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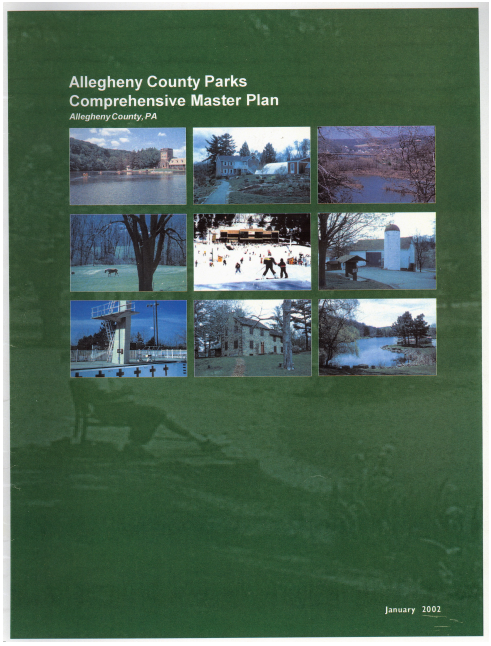

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Looking Back:

The "Allegheny County Parks Comprehensive Master Plan", prepared by Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC, was completed in January 2002. The purpose of this master plan was to provide a guide or blueprint for the long-range management and development of the park system to achieve a positive future. The open planning process included extensive public input; a thorough inventory of physical facilities, programs, operations and management procedures; and policy direction in developing the plan from a committee comprised of county residents.

Based upon the above sources of input, the Comprehensive Master Plan established a policy framework designed to guide overall county parks decision-making. Recommendations for actions to be carried out within the framework were provided as a whole (system-wide recommendations) and for each of the nine parks within the system. The plan also outlined a proposed implementation program, including priorities for non-capital actions such as organizational and management changes; capital improvement projects with order-of-magnitude cost estimates; and recommendations for long-term financing.

The goals of the Comprehensive Master Plan were to:

1. Establish an overall vision statement and policy framework for the long-range development and management of the Allegheny County park system.
2. Identify recreational and other park-related needs of the park system's users.
3. Develop a comprehensive inventory of natural and cultural resources, facilities, and programs in the county parks.
4. Assess current operations and management procedures for the county parks.
5. Based upon the above, formulate policies and an action plan to guide decision-making with regard to maintaining and enhancing the overall park system and the nine parks that comprise it.

The Comprehensive Master Plan made 42 system-wide recommendations that covered new initiatives, programs, and policies as well as operations, management, maintenance, and staffing; park facilities, programs, and events; natural, cultural, and historic resources; pedestrian, vehicular, and other forms of circulation; and other important issues. A total of 297 park-specific recommendations were made for the nine county parks; these proposed actions applied the system-wide recommendations for facilities, programs, infrastructure, and resources at the park level, addressing the unique conditions and circumstances of each individual park. Included were "Demonstration Projects" recommended for implementation in the short term, to underscore the commitment of Allegheny County government to improving the park system.

Progress Report Methodology:

A matrix was prepared listing each recommendation for the nine county parks individually and the system-wide recommendations. The matrix included a column for:

- Section Number – from the plan
- Recommendation – the highlighted wording
- Assigned Priority – from the study (1, 2, 3, none)
- Status/Comments – completed by Parks Department staff
- Status Grouping – determined after all status comments were completed by staff

Additionally, "Priority Demonstration Projects" were identified with an asterisk and italicized print.

The ten forms were provided to the Parks Department with the Status/Comments and Status Grouping columns blank. Department staff supplied status comments for each of the 339 recommendations made in the master plan. Upon review of those comments, it was found they fell into seven general groupings as follows:

1. Project complete
2. Project underway, or being addressed in some fashion
3. Ongoing effort (addressed through maintenance or programming)
4. In discussion through planning stages
5. No specific action identified by staff
6. No progress to date
7. Project deemed infeasible or unnecessary by staff

The status comments made by Allegheny Parks Department staff for each of the recommendations and the related status grouping number are listed below beginning on page X.

County Achievements:

Over the past four years, Allegheny County management, Public Works Department, and the Parks Department have made significant progress in addressing the 339 recommendations made in this study. By totaling the first four status groupings, we find that 222 or 65.5% of all recommendations are either completed, underway, being addressed through ongoing efforts, or in discussion/planning stages.

Many of the key suggestions in the System-Wide Recommendations have been completed, such as:

- Implement a new organizational structure for the county park system
- Recruit and retain a top parks and recreation professional to manage the Allegheny County Parks

- Implement a new maintenance management system designed to improve the upkeep of park and recreational facilities and grounds
- Develop and implement a risk management plan
- Prepare and implement a Preservation Plan to protect significant historic & cultural resources in the county parks
- Establish a process for coordinating with municipalities on county park issues of significant local concern

A long list of park-specific recommendations for facilities and programs have been completed, or are in process. As examples:

- A snow-tubing run at the ski area in Boyce Park is in the design phase
- The installation of a disc golf course is underway at Deer Lakes Park
- Land, or easements, are in the process of being acquired on the boundary of Harrison Hills Park to protect the view shed of the Allegheny River valley and to allow closer access to the river
- The horse stables at Hartwood Acres are in the process of being reestablished
- The shores are being stabilized and lakeside trails are being developed as part of the lake dredging project currently underway at North Park
- A demonstration garden has been developed at Round Hill Park
- Vendors have been selected and food and rafts are available to park visitors at Settlers Cabin
- A connection to the Montour Regional Trail is underway at South Park
- A therapeutic trail has been developed at White Oak Park
- Off-leash recreation areas (dog parks) have been added at Hartwood Acres, North Park, and South Park

The highest levels of achievement were in Harrison Hills County Park (84.3%) and Assigned Priority: 3 recommendations (83.0%). The lowest level of accomplishment was in Assigned Priority: 1 recommendations (44.5%). Below follows the list of achievements to the middle of 2006, based on the first four status groupings, for all parks and categories in order of highest percentage to lowest:

1. Harrison Hills.....84.3%
2. Assigned Priority: 3 .....83.0%
3. Demonstration Projects.....74.2%
4. System-Wide.....73.7%
5. North Park.....72.1%
6. South Park.....69.8%
7. Hartwood Acres 63.6%
8. Assigned Priority: 2 .....63.4%
9. Boyce Park.....58.4%

10. Round Hill.....54.5%
11. White Oak.....54.2%
12. Deer Lakes.....52.4%
13. Assigned Priority: None.....50.0%
14. Settler's Cabin.....50.0%
15. Assigned Priority: 1.....44.5%

Looking Forward:

While an impressive portion of the recommendations made in the Allegheny County Parks Master Plan have been accomplished or are being addressed in some fashion, more than a third remain untouched. 34.5% of the 339 recommendations made in this Comprehensive Master Plan have yet to be undertaken and fall into two general areas: Administration and Facility/Program.

