

An aerial photograph of a landscape featuring a winding river, agricultural fields, and some built-up areas. The image is framed by a teal border at the top and bottom.

LIMERICK TOWNSHIP

Comprehensive Open Space Plan

**Public
Meeting 2**
02.06.2020

Meeting Agenda

- ❖ Draft Mission Statement and Plan Goal
- ❖ Demographics
- ❖ Public Survey Preliminary Results
- ❖ Ideas gathered from Brainstorming Sessions
- ❖ Township Open Space Analysis
- ❖ Similar Community Benchmarks
- ❖ Service Area Gaps
- ❖ Open Space Parcel Selection Criteria



Project Schedule

Advisory and Public Meetings – 4 Each

- Meeting 1 - Programming, Brainstorming & Visioning
- Meeting 2 - Analysis of existing conditions & Initial Concepts
- Meeting 3 - Draft Open Space Plan
- Meeting 4 - Presentation of Final Plan to Board of Supervisors



Committee Meeting #1	Thursday, October 17th	7:00 - 8:30 PM
Public Meeting #1	Thursday, November 7th	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Committee Meeting #2	Thursday, January 9th	7:00 - 8:30 PM
Public Meeting #2	Thursday, February 6th	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Committee Meeting #3	Thursday, April 9th	7:00 - 8:30 PM
Public Meeting #3	Thursday, May 7th	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Committee Meeting #4	Wednesday, June 3rd	7:00 - 8:30 PM
BOS (Public Meeting #4)	Tuesday, June 16th	7:00

Internet Public Opinion Survey from November to May

DRAFT – MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Limerick Township's Comprehensive Open Space Plan is to enhance access to a wide range of recreational and open space resources to benefit the environment and community.



DRAFT – PLAN GOAL

Create a sustainable plan for parks and open space that provides equitable access to all residents while preserving the rural, agricultural and suburban characteristics that contribute to Limerick being a unique community.



DRAFT – PLAN GOAL alternative for consideration

*Create an **objective** and sustainable plan for **investing in** parks and open space that provides equitable access to all residents while preserving **and increasing the property values of residents as well as maintaining** the rural, agricultural and suburban characteristics that contribute to Limerick being a unique community.*

by Jennie Jonas



Demographics - Population

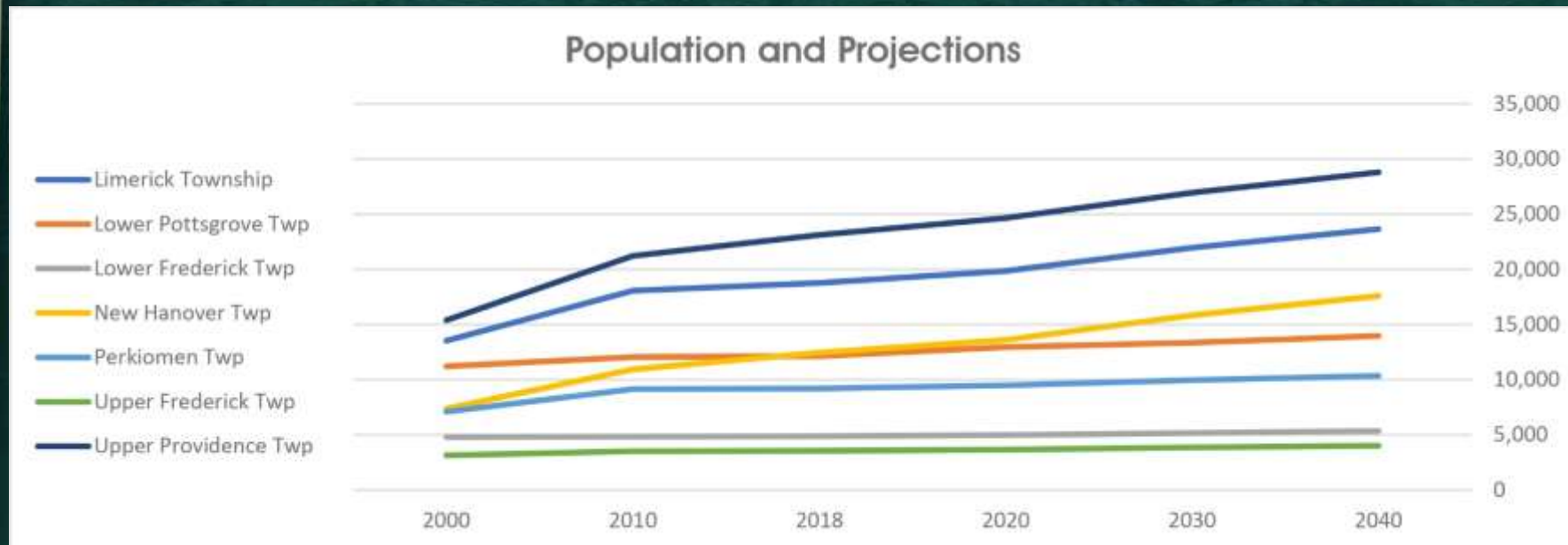
Population change from 2000 to 2018:

Limerick	38.73%
Montgomery County	9.14%

Limerick Township Population Projections:

2018 DVRPC	18,776
2040 Projection	23,653
Population Growth	25.97%
MontCo Growth	12.24%

Limerick is one of the fastest growing townships in the region



Source: US Census Bureau, 2013-2018 American Community Survey (ACS), and DVRPC

Demographics - Population by Age

Limerick's Largest Age Groups:

- 10-19
- 40-59

Median Age:

- Limerick Twp. 40.0
- MontCo. 41.2
- Pennsylvania 40.7
- National Avg 37.8

Spring-Ford School District has a projected decrease in enrollment of 20% by 2028-2029, according to PA Dept of Education

% by Age Group	Limerick Twp	Montgomery County
0-9	12.9%	11.6%
10-19	15%	12.6%
20-29	9.8%	11.7%
30-39	12.7%	12.5%
40-49	15.7%	13.4%
50-59	16.4%	14.8%
60-69	9%	11.7%
70-79	4.5%	6.5%
85+	4.4%	5.0%

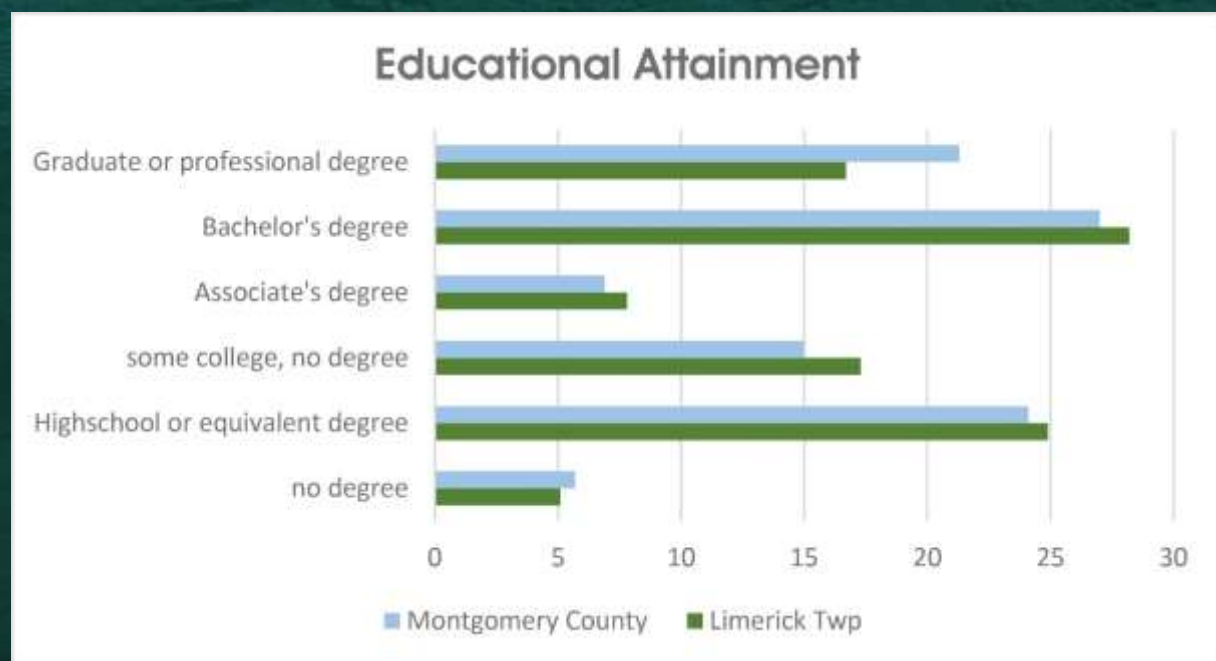
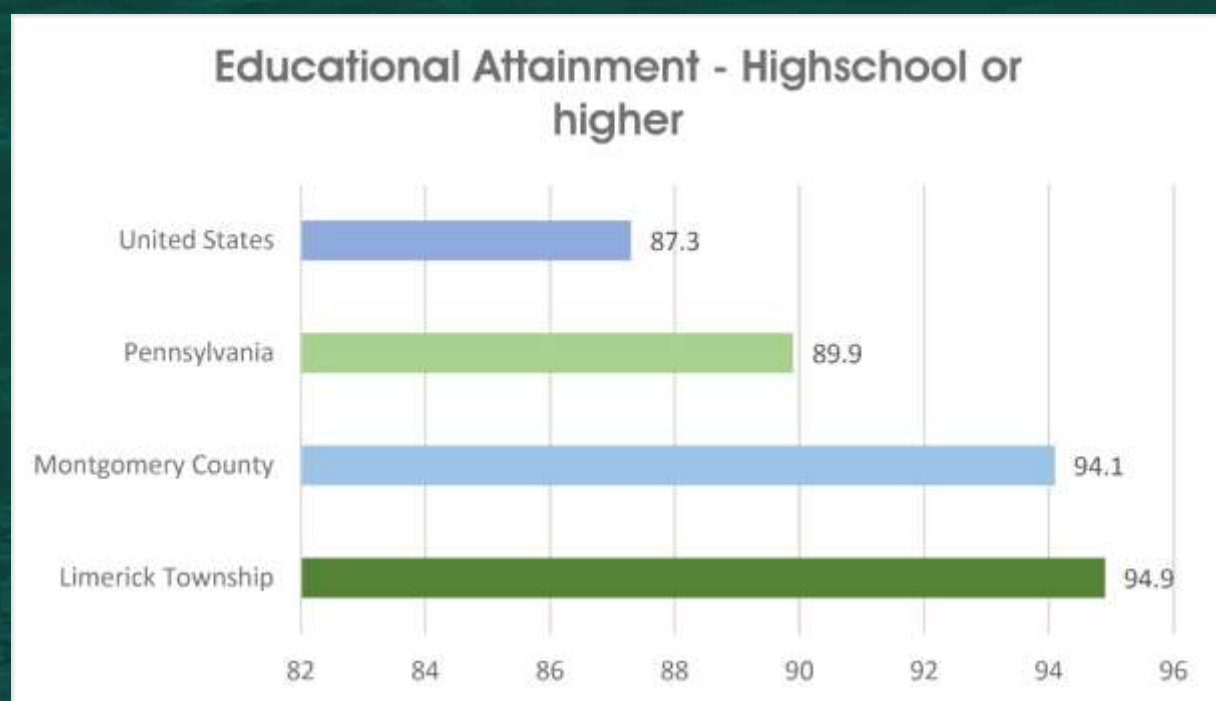
Demographics – Education

