

Public Meeting #2 January 18, 2022

Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan

TOWAMENCIN TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



The live presentation will start promptly at 7:00 PM.

Please note this presentation is being recorded.

There will be a Q&A / discussion at the end of the presentation.

Please hold questions and comments until then.

If you are listening by phone, we ask that you remain muted –
instructions will be provided on how to ask questions during Q&A.

AGENDA

- **Introductions**
- **Schedule**
- **Public opinion survey to date**
- **Site analysis**
- **Preliminary concepts**
- **Precedent images**
- **Review of Future Meetings**



TOWAMENCIN VETERANS COMMITTEE

- Michael Lewis – Chair
- Joe Meehan – Vice Chair
- Laureen Sendel-Grant – Secretary
- Gordon Bell
- Barry Forgeng
- Barry Kenyon
- Bill Dauphinee
- Robert Dell
- Chet Ruminski
- Rich Marino
- Dan Littley
- Nancy Becker
- Carter LaBrocq



MASTER PLAN PROCESS

We are Here

“All voices heard, all ideas honored”



Transparent Public Process:

- *4 Study Committee meetings*
- *4 Public meetings*
- *1 Board of Supervisors meeting*
- *10 Key Person Interviews*
- *Online Public Opinion Survey*

MASTER PLAN SCHEDULE

Committee mtg 1 & Public Meeting #1 developed a list of possible design and programmatic elements for the park.

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DRAFT PARK MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of Towamencin Veterans Memorial Park is to honor the service of our armed forces while informing visitors about the importance of their service in a tranquil and passive park setting.”

PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY: SUMMARY - 105 responses to date (01/17/2022)

- **94% of responders are Towamencin Residents**
- Average of respondents' township residency: 17.9 years

Age of respondents?

- 0-24: 0
- 25-44: 33%
- 45-65: 40%
- 65+: 27%

Household

- Approx. 60% of household respondents are 2-3 people

Family Member in the Military?

- Yes-87%
- No-13%

Recreational Habits

- All Towamencin parks visited
- Fischer's Park - 93% of respondents visited
- Tennis Lukens Cemetery - 20% of respondents visited
- Lots of visits to Valley Forge & Evansburg State Park

