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Executive Summary

The purpose of the Community Facilities Element of the Master Plan is to provide a comprehensive overview of Washington Township's community facilities such as schools, libraries, and fire stations. In addition to identifying the location of these facilities within the Township, this document analyzes the relationship of the facilities to their surrounding areas, their condition, and their adequacy to meet the current and future needs of the community. As part of the process of this evaluation, this plan identifies deficiencies and needs and recommends what is needed to satisfy the growing demands of Washington Township. The following facilities are outlined within the inventory section of this report:

- Municipal Complex
- Fire Districts
- Fire Companies
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Public Schools
- Parks and Recreation Facilities
- Washington Township Library
- Senior Center

Goals and Objectives

The objectives and goals, inventory, and community input were integrated to form a specific list of recommendations. These recommendations are intended to guide Washington Township in implementing projects that will help the community operate more efficiently and provide a higher quality of life for its residents. The recommendations are as follows:

- Based upon current Township population, there is a need to expand the current municipal complex by 34,366 square feet or construct a new municipal complex to satisfy current and additional square feet needed with the expansion by divisions as follows:
    - Municipal Offices (7,811 square feet)
    - Police Department and Courts (15,988 square feet)
    - Public Works Department (1,298 square feet)
    - Municipal Utilities Authority (1,684 square feet)
    - Office Space Total (26,781 square feet)
    - Public Works Department Outbuildings (7,585 square feet)
    - Total Additional Space (34,366 square feet)
- Expand the current public library by 10,000 square feet or construct a new facility of at least 20,000 square feet.
- Look into the possible expansion of the Senior Center and continue to provide shuttle service to elderly citizens throughout the Township.

- Utilize 250 acres of the current 600 acres of open space for parks and recreational needs to meet the needs of a possible projected 65,000 person Township by the year 2020. The parks and recreation facilities within the existing 400 acres of recreation space and the additional 250 acres should include, in addition to current facilities, the following:

    - Six (6) new adult baseball fields
    - Three (3) new youth baseball fields
    - Thirty-one (31) new outdoor basketball courts
    - Three (3) new football fields
    - One (1) new golf course
    - Two (2) new outdoor theaters
    - Two (2) new soccer fields
    - Twenty (20) new adult softball fields
    - Nine (9) new youth softball fields
    - Two (2) new swimming pools
    - Twenty-Seven (27) new tennis courts

- Link existing and new facilities through improved greenway connections, pedestrian linkages, and municipality provided transportation -- develop the Greenways Corridor as outlined in the Transportation and Circulation element of the Master Plan.

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I. Introduction

The purpose of this element of the Master Plan is to provide a comprehensive overview of the community facilities that currently exist in Washington Township such as libraries, parks, municipal buildings, and senior centers. The locations of these community facilities are documented in Figure 1 (following page). These facilities have been analyzed to determine their appropriateness in meeting the present and future needs of Washington Township. By implementing the recommendations contained within this plan element, Washington Township should be able to maintain and improve its quality of life.

Community Facilities Locator Map

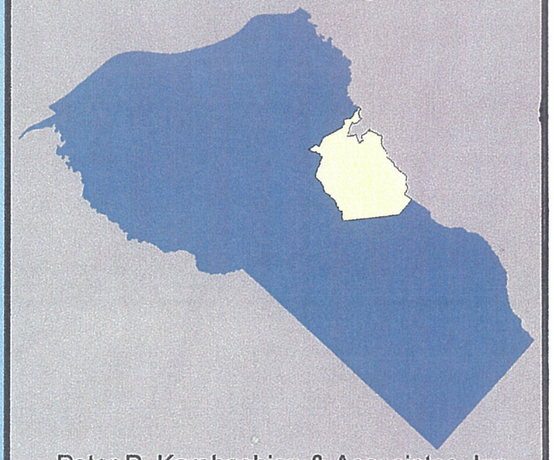
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- Margaret E. Heggan Library
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1 inch = 4,000 feet

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Sources: Staff Fieldwork, Washington Township Website, NJDEP, Residents

II. Inventory of Community Facilities

A. Municipal Buildings



Washington Township's municipal offices are located at 523 Egg Harbor Road. This location houses the following offices with existing square footage and required square footage shown in Figure 2 (following page). The additional square footage needed has also been calculated to demonstrate where additional space is most needed.