The remaining administrative recommendations continue to be explored by county management or the Parks Department and will be implemented as the policies, capacity, and/or funding become available to make them possible. The majority of the facility and program recommendations require additional funding to undertake; as such, these recommendations will be addressed as funding sources are identified.

As the county moves forward with its plans to develop a non-profit foundation for the Allegheny County park system, this 501(c)3 organization could be able to garner the necessary funds to address many of the remaining recommendations.

System Wide Recommendations

Section No.	Recommendation	Assigned Priority	Status / Comments	Status Grouping
4.1	PARKS SYSTEM OPERATIONS	-	-	
4.1.1	Organization	-	-	
	Action: Implement a new organizational structure for the county parks system	1	The county parks system has been restructured.	1
4.1.2	Management & Staffing	-	-	
	Action: Initiate a national recruiting effort to identify & retain a top parks & recreation professional to manage the Allegheny County Parks.	1	Andrew Baechle has been chosen as Director of Parks and Recreation.	1
	Action: Recruit more parks & recreation professionals to fill management positions as they become available.	2	We are in the process of filling available positions.	3
	Action: Establish a comprehensive park management position for each park.	3	A management position has not been organized for each park.	6
	Action: Implement an effective performance evaluation, compensation, & incentive system that is explicitly tied to operating goals & objectives.	3	No such type of system has been implemented.	6
	Action: Establish a team-oriented approach to management. At a minimum, involve park managers, maintenance supervisors, area supervisors, & others in developing operating goals & objectives.	2	Weekly Monday meetings are conducted to keep management well organized and informed.	3
	Action: Enhance professional skills of staff by encouraging & making resources available for ongoing training & education.	2	Computer services and other types of training have been made available to employees.	3
4.1.3	Maintenance & Risk Management	-	-	
	A. Maintenance	-	-	
	Action: Implement a new maintenance management system designed to improve the upkeep of park & recreational facilities & grounds.	2	A new system has been implemented by the City Works.	1
	B. Risk Management	-	-	
	Action: Develop & implement a risk management plan.	1	A risk management plan has been created.	1

Section No.	Recommendation	Assigned Priority	Status / Comments	Status Grouping
4.1.4	Finances	-	-	
	A. Financial Management	-	-	
	Action: Develop & implement a long-range financial management plan.	1	There has been no progress in this project.	6
	B. Budget	-	-	
	Action: Promote budget accountability through involvement of staff in the process, establishment of specific financial expectations, provision of regular financial performance feedback, & provision of financial incentives based on performance.	2	There has been no progress in this project.	6
	C. Cost Recovery	-	-	
	Action: Implement a policy that defines cost recovery expectations for facilities & programs offered by the county parks, to be used in setting fees & charges to the public.	1	There has been no progress in this project.	6
4.1.5	Other Operational Issues	-	-	
	A. Customer Service	-	-	
	Action: Prepare a customer service plan that defines service standards & methods for responding to customer service issues.	1	Suggestion boxes have been placed in all the parks.	5
	B. Information Services	-	-	
	Action: Expand the use of computerized systems & the Internet in park systems operations.	1	The use of computerized systems and the Internet have extended throughout the parks.	1
	C. Park Police & Security	-	-	
	Action: Evaluate the role of the Allegheny County Police in the Allegheny County Parks.	3	The Allegheny County Police are aware of their role in the county parks.	3
	D. Volunteers / Partnerships	-	-	
	Action: Implement a program to expand the involvement of volunteers & corporate & institutional partners in the Allegheny County Parks.	1	We have numerous volunteers and programs partnered with Allegheny County Parks including PTAG and Friends of Hartwood.	3

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	E. Marketing / Public Relations	-	-	
	Action: Implement an active public outreach & marketing plan.	1	No such program has been implemented.	6
4.2	RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	-	-	
4.2.1	Capital Improvements	-	-	
	Action: Develop & implement a capital improvements budgeting process that addresses needs for repairs & upgrades to existing facilities & development of new facilities.	1	We are currently working on the process.	2
	Action: Implement a policy that specifies criteria for approving development of new facilities in the Allegheny County Parks.	1	There has been no progress in this project.	6
4.2.2	Accessibility	-	-	
	Action: Initiate a program to improve the accessibility of county park facilities to persons with disabilities.	1	The park's facilities have been improved to better accommodate the needs of the disabled.	3
4.3	PROGRAMS & EVENTS	-	-	
4.3.1	Recreational Programs	-	-	
	Action: Implement a policy that specifies criteria for the provision of recreational programs within the Allegheny County Parks.	1	This project is in discussions.	4
4.3.2	Educational Programs	-	-	
	Action: Implement expanded & new educational programs centered on the interpretation of natural & historic resources.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
4.3.3	Special Events	-	-	
	Action: Implement a policy that specifies criteria for approving special events in the Allegheny County Parks.	1	This project is in discussions.	4
4.4	NATURAL, CULTURAL, & HISTORIC RESOURCES	-	-	
4.4.1	Natural Resources	-	-	
	A. Conservation Areas	-	-	
	Action: Implement a conservation area program to protect areas of natural significance in the county parks.	1	The Allegheny County Parks will have a study conducted in order to complete this project.	4

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	B. Natural Resource Management	-	-	
	Action: Prepare & implement resource management plans for each park.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
	Action: Incorporate resource management guidelines into the county park maintenance management system.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
	C. Trails	-	-	
	Action: Establish & maintain defined trail systems throughout the Allegheny County Parks.		This project is complete.	1
	D. Hydrology	-	-	
	Action: Develop & implement watershed management plans for each of the county parks.	3	This project is in discussions.	4
4.4.2	Historic & Cultural Resources	-	-	
	Action: Prepare & implement a Preservation Plan to protect significant historic & cultural resources in the county parks.	1	A Preservation Plan has been organized and put into action for the county parks.	1
4.5	CIRCULATION	-	-	
4.5.1	Signage	-	-	
	Action: Develop standards for a system-wide wayfinding signage system.	1	The parks have been equipped with new maps and new signs.	1
	Action: Prepare & implement signage plans for each park.	2	This project is complete.	1
4.5.2	Pedestrian & Vehicular Circulation	-	-	
	Action: Implement a program to address priority pedestrian / vehicular conflicts & hazards within the county parks.	1	We are in the process of implementing a program.	2
	Action: Evaluate internal park roadways for the need to address traffic flow problems, sight distance, or alignment deficiencies.	3	The Allegheny County Parks continues to address this issue.	3
4.5.3	Public Transit	-	-	
	Action: Initiate discussions with the Port Authority on improving public transit service to the county parks.	3	The idea to improve public transportation to the parks was discussed with Port Authority.	2

