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Greene County has outlined a progressive and proactive approach to planning for recreation, trails, and greenways. From a countywide perspective, Greene County is organized into three divisions to direct regional efforts based upon local needs and strengths. With this regional planning approach, the Greene County Commissioners will have a sound basis to direct funding for recreational planning and allowing for development in a manner that does not conflict with the preservation of greenways.

**Priority Implementation Strategies**

The implementation of the Greene County Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Trails/Greenways Plan will need to be a combined effort by numerous departments and organizations, but it will be spearheaded by the partnership between the Department of Recreation, the Department of Economic Development, and the Tourism Promotion Agency. These three entities will play key roles in developing and promoting the parks and recreation system within Greene County.

Important factors for existing and future landowners in Greene County to consider prior to the development of any recreational pursuit are potential impacts related to resource extraction activities and/or the development of utility infrastructure along exiting right-of-ways.

The importance of extractive industries as an economic driver for Greene County will continue for the viable foreseeable future. The potential benefits to the County include increased wealth of its citizens, a solid employment

base, and potentially many spin-off industries to diversify the economic base of Greene County. The magnitude of the industry also has corresponding impacts that will require a multi-faceted approach to encompass the interests of the County, its municipalities, mining interests, investors, stakeholders, and residents. The County will strive to strike a balance between land development, recreation, and tourism with that of the inevitability of the significant growth in the coal and gas industries.

Municipalities will be encouraged to plan together to direct future development and preservation efforts. The County will need to educate prospective developers, landowners, and entrepreneurs engaging in new ventures (be it for industrial, residential, recreation, or other uses) on the potential impacts of coal and minerals on any property for potential surface impact of the subsurface uses and the potential use of any existing right-of-ways for the development of utility infrastructure.

Priority implementation strategies have been developed in order to improve and advance the current parks, recreation, trails, and greenways system. These priority strategies can be grouped into three categories:

-  Recreation/Tourism Regions
-  Priority Recreation Projects
-  Proposed Greenway System

These projects have been identified as priority based upon identified needs, public input, and feasibility of implementation.

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**Recreation/Tourism Regions**

Greene County has been divided into three Recreation/Tourism Regions, which will be used for marketing and promotional purposes. The three categorical Regions are:

1. Rural/Wilderness
2. Techno/Recreation
3. Historical/Cultural

These Regions have been identified based upon existing assets of each region and public input received throughout the planning process. *Figure 6-1: Recreation/Tourism Regions*, visually displays the three recreation/greenways planning areas. The regions are conceptual in nature and oftentimes cross municipal boundaries so as to suggest a flexible method to identify specific project locales. Strategies related to the recreation Regions are listed in *Table 6-1: Recreation/Tourism Regions*, on page 6-5.

 **Rural/Wilderness Region**

The Rural/Wilderness Region is located in the least populated area of the County and would easily support greenways development for the protection of wildlife and water supplies. This Region comprises almost the entire western half of the County and shares a conceptual boundary with the Techno/Rec Region (see *Figure 6-1*). Points of interest in this area include: Jesse Taylor Monument, Ryerson Station State Park, Dreamer Park, Crows Rock, Jacktown Fairgrounds, general stores, covered bridges, mail pouch barns, farm stays, and farm tours.

This Region has one glaring characteristic, space. There are numerous ways to maximize this characteristic. The County needs to utilize existing assets such as Ryerson Station State Park. Ryerson Station State Park is a regional attraction for residents and visitors who are seeking recreational pursuits with a nature-oriented theme. In 2004, a fishing derby was held at Ryerson Station State Park that attracted 350 to 400 children. With the current plans to reconstruct Duke Lake and improve Ryerson overall, the park has the potential to be expanded into an even larger tourist attraction. Some visions toward a bigger Ryerson could include a hotel or lodge, conference center, or a golfing area. Localized recreational outlets will also be important and should be municipally based.

The Rural/Wilderness Region is considered a hunting and fishing paradise by many both inside and outside the county. In addition to the 14,000 + acres of hunting lands owned by the PA Game Commission, Greene County also has 454 farms and 56,936 acres of land enrolled in the Cooperative Farm Game Program. The economic benefits of hunting and fishing are significant. In 2001, hunters in Pennsylvania spent \$941 million on hunting—\$189 million on trips and \$751 million on equipment. In addition, another \$82 million was spent on hunting by non-residents. Similarly, anglers spent \$580 million, with \$282 million on trips and \$297 million on equipment. Increased hunting and fishing opportunities in the region could spur more tourism and ultimately a better economy.

The West Greene Community Development group published a brochure entitled “Green Hills of West Greene County Pennsylvania,” which was funded by the Appalachian

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Regional Commission (ARC) and the Rensselaerville Institute to promote festivals, attractions, and the “250 square miles of woods, fields, and miles and miles of quiet country roads” in an effort to enhance tourism.

More programs are needed, such as the Mentored Youth Program and Women in the Woods, to attract more hunters and anglers to Greene County. It is recommended that the County work closely with the coal companies and the PA Game Commission in order to utilize this asset to the fullest extent.

 **Technology/Recreation Region**

The Technology/Recreation, (Techno/Rec) Region is located in the central portion of the County, following the Interstate 79 Corridor and extending outward to Jefferson Borough in the east and Sycamore/Spraggs to the west (see *Figure 6-1*). This Region has numerous recreational and technological assets, including the Foundation Coal Aquatics Center, the Greene River Trail, the Greene County Tennis Courts, High Point Motocross Track, the proposed Coal Heritage Park in Ruff Creek, the Greene County Airport, the Greene County Genealogical Society headquarters, Thomas Hughes House, the Greene County Historical Museum, Ten Mile Creek, numerous covered bridges, Waynesburg University, Waynesburg Historic District, EverGreene Technology Park, and Meadow Ridge / Mt. Morris Industrial Parks. Recreational activities held in this Region run the gamut, including drag racing events, horseback riding, rodeos, wrestling, soccer, cheerleading, pageants (Miss Greene County), and other “extreme” sports and activities. The Techno/Rec Region is unique in that it has numerous

recreational venues that are in close proximity to technological areas. By utilizing the recreation creatively, the area can mix both entertainment and technology to create a special niche. A sample formula for this area could be:

$$“Existing Assets + Technology = Techno/Rec”$$

Recreational Projects in this area may include:

-  Coal Heritage Park (with technological exhibits related to coal heritage)
-  Aquatic-focused community events to be held at the Foundation Coal Aquatics Center
-  Airport activities (may include ultra light planes and air-shows)
-  Hunting Hill (marksman technology)
-  High tech paintball or laser tag course
-  Motocross (High Point)
-  Go cart tracks (outdoor/indoor electric tracks)
-  Multi use recreation center (indoor soccer, skate park, roller hockey)
-  Youth centered events (under 21 dance club, concert venues, as well as collaboration and support with Waynesburg University)
-  Traditional recreational areas (trails, parks, and monuments)

If utilized correctly, this area has the most potential to generate outside revenue. Those traveling along the Interstate may stop and visit the area due to some of these venues, and may add considerable revenue into the economy.

