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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) is to establish a guiding document by which Atlantic County can continue its mission to provide sufficient open space and recreation facilities which meet the needs of the public. Development of this Plan comes at an appropriate time. Several events are taking place in New Jersey and within Atlantic County which will impact Atlantic County's Open Space program for years to come. At the State level, legislation and funding programs have been implemented to advance Governor Whitman's open space initiative of the acquisition of "One Million Acres". At the County level, strong support for aggressive use of the Atlantic County Open Space Tax grows as the expanding need for recreation facilities is documented. At the same time, within Atlantic County the continuing strong economy is projected to increase employment opportunities and subsequent housing demand.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon the County to move forward now to implement the recommendations within this Plan. The investments made today to preserve open space for active recreation and conservation of our natural resources is critical to our ability to sustain our quality of life and further advance our economic future in a balanced manner. The fundamental purpose of this Plan is worthy of note in that this purpose drives and is continually supported throughout this document. The fundamental purpose of this Plan can be simply stated as follows:

To provide for a balanced open space and park system throughout the County which services the greatest number of residents and visitors, by developing and advancing mechanisms to enable efficient acquisition and development programs at all levels through Public and Private partnerships in order to respond to open space opportunities which may arise now and in the future.

The OSRP proposes specific goals and policies that are intended to identify and provide a broad range of open space opportunities over the next two decades. It is anticipated that with development of additional funding mechanisms within the County Open Space Trust which will allow for greater flexibility and support of the municipalities within the County, that a more comprehensive, efficient and responsive program will be realized within the County. The OSRP provides the framework for Open Space Acquisition and Development projects ranging from smaller municipal park areas to the larger Regional County Park facilities. The stated goals and policies contained within this document are intended as one set of tools for Open Space Planning for Atlantic County as we move into the next century.

INTRODUCTION

The revitalization of Atlantic City and subsequent secondary growth over the past two decades has had significant impacts upon Atlantic County and its municipalities. The strong local economy and projections for continued growth have strained the open space resources of both County and municipality alike.

The challenge to provide ample open space facilities for the growing populations has been exacerbated in Atlantic County by growing competition for suitable lands. While State and Federal regulatory programs have done much for the protection of fragile and unique environmental resources such as streams, wetlands and wetland buffers, overall, the land use planning elements in many of these regulations have fallen short of protecting or at least reserving many of those upland tracts which now face severe development pressure.

In New Jersey, most land use planning has historically been delegated to municipal governments by the State under the Municipal Land Use Law, with some additional Land Use responsibilities provided to counties through the County Enabling Act. In the past two decades the State of New Jersey has increasingly become more active in land use planning and regulatory programs, particularly in the Southern portions of the State. The primary State Programs which impact Atlantic County are the Pinelands Protection Act, The Coastal Area Development Review Act and the State Planning Act.

The intent of the State Plan was to encourage both municipal and county governments to enter into a Cross-Acceptance process which was described in the Act “as a process of comparing planning policies among governmental levels with the purpose of attaining compatibility between local, county and State Plans”. It is anticipated that the process which began with Cross Acceptance will eventually meld together municipal, County, and State land use plans into a compatible, and hopefully complimentary network for future land use within the State.

As this process evolves however, Atlantic County must work within the land use patterns mandated under The Pinelands Protection Act and Coastal Area Development Review Act. Under these legislative directives, each implementing State agency applies its land use regulatory program to accomplish their specific mandate. While density and impervious cover requirements are frequently mandated for both public and private lands under these regulations, thereby providing environmental benefit and balance to the region as a whole, to date these plans have provided little incentive toward the acquisition and development of such properties which might make them further accessible to the public. In more rural areas, the Statewide regulatory programs oftentimes result in reduced impervious surfaces for a variety of valid environmental protection purposes, but result in large lot development which continues under private ownership. These programs create less intensity on a large scale, but offer little in the way of advancing useable or accessible Public Open Space.

In areas mandated for growth under the State regulatory program, quite often the densities that are required promote rapid land development, with little incentive to provide recreation or greenways to accommodate the intensity of residential development that occurs. In many portions of growth areas, the establishment of zones for higher density residential development create an acute need for active and passive recreation while promoting intense competition for non developed lands that are suitable for both purposes. It is projected that 82% of the County residents will reside east of Rt. 50 by the year 2015. It is this very location of the Pinelands Growth areas that the conflict is most apparent, and a solution most critical. There is an apparent need within these growth areas to balance development with appropriate open space.

While overall, Atlantic County supports over 80,000 acres of open space between Municipal, County, State, Federal and private land and water holdings, it remains clear that many of these areas exhibit limited access to portions of the population. Through the statewide Balanced Land Use formula the NJ DEP has suggested a final goal of approximately **12,500** acres is appropriate for Atlantic County. These Statewide computations are for County programs only and do not address additional goals set for other governmental agencies. This stated direction to significantly increase open space opportunities at all levels in Atlantic County is justified, and at over 5,000 acres presently held, Atlantic County is well along in its goal.

Historically, the Atlantic County region has been fortunate to have an extensive variety of resources to address the future needs within the County. In partnership with other public and private sector agencies much has been done in the County.

In Atlantic County, use of Green Acres funding in conjunction with the County Open Space Trust monies have been extremely beneficial to date. The New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan includes a strategy to “...*Enhance, preserve and use historic, cultural, science and recreational assets.*” The State has established the Garden State Trust Fund in order to provide funding for the implementation of the strategy outlined in the State Development and Redevelopment Plan.

Atlantic County residents also approved the Open Space Tax in 1990. The initiative proposed by County government was passed by the voters, giving their approval to the value of acquiring open space lands. By the end of 1999 funds raised by the OS Tax totaled \$7,477,915. Table 1 on the following page summarizes funding by year which has been raised by the Open Space Trust for Atlantic County.

Since implementation of the Atlantic County Open Space Preservation Fund Tax in 1991, the County has spent \$6,285,675 including Green Acres funding to help acquire over 3,537 acres of land. Table 2 provides a list of the properties acquired under the Open Space Trust Fund.

In 1998 Atlantic County Freeholders amended the Open Space Trust to allow funding of certain development activities through the Trust. Approximately \$2,440,000 from the Trust has been used specifically for development activities. The development projects include the Oscar E. McClinton Jr. Waterfront Park in Atlantic City and Phase I of the Lake Lenape Park in Hamilton Township. Each project was partially funded through the Trust.

The total County expenditure has been enhanced by \$2,000,000 in State Green Acres Development Loans increasing the value of the local share. The following tables provide a summary of the use of the Atlantic County Open Space Preservation Fund Tax.

Table 1
Atlantic County Open Space Tax Fact Sheet

Date	Tax	Amount Collected
1991	1/2 cent	\$933,670
1992	1/2 cent	967,489
1993	No Tax	-0-
1994	1/2 cent	913,723
1995	No Tax	-0-
1996	1/4 cent	459,564
1997	1/4 cent	451,545
1998	1 cent	1,875,962
1999	1 cent	1,875,962
Total		\$7,477,915
Funds spent and encumbered through December 31, 1999		\$6,285,675
Funds available at the end of 1999		\$1,192,240

Source: Atlantic County Department of Regional Planning and Economic Development

Table 2
Atlantic County Lands Acquired Through Open Space Tax

Park Site	Municipality	Acres
Maine Avenue Park *	Atlantic City	4.50
Powell Creek	Egg Harbor Township	124.00
River Bend Park *	Egg Harbor Township	650.00
Interdevelco	Egg Harbor Township	25.00
Greentree Golf Course *	Egg Harbor Township	241.00
Nathanson Property	Egg Harbor Township	157.00
Daniel Estell Property *	Estell Manor	42.00
Seaview Estates *	Galloway Township	371.00
Lake Lenape Park *	Hamilton Township	1921.00
Bikeway West	Hamilton Township	1.40
Kuehnle Property	Hamilton Township	0.40
Total		3537.30

(*) Denotes Open Space Trust used to pay off Green Acres acquisition loans. These properties are purchased with Green Acres loans at 2% interest over 20 years. In addition to the above, Trust Funds had been used to acquire the development rights of an area farm.

Source: Atlantic County Department of Regional Planning and Economic Development

In April, 2000 the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders with strong support from County Administration and the municipalities of the County passed for the first time, a \$.02 tax rate, the maximum permissible under current regulations, in recognition of the need for more open space. It is projected that this action will increase the Open Space Trust funds by \$ 3,828,771. for this year. The challenge of government in providing sufficient recreational opportunities for all of its citizens is substantial. Open space planning is the key to supporting the quality of life that residents expect. Open space planning in today's environment is complex and encompasses a wide range of functions. Preserving open space is not reserving the "left over" lands which are surplus areas to other uses. Lands for open space requirements must be considered as an integral part of any community plan. Land should be set aside for open space in the same manner as residential, commercial, agricultural and industrial lands are designated in community master plans.

In order to address this challenge, every attempt to join public and private sector resources for this goal must be explored. Legal, financial and operational innovations which will allow for the acquisition, development and use of open space opportunities must be in place in order to meet the challenge. The Goals and Policies contained within this document and supported by the Action Plan suggested later in the document, outline several options for the implementation of our responsibilities in the provision of Open Space for the residents and visitors of Atlantic County.

Both the natural and built environments set Atlantic County apart as a special area. While other counties in the State share some of these features, the combination of the natural and built resources in Atlantic County is unique. The ocean, barrier islands, and Atlantic City Boardwalk present a landscape which has made New Jersey famous.

The development of Atlantic City with casino gaming has intensified the land use patterns in the barrier islands where open space exists along the beaches, at the schools, and in small parks scattered within each community.

The bay communities are unique in that they are predominantly developed residential communities oriented to the waterfront environment with little remaining open space opportunities.

The balance of the County is within the pine and oak forests of the watersheds of the Mullica and Great Egg Harbor River systems. The municipalities in these areas largely developed from farming communities, into small village communities, with some evolving into extensive suburban development. The two major New Jersey rivers flowing through these areas to the bays of the County create unique and special environments.

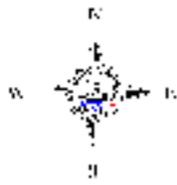
The advent of casino gaming and its restriction to Atlantic City has brought about the redevelopment of Atlantic City and intensified the development of the barrier islands to support some of the housing needs of the casino industry. Bay communities have also found their remaining vacant lands developed for casino employee housing and support facilities.

The mainland communities have been impacted by both regulation and the casino gaming industry. Figure 1 illustrates the jurisdiction of the Coastal Facilities Act and the New Jersey Pinelands Commission. Both agencies have missions to control and regulate growth in their respective areas, however, as noted earlier in this report it is incumbent upon Counties and municipalities to work within the state regulatory network to insure that a balance between development and open space is realized.

Figure 2 outlines the Pinelands land capability areas for Atlantic County. The Regional Growth Areas in Hamilton, Egg Harbor and Galloway Townships have and will continue to experience the majority of the growth in the County. The Pinelands theory for preservation of the lands in the Preservation Area is to transfer development rights to Regional Growth Areas. This concept protects sensitive open space in areas outside of the County while increasing future population within the County. This “transferred population” brings with it, needs for increased recreation facilities.