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4.6	ECONCOMIC DEVELOPMENT	-	-	
	Action: Use economic development potential as a criterion in evaluating proposals to develop new facilities & programs.	2	Allegheny County Parks now uses economic development potential as a factor in development proposals.	3
4.7	OTHER SYSTEM-WIDE RECOMMENDATIONS	-	-	
4.7.1	Open Space	-	-	
	Action: Work with public & private sector partners to connect county parks to a county-wide system of greenways & open space.	2	The Allegheny County Parks now works with public and private sector partners.	3
	Action: Work with local municipalities to preserve valuable open space lands adjacent to county parks.	3	The need to preserve adjacent land has been addressed.	3
4.7.2	Park Design	-	-	
	Action: Develop & implement unified design guidelines for park facilities.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	Action: Develop & implement master plans for each specific park in the system.	2	There have been no discussions concerning this matter.	6
4.7.3	Carrying Capacity	-	-	
	Action: Conduct analyses to determine the carrying capacity of each county park.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
4.7.4	Intergovernmental Coordination	-	-	
	Action: Establish a process for coordinating with municipalities on county park issues of significant local concern.	2	This project is complete.	1
4.7.5	Park Boundaries	-	-	
	Action: Survey & field delineate the boundaries of the Allegheny County Parks.	1	This project is in discussions.	4

Boyce Park Recommendations

Section No.	Recommendation	Assigned Priority	Status / Comments	Status Grouping
5.3	BOYCE PARK			
5.3.1	Central Groves (BP1)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continues to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	• Emphasize this area as a passive-use recreation area.	2	These areas are passive-use recreation areas.	5
5.3.2	Recreation Complex (BP2)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continues to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	• Explore the feasibility of establishing a limited golf teaching facility.	1	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Establish an off-leash exercise area for dogs.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
	B. Programs			
	• Enhance programs for lessons & tournaments.	2	The Recreation Complex is typically used by outside organizations for games, lessons and tournaments.	5
	C. Cultural & Historic Resources			
	• Protect the culturally significant Indian Village located at the Recreation Complex from future disturbance.	2	The Allegheny Foothills Historical Society is involved in this project. It is currently in discussions.	4
	D. Circulation			
	• Construct an appropriate road for public use linking the soccer fields to the recreation area.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	E. Design			
	• Improve the landscaping of the parking lot at the soccer fields.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6

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5.3.3	Piersons Run Open Space Reserve (BP3)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Address parking needs at the Loghouse/Barn area for performances & special events.	3	This project is complete.	1
	B. Programs			
	• Evaluate the potential for increased cultural/arts programming at the Loghouse/Barn area.	3	The Allegheny Foothills Historical Society is expanding their programming in this area.	2
	C. Natural Resources			
	• Formally designate the Piersons Run Biological Zone as an Open Space Reserve.	3	Although not formally designated, this area will remain as an open space.	5
	• Develop a mowing program.	3	We are involved in a modified mowing plan.	2
	D. Trails			
	• Develop & implement a defined loop trail.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Develop a trail system to accommodate mountain bikers.	3	Out trail system accommodates mountain bikers, hikers and horses.	5
5.3.4	Wave Pool (BP4)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Improve conditions at the Wave Pool.	2	We upgrade the Wave Pool on an annual basis.	3
5.3.5	Four Seasons Lodge & Ski Area (BP5)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Enhance the ski area to increase the efficiency of operations & provide a variety of recreational activities.	3	A tubing park and a water holding area are future projects at the ski area. It is in the planning stage.	4
	• Develop an outdoor concert space between the base of the ski slopes & the Four Seasons Lodge.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
	• Utilize the "Four Seasons" Center for the park office & year-round programs & events.	2	This project is in discussions.	4

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	B. Programs			
	• Enhance programs for lessons & tournaments at the ski area.	3	Lessons and tournaments are both offered at the ski area.	3
	C. Trails			
	• Develop a network of cross-country ski trails throughout the park.	2	There are trails within Boyce Park that area able to be used for cross-country skiing.	5
5.3.6	Indian Hill Open Space Reserve (BP6)			
	A. Programs			
	• Enhance Nature Center educational/interpretive programming.	2	Naturalist has increased educational programming.	3
	B. Natural Resources			
	• Formally designate the Indian Hill Biological Zone as an Open Space Reserve.	3	Although not formally designated, this area will remain as an open space.	5
	• Establish meadows.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	C. Trails			
	• Develop & implement a defined loop trail.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
5.4.7	Other Recommendations			
	• Prepare more detailed plans as necessary to address specific planning, design, & resource management issues.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Maintain the Four Seasons Lodge & ski slope as the park signature.	2	We upgrade the ski area on an annual basis.	3
-	*Develop a snow-tubing run at the ski area. **	2	Project is in design phase.	2
-	*Implement a Conservation Area Program. **	2	This project is in discussions.	4
-	*Delineate the boundaries of the Piersons Run & Indian Hill Open Space Reserves. **	2	This project is in discussions.	4
-	*Formalize the trail system & construct a multi-use loop trail. **	2	This project is in discussions.	4
-	Holding pond improvements at ski area	2	This project is in the planning stages.	4
-	Survey & Establish park & OSR boundaries	1	This project is in discussions.	4

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-	Historic structures preservation plan/nomination	2	This project is in discussions.	4
-	Construct ice rink at ski area	1	There is no progress in this project.	6
-	Develop a "First Tee" or teaching facility at golf course.	1	There is no progress in this project.	6