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 **Historical/Cultural Region**

The Historical/Cultural Region extends along the Monongahela River and abuts the Techno/Rec Region (see *Figure 6-1*). As this Region follows the Monongahela River, it would naturally support recreational pursuits such as boating, fishing, and river-related activities, in addition to being home to many cultural and historical assets.

Communities such as Rices Landing, Carmichaels, and Greensboro are primarily known for their rich heritage related to mining, pottery, and glass making. The Historical / Cultural Region is home to two of the County’s three historic districts — Greensboro Historic District and Rice’s Landing Historic District, in addition to many historical sites. Events and programs that are already taking place in the region include Arts in the Park (Pumpkin Run Park), Greensboro Artists Convention, Artists Co-Op, the Greene Academy of Art, the Pumpkin Festival, and the Covered Bridge Festival.

Other areas of interest located within this Region include the Greene River Trail, Pumpkin Run Park, the Warrior Trail Head, Dunkard Creek Coke Ovens, W.A. Foundry, the Carmichaels Drive-In, the Lock 6 Museum, and a number of old mining towns.

The Historical/Cultural Region has a few key components that must be capitalized upon for this area to maximize its potential: riverfront development, commercial development, historic preservation, and heritage tourism. Each component, if used wisely, can spur recreational and economic activity for years to come.

Riverfront development can be reached by various means such as:

-  Expansion of private and public docks
-  Riverfront sports and activities (such as boating, fishing, and kayaking)
-  Trail/greenways expansion
-  Maximizing historic venues

Commercial growth may encompass areas such as rentals and excursions, accommodations, food, and revenue from historic areas. The Greene County Department of Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Agency should be committed to bringing communities and resources together to successfully coordinate endeavors along the Monongahela River to assure a balanced approach to commerce, recreation, and conservation.

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**Table 6-1: Recreation / Tourism Regions**

***Implement the Recreation / Tourism Regions Concept***

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Create action teams to coordinate business development, community development, and heritage tourism development related to the key aspects of the Recreation / Tourism Regions	Minimal staff costs and volunteer services	Dept of Econ Dev* / Tourism***	Local municipalities; Rivers of Steel; PHMC; PA Fish & Boat Commission
Encourage owners of potential and/or eligible historic sites to apply for National Historic Registry designation	None	Dept of Econ Dev	PHMC
Expand and beautify utilization of Pumpkin Run Park	Dependent upon project scope	Dept of Econ Dev / Dept of Rec**	Rices Landing Borough
Develop and engage county-wide activities around model airplane fly-in events and Model Airplane Museum in Carmichaels	\$1,000—\$10,000	Dept of Econ Dev / Dept of Rec	Carmichaels Borough; Museum Board; Model Airplane Enthusiasts
Place an emphasis on youth activities (under 25) in all three Regions	None	Dept of Rec	Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts; School Districts; Waynesburg University
Identify sites and engage outside agencies and/or developers in the Techno-Rec Region	None	Dept of Econ Dev, Industrial Development Authority	Local economic development organizations; Private enterprise
Work to keep existing businesses in Techno-Rec Region to engage and assist with business retention	None	Dept of Econ Dev	Chamber of Commerce
Create agri-tourism opportunities and capitalize on the importance and prevalence of the farming	None	Dept of Econ Dev	Penn State Cooperative Extension
Explore the possibility of horseback riding along all three Regions	None	Dept of Econ Dev / Dept of Rec	Penn State Cooperative Extension
Work with community to enhance the local cemeteries	None	Dept of Econ Dev	PHMC*****

*For the implementation strategies, under Responsible Party or Potential Partners, the following abbreviations are used:*

*\* Dept of Econ Dev indicates the Greene County Department of Economic Development; \*\* Dept of Rec indicates the Greene County Department of Recreation; \*\* Tourism indicates the Greene County Office of Tourism; \*\*\*\* DCNR indicates the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; \*\*\*\*\* PHMC indicates the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, \*\*\*\*\* UMWA indicates the United Mine Workers of America*

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 **Priority Recreation Projects**

*Figure 6-2: Priority Implementation Strategies* identifies County-sponsored projects formally classified as such by the Recreation, Parks, and Trails/Greenways Plan. By listing these projects, the County is officially directing planning efforts to realize specific goals for recreation and trail development. The recreational/cultural projects shown on the implementation map include:

-  Develop the Crucible Site as a County Riverfront Park
-  Extend the Greene River Trail
-  Work with UMWA to develop a Coal Heritage Park
-  Restore Ryerson Station Park's Duke Lake
-  Expand outdoor and recreational activities at Ryerson
-  Develop Wisecarver Reservoir / Dam into a recreational area
-  Promote the development of a conference / retreat center
-  Enhance tourism / recreational signage
-  Expand tourism marketing / promotional activities

*Figure 6-2* is a graphic display of priority recreational opportunities, trails, greenways, conservation areas, and natural areas. The Priority Implementation Strategies should be understood as a policy guide and method to implement the Recreation, Parks and Trails/Greenways Plan in a systematic fashion. While the Plan contains a host of recommendations not specifically listed on *Figure 6-2*, this prioritization strategy gives the County a focus for early implementation, which will strengthen their long term ability to adapt to changes in local economies, funding programs, and development priorities.

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**Table 6-2: Priority Recreation Projects**

*Develop the Crucible Site as a County Riverfront Park*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Complete a master site plan	\$20,000-\$60,000	Dept of Rec	DCNR****
Utilize a combination of public and private development  Boat rental facility - both motorized and non-motorized  Bicycle rental facility  Food vendor areas	Dependent upon level of private investment	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev / Tourism	DCNR; Private Enterprise;
Develop docks/ boat launch area/ fishing piers (ADA)	\$500-\$2000	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Develop amenities for Greene River Trail (i.e. water fountains, benches, restroom facilities)	\$250-\$5,000	Dept of Rec	DCNR; Private Enterprise
Dependent upon the outcome of the master site plan, obtain funding to develop the following facilities:   Skateboard / BMX area  Picnic shelters  Multi-purpose field / court areas  Age-specific playgrounds  Amphitheatre  Ensure adequate parking – public amenities  Camping hookups  Renovation of existing buildings into a large group picnic facility, indoor basketball courts, fitness area, group meeting area	\$250-\$10,000	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR

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**Table 6-2: Priority Recreation Projects**

