




# Bellwood-Antis Parks and Recreation Plan

## Blair County, PA

October 2016





A photograph of a wooded area with a stream and a grassy field in the foreground. The trees are mostly bare, suggesting late autumn or winter. The stream flows through the middle ground, and the foreground is a grassy field with some fallen leaves.

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RESOLUTION NO. 10-2016

A RESOLUTION CLOSING OUT COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS  
GRANT PROJECT (BRC-TAG-20-18)

WHEREAS, the Antis Township has  
(Name of grantee)

prepared a Comprehensive Recreation Park & Open Space & Master Site Plans for the  
(Type of plan)

Bellwood-Antis Community Park, 5<sup>th</sup> Street Park, & Pinecroft Park area; and,  
(Name of the area/facility)

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to develop a comprehensive vision for specific park areas in context with the vision of the community which will be the framework for the parks' future use and development and,

WHEREAS, the Plan was financed in part by a Community Conservation Partnerships Program grant under the administration of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, under contract number **BRC-TAG- 20 - 18**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors  
(Name of governing body)

of the Antis Township that:  
(Name of grantee)

- a. The project was completed in accordance with the Grant Agreement.
- b. All project expenditures have been made and were in accordance with the Grant Agreement.
- c. The Plan and related materials are acceptable to the Antis Township.  
(Name of grantee)
- d. The Plan and related materials will be used to guide future recreation and conservation decisions.

ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF October, 2016, by the

Antis Township Board of Supervisors

(Name of governing body and name of grantee)

Ch M. Caracciolo II **Charles M. Caracciolo II, Chairman**  
(Signature, name and title of chief official,  
president, or chairperson)

Attest: Sm. A. M. B. T. W. **Secretary-Treasurer**  
(Signature and title)



The aim of community parks and recreation is to improve the quality of life for residents, providing opportunities to enhance their physical, social, spiritual, cultural and intellectual well-being. A quality parks and recreation system attracts businesses and serves as a catalyst for tourism, bringing visitors and retirees to spend money and time in the community. It contributes to healthy and productive work forces and enhances real estate values. Through recreation programs, citizens improve their health and fitness, learn to compete and cooperate, enhance their creativity, build relationships, develop character, reduce stress and become happier and more productive and involved in community life.

# recreation

*noun* | rec·re·a·tion | \,re-krē-'ā-shən\

## Simple Definition of RECREATION

: something people do to relax or have fun : activities done for enjoyment

Source: <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/recreation>

Recreation and parks also help to develop a bond among citizens that encourages preservation and conservation of the environment. They preserve plant and wildlife habitats; foster community pride in natural resources; provide accessible places to enjoy nature; protect natural resources and open space areas; help to control pollution; and they enhance air, water, and soil quality. Trail and greenway systems link parks, schools and other community services together for safe biking and walking.

Source: Antis Township Comprehensive Plan 2013





An important role for local government is to serve as the “central clearinghouse” for parks and recreation activities. This role can enhance communication among organizations and identify opportunities to work together and share resources. By coordinating all that is offered, local governments can improve services, give residents a clear understanding of all the opportunities available to them, and minimize duplication of services. The focus is on collectively strengthening the community’s recreation and parks system.

Antis Township adopted a Comprehensive Plan Update in 2013, which among other strategies, recommended that Bellwood Borough and Township complete a comprehensive parks and recreation plan. The Bellwood-Antis community is home to a number of major recreational amenities, including the Bellwood-Antis Community Park and Pool, the Northern Blair County Recreation Center, the Del Grosso Amusement Park, the Bells Gap Rail-Trail and state game lands. A plan is needed to coordinate the overall provision and improvement of recreation facilities and programs that serve the community. Additionally, there is a need and urgency to assess the recreation and park wants, needs and desires of the residents to aid in identifying both current and future recreation and park improvements. As such, the Bellwood-Antis community applied for and received funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in 2015 to complete such a plan.

Note: unless otherwise indicated, all demographic information and supporting documentation for background information on Bellwood Borough and Antis Township is taken from the 2013 Antis Township Comprehensive Plan Update.

## Location

Bellwood Borough and Antis Township are located in the northwestern portion of Blair County, in central Pennsylvania (see Figure 1.1), approximately 10 miles north of the City of Altoona. Antis Township completely surrounds Bellwood Borough and is bordered by Snyder Township to the north, Tyrone Township to the east, Logan Township to the south and Cambria County to the west. The Borough and Township have a land area of approximately 63 square miles. Regional access to the Borough and Township is provided by I-99 and US 220, the Norfolk Southern main railroad line and the Little Juniata River, all of which run along the eastern boundary of the Township.

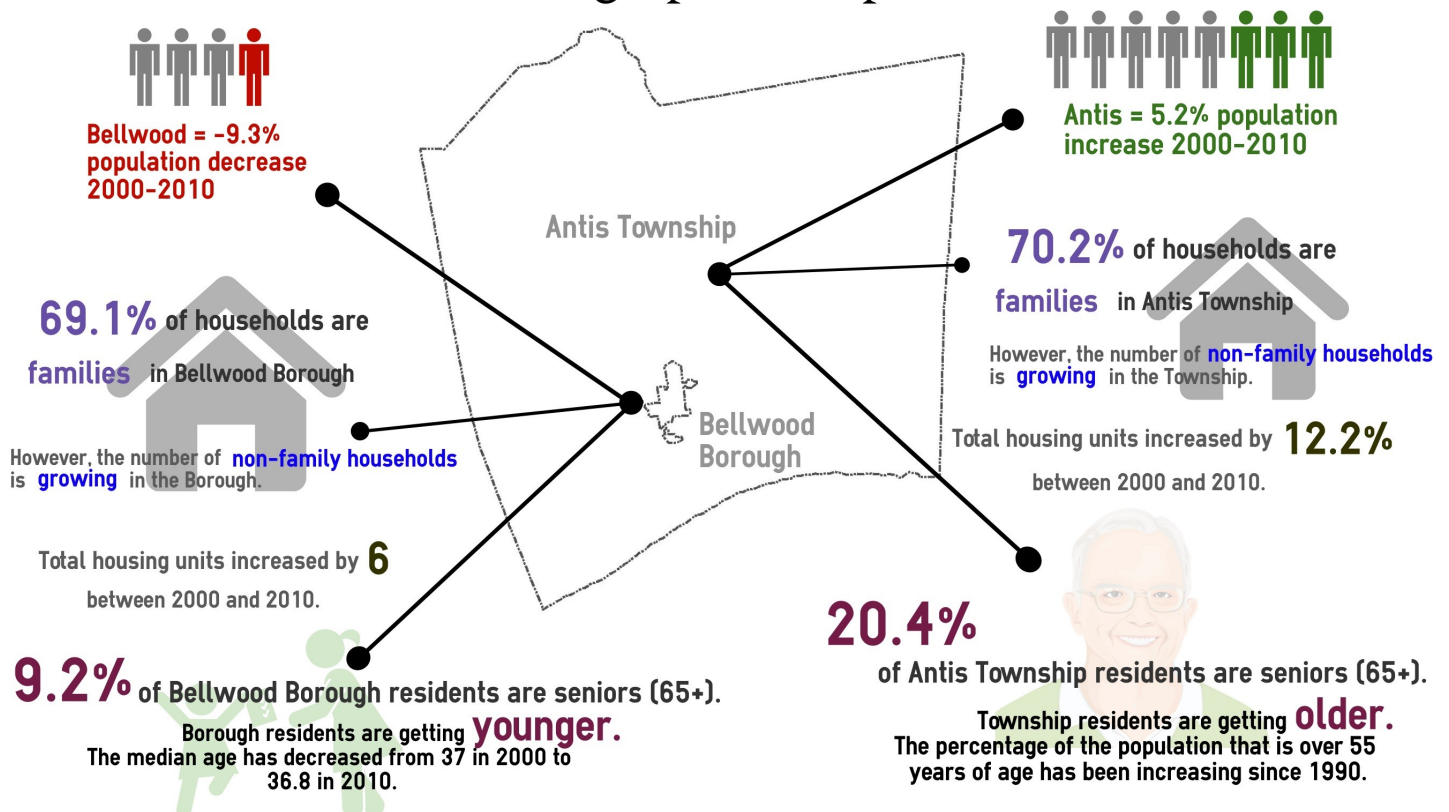
The majority of development within the Township is found along the 220 corridor in Bellwood Borough and its surrounding area and the villages of Pinecroft, Bellmeade and Tipton. The majority of the western portion of the Township is wooded and occupied by the State Game Lands and east of I-99 is Brush Mountain. The Borough and the Township are served by the Bellwood-Antis School District.

## Population Trends

A full demographic profile for the area can be found in the 2013 Antis Township Comprehensive Plan. Highlights from that profile are illustrated in the infographic below.

Similar to many Borough/Township communities, the population in Bellwood Borough has been declining while Antis Township has been on the rise. Both communities are experiencing a shift in household composition; the percentage of family households are decreasing while non-family households, particularly people living alone, are increasing. One interesting difference in population is that the Township is getting older; 20% of its residents are senior citizens. The Borough on the other hand is getting younger, with only 9% of its population classified as senior citizens.

## Bellwood Borough & Antis Township Demographic Snapshot



Source: Antis Township Comprehensive Plan Update 2013 & 2010 Census



## Implementation



## Planning Process

The comprehensive planning process for the Bellwood-Antis Parks and Recreation Plan consisted of three phases. The communities formed a Project Committee, comprised of representatives from various community organizations, specifically tasked to oversee the development of this plan. The Committee met on a monthly basis throughout the project to provide direction and approval at key milestones.

Phase 1 consisted of conducting an inventory of the current parks and recreation system in the Borough and Township. Background information was collected and reviewed, specifically relying on the Township's 2013 Comprehensive Plan Update for demographic information. Field views were conducted of all of the public and nonprofit parks and recreation facilities in Bellwood Borough and Antis Township. Interviews were conducted with the Bellwood-Antis Joint Recreation Authority, public works departments and municipal staff to gather data on existing conditions of parks and recreation.

Phase 2 served to solicit feedback from residents regarding their needs and preferences for parks and recreation, which included stakeholder interviews, a public survey and a public open house.

Phase 3 consisted of developing recommendations based on the information gathered during phases 1 and 2 to enhance the overall parks and recreation network within the Bellwood-Antis Community. During this Phase, the community received early implementation funding through PA DCNR to prepare master site plans for Bellwood-Antis Community Park, 5th Street Park and Pinecroft VFD.

## **Public Input Summary**

The public participation process for the plan included stakeholder interviews, a public survey and a public open house; the Project Committee also met on a monthly basis to provide input and review of plan documents. A copy of the public input results is included in Appendix A.

## **Stakeholder Interviews**

Stakeholders were identified by the Project Committee, representing local recreation providers and community organizations as follows:

- ◆ Bellwood Area Football League
- ◆ Bellwood-Antis Girls Softball
- ◆ Hillside Community Church
- ◆ Hollidaysburg YMCA
- ◆ Little League Youth Baseball
- ◆ Little Juniata River Association and Trout Unlimited
- ◆ Logan Valley Broncs Riding Club
- ◆ South Central Pennsylvania Game Commission
- ◆ Summer Girls' Softball Team "Razorbacks"
- ◆ The Door Student Services



## Public Survey

In order to gauge unbiased residents' views regarding parks and recreation in Bellwood-Antis, a public survey was conducted in October of 2015. The survey was mailed to a random sample of 20% of the total households in the Borough and the Township (212 to the Borough and 603 to the Township). There were 133 responses returned, for a response rate of 16%.

### Demographics of Survey Respondents

- ♦ Antis Township accounts for 76% of the households in both communities. Of the responses received, 72% live in Antis Township and 28% live in Bellwood Borough. Within the Township, almost half of the respondents live in the Bellwood Area.
- ♦ 67% of the respondents have lived in the community for more than 20 years.
- ♦ All age groups were relatively well-represented. 48% had household members at least 60 years of age; 45% between 40 and 59 years; 36% between 19 and 39 years; 17% between 13 and 18 years; 22% between six (6) and 12 years; and 14% had children five (5) years or younger.

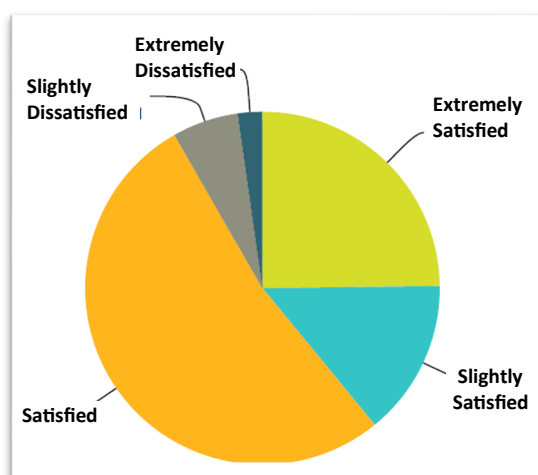
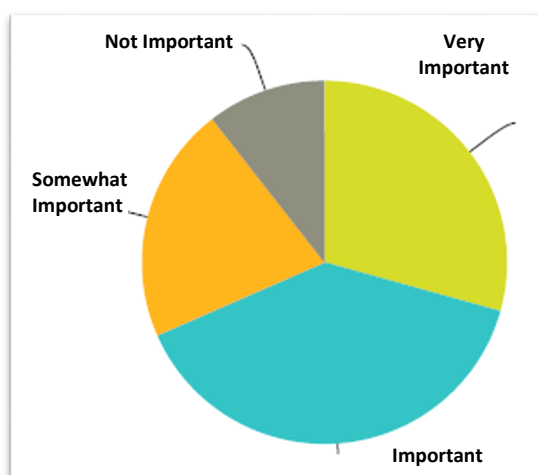


### Importance of Recreation

- ♦ 68% of residents feel that recreation is important.

### Satisfaction with Recreation

- ♦ 90% of residents are satisfied with parks and recreation.

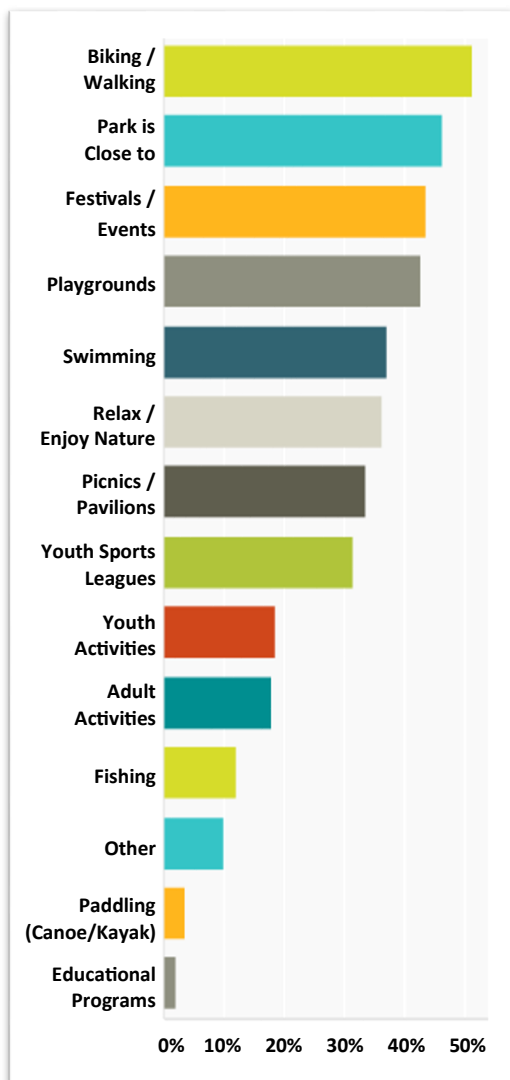




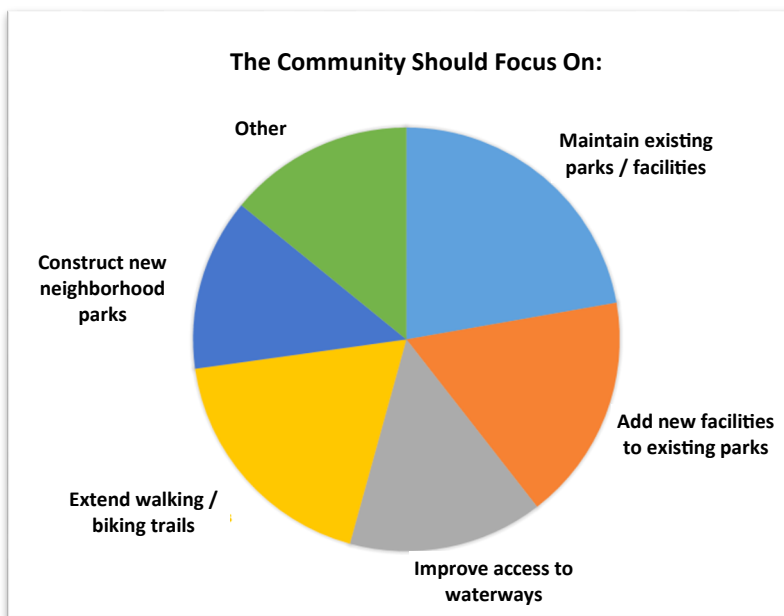
## Parks and Facilities

- While Del Grosso's Amusement Park is the most visited, **Bellwood-Antis** is the most visited public park, followed by Bells Gap Trail and Northern Blair County Recreation Center.
- The **least** visited parks include Tipton Commons, PGW Soccer Fields, Teener League Fields, 5th Street Park and Bridgehill Park.
- Biking and walking** = #1 reason people use the parks; 52% of respondents use the parks for this purpose. Other top reasons people use the parks include close to home, playgrounds and festivals and events.
- Lack of programs** = #1 reason people do not use the parks; 36% of respondents cited that the programs offered are not suitable to their interest.
- The highest priority park to direct financial resources to fund improvements is **Bellwood-Antis Park and Pool**.
- In order of importance, the priorities for recreation are: **maintain existing parks**; extend trails; add new facilities to existing parks; improve access to the waterway; and construct new parks.
- If a new park was to be developed, **Pinecroft** is the preferred location.
- If new facilities were to be developed, 42% would like to see **more trails**, followed by an outdoor ice skating rink, water trail, community center and dog park.

### Why do you use the parks?



### The Community Should Focus On:







## Administration

Antis Township is classified as a Second Class Township; as such, it is governed by an elected body of five supervisors. The Board of Supervisors is granted executive and legislative authority and is responsible for the appointment of various advisory boards and committees. An appointed Township Manager is responsible for providing the day to day administration of Antis Township and its various departments.

Bellwood Borough is governed under the Borough Code and as such, is governed by an elected Council comprised of six members, and a mayor. The council is granted executive and legislative authority and is responsible for appointing the members of various boards and commissions.

The governing bodies created the Bellwood-Antis Park and Recreation Authority. As an authority, it is an independent agency of the Commonwealth that operates under the Municipality Authorities Act. The Park and Recreation Authority is charged with the responsibility to provide, build, construct, maintain and supervise parks and all other types and forms of recreation facilities; and to promote the welfare of the residents of Bellwood and Antis through recreational facilities. The Authority consists of two members from Bellwood Borough, two members from Antis Township and one member from the Bellwood –Antis School District. Each member is appointed annually by their respective organizations. The Authority meets monthly on the second Monday at 6:00pm; the meeting location is determined by the Authority President and alternates between the Borough and Townships meeting rooms.

## Personnel

Since Bellwood-Antis doesn't have a Parks and Recreation Department, the Recreation Authority contracts with the Borough and Township Public Works Departments. Staffing for each department consists of four full-time workers.

## **Policies & Procedures**

The Bellwood-Antis Park and Recreation Authority has some established policies and procedures that govern the general operation of recreation and park functions. The Authority has the following policies and procedures in place:

- ◆ Non-resident fee policy.
- ◆ Pavilion rental contracts.
- ◆ Private pool party rental contracts.
- ◆ Various posted signage concerning rules.
- ◆ Proper handicap parking signage in some locations.

## **Maintenance**

Maintenance of park facilities is completed by the public works department employees from both Bellwood Borough and Antis Township. There is a shared schedule for collecting trash in the parks. Other work in the parks is either directed by the Bellwood-Antis Park and Recreation Authority or is reactive to an issue that arises. Since there isn't an actual parks department, or designated park staff from public works, maintenance of park areas and facilities generally are not the primary work priority. Each department only spends limited time in the parks and does not keep maintenance records. The Recreation Authority uses outside contractors for lawn mowing and electrical work.

The public works equipment needed for park maintenance is owned by each of the municipalities. Keeping the equipment in good working condition is imperative; therefore, the public works department personnel perform the routine maintenance. They also will do any major repairs within their capabilities. However, most major repairs are outsourced. When the need for new equipment presents itself, the Public Works Directors from each community will make the recommendation that must be approved by the council/supervisors.

Budgeting for park maintenance is included in the municipal general fund budget for the Bellwood-Antis Park and Recreation Authority.

The park maintenance budget has separate line item budget numbers. The School District pays the Township \$2,000 per year which is placed into a fund for field upgrades. The District handles the general maintenance of the field, especially during the softball season.

## Financing

Bellwood Borough and Antis Township operate on vastly different budgets. Antis Township had an operating revenue of \$1,284,260 in 2015, compared to \$545,735 in Bellwood Borough. The two communities help fund the Parks and Recreation Authority, which is responsible for financing parks and recreation.

Table 2.1 shows the actual recreation revenues for the Bellwood-Antis Park and Recreation Authority for 2011 through 2015. The primary source of financing for the Authority is the municipal allocations from the Borough and Township. Other revenues came through donations, rentals and other proceeds. As seen in the table, 2012 and 2013 each had an increase in revenues over the preceding year, while 2014 and 2015 had a decrease from the preceding year. The Community Pool and Pavilions in Bellwood -Antis Park are available for rent. The rental forms and information can be found online at [www.antistownship.org/community/recreation](http://www.antistownship.org/community/recreation).

- ◆ Community Pool—the pool can be rented for private parties any night after regular operating hours. The fee is \$70 per hour for residents and \$100 per hour for non-residents. Lifeguards are provided.
- ◆ Picnic Pavilions – Bellwood-Antis Park offers three pavilions for rent, all of which feature electric, water and charcoal grills and are ADA accessible. Rental fees are as follows:

**Table 2.1: Bellwood-Antis Park & Recreation Authority Revenues**

	Actual 2011	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Actual 2014	Actual 2015
<b>Township Allocation</b>	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$24,620	\$26,000	\$27,500
<b>Borough Allocation</b>	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500
<b>Pavilion Rental</b>	\$1,405	\$1,801	\$2,295	\$3,230	\$2,990
<b>Proceeds</b>	\$1,727	\$2,527	\$2,671	-	\$20
<b>Donations</b>	\$3,950	\$5,976	\$4,250	\$5,793	-
<b>Martin Field Donations/ Signs</b>	\$1,960	\$1,600	\$7,751	\$5,300	\$3,300
<b>Intergovernmental Revenues</b>	-	-	--	-	\$4,000
<b>Refunds &amp; Reimbursements</b>	\$1,000	\$4,000	-	-	-
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	\$805	-	\$1,704	\$913	\$250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,347</b>	<b>\$51,404</b>	<b>\$55,791</b>	<b>\$53,736</b>	<b>\$50,560</b>



- ◇ Amato Pavilion (occupancy = 150 persons) - \$80 / day or \$20 / hour.
- ◇ McCaulley Pavilion (occupancy = 75 persons) - \$60 / day or \$15 / hour.
- ◇ Kensinger Pavilion (occupancy = 40 persons) = \$30 / day or \$10 / hour.

Table 2.2 provides the expenditures for the same time period. The expenditures have varied over the past five years with 2012 and 2015 seeing increased expenditures over the previous years and 2013 and 2014 showing decreases over the previous years.

**Table 2.2: Bellwood-Antis Park & Recreation Authority Expenditures**

	Actual 2011	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Actual 2014	Actual 2015
Hollidaysburg YMCA – Mgmt. Services	\$7,500	\$7,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Auditing Services	\$1,000	\$1,050	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
General Expenses	\$8,400	\$6,227	\$8,489	\$9,730	\$10,893
Utilities	\$4,472	\$4,797	\$3,765	\$5,756	\$4,998
Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,994	\$2,606	\$2,353	\$7,512	\$6,490
Insurance	\$5,407	\$5,052	\$5,185	\$5,444	\$5,314
Martin Field Expenses	\$442	\$2,494	\$8,587	\$1,410	\$5,343
Capital Construction	\$21,472	\$25,738	\$8,124	\$989	\$15,972
Miscellaneous	\$2,264	\$1,132	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,951</b>	<b>\$56,096</b>	<b>\$45,103</b>	<b>\$39,441</b>	<b>\$57,610</b>

In order to better understand the recreation authorities profit/ loss over the past five years, Table 2.3 compares the revenues verses expenditures.

**Table 2.3: Bellwood-Antis Park & Recreation Authority Net Profit / Loss**

	Actual 2011	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Actual 2014	Actual 2015
General Fund	\$164	(\$2,903)	\$5,148	(\$5,809)	(\$1,535)
Capital Construction	(\$8,286)	\$6	\$6,376	\$16,213	(\$7,472)
Martin Field	\$1,518	(\$894)	(\$836)	\$3,890	(\$691)
<b>TOTAL PROFIT (LOSS)</b>	<b>(\$6,604)</b>	<b>(\$3,791)</b>	<b>\$10,688</b>	<b>\$14,294</b>	<b>(\$9,698)</b>

The Bellwood/Antis Recreation Authority's profit/loss over past five years indicates that they have a profit of \$4,889. With these communities intent to improve recreation for the residents of the area, it will be important generate revenues through various means to adequately maintain existing facilities and add new facilities.

Bellwood Borough and Antis Township have supported recreation through taxes for many years; however, as a percentage of overall budget, the dollars spent on parks and recreation have decreased over the last five years.

**Table 2.4: Bellwood-Antis Parks & Recreation as Overall % of Budget**

	Actual 2011	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Actual 2014	Actual 2015
<b>Bellwood Borough</b>	2.3%	1.3%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
<b>Antis Township</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>

Table 2.5 compares the Bellwood-Antis Recreation Authority's 2015 operating budget to other communities in this area of Pennsylvania with similar socio-economic characteristics. For this comparison the total park and recreation expenditures for the Bellwood-Antis Recreation Authority were compared to the operating expenditures of the other entities shown. It must be noted that most of the entities, including Bellwood-Antis, do not include the public works maintenance hours in the park and recreation operating budget. This does skew the actual operating expenses, as these expenses should be added to the parks budget to determine the true operating expenses for parks and recreation. Thus the figures used are not fully representative of the actual budget expenses for these communities.

**Table 2.5 Comparison of 2015 Park & Recreation Operating Expenditures**

Community	County	Population	Operating Budget	Per Capita Budget
<b>Bellwood-Antis Recreation Authority</b>	<b>Blair</b>	<b>8,311</b>	<b>\$57,610</b>	<b>\$6.93</b>
Logan Township	Blair	12,289	\$56,512	\$4.60
City of Altoona	Blair	46,320	\$286,688	\$6.19
Borough of Tyrone	Blair	5,254	\$140,600	\$26.76
Borough of Duncansville	Blair	1,233	\$26,436	\$21.44
Greenfield Township	Blair	4,173	\$8,000	\$1.92
Morrison's Cove Memorial Park (non-profit serving six communities)	Blair	10,403	\$337,000	\$32.39
<b>Average</b>		<b>12,569</b>	<b>\$130,407</b>	<b>\$14.32</b>

According to the above comparisons, Bellwood-Antis ranks in the middle for park and recreation expenditures. Bellwood-Antis spends more per capita on recreation than Logan Township, Greenfield Township and the City of Altoona; however, significantly less than neighboring Tyrone and Duncansville.

## **Budget Process**

To properly develop a good budget, it is imperative to analyze the previous year's revenues and expenditures, taking into account the economic conditions at the time, and seeking employee input.

Budget revenue and expenditure considerations include:

1. Projected revenues from various sources
2. Proposed program expenses
3. Administrative expenses
4. Staff expenses
5. Park expenses such as utilities, maintenance supplies, equipment and contracted work

This process appears to be at least in part followed in establishing a budget for the parks. The Recreation Authority develops the park budget by considering allocations and donations received and park needs for the coming year.

It is recommended that as parks and recreation expands, a line item for public works hours is added. Also, if programs are offered, the following two separate categories should be included in the budgeting process:

- ◆ Participant Recreation
- ◆ Parks Operation & Capital Development

The participant recreation section would encompass all aspects of programming for both revenues and expenditures. The parks operation and capital development would encompass all expenditures for operating, maintaining, and developing the parks.

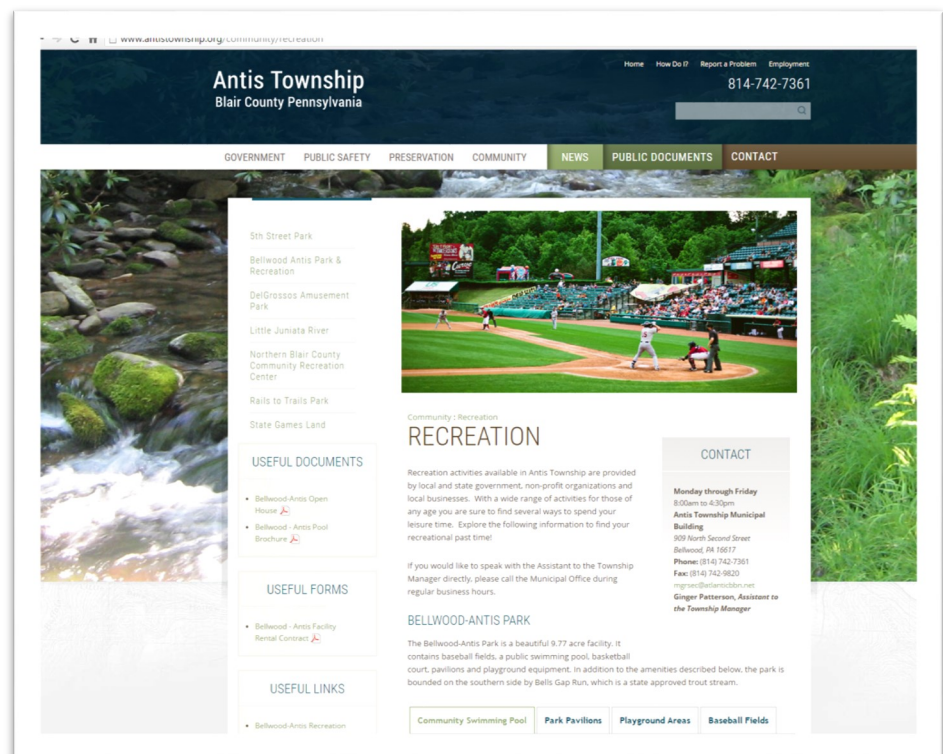


## Marketing

Effective communication is imperative to inform residents of a community about recreational facilities and programs. As in many communities, knowledge of the recreation facilities available and program opportunities is an issue. It is important for the residents to be aware of the facilities and programs that are offered. 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.

Currently, the Borough and the Township use the following marketing methods to provide residents with information:

- ◆ Township website (<http://www.antistownship.org/>)
  - ◇ News Tab provides news, notices and newsletters for residents
  - ◇ Recreation Tab provides information on the parks and recreation amenities available in the Township along with Facility Rental forms and pool rates
  - ◇ Township newsletter
- ◆ Facebook (Bellwood-Antis Community Pool, Bellwood-Antis Community Park, Bellwood-Antis Community Picnic, Northern Blair County Recreation Center, Bellwood-Antis Public Library)
- ◆ Northern Blair County Recreation Center Program Flyer
- ◆ Bellwood-Antis News (published quarterly)
- ◆ Bulletin boards
- ◆ Word of mouth





## Parks and Recreation Facilities

Using the 2013 Antis Township Comprehensive Plan as a guide, an inventory of existing parks and recreation facilities was completed. The parks and recreation facilities inventory is divided into two groups: regional and local.

### Regional Parks & Facilities

Regional facilities may be publicly- or privately-owned but are large-scale facilities that serve residents outside of Bellwood Borough and Antis Township.

### State Game Lands

A large portion of the northwestern section of Antis Township is state game lands (SGL) numbers 108 (4,948 acres), 158 (8,835 acres) and 166 (407 acres). Managed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission, these wooded areas are open to the public for hunting, trapping and fishing. SGL 158 is also home to three miles of the Bells Gap Rail-Trail.

### Northern Blair County Recreation Center

The Northern Blair County Recreation Center (NBCRC) is located on East Pleasant Valley Boulevard in Antis Township, near the village of Tipton. The NBCRC is operated by the Northern Blair Recreation Commission, a nonprofit organization with the purpose of providing recreational facilities and programs for the northern section of Blair County. The NBCRC is open to the public for a fee; memberships are available. Completed in 2004 and expanded later, the NBCRC offers a 6,500 square foot indoor recreation center with a gymnasium and fitness facilities. The site encompasses over 50 acres, with an outdoor wetland observation area, one-mile walking trail, ball field, multipurpose field and fishing opportunities along the Little Juniata River (<http://www.nbcrc.com/about-us>).

### **DelGrosso's Amusement Park**

The DelGrosso's Amusement Park is located near the NBCRC in Tipton. The privately-owned amusement park features rides, games, a water park, pavilions/picnic area and concessions. Admission is free for the main park (rides, games, concessions); paid admission is required for the water park. The park is currently expanding its water park to include a wave pool, lazy river and five new restaurants.

### **Bellwood Sportsmen's Association**

Located on 127 acres off Bellwood Sportsman Lane in Antis Township, the Association offers a pavilion, clubhouse, rifle range, piston range, shotgun area, pond and archery to its members (<http://www.bellwoodsportsmen.com/sportsmen.htm>).

### **Blair County Game, Fish and Forestry Association**

Located on Riggles Gap Sportsmen Road, the Association offers a clubhouse, playground, pond (fishing), rifle and pistol ranges, Black Powder range, a Trap range, Archery shooting, new Steel Plate Range, an indoor range, and a 3D archery course. Some events are open to the public ([www.blaircountygame.com](http://www.blaircountygame.com)).

### **Brush Mountain Sportsmen's Association**

Located on Brush Mountain Road near Pinecroft, the site encompasses 640 acres of forestland on the western slope of Brush Mountain. The clubhouse area offers a large fishing pond, pavilion, campground and a shooting range. The site also offers ATV trails and hiking trails. The MBSA has completed a forest management plan and has designated a Habitat Committee to oversee related projects ([www.brushmountain.org/](http://www.brushmountain.org/)).



## Local Parks & Facilities

Local facilities also may be publicly - or privately-owned but are smaller-scale and mainly serve residents of the Borough and Township. Table 2.6 provides a list of all the local parks found within Bellwood Borough and Antis Township along with the ownership and classification of each.

**Table 2.6: Parks and Recreation Facilities in Bellwood Borough & Antis Township**

Park/Facility Name	Location	Ownership	Classification
Bellwood-Antis Park	N. 4th St / Cambria St	Public (Borough & Township)	Community Park
James Whitey Stevens Memorial Park	N. 5th St / Locke St	Public (Park Authority)	Neighborhood Park
Bridgehill Park	Main St / Cambria St	Public (Borough)	Special Use
Tipton Commons	Tipton Rd / Clearfield St	Public (PennDOT ROW)	Mini Park
George O. Martin Memorial Field	N. 4th St / Cambria St	Semi-Public (Martin Oil Company leases to Township)	Sports Complex
Bells Gap Rail-Trail	Stanley Hostler Trailhead	Semi-Public (Community Trust)	Greenway / Trail
Pinecroft VFD Ballfield	Old 6th Ave	Semi-Public (Pinecroft VFD)	Open Space
Bellwood VFD Open Area	S. 1st St / Boyles St	Semi-Public (Bellwood VFD)	Open Space
PGW Soccer Fields	Clearfield Ave	Private (Pittsburgh Glass Works)	Sports Complex
Teener League Fields	E. Pleasant Valley Blvd / Stadium Dr	Private (Landowner)	Sports Complex
Bellwood-Antis School District	Martin St / Stadium Dr	Semi-Public (School District)	School-Park
Bellwood-Antis Public Library	526 Main St	Public (Library)	Indoor

A detailed inventory of each park was completed by a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) during the summer/fall of 2015 to document the existing conditions within each park, including maintenance concerns, compliance with 2010 Standards for Accessible Design section of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), condition of the facility and ages served. A full copy of the inventories can be found in Appendix B. Maintenance concerns were noted at the time of the inventory; some may have been addressed while new ones may have come about. It is imperative to maintain a watchful eye on the all facilities in order to recognize maintenance problems and address them in a timely manner, especially those that could develop into a hazardous condition.

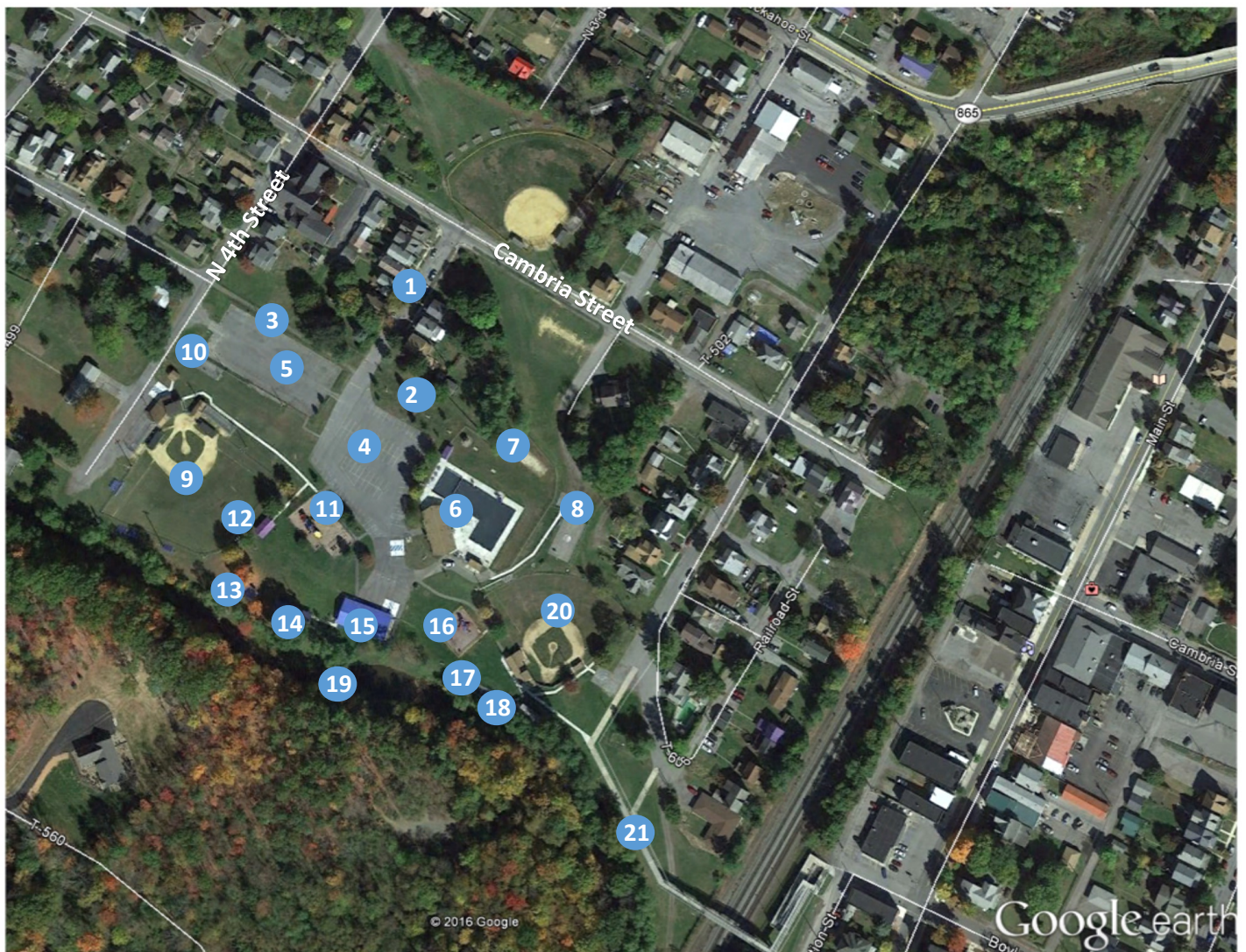
## Bellwood-Antis Park

Bellwood-Antis Community Park is the area's premier park. The park is 9.77 acres and located mostly in the Township, although a small portion is in the Borough. The park was initially created in 1973, when Penn Central sold the land to the Bellwood-Antis Park and Recreation Authority for \$3,000. The Borough and Township each own a one-half interest in the park; however, the Township leased the land back to the Borough in 1997 for grant purposes. A copy of the deeds and agreements can be found in Appendix C.

