

WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES PLAN
2005 UPDATE

**Questionnaire Responses from the
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(as received through February 10, 2005)**

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A. Your household:

Household Age Groups

Age Groups	Number	Percent
0 to 5	46	7.1
6 to 12	70	10.8
13 to 18	74	11.4
19 to 35	77	11.9
36 to 59	272	42.0
60 and over	83	12.8
No Answer	27	4.2

Length of Residence in West Pikeland Township

Length of Residence	Number	Percent
5 or less years	48	22.1
6 to 10 years	53	24.4
11 to 20 years	58	26.7
More than 20 years	37	17.1
No Answer	21	9.7

Area of West Pikeland Township

Area	Number	Percent
1	44	20.3
2	58	26.7
3	76	35.0
4	39	18.0
Total Respondents	217	

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A. Your household:

Size of Property in West Pikeland Township

Size of Property	Number	Percent
Under 2 acres	106	48.8
2 to 5 acres	68	31.3
5 to 20 acres	32	14.8
20 to 50 acres	1	0.5
More than 50 acres	3	1.4
No Answer	7	3.2

B. Your opinions:

Type of Support for Public Recreational Facilities

Do you support public recreation facilities in West Pikeland Township even if you are an infrequent user of them?	Yes	No	No Answer
Total Sample	76%	18.4%	2.8%

Preference of Type of Recreation

If you are in favor of recreation facilities, what type of recreation would you prefer?	Active	Passive	No Answer
Total Sample	73.7%	90.8%	2.8%

Note: Percentages do not add to 100 because respondents could select more than one answer or not select any option

Type of Support for Open Space and Recreation

If sufficient public funds are not available to support all the recreation and open space activities, would you:	For Open Space	For Recreation
Make a monetary contribution	32.3%	20.3%
Contribute time, expertise, or materials	31.3%	22.1%
Support a dedicated Township tax	53.5%	32.3%
Not willing to contribute	16.6%	33.6%

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B. Your opinions:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
1. Open space in West Pikeland should be preserved.	76.0	20.3	1.4	.5	0
2. West Pikeland Township should take an active role in protecting additional lands for open space.	73.7	20.3	2.8	.9	.5
3. Substantial vegetated buffers should be established along stream corridors.	57.6	29.0	5.5	.5	5.1
4. Existing and proposed trail networks should be connected to link open space and recreational areas within the Township.	38.7	36.9	9.7	5.1	5.5
5. Additional recreational facilities should be added at Pine Creek Park.	27.6	22.1	18.0	12.9	14.7
6. Active recreational facilities should be provided in addition to those at Pine Creek Park.	18.4	26.7	12.0	13.8	16.1
7. The scenic character should be retained through buffers and greater setbacks along Routes 113 & 401.	53.9	32.7	6.0	.9	4.1
8. The scenic areas of the Township should be protected from adverse visual impacts.	63.1	30.4	1.8	.5	1.4
9. Woodlands should be preserved.	67.7	26.7	1.8	.5	.5
10. The Zoning Ordinance should require designated open space within new developments.	68.2	19.4	1.8	.9	2.3
11. New developments should be required to include active recreational facilities.	27.6	35.9	17.1	5.1	12.4
12. New developments should be required to pay fees-in-lieu or providing active recreational facilities.	19.8	27.6	22.1	12.4	14.7
13. New developments should be required to provide pedestrian walkways and interconnections.	26.3	33.6	15.7	6.5	14.7
All numerals are percentages.					

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B.1. Your opinions from the Workshop:

The questions below were composed and answered at the Workshop.

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion	No Answer
1.A. The rural character of West Pikeland Township should be conserved.	83.8	5.4	0	0	0	10.8
11.A. New developments should be required to provide open space.	70.3	10.8	0	0	5.4	13.5
14. Open space should be acquired by the Township even if it cannot be used by the public.	45.9	21.6	8.1	2.7	10.8	10.8
15. Binky Lee Preserve should receive Township funds to maintain their open space.	54.1	21.6	0	0	13.5	10.8
16. Additional open space should be acquired by the Township especially if Township residents can access or use it.	67.6	24.3	5.4	0	2.7	0
All numerals are percentages.						

C. How often do you or your family members currently use the following resources?

Facility	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never	Unaware
Valley Forge National Park	1.4	3.2	64.1	24.4	0
Marsh Creek State Park	2.8	8.3	62.2	19.4	0
Nature Centers	1.8	1.4	45.2	35.0	6.5
Pine Creek Park	10.1	19.4	31.8	24.9	3.2
Pickering Grove	2.8	2.8	13.4	49.8	23.0
Public School Grounds /Facilities	12.4	7.4	27.2	40.1	1.8
Lionville, Eagleview, Phoenixville YMCA	20.7	3.2	17.5	47.9	1.3
Private or Corporate Fitness Centers	18.4	2.3	10.1	58.1	2.3
Local Golf Clubs	9.7	10.1	27.2	47.9	2.8
Local Country Clubs and Tennis Clubs	10.6	4.1	18.4	54.8	3.2
Horseshoe Trail	7.4	5.1	34.1	41.5	4.1
Struble Trail/Uwchlan Trail	1.8	8.8	28.1	41.5	9.2
Horseback Riding/Equestrian Trail	4.1	2.8	9.7	66.4	4.6
Chester Springs Library	16.1	14.3	37.8	23.0	0
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D. Current Family Recreation Activities

