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As a part of the initial background studies, existing recreation and park resources were inventoried, regardless of ownership. Once inventoried and analyzed, the condition of the resources was compared to standards based upon population and service areas. This section is separated into the following five components:

- \* Administration & Personnel
- \* Maintenance
- \* Financing
- \* Programs
- \* Facilities

### Administration & Personnel

#### **Greene County Department of Recreation**

The Department of Recreation was established to oversee the daily operation of recreation in Greene County. The County owns 798 acres of land, of which 350 acres are County Parks, including the Airport. Responsibilities of the department include running the Fairgrounds, the Central Greene Pool, the Carmichaels Pool, seven Day Camps, the Greene River Trail, the Greene County Airport, and Community Service in the County. In addition, on June 2, 2005 the County Commissioners approved the transfer of ownership of Mon View Park in Greensboro from the Greensboro-Monongahela Township Volunteer Fire Company and Monongahela Recreation Federation, Inc. to the County.

The Department is overseen by a full-time director, who reports to the County Commissioners. The Director is responsible for the development of programs at each of the

County parks, providing technical assistance to local municipalities and all maintenance at County-owned facilities.

The department is also charged with the responsibilities of future park development and open space acquisition. For approximately five years, the acquisition of open space in the County has been a major responsibility for the Director. Negotiations with local coal companies to obtain additional open space have been a primary focus for both the Commissioners and the Director. The County has taken over the ownership of a former mining area which will become a recreation focal point for residents to use in their leisure time. This mine site is described in detail in *Chapter 4: Recreation Opportunities*.

Another important function of the Department is to provide technical assistance to local municipalities within the County boundaries. This comes in the form of recommendations from the Director for local park / facility development. Municipalities are able to obtain, through a County Park Grant Program, up to \$3,000 for local projects. This particular program is a cooperative venture of the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Recreation in an effort to assist local park development.

The Department's current wish list for new recreation projects consists of the following:

- \* Extension of the Greene River Trail (10 or more miles)
- \* Development of the Crucible Riverfront Park
- \* Restore Ryerson Station Park's Duke Lake
- \* Expand outdoor and recreational activities at Ryerson
- \* Develop Wisecarver Reservoir / Dam into a recreational area

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- \* Work with UMWA to develop Coal Heritage Park
- \* Promote the development of a conference / retreat center
- \* Enhance tourism / recreational signage
- \* Expand tourism marketing / promotional activities

As previously mentioned, the Director / department answer to the County Commissioners and receive direction accordingly. This administrative method does not afford elected officials input from its citizenry on a regular basis. There is no formal survey process to gather information from the general public regarding their recreation needs and desires. The following concepts are potential ways for the County to improve the administration of parks and recreation. Specific strategies are contained in Chapter 6: Recommendations.

### *Recreation and Parks Advisory Board*

The creation of a recreation and parks advisory board would allow for more public input and interaction between County residents and the Department of Recreation. An advisory board is comprised of volunteers and its role is to advise the governing body, director and staff concerning recreation and parks matters. Advisory boards do not have final decision-making authority and recommendations are not adopted unless the board gains final approval from the elected officials. The board can serve as a community forum to discuss new ideas, programs, policies and procedures for recreation and parks. They also provide advice on accepting grants, gifts, donation, personal property or real estate. A sample ordinance and by-laws are included in *Appendix B*.

### *Support Groups*

Addition of new parks and recreation facilities, and development of new recreation programming, will be difficult to accomplish without increasing County-wide interest and support. A successful volunteer organization can do much toward fundraising for new County facilities. In addition, volunteer organizations can provide invaluable assistance by developing and coordinating recreation programming at County park facilities. Volunteer support groups can assist in facility maintenance by organizing "clean-up days." As more people are involved, more residents will take pride in and watch over park facilities.

An organization of this type is governed by a Board of Directors, and elects officers, including a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. One of these officers can act as liaison to the Park and Recreation Commission. The Parks and Recreation Director should sit on the Board as a member. The Department should have a formal agreement with the organization in which the responsibilities of both the County and the organization are clearly defined. It will be desirable for the organization to have its own statement of purpose, long- and short-term objectives, and a charter outlining its structure and chain of command. One method of ensuring County-wide participation is to form "committees" by regions, to coincide with Park and Recreation Commission representation. These committees can help in addressing the individual needs of each community. The organization could solicit donations for operating expenses. A quarterly newsletter could be supported by selling

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advertising space.

### *Media Relations*

Department staff should also maintain a personal relationship with media representatives to include newspapers, television (public and cable) and radio. This will assist with the department receiving adequate publication of its news releases, advertisements and event coverage. A continual update of media contacts will ensure that news material developed will reach the correct individuals.

In parks and recreation services, customer service is paramount to success. Many participants expect the same services they receive when purchasing a product.

Improvements to customer service may include:

- \* Expand office hours during registration periods
- \* Accept telephone and electronic mail registrations
- \* Accept credit cards as payment

### *Record Keeping*

For maximum efficiency, all participation, including program registrations, shelter reservations, etc., should be directly handled by the Parks and Recreation Department. Customer service should be enhanced and streamlined through use of computer software designed expressly for recreation agencies..

A full and uniform system of records and reports should become a goal of the Park and Recreation Department. A comprehensive records system for recreation

programming is necessary to analyze participants, demographics, costs, benefits, etc. All records for each program should be uniform in nature and should include:

- \* Program costs, including materials and supplies, instructor compensation or value of instructor time, utility costs (where possible), rental fees, etc.
- \* Program revenues
- \* Accidents and incidents
- \* Instructor evaluation of program
- \* Participant evaluations of program

Computer programs designed for recreation agencies, as recommended above, can be of enormous benefit in record-keeping. Based on program records, a thorough analysis of the financial success of each program can be carried out to determine if costs were covered.

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### Department of Recreation Personnel

The organizational personnel chart is depicted in Chart 2-1.

#### *Director*

The Department employs a full-time parks and recreation director, who reports directly to the Greene County Commissioners. The Director of the Greene County Department of Recreation is charged with the direction and overall administration of the operation, planning, development and maintenance of all County-owned recreation facilities and programs.

The responsibilities of the Director include the following:

- \* Administer the day-to-day operations of the department
- \* Develop and administer policies and procedures for all department programs and activities
- \* Develop and review program activities and recreational operations for new or improved programs.
- \* Research and write federal, state and local grant proposals to obtain needed funding for recreation programs
- \* Prepare annual budget and oversee all expenditures and fiscal operations within the department
- \* Supervise department staff and handle any related personnel issues
- \* Visit recreational programs to monitor program integrity, efficiency, effectiveness and community involvement
- \* Provide technical assistance to the community and

facilitate community meetings and cooperative program activities

- \* Assure all recreational programs are in compliance with required codes and safety requirements
- \* Inspect parks and recreational facilities / programs to assure proper functioning, maintenance and safety
- \* Schedule full-time and seasonal staff, as well as staff training as needed
- \* Act as liaison between the County and service groups regarding recreational programs
- \* Assure that environmental rules and regulations are adhered to
- \* Maintain various statistics and prepare reports as required
- \* Submit regular status reports to Chief Clerk of Greene County
- \* Interact with County and government officials, general public and staff daily
- \* Evaluate staff projects and programs as required for compliance and efficiency of operations
- \* Train and orient new staff

The Director is also in charge of overseeing the Community Services Coordinator, the Fairgrounds Manager, the Airport Manager, the Program Coordinator, Park Maintenance and Recreation Services. The organizational personnel chart is depicted in Chart 2-1 found on page 2-7.

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### *Community Services Coordinator*

The Community Services Coordinator is responsible for the coordination of persons sentenced through the Courts to perform community service. The coordinator is the point of contact for municipalities, non-profit organizations, and community groups who serve as approved worksites for community service workers and handles scheduling, reporting and assignment of workers.

### *Fairgrounds Manager*

The Fairgrounds Manager is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Greene County Fairgrounds. The essential daily duties of the Manager include the following:

- \* Administer the day-to-day operation of the Fairgrounds
- \* Prepare the annual budget and oversee the expenditures of the Fairgrounds
- \* Supervise the Fairgrounds staff as well as seasonal employees
- \* Schedule full-time and seasonal staff
- \* Interact with the County, general public and staff daily
- \* Evaluate staff projects / programs as required for compliance and efficiency of operations
- \* Train and orient new staff

Staff include three full-time maintenance workers and five part time maintenance workers.

### *Program Coordinator*

In September of 2004, the Greene County Commissioners created a new position entitled Program Coordinator. The Program Coordinator assists the Director in the planning and implementing of various assigned recreational programs and activities including, but not limited to, After School, Summer Camp, and Special Events. The Coordinator also assists in the development of advertising through a variety of media, overseeing of staff, and ordering supplies for activities. The responsibilities of the Coordinator include the following:

- \* Organize the development of programs and activities, with special emphasis on core programs including After School and Summer Camp
- \* Plan and facilitate special event activities
- \* Act as department representative for assigned programs and activities
- \* Provide direction and daily schedules to temporary program / activity staff
- \* Provide lesson plans and on-site supervision
- \* Promote and market programs, activities and events, by preparing press releases, flyers and newsletters
- \* Provide program / activity evaluations
- \* Maintain inventories of materials and equipment and make purchase recommendations as needed in a timely manner for more cost efficient programs

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### ***Airport Manager***

The Airport Manager is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Greene County Airport. Employees include one full time and three part time workers

### ***Park Maintenance***

The County employs one full time Union Supervisor to oversee the park maintenance. The supervisor has a staff of six part time maintenance workers. Both the fairgrounds and park maintenance staff report to the Director, which allows the Director to oversee all aspects of the maintenance program, better coordination of personnel, more efficient time management and better overall cooperation in completing tasks in an orderly and timely fashion is attained. The overall maintenance of County parks and facilities is discussed further under the Maintenance section, beginning on page 2-9.

### ***Recreation Services***

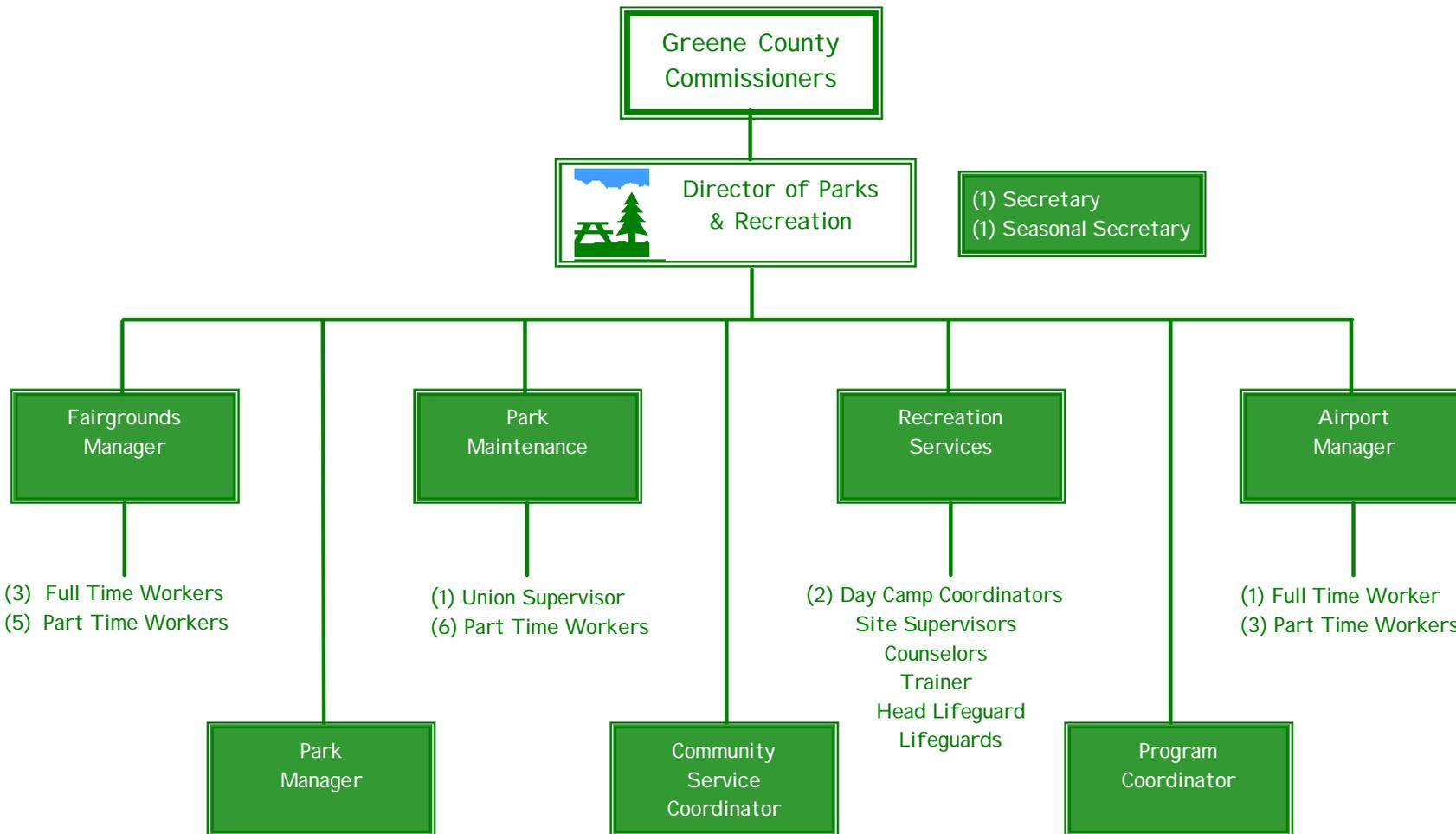
Employees include two Day Camp Coordinators, Site Supervisors, Assistant Coordinator, and Pool employees including a trainer, head lifeguard and other lifeguards.

### ***Park Manager***

The position of Park Manager was added to the Department of Recreation as a new staff member in 2007.

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Chart 2-1: Greene County Department of Parks & Recreation Organizational Personnel Chart



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### **Greene County Office of Tourism**

Until 2005, the Greene County Office of Tourism was under the direction of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Currently, the Tourism is a stand alone office that is housed at the Greene County Airport. The office receives funding from the County budget, hotel taxes, and from events sponsored by the County.