*Extend the Greene River Trail*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Extend the Greene River Trail south to Nemaocolin along the abandoned Nemaocolin Mine Railroad bed	Cost dependent upon acquisition costs	Dept of Rec	DCNR; Private Landowners
Pursue the feasibility of connecting the Greene River Trail to Fayette County, via the Hatfield-Ferry Power Plant Site and over the Masontown Bridge (State Route 21)	Cost dependent upon acquisition costs	Dept of Rec	DCNR; Hatfield-Ferry; Duquesne Energy; Private Landowners
Extend the Greene River Trail north from Greene Cove to connect to Washington County's Ten Mile Creek Park	Cost dependent upon acquisition costs	Dept of Rec	DCNR; Greene Cover Yacht Club; Private Landowners
Extend the Greene River Trail along the Mon River south to Greensboro to connect to the Warrior Trail and the Greensboro Trail	Cost dependent upon acquisition costs	Dept of Rec	DCNR; Greensboro; Private Landowners
Determine the potential to connect the Greene River Trail to the Mather Site	Cost dependent upon scope of work	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR; Private Landowners

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**Table 6-2: Priority Recreation Projects**

***Restore Duke Lake at Ryerson Station State Park***

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Work with DCNR to reconstruct the dam, to allow Duke Lake to provide an aquatic recreational resource for Ryerson Station State Park and Greene County	None	DCNR	Task Force; Greene County; State Legislature

***Expand outdoor and recreational activities at Ryerson Station State Park***

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Work with DCNR to maximize the potential of Ryerson Station State Park by adding more facilities / activities (lodge, hotels, conference center, golfing, etc.)	Cost dependent upon project	DCNR	Task Force; Greene County; State Legislature

***Develop Wisecarver Reservoir / Dam as a Recreational Area***

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Work with DCNR to develop Wisecarver Reservoir and Dam as a recreational area	Cost dependent upon project	DCNR	Greene County, Franklin Township, Foundation Coal, and the Fish and Game Commissions

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**Table 6-2: Priority Recreation Projects**

*Create a sports complex facility near the Waynesburg Interchange on I-79 that can hold tournament events for recreational and extreme sports*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Conduct a market study to determine the costs associated with a tournament facility and figure out whether it is cost beneficial for the county to venture ahead with.	\$30,000-\$50,000	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR, local municipalities, sports organizations
Research insurance liabilities with an extreme sports facility as well as a tournament facility.	None	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR, local municipalities, sports organizations
Identify a suitable location (3-5 miles from I-79, 80 acres or larger, and access to public water and sewer) and acquire the property	Cost dependent upon acquisition costs	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR, local municipalities, sports organizations
Develop a master plan for the site to identify specific locations and design for fields and other facilities.	\$30,000-\$50,000	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR, private consultant

*Develop a Coal Heritage Park at Ruff Creek*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Complete a feasibility study to look at market, organizational, technical, and financial issues	\$250,000	Dept of Econ Dev	UMWA***** ; DCED; DCNR
Develop a marketing plan to publicize and promote the park to bring in tourists and visitors and capitalize fully on its economic potential	Cost dependent upon scope of plan	Dept of Econ Dev / Tourism	UMWA; DCED; DCNR

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**Table 6-2: Priority Recreation Projects**

*Develop a “rustic retreat facility” that can accommodate conferences and workshops*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Identify a suitable location that has access to infrastructure (public water and sewer) to develop a rustic retreat facility	None	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	Local municipalities, landowners
Conduct a feasibility to develop such a facility in Greene County. The study would include market research on needs, cost estimates, and potential funding sources for construction.	Cost dependent upon scope	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR, DCED
Finalize the Ryerson Task Force study and bring forth the appropriate individuals or groups into the early planning stages of the rustic retreat facility.	None	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	
Survey local hunters, game wardens, and other officials associated with hunting to see if there would be a need within the county for a rustic retreat facility that would house hunters (as a lodge).	Cost dependent upon scope	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	

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**Table 6-2: Priority Recreation Projects**

*Develop an Agritourism Program*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Continue to engage the agricultural community to identify possible items, goods, and locations for the program	None	Dept of Econ Dev / Tourism	Conservation District, Penn State Cooperative Extension
Support the program by directing funding towards developing a marketing program	Cost dependent upon scope	Dept of Econ Dev / Tourism	Conservation District, Penn State Cooperative Extension
Collaborate with Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency to create an agritourism program that extends beyond the county borders	Cost dependent upon scope	Dept of Econ Dev / Tourism	Conservation District, Penn State Cooperative Extension
Create an interactive website that explains agritourism and offers way for the community to become involved	Cost dependent upon scope	Dept of Econ Dev / Tourism	Conservation District, Penn State Cooperative Extension
Research the possibility of utilizing the 4H building for a county commercial kitchen to promote Greene County goods	Cost dependent upon scope	Dept of Econ Dev / Tourism	Conservation District, Penn State Cooperative Extension

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**Table 6-2: Priority Recreation Projects**

***Implement a Tourist Oriented Directional Signs (TODS) program***

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Identify specific sites and property owners to be involved in the program	Cost dependent upon scope	Dept of Econ Dev / Tourism	Local landowners
Work with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and their Archeology Department to validate the claims of the “Native American History of Pennsylvania Listing”	Cost dependent upon scope	Dept of Econ Dev / Tourism	PennDOT
Create a beautification plan for the signing areas	Cost dependent upon scope	Dept of Econ Dev / Tourism	PennDOT
Pursue efforts to obtain Scenic Byway designation for local roadways. Potential roads include US 19, SR 21, SR 88, SR 188, and SR 18.	Cost dependent upon scope	Dept of Econ Dev / Tourism	PennDOT, State Legislators

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**Proposed Greenway System**

The Proposed Greenway System is presented in a Hubs and Spokes Pattern. Spokes are identified as having beneficial connectivity for and within the County. The Greene County Spokes are listed as Natural Areas, Conservation Areas, Trail Buffers, Riparian Buffers, Land Trails, and Water Trails. Hubs in Greene County are classified as locations where activity is encouraged for humans and/or wildlife. The Greene County Hubs are State Game Lands, Parks, Recreation Projects, and Public Schools. All Hubs and Spokes on *Figure 6-2: Priority Implementation Strategies* are to be considered priority projects from a policy standpoint, but not all should be assumed to be planned for implementation by the County. In fact, much of the implementation for the Greenways Plan will be through local initiatives and by private entities. *Table 6-3: Greenways Significance* (beginning on page 6-13) lists the location, approximate size, significance, and inter-county connections for each greenway proposed. The priority recommendations are listed in *Table 6-4: Proposed Greenways* (beginning on page 6-16).