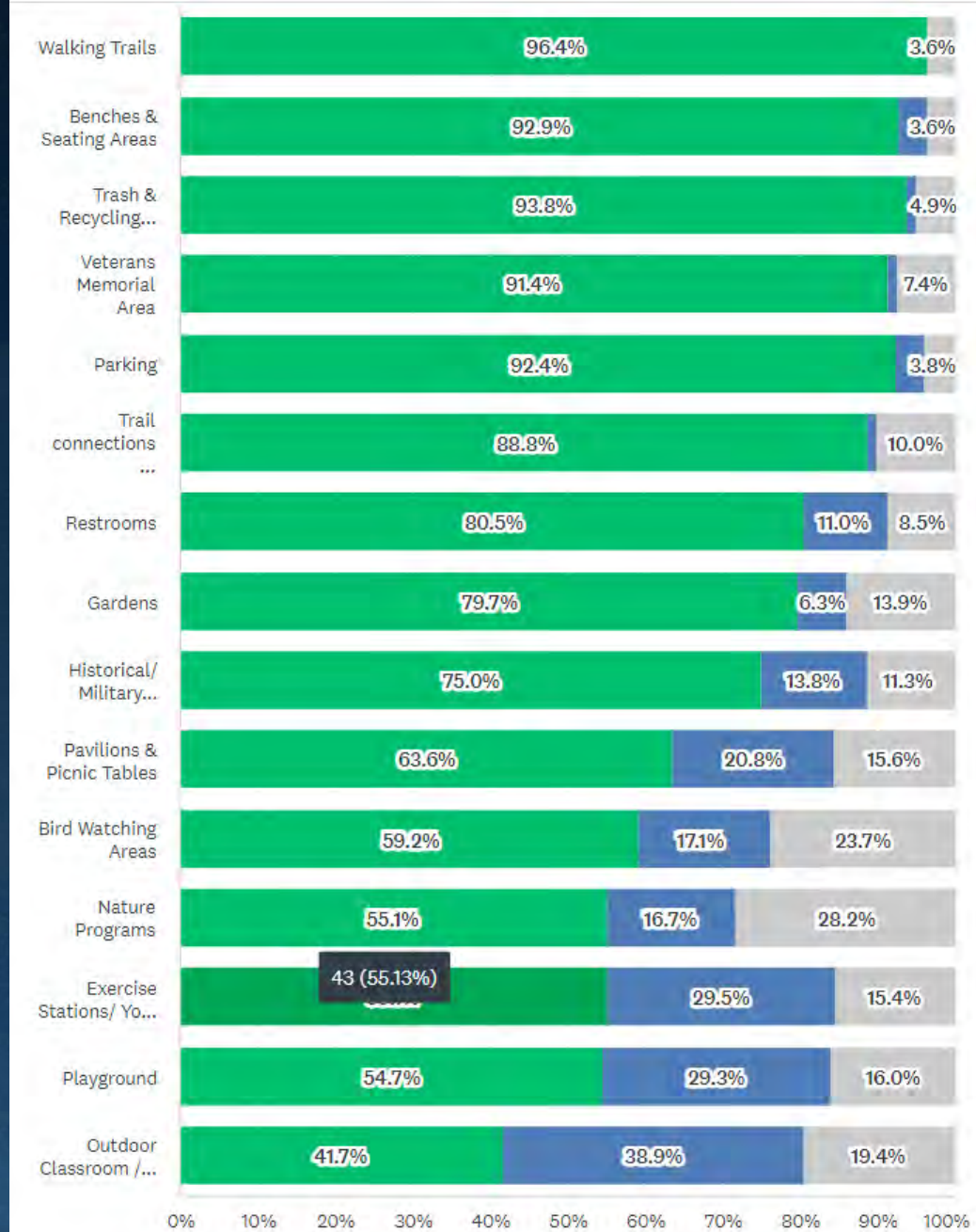
Primary Recreational Activities

- Walking/jogging-87%
- Township Sponsored Programs-47%
- Dog Walking-43%
- Playgrounds 38%
- (Top 4 responses out of 14)

PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

Park Elements

Q15: "Specifically, regarding the master plan for the proposed Veterans Memorial Park, **which new or additional facilities and activities do you think should be considered?**"