Graduated Highschool or higher:

- Limerick 95%
- County Avg 94.1%

Bachelor's degree or higher:

- Limerick 45%

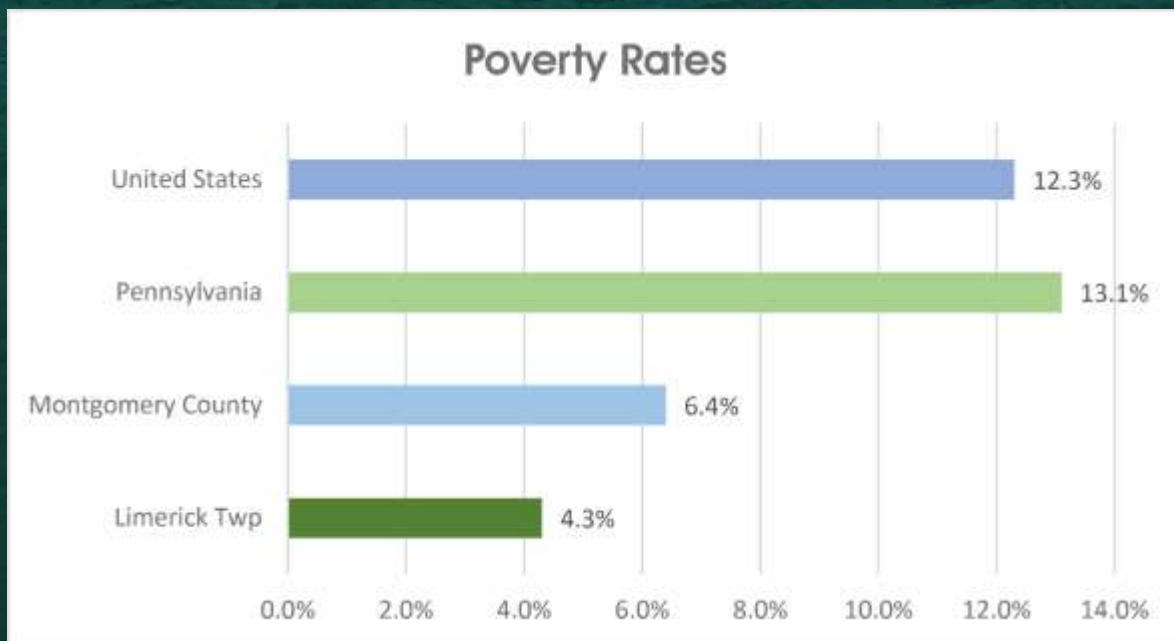
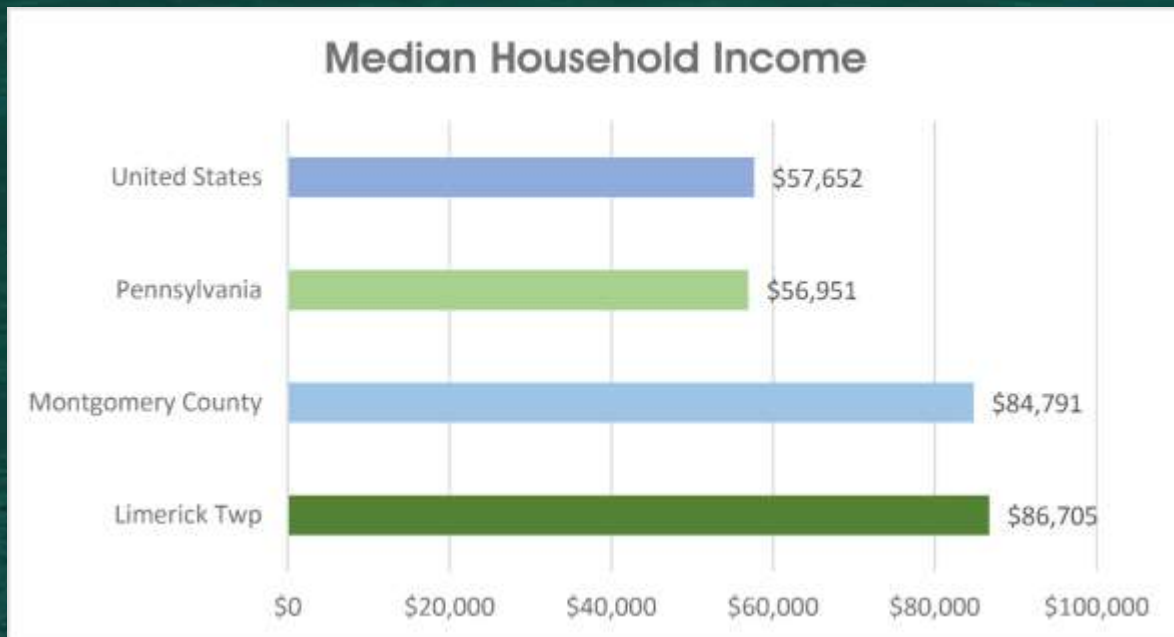


Demographics – Income

Limerick has:

- High median income
- Low poverty rate

Township's income is on par with the County, one of the most affluent county's in Pennsylvania



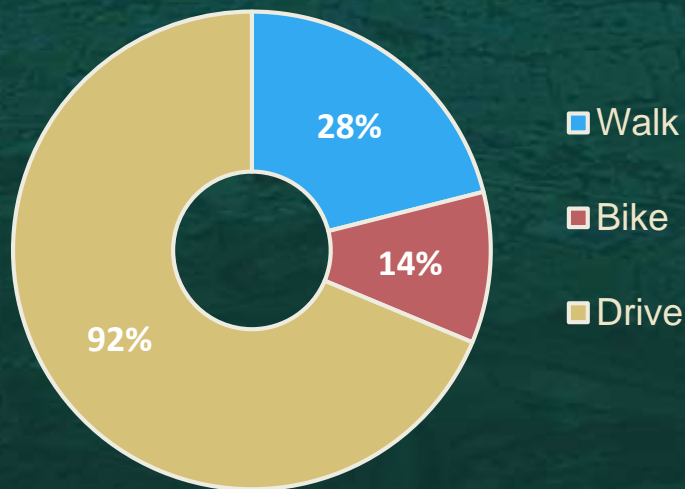
Public Input Process

- ❖ Public Survey – 380 responses
- ❖ First Public Meeting – 14 People signed in

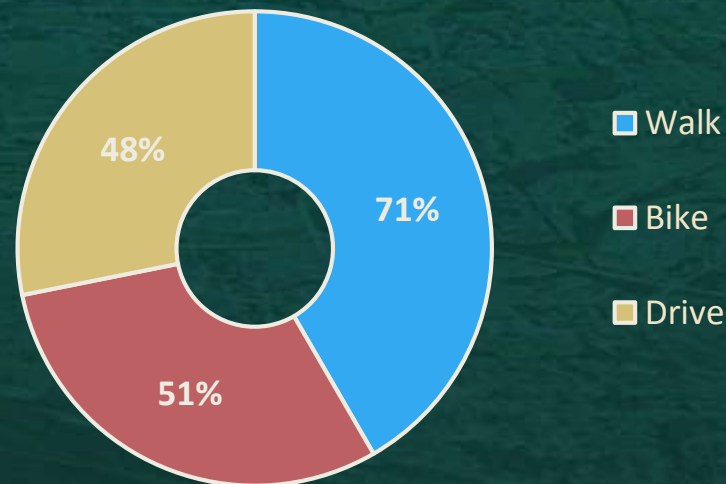


Preliminary Survey Results - Travel

How do you usually travel to the open spaces and parks? (Please check all that apply)

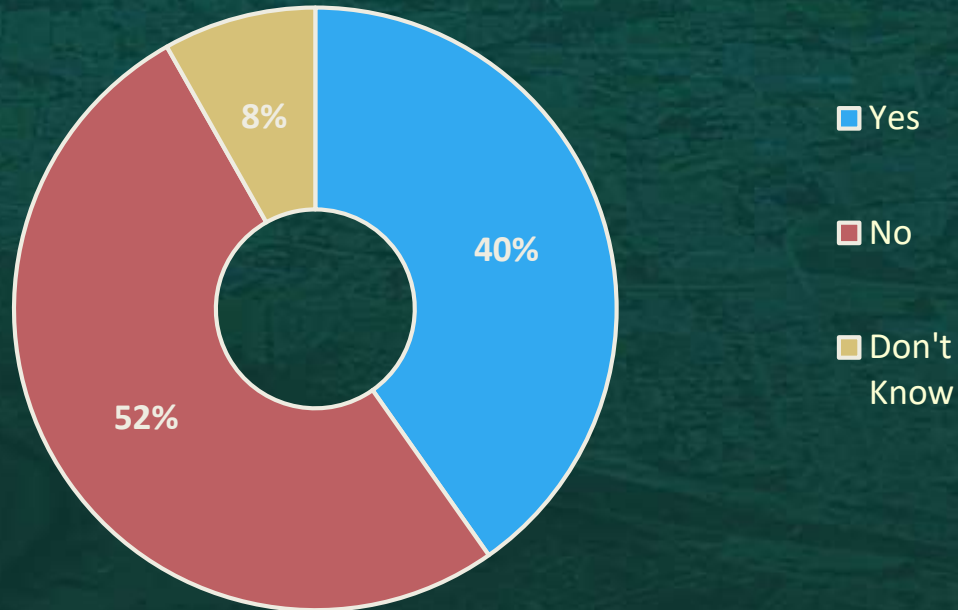


How would you prefer to travel to the open spaces and parks? (Please check all that apply)