As a community park, Bellwood-Antis Park has a service area of approximately two to three miles. The biggest asset to the park is the swimming pool, which provides an excellent venue for aquatic programs, community events and as a rental facility. The pool is managed by the Hollidaysburg YMCA.

The other facilities, such as the Bells Gap Rail-Trail, pavilions, playgrounds, ballfields and stream, provide residents the opportunity for both active and passive recreation. In general the existing facilities in are in good condition with only minor maintenance issues.

The park is bounded to the south by Bells Gap Run, which is an approved trout stream.



**Table 2.7: Bellwood-Antis Park Inventory**

	Facility	Description	Amenities	Condition	Ages Served	ADA Access
1	Entrance Road	Two way street with parking on both sides	Three speed bumps when entering park	Good	All	Yes
2	Gazebo Area	10' x 15' oval gazebo	Gravel path; two recycled plastic benches; grass area with brick wall containing signage and bell on top	Good	All	No
3	Bells Gap Rail Trail	Crushed limestone trail	Bellwood-Antis Park Trailhead sign; No Motor Vehicles sign; Bike Route sign	Good	Youth/Adult	Yes
4	Parking Area	Paved parking lot	Three parallel parking spaces; 61 regular spaces; four handicap spaces at playground; four handicap spaces at pool with two marked van signs; two handicap spaces at pavilion with van signs	Excellent	All	Yes
5	Parking Overflow	Paved area	Basketball poles & deck hockey equipment removed; used for overflow parking; 10' fencing; curbed; lighted	Fair	All	Yes
6	Swimming Pool	"L" shaped zero entry pool	Bike rack; Lion water fountain; Bench on concrete pad; Flag pole; Time capsule; Pool building - exterior restrooms; changing rooms; lockers; Swimming Pool - zero access area to 2' deep – fenced with 10' open access to rest of pool; Main pool – 3' - 6' deep and 8' - 12' deep; small plastic slide into 3 ½' water; spiral slide into 5'; Portable lifeguards stands; Swimming Pool Deck – concrete; benches; plastic chairs; lounge chairs; trash cans; picnic tables; concession stand; 6' fencing around pool area with three strands of barbed wire on top; Large grass sunbathing area – picnic tables; Gazebo; Tool shed	Good	All	Yes
7	Sand Volleyball Court	20' x 40' court located inside pool area	White sand; old fire hose border	Fair	Youth/Adult	No



**Table 2.7: Bellwood-Antis Park Inventory (continued)**

	Facility	Description	Amenities	Condition	Ages Served	ADA Access
8	Basketball Court	40' x 74' court	Asphalt court; Handicap parking spaces; Bench; Betsy Nagle Burns sign	Fair	Youth/ Adult	Yes
9	James C. Kissel Baseball Field	187' Left 222' Center 198' Right	Lighted; electric scoreboard; block & wood dugouts with fencing & player bench; 25' high straight backstop with 6' high padding; grass infield; 4' fencing around field with cap & sponsor signs; wood bleacher with metal frame behind left outfield fence; two wood benches with concrete legs near bleacher; practice pitch area; storage shed; concession stand with 15' overhang; two 8'; press box; restrooms; concrete block bleacher with five wood seats no railing along 1 <sup>st</sup> base line; trash can; two 16' block with wood seat bleachers behind right outfield fence; one bleacher with wood seats & metal frame on concrete pad behind center field fence; flag pole center behind fence; large limestone parking area and two concrete handicap parking spaces; dumpster	Good	Youth	Partially – concession area; field & bleachers not accessible
10	Batting Cages	1st base 15'x50' 3 <sup>rd</sup> base 15' x 50'	Cyclone fencing with netting & pad; safety pitch; crushed limestone surface	Good	Youth	No
11	Large Playground	Miracle Playground	Recreation Authority sign; playground sign; 6' coated plastic cyclone fence; woodcarpet surfacing; asphalt path to entrance; ten recycled plastic benches on concrete pads; Play Structure; swing set; border boards along fence	Excellent	Ages 5 to 12	Yes
12	Roy E. McCaulley Pavilion	18' x 60' pavilion	Double grill with concrete pad in front between pavilions; concrete floor; locker water spigot; locked electric panel with outlets available inside panel; 11 wood picnic tables; corrugated metal roof; 55 gallon trash cans	Good	All	Yes

**Table 2.7: Bellwood-Antis Park Inventory (continued)**

	Facility	Description	Amenities	Condition	Ages Served	ADA Access
13	<b>Joseph &amp; Anna Kensinger Pavilion</b>	16' x 36' pavilion	6' wooden picnic tables; concrete floor; corrugated metal roof; locked water spigot; locked electric panel with outlets available inside panel; double grill; 55 gallon trash cans	Good	All	Yes
14	<b>Joe Himes Pavilion</b>	18' x 24' pavilion	Double grill between pavilions; three 8' wood picnic tables; concrete floor; corrugated metal roof; locker water spigot; locked electrical panel with outlets available inside panel	Good	All	No
15	<b>Ray Amato Pavilion</b>	40' x 80'	Pavilion signage; 21 – 8' wooden picnic tables; one wheelchair accessible table; locked water spigot; concrete floor; double grill; locked electric panel with outlets available inside panel; gutters on front of pavilion; concrete block pillars; corrugated metal roof; 55 gallon plastic trash cans	Good	All	Yes
16	<b>Playground</b>	Playland Playground	Playground sign; 4' fence with top cap; 10' maintenance access gate; concrete walk with access gate; woodcarpet surfacing; three recycled plastic benches; Playland play structure; swing set; two play panels	Excellent	Ages 1 to 7	Yes
17	<b>Batting Cage</b>	10' W x 60' L X 10' H	Cyclone fencing with netting; safety pitch, 1B limestone surfacing	Good	Youth	No
18	<b>Conrail Train Display</b>	Single train car on tracks	Landscaped and fenced area; RR Crossing sign; railroad ties along bottom of fence; three passenger figures; Eagle Scout sign	Good	All	No
19	<b>Bells Gap Run</b>	30' wide trout stream	Two wooden benches with concrete legs; one recycled plastic bench	Good	All	No

**Table 2.7: Bellwood-Antis Park Inventory (continued)**

	Facility	Description	Amenities	Condition	Ages Served	ADA Access
20	Minor League Field	170' Left 170' Right	Two story block building with T-111 top - 10' overhang with two 6' wood picnic tables, concession, restrooms (men's – commode, urinal, sink, dispensers & ladies – commode, sink, dispensers), press box, two equipment storage shed; screened gated block dugouts with player bench; straight backstop with matting; grass infield; lighted; electric scoreboard; old firehose marking foul lines; 6' fence to dugouts with 4' fence around remainder of field; sponsor signs on outfield fence; two paved handicap parking spaces near first base line; two block bleachers with five wood seats without railings first & third base lines; No Smoking signs within 20' of fence; two wood benches with concrete legs near third base bleachers; five seat aluminum bleacher behind left outfield fence with wall behind & limestone chips under; 55 gallon plastic trash cans	Good	Youth	Yes, with exception of two 3 <sup>rd</sup> base benches, 3 <sup>rd</sup> base bleacher, & outfield bleacher
21	Pedestrian Bridge	Large concrete walkway over railroad tracks	10' wide lighted walkway; 4 ½' aluminum railings; lighted; ADA switchback ramps	Excellent	All	Yes



# George O. Martin Memorial Field

The George O. Martin Memorial Field is a softball field located across Cambria Street from Bellwood-Antis Park. The land has been leased by the Park and Recreation Authority from Martin Oil Company since 1999.



Table 2.8: George O. Martin Memorial Field Inventory

Facility	Description	Amenities	Condition	Ages Served	ADA Access
1 Open Space & Parking Area	Parking	Grass area with partial limestone covering	Poor	All	No
2 Softball Field	Girls Softball Field	Dugouts – block with player benches; dirt infield; standard backstop; six bleachers – 15’ five seat wood seat/metal frame without rail; one 15’ five seat aluminum with rail; warm up areas; electric scoreboard; sponsor panels on fence; 5’ fence with cap; 55 gallon metal trash cans; flag pole; practice pitch area	Good	Youth	No
3 Batting Cage	20’ x 60’	Paved surface; cyclone fencing with netting; safety net	Good	Youth	No



## James Whitey Stephen Memorial Park (5th Street Park)

The James Whitey Stephen Memorial Park, also known as 5th Street Park, is a neighborhood park located in Antis Township, just a few blocks from Bellwood-Antis Park at the intersection of North 5th Street and Locke Street. The park was originally owned by the Bellwood-Antis Lions Club, but was transferred in 1992 to the Bellwood-Antis Park and Recreation Authority. The land is comprised of originally ten lots, each 30' by 120', for a total footprint of 0.82 acres (36,000 square feet). A copy of the deed can be found in Appendix C.

As a neighborhood park, this Park has a service area of a half mile. The park offers a pavilion and swing sets and a small multipurpose field. These areas are in fair to poor condition. Some of the maintenance issues, especially concerning the play equipment, need to be addressed by the Township as soon as possible. The field is used as a practice field for youth football.



**Table 2.9: James Whitey Stephen Memorial Park Inventory**

	Facility	Description	Amenities	Condition	Ages Served	ADA Access
1	Parking Area	Grass area with partial limestone covering	Small open area along street with wooden posts; pet waste sign	Fair	All	No
2	Flag Pole	Landscaped	Lighted flag	Good	All	No
3	Pavilion	Small shelter	Concrete floor; two wood picnic tables; block pillars; shingle roof; 55 gallon metal trash can	Good	All	No
4	Swing Set	8'	Three bay – one with regular seat & bar swing, one with regular seat & infant seat, one with regular seat & trapeze rings, landscape tie border; woodcarpet surfacing	Fair	Youth	No
5	Swing Set	8'	Three bay – two with regular seat, one with regular seat & infant seat; landscape tie border; woodcarpet surfacing	Fair	Youth	No
6	Sandbox	8' x 8'	Wooden frame with seats on each corner	Fair	Youth	No
7	Swing Set	8'	Three bay – all regular belt seats	Fair	Youth	No
8	Whirl		Old style whirl	Fair	Youth	No
9	Multi-purpose Field		Large cherry tree and ornamental trees along street; Light pole in grass area at the end of the field	Fair	All	No



## Tipton Commons

Tipton Commons is a small linear area located between Tipton Road and Clearfield Street. Township records do not show ownership; it is believed to be located within PennDOT right-of-way. The condition of the facilities is poor and much of this area appears to be used by the adjacent landowners. Due to ownership questions and safety and liability concerns, it is recommended that the Township remove all play equipment from this site.

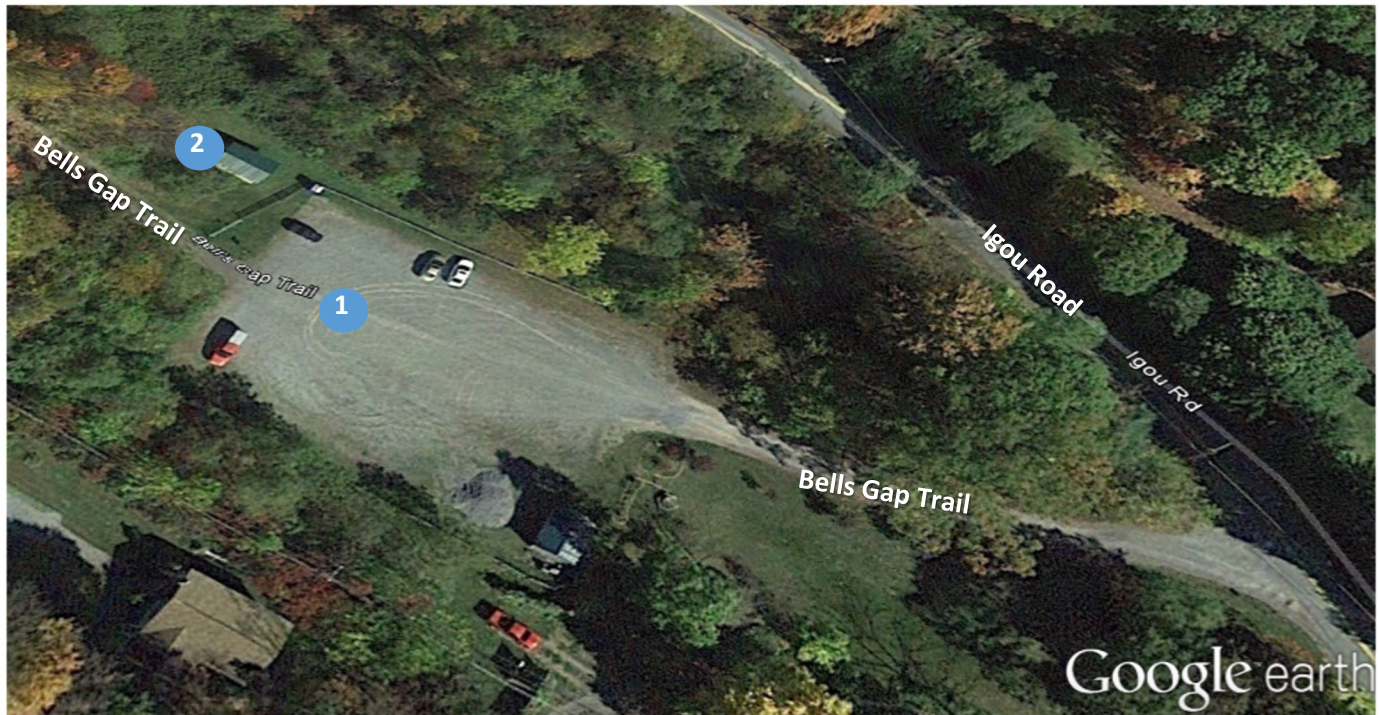


**Table 2.10: Tipton Commons Inventory**

	Facility	Description	Amenities	Condition	Ages Served	ADA Access
1	Basketball Court	20' x 50' paved court	One standard basketball pole, backboard, & hoop; one basketball pole; one short basketball hoop on side	Poor	Youth/ Adult	No
2	Swing Set	Very old residential style swing	8' high - one bay with two regular swings	Poor	Youth	No
3	Grass Area	Long narrow grass area adjacent to Tipton Road		Good	All	No

## Stanley Hostler Trailhead—Bells Gap Trail

The Bells Gap Trail is a rail-trail that follows the abandoned right-of-way of the Bells Gap Railroad. The Bellwood-Antis Community Trust owns and manages approximately two miles of trail, beginning at the Stanley Hostler Trailhead, located near the intersection of PA-865 and Igou Road headed north. The trail heads westward toward Roots Crossing and parallels PA-865 toward the Bellwood Reservoir on land now owned by the Trust and then passes above the Altoona City Water Authority reservoir. At that point, the trail crosses through Pennsylvania State Game Lands, terminating in the village of Lloydsville at the top of Blandburg Mountain.



**Table 2.11: Stanley Hostler Trailhead / Bells Gap Rail-Trail Inventory**

	Facility	Description	Amenities	Condition	Ages Served	ADA Access
1	Parking Area	Limestone parking lot	Entrance sign; Large limestone parking area; 1B limestone trail fenced with three rail wood fencing, 10' metal gate, & metal post entrance for users access; Trail Rules sign; No Motor Vehicle sign; trailhead kiosk with Rhododendron Park history sign; shed; portable restroom facility	Good	All	No
2	Pavilion	15' x 22'	Concrete pad; metal roof; one recycled plastic picnic table	Good	All	No



## PGW Soccer Fields

Pittsburgh Glass Works, LLC provides soccer fields behind their manufacturing plant in Tipton. The Tyrone Soccer League operates multiple youth soccer programs at the facility, for children under six through 14. There is also a PGW Employees Building and Pavilion; this area is fenced off from the soccer fields.



**Table 2.12: PGW Soccer Fields Inventory**

	Facility	Description	Amenities	Condition	Ages Served	ADA Access
1	Entrance Road	Limestone & millings		Fair	N/A	No
2	Small Soccer Fields	Grass fields	Small fields for under six with goals.	Good	Youth	No
3	Large Soccer Fields	Grass fields	Combination of large soccer fields for under 10, under 8 and under 6. 6' fence with three strands on barbed wire on top; gated	Good	Youth	No
4	Building Area	Large Hall	Large hall with kitchen facilities & restrooms; 20' overhang with five picnic tables; bar-b-que grill; patio area with fire ring & planters; large lighted pavilion with five picnic tables; sand volleyball court	Good	All	Yes



# Teener League Fields

The Teener League Fields are located in Antis Township off of East Pleasant Valley Boulevard and Stadium Drive. The fields are privately owned.

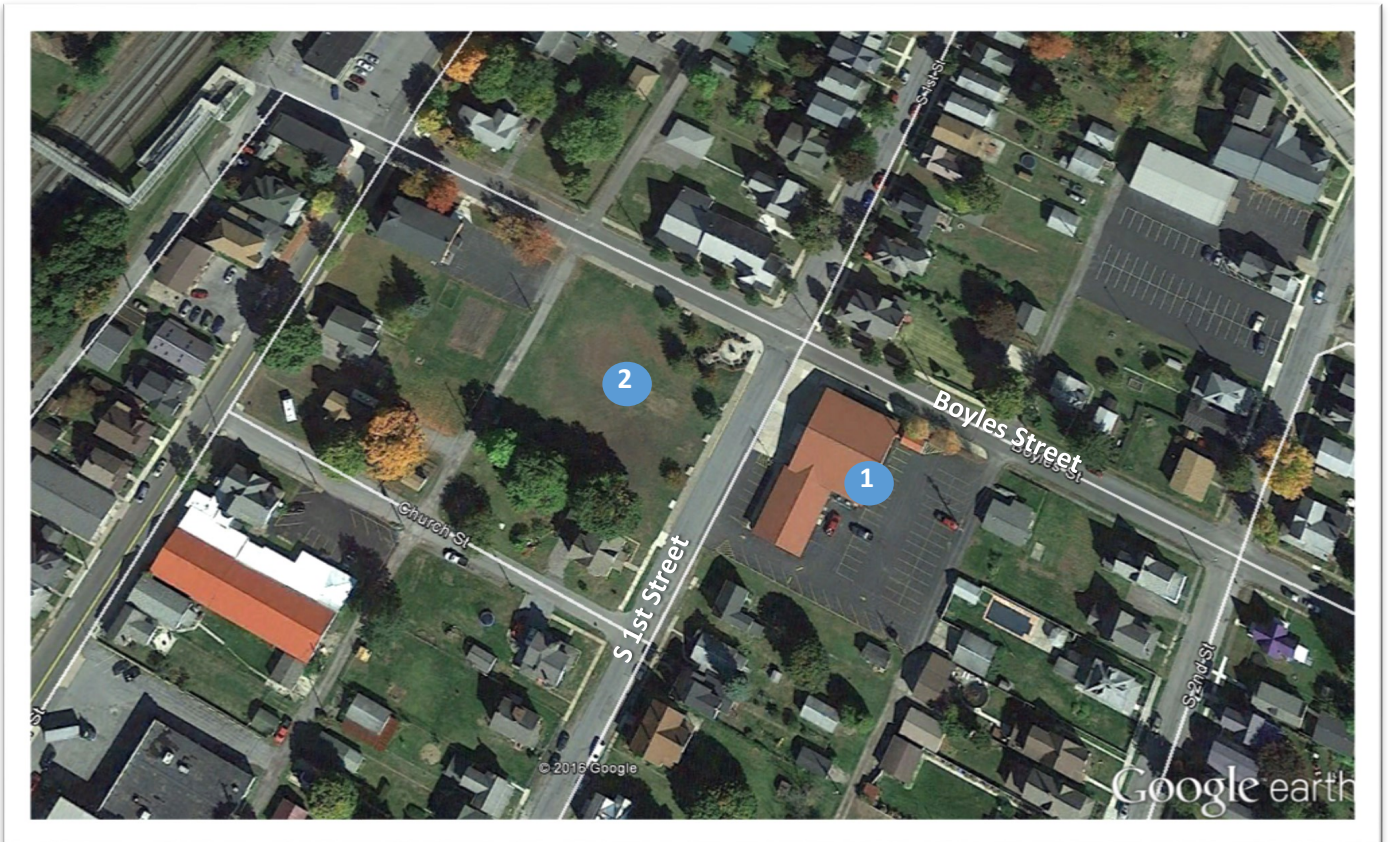


Table 2.13: Teener League Fields Inventory

	Facility	Description	Amenities	Condition	Ages Served	ADA Access
1	Entrance Road	Limestone dirt	Limestone parking area	Fair	All	No
2	Teener Baseball Field	325' R & L	Sunken block dugouts with player benches; two electric scoreboards; straight backstop; 4' fence around field with screening on outfield fence; two practice pitch areas; two sheds; concession; restrooms; two five seat elevated bleachers with railing;	Good	Adult	No
3	Altoona Club Baseball Field	310' L & 365' R	Block dugouts; straight backstop; two 12' five seat bleachers with railing; concession stand & press box; batting cage with netting; parking area	Good	Adult	No

## Excelsior Fire Company Station 22

The Excelsior Fire Company Station 22 in Bellwood Borough is located at the intersection of South 1st Street and Boyles Street. Across South 1st Street from the firehall and parking area is a large passive open space area. This space features a gazebo, benches, walkways and memorial monument.



**Table 2.14: Excelsior Fire Company Property Inventory**

	Facility	Description	Amenities	Condition	Ages Served	ADA Access
1	Fire Hall		Large indoor hall available to rent			
2	Open Grass Area		Lighted; concrete walk along two sides with five recycled plastic benches; 8' gazebo with benches inside; memorial monument – three flags, lights; eight recycled plastic benches; concrete walkway; landscaped area	Good	All	Yes - benches along sidewalk & memorial area; No - gazebo



## Pinecroft Volunteer Fire Company Station 23

The Pinecroft Volunteer Fire Company Station 23 is located in Antis Township off of Old 6th Street near the village of Pinecroft. Currently, the site offers an open grass field, which is used for youth football practice, and a pavilion. There is also access to the Little Juniata River, near the Lower Riggles Gap Road Bridge. The VFD has recently entered into a lease agreement with the Township to prepare a site plan for a future park.



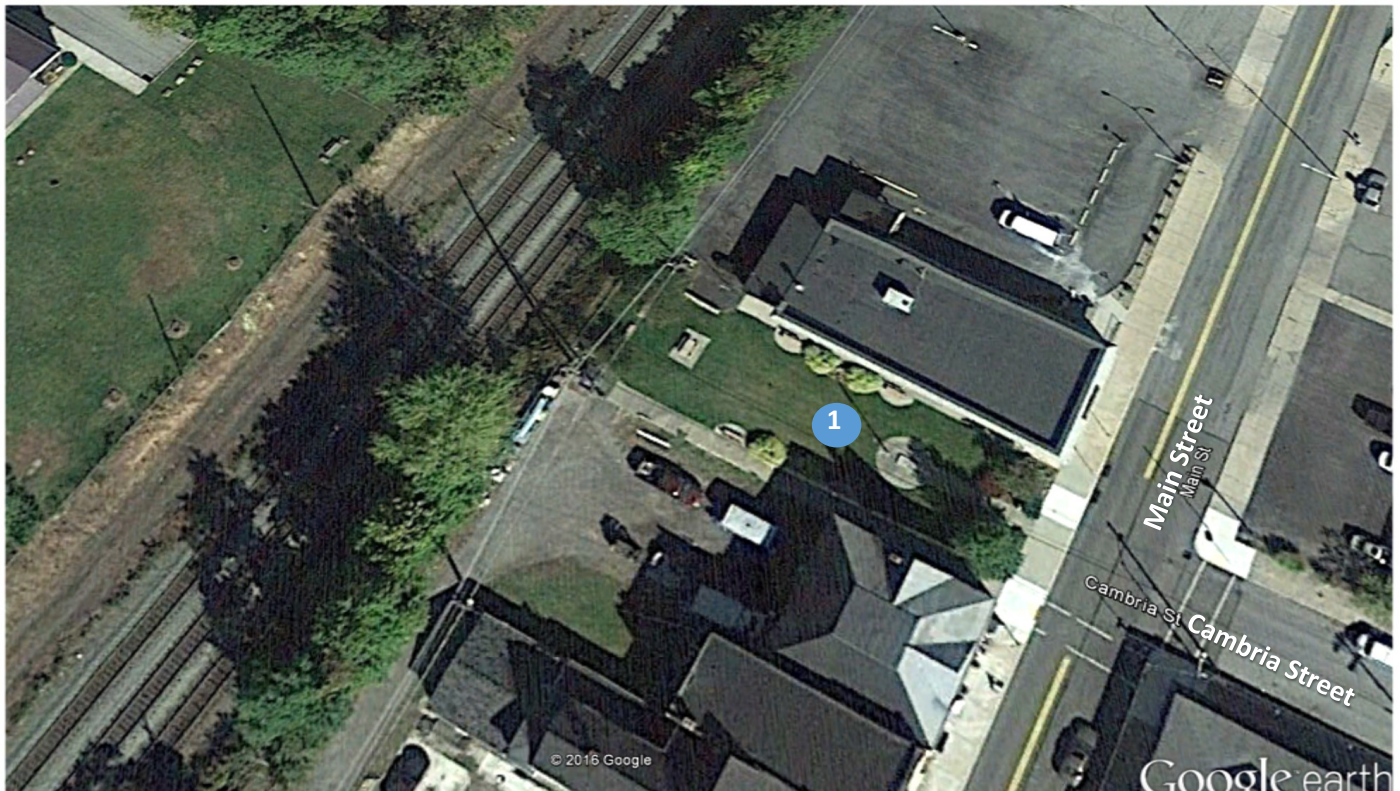
Table 2.15: Pinecroft VFD Inventory

	Facility	Description	Amenities	Condition	Ages Served	ADA Access
1	Open Grass Field		Large lighted parking area; bleachers – five seat without railing, block base with wood seats	Fair	All	No
2	Pavilion	Attached to fire hall	Concrete pad; bar-b-que pit	Good	All	Yes



## Bridgehill Park

Bridgehill Park is a small open space area located at the intersection of Main Street and Cambria Street in Bellwood Borough. The park was constructed in 2004 as an Eagle Scout project and is named after the bridge that was built by the Pennsylvania Railroad in the late 1800's, which carried Cambria Street over the railroad. The bridge is long removed, but the park contains the original stones from the bridge. The park features passive open space and benches that residents use to view and photograph the trains.



**Table 2.16: Bridgehill Park Inventory**

	Facility	Description	Amenities	Condition	Ages Served	ADA Access
1	Passive Recreation Area	Narrow lot between buildings overlooking railroad tracks	Landscaped entrance with archway; concrete walkway to flag pole; concrete walkway along each side of small lot; four recycled plastic benches with backs; two recycled flat benches on concrete pads; one 6' recycled plastic table	Good	All	Most of area

## Bellwood-Antis Community Library

The Bellwood Antis Public Library is located at 526 Main Street in Bellwood Borough. The Library offers two conference rooms, a kitchenette, public computers and a children's reading room that overlooks the railroad. The Library functions as a community center for the Bellwood-Antis area; hosting many community events and meetings for local clubs and organizations. There is no outdoor area at the Library at this time. The Library hosts a variety of programs (see the Programming section on page 2-29), both in the Library as well as outside facilities, including Bellwood Antis Park, Bells Gap Trail, Whitey Stevens Park (5th Street Park) and the School District.



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Community Meeting at the Library; Image credit: Mackin 2016



## Bellwood Antis School District

Bellwood Antis School District serves Bellwood Borough and Antis Township and has a district population of approximately 1,200. The school district is comprised of three schools: Myers Elementary School (grades K-4), William-Sitman Middle School (grades 5-8) and Bellwood-Antis High School (grades 9-12). All three schools are located on Martin Street in Antis Township.

The School District allows the public to use many of their facilities for recreation purposes. The track at the football stadium and the elementary school playground are open to the public for use during non-school hours. Other facilities, such as the gymnasiums, cafeteria, auditorium, multi-purpose field and football field may be used but a facility request permit is required.



*Image credit: Bellwood-Antis School District Facebook Page*

**Table 2.17: Bellwood-Antis School District Inventory**

Facility	Description	Amenities	Condition	Ages Served	ADA Access
<b>Playground</b>	Multiple separate structures	Climbing structure; geodome; play structure – three climbers, two slides; climber; parallel bars; swing set – two bay with regular seats; swing set – three bay with two having regular seats & one with regular seat and infant seat; ADA Play Area – truck, fire truck, tractor/wagon, arch climber, boat, & four spring animals; borders around each area; woodcarpet surfacing	Good	Youth	Yes play area only; rest of areas not ADA accessible
<b>General</b>	Open space	Grass areas; water fountain; twelve benches	Good	Youth	Partially
<b>Football Field</b>	Stadium area	Jogging track; stadium bleachers; scoreboard; concession; field house	Good	Teen/ All	Yes



## Programs

The Bellwood-Antis area has a variety of public, quasi-public and private entities that provide various forms of recreational activities for residents. Several public agencies, schools and sites were visited and inventoried, while others were researched. A list of the various programs available in and around the Bellwood-Antis area is provided in Table 2.18 (page 2-31).

### Public Programs

For purposes of this plan, the following programs offered in the Bellwood-Antis area are considered public:

- ◆ Bellwood-Antis Community Picnic—this program is held annually at the Del Grosso’s Amusement Park in the summer. Hosted by the Bellwood-Antis Community Picnic Committee, the picnic offers a variety of free activities.
- ◆ Bellwood-Antis Community Pool—the Hollidaysburg Area YMCA provides aquatics program at the pool and a variety of special events throughout the summer.

### Quasi-Public Programs

For purposes of this plan, the following organizations in the Bellwood-Antis area are considered quasi-public:

- ◆ Northern Blair County Recreation Center (NBCRC) - the NBCRC is a membership based non-profit facility, but the general public can also use the facilities. The NBCRC provides a wide variety of fitness classes and programs for all ages. They also host the Labor Day 5K and 5K Pump and Run along with the Northern Blair County Rec Race (28-mile bike road race). They are working alongside the school districts with the “Kids at Risk” program.
- ◆ Bellwood Antis Public Library—the Library functions as a community center for the area. They provide a variety of community events, as well as, taking their programs out into the community using the local facilities.
- ◆ Bellwood-Antis School District—the School District offers a variety of choral and band concerts and musicals that are open to the public. They also host the Relay for Life, Big Brother



Program and special education classes.

- ◆ The Door Student Ministries— a non-profit organization that operates their facility on Main Street in Bellwood Borough. They primarily serve the under privileged and special needs community, but are open to anyone, especially teens. They offer a variety of programs including: summer and winter camps, basketball program, arcade activities, and meals. The ministry is very open to working with the community in whatever capacity would best serve the community, including taking a lead role wherever needed.
- ◆ Logan Valley Broncs Riding Club primarily is a membership club. However, they do have horse shows, trail rides, benefit rides/spaghetti dinners, and 4-H programs that are open to the public.

Sports organizations also provide a variety of youth sports leagues. Following is a list of sports associations in the Bellwood-Antis area.

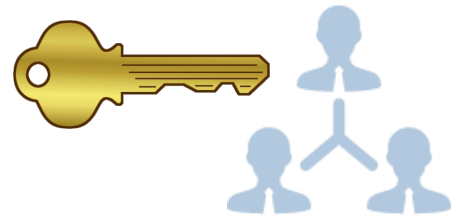
- ◆ Little League Youth Baseball
- ◆ Bellwood Area Football League
- ◆ Bellwood Antis Soccer Club
- ◆ Summer Girls Softball
- ◆ Bellwood Antis Girls Softball

**Table 2.18: Recreation Resources**

Facility Name	Facility Features	Programs/Activities	Age & Sex Served	Program Fee
Northern Blair County Recreation Center	Weight room, fitness equipment, dance room, yoga room, rental area, gym, ballfield, nature trail, multipurpose field	Fitness programs, martial arts, dance, yoga, volleyball basketball, pickleball, flag football, softball, soccer	Youth - Adult	Fee
Bellwood-Antis Public Library	Meeting rooms, computers, children's reading room	Organizations' meetings, children's reading programs, adult computer classes, dances, health and safety fair, 5K race	All	Fee/Free
DelGrosso's Amusement Park	Amusement rides, water park, restaurants	Various types of entertainment including magic shows, concerts, car shows, dog shows, fireworks	All	Fee/free
The Door Student Ministry	Arcade center with pool table games, internet café, craft room kitchen	Basketball, beach volleyball, summer/ winter camps, art & craft therapy, organized games, kayaking	Teens	Some fee based
Holiday Bowl	Sports Bar & Grill, Pro shop, bowling lanes	Fundraisers, special events, youth programs, parties	Youth - Adult	Fee
Pleasant Valley Recreation Center	32 bowling lanes	Bowling, leagues	Youth - Adult	Fee
Sports Evolution	Fitness facilities	Weight lifting, core training, speed techniques, flexibility & mobility	Teen - Adult	Fee
Josefik's Korean Tang Soo Do	Martial Arts studio	Mixed martial arts	Youth – Adult	Fee
Altoona Center for Martial Arts	Martial Arts studio	Taekwondo, hapkido, self defense	Youth - Adult	Fee
Academy of Martial Arts	Martial Arts studio	Hapkido, Jiu Jit Su	Youth - Adult	Fee
Altoona Community Theater	Theater	Theater productions, educational classes, children's camps	Youth - Adults	Fee



## Key Findings— Administration



### **1. The overall administration of parks and recreation is divided amongst the Park and Recreation Authority, departments and organizations, making roles and responsibilities unclear.**

One of the biggest needs facing recreation for Bellwood-Antis became apparent at the start of the planning process—the need to consolidate the administration of parks and recreation under one person or department. Currently, the Park and Recreation Authority oversees the Bellwood-Antis Community Park, the Hollidaysburg Area YMCA operates the Community Pool and the Borough/Township Public Works Department provides some maintenance of various parks. The lack of a consolidated recreation department/staff leads to some confusion over roles and responsibilities.

### **2. Written, formal agreements need to be established that clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of the various entities.**

The Bellwood-Antis Parks and Recreation Authority has bylaws that state “The purposes for which this Authority is formed are to provide, build, construct, maintain and supervise parks and all other types and forms of recreation facilities; and to promote the welfare of the residents of Bellwood and Antis Township through recreational facilities.” However, in talking with municipal staff and Authority members, there is a need to more clearly, and formally, outline the specific roles and responsibilities of the Borough, Township and the Authority. It is unclear if the Authority has a role in any of the parks other than Bellwood-Antis Community Park. The overall administration and maintenance of the parks could be handled in a more efficient manner if these roles and responsibilities were defined in a formal agreement.

Even though the Bellwood-Antis Park and Recreation Authority has a number of policies in place, a list of park rules and regulations that detail the park user’s responsibilities while utilizing the park facilities should be established. Once developed this list should be provided



to those renting park facilities and should be posted at various locations throughout the parks.

### **3. Park maintenance is divided amongst the Borough and Township Public Works Departments along with outside contractors.**

The park maintenance work is handled in part by the Public Works Departments and also through outside contractors via the Parks and Recreation Authority. Dividing up the work in such a manner leads to an inefficient handling of maintenance.

Maintenance of the parks is essential to providing safe, usable, and aesthetically pleasing areas and facilities for the residents and visitors. Providing an efficient and effective recreation and parks maintenance program, can enable Bellwood-Antis to enhance recreation amenities, save money, reduce liability, improve life expectancy of facilities, create an attractive park atmosphere and foster environmental stewardship.

Based on the information obtained from the public survey and the key person interviews, the overall maintenance of parks and recreation is in need of improvement. The public survey revealed that 14% of those responding do not use the parks because they are not well maintained and 60% ranked maintaining existing parks and facilities as the top priority for recreation needs.

As in all communities, there are a lot of maintenance projects that need to be addressed in the parks. Many of these are noted in the park matrix inventories provided in Appendix B. Some of the issues may have already been addressed (the site visits were conducted by a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional in the summer and fall of 2015) and others may have come about since the inventories were completed. It is imperative to maintain a watchful eye on the all facilities in order to recognize maintenance problems and address them in a timely manner, especially those that could develop into a hazardous condition.

#### 4. Vandalism is a concern within the parks.

While the public survey revealed that safety isn't a concern for most park users (only 3% noted safety as a concern), many stakeholders interviewed cited concerns with vandalism in the parks. In Bellwood-Antis Community Park, there is a lion water fountain in front of the pool house that is surrounded by fencing in an effort to stop vandalism. An increased police presence and additional park lighting can help to deter vandals.



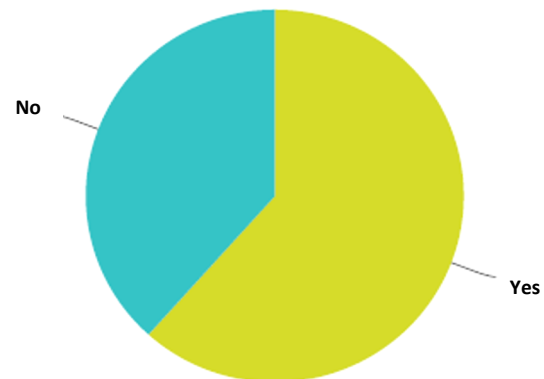
Water fountain @ Bellwood-Antis Park.  
(Image credit: Mackin 2015)

#### 5. Residents would like to see additional funding for parks and recreation.

According to the expenditure reports, only a small part of the budget for Bellwood Borough (2.5%) and Antis Township (2%) is spent on parks and recreation. When compared to surrounding communities of similar size, Bellwood -Antis ranks in the middle at \$6.93/resident; more than Logan and Greenfield Townships but significantly less than Tyrone and Duncansville Boroughs.

The public survey that was conducted in October 2015 revealed that 62% of those responding feel that more municipal funding should be dedicated to parks and recreation; 38% indicated they would support a small tax increase to provide the dedicated funding; and another 40% would donate money to fund recreation improvements.