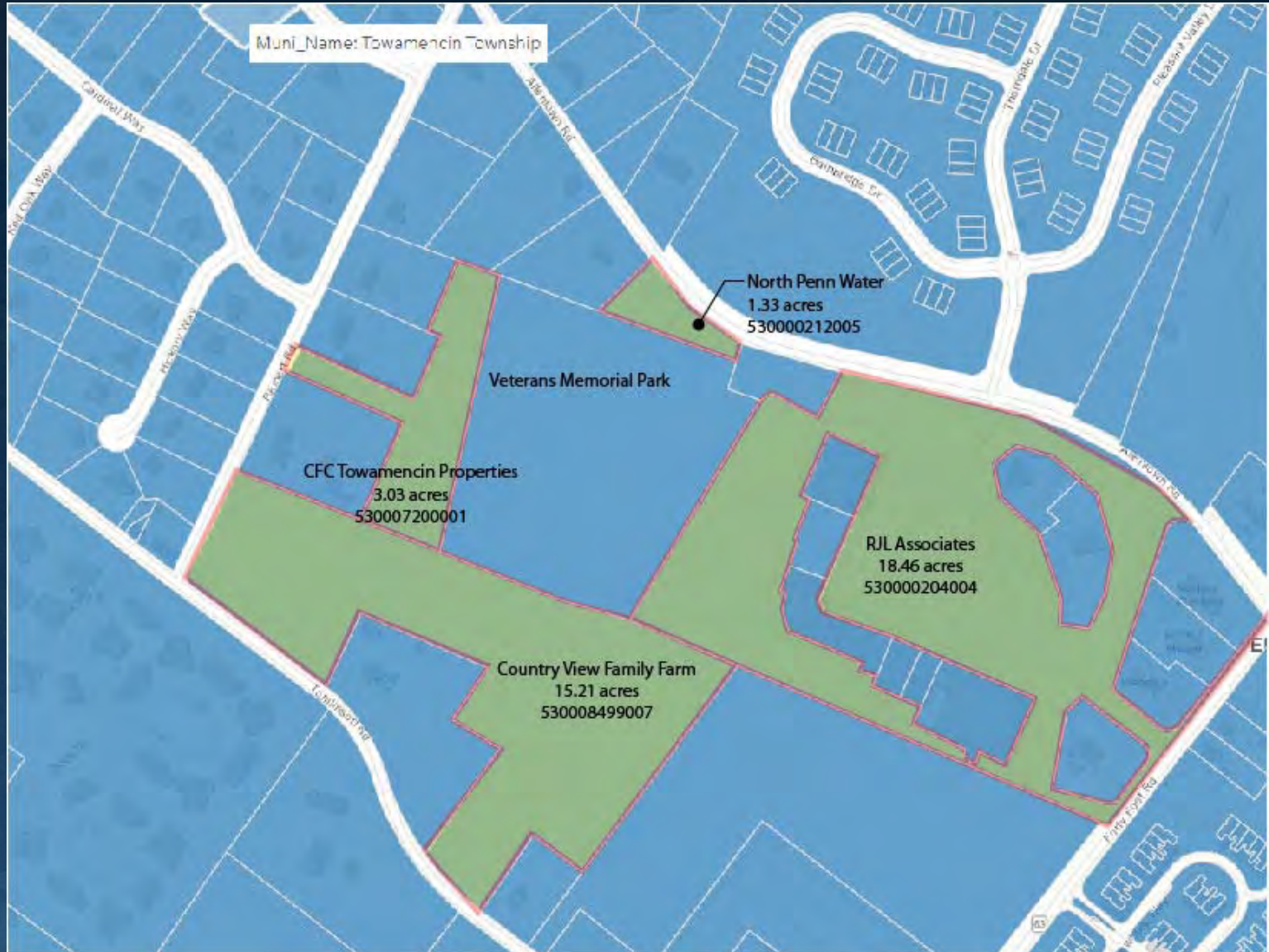


PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY Q24: Additional Thoughts/ Comments