Deer Lakes Recommendations

Section No.	Recommendation	Assigned Priority	Status / Comments	Status Grouping
5.4	DEER LAKES PARK			
5.4.1	Fishing Lakes (DL1)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	3	With new bridges and walkways, these facilities are no longer in “poor” condition.	1
	• Evaluate vendor opportunities around fishing lakes & Wagman Observatory.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	B. Programs			
	• Evaluate the potential for increased programming.	2	The naturalist offers extensive programming.	3
	C. Natural Resources			
	• Stabilize the banks of the Deer Lakes to protect water quality.	3	This project is complete.	1
5.4.2	Northern Groves & Fields (DL2)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	• Relocate the park office to a site closer to the park's main entrance.	3	This project is in discussions.	4
	• *Develop a disc golf course.* *	3	This project is underway.	2
	B. Trails			
	• Re-establish the Bridle Trail for equestrian use.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
5.4.3	Wagman Observatory (DL3)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Improve the parking area adjacent to the Wagman Observatory.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Evaluate the area north of the existing Observatory for recreational uses that would not conflict with the operations of the Observatory.	1	There is no progress in this project.	6
	B. Programs			
	• Enhance the partnership with the Wagman Observatory to provide additional programming.	3	The programs at the Wagman Observatory have been enhanced.	3

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5.4.4	Deer Lakes Open Space Reserve (DL4)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in "poor" condition.	3
	• *Evaluate the feasibility of tent camping site &/or overnight cabins within the West Deer Lakes Open Space Reserve.* *	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Develop an orienteering course.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	B. Natural Resources			
	• Formally designate the Deer Lakes Biological Zone as an Open Space Reserve.	2	Project under discussion.	4
	C. Trails			
	• Develop & implement a defined loop trail.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	Establish viewsheds & scenic overlooks as part of trail system.			
5.4.5	Other Recommendations			
	• Prepare more detailed plans as necessary to address specific planning, design, & resource management issues.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Maintain fishing lakes as the park signature.	3	This project is complete.	1
-	*Develop a model airplane facility.* *	1	Due to FAA regulations, no model airplane facilities can exist in Deer Lakes Park due to the close proximity of an airport.	7
-	Construct football field	1	There is no progress in this project.	6
-	Survey & Establish park & OSR boundaries	1	There is no progress in this project.	6

Harrison Hills Recommendations

Section No.	Recommendation	Assigned Priority	Status / Comments	Status Grouping
5.5	HARRISON HILLS PARK			
5.5.1	Southern Groves (HH1)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	• Enhance recreational facilities at the McCurdy soccer complex.	2	Age group 4-6 field received new soil and grass in March 2005.	3
	B. Trails			
	• *Enhance the corridor through which the Rachel Carson Trail passes & meets up with the Baker Trail.* *	2	This project is in discussions.	4
5.5.2	Harrison Hills Natural Area (HH2)			
	A. Natural Resources			
	• Formally designate the Harrison Hills Biological Zone as a Natural Area.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
	• Clean up the dumpsite.	3	This project is underway.	2
	B. Trails			
	• Develop & implement a passive-use walking trail.	2	Walking trail complete.	1
5.5.3	Northern Groves/Watts Memorial Overlook (HH3)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	• Evaluate the feasibility of developing a regional Environmental Education Center.	1	Project underway.	2
	• Relocate the Park Office to a site closer to the park entrance.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• *Preserve the view at the Watts Memorial Overlook.* *	3	This area is being enhanced by adding a new deck.	2
	• Re-establish community gardens.	2	This project is being discussed with the Friends of Harrison Hills group.	4

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	B. Programs			
	• Establish environmental educational programming.	3	The naturalist offers extensive programming.	3
	• Develop educational programs that focus on sustainable gardening.	3	The naturalist offers extensive programming.	3
	• Create an interpretive site at the old municipal dump area.	1	This project is in discussions.	4
5.5.4	Other Recommendations			
	• Prepare more detailed plans as necessary to address specific planning, design, & resource management issues.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Explore a strategy to expand the park to the south.	2	In process.	2
	• Maintain the Watts Overlook view of the Allegheny River Valley as the park signature.	3	Partially complete with remaining work planned.	2
-	Acquire land or establish easements adjacent to the southernmost boundary of the park to allow access to the Allegheny River.	2	This project is underway.	2
-	Survey & Establish park & OSR boundaries	1	There is no progress in this project.	6

Hartwood Acres Recommendations

Section No.	Recommendation	Assigned Priority	Status / Comments	Status Grouping
5.9	HARTWOOD			
5.9.1	Mansion & Stables (HW1)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Enhance revenue generating opportunities at the Mansion.	3	The gift shop has been expanded and teas/luncheons are conducted.	2
	• Reestablish horse stables.	2	Project is underway.	2
	B. Programs			
	• Enhance cultural/historic programming at the mansion site.	2	The naturalists and guests have enhanced programming at this facility.	3
	• Provide horseback riding & other equestrian-related lessons.	1	Project is in discussions.	4
	• Apply special events criteria.	3	This project is complete.	1
5.9.2	Little Deer Creek Open Space Reserve (HW2)			
	A. Natural Resources			
	• Formally designate the Little Deer Creek Biological Zone as an Open Space Reserve.	3	Although not formally designated, this area will remain as an open space.	5
	B. Trails			
	• Develop & implement a defined loop trail.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Establish winter uses.	3	Visitors utilize the trails and other uses are seriously being considered.	4
5.9.3	Horse Show & Jumping Area (HW3)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Develop a designated area for horse trailers.	3	There is already an area designated for horse trailers.	7
	• Develop an off-leash exercise area for dogs.	3	This project is complete.	1
	B. Programs			
	• Develop programs in this area related to equestrian use in park.	3	Polo, among other activities, is featured in this park.	3
5.9.4	Concert/Stage Area (HW4)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• *Design & install a vegetative buffer between Middle Road & the concert area.* *	2	This project is in discussions.	4

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	• Develop a clear parking area.	3	We already offer ample parking areas and are continuing to develop more.	7
	B. Programs			
	• Apply special event criteria to the concert series.	3	This project is complete.	1
	• Apply the special event criteria to the Celebration of Lights.	3	This project is complete.	1
5.9.5	Other Recommendations			
	• Prepare more detailed plans as necessary to address specific planning, design, & resource management issues.	1	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• *Address circulation issues within the park & conflicts between vehicles, walkers, bicyclists, & horseback riders.* *	3	This issue has been resolved after numerous meetings and volunteer sessions with walkers, bikers and horseback riders.	1
	• Explore ways to protect lands.	3	This area will remain protected.	5
	• Maintain the Hartwood Mansion & Stables as the park signature.	3	There are annual upgrades to this facility, as it continues to be the park signature.	3
-	Survey & establish park & OSR boundaries	1	There is no progress in this project	6
-	Nominate historic structures for National Register & prepare preservation plan	2	There is no progress in this project	6
-	Re-establish & improve equestrian trails	2	The Pittsburgh Trail Advocacy Group is volunteering their time to maintain the trails in Hartwood Park. Hence, this in an ongoing effort through PTAG.	3