The Miss Greene County Pageant and the Covered Bridge Festival (held in conjunction with Washington County) are two of the annual events that are promoted by the Greene County Office of Tourism. Other events currently include the Annual Dog Show, the Annual Rodeo, the Dock to Lock 5K, the Greene River Trail, and numerous other events. The Office of Tourism helps promote the Sheep and Fiber Fest, the Farmer's Market, Rain Day, the Greene County Fair, and the 50's Car Show.

A new event will be the Heinz History Center's display of local artwork, where Greensboro pottery will be featured in a two-week presentation in 2008. Future events could include cycling, hunting, canoeing, fall foliage, and tours of the various historical and cultural sites within the county.

Since the beginning of 2007, the Greene County Office of Tourism has been working diligently to develop new tourism strategies and promotional events. One new promotion is the Covered Bridge Puzzles. Each year a new covered bridge will be photographed and the puzzles will be sold throughout the region. All proceeds will go to the Tourism Office.

There is an opportunity for the Greene County Office of Tourism to work cooperatively with other organizations in the

County to promote tourism. Some of these coordinated programs could include working with the County Fairgrounds, Greene Academy of Arts, Pennsylvania Game Commission, Mason-Dixon Historical Park, cycling and canoeing groups, farmers organizations, and others who have an interest in making Greene County a destination for visitors and adventurers.

The tourism director felt that tourism can play a significant part in the future of Greene County, both in bringing visitors to the County and in bringing people and industry to the County on a permanent basis. The County is a beautiful area that has a lot to offer, but is a well kept secret (personal communication, 2004).

### ***Greene County Hunting and Fishing Guide (2008-2010)***

The Greene County Office of Tourism recently published a booklet titled, "Greene County, PA- Hunting and Fishing Guide (2008-2010)". This publication focuses on areas within the county that sportsman would find appealing. Sections of the guide focus on whitetail deer hunting, coon hunts and coonhounds, wild turkeys and small game, angling, trails and bike routes, and include a county map as an insert. The Tourism Promotion Agency feels this publication is essential for the county- which has a large amount of visitors who enjoy the outdoors and all that it entails.

### ***Bicycle PA: Bike Routes***

In the spring of 2008, the Greene County Office of Tourism updated the Bicycle PA maps for Greene County. One of their main highlights was the Route A, which they wanted to showcase in greater detail for the

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new edition.

### ***Driving Tour Booklet for Mail Pouch Barns and General Stores***

In the fall of 2008, the Greene County Office of Tourism will be designing two new brochures. The first will focus on the Mail Pouch Barns that dot the county roads. The driving tour will be in printed format and will show the locations and driving directions for over ten different locations in Greene County.

The second booklet will focus on the plethora of General Stores that exist in Greene County. The format will be the same as the Mail Pouch brochure but will focus on thirteen different stores at many different sections of Greene County.

### **Office of Tourism Personnel**

#### ***Tourism Director***

The Director of the Greene County Office of Tourism reports to the Greene County Tourism Board and is in charge of the direction and administration of the operation, planning, development and maintenance of the County Tourism Program and other related projects.

The responsibilities of the Director include the following:

- \* Administer the day-to-day operations of the Tourism Program
- \* Coordinate tourism projects under the direction of the Tourism Board
- \* Develop and administer policies and procedures for all programs and activities
- \* Develop and review program activities for new or improved programs
- \* Research and write federal, state and local grant proposals to obtain needed funding for tourism programs
- \* Prepare annual budget and oversee all expenditures and fiscal operations within the program
- \* Develop promotional events, brochures and related documents to promote the County of Greene
- \* Provide technical assistance to the community, Tourism Board members and County employees to promote cooperative program activities
- \* Schedule full-time and seasonal staff, as well as staff training as needed
- \* Act as liaison between County and service groups regarding tourism programs
- \* Maintain various statistics and prepare reports as required
- \* Submit regular status reports to Tourism Board and County designee
- \* Interact with County and government officials, general public and staff daily
- \* Evaluate staff projects and programs as required for compliance and efficiency of operations
- \* Train and orient new staff, volunteers and individuals involved in Tourism activities
- \* Office of Tourism and Department of Recreation join efforts to control the LED sign at the County Fairgrounds
- \* Office of Tourism collaborates with all the regional organizations such as Pittsburgh and its Countryside, the Washington TPA, and the Laurel Highlands

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### Maintenance

#### **Maintenance Program**

The Greene County Department of Recreation oversees the maintenance program for the following County owned facilities: Greene County Fairgrounds, Greene County Airport, Greene River Trail, Central Greene Pool, the Eastern Pool Complex, Mason Dixon Park (undeveloped) and Mon View Park. The maintenance work is divided between the fairgrounds staff and the park maintenance staff. All other maintenance work for county-owned facilities is completed by the Buildings and Grounds crew.

The fairgrounds staff consists of the Fairgrounds Manager who oversees a maintenance staff of three full time positions, one part time position and five seasonal positions. Their responsibilities include maintaining and improving all existing buildings, painting, cutting grass, maintenance of landscaped areas, track maintenance, equipment maintenance, fairgrounds road maintenance, fencing and bleacher maintenance, and any other maintenance issues that arise in the fairgrounds.

The park maintenance staff consists of one full time union supervisor and five seasonal staff. If a specific job requires additional personnel they can request the use of fairgrounds staff. The park maintenance staff is responsible for maintaining the Greene River Trail so that it is safe, usable and aesthetically pleasing. They must also maintain the swimming pools, grass areas, and buildings at both pool sites.

Another source of personnel that the County taps into is through the Community Services Coordinator. Utilizing individuals performing Community Service for park maintenance work provides additional staff personnel to the Director that can be used on an as-needed basis.

At present a written maintenance management plan does not exist. A manual defining all aspects of a maintenance management plan should be written and adopted for the maintenance staff to follow. Although the staff does some preventive maintenance, a manual would provide the basis for shifting from responsive maintenance to a more complete preventative maintenance plan. This would aid in keeping recreation facilities safe and reduce liability risks.

Regular inspections of all county owned facilities and inspections of undeveloped areas for hazards should be conducted to insure the safety of all park patrons. A written inspection form should be completed with each inspection. All minor repairs should be completed immediately while major repairs should be documented. The facility should be posted as unsafe until the repairs can be completed as soon as possible. Besides providing documentation of work that has been completed and work that needs to be completed, the inspection form would provide valuable information in case of legal action against the County.

To prepare a successful maintenance plan, the County should complete the following tasks as recommended by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR):

- Involve all employees to get their complete understanding and support.

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- Inventory the resources to maintain. Determine how many thousands of square feet of turf, the total building space, the number of restrooms, etc.
- Develop a standard for each of the resources. The standard is a short description of what the resource should look like when the maintenance has been completed. The standards can include specifics such as grass cutting height and frequency.
- List tasks to perform so that the resources are maintained up to standards. The tasks should be described in enough detail so that anyone would know how to perform them.
- Determine the amount of time it takes to do each task.
- Decide how often each task needs to be done. The frequency will determine the quality and cost of maintenance.
- Schedule tasks into an operational plan and divide up the tasks to develop a schedule for each staff person or crew.
- Implement and monitor the work schedules so adjustments can be made as needed. Have staff track how long it takes to complete each task and have the supervisor monitor the quality of maintenance.

Although there are no maintenance records available for the current maintenance program, both maintenance crews seem to be doing an efficient and acceptable job in maintaining their respective areas, based upon interviews with County staff and public input. The County has good leadership people in these positions, which will allow the County to continue to maintain and develop their facilities. Records of work performed, inspections, equipment maintenance, preventative maintenance and a maintenance management

plan should be written and utilized by County personnel.

### **Maintenance Equipment Inventory**

The equipment used by the Public Works Department to maintain all of the parks and recreation facilities in Greene County is listed in Table 2-1: Maintenance Equipment Inventory. The parks crew will also borrow trucks and other equipment from the fairgrounds crew as needed.

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Department institute a regular replacement program for all maintenance equipment. A preventative maintenance plan and regular inspections of equipment will maximize efficiency and help prevent accidents and unwarranted break downs. Record keeping of all maintenance performed on each piece of equipment will assist in developing a cost benefit analysis. An annual review of this information at budget preparation time will aid in planning and prioritizing the replacement of the equipment. Thorough records will help to justify any budget requests.

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**Table 2-1: Maintenance Equipment Inventory**

<i>Greene County Fairgrounds</i>	Expected Replacement Year	<i>Greene County Airport</i>	Expected Replacement Year
GMC one ton dump	2008	Ford tractor w/6' finish mower	2008
GMC crew cab pickup—community service	2007	John Deere 48" riding mower	2006
John Deere tractor w/front bucket & backhoe attachments	2010	New finish mower was purchased in 2007	2012
McCormick tractor w/broom	2015	<i>Parks Crew</i>	
Ford pickup	2005	Trail	2008
Chevrolet 12' flatbed	2005	Push mowers	2005
27' trailer	2010	Weed eaters	2005
Ford 3000 tractor w/box drag	2008	Sprayer	2007
Craftsman 19.5 HP riding mower for County Pools	2006	Riding mower	2006
John Deere 18 HP riding mower	2007		
Chemical sprayer for Greene River Trail	2007		
EZ-Go ST 350 work horse cart for Greene River Trail	2006		
8' mowing deck	2010		
4 push mowers	2004		
John Deere auger	2008		
Table saw	2005		
Band saw	2005		
Paint sprayer	2006		
Planer 72" Bush hog finisher mower	2007		
3 weed eaters	2006		
Chain saw	2006		

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### Risk Management

Risk management is defined by DCNR as “the process of making park areas and recreation facilities safer by conducting and documenting routine safety inspections, having procedures in place to correct problems and performing the necessary work promptly.” A risk management plan should cover all recreation programs, facilities, and services offered by the County. Each component of the park or recreation area needs to be thoroughly inspected and compared against the standards of acceptable condition and then classified as either a safety risk or not a problem.

When the County installs playground equipment on County property, the parks maintenance staff will need to complete a monthly inspection of all playground equipment and fill out an inspection form showing their findings. The inspection form, when completed properly, will provide a thorough accounting of the inspection of each piece of equipment, date inspected, repairs needed, date repaired and the staff completing the inspection. These are the standard requirements for a playground inspection form.

When completed these forms should be retained in an easily accessible place for quick reference to insure that all repairs are completed in a reasonable amount of time and questions concerning playground maintenance can be quickly addressed. Besides the monthly inspection form, a weekly visual inspection of all playground equipment before and/or after heavy use periods is recommended. Repairs noted from these visual inspections should be addressed immediately.

Risk management record keeping should include additional daily logs of all maintenance activities completed, both scheduled and unscheduled. These logs should include the task performed, the amount of time taken, the materials needed and the equipment used. For future reference in planning, these logs will aid in determining maintenance and budgeting needs.

In order to provide a successful Risk Management Plan, parks and fairgrounds maintenance staff should be provided proper training and encouraged to attend training sessions when offered by various organizations, i.e. National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) and Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society (PRPS). At least one staff member should receive their Playground Safety Inspection Certification and one staff member should have a Pesticide Certification in Category 23 and other categories as needed.

The staff should be trained to perform at a minimum the following duties:

- \* Constantly be aware of the condition of all facilities and open areas
- \* Make immediate repairs to minor unsafe facilities and areas
- \* Post unsafe conditions that cannot be immediately repaired
- \* Prevent use of unsafe equipment and facilities
- \* Report, in writing, safety hazards
- \* Submit accident reports
- \* Complete major repairs as soon as possible

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The director, supervisor and/or maintenance staff should keep up to date with developments in the safety standards published by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other such organizations. They should also regularly review or know who to contact concerning legal requirements and inspections for conformance to sanitary regulations, criteria for licensing, fire laws, building and zoning codes, pesticide applications and safety procedures. Posting of “Right to Know” information and other information as required by law should be located in an easily accessible and visible location. First aid supplies and safety equipment should also be readily accessible.

A risk management plan also requires adequate liability insurance be kept up to date. As new equipment is purchased, new facilities constructed and new programs established, liability insurance should be revised to reflect the new conditions.

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**Financing**

The Department of Recreation is currently financed through the County of Greene General Fund, pool admissions, program fees, and grants.

The Greene County budget includes separate Statements of Revenues and Expenditures for the following categories:

1. Parks and Pools
2. Tourism
3. Trails
4. Fairgrounds

For the Fiscal Year of January 01, 2004 through December 31, 2004 the Greene County Parks and Pool budget operated at a total budget of \$176,772.50. The Greene County Tourism Budget operated on a budget of \$33,721.02. The Greene County Trail budget was \$141,885.19 for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2004. The Greene County Fairgrounds budget includes various budgets for physical facilities, which are not included in this analysis. For overall financing of operating costs, this study includes only the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the general operating costs which totaled \$278,456.85 for Fiscal Year 2004.

Table 2.2 Parks and Recreation Budget displays the percent change in revenue and expenditures for the four categories. As can be seen, the largest decrease in revenue occurred in the category of tourism.

However, the tourism budget is now a separate budgetary function, funded by a dedicated tax and other fund sources.

	2002	2003	2004	% Change
<b>Parks &amp; Pools</b>				
Revenue	\$48,000	\$45,000	\$40,000	-16.7%
Expenditures	\$153,109	\$171,218	\$176,773	15.5%
<b>Tourism</b>				
Revenue	\$52,400	\$16,000	\$16,000	-69.5%
Expenditures	\$61,558	\$28,526	\$33,721	-45.2%
<b>Trails</b>				
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Expenditures	\$160,820	\$131,051	\$141,885	-11.8%
<b>Fairgrounds</b>				
Revenue	\$55,000	\$27,000	\$15,100	-72.5%
Expenditures	\$180,487	\$240,533	\$278,457	54.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$144,518.75</b>	<b>\$2,090,002.84</b>	<b>\$701,935.56</b>	<b>126.53%</b>

Source: Greene County

The tourism category also indicated a decrease in expenditures. However, for the purposes of this study, further analysis is difficult without examining the separate budgetary process carried out for this department.