Chart 3.1: Should more municipal funding be dedicated to parks and recreation?

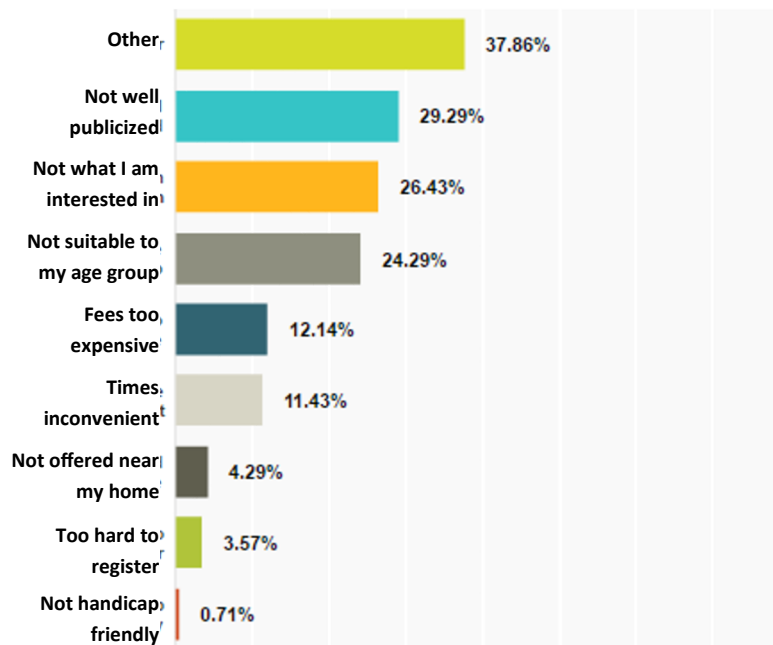


## 6. Additional publicity and marketing is needed to make residents aware of recreation programs and events.

When asked why they didn't participate in recreation programs, 30% of public survey respondents indicated that the programs are not well publicized. Friends were the top reason that the survey respondents are aware of programs and events. While the Bellwood-Antis community does a good job of utilizing the Township's website and Facebook to publicize programs and events, there is always room for improvement.

Since public relations and proper marketing are two of the ways to successfully provide a vibrant parks and recreation programming initiative, it is vitally important for the Borough and Township to continue to utilize current methods, expand them and develop new methods. Social media can be an effective method to publicize parks and recreation as well as gather feedback from users. Users can provide real-time comments as to potential issues or hazards, as well as help to publicize events. Social media is not a replacement for traditional methods of communication, as not all residents will use it.

Chart 3.2: If you haven't participated in recreation programs, why not?

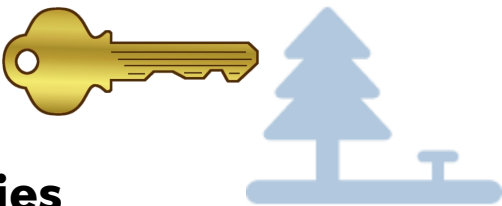


As the Borough and Township develop new facilities and programming, it is important to remember that two of the most effective methods for promoting the facilities and programs are by word-of-mouth and positive-participation-results in past events. This is true in almost any area where quality programs and events are offered.





# Key Findings— Parks and Recreation Facilities



## Comparative Benchmarking

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has actively supported the improvement of parks and recreation throughout its existence. One of the ways NRPA enables better parks and recreation is by providing tools for agencies to analyze and compare their performance and facilities to other agencies across the country. Formerly, NRPA published the “Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines” to assist agencies in the planning and development of park and recreation facilities. While these guidelines are still widely used, NRPA no longer considers their use a best practice for agency management and planning. Applying a “one size fits all” approach to address the needs of widely varying communities does not provide accurate guidance for parks and recreation planners.

Instead, NRPA advocates the use of comparative benchmarking. The Parks and Recreation Operating Ratio and GIS (PRORAGIS™) system, a tool to collect and analyze data about parks and recreation agencies across the country, allows users to compare themselves to departments that they identify as similar to themselves – whether similar in geography, climate, size, or number of total employees. Users complete a survey that captures data about their agency and its responsibilities, and are then able to analyze their data and compare themselves to individual agencies or aggregated groups of agencies. PRORAGIS also allows agencies to upload existing GIS information about their facilities, or build a GIS dataset for their agency. Once this information is entered into PRORAGIS, agencies can perform various analyses about their parks and programming. For instance, PRORAGIS provides the ability to examine the location of facilities in relation to current demographic and socioeconomic data, allowing proactive planning of facility and program development to better serve communities.

**Table 3.1– Comparative Benchmarking—Bellwood-Antis Community Profile**

Population	8,311
Land Area	63 square mile
Population Density	132 persons per square mile
Total Park Land	10.47 acres *

*\* The total park land includes only municipal-owned parks: Bellwood-Antis Community Park, James Whitey Stephen Park and Bridgehill Park*

## **1. Bellwood Borough and the surrounding area of Antis Township are well served by parks and recreation; however, the Pinecroft and Tipton areas in Antis Township are under-served.**

Bellwood-Antis offers three municipally-owned parks: Bellwood-Antis Community Park, the James Whitey Stephen Memorial Park (5th Street Park) and Bridgehill Park.

Community parks provide areas of diverse environmental quality and areas suited to intense recreation facilities such as athletic complexes, courts games, picnic pavilions and swimming pools. Community parks may be in an area of natural quality for passive recreation or may contain a combination of both types of recreation. These parks should be suitable for intense development and easily accessible. Community parks may have a service radius of up to three (3) miles and are usually 25 acres in size or larger. Although only a little over nine (9) acres, the Bellwood-Antis Community Park serves the area as a community park.

A neighborhood park is for intense recreation activities, such as field games, court games, crafts, play equipment and picnicking. These parks should be suitable for intense development, easily accessible, and be geographically centered with safe access. They typically have a service area of 1/4 to 1/2 mile and should be 1 to 15 acres in size. The James Whitey Stephen Memorial Park (5th Street Park) serves as a neighborhood park and according to its size and facilities offered, has a service area of a quarter-mile.

A mini-park is generally 2,500 square feet to one acre in size and is geared towards a small neighborhood within walking distance and has a service area of less than 1/4 mile. Bridgehill Park falls under this classification, although its service area is more the Main Street / business district of Bellwood Borough than residential areas.

Using the PRORAGIS method shown in Table 3.2, Bellwood-Antis is well below the standard in terms of park land in comparison to other communities with less than 500 persons per square mile. All three parks encompass a total of 10.47 acres, which provides less than 1% park acres as a percentage of total land area in the communities as well as per 1,000 population. Other communities of similar size offer at least 2% park acres as a percentage of land area and 4% park acres per 1,000 population.



*Bellwood-Antis Community Park.*  
(Image credit: Mackin 2016)



*James Whitey Stephen Memorial Park.*  
(Image credit: Mackin 2016)



*Bridgehill Park.*  
(Image credit: Mackin 2016)

**Table 3.2– Park Land Comparison Using PRORAGIS Standards**

Park Land	Bellwood-Antis Park Land	Bellwood-Antis Rating	NRPA Lower Quartile	NRPA Medium Quartile
Park acres as % of Borough / Township land	10.47 ac.	0.026%	2.0%	9.1%
Park acres / 1,000 population	10.47 ac.	0.12%	4.8%	9.9%

It should be noted that the comparisons are only for municipally-owned parks. Bellwood-Antis offers the Northern Blair County Recreation Center, State Game Lands, as well as a number of other quasi-public and private recreation areas that if included, would change the percentages quite a bit.

There are three high population areas within the Township: Bellwood Area, Pinecroft and Tipton.

- ◆ All three of the municipal parks are located in **Bellwood** Borough and the surrounding area in Antis Township. Of the 140 public survey respondents, 86 (61%) reported living in Bellwood Borough or the Bellwood area of the Township. The most heavily used park or recreation facility for those residents was Bellwood-Antis Park, followed by Del Grosso's and the Bells Gap Trail. The James Whitey Stephen Memorial Park (5th Street Park) was most used by Bellwood area residents, with the majority using it because it was close to home. These residents cited maintenance of existing parks and facilities as the top priority, followed by adding new facilities to existing parks and extending walking and biking trails. The creation of a new neighborhood park was the lowest priority (45% felt no new park is needed); however if one were to be developed, 23% felt it should be located in Bellwood, 19% in Pinecroft and 5% in Tipton.
- ◆ There are no municipal parks located in the **Pinecroft** area. Of the 140 public survey respondents, 30 (21%) reported living in the Pinecroft area of the Township. The most heavily used park or recreation facility for those residents was the Bells Gap Trail, followed by Bellwood-Antis Park, Del Grosso's and NBCRC. These residents cited maintenance of existing parks and facilities as the top priority, followed by extending walking and biking trails. The creation of a new neighborhood park was the lowest priority (30% felt no new park is needed); however if one were to be developed, 60% felt it should be located in Pinecroft.
- ◆ There are no municipal parks located in the **Tipton** area. Of the 140 public survey respondents, 24 (17%) reported living in the Tipton area of the Township. The most heavily used parks or recreation facilities for those residents were Del Grosso's and NBCRC. Similar to Pinecroft, Tipton residents cited maintenance of existing parks and facilities as the top priority, followed by extending walking and biking trails. The creation of a new neighborhood park was the lowest priority (20% felt no new park is needed); however if one were to be developed, 66% felt it should be located in Tipton.



## 2. There is a need for additional outdoor recreation facilities.

Table 3.3 provides comparisons are with PRORAGIS for recreation facilities. For purposes of this comparison, outdoor fields owned by quasi-public or private owners but available for use by the public were included. As shown, Bellwood-Antis is deficient, when compared to other communities with less than 500 persons per square mile, in most facilities.

**Table 3.3: Recreation Facility Comparison Using PRORAGIS**

Facility	Facility per Capita	Bellwood-Antis Existing	Surplus (Deficiency) Rating
<b>Diamond Fields</b>	1 per 1,916	5	0.7
<b>Rectangular Fields</b>	1 per 2,205	2	(1.6)
<b>Basketball Courts</b>	1 per 4,583	1	(0.8)
<b>Tennis Courts</b>	1 per 2,725,	0	(1.7)
<b>Playgrounds</b>	1 per 2,211	3	(0.8)
<b>Tot Lots</b>	1 per 6,116	0	(1.3)
<b>Swimming Pools</b>	1 per 15,585	1	0.5
<b>Dog Parks</b>	Range 0 to 5.4	0	(0.7)
<b>Community Center</b>	Range 0.1 to 2.5	0	(0.7)
<b>Ice Skating Rink</b>	1 per 6,831	0	(1.2)
<b>Community Garden</b>	1 per 7,024	0	(1.1)

Note: the PGW soccer fields were not included in the above comparison since they are only available to the soccer organization for use, not the general public. Also, the Bellwood-Antis Public Library serves as an informal community center for the area.

The NRPA National Standards are based on the “average” community’s needs. The comparisons above should only be used as rough guidelines and not as absolutes to determine how Bellwood-Antis compares to the “average” community.



*Basketball Court @ Bellwood-Antis Park  
(Image credit: Mackin 2016)*



*Playground @ Bellwood-Antis Park  
(Image credit: Mackin 2016)*



*Bellwood-Antis Community Pool  
(Image credit: Mackin 2016)*

While the maintenance of existing parks and facilities was the highest rated priority per the public survey, respondents also indicated the need to extend walking/biking trails and add new facilities to existing parks. Chart 3.3 depicts the responses for what types of new facilities should be added to parks in the Bellwood-Antis area. As shown, walking/biking trails continue to rank as the top priority, followed by an ice skating rink (outdoor), water trails, a community center, dog park, and more playgrounds.

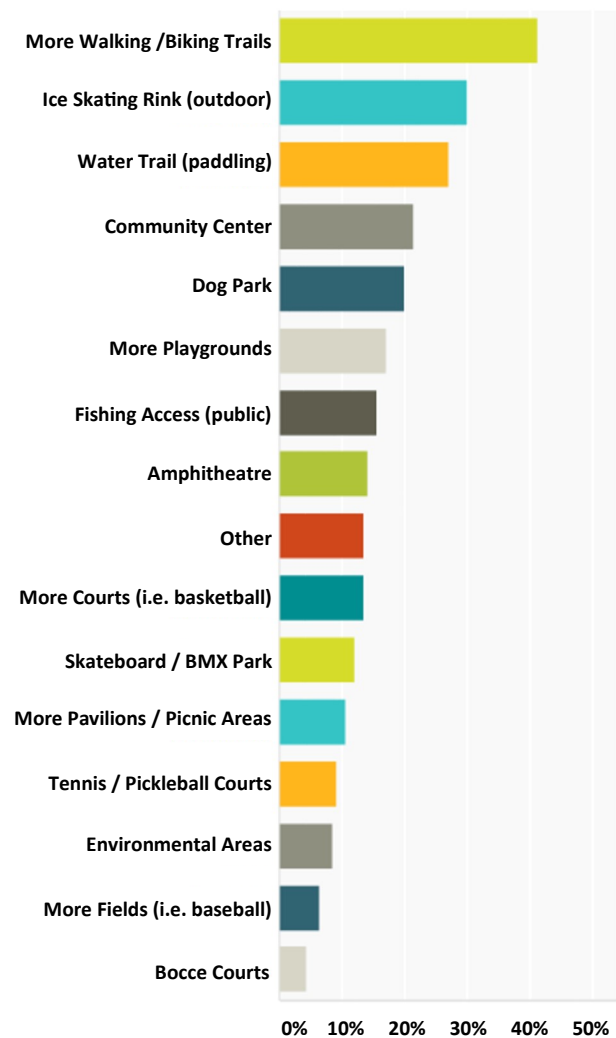
Additional written responses under the “other” category included an indoor pool, outdoor roller hockey rink, campfire area and wheelchair accessible facilities.

Compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) is an issue that needs attention. As Bellwood-Antis develops new facilities or improves existing facilities in the parks, they will be required to meet applicable ADA specifications. Existing structures or facilities should be adapted to meet these standards allowing those with disabilities to easily be included in meetings, events and other programs in the community. New standards for recreation became mandatory in 2012, so the Borough and Township must follow the most recent standards when planning all recreational facilities and in providing amenities at existing facilities. The tables in Part 2: Inventory for each of the parks visited note ADA compliance.

In order to be ADA-compliant, all public entities must operate each service, program and activity in a manner that is accessible to persons with disabilities. If a program or an activity is in a building that is not accessible to a person with disabilities, Bellwood-Antis must (Mertes and Hall, 1996):

- ◆ Remove the barrier to access into the facility
- ◆ Shift the location to an accessible site
- ◆ Provide the service in some alternative method in an accessible facility
- ◆ Construct a new facility for park programs

**Chart 3.3: What new facilities do you want to see added?**



### 3. The pool is in need major infrastructure upgrades.



Volleyball Court @ Bellwood-Antis Park  
(Image credit: Mackin 2016)

The Bellwood-Antis Swimming Pool is one of the main recreational attractions in the area. The pool features a zero-degree entrance; two water slides; pool house with restrooms and locker / shower areas; large grass sunbathing / picnic area; and small concession building.

Interviews with representatives from the Parks and Recreation Authority noted several issues at the pool that need to be addressed, including a new roof for the pool house; a new or expanded concession building with kitchenette; aging infrastructure and water slides.

### 4. There is a demand for water trails and more land trails.



Bells Gap Trailhead @ Bellwood-Antis Park  
(Image credit: Mackin 2016)

Biking and walking was the number one reason that people use the parks, according to the 2015 public survey. Currently, the only official trail in Bellwood-Antis is the Bells Gap Trail. The trail begins at Bellwood-Antis Park, then shares the road until the Stanley Hostler Trailhead, at which point it is off-road for approximately six (6) miles, through State Game Lands, until the terminus at the village of Lloydsville at the top of Blandburg Mountain. The trail has two parts; one part is approximately two miles long and has a smooth, crushed limestone base, suitable for walking, hiking, biking, and jogging. The second portion of the trail, which travels through State Game Lands 158, is more rugged, and is more suitable for hiking and mountain biking. Horseback riding is permitted on the grass edges of the trail. There is a need for better signage to improve the safety of the share-the-road portion of the Bells Gap Trail through Bellwood Borough and Antis Township.



Bells Gap Trail - Stanley Hostler Trailhead  
(Image credit: Mackin 2015)

The Bells Gap Rail Trail is one of the most used recreation facilities in Bellwood-Antis and the extension of it, along with the development of new trails, ranked as the top priority for future recreation efforts, according to the public survey.

A proposed connecting trail to the Bells Gap Trail is the Logan Valley Streetcar Trail. The proposed trail would follow the path of the former Logan Valley Streetcar and trolley line that connected Hollidaysburg, Altoona, Bellwood and Tyrone. The Bellwood-Tyrone



portion ceased operation in 1936, but much of the right-of-way remained in the control of the electric utility that supplied power to the trolleys. This meant that much of the line remained unaltered except for the inevitable growth of trees and underbrush. The original ballast stone can still be found at the base of the trail and several bridge abutments are still visible where the trolley crossed the Little Juniata and its tributaries. The Bellwood-Antis Community Trust owns a large portion of the right-of-way from First Energy, mostly near the village of Pinecroft. The proposed trail would connect with the Bells Gap Trail at the pedestrian bridge near Bellwood-Antis Park and to the Industrial Park near Tipton. The long term goal would be to restore the trolley line as completely as possible, perhaps someday reconnecting Hollidaysburg, Altoona and Tyrone ([www.rttcpa.org/bellsgap.shtml](http://www.rttcpa.org/bellsgap.shtml)). A feasibility study was completed for this trail in 2001; however, it is out of date and would need to be updated to analyze current ownership, physical attributes, public involvement and cost estimates for design and construction.

In addition to the walking/biking trails, residents also expressed an interest in improved public access to waterways and water trails were the third highest priority for new recreation facilities. The 2013 Antis Township Comprehensive Plan recommends the following with regards to developing a water trail:

“The Little Juniata River, which flows from south to north through the entire length of Antis Township, has the potential to provide both expanded recreational opportunities to the residents of Antis Township and the potential for water recreational tourism for visitors from outside the area. Canoeing and kayaking, as well as fishing, are growing outdoor recreational activities both state and nationwide. To capitalize upon the recreational opportunities presented by the Little Juniata River it is recommended that the following steps be undertaken. Establishment of one or more public access points to the river within the Township. These access points would include a boat launch area and vehicular parking area. Connectors with the emerging trail system both within Antis Township and the remainder of the County should be established. This is consistent with the Greenways Plan for Blair County as prepared by the Blair County Planning Commission. An additional positive step is the establishment of the Little Juniata River Trail working cooperatively with the adjacent municipalities of Logan Township, Snyder Township and Tyrone Borough. River trails are gaining increased recognition and use throughout Pennsylvania and the nation. These initiatives are strongly supported by the PA Department of Natural Resources (DCNR) as well as recreation and conservation groups.”

## 5. There are a variety of opportunities to partner with community organizations and landowners to expand outdoor recreation.

During the planning process, several sites and organizations were identified as potential partners to expand public outdoor recreation. These sites were identified through stakeholder interviews and site visits.



*Little Juniata River Access @ Pinecroft VFD (Image credit: Mackin 2015)*

- ◆ Pinecroft VFD representatives approached the Township with an interest in building a public park at their site in the village of Pinecroft. This site was included in the inventory (see Part 2: Inventory). A park at this site would provide a much needed recreation facility for Pinecroft residents and it is in close proximity to the proposed Logan Valley Streetcar Trail. The site provides access to the Little Juniata River as well, which could provide public fishing and paddling access.



*Northern Blair County Recreation Center (Image credit: Mackin 2015)*

- ◆ The Northern Blair County Recreation Center (NBCRC) would like to expand their outdoor recreation facilities. They currently offer a 1.3 mile walking trail, multi-purpose field and wetlands interpretive area. Future plans include a pavilion, playground and basketball court. The site provides access to the Little Juniata River as well, which could provide public fishing and paddling access. If developed, this could meet the recreational needs for the Tipton area of Antis Township.

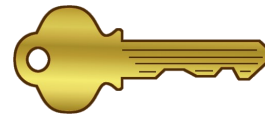


*Eagle Scout Project Near I-99 Bellwood Exit (Image credit: Mackin 2015)*

- ◆ Bellwood-Antis School District owns 19 acres near the US 220 that could potentially be used for recreational purposes. The site is wooded and currently used by the High School Cross Country team. It could offer a valuable connection for future trails. District representatives cited some on-site issues that would have to be rectified but would be interested in a partnership with the Bellwood-Antis Parks and Recreation Authority to provide more recreational opportunities.
- ◆ An Eagle Scout project was completed several years ago on private property near the Bellwood entrance ramp to I-99. The project consisted of constructing a pavilion next to the pond and interpretive signs along a trail. The access to this site is unmarked and fairly steep. The ownership of the property is unknown at this time.



## Key Findings— Programs



### 1. There is a need for more public recreational programs.

As discussed in Part 2: Inventory, Bellwood-Antis does not provide municipally-sponsored recreation programs. The majority of the programs are offered through the Hollidaysburg Area YMCA at the Pool, the Northern Blair County Recreation Center, the Bellwood-Antis Public Library and other quasi-public and private organizations.

According to the 2015 public survey, 26% of respondents indicated that they do not participate in recreation programs because they are not what they are interested in while another 24% indicated the programs offered are not suitable to their age group. The general consensus amongst the stakeholders interviewed was that while the youth and younger generation is adequately served by recreation, adults, particularly senior citizens, are underserved.

When asked what types of programs should be offered, 49% said outdoor concerts and movies; 44% said events and festivals; 24% said a river paddle / float; and another 21% said senior programs.

There is an opportunity to develop recreation programs once a more formal recreation department / organization is established. The parks and recreation facilities available in Bellwood-Antis offer a wide variety of opportunities to develop unique programs.

As Bellwood-Antis begins to expand its programming, it will discover that some programs are successful while others are not. This is not uncommon, as it does take time to develop a successful program schedule. It is important to offer a variety of programs building on those that are successful and continually offer new programs. There are many reasons why some programs are not successful, while others are successful.

**Timing.** Timing is perhaps the most important aspect in making programs successful. A program that is not successful in one season may be very successful in another season or even at another time of the day or week.



**Instructors.** The instructor's enthusiasm, attitude and style can make or break a program. Seek out quality instructors for your programs and promote them and their qualifications.

**Publicity and promotion.** Many excellent programs have poor attendance because no one knew about them. Use every method available to get the word out.

**Program fees.** Know the community and what residents can afford to pay for the programs. Determine if the fees need to cover just the direct costs, both the direct and the indirect costs, or make a profit. Charging too much can deter people, while not charging enough can make them feel that it isn't a quality program.

**Location.** Is there easy access to the program site? Is the facility or area well maintained? Is it a safe location? Is it well lighted if the program is an evening program? Transportation to a program may be another issue as to why people don't participate more in the use of facilities and programs in the area.

**Weather.** Outdoor programs are always affected by weather conditions which determine if the program can be conducted. These are generally affected the day of the program. However, indoor programs can be affected also with people thinking it might be too hot or too cold or it may be snowing and they don't want to go out.

**Trends vs. Fads.** Trends are things that are popular, but may not have caught on in the community yet. It may be popular in the community in the near future. Fads are things that may have already passed by or may not have reached the community yet. Current trends/fads that should be watched to potentially include as part of future programming and facility development include:

- ◆ Progressive Pump Tracks
- ◆ Soccer Golf
- ◆ Sand Soccer
- ◆ Bubble Soccer
- ◆ Gaga Ball
- ◆ Triangle Ball
- ◆ Mob Races
- ◆ Technical Programs
- ◆ Spike Ball

Other programs growing in popularity include:

- ◆ Kickball
- ◆ Dodgeball
- ◆ Ultimate Frisbee
- ◆ Pickleball
- ◆ Wallyball
- ◆ Geocaching
- ◆ Disc Golf
- ◆ POP Tennis (Formally known as Paddle Tennis)

## **2. There are many organizations willing to partner with the Bellwood-Antis to provide recreation programs.**

Developing cooperative partnerships is one of the most beneficial ways to provide a variety of programs and facilities for the community. 100% of the key persons interviewed stated that the development of these partnerships is important to the success of recreation. Everyone benefits through these partnerships; the municipalities involved, the residents of the communities and the organizations/businesses that join together to form the partnership to provide a wider range of program opportunities. As Bellwood-Antis continues to improve and further develop their park system, they should seek out interested parties that are willing to cooperate/coordinate to improve the quality of life for the residents of the region and to help bolster the economy. Cooperative efforts should be discussed with recreation providers in the area, businesses and the school district. Most organizations are willing to partner in some way, possibly through advertising, financial help, use of facilities or expansion of programs. These are all very important to the successful development of a quality park system and exceptional programs.

In today's economy it is imperative to develop partnerships with other government agencies, for-profit enterprises and non-profit associations. Partnerships have always been a part of the park and recreation field; however, it is only recently that these collaborative efforts are becoming vital in the provision and management of recreation. Individuals, communities and businesses are beginning to realize the valuable benefits of recreation and active living and the value of partnerships in providing them.

During the planning process, several organizations were identified as potential partners to provide recreation programs. These organizations were interviewed to determine potential partnerships.

- ◆ As Northern Blair County Recreation Center (NBCRC) expands their outdoor recreation facilities, the opportunity to partner with Bellwood-Antis for public recreation programming increases. They could also take the lead to operate programs at Bellwood-Antis Park and other public recreation facilities. The NBCRC indicated opportunities to expand programming to include daycare /

preschool program, more kids programs, summer camps, summer programs in the parks and continuing to work with the School District for Kids at Risk.

- ◆ Bellwood-Antis Public Library would like to increase programming and offer additional programs at the public parks and recreation facilities, such as the pool, and outdoor educational programs.
- ◆ Bellwood-Antis Middle School opened their environmental education center in 2012, which features an outdoor amphitheater, greenhouse, fruit and vegetable garden, pond with a waterfall powered by a solar panel, outdoor pizza oven, composting area and flower garden. The center was created through private donations and grants (<http://www.altoonamirror.com/page/content.detail/id/561217/Bellwood-Antis-turns-outdoor-space-into-a-classroom.html?nav=742>). There is an opportunity to partner with the School District to offer public environmental education programs on site. The 19 acres near US 220 could potentially be used for programming as well.
- ◆ The Pennsylvania Game Commission has working relationships with the Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, Northern Blair County Recreation Center (nesting boxes and bluebird boxes) and Bellwood-Antis Community Trust (Bells Gap Trail). They indicated an interest with partnering with the community on habitat projects and to share equipment for road / trail maintenance.
- ◆ Del Grosso's Amusement Park hosts the annual Bellwood-Antis Community Picnic and indicated an interest to partner with the community in the future.
- ◆ The Door Student Ministries is a non-profit organization in Bellwood Borough. They primarily serve the under privileged and special needs community, but are open to anyone, especially teens. They offer a variety of programs including: summer and winter camps, basketball program, arcade activities and meals. The ministry is very open to working with the community in whatever capacity would best serve the community, including taking a lead role wherever needed. They indicated an interest in operating outdoor concerts and events if the community can host the program.








- ◆ The Little Juniata River Association and Trout Unlimited indicated an interest in partnering to address environmental concerns such as streambank erosion, stream clean ups; coordinate volunteer efforts; develop public river access for fishing and paddling; and host fishing and paddling programs, including ADA fishing.
- ◆ The Logan Valley Broncs Riding Club indicated a willingness to partner with Bellwood-Antis to use their 12 acres for potential programs and events. The Club does host horse shows and trail rides that are open to the public.



## Our Vision

To develop a variety of partnerships in order to offer a full network of parks, trails and open space and programs that capitalize on the unique assets and opportunities within the Bellwood-Antis community.

## Our Goals

-  Improve the overall **administration** of parks and recreation.
-  Expand parks and recreation **facilities**.
-  Provide high quality **programs** for all ages.
-  Increase **awareness** of parks and recreation.
-  Improve the overall **financing** of parks and recreation.

# Improve the overall ADMINISTRATION of parks and recreation



## Guiding Principle #1:

Clearly define the roles and responsibilities of the various organizations involved in administering parks and recreation in Bellwood-Antis.

## What we will do:

**Conduct a Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance project through DCNR to determine the best method to manage parks and recreation in Bellwood-Antis.**



One of the biggest administrative issues in Bellwood-Antis is the lack of a central department or staff person to oversee all activities related to parks and recreation. The Bellwood-Antis Parks and Recreation Authority, the Borough and Township Public Works, the Bellwood-Antis School District and the Hollidaysburg Area YMCA all play a role in administering and/or maintaining some portion of parks and recreation.



There is a potential opportunity to partner with the Northern Blair County Recreation Center to provide management of parks and recreation facilities, which would be the preferred method. However, if this is not possible, other options could include hiring a staff person to take on this role. It is recommended that the community apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for a Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance Project to analyze the management options and provide recommendations on how to proceed.

The Peer program provides funding to assist municipalities in improving their parks and recreation services through a collaborative process, involving contracts with experienced park, recreation and conservation professionals from nearby communities who work closely with local leaders.



Examples may include projects that form new intergovernmental recreation and park agencies (which is a high priority for DCNR); improving management of a specific facility like a community center, trail or pool; conducting an overall management assessment of an agency's park and recreation services; park and recreation board training and development, etc.



If the study recommends the hiring of a full-time parks and recreation director, DCNR also offers a Circuit Rider program, which helps fund such a position. More information on both the Peer and Circuit Rider programs can be found on DCNR's website at: <https://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us/Dashboard/Grants#Peer>.

### **Adopt an administrative manual for parks and recreation.**

A park administrative manual will provide the parks and recreation policies and procedures in one location and will allow all of the organizations and staff involved to function in an organized and effective manner. The following should be included in the manual:

- ◆ Park and Recreation Mission Statement/Goals/Objectives.
- ◆ Roles and responsibilities for all staff and organizations involved in administering parks and recreation within the Bellwood-Antis community.
- ◆ Facility use/rental policy (should be provided to those renting park facilities) and programming policy to include non-discrimination policy, fees and charges policy and non-resident use policy.
- ◆ Organizational chart, job descriptions (full and part-time personnel), personnel benefit description, job evaluation instrument, hiring procedure, disciplinary procedures and in-service training staff procedures.
- ◆ Procedures for financial expenditures and collection of fees.
- ◆ Public relations/marketing procedures.
- ◆ Copy of municipal liability insurance policies for facilities and programs and risk management plans.
- ◆ Intergovernmental cooperative agreements; utilization of volunteers/organizations; and policies for fund raising.

### **Update the Bellwood-Antis Parks and Recreation Authority Bylaws to more clearly define their role and responsibilities within the overall administration of parks and recreation.**

It is somewhat unclear as to whether the Authority is in charge of only Bellwood-Antis Park or other public parks and facilities within the Borough and Township. Their role and responsibilities in relation to park and facility operations, maintenance, improvements and recreation programs should be more clearly defined and updated in their bylaws.

# Improve the overall ADMINISTRATION of parks and recreation



## Guiding Principle #2:

Improve park maintenance.

### What we will do:

**Designate Public Works to handle the maintenance of all public parks and recreation facilities and designate at least one staff person for consistency.**

Park maintenance is currently divided amongst the Borough and Township Public Works Departments, the School District and outside contractors through the Bellwood-Antis Parks and Recreation Authority. To improve the overall maintenance, it is recommended that the Public Works Department(s) be designated to handle all of the public parks and recreation maintenance.

It is recommended that at least one public works employee be designated to do the work associated with maintaining the parks and facilities. Depending on the type of work that is being completed, two or more employees may be required to complete some of the tasks to prevent potential safety issues. The staffing level for public works should be periodically reviewed to determine if there is sufficient staff to meet existing demands by the general public as new facilities are developed.



### Develop a formal maintenance plan.

A maintenance plan should be developed for all existing park areas and facilities and in the early development of new facilities in order to effectively and efficiently maintain each area. The management plan should cover maintenance procedures and inventories for all recreation areas and facilities. Each area and facility maintained should be thoroughly inspected and compared to the standards of acceptable conditions. The information obtained should then be incorporated into the maintenance plan. The maintenance plan must be given to the employees to use as a guide providing them the general information needed for the proper maintenance of each area and the frequency of maintenance for the parks, facilities, and equipment. The employee's responsibility is to contact the public works director for instruction on circumstances not covered in the



maintenance plan. It is also the employee's responsibility to take notice of safety conditions at each park or facility, and take immediate action to secure the hazardous condition against accident or injury until the hazard can be eliminated.

The maintenance and risk management plan should include:

- ◆ Park maintenance manual, including a preventative and responsive maintenance plan
- ◆ Risk management manual
- ◆ Replacement schedule for maintenance equipment and park facilities
- ◆ Turf management plan
- ◆ Regular visual risk assessment and park facilities inspections
- ◆ Accurate records of all maintenance work and inspections, especially playground inspections, properly recording inspection results noting any issues discovered and date work is completed
- ◆ Newest criteria for playground surfacing

#### **Prepare formal maintenance agreements between Borough/Township and other entities.**

The Borough, Township and the Parks and Recreation Authority should prepare formal agreements with leagues and other organizations (such as the School District) that specify the terms of use and maintenance of the fields. Once established, these agreements should be provided to all participating entities and included in the maintenance plan.





## Guiding Principle #3:

Improve the overall safety and usability of parks and recreation facilities.

### What we will do:

#### Prepare 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.” Risk management is an important aspect that must be taken seriously in order to provide safe facilities and ensure the safety of park patrons, as well as, those performing the work in the parks. It is highly recommended that a risk management plan be developed and then updated, as needed.

A successful Risk Management Plan should consider the following:

- ◆ Develop a plan of action by prioritizing identified hazards and determine the cost to correct them. Routine playground safety audits must be done to minimize liability.
- ◆ Address problems through the correction of hazards.
- ◆ Be pro-active to preventing accidents.
- ◆ Implement mandatory safety training for staff, immediately act on complaints, and repair equipment with parts from the equipment manufacturer.
- ◆ Document all inspections and corrective steps.

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

Another part of risk management is having staff trained in CPR/AED. Some of the public works employees for Bellwood Borough have their CPR training along with first aid training through the Volunteer Fire Department (VFD). It is necessary for these employees to update CPR and first aid training every two years to maintain their certification. All other employees who are not currently trained, should attend CPR/AED training to be prepared for a potential incident that arises. In addition, all staff and volunteers need to have valid background checks and clearances, especially in relation to Act 153 of 2014 related to child abuse. Continual education opportunities should be provided 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.

### **Partner with the Borough Police to provide more surveillance in the parks.**

It is recommended that the Bellwood Borough Police Department conduct more park surveillance at Bellwood-Antis Park. This would help to reduce vandalism and improve the overall safety within the park. This should be explored as part of the agreement between the Borough and Township for overall park administration and maintenance.

### **Install security cameras in parks.**

The communities may want to consider installing security cameras in Bellwood-Antis Park in poorly lit or remote locations. Companies make solar powered wireless outdoor surveillance camera systems that can be motion-activated. Images that trigger the camera can be directed to remote servers and police mobile phones (<https://www.eyetrax.net/solar-surveillance-cameras-national-public-parks>).



### Guiding Principle #1:

Improve existing parks first.

### What we will do:

#### Prepare a site plan for Bellwood-Antis Park.

One of the highest priorities identified during the planning process was the need to prepare a site plan for Bellwood-Antis Park. While the park is mostly developed, improvements over the years has been somewhat haphazard. A site plan will provide the Parks and Recreation Authority with a plan that recommends improvements to maximize the opportunities within the park. The site inventory by a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional and the public input process identified the following needs:



- ◆ Swimming Pool Area—the Authority noted many concerns related to the pool buildings and infrastructure. Since this is out of the scope of a parks and recreation plan, a swimming pool feasibility study would be needed (see page 4-10).
- ◆ Sand Volleyball Court—this is included within the fenced in swimming pool area. The court itself is smaller than the standard size (30'x60') and has some safety concerns. Public input noted that this is underutilized; it is recommended that either the fence be moved so that the court is outside of the pool area or the court should be relocated.
- ◆ Basketball Court – the court is smaller than junior high regulation (50'x74') and the posts, backboards and nets should be replaced. One concern noted was the close proximity of the court to adjacent houses.
- ◆ Overflow Parking Area – this area has been used in the past as a basketball court, tennis court and skate park but never fully developed. It is currently used for overflow parking and informally as a temporary ice rink. Public input noted a need for additional parking.
- ◆ Bells Gap Trail—the park is a trailhead for the Bells Gap Trail, with a short separated trail located next to the overflow parking area. The trail should be expanded to include additional walking

and biking pathways through the park to connect to the pedestrian walking bridge.

- ◆ Bells Gap Run—the western boundary of the park features Bells Gap Run, which could be improved to provide better fishing access and feature a walking trail along the banks.
- ◆ Undeveloped Area along Cambria Street—the only section of the park that is currently undeveloped is located along Cambria Street across from the George O. Martin Memorial Field. This area could be developed to provide additional courts and parking.
- ◆ Landscaping and Stormwater Management—there is a need for additional shade trees and landscaping within the park. The Blair County Conservation District is working with the Township to design and construct stormwater management facilities within the park.

During the development of this plan, the Township applied for and received early implementation funding to prepare a site plan for Bellwood-Antis Park. The recommended improvements were prepared based on site inventories and analyses conducted by a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional and Registered Landscape Architect along with public input.

The site plan depicts existing features, proposed improvements including type, size, materials; grading and drainage; general landscaping, signs, gate, fences; and ADA compliant equipment and facilities. The site plan for Bellwood-Antis Park and corresponding cost estimates is included in Appendix D.

### **Prepare a site plan for the James Whitey Stephen Memorial Park (5th Street Park).**

At the start of the planning process, the biggest question facing the James Whitey Stephen Memorial Park (5th Street Park) was how it was used. Youth football uses the open field for practice, but it was not known if residents used the park for the pavilion and recreation facilities located on site. The public survey revealed that many residents in the surrounding neighborhood do utilize the park as a neighborhood park, but that the facilities are in need of significant improvements. The site inventory by a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional and the public input process identified the following needs:

- ◆ Pavilion—the pavilion is in need of significant structural repairs. The renovated pavilion should provide electric service to support it as a rental facility.
- ◆ Playground—the existing play equipment should be replaced with current equipment that meets safety standards.
- ◆ Open field—the open field should be improved to support the youth football practice and the utility pole should be removed or relocated.
- ◆ Restrooms—there are no restroom facilities on site. If provided, the park could support programming and facility rentals.
- ◆ ADA—parking and access to the facilities should be improved to provide ADA accessibility.

During the development of this plan, the Township applied for and received early implementation





funding to prepare a site plan for this park. The recommended improvements were prepared based on site inventories and analyses conducted by a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional and Registered Landscape Architect along with public input.

The site plans depict existing features, proposed improvements including type, size, materials; grading and drainage; general landscaping, signs, gate, fences; and ADA compliant equipment and facilities. The site plan for 5th Street Park and corresponding cost estimates is included in Appendix D.



