, uniforms, player equipment, travel costs, facility rental, registration costs, and training for players, coaches and referees.	http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/site/c.iplQKXOvFoG/b.5482645/k.C652/Grants.htm
Woman's Sports Foundation – GoGirl Grant Program	Grants are awarded to girl-serving organizations who strive to provide diverse, underserved populations of girls ages 8 to 18 and get involved in sport and physical activity.	http://66.40.5.5/Grants%20And%20Scholarships/Grants.aspx

Appendix D-2:
Invasive Plant Species Management
Japanese knotweed



Japanese knotweed (Polygonum cuspidatum)

Description

- Refer to the DCNR Invasive Exotic Plant Tutorial knotweed page (http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/invasivetutorial/japanese_knotweed.htm), which describes Japanese knotweed and giant knotweed (*Polygonum sachalinense*).
- Herbaceous, rhizomatous, perennial dicot.
- Dioecious – male and female flowers on separate plants.
- Grows in tall (6 to 10-plus feet), dense stands that exclude almost all other vegetation.
- Native to East Asia, imported as an ornamental in the late-1800's.
- Grows almost anywhere, from acidic spoil in full sun to fertile, shaded alluvial soils along rivers and streams.

Management Keys

Japanese knotweed is difficult to control, but as long as you are willing to invest the effort and follow a few key guidelines, it can be successfully suppressed.

Target the Rhizomes

To eliminate knotweed, you have to injure the rhizomes. This is most effectively done with systemic herbicides, when the plant canopy is exporting sugars to the rhizomes for growth and storage.

Timing is Key

Systemic herbicides are most effective when applied later in the growing season (Figure 1). This is when the foliage is sending sugars produced through photosynthesis to the roots and rhizomes. Systemic herbicides are moved in the same direction through the plant as the sugars.

Applications made too early in the season or too soon after cutting do not translocate to the rhizomes, and only injure the shoots.

Cutting Helps

Cutting alone is not an effective suppression approach. However, cutting prior to an herbicide application can be very helpful. If you wait until about June 1 to cut, and wait 8 weeks to treat, you will find that the knotweed regrowth is much shorter than when

it was cut. Typically, knotweed regrows 2 to 4 feet tall.

When knotweed is growing near water, cutting is useful because it is easier to treat the shorter regrowth without getting spray solution into the water.

If the knotweed is not near water, you have to decide if cutting the knotweed is a good use of your finite time and effort. Treating intact knotweed towering over your head is a lot like work, but cutting may be even more work.

Be Patient

Wait 8 weeks after cutting before applying herbicide. If you apply too soon after cutting, the herbicide will not be translocated to the rhizomes.

Recommended Herbicides

We recommend the herbicide *glyphosate*. *Glyphosate* is the active ingredient in the many 'Roundup' products that are available for agricultural, professional, and homeowner use. As of this writing, the *glyphosate* products available on the PA statewide herbicide contract are 'Aquaneat' and 'Glyphomate 41'.

Glyphosate has several advantages:

- it's effective
- it has low toxicity to non-target organisms
- it is available in aquatic-labeled formulations
- it has no soil activity
- it's relatively inexpensive

The herbicide *imazapyr* ('Arsenal Powerline', 'Habitat') is effective against knotweed, but has considerable soil activity and can injure nearby trees through root absorption.

The herbicide *triclopyr* ('Garlon 3A') is recommended in some accounts, but our research has shown that rates up to 4 quarts/acre had no visible effect on the following year's growth.

Be Persistent

There are two phases of knotweed management – control and maintenance. The control phase takes two seasons, and includes at least two operations in year-one (e.g. cut and treat, or treat twice) and at least one application in year-two.

After your control efforts have nearly eliminated the knotweed, you need to periodically monitor the sites



and treat any signs of new growth to prevent re-infestation.

After the Knotweed

If you remove the knotweed early in its infestation, you probably will not need to establish replacement vegetation.

When a knotweed infestation is well established,

you may need to suppress the vegetation that follows as well, and establish desirable plants in that space. If you are planning on replanting the area, BE PATIENT. If you plant desirable vegetation before the knotweed is completely suppressed, it will be much harder to manage the remnant knotweed without injuring the desirable plants.

Figure 1. The management calendar for Japanese knotweed emphasizes late-season applications of the herbicide glyphosate to maximize injury to the rhizomes.

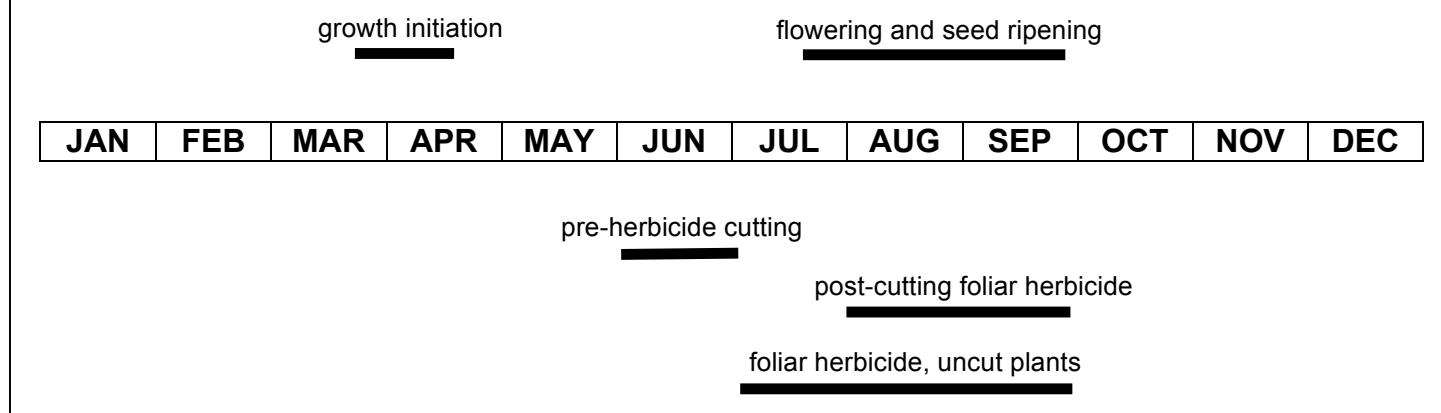


Table 1. Prescriptions for controlling Japanese and giant knotweed stress proper timing of operations to maximize injury to rhizomes. Improper timing (impatience) will result in treatments that provide 'topkill' (shoot injury) but little net effect.