Suggestions

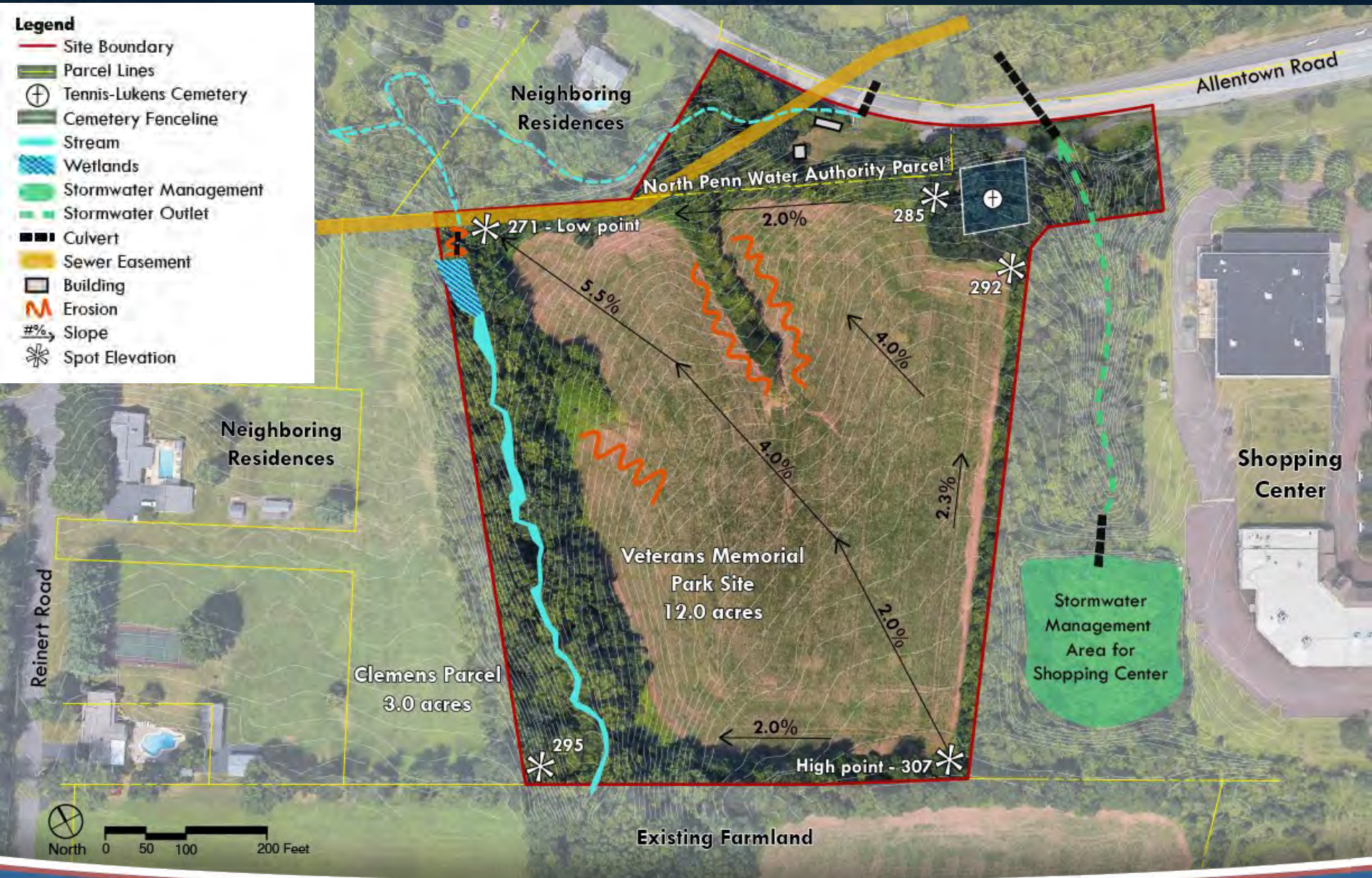
- **Community spaces** are important – “Thank you for getting the opinions of those who live here.”
- **Preserve open space and curate a natural environment** for the enjoyment of residents
- **A place of peace**, representing what we all need
- **Walking trails – pond – gardens**
- Design for **quiet reflection** – no loud gatherings/parties/sporting events
- **Quiet reflection, walking, yoga, quiet activities** – no playground
- **Appreciate those that served, serve, and gave their lives for our freedom**
- **An area for military to come for the ones THEY lost** in wars over the years – **help aging veterans** deal and come to terms with experiences.
- **Security and safety** of visitors
- Closed-in area where **dogs** can run
- Select furniture, equipment, etc. of an **18th century style** – Township has participated in the armed forces since the colonial days

REVIEW OF PARK SITE & ADJACENT PARCELS







EXISTING CONDITIONS - COMPOSITE ANALYSIS

* North Penn Water Authority:
Parcel to be donated to Township.



SCALE COMPARISON

Legend

-  Site Boundary
-  Parcel Lines
-  Tennis-Lukens Cemetery
-  Cemetery Fenceline



SITE ACCESS - EXISTING

- Legend**
- Site Boundary
 - Parcel Lines
 - ⊕ Tennis-Lukens Cemetery
 - Cemetery Fenceline
 - Vehicular Access
 - Pedestrian/Multi-modal Access

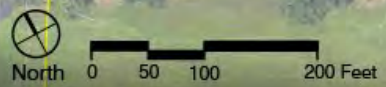
Neighboring Residences

Allentown Road

Existing site access

Shopping Center

Reinert Road



Existing Farmland

SITE ACCESS - POTENTIAL

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 - Vehicular Access
 - Pedestrian/Multi-modal Access