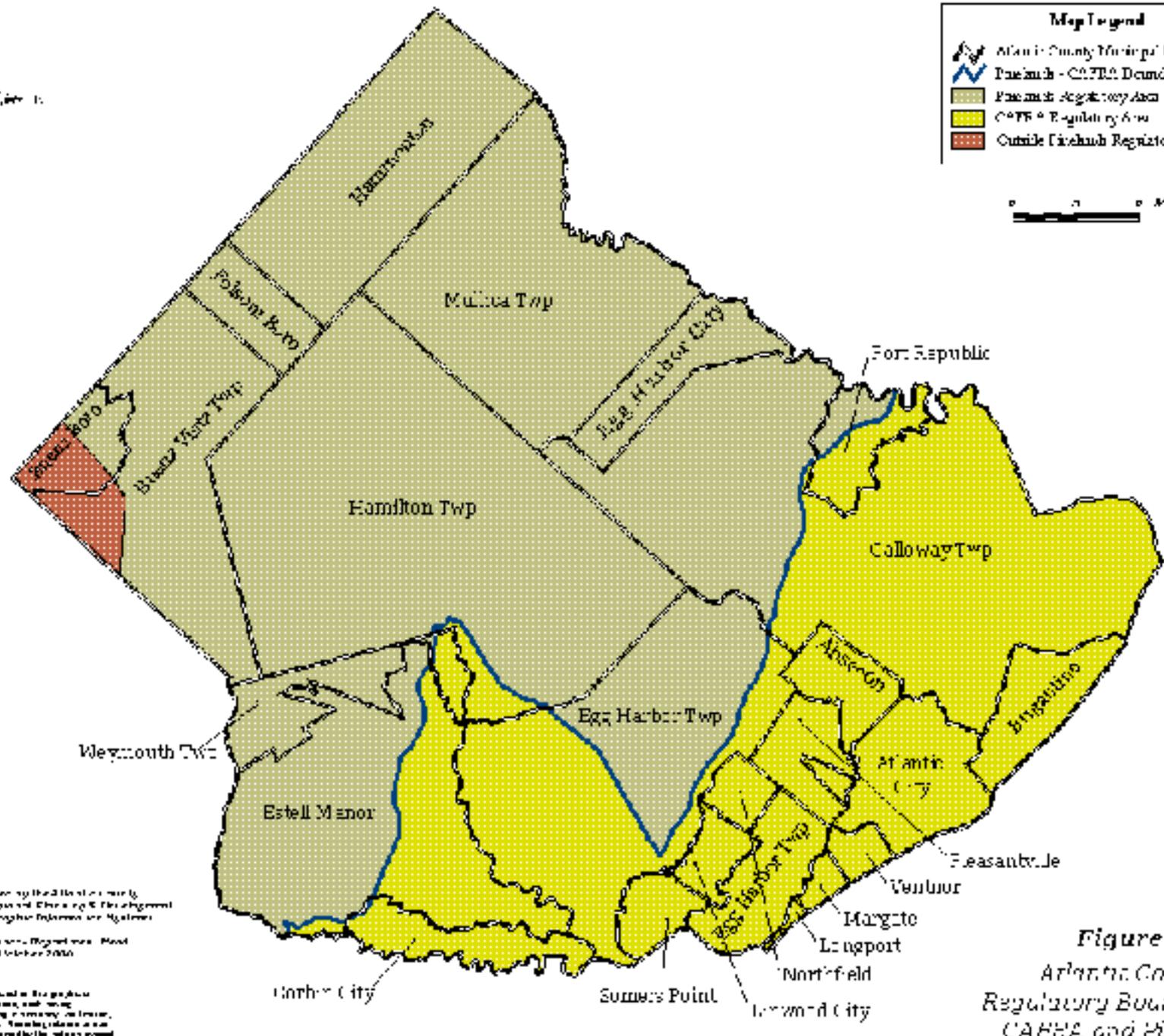
Finally, Atlantic County is unique because it hosts 37 million visitors annually. While it is not the intent of this Plan to provide for the recreation facilities far beyond the beaches, parks and related facilities for these visitors, tourism and associated seasonal workers do also need to be considered to some extent in the Plan.

The challenge for Atlantic County is to provide for the recreational needs of its growing populations while preserving the very fabric of the historic and cultural heritage of its people.



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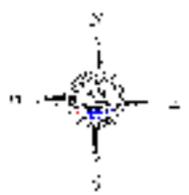
- Atlantic County Municipal Boundary
- Pinelands - CAPRA Boundary
- Pinelands Regulatory Area
- CAPRA Regulatory Area
- Outside Pinelands Regulatory Boundary



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Figure 1
Atlantic County
Regulatory Boundaries of
CAPRA and Pinelands



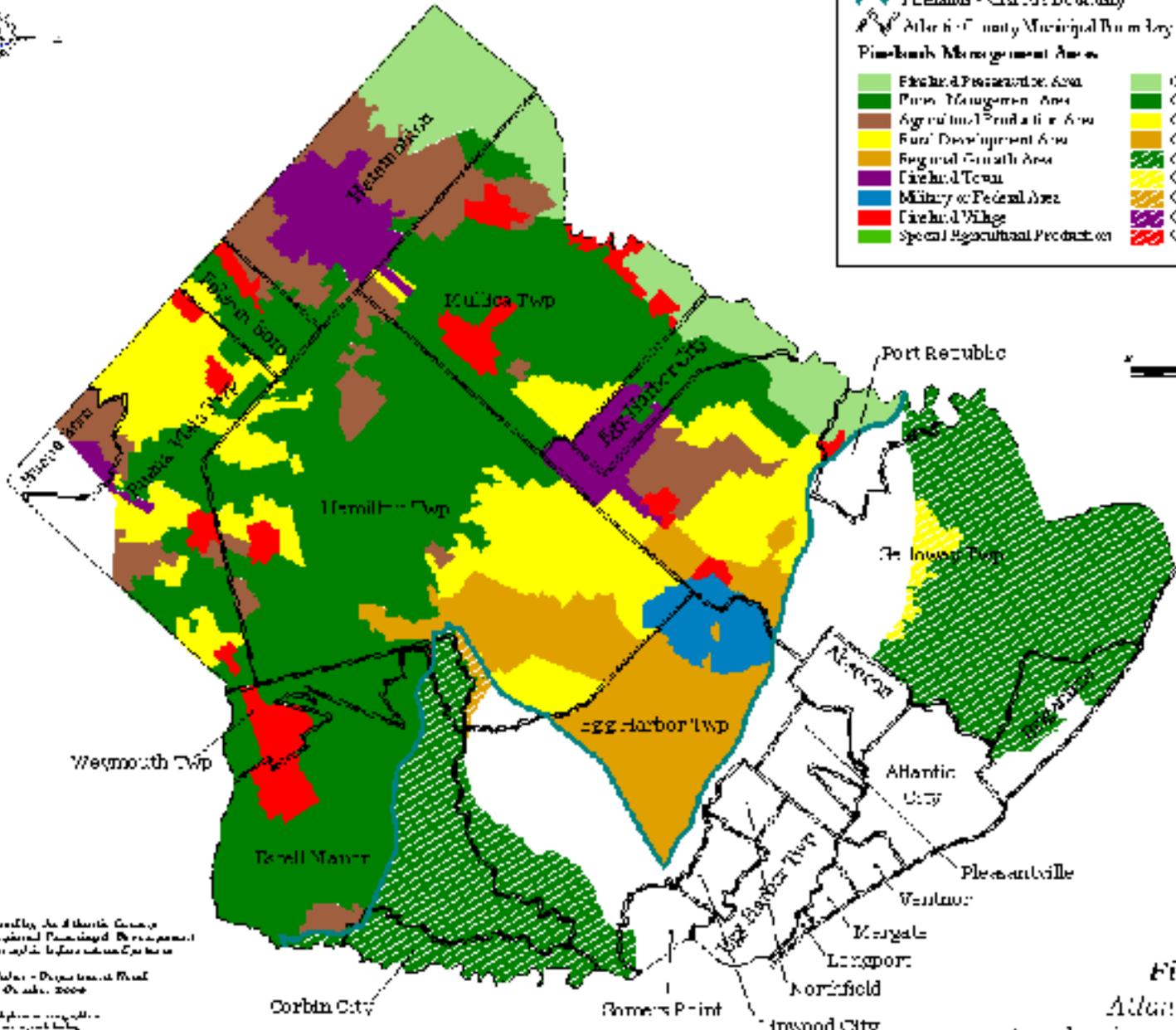
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Pinelands - CAPRA Boundary

Atlantic County Municipal Boundary

Pinelands Management Areas

Pinelands Preservation Area	CMT Preservation Area
Pine Management Area	CMT Pine Area
Agricultural Production Area	CMT Rural Development Area
Rural Development Area	CMT Regional Growth Area
Regional Growth Area	CMT PNR Forest Area
Pinelands Town	CMT PNR Rural Development Area
Military or Federal Area	CMT PNR Regional Growth Area
Pinelands Village	CMT PNR Pinelands Town
Special Agricultural Production	CMT PNR Pine and Village



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Figure 2
Atlantic County
Pinelands Land Capability Map

INVENTORY OF OPEN SPACE FACILITIES

The accomplishments achieved in open space and recreation planning can be observed throughout the Atlantic County park system. Oversight by the Board of Chosen Freeholders and leadership by the County's Administration and staff have achieved many successes and laid a foundation for an integrated Park System that can be a working model for years to come. The Open space inventory which exists in Atlantic County is a result of actions by governmental and private groups over the years. Ranging from massive land and water areas associated with Federal and State holdings, through a mix of County and municipal facilities, to extensive holdings of a variety of private groups this composite of Open areas in Atlantic County total over 80,000 acres (Figure 3). These extensive areas, when combined with over 4,500 acres of private "for profit" facilities located throughout the County results in an expansive array of Open Space opportunities for residents and visitors alike. These inventory totals are shown in Tables 3 and 4 of this report. Highlights of our County, Federal and State facilities are noted in the following sections of this report, while inventories of municipal and conservation organizations follow.

COUNTY OPEN SPACE

The following inventory highlights the County's Park system and provides additional details on the contributions of the Federal and State government, as well as, municipal and private efforts.

ESTELL MANOR PARK:

The Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor consists of approximately 1,800 acres of picturesque pinelands habitat embraced with a wonderful history adding to its rich environmental attributes. The Park's location is a short distance south of the County seat in Mays Landing, a historic town itself.

Estell Manor Park is located between NJ Route 50 to the west making it easily accessible and on the east by the South River and the Great Egg Harbor River. The Great Egg Harbor River also is a federally designated Scenic and Recreational River, including its tributary, the South River. Once home to Native Americans, this land became the homestead of the Estell Family. In the early 19th Century they started the Estellville Glassworks, producing both window glass and bottles.

The Bethlehem Loading Company, a munitions plant started in the early 1900's for the World War I effort, is also located within the Park. During wartime, the area housed an entire community for workers and soldiers. The area became known as Belcoville, from **B**ethlehem **L**oading **C**ompany.