**Spokes**
 *Natural Areas*

Natural Areas are identified in the Greene County Implementation Strategy as a measure to protect habitat and wildlife as well as to protect areas of ecological significance. Natural Areas shown on *Figure 6-2* are the Enlow Fork Natural Area, Browns Creek Natural Area, and the Laurel Point Falls Natural Area. Strategies for these

areas account for measures to reduce human access and development. The County strategy for these areas is not to encourage recreational activities or access, but rather preserve these locations due to their important ecological contribution.

 *Conservation Areas*

The Implementation Strategy offers Conservation Areas as a method to foster the Greenways concept at the local municipal level. The Conservation Areas are designed so to enhance municipal awareness of sound land use policies when planning for development. The use of conservation subdivisions, buffer zones, target growth areas, and planned extensions of public water and sewerage are all important elements that will allow for desired development in a manner that will protect areas identified as Medium or High Ecological Value. The Ryerson Station Conservation Area, the Washington-West Virginia Connector Conservation Area, the Ten Mile Creek Conservation Area, the Dunkard Creek Conservation Area, and the Monongahela River Conservation Area provide a high level of connectivity for the County Greenways Network and will serve to support Priority Greenways.

 *Trail Buffers*

Trail buffers offer a way to protect important trail corridors in Greene County. The three identified trail buffers are for the Greene River Trail (including the proposed extension), the Warrior Trail, and the Catawba Trail. It is important to identify a buffer around existing trails in order to protect them from future development and impacts. The Greene

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River Trail is the only developed trail, which is owned by Greene County. The Warrior Trail and Catawba Trail are both identified as priority trails, but actualization of a formal trail network will be difficult due to the extent of private ownership of the land along these corridors. These trails help to preserve the County's heritage and trail buffers are a tool to support preservation concepts. The County recognizes the importance of these corridors and chooses to support the formal acquisition or development of these trails at the municipal level and/or through local organizations, such as the Warrior Trail Association.

### Riparian Buffers

The Priority Implementation Strategies for Greenways focuses on the conservation of Riparian Buffers for the County's waterways that ranked as having Medium or High Ecological Value. The primary deciding factor for the inclusions of these waterways as a Greenway was the classification as a High Quality Warm Water Fishery, Trout Stocked Fishery, or Cold Water Fishery. The restoration or development of riparian forest buffers along these waterways will serve to improve water quality, restore important habitat, and reduce negative impacts from high water events.

### *Land Trails*

-  Existing Trail
-  Proposed Trail
-  Potential Rail-Trail

The Priority Implementation Strategies for Land Trails includes extensions and/or improvements to existing trails and the development of new trails. In addition to the existing trails (Greene River Trail, Warrior Trail, and Catawba Trail), the Greene River Trail Extension and the Proposed Greensboro Trail are considered ready to go projects that should see realization within the next few years. These trails serve as important components to the development of a regional trail network. Potentially, the Greene River Trail and Greensboro Trail could link Greene County to both Washington County and Fayette County. The Central Waynesburg Trail is a newer concept that would connect Waynesburg to the Evergreene Technology Park, along with other sites along the way. This project is in its infancy stage and needs to be investigated further.

In addition, two abandoned rail corridors are identified on *Figure 6-2* as potential trails—the Bob Town Rail Spur and the Waynesburg/Washington Connector. The Bob Town Rail-Trail would connect the Monongahela River Conservation Area to the Dunkard Conservation area while the Waynesburg/Washington Connector Rail-Trail would connect Waynesburg to Washington County.

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Water Trails

-  Easy-Novice Trail
-  Intermediate-Advanced Trail
-  Expert-Extreme Trail
-  Designated Water Trail

The Monongahela River is currently the only officially designated water trail in Greene County. The Brownsville Area Revitalization Corporation (BARC) will be initiating a Mid Mon Valley water/river trail that will connect the upper and lower Mon Trails that are currently in operation.

The Priority Implementation Strategies include recommendations for potential water trails along portions of South Fork Ten Mile Creek, Dunkard Creek, and Whiteley Creek. The Natural Infrastructure Project identified these three creeks as being white-water streams, based upon the standards outlined in the *Canoeing Guide to Western Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia*. These streams are deemed to be the most suitable for white-water rafting, kayaking, and canoeing. The classifications represent the yearly average over main stream segments longer than two miles and do not reflect seasonal variations.

Both Whiteley Creek and Dunkard Creek are classified as either Easy-Novice or Intermediate-Advanced. South Fork Ten Mile Creek is classified as being Intermediate-Advanced west of Waynesburg, Expert-Extreme between Waynesburg and Jefferson Borough, and Easy-Novice north of Jefferson Borough into Washington County. The Expert-Extreme portion is also highly dependent upon the season, being white-water only during spring and summer

thawing periods. *Figure 6-2* depicts the classifications of each potential water trail.

Hubs

-  Priority Recreation Project
-  State Game Land
-  State Park
-  County Park
-  Local Park
-  Public School

The Priority Implementation Strategies identify local, county, and state owned parks, State Game Lands, public schools, and Priority Recreation Projects on *Figure 6-2* as priority Hubs. These locations will continue to receive a high level of attention and/or support from Greene County Officials. Each of these elements is a critical component to the enhancement of the general quality of life for residents as well as providing critical habitat for wildlife.

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**Table 6-3: Greenways Significance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Significance</b>	<b>Inter-County Connections</b>
Enlow Fork Natural Area	Richhill Township	2,526 acres	Enlow Valley IBA; Enlow Fork LCA; State Game Lands #302; Enlow Fork Wheeling Creek Trout Stocked Fishery	Washington County, PA; Marshall County, WV
Browns Creek Natural Area	Center Township; Franklin Township; Morris Township; Washington Township	30,895 acres	Fonner Run LCA; Sycamore LCA; High Quality Watershed; Browns Creek High Quality Warm Water Fishery; Wetlands / Floodplains; Agricultural Security Areas (ASA) in Washington Township	Washington County, PA
Laurel Point Falls Natural Area	Cumberland Township	6.3 acres	Laurel Point Falls Park; Scenic Gorge; Muddy Creek	None
Ten Mile Creek Conservation Area	Waynesburg Borough; Franklin Township; Jefferson Borough; Jefferson Township; Morgan Township; Clarksville Borough;	22,328 acres	Ten Mile Creek Trout Stocked Fishery; Wetlands / Floodplains; Proposed Ten Mile Creek Water Trail; Lower South Fork Ten Mile Creek LCA; Jefferson LCA; Lower Ten Mile Creek BDA; Prime Agricultural Soils; Waynesburg Historical District; Aquatics Center; Mather Site; Fairgrounds; Airport; Waynesburg-Washington Connector (potential rail trail)	Washington County, PA
Monongahela River Conservation Area	Jefferson Township; Rices Landing Borough; Cumberland Township; Monongahela Township; Greensboro Borough; Dunkard Township	17,920 acres	Monongahela River Warm Water Fishery; Wetlands / Floodplains; Upper Monongahela River Water Trail; Rices Landing & Greensboro Historical Districts; Crucible Mine Site; Mon View Park; Greene River Trail; Catawba Trail	Washington County, PA; Fayette County, PA; Monongalia County, WV
Dunkard Creek Conservation Area	Dunkard Township; Perry Township	8,516 acres	Dunkard Creek Warm Water Fishery; Wetlands / Floodplains; Dunkard Creek BDA; Lower / Upper Dunkard Creek LCA; State Game Lands 223; Proposed Dunkard Creek Water Trail; Mason Dixon Park; Catawba Trail; Bobtown Spur (potential rail trail)	Monongalia County, WV
Washington / West Virginia Connector Conservation Area	Franklin Township; Center Township; Gray Township; Richhill Township; Jackson Township; Gilmore Township; Wayne Township	68,636 acres	South Fork Ten Mile Creek High Quality Warm Water Fishery; High Quality Watershed; Pursley Run High Quality Warm Water Fishery; Wetlands / Floodplains; Proposed Ten Mile Creek Water Trail; Upper South Fork Ten Mile Creek LCA; Upper Dunkard Creek LCA; Upper Dunkard Creek BDA; State Game Lands 179; Warrior Trail	Monongalia County, WV

