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)

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- 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

2022 2017 The Municipal Open Space, 2007 **Bond Ordinance of** Borough received Recreation, and Farmland and Adoption of the \$420,000 from Green Acres \$1 million for Historic Preservation Trust **Open Space and** recreation as reimbursement for the Fund is established at 2 cents **Recreation Plan** purchase of Seventh Improvements. per \$100 assessed value. Avenue/Pond Hill Field. 1964 2005 2013 2024 2018 The Borough \$75,000 grant Alpha Borough \$250,000 in Borough 25-acre Seventh increases the award from Warren purchases Alpha Open Space funds were Avenue **Open Space Trust** County to purchase Park for \$1 with a used to install sidewalks property is

and stormwater

Vulanite.

infrastructure along West

17 acres for Alpha

Rails to Trails.

purchased for

open space.

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.





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