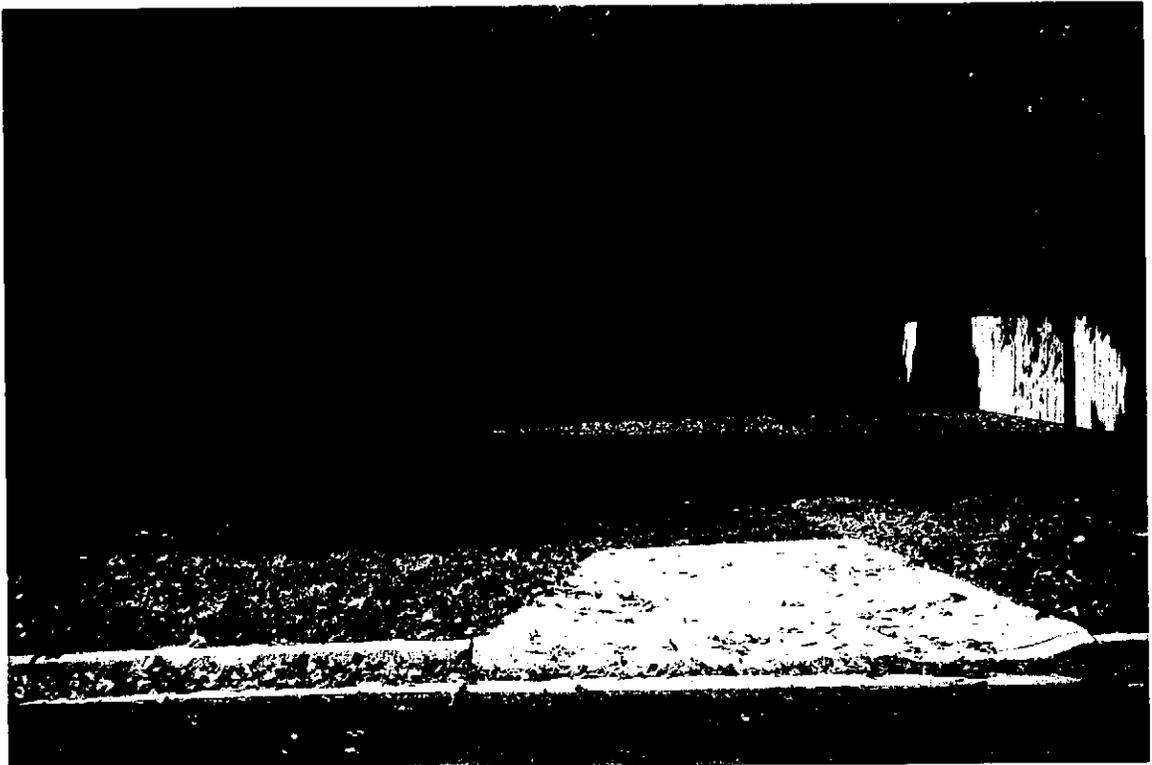


C. *Recreation Element*

The Recreation Plan analyzes existing recreation facilities and proposes recommendations intended to create a comprehensive system of public recreation spaces. In planning the community, we must provide adequate recreation facilities and parks for the enjoyment of current and future residents. Despite the well-developed and diverse recreation opportunities currently available, the demand for both active and passive recreation areas by the citizens of Cherry Hill continues to increase. Recreation planning and development must continue to keep pace with projected population growth.

Over the past ten years, Cherry Hill has embarked on an aggressive program of modernization to existing parks and recreational facilities (recreation facilities are shown on **maps C1 through C9**). This program has resulted in one of the finest municipal park systems in the county. In order to maintain this status, recreational sites and facilities must continue to be evaluated to see if they meet the ever-changing recreational needs of the community. This is achieved through a needs-assessment analysis. When conducting this analysis, issues such as the condition of existing facilities, program opportunities, financial and maintenance requirements as well as goals and objectives, must be taken into consideration.



Neighborhood Parks dot the Township

Goals

- Promote further development and expansion of parks and recreational facilities to meet neighborhood and community need.
- Integrate Township and school facilities so both can service the recreation needs of the community.
- Provide present and future neighborhoods with safe, accessible, and compatible athletic facilities.
- Improve and expand cultural, non-athletic, and recreational opportunities for citizens of all ages within the community.
- Create linkages between existing parks and public recreation areas to form a network of open spaces.
- Promote expansion and additional development of active recreation facilities in the North Erlton neighborhood.
- Encourage preservation of the woods of Cooperfield Park.
- Provide additional recreation fields (softball and soccer) for adult recreation opportunities.
- Promote the construction of additional soccer fields at or adjacent to the existing schools of the community.
- Promote cross utilization of existing recreation facilities between the Township, school board and all other Township recreation associations.