Table 2.2 also reflects a decrease in revenue for the Fairgrounds general operating budget coupled with an increase in expenditures. Again, more information will be required prior to understanding the implications of such a dramatic decrease in revenue.

Showing a decrease in revenue, the Parks and Pool category reflects a 16.7 percent loss of revenue with a 15.5 percent increase in expenditures. Admission fees are charged at both

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the Central Greene Pool and the Eastern Pool with rates (as of 2004) of \$1.50 for children; \$2.00 for juveniles; and \$3.00 for adults. The revenue from the pool admissions covers only a very small percentage of the costs involved in operating the two County pools. Other revenue generated includes fees associated with the Learn to Swim Program that is offered at each of the pools.

Table 2.3 provides a detailed trends analysis for the expenditures under this category. Table 2.2 shows a decrease in expenditures for trails. Further analysis is provided in Table 2.4.

Table 2-3: Parks and Pool Budget shows the percent change in the budget for the Parks and Recreation Department from Fiscal Year 2002 through 2004. For a more detailed analysis, the line items are separated into General Administration and Other Costs. General Administration had a 4.5 percent decrease in overall expenditures, which is an actual dollar loss of \$5,361.93.

Table 2-3, Other Costs, details specific line items that have direct impact on programming, employee services, and equipment suitability. As shown, this category had an increase of 94 percent, which reflects an additional \$29,125 spent between Fiscal Year 2002 and 2004. The single largest increase was seen in the line item of Local Grants, which had an increase of 94 percent or actual dollar increase of \$29,125. Program supplies was another significant increase from \$12,000 to \$26,000 for a total increase of 116.7 percent. These two categories have the most significant impact to the increase in the budget for Other Costs.

	2002 Budget	2004 Budget	% Change 2002-2004
<b>General Administration Costs</b>			
Salaries and Wages	\$ 69,416.00	\$ 74,700.28	7.6%
Other Compensation	\$ 1,000.00	0	-100.0%
Medical Coverage	\$ 12,644.48	\$ 4,344.07	-65.6%
Workers Comp	\$ 1,969.63	\$ 3,624.15	84.0%
Unemployment Comp	\$ 4,036.80	\$ 2,735.20	-32.2%
Social Security Tax	\$ 9,883.79	\$ 4,631.42	-53.1%
Medicare Tax	\$ 2,311.53	\$ 1,083.15	-53.1%
Life Insurance	\$ 247.20	\$ 29.23	-88.2%
Heating Fuel/Natural Gas	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,000.00	-16.7%
Electric	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 7,800.00	1.3%
Water	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	44.4%
Sewerage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,600.00	60.0%
Garbage/Janitorial	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0.0%
Local Service	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,100.00	120.0%
Long Distance	\$ 200.00	\$ -	-100.0%
<i>Sub Total</i>	\$122,109.43	\$116,647.50	-4.5%
<b>Other Costs</b>			
Advertising	0	\$ 200.00	N/A
Mileage	0	\$ 1,300.00	N/A
Printing and Reproduction	0	\$ 75.00	N/A
Other Professional Services		\$ 200.00	N/A
Employee Development	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	100.0%
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 150.00	N/A
Program Supplies	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	116.7%
Building Repairs/Improvement	\$ -	\$ 100.00	N/A
Equipment Repairs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 100.00	-96.7%
Other Capital Outlay	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	-5.9%
Local Grants	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	228.6%
<i>Sub Total</i>	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 60,125.00	94.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$153,109.43</b>	<b>\$176,772.50</b>	<b>15.46%</b>

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Table 2-4 provides a breakdown and comparison of the Trails Budget percent change in costs for Fiscal Year 2002 through 2004. To provide a more detailed analysis, the line items were divided into General Administration Costs and Other Costs. Under General Administration, the line items of Salaries and Wages increased by 48.2 percent for a total of \$16,584. Insurance coverage increased significantly under the line item of Workers Comp, while Unemployment Comp increased only slightly. The line items of Social Security and Medicare decreased. The general administration shows a large dollar increase in Legal Services.

Under Other Costs, the changes reflect lower consulting services and land/building purchases. A slight increase occurred of \$1,000 in Equipment Purchases.

**Grants**

Funding for parks and recreation is also obtained through grant applications to a variety of funding sources. Current grants that are presently being utilized by Greene County to fund parks and recreation related projects include:

- \* MonView Park Rehabilitation and Day Camp Programming- Phase 3 (\$150,000)
- \* Eastern Swimming Pool Upgrades (\$50,000)
- \* Fairground Upgrade Project (\$150,000)
- \* Demolition and relocation of T-Hangars (\$200,000)

**Table 2-4: Trails Budget--% Change 2002-2004**

	2002 Budget	2004 Budget	% Change 2002-2004
<b>General Administration Costs</b>			
Salaries and Wages	\$ 34,416.00	\$ 51,000.00	48.2%
Medical Coverage	\$ -	\$ 4,344.07	N/A
Workers Comp	\$ 976.53	\$ 1,936.84	98.3%
Unemployment Comp	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,072.40	7.2%
Social Security Tax	\$ 3,993.79	\$ 3,162.00	-20.8%
Medicare Tax	\$ 934.03	\$ 739.50	-20.8%
Life Insurance	\$ -	\$ 855.38	N/A
Legal Services	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	N/A
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>\$ 41,320.35</i>	<i>\$ 69,110.19</i>	<i>67.3%</i>
<b>Other Costs</b>			
Consulting Services	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	-58.3%
Other Professional Services		\$ 75.00	N/A
Program Supplies		\$ 200.00	N/A
Equipment Purchase	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	15.4%
Land/Building Purchase	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	-24.5%
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>\$119,500.00</i>	<i>\$ 72,775.00</i>	<i>-39.1%</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$160,820.35</b>	<b>\$141,885.19</b>	<b>-11.77%</b>

**County Park Grant Program**

As stated earlier, Greene County provides funding and technical assistance to local municipalities. Technical assistance is provided to support the submission of grant applications. Funding is provided through a County Park Grant Program. This program is a cooperative venture of the Greene County Department of Economic Development and the Greene County Department of Recreation to assist local municipalities with updating parks, playground equipment,

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and programs. Local municipalities and organizations are able to receive up to \$3,000 for local projects.

Beginning in January of 2005 through June of 2006, the County has provided \$24,000 in grant funding to local municipalities. Recent grantees have included:

- \* Perry Township Park- relocation of the park for safety
- \* Cumberland Township- basketball restoration project
- \* Carmichaels Mikes Baseball Boosters- upgrade batting cage
- \* Rogersville Community Park- dugouts on three baseball fields
- \* King Coal Girls Softball- dugout seating and improvements
- \* Jefferson Girls Softball- field and batting cage enhancements
- \* Dunkard Township- restroom facility upgrade
- \* Cumberland Township field enhancements

Municipalities are encouraged to contact the Department of Recreation on an annual basis to determine the level of funding available for that year.

### **Fundraising**

Public relations will become an essential tool for generating public support and successful fundraising. The Parks and Recreation Department must create greater public awareness of its activities and goals, without immoderate expenditure of resources. The Department can pursue several strategies to help realize its goals.

A *Recreation Needs Survey* was conducted as a part of the planning process and the full results can be found in *Chapter 5: Needs Assessment*. Survey results indicated that survey participants were in favor of constructing new facilities but less enthusiastic about using tax revenues to do so. The Parks and Recreation Department will need to conduct a successful public relations campaign to gain support not only for new recreation facilities, but for financing with public funds. The establishment of a County-wide volunteer organization will do much toward publicizing and creating advocates for parks and recreation. The organization can assist with public relations by holding meetings, and distributing flyers. However, these efforts will not be sufficient to reach the entire Greene County community. Elements of a successful marketing plan should include:

- \* Development of a logo to symbolize the mission of the Parks and Recreation Department. This logo should appear prominently on all printed material and at all County-owned facilities.
- \* The adoption of a slogan, a brief striking phrase used to express the characteristics of the Parks and Recreation Department. Parks and recreation departments across the nation are currently taking

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advantage of this marketing tool to increase their public recognition. Development of both logo and slogan should be the first step in marketing park and recreation services.

- \* An annual newsletter, including the new logo the Commission's mission statement.
  - ⇒ *A list of all facilities and available services*
  - ⇒ *General information about programs*
  - ⇒ *A message from the County Commissioners*
  - ⇒ *List of Commission members*
  - ⇒ *Rules, policies, and procedures*
  - ⇒ *Articles about current endeavors in park development name*
  - ⇒ *Address, and phone number of a contact person*
- \* Attractive photos, pictures, and graphics make this type of publication appealing. This newsletter should be bulk mailed to every household in Greene County. Advertising space may be sold to businesses to offset the cost of printing and mailing.
- \* A series of informational brochures, professionally produced, should include a general brochure describing parks and recreation services and individual brochures for each recreation facility. Brochures should list facility acreage and features, park regulations, fees and charges (if any), programs, hours and seasons of operation, contact persons, etc., and should include color photographs of facilities. Brochures may be on public display at a number of locations, including:
  - ⇒ County Courthouse
  - ⇒ Public libraries
  - ⇒ Municipal buildings
  - ⇒ Chamber of Commerce offices

⇒ Schools

- \* Publicity flyers and program registration forms. As these are developed, they can be made available at the locations listed above. Program literature and flyers should be available to children in all Greene County schools, public and private.
- \* An annual report, which will be a valuable public relations and fundraising tool, providing testimony of the agency's contribution to the quality of life in Greene County. Copies of the annual report should be distributed to all County Commissioners and Commission members, and should be available to the public upon request.

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**Recreation Programs****Greene County Programs*****Summer Day Camps***

Currently, the Greene County Department of Recreation operates two recreation programs annually. Day Camps were originally offered in 1970 at three sites, but were ended in 1975. In 1991, the Department began offering the Summer Day Camps again, which has become an extremely successful program throughout the County. Since its re-offering, the Summer Day Camp program has been expanded from one site in 1991 to three sites in 1992 and is currently offered at the following sites:

- \* Waynesburg Lions Club Park
- \* Carmichaels Wana B Park
- \* Jefferson at the Township Building
- \* Bobtown Elementary
- \* Mon View Park
- \* Ryerson Station
- \* Perry Elementary in Mt. Morris

The locations are shown on *Figure 2-1: Recreation Program Locations*. The program runs for six weeks, usually from the third week in June through the last week in July, from 10 AM to 3 PM. The Day Camp program is free of charge, with the exception of the swimming fee at the pools (\$1.50 at Carmichaels and Waynesburg and \$2.00 at Mon View Park). The program is open to all children between the ages of 5 and 17.

As part of the Day Camps Program in 2007, the Department incorporated a six-week program called “Intro to Patriotism.” The series was taught by the mother of a local fallen soldier and taught 1,000 children the significance of “patriotism” through relay races, patriotic songs, a variety of activities and crafts, and included sending hundreds of letters to U.S. soldiers. This program received a Children and Youth Excellence in Programming Award at the 61st Annual Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society Awards.

***Learn to Swim Program***

In addition to the Summer Day Camps, the Department of Recreation also offers a Learn to Swim program. The program is held at both the Carmichaels and Waynesburg pools. Fees run at \$20 per person and \$10 per person for beginners. Approximately 500 participants take part in the program annually. *Figure 2-1: Recreation Program Locations* identifies the locations of the Learn to Swim program.

***Yearbook Project***

An event sponsored by the Greene County Commissioner’s, local School District Superintendent’s, and the local library system that began in 2002. The project is aimed at gathering and preserving the local yearbooks of all high schools in the county. Ultimately the yearbooks will be preserved digitally on a CD. Local school students were brought into the project during the summer of 2005 to help bring the items together.

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**Programs by Other Providers**

***Central Park Playground Day Camp***

Held in Waynesburg Central Park, this program is offered during the second week of July through the third week of August, from 9 AM to noon. The camp is free and open to all children between the ages of 5 to 14. Activities include games, crafts and sports. Light refreshments are also provided.

***Camp Laughalot***

Camp Laughalot is a summer camp for children with disabilities. Held at Waynesburg Central High School for two weeks in August, the camp runs from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM for children ages 6 to 18. With approximately 45 children each week, staff includes a camp director, 15 experienced counselors, and support staff from ARC Human Services. Activities include singing, crafts, sports, swimming, snacks, lunch and demonstrations.

***Kindergarten Club 2004***

Community Action Southwest held an educational summer program for all children entering Kindergarten accompanied by their parents. The program was held for three weeks in July from 9 AM to 11 AM and served to introduce parents, children, and teachers. Locations for the program included:

- \* Bobtown Elementary
- \* Carmichaels Elementary
- \* Central Greene Elementary

- \* Jefferson-Morgan Elementary
- \* Graysville Elementary
- \* Springhill-Freeport Elementary

***Bowlby Public Library Summer Reading Program***

A six week program held at the Bowlby Public Library that offers the following activities:

- \* Storytime (3-4 years)
- \* Toddler share (18-35 months)
- \* Summer Reading Club (6-8 years)
- \* Summer Reading Club (9-13 years)
- \* Summer Reading Club (6-13 years)
- \* Stories Under the Moon
- \* Baby Lap Sit (6-17 months)

***Thomas Hughes Reading Center***

The Thomas Hughes Reading Center is the headquarters of the Greene County Library System and is the home to numerous programs such as: Adult Literacy Program, Book Sales, and reading Events for Kids and Teenagers.

***Flenniken Library Summer Reading Program***

The summer reading program is held at the Flenniken Public Library once a week throughout the summer from 10:30 AM until 1:30 PM for children ages 2 to 6. The library also sponsors a free after-school tutoring program throughout the summer for students in grades K-12 in any subject.

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### ***“M.A.G.I.C. Goals” Soccer Camp***

Free soccer camp for all Greene County youth between the ages of 6 and 16. The camp is held at the Carmichaels School District Soccer Field from 9AM until 11 AM, once a week during July.

### ***“NET M.A.G.I.C.” Basketball Camp***

A free basketball camp for all Greene County youth between the years of 6 and 16. The camp is held at Margaret Bell Miller Middle School Gymnasium in Waynesburg from 2 PM to 4 PM weekly in July.

### ***Ryerson Station State Park***

Various activities and programs are held at Ryerson Station State Park and open to everyone.