The glassworks and munitions plant ruins, as well as, the Estell Family homestead, which is currently being restored and protected, remain as integral components of the park system and Atlantic County's cultural heritage. A hallmark of open space and recreation planning, Estell Manor Park is a treasure in the County Park's system.

A primary feature of the Estell Manor Park is the Warren E. Fox Nature Center, current headquarters for the park system. The Center provides education and recreation programs, live animal and environmental displays, maps, brochures, and rest room facilities.

Nature lovers, exercise enthusiasts, outdoorsmen, and sightseers can find a variety of opportunities to explore at the Estell Manor Park.

GASKILL PARK:

Gaskill Park, located in the historic town of Mays Landing, Hamilton Township was once a port for ships during the Revolutionary war. Today, boaters may moor their boats along the bulkhead of the Great Egg Harbor River. The scenic bulkhead also provides fishing and photography opportunities for local residents and visitors. The Park has beautiful landscaping with picnic areas, a playground for the children and a gazebo that is a choice setting for weddings.

The Atlantic County Library and the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs are only a short walk through the Park.

ATLANTIC COUNTY PARK AT LAKE LENAPE:

The park area is on the western shore of Lake Lenape. However, the entire lake and portions of the eastern shoreline north to Weymouth Furnace are within the Park's domain. A myriad of recreation activities can be enjoyed, such as camping, hiking, boating, fishing and hunting within approximately 2000 acres of the Park.

The County has recently began development of several new facilities at the Park. These include a boathouse and ramp, floating dock, waterfront access, a bike path, picnic areas and tot lot with associated parking.

CAMP ACAGISCA:

Previously a Girl Scout camp and bordered by the Great Egg Harbor River, this 70 acre property is now part of the Atlantic County Park System. Group camping and a rope challenge course are available at the Park, however, reservations are needed. Public access is provided for a canoe launch area.

WEYMOUTH FURNACE:

Following a northward course from Lake Lenape Park on Route 559 is the Weymouth Furnace Park. This is the site of an early 19th Century iron furnace and paper mill whose ruins can still be seen today. Tables, informational signage and rest room facilities enable the visitor to have a relaxing picnic before taking off on a canoe run of the Great Egg Harbor River.

PENNY POT PARK:

One can set off on a canoe journey through many County parks via the Great Egg Harbor River by starting at Penny Pot Park. This 20 acre parcel in Folsom Borough, located at 8th street and Rt. 561 is ideal for a canoe launch. However, due to environmental constraints associated with its wetlands active recreation opportunities are limited.

RIVERBEND PARK:

The Riverbend Park encompasses approximately 651 acres east of the Great Egg Harbor River within Egg Harbor Township. The Park is accessible from several locations. The primary access roads are Mays Landing - Somers Point Road (CR 559) and Betsy Scull Road. A Firearms Training Facility is also within the Riverbend Park providing a range for pistol, rifle, shotgun, and archery.

POWELL CREEK NATURAL AREA:

The Powell Creek Natural Area is an undeveloped open space parcel consisting of 124 acres of natural lands. Its location is south of the Riverbend Park associated with the Powell Creek, a small tributary of the Great Egg Harbor River.

JOHN F. GAFFNEY GREEN TREE GOLF COURSE:

As part of the County's goal to preserve and protect open space lands, Atlantic County acquired the 241 acre Green Tree Golf Course through the New Jersey Green Acres funding program In 1992. The County satisfied dual goals by protecting open space and providing an opportunity for affordable recreation. Green Tree is 5,709 yards in length and a par 70 course that provides excellent golfing opportunities. The Green Tree Golf Course purchase is a true success. The course operates at capacity during the prime golfing season, while paying for its operation and maintenance costs through user fees.

KLINGENER FISHING PIER 152:

The conversion of an abandoned bridge into a fishing pier provides excellent water access and is a prime example of adaptive reuse. The pier is approximately halfway between Somers Point and Longport off Route 152. The pier extends into Broad Thoroughfare, a waterway connecting Scull Bay with the Great Egg Harbor Bay. The Klingener Pier is a favorite spot for crabbing and fishing.

WETLANDS MITIGATION BANK:

Also, off Route 152 and west of the Klingener Fishing Pier, Atlantic County has a wetlands mitigation bank consisting of approximately 25 acres in Egg Harbor Township. This area is reserved for Atlantic County projects that may require mitigation of wetlands. This valuable resource allows the County to meet their obligation to provide new wetlands for any wetlands destroyed by a needed County project.

WHIRLPOOL ISLAND:

Whirlpool Island is a wildlife sanctuary in the back bay areas west of Margate only accessible by boat. The island contributes to the County's mission to provide protection of its diverse natural resources.

STILLWATER COUNTY PRESERVE:

The Stillwater County Preserve is another wildlife sanctuary located east of the Stillwater building along the boundary line of Egg Harbor Township, Pleasantville and Northfield.

ATLANTIC COUNTY GALLOWAY TRACT:

The Atlantic County Galloway Tract, also known as, Seaview Estates is an open space parcel containing about 371 acres of land. It is in Galloway Township between Jimmie Leeds Road (CR 561) and Great Creek Road west of US Route 9. A master plan for this tract developed in conjunction with Galloway Township, the host community, is presently under development.

LEED'S POINT NATURAL AREA:

This parcel is in Oceanville, Galloway Township consisting of only 5 acres off US Route 9. This valuable natural area is adjacent to the Forsythe Refuge and assists in protecting the habitat for many migratory wildlife.

OSCAR E. McCLINTON JR. WATERFRONT PARK:

This 4.5 acre waterfront park is located in the Inlet section of Atlantic City, NJ. Development of this water oriented passive recreation facility required the assembly of 64 individual properties. This park will provide passive recreation featuring waterfront themes. An expansive lawn area encircled with a decorative walkway is the centerpiece of the park. The Park includes an observatory-pavilion overlooking the Absecon Inlet that provides shelter for sightseers and a stage for outdoor concerts. Surrounding the central lawn is a children's play area, waterfront-themed sculptures, and coastal education signage. The beach area extends land ward with a barrier-free ramp to provide public access to the beach from the promenade. The entire park is landscaped with native coastal vegetation and has lighting and benches. The famous Atlantic City boardwalk is part of the park.

Figure 3: Atlantic County Existing Open Space, Parks, and Recreation Sites

ATLANTIC COUNTY BIKEWAY

The Atlantic County Park System includes a proposed 24 mile cross-county bike and pedestrian path within the abandoned railroad right-of-way of the former Reading Seashore Line. This line, the Newfield Branch of the West Jersey and Seashore Rail line diagonally crosses the County through Buena Vista Township to Mays Landing and connects to Atlantic City. This project is an important component of the Atlantic County Open Space and Recreation Plan. The bikeway project has two phases, as follows:

BIKEWAY EAST:

This eight mile section extends from the Shore Mall in Egg Harbor Township to the Atlantic County Vocational/Technical School in Hamilton Township. This project has been awarded a \$541,000 Federal Intermodal Transportation Grant. This section of the County Bikeway system was granted approvals by the New Jersey Pinelands Commission on May 12, 2000, with construction of this phase slated to begin in late 2000 or early parts of 2001.

BIKEWAY WEST

This eleven mile section extends from the Gaskill Park in Mays Landing, Hamilton Township to Route 54 Buena Vista Township, near the Buena Vista Camping World. Engineering plans for this segment will be developed in 2001, with funding for this phase from the Atlantic County Open Space Trust Fund.

ATLANTIC COUNTY BICYCLE ELEMENT

The Atlantic County Bikeway Plan was developed in response to the Federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA). The Acts recognize bikeways and bicycle compatible roadways as integral components of a strategic plan to reduce the number of vehicle trips of single occupancy vehicles. Atlantic County has been awarded \$271,000 in State DOT funding for the development of bike compatible lanes along County Route 563, Tilton Road from the intersection with the US Route 40/322 in Egg Harbor Township and US Rt 30 in Galloway Township. Funding for bikeway lane design will be provided by Atlantic County. Figure 4 depicts bikeway facilities in Atlantic County. The Complete Bicycle Element is in the Appendix of this report.

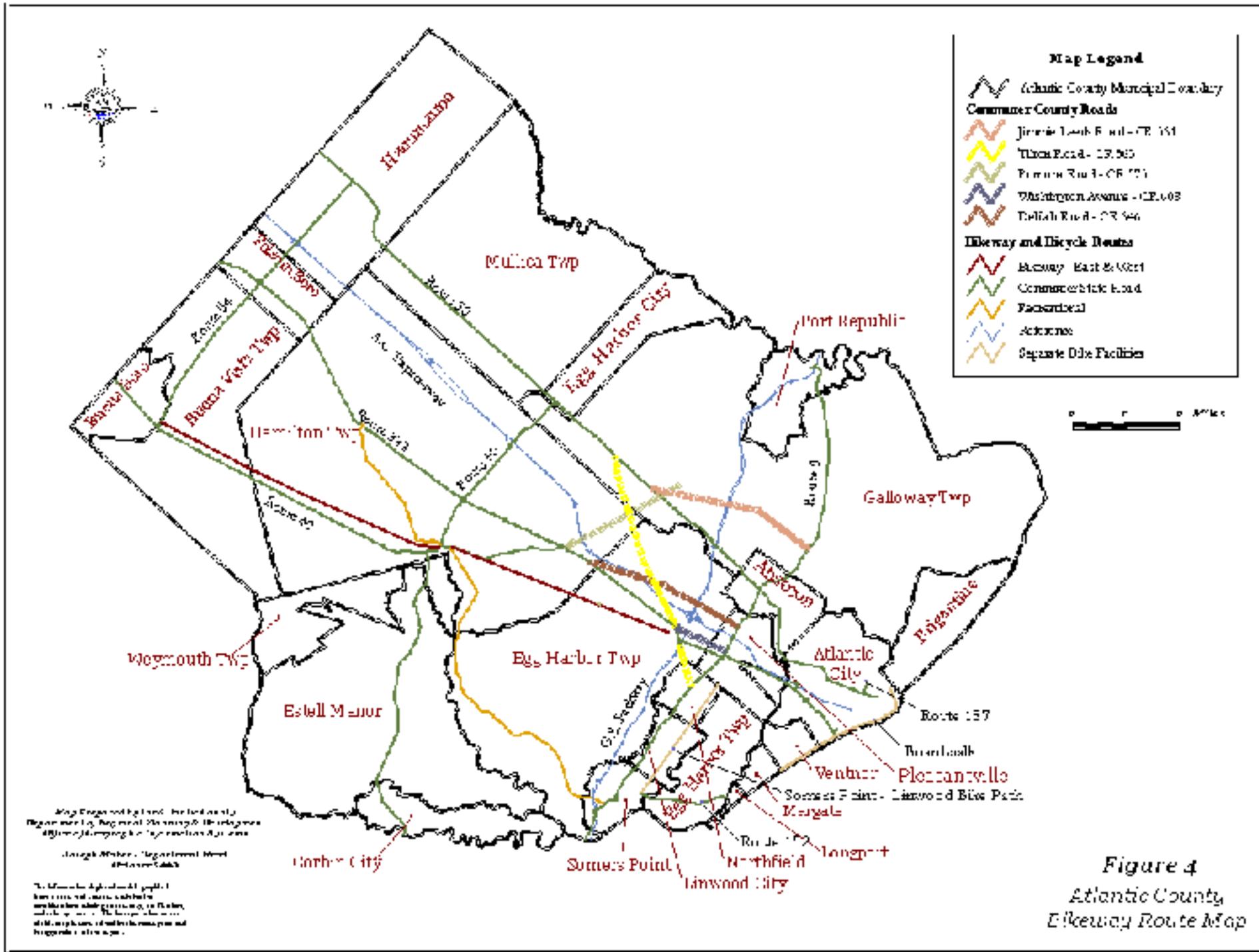


Figure 4
Atlantic County
Eikeway Route Map

FEDERAL AND STATE OPEN SPACE SYSTEM

The Federal and State governments have made significant contributions in their role of providing open space areas for habitat preservation of the many unique flora and fauna of Atlantic County. These Parks are expansive areas usually characterized by their environmentally sensitive coastal and inland wetlands. These open spaces are either State Forests, Wildlife Refuges, or Wildlife Management Areas (WMA).