Walking	81.6
Bicycling	58.1
Swimming	43.8
Hiking	43.3
Aerobics/Fitness	41.5
Picnicking	40.6
Jogging	39.6
Sledding	35.5
Boating	31.8
Art/Crafts	30.0
Fishing	28.6
Ice Skating	27.6
Visiting Nature Center	27.6
Soccer	23.5
Tennis	23.5
Basketball	22.6
Music, Dance	20.7
Horseback Riding	17.1
Cross-Country Skiing	16.6
Playground Programs	15.2
Baseball	14.7
Football	11.5
Softball	10.6
Volleyball	9.7
Teen Programs	6.5
Senior Citizens Program	5.1
Golf	2.8
Bird Watching	0.5
Gardening	0.5
Historical Events	0.5
Hunting	0.5
Motorcycling	0.5

E. Recreational Facilities That Would Increase Satisfaction

Nature Trails	49.3
Hiking Trails	47.9
Biking Trails	36.9
Nature Preserves	35.9
Historic Sites	26.7
Fishing Areas	24.4
Theater, Concerts	24.0
Picnic Areas	20.7
Tennis Courts	20.7
Arboretum	18.4
Soccer Fields	15.7
Baseball Fields	14.3
Equestrian Trails	13.8
Tot Lots/Playgrounds	13.8
Basketball Courts	13.4
Cross-Country Skiing Trails	13.4
Fitness Trails	13.4
Ice Skating	11.5
Environmental Education Areas	9.7
Arts and Crafts Programs	9.2
Softball Fields	7.4
Senior Citizen Programs	6.9
Music, Dance Programs	6.5
Teen Programs	5.5
Volleyball Courts	4.6
Lacrosse Fields	4.1
Football Fields	2.3
No More Parks	1.4
Swimming	1.4
Golf	0.5
Handicapped Accessible Trails	0.5
Open Space	0.5
Recreational Programs	0.5
Sledding	0.5

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Tabulation of Preferences for Future Activities/Facilities/Events – PINE CREEK PARK

	<u>+2</u>	<u>+1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-2</u>
<u>Trail Activities</u>					
1. Walking	150	25	20	2	0
2. Jogging	114	33	38	3	3
3. Hiking	123	36	30	2	2
4. Fitness/Exercise	62	38	65	11	8
5. Handicapped/Disabled	71	35	61	5	9
6. Bicycling	72	35	45	9	14
7. Equestrian	47	24	86	14	15
8. Bird Watching	1				
Dog Walking	1				
Macadem Trails	1				
<u>Picnicking</u>					
9. Individual (picnic tables)	80	56	44	4	6
10. Group (picnic pavilion, grills)	48	56	55	9	27
<u>Sports – Cold Weather</u>					
12. Sledding/Tobogganing	66	48	60	4	9
13. Ice Skating	54	46	66	3	16
14. Cross-Country Skiing	65	40	75	2	5
<u>Sports – Warm Weather</u>					
16. Swimming – Pool	32	17	47	15	70
17. Playfields – Baseball/Softball	60	43	49	10	28
18. Baseball/Softball – Lighted	33	16	54	16	73
19. Playfields – Soccer/Football	56	42	55	9	25
20. Playfields – Field Hockey/Lacrosse	45	44	67	7	27
21. Volleyball/Badminton	37	44	72	6	27
22. Informal Softball	1				
Frisbee Golf	1				
Golf					1
<u>Sports – Court Games</u>					
23. Tennis	52	41	46	14	35
24. Tennis – Lighted	26	19	54	16	71
25. Basketball	41	38	59	13	36
26. Handball/Racquetball	15	21	87	11	49
27. Platform Tennis	15	20	88	12	50
28. Paddle Tennis	13	20	88	11	51
29. Frisbee Golf	1				
<u>Fishing</u>					
30. Pond	60	44	72	7	4
31. Stream	67	37	73	5	3

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	<u>+2</u>	<u>+1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-2</u>
<u>Playground Activities</u>					
33. Tot Lot	63	50	56	7	10
34. Playground equipment – conventional	82	46	42	11	12
35. Playground equipment – natural/creative	74	48	53	8	11
36. Fitness/Exercise	42	42	76	12	16
37. Handicapped/Disabled	66	43	66	4	11
<u>Nature Study</u>					
39. Trails	101	50	38	2	4
40. Preserve	89	40	55	3	5
41. Educational Center	39	38	75	13	26
<u>Senior Citizen Activities</u>					
43. Gardening (garden plots)	52	35	74	10	20
44. Lawn games	25	27	94	9	34
45. Indoor games/activities	24	34	89	8	33
46. Fitness Apparatus	56	50	56	2	22
<u>Special Events</u>					
48. Educational/Cultural	63	44	47	8	31
49. Festivals	71	39	37	6	42
50. Concerts	45	33	53	9	52
51. Amphitheater; Stage Raised Platform	19	20	68	13	70
<u>Other Activities & Opportunities</u>					
53. Camping (Overnight)	18	21	66	14	70
54. Summer Day Camp	41	31	68	13	34
55. Dog Training	21	29	77	18	47
56. Horticultural Therapy	22	37	100	7	22
57. Hot Air Balloon Launch	23	35	83	8	40
58. Sculpture Garden	25	29	100	8	27
59. Easter Egg Hunt	61	50	63	3	14
60. Art Show	62	35	72	6	15
61. Halloween (Dark in the Park)	61	45	57	7	18
62. Hay Rides	68	43	58	7	15
63. Veterans Memorial	37	40	83	8	21