### **Special Events**

The following is a list of annual festivals and events held in Greene County:

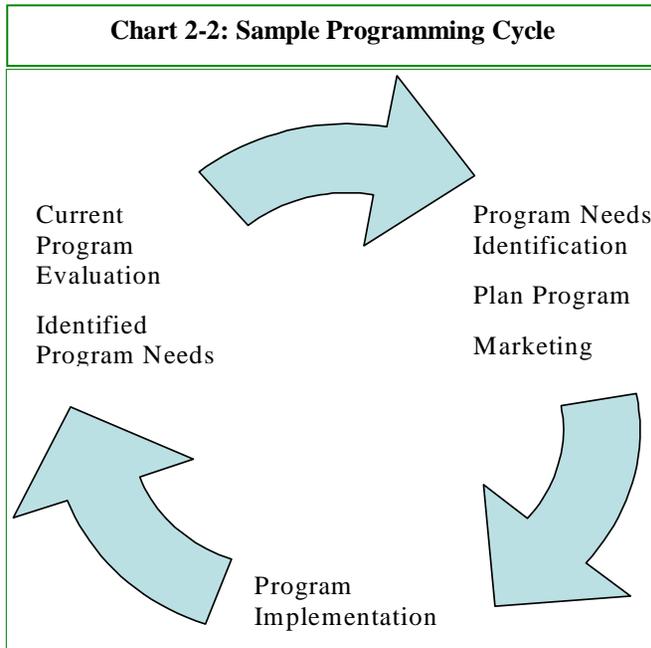
- \* Greene County Fair
- \* Rain Day Festival
- \* Covered Bridge Festival
- \* Harvest Festival
- \* Arts in the Park Festival
- \* Festival of Flight
- \* Child Fest
- \* Pioneer Festival
- \* RiverFest

- \* Jacktown Fair
- \* PA Bituminous Coal Show
- \* 50’s Fest & Car Show
- \* Christmas Parade
- \* U.S. Pro Motorcross Championship
- \* Sheep and Fiber Fest
- \* Purple Martin Festival
- \* Ramp Festival
- \* Frontier Festival
- \* Hammer Inn
- \* Pumpkin Festival
- \* Enlow Fork Wildflower Walk
- \* Motorcycle Swap Meet
- \* Ms. Greene County Pageant
- \* Relay For Life
- \* Horseman’s Show
- \* Dog Show
- \* Ice Plant Car Show
- \* Women in the Woods
- \* Mentored Youth Hunting Program
- \* Drag Racing Event at County Airport

### **Future Program Building**

Currently, recreation programs offered by the County are somewhat limited. The Director of the Department of Recreation hired a program coordinator in 2004 in order to offer more programs. The program coordinator is responsible for the development of recreation programs.

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As the County/Staff continues to increase the number and variety in accordance with the survey information, it should consider formalizing the program delivery system via the adoption of a Program Cycle, as depicted in Chart 2-2: Sample Programming Cycle.

The use of this vehicle will afford a more complete programming process, assessment of public relations efforts, evaluation of administration, evaluation of program staff, assessment of program affordability, assist with program staff recruitment and provide a continual survey of additional program desires.

A major component of the program cycle is the utilization of a Program / Activity Evaluation to be completed by program

participants. This tool will afford the County Recreation Staff an on-going means of communicating with its residents and assessing their desired needs. It is always a challenge in recreation to identify future programming needs and evaluate existing offerings. It is highly recommended that the Department create a program evaluation form to be given to participants.

The following items should be included in this form:

- \* Program instructor effectiveness
- \* Facility suitability
- \* Quality of program material
- \* Convenience of program time/day etc.
- \* Program publicity
- \* Administrative functions – cost/registration ease
- \* What participant liked most/least about activity
- \* Future program ideas
- \* Section for general comments

A similar form should be developed for the instructor to complete so that they have input to the future programming process and therefore additional ownership with the Department's growth.

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**Program Methods:**

There are several program methods that could be undertaken by the County. Each of these methods have concerns that should be considered before any one method is chosen. The various program methods are listed below:

*County Sponsored*

This method will require the Director to identify programs, recruit staff; and plan, publicize, implement, supervise and administer all County sponsored programs. It will provide quality assurance in programs but will take longer to implement a full range of services due to program personnel/facility needs.

Concern: At the present time, staff assigned to the County is not adequate to utilize this program method solely. The Director’s current work responsibilities do not provide sufficient time to adopt this type of method as its primary programming source. The addition of the Program Coordinator will allow for more County-sponsored programs.

*County / Contracted Services*

This method would utilize services of “outside” agencies to meet the community programming needs in County owned facilities. The Program Coordinator should be responsible for program identification and the publicity, implementation and administration of all activities. Prime examples of this method are to contract with local

colleges, private enterprises for educational activities or trips.

Concern: Currently, the County’s indoor facilities limit what programs can be offered. In addition, the Program Coordinator will need to identify potential enterprises to partner with.

*County / School District / Contracted Facilities*

Utilization of this method would allow the County to have an immediate impact on accomplishing the identified program needs for all residents. The County should consider the development of a Cooperative Agreement with all School Districts since the general public identifies with their district’s facilities/programs. Each entity has its own unique resources which could be shared by other signers of a Cooperative Agreement which reduces resource duplication. The program selection process could increase in its diversity due to an increase in availability of facilities and provide services at locations throughout the County.

Concern: When utilizing other agencies facilities, the question of liability always arises. It would be prudent for the County to talk to their Solicitor prior to possible adoption of this programming method.

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### Program Development

Upon determining the method to use in program delivery, the County should begin to develop activities geared to all age levels of its citizenry (pre-school thru senior citizen). The survey information indicates programming diversity be attained with a strong emphasis on physical activities. During the development stage, a recommendation is to “go slow” and don’t offer too many programs at one time. This is a frequent mistake which can extend staff and volunteers too far. There are programming staples which should be looked at in the program ignition period:

- \* Pre-school physical/leisure activities (pre-gymnastics / storytime / mom & me)
- \* Elementary age physical/leisure activities (athletic leagues/sport clinics/art mediums)
- \* Teen activities – special events/high adventure (dances / concerts / rappelling / rafting / lifetime sports instructions)
- \* Adult physical /leisure activities (aerobics / wellness classes / educational programs)
- \* Special Senior Activities
- \* Special Population Programs
- \* P.R.P.S. Sponsored Programs (Discount tickets, Hershey Track & Field)
- \* Nationally Sponsored Programs (Pitch / Hit / Run, USTA Tennis, Punt, Pass and Kick)
- \* Trips (Skiing, Special Local / Regional Attraction, Tours)

Accurate records should be maintained for all programs. The records should include:

- \* Day, date and time – This will help to determine the best time to offer this program, as some programs are effective at only certain times.
- \* Program Fee / Costs – Was it reasonable? Did you cover costs? What was your profit margin? Were the participants satisfied? Should you increase or decrease the fee?
- \* Location – Was it suitable for the program?
- \* Number of Participants- Documentation of this can be helpful in numerous ways in the future, such as possible grant information, nomination of program for awards, etc.
- \* Program Publicity – What was most effective?
- \* Program Evaluation – This was explained earlier, but it should be maintained with the records for each program

An operational manual should be developed for each program. The manual would provide the necessary information for anyone to step in and effectively run each program when it is offered. Included in the manual would be the following information:

- \* Date, time and location of the program
- \* Contacts for the program
- \* Detailed description of the program
- \* Detailed list of supplies needed to operate the program
- \* Timeline for developing each phase of the program
- \* Set up and clean up procedures
- \* Cost elements related to the program
- \* Potential revenues generated from the program
- \* Program records as addressed above
- \* Sponsorship, donations, etc. for the program
- \* Volunteers, staff needed to successfully operate the

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program

- \* Photos, news releases, newspaper/magazine articles of the program
- \* Follow up – Thank you letters, volunteer recognition, etc.
- \* Program review details – after reviewing the program with others, all ideas suggestions, changes should be properly noted.

This information will make future programs more effective and efficient, save time and eliminate the possibility of forgetting to address certain aspects of the program, especially if it is a special event.

### **Cooperative Programming Partnerships**

Cooperative programming partnerships is an excellent and effective way to expand your program schedule. Small departments often would like to offer their residents a larger, more diversified selection of programs, however, due to limited staffing, financial restraints and facility availability, they are unable to do so. Through cooperative programming the potential to expand is only limited by the amount of time that can be devoted to developing these programs.

Some potential cooperative programming partnerships can be developed with the following:

- \* Municipalities
- \* Schools and universities
- \* Churches
- \* Private businesses

- \* YMCA & YWCA
- \* Sports Facilities
- \* Associations – athletic, home owners, etc.
- \* Various organizations
- \* Other Counties

Benefits to cooperative programming partnerships include:

- \* Larger financial base
- \* More staffing
- \* Additional facilities
- \* Unlimited program opportunities
- \* Increased grant opportunities
- \* Larger volunteer base
- \* More diversified knowledge and abilities

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### **Tours and Trips**

Tours and trips are an excellent way to provide another form of recreation for residents of your community. These trips can be designed for all age groups and incorporated into other programs. They can be anything from a few hour field trip for a preschool group to an extended vacation for senior citizens. To meet the needs of residents and to reach the different age groups a variety of different styles of trips should be offered, such as adventurous, entertaining, educational, scenic, or evening shopping.

Before adding this type of programming to the schedule, consideration should be given to the potential of developing a cooperative program with other agencies. This will provide a larger base to draw from and more clout when working with tour companies / agencies.

### **Marketing**

The County Department of Recreation should develop a program brochure to publicize its programs and activities. As the Department continues to provide the citizenry with more leisure opportunities, it is imperative that a sound marketing plan be developed. Elements to be considered should address the verbal, visual and written communicative means and be inviting, informative, persuasive while enticing the public to participate. As the recreation opportunities continue to grow, the need to develop seasonal program brochures/fliers increases.

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**Facilities**

Greene County has numerous parks and recreation facilities, both publicly and privately owned. For all public and non-profit facilities, the facility inventory includes the name of the facility; ownership; acreage; number and type of facilities; and the general condition and use of the facility.

For all facilities owned and managed by the Greene County Department of Recreation, the inventory also includes which are in poor condition and/or in need of repairs; the extent to which playgrounds and tot lots meet current safety standards; the extent to which the facilities comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); any facilities which are obsolete or no longer meet the needs for surrounding residents; and the ability of residents to travel or walk to existing facilities.

Table 2-2 outlines facilities owned by Pennsylvania and Table 2-3 contains facilities owned and operated by Greene County. The locations of all state and county recreation facilities are shown on *Figure 2-2: State and County Facilities*.

**State-Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities**

***State Game Lands***

In Greene County, the largest publicly owned park and recreation facilities are owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Within the County, there are over 13,000 acres of State Game Lands (SGL). In addition to the State Game Lands, the Pennsylvania Game Commission also owns approximately 1,000 acres of land in the southern tip of Wayne Township. Hunting is open to the public along with fishing, in a 10-acre lake, on this property.

In addition to hunting, the following activities are allowed within the game lands:

- ⇒ Hiking (portion of Warrior Trail on SGL)
- ⇒ Biking
- ⇒ Horseback Riding
- ⇒ Wildflower Walks
- ⇒ Mushroom Hunts (allowed to pick and keep the mushrooms)

<i>Table 2-2: State-Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities</i>			
Site Name	Size (acres)	Ownership	Facilities & Equipment Available
Ryerson Station State Park	1,037	Pennsylvania DCNR	Camping (cabins, tents, RV hookups), hiking trails, amphitheatre, swimming pool, picnic areas, lodge, playground
State Game Lands #179	5,385	Pennsylvania Game Commission	Two rifle ranges- one with a 300 yd. range, Bike Trails, Equestrian Trails, Wetlands, Ponds, Blacksville Lake, Blue bird and other nesting boxes, Covered Bridge, Special areas maintained for specific use (i.e. rabbit hunting), 5 1/2 miles of trout streams, Three miles of handicap accessible roads for paraplegics, open for year round use.
State Game Lands #223	7,223		
State Game Lands #302	1,043		

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- ⇒ Fishing
- ⇒ Bird Watching
- ⇒ Dog Walking/Training
- ⇒ Special Youth Hunts
- ⇒ School classes brought to game lands for class work



State Game Lands # 179 (Mackin, 2004)

The Game Commission works cooperatively in the following endeavors:

- ⇒ Cooperate with the Greene County Covered Bridge Festival
- ⇒ Boy Scout and Girl Scout Projects
- ⇒ Wildlife Conservation Officers (WCO) provides assistance to non-consumptive users (i.e. Bird Watching etc.)
- ⇒ The Isaac Walton League funding and Vo-tech construction of an observation tower at the wetlands in SGL #223, to include a handicap path

- ⇒ Conduct Hunter/Trapper Education Courses
- ⇒ Conduct educational sessions in schools, parks, granges, churches, Sportsmen's Clubs, etc.
- ⇒ Partners with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) on various projects

SGL #302 is also an Important Bird Area (IBA) and is also known as the Enlow Fork Natural Area. The site was purchased by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in 1986 and resold to the Game Commission in the early 1990's. The area is dedicated primarily to protecting rare wildflowers, but is one of the few remaining areas of high-quality riverbottom forest in southwestern Pennsylvania. It is also an exceptional habitat for numerous rare and threatened bird species. Future preservation of the site may include additional land acquisitions, continued restriction of development and access, and control of white-tailed deer (PA Audubon Society, 2006).

Pennsylvania is the first state in the nation, under the Families Afield Initiative, to pass legislation designed to encourage more young people to be introduced to hunting at an earlier age. Designed for youngsters under the age of 12, the Mentored Youth Program allows for one-on-one, hands-on hunting experience. The program educates young people about hunting safety, ethics, and responsibility. Game allowed by the program include squirrel, groundhog, and turkey.

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### *Ryerson Station State Park*

Ryerson Station is located in the northwest portion of Greene County in Richhill Township. The entire park encompasses over 1,000 acres and is the largest park in the County. Ryerson is situated along a pleasant stream valley and surrounded by rolling hills.