### **Prepare a feasibility study for the Bellwood-Antis Pool.**

To address the various deficiencies regarding the operations, management and infrastructure of the Bellwood-Antis Community Pool, it is recommended that the community hire a consultant to prepare a swimming pool feasibility study. At a minimum, the study should include:

- ◆ Operational assessment
- ◆ Market analysis
- ◆ Programming and facility analysis
- ◆ Layout and design
- ◆ Financial / pool management analysis
- ◆ Economic impact projections
- ◆ Total project cost estimate or phased capital development program
- ◆ Financial options



### **Improve Bridgehill Park.**

Based upon the site inventories and analyses conducted by the Certified Parks and Recreation Professional during summer and fall of 2015, the following park improvements are recommended:

- ◆ Prepare a landscaping plan
- ◆ Install a park sign at the entrance to the park off Main Street
- ◆ Install additional park benches
- ◆ Install a bike rack along Main Street



### **Improve the George O. Martin Memorial Field.**

Martin Oil leases the George O. Martin Memorial Field to the Bellwood Borough and Antis Township Parks and Recreation Authority; however, the only entity that currently uses it is the Bellwood-Antis School District. It is recommended that the Authority work with Martin Oil to transfer the lease to the School District. Based upon the site inventories and analyses conducted by the Certified Parks and Recreation Professional during summer and fall of 2015, the School District and the Oil Company should partner to address the following recommended improvements:

- ◆ ADA access – improve access to field for handicapped individuals
- ◆ Concession – construct an appropriate concession stand (using the old storage building)
- ◆ Storage – replace existing storage buildings
- ◆ Press box – construct a press box
- ◆ Parking – improve parking area and construct a handicap parking space near the field with an access walkway to field area

### **Improve the Stanley Hostler Trailhead.**

Based upon the site inventories and analyses conducted by the Certified Parks and Recreation Professional during summer and fall of 2015, the following park improvements are recommended:

- ◆ Parking area—pave the parking area and include marked handicap parking spaces
- ◆ ADA access – provide ADA access to the pavilion

### **Remove all facilities from Tipton Commons.**

Based upon the site inventories and analyses conducted by the Certified Parks and Recreation Professional during summer and fall of 2015 and safety concerns, it is recommended that all publicly-owned recreation facilities be removed from Tipton Commons and this site not be considered a public park.

### **Ensure that park and recreation facilities are compliant with the most recent ADA requirements.**

In order to be ADA-compliant, Bellwood-Antis must provide parks and recreation facilities that are accessible to persons with disabilities. At a minimum, the following ADA-compliance should be addressed:

- ◆ Connections to facilities from parking areas (i.e. width, surface and grade)
- ◆ Required number of designated handicap parking spaces with proper signing and surface markings
- ◆ Playground surfacing
- ◆ Accessible playground facilities and picnic tables



### Utilize green sustainable design in parks and recreation areas.

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) promotes green and sustainable parks, trails, recreation facilities and conservation areas. There are many opportunities to “green” parks and these elements should be incorporated into future park improvements and new park design. Options may include:

- ◆ Utilize permeable surfaces for parking areas and play courts, where feasible
- ◆ Install native plants and vegetation
- ◆ Provide coordinated trash receptacles with domes and recycling bins (near pavilions)
- ◆ Install rain gardens, bio-swales and other natural methods for stormwater management
- ◆ Maintain vegetated streambanks in all parks and public spaces
- ◆ Remove invasive plant species



DCNR offers Pennsylvania's Interactive Sustainable Park Design Model online, which is a tool to help communities “green” their parks and provide more detailed information on site location and site design; water; natural landscaping; materials selection and construction; connecting people to nature; operations and management; and environmental stewardship messaging. More information can be found online at [http://www.gis.dcnr.state.pa.us/parkmodel/model\\_MainMap.html](http://www.gis.dcnr.state.pa.us/parkmodel/model_MainMap.html).



## Guiding Principle #2:

Create new neighborhood parks.

### What we will do:

#### **Prepare a site plan for the Pinecroft Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) site.**

As discussed in Part 3: Analysis, the Pinecroft region of Antis Township is lacking in outdoor recreation. A partnership between Antis Township and Pinecroft VFD to develop a neighborhood park on their property would provide much needed recreation facilities to these residents. During the development of this plan, the Township applied for and received early implementation funding to prepare a site plan for the Pinecroft VFD site. The recommended improvements were prepared based on site inventories and analyses conducted by a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional and Registered Landscape Architect along with public input.

The site plan depicts existing features, proposed improvements including type, size, materials; grading and drainage; general landscaping, signs, gate, fences; and ADA compliant equipment and facilities. The site plan for the Pinecroft VFD site and corresponding cost estimates is included in Appendix D.

#### **Prepare a master site plan for Northern Blair County Recreation Center.**

The Northern Blair County Recreation Center (NBCRC) sits on over 50 acres and would like to expand outdoor recreation that includes pavilions, playgrounds, basketball court, tennis / pickleball court, fishing access, canoe/kayak access and renovations of the youth football field and concession areas. It is recommended that the NBCRC partner with Antis Township to develop a master site plan to create a neighborhood park to serve the residents of the Tipton area of Antis Township.

#### **Partner with Pittsburgh Glass Works (PGW) to determine the feasibility of creating a neighborhood or mini park near the soccer fields.**

The PGW Soccer Fields are currently used by the Tyrone Soccer League; however, there is an Employees Building and Pavilion at the back of the site. It is recommended that the Township contact PGW to determine if there is any interest in developing a neighborhood or mini park on their property. Facilities such as a pavilion and playground for use by the public could provide much needed outdoor recreation facilities to the residents of the Tipton area of the Township.





### Guiding Principle #3:

Expand the trail system.

### What we will do:

#### Improve and extend the Bells Gap Trail.

The Bells Gap Trail is currently share-the-road between Bellwood-Antis Park and the Stanley Hostler Trailhead. Ideally, this section of the trail would be developed off-road along the former railroad right-of-way, which is privately owned. The landowners would need to be contacted to determine the feasibility (note: this could be done in conjunction with the recommended Logan Valley Streetcar Trail feasibility study).

If the off-road option is determined to not be feasible, it is recommended that the share-the-road portion be improved along Cambria Street to include bike route signs and “sharrow” markings (recommended every 200’ to 250’) to improve the safety and visibility of the on-road trail.



#### Conduct a feasibility study for the Logan Valley Streetcar Trail.

While a feasibility study was completed for the Logan Valley Streetcar Trail in 2001, the study is out-of-date and does not have sufficient detail to proceed with developing the trail. It is recommended that the Township partner with the Bellwood-Antis Community Trust to conduct a feasibility study that meets the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), as such:



- ◆ Study purpose
- ◆ Legal feasibility
- ◆ Demand for and potential use of the trail
- ◆ Physical inventory and assessment of the right-of-way
- ◆ Trail concept plan
- ◆ Trail operation, maintenance and security plan



- ◆ Financial feasibility
- ◆ Public participation

### **Develop a share-the-road route to connect to the off-road trail system.**

The above-reference on-road routes would require “Share the Road” signs and/or paint “Sharrows” (shared-lane markings for cycling). PA-865 / North Tuckahoe Street has “Share the Road” signs currently, but is not heavily used by cyclists due to safety concerns. If a bicycle lane along North Tuckahoe Street is not feasible, a safer, on-road route would be North Cambria Street. The signs or sharrows should be installed every 200 to 250 feet, at all intersections and on streets with a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour.

### **Conduct a feasibility study to determine if the Little Juniata River is suitable as a water trail.**

This section of the river is beyond what is currently considered as the Little Juniata River Water Trail, which begins in Tyrone. However, it is a beautiful area that could be used in the spring or early summer, or any time after a medium rainfall. A feasibility study should be conducted to determine if this section should be developed and marketed as a water trail. Following is a guidance list from the Pennsylvania Water Trails Partnership about things to consider when developing a water trail. Every water trail must have:

- ◆ A local managing organization that will maintain the trail
- ◆ A part in the statewide water trail system with state designation from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC)
- ◆ Public involvement by the local community
- ◆ A map providing information for using the trail
- ◆ Free information provided to users on the internet and/or printed materials
- ◆ Water trail feasibility study to determine if your waterway can be a water trail
- ◆ Active volunteers who will participate in the management of the trail
- ◆ Signage that can direct users, interpret the resource, provide safety and orientation information
- ◆ Maintenance of existing and new amenities (boat access points, signage, information provided, etc.)

Public access could be provided at the Pinecroft VFD, the Northern Blair County Recreation Center and then continue on to the access area in Tyrone. The float would be several miles long with the majority of the trip going through natural areas, where users could enjoy viewing the fauna and flora in a serene environment. Additionally, the river offers excellent fishing opportunities.



## Guiding Principle #1:

Expand the types of programs offered to best utilize existing and planned community facilities.

### What we will do:

#### Provide more family-oriented and community events.



The Bellwood-Antis Community Picnic is a very popular annual event. Residents expressed the desire for more community- and family-oriented programs and events throughout the year. The most desired type of event was outdoor concerts and movies, which could be offered at the pavilion/picnic area of Bellwood-Antis Park, James Whitey Stephen Memorial Park (if restroom facilities are constructed), or another venue through partnerships (such as the Northern Blair County Recreation Center). The communities could purchase a movie projector and screen, or perhaps partner with the School District to use their equipment, if available. This is a low-cost investment that can serve the entire community.



#### Offer recreation programs targeted for specific population groups, especially those identified as being underserved.

The planning process revealed that adults and senior citizens are felt to be the most underserved populations within the Bellwood-Antis community. As the community expands its recreation network to include public recreation programs, the following programs should be considered:



- ◆ Childcare services (perhaps at the Northern Blair County Recreation Center, on weekday mornings or afternoons, or evenings during the holiday season) whereby parents could drop off their children for a few hours.
- ◆ Toddler programs (ages 3 and under), such as Mommy & Me play dates, music, crafts, tumbling, etc.
- ◆ Preschool programs (ages 4-6), such as a summer playground program, arts and crafts, etc.
- ◆ Teen programs, such as education, social activity, adventure

programs, technology, sports and working with younger children.

- ◆ Adults, such as arts and crafts, cooking, outdoor landscaping / gardening, composting.
- ◆ Seniors, such as organized outdoor walks / hikes, computer classes, senior fitness, pickleball.
- ◆ Family programs and events, such as outdoor concerts and/or movies in the park.

Regardless of who is offering programs in the Bellwood-Antis community, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is necessary. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 prohibits the discrimination against any individual because of a disability and under Title II, no person with a disability can be unjustly excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of services, programs or activities of any public entity. Thus, any type of program or activity that is offered must be available to anyone with a disability. The law requires “reasonable accommodations” which may include interpreters, aids, or other needs. The expense for the accommodations must be incurred by the agency offering the program.

### **Develop partnerships to expand recreation programs.**

In order to improve recreation programming in the Bellwood-Antis community, there is a strong consensus that a cooperative and collaborated effort between recreation providers is imperative. All of the key persons and organizations interviewed expressed an interest in developing partnerships with the community to provide recreation programs. Cooperation and communication between these entities will aid in getting more people involved, avoid duplication and develop a greater vision for the area. Partnerships with the following entities should be explored, as discussed in Part 3: Analysis and the Stakeholder Interview Summaries, which are included in Appendix A.

- ◆ Northern Blair County Recreation Center
- ◆ Bellwood-Antis Public Library
- ◆ Bellwood-Antis School District
- ◆ Pennsylvania Game Commission
- ◆ Del Grosso’s Amusement Park
- ◆ The Door Student Ministries
- ◆ Little Juniata River Association and Trout Unlimited
- ◆ Hillside Community Church
- ◆ Pittsburgh Glass Works / Tyrone Soccer
- ◆ Logan Valley Broncs Riding Club





## **Guiding Principle #1:**

Develop a coordinated signage plan.

### **What we will do:**

**Develop a logo and colors/materials to use on all signs for parks and recreation.**

To improve visibility and recognition of public parks and recreation facilities, it is recommended that Bellwood-Antis develop a signage plan. Project for Public Spaces recommends the following for creating park signage (<http://www.pps.org/reference/signage/>):

- ◆ Provide effective information and direction for people to find their way around the park;
- ◆ Encourage learning experiences;
- ◆ Help maintain the image of the park; and
- ◆ Communicate the park rules.



### **Install wayfinding signs to direct public to parks and recreation facilities.**

Providing directional signs throughout the Borough and Township to direct residents and visitors to the parks and recreation facilities would improve community awareness. The communities will need to coordinate with PennDOT to install wayfinding signs along major thoroughfares and at major intersections.



### **Install signs in parks with rules and regulations.**

All parks should have signs near their entrances that clearly state the rules and regulations of the park, including but not limited to, hours of operation and emergency contact information. Optional items could include a park map that shows the park's boundary and areas of interest.



### **Install a digital community events sign.**

The use of community signs in advertising programs can serve as a reminder to residents of any upcoming programs when placed at strategic locations throughout the area. The Township should explore the feasibility of installing a digital sign at a prominent location to advertise community news and events.

### **Install a kiosk with a map of the Bells Gap Trail at the Bellwood-Antis Park to direct users how to access the main trail.**

Banners, kiosks, bulletin boards, etc. can provide viable opportunities for marketing. It is recommended that a kiosk be installed with a map of the Bells Gap Trail at Bellwood-Antis Park to more clearly define it as a trailhead and direct users how to access the main trail. A similar kiosk could be installed at the James Whitey Stephen Memorial Park. Kiosks can also be used to promote events and programs; areas next to playgrounds are great locations for such publicity efforts.



## **Guiding Principle #2:**

Expand the use of the internet and social media to promote the parks, recreation facilities and programs.

### **What we will do:**

**Include more information on parks and recreation on the Township website.**



The Township maintains an informative and thorough website but additional information on parks and recreation would be beneficial to residents and visitors. Potential information could include:

- ◆ Maps and locations of each park, with photos and a list of the facilities available. A map of the Bells Gap Trail, along with locations / directions to the trailheads, should be included. Update periodically to highlight recent improvements or programs/events.
- ◆ Program and event flyers with registration forms, if required.
- ◆ Offer pavilion rentals online, including a calendar showing free/ reserved dates.
- ◆ Include a calendar of events.
- ◆ Links to local sports organizations and other recreation program providers.
- ◆ Promote the natural areas and passive recreation areas.



**Develop a Parks and Recreation Facebook page and ensure links are included in all parks and recreation information (online, printed materials).**

The use of social media to disperse information to the residents is becoming a very effective way for residents to obtain information, especially for the younger generation. In addition to maintaining the Township's Facebook page, other efforts could include:



- ◆ Links to the Facebook page in all parks and recreation information (online, such as the Township website, and printed materials, etc.)
- ◆ Developing and publicizing a “hashtag” for Township parks and recreation (such as #Bellwood-AntisParks), whereby social media users (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) would tag photos or posts related to Township parks and recreation facilities and programs.
- ◆ Create locations to allow users to “check in,” which would provide some information related to the use of the parks and facilities.
- ◆ Groupon could be used to offer discounts on events or programs and to encourage new participants.

### **Ensure that area organizations, businesses and other organizations have promotional materials related to upcoming events, programs or other parks and recreation news.**

Cross-marketing and promotions is an important part of any marketing campaign. The Township should ensure that area organizations, businesses and other organizations have promotional materials related to upcoming events, programs or other parks and recreation news; specifically, the Bellwood-Antis Public Library, School District and the Northern Blair County Recreation Center. Working with these organizations to ensure that their websites include links to the Township’s website can assist in these efforts.

### **Create and maintain a database of contact information.**

As Bellwood-Antis develops new facilities and programming, it is important to remember that two of the most effective methods for promoting the facilities and programs are by word-of-mouth and positive-participation-results in past events. Creating and maintaining a database of past participants, volunteers and other interested residents / businesses will allow the Borough and Township to easily communicate with them to promote new events/programs, organize volunteers and gather input related to new initiatives.





### Guiding Principle #1:

Dedicate annual municipal funding for parks and recreation.

### What we will do:

**Prepare a three, five, & ten year capital improvement budget.**

It is recommended that the Borough and Township, in partnership with the Bellwood-Antis Parks and Recreation Authority, prepare capital improvement budget for park improvements. The projects should include new or renovation projects that cost a minimum of \$25,000 with a useful life of 15 years (or a different amount/ timeframe agreed upon by the entities) and could include smaller replacement projects. Projects to be included on the CIP should be based upon criteria established by the entities, that may include safety and environmental factors; priorities assigned by staff; public needs; and inclusion in the adopted parks and recreation plan.



**Include a line item in the park budget for the time public works employees devote to parks maintenance.**

Budgeting for park maintenance is included in the Township's general fund budget for the Bellwood-Antis Park and Recreation Authority. The park maintenance budget has separate line item budget numbers. However, there should be a line item number designated for the time public works personnel devote to park work. This would provide a more accurate accounting of park maintenance costs.



### **Review the fee structure annually for rental facilities, swimming pool and any future programs that may be offered.**

The rental of facilities is one of the key income producing sources for many communities. Bellwood-Antis should review their fee structure annually for their rental facilities and programs. Comparisons were analyzed for the current fees (2015-2016) in Bellwood-Antis with communities nearby as well as outside the region. Generally, the fee structure is in keeping with comparable communities, although the following could be considered:

- ◆ Increase the fee to rent the pool (some communities charge \$350 plus a \$50 security deposit to rent the pool).
- ◆ Increase the non-resident rental fee for the pool.
- ◆ Increase pavilion rental fees for the medium and small pavilions since they offer electric service.
- ◆ Include non-resident rental fees for pavilions (some communities double the price).
- ◆ Include an alcohol permit with pavilion rentals for an additional fee.
- ◆ Include volleyball court, basketball court, etc. with pavilion rentals for an additional fee.



## Guiding Principle #2:

Seek alternative funding sources outside of municipal budgets

## What we will do:

**Organize a “Friends of the Park” nonprofit organization to use for fundraising for capital improvement projects and accept charitable donations.**



Friends of the Parks are organizations that can help generate revenue and organize volunteers. As a 501-C-3 (nonprofit) organization, they can seek tax deductible contributions. They can raise money for all aspects of recreation and deposit it into an individual bank account earmarked for specific expenses. Since they are not a government agency, they can avoid red tape and make things happen quickly. It is advantageous to have such an organization. A possible incentive for this group helping the park may be receiving a percentage off of the fee charged for programs they participate in throughout the year or for rental of the facilities in the park.



**Develop partnerships with local organizations, businesses and industries to sponsor facilities and/or programs.**

Sponsorships or naming rights are other excellent ways to obtain additional monetary funds to enhance parks. It does take some time and effort to develop a quality brochure that readily explains the project that funders will be receiving the naming rights for or sponsoring. A strong explanation of the benefits to the sponsoring organization is very important, including increased visibility of their organization and how the publicity will improve their image. Many businesses look for an opportunity to get their business name in front of people, get involved in the community, and create a positive image. In order to obtain these sponsorships, a project or program must be professional presented in an enticing way. Some businesses will buy into this at a high level right away, while others will start at the lower levels and increase to higher levels as they see the benefits.



### **Pursue a variety of grants to fund improvements.**

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.

There are many grants available from various government agencies and from numerous foundations. It does take time to research the various grants and foundations to write a grant that will be funded and a thorough knowledge of the project is necessary. It is recommended that the person responsible for writing grants attend grant seminars and workshops that are offered in to maintain awareness of changing opportunities and requirements.

Foundations are another source of funding for park facilities and programs. Many foundations establish specific requirements regarding the types and locations of eligible projects. There are generally four types of foundations: (1) private family foundations; (2) community foundations; (3) national foundations; and (4) operating foundations.

Many grants are available for planning and implementation, acquisition or development; however, it is just as important to run programs. It is often difficult to locate grants or other funding sources that will provide resources for programs, but some will provide financial support, equipment, or other program resources to help start a specific program or supplement supplies needed for an existing program. It is important to thoroughly research the sources to determine their requirements for obtaining their funding. This is a good way to get new programs started without a lot of capital outlay for equipment or other information needed to offer a program.

A list of potential funding sources is included in Appendix E.

### **Design future recreation programs that are financially sustainable through user fees, donations and sponsorships.**

Seeking donations is a part of many recreation endeavors. It can be time consuming, but it can also be rewarding. Utilizing volunteers to help locate donations can allow staff to devote more time to other more productive areas. Monetary donations, materials, supplies, volunteer time or other type of donations provide additional value to the project. They also benefit businesses by providing a tax advantage and a positive public image.

School Specialty is an online resource (<https://store.schoolspecialty.com/>) for purchasing products that can be used for recreation, such as art and craft supplies, cleaning and facility supplies; early childhood and educational technology; furniture; instructional resources; outdoor playground equipment; paper; physical education and sport equipment; school and office supplies and special needs supplies. Users affiliated with schools or other tax exempt organizations are not charged tax; individual registrants are, however. School Specialty works with donors and Adopt-a-Classroom to collect donations on behalf of the organization and facilitates the process of getting materials.

Fundraising can generate additional funds for projects or programs. There are many different types of fundraisers to consider; it must first be determined what is to be accomplished and what will work in





the community. The fundraiser will take considerable time and planning to be successful, but it can be very rewarding by providing a community event while generating money for the recreation programs or facilities.



**Include a mandatory dedication or fee in lieu of provision for parks and recreation in the Township's subdivision and land development ordinance to provide new recreation lands or funding for recreation improvements.**



Mandatory dedication of land is a way that municipalities can obtain open space or fees for park projects. Antis Township should adopt a mandatory dedication/fee-in-lieu of ordinance which could generate significant revenues to enhance recreation facilities in the Township. As the Township continues to develop, it will need additional open space, or the continued development of existing park areas in order to meet the expanding needs of the community. The use of these fees and/or the acceptance of land will help in meeting the needs. It is important to know the requirements for administering a mandatory dedication/fee-in-lieu of ordinance. 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 intended park and recreation purposes. This has become a viable source of income for municipalities to acquire land or obtain 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.



Along with the ordinance, certain legal obligations are imposed on the municipality in order to use these provisions. To successfully implement a mandatory dedication ordinance the following

components are needed based on section 503 of the Municipal Planning Code.

The Township Supervisors and Planning Commission should periodically hold a joint meeting to assure that the coordination of the recreation plan components are in line with the community recreation needs and the implementation of the provisions calling for park and recreation facilities through the subdivision and land development administrative process. The fee-in lieu of should be visited regularly to determine if it should be increased. As the Township grows, the park and recreation staff should be involved with the development of new subdivisions. This will ensure that dedicated land meets the ordinance requirements or that the fees collected can properly be designated.

Fees should be used to either support improvement of Bellwood-Antis Park (as a community park, it serves the entire Township) or provide improvements to a park within ½ mile of the planned development. More information on the dedication and fee in lieu of provision for a subdivision and land development ordinance is included in Appendix F.

# Bellwood-Antis Parks & Recreation Implementation Strategy

Improve the overall ADMINISTRATION of parks and recreation	Recommendation	Organization Responsible	Potential Partners	Opinion of Probable Cost	Timeframe for Implementation	Reference for More Info
	Clearly define the roles and responsibilities of the various organizations involved in administering parks and recreation in Bellwood-Antis.					
	Conduct a Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance project through DCNR to determine the best method to manage parks and recreation in Bellwood-Antis.	Board of Supervisors	Parks and Recreation Authority	Unknown - Contact DCNR	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-2
	Adopt an administrative manual for parks and recreation.	Borough / Township	Parks and Recreation Authority	Staff time	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-3
	Update the Bellwood-Antis Parks and Recreation Authority Bylaws to more clearly define their role and responsibilities within the overall administration of parks	Parks and Recreation Authority	Borough / Township	Staff time	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-3
	Improve park maintenance.					
	Designate Public Works to handle the maintenance of all public parks and recreation facilities and designate one staff person(s) for consistency.	Borough / Township	Parks and Recreation Authority; Public Works	N/A	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-4
	Develop a formal maintenance plan.	Borough / Township	Parks and Recreation Authority; Public Works	Staff time	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-4
	Prepare formal maintenance agreements between Borough/Township and other entities.	Borough / Township	Parks and Recreation Authority; Public Works; Other Organizations	Staff time	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-5
	Improve the overall safety and usability of parks and recreation facilities.					
	Prepare a risk management plan.	Borough / Township	Parks and Recreation Authority	Staff time	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-6
	Partner with the Borough Police to provide more surveillance in the parks.	Borough Police Department	Township; Parks and Recreation Authority	Patrol time	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-7
	Install security cameras in parks.	Borough / Township	Parks and Recreation Authority; Borough Police Department	\$500 - \$2,000	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-7

# Bellwood-Antis Parks & Recreation Implementation Strategy

	Recommendation	Organization Responsible	Potential Partners	Opinion of Probable Cost	Timeframe for Implementation	Reference for More Info
Expand parks and recreation FACILITIES	Improve existing parks first.					
	Prepare a site plan for Bellwood-Antis Park.	Borough / Township	Parks and Recreation Authority	\$10,000.00	Implemented	pg. 4-8
	Prepare a site plan for the James Whitey Stephens Memorial Park (5th Street Park).	Township	Parks and Recreation Authority	\$5,000.00	Implemented	pg. 4-9
	Conduct a feasibility study for the Bellwood-Antis Pool.	Parks and Recreation Authority	Borough, Township, Hollidaysburg Area YMCA	\$10,000 - 20,000 (depending on project scope)	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-10
	Improve Bridgehill Park.	Borough	Parks and Recreation Authority	\$2,500 - \$5,000	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-10
	Improve the George O. Martin Memorial Field.	Township	Parks and Recreation Authority; School District	\$80,000 - 100,000	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-11
	Improve the Stanley Hostler Trailhead.	Bellwood-Antis Community Trust	Township; Parks and Recreation Authority	\$5,000.00	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-11
	Remove all facilities from Tipton Commons.	Township	Public Works	Staff time	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-11
	Ensure that park and recreation facilities are compliant with the most recent ADA requirements.	Borough / Township	Public Works; Parks and Recreation Authority	Staff time; Cost dependent upon project scope	Ongoing	pg. 4-11
	Utilize green sustainable design in parks and recreation areas.	Borough / Township	Public Works; Parks and Recreation Authority	Cost dependent upon project scope	Ongoing	pg. 4-12
	Create new neighborhood parks.					
	Prepare a site plan for the Pinecroft VFD site.	Township	Pinecroft VFD; Parks and Recreation Authority	\$5,000.00	Implemented	pg. 4-13
	Prepare a master site plan for Northern Blair County Recreation Center.	Northern Blair County Recreation Center	Township; Parks and Recreation Authority	\$25,000 - \$40,000	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-13
	Partner with Pittsburgh Glass Works (PGW) to determine the feasibility of creating a neighborhood or mini park near the soccer fields.	Township	Pittsburgh Glass Works; Tyrone Soccer League	Dependent on project scope	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-13



# Bellwood-Antis Parks & Recreation Implementation Strategy

Expand parks and recreation FACILITIES	Recommendation	Organization Responsible	Potential Partners	Opinion of Probable Cost	Timeframe for Implementation	Reference for More Info
	Expand the trail system.					
	Improve and extend the Bells Gap Trail.	Bellwood-Antis Community Trust	Township; Parks and Recreation Authority; Pennsylvania Game Commission	\$28/square yard for asphalt paving (steep sections of trail only); Property acquisition for ROW - market	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-14
	Conduct a feasibility study for the Logan Valley Streetcar Trail.	Township	Bellwood-Antis Community Trust; Parks and Recreation Authority	\$30,000 - \$50,000 depending on scope of work	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-14
	Develop a share-the-road route to connect to the off-road trail system.	Bellwood-Antis Community Trust	Township; PennDOT; Parks and Recreation Authority	\$300/sign or sharrow (every 200'-250')	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-15
	Conduct a feasibility study to determine if the Little Juniata River is suitable as a water trail.	Board of Supervisors	Township Administration; Parks and Recreation Authority; Landowners/Businesses along Chartiers Creek	Dependent on project scope/cost of land acquisition	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-15

# Bellwood-Antis Parks & Recreation Implementation Strategy

Provide high quality PROGRAMS for all ages	Recommendation	Organization Responsible	Potential Partners	Opinion of Probable Cost	Timeframe for Implementation	Reference for More Info
	Expand the types of programs offered to best utilize existing and planned community facilities.					
	Provide more family-oriented and community events.	Parks and Recreation Authority	Borough / Township	Cost dependent upon program and equipment	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-16
	Offer recreation programs targeted for specific population groups, especially those identified as being underserved.	Parks and Recreation Authority	Borough / Township	Cost dependent upon program/instructor fees	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-16
	Develop partnerships to expand recreation programs.	Parks and Recreation Authority	Borough / Township; Other Organizations	Cost dependent upon program/instructor	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-17

# Bellwood-Antis Parks & Recreation Implementation Strategy

Increase AWARENESS of parks and recreation	Recommendation	Organization Responsible	Potential Partners	Opinion of Probable Cost	Timeframe for Implementation	Reference for More Info
	Develop a coordinated signage plan.					
	Develop a logo and colors/materials to use on all signs for parks and recreation.	Parks and Recreation Authority	Borough / Township	Cost dependent upon project	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-18
	Install wayfinding signs to direct public to parks and recreation facilities.	Borough / Township	Parks and Recreation Authority; PennDOT	\$250 per sign	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-18
	Install signs in parks with rules and regulations.	Parks and Recreation Authority	Borough / Township	\$1,500 per sign (design/installation)	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-18
	Install a digital community events sign.	Township	Parks and Recreation Authority	\$4,000 - \$9,000 depending on size	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-19
	Install a kiosk with a map of the Bells Gap Trail at the Bellwood-Antis Park to direct users how to access the main trail.	Bells Gap Community Trust	Township; Parks and Recreation Authority; Eagle Scouts	\$500	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-19
	Expand the use of the internet and social media to promote the parks, recreation facilities and programs.					
	Include more information on parks and recreation on the Township website.	Township	Parks and Recreation Authority	Staff time	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-20
	Develop a Parks and Recreation Facebook page and ensure links are included in all parks and recreation information (online, printed materials).	Parks and Recreation Authority	Borough / Township	Staff time	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-20
	Ensure that area organizations, businesses and other organizations have promotional materials related to upcoming events, programs or other parks and recreation news.	Parks and Recreation Authority	Borough / Township	Staff time	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-21
	Create and maintain a database of contact information.	Parks and Recreation Authority	Borough / Township	Staff time	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-21

# Bellwood-Antis Parks & Recreation Implementation Strategy

Improve the overall FINANCING	Recommendation	Organization Responsible	Potential Partners	Opinion of Probable Cost	Timeframe for Implementation	Reference for More Info
	<b>Dedicate annual municipal funding for parks and recreation.</b>					
	Prepare a three, five, & ten year capital improvement budget.	Borough / Township	Parks and Recreation Authority	Staff time	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-22
	Include a line item in the park budget for the time public works employees devote to parks maintenance.	Borough / Township	Public Works	Staff time	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-22
	Review the fee structure annually for rental facilities, swimming pool and any future programs that may be offered.	Borough / Township	Parks and Recreation Authority	Staff time	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-23
	<b>Seek alternative funding sources outside of municipal budgets.</b>					
	Organize a “Friends of the Park” nonprofit organization to use for fundraising for capital improvement projects and accept charitable donations.	Borough / Township	Parks and Recreation Authority; Bellwood-Antis Community Trust	Staff time	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-24
	Develop partnerships with local organizations, businesses and industries to sponsor facilities and/or programs.	Borough / Township	Parks and Recreation Authority	Staff time	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-24
	Pursue a variety of grants to fund improvements.	Borough / Township	Parks and Recreation Authority	Staff time	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-25
	Design future recreation programs that are financially sustainable through user fees, donations and sponsorships.	Borough / Township	Parks and Recreation Authority	Staff time	Long-term (6-10 years)	pg. 4-25
	Include a mandatory dedication or fee in lieu of provision for parks and recreation in the Township’s subdivision and land development ordinance to provide new recreation lands or funding for recreation improvements.	Township	Planning Commission; Parks and Recreation Authority	\$5,000 - \$10,000	Short-term (1-5 years)	pg. 4-26



## **Appendices**

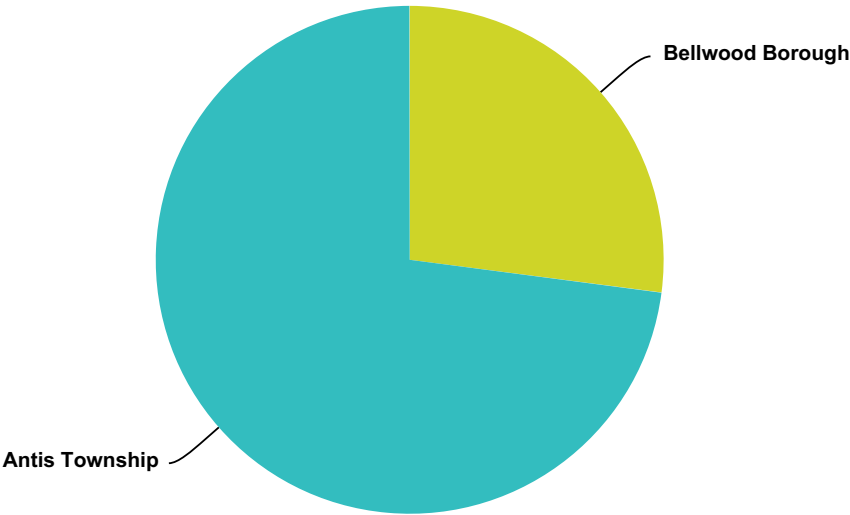
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## Public Survey Results

**A**

Q1 Where do you live?

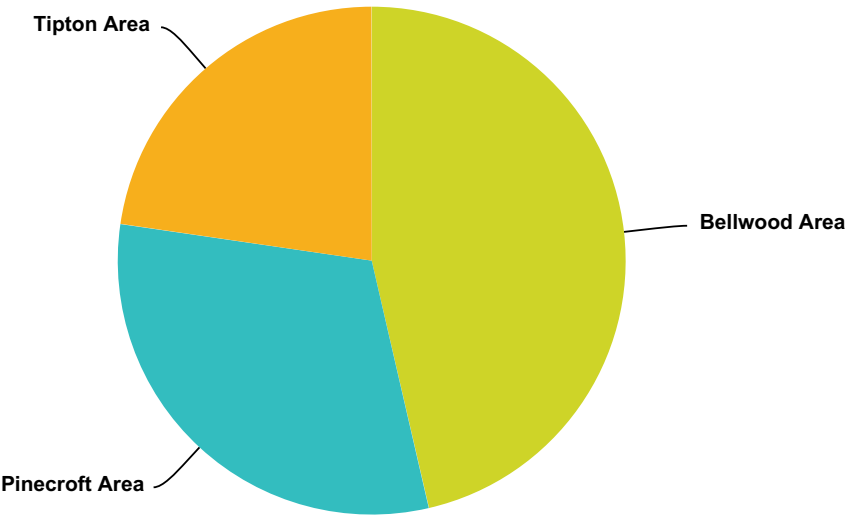
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Bellwood Borough	27.07%	36
Antis Township	72.93%	97
Total		133

Q2 If you checked Antis in Question 1, please choose the area that best describes the part of the Township in which you live.

Answered: 97 Skipped: 36

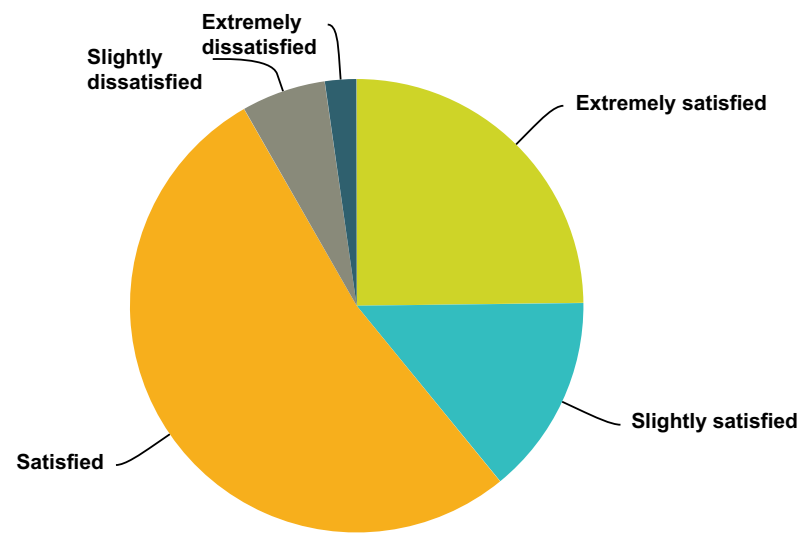


Answer Choices	Responses	
Bellwood Area	46.39%	45
Pinecroft Area	30.93%	30
Tipton Area	22.68%	22
Total		97



Q3 Overall, how satisfied are you with the public parks and recreation facilities and services available in Bellwood Borough / Antis Township? Please check only 1.