Objectives

- The Township and School Board should jointly improve open space fields at all school sites. A plan of action should be implemented with contributions from both parties as well as the leagues that utilize the fields.
- Easements through private land should be obtained, when necessary, to provide public access to open space.
- Develop a trail system that connects residential neighborhoods to parks, public open space, and commercial centers.
- Require that each new residential development provide active recreation space.
- Provide adequate lighting adjacent to the pedestrian path around Columbia Lake Park.

These goals and objectives will be met through the coordinated efforts of the Township, the school board, and associated recreational groups.

Recreation Facility Definitions

The National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA) defines a range of parks and recreational facilities. The types of facilities are defined as follows:

Public Park - A public park is one that is owned by the municipality and is open to the public.

Quasi-Public Park - Parks of this nature are generally located on land associated with schools, churches, and other institutions. They are open to the public however; availability of use is often restricted.

Private - A private park is on private land such as a swim club or common area association lands.

Community-wide standards for parks and open space are based on policies set forth by the NRPA. A classification has been established for each type of park and recreation area. The classification established by the NRPA addresses function, design intent, use resource characteristics, and preferred location.

Classification System

Mini Park

A mini park is classified as a facility that services a specific group, such as senior citizens or young children, or serves a limited population. The service area is less than $\frac{1}{4}$ mile in radius, and the desired size is up to one (1) acre. The recommended population ratio of a mini park is 0.25 to 0.5 of an acre per 1,000 residents. The ideal location of such a facility is in a neighborhood or in close proximity to apartment complexes, townhouse developments, or senior citizen housing.

There are numerous mini parks in Cherry Hill Township. Most of these are less than one (1) acre and are owned by either the Township or the homeowner's association of a townhouse, condominium, or apartment development.

Neighborhood Park/Playground

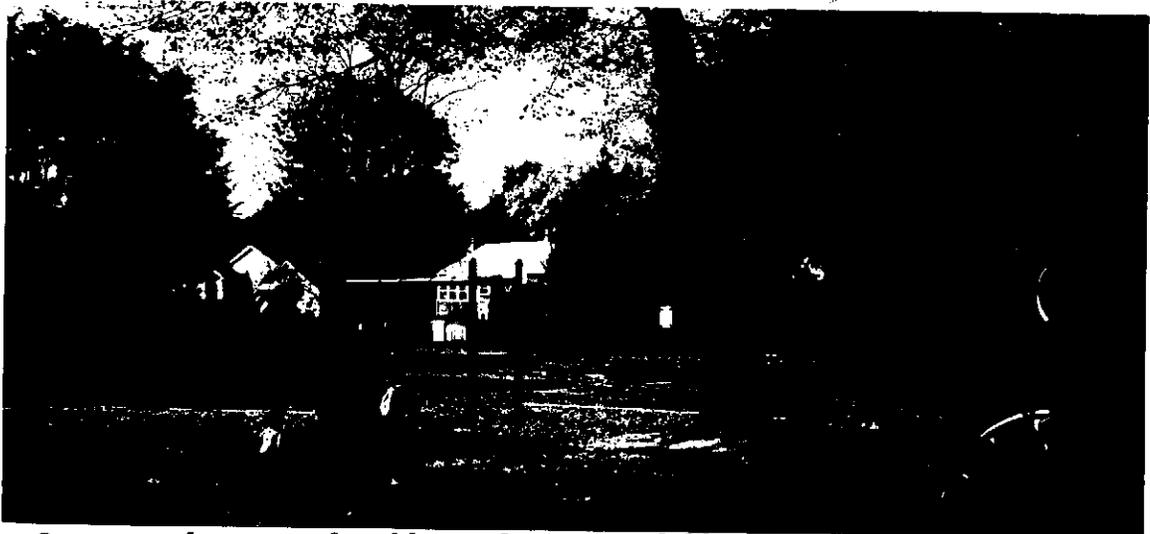
Neighborhood parks and playgrounds serve as the predominant recreation amenity in Cherry Hill Township. They are heavily used and provide activities such as field sports, court games, play equipment, summer programs, picnicking. The service area is between $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile radius and a minimum standard of two acres per 1,000 residents is recommended. Neighborhood parks are designed for intense use, and therefore, should be located in close proximity to a neighborhood. Individual sites should be one (1) to fifteen acres and within walking distance of the people served.