This facility is extremely well maintained and appears to be compliant with current safety standards. It is utilized by the Greene County Parks and Recreation Department as the site for Day Camp as well as the home for some County sponsored Special Events, such as an annual fishing derby. There is also a large meeting room in the park that is available free of charge.

As a part of DCNR’s Growing Greener II—Quality of Life Initiative, the following projects are planned:

- ⇒ Add two yerts and one cottage
- ⇒ Resources Management
- ⇒ Resources Inventory Information
- ⇒ Day Use Area Restoration
- ⇒ Campground Restoration (add electricity)
- ⇒ Repair the Dam
- ⇒ Sewer and Water Lake Crossing
- ⇒ Park Rehabilitation Pit Latrines

In April of 2004, “Friends of Ryerson Station State Park” was established to focus on issues and concerns facing Ryerson. Friends of Ryerson is a non-profit 501-C-3 organization and has become an incorporated chapter of the Pennsylvania Parks and Forest Foundation. As a non-profit



**Ryerson Station (Mackin, 2004)**

organization, Friends of Ryerson can accept donations on behalf of the Park for DCNR-approved projects and is currently working on obtaining funds to improve the Park, as well as to bring in tourism dollars to western Greene County.

A Board of Directors has been established to oversee the organization and Pennsylvania State Representative DeWeese will be the Chairman of the Board. To date, Friends of Ryerson has raised funds including \$25,000 from Representative DeWeese, \$6,000 from Duke Energy, and \$3,000 from the Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency.

The highlight of the park used to be the 62-acre Duke Lake, which was the main recreational lake for Greene County residents until July 2005, when DCNR and DEP uncovered cracks and water seepage during inspections in the dam’s spillway. Within days, the lake was drained for

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safety reasons and in August of 2005, a section of the dam spillway was removed to prevent the reservoir from refilling after heavy rains.

A Task Force of local and state representatives was formed immediately by DCNR and local elected officials to assure that factual information was available to the public and to guide the process of rebuilding and restoring Ryerson Station State Park. As the Task Force was initiating their actions, Representative H. William DeWeese and Senator Barry Stout crafted a survey for county residents that solicited comments about recreation in the western Greene area as well as the county as a whole. The goal of the survey was to gather feedback that would create goals and objectives for the Task Force to work towards and implement.

The results were compiled and 536 responses were received. A summary of the results follows:

- \* 33.15% visit Ryerson primarily for fishing
- \* The largest percentage of visitors (17.11%) engaged in fishing, with picnicking a close second
- \* The largest percentage had enjoyed swimming over the past two years, with fishing a close second
- \* 37.47% visit Ryerson more than 11 times per year
- \* Duke Lake received the highest number of votes as the facility that would cause people to visit the park more than once a week
- \* The majority of respondents (62%) prefer that Duke Lake be dredged and replaced in its entirety (62 acres), while 1/4 felt it should be replaced larger
- \* The largest percentage of respondents felt that there

should not be additional recreational facilities developed at the Park, while some would like bike trails and horse riding trails

- \* The majority (54%) would volunteer time and/or labor to help the “Friends of Ryerson” with Park projects or events
- \* The majority (58%) would be willing to serve on a focus group to assist with planning and projects to improve the Park
- \* Respondents were divided (46% to 45%) over whether they would be willing to travel to other county lakes and ponds that were sufficiently stocked by the Fish & Boat Commission for fishing and/or non-motorized boating

Additionally, legal proceedings have begun against Consol Energy Inc. in regard to the structural failure of the dam. Consol’s local mine, Bailey Mine, had mined as close as 900 feet to the dam, and this mining may have played a role in the damage to the dam. Design and construction of a new dam will be conducted through the Pennsylvania Department of General Services and is expected to begin during 2008. Governor Edward Rendell and Secretary DiBerardinis have committed to advance the dam reconstruction concurrently as legal action advances.

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**Greene County-Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities**

Greene County Department of Recreation owns and operates eight recreational facilities, as listed in Table 2-3, which includes three swimming pools. A description and assessment of each county facility can be found on the following pages.

The county airport is included as a recreation facility due to the fact that recreational events are held at the site and it has the potential to expand its recreational capacity.

*Table 2-3: Greene County-Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities*

Site Name	Size (acres)	Ownership	Facilities & Equipment Available
Foundation Coal Aquatics Center	4	Greene County	Snack bar, special events room, bath house; competition-sized swimming pool, 12' diving pool, 40'x40' play area, spiral water slide, straight water slide, lazy river with tubes for floating
Dreamer Memorial Park	10	Greene County	Family cemetery, stone monument (Dreamer), 25 foot stone monument to the four wars
Eastern Pool Complex	10	Greene County	Adjoins Wana B Park, swimming pool, wading pool, pavilion, concession stand, restrooms
Greene County Airport	140	Greene County	36 hangers, runway, restaurant, offices, full motion simulator, helicopter landing area, remote control area
Greene County Fairgrounds	47	Greene County	Horse track, fields, grandstands, buildings
Mason Dixon Park	134	Greene County & Monongalia County, WV	PA side has open space, hiking trails, Catawba Trail, Adirondack shelters; WV side has a ball field, basketball court, log cabins, museum, shelters
Mon View Park	4.91	Greene County	2 ball fields, basketball court, sand volleyball court, 2 horseshoe pits, swimming pool, roller rink, bath house, 6 pavilions, concession stand, restrooms, playground equipment
Greene County Tennis Courts	2	Greene County	Three tennis courts, fence, lights

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***Foundation Coal Aquatic Center***

In 2007, Greene County replaced the Central Pool Complex with the Foundation Coal Aquatic Center, which offers free parking, new playground equipment, picnic areas, pavilions, and the following features:

- \* Nine (9) Certified Lifeguards on-duty
- \* Snack Bar
- \* Special events room—\$40 rental fee for 3 hours. (12:30 - 3:30 p.m. or 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.). Admission to pool is sold separately; one free admission per rental.
- \* Bath house complete with lockers, restrooms, showers and changing facilities;
- \* 300,000 gallon competition-sized pool with eight (8) lap lanes, 2 diving boards and a 12' diving pool;
- \* 40'x40' Children's play area;
- \* 148' spiral water slide;
- \* 25' straight water slide;
- \* 180' "lazy river" with tubes for floating;



Foundation Coal Aquatic Center (Greene County Website, 2008)

The park is open Sunday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

***Eastern Pool Complex***

The Eastern Pool Complex is located on a ten-acre parcel adjoining the Wana B Park in Cumberland Township. The pool was constructed in 1980 in a Z-shaped configuration and is handicapped accessible. Swim lessons and various competitions are held at this facility. A wading pool is located next to the main pool. Also located on the complex are a concession area, restrooms, and a large pavilion. The pavilion is available to all residents for rental fee.



Eastern Pool Complex (Mackin, 2004)

The pool facilities are in good condition and in need general maintenance. The County installed new fencing in 2007 and is planning on installing a new water slide in the fall of 2008.

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***Dreamer Memorial Park***

Dreamer Memorial Park is located along Majorsville Road in the northwest corner of Richhill Township. Donated to the County by the Dreamer family, the park occupies approximately ten acres of property, most of which is wooded. The park consists of a large stone monument, approximately 25 feet tall with an eagle on top, which pays tribute to four wars: Revolutionary War, Civil War, Spanish American War, and World War (I). Four small stone memorials recognize the Marines, Soldiers, Sailors and Nurses. Also present is a small family (Dreamers) cemetery.

Although in a very remote location, the park is a treasure and should be improved to attract more visitors. The walkway up to the monument should be improved and benches placed throughout the park. Another idea is to construct a kiosk that details the history of the Dreamer family, the Memorial, and the park itself.



**Dreamer Park (Mackin, 2004)**

***Greene County Fairgrounds***

The Greene County Fairgrounds are located along PA Route 21 in Franklin Township, east of Waynesburg. The fairgrounds encompass 47 acres and are also home to the Greene County Department of Recreation.



**Greene County Fairgrounds (Mackin, 2004)**

Fairgrounds facilities include the following:

- ⇒ Department of Recreation and Parks Building—houses offices for the Recreation and Parks Director, Secretary, Maintenance Foreman, and Community Service Coordinator. Tents are available for use in two sizes—40’x40’ and 40’x60’. The tents are also used for the Pioneer Festival, Covered Bridge Festival, Arts in the Park, the Greene County Historical Museum, American Cancer Walk, etc. They are free for municipal and non-profit companies and are available for a \$400 fee for private use.
- ⇒ 4H Building—a 60’x60’ two-story building that is the most rented facility in the Fairgrounds. The downstairs is a rental facility, comprised of an open

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- ⇒ hall with a kitchen, restrooms, mechanical room, and storage room. The upstairs is a large open room with restroom, mechanical room, and is handicap accessible. There is no access between floors.
- ⇒ Auction Building—a 36'x100' building with a kitchen, restrooms, and tables and chairs. The building is the second most rented facility, with flea markets twice a week, Sunday Bingo by the Humane Society, and auctions as scheduled.
- ⇒ Agricultural Building / Arena Barn—a large building that contains bleacher seating for approximately 800 people, a concession area, restrooms with showers, and a horse corral. This building is utilized for motor cross shows, cattle shows, and other events.
- ⇒ Race Horse Barn—48 stalls, county performs general maintenance while the boarders are responsible for cleaning.
- ⇒ 4H Barn—the local 4H club operates the building and rents it from the County. It has dirt floors, wash stalls, and horse stalls. The County performs repairs but the owners are responsible for damage costs.
- ⇒ Covered Bleachers—seat 1800 people with a concrete observatory deck that is 2/3 the length of the bleachers. There is also a supply room in the bleachers. The flea market is held under the bleachers and the County charges a \$6.00 set-up fee.
- ⇒ Two Pole Buildings—42'x108' each, one has a concrete floor and one has a dirt floor. There are 12 picnic tables with a small landscaped area around the front of the buildings.
- ⇒ Maintenance building—used to store equipment and is also rented out.
- ⇒ Inner track area—the inner track area contains the only

- athletic field at the Fairgrounds, a ball field. The announcers stand is also located in the inner area.
- ⇒ Track—one mile in length, circles the field
- ⇒ Two Show Rings
- ⇒ House—night watchman occupies the house
- ⇒ Tunnels to track and field
- ⇒ Parking Area—gravel parking lot but uses turf areas for overflow. Horse trailer parking is available and has water and sewer hookups.
- ⇒ Small Bleachers
- ⇒ Waynesburg Volunteer Fire Company Concession Stand
- ⇒ Landscaped island
- ⇒ Purple Martin bird house
- ⇒ Large white oak trees
- ⇒ Directional Signage

The rental rates for the Fairgrounds in 2004 are as follows:

* Horse Stall (County Resident)	\$60.00
* Horse Stall (Out of County)	\$75.00
* Horse Stall (4-H Members)	\$35.00
* Tack Stall	\$35.00
* #10 Upstairs	\$60.00
* #10 Downstairs	\$70.00
* #10 Up (for Wedding Reception)	\$250.00
* #10 Down (for Wedding Reception)	\$275.00
* #10 Up or Down (Security Deposit)	\$100.00
* Key Deposit	\$20.00
* Arena Barn (Event Day)	\$600.00
* Arena Barn (Set up or tear down)	\$200.00
* Arena Barn (Security Deposit)	\$300.00

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* Auction Building (Event Day)	\$225.00
* Auction Building (set up/tear down)	\$50.00
* Camper Spaces (elec, water, sewer)	\$25.00
* Camper Spaces (elec, water)	\$15.00
* Tent Spaces	\$10.00
* Pole Barns	\$25.00 ea
* Concessions (midfield Building)	\$25.00
* Show Rings	\$100.00
* Track / Grandstand Area	\$1500.00
* Midway (if not renting building)	\$100.00
* Tents	\$400.00

### ***Mason Dixon Historical Park***

Approximately 287 total acres, Mason Dixon Park spans across state borders from Greene County, Pennsylvania into Monongalia County, West Virginia. The West Virginia side of the park encompasses 153 acres and is more developed. Park amenities include:

- ⇒ Two shelters with handicap ramp access, electricity, available for rental at \$50 per day
- ⇒ Basketball court
- ⇒ Baseball field
- ⇒ Restrooms
- ⇒ Grills
- ⇒ Playground with swing sets, slides, climber, whirl
- ⇒ Amphitheatre with lights
- ⇒ Log house
- ⇒ Log cabin
- ⇒ Caretakers home
- ⇒ Maintenance building

- ⇒ Museum building
- ⇒ Barn
- ⇒ Trails
- ⇒ Purple Martin houses
- ⇒ Four 30 amp electrical hookups with water and sewer

The barn is a rental facility (\$60 for four (4) hours) that seats over 100 people, has a fully equipped commercial grade kitchen, stage with a wooden dance floor, ceiling fans and restrooms. The museum building is closed and the log house and log cabin are presently not used for any activities. A ramp festival is held annually in the park that draws a large crowd.

The Pennsylvania portion of Mason Dixon Park is approximately 134 acres and consists of beautiful wooded hillsides and open space. Dunkard Creek transverses through the park and contains large mouth, small mouth, and spotted bass.



Mason Dixon Park Building, WV (Mackin, 2004)

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The PA side also contains an archaeological and historically sensitive protected area. The southern end of the Catawba Trail in Greene County runs through the park and one of the Adirondack shelters is located on the property. One of the original Mason Dixon markers is on the trail, with the following engravings on each side: PA, W VA, MD, and 1883. An historic oil derrick is also located along the Catawba Path in the park.



**Mason Dixon Line Marker (Mackin, 2004)**

### *Mon View Park*

As stated on page 2-1, on June 2, 2005 the ownership of Mon View Park was transferred from the Greensboro-Monongahela Township Volunteer Fire Company and Monongahela Recreation Federation Inc. to Greene County. Facilities at Mon View Park include two ball fields, a basketball court, a sand volleyball court, two horseshoe pits, a swimming pool, a roller rink, a bath house, six pavilions, a concession stand, restrooms, and playground equipment.

The Mon View Park Project involves four stages. The first two stages, which have already been completed, involved updating the pump station and the roller rink. Currently, the County is updating the playground facilities, which is expected to be completed by the end of



**Mon View Park (Mackin, 2004)**

2008. The final stage will involve the removal of the decking around the pool facility and replacing the gutters, with an expected completion date of the end of 2009.