timing	treatment	product rate	comments
June	cutting prior to foliar herbicide application	n/a	Cutting in June results in shortened regrowth and elimination of persistent stems from the previous season. This is a particular advantage in riparian settings, where knotweed will hang over the water. In this situation, it is impossible to treat without contacting the water with herbicide solution (therefore requiring a permit and an aquatic-certified applicator). Cutting will result in regrowth that is 2 to 4 ft. tall, which can be treated using a backpack sprayer (as opposed to a high volume application with a handgun), and without contacting the adjacent water.
anytime	cutting	n/a	Cutting does not eliminate knotweed, but it does slow its growth and lateral spread significantly. Where knotweed is adjacent to mowed areas, it should be included in mowing regimen. If you are going to treat the knotweed with a systemic herbicide, stop mowing 8 weeks prior to application.
At least 8 weeks after mowing	'Aquaneat' or 'Glyphomate 41'	4 qts/acre or 5.7 qts/acre	Use either of these <i>glyphosate</i> products to treat knotweed regrowth, waiting eight weeks after the June cutting to treat. The product rates differ because the glyphosate concentration differs. The application rates provide 4 lbs of <i>glyphosate</i> -acid per acre. Applications of 'Aquaneat' will require an additional surfactant (e.g. 'Timberland 90'). No additional surfactant is needed with 'Glyphomate 41'. Work at the early end of the operational windows so you can make a 'touch-up' application with the same treatment in September, before a killing frost.
July 1 to mid-September	'Aquaneat' or 'Glyphomate 41'	4 qts/acre or 5.7 qts/acre	Treatment to uncut knotweed should be delayed until after July 1. Unless the knotweed patches are small, this will need to be a high volume application. It is very difficult to get thorough coverage of dense vegetation that is over your head. Follow-up in September to treat misses and resprouts.

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Appendix D-3: PNDI Receipts

1. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: **Slippery Rock Community Park**

Date of review: **1/12/2010 12:39:39 PM**

Project Category: **Development, Additions/maintenance to existing development facilities**

Project Area: **77.0 acres**

County: **Butler Township/Municipality: Slippery Rock Boro**

Quadrangle Name: **SLIPPERY ROCK**

ZIP Code: **16057**

Decimal Degrees: **41.06698 N, --80.05966 W**

Degrees Minutes Seconds: **41° 4' 1.1" N, -80° 3' 34.8" W**



2. SEARCH RESULTS

Agency	Results	Response
PA Game Commission	Potential Impact	FURTHER REVIEW IS REQUIRED, See Agency Response
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	No Known Impact	No Further Review Required
PA Fish and Boat Commission	No Known Impact	No Further Review Required
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	No Known Impact	No Further Review Required

As summarized above, Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) records indicate there may be potential impacts to threatened and endangered and/or special concern species and resources within the project area. If the response above indicates "No Further Review Required" no additional communication with the respective agency is required. If the response is "Further Review Required" or "See Agency Response," refer to the appropriate agency comments below. Please see the DEP Information Section of this receipt if a PA Department of Environmental Protection Permit is required.

3. AGENCY COMMENTS

Regardless of whether a DEP permit is necessary for this proposed project, any potential impacts to threatened and endangered species and/or special concern species and resources must be resolved with the appropriate jurisdictional agency. In some cases, a permit or authorization from the jurisdictional agency may be needed if adverse impacts to these species and habitats cannot be avoided.

These agency determinations and responses are **valid for one year** (from the date of the review), and are based on the project information that was provided, including the exact project location; the project type, description, and features; and any responses to questions that were generated during this search. If any of the following change: 1) project location, 2) project size or configuration, 3) project type, or 4) responses to the questions that were asked during the online review, the results of this review are not valid, and the review must be searched again via the PNDI Environmental Review Tool and resubmitted to the jurisdictional agencies. The PNDI tool is a primary screening tool, and a desktop review may reveal more or fewer impacts than what is listed on this PNDI receipt. The PNDI tool is a primary screening tool, and a desktop review may reveal more or fewer impacts than what is listed on this PNDI receipt.

PA Game Commission

PGC Species:

Scientific Name: Sensitive Species**

Common Name:

Current Status: Threatened

Proposed Status: Threatened

RESPONSE: Further review of this project is necessary to resolve the potential impacts(s). Please send project information to this agency for review (see WHAT TO SEND).

PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

RESPONSE: No Impact is anticipated to threatened and endangered species and/or special concern species and resources.

PA Fish and Boat Commission

RESPONSE: No Impact is anticipated to threatened and endangered species and/or special concern species and resources.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

RESPONSE: No impacts to **federally** listed or proposed species are anticipated. Therefore, no further consultation/coordination under the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) is required. Because no take of federally listed species is anticipated, none is authorized. This response does not reflect potential Fish and Wildlife Service concerns under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act or other authorities.

* Special Concern Species or Resource - Plant or animal species classified as rare, tentatively undetermined or candidate as well as other taxa of conservation concern, significant natural communities, special concern populations (plants or animals) and unique geologic features.

** Sensitive Species - Species identified by the jurisdictional agency as collectible, having economic value, or

being susceptible to decline as a result of visitation.