Neighboring Residences

Allentown Road

Potential Access #1 & parcel acquisition or easement

Shopping Center

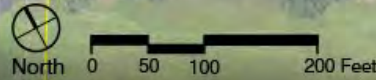
Potential Access #3

Potential Access #2 & parcel acquisition or easement

Potential Access #4 (from Tomlinson Road)



















Existing Farmland

Reinert Road



PRELIMINARY CONCEPT 1

Legend

-  Site Boundary
-  Parcel Lines
-  Tennis-Lukens Cemetery
-  Cemetery Fenceline
-  Stream
-  Wetlands
-  Major Walkway
-  Minor Walkway
-  Driveway
-  Parking
-  Major Plaza
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-  Primary Plaza
-  Restroom/Pavilion
-  Play Area
-  Lawn
-  Meadow/Stormwater BMP
-  Tree

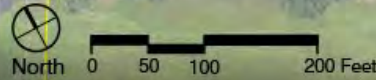


Reinert Road

Allentown Road



Access/easement required

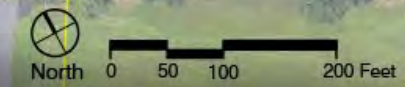
Future pedestrian connection



PRELIMINARY CONCEPT 2

Legend

- Site Boundary
- Parcel Lines
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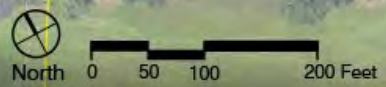
PRELIMINARY CONCEPT 3

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CONCEPT 1



CONCEPT 2



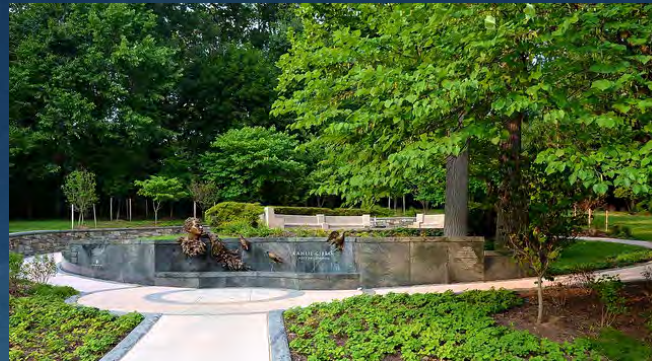
CONCEPT 3

Elements of each concept can be mixed or matched with elements from other concepts

Access will be an important determinant to the final design

The existing driveway on Allentown Road likely to be kept at least as Township maintenance access