FEDERAL LANDS

EDWIN B. FORSYTHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:

This federally owned wildlife refuge covers more than 20,000 acres of environmentally sensitive forests and wetlands. Its location is near Oceanville, Galloway Township between US Route 9 and the Great Bay. This refuge is an ideal location for academic studies and to discover nature. There are two hiking trails, an eight mile loop road, and visitor's center. Opportunities abound for watching many species of wildlife, particularly shorebirds.

The Brigantine Wilderness Area is a specially designated area within the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. It contains approximately 6,681 acres of pristine estuarine salt marsh and coastal barrier islands. Wilderness areas ensure lands are preserved and protected in their natural state to sustain healthy ecosystems and wildlife habitat. At least three endangered species of birds presently occupy the Brigantine Wilderness Area: piping plover, least tern, and black skimmer.

STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

ABSECON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA:

The Absecon Wildlife Management Area is a State owned preserve that consists of approximately 3,600 acres of wetlands next to and south of the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. A public boat ramp on Faunce Landing Road in Absecon provides access to the many islands for bird watching, hunting, and fishing the Absecon and Reeds Bays. Many of the Wildlife Management Area's islands are also observable from Brigantine. It is noteworthy that the Intracoastal Waterway meanders through both the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge and the Absecon Wildlife Management Area.

PORT REPUBLIC WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA:

This Wildlife Management Area is in Port Republic west of the Garden State Parkway extending to the Mullica River. It contains a total of 755 acres of which 75 percent is salt marsh. This area offers many opportunities for bird watching, hiking, fishing, and hunting.

LESTER G. Mac NAMARA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA:

Started in 1933, the Lester G. MacNamara Wildlife Management Area is the oldest one of its kind in the State. Consisting of more than 12,377 acres, this facility has uplands and wetlands wildlife habitats as well as six lakes. The unique feature of this Wildlife Management Area is the associated river network. The Great Egg Harbor River is the northern boundary and the Tuckahoe River the southern boundary with the Middle River bisecting the Wildlife Management Area. Both the Great Egg Harbor River and the Tuckahoe River are extensive river systems that encompass large watersheds. Land uses within the watersheds of these two rivers, therefore, are an important concern for the overall stability of this Wildlife Management Area. As with the other Wildlife Management Areas bird watching, fishing, hunting, and trapping are some of the activities available.

PEASLEE WILDLIFE MANAGMENT AREA:

The Peaslee Wildlife Management Area consists of approximately 14,000 acres in Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland Counties. The portion of the Wildlife Management Area that lies within Atlantic County is along the Tuckahoe River upstream from the Lester G. MacNamara Wildlife Management Area. The most common activities at this area are biking, bird watching, fishing, hunting, and trapping.

MAKEPEACE LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA:

In the heart of Atlantic County in Hamilton Township is the Makepeace Lake Wildlife Management Area. Starting at the Black Horse Pike, this Wildlife Management Area joins the County's Lake Lenape and Weymouth Furnace holdings and then extends north beyond the Atlantic City Expressway into Mullica Township. It contains approximately 7,000 acres of pinelands ecosystem including the Makepeace Lake off Weymouth Road.

STATE FOREST AREAS:

GREEN BANK STATE FOREST:

The Green Bank State Forest is in Mullica Township along the Mullica River. This State Forest consists of approximately 382 acres in Atlantic County.

WHARTON STATE FOREST:

The Wharton State Forest comprises over 110,000 acres of pristine pinelands forests in three Counties: Atlantic, Burlington, and Camden. There are a variety of recreational amenities such as: canoeing four rivers, at least 40 miles of hiking trails, as well as, the historic Batsto Village.

HAMMONTON LAKE NATURAL AREA:

Adjacent to the Hammonton Lake Park is the Hammonton Lake Natural Area. This State owned open space of approximately 100 acres is a densely wooded natural area, surrounded by the Hammonton Lake. This open space area is a favorite location for hikers and joggers.

Table 3
Inventory of
Atlantic County Open Space and Recreation

Municipality	Facility Name	Acres
Atlantic City	Oscar McClinton Waterfront Park	4.50
Egg Harbor Township	Green Tree Golf Course	241.65
Egg Harbor Township	J.E. Klingener Fishing Pier	2.33
Egg Harbor Township	Powell Creek Natural Area	124.00
Egg Harbor Township	Riverbend Park	493.72
Egg Harbor Township	Riverbend Park (Nathanson)	157.00
Egg Harbor Township	Wetlands Mitigation Bank	25.00
Egg Harbor Township	Whirlpool Island	185.00
Estell Manor	Daniel Estell Manor House	42.28
Estell Manor	Estell Manor Park	1,663.80
Folsom Borough	Penny Pot Park	20.00
Galloway Township	Leeds Point Natural Area	4.20
Galloway Township	Seaview Estates	371.51
Hamilton Township	Gaskill Park	10.58
Hamilton Township	Lake Lenape Park	1,920.92
Hamilton Township	Weymouth Furnace Park	11.05
Hamilton Township	Bikeway West	1.21
Hamilton Township	Pine Avenue	27.40
Northfield	Stillwater	48.00
Total		5,354

Source: Atlantic County Department of Regional Planning and Economic Development

Table 4
Total Inventory of
Atlantic County Open Space and Recreation

Category	Acres
Federal Open Space & Wildlife Areas	20,263
Interstate and Regional Areas	0
FEDERAL SUBTOTAL*	20,263
State Parks & Forests	11,881
State Recreation Areas	0
State Marinas	47
State Historic Sites	1.80
State Natural Areas **	680
State Natural Lands Trust	3,144
State Miscellaneous Park Areas	0
State Reservoir Areas	0
New Jersey Water Authority	0
State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas	37,076
STATE SUBTOTAL *	52,829
County Parks	5,354
Municipal Parks	2,389
TOTAL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION	80,814
Non-Profit Conservation Lands	1,615
GRAND TOTAL	82,450

* Figures as of June 08, 2000

** Includes only the natural areas administered as separate units by the Division of Parks and Forestry

*** Figures derived from a 1986-1987 SCORP inventory identifies 4,575 acres of private recreation facilities.

Source: *New Jersey Green Acres Program and Municipal Open Space Surveys*

GOALS AND POLICIES

The Open Space and Recreation Plan recommends the following actions be taken by the County and its municipalities:

- * Set priorities based on the availability and competition for lands in :
 - . Active Recreation
 - . Educational, Historical and Cultural Resources
 - . Preservation of Environmentally Sensitive Lands
 - . Contiguity to lands presently owned by Public Agencies

- * Provide to municipalities a portion of the County Open Space Tax Trust Fund in order to assist them in the acquisition of parkland commensurate with this Plan.
- * Provide a program for Municipal-County joint projects in all areas of the County to provide land acquisition and/or development of parks.
- * Purchase lands first that are experiencing developmental pressures.
- * Develop active recreation facilities in County parks.
- * Purchase lands specifically to develop a living history farm.
- * Purchase land specifically to develop additional golf courses to provide affordable golf for County residents and the general public.
- * Develop long range funding strategies that will provide additional recreation personnel to develop programs, coordinate activities and monitor progress of the County park system on a cost efficient basis.
- * Develop a marketing plan that accentuates the County's natural resources and eco-tourism industry and unites the visitor populations with the Countywide resources of Municipal, County, State and Federal park lands.
- * Purchase lands that provide a link between existing parks to preserve environmentally sensitive lands, increase both active and passive recreation opportunities and create important linkage between these resources.
- * Purchase lands that provide efficient park management.
- * Provide access to back bays and streams (coastal and inland waters).

The County's role has historically been to provide for the regional needs and larger facilities which serve a number of communities and specialized facilities or functions that municipalities generally cannot afford to operate and maintain. This role must expand if the people are to be able to enjoy the preservation and enhancement goals set forth by the State in the Development and Redevelopment Plan. An increased presence in coordination with public and private groups in funding and operational capacities is needed to expand the park and recreation resources within the County.

Local municipalities can find it difficult to allocate resources from basic services to provide for open space acquisition and development. The municipalities' role has been to provide for the local needs such as Little League for girls and boys, softball leagues for groups of women and men and soccer facilities for all ages. The demand for practice facilities, along with game fields has strained municipal budgets. In order to maximize efforts for municipal acquisition of parkland and development of recreation areas, it is recommended that the County continue to support the maximum rates for the County Open Space Trust and develop a program whereby a portion of the Open Space Tax funds would be made available to local governments.

The County must take a significant role in the provision of recreation facilities. Partnerships should be formed between local and county agencies to provide for acquisition and development programs to supplement the needs of the local recreation groups. Wherever possible resources of State, Federal, and private organizations should be included to maximize acquisition and development potential.

In order to meet the challenge, a clearly defined strategy is needed to measure progress. The goals and policies described are the strategy to place Atlantic County in the forefront of open space planning statewide. The following goals are of equal rank and not ordered as to priority:

GOAL: To preserve sufficient open space, including farmland to protect the natural resources and cultural heritage of the County for public use, conservation, and education.

Policies:

- a. Identify specific natural and cultural resources that are currently protected and those resources that require protection.
- b. Encourage cooperation between Atlantic County Municipal Environmental Commissions to coordinate their respective natural resource inventories into a county wide natural resource inventory.
- c. Develop partnerships between municipalities, counties, and all levels of government to foster protection of open spaces.
- d. Provide open space strategies and policies consistent with state-wide Master Plan goals.

e. Assist Pinelands farmers to be eligible for funding to enjoy the same opportunities afforded to non-Pinelands farmers.

GOAL: To provide a balanced County open space and recreation park system that serves the greatest number of residents.