The Roller Rink and Community Center was officially opened on April 11, 2008 and welcomed over 200 skaters for its opening night. The facility has a snack bar / concession area, skate rental area, updated sound system, a large wooden skate floor, and newly reconstructed ceiling. The facility can house special events such as parties and larger community events (concerts, speakers, etc.) of over 250 persons. Currently the facility is only open on the weekends, but the overall plan has for special events to be reserved during the week with advance notification. The Department of Recreation hired a Park Manager, whose role is to oversee this facility.

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### *Greene County Airport*

The Greene County Airport is located adjacent to Route 21 just east of I-79. Occupying 140 acres, the Airport contains the following facilities:

- ⇒ 36 hangers—there are 34 planes and one hanger used for equipment and one for community service.
- ⇒ Runway – 75' x 3500'
- ⇒ Restaurant
- ⇒ District Justice Office
- ⇒ Tourism Office
- ⇒ Maintenance area
- ⇒ Flight School Office—operated separately
- ⇒ Full motion simulator—also has a helicopter landing area and a remote control area.

As noted earlier on page 2-5, the maintenance for the Airport is handled by the maintenance workers from the Fairgrounds. Approximately 30 percent of the area at the Airport is mowed. The Airport is utilized for recreation as host of Airport Days, plane rides, and by Waynesburg University and Waynesburg High School for their women's Cross Country teams.



**Airplane landing at Greene County Airport  
(Mackin, 2004)**



**Greene County Airport Administration Building,  
(Mackin, 2004)**

The Greene County Commissioners commissioned L. Robert Kimball and Associates to complete a Master Plan Update for the Greene County Airport. The Update is scheduled to be completed in 2008 and will include a business plan and marketing plan and will contain strategies to maximize the potential of the Airport in terms of economics and recreation.

In 2007, the Department of Recreation hosted a successful drag racing event at the Airport. On three days between July and September, the Airport welcomed street legal drag racers to race head to head on the airport runway.

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### *Greene County Tennis Courts*

The new tennis courts were relocated in 2007 and are currently being utilized by many parties including local residents, athletes traveling from outside the county, as well as the local school districts. The surface is state of the art and contains three new courts, new fencing, and a new lighting system. Later this year the Department of Recreation will be adding bathrooms that will be available to the public.



**New Greene County Tennis Courts (Mackin, 2007)**

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**School District Facilities**

School districts also provide recreation facilities, of which some may be open to the public. This section provides an inventory of each school district’s facilities and which, if any, are open to the public. Greene County is divided into five (5) school districts:

- \* West Greene School District—*Aleppo, Center, Freeport, Gilmore, Gray, Jackson, Morris, Richhill and Springhill Townships*
- \* Central Greene School District—*Franklin, Perry, Washington, Wayne and Whiteley Townships and Waynesburg Borough*
- \* Southeastern Greene School District—*Dunkard, Greene and Monongahela Townships and Greensboro Borough*
- \* Carmichaels School District—*Carmichaels Borough and Cumberland Township*
- \* Jefferson Morgan School District—*Jefferson Borough, Jefferson Township, Morgan Township, Clarksville Borough, and Rices Landing Borough*

Refer to *Figure 1-2: School Districts* for a map of district boundaries. Table 2-4 compares each school district in terms of student enrollment, percentage of students enrolled in the Free Lunch Program, and the number of schools in the district.

Central Greene has the largest enrollment while Southeastern Greene has the smallest. Geographically, West Greene is the largest of the districts and operates five schools. In looking at the students enrolled in the free lunch program, Southeastern Greene has the highest, over 20 percent higher than the other four districts.

Table 2-4: Greene County School Districts					
	West Greene	Central Greene	Southeastern Greene	Carmichaels Area	Jefferson-Morgan
# of Students	1,050	2,300	698	1,135	970
% in Free Lunch Program	44%	46%	68%	46%	44%
# of Schools in District	5	4	2	2	2

**West Greene School District**

*Recreation Facilities:*

Springhill/Freeport Elementary School

- \* Playground
- \* Ball Field (used by the local Little League)

Graysville Elementary

- \* Playground
- \* Ball Field
- \* Gym

West Greene Middle School / High School

- \* Football Field with large bleachers and concession stand
- \* Basketball Court
- \* Wrestling Room
- \* Two gyms
- \* Auditorium & Cafeteria
- \* Fitness Center – open four nights a week for adults, facility is supervised when in use, well equipped, free use to district residents, small fee for non-residents

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- \* Greenhouse—Ag students raise plants and sell to community
- \* Nature Trail
- \* Wetlands – science classes use

### *Cooperative Efforts:*

- \* 21<sup>st</sup> Century program teaching adult education for computer related jobs and an after school tutoring program
- \* Community can use the buildings and grounds for various programs (i.e. Pioneer Festival every summer)
- \* Sport teams utilize the facilities
- \* Girl Scouts use the buildings
- \* Township meetings are held there
- \* Adults use the gyms for basketball and volleyball
- \* The cafeteria and auditorium can be used by the community
- \* Various youth programs are held in the schools
- \* Christmas Play – public invited
- \* SEMlab – electronic microscope – RJ Lee Corporation works with students doing research projects and analysis – students are paid, community team evaluates program
- \* Pittsburgh Technology Council provided school 100 with refurbished Pentium III & IV computers, unlimited numbers of Pentium II are given to the school for students to refurbish and give to low income families (this is a community outreach program)
- \* Fall Festival that the public is invited with a chicken barbecue and a carnival

### *Special Needs Programs*

- \* 21<sup>st</sup> Century programs tutoring students
- \* Title 1 programs
- \* IDEA for Special Needs
- \* Countywide Special Olympics
- \* Transition program (this is offered countywide)

### *Central Greene School District*

#### *Recreation Facilities*

##### Waynesburg Central Elementary

- \* One gymnasium with basketball courts
- \* Playground on site
- \* Auditorium

##### Perry Elementary School

- \* Playground on site
- \* Auditorium

##### Margaret Bell Miller Middle School

- \* Two gymnasiums; multi-purpose

##### Waynesburg Central High School

- \* Athletic Field—has artificial turf, used for both school and community events
- \* Auditorium—variety of performances
- \* Nature Trail
- \* Fitness Trail – 12 to 14 stations, approximately 600 yards long
- \* Field House – Fitness room
- \* Training room (WVU agreement for student trainers)
- \* Batting Cage
- \* Lighted Football Field
- \* Track
- \* Multipurpose Field

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- \* Pool – open to public, small fee, no ramp, no swim team
- \* Gym – heavy use
- \* Fitness Center – Grant to build, National school fitness – part of P.E. Program
- \* Practice Fields – Students also bussed to other fields
- \* Wrestling Room – youth wrestling program also use facility
- \* Tribute Wall at Central Greene High School—the wall was built to coincide with the opening of the Raider field of Pride at Central Greene High School. The wall houses names of individuals and organizations that donated money to the project. Each block is a permanent recognition including their name and a Memory Medallion.

### *Cooperative Efforts:*

- \* Evening Programs for adults
- \* Day Care Grant
- \* Day Programs
- \* Technology Classes for adults
- \* After school programs
- \* Senior Olympics
- \* Summer Programs
- \* Free adult computer program
- \* Walk for Ovarian Cancer
- \* Use school facilities as much as possible on off hours
- \* Coordinate programs with Waynesburg University
- \* Memory Medallion— is a new and innovative way to store data in a medallion for use on trails, monuments or many other remote locations. When the medallion is

touched with a touch wand attached to a PDA the information is displayed for the user.

### *Special Needs Programs:*

- \* Transition services – Lack of places to provide employment
- \* GreeneARC
- \* Workshop
- \* Recycling
- \* Greenhouse
- \* Leisure Activities
- \* Pool Use
- \* Life Skills
- \* Run chains for football program

### *Southeastern Greene School District*

#### *Recreation Facilities*

##### Bobtown Elementary School

- \* Baseball Field – not being used

##### Mapletown Junior / Senior High School

- \* Football Field
- \* Baseball Field
- \* Basketball Court

#### *Cooperative Efforts:*

- \* Fitness center by public after school – free to district residents, \$25/month for non-resident
- \* Tutoring
- \* 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant & Programs
- \* Westmoreland Community College (WCC) uses school facilities

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*Special Needs Programs:*

- \* Countywide Special Olympics

***Carmichaels Area School District***

*Recreation Facilities*

Carmichaels Area Elementary Center

- \* Gymnasium
- \* Playground Area

Carmichaels Area Junior / Senior High School

- \* Field House – Student and community weight room – approx. 400 people/month signed in, free, open mornings and evenings year-round, mirrors and music provided
- \* Track – 1/3 mile cinder track used by community for walking
- \* Open Gym – used in the evenings by children and occasionally by adults
- \* Gazebo
- \* Baseball field & Softball field
- \* Soccer field
- \* Track
- \* Football field
- \* Basketball court
- \* Kindergarten playground
- \* Large playground

*Cooperative Efforts:*

- \* Adult Education Programs – 21<sup>st</sup> Century free adult education classes, childcare grant for infant to 17 – provides homework help and recreation time
- \* Westmoreland County Community College Credit

Classes provided at a low tuition rate

- \* Faculty wellness program offered occasionally
- \* Athletic Fields – Baseball field hosts county leagues and other leagues
- \* Football field used by midget league
- \* Soccer works in cooperation with Jefferson Morgan
- \* Three districts – Carmichaels, Jefferson Morgan and Central Greene hiring three people to provide after school programs

*Special Needs Programs:*

- \* Countywide Special Olympics
- \* Senior Games hosted every four years between several communities

***Jefferson—Morgan School District***

*Recreation Facilities*

Jefferson-Morgan Elementary School

- \* Playground – PTA funded with two Gametime structures, and a swing set

Jefferson-Morgan Middle School

- \* Gym

Jefferson-Morgan High School

- \* New Athletic Building – Spring 2006
- \* Fitness Center
- \* High School Gym
- \* Football Field
- \* Field House
- \* Softball Field

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### *Cooperative Efforts:*

- \* Putting together community/ school ideas
- \* 21<sup>st</sup> Century after school recreation programs
- \* Technology training in the evenings
- \* Child care program
- \* Community Approach – numerous full scope of programs
- \* Midget Football league uses football field

### *Special needs programs*

- \* Countywide Special Olympics

### **Waynesburg University**

Waynesburg University is a private institution located in Waynesburg Borough with 1,300 students on-campus and another 500 to 700 students at satellite campuses.

- \* Field House—two gyms, track
- \* Weight room – teams and students use
- \* Student Fitness Center – more casual setting
- \* Wrestling Room
- \* Athletic Field – ¼ mile away
- \* Football Stadium– new bleachers, press box, concession, used strictly for football

Facilities are generally not available to the public. However, with proof of insurance, churches and other groups can occasionally use some facilities. When not in use, the gyms in the Field House could be used for basketball, volleyball, softball and baseball practice. In addition, the track teams also use the Field House. Plays, band presentations, etc. that

are performed by the University are open to the public and while many are free, some charge a \$5.00 admission fee.

The University uses the borough baseball field which is shared with the high school and little league. This winter \$27,000 will be spent for new dugouts on the field. The track team uses the high school track and cross country team uses the airport facility that they helped to develop. Men’s and women’s soccer and women’s softball use Manufactures Field in Franklin Township, which is shared occasionally with the soccer league.

Construction began on the Waynesburg University Wellness Center in late 2007 as a new addition to the Rudy Marisa Field House. The Wellness Center will consist of a two story addition that is 15,000 square feet that contains a new locker room facility as well as a new fitness/exercise area. This state of the art facility will feature new equipment that will focus on aerobic, anaerobic, and other type of fitness machines. The facility will not be open to the public but will be available for the students and staff of the institution.

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### Public / Quasi-Public Parks and Recreation Facilities

To successfully prepare a County recreation plan, facilities available on a municipal level must be inventoried along with the county and regional facilities. At the municipal level, recreation and parks services can be broken into three sectors:

- *Public*—park areas, recreation facilities, programs and services that are supported by tax dollars for use by the general public.
- *Quasi-Public / Nonprofit*—generally social service oriented associations that rely on volunteer support. They typically operate on a nonprofit financial basis and rely on membership fees, donations, grants, and often United Way funding. Examples include Lions Clubs and Little League Baseball organizations.
- *Private (for-profit)*—includes commercial recreation, travel and tourism. Private for-profits are in the recreation business for financial profit. Examples include health and fitness clubs, golf courses, etc.

All public, quasi-public, and private recreation facilities are shown on *Figure 2-3: Public / Private Recreation Facilities*. All publicly owned parks and recreation facilities were visited and inventoried. Surveys were mailed to each municipality to gather information on parks and recreation at the municipal level. A copy of the returned surveys can be found in *Appendix C*. In addition, with the assistance of the County and local municipal officials, all quasi-public / non-profit recreation facilities were inventoried as well and included in this plan.

*Table 2-5: Public / Quasi-Public Parks and Recreation Facilities* lists each public or quasi-public facility (other than those owned by the Commonwealth or the County), along with its size, ownership, equipment present, and site visit comments.

There are many parks that were noted to have outdated playground equipment and inadequate safety surface. The comments for each park are intended to provide the County and local municipalities with areas for improvement in each park. With limited budgets, it is difficult for individual municipalities to maintain their parks and facilities and continue to meet current safety standards. A safety checklist is provided in Appendix Biii for the County and local municipalities to use as a guide when conducting annual inspections of their parks and playground equipment.

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has funding programs that provide block grant funding for playground rehabilitation projects. It is recommended that Greene County apply to DCNR for funding to conduct playground safety audits and develop a prioritized plan for updating local park playground equipment, based upon identified needs.