WHAT TO SEND TO JURISDICTIONAL AGENCIES

If project information was requested by one or more of the agencies above, send the following information to the agency(s) seeking this information (see AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION).

Check-list of Minimum Materials to be submitted:

- _____ **SIGNED** copy of this Project Environmental Review Receipt
- _____ Project narrative with a description of the overall project, the work to be performed, current physical characteristics of the site and acreage to be impacted.
- _____ Project location information (name of USGS Quadrangle, Township/Municipality, and County)
- _____ USGS 7.5-minute Quadrangle with project boundary clearly indicated, and quad name on the map

The inclusion of the following information may expedite the review process.

- _____ A basic site plan (particularly showing the relationship of the project to the physical features such as wetlands, streams, ponds, rock outcrops, etc.)
- _____ Color photos keyed to the basic site plan (i.e. showing on the site plan where and in what direction each photo was taken and the date of the photos)
- _____ Information about the presence and location of wetlands in the project area, and how this was determined (e.g., by a qualified wetlands biologist), if wetlands are present in the project area, provide project plans showing the location of all project features, as well as wetlands and streams
- _____ The DEP permit(s) required for this project

4. DEP INFORMATION

The Pa Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires that a signed copy of this receipt, along with any required documentation from jurisdictional agencies concerning resolution of potential impacts, be submitted with applications for permits requiring PNDI review. For cases where a "Potential Impact" to threatened and endangered species has been identified before the application has been submitted to DEP, the application should not be submitted until the impact has been resolved. For cases where "Potential Impact" to special concern species and resources has been identified before the application has been submitted, the application should be submitted to DEP along with the PNDI receipt, a completed PNDI form and a USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle map with the project boundaries delineated on the map. The PNDI Receipt should also be submitted to the appropriate agency according to directions on the PNDI Receipt. DEP and the jurisdictional agency will work together to resolve the potential impact(s). See the DEP PNDI policy at <http://www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us>.

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The PNDI environmental review website is a **preliminary** screening tool. There are often delays in updating species status classifications. Because the proposed status represents the best available information regarding the conservation status of the species, state jurisdictional agency staff give the proposed statuses at least the same consideration as the current legal status. If surveys or further information reveal that a threatened and endangered and/or special concern species and resources exist in your project area, contact the appropriate jurisdictional agency/agencies immediately to identify and resolve any impacts.

For a list of species known to occur in the county where your project is located, please see the species lists by county found on the PA Natural Heritage Program (PNHP) home page (www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us). Also note that the PNDI Environmental Review Tool only contains information about species occurrences that have actually been reported to the PNHP.

6. AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Bureau of Forestry, Ecological Services Section
400 Market Street, PO Box 8552, Harrisburg, PA.
17105-8552
Fax: (717) 772-0271

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Section
315 South Allen Street, Suite 322, State College, PA.
16801-4851
NO Faxes Please.

PA Fish and Boat Commission

Division of Environmental Services
450 Robinson Lane, Bellefonte, PA. 16823-7437
NO Faxes Please

PA Game Commission

Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management
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2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA. 17110-9797
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William Moldovan

applicant/project proponent signature

Jan 2010

date

1. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: **Brady Township Site**

Date of review: **1/12/2010 12:48:55 PM**

Project Category: **Development, New public/community development (school, library, church, museum)**

Project Area: **29.6 acres**

County: **Butler Township/Municipality: Brady**

Quadrangle Name: **MOUNT CHESTNUT**

ZIP Code: **16057**

Decimal Degrees: **40.9865 N, --79.9921 W**

Degrees Minutes Seconds: **40° 59' 11.4" N, -79° 59' 31.6" W**



2. SEARCH RESULTS

Agency	Results	Response
PA Game Commission	No Known Impact	No Further Review Required
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	No Known Impact	No Further Review Required
PA Fish and Boat Commission	Potential Impact	FURTHER REVIEW IS REQUIRED, See Agency Response
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	No Known Impact	No Further Review Required

As summarized above, Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) records indicate there may be potential impacts to threatened and endangered and/or special concern species and resources within the project area. If the response above indicates "No Further Review Required" no additional communication with the respective agency is required. If the response is "Further Review Required" or "See Agency Response," refer to the appropriate agency comments below. Please see the DEP Information Section of this receipt if a PA Department of Environmental Protection Permit is required.

RESPONSE TO QUESTION(S) ASKED

Q1: Accurately describe what is known about wetland presence in the project area or on the land parcel. "Project" includes all features of the project (including buildings, roads, utility lines, outfall and intake structures, wells, stormwater retention/detention basins, parking lots, driveways, lawns, etc.), as well as all associated impacts (e.g., temporary staging areas, work areas, temporary road crossings, areas subject to grading or clearing, etc.). Include all areas that will be permanently or temporarily affected -- either directly or indirectly -- by any type of disturbance (e.g., land clearing, grading, tree removal, flooding, etc.). Land parcel = the lot(s) on which some type of project(s) or activity(s) are proposed to occur.

Your answer is: **2. The project area (or land parcel) has not been investigated by someone qualified to identify and delineate wetlands, or it is currently unknown if the project or project activities will affect wetlands.**

Q2: Which of the following closest describes the proposed project?

Your answer is: **4. A well or other groundwater extraction (e.g., groundwater pumping to facilitate mining, pump-and-treat operation) is proposed as part of this project, or in order to support some aspect of the project, but less than 1000 gallons per day will be extracted.**

Q3: Are there any perennial or intermittent waterways (rivers, streams, creeks, tributaries) in or near the project area, or on the land parcel?

Your answer is: **3. Unknown**

3. AGENCY COMMENTS

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PA Game Commission

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PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

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PA Fish and Boat Commission

PFBC Species:**Scientific Name:** Sensitive Species****Common Name:****Current Status:** Endangered**Proposed Status:** Endangered

RESPONSE: Further review of this project is necessary to resolve the potential impacts(s). Please send project information to this agency for review (see WHAT TO SEND).