It should be noted that there has been discussion regarding a new municipal complex for the Township in the future. It is recommended that a new building / complex be located within the Town Center District (as outlined in this Master Plan) and designed accordingly.

Figure 2
Existing and Required Space

Division	Existing Square Footage	Square Footage Required	Additional Square Footage Needed
Municipal Offices			
Administration	6,047	5,998	(49)
Township Clerk	3,738	4,786	1,048
Construction Department	1,738	3,230	1,492
Zoning & Planning	1,070	2,626	1,556
Tax Assessor	1,330	2,040	710
Tax Collector	971	1,920	949
Youth Services	1,400	1,800	400
Assembly	5,767	6,272	505
Miscellaneous	8,288	9,844	1,556
Subtotal	**30,349**	**38,160**	**7,811**
Police Department and Courts			
Support Service	2,723	3,627	904
Investigation Division	1,824	4,995	3,170
Community Services and Inspections	792	1,562	770
Patrol Division	3,147	6,643	3,496
Court & Violation Bureau	3,229	7,718	4,489
Miscellaneous	4,042	6,200	2,158
Evidence Storage	0	1,000	1,000
Subtotal	**15,757 SF**	**31,745 SF**	**15,988 SF**

Figure 2 (continued)
Existing and Required Space

Division	Existing Square Footage	Square Footage Required	Additional Square Footage Needed
Public Works Department			
Municipal Services Offices	**3,500 SF**	**4,798 SF**	**1,298 SF**
Municipal Utilities Authority			
MUA Offices	**2,718 SF**	**4,402 SF**	**1,684 SF**
Office Space Total	52,324 SF	79,105 SF	26,781 SF
Public Works Department Out Buildings			
Buildings and Grounds	2,230	2,450	220
Salt Storage Building	3,000	4,500	1,500
Tractor Garage	3,000	3,600	600
Vehicle Maintenance	7,600	8,365	765
Truckport	0	4,500	4,500
Out Buildings Total	15,830 SF	23,415 SF	7,585 SF

Source: *Washington Township Municipal Complex, Program of Spaces* (August, 2001)

The municipal complex, including out buildings, has a current total need of 34,366 additional square feet of space. The administration offices, in the Municipal Offices Division, are the only office with adequate space at 49 square feet above what is needed. This minimal additional square footage will most likely not meet the future demand of Washington Township. The total need for this division is currently 7,811 square feet.

The Construction Department and the Zoning and Planning Offices are in need of space the most in the municipal offices division. Both need approximately double the

space that they currently occupy. However, all offices within this division have a significant need for additional space (Refer to Figure 1).

The Police Department and Courts have a total need of 15,988 additional square feet. They currently occupy 15,757 square feet. All offices within this division are significantly short of their needed space requirements. For example, the Patrol Division currently occupies 3,147 square feet and needs an additional 3,496 square feet. Evidence Storage currently has zero (0) space and needs 1,000 square feet.

The Public Works Department Out Buildings salt storage building needs to be expanded from 3,000 square feet to 4,500 square feet. Also, the report referred to in the figure above shows that there is currently no space for a truck port. A truck port of 4,500 square feet is needed.

The Municipal Offices Division currently has eighty-two (82) full-time employees and ten (10) part-time employees. The part-time employees are concentrated in the construction office (3), the municipal court (2), and youth services (3). Youth services has more part-time employees than full-time.

The municipal police force has ninety-four (94) full-time employees and seven (7) part-time civilian personnel. The municipal court has six (6) full-time employees and two (2) part-time clerical positions. The Public Works Department has thirty-three (33) full-time employees including a supervisor, program coordinator, foreman, equipment operator, driver, laborer, and mechanical staff.

B. Fire Companies[1]

There are six (6) fire stations within Washington Township. They are identified on Figure CF-1. Their locations and districts that correspond to the map are documented below along with size, description, and equipment.