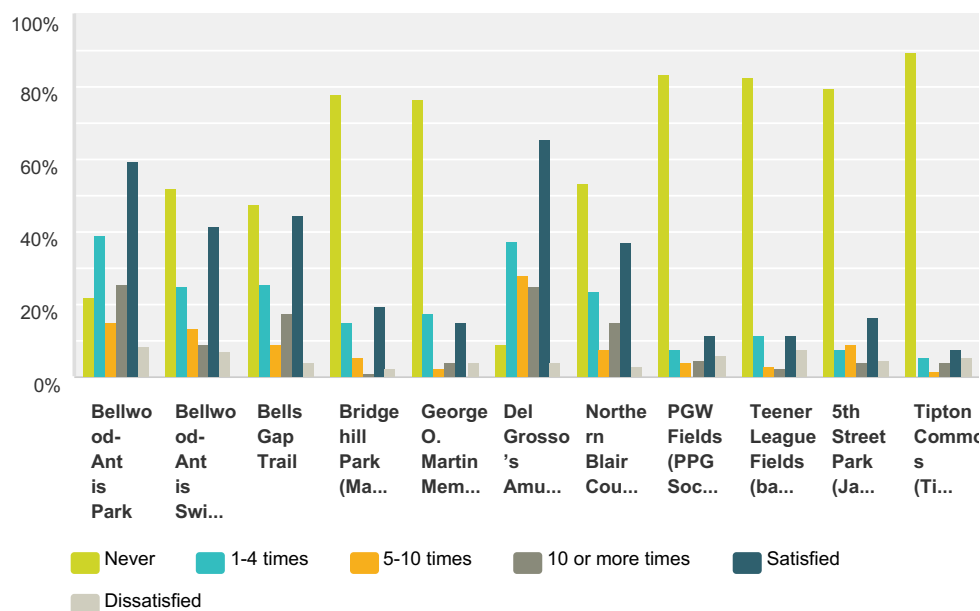
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Extremely satisfied	24.81%	33
Slightly satisfied	14.29%	19
Satisfied	52.63%	70
Slightly dissatisfied	6.02%	8
Extremely dissatisfied	2.26%	3
Total		133

**Q4 How many times during the past year did you and/or members of your family visit the following parks and were you satisfied or dissatisfied with the park?**

Answered: 133 Skipped: 0



	Never	1-4 times	5-10 times	10 or more times	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Total Respondents
Bellwood-Antis Park	21.80% 29	39.10% 52	15.04% 20	25.56% 34	59.40% 79	8.27% 11	133
Bellwood-Antis Swimming Pool	51.88% 69	24.81% 33	13.53% 18	9.02% 12	41.35% 55	6.77% 9	133
Bells Gap Trail	47.37% 63	25.56% 34	9.02% 12	17.29% 23	44.36% 59	3.76% 5	133
Bridgehill Park (Main St in Bellwood Borough)	78.20% 104	15.04% 20	5.26% 7	0.75% 1	19.55% 26	2.26% 3	133
George O. Martin Memorial Field (softball field)	76.69% 102	17.29% 23	2.26% 3	3.76% 5	15.04% 20	3.76% 5	133
Del Grosso's Amusement Park	9.02% 12	37.59% 50	27.82% 37	24.81% 33	65.41% 87	3.76% 5	133
Northern Blair County Recreation Center	53.38% 71	23.31% 31	7.52% 10	15.04% 20	36.84% 49	3.01% 4	133
PGW Fields (PPG Soccer Fields)	83.46% 111	7.52% 10	3.76% 5	4.51% 6	11.28% 15	6.02% 8	133
Teener League Fields (ball fields along 220)	82.71% 110	11.28% 15	3.01% 4	2.26% 3	11.28% 15	7.52% 10	133
5th Street Park (James Whitey Stevens Memorial Park)	79.70% 106	7.52% 10	9.02% 12	3.76% 5	16.54% 22	4.51% 6	133
Tipton Commons (Tipton Road)	89.47% 119	5.26% 7	1.50% 2	3.76% 5	7.52% 10	5.26% 7	133

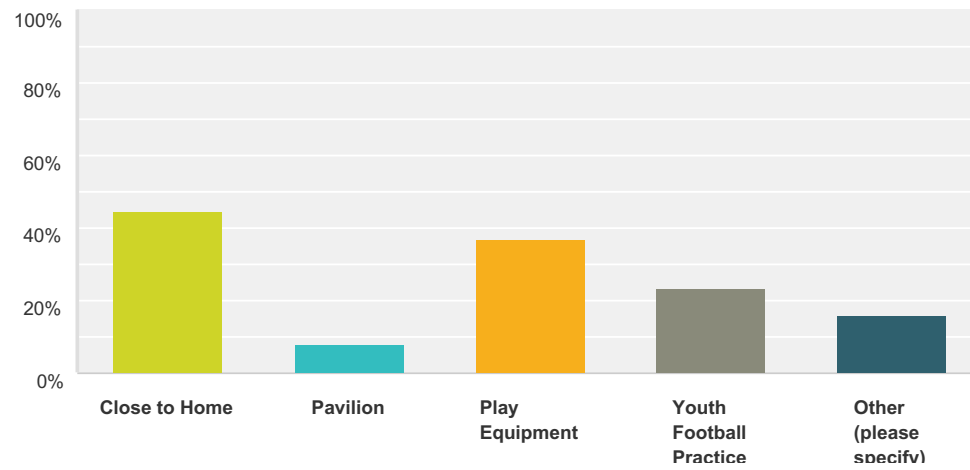
**Q5 If you have specific reasons that you were satisfied or dissatisfied with certain parks, please explain below.**

Answered: 9 Skipped: 124

#	Responses	Date
1	Govt. does NOT need to entertain it's citizens	10/28/2015 9:23 AM
2	I think the parks are very well maintained.	10/18/2015 7:57 AM
3	This community lacks youth softball program	10/8/2015 3:38 PM
4	Tipton Commons is not developed. People park cars there.	10/8/2015 1:12 PM
5	I didn't know all these were owned by Bellwood and/or Antis township	10/8/2015 11:18 AM
6	Do not have young or school age children, no need for a park.	10/8/2015 10:29 AM
7	Bridgehill Park- waste of space. No one goes there.	10/8/2015 10:22 AM
8	I wasn't aware that the Tipton Commons was identified as a park - it has obviously been neglected relative to the other parks. It wouldn't take much to spruce it up and make it a little nicer. There isn't a ton of space to do things, but could be made to be not such an eyesore in an otherwise decent area. (I'm in Grazierville so I'm not as biased to that area as you may think since I clicked "Tipton Area") - it's simply the worst looking space of all that are listed.	10/4/2015 10:51 AM
9	Del Grosso's is not cost friendly these days, and the rides are all old. It doesn't appeal to my children. Northern Blair Recreation Center does not have enough equipment to satisfy all of the customers.	9/28/2015 7:17 PM

**Q6 If you use the 5th Street Park, which of the following best describes why? Please check ALL that apply.**

Answered: 38 Skipped: 95

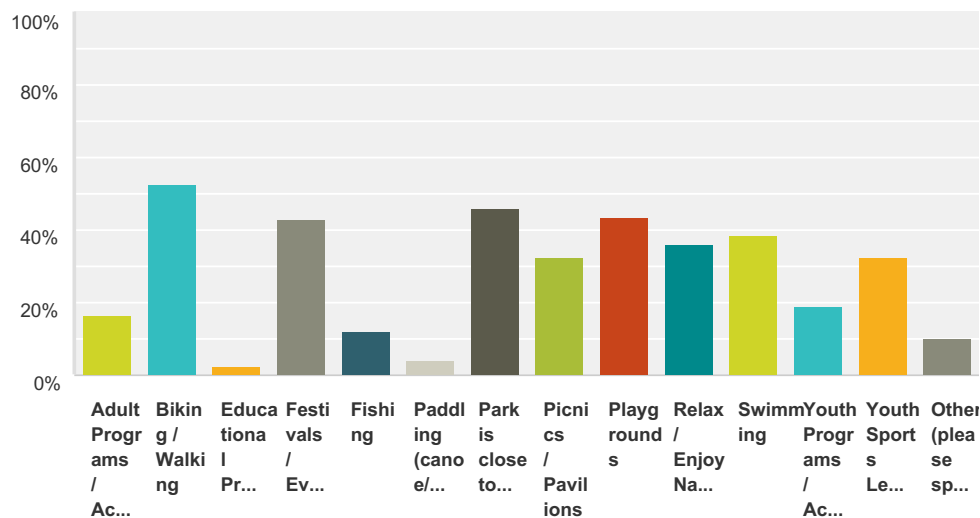


Answer Choices	Responses
Close to Home	44.74% 17
Pavilion	7.89% 3
Play Equipment	36.84% 14
Youth Football Practice	23.68% 9
Other (please specify)	15.79% 6
Total Respondents: 38	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	tee ball practice	10/28/2015 10:09 AM
2	Birthday Party	10/8/2015 3:55 PM
3	T-ball practice	10/8/2015 3:06 PM
4	baseball practice	10/8/2015 1:33 PM
5	work crew	10/8/2015 11:38 AM
6	n/a	9/30/2015 3:20 PM

**Q7 For all other parks, which of the following best describes why you go there?  
Please check ALL that apply.**

Answered: 133 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Adult Programs / Activities	16.54% 22
Biking / Walking	52.63% 70
Educational Programs / Activities	2.26% 3
Festivals / Events	42.86% 57
Fishing	12.03% 16
Paddling (canoe/kayak)	3.76% 5
Park is close to home	45.86% 61
Picnics / Pavilions	32.33% 43
Playgrounds	43.61% 58
Relax / Enjoy Nature	36.09% 48
Swimming	38.35% 51
Youth Programs / Activities	18.80% 25
Youth Sports Leagues	32.33% 43
Other (please specify)	9.77% 13
<b>Total Respondents: 133</b>	

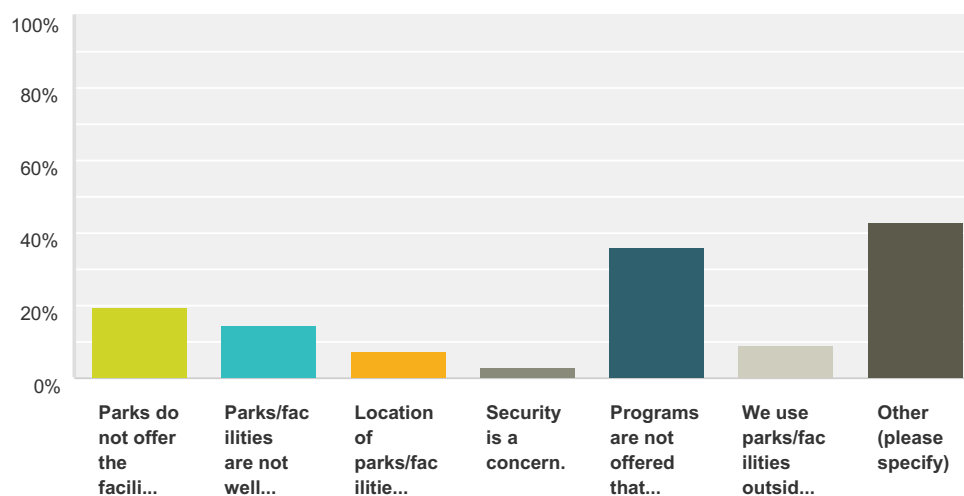
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	not answered	10/28/2015 10:52 AM
2	not answered	10/28/2015 9:34 AM
3	not answered	10/28/2015 9:14 AM



4	not answered	10/28/2015 8:23 AM
5	don't use	10/27/2015 3:08 PM
6	not answered	10/27/2015 2:43 PM
7	not answered	10/27/2015 2:18 PM
8	not answered	10/27/2015 1:54 PM
9	not answered	10/27/2015 1:19 PM
10	na	10/8/2015 3:55 PM
11	na	10/8/2015 2:51 PM
12	na	10/8/2015 2:37 PM
13	Played basketball in Tipton while at a birthday party at the Tipton Baptist annex	10/4/2015 10:52 AM

### Q8 Which of the following best describes why you do NOT use the parks? Please check ALL that apply.

Answered: 133 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Parks do not offer the facilities we need/want.	19.55% 26
Parks/facilities are not well maintained.	14.29% 19
Location of parks/facilities are too far from my home.	7.52% 10
Security is a concern.	3.01% 4
Programs are not offered that interest me or suitable to my age group.	36.09% 48
We use parks/facilities outside of the community	9.02% 12
Other (please specify)	42.86% 57
Total Respondents: 133	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	not answered	10/28/2015 11:23 AM
2	not answered	10/28/2015 11:14 AM
3	not answered	10/28/2015 11:01 AM
4	not answered	10/28/2015 10:43 AM
5	not answered	10/28/2015 10:36 AM
6	not answered	10/28/2015 10:32 AM
7	not answered	10/28/2015 10:21 AM
8	not answered	10/28/2015 9:58 AM
9	not answered	10/28/2015 9:31 AM
10	not answered	10/28/2015 8:39 AM
11	not answered	10/28/2015 8:33 AM

12	not answered	10/28/2015 8:28 AM
13	not answered	10/28/2015 8:19 AM
14	not answered	10/28/2015 8:08 AM
15	older kids ruin play areas	10/28/2015 7:36 AM
16	not answered	10/28/2015 7:31 AM
17	not answered	10/27/2015 3:34 PM
18	not answered	10/27/2015 3:12 PM
19	not interested	10/27/2015 3:08 PM
20	not answered	10/27/2015 3:03 PM
21	not answered	10/27/2015 2:51 PM
22	do not have children	10/27/2015 2:00 PM
23	not answered	10/27/2015 1:52 PM
24	not answered	10/27/2015 1:38 PM
25	not answered	10/27/2015 1:29 PM
26	waste of tax money	10/27/2015 1:23 PM
27	No contact, Ginger does not respond	10/27/2015 1:14 PM
28	not answered	10/27/2015 1:08 PM
29	not answered	10/27/2015 1:02 PM
30	no need to use	10/27/2015 12:54 PM
31	I like the parks in the area, but I ride my bike quite a bit and often hit the rails to trails.	10/18/2015 7:59 AM
32	not answered	10/8/2015 3:55 PM
33	not answered	10/8/2015 3:39 PM
34	not answered	10/8/2015 3:34 PM
35	not answered	10/8/2015 3:18 PM
36	not answered	10/8/2015 2:47 PM
37	not answered	10/8/2015 2:44 PM
38	no reason	10/8/2015 2:37 PM
39	not answered	10/8/2015 2:06 PM
40	not answered	10/8/2015 1:43 PM
41	not answered	10/8/2015 1:38 PM
42	lack of restrooms with flush toilets	10/8/2015 1:19 PM
43	not answered	10/8/2015 1:02 PM
44	not answered	10/8/2015 12:56 PM
45	not answered	10/8/2015 12:50 PM
46	not answered	10/8/2015 12:46 PM
47	not answered	10/8/2015 12:34 PM
48	not answered	10/8/2015 11:30 AM
49	not answered	10/8/2015 11:25 AM
50	lots of litter	10/8/2015 11:15 AM
51	not answered	10/8/2015 10:51 AM
52	not answered	10/8/2015 10:45 AM

53	not answered	10/8/2015 10:37 AM
54	no children	10/8/2015 10:30 AM
55	not answered	10/8/2015 10:23 AM
56	We have an infant, and it's hard to go certain places	10/5/2015 12:52 PM
57	n/a	9/30/2015 3:20 PM

**Q9 Please provide the name and location of the park that you use outside of the community and why you use it.**

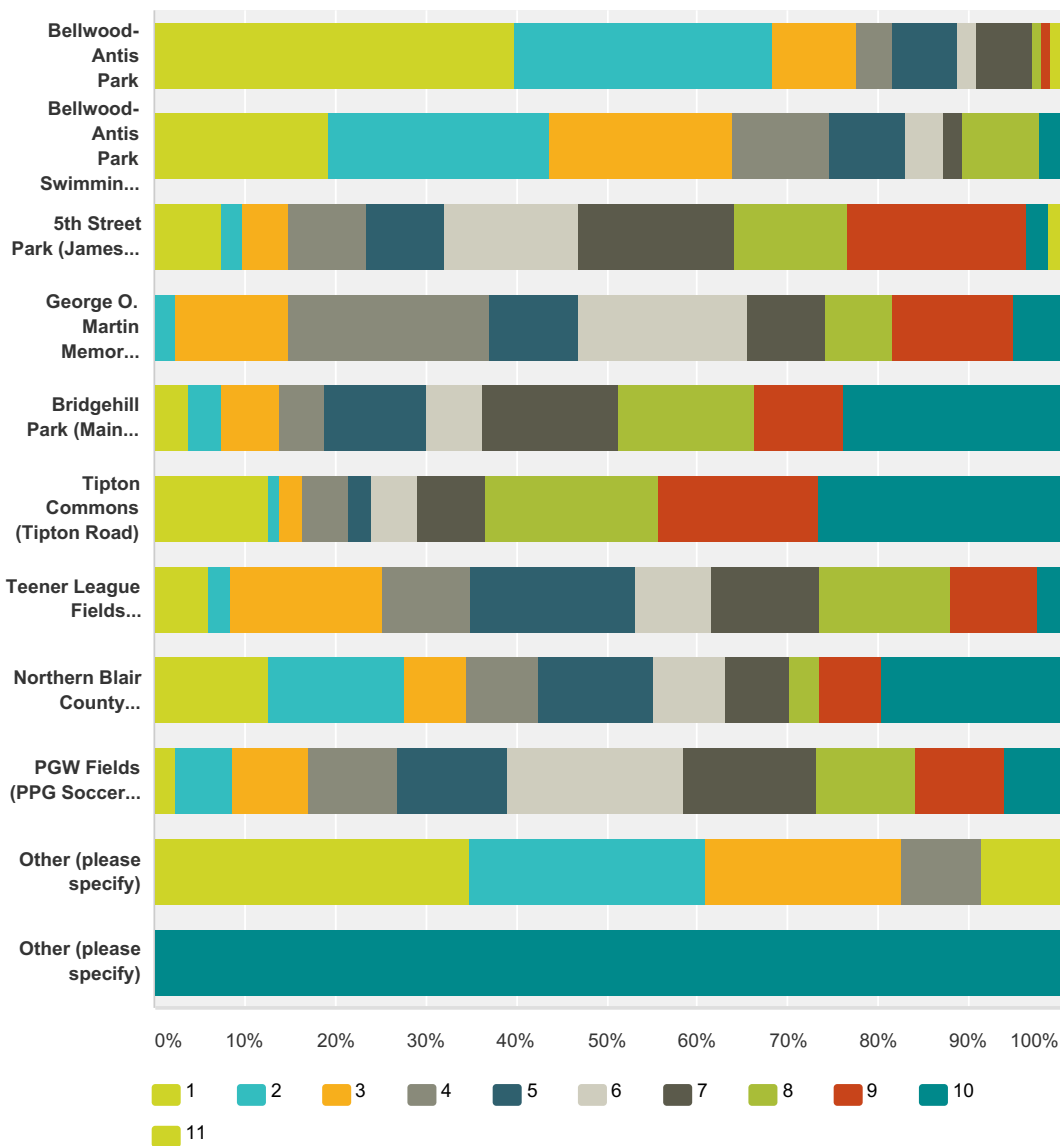
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#	Responses	Date
1	Reservoir Park	10/28/2015 11:30 AM
2	in another town	10/27/2015 2:32 PM
3	Primarily the Lower Trail.	10/18/2015 7:59 AM
4	Canoe Creek State Park. It has nice hiking trails, picnic facilities, and boating/swimming.	10/3/2015 4:50 PM



**Q10 Please rank the following, in order of importance with 1 being the highest and 10 being the lowest (or 11/12 if you add additional responses), where financial resources should be directed to fund improvements.**

Answered: 109 Skipped: 24



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total	Score
Bellwood-Antis Park	39.80% 39	28.57% 28	9.18% 9	4.08% 4	7.14% 7	2.04% 2	6.12% 6	1.02% 1	1.02% 1	0.00% 0	1.02% 1	98	9.40
Bellwood-Antis Park Swimming Pool	19.15% 18	24.47% 23	20.21% 19	10.64% 10	8.51% 8	4.26% 4	2.13% 2	8.51% 8	0.00% 0	2.13% 2	0.00% 0	94	8.56

5th Street Park (James Whitey Stevens Memorial Park)	<b>7.41%</b> 6	<b>2.47%</b> 2	<b>4.94%</b> 4	<b>8.64%</b> 7	<b>8.64%</b> 7	<b>14.81%</b> 12	<b>17.28%</b> 14	<b>12.35%</b> 10	<b>19.75%</b> 16	<b>2.47%</b> 2	<b>1.23%</b> 1	81	5.70
George O. Martin Memorial Field (softball field)	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>2.47%</b> 2	<b>12.35%</b> 10	<b>22.22%</b> 18	<b>9.88%</b> 8	<b>18.52%</b> 15	<b>8.64%</b> 7	<b>7.41%</b> 6	<b>13.58%</b> 11	<b>4.94%</b> 4	<b>0.00%</b> 0	81	6.17
Bridgehill Park (Main Street in Bellwood Borough)	<b>3.75%</b> 3	<b>3.75%</b> 3	<b>6.25%</b> 5	<b>5.00%</b> 4	<b>11.25%</b> 9	<b>6.25%</b> 5	<b>15.00%</b> 12	<b>15.00%</b> 12	<b>10.00%</b> 8	<b>23.75%</b> 19	<b>0.00%</b> 0	80	5.04
Tipton Commons (Tipton Road)	<b>12.66%</b> 10	<b>1.27%</b> 1	<b>2.53%</b> 2	<b>5.06%</b> 4	<b>2.53%</b> 2	<b>5.06%</b> 4	<b>7.59%</b> 6	<b>18.99%</b> 15	<b>17.72%</b> 14	<b>26.58%</b> 21	<b>0.00%</b> 0	79	4.84
Teener League Fields (baseball fields)	<b>6.02%</b> 5	<b>2.41%</b> 2	<b>16.87%</b> 14	<b>9.64%</b> 8	<b>18.07%</b> 15	<b>8.43%</b> 7	<b>12.05%</b> 10	<b>14.46%</b> 12	<b>9.64%</b> 8	<b>2.41%</b> 2	<b>0.00%</b> 0	83	6.48
Northern Blair County Recreation Center	<b>12.64%</b> 11	<b>14.94%</b> 13	<b>6.90%</b> 6	<b>8.05%</b> 7	<b>12.64%</b> 11	<b>8.05%</b> 7	<b>6.90%</b> 6	<b>3.45%</b> 3	<b>6.90%</b> 6	<b>19.54%</b> 17	<b>0.00%</b> 0	87	6.60
PGW Fields (PPG Soccer Fields)	<b>2.44%</b> 2	<b>6.10%</b> 5	<b>8.54%</b> 7	<b>9.76%</b> 8	<b>12.20%</b> 10	<b>19.51%</b> 16	<b>14.63%</b> 12	<b>10.98%</b> 9	<b>9.76%</b> 8	<b>6.10%</b> 5	<b>0.00%</b> 0	82	6.04
Other (please specify)	<b>34.78%</b> 8	<b>26.09%</b> 6	<b>21.74%</b> 5	<b>8.70%</b> 2	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>8.70%</b> 2	23	9.17
Other (please specify)	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>100.00%</b> 2	<b>0.00%</b> 0	2	2.00

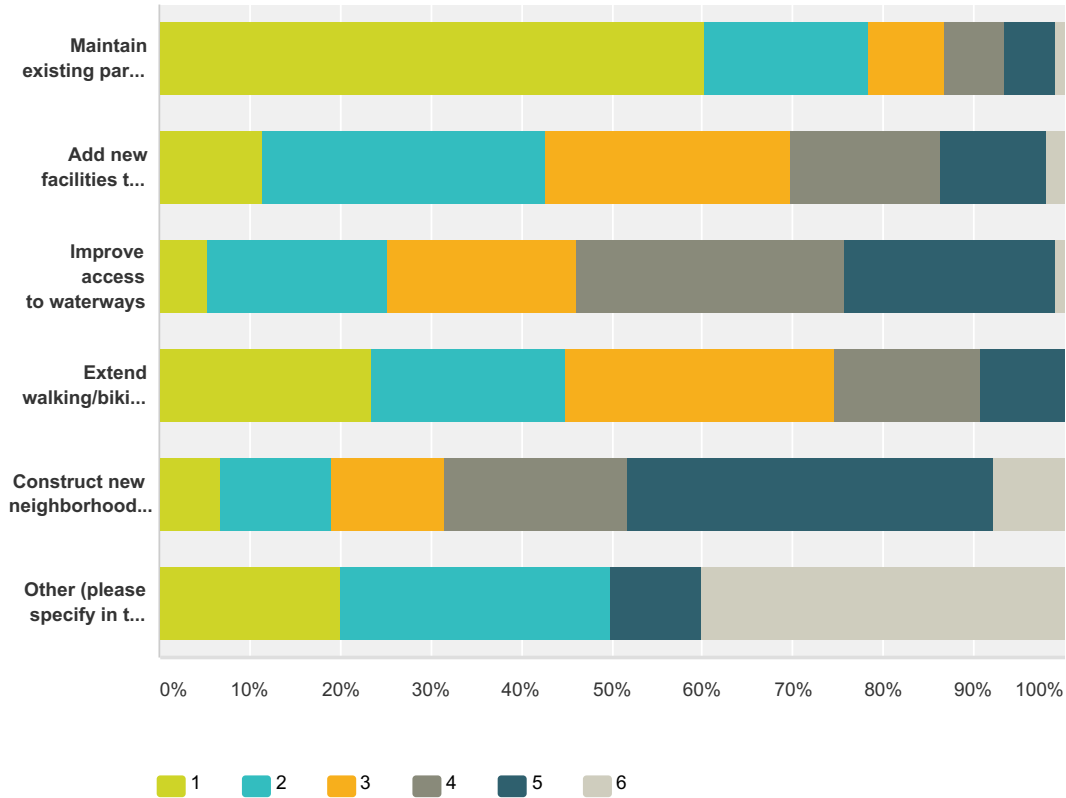
### Q11 If you ranked "other," please specify the park below.

Answered: 22 Skipped: 111

#	Responses	Date
1	Bells Gap Trail	10/28/2015 11:31 AM
2	Bells Gap Trail	10/28/2015 10:56 AM
3	Bells Gap Trail	10/28/2015 10:22 AM
4	Bells Gap Trail	10/28/2015 10:04 AM
5	Bells Gap Trail	10/28/2015 9:55 AM
6	Bells Gap Trail	10/28/2015 9:45 AM
7	Bells Gap Trail	10/28/2015 9:24 AM
8	Bells Gap Trail	10/28/2015 9:19 AM
9	Bells Gap Trail	10/28/2015 9:10 AM
10	Bells Gap Trail	10/28/2015 8:52 AM
11	Bells Gap Trail	10/28/2015 8:48 AM
12	Bells Gap Trail	10/28/2015 8:28 AM
13	Bells Gap Trail	10/28/2015 8:24 AM
14	Del Grossos	10/28/2015 8:15 AM
15	Bells Gap Trail	10/28/2015 7:55 AM
16	Bells Gap Trail	10/28/2015 7:37 AM
17	Bells Gap Trail	10/27/2015 3:18 PM
18	Bells Gap Trail	10/27/2015 3:13 PM
19	Bells Gap	10/27/2015 2:38 PM
20	bells gap trail	10/8/2015 11:20 AM
21	#4 - feel there could be new space that would provide more value than adding cost to these other spaces.	10/4/2015 11:13 AM
22	#2 rail to trails	9/30/2015 3:22 PM

## Q12 Please rank the following, in order of importance with 1 being the highest and 6 being the lowest.

Answered: 114 Skipped: 19



	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Score
Maintain existing parks / facilities	60.38% 64	17.92% 19	8.49% 9	6.60% 7	5.66% 6	0.94% 1	106	5.18
Add new facilities to existing parks	11.46% 11	31.25% 30	27.08% 26	16.67% 16	11.46% 11	2.08% 2	96	4.08
Improve access to waterways	5.49% 5	19.78% 18	20.88% 19	29.67% 27	23.08% 21	1.10% 1	91	3.52
Extend walking/biking trails	23.47% 23	21.43% 21	29.59% 29	16.33% 16	9.18% 9	0.00% 0	98	4.34
Construct new neighborhood parks	6.74% 6	12.36% 11	12.36% 11	20.22% 18	40.45% 36	7.87% 7	89	3.01
Other (please specify in the comment box below)	20.00% 2	30.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10.00% 1	40.00% 4	10	3.30

**Q13 If you ranked "other," please specify below.**

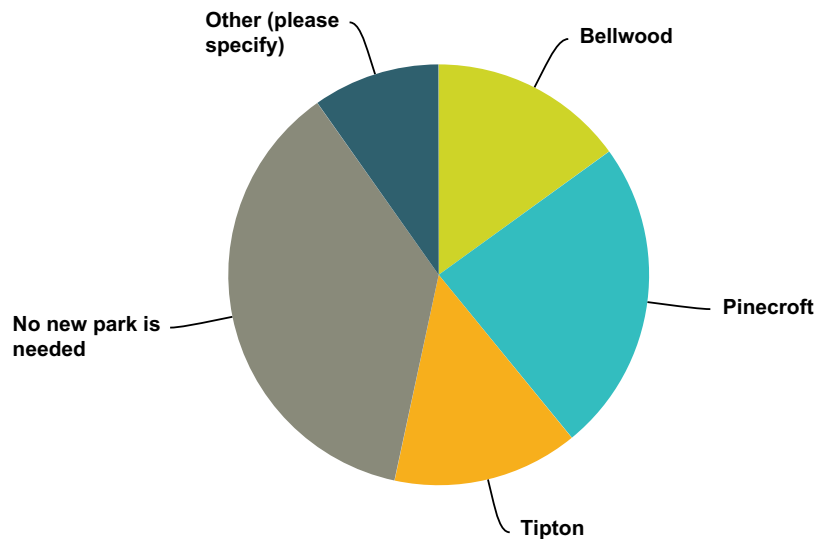
Answered: 7 Skipped: 126

#	Responses	Date
1	sidewalks	10/28/2015 8:10 AM
2	sidewalks	10/28/2015 7:40 AM
3	allow dogs	10/27/2015 1:55 PM
4	We need an indoor pool somewhere in Northern Blair County.	10/18/2015 8:01 AM
5	indoor pool	10/8/2015 3:25 PM
6	building rails to trails from Tyrone to Altoona on the old trolley line.	9/30/2015 3:28 PM
7	more programs	9/28/2015 7:20 PM



**Q14 If a new park were to be developed, in what general area should it be located?**  
Please check only 1.

Answered: 133 Skipped: 0



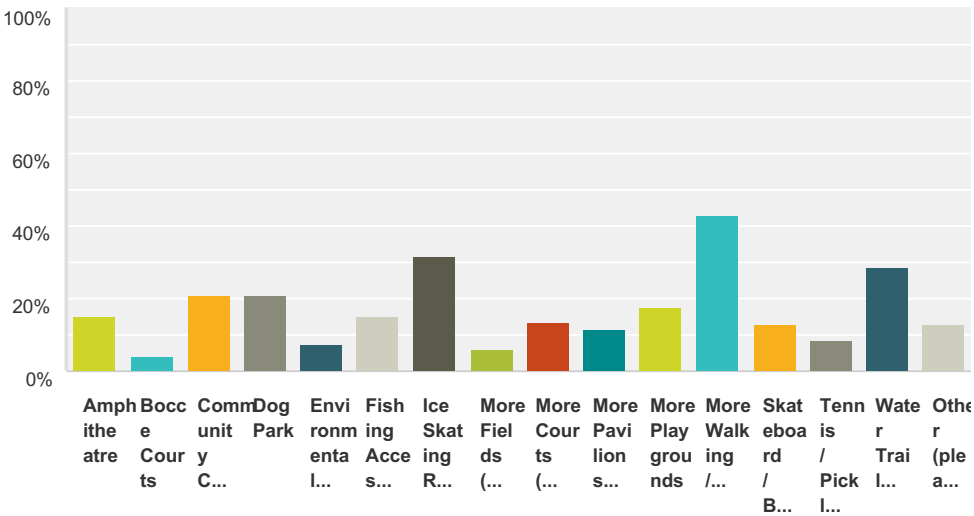
Answer Choices	Responses
Bellwood	15.04% 20
Pinecroft	24.06% 32
Tipton	14.29% 19
No new park is needed	36.84% 49
Other (please specify)	9.77% 13
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	not answered	10/28/2015 11:07 AM
2	not answered	10/28/2015 10:38 AM
3	not answered	10/28/2015 9:34 AM
4	not answered	10/28/2015 9:32 AM
5	not answered	10/28/2015 9:28 AM
6	not answered	10/28/2015 8:10 AM
7	not answered	10/27/2015 3:19 PM
8	not answered	10/27/2015 3:08 PM
9	not answered	10/27/2015 2:09 PM
10	not answered	10/27/2015 2:02 PM
11	not answered	10/27/2015 1:55 PM
12	Bellmeade	10/8/2015 11:21 AM

13	rails to trails	9/30/2015 3:28 PM
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Q15 Which of the following facilities would you MOST like to see developed here?  
Please check no more than 3.

Answered: 133 Skipped: 0



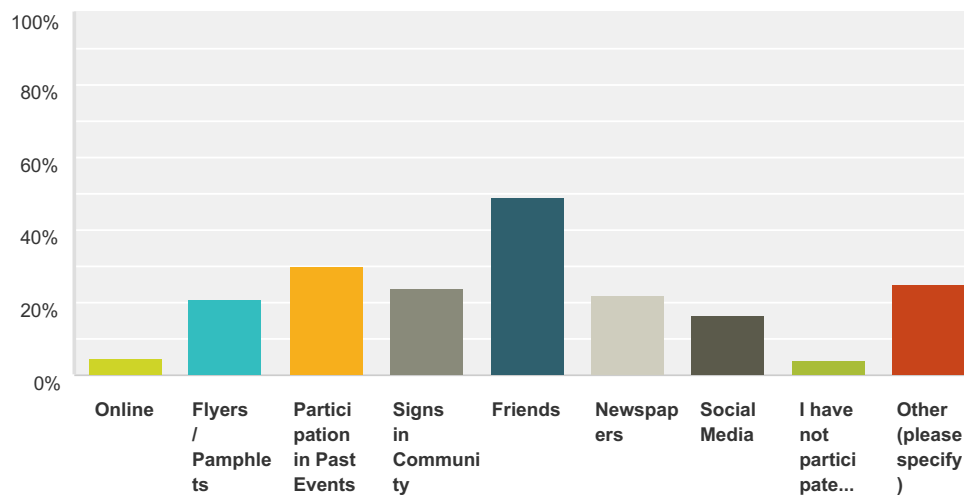
Answer Choices	Responses
Amphitheatre	15.04%20
Bocce Courts	3.76%5
Community Center	21.05%28
Dog Park	21.05%28
Environmental Areas	7.52%10
Fishing Access (public)	15.04%20
Ice Skating Rink (outdoor)	31.58%42
More Fields (baseball/soccer)	6.02%8
More Courts (basketball/volleyball)	13.53%18
More Pavilions / Picnic Areas	11.28%15
More Playgrounds	17.29%23
More Walking / Biking Trails	42.86%57
Skateboard / BMX Park	12.78%17
Tennis / Pickleball Courts	8.27%11
Water Trail (paddling / floating)	28.57%38
Other (please specify)	12.78%17
Total Respondents: 133	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	not answered	10/28/2015 10:38 AM

2	not answered	10/28/2015 10:17 AM
3	not answered	10/28/2015 9:34 AM
4	not answered	10/28/2015 9:32 AM
5	not answered	10/27/2015 3:09 PM
6	night campfire area	10/27/2015 2:02 PM
7	dog friendly	10/27/2015 1:56 PM
8	lower taxes	10/27/2015 1:25 PM
9	not answered	10/27/2015 1:15 PM
10	Indoor pool for year round use.	10/18/2015 8:02 AM
11	na	10/8/2015 3:56 PM
12	Youth Softball	10/8/2015 3:41 PM
13	indoor pool	10/8/2015 3:25 PM
14	accessible to wheelchairs	10/8/2015 1:21 PM
15	na	10/8/2015 12:47 PM
16	na	10/8/2015 11:27 AM
17	roller hockey rink.outdoors	9/30/2015 3:30 PM

**Q16 If you participated in recreation programs, how did you hear about them?  
Please check ALL that apply.**

Answered: 133 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Online	4.51% 6
Flyers / Pamphlets	21.05% 28
Participation in Past Events	30.08% 40
Signs in Community	24.06% 32
Friends	48.87% 65
Newspapers	21.80% 29
Social Media	16.54% 22
I have not participated in recreation programs	3.76% 5
Other (please specify)	24.81% 33
<b>Total Respondents: 133</b>	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	not answered	10/28/2015 11:38 AM
2	not answered	10/28/2015 11:02 AM
3	not answered	10/28/2015 10:49 AM
4	not answered	10/28/2015 10:38 AM
5	not answered	10/28/2015 9:56 AM
6	not answered	10/28/2015 9:34 AM
7	not answered	10/28/2015 9:32 AM
8	not answered	10/28/2015 9:28 AM
9	not answered	10/28/2015 9:25 AM



10	not answered	10/28/2015 9:15 AM
11	not answered	10/28/2015 9:06 AM
12	not answered	10/28/2015 8:20 AM
13	school	10/28/2015 7:41 AM
14	not answered	10/27/2015 3:39 PM
15	not answered	10/27/2015 3:09 PM
16	not answered	10/27/2015 3:04 PM
17	not answered	10/27/2015 2:47 PM
18	not answered	10/27/2015 2:44 PM
19	not answered	10/27/2015 2:26 PM
20	not answered	10/27/2015 1:56 PM
21	not answered	10/27/2015 1:20 PM
22	not answered	10/27/2015 1:15 PM
23	na	10/27/2015 1:09 PM
24	na	10/8/2015 3:56 PM
25	na	10/8/2015 3:35 PM
26	na	10/8/2015 3:20 PM
27	not enough borough communication	10/8/2015 3:00 PM
28	na	10/8/2015 2:39 PM
29	na	10/8/2015 2:09 PM
30	na	10/8/2015 1:09 PM
31	na	10/8/2015 11:32 AM
32	na	10/8/2015 11:27 AM
33	na	10/8/2015 11:15 AM

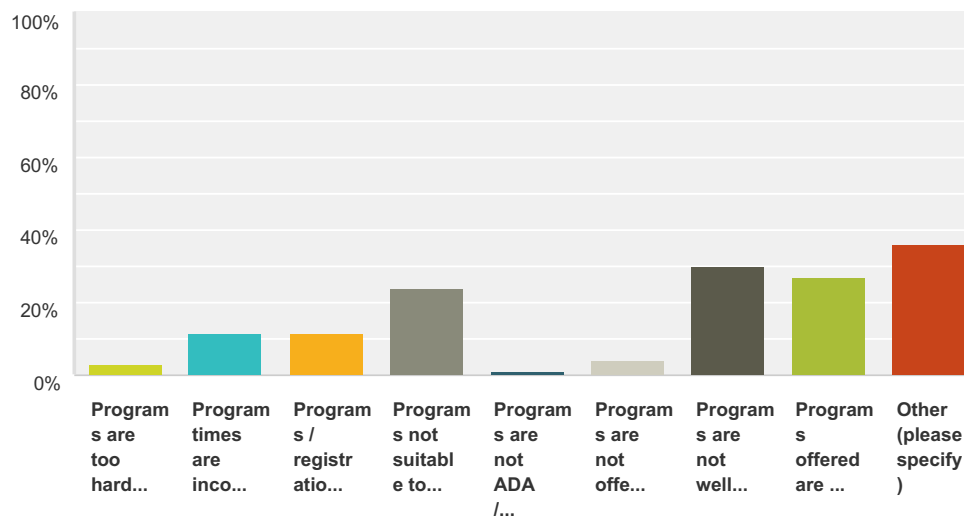
**Q17 If you checked "online" or "social media" above, please specify the website and/or social media outlet (i.e. Northern Blair County Recreation Center Facebook page)**

Answered: 13 Skipped: 120

#	Responses	Date
1	facebook	10/28/2015 11:32 AM
2	e-mails	10/28/2015 10:27 AM
3	facebook	10/28/2015 10:17 AM
4	Facebook	10/28/2015 10:00 AM
5	Facebook	10/28/2015 8:35 AM
6	antistwp.com	10/28/2015 7:56 AM
7	facebook	10/27/2015 3:30 PM
8	FB	10/27/2015 2:53 PM
9	facebook	10/8/2015 12:58 PM
10	Facebook	10/8/2015 10:39 AM
11	Friend's facebook pages	10/7/2015 9:12 PM
12	FACEBOOK	10/2/2015 8:35 AM
13	B.A.L.L. facebook	9/30/2015 3:31 PM

### Q18 If you have not participated in recreation programs, why not? Please check ALL that apply.

Answered: 133 Skipped: 0



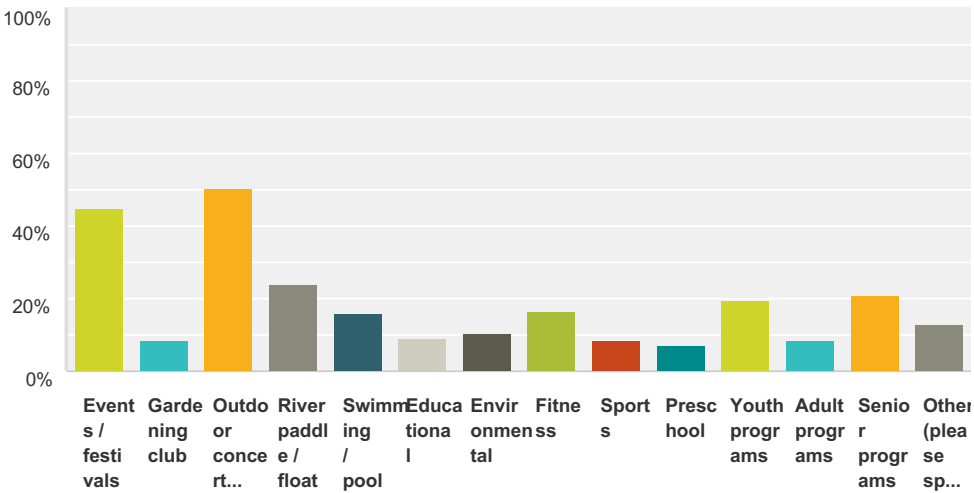
Answer Choices	Responses
Programs are too hard to register	3.01% 4
Program times are inconvenient	11.28% 15
Programs / registration fees too expensive	11.28% 15
Programs not suitable to my age group	24.06% 32
Programs are not ADA / handicap friendly	0.75% 1
Programs are not offered near my home	3.76% 5
Programs are not well publicized	30.08% 40
Programs offered are not what I am interested in	27.07% 36
Other (please specify)	36.09% 48
Total Respondents: 133	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	n/a	10/28/2015 10:44 AM
2	n/a	10/28/2015 10:33 AM
3	n/a	10/28/2015 10:05 AM
4	n/a	10/28/2015 10:00 AM
5	n/a	10/28/2015 9:46 AM
6	n/a	10/28/2015 9:02 AM
7	n/a	10/28/2015 8:44 AM
8	n/a	10/28/2015 8:40 AM
9	n/a	10/28/2015 8:35 AM

10	n/a	10/28/2015 8:29 AM
11	n/a	10/28/2015 8:11 AM
12	n/a	10/28/2015 8:06 AM
13	n/a	10/28/2015 7:47 AM
14	n/a	10/28/2015 7:32 AM
15	n/a	10/27/2015 3:19 PM
16	n/a	10/27/2015 3:09 PM
17	n/a	10/27/2015 2:53 PM
18	n/a	10/27/2015 2:39 PM
19	n/a	10/27/2015 2:09 PM
20	no ATV parks	10/27/2015 1:56 PM
21	n/a	10/27/2015 1:53 PM
22	n/a	10/27/2015 1:40 PM
23	n/a	10/27/2015 1:15 PM
24	n/a	10/27/2015 1:04 PM
25	n/a	10/27/2015 12:56 PM
26	n/a	10/8/2015 3:35 PM
27	n/a	10/8/2015 3:15 PM
28	not enough borough communication	10/8/2015 3:00 PM
29	n/a	10/8/2015 2:49 PM
30	n/a	10/8/2015 2:45 PM
31	n/a	10/8/2015 2:02 PM
32	n/a	10/8/2015 1:50 PM
33	too busy	10/8/2015 1:44 PM
34	n/a	10/8/2015 1:40 PM
35	n/a	10/8/2015 1:35 PM
36	n/a	10/8/2015 1:16 PM
37	n/a	10/8/2015 1:05 PM
38	n/a	10/8/2015 12:35 PM
39	n/a	10/8/2015 11:27 AM
40	not aware of programs	10/8/2015 11:15 AM
41	n/a	10/8/2015 11:13 AM
42	n/a	10/8/2015 11:00 AM
43	n/a	10/8/2015 10:53 AM
44	n/a	10/8/2015 10:39 AM
45	n/a	10/8/2015 10:26 AM
46	need programs that cater to autistic children	10/7/2015 9:12 PM
47	Have a young child, difficult to get out	10/5/2015 12:56 PM
48	I participate in many of the programs.	9/30/2015 3:32 PM

Q19 Which of the following programs would you most like to see offered? Please check no more than 3.