Policies:

a. Identify potential open space and recreation sites within the Shore Region and Regional Growth Areas where it is projected that approximately 82% of the population will reside by 2015.

b. Develop and implement a prioritized acquisition program that responds to the existing deficiencies in open space and recreational facilities.

c. Provide to municipalities a portion of the County Open Space Tax Trust Fund in order to assist municipalities in the acquisition of open space and the development recreation areas.

d. Construct park facilities and implement programs that respond to the multigenerational, ethnic diversity, and seasonal employee populations of the County, including both active and passive recreation needs.

e. Identify funding sources and revenue generation mechanisms that can be implemented into the park planning process.

GOAL: To provide a plan for public access to the County's waterfront resources for both active and passive recreational use of the County's open waters.

Policies:

a. Implement as a component of the Park acquisition program, access points to the major water bodies of the County, including the Great Egg Harbor River, Mullica River, and bay areas.

b. Identify potential sites for multi-use waterfront parks.

GOAL: To establish an Eco-tourism program that incorporates the County Park system as a main attraction and important resource of the County.

Policies:

- a. Encourage corporate and public communities to be supporters of the County park system.
- b. Explore opportunities between the private and public sectors to support and fund enhanced tourism.

GOAL: To provide for personnel, recreational facilities and programs, and sufficient maintenance equipment to protect the investment in the park system in order to deliver the highest level of service.

Policies:

- a. Investigate an amendment through voter referendum to the Atlantic County Open Space Trust Fund to use a percentage for park maintenance and operation costs.
- b. Identify other funding sources and revenue generating mechanisms to ensure not only park acquisition but also maintenance of the park system, such as corporate partnerships, lease arrangements, etc.
- c. Encourage and develop open space and recreation programming and partnerships with the business communities.

GOAL: To assure that all existing and future park facilities are handicap accessible and open to all County residents and visitors.

Policies:

- a. Survey and inventory existing facilities to assure compliance with the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA).
- b. Assure the park designs and facilities incorporate the needs of persons with disabilities and comply with ADA.
- c. Continue to explore new avenues and opportunities to improve accessibility.

GOAL: To continue to provide and expand greenways/trails and open space lands that serve to link existing federal, state, county, and municipal open spaces to facilitate a variety of linear recreation activities, such as biking, hiking, backpacking, canoeing, horseback riding, etc.

Policies:

- a. In addition to acquiring lands, investigate opportunities for conservation and right-of-way easements that could be implemented into an overall County Greenways Plan.
- b. Establish partnerships with all levels of government, particularly, municipalities to promote a County Greenways Plan as an incentive to advance County eco-tourism.

GOAL: To provide additional County Parks that provide a variety of active recreational facilities and are sufficient in size to accommodate multiple uses.

Policies:

- a. Implement as a component of the Park acquisition program large tracts consistent with the Atlantic County Open Space Trust Fund that can be developed predominately for active recreational activities, such as golf, soccer, baseball, softball, jogging, exercise trails, etc.
- b. Design park facilities with sufficient open areas that can be easily adapted to a variety of needs, such as regional soccer tournaments.
- c. Active recreation such as golf, pistol range, archery, etc., may require a user fee system.

Full support from the County administration, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, municipalities, and the public will be needed to fully implement the goals and policies of this Open Space and Recreation Plan.

NEEDS ANALYSIS

The existing Federal, State and County facilities are an example of good planning. However, changing population characteristics and work patterns have modified the role that recreation plays in life. While the population is generally living longer, the fact that active recreation plays a significant role in good health has put more strain on existing facilities. In order to deal with the recreation needs of a larger population, a re-examination must be conducted to determine how these needs can be supplied.

In examining the recreation needs for Atlantic County, one must reflect on the impacts of the Pinelands CMP, Regulations under the Coastal Area Facility Review Act, The State Planning and Redevelopment Plan, and the strong economic and population growth trends as discussed in previous sections of this report. These factors and others have contributed to unprecedented competition and need for open space initiatives in our County.

The present inventories in Atlantic County clearly demonstrate expansive open spaces in the County that well serve passive recreation interests. These include bird watching, nature appreciation, and photography. Fishing, hunting, and other outdoor activities are also common pastimes in these parks, wildlife management areas, and in our coastal water areas. These areas are vital from both an ecological and quality of life standpoint.

Active recreation, however, is also an important component of the quality of life issue and is becoming increasingly more so in today's climate. Soccer and street hockey leagues now supplement organized sports such as baseball and softball leagues. People of all ages enjoy tennis, basketball, in-line skating, and walking. This is particularly evident as children start organized sports at an early age and older adults continue to be recreationally active. Atlantic County municipalities have made strong efforts to address these recreation needs, however, more active recreation facilities are needed beyond the scale which municipalities alone can provide.

One example is the John F. Gaffney Green Tree Golf Course. Planning studies, however, show this facility is at capacity during the peak golf season. In an area inundated with at least fifteen golf courses and more in the planning stages, it is quite evident supply has not yet met demand.

This is especially true for affordable golf, where many of the existing courses are expensive or private. Therefore, it is recommended that the County meet this need and develop more affordable golf courses for both County residents and the general public.

Hobbyists and special interest associations such as rowing, horseback riding and kayaking clubs have also expressed the need for facilities within the County. The County should pursue regional parks that accommodate a more active society and are adaptable for multiple uses. This also advances a major County goal for future generations.

It is incumbent upon the County to provide regional parks to accommodate more active recreation. Recreation staff is needed to coordinate activities at the regional parks and develop recreation programs for a diverse resident and visitor population. Two target populations in particular are older teenagers (ages 16 +) and the older population (ages 48-60).

More recreational facility planning and development will be needed to address the needs of young adults (ages 15-29) and older adults (ages 50+). All of the age cohorts in the County are projected to increase except for the 35-44 age cohorts. However, the 20-24, 50-54, and 60-64 age cohorts, in particular are projected to have double-digit percentage increases. These trends in the age distribution of the County population require careful evaluation in planning recreation facilities in the future.

Adequate staffing is needed to ensure a variety of programs are instituted to attract participants and validate County investments. Recreation staff can also monitor park activity levels and users needs to ensure the County park system is dynamic and adaptable to changing conditions. Atlantic County is a favorite place for vacationers and seasonal employees. Therefore, the County needs to develop a marketing plan for its open space and recreation facilities. This marketing plan should be based on the benefits of eco-tourism and target visitors, seasonal employees, and year round residents. It is vital to acknowledge that attracting park users and park development are equally important. They have a symbiotic relationship. As participation levels rise, interest is stimulated and the total park experience enhanced. This rippling effect then advances Atlantic County's "quality of life". The balancing of the County park system with eco-tourism then becomes a valuable tool of economic development.

As the population in the Regional Growth Areas (RGA) of Egg Harbor, Galloway, and Hamilton Townships continue to grow exponentially compared to the rest of the County, the recreation needs become self evident. Activity levels of a variety of active and passive recreation interests are at an all time high. Expanding populations in the RGAs with the barrier islands and bay communities nearby simplifies the direction the County must take for locating new facilities. The RGAs are the new population centers and the communities with the most pressing need. They are also the areas with the best potential to optimize the County's goals and policies. Figure 5 graphs the past and future distribution of the County population and Figure 6 shows the demographic regions.

It is not suggested that open space needs in other areas of the County are of less importance, but rather the competition for appropriate gross land area is less severe at this time. Continuing investigation is required in these areas to identify available resources for infill areas and linkages to expand the entire open space and recreation network. District parks, waterfront access, greenbelts, conservation easements, cultural areas, agricultural lands, etc., all need consideration to facilitate a Countywide park system that meets the needs and interests of all County residents now and in the future.

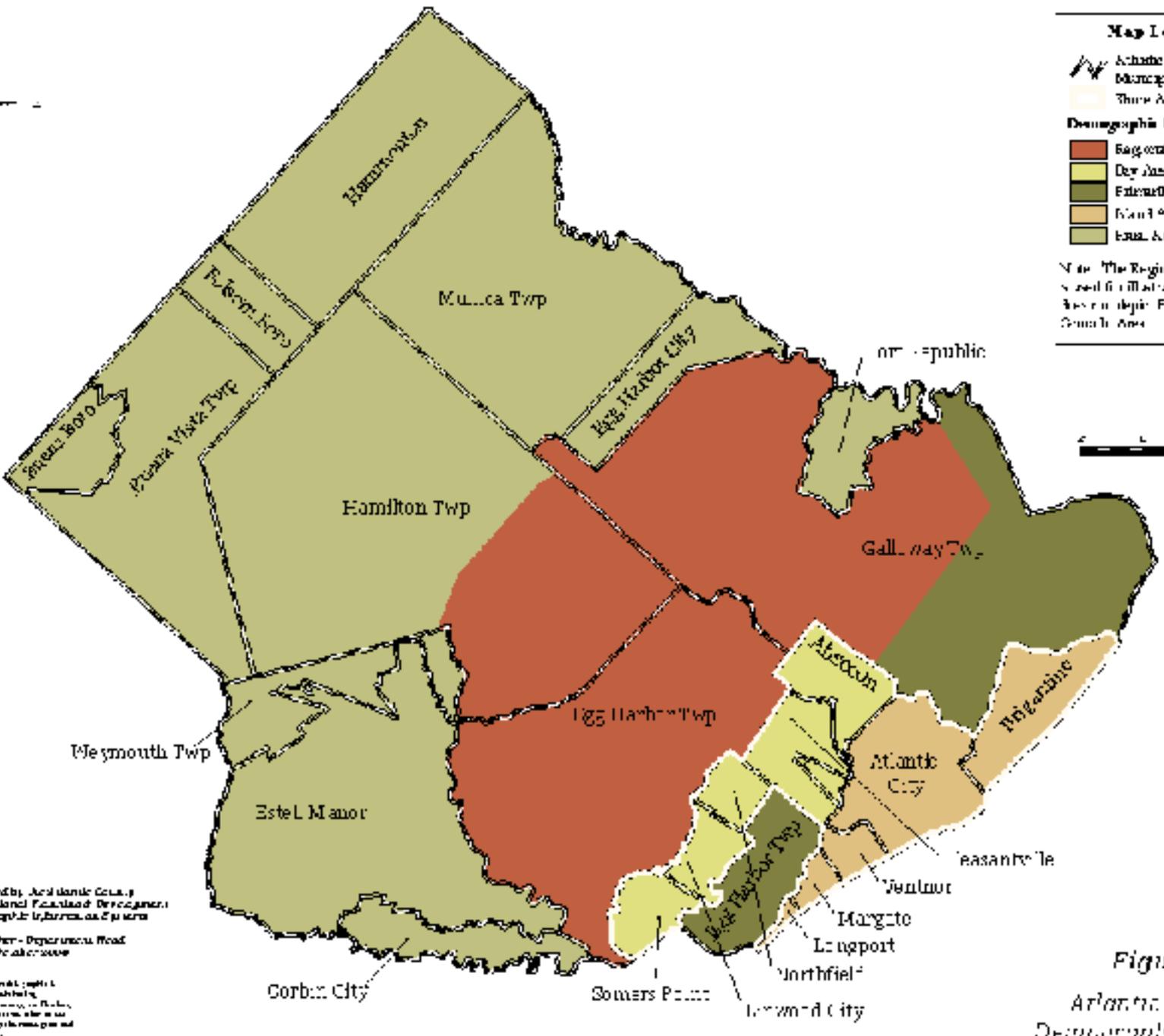
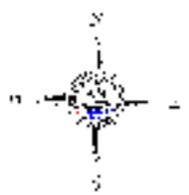
Communities with regional significance should investigate "shared services" and "partnerships". This Plan's section on Goals and Policies emphasizes the County's lead in this endeavor. A primary goal of the Plan is to preserve sufficient open space for a balanced park system that protects and conserves our natural resources and provides educational and recreational opportunities for everyone.