10-1's Local District

- Station 10-1 Main (441 Hurfville-Grenloch Road)



Size: 7 acres & 16,000 square feet
Description: Constructed in 1995 and contains:

- Four (4) apparatus bays
- Report room
- Computer room
- Training/meeting room
- Kitchen facility with residential equipment and dining area for ten (10) fire fighters
- SCBA storage and fill room
- Laundry room
- Elevator
- Exercise room
- Sleeping quarters for eight (8) fire fighters
- Office space of the Grenloch Fire Company
- Lounge area

[1] All fire facilities information obtained through correspondence with Everett John Hoffman, District Fire Chief.

- Equipment:
  - 1988, 1500 gpm Hahn Structural Engine
  - 1992, 2000 gpm, 100' LTI Ladder-Tower Truck
  - 2001, 1500 gpm, Saulsbury Structural Engine
  - 2001, Company Chief's Car

- Station 10-1 Sub-station (207 Greentree Road)

  Size: 0.3 acres & 3,000 square feet
  Description: Constructed in 1972 and contains:
  - One (1) wide bay on a concrete slab over a basement
  - Small bathroom
  - Issues: Facility is plagued with engineering concerns because of the basement underneath the apparatus bay. The size and weight of fire apparatus has increased substantially since this station was built.
  - Plans: Fire Commission is in the stages of planning to demolish this existing structure and construct a replacement sub-station similar to the existing 10-2 sub-station, but approximately 6,000 square feet in size.
  - Equipment:
    - 1997, 1500 gpm LTI Ladder-Tower Truck
    - 2001, Company Chief's Car

10-2's Local District

- Station 10-2 Main (131 Johnson Road)



Size: 3.5 acres & 15,000 square feet
Description: Constructed in 1962 with several additions and contains:

- Five (5) short bays
- Report room
- Engineers storage room
- Combination lounge/kitchenette/training/meeting room
- Offices for the Whitman Square Fire Company
- Single bathroom
- Locker room
- Attached banquet hall (managed by contract between fire company and catering group)
- Basement under banquet hall (managed by contract between fire company and YMCA)
- Equipment:
  - 1990, 1500 gpm Pierce Foam/Rescue Engine
  - 1986, 1750 gpm Pierce Structural Engine (replacement scheduled in FY 2002)
  - 1998, Fire Inspector's Car
  - 2001, Company Chief's Car

- Station 10-2 Sub-station (327 Fries Mill Road)



Size: 4 acres & 7,300 square feet
Description: Constructed in 2001 and contains:

- Two (2) bays
- Report room
- Officers office
- Combination training/meeting/multi-purpose room
- Combination lounge/kitchenette
- Sleeping quarters for eight (8)
- Exercise room
- Storage room
- Laundry room
- Single shower room
- Male & Female restrooms
- Equipment:
  - 1997, 2000 gpm, 75' Straight Ladder Truck
  - 2001, Salisbury Utility Truck

10-3's Local District

- District Headquarters/Station 10-3 Main (213 East Holly Avenue)



Size: 5 acres & 32,000 square feet
Description: Constructed in 1994 and contains:

- Four (4) apparatus bays
- Offices for the Hurffville Fire Company
- Office Space for the Fire District Business Office including:
  - Bureau of Fire Prevention
  - Business Administrator
  - District Fire Chief
- Small auditorium (capacity 84) for training and public meetings
- Commissioner's Room (also Township's Emergency Operating Center)
- Sleeping Quarters for nine (9)
- Kitchen facility with residential cooking equipment
- Dining room for up to twenty-four (24) fire fighters
- Room for Paramedics from Underwood Hospital
- Small storage warehouse
- Exercise room
- Male and Female shower rooms
- Training Room
- Investigation and Evidence Room
- Conference Room
- Small Library
- Report room