PRECEDENT IMAGES - PATHWAYS



PRECEDENT IMAGES – GREEN & GRAY PLAZAS

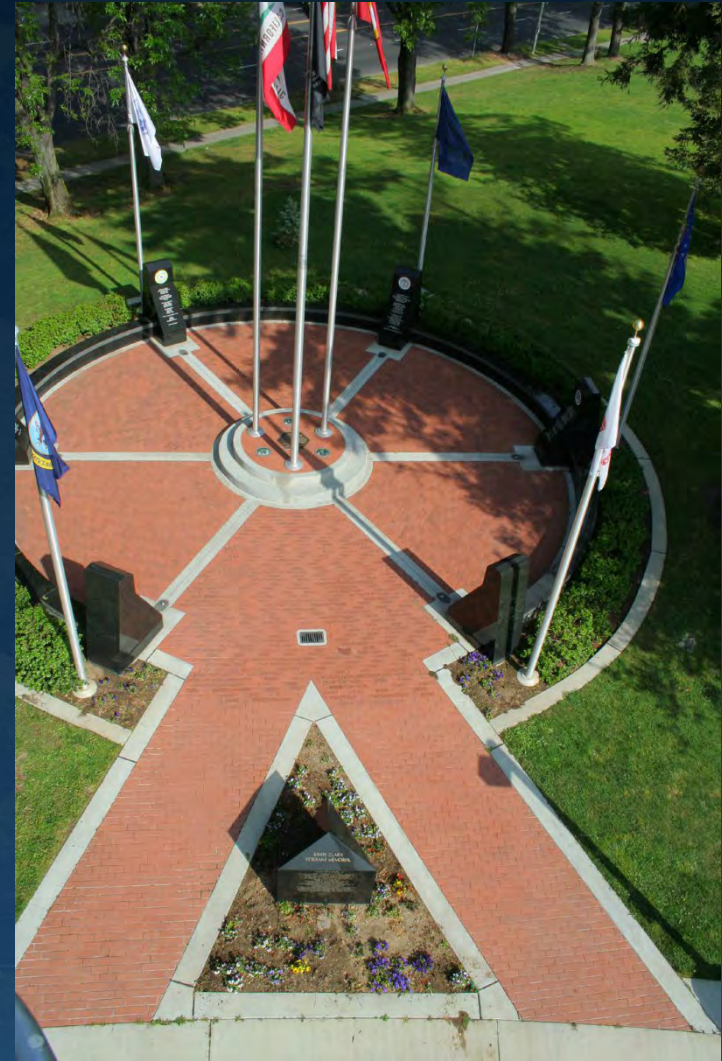


FDR Memorial



Sellersville

PRECEDENT IMAGES – PLAZAS & GREEN SPACES



PRECEDENT IMAGES – MEADOWS



PRECEDENT IMAGES - MEMORIALS



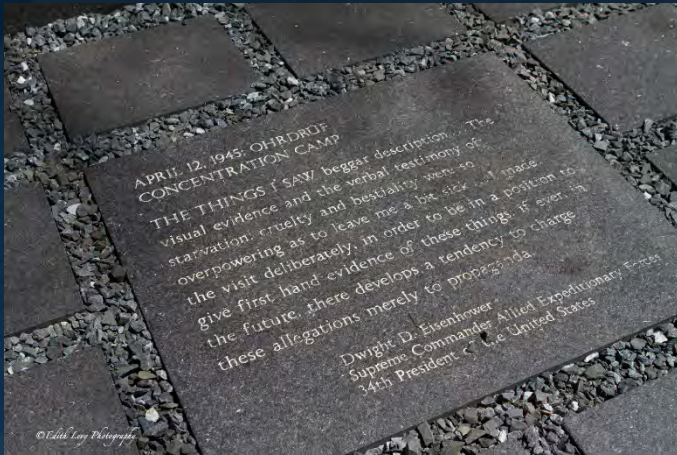
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PRECEDENT IMAGES - GARDENS



PRECEDENT IMAGES – ART / INTERPRETIVE / EDUCATIONAL



PRECEDENT IMAGES – NATURE-BASED PLAY AREA



Ollie Owl's
nature playground

We ♥ trees!

Many animals and birds like me spend much of our time in trees. Trees provide a safe place to build nests and raise babies. Perching in trees is also a great way to look for dinner!

Climb up a perch. What can you see?

Natural Lands Trust



Which concept do you like the best?

Which elements do you like the best?



CONCEPT 1



CONCEPT 2



CONCEPT 3



















Legend			
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	Tennis-Lukens Cemetery		Minor Plaza
	Cemetery Fenceline		Primary Plaza
	Stream		Restroom/Pavilion
	Wetlands		Play Area
	Major Walkway		Lawn
	Minor Walkway		Meadow/Stormwater BMP
	Driveway		Tree

POSSIBLE PARK ELEMENTS

- Walking trails
- Trail connections
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Trash & recycling
- Pavilions & picnic tables
- Plazas
- Benches & seating areas
- Nature-based playground
- Exercise stations / Yoga area
- Veterans Memorial area
- Historical / Military hardware
- Open field / Lawn / Parade ground
- Bird watching areas
- Outdoor classroom
- Meadows
- Trees
- Gardens / Horticultural displays
- Stormwater best management practices (BMPs)