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

RESPONSE: No impacts to federally listed or proposed species are anticipated. Therefore, no further consultation/coordination under the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.* is required. Because no take of federally listed species is anticipated, none is authorized. This response does not reflect potential Fish and Wildlife Service concerns under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act or other authorities.

* Special Concern Species or Resource - Plant or animal species classified as rare, tentatively undetermined or candidate as well as other taxa of conservation concern, significant natural communities, special concern populations (plants or animals) and unique geologic features.

** Sensitive Species - Species identified by the jurisdictional agency as collectible, having economic value, or being susceptible to decline as a result of visitation.

WHAT TO SEND TO JURISDICTIONAL AGENCIES

If project information was requested by one or more of the agencies above, send the following information to the agency(s) seeking this information (see AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION).

Check-list of Minimum Materials to be submitted:

- _____ **SIGNED** copy of this Project Environmental Review Receipt
- _____ Project narrative with a description of the overall project, the work to be performed, current physical characteristics of the site and acreage to be impacted.
- _____ Project location information (name of USGS Quadrangle, Township/Municipality, and County)
- _____ USGS 7.5-minute Quadrangle with project boundary clearly indicated, and quad name on the map

The inclusion of the following information may expedite the review process.

- _____ A basic site plan (particularly showing the relationship of the project to the physical features such as wetlands, streams, ponds, rock outcrops, etc.)
- _____ Color photos keyed to the basic site plan (i.e. showing on the site plan where and in what direction each photo was taken and the date of the photos)
- _____ Information about the presence and location of wetlands in the project area, and how this was determined (e.g., by a qualified wetlands biologist), if wetlands are present in the project area, provide project plans showing the location of all project features, as well as wetlands and streams
- _____ The DEP permit(s) required for this project

4. DEP INFORMATION

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5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The PNDI environmental review website is a **preliminary** screening tool. There are often delays in updating species status classifications. Because the proposed status represents the best available information regarding the conservation status of the species, state jurisdictional agency staff give the proposed statuses at least the same consideration as the current legal status. If surveys or further information reveal that a threatened and endangered and/or special concern species and resources exist in your project area, contact the appropriate jurisdictional agency/agencies immediately to identify and resolve any impacts.

For a list of species known to occur in the county where your project is located, please see the species lists by county found on the PA Natural Heritage Program (PNHP) home page (www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us). Also note that the PNDI Environmental Review Tool only contains information about species occurrences that have actually been reported to the PNHP.

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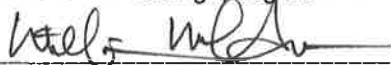
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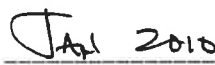
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1. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: **Slippery Rock 2 Acre Parcel**

Date of review: **1/12/2010 12:43:27 PM**

Project Category: **Development, New public/community development (school, library, church, museum)**

Project Area: **4.8 acres**

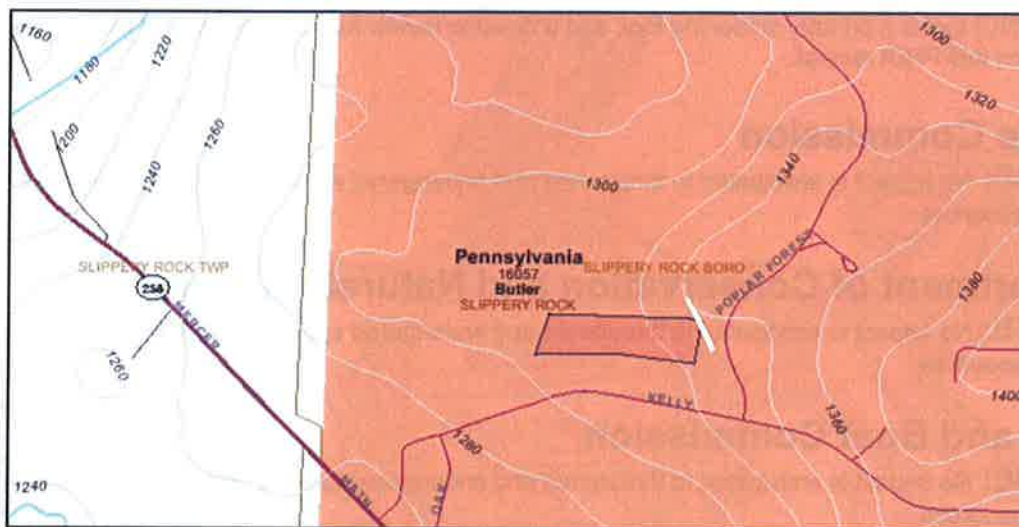
County: **Butler** Township/Municipality: **Slippery Rock Boro**

Quadrangle Name: **SLIPPERY ROCK**

ZIP Code: **16057**

Decimal Degrees: **41.07453 N, --80.05866 W**

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JAN 2010
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Appendix D-4:
Slippery Rock Community Park Deeds

This Indenture

Made the 21st day of September in the year of our Lord,
one thousand nine hundred and ~~forty~~ sixty eight

Between Emil Westerwick and Margarete E. Westerwick, his wife of
Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania,

parties of the first part and

Borough of Slippery Rock, Butler County, Pennsylvania
a Municipal Corporation,

parties of the second part:

Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of

Thirty ~~and~~ Eight Thousand Dollars

to them now paid by the said parties of the second part, do grant, bargain,
sell and convey unto the said parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns,
forever:

All those three (3) certain pieces, parcels or tracts of land situate
in the Borough of Slippery Rock, Butler County, Pennsylvania, separately
bounded and described as follows:

First; Beginning at a post on the Northwest corner in the Mercer
and Butler Road, and extending in an Easterly direction Fiftyone (51)
perches to a post, by lands formerly heirs of Wm. McCarnes, then Maybury,
now Westerwick, thence South Six and 6/10 (6.6) perches by lands of
Milton Covert; now Slippery Rock Community Park; thence West Ten (10)
perches by Burying Ground to a post; thence East Eighteen (18) perches
by said Burying Ground; thence East One and 3/4 (1.75) perches, and Southwest
Sixteen and 1/10 (16.1) perches; thence in an irregular line as follows:
10 (10) perches to a post, One and 45/100 (1.45) perches, Three and 7/10
(3.7) perches, Six and 95/100 (6.95) perches, One and 5/10 (1.5) perches,
Three and 4/10 (3.4) perches, Four and 2/10 (4.2) perches to a post on
the said Mercer and Butler Road; thence along said road, North Twelve
and 55/100 (12.55) perches to a post at the place of the beginning.
Containing Five and one-half (5.5) acres, more or less, and having thereon
erected a one-story stone house (dwelling) and a one-story stone shop-
building, and two frame chicken houses.

Excepting from the above described property that certain lot of

along lands of Covert 192 feet; thence East along lands of Covert 150 feet; thence North 103 feet to breast of dam, thence along breast of dam West 227 feet to place of beginning.

Being the same property which was conveyed to W. Fredemk Fleming and Lillian M. Fleming, his wife, by Deed of Washington C. Weber and Emma F. Weber, his wife, dated September 29th, 1934, and recorded in and for Butler County in Deed Book 478 at page 88.

Second: Bounded on the North by lands formerly Ramsey Heirs, then Duncan, now Janose, Nine Hundred Twenty-six (926) feet, more or less; on the East by lands formerly John Hockenberry, then Covert, now Slippery-Rock Community Park, Two Hundred Ninety-three (293) feet, more or less; on the South by lands formerly E. Kingsbury, now Westerwick, Eight Hundred Fifty-one and five-tenths (851.5) feet; on the West by and fronting on the Butler and Mercer Road, Ninety-seven (97) feet, more or less. Containing approximately four (4) acres.

Being the same property which was conveyed to William Frederick Fleming and Lillian M. Fleming, his wife, by Deed of C.H. Haybury, et.al, dated December 30, 1939, and recorded in and for Butler County, Pennsylvania, in Deed Book 502 at page 125.

The said William F. Fleming died intestate on April 11th, 1940, and title to the above described properties vested in Lillian M. Fleming, now Hockenberry, by survivorship.

Third: All that certain lot or piece of ground situated in the Borough of Slippery Rock, County of Butler and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

On the North and East by lands now of Emil Westerwick; on the South by lands now of Gerald Gould, formerly of James G. Gallagher; beginning at the Northeast corner and proceeding in a southerly direction 20 feet thence in a northwesterly direction 98.9 feet; thence in an easterly direction 27.3 feet to the point of origin; an area of 973 sq. feet.

And being a portion of the same property conveyed to James G. Gallagher and Kathryn L. Gallagher, his wife, by deed of Clarence Knisel and Georgia Knisely, his wife, dated September 28, 1945, and recorded in Butler County in Deed Book Vol. 542 page 109.; AND BY the said James G. Gallagher and Kathryn L. Gallagher deeded to Emil Westerwick and Margarete E. Westerwick, his wife, by deed dated November 16, 1946 recorded Butler County Deed Book 587, page 129 on December 28, 1948.

Tracts First and Second herein being the same premises which Lillian M. Fleming, now Lillian M. Hockenberry and Milton H. Hockenberry, her husband, by their Deed dated September 7, 1945 recorded Butler County Book 541, page 311 conveyed unto Emil Westerwick and Margarete E. Westerwick, his wife.

NOTICE: THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT SELL, CONVEY, TRANSFER, INCLUDE OR INCREASE THE TITLE TO THE COAL AND RIGHT OF SUPPORT UNDERNEATH THE SURFACE LAND DESCRIBED OR REFERRED TO HEREIN, AND THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF SUCH COAL MAY HAVE THE COMPLETE LEGAL RIGHT TO REMOVE ALL OF SUCH COAL, AND IN THAT CONNECTION, DAMAGE MAY RESULT TO THE SURFACE OF THE LAND AND ANY HOUSE, BUILDING OR OTHER STRUCTURE ON OR IN SUCH LAND. THE INCLUSION OF THIS NOTICE DOES NOT ENLARGE, RESTRICT OR MODIFY ANY LEGAL RIGHTS OR ESTATES OTHERWISE CREATED, TRANSFERRED, EXCEPTED OR RESERVED BY THIS INSTRUMENT (This notice is set forth in the manner provided in section 1 of the Act of July 17, 1957, P.L. 984 as amended.)

There is Excepted and Reserved from this conveyance a small tract of land conveyed to James G. Gallagher and Kathryn L. Gallagher, his wife by deed dated November 16, 1946 recorded Butler County Deed Book 541- page 311 for the purpose of straightening boundary lines.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY CONVEYED TO SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH IS TO BE USED FOR PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES.

(The property conveyed herein is part of the Project 70 Program of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)

with the appurtenances: To Have and to Hold the same unto and for the use of the said part
of the second part its and assigns forever,

This indenture is given to provide land for recreation, conservation
and historical purposes as defined in the "Project 70 Land Acquisition
and Borrowing Act, as approved June 22, 1964," P.L. 131.

And the said parties of the first part

for themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators covenant
with the said part of the second part its successors and assigns
against all lawful claimants

the same and every part thereof to Warrant and Defend.

Witness the hands and seals of the said party of the first part.