- Lounge
- Fire museum room
- Laundry room
- Engineers storage room
- 5,000 square feet fire apparatus maintenance facility including:
  - Two (2) bays (one with a full-length pit and one with a lift)
  - Office space for mechanics
  - Shower
  - Storage space
- Equipment:
  - 1994, 1500 gpm KME Structural Engine
  - 2000, Saulsbury Heavy Rescue
  - 2000, Ford Fire Investigation Van
  - 2001, Fire Marshall's Car
  - 1998, Fire Inspector's Car
  - 2000, 36' Fire Safety Education Trailer
  - 1998, District Fire Chief's Car
  - 2001, Company Chief's Car
  - Life Support 2 or 3 (Paramedics)
  - New Jersey State Forest Fire Service Power Wagon
  - 1997, Ford Pickup (used as plow during snow)
  - 1998 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup truck (replacement scheduled in FY 2002)

- Substation 10-3 sub-station (Altair & Theis Roads)



Size: 1 acre & 6,800 square feet
Description: Constructed in 1974 and contains:

- Two (2) apparatus bays
- Report room
- Small office (serves as alternate sleeping room during emergencies such as storms)
- Day room/kitchenette
- One shower/bathroom
- Equipment:
  - 1994, 1500 gpm KME Structural Engine
  - 1986, 1500 gpm KME Structural Engine (replacement scheduled FY 2002)

C. Public Schools

Reference Numbers on Community Facilities Inventory Map for School Locations[2]

1. Bells Elementary
   227 Greentree Road
   Turnersville, New Jersey 08012



Total Number of Students = 646 (Grades 1 through 5)[3]

Grade 1	126
Grade 2	130
Grade 3	140
Grade 4	126
Grade 5	124

Total Number of Teachers	53
Total Number of Support Staff	26
Average Class Size Bells Elementary:	24
Average Class Size Nationwide:	30[4]

[2] Source: *Washington Township Public Schools Website, Accessed: September 2002*
[3] Source: Washington Township Board of Education, 19 April 2004
[4] Source: National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, 2003

2. Wedgwood Elementary
236 Hurffville Road
Sewell, New Jersey 08080



Total Number of Students = 576

Grade 1	98
Grade 2	108
Grade 3	146
Grade 4	110

Total Number of Teachers	56
Total Number of Support Staff	31

Average Class Size Wedgwood Elementary:	23
Average Class Size Nationwide:	30[5]

Principal:	1
Supervisor of Elementary Education:	1

[5] Source: National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, 2003

3. Grenloch Terrace Early Childhood Center (ECC)
   251 Woodbury-Turnersville Road
   Sewell, New Jersey 08080



Grenloch Terrace Early Childhood Center (ECC) presently has an enrollment of 707 students in Kindergarten, Preschool Disabled (PSD) and Multiple Disabled (MD) classrooms. The average class size for kindergarten is 23. ECC also has the following:

- 26 sections of half-day kindergarten (13 a.m. and 13 p.m.)
- 8 half-day sections of PSD (4 a.m. and 4 p.m.)
- 2 full day MD classes
- 37 professional staff members including CST, OT, PT, and Speech and Language Specialists
- 33 support staff members

Kindergarten	504
Preschool – Disability	77
Multiple Disabilities	6
Full day Kindergarten	15
Total Enrollment	602

4. Hurffville Elementary
200 Hurffville-Grenloch Road
Sewell, New Jersey 08080



Enrollment:	539 students
Grade 1	100
Grade 2	88
Grade 3	115
Grade 4	118
Grade 5	118
Teaching Staff:	50
Paraprofessional Staff:	22