North Park Recommendations

Section No.	Recommendation	Assigned Priority	Status / Comments	Status Grouping
5.1	NORTH PARK		-	
5.1.1	Park Gateway (NP1)		-	
	A. Facilities & Activities		-	
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	B. Natural Resources		-	
	• Restore North Park Arboretum.	3	There has been no progress in this project.	6
	C. Park Design		-	
	• Develop plans for gateway enhancements.	2	There has been no progress in this project.	6
5.1.2	North Park Lake & Trail (NP2)		-	
	A. Facilities & Activities		-	
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	• Increase use of North Park Boathouse.	2	We have increased usage of the Boathouse through the vendor Venture Outdoors.	3
	• Remove picnic shelter & asphalt cul-de-sac.	2	Both have successfully been moved.	1
	B. Programs		-	
	• Enhance programs consistent with the recreational programming policy recommended in Section 4.3.1.	2	We have enriched our programming through the vendor Venture Outdoors.	3
	C. Natural Resources		-	
	• Discontinue mowing at the Kummer / Ingomar Road intersection between Ingomar Road & Lake Shore Drive.	2	Mowing has been discontinued in these areas.	1
	• Discontinue mowing of several fields along Pine Creek Between Lake Shore Drive & Ingomar Road.	2	Mowing has been discontinued in these areas.	1
	• Limit moving in the tennis court area to those areas that have been "hardened" with rock ledges or walls.	2	This project is in discussions.	4

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	D. Cultural & Historic Resources		-	
	• Maintain the historical integrity of the North Park Boathouse through adaptive reuse.	3	This area has been contracted out to Venture Outdoors. This organization will not change anything in the structure, only enhance what is there. Hence, this project is underway.	2
	E. Design		-	
	• Stabilize the shore of North Park Lake to provide access.	2	This project will be completed after the dredging project is finished. Hence, this project is in the planning stages.	4
5.1.3	Central Groves & Shelters (NP3)		-	
	A. Facilities & Activities		-	
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.		The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	• Explore the feasibility of expanding the golf course by nine holes.	2	There has been no progress in this project.	6
	B. Natural Resources		-	
	• Protect steep slopes from development.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
	C. Cultural & Historic Resources		-	
	• Develop a study for the adaptive re-use of the Parish Hill Dance Hall, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, & Springhouse / Girl Scout Building.	2	There has been no progress in this project.	6
5.1.4	Golf Course & Horse Show Ring (NP4)		-	
	A. Facilities & Activities		-	
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	• *Develop an off-leash area for dogs. **	3	This project has been completed.	1
	• Explore the feasibility of expanding the golf course by nine holes.	2	This project is in discussions.	4

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	B. Programs		-	
	• Enhance programs for lessons & tournaments at the golf course & horse show ring.	2	We are in the process of offering a wider array of programs at the facilities.	3
5.1.5	Irwin Run Open Space Reserve (NP5)		-	
	A. Facilities & Activities		-	
	• Maintain groves & shelters in this area	2	There has been no progress in the project.	6
	B. Natural Resources		-	
	• Formally designate the Irwin Run Biological Zone as an Open Space Reserve.	2	Being discussed.	4
	C. Trail System		-	
	• Develop & Implement a defined loop trail		There has been no progress in the project.	6
5.1.6	Marshall Lake & Ice Rink (NP6)		-	
	A. Facilities & Activities		-	
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	• *Relocate Park Office to North Park Boathouse.* *	1	While this project is under consideration, no further progress has been made.	5
	• Relocate the exercise trail to an upland location.	2	There has been no progress in the project.	6
	B. Programs		-	
	• Enhance programs for lessons & tournaments at the ice rink.	2	We now offer ice skating instruction at the ice rink.	3
	C. Natural Resources		-	
	• Change the mowing frequency to an annual cut around Marshall Lake.	2	This project is underway.	2
	• Change the mowing patterns at Mill Grove & Mill softball fields.	2	This project is underway.	2
	D. Design		-	
	• Develop plans for gateway enhancements	2	There has been no progress in this project.	6

Section No.	Recommendation	Assigned Priority	Status / Comments	Status Grouping
5.1.7	North Park Lodge (NP7)		-	
	A. Facilities & Activities		-	
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in "poor" condition.	3
	• Increase use of North Park Lodge.		The North Park Lodge is now used by the Girls and Boys Club for recreational activities Monday through Friday.	3
	B. Cultural & Historic Resources		-	
	• Develop a study for the stabilization & adaptive re-use of the Standpipe / Observation Tower.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
5.1.8	Latodami Open Space Reserve (NP8)		-	
	A. Facilities & Activities		-	
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in "poor" condition.	3
	• Reconfigure the nature center complex	2	The nature center has been improved through volunteer efforts and expanded programming. Hence, this project is complete.	1
	• Remove the Model Airplane Field.		The Allegheny County parks plan to relocate the field for continued use.	4
	B. Programs		-	
	• Enhance educational / interpretive programming at Latodami Nature Center.	2	The nature center has been improved through volunteer efforts and expanded programming. Hence, this project is complete.	1
	C. Natural Resources		-	
	• Formally designate the Latodami Biological Zone as an Open Space Reserve.	2	Project under discussion.	4
	• Direct natural resource management to maintain a variety of habitats in various stages of succession.	2	Our natural resources are maintained through our naturalist, Meg Scanlon.	3

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	• Discontinue mowing around two fields on the Pearce Mill Road side of Pine Creek & adjacent to wetlands.	2	This project is underway.	2
	D. Trails		-	
	• Develop & implement a defined loop trail	2	There has been no progress in the project.	6
	• Enhance & maintain the existing Braille Trail.	2	This is an ongoing effort through volunteers from scout groups.	3
5.1.9	Soccer Complex (NP9)		-	
	A. Natural Resources		-	
	• Clearly delineate vegetative buffers between the soccer fields & adjacent streams.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
	B. Trail System		-	
	• Create a bicycle / walking / jogging trail through the southern boundary of the Latodami Open Space Reserve.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
5.1.10	North Park Swimming Pool & South Ridge (NP10)		-	
	A. Facilities & Activities		-	
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	• Explore the feasibility of enhancing the North Park Swimming Pool to increase the viability & use of the facility.	2	Concerts are now available at the North Park Pool.	5
	B. Programs		-	
	• Enhance programs for lessons & tournaments at the North Park Swimming Pool.	2	Water polo has been added to the list of available activities at North Park Pool.	3
	C. Natural Resources		-	
	• Aerate the playing fields	2	This project is complete.	1
	D. Cultural & Historic Resources		-	
	• Retain the historic integrity of the North Park Swimming Pool & Bathhouse.	2	This project is in discussions.	4