Needs Analysis Summary

The analysis has identified several needs for consideration to satisfy existing and future demands:

- Provide to municipalities a portion of the County Open Space Tax Trust Fund in order to assist municipalities in the acquisition of parkland and the development of recreation areas.
- Acquire and develop lands for regional park facilities within the Regional Growth Areas to accommodate active recreation and are adaptable for large multiple use events.
- Identify programs between various levels of government that encourage and develop “partnerships” and “shared services”.
- Continue to maximize revenues of the Open Space Tax levy by supporting the maximum rate allowed under law.
- Consider a new open space referendum to include tax funds for maintenance of County parks.
- Upgrade the core County maintenance staff as the County acquires and develops additional park lands.
- Develop a Marketing plan to capitalize on the benefits of eco-tourism and staff to coordinate activities and develop recreation programs for a diverse resident and visitor population.
- Acquire and develop lands for public access to coastal and inland water resources.
- Acquire and develop lands that have historical and cultural significance or satisfy a special need such as, a living history farm.
- Acquire lands for conservation and protection of natural resources, including farmland and infill areas that serve as greenways and linkages to existing Federal, State and County facilities.
- Hire and train recreation staff.
- Provide winter recreation activities.
- Provide regional multi-purpose and athletic fields, and affordable golf facilities.

Figure 5: Percentage of Atlantic County Population by Area 1970-2018



Map Legend

Atlantic County Municipal boundary

Shore Area

Demographic Regions

- Regional Growth Area
- Day Area
- Friendly Area
- Island Area
- Rural Area

Note: The Regional Growth Area is used for planning purposes and does not depict Final or Regional Growth Areas.



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Figure 6
 Atlantic County
 Demographic Regions

RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

The County has experienced extraordinary growth within the past twenty years. This is primarily due to the passing of casino legislation reviving Atlantic City as “The World’s Playground”. This legislation has had a significant impact on the distribution of the County population. Assessment of available resources for open space and recreation in the population centers is a formidable task. This is due to competing interests for the same valuable resources. Nonetheless, providing future County parks that are near the majority of residents is an important goal of the Plan.

Provide a balanced County open space and recreation park system that best serves the greatest number of residents

The population of Atlantic County may be divided into three demographic regions: The Shore Region (which includes the bay communities), Rural Region and Regional Growth Areas. Table 5 below depicts the year 2015 population projections for these regions.

Table 5

Atlantic County Demographic Regions

Region	2015 Total Population	2015 Total Percentage
SHORE REGION		
Barrier Island Communities Atlantic City, Brigantine, Longport, Margate, and Ventnor	76,047	27 %
Bay Communities Absecon, Linwood, Northfield, Pleasantville, and Somers Point	54,122	20 %
RURAL REGION		
Buena Borough, Buena Vista Twp., Corbin City, Egg Harbor City, Estell Manor, Folsom Borough, Hammonton, Mullica Twp., Port Republic, and Weymouth Twp.	51,214	18 %
REGIONAL GROWTH AREA		
Egg Harbor Twp., Galloway Twp., and Hamilton Twp.	96,790	35 %
TOTAL	278,173	100 %

Source: South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization

The Shore Region includes the barrier island and bay communities. These are the settled communities along the Atlantic coastline and back bay areas. They have moderate populations with limited land that is available for recreation. The beaches and water access are the primary focus of recreational opportunities in the Shore Region.

The Rural Region comprises the western County communities that are segregated from the rest of the County population by a Pinelands forest corridor. Communities that have limited development potential because of low density Pinelands and CAFRA regulations are also in this Region. The Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan's Town and Village areas are the only location for growth and development in these communities.

The Regional Growth Areas of Egg Harbor, Galloway, and Hamilton Townships are the primary areas for siting regional parks. Significant change has impacted the County as open lands become residential neighborhoods and commercial centers. Resources nevertheless remain and opportunities are available to implement this Open Space and Recreation Plan.

The planning process has identified several locations that have the potential to satisfy the current and future need for open space and recreation. A primary need is to develop large regional parks that provide active recreation facilities. Siting these parks near the shore and bay communities will enhance their use while also serving the new populations in the regional growth zones.

A high priority is to review candidate sites in the Regional Growth Areas. This is vital to the overall success of the Open Space and Recreation Plan and consistent with the first goal of the Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Master Plan and Guidance Document.

To acquire land and water areas of sufficient size within each of the growth regions of the County for future park development

The Regional Growth Areas are the fastest growing communities. They also shall be the future population centers in Atlantic County. The South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization's projections show that by the year 2015, the RGAs combined with the barrier island and bay communities shall contain 82 percent of the county population. Therefore, this Plan underscores the need for regional parks with active recreational facilities in the Regional Growth Areas owned and operated by either the County or the municipality or a combination of both.

This resource assessment also provides areas for linear recreation, conservation, public access to coastal and inland waters, facilities that support community open space goals and policies, and specialized areas.

Regional Parks for Active Recreation

The following is a list of sites for potential acquisition as regional parks within the Regional Growth Areas and are also graphically depicted on the System Map.

Egg Harbor Township

- Central Park North 274 acres
- Central Park South 265 acres
- Five Points Area 100 acres

Galloway Township

- North Park 495 acres
- Waterfront Access 60 acres

Hamilton Township

- 4H Expansion 50 acres
- Cologne Avenue Park 50 acres
- South Central Park 155 acres

Linear Open Space and Recreation

Besides acquiring parcels for regional parks, it is important for the County to consider areas that facilitate linear recreation. The proposed County Bikeway is an excellent example of linear recreation providing an entire connection between the eastern and western sections of the County.

Linear open space and recreation can also comprise greenways, hiking and horseback riding trails, canoeing routes, etc. The Great Egg Harbor River and its tributaries have already been designated as a “National Scenic and Recreational River” through the National Park Services Wild and Scenic River Systems. Remaining parcels or infill lots along the Great Egg Harbor River should be investigated for purchase or easement acquisition to facilitate linear open space and recreation along the banks of this exceptional environmental resource.

Potential Acquisition Sites

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| • Bikeway East | Egg Harbor/Hamilton Townships | 140 acres |
| • Bikeway West | Hamilton/Buena Vista Townships | 190 acres |
| • Former Whitehall-Robbins Site | Hammonton | 25 acres |

Conservation Projects

The conservation of areas to protect our natural resources are also vital to open space planning. The Federal and State governments have made exceptional contributions. However, efforts at all government levels should continue in this important goal.

The natural water supply and farmland are not infinite resources and require conservation. The Pinelands and CAFRA among other environmental efforts provide various types of protection. The County should also continue policies that promote conservation of our natural resources. Support of Pinelands farm preservation needs strong consideration. The Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan provides protection but does not consider financial issues for continued farming. Acquisition of Pinelands farmland preservation easements could assist in addressing this issue. Recent legislation entitled “The Garden State Trust” recommends a formula for the purchase of farmland easements. Atlantic County must work to insure that a fair formula for this purpose is implemented.

Potential Acquisition Sites

- Egg Harbor/Northfield Mini Park 50 acres

Public Access to Coastal and Inland Waters

Integral to the Open Space and Recreation Plan is the provision to residents and visitors alike of ample opportunities to access the coastal and inland waters of Atlantic County. Photographing a rare shorebird on Whirlpool Island or catching a trophy-sized striped bass in the Great Bay requires access to these open space lands and waters. Provision of access to the County’s coastal and inland waters through acquisition of even small parcels of land can result in significant opportunities to residents and visitors alike.

Potential Acquisition Sites

- Waterfront Access Egg Harbor Township 40 acres
- Waterfront Access Galloway Township 59 acres

Support of Local Community Objectives

The County also supports municipal open space plans that are consistent with this Plan. Partnerships and shared services that are cost effective and advance the County’s open space and recreation goals are winning relationships. The development of lands near existing facilities through a municipal-county partnership would advance the needs of rural communities otherwise unable to support a large County Park.

Municipalities should continue land use administration efforts to preserve open space buffers, scenic corridors, and conservation areas. These accomplishments, locally achieved through the

development of Official Maps, Master Plans and Land Development Ordinances are paramount to the overall success of open space and recreation planning in Atlantic County.

Potential Acquisition/Development Sites

- Pine - Oak Park Expansion Egg Harbor Township 75 acres
- Gabriel Park Expansion Galloway Township 36 acres
- Pinehurst Mini Park Galloway Township 30 acres
- Boyer Avenue Recreation Complex Hammonton 65 acres
(Development)
- Mullica Park Expansion Mullica Township 380 acres

Specialized Areas

A complete plan should also attempt to capitalize on resources that serve specialized needs to achieve broad open space and recreation goals. This would include sites that are unique in nature and may not normally be considered as open space and recreation. Prime examples are unique farm properties, historic sites, and archeologically significant areas. In this regard, the plan must remain flexible to consider and include unique opportunities which might present themselves.

Potential Acquisition Sites

- Butterhof Farm Mullica Township 47 acres
- Grunow Farm Galloway Township 72 acres

ACTION PLAN

The planning process has identified a program of potential park acquisition sites as the best method to accomplish the Open Space and Recreation Plan goals and objectives. A review of the distribution of the County population, transportation networks, and preliminary site analyses was completed in developing a priority strategy. This strategy must remain dynamic and subject to change as further needs and implementation mechanisms are identified.

The proposed system has four priority levels under which a potential park location has been classed. At this stage, however, each potential park site is of equal value within its priority. Availability as well as more in-depth site and feasibility analysis is needed in order to further rank the potential park sites. The names provided for each park are to assist in locating them on the system map. The four priority classes and a brief description of each is provided below.

PRIORITY 1

The priority 1 sites are those locales that are presently under development pressure and are high risk areas in terms of being lost for open space consideration. These locations are also prime properties that can be developed for active recreation, a primary goal within the plan. The priority 1 sites also cover many other open space and recreation themes including linear recreation, water access, conservation, and Municipal/County projects. Consequently, the priority 1 class comprises the majority of potential acquisition sites. The following chart lists these sites in alphabetical order by municipality providing acreage and the resource assessment classification.