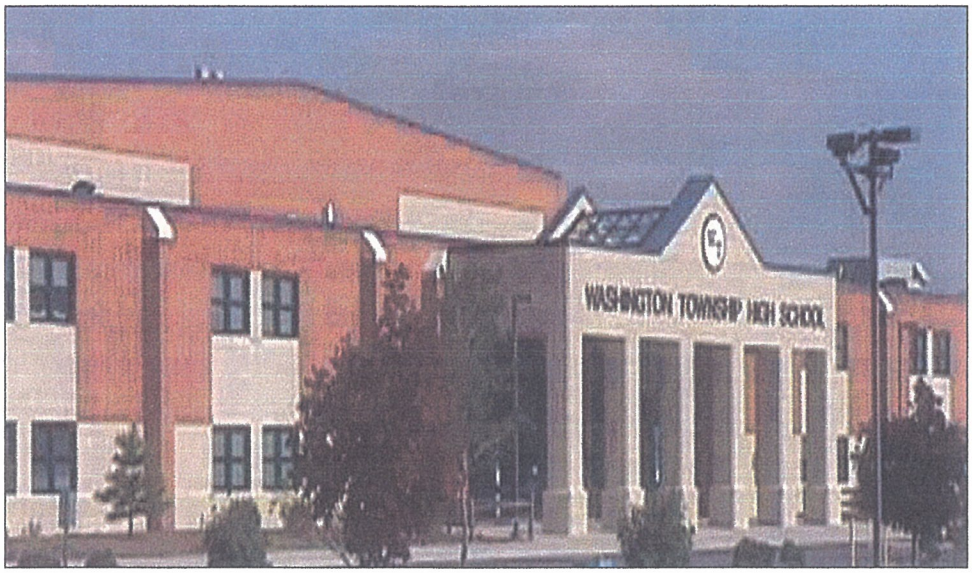
Average Class Size: 24

5. Chestnut Ridge Middle School
641 Hurffville-Cross Keys Road
Sewell, New Jersey 08080



Enrollment:	
Grade 6:	274
Grade 7:	250
Grade 8:	320
Total	844
Average Class Size:	27
Staffing:	
Teachers (full and part-time) Inclusive of Guidance	87
Support Staff:	15

6. Washington Township High School
519 Hurffville-Cross Keys Road
Sewell, New Jersey 08080



Enrollment:	
Grade 9:	810
Grade 10:	768
Grade 11:	729
Grade 12:	704
Total Number of Students	3,011

Average Class Size: 25

	9/10	11/2	Core
Administrators	3	5	4
Secretaries	5	7	9
Teachers	111	118	40
Assistants	23	38	12
Technology	--	15	--
Food Service	13	10	--
Custodians	10	10	--
Day Care	--	2	2
CPA	--	--	2

Washington Township currently has an average class size below the national average as noted above. Any further significant growth in enrollment will create an overcrowded facility by national standards.

7. Thomas Jefferson Elementary School
95 Altair Drive
Turnersville, New Jersey 08012



Thomas Jefferson Elementary School presently has an enrollment of 600 students in grades one through five. The average class size is 20 students per class. It currently has:

- 4 first grade classes and one Transitional first grade class
- 5 second grade classes
- 5 grade three classes
- 5 grade four classes
- 5 grade five classes and
- One self-contained Special Needs classroom

Grade 1	93
Grade 2	101
Grade 3	118
Grade 4	130
Grade 5	117
Total	559

Thomas Jefferson is the only school in the school district that has Multiage Classrooms. One has students in grades 2 and 3 and the other has students in grades 4 and 5. It has a teaching staff of 57, a principal and an assistant principal and a support staff of 37. Thomas Jefferson Elementary School has an active and supportive PTO.

8. Orchard Valley Middle School
238 Pitman-Downer Road
Sewell, New Jersey 08080



Enrollment:

- Grade 6: 244
- Grade 7: 258
- Grade 8: 271
- Total: 773

- Average Class Size: 26 – 29

- Number of Teachers: 80

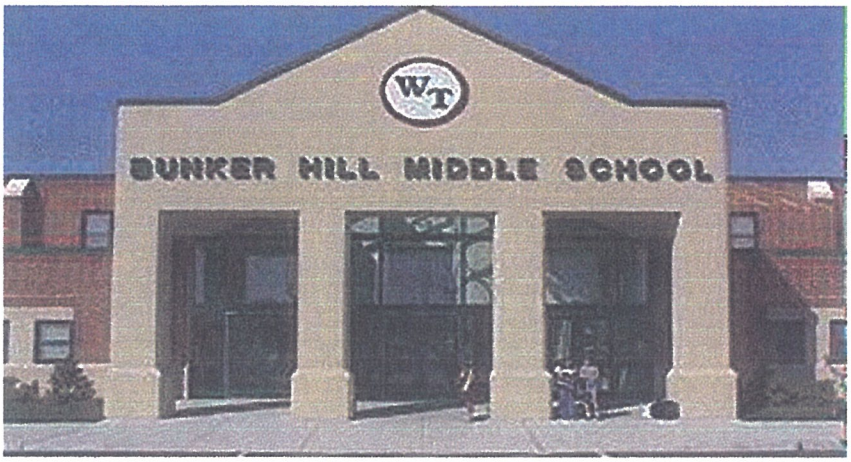
9. Central Administration
206 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, New Jersey 08080



Staffing / Personnel:

Superintendent Office	3
Business Office	8
Business Administrator's Office	3
Personnel	7
Payroll	3
Purchasing	3
Community relations	3
Mail / Copy Room	2
Assistant Superintendent / Curriculum	8
Student Services	4
Registration	1
Special Education	9
Receptionist	1

10. Bunker Hill Middle School
206 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, New Jersey 08080



Enrollment	
Grade 6:	267
Grade 7:	268
Grade 8:	285
Total Number of Students:	820

Average Class Size: 28

Total Number – Staff Inclusive of Counselors, Shared Teachers, Nurse	87
Total Number of Support Staff	26
Custodians	5
Food Service	6

11. Whitman Elementary School
827 Whitman School Drive
Turnersville, New Jersey 08012



Class Size / Enrollment

- Enrollment: 618 students
- Average Class Size: 25 students per homeroom

Grade 1	137
Grade 2	121
Grade 3	107
Grade 4	133
Grade 5	120
Total Number of Teachers	54

Technology:

- Every homeroom has Internet access, televisions, VCRs and access to Laser Disk players.
- One (1) State of the Art computer lab which houses twenty-five networked computers.

The Arts:

- 10,000 volume library.
- One (1) music room
- Musical Instrument Instruction as well as an orchestra and band.

12. Birches Elementary School
416 Westminster Boulevard
Turnersville, New Jersey 08012



Source: *www.wtps.org, (Washington Township Public Schools)*

Total Enrollment:	594 (including 13 special education)
Grade 1	116
Grade 2	118
Grade 3	106
Grade 4	132
Grade 5	122
Average Class Size:	23
Total Number of Teachers	75
Total Number of Support Staff	29

Birches Elementary School Facilities - In 1995, Washington Township passed a fifty million-dollar bond referendum. New additions to this facility include rooms for Art, Music, Guidance, Computer, TAG, and Physical Education. Small group instruction rooms were also added. The media center includes an automated library and state of the art technology. The upgrading of the facilities will continue over the next year with the conversion of the old library into two fourth grade classrooms and the fiber optic cabling of all areas of the building for voice, data, and video access for students and staff.

C. Libraries



Washington Township has one (1) library location. It is located at:

Margaret E. Heggan
Free Public Library
208 East Holly Avenue
Hurffville, NJ 08080

The current building is 10,000 square feet in size with 67,627 titles in house. It also contains a collection of videos, compact discs, DVD's, and audiobooks on CD and cassette.

The population served by this library is 47,114 people. For this amount of people there should be approximately double the current space at around 20,000 square feet. However, the Township does meet the state's standard for volumes per capita owned and purchased annually.

D. Senior Citizens Center



The Washington Township Senior Center has been in operation since 1992. To join you must be a resident of Washington Township along with a five-dollar membership fee. Currently, 500 people are active members. Many activities are available such as dancing, bingo, and lunch programs.

You must be 55 years old or older to join the lunch program at a cost of $1.50. Trips are also frequently organized to area malls. The municipal shuttle bus is available for transporting members to malls, errands, and medical appointments.