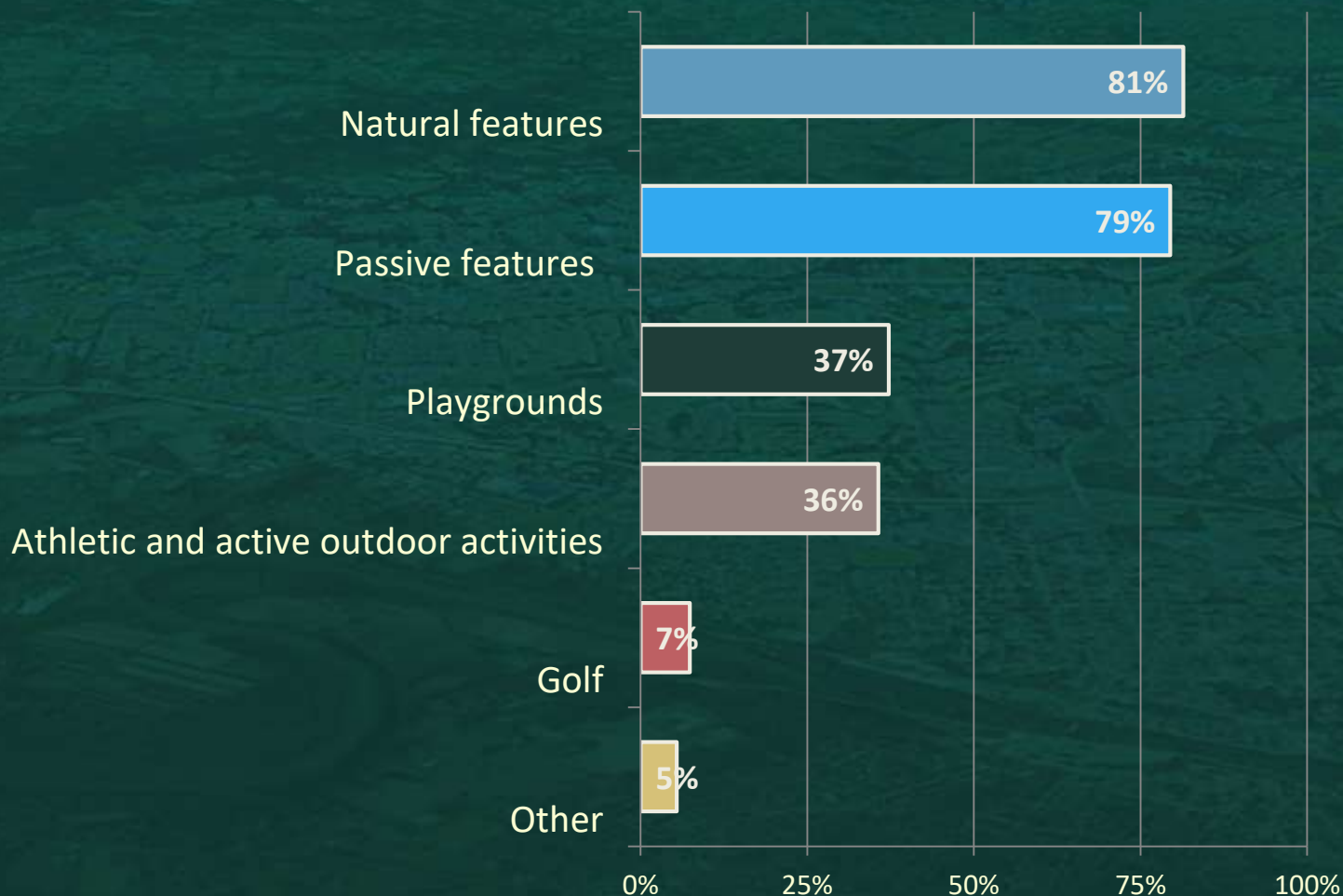
Preliminary Survey Results - Priorities

Do you feel that there are an adequate number of open space, parks, natural areas, and trails available to you in or in close proximity to where you live?



Preliminary Survey Results - Priorities

What are your **favorite types** of open space features?
(Please check all that apply)?



Preliminary Survey Results - Priorities

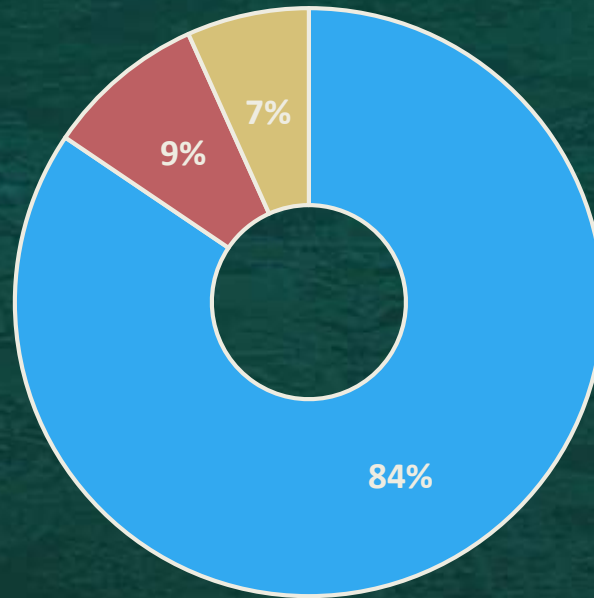
Please rank priorities that you feel Limerick Township should focus on in this plan.



Preliminary Survey Results - Agriculture

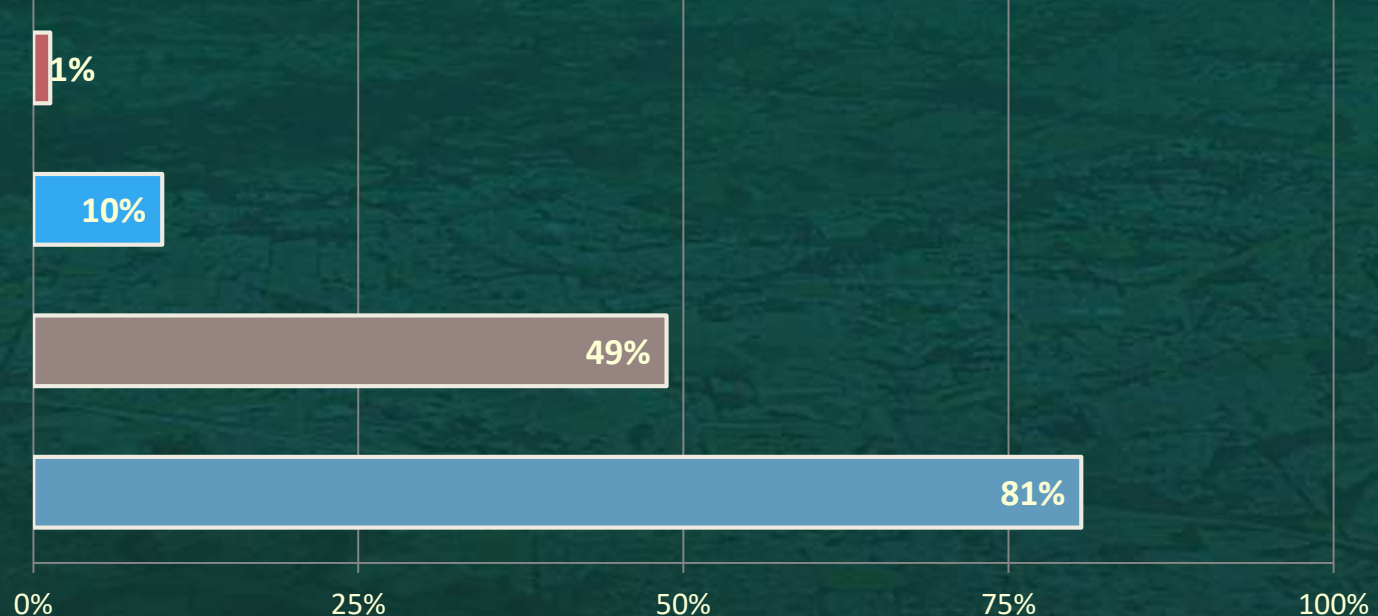
Concerning agriculture lands, how do you view these lands in Limerick Township?

- Agricultural lands are valuable to the quality of life in the Township
- Agricultural lands are nice but not that important to the quality of life in the Township
- I have no opinion about the value of agricultural lands in the Township



Preliminary Survey Results - Agriculture

Regarding agricultural lands in Limerick Township, which of the following statements **most closely reflect your views**. (Please check all that apply)



☒ Local food production is important to the quality of life in Limerick Township

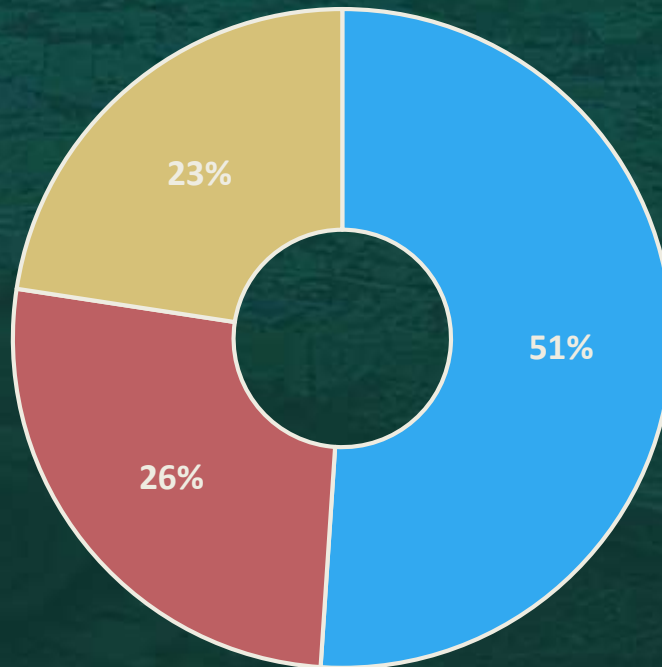
☒ There should be more agricultural land in Limerick Township

☐ The availability of local foods is not important to the quality of life in the Township

☐ There should be less agricultural land in Limerick Township

Preliminary Survey Results - Funding

Would you support an increase to the Township's Earned Income Tax to support Open Space Preservation and / or stewardship?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't Know

Preliminary Survey Results - Funding

There are multiple methods for a Township to fund the acquisition and stewardship of open space lands. Please rate how you feel about the each method.