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*Table 2-5: Public / Quasi-Public Parks and Recreation Facilities*

Municipality	Park Name	Size (acres)	Ownership	Facilities & Equipment Available	Comments
Aleppo Township	NONE				
Carmichaels Borough	NONE				
Center Township	Center Twp Community Park	9.8	Center Township	3 baseball fields, soccer practice field, 2 pavilions, bleachers, playground, horseshoe pit, outhouse, batting cage	Fall safe material is needed under all play equipment, height of climber is questionable and swings are close to stream, replace metal slides
Clarksville Borough	NONE				
Cumberland Township	Carmichaels Lions Club Park	1.94	Carmichaels Lions Club	5 ball fields (2 lighted), dug outs, bleachers, pavilion, portable stage, concession stand, restroom, skateboard ramp	Cooperative venture with King Cole Youth Foundation who schedules / maintains the fields. Repair bleachers and place electrical wire in pavilion in s conduit.
Cumberland Township	Crucible Playground	0.5	Crucible VFD	Basketball court, horse shoe pit, ball field, playground equipment, paved play area	Play equipment, bleachers and outfield fence do not meet current safety standards, fall safe material needed under all play equipment
	Laurel Point Falls Park	6.27	Association for Restoration	Trail, gorge w/waterfall, Muddy Creek w/ fresh water clams, park sign, small limestone parking area	Access to the falls is narrow and dangerous—safe trail needed, weeding needed around sign to make it visible, potential to clear area above gorge for picnic tables
	Nemacolin Park	8.84	Cumberland Township	Ball field, 2 basketball courts, volleyball court, tennis court, playground, pavilion, dug outs	General maintenance needed on all facilities except basketball court, safety concerns and vandalism should be addressed immediately
	Wana B Park	5.15	Cumberland Township	Walking trail, 2 basketball courts, 3 ball fields, soccer field, 2 playgrounds, multi-purpose field with soccer goals, sand volleyball court, 2 tennis courts, 3 pavilions, concession stand, picnic tables, restrooms	Play equipment other than the new Miracle structure need fall safe material, repair older swings, sand volleyball court needs more sand and identified borders, update electrical service to pavilions, old slides have potential entrapment areas, landscape dirt level around Miracle equipment to avoid tripping

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*Table 2-5: Public / Quasi-Public Parks and Recreation Facilities*

Municipality	Park Name	Size (acres)	Ownership	Facilities & Equipment Available	Comments
Dunkard Township	Dunkard Twp Municipal Park	14.0	Dunkard Township	2 ball fields, batting cage, pavilion, walking trail, playground equipment, concession stand, restrooms	Fall safe material needed under all play equipment, replace equipment that does not conform with current safety standards
Franklin Township	Community Park #3	7.72	Franklin Township	2 soccer fields, concession stand, stationary and portable goals	Nice facility operated by a non-profit organization
	Crawford Park	1.64	Franklin Township	Pavilion, playground, baseball field, football field, basketball court, sand volleyball court, concession stand, restrooms	Needs fall safe material under play equipment, positioning of play equipment is not in accordance with current safety standards, upgrade bleachers to meet safety standards
	Emerald Field	10.19	Emerald Mine Company	2 pony league baseball fields, dugouts, concession stands, bleachers, restrooms, lights, swings	Beautiful facility, needs a little maintenance along outskirt area, add a new swing set and railings to bleachers
	Franklin Twp Park	10.1	Franklin Township	Baseball, volleyball fields, benches, pavilion, playground, swings	No fall safe material underneath any play equipment
	Elementary School Park	0.5	Waynesburg Area School District	Baseball field	
	Meadowlark Park	20.14	Franklin Township	Trail, soccer field, baseball field	Some maintenance needed on trail, should add benches along trail
	Manufacturers Field		Franklin Township	Ball field, Soccer Field	
	Waynesburg Lions Club Community Park	20.94	Waynesburg Lions Club	2 volleyball courts, pavilions, various playground equipment	Play equipment is outdated, needs fall safe material underneath all play equipment
Freeport Township	NONE				

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*Table 2-5: Public / Quasi-Public Parks and Recreation Facilities*

Municipality	Park Name	Size (acres)	Ownership	Facilities & Equipment Available	Comments
Gilmore Township	Gilmore Township Municipal Park	2.98	Gilmore Township	Community building (no kitchen / water facilities)	Full time outreach location used by County Library, polling place, available for community use, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, etc.
Gray Township	Wayside Park	0.5	Graysville	Plaque in small open lawn area near small stream	
Greene Township	Greene Twp Community Hall	0.6	Greene Township	Basketball court, playground equipment, benches, soda machine	Fall safe material needed under all play equipment, play area zones should be well marked and defined
Greensboro Borough	NONE				
Jackson Township	NONE				
Jefferson Borough	NONE				
Jefferson Township	Jefferson Twp Park	7.38	Jefferson Township	2 ball fields, 2 pavilions, basketball court, playground equipment, bleachers, 2 dug outs, restroom	Current fall safe material is sand (acceptable) but depth / distance not adequate, bleachers, spring animals, swing set, and metal slide do not meet current safety standards
Morgan Township	Mather Park	2.71	Morgan Township	Gazebo, ball field, dug out, pavilion, bleachers, basketball court, playground, concession stand, restroom	Improve general maintenance (ball field, outfield fence, bleachers), play set is outdated, need fall safe material under all play equipment
	Burson Park	1.54	Clarksville VFD	Ball field / multi purpose field (home plate only, fenced along third base line), archery range (3-D deer w/yardage markers)	Primarily open space for housing development, improve maintenance, possibility for expansion, archery could pose safety threat to ball field
Morris Township	Morris Twp Community Center / Park	1.79	Morris Township	Basketball court, pavilion, baseball field, playground, community center	Bring surfacing around playground exterior up so it is even with border, playground is ADA compliant

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*Table 2-5: Public / Quasi-Public Parks and Recreation Facilities*

Municipality	Park Name	Size (acres)	Ownership	Facilities & Equipment Available	Comments
Perry Township	Mason Dixon Historical Park 2	80	Mason Dixon Historical Association	Log cabin, Purple Martin House, Little Tikes Play Equipment, trailer connections, kiosk sign	Private facility located near original Mason Dixon Park
	Perry Township Community Center Park	0.62	Perry Township	None currently	The township has plans to develop this park in the future
Rices Landing Borough	Min Love Park	0.5	Rices Landing Borough	Gazebo, picnic tables, benches, swing set, wooden jungle gym in shape of a boat, barbecue grills, docks	Swing set and fall safe material were updated in 2005 to comply with current safety standards, adjacent to Lock #6, large parking area
	Pumpkin Run Park	67.1	Rices Landing Borough	Picnic area, water fall, boy scout log cabin used for retreats	Large parking area, site of Pumpkin festival, great area for walking and hiking
	Kolat Park	5.0	Rices Landing Borough	Fishing area, parking, historic jailhouse, community building, restrooms	Adjacent to Min Love Park, close to Foundry
Richhill Township	Jacktown Fairgrounds	25.70	Private Fair Board	Amphitheatre, show grounds, track, various pavilions, various barns	Operated as a private non-profit entity. Various fairs, concerts, auctions and individual parties are held at this facility.
	Richhill Community Park #1	0.31	Richhill Township	Basketball court, pavilion, sand volleyball court, playground, port-a-johns	Swing set has more than two swings per bay, replace spring animals, replace saw dust with fall safe material, provide proper spacing between equipment
	Richhill Community Park #2	8.1	Richhill Township	2 ball fields with dugouts, paved walking trail, 2 pavilions, playground, port-a-johns	Wooden playground: upgrade play equipment to commercial grade, replace sawdust with fall safe material, provide proper spacing between equipment
Springhill Township	Springhill Twp Building	0.5	Springhill Township	Community Building (no kitchen / water facilities)	Distribution point for local food pantry, site of local events
Washington Township	Washington Township Park	5.96	Washington Township	2 ball fields, pavilion, basketball court, playground, horseshoe pit, restroom, bleachers, lighting. New equipment as of 2006 includes 4 new swings, jungle gym (dome), and 3 spring animals.	Fall safe material is sand (acceptable) depth / distance not sufficient. Replace swings, spring animals and whirl with new equipment that meets safety standards. New playground has deep fall safe material (woodchips) and good extension outward.

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*Table 2-5: Public / Quasi-Public Parks and Recreation Facilities*

Municipality	Park Name	Size (acres)	Ownership	Facilities & Equipment Available	Comments
Wayne Township	NONE				
Waynesburg Borough	Central Playground	0.87	Waynesburg Borough	Ball field, playground, pavilion, concrete walkways, concrete stairway w/rails, paved parking area, lighting	Beautiful facility that meets ADA requirements and current safety standards. Should place a water fountain in the park.
	College Park		Waynesburg Borough	Lake, fountain	
	East Park	3.0	Waynesburg Borough	Open lawn	
	West Park	2.2	Waynesburg Borough	Open lawn	
	Ritchie Park	2.0	Waynesburg Borough	Open lawn and gazebo	
	Sunrise Park	1.7	Waynesburg Borough	Open lawn area with large trees, paved walking area, benches and waste receptacles	This is a small passive recreation area and should be retained as is.
	Sunset Park	1.45	Waynesburg Borough	Open lawn area with large trees adjacent to a church	This is also a small passive recreation area that should be retained as is.
	Monument Park	2.7	Waynesburg Borough	Open lawn	
Whiteley Township	NONE				

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### **Private Recreation Facilities**

In addition to the publicly owned recreation facilities, there are numerous privately owned facilities that contribute to the overall parks and recreation system in Greene County.

#### Boating Facilities

There are five boating facilities located within Greene County and are noted on *Figure 2-3*.

- \* Greene Cove Yacht Club—Jefferson Township
- \* Jessop Boat Club—Cumberland Township
- \* Greenwood Marina and Campground—Jefferson Township
- \* Sunset Marina—Jefferson Township
- \* Two Rivers—Dunkard Township

#### Community Action Senior Centers

Each center operates separately with a site counselor and provide transportation for medical, shopping and to the senior centers. Transportation must be scheduled 24 hours in advance. There are seven (7) centers in Greene County:

- \* Bobtown (approx. attendance: 43)
- \* Carmichaels (approx. attendance: 164)
- \* Clarksville (approx. attendance: 14)
- \* Jefferson (approx. attendance: 46)
- \* Mt. Morris (approx. attendance: 76)
- \* Waynesburg (approx. attendance: 162)
- \* West Greene (approx. attendance: 44)

### Camping Areas

There are six camping areas in the County and are noted on *Figure 2-3*.

- \* Boy Scout Camp—Perry Township
- \* Girl Scout Camp—Whiteley Township
- \* Haines Family Owned Campground—Whiteley Township
- \* Jefferson RV Park—Morgan Township
- \* Mt. Morris RV Park—Perry Township
- \* Paul F Lyon Campground—Richhill Township

### Fitness Clubs

- \* Advanced Physical Therapy—Carmichaels
- \* Nova Care—Waynesburg Borough
- \* Resolutions Health Spa—Waynesburg Borough
- \* Wellness Center—The Wellness Center is located in the Southwest Regional Medical Center and is owned by the hospital. The staff has either a degree or certification in physical therapy and are employees of the hospital. The facility is designed to accommodate 300 people and currently handles approximately 100 patients per day. The gym / fitness center has approximately 400 members and averages 100 users per day. Members may purchase a three-month, six-month, or 12-month membership. The Wellness Center consists of the following:
  - \* Fitness Center—contains a variety of fitness equipment, weights, exercise balls and several beds.
  - \* Pool—15' x 36' x 3.5' deep, site of aqua aerobics
  - \* Shower rooms

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- \* Auxiliary Gym—large room with exercise balls and bars, classes taught include body sculpting, stretching, walking, etc.
- \* Kitchen Facility
- \* Occupational Speech Therapy
- \* Massage Room

### Fire Halls

Fire halls function as community meeting places in each municipality. Various events and functions are held throughout the year at the halls, which are usually available for rent to the public for a fee.

### Golf Courses

There are three golf courses in Greene County, two of which are open to the public and one is private. The golf courses are noted on *Figure 2-3*.

- \* Rohanna’s Golf Course—an 18 hole public course located along PA Route 19 in Franklin Township. It is a rolling hill style course with a restaurant, lounge, driving range, and practice green.
- \* Carmichaels Public Golf Course—a public 18 hole course located along PA Route 88 in Cumberland Township. It is a semi-level course with gentle rolling hills with a bar and snack bar in its clubhouse. It also hosts golf outings.
- \* Greene County Country Club—a private 18 hole course, open to members only, located along PA Route 21 in Morgan Township. It is also a semi-level course with gently rolling hills. The Country Club has a rental hall with banquet facilities, bar, clubhouse, pro shop, swimming pool, tennis court, and basketball

court.

### Granges

Granges function as community meeting halls and hold various functions and events. There are five granges in Greene County:

- \* Aleppo
- \* Carmichaels
- \* Dunkard Township
- \* East Franklin
- \* Harveys’

### Sportsmen’s Clubs

There are ten sportsmen’s clubs in the County and are noted on *Figure 2-3*.

- \* Barton Hollow Sportsmen’s Club and Regulated Shooting Grounds
- \* Bobtown Rod & Gun Club
- \* Carmichaels Sportsmen’s Club
- \* Dry Tavern Sportsmen’s Club
- \* Garards Fort Sportsmen’s Club
- \* Hunting Hills Sportsmen’s Club and Recreation Shooting Grounds
- \* Mt. Morris Sportsman’s Club
- \* Stringtown Sportsmen’s Club
- \* Windy Ridge Sportsman’s Club
- \* Waynesburg Sportsmen’s Club

### Stables

Located south of Waynesburg, Henderson Stables has approximately five miles of equestrian trails along with a

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number of family ATV and mountain bike trails. There is also another stable in the area called Save a Horse Riding Stables.

### The Armory at EverGreene Technology Park

In March 2008, U.S. Representative John P. Murtha announced that the 93-year old Captain Robert C. Wiley Armory in Waynesburg will closed and a new armory will be built in a nearby Franklin Township. The present armory, which serves as the home of Company C, 1-100th Infantry, will be re-located to an 18 acre parcel of land at the EverGreene Technology Park adjacent to the Greene County Airport.

The facility will be a state of the art readiness center and will be a one story building with an assembly hall, administrative space, classrooms, locker rooms, a physical fitness room and kitchen space. A supporting facility will include a military equipment parking lot and a lot for private vehicles. The building will serve as a training center for 140 individuals one weekend a month. No live ammunition will be stored at the site.