E. Parks And Recreation

Standards

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) recognizes the importance of establishing and using park and recreation standards as:

- A national expression of minimum acceptable facilities for the citizens of urban and rural communities.
- A guideline to determine land requirements for various kinds of park and recreation areas and facilities.
- A basis for relating recreational needs to spatial analysis within a community-wide system of parks and open space areas.
- One of the major structuring elements that can be used to guide and assist regional development.
- A means to justify the need for parks and open space within the overall land-use pattern of a region or community.

The purpose of these guidelines is to present park and recreation space standards that are applicable nationwide for planning, acquisition, and development of park, recreation, and open space lands, primarily at the community level. These standards should be viewed as a guide. They address minimum, not maximum, goals to be achieved. The standards are interpreted according to the particular situation to which they are applied and specific local needs. A variety of standards have been developed by professional and trade associations, which are used throughout the country. The standard derived from early studies of park acreages located within metropolitan areas was the expression of acres of park land per unit of population. Over time, the figure of 10 acres per 1,000 population came to be the commonly accepted standard used by a majority of communities.[6]

Washington Township would therefore require approximately 500 acres of parks and recreation space to meet the minimum standard as provided by the Recreation, Park, and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. Currently, Washington Township has approximately 1,000 acres of Open Space and Recreational Space. The amount of recreational space is approximately 400 acres while the amount of open space is approximately 600 acres. Washington Township is therefore below the minimum threshold of recreational space as provided by the National Recreation and Park Association.

[6] Lancaster, R.A. (Ed.). (1990). Recreation, Park, and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. Ashburn, VA: National Recreation and Park Association.

III. Facilities

The following is an inventory of the open space and recreational facilities currently located within the Township along with recommendations as to the number of facilities needed to accommodate present and future population growth in the Township through the year 2025.

A. Washington Lake Park

Washington Lake Park itself includes more than 450 acres of developed and naturally wooded areas. Included on this site are the following facilities[7]:

- Baseball Fields
- Softball Fields
- Soccer Fields
- Volley Ball Fields
- Skate Park
- Tennis Courts
- Roller Blade Hockey
- Tot Lot
- Picnic Facilities
- Gazebos
- Amphitheater
- Nature Trails
- Swimming Lake
- Nature Center
- Snack Bar with Restrooms
- Outdoor Basketball
- Fishing
- Walking Trails
- Maintenance Facilities
- Football Fields

B. Grenloch Lake Park

Grenloch Lake Park is located around Grenloch Lake near the border of Camden County. It was up until recently stocked by New Jersey Fish and Wildlife. The following facilities are located on site:

- Boat ramp and 4 docks
- Softball Field
- Walking Trails
- Picnic Areas

[7] Source: Washington Township (Gloucester County) Open Space and Recreation Plan, (August 2001).

- Restrooms
- Tot Lot
- Paved Parking Lot
- Volley Ball
- Horse Shoe Pits
- Shuffleboard

C. County House Soccer Complex[8]

County House Soccer Complex is located adjoining the low and moderate housing project. The facility has been recently constructed and has not yet been assigned for use. It is anticipated that this facility will be ready for use in the fall of 2001 or spring 2002. Included at this facility are:

- 4 lighted soccer fields (2 regulation fields & 2 micro novice fields)
- Restrooms (to be installed)
- Paved parking

D. Quay Park

Quay Park is located along Hurffville-Grenloch Road and is accessed from Langley Drive in the Heritage Valley development. Quay Park is a combination neighborhood park (included in the open space system within the development) and an organized sports program. The facility includes the following:

- 2 baseball fields
- 1 soccer field
- Paved parking

E. Creative Playground & Soccer Fields

Creative Playground and Soccer Fields is located off Johnson Road with access from Fairmount Drive. The Park was developed in two (2) phases:

Phase 1 includes the Castle of Dreams creative playground, designed with the assistance of children at Whitman Square School. The playground was constructed with all volunteer help from the community and other organizations, included Navy personnel assigned to the naval aircraft carrier USS J F Kennedy (stationed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard for repairs).

Phase 2 includes recreational fields. The fields are located in a former gravel or sand quarry. The low fields permit an unusual setting for watching the games from the terraced side slopes and the parking area.

