



Town Hall Frenchtown Parks



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Park Planning Needs Analysis

- ▶ Current recreation activity levels and participation patterns and trends likely to affect these in the future.
- ▶ Minimum standards of acceptable recreation service by the community for its citizens. Service standards should be based on geographic distribution of facilities relative to population, quantities of land and facilities of various types available and adequate protection of natural resources.
- ▶ Condition of existing recreation facilities.
- ▶ Changes which will affect recreation and open space provisions such as in number of residents, age structure, land use, leisure time and income, which form the basis for forecasts of future open space and recreation needs.
- ▶ Additional land and water areas and new or rehabilitated facilities necessary to meet the current and future needs of the community for recreational opportunities and to protect open space resources valued by the community.

Park Planning Town Hall Scope

- ▶ What we want
 - ▶ Where we want it
 - ▶ Why we want it
 - ▶ When we want it
- ▶ Consider needs of all users:
 - ▶ Individuals
 - ▶ Groups
 - ▶ Families
 - ▶ Recreational Experiences
 - ▶ Picnic Areas
 - ▶ Playgrounds
 - ▶ Open Space
 - ▶ Sports Fields/Courts
 - ▶ Recreation Center
 - ▶ Recreation Programming
 - ▶ Community Functions
 - ▶ Other



Old Frenchtown Field



8 acres at Harrison St. and 10th St.,
acquired in May 1998 under NJ
Green Acres program

- ▶ **Activities**
 - ▶ Baseball
 - ▶ Soccer
 - ▶ Picnicking
- ▶ **Amenities**
 - ▶ Rest room (portable)
 - ▶ Electric outlets
 - ▶ Picnic tables
 - ▶ Parking
 - ▶ Accessible from path



Frenchtown Boro Park



Kingwood Ave and Creek Road

- ▶ **Activities**
 - ▶ Playground
 - ▶ Hiking trail
 - ▶ Fishing (stocked)
 - ▶ Ice skating
 - ▶ Bird watching
- ▶ **Amenities**
 - ▶ Pavilion
 - ▶ Electricity
 - ▶ Charcoal grills
 - ▶ Picnic tables
 - ▶ Benches
 - ▶ Rest rooms
 - ▶ Parking



“Trenton Ave” Park



- ▶ **Activities**
 - ▶ tbd
- ▶ **Amenities**
 - ▶ Bench
 - ▶ Parking

Area between Trenton Ave and Nishisackawick Creek, across from Frenchtown Post Office



“Sunbeam” Park



Area north of the bridge, across from Frenchtown Inn

- ▶ **Activities**
 - ▶ tbd
- ▶ **Amenities**
 - ▶ River frontage



Other Parks / Open Space in Frenchtown

- ▶ **Frenchtown Community Garden**
 - ▶ South Washington Street and Old River Road, adjacent to the path
 - ▶ established in 2010 for residents use (for fee) to grow organic produce
- ▶ **D&R Canal State Park Trail (aka “the path”)**
 - ▶ feeder canal trail along the east side of the Delaware River runs for 29.9 miles between Frenchtown and Trenton
 - ▶ managed by the D&R Canal Commission and NJ DEP
- ▶ **Nishisakawick Preserve**
 - ▶ adjoins Frenchtown Boro Park (north)
 - ▶ preserved by Hunterdon Land Trust and NJ Green Acres in 2000 to protect the Nishisakawick Creek
- ▶ **Frenchtown Preserve**
 - ▶ accessible from Kingwood Ave/Horshoe Bend Rd and Route 29
 - ▶ 150 acres preserved by Hunterdon Land Trust in 2006
 - ▶ part of D&R Canal State Park, managed by the NJ Division of Parks and Forestry