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**Table 6-3: Greenways Significance**

Name	Location	Size	Significance	Inter-County Connections
Ryerson Station Natural Area	Richhill Township; Aleppo Township; Jackson Township	25,063 acres	Dunkard Fork Wheeling Creek Trout Stocked Fishery; Wetlands / Floodplains; Dunkard Fork LCA; Dunkard Fork BDA; Crabapple Creek LCA; McCracken LCA; Aleppo LCA; Job Creek LCA; State Game Lands 179; Ryerson Station State Park; Connects to Enlow Fork Natural Area	Washington County, PA; Marshall County, WV
Catawba Trail / Buffer	Rices Landing Borough; Cumberland Township; Greene Township; Dunkard Township; Whiteley Township; Perry Township	17 miles	Historical / National Significant Trail; Mason Dixon Park; State Game Lands 223; Connection to Warrior Trail	Monongalia County, WV
Warrior Trail / Buffer	Aleppo Township; Jackson Township; Wayne Township; Franklin Township; Whiteley Township; Perry Township; Drunkard Township; Greene Township; Monongahela Township;	45 miles	Historical / National Significant Trail; State Game Lands 223; Connection to Catawba Trail	Marshall County, WV and into Ohio
Greene River Trail & Extension / Buffer	Jefferson Township; Rices Landing Borough; Cumberland Township; Monongahela Township; Clarksville Borough	9.5 miles	Rices Landing Historic District; Crucible Site, Monongahela River Conservation Area; Connection to Ten Mile Creek (Washington County Park); Connection to Proposed Browns Run Trail / Sheepskin Trail in Fayette County	Washington County, PA and Fayette County, PA
Proposed Central Waynesburg Trail	Waynesburg Borough; Franklin Township	7.38 miles	Waynesburg Historic District; Waynesburg University; Greene County Airport; EverGreene Technology Park; Waynesburg Borough Parks; Fairgrounds; Aquatics Center; Ten Mile Creek Conservation Area; Ten Mile Creek	None
Proposed Greensboro Trail	Greensboro Borough; Monongahela Township	1.91 miles	Mon View Park; Greensboro Historic District; Historic Sites; Former Lock #7; Connection to Warrior Trail	None

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**Table 6-3: Greenways Significance**

Name	Location	Size	Significance	Inter-County Connections
Waynesburg-Washington Connector — Potential Rail Trail	Waynesburg Borough; Franklin Township; Washington Township; Morris Township	10.5 miles	Ten Mile Creek Conservation Area; Browns Creek Natural Area; Connection between Waynesburg Borough and the City of Washington	Washington County, PA
Bobtown Spur— Potential Rail Trail	Monongahela Township; Dunkard Township	3.4 miles	Monongahela River Conservation Area; Dunkard Creek Conservation Area; Proposed Dunkard Creek Water Trail	None
Upper Monongahela River Water Trail	Jefferson Township; Rices Landing Borough; Cumberland Township; Monongahela Township; Greensboro Borough; Dunkard Township	65 miles	Designated as a Water Trail; Greensboro Historic District; Rices Landing Historic District; Mon View Park; Crucible Site; Potential Connection to Washington County	Fayette County; WV; Monongalia County, WV
Proposed Ten Mile Creek Water Trail	Waynesburg Borough; Franklin Township; Jefferson Township; Jefferson Borough; Morgan Township; Clarksville Borough	75.3 miles	Ten Mile Creek Trout Stocked Fishery; Ten Mile Creek Conservation Area; Connection to Ten Mile Creek Park / Washington County	Washington County, PA
Proposed Dunkard Creek Water Trail	Dunkard Township; Perry Township	36.8 miles	Dunkard Creek Warm Water Fishery; Wetlands Dunkard Creek Conservation Area; State Game Lands 223; Mason Dixon Park; Catawba Trail; Bobtown Spur (potential rail trail)	Monongalia County, WV
Proposed Whiteley Creek Water Trail	Monongahela Township; Greene Township; Whiteley Township	34.0 miles	Whiteley Creek Trout Stocked Fishery; State Game Lands 223; Connection to Catawba Trail	None

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**Table 6-4: Proposed Greenways**

*Establish a countywide and regional trail network*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Conduct a feasibility study to identify strategies to enhance the Warrior Trail	\$35,000 to \$80,000	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	Warrior Trail Assoc
Conduct a feasibility study to clearly identify the Catawba Trail	\$35,000 to \$80,000	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	Local historic organizations
Determine informally if there is local interest in developing the abandoned Washington-Waynesburg Railroad bed as a rail trail	None	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	Local landowners; Local municipalities
Conduct a feasibility study to determine the suitability of developing the abandoned Bobtown Spur Railroad bed as a rail trail	\$20,000 to \$30,000	Dept of Rec / Dept of EconDev	Local municipalities

*Capitalize on the Monongahela River's designation as a Water Trail*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Establish regular meetings with Monongalia County, WV and Fayette County, PA to develop a formal marketing strategy that would promote the Monongahela River and the Upper Mon Water Trail	None	Dept of Rec / Tourism	Monongalia County, WV; Fayette County, PA
Incorporate the Upper Mon River Water Trail into the County marketing's strategy and tourism promotion efforts	None	Dept of Rec / Tourism	Private Enterprise
Develop promotional materials for the Upper Mon River Water Trail and include in the Department of Recreation publications	No additional cost	Dept of Rec / Tourism	Private Enterprise