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The facility includes:

- 2 soccer fields
- 2 parking areas
- Creative playground
- 1 cricket field

F. Nob Hill Recreation Facilities

Nob Hill Recreation Facilities was constructed as part of the Nob Hill Development. Access to the facility is from County House Road. The site is located behind the Society Hill Apartments (aka Nob Hill apartments) bordering a small stream from the Lakeland Facilities. The facilities include:

- 1 softball field
- Parking area

G. Hurffville-Grenloch Road Facility

Hurffville-Grenloch Road Facility is the main baseball complex. The facility is located on both sides of Hurffville– Grenloch Road with the main complex located on the easterly side. The main complex includes garages, club house, restrooms and concession stands. The complex was constructed more than 25 years ago when traffic volumes and speeds were much lower on Hurffville – Grenloch Road. The traffic conditions and the inability of the complex to expand make the facility less than desirable and a safety hazard for children and adults trying to move from one side of the street to the other. The current facilities include:

- 6 baseball fields (which includes a T-ball field)
- 1 football fields
- 2 parking areas

H. Washington Township Golf Course

Washington Township Golf Course is located next to the Birches Apartments on Fries Mill Road. The Washington Township Golf Coarse is a 9-hole executive style golf course located between the Birches Subdivision and the Birches Apartments. The course is owned and operated by the local government. The course is in great shape for a community owned facility and gets a lot of play from all ages. The golf course was built by Esposito Builders as part of the surrounding development.

Other parks and recreation facilities are scattered around the community, but these parks for the most part are monuments parks or passive parks. These parks include Frank Atkinson Memorial Park located at the Police Department, a

memorial park located on Ganttown Road, a Memorial Park or Monument at the Old Black Horse Pike and County House Road and a passive park at the site of the former Birches Swim Club (the pool has been removed).

I. Private Recreation Facilities

Private Recreation Facilities are also scattered around the community. These facilities meet many of the special interest type sports including:

1. Swimming facilities - private swim clubs including:
   a. Whitman Swim Club with pool facility;
   b. Greenwood Lake Club with lake facilities; and
   c. Birches West Swim Club with pool facilities.
2. Indoor soccer
3. Batting cages
4. Wedgwood Golf Course and Clubhouse
5. Hollydell Indoor Ice Skating and Hockey Facility (2 full-size rinks)
6. Triple Play indoor sports facilities
7. Somerton Springs and Cross Keys Driving Range facilities
8. Instructional baseball and softball facilities
9. LA Fitness facilities with indoor pool and other activities
10. 2 miniature golf courses

IV. Recommendations

Based on the number of facilities existing at this time, and the projected increase of population in Washington Township to a total of approximately 65,000 people in the year 2025, the recreational needs proposed by the Washington Township Open Space Committee in the *Open Space and Recreation Plan, 2001* are depicted in Figure 3 below.

Figure 3
Future Recreational Needs

Sport	Present Facilities	Facilities Standards	Total Facilities Needed	Additional Facilities Needed
Baseball (Adults)	1	1 field per 1,000 people	7 fields	6 fields
Baseball (Youth)	8	1 field per 6,000 people	11 fields	3 fields
Basketball (Outdoors)	2	1 court per 2,000 people	33 courts	31 courts
Football	4	1 field per 10,000 people	7 fields	3 fields
Golf Course	1.5	1 course per 25,000 people	3 courses	1 course
Outdoor Theater	1	1 theater per 20,000 people	3 theaters	2 theaters
Soccer Fields	14	1 field per 4,000 people	16 fields	2 fields
Softball Fields (Adults)	2	1 field per 3,000 people	22 fields	20 fields
Softball Fields (Youth)	4	1 field per 5,000 people	13 fields	9 fields
Swimming Pools	5	1 pool per 10,000 people	7 pools	2 pools
Tennis Courts	6	1 court per 2,000 people	33 courts	27 courts

Source: Washington Township Open Space and Recreation Plan, August 2001

Finally, with regard to facilities, it is recommended that the Washington Township Governing Body develop and maintain a list of *all* Township-owned property and values at least every five (5) years – an appraisal should be obtained for all property.