Brain Storming Ideas

GOALS

- Strategy for investment in northern tier of township
- Innovative ideas
- Watershed protection
- Map resources
- Forest canopy protection
- Incorporate MS4 plan
- Identify open space
- **Plan for 50-75 years**
- Preserve rural character
- **Walking access to parks**
- Promote community and gathering
- Develop partnerships
- **Balance between acquisition and maintenance**
- Goal for future % of open space

FACTS

- 12% preserved open space
- **Some existing trails / lack of connections**
- **No one knows about** Stone Hill

- **Visual value of open space**
- ¼% increase to EIT = about \$1 million per year
- Twp interest in DVRPC Wayfinding Grant
- Value in private open space
- Twp Comprehensive Plan focuses on developing around existing infrastructure
- Uphill battle to acquire PA Gamelands
- FFA require Heritage Field Airport to remain an airport
- Distillery Building demo and cleanup will be expensive
- Zoning does not have provisions for open space agriculture
- **Lack of space for seniors**
- Stream classifications
- **Open space limits development / lower school taxes**
- Farms mostly grow sod and feed crops
- FFA require Heritage Field Airport to remain an airport
- State game lands leased to farmers

Brain Storming Ideas

CONCEPTS

- River parcels / access
- State game land transition to open space
- Flood plain parcels
- Farmers market
- Farm park
- Pond parcels
- Trail from Kurylo to Sunrise Park
- Historic properties
- Develop impact fees
- Paths from communities to schools
- Linfield Village buildings
- Active recreation
- Look at built out communities
- Scenic roads – Trinley Rd
- Connections to open space
- Funding for maintenance
- Open space for agriculture
- Preserve Schuylkill River waterfront
- Zoning to encourage repurpose of property
- Fee in lieu of recreation
- Look at impervious coverage % in ordinances
- Develop ordinances for promotion of open space
- Identify service areas
- Tree cover focus to the north
- Active vs. passive open space

PARTNERS

- Natural Land Trust
- Bowman's Club
- County
- DCNR
- Perkiomen Water Trail
- Audubon

Township Open Space Analysis

- ❖ Open Space – Non Agricultural Lands
- ❖ Open Space – With Agricultural Lands



Existing Open Space Data – Non Agricultural Lands

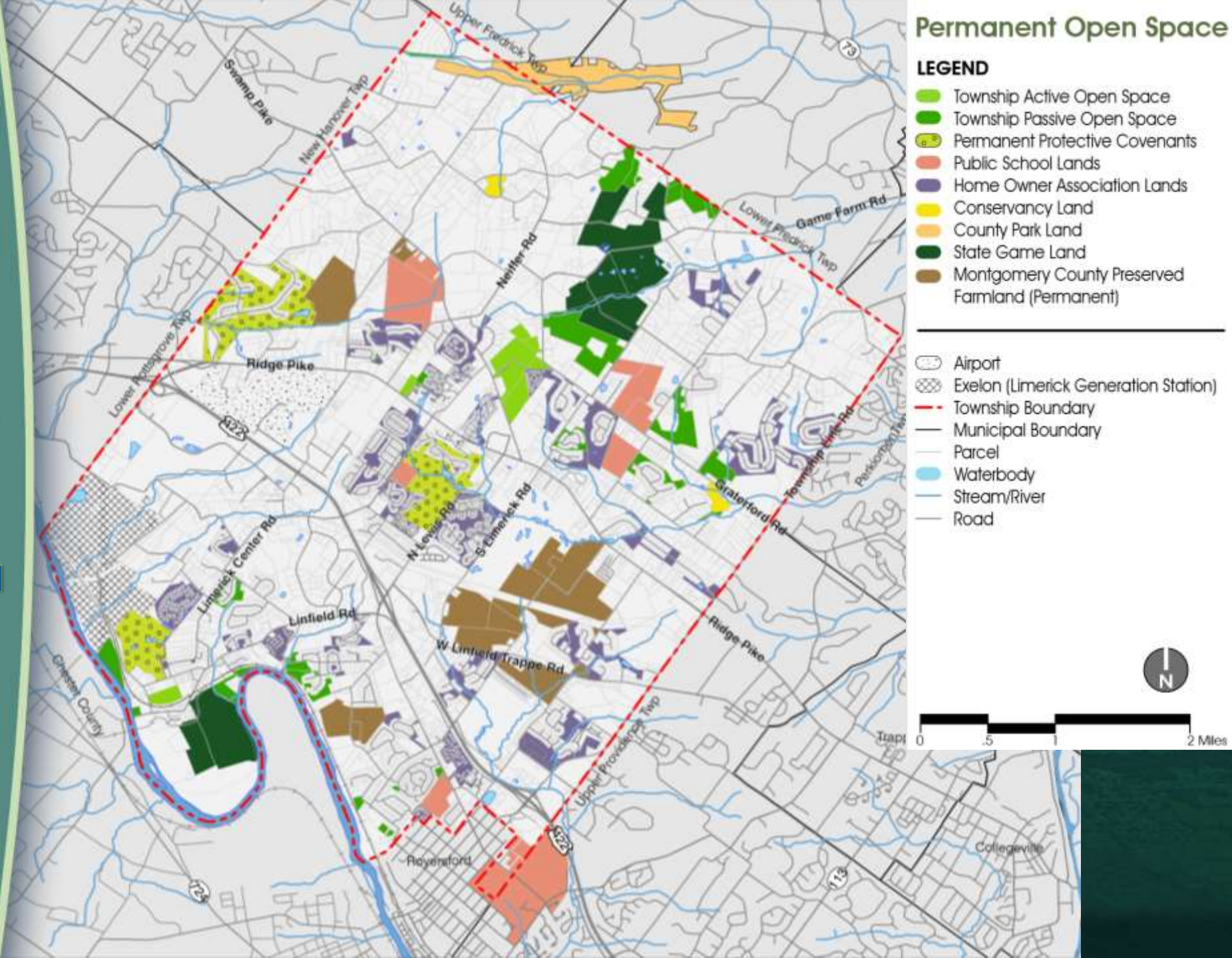
Open Space	Acres	% of Twp Land	% Change Since 2006
Limerick Township Total Area	14,576.43		
Township Owned	445.59	3%	1.4%
Private Recreation (Permanently Preserved / Covenant)	376.72	2.6%	0.0%
Montgomery County Preserved Parkland	19.69	0.1%	0.0%
Conservancy Land	26.97	0.1%	0.0%
State Game Lands	485.10	3.3%	0.0%
HOA Conserved Land	577.57	3.9%	1.9%
Total Permanent Open Space	1,931.64	13.3%	10%
Private Recreation (Temporary)	531.52	3.6%	-0.4%
Total Temporary Open Space	531.52	3.6%	-0.4%

Permanent Open Space

LEGEND

- Township Active Open Space
- Township Passive Open Space
- Permanent Protective Covenants
- Public School Lands
- Home Owner Association Lands
- Conservancy Land
- County Park Land
- State Game Land
- Montgomery County Preserved Farmland (Permanent)

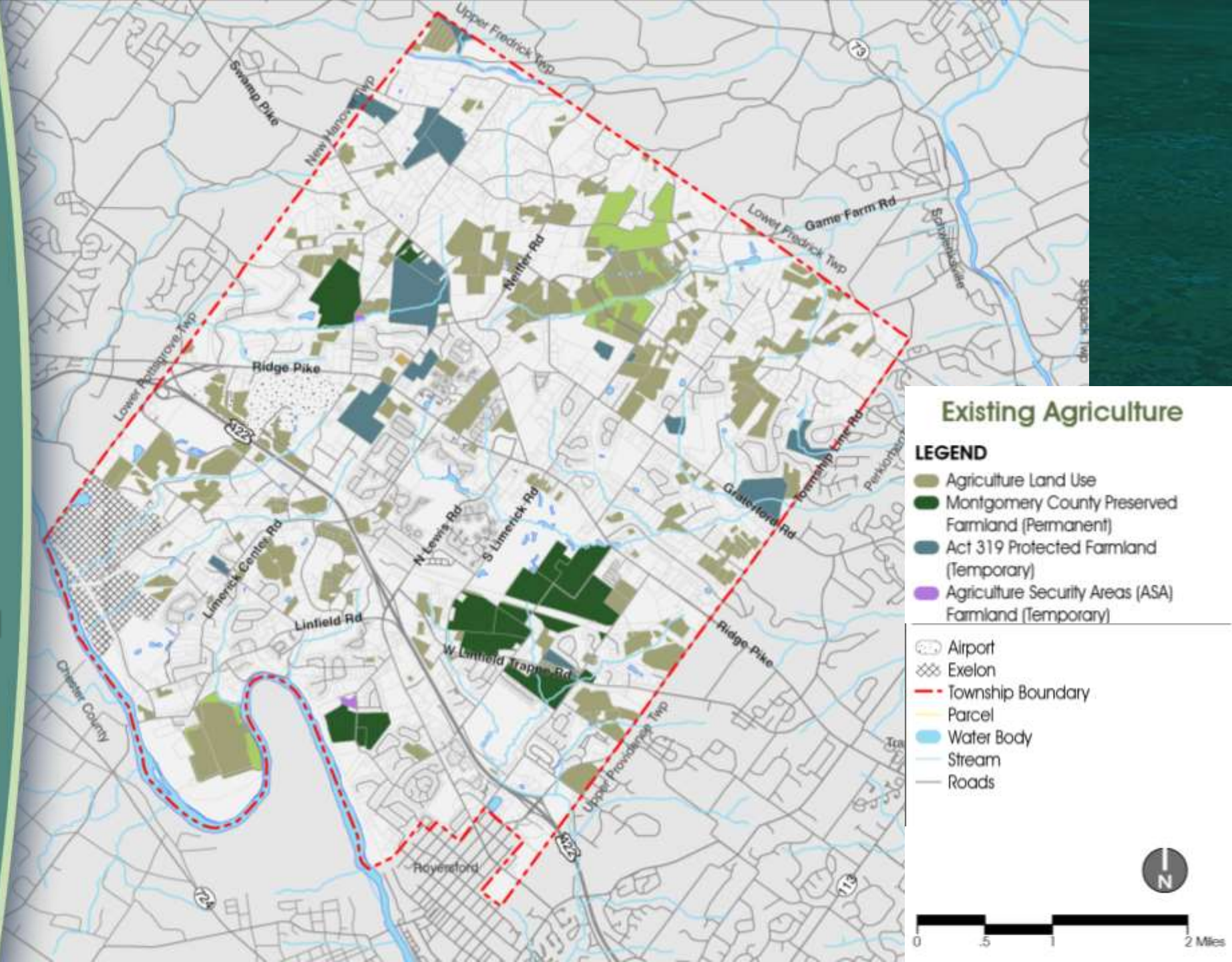
- Airport
- Exelon (Limerick Generation Station)
- Township Boundary
- Municipal Boundary
- Parcel
- Waterbody
- Stream/River
- Road