Section No.	Recommendation	Assigned Priority	Status / Comments	Status Grouping
5.1.11	Rocky Dell Open Space Reserve (NP11)		-	
	A. Natural Resources		-	
	• Formally designate the Rocky Dell Biological Zone as an Open Space Reserve.	2	Under discussion.	4
	B. Trails		-	
	• Develop & implement a defined loop trail	2	Being accomplished through ongoing efforts.	3
	• Enhance the corridor through which the Rachel Carson Trail passes & exits the park.	2	The park's volunteer groups, such as PTAG, are working on improving the condition of the area.	3
5.1.12	Hemlocks Natural Area (NP12)		-	
	A. Facilities & Activities		-	
	• Remove the old & unused structures	2	This project is in discussions.	4
	B. Natural Resources		-	
	• Formally designate the Hemlocks Biological Zone as a Natural Area.	2	Although not formally designated, this area will remain as an open space.	5
	• Apply forest management practices to accelerate natural succession.	2	There has been no progress in this project.	6
	• Manage snow trillium as a special concern species in this area.	2	There has been no progress in this project.	6
	• Discontinue mowing where appropriate.	2	This project is complete.	1
	• Close the dump located on the uplands in the vicinity of Massachusetts & Tupelo groves.	2	There has been no progress in this project.	6
	C. Circulation		-	
	• Maintain the existing road, but limit its use.	2	There has been no progress in this project.	6
	D. Trails		-	
	• Develop & implement a trail system that is sensitive to natural habitats.	2	There has been no progress in this project.	6

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5.1.13	Other Recommendations		-	
	A. Circulation		-	
	• *Implement improvements to improve conditions for pedestrians & address conflicts with vehicles. **	1	Following the completion of the drudging of the lake, a trail surrounding the lake will be constructed.	3
	B. Open Space		-	
	• Explore ways to protect lands adjacent to North Park with natural resource value.	2	Underway.	2
	C. Planning & Design		-	
	• Maintain North Park Lake & the North Park Lake Boathouse as the park signature.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
	• Prepare more detailed plans as necessary to address specific planning, design, & resource management issues.		There has been no progress in this project.	6
-	Survey & establish Park & OSR boundaries	1	There has been no progress in this project.	6
-	Develop 80th division monument as gateway to park	3	Renovations to this monument complete.	1
-	*Develop a trail to establish a connection to North Hills Harmony Trail. **	2	We are working with the PTAG to develop this connection.	3
-	*Implement trail improvements around North Park Lake. **	2	A new trail will be constructed around the lake after it has been drudged.	3

Round Hill Recommendations

Section No.	Recommendation	Assigned Priority	Status / Comments	Status Grouping
5.7	ROUND HILL PARK			
5.7.1	Exhibit Farm (RH1)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	B. Programs			
	• Enhance programs at the Exhibit Farm.	3	These programs have been enhanced through the naturalist and Penn State Cooperative Extension.	3
	• Develop sustainable agriculture demonstration areas.	1	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Enhance opportunities for coordination.	1	There is no progress in this project.	6
	C. Natural Resources			
	• *Enhance the duck pond at the main entrance to the park.* *	3	This project is complete.	1
5.7.2	Northern Groves (RH2)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	• Emphasize this area as a passive-use recreation area.	2	These areas are passive-use recreation areas.	5
5.7.3	Southeastern Fields (SC3)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Work with the Elizabeth Forward Soccer Association to enhance the existing soccer complex.	2	We are in discussions with the Elizabeth Forward community.	4
	• Explore the feasibility of developing a recreation complex, including a variety of courts & fields.	2	We are in discussions with the Elizabeth Forward community.	4
5.7.4	Douglas Run Open Space Reserve (RH4)			
	A. Natural Resources			
	• Formally designate the Douglas Run Biological Zone as an Open Space Reserve.	3	Under discussion.	4

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	• Preserve the herbaceous spring vernal wildflower colonies.	3	This area will remain protected.	5
	B. Trails			
	• Develop & implement a defined loop trail.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
5.7.5	Other Recommendations			
	• Prepare more detailed plans as necessary to address specific planning, design, & resource management issues.	1	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Maintain the Exhibit Farm as the park signature.	3	There are annual upgrades to this facility, as it continues to be the park signature.	3
	A. Youghiogheny River Trail Connection			
	• *Develop a trail along Round Hill Road for bicyclists & walkers/joggers.* *	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	B. Opportunities for Addition of Lands to Round Hill Park			
	• Explore ways to protect lands.	3	Penn State Cooperative Extension is involved in this project.	2
-	*Pursue a partnership with the Penn State Cooperative Extension to improve programming at the Exhibit Farm.* *	3	This project is underway.	2
-	Survey & establish park & OSR boundaries.	1	There has been no progress in this project.	6
-	Develop trails.	1	This project is underway through volunteers from PTAG.	2
-	Historic structures preservation plan/nomination.	2	There has been no progress in this project.	6
-	Develop demonstration garden	2	This project is complete through volunteers from Penn State Cooperative Extension.	1
-	Construct recreation/pool	3	There has been no progress in this project.	6