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	<u>+2</u>	<u>+1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-2</u>
<u>Type of New Recreational Facility</u>					
1. One Community Park (25+ acres)	85	36	24	8	25
2. Neighborhood Park (5-15 acres)	64	69	25	3	16
3. Mini Park	18	44	64	34	26
4. Indian Springs	1				
2-3 mid-size parks	1				
<u>Location of New Facility</u>					
5. 1. (see map)	47	20	53	6	13
6. 2.	53	24	45	3	21
7. 3.	37	19	43	8	30
8. 4.	40	20	47	11	14
<u>Trail Activities</u>					
9. Walking	129	28	21	1	8
10. Jogging	100	39	38	1	9
11. Hiking	110	36	33	2	8
12. Fitness/Exercise	50	38	72	7	13
13. Handicapped/Disabled	64	42	54	2	14
14. Bicycling	78	35	44	8	19
15. Equestrian	47	19	87	8	22
16. Ski Trail	1				
Dog Park	1				
Wading		1			
<u>Picnicking</u>					
17. Individual (picnic tables)	79	51	41	2	12
18. Group (picnic pavilion, grills)	50	43	52	11	27
<u>Sports – Cold Weather</u>					
20. Sledding/Tobogganing	75	45	48	4	15
21. Ice Skating	47	52	60	4	20
22. Cross-Country Skiing	61	38	70	1	12
<u>Sports – Warm Weather</u>					
24. Swimming – Pool	39	18	49	10	70
25. Playfields – Baseball/Softball	54	53	49	7	24
26. Baseball/Softball – Lighted	42	18	49	16	71
27. Playfields – Soccer/Football	56	49	52	3	25
28. Playfields – Field Hockey/Lacrosse	47	47	61	3	24
29. Volleyball/Badminton	41	43	69	7	24
30. Golf	30	16	61	14	64
31. Frisbee Golf	1				
Basketball ½ Court	1				

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<u>Sports – Court Games</u>					
32. Tennis	56	37	49	10	29
33. Tennis – Lighted	32	14	49	15	68
34. Basketball	44	38	52	13	35
35. Handball/Racquetball	21	27	74	11	49
36. Platform Tennis	14	19	85	11	50
37. Paddle Tennis	14	21	82	12	50
<u>Fishing</u>					
39. Pond	56	46	69	4	8
40. Stream	63	43	67	2	8
<u>Playground Activities</u>					
42. Tot Lot	67	44	47	5	16
43. Playground equipment – conventional	73	51	38	7	15
44. Playground equipment – natural/creative	65	51	47	6	14
45. Fitness/Exercise	38	47	70	11	17
46. Handicapped/Disabled	67	48	50	1	13
<u>Nature Study</u>					
48. Trails	100	40	36	2	7
49. Preserve	84	42	48	3	8
50. Educational Center	36	33	76	9	25
<u>Senior Citizen Activities</u>					
52. Gardening (garden plots)	41	46	71	6	19
53. Lawn games	30	45	80	4	19
54. Indoor games/activities	24	30	81	11	32
55. Fitness Apparatus	21	33	83	8	32
<u>Special Events</u>					
57. Educational/Cultural	51	44	60	4	21
58. Festivals	62	37	49	9	27
59. Concerts	67	34	39	10	36
60. Amphitheater; Stage Raised Platform	41	26	52	8	53
61. Track & Field	1				
Horticultural Events	1				
<u>Other Activities & Opportunities</u>					
62. Township Center	1				
63. Skateboard Park	1				
64. Hot Air Balloon	1				
65. Frisbee Golf	1				
66. Quoits	1				
67. Horseshoes	1				
68. Dog Training	1				
69. Art Show	1				
70. Summer Day Camp	1				
71. Sculpture	1				

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Evaluation of Future Activities/Facilities/Events – PINE CREEK PARK

Strongly Favored Activities/Facilities/Events

Moderately Favored Activities/Facilities/Events

Indifferent Activities/Facilities/Events

Moderately Opposed Activities/Facilities/Events

Strongly Opposed Activities/Facilities/Events

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Strongly Favored Activities/Facilities/Events

Moderately Favored Activities/Facilities/Events

Indifferent Activities/Facilities/Events

Moderately Opposed Activities/Facilities/Events

Strongly Opposed Activities/Facilities/Events