Attest:

Robert E. Hand

Emil Westerwick
Margarete E. Westerwick

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

County of Butler

SS:

On this the 21st. day of September, A. D. 1968,

before me, a Notary Public the undersigned officer, personally appeared

EMIL WESTERWICK and MARGARETE E. WESTERWICK, his wife, known to me

(or satisfactorily proven) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument
and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In Witness Whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Lueth E. Brubaker

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, }
County of } ss:

On this day of
A. D. 19, before me

in and for said

came the above named

and acknowledged the foregoing Indenture to be
act and deed, to
the end that it may be recorded as such.

Witness my hand and seal.

State of
County of

On this, the day of 19 ..
before me
the undersigned officer, personally appeared

known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the
person whose name subscribed to
the within instrument; and acknowledged that
he executed the same for the purpose
therein contained.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and
official seal.

.....
Title of Officer.

My Commission Expires 19

Certificate of Residence

I, Robert F. Hawk do hereby certify that grantee's
precise residence is Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania.

Witness my hand this 21st. day of September 19 ..

Robert F. Hawk

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From

Chil Westwick and

Margarete E. Westwick

his wife

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Borough of Slippery Rock
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, }
County of BUTLER } ss:

BUTLER COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA

Recorded in the Recorder's Office
of said County, on the 23 day
of September, A. D. 1968
in Book No. 897, Page 6. Witness
my hand and the seal of said Office

Recorded on this 23 day of September
A. D. 1968, in the Recorder's office of the said County, in Deed Book,
Volume 895, page 1067.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said office, the day and year
aforesaid.

CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE

The undersigned hereby certifies the precise residence of the grantees herein named is as follows: Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock, PA 16057.

11-1-88


Attorney for Grantee

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From

KENNETH W. FRASER
and
WILLIAM C. FRASER, JR.
d/b/a
FRASER INVESTMENTS

To

BOROUGH OF SLIPPERY ROCK

To the Recorder, Mail to:

Borough of Slippery Rock
Slippery Rock, PA 16057

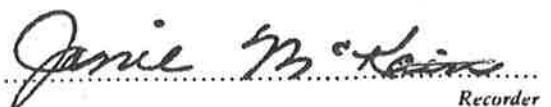
WILLIAM D. KEMPER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
110 EAST DIAMOND STREET
BUTLER, PA 16001

Deed Form No. W-101
Wagner Printing Co., Butler, Pa.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania } ss:
County of Butler

Recorded on this 6th day of December
A. D. 19 88, in the Recorder's Office of the said County, in the Record Book
Vol. 1437 page 715.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said office, the day and year
aforesaid.


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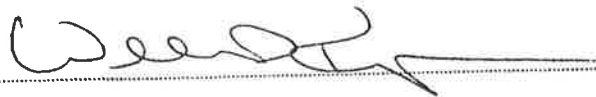


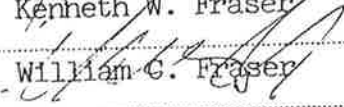






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This statement inserted pursuant to Act No. 431 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of 1957 P. L. 984. The foregoing statement in and of itself shall not be construed to be an exception or reservation of the coal under the within described premises.

Witness the hand and seal of the said part of the first part.

Witness:   Kenneth W. Fraser 
 William C. Fraser 




NOTICE THE UNDERSIGNED, AS EVIDENCED BY THE SIGNATURE(S) TO THIS NOTICE AND THE ACCEPTANCE AND RECORDING OF THIS DEED, (IS, ARE) FULLY COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT THE UNDERSIGNED MAY NOT BE OBTAINING THE RIGHT OF PROTECTION AGAINST SUBSIDENCE, AS TO THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED, RESULTING FROM COAL MINING OPERATIONS AND THAT THE PURCHASED PROPERTY, HEREIN CONVEYED, MAY BE PROTECTED FROM DAMAGE DUE TO MINE SUBSIDENCE BY A PRIVATE CONTRACT WITH THE OWNERS OF THE ECONOMIC INTEREST IN THE COAL. THIS NOTICE IS INSERTED HEREIN TO COMPLY WITH THE BITUMINOUS MINE SUBSIDENCE AND LAND CONSERVATION ACT OF 1966.


WITNESS: _____

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA :
COUNTY OF BUTLER : SS.

ON THIS, the 1st day of Nov, 1988, before me a Notary Public personally appeared KENNETH W. & WILLIAM C. FRASER, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person(s) whose name(s) are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that _____ executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.


Notary Public

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

WILLIAM D. KEMPER, Notary Public
Butler County, Pennsylvania
Commission Expiration Date: April 23, 1990

REALTY TRANSFER TAX
STATEMENT OF VALUE

See Reverse for Instructions

RECORDER'S USE ONLY	
State Tax Paid	
Book Number	1437
Page Number	715
Date Recorded	12-6-88

Complete each section and file in duplicate with Recorder of Deeds when (1) the full consideration is not set forth in the deed, (2) when the deed is without consideration, or by gift, or (3) a tax exemption is claimed. A Statement of Value is not required if the transfer is wholly exempt from tax based on: (1) family relationship or (2) public utility easement. If more space is needed, attach additional sheet(s).