### High Point Motorcross Raceway

Located in Mt. Morris, Dunkard Township (refer to *Figure 2-3*) the raceway is privately owned and is home to national motorcross events. The largest event is held over Memorial Day weekend each year and draws 10,000 to 12,000 spectators. Camping facilities are available for \$40 / person for Friday through the entire weekend; \$35 / person for Saturday through the remainder of the weekend; and \$30 / person for Sunday.

### Hobe Sports Center

This state of the art facility offering numerous activities for Greene County residents as well as non-county residents. Currently the facility is home to weight lifting, cardio training and fitness, bi-plate equipment (for balance and explosiveness), a full size indoor basketball court, a golf simulator, locker rental (6 full locker and 12 smaller lockers), and restrooms. It is important note that this facility contains the only air conditioned basketball court between Washington to Uniontown and this generates a large customer base.

The facility is 11,868 square feet and has had a very successful opening in 2007-2008. Residents can purchase memberships in a variety of categories such as family, couple, senior, and single memberships. The membership provides access to all equipment and facilities outside of rental use.

The facility will also offer a basketball camp for youth, self defense classes, as well as basketball tournaments in the summer of 2008. By the end of 2008 the owners hope to install batting cages for use as well.

### Mason Dixon Riders Association Park

This privately owned facility is approximately 150 acres located in south central Greene County (refer to *Figure 2-3*). The Mason Dixon Riders Association is a private association with a membership fee of \$25 / year.

The park is very rural and primitive with ATV, motorbike and mountain bike trails. There are three to five miles of

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novice trails, 24 miles of aggressive trails and a practice motorcross track. The association has plans to construct 10 to 12 miles of perimeter trails by the end of the year for all skill levels and is trying to buy 165 acres from Consol to expand the park. They have received a grant from DCNR to complete a master site plan.

### Windy Ridge Camp

The Windy Ridge Camp is located on Nebo Ridge Road two miles north of the town of Wind Ridge in Richhill Township. The 309 acre site is owned by the Southminster Presbyterian Church and features miles of hiking trails, sports fields, a fishing pond, and an outdoor fire ring.

A large lodge is available for special occasion rentals and retreats for the day, a weekend, or an entire weekend. The lodge can accommodate 48 people in six large bedrooms (bunk bed style rooms with individual showers and bathrooms) and has a large sitting area with a log burning fireplace. The facility also has a spacious dining room, a complete commercial kitchen, a laundry facility, a game room, and an outdoor deck. Currently the use rates are as follows: \$15 per night and \$10 for day use. Food service is not included, but ranges from \$5 to \$6.50 additionally per person.

The group is discussing the idea of leasing some of their land for extractive mining. This would bring add additional revenue to the facility and will aid in the building of a recreational center and the possibility of making more upgrades to the facility.

### Other Recreation Facilities

- \* Strykers Bowling Alley—Waynesburg Borough
- \* Yanak Bowling Alley—Jefferson Borough
- \* Carmichaels Skyview Drive In—Carmichaels Borough
- \* Mitchell’s Mini Golf –Rt. 221 near Lippencott
- \* Mon View Park Roller Rink
- \* Waynesburg Roller Rink
- \* Wheels and Thrills—Waynesburg
- \* Waynesburg Theatre & Arts Center
- \* Peaceful Springs Fishing Lake – Rices Landing
- \* Greene County Paintball – Jefferson Township

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**Historic / Cultural Assets**

Refer to *Figure 1-3: Historic Attractions* for a map that shows the locations of the historic and cultural assets in Greene County.

**Civil War Monument Restoration**

Greene County Civil War Soldier’s and Sailor’s Monument is located in Monument Park on the campus of Waynesburg University. The 65 foot high monument was dedicated on July 4, 1899 due to the large number of veterans in the Greene County area. Over the past years the monument has been weathered as well as vandalized and restoration and cleaning needs to take place on the structure. The Waynesburg Borough Park Commission is spearheading the restoration process and is currently trying to secure funds. Estimates on repairs are \$100,000.

**Greene County Genealogical Society**

The Greene County Genealogical Society is housed in the original Greene County Courthouse, located one block behind the current courthouse in Waynesburg Borough. The historic courthouse is a two-story log house that was built in 1797.

The Society is a non-profit 501(c)3 entity, holds monthly meetings, and has approximately 530 members. Due to the growing popularity, the Society constructed an addition to the original courthouse in order to create a library and store genealogical records. This has become one of the biggest tourist attractions in Greene County and approximately 1800 to 2000 visitors come each year to research their ancestry.

The historic log courthouse is also used by various



**Original Greene County Courthouse (Mackin, 2004)**

community organizations and groups for meetings as well as home to school programs in May. During the summer, visitation reaches over 200 people daily.

**Greene County Historical Museum**

The Greene County Historical Museum is located on Rolling Meadows Road in Franklin Township, just outside of Waynesburg Borough. The brick building that houses the Museum was originally the county’s poor farm, which was a home and workplace for indigent men. Constructed in the 1860’s, the museum has 52 rooms and is located on 19.6 acres of land. The Greene County Historical Society operates the museum and leases the property from the County. The Society has approximately 320 members.

Over 10,000 artifacts are on display inside the Museum and offer a tangible history of Greene County, including art and period furniture and clothing. Located on the grounds are an old train, cannons, and two log cabins; which are used for educational classes. Events held at the Museum include the

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Harvest Festival, Spring Festival, Civil War re-enactment, Whiskey Rebellion re-enactment and other special events.

Funding for the Museum is sustained through a \$10,000 annual gift from the County and a \$10,000 match, as well as through endowments and small trusts. It is estimated that approximately 6,000 visitors come to the Museum yearly.



Greene County Historical Museum (Mackin, 2004)

**Crow Rock Massacre Monument**

A monument dedicated to a massacre that took place on May 1, 1791 is located along Crows Rock Road in Northwestern Greene County. The massacre was of four sisters who were walking to an adjacent farm when they were attacked by Indians and a renegade, of which only one survived. This rock reportedly served as the hiding place for attackers and the names and date are carved into original rock: Susan, Catherine, Elizebeth, and Tina Crow, 1791.

**Durbin Store**

Located in Durbin on SR3001, the Durbin Store is the original store constructed in 1891. This is a wonderful site and efforts

should be made to preserve it.

**Graysville Jail**

Located in a field behind Wayside Park in Graysville, the jail is a small single room wood building that should be preserved.

**Greene Academy of Art**

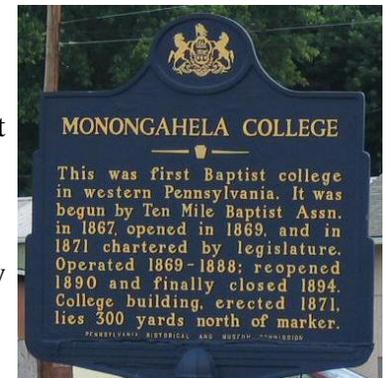
Located in Carmichaels (Old Town), the Greene Academy of Art was built in 1791 and operated between 1791 and 1810. It is listed on the National Registry of Historical Sites.

**Lock #6 Museum**

The Rices Landing Borough building contains the Lock #6 Museum, which has between 300 and 400 visitors annually. The Museum has photographs and a river boat model on display.

**Monongahela College**

Built in Jefferson Borough, the Monongahela College was the first Baptist College in Western PA. Chartered by legislation in 1871, the College operated from 1869 - 1888, reopened in 1890 and finally closed in 1896. The building no longer remains but an historical marker is posted at the site.



Monongahela College Historical Marker (Mackin, 2004)

**Paul R. Stewart Museum**

Waynesburg University possesses numerous collections in the fields of geology, biology, archaeology, ceramics and colonial historical objects and are housed at the Paul R. Stewart Museum.

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**Rices Landing Jail**

There stands a two-cell jail building in Rices Landing that was used to house prisoners until the 1940's. The building has been relocated from its original site but now stands near Min Love Park.

**Thomas Hughes House**

This historical structure is owned by the PA Historical & Museum Commission and run by the Greene County Historical Society. It is a two story stone structure built in 1814 by Thomas Hughes, who founded Jefferson. The structure is unique because it is one of only a few structures north of the Mason Dixon Line that was built entirely by slaves. Hughes freed the slaves prior to the Civil War. The building has been renovated and now houses a library.



Thomas Hughes House (Mackin, 2004)

**W.A. Young Machine Shop & Foundry**

Located on Water Street in Rice's Landing, the Foundry was built in 1900 by William A. Young. The Foundry is a prime example of America's industrial heritage and is operated by the Historical Society. Open for tours, the Foundry is full of antique equipment and live demonstrations are performed.



W.A. Young Machine Shop & Foundry (Mackin, 2004)

**Covered Bridges**

The Carmichaels Bridge over Muddy Creek

Constructed in 1889 and is still open to vehicular traffic. It is a part of the annual Covered Bridge Festival and is the only existing covered bridge within a borough in the United States. Dimensions of the bridge are 64'Lx15'W.

The King Bridge over Hoover Run

Constructed in 1890, it is open to traffic and has a three ton weight limit. Dimensions of the bridge are 46'6"Lx15'W.

The Lippencott / Cox Farm Bridge over Ruff Creek

Constructed in 1943 on a heavily traveled township road. Dimensions of the bridge are 27'8"Lx15'W.



Lippencott Covered Bridge (Mackin, 2004)

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The Neddie Woods Bridge over Pursley Creek

Constructed in 1882, it is the oldest remaining covered bridge in Greene County. The bridge is open to traffic and is 40’Lx15’W.

The Shriver Bridge over Hargus Creek

Constructed in 1900 the bridge is 40’Lx14’W.

The Scott Bridge over Ten Mile Creek

Constructed in 1885, it is open to traffic. The bridge is 41’Lx15’W.

The White Bridge over Whitely Creek

Constructed in 1919, it is the longest Queenpost bridge in Greene County. It is also part of the Covered Bridge Festival and has a ten ton weight limit. Dimensions of the bridge are 66’6”Lx15’W.

**Regional Park Facilities**

**State Parks**

*Hillman State Park—Washington County, PA*

The Pennsylvania State Game Commission owns Hillman State Park, which is located in the northwestern portion of Washington County and occupies 3,654 acres of park land. Largely undeveloped, hunting is allowed in the park during regular hunting seasons and hiking trails are open to the public.

*Ohiopyle State Park—Fayette County, PA*

Ohiopyle State Park is approximately 19,052 acres and serves as the gateway to the Laurel Mountains. The focal

point of the area is the 14 miles of the Youghiogheny River Gorge, which provides whitewater boating and spectacular scenery. The park also has a Falls Day Use Area, which provides parking, restrooms, gift shop/snack bar, and overlook platforms of the Youghiogheny River.

*Coopers Rock State Forest—Monongalia County, WV*  
Coopers Rock is located 13 miles east of Morgantown along Interstate 68 and is approximately 12,713 acres. The forest serves as a recreation and preservation area as well as publicly owned land for forestry research, timber management, and watershed and wildlife protection.

**County Parks**

Washington County, PA

*Cross Creek Park*

Cross Creek County Park is the largest of the three County parks and encompasses 3,500 acres of land, including a 258 acre fishing lake. Facilities include pavilions, picnic tables, grills, playground areas, a boat launch, docks, a handicapped accessible fishing pier, horseshoe pits, trails, restrooms, and parking areas.

*Mingo Creek Park*

Mingo Creek County Park is located east of the City of Washington off of PA Route 136. Accounting for 2,600 acres of land, Mingo Creek is a designated High Quality Trout Stocked Fisher and four miles of the stream are designated for fishing. Facilities include shelters / pavilions, an observatory, picnic tables, grills, playground areas, restrooms, trails, a multi-use field, and historic

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covered bridges.

### *Ten Mile Creek Park*

Located off PA Route 88 near the Greene County border, Ten Mile Creek County Park is 22 acres and is partly owned by the Army Corps of Engineers the remainder by Washington County. The park provides boat access to the Monongahela River and amenities include pavilions, picnic tables, grills, playground areas, a boat launch, dock, restrooms, and parking areas.

### Fayette County, PA

#### *Dunlap Creek Park*

Located along US Route 40 in Menallen Township, Dunlap Creek Park consists of 74 acres of woods, meadows and a 30 acre lake that is used for boating and fishing. Facilities include playgrounds, pavilions and a baseball field.

#### *German Masontown Park*

German-Masontown Park is located along the Monongahela River in the southwestern portion of Fayette County near PA Route 21. The park is approximately 125 acres and is located in German Township and Masontown Borough. The park offers baseball fields, pavilions, an outdoor amphitheatre, a playground, tennis courts, soccer field, a bocce court, horse shoe pits and a walking path.

#### *Jacobs Creek Park*

Jacobs Creek Park contains 100 acres on both sides of Route 982. Amenities include pavilions, a 60 acre lake for fishing and boating and a playground.

### Monongalia County, WV

#### *Chestnut Ridge Regional Park*

Chestnut Ridge is surrounded by Coopers Rock State Forest and the West Virginia University Forest, along Interstate 68 approximately 10 miles east of Morgantown. Facilities include shelters, picnic sites, swimming, sledding, nature center, playgrounds, trails, paddle boats, fishing, shower house, volleyball, cross country skiing, and a concession area. The park is open year-round.

### **Water Parks**

#### Sandcastle

Sandcastle is a privately owned water park located along the Monongahela River in the Waterfront Complex near downtown Pittsburgh. Sandcastle offers fourteen waterslides, adult pools, a hot tub, pools for kids, sand volleyball court, gift shops, arcade, concessions, bar, and picnic shelters. Sandcastle is open annually from June to September and prices include \$21.95 for an all day pass, 55 and older is \$16.95, children 2 and under are free, and after 3pm admission is \$15.95. A season pass can be purchased for \$44.95. Parking is \$5.00 a car and boat docking is free.

#### Waves of Fun

A small water park that is part of the 50 acre Valley Park in Putnam County, West Virginia. Valley Park also has tennis courts, 18 hole mini golf, walking trail, softball / baseball fields, soccer field, sand volleyball court, picnic shelters, amphitheatre and the Hurricane Valley Community Center. Admission into the water park is \$7.25 general, \$6.00 for children 5-11 and seniors over 60, and free to children under 5.