

Plans, Master Plans and Amendments

Report to the Board January 12, 2023, through February 8, 2023

‘Municipality	Borough of Florham Park
Document	Open Space and Recreation Plan Element
Public Hearing	1/23/23
Summary	Update to previously adopted 2001 and 2011 Open Space and Recreation Plans

- The Borough of Florham Park Open Space and Recreation Plan Element provides a detailed description of existing open space, parks, recreation facilities and recreation programs. It also includes information on local demographics, housing, community resources, and land use changes.
- The Plan includes a municipal Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) detailing each municipally owned open space property. Each park is classified using National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) guidelines and described in detail including an inventory of recreation facilities. An inventory of county and state land is provided and public schools and private golf courses are also noted. The municipality’s various recreation programs are described. In addition to parks, the Plan notes preserved and undeveloped open space and various local greenways and blueways.
- Park acreage needs are defined on the basis of individual NRPA park types, i.e., pocket, neighborhood, and community parks. While there is a deficit for some individual park types, the Plan finds an overall surplus in acres. Further analysis includes a geographic analysis of parks and facilities throughout the municipality.
- The Plan notes various environmentally sensitive resources located within the Borough and conservation and environmental stewardship activities undertaken by the Florham Park Environmental Commission.
- Recommendations include but are not limited to:
 - Use of the Conservation Blueprint interactive mapping tool to identify potential greenway and walking trail connectors and linkages between existing open space.
 - Inclusion of the Volunteers Park site in the Borough ROSI.
 - Work to identify potential future sites for developed parkland to address increasing population and increase access to park facilities.
 - Consideration of the inclusion of an open space set-aside for new high density residential developments.
 - Exploration of bike path opportunities to create connectivity between parks and multi-modal opportunities.
 - Continued application for grant funding opportunities that can be used for open space and park improvements and the construction of trails.
 - Specific recommendations related to facilities and maintenance of existing parks are also included.

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Municipality	Township of East Hanover
Document	2022 Master Plan & Development Regulations Reexamination
Adopted	November 29, 2022
Summary	Reexamination in accordance with MLUL 40:55D-89

- The last East Hanover Reexamination Report was completed in 1994. The 2022 Reexamination Report examines the problems and objectives related to the 1994 Reexamination Report, the extent to which they have changed and the extent of changes in the policies and objectives forming the basis of the 1994 Report. Multiple and detailed changes in land use and zoning regulations are listed, as are changes in demographics and significant changes in state planning policies and regulations (e.g., the adoption of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan in 2001), Morris County Master Plan Elements adopted since 1994 as well as municipal master plan elements adopted since that time.
- The Reexamination Report includes recommendations for changes to the Master Plan and Development Regulations. The Report recommends the preparation of new Circulation and Open Space and Recreation Plan Elements. New goals and objectives are proposed; issues addressed include but are not limited to:
 - Providing a healthy balance of land uses that preserves the residential character of neighborhoods while providing convenient commercial and retail opportunities.
 - Providing attractive and easily accessible commercial uses and districts.
 - Strengthening the Route 10 corridor by encouraging a mixture of non-residential uses.
 - Preserving the scale and character of the Township’s established single-family neighborhoods.
 - Maintaining a balanced and diverse stock of quality housing in appropriate locations.
 - Ensuring that community facilities/services and infrastructure systems are maintained at levels that will support current and future populations.
 - Maximizing circulation and mobility options and creation of a well-designed village center.
 - Preserving the Township’s natural resources and creating a comprehensive recreation system.
 - Creating a comprehensive open space system.
 - Promotion of aesthetically pleasing human scale development.
 - Maintaining a balanced tax base and ensuring that development regulations reflect the goals and objectives of the Master Plan.
- Proposed zoning recommendations address topics including, but not limited to: amendments to definitions, subdivision and site plan review requirements, design standards and modifications to several residential and nonresidential zones.