Answered: 133 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Events / festivals	45.11% 60
Gardening club	8.27% 11
Outdoor concerts / movies	50.38% 67
River paddle / float	24.06% 32
Swimming / pool	15.79% 21
Educational	9.02% 12
Environmental	10.53% 14
Fitness	16.54% 22
Sports	8.27% 11
Preschool	6.77% 9
Youth programs	19.55% 26
Adult programs	8.27% 11
Senior programs	21.05% 28
Other (please specify)	12.78% 17
Total Respondents: 133	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	not answered	10/28/2015 9:50 AM
2	not answered	10/28/2015 9:32 AM
3	not answered	10/28/2015 9:26 AM



4	not answered	10/28/2015 7:47 AM
5	not answered	10/27/2015 3:35 PM
6	not answered	10/27/2015 3:30 PM
7	not answered	10/27/2015 3:14 PM
8	not answered	10/27/2015 3:09 PM
9	ATV	10/27/2015 1:57 PM
10	not answered	10/27/2015 1:20 PM
11	not answered	10/27/2015 1:16 PM
12	reinstate farm show	10/27/2015 12:56 PM
13	na	10/8/2015 3:36 PM
14	na	10/8/2015 12:47 PM
15	na	10/8/2015 12:35 PM
16	community theater	10/8/2015 11:41 AM
17	na	10/8/2015 11:28 AM

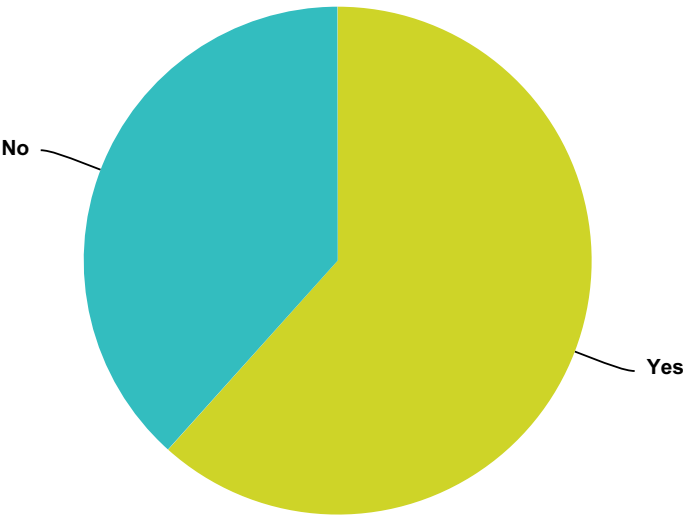
**Q20 Please specify any specific programs that you would like to see offered (i.e. yoga in the park, senior walking club, etc.)**

Answered: 2   Skipped: 131

#	Responses	Date
1	Yoga in the park, walking, biking trails and indoor pool.	10/18/2015 8:04 AM
2	Basketball	10/8/2015 10:49 AM

Q21 Do you feel that more municipal funding should be dedicated to parks and recreation?

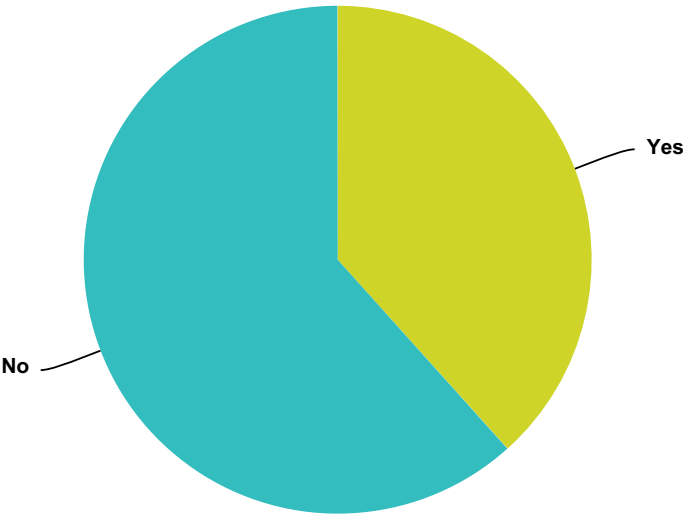
Answered: 133 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	61.65%	82
No	38.35%	51
Total		133

Q22 Would you support a small tax increase to provide that dedicated funding?

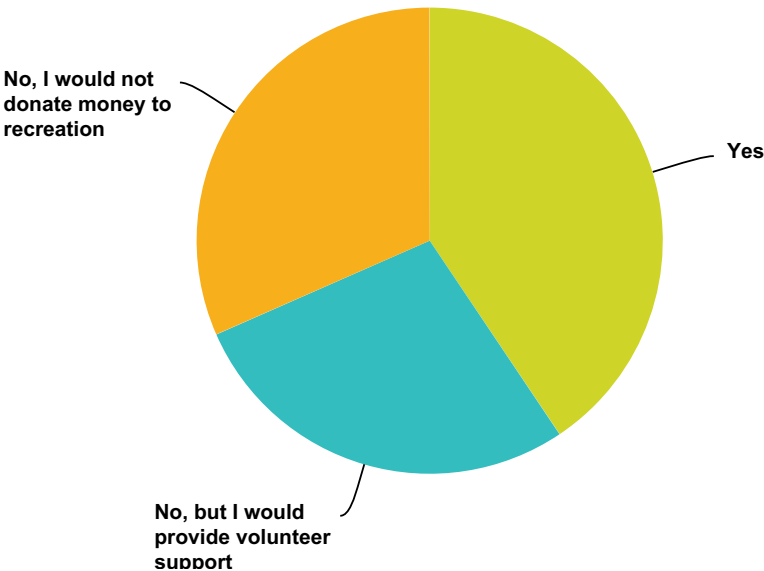
Answered: 133 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	38.35%	51
No	61.65%	82
Total		133

Q23 Would you be willing to donate money to fund recreation improvements? Please check only 1.

Answered: 133 Skipped: 0

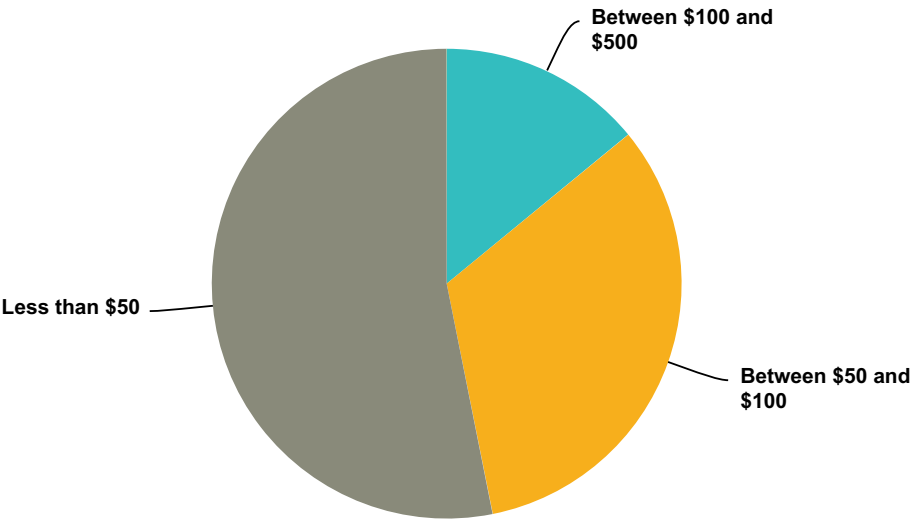


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	40.60%	54
No, but I would provide volunteer support	27.82%	37
No, I would not donate money to recreation	31.58%	42
Total		133



Q24 If yes, how much would you be willing to contribute annually? Please check only 1.

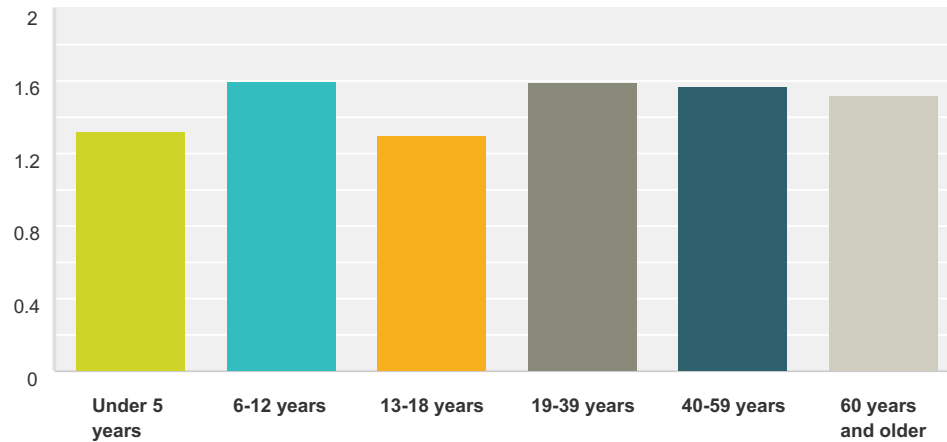
Answered: 64 Skipped: 69



Answer Choices	Responses	
More than \$500	0.00%	0
Between \$100 and \$500	14.06%	9
Between \$50 and \$100	32.81%	21
Less than \$50	53.13%	34
Total		64

## Q25 Including yourself, how many members of your household are in the following age groups?

Answered: 133 Skipped: 0

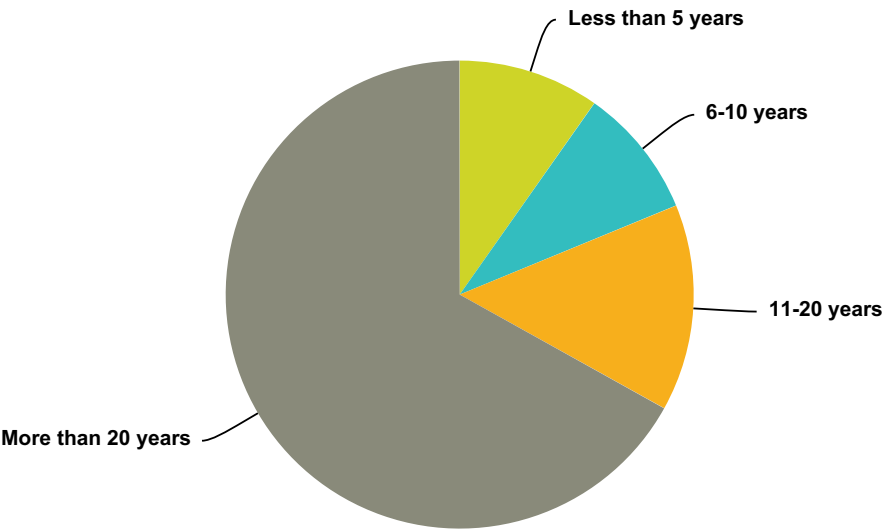


Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
Under 5 years	1	25	19
6-12 years	2	48	30
13-18 years	1	30	23
19-39 years	2	78	49
40-59 years	2	96	61
60 years and older	2	97	64
Total Respondents: 133			

#	Under 5 years	Date
1	3	10/28/2015 11:33 AM
2	1	10/28/2015 10:59 AM
3	2	10/28/2015 10:13 AM
4	1	10/28/2015 9:46 AM
5	1	10/28/2015 9:39 AM
6	1	10/28/2015 8:01 AM
7	2	10/8/2015 3:09 PM
8	2	10/8/2015 2:10 PM
9	1	10/8/2015 1:51 PM
10	2	10/8/2015 1:45 PM
11	1	10/8/2015 1:41 PM
12	1	10/8/2015 11:33 AM
13	1	10/8/2015 11:01 AM
14	1	10/8/2015 10:49 AM

Q26 How long have you lived in Bellwood Borough or Antis Township? Please check only 1.

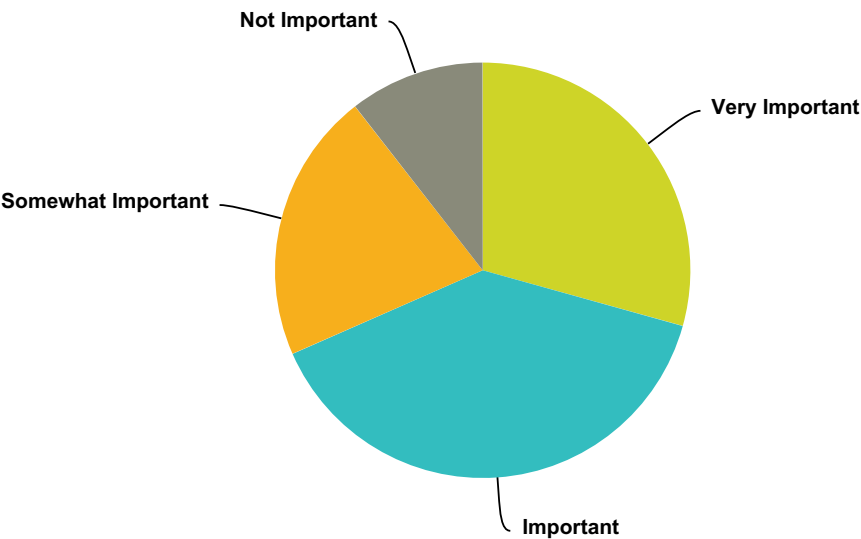
Answered: 133 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 5 years	9.77% 13
6-10 years	9.02% 12
11-20 years	14.29% 19
More than 20 years	66.92% 89
Total	133

Q27 How important is recreation to your family? Please check only 1.

Answered: 133 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Very Important	29.32%39
Important	39.10%52
Somewhat Important	21.05%28
Not Important	10.53%14
Total	133

**Park Inventory Matrices**

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**ANTIS TOWNSHIP & BELLWOOD BOROUGH**

**BELLWOOD-ANTIS PARK**

**FACILITY INVENTORY MATRIX**

<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMENITIES</b>	<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>AGE SERVED</b>	<b>ADA ACCESS</b>	<b>ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
<b>Entrance Road</b>	Two way street with parking on both sides	Three speed bumps when entering park	Good	All	Yes	Parking on both sides of street creates a single lane entrance/exit for park patrons
<b>Bells Gap Rail Trail</b>	Crushed limestone trail	Bellwood-Antis Park Trailhead sign; No Motor Vehicles sign; Bike Route sign	Good	Youth/Adult	Yes	Grass encroaching into limestone trail
<b>Parking Area</b>	Paved parking lot	Three parallel parking spaces; 61 regular spaces; four handicap spaces at playground; four handicap spaces at pool with two marked van signs; two handicap spaces at pavilion with van signs	Excellent	All	Yes	Install handicap parking signs at playground handicap spaces
<b>Swimming Pool</b>	"L" shaped zero entry pool	Bike rack; lion water fountain; Ray Amato recycled plastic bench on concrete pad; exterior of building well landscaped; flag pole; time capsule; Pool building - exterior restrooms – men's & ladies with commode, sink, & mirror; entrance desk; ADA wheelchair; men's changing room – ADA commode, urinal; sink; towel dispenser, open changing area; two showers (one ADA), lockers; ladies – two sinks, three commodes	Good	All	Yes	Weed landscaped area in front of pool building; paint wooded picnic tables

		(one ADA), two showers (one ADA), lockers, ten curtained changing areas, open changing area; filtration room pool rules sign; Swimming Pool - zero access area to 2' deep – fenced with 10' open access to rest of pool; main pool – 3' to 6' deep, & 8' to 12' deep; small plastic slide into 3 ½' water; spiral slide into 5'; three portable lifeguards stands; four pool ladders; Swimming Pool Deck – concrete; five benches; plastic chairs; lounge chairs; 55 gallon trash cans; three rectangular fusion picnic tables; two round fusion picnic tables; concession stand; 6' fencing around pool area with three strands of barbed wire on top; large grass sunbathing area – two 8' wooden picnic tables on concrete pads; tool shed				
<b>Gazebo</b>	Small gazebo in pool area	Wood structure with cedar shake roof	Fair	All	No	Needs stained
<b>Sand Volleyball Court</b>	20' x 40' court located inside pool area	White sand; old fire hose border	Fair	Youth/Adult	No	Not regulation size - increase size to regulation 30' x 60'; straighten leaning net posts; raise net to regulation height; remove or lower old fire hose to eliminate trip hazard; remove encroaching weeds

<b>Basketball Court</b>	40' x 74' court	Concrete walkway to court; asphalt court; two baskets; access road to court area with two handicap parking spaces & signs; wooden bench with concrete legs; Betsy Nagle Burns sign	Fair	Youth/Adult	Yes	Replace both backboards, poles, hoops, & nets; bird baths on court surface
<b>Minor League Field</b>	170' Left & 170' Right fields	Two story block building with T-111 top - 10' overhang with two 6' wood picnic tables, concession, restrooms (men's – commode, urinal, sink, dispensers & ladies – commode, sink, dispensers), press box, two equipment storage shed; screened gated block dugouts with player bench; straight backstop with matting; grass infield; lighted; electric scoreboard; old firehose marking foul lines; 6' fence to dugouts with 4' fence around remainder of field; sponsor signs on outfield fence; two paved handicap parking spaces near first base line; two block bleachers with five wood seats without railings first & third base lines; No Smoking signs within 20' of fence; two wood benches with concrete legs near third base bleachers; five seat aluminum bleacher behind left outfield fence with wall behind & limestone chips under; jersey barrier wall before bleacher; 55 gallon plastic trash cans	Good	Youth	Yes, with exception of two 3 <sup>rd</sup> base benches, 3 <sup>rd</sup> base bleacher, & outfield bleacher	Repair hole in infield dirt and outfield areas; remove grass, weeds, and debris from under bleachers; install railing above jersey barrier wall – required due to height of wall
<b>Pedestrian Bridge</b>	Large concrete	10' wide lighted walkway; 4 ½' aluminum railings; lighted; ADA	Excellent	All	Yes	

	walkway over railroad tracks	switchback ramps				
<b>Conrail Train Display</b>	Single train car on tracks	Landscaped and fenced area; RR Crossing sign; railroad ties along bottom of fence; three passenger figures; Eagle Scout sign	Good	All	No	Mow area inside fence, weed landscaped areas; repair rotting wood at bottom of passenger figures
<b>Bellwood-Antis Lions Club Bench</b>	Bench	On concrete pad	Good	All	No	
<b>Batting Cage</b>	10' W x 60' L X 10' H	Cyclone fencing with netting; safety pitch, 1B limestone surfacing	Good	Youth	No	Remove encroaching weeds
<b>Stream</b>	30' wide trout stream	Two wooden benches with concrete legs; one recycled plastic bench	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access to at least one bench; place pads under benches
<b>Playground</b>	Playland Playground	Playground sign; 4' fence with top cap; 10' maintenance access gate; concrete walk with access gate; woodcarpet surfacing; three recycled plastic benches – two on concrete pad & one on woodcarpet; Playland play structure – transfer station, steps, four decks, 1 <sup>st</sup> deck two climbers, 2 <sup>nd</sup> deck climber & double slide; 3 <sup>rd</sup> deck climbing wall & straight slide, 4 <sup>th</sup> deck spiral slide; two roofs; two bay swing set with four infant seats; two play panels	Excellent	Ages 1 to 7	Yes	Conduct regular inspections
<b>Ray Amato Pavilion</b>	40' x 80'	Pavilion signage; 21 – 8' wooden picnic tables; one wheelchair accessible table; locked water spigot; concrete floor; double grill; locked electric panel with outlets available inside panel; gutters on front of pavilion; concrete block	Good	All	Yes	Repair pillar with large piece of block missing; install lights in pavilion; paint tables & remove staples and tacks

		pillars; corrugated metal roof; 55 gallon plastic trash cans				
<b>Roy E. McCaulley Pavilion</b>	18' x 60' pavilion	Double grill with concrete pad in front between pavilions; concrete floor; locker water spigot; locked electric panel with outlets available inside panel; 11 wood picnic tables; corrugated metal roof; 55 gallon trash cans	Good	All	Yes	Provide at least one wheelchair accessible picnic table; remove staples & paint picnic tables; install lights in pavilion; provide ADA access to double grill
<b>Small pavilion</b>	18' x 24' pavilion	Double grill between pavilions; three 8' wood picnic tables; concrete floor; corrugated metal roof	Good	All	No	Provide ADA accessibility; provide one wheelchair accessible picnic table; provide ADA access to grill; remove staples & paint picnic tables
<b>Joseph &amp; Anna Kensinger Pavilion</b>	16' x 36' pavilion	6' wooden picnic tables; concrete floor; corrugated metal roof; locked water spigot; locked electric panel with outlets available inside panel; double grill; 55 gallon trash cans	Good	All	Yes	Provide one wheelchair accessible picnic table; remove staples & paint picnic tables; provide ADA access to grill
<b>James C. Kissel Baseball Field</b>	187' L, 222' C, & 198' R	Lighted; electric scoreboard; block & wood dugouts with fencing & player bench; 25' high straight backstop with 6' high padding; grass infield; 4' fencing around field with cap & sponsor signs; wood bleacher with metal frame behind left outfield fence; two wood benches with concrete legs near bleacher; practice pitch area; storage shed; concession stand with 15' overhang; two 8'; press box; restrooms – men's with commode, urinal, sink,	Good	Youth	Partially – concession area; field & bleachers not accessible	Provide ADA access to at least one bleacher area; sand & paint metal frame on bleachers; paint wooden bleacher seats; T-111 starting to rot on concession stand; fascia board broken causing sill plate to start rotting; remove weeds under bleachers; repair worn spots in outfield; slight drop off starting to form at transition from infield to outfield

		dispensers & ladies with commode sink dispensers; two concrete handicap parking spaces ; large limestone parking area; dumpster; concrete block bleacher with five wood seats no railing along 1 <sup>st</sup> base line; 55 gallon trash can; two 16' block with wood seat bleachers behind right outfield fence; one bleacher with wood seats & metal frame on concrete pad behind center field fence; flag pole center behind fence				
<b>Batting Cage</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> base 15' x 50'	Cyclone fencing with netting & pad; safety pitch; crushed limestone surface	Good	Youth	No	Remove encroaching weeds
<b>Batting Cage</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> base 15' x 60'	Cyclone fencing with netting & pad; safety pitch; crushed limestone surface	Good	Youth	No	Remove encroaching weeds
<b>Large Playground</b>	Miracle Playground	Recreation Authority sign; playground sign; 6' coated plastic cyclone fence; woodcarpet surfacing; asphalt path to entrance; ten recycled plastic benches on concrete pads; Play Structure – transfer station, five decks, curved slide, three sets of steps, triple slide, climbing wall, two climbers, spiral slide, three steering wheels, large plastic climber, overhead ladder, chinning bar, gliders; swing set – three bay two with regular seats one with two infant seats; border boards along fence	Excellent	Ages 5 to 12	Yes	



<b>Old Basketball Court/Deck Hockey Area</b>	Paved area	Basketball poles & deck hockey equipment removed; used for overflow parking; 10' fencing; curbed; lighted	Fair	All	Yes	
<b>Gazebo Area</b>	10' x 15' oval gazebo	Gravel path; two recycled plastic benches; grass area with brick wall containing DCNR signage & bell on top	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access; remove grass/weeds from path; remove dead tree
<b>General</b>		Concrete/paved walkway throughout park; good variety of trees & shrubs throughout park; street lights in grass areas				Provide wayfinding signage; provide coordinated trash receptacles with domes throughout park; install dog waste stations

**ANTIS TOWNSHIP & BELLWOOD BOROUGH**  
**GEORGE O. MARTIN MEMORIAL FIELD**  
**FACILITY INVENTORY MATRIX**

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>Open Space &amp; Parking Area</b>	Grass area with partial limestone covering	Open Area	Poor	All	No	Establish a designated handicap parking space near field; neighbors dump yard waste in the area; grass needs cut
<b>Park Sign</b>	Memorial sign	Well landscaped	Good	All	No	Weed area around sign
<b>Softball Field</b>	Girls Softball Field	Dugouts – block with player benches; dirt infield; standard backstop; six bleachers – 15’ five seat wood seat/metal frame without rail; one 15’ five seat aluminum with rail; warm up areas; electric scoreboard; sponsor panels on fence; 5’ fence with cap; 55 gallon metal trash cans; flag pole; practice pitch area	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA accessible walkway to field area; paint wooden bleachers; maintain mulch under bleachers to avoid weed growth
<b>Batting Cage</b>	20’ x 60’	Paved surface; cyclone fencing with netting; safety net	Good	Youth	No	Extend ADA walkway to batting cage; cover pavement with synthetic turf

**ANTIS TOWNSHIP & BELLWOOD BOROUGH**  
**JAMES WHITEY STEPHEN MEMORIAL PARK**  
**FACILITY INVENTORY MATRIX**

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>Parking Area</b>	Grass area with partial limestone covering	Small open area along street with wooden posts; pet waste sign	Fair	All	No	Establish a designated signed handicap parking space; install park identification sign; provide pet waste station
<b>Flag Pole</b>	Landscaped	Lighted flag	Good	All	No	Weed landscaped area
<b>Pavilion</b>	Small shelter	Concrete floor; two wood picnic tables; block pillars; shingle roof; 55 gallon metal trash can	Good	All	No	Provide ADA accessible walkway to shelter; repair heaving cracked floor
<b>Swing Set</b>	8'	Three bay – one with regular seat & bar swing, one with regular seat & infant seat, one with regular seat & trapeze rings, landscape tie border; woodcarpet surfacing	Fair	Youth	No	Extend ADA walkway to swings; use zone only 10' – needs extended to 32'; "S" hooks on swings not properly closed; seat connectors worn; some belt seats need replaced; place swing mats under all belt seats
<b>Bench</b>	Wood with concrete legs		Good	Youth/Adult	No	
<b>Swing Set</b>	8'	Three bay – two with regular seat, one with regular seat & infant seat; landscape tie border; woodcarpet surfacing	Fair	Youth	No	Extend ADA walkway to swings; use zone only 10' – needs extended to 32'; "S" hooks on swings not properly closed; seat connectors worn; some belt seats need replaced; place swing mats

						under all belt seats
<b>Sandbox</b>	8' x 8'	Wooden frame with seats on each corner	Fair	Youth	No	Add sand; remove weeds in existing sand; watch for wasp nests under seats
<b>Swing Set</b>	8'	Three bay – all regular belt seats	Fair	Youth	No	Extend ADA walkway to swings; replace two missing swings; use zone only 10' – needs extended to 32'; “S” hooks on swings not properly closed; some belt seats need replaced; place swing mats under all belt seats
<b>Whirl</b>		Old style whirl	Fair	Youth	No	Very wobbly
<b>Open Grass Area</b>		Large cherry tree and ornamental trees along street; street light in grass area	Good	All	No	
<b>General - IMPORTANT</b>						All swing sets and the whirl should be replaced or at least repaired immediately as recommended above, especially the connectors which are very thin and the “S” hooks that could allow the swing changes to come off while a child is swinging

**ANTIS TOWNSHIP & BELLWOOD BOROUGH**

**BRIDGEHILL PARK**

**FACILITY INVENTORY MATRIX**

<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMENITIES</b>	<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>AGE SERVED</b>	<b>ADA ACCESS</b>	<b>ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
<b>Passive Recreation Area</b>	Narrow lot between buildings overlooking railroad tracks	Landscaped entrance with archway; concrete walkway to flag pole; concrete walkway along each side of small lot; four recycled plastic benches with backs; two recycled flat benches on concrete pads; one 6' recycled plastic table	Good	All	Most of area	Weed landscaped beds and trim shrubs

**ANTIS TOWNSHIP & BELLWOOD BOROUGH**  
**NORTHER BLAIR COUNTY RECREATION CENTER**  
**FACILITY INVENTORY MATRIX**

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>Parking Lot</b>	Paved		Good	All	Yes	
<b>Recreation Building</b>	Two story building	Reception area; lounge area; Upstairs room – hardwood floor, mirrors on wall, Zumba, etc.; 1 <sup>st</sup> floor – fitness center with cardio equipment, strength training equipment, mats, kettleball, etc., mirrors on wall, lockers rooms; spinning room; massage therapy room with tanning bed; Marshall arts room; office; storage room; rental rooms; yoga room; Gym – full size basketball court with baskets on each end & two side hoops, sport court flooring, padding on end walls, scoreboard, four 21' three seat bleachers, partition curtain; portable volleyball net, sliding batting cage with pitching machine, pickleball court	Good	Youth/Adult	Yes	
<b>Multipurpose Field Area</b>	Open Field	Flag football; soccer; circus; two 21 aluminum bleachers	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access
<b>Wolf Furniture Ball Field</b>		Limestone/grass parking area; port-a-john; regular backstop; two 21' three seat aluminum bleachers; two aluminum 12' bleachers; 55 gallon plastic trash cans	Good	Youth/Adult	No	Provide ADA access



<b>Batting Cages</b>	20' x 60'		Fair	Youth/Adult	No	Surfacing needs attention
<b>Walking Trail</b>	1.25 miles	Wetlands Demonstration Area; part of trail adjacent to Little Juniata River; good variety of plants, trees & flowers; wide path- right-a-way; changes to woodchip path; foot bridge; open field area	Good	Youth/Adult	No	Provide ADA access to at least part of trail; provide better drainage on parts of trail; install trailhead sign; install mileage markers; install interpretative signage with QR codes; potentially construct elevated boardwalk through wetlands for better view of area; potentially construct deck overlook along Little Juniata River

**ANTIS TOWNSHIP & BELLWOOD BOROUGH**

**BELLS GAP RAIL TRAIL**

**FACILITY INVENTORY MATRIX**

<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMENITIES</b>	<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>AGE SERVED</b>	<b>ADA ACCESS</b>	<b>ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
<b>Stanley Hostler Trailhead</b>	Trailhead	Entrance sign; Large limestone parking area; 1B limestone trail fenced with three rail wood fencing, 10' metal gate, & metal post entrance for users access; Trail Rules sign; No Motor Vehicle sign; trailhead kiosk with Rhododendron Park history sign; shed; port-a-john	Good	All	No	Provide handicap parking space with proper signage
<b>Pavilion</b>	15' x 22'	Concrete pad; metal roof; one recycled plastic picnic table	Good	All	No	Provide ADA access to pavilion

**ANTIS TOWNSHIP & BELLWOOD BOROUGH**  
**TIPTON COMMONS**  
**FACILITY INVENTORY MATRIX**

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>Basketball Court</b>	20' x 50' paved court	One standard basketball pole, backboard, & hoop; one basketball pole; one short basketball hoop on side	Poor	Youth/Adult	No	Asphalt cracked with weeds growing in cracks; existing basketball pole & hoop rusted & in poor condition; small side pole & hoop broken; backboard missing on pole; replace both end poles, backboards & hoops if still used or remove if not used; remove small hoop; repair cracks in asphalt; provide ADA accessibility if repairing
<b>Swing Set</b>	Very old residential style swing	8' high - one bay with two regular swings	Poor	Youth	No	Remove/replace; no designated use zone, no surfacing; very unsafe
<b>Grass Area</b>	Long narrow grass area adjacent to Tipton Road		Good	All	No	Continue to maintain grass area

**ANTIS TOWNSHIP & BELLWOOD BOROUGH**

**TEENER LEAGUE FIELDS**

**FACILITY INVENTORY MATRIX**

<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMENITIES</b>	<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>AGE SERVED</b>	<b>ADA ACCESS</b>	<b>ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
<b>Entrance Road</b>	Limestone dirt	Limestone parking area	Fair	All	No	Potholes
<b>Teener Baseball Field</b>	325' R & L	United Veterans Home Association; American Legion; two sheds; concession; restrooms; two five seat elevated bleachers with railing; sunken block dugouts with player benches; two electric scoreboards; straight backstop; 4' fence around field with screening on outfield fence; two practice pitch areas	Good	Adult	No	Provide ADA access
<b>Altoona Club Baseball Field</b>	310' L & 365' R	Block dugouts; straight backstop; two 12' five seat bleachers with railing; concession stand & press box; batting cage with netting; parking area	Good	Adult	No	Provide ADA access

**ANTIS TOWNSHIP & BELLWOOD BOROUGH**  
**PINECROFT VFD BALL FIELD**  
**FACILITY INVENTORY MATRIX**

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>Open Grass Field</b>		Large lighted parking area; bleachers – five seat without railing, block base with wood seats	Fair	All	No	Bleachers in poor condition – remove; field uneven – needs leveled;
<b>Pavilion</b>	Attached to fire hall	Concrete pad; bar-b-que pit	Good	All	Yes	
<b>Potential uses of field</b>						Playground; shelter; shelter amenities – sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, bocce; multipurpose field; little league size ball field; basketball court; tennis court

**ANTIS TOWNSHIP & BELLWOOD BOROUGH**

**PGW SOCCER FIELDS**

**FACILITY INVENTORY MATRIX**

<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMENITIES</b>	<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>AGE SERVED</b>	<b>ADA ACCESS</b>	<b>ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
<b>Entrance Road</b>	Limestone & millings		Fair	All	No	Many potholes
<b>Open Grass Field</b>		Large fenced grass field	Fair	All	No	Could be used for more sports fields
<b>Large Soccer Field</b>		Large soccer field with a smaller cross field; goals; 6' fence with three strands on barbed wire on top; gated	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access
<b>Small Soccer Fields</b>		Two small fields for under six with goals	Good	Youth	No	Provide ADA access
<b>Second Large Open Grass Area</b>	Level open area		Good	N/A	N/A	Could be used for more sports fields
<b>Building Area</b>	Large Hall	Large hall with kitchen facilities & restrooms; 20' overhang with five picnic tables; bar-b-que grill; patio area with fire ring & planters; large lighted pavilion with five picnic tables; sand volleyball court	Good	All	Yes	



**ANTIS TOWNSHIP & BELLWOOD BOROUGH**

**BELLWOOD VFD**

**FACILITY INVENTORY MATRIX**

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS
Open Grass Area		Lighted; concrete walk along two sides with five recycled plastic benches; 8' gazebo with benches inside; memorial monument – three flags, lights; eight recycled plastic benches; concrete walkway; landscaped area	Good	All	Yes - benches along sidewalk & memorial area; No - gazebo	

**ANTIS TOWNSHIP & BELLWOOD BOROUGH**  
**BELLWOOD-ANTIS SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**FACILITY INVENTORY MATRIX**

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>Playground</b>	Multiple separate structures	Climbing structure; geodome; play structure – three climbers, two slides; climber; parallel bars; swing set – two bay with regular seats; swing set – three bay with two having regular seats & one with regular seat and infant seat; ADA Play Area – truck, fire truck, tractor/wagon, arch climber, boat, & four spring animals; borders around each area; woodcarpet surfacing	Good	Youth	Yes play area only; rest of areas not ADA accessible	Provide access to all areas; raised borders can cause a trip hazard
<b>General</b>	Open space	Grass areas; water fountain; twelve benches	Good	Youth	Partially	
<b>Football Field</b>	Stadium area	Jogging track; stadium bleachers; scoreboard; concession; field house	Good	Teen/ All	Yes	

**ANTIS TOWNSHIP & BELLWOOD BOROUGH**  
**BELLWOOD-ANTIS BASEBALL FIELD**  
**FACILITY INVENTORY MATRIX**

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>Building</b>	Restrooms & storage	Picnic table near building	Good	All	No	
<b>Large Ball Field</b>	Full size field	Two sections of ten seat aluminum bleachers with railing & on pad; block dugouts with player benches; straight backstop; grass infield; 10' fence partially along sides; 4' fence 1 <sup>st</sup> base line through right & center fields 30' fence 3 <sup>rd</sup> base line & left outfield	Good	Teen/Adult	No	Provide ADA access to bleacher area
<b>Batting Cage</b>	Full size	Cyclone fence with netting; safety pitch; crushed limestone surfacing	Good	Teen/Adult	No	

## **Park Deed and Agreements**

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**DEED  
FROM  
PENN CENTRAL  
TO  
BELLWOOD ANTIS  
PARK AND RECREATION  
1973**

**AND  
MAPS**

THIS INDENTURE made the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September  
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three (1973),  
BETWEEN GEORGE P. BAKER, ✓ RICHARD C. BOND and JERVIS LANGDON, JR.,  
Trustees of the Property of PENN CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, DEBTOR,  
having an office at Six Penn Center Plaza, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104,

hereinafter referred to as the Grantor, and ✓ BELLWOOD-ANTIS PARK AND RECREATION  
AUTHORITY, a body corporate and politic, organized and existing under and by  
virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, whose mailing address  
is Box 96, Bellwood, Pennsylvania 16617,

hereinafter referred to as the Grantee;

WITNESSETH: That the said Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum  
of \$3,000.00,  
lawful money of the United States of America, unto it well and truly paid  
by the said Grantee, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents,  
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does by these presents remise,  
release and forever quitclaim unto the said Grantee, the heirs or successors  
and assigns of the said Grantee, all right, title and interest of the said  
Grantor of, in and to the premises described in Schedule "A" attached hereto  
and made a part hereof.



