

BOROUGH OF ALPHA

2024 OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

In 2007, Alpha Borough produced its first Open Space and Recreation Plan. Since then, it has preserved the **25-acre** Seventh Avenue Fields as public parkland, the single largest privately owned undeveloped parcel remaining in the town. 18% (**201 acres**) of Alpha Borough is permanently protected. Of this, 70 acres are open space, and 131 acres are preserved farmland.

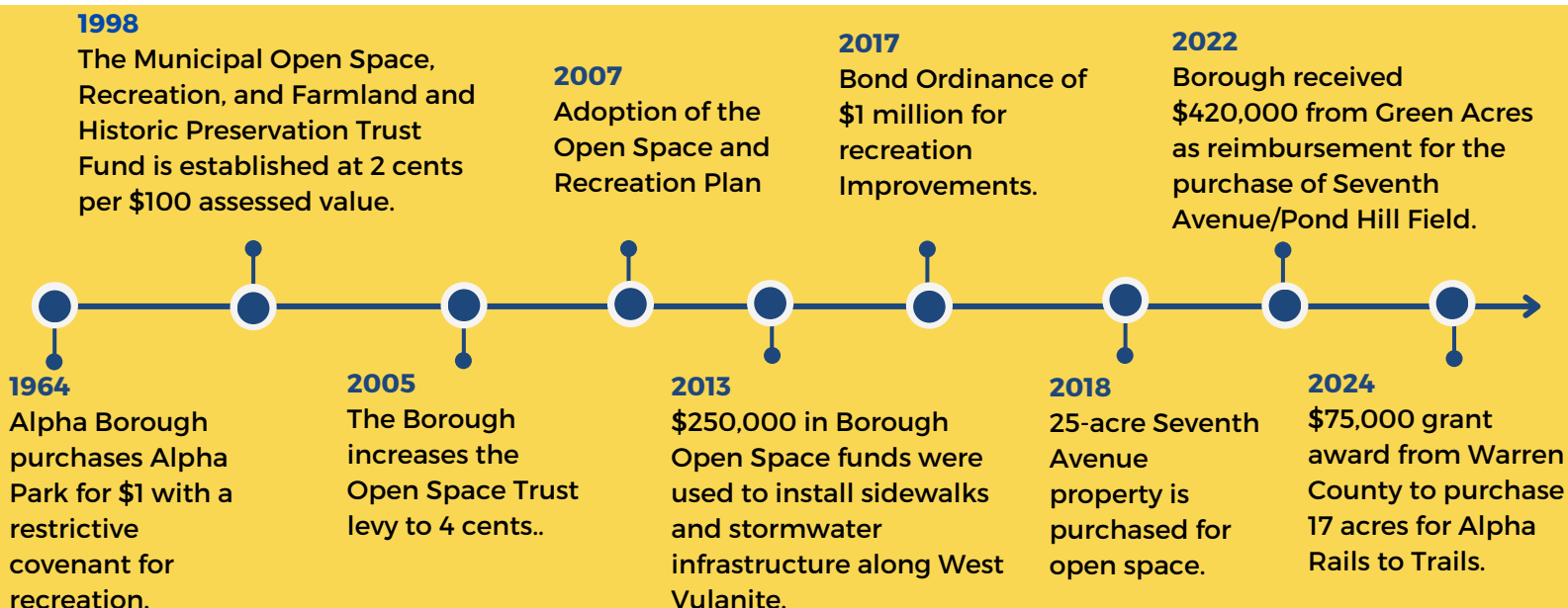
- **0.95 acres** McKinley Park (Central Ball Park or Circle Field)
- **2.39 acres** John Dolak Ballfield (Benke Field)
- **35.01 acres** Alpha Community Park (adjoins the former **4.06 acre** John Dolak Memorial Pool)
- **2.03 acres** Veterans Park (Alpha Memorial Park)
- **24.58 acres** Alpha Parkland East (Seventh Avenue Fields)

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION GOALS

Protect Natural Resources and Expand Recreation

Integrate Pedestrian and Bicycles to Expand Connectivity

Improve Existing Recreational Spaces



FUNDING

Municipal Open Space Trust Fund

- Open space tax levy of **4 cents** raises approximately **\$87,000** per year.
- Balance of **\$123,453** as of year-end 2023.

Green Acres Program

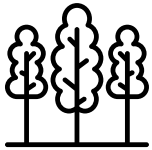
- Grant awards received totaling **\$703,705** between 1997 and 2017 for park development and land acquisition projects.

Warren County Open Space Trust Fund

- Contributed **\$237,000** for **3 open space projects** in the Borough between 2016 and 2024.

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Building upon the Goals of the Open Space Plan Update, recommendations include:



Preserve and spotlight natural and cultural treasures which define the Borough's **scenic landscape**.



Preserve and manage land to protect **water resources and wildlife**.



Connect parks with **trails, sidewalks, and multi-use paths** to allow access to existing open space.



Provide opportunities for **recreation and community**, including land for open space and playing fields.