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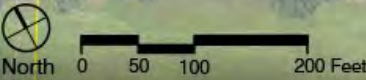


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Allentown Road

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Future pedestrian connection



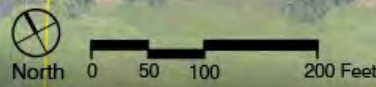
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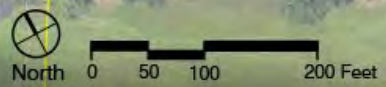


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NEXT STEPS

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2. Refine Concepts into Draft Master Plan
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4. Committee Mtg #3 March 28th, 2022 Pre-Draft Plan



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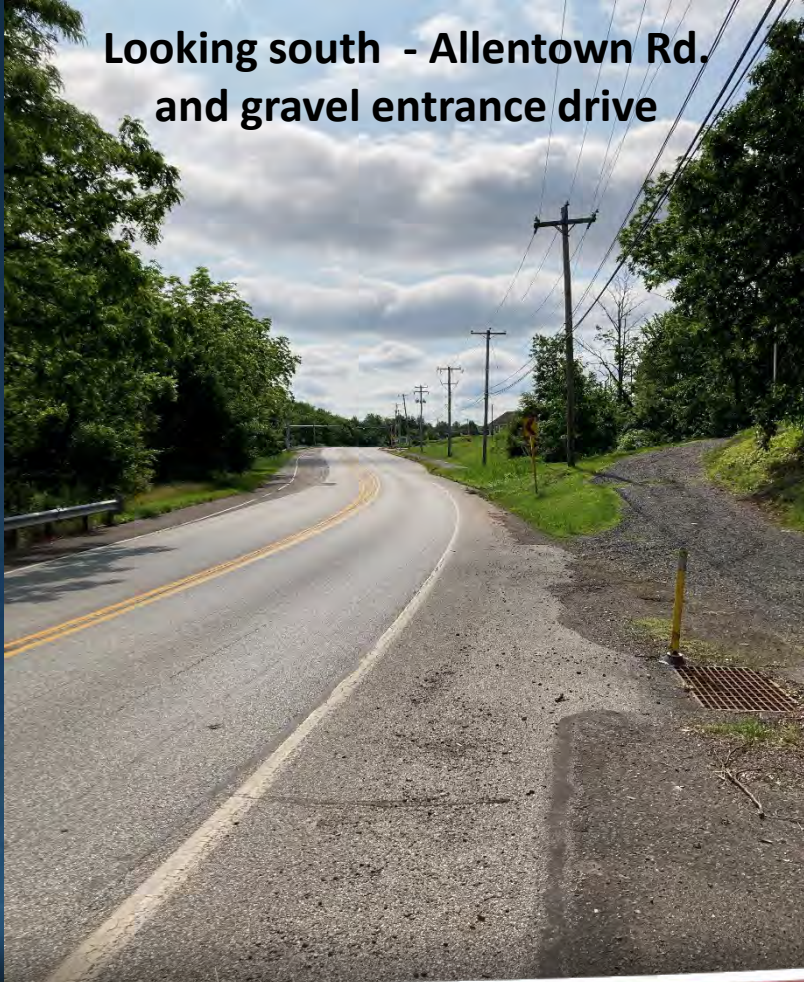
TOWNSHIP WEBSITE:

www.towamencin.org/parksnrecreation.html

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SITE PHOTOS – Existing site access from Allentown Road



SITE PHOTOS – Allentown Road frontage



North Penn Water Authority Property



Connector trail to shopping center

SITE PHOTOS – Culverts under Allentown Road



SITE PHOTOS – Tennis-Lukens Cemetery



SITE PHOTOS – Tennis-Lukens Cemetery



Looking north towards entrance



SITE PHOTOS – Open field at center of site and tree line along perimeter



SITE PHOTOS – Soil erosion



SITE PHOTOS – Stormwater management outlet for shopping center



SITE PHOTOS – Possible access from shopping center via “land bridge”



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SITE PHOTOS - Possible location of site access from shopping center