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**Table 6-4: Proposed Greenways**

*Balance the need to preserve the natural, cultural and historic features of the county with economic development activities*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Offer programs or workshops for local municipal officials about the benefits of zoning and subdivision and land development ordinances	Cost associated with staffing and administration	Dept of Econ Dev	DCED; LGA
Develop model design guidelines and sample ordinances with conservation provisions to guide local implementation of preservation practices	Cost associated with staffing and administration	Dept of Econ Dev	DCED; Conservation Groups
Encourage municipalities to update their zoning ordinances and/or subdivision and land development ordinances to include provisions for protecting greenways and open space	no cost	Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR
Develop a conservation easement program to protect view sheds	Cost associated with staffing and administration	Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR; DCED; PA Dept of Agriculture

*Preserve the natural landscape, scenic vistas and large tracts of open space throughout the county along with the forest lands, wildlife habitats, and hunting / fishing areas*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Contact the PA Game Commission to develop a wetlands interpretive area and/or educational area in the game lands near Whiteley Creek and Enlow Valley	no cost	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	PA Game Commission
Identify or create a regional land trust to preserve and protect sensitive ecological habitats (e.g., wetlands, threatened or endangered species habitat, etc.)	Cost associated with staffing and administration	Dept of Econ Dev	Regional Land Trust
Work with local municipalities to prioritize Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) areas and establish protection, using conservation easements, land trusts, and zoning.	Cost associated with staffing and administration	Dept of Econ Dev	Local municipalities

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**Table 6-4: Proposed Greenways**

*Maximize the recreational potential of major waterways*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Conduct a feasibility study to develop South Fork Ten Mile Creek as a water trail	\$10,000 to \$30,000	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	Local organizations
Conduct a feasibility study to develop Dunkard Creek as a water trail	\$10,000 to \$30,000	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	Local organizations
Conduct a feasibility study to develop Whiteley Creek as a water trail	\$10,000 to \$30,000	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	Local organizations
Encourage preservation of the ecological and visual quality of all streams, especially the high quality streams' corridors by planting vegetative barriers along the stream's edges where needed and feasible	None	Dept of Econ Dev; Conservation District	Environmental Interest Groups
Investigate the trout stocked fisheries to determine if habitat improvement, stream bank stabilization, and riparian buffer zone improvements are necessary	Cost associated with staffing and administration	Dept of Econ Dev; Conservation District	Environmental Interest Groups

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Recommendations

One of the most important elements of a completed plan is to have a finished product that will be an interactive tool containing well defined goals, easily implemented strategies, and a prioritized action plan. In this chapter, a complete implementation schedule has been created for the goals that have been identified throughout the planning process. The recommendations identify the potential funding sources, time frames and estimated dollar amounts for each project. The goals that were developed are policy-oriented statements of what needs to happen in order to produce the desired “vision” of the county. They are the broad topics or ideas, which correspond to the elements of the plan and are an end towards which the strategies are aimed.

The goals in the Greene County Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Trails / Greenways Plan were identified for each of the various elements throughout the planning process using public and municipal input, field views and stakeholder interviews. These goals were then ranked at the second round of public meetings held in May of 2004. Once the goals were ranked, strategies were developed based on input from the steering committee, county staff and the public as well as the planning consultant team.

The Greene County Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Trails/Greenways Plan offers a wide range of recommendations, some of which may affect future Capital Improvements planning conducted by the County. A Capital Improvements Program (CIP) provides a formal schedule for major, one-time expenditures by the governing body to provide for public buildings, transportation improvements,

and/or the purchase of land. These projects are typically financed through tax revenues or bonds repaid through public tax dollars. A CIP provides a tool for the governing bodies so as to avoid accruing excessive debt for public projects.

It should be understood that not all of the recommendations contained within the Greene County Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Trails/Greenways Plan qualify for inclusion into a CIP. Some projects and recommendations should be used as a guide for local municipal projects while others should be financed by private entities, funded through user fees, or through state and federal grant programs. For the purposes of this plan, only the Priority Recreation Projects should be considered to have the potential to affect the budgetary planning for Greene County. As such, Greene County should review these identified projects and determine the level to which they would effect the County General Budget and if the County should enter into a financing plan through a formal Capital Improvements Program.

The following tables list the goals for each of the elements along with the strategies, costs associated with the strategies, the responsible agent and any potential partners. It is important to note that while the public ranked the goals, the County should implement the strategies based upon timing, funding, and feasibility factors. Potential funding sources as well as technical partners can be found beginning on page 6-24, in *Table 6-5: Administration and Personnel*; *Table 6-6: Financing*; *Table 6-7: Tourism*; *Table 6-8: Programming*; *Table 6-9: Facilities and Equipment*; *Table 6-10: County Parks and Facilities*; and *Table 6-11: Trails, Greenways, and Open Space*.

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**Table 6-5: Administration and Personnel**

*Ensure the overall effectiveness of the Greene County Department of Recreation*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Create by ordinance a Recreation and Parks Advisory Board in accordance with School District boundaries, with one representative from each district and up to four at-large community members	no additional cost	County Commissioners	DCNR; School Districts
Develop an operational manual for the Department of Recreation	no additional cost	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Develop a Risk Management Plan for the Department of Recreation	no additional cost	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Develop use policies for county owned facilities	no additional cost	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Ensure that maintenance staff are trained in playground safety and pest inspection	Workshop Fees	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Develop a computerized system within the Parks and Recreation Dept to track participation rates, facility usage, and revenues.	staffing	Dept of Rec	County IT Dept
Provide training to volunteers regarding safety standards	no staffing	Dept of Rec	DCNR

*Promote the intra-county governmental cooperation to facilitate county recreation planning*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Develop a personnel policy handbook for all employees (incorporate the existing one for aquatics with future programming personnel)	no additional cost	Dept of Rec	Dept of Human Resources
Provide additional assistance to municipalities for facility development as well as programming efforts	no additional cost	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Create partnerships with local municipalities, organizations, school districts, and Waynesburg University to further meet recreational needs of the citizenry	no additional cost	Dept of Rec	DCNR

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**Table 6-6: Financing**

*Acquire appropriate funding for recommendations*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Ensure that the Department of Recreation continues to receive adequate appropriations from the County general fund by attending regular budget meetings and tracking all revenue generation and expenditures	no additional cost	County Commissioners	Dept of Econ Dev; DCNR
Prioritize County recreation projects on an annual basis and develop cost budgets for each	no additional cost	Dept of Rec	Dept of Econ Dev; DCNR
Develop a list of funding sources, both public and private, including foundations and federal and state funding agencies	no additional cost	Dept of Rec	Dept of Econ Dev; DCNR