Settler's Cabin Recommendations

Section No.	Recommendation	Assigned Priority	Status / Comments	Status Grouping
5.8	SETTLER'S CABIN PARK		-	
5.8.1	Wave & Diving Pools (SC1)		-	
	A. Facilities & Activities		-	
	• *Create an enhanced aquatic park & a "family fun center" at the Wave Pool Complex.* *	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Explore vendor opportunities.		A vendor has been selected, and food and rafts are available to customers.	1
	B. Programs		-	
	• Enhance programs for lessons & tournaments at the diving pool.		There is no progress in this project.	6
5.8.2	Tennis Complex & Groves (SC2)		-	
	A. Facilities & Activities		-	
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.		The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in "poor" condition.	3
	• Emphasize this area as a passive-use recreation area.		There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Consider vendor opportunities at the tennis courts/playground.		This project is in discussions.	4
	B. Programs		-	
	• Enhance programs for lessons & tournaments at the tennis complex.	2	We have contracted a tennis pro for programming at this location. Hence, this project is complete.	1
5.8.3	Southeastern Fields (SC3)		-	
	A. Facilities & Activities		-	
	• Relocate the Park Office.	3	This project is in discussions.	4
	• Explore the feasibility of developing a 9- or 18-hole golf course.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	B. Natural Resources		-	
	• Create or maintain vegetative buffers around all park stream corridors.		The Allegheny County Parks are currently working on this issue.	3
5.8.4	Pinkerton Run Open Space Reserve (SC4)		-	
	A. Natural Resources		-	
	• Formally designate the Pinkerton Run Biological Zone as an Open Space Reserve.		Under discussion.	4

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	B. Trails		-	
	• Develop & implement a defined loop trail.		There is no progress in this project.	6
	C. Cultural & Historic Resources		-	
	• Restore the historic Ewing-Walker House & Barn.		There is no progress in this project.	6
	D. Other		-	
	• Form partnerships with corporate neighbors.		The Allegheny County Parks have been in contact with the Bayer Corporation.	3
5.8.5	Botanic Garden (SC5)		-	
	A. Programs		-	
	• Strengthen partnership with the Horticultural Society of Western Pennsylvania.		The Allegheny County Parks have continued to improve their relationship with the Horticultural Society.	3
5.8.6	Other Recommendations		-	
	• Prepare more detailed plans as necessary to address specific planning, design, & resource management issues.		There is no progress in this project.	6
	• *Re-establish Greer Road as the primary north-south access within park.* *	1	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Enhance park gateways with clear signage.		There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Maintain the wave pool & diving platform as the park signature.		We are currently working on this project.	2
-	*Establish a clear network of trails throughout the park.* *		Currently in the process of mapping.	4
-	Survey & establish park & OSR boundaries	1	There is no progress in this project.	6
-	Historic structures preservation plan/nomination	2	There is no progress in this project.	6

South Park Recommendations

Section No.	Recommendation	Assigned Priority	Status / Comments	Status Grouping
5.2	SOUTH PARK			
5.2.1	Northern Fields/Shelters (SP1)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in "poor" condition.	3
	• Emphasize this area as a passive-use recreation area.	2	These areas are passive-use recreation areas.	5
	B. Natural Resources			
	• Limit Mowing.	3	We are involved in a modified mowing plan.	2
5.2.2	Ice Skating Rink/VIP (SP2)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Redevelop the South Park "VIP" facility as a recreation complex.	3	The "VIP" facility has many new features.	2
	• Develop a new tennis complex.	1	Project underway	2
	B. Programs			
	• Enhance programs for lessons & tournaments at the ice rink.	3	We are in the process of offering ice skating instruction at the rink.	2
	• Apply special events criteria (Section 4.3.3).	3	We continue offering Big Band Bashes and ice skating shows at the rink.	3
	C. Natural Resources			
	• Discontinue mowing.	3	We are involved in a modified mowing plan.	2
	D. Cultural & Historic Resources			
	• Evaluate options for the stabilization & adaptive re-use of the Maits House.	3	Nothing has been developed or designed.	6
	E. Design			
	• Develop plans to improve the aesthetic quality of the South Park "VIP".	3	The "VIP" facility has many new features including a new roof on the hall.	2
5.2.3	Girl Scout Open Space Reserve (SP3)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Relocate the Nature Center to the Girl Scout Open Space Reserve.	1	There is no planned movement for the Nature Center.	5

Section No.	Recommendation	Assigned Priority	Status / Comments	Status Grouping
	B. Programs			
	• Enhance Nature Center educational/interpretive programming.	3	The naturalist offers extensive programming.	3
	C. Natural Resource			
	• Formally designate the Girl Scout Biological Zone as an Open Space Reserve.	1	There have been no discussions concerning this matter.	4
	D. Trails			
	• Develop & implement a defined loop trail.	2	This project in discussions.	4
5.2.4	Reflecting Pools Open Space Reserve (SP4)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continues to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	B. Natural Resources			
	• Formally designate the Reflecting Pools Biological Zone as an Open Space Reserve.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	C. Cultural & Historic Resource			
	• Renovate the series of stonewalls & reflecting pools.	2	Project in discussions.	4
	D. Trails			
	• Develop & implement a defined loop trail.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
5.2.5	South Park Golf Course (SP5)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	3	We have made extensive repairs to the South Park Golf Course and continue to do so.	3
	• Explore the feasibility of expanding the golf course by 9 holes.	3	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Explore the feasibility of relocating the BMX track to Fairgrounds Area in the future.	1	We are pleased with the current location of the BMX track.	7
	B. Programs			
	• Enhance programs for lessons & tournaments at the golf course.	3	An increased number of tournaments are being scheduled at the South Park Golf Course.	3

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	C. Natural Resources			
	• Develop plans to upgrade the existing golf course to standards set by the Audubon Society to provide habitat for wildlife.	2	We are not involved with this project at the current time.	6
	D. Cultural & Historic Resource			
	• Evaluate options for the stabilization & adaptive re-use of the Spreading Oak Barn Dance Hall.	1	This building already serves as a popular rental facility.	5
5.2.6	Oliver Miller Homestead (SP6)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• *Relocate the tennis courts away from the Oliver Miller Homestead & Catfish Run.* *	3	Tennis courts adjacent to the Oliver Miller Homestead have already been addressed.	2
	B. Programs			
	• Enhance historical educational/interpretive programs at Oliver Miller Homestead.	3	The programs at the Oliver Miller Homestead have been enhanced with the construction of the period barn.	2
	C. Cultural & Historic Resources			
	• Enhance the "front lawn" area of the Homestead facing Corrigan Drive & the intersection at Corrigan Circle.	3	Ongoing effort	3
	D. Design			
	• Enhance landscaping & signage to improve the visibility of the Homestead as a central feature & signature of the park.	3	Underway.	2
5.2.7	Wave Pool/Maintenance Area (SP7)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Improve conditions at the Wave Pool.	2	We upgrade the Wave Pool on an annual basis.	3
	B. Design			
	• Enhance the landscape of the intersection & road corridor along McConkey Road.	1	Project in discussions.	4