Table 6
County Open Space and Recreation Acquisition Plan

Priority 1			
Name	Municipality	Acres	Resource Class ¹
Bikepath West Park	Buena Vista Township	190	Linear – Active
Bikepath East Park	Egg Harbor Township	140	Linear – Active
Central North Park	Egg Harbor Township	274	Active
Central South Park	Egg Harbor Township	265	Active
Pine-Oak Park Expansion	Egg Harbor Township	75	Local – Active
Five Points Area	Egg Harbor Township	100	Active
Waterfront Access	Egg Harbor Township	40	Water
Gabriel Park Expansion	Galloway Township	36	Local –Active
North Park	Galloway Township	495	Active
Pinehurst Mini Park	Galloway Township	30	Local
Waterfront Access	Galloway Township	59	Water
4H Expansion	Hamilton Township	50	Local – Active
Cologne Avenue Park	Hamilton Township	50	Active
Former Whitehall-Robbins Park	Hammonton	25	Linear – Passive
Moss Mill Park	Hammonton	65	Local – Active
Mullica Park Expansion	Mullica Township	380	Local – Active
Egg Harbor/Northfield Mini Park	Egg Harbor/Northfield	50	Conservation
TOTAL		2,324	

¹**Active:** Regional Parks for Active Recreation

Water: Public Access to Coastal and Inland Waters

Linear: Linear open space and recreation

Local: Support of Local Community Objectives

Conservation: Conservation Projects

PRIORITY 2

The Priority 2 locations are areas that are under consideration for educational, historical and cultural resource sites. These potential parks, however, shall require further site evaluation and planning to insure an acceptable program. While a study and evaluation report has been completed by a Committee, a second level of review should be implemented in order to examine structural, operational, and maintenance considerations. The living farm is a valuable concept for open space and recreation planning. It provides a specialized niche in recreation programming while also educating the public on the many attributes and community benefits of farming. The three potential living farm sites identified in the planning process are referenced below in alphabetical order.

Table 7

County Open Space and Recreation Acquisition Plan

Priority 2			
Name	Municipality	Acres	Resource Class
Butterhof Farm	Mullica Township	47	Specialized Area
Grunow Farm	Galloway Township	72	Specialized Area
Marolda Farm	Buena Vista Township	64	Specialized Area
TOTAL		183	

PRIORITY 3

The Priority 3 sites are locations that have environmental constraints limiting their development potential. Nonetheless, these sites are excellent locations for passive recreation opportunities and meet the need to identify conservation areas and protect the County's natural resources. These sites are listed in the table below.

Table 8

County Open Space and Recreation Acquisition Plan

Priority 3			
Name	Municipality	Acres	Resource Class
South River Park	Weymouth Township	50	Conservation Projects
TOTAL		50	

PRIORITY 4

The Priority 4 sites are areas within the County that are predominately publicly owned parcels or require additional study to determine their suitability to provide either active or passive recreation. Therefore, the following table does not provide the resource assessment classification for these potential park sites.

Table 9

County Open Space and Recreation Acquisition Plan

Priority 4		
Name	Municipality	Acres
DeCarlo Tract	Egg Harbor Township	240
Water Park- Federal Aviation Administration	Egg Harbor Township	70
Evergreen Woods	Galloway Township	150
TOTAL		460

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APPENDICES

Municipal Inventories:

The County recognizes the tremendous achievements of local municipalities in providing open space and recreation facilities for its residents. The municipal development of active recreation areas that support athletic endeavors for adults and youths alike are greatly needed throughout the County. Neighborhood parks, athletic fields, ice/roller skating, and picnic areas are facilities local efforts should continue to pursue.

Municipalities are able to meet the needs of the public better than any other level of government and the County shall continue to support this municipal open space and recreation planning.

ABSECON

1. Memorial Field Pruchnicki Park	Absecon Boulevard	7.50 Acres
2. Pitney Road Fields	Pitney Road	9.18 Acres
3. Heritage Park	Ambassador Drive	12.36 Acres
4. Franklin Boulevard Park	Franklin Boulevard	2.80 Acres
5. Senior Citizens Park	Breakers Parkway	0.46 Acres
6. Absecon Boat Ramp	Faunce Landing Road	0.10 Acres

ATLANTIC CITY

1. Altman Field:	Pacific Avenue	1.53 Acres
Basketball	Tennis	Playground Shelter
2. Gardner's Basin:	Parkside Avenue	11.31 Acres
Marine Life Center	Restaurants	Shops Boating Fishing
Picnic	Walking	
3. Uptown Park:	Madison Avenue	4.18 Acres
Basketball	Tennis	Softball Track Paths

4. Bungalow Park:	New Jersey and Wabash Avenues	0.30 Acres
Basketball	Playground Shelter	
5. Brigantine Boulevard Park:	Brigantine Boulevard	3.70 Acres
Basketball	Tennis Softball Track Paths	
6. Shore Park:	Virginia Avenue	1.57 Acres
Boys & Girls Club	Playground Shelter	
7. All Wars Westside:	Drexel Avenue	1.43 Acres
Tennis	Playground Walks	
8. Brown Memorial Park:	Bacharach Boulevard	1.00 Acres
Passive park	Siting areas Memorial	
9. Pop Lloyd Stadium:	Martin Luther King Avenue	4.90 Acres
Baseball	Stadium Picnic	
10. Venice Park (Dolphin Field):	Absecon Boulevard	2.24 Acres
Softball	Football Playground Clubhouse	
11. Brighton Park:	Park Place and Boardwalk	1.73 Acres
Amphitheatre	Fountain Sitting Pathways	
12. Horace Bryant Playground:	Arkansas and Blaine Avenues	0.37 Acres
Basketball	Playground Shelter	
13. Lagoon Playground:	Mississippi and Hamilton Avenues	1.21 Acres
Basketball	Playground Shelter Picnic	
14. Expressway/Columbus Park:	Convention Center Corridor	13 Acres
Passive recreation	Fountains Sitting Pathways	
15. Texas Avenue Playground:	Fairmount and Texas Avenues	0.84 Acres
Basketball	Playground Sitting	

16. Pete Pallitto Field:	Fairmount and Sunset Avenues	3.09 Acres
Clubhouse Street Hockey	Promenade Playground	Ballfields
17. Boston Avenue Park:	Boston Avenue	0.11 Acres
Passive recreation		
18. O'Donnell Park:	Pacific and New Hampshire Avenues	4.88Acres
Passive recreation	Memorial Sitting	
19. Chelsea Heights Park:	Filbert and Annapolis Avenues	7.38 Acres
Clubhouse	Softball Soccer	
20. Kingston Playground:	Kingston and Winchester Avenues	0.35 Acres
Playground	Shelter	
21. Police/Firefighter Memorial:	Atlantic and Tennessee Avenues	0.50 Acres
Passive recreation	Memorial Ceremonial park	Sitting
22. Metroplex Park:	Atlantic and South Carolina Avenues	0.90 Acres
Passive recreation	Pathways Sitting	
23. Lighthouse Park:	Pacific and Rhode Island Avenues	1.40 Acres
Lighthouse	Museum Pathways	
24. Maine Avenue Promenade:	Maine Avenue	1.60 Acres
Passive recreation	Walks Sitting	
25. Gardner's Basin:	Massachusetts and Melrose Avenues	2.0 Acres
Undeveloped Open Space		
26. Atlantic Coast Public Beach		350 Acres
Undeveloped Open Space		

BRIGANTINE

1. 26th Street Recreation Complex: 5.5 Acres

(2) Soccer fields (3) Baseball fields (2) Basketball Courts (1) Playground

2. 42nd Street Recreation Complex: 3.82 and 9.97 Acres

(2) Hockey rinks (8) Tennis Courts (1) Softball field (1) Football field

(2) Basketball Courts (1) Skateboard park (4) Bocce Courts (1) Jogging path

3. 26th Street Dock: .44 Acres

Swimming

4. Brigantine Golf Course

(1) Municipal tot lot

5. 14th and 15th Streets South

(1) Public boat ramp

6. Atlantic Coast Public Beach

South Beach - **113.5 Acres**

North Beach – State owned but locally managed. Partial access with four wheel drive vehicle permit.

BUENA BOROUGH

1. Blackwater Pond Park: Brewster Road 99.88 Acres

Open space Nature trails

2. Melini Park: S. Central Avenue 18.80 Acres

Senior Citizens Outreach (4) Baseball fields (2) Basketball courts (1) Bandstand

Concessions Picnic

3 Abandoned Railroad Properties 4 Acres

Open space

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP

1. Michael Debbi Park: Cedar Avenue 145.22 Acres

Baseball Football Street Hockey Tennis Playground

Concessions Picnic Bar-B-Que Concerts Group gatherings

2. John Quigley Park: Cains Mill Road 4.01 Acres

Tennis Basketball Street Hockey Playground Picnic

Bar-B-Que

3. Newtonville Park: Jackson Road 22.83 Acres

Baseball Basketball Playground Picnic Bar-B-Que

Park rental for group gatherings

4. Lake Ann Park: Sorrento Avenue 1.00Acre

Basketball Playground Picnic

CORBIN CITY

1. Beach Park: Main Street 0.39 Acres

Boat launch Gazebo Playground

EGG HARBOR CITY

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| 1. Lincoln Park: | | 4.55 Acres |
| | Picnics Passive recreation | |
| 2. Kern’s Field & Rotary Park: | | 3.72 Acres |
| | Softball Playground | |
| 3. Key Recreation Field: | | 9.26 Acres |
| | Baseball Football Sports | |
| 4. Chicago Avenue Playground: | | 0.34 Acres |
| | Playground | |
| 5. Egg Harbor City Lake Park and Campground: | | 45.65 Acres |
| | Softball camping swimming Hiking Biking | |
| | Fishing Picnic Bar-B-Que | |
| 6. Clark’s Landing: | | 4.0 Acres |
| | Boat launch Jet skiing Fishing Picnic | |
| 7. Gloucester Landing: | | 4.13 Acres |
| | Fishing Hunting Picnic | |

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP

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|------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1. Veteran’s Memorial Park: | Ocean Heights Avenue | 31 Acres |
| | (11) Baseball/Softball fields (lighted) (3) Street Hockey Courts (lighted) | |
| | (2) Tennis courts (lighted) (2) Playgrounds (Home of “Castle Park Playground”) | |
| | Football field (lighted) Practice field (lighted) BMX Track (lighted) | |
| | Concessions Bathroom | |

- 2. Childs-Kirk Memorial Park: Idlewood Avenue 11 Acres**
 (4) Baseball\Softball fields (lighted) (2) Soccer fields (lighted) Playground
 Concessions Bathrooms
- 3. Delilah Oaks Park: Kent Drive 5 Acres**
 Basketball Tennis Soccer Exercise Track Playground
 Multi-purpose field
- 3. M. K. Betterment Park: Atlas Lane Road 2 Acres**
 Basketball Volleyball Playground
- 3. Oakland and Tremont Park: Oakland Avenue .75 Acres**
 Basketball Picnic
- 6. Tony Canale Park: Sycamore Avenue 45 Acres**
 Baseball Softball Soccer Camping
 PROPOSED: Basketball Tennis Volleyball Amphitheatre
- 7. John Couchoud Community Center: English Creek Avenue 9.5 Acres**
 Bocce ball court Horse shoe pit Miniature golf Picnic
 Meeting rooms Bathrooms
- 8. Shires Park Scarborough Drive 6.5 Acres**
 Baseball Softball Basketball
- 9. EHT PAL Ready to Ride Park 30 Acres**
 Off Highway Motorcycles and ATV