*Explore creative funding and partnerships opportunities to reduce the costs of providing recreational facilities and programs*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Research the possible use of private funding sources, i.e. foundations, sponsorships, etc. This type of funding can be used as a local match for federal and state grants	no additional cost	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	Local Foundations
Institute a capital improvements program (CIP), specifically for parks, recreation, trails and open space	no additional cost	County Commissioners	DCNR
Conduct an advertising campaign to solicit businesses to advertise at Greene County recreation facilities	no additional cost	Dept of Rec	Tourism
Develop a fee-based philosophy for facility and program use. Program fee base should be 100 to 150% of program costs	no additional cost	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Create a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization to enable the county to receive financial gifts	\$3,000	County Commissioners	DCNR; Greene County Community Foundation

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**Table 6-6: Financing**

*Explore creative funding and partnerships opportunities to reduce the costs of providing recreational facilities and programs*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Establish or locate a community foundation where trusts/bequeaths/donations can be deposited for the development of recreational facilities	no additional cost	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	Greene County Community Foundation
Partner with other public and private agencies to provide parks and recreation amenities	no additional cost	Dept of Rec	Local municipalities; public / private organizations
Develop fundraising events to generate revenue for recreational services	Project dependent	Dept of Rec	Tourism

*Maintain the county’s position as a resource to assist local municipalities in obtaining grants and funding*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Continue to offer the County Grant Program to local municipalities to assist in funding parks and recreation projects	no additional cost	Dept of Rec	Dept of Econ Dev
Continue to offer technical assistance, such as grant writing, to local municipalities to enable them to apply for state, federal, and local grants	no additional cost	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR
Conduct a bi-annual survey of all municipalities that would ascertain the local recreational needs	\$1,500	Dept of Rec	School Districts
Educate local officials about the importance of providing safe play environments and how / why to update equipment	No additional cost	Dept of Rec	Dept of Econ Dev; DCNR

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**Table 6-7: Tourism**

*Market Greene County as a tourist destination*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Develop and market a countywide recreation theme - such as “Greene County, your outdoor destination”	Cost dependent upon scope of marketing promotion	Tourism	Private Enterprise
Create an attractive park directional map that can be distributed at County facilities and also placed on the County web site	\$4,500	Dept of Rec/ County I.T. Dept	Tourism
Work cooperatively with the Department of Recreation to market existing and future special events	no additional cost	Tourism / Dept of Rec	DCNR
Promote all of the Greene County Trails with outdoor recreation, including the Warrior and Catawba trails	Cost dependent upon scope of marketing promotion	Tourism	Warrior Trail Association, Special Interest Groups
Market Greene County outside of the County borders	Cost dependent upon scope of marketing promotion	Tourism / Dept of Rec	Private Groups
Use publications such as fishing and hunting digests that appeal to the assets of Greene County	Cost dependent upon scope of marketing promotion	Tourism	PA Game Commission
Attract a ‘big ticket’ event (national level) into Greene County – such as the Bass Masters Classic	Cost dependent upon scope of marketing promotion, administration, and staffing	Tourism	PA Game Commission; PA Fish and Boat Commission
Capitalize upon the tourism generated by Waynesburg University and determine ways to market other events, places, etc. to these visitors	Cost dependent upon scope of marketing promotion	Tourism	Waynesburg University, Special Interest Groups
Promote Industrial Tourism within the Greene County	Cost dependent upon scope of marketing promotion	Tourism	Dept of Econ Dev

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**Table 6-8: Programming**

*Provide recreation programs in all regions for each season that appeal to all segments of the population*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Partner with the Community Action Senior Centers and other appropriate groups to provide elderly programming	no additional cost	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	Community Action
Develop a program evaluation form that measures participants' satisfaction with recreation programs and distribute at all programs and events	no additional cost	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Develop an annual program plan that targets 5 to 10 new programs per year	no additional cost	Dept of Rec	Private Groups
Target new programming efforts at youth, particularly ages 13-18, based upon public survey results	Cost dependent upon staffing / administration	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Develop programs on a seasonal basis throughout the County focusing on fishing, arts and crafts, concerts, and walking/fitness	Cost dependent upon staffing / administration	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Apply for grants to implement new start-up recreation programs	no cost	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	Community Groups
Pursue joint programming efforts with Greene Cove Yacht Club	no cost	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	Greene Cove Yacht Club

*Develop a regional marketing strategy to promote special events and recreation programs*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Develop a Department logo and a marketing plan to promote and publicize programming effort	no cost	Dept of Rec	Tourism
Publish and distribute seasonal program fliers/brochures	\$8,000	Dept of Rec	School Districts
Advertise programs on County website and offer online registration to residents	no cost	County I.T. Dept	None

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**Table 6-9: Facilities and Equipment**

*Ensure that all County parks and facilities are safe and user-friendly*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Enter into a cooperative agreement with the Sheriff Department to provide safety patrols of each County park and recreation facility	no cost	Sheriff's Dept / Dept of Rec	None
Develop thematic signing for all County parks and recreational sites that is easy to recognize	4,500 per unit	Dept of Rec	Businesses/Fraternal Organizations
Develop facility regulations that are enforceable	no cost	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR
Provide appropriate equipment at county parks and facilities	Determined by site	Dept of Rec	Businesses/Fraternal Organizations
Adopt ordinances that can be used to ensure user safety at county-owned parks and facilities	no cost	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	DCED, Local Government Academy (LGA)
Approach coal companies, other businesses / industries and heirs of large estates about donating land that is no longer valuable to them for public use	no cost	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	PA Game Commission
Conduct weekly inspections of all recreation facilities	no cost	Dept of Rec	Local municipalities; volunteer groups
Keep a Daily Log of all maintenance activities both scheduled and unscheduled	no cost	Dept of Rec	None
Ensure that liability insurance is up-to-date as new equipment is purchased, new recreation facilities constructed, and new programs established	no cost	Dept of Rec	None
Develop a risk management plan specific to parks and recreation	no cost	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Develop a formal maintenance plan that focuses on preventative maintenance	no cost	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Institute a replacement plan for all maintenance equipment	no cost	Dept of Rec	DCNR

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**Table 6-9: Facilities and Equipment**