Borough Bellwood  
R. E. T. \$30.00  
Date 2/28/74  
James H. Hume  
Auth. Sig.



SCHEDULE "A"

ALL THAT PARCEL of land situate partly in the Borough of Bellwood and partly in the Township of Antis, County of Blair and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz:

BEGINNING at a point marked by a Re-Bar that is 1.17 feet Southeast along the South side of Cambria Street from its intersection with the East side of North Third Street in the Borough of Bellwood; thence S. 54° E. 175.18 feet along the South side of Cambria Street to a point; thence Southwardly on a 200 foot radius curve to the left a distance of 48.71 feet to a point of tangent; thence along land now or formerly of G. Martin, Inc. and traversing North Second Street and along land now or formerly of W. H. Miller, and land now or formerly of D. Wiser and traversing North First Street Alley and along land now or formerly of D. Matlack S. 12° 37' 43" E. 385.50 feet to an iron rod; thence along land now or formerly of L. E. Partner S. 0° 27' W. 27.73 feet; thence along same S. 14° E. 55.13 feet to a Re-Bar; thence along same S. 54° E. 28.24 feet to a Re-Bar at the West side of North First Street; thence traversing North First Street S. 39° 26' E. 51.66 feet to an iron pipe in the East side of North First Street; thence along land now or formerly of John Glasgow, Jr. South 6° 15' W. 139.1 feet to a point; thence along same S. 10° 41' E. 70.07 feet to the West side of Railroad Alley; thence traversing Railroad Alley S. 15° 52' W. 43.57 feet to a point in the East side of Railroad Alley; thence along land now or formerly of W. E. Clark S. 10° 16' E. 80.27 feet to a point; thence along same S. 54° E. 62 feet to an iron pipe on the prolongation of the West side of Railroad Street; thence along remaining land of Penn Central Transportation Company S. 36° W. 151.0 feet to a Re-Bar that is 44 feet Northwardly at right angles from the gauge line of the North rail of the most Northerly tracks of railroad of said Transportation Company known as the Main Line; thence along same N. 54° W. 147.36 feet and traversing Bell's Run to a 4-inch x 4-inch wood post in old Post Hole; thence along additional ground of the Grantee and extending into Bell's Run N. 36° E. 45.44 feet to a point in Bell's Run; thence along same N. 10° 30' W. 702.34 feet to a hub; thence along land now or formerly of G. DeRemer N. 80° 01' E. 35 feet to a Re-Bar; thence along same N. 9° 59' W. 335.53 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 3.574 acres as shown on a drawing and as surveyed by Hildabrand & Parks in October and November of 1972.

SUBJECT, however, to (1) any occupations, encroachments or easements of record or otherwise affecting the parcel of land hereinbefore described and to the state of facts disclosed by survey made by Hildabrand & Parks in October and November of 1972; and (2) the water pipeline occupancy rights of Blair Gap Water Supply Company, assignee of an Agreement dated December 30, 1955, between The Pennsylvania Railroad Company and Watcopa, Inc., as conditionally affirmed by Agreement dated February 9, 1973, between Blair Gap Water Supply Company and George P. Baker, Richard C. Bond and Jervis Langdon, Jr., Trustees of the Property of Penn Central Transportation Company, Debtor (formerly The Pennsylvania Railroad Company) and approved on March 23, 1973 by the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, In the Matter of Penn Central Transportation Company, Docket No. 70-347, Order No. 1147.

THIS INSTRUMENT is executed, delivered and accepted upon the understanding and agreement:

(a) that the said Grantor shall not be liable or obligated to construct or maintain any fence between the land hereinbefore described and land of the said Grantor adjoining the same; or be liable or obligated to pay for any part of the cost or expense of constructing or maintaining such a fence or any part thereof; or be liable for any compensation for any damage that may result by reason of the non-existence of such a fence;

(b) that the said Grantee shall not have or assert to have any claim or demand whatsoever for compensation for damages, whether said damages be direct or consequential, to the land hereinbefore described or to any buildings or improvements now or hereafter erected thereon, or to the contents thereof, which may be caused by the operation, maintenance, repair or renewal of Grantor's railroad or which may be caused by vibration resulting from the operation, maintenance, repair or renewal thereof; and the said Grantee hereby expressly releases the said Grantor from liability for any such damages;

~~that the said Grantee shall not at any time hereafter ask, demand, recover or receive any compensation whatever for any damage which may be caused by the sliding of any part of the adjoining railroad embankment of the said Grantor, or by the draining or seeping of water therefrom upon or into the land hereinbefore described or upon or into anything which may be erected or placed thereon;~~

(c) that the said Grantor shall not be liable or obligated to provide lateral support for the surface of the land hereinbefore described or any part thereof; and that the said Grantee shall not, at any time hereafter, ask, demand, recover or receive any compensation whatever for any damage that may be caused by the sliding of any part of the slope or embankment supporting the surface of the land hereinbefore described on the South and shall use due diligence to prevent the drainage or seepage of water or the precipitation of snow or ice or anything whatever from the land hereinbefore described on to or upon the remaining land of the said Grantor or on to or upon any part thereof;

~~that in the event the tracks of the railroad of the Grantor are elevated or depressed, or the grades of any streets, avenues, roads, lanes, highways or alleys over the said railroad in the vicinity of the land hereinbefore described are changed so that they shall pass overhead or underneath the said tracks and railroad, or in the event any grade crossing is vacated and closed, the said Grantee, as owner of the land hereinbefore described, shall not ask, demand, recover or receive any compensation whatsoever for any damage of whatsoever nature caused by or in any manner growing out of the separation or change of grades of said railroad and/or said streets, avenues, roads, lanes, highways or alleys or out of the vacation and closing of any grade crossing~~

~~that a right or means of ingress, egress or passageway to or from the land hereinbefore described is not hereby granted, specifically or by implication, and that the said Grantor shall not and will not be liable or obliged to obtain for the said Grantee such means of ingress, egress or passageway and also that the said Grantee will obtain a means of access to and from the said land at his or its own cost and expense.~~

(d) that should a claim adverse to the title hereby quitclaimed be asserted and/or proved, no recourse shall be had against the Grantor herein.

(e) that the said Grantee will, upon request of the Grantor and subject to inspection and approval of Grantor's Division Engineer, maintain that portion of the existing stone wall located on the land hereinbefore described. It being further understood

and agreed that the said Grantee will not make any alterations or changes to said stone wall without first obtaining permission and approval of the said Grantor, and in the event the said Grantee fails to maintain the portion of the stone wall located on said land, the said Grantor shall have the right to enter upon said land for the purpose of repairing, renewing, altering or maintaining said portion of stone wall, and the said Grantee hereby agrees to pay the said Grantor the cost thereof.

THIS SALE AND CONVEYANCE IS BEING MADE PURSUANT TO ORDER NO. 78 AS AMENDED BY ORDER NO. 602 OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA IN PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF A RAILROAD, CAUSE NO. 70-347, ENTITLED "IN THE MATTER OF PENN CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, DEBTOR". WILLARD WIRTZ HAVING RESIGNED AS A TRUSTEE OF THE PROPERTY OF PENN CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, DEBTOR, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 1972, THE SAID COURT, BY ORDER NO. 1065, DATED DECEMBER 29, 1972, AUTHORIZED THE REMAINING TRUSTEES, GEORGE P. BAKER, RICHARD C. BOND AND JERVIS LANGDON, JR., TO CONTINUE TO ACT AS TRUSTEES OF THE PROPERTY OF THE DEBTOR.

NOTICE - "THIS DOCUMENT MAY NOT SELL, CONVEY, TRANSFER, INCLUDE OR INSURE 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 September 10, 1965, P.L. 505, No. 255 (52 P.S. 1551).

TOGETHER with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of it, the said Grantor, as well at law as in equity or otherwise howsoever, of, in and to the same and every part thereof, SUBJECT as aforesaid.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the said premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the Grantee, the heirs or successors and assigns of the Grantee forever, SUBJECT as aforesaid.

THE words "Grantor" and "Grantee" used herein shall be construed as if they read "Grantors" and "Grantees", respectively, whenever the sense of this Indenture so requires and whether singular or plural, such words shall be deemed to include in all cases the heirs or successors and assigns of the respective parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has caused this Indenture to be executed the day and year first above written.

SEALED and DELIVERED  
in the presence of us:

Vernon L. Gross, Jr.  
J. T. Whiskey

George P. Baker (SEAL)  
Richard C. Bond (SEAL)  
RICHARD C. BOND

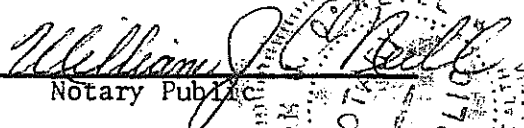
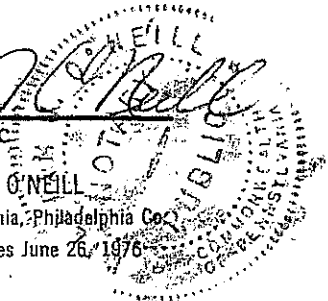
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JERVIS LANGDON, JR.

TRUSTEES OF THE PROPERTY OF  
PENN CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY,  
DEBTOR

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA )  
: ss  
COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA

On this, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D.  
1973, before me, a Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth and County  
aforesaid, personally appeared the above-named GEORGE P. BAKER, RICHARD  
C. BOND, JERVIS LANGDON, JR. ~~and WILLARD WITTY~~, Trustees as afore-  
said, and in due form of law acknowledged the above Indenture to be  
their act and deed as Trustees as aforesaid and desired that the same  
might be recorded as such.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official  
seal.

  
Notary Public  
WILLIAM J. O'NEILL  
Notary Public, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co.  
My Commission Expires June 26, 1976  


I HEREBY CERTIFY that the correct ad-  
dress of the within named Grantee is:

Box 96  
Bellwood, Pa. 16617

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COUNCIL OF THE

# Borough of Bellwood

BOX 96, BELLWOOD, PENNSYLVANIA 16617

March 14, 1997

Ms. Diane Bressler  
Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources  
Bureau of Recreation & Conservation  
Walnut & Commonwealth Avenues  
Room 555, Forum Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Keystone Grant/Certification of Title--Bellwood Borough

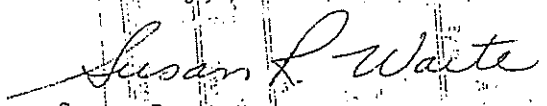
Dear Ms. Bressler;

Pursuant to your request, enclosed is a copy of the Bellwood-Antis  
Pool Improvement Agreement.

It is my understanding that the grant application would not be  
rejected or affected in anyway by this being submitted later  
than the grant application.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Susan R. Waite  
Sec./Treas./CAO

PC: J.A. Nagy, Recreation & Park Advisor  
DCNR  
Linda Kimmen, Antis Township ✓

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AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 3rd day of March, 1997, by and between the TOWNSHIP OF ANTIS (hereinafter called "Township") and the BOROUGH OF BELLWOOD (hereinafter called "Borough").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Township and Borough each own a one-half interest in that certain real estate located in the Borough described in the Deed attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, a public swimming pool is located on said real estate, which is in need of repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has applied for certain grant funding through the Keystone Park and Conservation Fund to repair said public swimming pool; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive said grant funds, the Borough and the Township must execute a long-term lease agreement as hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, and intending to be legally bound hereby, agree as follows:

1. Incorporation of Recitals. The above recitals are hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

2. Lease From the Township by the Borough. The Township, in consideration of the rent and covenants herein mentioned, does lease unto the Borough the Township's interest in and to the real estate described on the Deed attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, to have and to hold unto said Borough, subject to the conditions



of this Agreement for a term beginning on the 1st day of January, 1997, and ending the 31st day of December, 2022, in consideration of which the Borough agrees to pay to the Township the sum of One and no/100 (\$1.00) Dollar, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

3. Access. Said Borough shall have the right of ingress and egress to the leased premises, the roadways now existing at the site for use by the Borough, its officers, agents, sub-agents, employees and the citizens of said Borough.

4. Use of Grant Monies. The said Borough upon the receipt of certain funds to be received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall proceed with the plans and specifications for the repair of said public swimming pool and shall further proceed with the repair of the same limited to the amount of any such funds received.

5. Amendment and Holdover. The terms and conditions of this Agreement constitute the entire contract between the parties and shall in no way be changed or altered except by a writing signed by all parties hereto; and if the said Borough shall continue in lawful possession of the said premises after the expiration of said term then this Agreement shall continue thereafter from year to year. Either party hereto may terminate the lease at the end of the term or during the course of any year thereafter upon giving written notice of said intention to terminate at least six (6) months prior to the expiration date to the other party.

6. Binding Effect. The conditions of this Agreement shall extend to the successors and assigns of all parties hereto and shall bind all persons claiming under the parties hereto, in whatever character, as fully as if they were in every instance herein named.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this Agreement have hereunto  
set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

Linda L. Kimmen  
Linda L. Kimmen Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF ANTIS

By Robert Wigman  
Robert Wigman Chairman

ATTEST:

Susan R. Waite  
Susan R. Waite, Borough Secretary

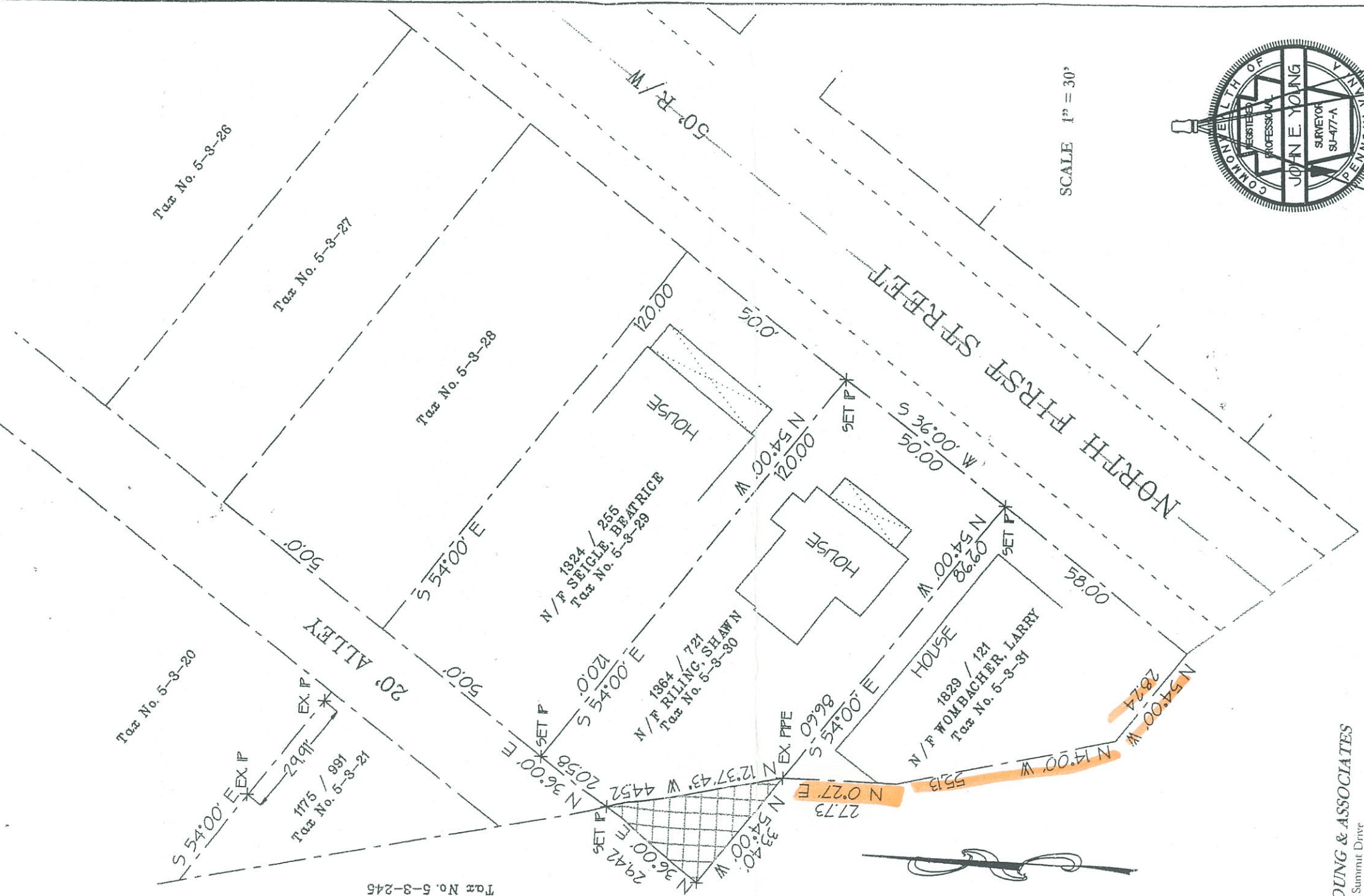
BOROUGH OF BELLWOOD

By Wayne N. Snare  
Wayne N. Snare, Borough President

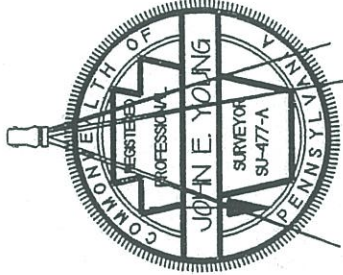
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE WITHIN IS A TRUE AND CORRECT  
COPY OF THE ORIGINAL FILED WITH THE MINUTES OF  
MARCH 3, 1997.

Susan R. Waite  
Susan R. Waite  
Sec./Treas./CAO

PLOT OF SURVEY  
OF  
**N/F SHAWN RILING PROPERTY**  
416 NORTH FIRST STREET  
BELLWOOD, BLAIR CO., PA  
Tax Parcel 5-3-30 Deed Vol. 1364 Pg. 721



SCALE 1" = 30'



958 / 331  
BELLWOOD-ANTIS PARK & REC. AUTHORITY  
Tax No. 5-3-245

**YOUNG & ASSOCIATES**  
119 Summit Drive  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648  
(814) 695-3329 August 30, 2004

THIS INDENTURE

MADE THE 33<sup>rd</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred ninety-two (1992).

BETWEEN BELLWOOD-ANTIS LIONS CLUB, a non-profit corporation of the Borough of Bellwood, County of Blair and State of Pennsylvania, Grantor,

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BELLWOOD-ANTIS PARK & RECREATION AUTHORITY, a municipal authority, of the Borough of Bellwood, Blair County, Pennsylvania, GRANTEE.

WITNESSETH, that the said Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of (\$1.00) DOLLAR, lawful money of the United States of America, unto it well and truly paid by the said Grantee at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release and confirm unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns,

ALL those certain ten lots of ground, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bellwood, County of Blair, and State of Pennsylvania, each of said lots fronting 30 feet on the Southeasterly side of Fifth Street (Northwestwardly from the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad), between Lock Street and Chestnut Street, and extending back from said Fifth Street, at a uniform width of 30 feet, in a Southeasterly direction, 120 feet to an alley. Being Lots Nos. 1 through 10, inclusive, in Block "N", in the Plan of Lots of record in Blair County Plot Book No. 2, page 143.

BEING the same premises title to which vested in the grantor herein by deed of Harry W. Ray, sole surviving Trustee of Bellwood-Antis Recreation Board, dated March 5, 1984, and recorded in Blair County Deed Book Volume 1098, page 901.

TO THE BEST INFORMATION AND BELIEF OF THE GRANTOR HEREIN, SAID PREMISES HAS NEVER BEEN USED NOR IS AT PRESENT BEING USED FOR THE DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS WASTES.

TOGETHER with all and singular the ways, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversions, and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever, of grantor in law, equity, or otherwise howsoever, of, in and to the same and every part thereof,

Under and subject to the condition that the property herein conveyed be used as a public park or place of public recreation and upon cessation of said use, title to the premises shall revert to

grantor and in such event, grantee shall prepare and execute any documents and perform any acts necessary to restore clear and marketable title to the Bellwood Antis Lions Club, and subject to the further condition that the Park continue to be known as the "James Whitey Stephen Memorial Park".

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said real estate, hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the appurtenances, unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Grantee, its successors and assigns forever.

AND the said grantor hereby covenants and agrees that it will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said BELLWOOD-ANTIS LIONS CLUB has caused this Indenture to be signed in its corporate name by its \_\_\_\_\_ President, and has caused to be affixed hereunto the common and corporate seal of the said corporation, the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

BELLWOOD-ANTIS LIONS CLUB

Ray L. Patterson  
Secretary

BY: Gerald McElaney  
President

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA :  
: SS  
COUNTY OF BLAIR :

On this, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 1992, before me, a notary public, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Gerald McElaney, who acknowledged him self to be the \_\_\_\_\_ President of BELLWOOD-ANTIS LIONS CLUB, a non-profit corporation, and that \_\_\_\_\_ he as such officer, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing the name of the corporation by him self as the President.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Loueen J. Grazier  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Notary Seal  
Loueen J. Grazier, Notary Public  
Bellwood Boro, Blair County  
My Commission Expires March 2, 1998  
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

#### CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE

I do hereby certify that the precise residence and complete post office address of the within named grantee is 909 North Second Street, Bellwood, Pennsylvania 16617.

\_\_\_\_\_, 1992

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney for

Habershon  
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THIS INDENTURE

MADE the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year Two Thousand and Five (2005).

BETWEEN JAMES L. DECKER, SR. and BONITA L. DECKER, by JAMES L. DECKER, SR., her Attorney-in-fact, (See Power of Attorney dated September 28, 2001, and recorded in Blair County Record Book Volume 1584, at Page 266), his wife, of the Township of Tyrone, County of Blair, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Grantors, parties of the first part;

AND

PINECROFT FIRE COMPANY #1, a Pennsylvania Non-Profit Corporation, of the Township of Antis, County of Blair and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Grantee, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of the sum of TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Grantors, do hereby grant and convey unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns

PURPART NO. 1:

ALL those four (4) lots of land in Pinecroft, in the Township of Antis, County of Blair and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, described as follows:

BEGINNING at the point of intersection of the Northeastern side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and the Northwestern side of township road which runs along the Southeastern edge of Pinecroft; thence North Fifty-eight (58) degrees Forty-eight (48) minutes West, approximately One Hundred Fifty (150) feet along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to the Southeastern side of the 15-foot Seventh Alley; thence North Thirty-one (31) degrees Twelve (12) minutes East, Two Hundred (200) feet along Seventh Alley; thence South Fifty-eight (58) degrees Forty-eight (48) minutes East, approximately One Hundred Ten (110) feet to the Northeastern side of the township road; thence South Nineteen (19) degrees Fifty-two (52) minutes West, Two Hundred Four (204) feet along said side of Township road to the point of BEGINNING. Being Lots Nos. 11, 12, 13, and 14 in Block "S" in the Pinecroft Plot of S. E. Carson, dated April, 1895, recorded in Blair County. CONTAINING approximately 0.6 acres.

PURPART NO. 2:

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot of ground, lying and being situated in Antis Township, known as Pine Croft, County of Blair and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the Township Road at the intersection of Fifth Avenue; thence in an Easterly direction along said Township road to Fifth alley; thence in a Southerly direction along Fifth Alley one hundred (100) feet to a point and lot Number four (4); thence in a Northwesterly direction one hundred and fifty (150) feet to the Township road, the place of beginning. Being parts of lots Number two (2) and three (3), Block "O" in the plan of lots of Pine Croft as made by Mr. S. C. Corson, April, 1895.

HAVING THEREON ERECTED a frame garage.

Being known and numbered as Blair County Tax Parcel No. 3-23A-2-7.

TITLE TO WHICH became vested in James L. Decker, Sr., unmarried, by deed of James L. Decker, unmarried, and Edna Elizabeth Decker, a/k/a Edna E. Decker, widow, dated August 12, 1999, and recorded in Blair County Record Book Volume 1420, at Page 115. The said James L. Decker, Sr., intermarried with Bonita L. Decker on January 7, 2002, who joins in this conveyance.

THE GRANTORS HEREIN STATE THAT THE HEREINABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS NOT PRESENTLY BEING USED FOR THE DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE, NOR TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF HAS IT EVER BEEN USED FOR THE DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE. THIS STATEMENT IS MADE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT NO. 1980-97, SECTION 405, 35 P.S. Section 6018.405.

TOGETHER with all and singular the buildings, improvements, ways, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of the said Parties of the first part, in law, equity or otherwise howsoever, of, in and to the same and every part thereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tracts or parcels of land, together with the hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned, and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, to and for the proper use and behoof of the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever.



AND the said Grantors will **GENERALLY WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND** the property hereby conveyed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Grantors have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered  
in the presence of:

Patricia A. Longenecker  
Witness only

James L. Decker, Sr.  
James L. Decker, Sr.

Patricia A. Longenecker  
Witness only

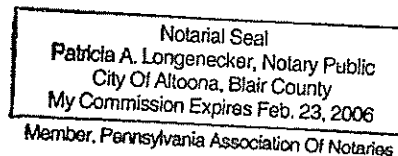
James L. Decker, Sr.  
James L. Decker, Sr., Attorney-In-Fact  
for Bonita L. Decker

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA :  
: SS  
COUNTY OF BLAIR :

On this, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005, before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared JAMES L. DECKER, SR. and BONITA L. DECKER, by JAMES L. DECKER, SR., her Attorney-in-fact, 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 purpose therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Patricia A. Longenecker  
Notary Public



CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE

I hereby certify that the precise residence of the Grantee herein is as follows:

R.R. 7, BOX 890  
ALTOONA, PA 16601

William J. Habershtroff  
Agent for Grantee

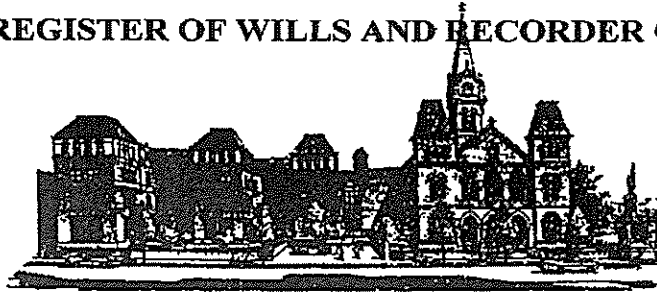
# COUNTY of BLAIR

## REGISTER OF WILLS AND RECORDER OF DEEDS

MARY ANN BENNIS  
Register and Recorder

MARTHA J. REESE  
1<sup>st</sup> Deputy  
LINDA BERKHIMER  
2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy

J. MICHAEL DOREZAS  
Solicitor



STE 145 COURT HOUSE  
423 ALLEGHENY ST  
HOLLIDAYSBURG PA 16648-2202

TELEPHONE (814) 693-3095

**\*RETURN DOCUMENT TO:**

WILLIAM J HABERSTROH  
3615 BURGOON ROAD  
ALTOONA, PA 16602

Instrument Number - 200512680

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\* Grantor - DECKER, JAMES L (SR) DECKER, BONITA L BY ATTY-IN-FCT

\* Grantee - PINECROFT FIRE COMPANY #1

\* Customer - HABERSTROH, WILLIAM J

**\* FEES**

STATE TRANSFER TAX	\$100.00
RECORDING FEES	\$41.50
BELLWOOD-ANTIS SCHOOL	\$50.00
DIST. REALTY TAX	
ANTIS TOWNSHIP	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$241.50



I hereby CERTIFY that this document is  
recorded in the Recorder of Deeds Office  
of BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

*Mary Ann Bennis*  
Mary Ann Bennis  
Recorder of Deeds

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## Site Plans and Cost Estimates

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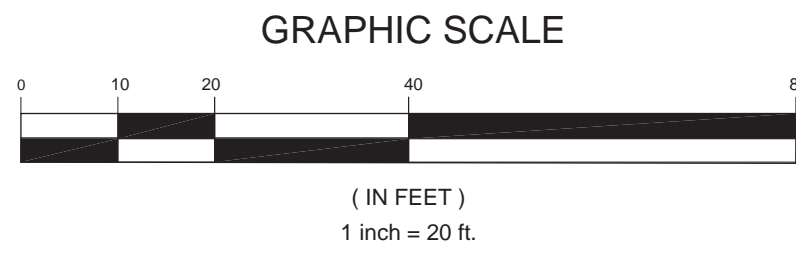


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# 5th STREET PARK MASTER PLAN



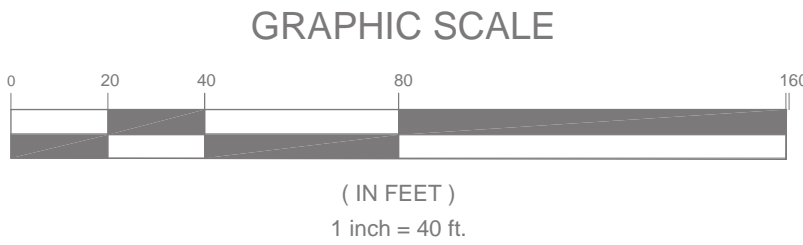




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**PINECROFT PARK MASTER PLAN**





Bellwood-Antis Recreation Plan			Bellwood-Antis Park Projects Budget		
Bellwood-Antis Park					
Mackin Engineering Company, Project No#5103					
24-Mar-16	Units	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost*	Subtotal
Park Entrance Sign					\$3,000.00
Sign design and installation	EA	1	\$1,500	\$ 1,500.00	
Park Wayfinding Signs at Road	EA	6	\$250	\$ 1,500.00	
Pedestrian & Bicycle Routes, and Road Crossings					\$78,934.00
Park Pedestrian Walkways / Street Sidewalks - Concrete (approx. 6' wide)	SF	5,408	\$8	\$ 43,264.00	
Park Pedestrian Walkways - Asphalt (approx. 6' wide)	SY	340	\$28	\$ 9,520.00	
Shared Use Circulation-Crushed Limestone- (AASHTO #10) or DSA material (approx. 10' wide)	SY	755	\$18	\$ 13,590.00	
Riverwalk- Crushed Limestone (AASHTO #10) or DSA material (approx. 6' wide)	SY	420	\$18	\$ 7,560.00	
Road Crossing Markings and Signs	EA	10	\$500	\$ 5,000.00	
Park Entrance Relocation and Parking Lot Additions/Renovations					\$35,296.25
New Asphalt Pavement	SY	225	\$28	\$ 6,300.00	
Remove and Patch Post Footers	LS	1	\$2,000	\$ 2,000.00	
Asphalt Sealcoating	SF	24,485	\$0.25	\$ 6,121.25	
Oversized Asphalt Curb	LF	225	\$35	\$ 7,875.00	
Line Striping	LS	1	\$6,000	\$ 6,000.00	
Drainage	LS	1	\$5,000	\$ 5,000.00	
Signs - regulatory and ADA parking	EA	8	\$250	\$ 2,000.00	
Parking and Cul-de-sac (3 ADA spaces, 2 ADA existing)					\$60,955.00
New Asphalt Pavement	SY	255	\$28	\$ 7,140.00	
Asphalt Repairs and Repaving	SY	565	\$18	\$ 10,170.00	
Shared Use Circulation - Concrete (approx. 10' wide)	SF	2,180	\$8	\$ 17,440.00	
Park Pedestrian Walkways - Concrete (approx. 6' wide)	SF	685	\$8	\$ 5,480.00	
Concrete Curb	LF	292	\$50	\$ 14,600.00	
Asphalt Curb	LF	75	\$25	\$ 1,875.00	
Line Striping	LS	1	\$3,500	\$ 3,500.00	
Signs - regulatory and ADA parking	EA	3	\$250	\$ 750.00	
Storm water BMP at Cul-de-sac					\$10,000.00
Stormwater BMP	LS	1	\$10,000	\$ 10,000.00	
83 Parking- Driveway and Parking Re-Circulation					\$15,725.00
Asphalt Sealcoating	SF	30,900	\$0.25	\$ 7,725.00	
Line Striping	LS	1	\$8,000	\$ 8,000.00	
Relocate Gazebo					\$800.00
Relocation	EA	1	\$800.00	\$ 800.00	
BMP east of Pool					\$12,000.00
Stormwater BMP	LS	1	\$12,000	\$ 12,000.00	
16-21 Parking Spaces (N. Cambria St)- 2 ADA spaces					\$65,100.00
Earthwork	LS	1	\$2,000	\$ 2,000.00	
New Asphalt Pavement	SY	1,575	\$28	\$ 44,100.00	
Asphalt Curb	LF	530	\$25	\$ 13,250.00	
Line Striping	LS	1	\$2,000	\$ 2,000.00	
Drainage	LS	1	\$2,500	\$ 2,500.00	
Signs - regulatory and ADA parking	EA	5	\$250	\$ 1,250.00	

<b>Relocated Sand Volleyball</b>							<b>\$3,000.00</b>
	New Volleyball Court	LS	1	\$3,000	\$	3,000.00	
<b>Basketball Court</b>							<b>\$20,000.00</b>
	New Basketball Court	LS	1	\$20,000	\$	20,000.00	
<b>10-16 Parking Spaces (T 606)- 1 ADA space</b>							<b>\$25,095.00</b>
	Earthwork	LS	1	\$1,000	\$	1,000.00	
	Concrete Sidewalk removal	LS	1	\$5,000	\$	5,000.00	
	New Asphalt Pavement	SY	365	\$28	\$	10,220.00	
	Asphalt Curb	LF	245	\$25	\$	6,125.00	
	Line Striping	LS	1	\$1,000	\$	1,000.00	
	Drainage	LS	1	\$1,500	\$	1,500.00	
	Signs - regulatory and ADA parking	EA	1	\$250	\$	250.00	
<b>Security Lighting @ Baseball Field and Playground</b>							<b>\$10,000.00</b>
	Lighting	EA	4	\$2,500	\$	10,000.00	
<b>Picnic/Garden Space</b>							<b>\$10,000.00</b>
	Picnic Garden Space	LS	1	\$10,000	\$	10,000.00	
<b>Landscaping</b>							<b>\$33,000.00</b>
	Trees (2 1/2" Caliper)	EA	60	\$500	\$	30,000.00	
	Shrubs	LS	1	\$3,000	\$	3,000.00	
						<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$382,905.25</b>
<b>Contingency</b>							
	15% contingency cost, which covers unforeseen construction costs such as minor earthwork and erosion and sedimentation control plans						\$57,435.79
						<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$440,341.04</b>
<b>Professional Fees</b>							
	15% design and engineering (permitting, design, engineering, construction consultation)						\$66,051.16
						<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$506,392.19</b>
						<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$506,392.19</b>

<b>Bellwood-Antis Recreation Plan</b>					
<b>5th Street Park</b>					
Mackin Engineering Company, Project No#5103					
15-Mar-16					
	<b>Units</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>
<b>Site Preparation</b>					
					\$3,000.00
Clearing & Grubbing	LS	1	\$1,200	\$1,200	
Minor Earthwork	LS	1	\$500	\$500	
Erosion and Sedimentation Control	LS	1	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Drainage	LS	1	\$300	\$300	
<b>Park Sign</b>					
					\$1,000.00
Sign design and installation	EA	1	\$1,000	\$1,000	
<b>Walks and Parking</b>					
					\$17,480.00
Asphalt accessible walking route at park- ADA compliant	SY	350	\$28	\$9,800	
Stone surface (gravel) at parallel parking	SY	230	\$18	\$4,140	
	SF	330	\$8	\$2,640	
Concrete Sidewalk, Crossing and Wayfinding Signs (2)- Connection to Community Streets	LS- Markings & Signs	1	\$900	\$900	
<b>Pavilion</b>					
					\$53,900.00
30x30 Timber Pavilion Unit	EA	1	\$35,000	\$35,000	
Concrete Pad w/splash border	SY	160	\$90	\$14,400	
Picnic Tables	EA	9	\$500	\$4,500	
<b>Restroom-Concession Building</b>					
					\$100,400.00
Prefabricated Building Unit 2 restrooms with 1 toilet @ W and 1 toilet @ M, 10x16 small concession room w/ sink	EA	1	\$90,000	\$90,000	
Concrete Pad w/splash border	SY	60	\$90	\$5,400	
Utilities	LS	1	\$5,000	\$5,000	
<b>Community Memorial Garden</b>					
					\$3,700.00
Site Prep	LS	1	\$1,200	\$1,200	
Annuals and Perennials	LS	1	\$500	\$500	
Shrubs	LS	1	\$1,500	\$1,500	
Memorial Sign/Monument	EA	1	\$500	\$500	

Item Description						Quantity	Unit Price	Subtotal	Total
<b>Tot Lot Playground</b>									\$27,550.00
	Tot play structure					EA	1	\$18,000	\$18,000
	Poured in Place Rubber Safety Surface					SF	250	\$15	\$3,750
	Shade Structure					LS	1	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Swing Set					EA	1	\$2,800	\$2,800
<b>Picnic Area/Leisure Area</b>									\$2,600.00
	Picnic Tables					EA	2	\$500	\$1,000
	ADA Compliant Picnic Table					EA	2	\$800	\$1,600
<b>Linear Play Activity Space</b>									\$1,000.00
	Minor Grading and Drainage					LS	1	\$500	\$500
	Topsoil (Top-dressing) and Lawn Seeding					LS	1	\$500	\$500
<b>Open Play Space/Practice Field</b>									\$6,400.00
	Minor Grading and Drainage					LS	1	\$1,500	\$1,500
	Topsoil (Top-dressing) and Lawn Seeding					LS	1	\$2,500	\$2,500
	Fencing					LF	120	\$20	\$2,400
<b>Landscaping</b>									\$7,000.00
	Trees (2 1/2" Caliper)					EA	14	\$500	\$7,000
								Subtotal	\$224,030.00
<b>Note: Contingency covers unforeseen constrution costs.</b>								15% Contingency	\$33,604.50
<b>Contingency may include minor earthwork and erosion and sedimentation control plans.</b>									
								<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$257,634.50</b>
<b>*Note: Future Grant Applications are to add an additional 15% to the application total to cover costs for Design and Engineering (D and E costs typically cover- topographic survey, permitting, design, engineering, construction consultation). A property boundary survey is additional and based on the total acreage of the project.</b>								<b>TOTAL DESIGN &amp; ENGINEERING FEES*</b>	<b>\$38,645.18</b>
								<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT</b>	<b>\$296,279.68</b>