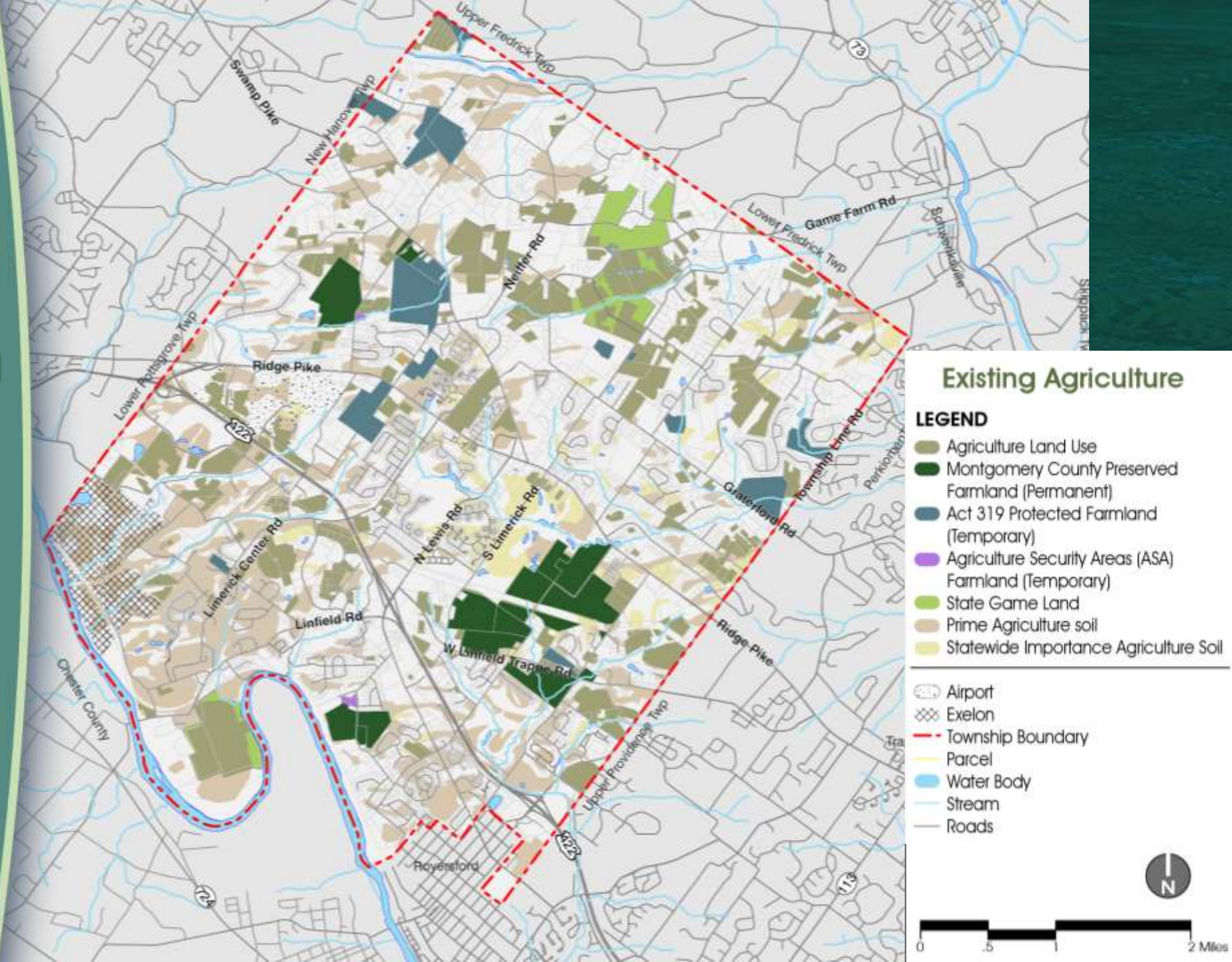


Existing Open Space Data – Agricultural Lands

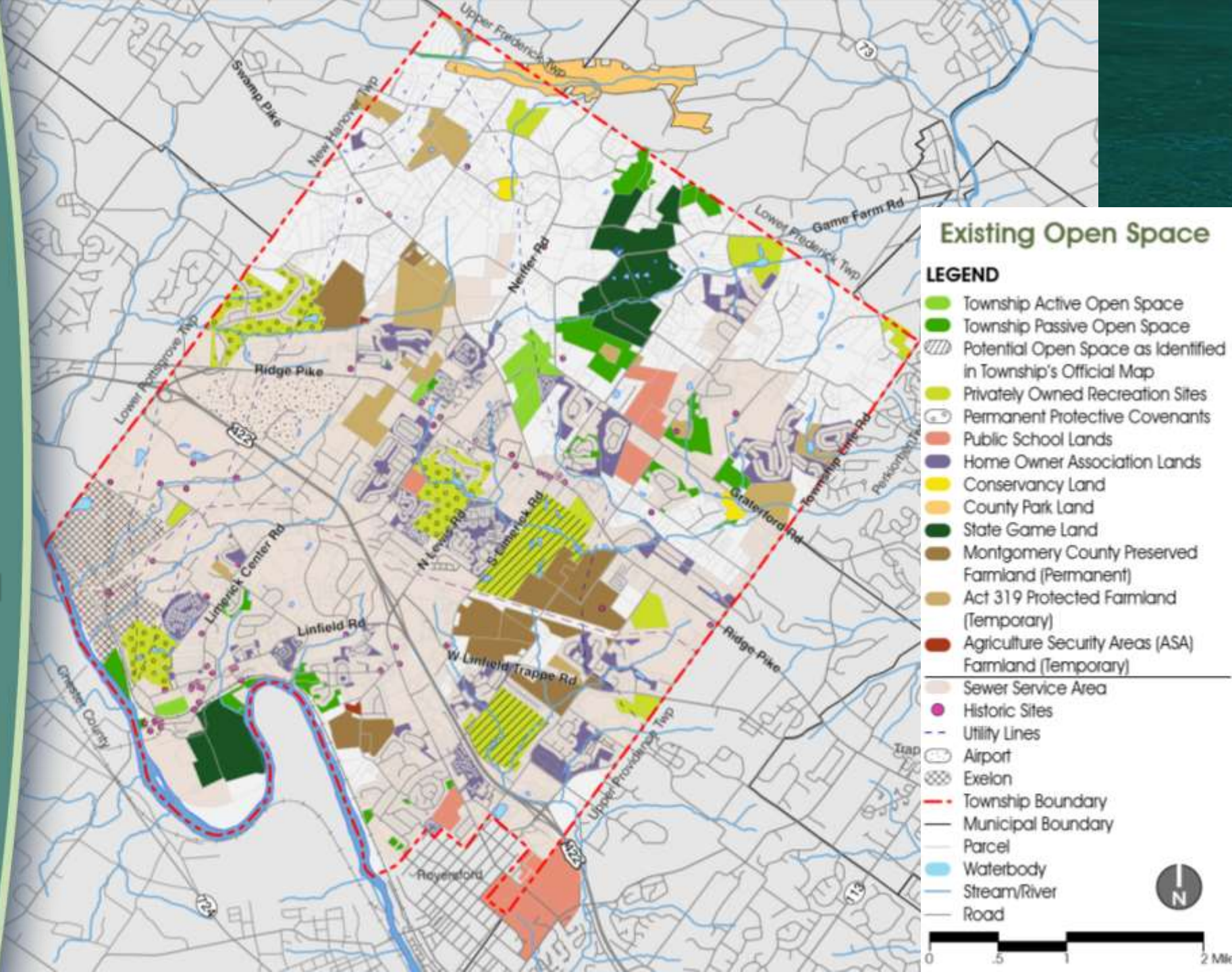
Agricultural land is an industry that also provides benefits of open space

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Conservancy Land	26.97	.1%
State Game Lands	485.10	3.3%
Montgomery County Preserved Farmland (Permanently)	562.20	3.9%
HOA Conserved Land	577.57	3.9%
Total Permanent Open Space	2495.32	17.1%
Private Recreation (Temporary)	526.84	3.6%
Act 319 Protected Farmland (Temporary)	366.46	2.5%
ASA Protected Farmland (Temporary)	8.25	0%
Total Temporary Open Space	901.55	6.1%





OPEN SPACE MAP



Types of Agricultural Land Protection

- ❖ **Montgomery County Agricultural Land Preservation Program** – Permanent preservation of farmland through purchase of agriculture easements
- ❖ **Act 319 (Clean and Green Law)** – non-permanent conservation of agriculture and forested land through benefits such as reduced property tax
- ❖ **Agriculture Security Area (Act 43)** – non-permanent conservation of agriculture land through benefits such as protection from local ordinances affecting normal farming activities

Community Open Space Comparison

Comparing open space (w/o agriculture) of townships with 2018 populations that are similar to Limerick Twp's 2040 projection.