*Provide recreation facilities and equipment to meet the needs of all individuals and are ADA compliant*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Apply for funding through the DCNR Block Grant Program to conduct safety audits on local park playgrounds and develop a prioritized plan for rehabilitation	No application fee; project costs dependent upon scope of work	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR; Local municipalities
Continue efforts to acquire open space specifically in regions of the county where none currently exists	Costs are project dependent	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR; DEP; PA Game Commission
Incorporate guidelines and legal standards from the <i>Recommendations for Accessibility Guidelines: Recreational Facilities and Outdoor Developed Areas for all final designs guidelines for all facilities within the County park, recreation and trail system</i>	no cost	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR
Construct handicapped accessible piers and access points to waterways	Costs are project dependent	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	PA Fish and Boat Commission
Promote program that allows handicapped individuals to hunt from vehicles	no cost	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	PA Game Commission
Develop a centrally located recreation center that is handicapped accessible	\$4-7,000,000	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR; DCED; Private enterprise
Provide access via off road vehicles (ATV's) to state game lands and other public / private properties that can be used by handicapped individuals	no cost	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	PA Game Commission
Investigate the feasibility of providing a youth recreation center in the Waynesburg Area	Costs are project dependent	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	Waynesburg Borough; Franklin Township
Identify a suitable location to construct a skate park in the Waynesburg Area	Costs are project dependent	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	Waynesburg Borough; Franklin Township

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**Table 6-10: County Parks and Facilities**

*Update and improve facilities at the County Fairgrounds*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Ensure that all public use facilities are ADA compliant	Cost dependent upon project	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Redefine ownership and accessibility of the Fairgrounds facility to ensure equal use to the general public	No cost	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Develop a maintenance management plan specific to the Fairgrounds facility	No cost	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Develop a use schedule that allows for more programming to take place within the buildings	No cost	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Address and repair critical maintenance issues, such as the concrete pad near the grandstands	Cost dependent upon project	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Improve the vehicular entrance and exit to the facility by constructing a turning lane on PA Route 21	No cost to County	Dept of Rec	PennDOT
Improve the signage at the entrance of the facility as well as for the Department of Parks and Recreation office building	\$4,000 or dependent upon volunteers / donated materials	Dept of Rec	DCNR; Volunteers
Utilize the digital sign for more advertising of county / local events	No cost	Dept of Rec	DCNR

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**Table 6-10: County Parks and Facilities**

***Update and improve facilities at the Eastern Pool Complex***

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Ensure that pool facilities and amenities are ADA compliant	Cost dependent upon scope of project	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Continue to develop and offer new programming for all ages	Cost dependent upon staffing / administration	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Complete a study of the pool's operations and maintenance to identify areas for improvement	\$20,000—\$60,000	Dept of Rec	DCNR

***Update and improve facilities at Dreamer Memorial Park***

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
The park should be improved to attract more visitors	Cost dependent upon scope of project	Dept of Rec	DCNR
The walkway up to the monument should be improved and benches placed throughout the park	\$500—\$5,000	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Construct a kiosk that details the history of the Dreamer family, the war memorial, and the park itself.	\$500—\$2,000	Dept of Rec	DCNR; Local organizations; Volunteers

***Update and improve facilities at Mon View Park***

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Update existing playground facilities to meet current safety standards	Cost is project dependent	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Install fall safe materials under all play equipment	\$4.00-\$5.00 per square foot	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Remove decking and replace gutters at the pool facility	Cost is project dependent	Dept of Rec	DCNR

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**Table 6-10: County Parks and Facilities**

*Update and improve facilities at the County Airport*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Acquire larger maintenance equipment to allow for more efficient grounds maintenance	\$40,000—\$100,000	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Develop a maintenance management plan specific to the Airport facility	No cost	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Investigate the feasibility of developing the airport further as a multi-use facility to supplement funding	\$20,000—\$60,000	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Implement the recommendations contained in the Airport Master Plan currently underway by Kimball Associates	Cost dependent upon recommendations	Dept of Rec	DCNR
Investigate the potential to expand existing airport facilities to include public / private partnerships (e.g. hot air balloon and helicopter rides)	Cost dependent upon scope of project and partnerships	Dept of Rec	DCNR; Local organizations

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**Table 6-11: Trails, Greenways, and Open Space**

*Establish a regional and national trail network*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Identify all existing rail lines in Greene County and develop a plan of action to rail bank the ROW for future development as trails	no cost	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	Railroad companies
Encourage new developments to provide greenways and trail systems	no cost	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	Local municipalities

*Continue to maintain the Greene River Trail*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Develop a volunteer group that can assist with daily trail maintenance	no cost	Dept of Rec	Community Groups
Continue the maintenance of the Greene River Trail through the utilization of seasonal employees	Salaries	Dept of Rec	Community Action
Use the County website and the Department of Recreation’s publications to advertise volunteer opportunities for trail maintenance	no cost	Dept of Rec	Volunteer groups

*Preserve and enhance green space along the county’s waterways*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Continue to promote Conservation Plantings and the use of Best Management Practices to protect water supplies (utilize stream buffers and fencing)	no cost	Dept of Econ Dev	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
Encourage farmers in the area to engage in stream bank fencing to stabilize stream banks, reduce erosion, control runoff and absorb nutrients, and improve wildlife and fish habitat.	no cost	Dept of Econ Dev	DEP

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**Table 6-11: Trails, Greenways, and Open Space**

*Preserve the natural landscape, scenic vistas and large tracts of open space throughout the county along with the forest lands, wildlife habitats, and hunting / fishing areas*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Investigate the potential to reclaim brownfields / gob piles	\$20,000—\$80,000	Dept of Rec / Dept of Economic Development	Private Enterprise
Catalogue area of non-point source pollution (such as abandoned mines, agriculture, air pollution, waste, resource extraction, etc.)	Cost associated with staffing and administration	Dept of Econ Dev	DEP
Develop interpretive sites within the Enlow Valley Important Bird Area (IBA). Signing should be developed that identify plant and animal species.	Costs are project dependent	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	Audubon Society; Private enterprise
Partner with Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) and the PA Game Commission to preserve lands for public use	No cost	Dept of Rec/ Dept of Econ Dev	PA Game Commission; WPC
Partner with WPC and the PA Game Commission to promote area as a regional environmental attraction	No cost	Tourism	PA Game Commission; WPC
Encourage farmers to enroll their land in DEP’s CREP program	No Cost	Dept of Econ Dev	DEP; Local municipalities

*Educate local officials and developers about the importance of protecting open space and natural features*

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Offer programs or workshops for municipal officials that focuses on balancing preservation of open space with development	No cost	Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR
Implement a public education campaign to educate on economic impacts from damage to environment and to image/aesthetics	Cost dependent upon scope of campaign	Dept of Econ Dev	DCNR/Private
Educate the citizens of Greene County about the importance of conserving forest lands, wildlife habitats, hunting and fishing areas	Cost dependent upon scope of campaign	Dept of Rec	PA Game Commission; PA Fish and Boat Commission
Consult with PA Land Trust Association (PALTA) to start a land trust and/or establish partnership with one close by	No cost	Dept of Rec / Dept of Econ Dev	PALTA; Local municipalities