Bellwood-Antis Recreation Plan		Pine Croft VFD Park Priority Projects Budget				
Pine Croft VFD Park						
Mackin Engineering Company, Project No#5103		Units	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost	Subtotal
15-Mar-16						
Site Preparation						\$9,800.00
	Clearing & Grubbing	LS	1	\$2,500	\$2,500	
	Minor Earthwork	LS	1	\$1,100	\$1,100	
	Mounding and Buffer Planting along east side	LS	1	\$3,200	\$3,200	
	Erosion and Sedimentation Control	LS	1	\$2,500	\$2,500	
	Drainage	LS	1	\$500	\$500	
Park Sign						\$1,000.00
	Sign design and installation	EA	1	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Walking Route						\$29,370.00
Walkways	Crushed Limestone (AASHTO #10) or DSA material (approx. 6' wide)	SY	965	\$18	\$17,370	
Trails		LF	2,000	\$6	\$12,000	
	Walking trail through woods with earth surface (approx. 2' wide)					
Pavilion (RED for Fire Theme)						\$78,400.00
	30x60 Timber Pavilion Unit	EA	1	\$55,000	\$55,000	
	Concrete Pad w/splash border	SY	160	\$90	\$14,400	
	Picnic Tables (8' length)	EA	18	\$500	\$9,000	
Restroom-Concession Building						\$164,450.00
		EA	1	\$150,000	\$150,000	
	Prefabricated Building Unit 2 restrooms with 2 toilet @ W and 1 toilet & 1 urinal @ M, 4' x 14'					
	Mechanical room, 10x16 small concession room w/ sink, and 10'x10' Storage room.					
	Concrete Pad w/splash border	SY	105	\$90	\$9,450	
	Utilities	LS	1	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Adventure Play Space (Fire Rescue Adventure Theme)						\$30,300.00
	Earthwork- mounds	LS	1	\$1,800	\$1,800	
	At-grades slides	EA	2	\$3,000	\$6,000	
	Climbing Nets and Agility Apparatus	EA	2	\$2,500	\$5,000	
	Tubes, tunnels	EA	3	\$2,500	\$7,500	
	Swings and sliders	EA	2	\$5,000	\$10,000	
Tot Lot Playground (Fire House Theme)						\$24,250.00
	Tot play structure	EA	1	\$18,000	\$18,000	
	Engineered Mulch Safety Surface	SF	750	\$5	\$3,750	
	Park Bench	EA	2	\$500	\$1,000	
	Shade Trees	EA	3	\$500	\$1,500	
Playground (Fire Engine Theme)						\$57,250.00
	Play structure	EA	1	\$25,000	\$25,000	
	Engineered Mulch Safety Surface	SF	1,250	\$25	\$31,250	
	Park Bench	EA	2	\$500	\$1,000	

<b>Sand Volleyball</b>						\$5,000.00
	Sand surface	LS	1	\$3,500	\$3,500	
	Posts for net	LS	1	\$1,500	\$1,500	
<b>Picnic Area</b>						\$7,500.00
	Tables	LS	1	\$3,500	\$3,500	
	Bench Seating	LS	1	\$1,500	\$1,500	
	Water Fountain / Dog Compliant Water Spigot	LS	1	\$2,500	\$2,500	
<b>Dog Park</b>						\$16,050.00
	Fencing	LF	670	\$15	\$10,050	
	Dual Gate Entrance for small dog/large dog separation	EA	1	\$2,500	\$2,500	
	Misc. appurtenances for dogs and dog owners (shade and tables)	LS	1	\$3,500	\$3,500	
<b>Creek Viewing Area</b>						\$3,500.00
	Overlook grading	LS	1	\$2,500	\$2,500	
	Bench seating	EA	2	\$500	\$1,000	
<b>Multiuse Playfield</b>						\$4,000.00
	Grading and Drainage	LS	1	\$2,500	\$2,500	
	Topsoil (Top-dressing) and Lawn Seeding	LS	1	\$1,500	\$1,500	
<b>Landscaping</b>						\$15,000.00
	Trees (2 1/2" Caliper)	EA	30	\$500	\$15,000	
					Subtotal	\$445,870.00
<b>Note: Contingency covers unforeseen constrution costs.</b>					15% Contingency	\$66,880.50
<b>Contingency may include minor earthwork and erosion and sedimentation control plans.</b>						
					<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$512,750.50</b>
<b>*Note: Future Grant Applications are to add an additional 15% to the application total to cover costs for Design and Engineering (D and E costs typically cover- topographic survey, permitting, design, engineering, construction consultation). A property boundary survey is additional and basedon the total acreage of the project.</b>					<b>TOTAL DESIGN &amp; ENGINEERING FEES*</b>	<b>\$76,912.58</b>
					<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT</b>	<b>\$589,663.08</b>

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### Grants

Grant	Description	Contact Information
American Legacy Foundation Initiative for Tobacco Control	Provides grants of up to \$200,000 for anti-smoking projects.	<a href="http://truthinitiative.org/">http://truthinitiative.org/</a>
Amgen Foundation Community Life Grants	The Foundation dedicates substantial resources to strengthening and enriching the community, thereby making it a more desirable place to live and work. This investment helps to ensure that essential health and social services, environmental programs, the excitement of the sciences and the richness of the arts are more accessible to all members of the community.	<a href="http://www.amgen.com/citizenship/apply_for_grant.html">http://www.amgen.com/citizenship/apply_for_grant.html</a>
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.	<a href="http://www.baseballtomorrowfund.com">www.baseballtomorrowfund.com</a>
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	Provides meals and snacks for after school and evening youth recreation programs.	<a href="http://www.dot.state.pa.us">www.dot.state.pa.us</a>
Common Grant Application Format	The Grantmakers of Western PA provide the materials needed to apply for many grants geared toward foundations in the western part of Pennsylvania. Visit their website for links to the common grant application and details on writing your grant application.	<a href="https://gwpa.org/resources/common-grant-application-formcommon-grant-report-form">https://gwpa.org/resources/common-grant-application-formcommon-grant-report-form</a>
Federal Grants Clearinghouse	Provides information on hundreds of federal grants that can be used to support youth recreation programs.	<a href="http://www.afterschool.gov">www.afterschool.gov</a>
Fund Your Park	A crowdfunding platform designed exclusively for park and recreation agencies. Raising funds for local projects using the Fund Your Park platform engages loyal supporters and helps create new ones by allowing donors to share their experience. Applicants must be a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and a local, municipal or regional governmental agency with authority to implement the proposed project.	<a href="http://www.fundyourpark.org/content/page/Guidelines">http://www.fundyourpark.org/content/page/Guidelines</a>
Get Outdoors PA Community Partners	\$1,500 - \$3,000 Grants to fund equipment and training related to outdoor programming. Must be a Get Outdoors Partner	<a href="http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us">www.dcnr.state.pa.us</a>
Grants.gov	The federal government's master system for listing and tracking grants. It includes all 50 states as well as federally funded programs.	<a href="http://www.grants.gov/">http://www.grants.gov/</a>

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Go Greenfields Grant – Greenfields Outdoor Fitness	This grant will help parks and recreation make it possible to install outdoor exercise zones with an aim at bringing more accessible fitness opportunities to community members. This grant will match 50 percent of the equipment purchase and priority will be given to applicants demonstrating strong need for recreational and fitness opportunities in their communities, especially for demographics historically underserved by traditional park amenities. Applications must be submitted by Nov. 15, awarded by November 30.	<a href="http://www.GreenfieldsFitness.com/GoGreenfieldsGrants">www.GreenfieldsFitness.com/GoGreenfieldsGrants</a> .
Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP)	Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the “Authority”) for planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks and beautification projects using the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP). Projects which involve development, rehabilitation and improvements to public parks, recreation areas, greenways, trails and river conservation. Grants shall not exceed \$250,000 for any project. A 15% match of the total project cost is required.	<a href="http://www.newpa.com/GTRP">http://www.newpa.com/GTRP</a>
Growing Greener Environmental Stewart Fund	Provides funding for multipurpose trails, greenways, and parks.	<a href="http://www.growinggreener.info">http://www.growinggreener.info</a>
International Society of Arboriculture	Information to assist with landscaping/tree plantings	<a href="http://www.isa-arbor.org">http://www.isa-arbor.org</a>
KaBOOM! Playground Grants	KaBOOM! is the national non-profit dedicated to bringing balanced and active play into the daily lives of all kids, particularly those growing up in poverty in America. KaBOOM! provides communities with a number of grant opportunities for playgrounds and creative play.	<a href="https://kaboom.org/grants">https://kaboom.org/grants</a>
Local Government Academy	Serving all of Southwestern Pennsylvania, the Local Government Academy’s purpose is to promote excellence in government by providing educational opportunities to assist public officials, employees, and citizens in effectively meeting the needs of their communities.	<a href="http://localgovernmentacademy.org/">http://localgovernmentacademy.org/</a>
National Endowment of the Arts – Grants for Organizations	We fund projects only. Projects may consist of one or more specific events or activities. Projects do not have to be new. Excellent existing projects can be just as competitive as new activities. Projects do not need to be big either; we welcome small projects that can make a difference in their community or field. Matching grants generally range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. A minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount is required.	<a href="https://www.arts.gov/grants">https://www.arts.gov/grants</a>

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National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Provides grants for conservation and environmental education projects.	<a href="http://www.nfwf.org">www.nfwf.org</a>
National Gardening Association Youth Garden Grants	Provides grants of over \$750 for seeds, tools and gardening supplies for children to learn and work in outdoor gardens.	<a href="http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp">www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp</a>
National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) – Grant Opportunities	NRPA provides online grant and fundraising resources and current grant opportunities. Out-of-School Time Programs is a grant from the Walmart Foundation to support children’s health through park and recreation out-of-school time programs. One-year grants are available and are expected to range from \$25,000 to \$35,000. Matching funds are not required.	<a href="http://www.nrpa.org/grants">www.nrpa.org/grants</a>
NFL Community Football Fields Program	Provides grants of up to \$100,000 for capital improvement projects to improve or create football fields in low and moderate –income neighborhoods.	<a href="http://www.nflfoundation.org/applications/programs/view/grassroots">www.nflfoundation.org/applications/programs/view/grassroots</a>
NFL Youth Football Fund	Provides grants of \$500 to \$2,500 to purchase equipment, repair fields, establish new football programs, and improve existing programs.	<a href="http://www.nflfoundation.org/">www.nflfoundation.org/</a>
Nike Bowerman Track Program	Provides matching cash grants of up to \$50,000 to community-based, youth organizations that seek to refurbish or construct running tracks. The program distributes approximately \$200,000 in matching grants each year.	<a href="http://www.nikebiz.com/responsibility/community_programs/bowerman_track_program/">http://www.nikebiz.com/responsibility/community_programs/bowerman_track_program/</a>
PA Cleanways	A non-profit organization that helps communities take action against illegal dumping and littering.	<a href="http://www.pacleanways.org">www.pacleanways.org</a>
PennDOT Multi Modal Transportation Fund (MTF)	Establishes dedicated funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.	<a href="http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/MultimodalProgram/Pages/default.aspx#.VrOWv7IrLRY">http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/MultimodalProgram/Pages/default.aspx#.VrOWv7IrLRY</a>
Pennsylvania Conservation Corps (PCC) Project Grant Program	Municipalities may apply for PCC grants to carry out projects related to conservation, recreation and historic preservation. Grantees receive the services of a PCC crew for one year and may also receive up to \$15,000 for the purchase of necessary materials and contracted grant services. Municipalities must supply a 25% cash match. Applications are available in October and must be submitted by the following January. Projects begin on July 1 and end on June 30.	<a href="http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/serve.r.pt/community/grants/14632/pennsylvania_conservation_corps_(pcc)_project_grant_program/598231">http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/serve.r.pt/community/grants/14632/pennsylvania_conservation_corps_(pcc)_project_grant_program/598231</a>
Pennsylvania Council on the Arts	The PCA offers funding for organizational and staff development; provides funding and resources in two programmatic divisions, Arts in Education and Preserving Diverse Cultures; undertakes partnerships and initiatives to leverage opportunities; seeks solutions to challenges affecting the arts in the Commonwealth; and initiates programs that will serve and provide opportunities for a broad spectrum of artists, arts organizations and arts participants throughout the state.	<a href="http://www.arts.pa.gov/">www.arts.pa.gov/</a>

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Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED)	If you're seeking funding for a business venture, a community project or site revitalization in Pennsylvania, DCED offers a variety of programs to help. Program information is subject to change; for the most up-to-date information, use our online search tool.	<a href="http://community.newpa.com/program-funding-matrices/">http://community.newpa.com/program-funding-matrices/</a>
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP)	DEP has dozens of grants and loans to assist individuals, groups and businesses with a host of environmental issues. Below, you'll find a list of available grants and loans, a description of each program, links to applications and eligibility information. DEP's Grants Center is available to assist with general questions.	<a href="http://www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/GrantsCenter/">http://www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/GrantsCenter/</a>
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) –	The DCNR Bureau of Recreation and Conservation (BRC) builds connections between the citizens and the outdoors through recreation enhancement, natural resources conservation and community revitalization efforts. BRC partners with communities and organizations across Pennsylvania to provide technical assistance and financial support for these efforts.	<a href="http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/">http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/</a>
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) Boating Facility Grant Program	The grant will reimburse recipients for up to 50% of the costs for land acquisition, project design and engineering, development, expansion, and major rehabilitation of public recreational boat access facilities. Eligible activities include the rehabilitation, expansion or construction of new boat ramps, bulkheads, courtesy floats, access roads, parking areas, restrooms, signs and localized landscaping. All construction activities must benefit and directly support recreational boating. Eligible projects must occur on lands owned by the project sponsor, or where the sponsor has a long-term lease or agreement on the site. Grant funds are used for major site improvements and not for any routine maintenance or operation activities.	<a href="http://fishandboat.com/promo/grants/boat_fac/00boatfac.htm">http://fishandboat.com/promo/grants/boat_fac/00boatfac.htm</a>
Pennsylvania Humanities Council	The Pennsylvania Humanities Council is the only statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the humanities throughout the Commonwealth. We produce innovative programs, give strategic grants and connect people with ideas.	<a href="http://www.pahumanities.org">www.pahumanities.org</a>
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.	<a href="http://www.prps.org">www.prps.org</a>
Pennsylvania Safe Routes to School Program	Provides funding sources and information on how to implement a Safe Routes to School program or activity.	<a href="http://www.justdrivepa.org/Resource-Center/Safe-Routes-to-School/Funding/">http://www.justdrivepa.org/Resource-Center/Safe-Routes-to-School/Funding/</a>

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U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program	This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.	<a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program">http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program</a>
U.S. Department of Agriculture – Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) ensures that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. This summer, USDA plans to serve more than 200 million free meals to children 18 years and under at approved SFSP sites.	<a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program-sfsp">http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program-sfsp</a>
U.S. Department of Education	Provides information on grants to apply for in cooperation with school districts.	<a href="http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html">http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html</a>
U.S. Department of Education - 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Learning Program	Supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. The program helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.	<a href="http://www2.ed.gov/programs/21stcclc/index.html">http://www2.ed.gov/programs/21stcclc/index.html</a>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	Provides information on available grants that can be used to fund recreation programs that improve health.	<a href="http://www.hhs.gov/agencies/grants.html">www.hhs.gov/agencies/grants.html</a>
U.S. Department of Justice	Provides information on crime and violence prevention grants that can be used to support recreation programs.	<a href="http://www.oip.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm">www.oip.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm</a>
U.S. Forest Service Grants	The Grants & Agreements Administration & Management (GAAM) office works with state and local governments, institutions of higher learning, and both non-profit and for-profit organizations to accomplish many objectives such as diversifying local economies; protecting lives, homes and natural resources from uncontrolled wildland fires; and assisting with forest stewardship.	<a href="http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fap/fap.shtm">http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fap/fap.shtm</a>

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### Foundations

Foundations	Description	Contact Information
Allegheny Teledyne, Inc. Charitable Trust	Mostly local pa giving for projects related to youth, disabled, community arts, historical, or sports and camps. Letter form requests with a maximum of 2 pages may be submitted at any time. Include IRS tax-exempt document. Trustees meet in January, April, July, and October to award grants.	<a href="http://www.scaife.com">www.scaife.com</a>
Bayer Foundation	About one-half local/Pa. giving for projects related to youth, disabled, seniors, community arts, historical, sports and camps, or economic development. Full proposal may be submitted at any time. Deadlines are 3/15 and 9/15.	<a href="http://www.bayerus.com/community/charity/index.html">www.bayerus.com/community/charity/index.html</a>
The Eberly Foundation	Grants are awarded for projects related to youth, community arts, historical, sports and camps, miscellaneous, or economic development. Submit requests in letter format at any time.	<a href="http://www.eberlyfoundation.org/">http://www.eberlyfoundation.org/</a>
The Grable Foundation	Projects awarded for youth, disabled, families, seniors, community arts, historical, or camps and sport projects. Grants awarded in February, June and October. Use the Common Grant Application Format of Grantmakers of Western Pa as formal application.	<a href="http://grable.org/apply-for-funding/">http://grable.org/apply-for-funding/</a>
Heinz (Howard) Endowment	Send a letter of inquiry before formal application. Projects must relate to families, youth, disabled, community arts, historical, or sports and camps.	<a href="http://www.heinz.org">www.heinz.org</a>
Laurel Foundation	Grants are awarded for youth, families, seniors, disabled, community arts, historical, conservation and ecology, sports and camps, or miscellaneous projects. No call is needed to discuss feasibility.	<a href="http://laurelfdn.org/">http://laurelfdn.org/</a>
McCune Foundation	Send letter of inquiry to Executive Director, 2 pages maximum. Grants awarded for youth, families, seniors, disabled, community arts, historical, sports and camps, or miscellaneous projects.	<a href="http://www.mccune.org/">http://www.mccune.org/</a>
The Foundation Center	Has created a unique map that shows the different funding options by states.	<a href="http://www.foundationcenter.org">www.foundationcenter.org</a>
The Tony Hawk Foundation	Provides funding for construction of skate parks.	<a href="http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org">www.tonyhawkfoundation.org</a>

## Potential Funding Sources

UPS Foundation Community Investment Grants	Allocates dollars to UPS region offices to invest in their communities.	<a href="http://www.ups.com">www.ups.com</a>
U.S. Soccer Foundation	The goal of the grantmaking program is to focus funding on those programs or projects that develop players, referees, and coaches with special emphasis on the economically disadvantaged in urban areas. The foundation's grants program is open to anyone with a soccer-specific program or project that benefits a not-for-profit purpose and meets the established focus.	<a href="http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org">www.ussoccerfoundation.org</a>
Finish Line Youth Foundation	Encourages Sport Life Style in America's youth. Funding and assistance for education, sports and exercise placing importance on living a healthy lifestyle, bolstering confidence and leadership skills, and teaching youth the importance of teamwork.	<a href="http://www.finishline.com/store/corporate_info/youthfoundation.jsp">http://www.finishline.com/store/corporate_info/youthfoundation.jsp</a>
General Mills Foundation	Specifically geared towards programming related to nutrition and fitness.	<a href="http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx">http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx</a>
Healthy Youth Funding Resources	Link takes you directly to funding available for Pennsylvania	<a href="http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/HYFund/list.asp">http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/HYFund/list.asp</a>
LPGA*USGA Girls Golf Program	The program provides the opportunity to develop skills, progress in golf and have fun while establishing a life-long interest in the game. There is also a matching grants program, funded by the USGA, that is available to help with the costs associated with additional programming. The funds can be used for equipment, instruction, course and driving range access and the national registration fee (per girl \$10).	<a href="http://www.lpga.com/content_3.aspx?mid=7&amp;pid=8">http://www.lpga.com/content_3.aspx?mid=7&amp;pid=8</a>
NFL Grassroots Program	The goal of the NFL Grassroots Program is to provide non-profit, neighborhood-based organizations with financial and technical assistance to improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of local football fields.	<a href="http://www.lisc.org/whatwedo/programs/nfl/rfp.shtml">http://www.lisc.org/whatwedo/programs/nfl/rfp.shtml</a>
Nike	Grants in various categories from cash grants to track renovation.	<a href="http://www.nike.com/nikebiz/nikebiz.jhtml?page=26">http://www.nike.com/nikebiz/nikebiz.jhtml?page=26</a>
USGA Tee Level Clinic Matching Grant from Hook a Kid on Golf	The USGA provides matching grants to the National Alliance for Youth Sports program Hook a Kid on Golf. You must be a participating Hook a Kid on Golf site. To participate in Hook a Kid on Golf, go to their website or call. Upon registration ask about the grant program.	<a href="http://www.hookakidongolf.org">www.hookakidongolf.org</a>



## Potential Funding Sources

USTA Adopt-a-Court Grant Program	For courts in desperate need of repair with limited resources. May Deadline.	<a href="http://usta.com/communitytennis/custom.sps?iType=950&amp;icustompageid=2520">usta.com/communitytennis/custom.sps?iType=950&amp;icustompageid=2520</a>
Pew Charitable Trust	Provides grants in a number of program areas including environment, culture, and health and human services.	<a href="http://www.pewtrusts.com/grants">www.pewtrusts.com/grants</a>
Target Stores and Tiger Woods Foundation	Provides Start Something Scholarships for youth to use for summer camps, music lessons, sports entertainment, travel expenses, and so on. Programs enrollment forms are available at Target Stores.	<a href="http://www.startsomething.target.com/info/index.asp">www.startsomething.target.com/info/index.asp</a>
UPS Foundation Community Investment	This grant allocates dollars to UPS region offices to invest in their communities.	<a href="http://www.ups.com">www.ups.com</a>
U.S. Soccer Foundation	The goal of the grantmaking program for fiscal year 2005 is to focus funding on those programs or projects that develop players, referees, and coaches with special emphasis on the economically disadvantaged in urban areas. The foundation's grants program is open to anyone with a soccer-specific program or project that benefits a not-for-profit purpose and meets the established focus for the 2005 grant cycle.	<a href="http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org">www.ussoccerfoundation.org</a>
Woman's Sports Foundation – GoGirl Grant Program	The GoGirlGo! Grant and Education Program is dedicated to the development and funding of girls' sports/physical activity programs that combine athletic instruction and programming with the delivery or educational information aimed at reducing risk behaviors.	<a href="http://www.womanssportsfoundation.org">www.womanssportsfoundation.org</a>
Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation	Funds for constructing dek hockey courts	<a href="http://www.pittsburghpenguinsfoundation.org">www.pittsburghpenguinsfoundation.org</a>
American Water Charitable Foundation	Funding for Nature Play Playgrounds	<a href="http://www.amwater.com/corporate-responsibility/Charitable-Foundation">www.amwater.com/corporate-responsibility/Charitable-Foundation</a>
Rapides Foundation	Walking Trail Mini Grant	<a href="http://www.rapidesfoundation.org">www.rapidesfoundation.org</a>

## Potential Funding Sources

### Other Sources

Source	Contact Information
Achieve Healthy Communities	<a href="http://www.achievecommunities.org">www.achievecommunities.org</a>
After School Archery Program	<a href="http://www.afterschoolarchery.com">www.afterschoolarchery.com</a>
Annie's Homegrown Garden Grants	<a href="http://www.annies.com/grants_for_gardens">www.annies.com/grants_for_gardens</a>
Baseball Tomorrow Fund	<a href="http://www.baseballtomorrowfund.com">www.baseballtomorrowfund.com</a>
Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation Grants	<a href="http://www.ripkenfoundation.org/grants/grant">www.ripkenfoundation.org/grants/grant</a>
Dick's Sporting Goods Sponsorships & Donations	<a href="http://dickssportinggoods.sponsorport.com">dickssportinggoods.sponsorport.com</a>
For the Good of the Game Grants	<a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
Good Sports	<a href="http://www.goodsports.org/equipment/apply/">www.goodsports.org/equipment/apply/</a>
Grow Your Park Grant	<a href="http://www.nrpa.org/garden">www.nrpa.org/garden</a>
Head Start Body Start Play Space Grant	<a href="http://www.aahperd.org/headstartbodystart">www.aahperd.org/headstartbodystart</a>
Healthy Sprouts Awards	<a href="http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/healthysprouts.asp">www.kidsgardening.com/grants/healthysprouts.asp</a>
Hooked on Hydroponics	<a href="http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/HOH.asp">www.kidsgardening.com/grants/HOH.asp</a>
Mantis Awards for Community & Youth Gardens	<a href="http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/mantis.asp">www.kidsgardening.com/grants/mantis.asp</a>
Moms Team	<a href="http://www.momsteam.com/grants">www.momsteam.com/grants</a>
National Tree Trust	<a href="http://www.nationaltreetrust.com">www.nationaltreetrust.com</a>
Nature Explore Classroom	<a href="http://www.natureexplore.org">www.natureexplore.org</a>
NRG Outdoors	<a href="http://www.nrgoutdoors.org">www.nrgoutdoors.org</a>
No Child Left Inside Act	<a href="http://www.cbf.org/site">www.cbf.org/site</a>
Saucony Run for Good	<a href="http://www.sauconyrunforgood.com">www.sauconyrunforgood.com</a>
SNAG – Start New at Golf – Equipment	<a href="http://www.snagpros.com">www.snagpros.com</a>
Sticks for Kids	<a href="http://www.golf2020.com/initiatives/sticks-for-kids.aspx">www.golf2020.com/initiatives/sticks-for-kids.aspx</a>
Take Me Fishing	<a href="http://www.takemefishing.org">www.takemefishing.org</a>
Tennis in the Parks	<a href="http://www.usta.com/About-USTA/Tennis-in-the-Parks/Tennis_In_The_Parks">www.usta.com/About-USTA/Tennis-in-the-Parks/Tennis_In_The_Parks</a>
The Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation	<a href="http://www.rbff.org">www.rbff.org</a>
The Urban Park & Recreation Recovery Program	<a href="http://www.NPS.GOV/UPARR">http://www.NPS.GOV/UPARR</a>
Together We Play	<a href="http://www.playlsi/Together-We-Play">www.playlsi/Together-We-Play</a>
United States Golf Association Grants	<a href="http://www.usga.org/">www.usga.org/</a>
United States Soccer Foundation Program & Field Grants	<a href="http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/grants">www.ussoccerfoundation.org/grants</a>
USA Football Equipment Grant	<a href="http://www2.usafootball.com/grants">www2.usafootball.com/grants</a>
US Paralympics Grants	<a href="http://www.teamusa.org">www.teamusa.org</a>
Urban Revitalization & Livable Communities Act	<a href="http://www.govtrack.us">www.govtrack.us</a>
Youth Garden Grants Program	<a href="http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp">www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp</a>

## **Sample Mandatory Dedication Ordinance      F**

**OFFICIAL  
BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK  
ORDINANCE NO. 628-2015**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK,  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING  
CHAPTER 184 OF CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN  
PARK, "SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT," TO  
ADOPT REVISIONS TO THE SUBDIVISION AND LAND  
DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, the Municipalities Planning Code ("MPC"), 53 P.S. §10101 *et seq.*, authorizes the Borough of Franklin Park (the "Borough") to regulate subdivisions and land developments in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 184 of the Code of the Borough of Franklin Park, "Subdivision and Land Development," as amended, (the "Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance") regulates subdivisions and land developments within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan identifies the benefits of recreation and parks for current and future inhabitants of both residential and nonresidential developments; and

WHEREAS, the Borough evaluated pre-development land transactions within the Borough between 2013 and 2015 in order to calculate an average per acre land value of \$65,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to provide its new inhabitants with local open space so that for each additional dwelling unit constructed in the Borough, an additional .056 acres of open space is contributed to the Borough for parks and recreational purposes and for each additional nonresidential building constructed in the Borough, an additional 5% of the total square feet of gross floor space is similarly contributed the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to adopt amendments to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance as set forth below in order to maintain, preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park hereby ordains and enacts as follows, incorporating the above recitals by reference:

**SECTION 1.** Section 184-904 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance is amended as follows by deleting the current section 184-904 and replacing it as follows:

**§ 184-904. Dedication of open space; fees in lieu thereof.**

A. *General Standards.*

- (1) The Borough has determined that, in order to promote the best interest of residents of the Borough and individuals working in the Borough, adequate and usable recreation open space shall be provided to serve the needs of the public at large. The Borough's goals of promoting and utilizing recreation open space are set forth at length in the Borough's Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan, as amended and updated. It is acknowledged and recognized that both residential and nonresidential uses of land in the Borough create a demand for facilities which require and utilize recreation open space. Nonresidential development, whether stand-alone or part of a mixed-use development, creates its own demands for usable recreation open space as individuals employed in the Borough couple their work activities with non-work recreational activities within the Borough. As a result of nonresidential development, there is also an influx of business invitees and others who, due to the proximity and availability of Borough recreation open space facilities, utilize and will in the future utilize recreation open space facilities. It is a vital Borough objective to ensure that as residential and nonresidential development continue, usable and adequate recreation open space which meets the Borough's open space design standards is developed and that existing facilities located within recreation open space are maintained and upgraded as needed.
- (2) In addition, the nonresidential recreation fees or dedication of land in lieu of fee set forth in this chapter shall not apply to public schools, or buildings associated therewith, or to the Borough, any authority created by the Borough or any other Borough agency, on the basis that schools and local government agencies serve an overriding public interest which warrants an exemption from donation of land or nonresidential recreation fees.
- (3) Finally, the Borough has established this dedication of land / recreation fee-in-lieu thereof requirement with the intent to promote the retention and utilization of recreation open space within the Borough for use by future inhabitants of new developments, including Borough residents and individuals employed in or visiting the Borough. The amount of the applicable fee or dedication requirement corresponds to the gross building size of the relevant nonresidential development and should bear a reasonable relationship to the typical expected increase in employee and business invitee traffic within the Borough and reduction of available recreation space within the Borough. In the event that the Borough staff determines, in its sole discretion, that application of the nonresidential recreation fee or dedication of land requirement would be grossly disproportionate to the impact of a nonresidential development and in violation of applicable Pennsylvania law, the Borough's staff shall be empowered to recommend any modification it deems necessary to carry out the intent of this chapter.

*B. Mandatory dedication of recreation open space.*

- (1) As a condition precedent to final approval of any subdivision or land development intended for residential use, the developer shall dedicate for public use recreation open space meeting the design standards in this section, or upon agreement with the Borough, pay a fee in lieu of mandatory dedication.
- (2) As a condition precedent to final approval of any land development intended for nonresidential use, the developer shall dedicate for public use recreation open space meeting the design standards in this section, or upon agreement with the Borough, pay a fee in lieu of mandatory dedication.
- (3) The nonresidential recreation fees or dedication of land in lieu of fee set forth in this chapter shall not apply to *de minimus* nonresidential development. "De minimus" nonresidential development shall be defined as construction of a nonresidential building of 1,500 square feet or less of gross nonresidential building area.
- (4) For residential developments, the applicant shall provide for a minimum of .056 acres of public recreation open space for each dwelling unit. For nonresidential developments, the applicant shall provide for a minimum contiguous area of public recreation open space equal to five percent (5%) of the total square feet of gross nonresidential building area.
- (5) Within the area determined for residential developments by Section 184-904.B.4 above, at least 50% of the acreage shall be dedicated to the Borough for passive recreational purposes.
- (6) Within the area determined for residential developments by Section 184-904.B.4 above, at least 20% of the acreage shall be dedicated to the Borough for active recreation open space. All such land proposed for active recreation open space shall be suitable for the use intended.
- (7) The developer shall install facilities on the dedicated land that are appropriate to the needs of the inhabitants of the proposed subdivision or land development.
- (8) The type of facilities proposed shall be subject to approval by Borough Council, upon recommendation of the Borough Recreation Board and the Borough Planning Commission. In determining the appropriateness of the facilities, Borough Council shall consider the safety of the general public and future liability and maintenance costs to the Borough.
- (9) All land proposed for active recreation use shall be seeded and ready to be used for the purpose intended within 12 months of occupancy of the first dwelling unit or nonresidential building in that phase of the subdivision or land development.
- (10) All development of active recreation open space shall be subject to the requirements of Section 509 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code for

posting financial security to guarantee the completion of required public improvements.

- (11) The applicant or developer shall offer open space for recreation subject to approval by Borough Council and the execution of legal agreements between the applicant or developer and Borough Council for construction of recreational facilities on said land by the applicant or developer. Dedication and construction of facilities shall be subject to posting of the performance and maintenance bonds required for public improvements to be accepted by the Borough.
- (12) The applicant or developer shall prepare a legal description with metes and bounds of the land being offered for dedication.
- (13) The applicant may transfer open space by:
  - (a) Dedicating said recreation open space to the Borough.
  - (b) Dedicating said recreation open space to a land trust, acceptable to the Borough.
  - (c) Conveying ownership to the homeowner's association created under the terms of § 184-602F.
- (14) A maintenance agreement to be recorded in the Allegheny County Department of Real Estate may be required by Borough Council for the ownership and management of any private recreational facilities and common open space. The Borough shall have the right to make annual inspection of any private recreational facilities and common open space and may institute the procedures for maintenance of such facilities authorized by Section 705(f) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, as now or hereafter amended.
- (15) The plan for recording shall set forth the location of any open space, park or recreational land and shall reflect either the dedication or the method by which the perpetual administration and maintenance of the land and facilities is to be accomplished.
- (16) A sign with a map identifying future recreational facilities or open space shall be prominently posted along the perimeter at public access points and other locations determined by the Borough. Said sign shall be visible, weatherproof, a minimum of six and a maximum of 32 square feet, and shall be exempt from Zoning Chapter 212 sign ordinances.

*C. Criteria for land to be dedicated to the Borough.*

- (1) The recreation open space provided shall be easily, safely, and legally accessible from all areas of the development to be served, shall have safe ingress and egress



and shall have a minimum of 100 feet of frontage on a public road. Land set aside for active recreational facilities shall be located within 2,000 feet of all inhabitants of the proposed development with no major physical impediments or barriers to cross.

- (2) The recreation open space provided shall have suitable topography and soil conditions for use as a recreation area. At least 1/2 of any land proposed as open space shall be above the one-hundred-year-flood elevation. No area to be dedicated shall be comprised of wetlands.
- (3) At least 1/2 of the area to be dedicated shall have slopes less than 10% which are suitable for active and passive recreation. Slopes greater than 10% shall be accepted for passive recreation only.
- (4) The size, shape and location of the recreation open space provided shall be suitable for development as a park or parklet. No single side of a property with a rectangular configuration shall amount to more than 40% of the perimeter of the entire tract provided for recreational purposes.
- (5) The recreation open space shall be easily accessible to essential utilities, including power, water, sewerage and telephone. If any of these facilities are placed underground, no part of them or their supportive equipment shall protrude above ground level, except as may be authorized by Borough Council after a determination that there will be no adverse impact on the health, safety or welfare of the general public.
- (6) The finished grade of the recreation open space provided shall have a slope of 3% or less.
- (7) Recreation open space dedicated to the Borough in each subdivision and land development shall be contiguous in order to avoid small, remote, or unusable areas of recreation open space. Borough Council may waive, at its sole discretion, this contiguous acreage requirement.

*D. Fees in lieu of mandatory dedication.*

- (1) Where the applicant or developer elects not to offer to dedicate recreation open space or Borough Council determines, after review, that as a result of size, shape, location, topography or other physical features of the recreation open space offered for dedication that the setting aside of land for recreation open space as required by this section is impractical, not feasible or inconsistent with the goals of the Borough Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan, the applicant or developer shall be required to pay a fee in lieu of dedication, in order to finance the provision by the Borough of recreation open space and facilities for use by future inhabitants of the subdivision or land development.

(2) Standards for Determining Fair Market Value (FMV):

- (a) Where a fee contribution is made in lieu of required land dedication, the value or amount of such contributions shall be based upon "fair market value" (FMV) of an acre of pre-development land within the Borough at the time of the filing of the final plan with the Borough or the first final plan phase of a subdivision or land development plan consisting of multiple phases. Beginning in 2015, the FMV shall be set at \$65,000 per acre. This amount shall be annually increased or decreased by the Consumer Price Index or by an average of recent pre-development sales within the Borough, and the resulting FMV shall be included in the Borough's fee schedule, as adopted and amended by Council from time to time by resolution.
- (b) In accordance with Section 184-904.C.2.b, if a subdivision and land development is planned in development phases over multiple years as permitted by this Chapter, the approved FMV for a pre-development acre shall be adjusted with each phased final plan submission to keep current with actual land value within the Borough.

(2.1) Determining the Amount of Fee in Lieu of Land Dedication.

- (a) Residential. The amount of fee to be paid in lieu of dedication of land for recreation open space shall be based on the formula (" $N$ " x 0.056) x FMV = Total Fee, where " $N$ " equals the number of dwelling units in the residential plan or phase, 0.056 represents the minimum number of acres of public recreation open space that an applicant must provide per Section 184-904.B.(4), and where "FMV" is determined in Section 184-904.D.(2)(a).

*Examples:*

Single-family Residential Development with 35 homes on 35 lots:

$$35 \times 0.056 \times \$65,000 = \$127,400 \text{ } (\$3,640 \text{ per dwelling unit})$$

Multi-family Residential Development with 100 dwelling units:

$$100 \times 0.056 \times \$65,000 = \$364,000 \text{ } (\$3,640 \text{ per dwelling unit})$$

- (b) Nonresidential. The amount of fee to be paid in lieu of dedication of land for recreation open space shall be \$1.20 multiplied by the total square feet of gross nonresidential building area rounded to the nearest square foot.

*Example:*

Nonresidential Building with 1,000 square foot basement, 1,000 square foot first floor, and 500 square foot second floor:

$$\$1.20 \times (1,000 + 1,000 + 500) = \$3,000 \text{ total fee.}$$

- (c) Mixed Use. In mixed development projects involving any combination of single-family, multi-family and/or nonresidential developments, the applicant shall calculate the recreation open space requirements for the residential portion first, and then calculate the fee for the nonresidential development. The total fee shall be a combination of the residential fee and the nonresidential fee.
- (3) The fee authorized by this section shall be payable at the time of application for a building permit and, upon receipt by the Borough, shall be deposited in the Borough Recreation Capital Reserve Fund under an interest-bearing account. All fees collected shall be clearly identified as to the plan from which they were collected and the specific recreational purpose accessible to the future inhabitants of the plan for which they are intended to be expended. Interest earned on such accounts shall become funds of that account. Funds from such accounts shall be expended only in properly allocable portions of the cost incurred for providing, acquiring, operating or maintaining park or recreational facilities. The Borough Manager shall maintain such financial records for the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund to show the source and disbursement of all revenues and ensure that moneys are expended in accordance with the requirements of Section 503(11) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.
- (4) The fees in lieu of the provision of recreation open space shall be used, unless the person paying such fee shall agree otherwise, only for the purpose of providing, acquiring, operating or maintaining park and recreational facilities accessible to the subdivision or land development for which such fees are paid. Upon request of any person who paid any fee under this section, the Borough shall refund such fee, plus interest accumulated thereon from the date of payment, if the Borough had used the fee paid for a purpose other than the purposes set forth in Section 503(11) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

**SECTION 2.** All prior ordinances and resolutions are hereby repealed in whole or in part to the extent inconsistent herewith.

**SECTION 3.** If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Borough Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law by Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, at its meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

ATTEST:

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Mayor

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