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5.2.8	Game Preserve (SP8)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• *Enhance the existing Game Preserve to better maintain & showcase the animals, incorporate historical/interpretive signage, & provide educational programs. **	3	This project is complete.	1
	• Establish an off-leash exercise area for dogs.	3	This project is complete.	1
	• Enhance the visual quality of the duck pond.	3	This project is complete.	1
	B. Programs			
	• Provide interpretive programming on the ecology of a freshwater pond.	3	The naturalist offers extensive programming.	3
	C. Natural Resources			
	• Improve the water quality & quality of vegetation at the duck pond.	3	This project is complete.	1
	D. Cultural & Historic Resources			
	• Memorialize the past use of the land as a pasture for buffalo.	1	Ongoing project.	3
	E. Design			
	• Improve the landscaping of the parking lot at the duck pond.	3	This project is complete.	1
5.2.9	Southeast Groves (SP9)			
	A. Natural Resources			
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	• Emphasize this area as a passive-use recreation area.	3	This project is complete.	1
	• Explore the feasibility of developing a new soccer complex.	2	Although this project is in discussions, it is not planned for this specific area.	4
5.2.10	Fairgrounds (SP10)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Prepare a detailed Master Plan for the redesign of the Fairgrounds Complex to accommodate various active uses & events.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6

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	• Improve equestrian use facilities & associated riding trails.	2	There is some progress in this project.	3
	• Explore the feasibility of relocating the BMX track to the Fairgrounds area.	1	We are pleased with the current location of the BMX track.	7
	B. Programs			
	• Continue to reestablish the County Fair.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
	• Enhance programs for lessons & tournaments at the horse show ring & other equestrian facilities in the Fairgrounds Complex.	2	Being addressed through ongoing efforts.	3
	• Apply special events criteria.	2	The horse show ring is typically used by outside organizations.	5
	D. Cultural & Historic Resources			
	• Rehabilitate buildings at the Fairgrounds Complex for their original intended use for the purpose of County Fair functions.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
	D. Circulation			
	• Enhance parking areas & traffic management for special events at the fairgrounds.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
5.2.11	Sleepy Hollow Open Space Reserve (SP11)			
	A. Natural Resources			
	• Formally designate the Sleepy Hollow Biological Zone as an Open Space Reserve.	3	In discussion.	4
	B. Trails			
	• Develop & implement a defined loop trail.	2	Loop trail completed.	6
	• *Provide a connection to the Montour Regional Trail.* *	2	Underway, partially funded.	2
	C. Other			
	• Protect Sleepy Hollow area from future strip mining proposals.	3	This item is currently being discussed.	4
5.2.12	Other Recommendations			
	A. Circulation			
	• Implement improvements to improve conditions for pedestrians & address conflicts with vehicles.	3	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities.	3

Section No.	Recommendation	Assigned Priority	Status / Comments	Status Grouping
	B. Catfish Run			
	• Discontinue mowing within 20 feet (minimum) of the banks of Catfish Run.	3	We are involved in a modified mowing plan.	2
	• Establish riparian buffers along Catfish Run.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
	• Control erosion & stabilize stream banks along Catfish Run.	3	Ongoing project.	3
	• Create wetlands along Catfish Run.	3	This project is in discussions.	4
	C. Planning & Design			
	• Change the signature of the park to the Oliver Miller Homestead.	1	The buffalo will remain the signature of South Park.	7
	• Prepare more detailed plans as necessary to address specific planning, design, & resource management issues.	1	There is no progress in this project.	6
-	*Develop a detailed Master Plan for South Park.* *	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
-	*Implement circulation improvements along Corrigan Drive.* *	3	A new traffic light was installed on Corrigan Drive.	2
-	Survey & establish Park & OSR boundaries.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
-	Preservation Plan/Nominate Historic Structures.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6

White Oak Recommendations

Section No.	Recommendation	Assigned Priority	Status / Comments	Status Grouping
5.6	WHITE OAK PARK			
5.6.1	Southern Groves (WO1)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	• Emphasize this area as a passive-use recreation area.	2	These areas are passive-use recreation areas.	5
5.6.2	Jacks Run Natural Area (WO2)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• *Develop a small-scale nature center.* *	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	B. Programs			
	• Establish environmental programming.	3	The naturalist offers extensive programming.	3
	C. Natural Resources			
	• Formally designate the Jacks Run Biological Zone as a Natural Area.	3	Although not formally designated, this area will remain as a natural area.	5
	• Establish special events that relate to the signature of the park.	2	Annual “Walk for the Animals” showcases White Oak Park and its off leash dog area.	3
	D. Trails			
	• Develop & implement a passive-use walking trail.	2	Project complete	1
5.6.3	Angora Gardens (WO3)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Repair facilities identified to be in "poor" condition in the facility inventory.	2	The Allegheny County Parks continue to address issues at all facilities identified to be in “poor” condition.	3
	• *Construct a Park Office that is welcoming to the public & separated from the maintenance building.* *	3	This project is in discussions.	4
	B. Programs			
	• Develop rehabilitative or therapeutic programming.	3	Therapeutic programs are offered at Angora Gardens.	3
	C. Trails			
	• *Enhance & maintain the existing Braille Trail.* *	3	The Braille Trail has been enhanced and continues to be maintained.	3

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	D. Design			
	• Improve landscaping around the Park Office/Maintenance facility.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
5.6.4	Southeast Fields (WO4)			
	A. Facilities & Activities			
	• Develop outdoor rehabilitative or therapeutic facilities focused on users with special needs.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Evaluate the feasibility of developing a tent camping area.	2	This project is in discussions.	4
	B. Programs			
	• In partnership with Mon-Yough or other local hospital or rehabilitative centers, develop regional programming focused on rehabilitative or therapeutic activities.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	C. Natural Resources			
	• Protect the stream corridor in this area with a 100' (minimum) vegetative buffer.	3	This project is complete.	1
	D. Trails			
	• Develop a network of trails focused on therapeutic recreation or other accessible/sensory experience trails.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
5.6.5	Other Recommendations			
	• Prepare more detailed plans as necessary to address specific planning, design, & resource management issues.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Explore ways to protect the forested land contained along the upland stream corridor.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
	• Work with the local municipality.	3	The park manager works closely with White Oak Borough Administration.	3
	• Change the park signature to the Jacks Run Natural Area.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6
-	*Develop a therapeutic trail.* *	2	This project is complete through scout volunteers.	1
-	Survey & establish park & OSR boundaries.	1	There is no progress in this project.	6
-	Develop Therapeutic Recreation Center.	2	There is no progress in this project.	6