A. CORRESPONDENT - All inquiries may be directed to the following person:

Name: WILLIAM D. KEMPER
Telephone Number: _____
Street Address: 209 Diamond Street West
City: Butler Area Code: 412-1282-0046
State: PA Zip Code: 16001

B. TRANSFER DATA
Grantor(s)/Lessor(s): KENNETH W. FRASER and WILLIAM C. FRASER, JR.
Date of Acceptance of Document: _____
Grantee(s)/Lessee(s): BOROUGH OF SLIPPERY ROCK
Street Address: 217 Grove City Road, Rt. 173
City: Slippery Rock State: PA Zip Code: 16057
City: Slippery Rock State: PA Zip Code: 16057

C. PROPERTY LOCATION
Street Address: Highway Route 78
County: Butler School District: Slippery Rock
City, Township, Borough: Slippery Rock Borough
Tax Parcel Number: _____

D. VALUATION DATA
1. Actual Cash Consideration: \$1.00
2. Other Consideration: NONE
3. Total Consideration: = \$1.00
4. County Assessed Value: 0
5. Common Level Ratio Factor: x 4.63
6. Fair Market Value: = \$1000.00

E. EXEMPTION DATA
1a. Amount of Exemption Claimed: 100%
1b. Percentage of Interest Conveyed: 100%

2. Check Appropriate Box Below for Exemption Claimed
- ☐ Will or intestate succession (Name of Decedent) _____ (Estate File Number) _____
 - ☐ Transfer to Industrial Development Agency.
 - ☐ Transfer to Agent or Straw Party. (Attach copy of agency/straw party agreement).
 - ☐ Transfer between principal and agent. (Attach copy of agency/straw trust agreement). Tax paid prior deed \$ _____
 - ☒ Transfers to the Commonwealth, the United States, and instrumentalities by gift, dedication, condemnation or in lieu of condemnation. (Attach copy of resolution).
 - ☐ Transfer from mortgagor to a holder of a mortgage in default. Mortgage Book Number _____, Page Number _____
 - ☐ Corrective deed (Attach copy of the prior deed).
 - ☐ Statutory Corporate Consolidation, Merger or Division. (Attach copy of articles).
 - ☐ Other (Please explain exemption claimed, if other than listed above.) _____

Under penalties of law, I declare that I have examined this Statement, including accompanying information, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Correspondent or Responsible Party: William D. Kemper Date: 11-29-88

(SEE REVERSE)

Deed

THIS INDENTURE made the 15th day of Nov., in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight-eight (1988)

BETWEEN

KENNETH W. FRASER and WILLIAM C. FRASER, JR., d/b/a FRASER INVESTMENTS, parties of the first part

(hereinafter called Grantor)

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THE BOROUGH OF SLIPPERY ROCK, a municipal corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, located in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, party of the second part

(hereinafter called Grantee)

WITNESSETH That the said parties of the first part, in consideration of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00), to them now paid by the said parties of the second part do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns, forever the lands hereafter set forth:

WHEREAS, by previous conveyances at Deed Book 706, Page 384 (10-5-57); Deed Book 766, Page 572 (5-27-58); and, Deed Book 766, Page 576 (5-11-62), the Borough of Slippery Rock has obtained a right of way, 50-feet in width, the said right of way being described in the aforesaid deeds as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the center of State Highway Route 78, said point being located South 30° 46' West a distance of 30 feet from the South line of a 20-foot lot purchased by J. W. Cheeseman, Inc., from the Estate of Harry J. McFate, deceased; thence North 84° 0' West a distance of 219.5 feet to a line of lands purchased by J. W. Cheeseman, Inc., from Leon A. Boller; thence North 84° 6' West a distance of 237.3 feet to a point at the beginning of a curve to the left; thence by said curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 67 feet a distance of 64.5 feet to the point of a tangent; thence South 38° 29' West a distance of 98.5 feet to a stake on line of other lands of L. A. Boller, the North line of said right of way running parallel from the South boundary at a distance of 50-feet from State Highway Route 78 to a line of lands of L. A. Boller on the West.

WHEREAS, by resolution of the Borough of Slippery Rock Council on September 7, 1965, Council did authorize the conveyance of the southern 30 feet of the aforesaid right of way back to the original grantor, J. W. Cheeseman; and,

WHEREAS, the Grantors herein are the successors in title to the said J. W. Cheeseman, they having purchased the land subject to the easement by Deed dated June 10, 1980, and recorded in the Register and Recorder's Office of Butler County, Pennsylvania, at Deed Book 1116, Page 100; and,

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have reached an agreement so as to carry out the intent of the aforesaid resolution, they do seek to make such conveyances as shall effectuate the aforesaid resolution of the Borough of Slippery Rock.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Grantors, for themselves, their successors and assigns, do hereby grant and convey unto the said Grantee, its successors, and assigns, the following portion of the aforescribed 50-foot right of way, being the northern 30 feet, moreorless, of the said right of way, described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the center line of State Route 173 in the Borough of Slippery Rock, said point being the southeast corner of the aforementioned right of way; thence by a line along the center line of State Route 173, North 5° 45' 30" East, a distance of 34.99 feet to a point, the northeast corner of the tract of land to be herein conveyed, the true place of beginning: thence from the aforesaid northeast corner by line extending in a westerly direction North 86° 44' 30" West 314.33 feet to a point; thence South 81° 55' West 212.93 feet to a point; thence by a line South 49° 50' West 24.02 feet to a point; thence by a line South 5° 41' 40" West 171.01 feet to a point; thence by a line North 53° 33' 20" West 51.83 feet to a railroad spike; thence by a line North 34° 38' 40" East 50.70 feet to an iron pin; thence by a line North 5° 41' 40" East 161.77 feet to an iron pin; thence by a line South 87° 52' East 8.21 feet to an iron pin; thence by a line North 87° 21' East 250.73 feet to an iron pin; thence by a line South 86° 44' 30" East 301.62 feet to a point on the center line of State Rount 173; thence by a line South 5° 45' 30" West 30.03 feet to a point, the place of beginning.

BEING the northernmost 30' section of the aforementioned right of way, and including a tract of land, .544 acres of which was conveyed to J. W. Cheeseman be deed recorded in the Register and Recorder's Office of Butler County, Pennsylvania at Book _____, Page _____; and, in addition thereto such portions of the west and northwest sections of the Grantors' land as have been agreed to be conveyed so as to obtain for the Borough of Slippery Rock land sufficient to improve the roadway to the Slippery Rock Community Park at the west and northwest sections hereof. A subdivision plan, specifically setting forth the land conveyed herein is recorded in the Register and Recorder's Office of Butler County, Pennsylvania at Plan Book _____, Page _____.