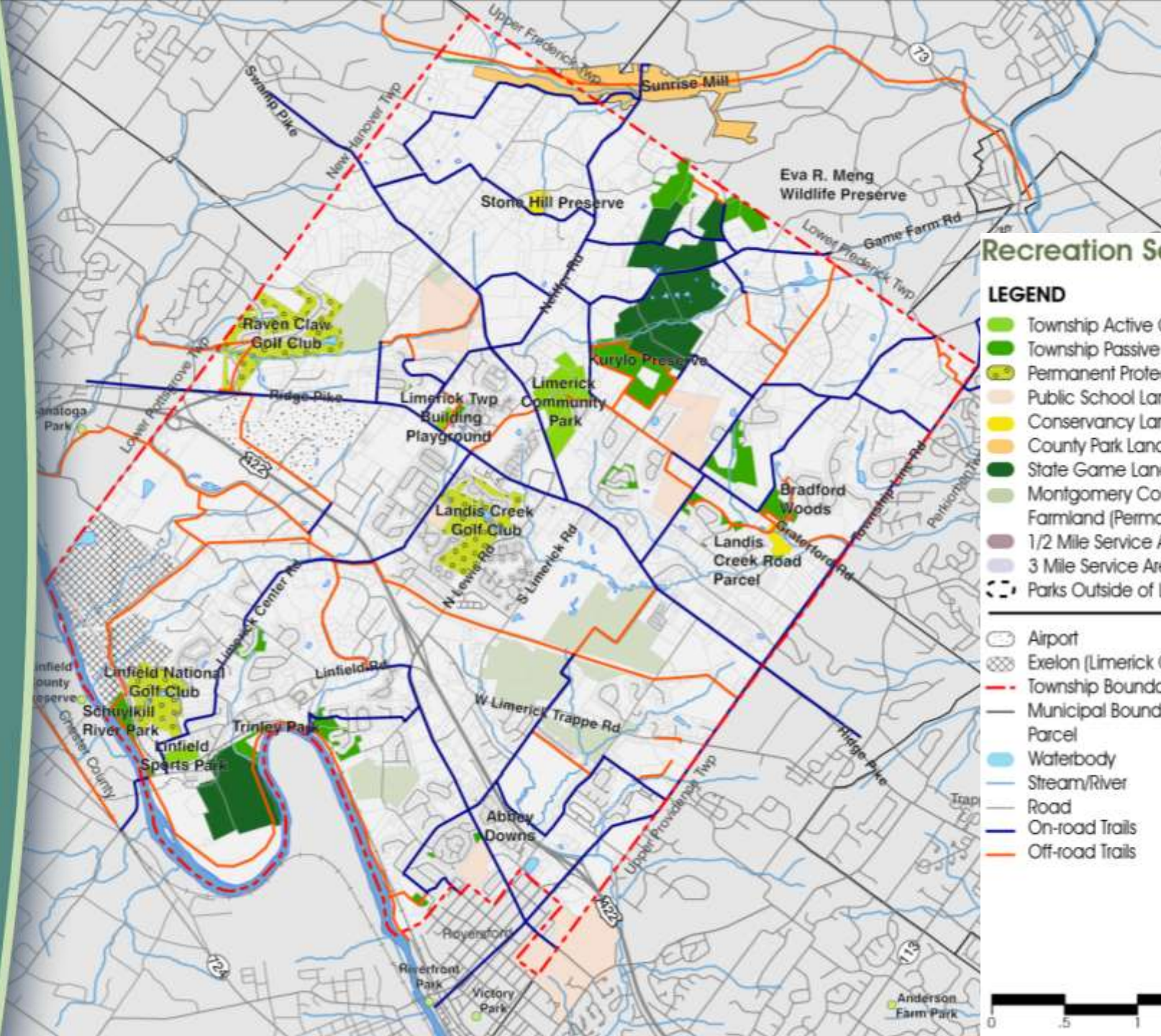
Municipality	Area Sq/Mi	Population	% of Twp Land
Limerick Twp, Montgomery County, PA *2040 Population	22.77	23,653*	Current 13.3%
Upper Macungie Twp, Lehigh County, PA	26.24	23,460	5.71%
Horsham Twp, Montgomery County, PA	17.3	26,534	7.35%
Medford Twp, Burlington County, NJ	40	23,355	8%
West Goshen Twp, Chester County, PA	12	22,973	2.57%
Warrington Twp, Bucks County, PA	13.79	23,920	7.93%
Marple Twp, Delaware County, PA	10.52	23,685	3.7%

Service Area Gaps

Service area illustrations based on:

- ❖ ½ mile radius for local park
- ❖ 3 mile radius for community park





Recreation Service Areas

LEGEND

- Township Active Open Space
 - Township Passive Open Space
 - Permanent Protective Covenants
 - Public School Lands
 - Conservancy Land
 - County Park Land
 - State Game Land
 - Montgomery County Preserved Farmland (Permanent)
 - 1/2 Mile Service Area
 - 3 Mile Service Area
 - Parks Outside of Limerick Service Area
-
- Airport
 - Exelon (Limerick Generation Station)
 - Township Boundary
 - Municipal Boundary
 - Parcel
 - Waterbody
 - Stream/River
 - Road
 - On-road Trails
 - Off-road Trails



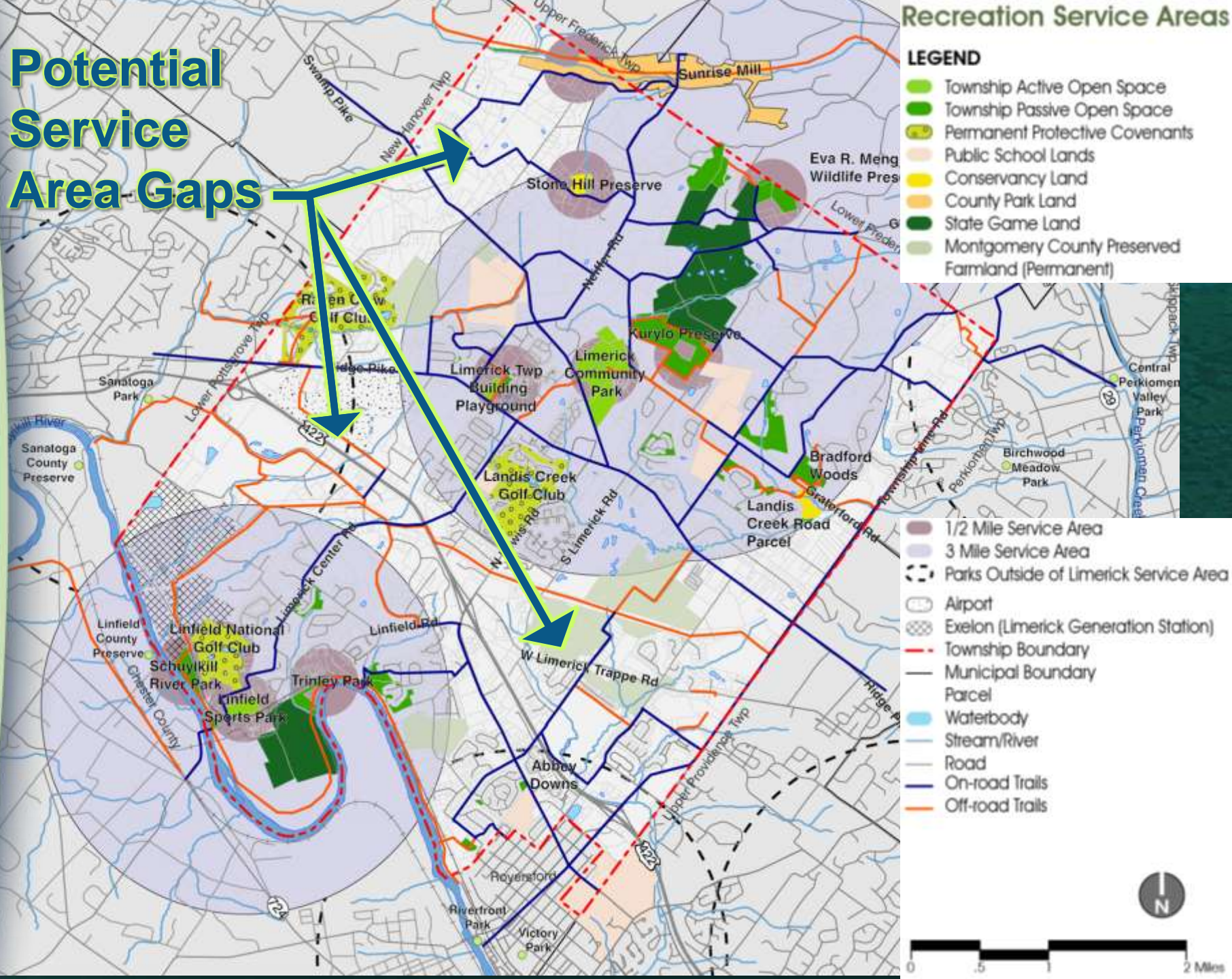
Potential Service Area Gaps

Recreation Service Areas

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- Public School Lands
- Conservancy Land
- County Park Land
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- Stream/River
- Road
- On-road Trails
- Off-road Trails



Protection & Value of Natural Resources

Current Zoning and SALDO Tools

❖ Existing ordinance provisions that protect / preserve open spaces & natural resources

- SALDO 155-20 Mandatory dedication of open space / fee in-lieu / improvements
- SALDO 155-29 Floodplain / watercourse protections
- Zoning 184-81 Protected Areas – Soils, Woodlands, Slopes, Water Bodies, Floodplains
- Zoning 184-82 Open Space Performance Standards - Various open space types

Natural Resources

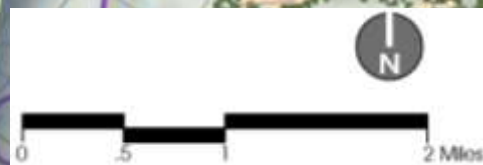
LEGEND

-  Wooded Areas
-  Streams/Rivers
-  Waterbodies
-  Wetlands
-  Hydric Soils
-  Slopes
-  15-25%
-  25%+
-  Watersheds
-  To Schuylkill River
-  To Perkiomen Creek
-  Flood Zones
-  100 Yr
-  500 Yr
-  Township Boundary
-  Parcels
-  Roads
- Stream Classification:
WWF - Warm Water Fish
TSF - Trout Stocked Fish

NOTE: All streams within Limerick Twp border are assessed by PADEP as positive for aquatic life