ESTELL MANOR

No municipal parks

FOLSOM BOROUGH

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| 1. Jack Eckhart Field: | 13th Street and Mays Landing Road | 6.0 Acres |
| Lighted Ball field | Playground | Picnic |
| 2. Penny Pot Park | Lake and N. Pinewood Drives | 2.5 Acres |
| Playground | | |
| 3. Pine Street Park | S. River Drive and Pine Street | 0.5 Acres |
| Playground | | |

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP

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| 1. South Egg Harbor Playground: | | 3.31 Acres |
| (1) Baseball field | (2) Basketball courts | Pavilion |
| | | Playground |
| 2. Gabriel Field: | Duerer Street | 10 Acres |
| (2) Soccer fields | Open space - wetlands | |
| 3. Imagination Station Playground: | 6th Avenue | 1 Acre |
| (1) Community built playground | | |

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

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| 1. Mizpah Ballfield: | Railroad Boulevard | 9.26 Acres |
| Baseball | | |
| 2. Human Services Center: | Sewell Avenue | 2.58 Acres |
| Social services building | Playground | |

3. Rosa Quaterman Park:	Railroad & Jefferson	1.54 Acres
Passive recreation		
4. The Cove:	Park Road	5.18 Acres
Swimming	bathroom facilities	Playground
5. Knight Avenue Park:	Knight Avenue	3.82 Acres
Baseball	Softball	
6. Sears Avenue Hockey Court:	Sears Avenue	0.70 Acres
Hockey		
7. War Memorial Park:	Routes 40 & 50	0.73 Acres
Passive recreation		
8. Underhill Park (west):	Old Egg Harbor Road	12.10 Acres
Baseball	Softball	Football
		Concessions
Bathroom facilities		
9. Hickory Street Soccer Fields:	Hickory Street	33.53 Acres
Soccer fields		
10. Underhill Park (east):	Old Egg Harbor Road	59.03 Acres
Baseball	Softball	Football
		Concessions
Bathroom facilities		
11. Cologne Avenue Ballfield:	Cologne Avenue	5.49 Acres
Baseball	Softball	

12. UNDEVELOPED LANDS HELD FOR RECREATION

LONGPORT

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| 1. Atlantic Coast Public Beach | 25.3 Acres |
| 2. Municipal Recreation Area (33 ed Atlantic Ave.)
tennis, basketball, playground | 3 Acres |
| 3. The Point (11TH and Atlantic Ave.) | 2 Acres |
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MARGATE

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| 1. Lucy Park: | Atlantic Avenue | 0.48 Acres |
| 2. Public Library Park: | Atlantic Avenue | 2.93 Acres |
| 3. Playground: | Decatur Avenue | 1.25 Acres |
| 4. Sports Complex: | Edgmar Circle | 8.25 Acres |
| 5. Minnie Creek Wetlands: | | 5.44 Acres |
| 6. Atlantic Coast Public Beach | | 19.16 Acres |
| 7. Waterfont Park: | Washington Avenue and the Bay | 1.78 Acres |
| Passive recreation | Pending | |
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MULLICA TOWNSHIP

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| 1. Mullica Township Recreation Facility: | 24 Acres | | |
| Little League Baseball | Full size Baseball | Batting cages | Soccer |
| Concessions | Playground | Gazebos | Picnic |
| 2. Sesquicentennial Park: | Columbia and Elwood Roads | 0.25 Acres | |
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NORTHFIELD

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|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Birch Grove Park: | Burton Avenue | 262 Acres | | |
| Camping | Fishing | Trails | Miniature Golf | |
| Miniature Zoo | | | | |
| Athletic fields | Concessions | Museum | Garden Center | |
| 2. Northfield Bike Path | Biking | Running | Walking | 5.2 Acres |

PLEASANTVILLE

1. Pleasantville Recreation Center:		6 Acres
Playground	Picnic	
2. Leeds Avenue Playground:	Leeds Avenue	3.07 Acres
Basketball	Softball	Tennis
		Playground
3. J.B. Smith Park:	Main Street	.30 Acres
Playground		
4. Clematis Avenue Playground:	Clematis Avenue	48.72 Acres
Tennis	Playground	Open space
5. Max Manning Complex:	Park Avenue	9.75 Acres
Softball	Basketball	Football
		Wall ball
		Concessions
Playground		
6. Woodland Avenue Park:	Woodland Avenue	3.45 Acres
Basketball	Softball	Playground
		Picnic
7. Cresson Avenue Park:	Cresson Avenue	1.37 Acres
Basketball	Playground	Picnic
8. Tilton Road Park I:	Tilton Road	2.44 Acres
Little League Baseball		
9. Tilton Road Park II:	Tilton Road	.58 Acres
Basketball		
10. Ansley Park:	Franklin Avenue	.50 Acres
11. Walnut Avenue Ballfield	Walnut Avenue	4 Acres
11. West Jersey Commuter Park	West Jersey Avenue	.56 Acres
13. Yacht Basin	Bay View Avenue	4.46 Acres
14. Ty Helfrich Field	Bay View Avenue	5 Acres

PORT REPUBLIC

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| 1. | Memorial Park | 4.5 Acres |
| 2. | Fireman's Pond | 2 Acres |

SOMERS POINT

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| 1. | Fehrle Field: | Marks Road | 8.8 Acres |
| | Baseball complex | | |
| 2. | Kern Field: | Marks Road | 21.13 Acres |
| | Football | Soccer | Street Hockey |
| | | | Tennis |
| | | | Track |
| 3. | Kennedy Park: | Broadway | 10.50 Acres |
| | Boat ramp | Playground | Picnic |
| | | | Bar-B-Que |
| | | | Passive recreation |
| 4. | Municipal Beach/Pier: | N.J. and Bay Avenues | 3.43 Acres |
| | Swimming | Fishing | Passive recreation |
| 5. | Bicycle Path: | Along 1st Street | 9.80 Acres |
| | Biking | Walking | Jogging |
| 6. | Senior Citizens Area: | Cornell and Ambler Avenues | 1.20 Acres |
| | Playground | Shuffleboard | |
| 7. | Wayne Drive Field: | Wayne Drive | 4.14 Acres |
| | Field sports | | |
| 8. | Exton Road Field: | Exton Road | 0.30 Acres |
| | Undeveloped | | |

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|-----------|------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 1. | Municipal Park: | Surrey Place and Balfour Avenue | 3.56 Acres |
| | Tennis Courts | | |
| 2. | Municipal Park: | Derby and Fulton Avenues | 0.04 Acres |
| | Playground | | |

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| 3. Municipal Park: | Lafayette Avenue | 8.32 Acres |
| Football Field | Track | |
| 4. Municipal Park: | Somerset Place and Atlantic Avenue | 2.93 Acres |
| Beach | Tennis | Volleyball |
| | | Playground |
| 5. Municipal Park: | New Haven and Atlantic Avenues | 2.93 Acres |
| Beach | Ice Skating Rink | Miniature Golf |
| | | Playground |
| 6. Municipal Park: | Surrey Place and Calvert Avenue | 7.19 Acres |
| Recreational fields | | |
| 7. Municipal Park: | Dorset Avenue and Bay | |
| Ski beach park | | |
| 8. Undeveloped Lands Held for Recreation | | |
| Beach Thorofare, Ventnor West | | 175 Acres |
| Atlantic Coast Public Beach | | 48.4 Acres |

WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

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| 1. Weymouth Township Municipal Common: | South Jersey Avenue | 6.15 Acres |
| Baseball | Field Hockey | Volleyball |
| | | Playground |
| | | Picnic |
| Bathroom facilities | | |
| 2. Roland L. Marsh Center: | Madden Avenue | 2.02 Acres |
| Baseball | Basketball | Playground |
| | | Meeting Room |

PRIVATE INVENTORIES:

Private persons and corporations are encouraged and welcomed to do their share for open space and recreation in Atlantic County.

Fitness trails, walking paths and picnic areas are easily accommodated in a corporate environment through wise site planning. Even more active recreation, such as tennis and basketball courts can provide employees a mid-afternoon break from the working world.

Through corporate and county partnerships private golf courses and campgrounds are only two businesses that could open up their lands through easement agreements for perimeter horse and cross country bike trails.

The County recognizes the contributions made by private persons, businesses, and associations in providing a variety of active and passive recreation facilities. The following is a list of the campgrounds and golf courses in Atlantic County.

CAMPGROUNDS

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| 1. Ace Campground | - | Hammonton (Wharton State Forest) |
| 2. American Trails Resort | - | Port Republic |
| 3. Beach Creek Campground | - | Hamilton Township |
| 4. Bel Haven Lake Resort Campground | - | Green Bank |
| 5. Best Holiday Trav-L Park Campground | - | Egg Harbor Township |
| 6. Blueberry Hill Campground | - | Port Republic |
| 7. Buena Vista Camping World | - | Buena Vista Township |
| 8. Casino RV Park and Resort | - | Galloway Township |
| 9. Colonial Meadows Campground | - | Egg Harbor Township |
| 10. Country Mouse Campground | - | Weymouth Township |
| 11. Egg Harbor City Campground | - | Egg Harbor City |
| 12. Egg Harbor River Campground | - | Egg Harbor Township |
| 13. Holiday Haven Campgrounds | - | Estell Manor Township |
| 14. Holly Acres Campground | - | Galloway Township |
| 15. Indian Branch Park Campground | - | Hamilton Township |
| 16. Lazy River Campground | - | Estell Manor Township |
| 17. Moss Mill Campground | - | Galloway Township |
| 18. Paradise Lakes Campground | - | Hammonton (Wharton State Forest) |
| 19. Pleasant Valley campground | - | Estell Manor Township |
| 20. Pomona Campground | - | Galloway Township |
| 21. River Beach Camp II | - | Hamilton Township |
| 22. Red Wing Campground | - | Port Republic |
| 23. Shady Pines Campground | - | Galloway Township |
| 24. Sleepy Hollow Campground | - | Egg Harbor Township |
| 25. Winding River Campgrounds | - | Hamilton Township |
| 26. Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp Resort | - | Estell Manor Township |
| 27. Youth with a Mission Camp | - | Hammonton |

GOLF COURSES

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| 1. Blue Heron Pines Golf Club | - | Galloway Township |
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| 2. Brigantine Golf Links | - | Brigantine |
| 3. Buena Vista Country Club | - | Buena |
| 4. Frog Rock Golf Course | - | Hammonton |
| 5. Atlantic City Country Club | - | Northfield |
| 6. Hamilton Trails Golf Club | | Hamilton Township |
| 7. Harbor Pines Golf Club | - | Egg Harbor Township |
| 8. Latona Country Club | - | Buena Vista Township |
| 9. Linwood Country Club | - | Linwood |
| 10. Marriot's Seaview Resort | - | Absecon |
| 11. Mays Landing Golf Club | - | Hamilton township |
| 12. Pomona Golf and Country Club | - | Galloway Township |
| 13. Greate Bay Country Club | - | Somers Point |
| 14. Victors 18 Hole Par 3 Golf Course | - | Hamilton Township |
| 15. Galloway National Golf Course | - | Galloway Township |