For further reference of title, see Deed Book 706 , Page 384 for deed dated 10-05-57 conveying a 50-foot right of way from John W. Cheeseman, Inc. to Leon A. Boller and Mary H. Boller, his wife. Thereafter the right of way was conveyed by Leon A. Boller and Mary H. Boller, his wife to the Slippery Rock Memorial Association be deed dated 5-27-58, and recorded by Deed Book 766, Page 572; and thereafter, the said right of way was conveyed by the Slippery Rock Memorial Association to the Borough of Slippery Rock by deed dated 5-11-62 and recorded by Deed Book 766, Page 576.

THIS conveyance does in no way limit the right of the Grantors, their heirs and assigns, to continue to use any and all portions of the right of way on lands conveyed herein; and, so long as said use of the portion of the right of way herein conveyed to the Grantee shall not prohibit, restrict or impede the free and open use of the property by the Grantee, its sucesors and assigns; and, in this regard, the Grantee, its successors and assigns covenant that it will in no way encumber the use of the right of way by the Grantor, and specifically it will not erect a fence, curb, or place barriers of any kind restricting in any way the use of the right of way by the Grantors, their heirs and assigns.

No real estate transfer taxes are due, this being a conveyance to a municipality of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the same is therefore exempt pursuant to Section 8102-C.3(1) of the Realty Transfer Tax Act.
With the appurtenances;

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto and for the use of the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever.

AND the Grantor for its successors and assigns, hereby covenants and agrees that it will Warrant Generally the property herein conveyed.

A G R E E M E N T

THIS AGREEMENT entered into between J. W. CHEESEMAN of Slippery Rock Borough, Butler County, Pa., party of the first part, and the BOROUGH OF SLIPPERY ROCK, BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, a municipal corporation, party of the second part.

WHEREAS, by deed dated October 5, 1957, J. W. Cheeseman, Inc., conveyed to Lee A. Boller et. ux., the use of a fifty-foot right of way to be used in common by the parties to gain access from the State Highway along lands of Biggie to property owned by the Bollers, and

WHEREAS, the Bollers by deed recorded in Deed Book 766 Page 572, conveyed their rights to twenty-five acres of land together with their rights in the right of way to the Slippery Rock Memorial Association which in turn, by deed dated May 11, 1962 recorded in Deed Book 766 Page 576 conveyed the same to the Borough of Slippery Rock, a municipal corporation, which is the present owner of said property, including rights in the right of way, and

WHEREAS, J. W. Cheeseman, Inc., by deed dated May 28, 1965 conveyed the property out of which the right of way was taken, including rights in the right of way to J. W. Cheeseman by deed dated May 28, 1965 recorded in Deed Book 838 Page 481, and

WHEREAS, the right of way as described has never been used in toto but access has been gained to the Borough's property

meandering over the property of J. W. Cheeseman, and

WHEREAS, by virtue of certain construction going on on the Cheeseman property it is essential that the right of way be definitely placed and its location determined and used in order to free the other lands of J. W. Cheeseman.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the foregoing and the mutual covenants to be made and kept by the parties hereto, it is agreed as follows:

1. The first party, J. W. Cheeseman, will grade out twenty feet of said right of way next to the Biggie property leading from the State Highway along the same to the acreage owned by the Borough and in addition thereto, will put in an all-weather base and black-top the same for a distance of three hundred feet in a Westerly direction from the State Highway Route and will place a stone foundation on the balance of the right of way so that there will be all-weather access to the acreage owned by the Borough.

2. In consideration thereof, the Borough of Slippery Rock does hereby release and convey to J. W. Cheeseman to be used for parking and landscaping the Southern thirty feet of said right of way.

The Borough of Slippery Rock does hereby constitute and appoint *Robert F. Hawk, Esq.* to be its attorney for it, and in its name and as and for its corporate act and deed to acknowledge this instrument before any person having authority by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to take such acknowledgment, to the intent that the same may be duly recorded.

instrument by its proper officers by virtue of Authority granted at a regular meeting of said Borough Council held the _____ day of September, 1965, at which a quorum was present and the execution of this Agreement was authorized.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be duly executed as of the 9th day of September, 1965, intending to be legally bound hereby.

WITNESS

W. H. [unclear] (SEAL)
First Party

ATTEST:

James S. [unclear]
Secretary

BOROUGH OF SLIPPERY ROCK, BUTLER
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

BY George J. [unclear]
President

(seal)

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA)
COUNTY OF BUTLER) SS.

On this 10th day of Sept, 1965, before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared J. W. CHEESEMAM who is known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed that it may be recorded as such.

WITNESS my hand and official seal the date aforesaid.

[Signature]
Notary Public

DOROTHY V. HEIM, Notary Public
Butler, Penna.
My Comm. expires
January 7, 1967

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA)
)
COUNTY OF BUTLER) SS.

On this 24th day of September, 1965, before me,
the undersigned officer, personally appeared _____
Robert F. Hawk, Esq. who is known to me (or satisfactorily
proven) to be the person who is the attorney named in the foregoing
Agreement and acknowledged that he executed the same as the act
of his principal for the purposes therein contained.

WITNESS my official hand and seal the date aforesaid.

Robert F. Hawk
Notary Public

ROBERT F. HAWK, Notary Public
Butler Co., Pa.
My Commission Expires Dec. 11, 1967

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AGREEMENT

being in the Maryland Office
of said Bureau or the U.S. Marshal's
Office at Washington. He has been
in the office of the U.S. Marshal
at Baltimore since he was
sent there by the U.S. Marshal
at New York City.

LEE C. MCCANDLESS
Attorney at Law
Butler, Pa