Watersheds

- 1** Swamp Creek (TSF)
- 2** Sanatoga Creek (WWF)
- 3** Harenstine Creek (WWF)
- 4** Mine Run (TSF)
- 5** Possum Hollow Run (WWF)
- 6** Brooke Evans Creek (WWF)
- 7** Lodal Creek (TSF)
- 8** Tributaries to Schuylkill (WWF)
- 9** Mingo Creek (WWF)
- 10** Schoolhouse Run (TSF)



Open Space Parcel Selection Criteria

Ranking criteria were selected focusing on:

- ❖ Water Resources
- ❖ Land Resources
- ❖ Community Resources



Open Space Parcel Selection Criteria

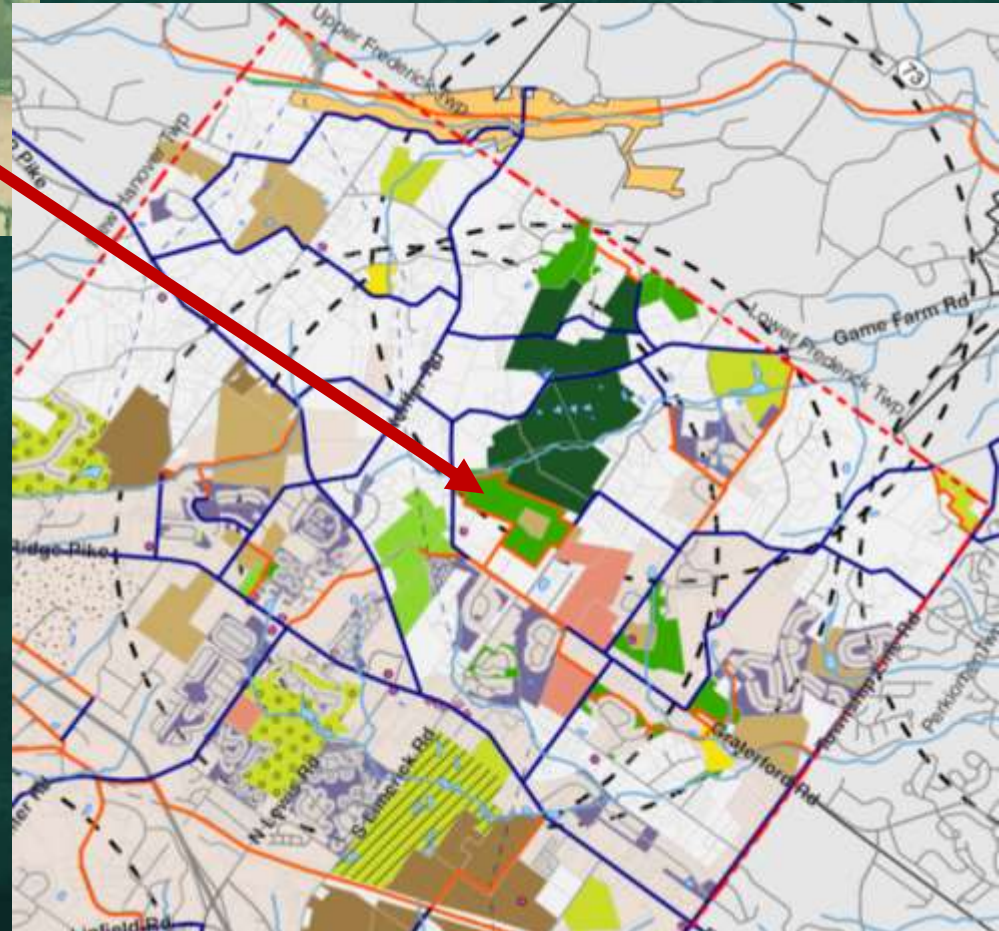
Parcel ID#	Parcel Address					
Resource	Conservation Value					
	4	3	2	1	0	Points
Parcel Size						
		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC	3
Water Resources						
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel	No Resource		3
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource	2
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	3
Land Resources						
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource		3
Prime Agricultural Soils	75-100%	50-75%	25-50%	0-25%	No Resource	4
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils		75-100%	50-75%	25-50%	0-25%	
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	3
Community Resources						
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource	2
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource	4
Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev. *	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource	4
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)	Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource		4
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource	1
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource	1
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing	Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer			4
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					Total Points	

Additional Consideration Notes:

- ☐ Reasonable Road Access
- ☐ Access to Residential Neighborhoods
- ☐ Lends itself to Passive Recreation
- ☐ Lends itself to Active Recreation

❖ **Max points - 41**

Open Space Criteria – Kurylo Preserve



Open Space Criteria – Kurylo Preserve

Parcel ID# 370002381003

Parcel Address 233 N Limerick Rd

Resource	Conservation Value					Points
	4	3	2	1	0	
Parcel Size						
80.13 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC	3
Water Resources						
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel	No Resource		—
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource	2
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	—
Land Resources						
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	—
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource		—
Prime Agricultural Soils	75-100%	50-75%	25-50%	0-25%	No Resource	—
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Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	1
Community Resources						
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Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)	Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource		4
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource	—
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource	—
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing	Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer			—
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					Total Points	14

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- ☐ Lends itself to Active Recreation

Open Space Criteria – Springfield Country Club



Open Space Criteria – Springford Country Club

Parcel ID# 370000629001

102.92 AC

Parcel Address

48 Country Club Rd

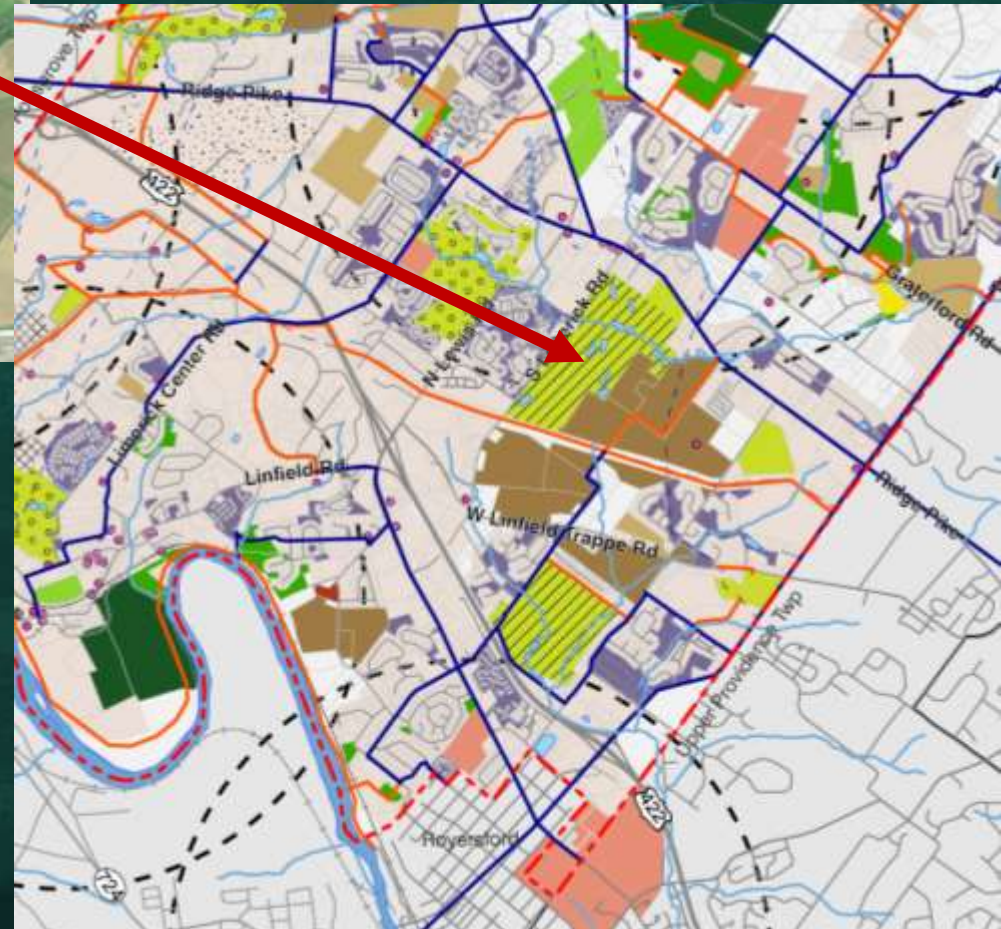
Resource	Conservation Value					Points
	4	3	2	1	0	
Parcel Size						
102.92 AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC	3
Water Resources						
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel	No Resource		—
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource	1
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	1
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Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	—
Community Resources						
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Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource	—
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource	1
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing	Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer			3
					Total Points	19

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Additional Consideration Notes:

- ___ Reasonable Road Access
- ___ Access to Residential Neighborhoods
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- ___ Lends itself to Active Recreation

Open Space Criteria – Turtle Creek Golf Course



Open Space Criteria – Turtle Creek Golf Course

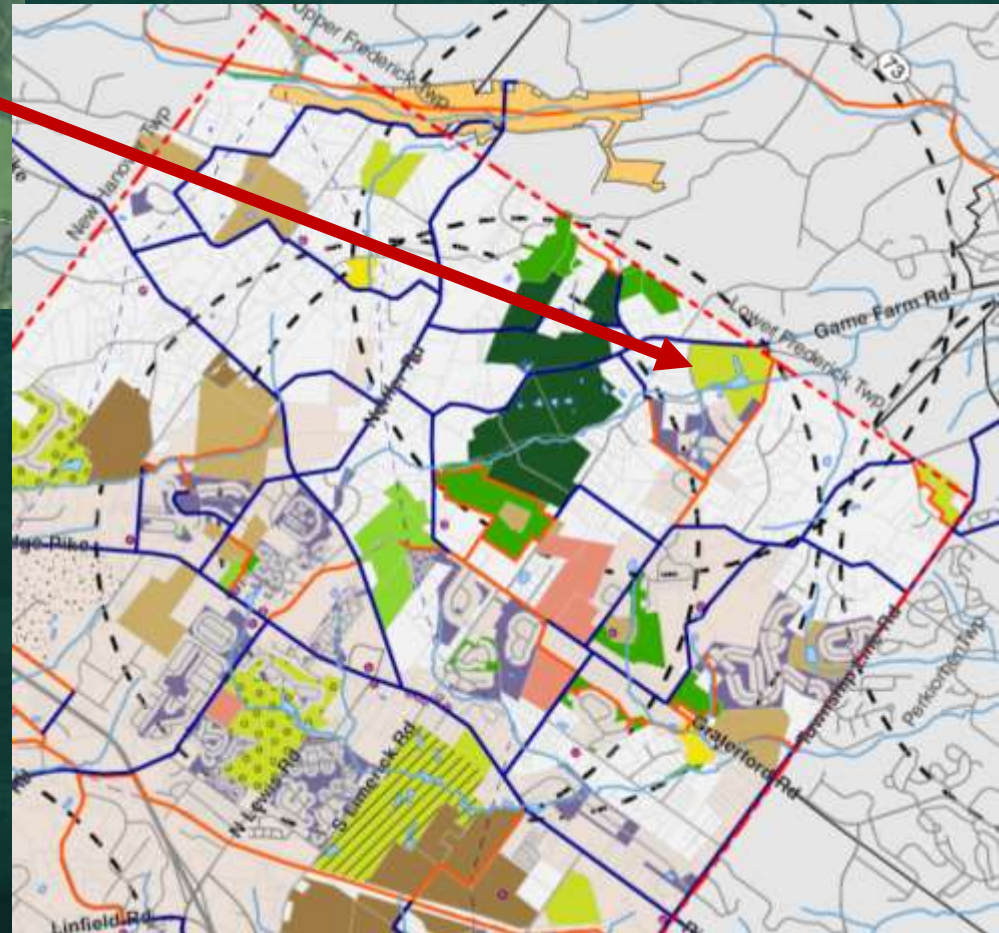
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Resource	Conservation Value					Points
	4	3	2	1	0	
Parcel Size						
203.25 Ac		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC	3
Water Resources						
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel	No Resource		—
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource	2
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Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource	—
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3-Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource	—
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing	Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer			3
					Total Points	21

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Additional Consideration Notes:

- ✓ Reasonable Road Access
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Open Space Criteria – Camp Kweebec



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Parcel ID# 37000478007

Parcel Address 157 Game Farm Rd

Resource	Conservation Value					Points
	4	3	2	1	0	
Parcel Size						
69AC		25 AC +	10-25 AC	5-10 AC	> 5 AC	3
Water Resources						
Headwaters		On Site	Adjacent Parcel	No Resource		—
Stream On Site (Water Quality)			TSF	WWF	No Resource	2
100 Yr. Flood Plain		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	—
Land Resources						
Steep Slopes over 15% slope			50-100%	0-50%	No Resource	1
Steep Slopes over 25% slope		50-100%	0-50%	No Resource		—
Prime Agricultural Soils	75-100%	50-75%	25-50%	0-25%	No Resource	—
State Wide Importance Agricultural Soils		75-100%	50-75%	25-50%	0-25%	—
Woodlands Coverage		75% +	50-75%	25-50%	> 25%	1
Community Resources						
Adjacent to Permanent Preserved Land			Open space	Permanent AG	No Resource	2
Adjacent to Single Family Residential Dev.	Four Sides	Three Sides	Two Sides	One Side	No Resource	3
Add one point per side for Multifamily Dev.*	+1	+1	+1	+1	No Resource	—
Adjacent to Trails (existing or planned)	Existing	Planned Off Road	Planned On Road	No Resource		5
Historic Sites (Township Inventory)				Yes	No Resource	—
Located in Service Area Gap (outside 3 Mile radius)				Yes	No Resource	—
Public Water / Sewer Service Existing	Border/Yes	Yes	No Public Water or Sewer			4
* Multifamily development is defined as: two family twin or duplex dwellings, single family attached dwellings, or multifamily apartments.					Total Points	21

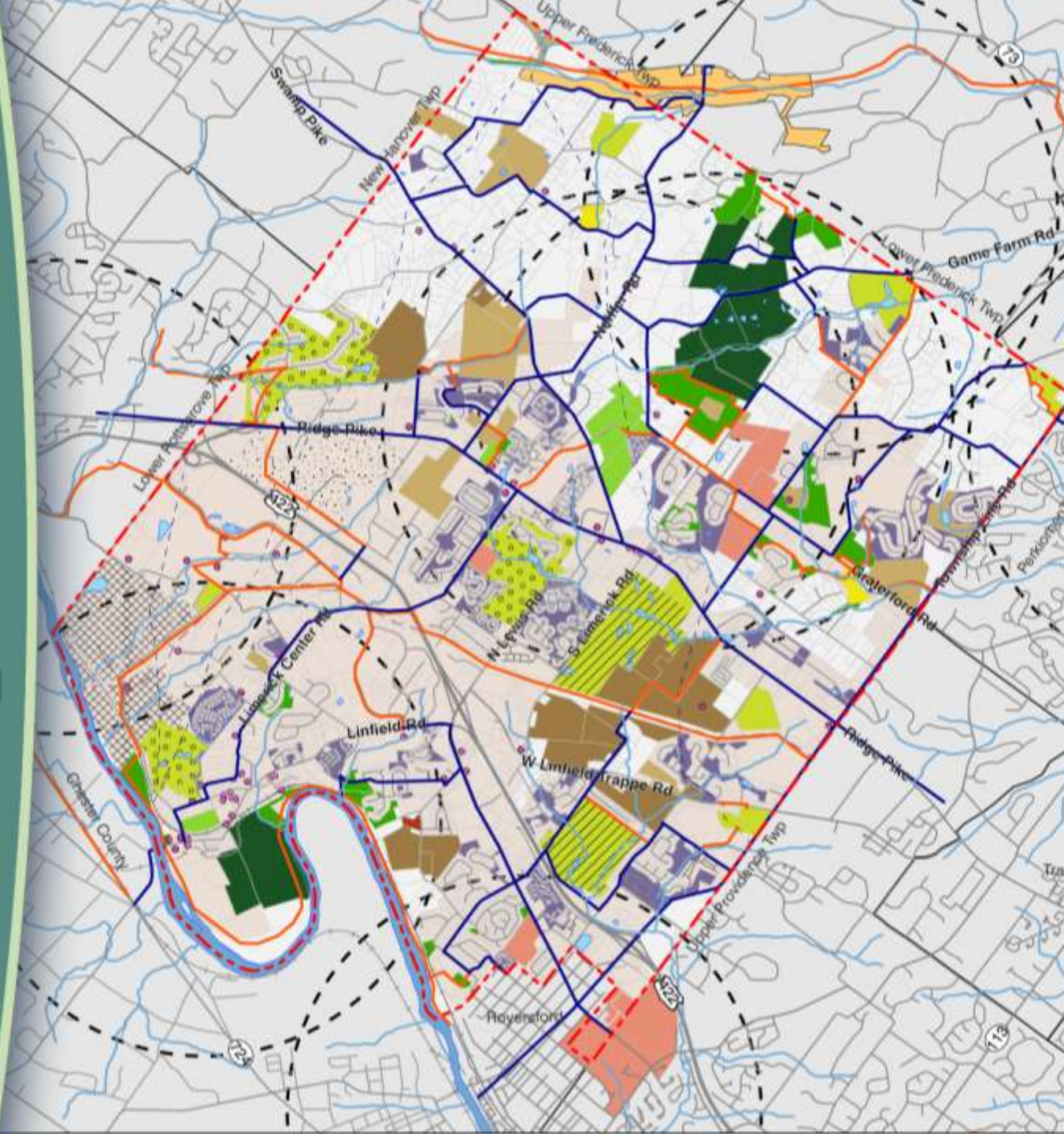
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How will these parcel ranking criteria be used?

- ❖ To understand natural and cultural factors that make the parcel more or less valuable for preservation as open space
- ❖ As a general guide – relative to other parcels that are evaluated
- ❖ Parcel evaluations will act as a starting point for the Township Board of Supervisors to prioritize which parcels might be considered for preservation or acquisition
- ❖ These parcel evaluations will NOT be an absolute ranking of which parcels are best for acquisition / preservation
- ❖ Many other factors will influence parcel selection:
 - ❖ Cost
 - ❖ Location
 - ❖ A willing owner
 - ❖ Development pressures
 - ❖ Adjacent land uses



Existing Open Space

LEGEND

- Township Active Open Space
- Township Passive Open Space
- Potential Open Space as Identified in Township's Official Map
- Privately Owned Recreation Sites
- Permanent Protective Covenants
- Public School Lands
- Home Owner Association Lands
- Conservancy Land
- County Park Land
- State Game Land
- Montgomery County Preserved Farmland (Permanent)
- Act 319 Protected Farmland (Temporary)
- Agriculture Security Areas (ASA) Farmland (Temporary)
- Sewer Service Area
- Historic Sites
- Utility Lines
- Airport
- Exelon
- Township Boundary
- Municipal Boundary
- Parcel
- Waterbody
- Stream/River
- Road



The Pennsylvania Conservation & Land Development Act as a Funding Mechanism

- ❖ Act authorizes townships to provide by ordinance for a referendum on the question of increasing the earned income tax beyond the otherwise 1.0% limit set by the Local Tax Enabling Act exclusively for the purpose of financing purchases of open space.
- ❖ Once authorized, these funds can be used for
 1. Purchase of Open Space
 2. Transactional fees incidental to purchase
 3. Expenses necessary to prepare the resource, recreation or land use plan
 4. Annually, up to 25% of the fund may be used to develop and maintain property acquired through this fund – and may be placed in a maintenance fund for this purpose

Next Meeting



Committee Meeting #1	Thursday, October 17th	7:00 - 8:30 PM
Public Meeting #1	Thursday, November 7th	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Committee Meeting #2	Thursday, January 9th	7:00 - 8:30 PM
Public Meeting #2	Thursday, February 6th	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Committee Meeting #3	Thursday, April 9th	7:00 - 8:30 PM
Public Meeting #3	Thursday, May 7th	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Committee Meeting #4	Wednesday, June 3rd	7:00 - 8:30 PM
BOS (Public Meeting #4)	Tuesday, June 16th	7:00

Public Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LimerickOSP>

Township Project Link:

<https://www.limerickpa.org/367/Open-Space-Update-Plan>

Next Steps

- ❖ Gather survey results
- ❖ Complete analysis
- ❖ Evaluate more parcels for preservation
- ❖ Prepare plan recommendations
- ❖ May 7 Draft Report
- ❖ 30 Day Public Review
- ❖ Plan Revisions
- ❖ June 16 Final Plan



Thank you

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