Updated equipment at Cherry Hill parks make them attractive places to play

The facilities at each playground should include separate areas for children age one (1) through five (5), a second locale for children six (6) through ten (10), and a third area for children eleven (11) through fifteen (15). The first locale should have a sand area, small swings; static play animals, a small sliding board, etc. A sitting vicinity for the parents should be provided in close proximity to the play areas. Pavement for cycling and roller-skating should be included in this area. Children six (6) through ten (10) are interested in movement; slides, seesaws, balance beams, rope climbing areas, chin-up bars, etc. Children eleven (11) through fifteen (15) are interested in two kinds of spaces--a general use field where a Frisbee or football can be thrown, and an area with bicycle paths, hills, jumps, etc. Landscaping should provide shade, separation, and ambiance.

The neighborhood park is the backbone of the Cherry Hill recreation system. There are 27 of these playgrounds in the Township. This decentralized approach works well to meet the recreational needs of the community and is well suited to a large suburban community.



Separate play areas for older and younger children invite an array of users

Community Park

Community parks are intended to meet a variety of recreational needs. They may consist of areas for active sports such as skating and swimming, athletic fields or natural area suited for passive activities such as walking or picnicking. Depending on community needs, these parks may serve multiple functions.

The service area is a one to two mile radius, and a minimum standard of five to eight acres per 1,000 residents is recommended. Community parks may include natural features such as streams and wetland areas. Although it is not necessary to locate these parks directly adjacent to neighborhoods, they should be easily accessible to the public.

Three (3) community parks exist within Cherry Hill Township. The DeCou Sports Complex located on Evesham Road is comprised mainly of athletic fields. This facility provides athletic fields for the residents on the eastern end of the Township. The Barclay Farmstead, located on Barclay Lane, is an historic landmark that also provides hiking opportunities and a community garden. The Croft Farm, located off Brace Road, is a complex of land and historic buildings that has been developed as a cultural and recreation center.



Maria Barnaby Greenwald Park

Regional Metropolitan Park

Regional parks are intended to serve large population. They provide recreational opportunities to several communities; therefore, the service area is considered to be within a one-hour drive time from the facility. The minimum desirable size is two hundred acres and the minimum standard of ten acres per 1,000 residents is recommended. Regional parks may include natural features and provide activities such as boating, fishing, swimming, camping, hiking, and day use areas.

The Camden County Cooper River Park and the adjacent Maria Barnaby Greenwald Park located within the borders of Cherry Hill are examples of regional parks. With direct access to the Cooper River, these parks provide a

wealth of recreational opportunities such as fishing, hiking, and playing fields to the residents of Cherry Hill Township.

Regional Park Reserve

Regional Park Reserves include areas of nature oriented outdoor recreation such as viewing and studying wildlife habitat, conservation, swimming, picnicking, hiking fishing boating, camping and trail use. Generally, eighty percent of the land is reserved for conservation and resource management, with twenty percent available for recreation development. Like regional metropolitan parks, regional park reserves serve many communities and large populations. Ideally, these reserves should be located within a one-hour drive. The minimum desirable size is one thousand acres or an area large enough to encompass the resource that is being preserved and managed.

The minimum standard of acres per population varies. Regional reserves are assemblages of a diverse natural resource, a unique natural feature such as lakes, streams, marshes, flora, fauna, topography, or an area of historic significance. A regional park reserve does not exist within Cherry Hill Township. However, destinations like the Valley Forge Military Park and the Wharton State Forest are within a one-hour drive from the municipality.

Township and Board of Education Recreation Facilities

Recreation facilities located on Board of Education property play a vital role in supplementing the Township's recreation needs. These facilities are open to the public during summer months and non-school hours. Eighteen of these facilities exist throughout Cherry Hill. These range from single play areas located at elementary schools to athletic fields and hard surface courts located at the middle and high schools.

Recreation Inventory and Analysis

In the fall of 2001, an Open Space and Recreation Plan was developed for Cherry Hill Township.¹ This plan was prepared in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the New Jersey Green Acres Program, and consists of an inventory of existing open space and recreation facilities, a recreational needs analysis, a resource assessment of the Township's environmental resources, and an action plan focused on conservation of existing open land available for preservation.

Through an inventory of recreation facilities as outlined in Table 1, Ragan Design Group identified that Cherry Hill Township has a significant level of developed and undeveloped land devoted to recreation. However, through the community discovery forums, a deficiency in the number of developed facilities for certain types of recreation such as soccer and softball was identified. According to the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) standards, a total of 6.25 to 10.5 acres of developed recreation land per 1,000 residents should be provided. Given these criteria, Cherry Hill, should have between 437 and 700 acres of developed recreation area. The 678 acres of developed

¹ Bay Pointe Engineering Services

recreation land within the Township includes Camden County parkland. This place's the Township at the upper end of the range as outlined in the NRPA land planning standards. In order to address the locally identified shortages of recreation area, Ragan Design Group modified the national standards when developing the objectives for recreational development. Continuous monitoring of recreational usage and need is critical to maintain responsiveness to the needs of the residents.



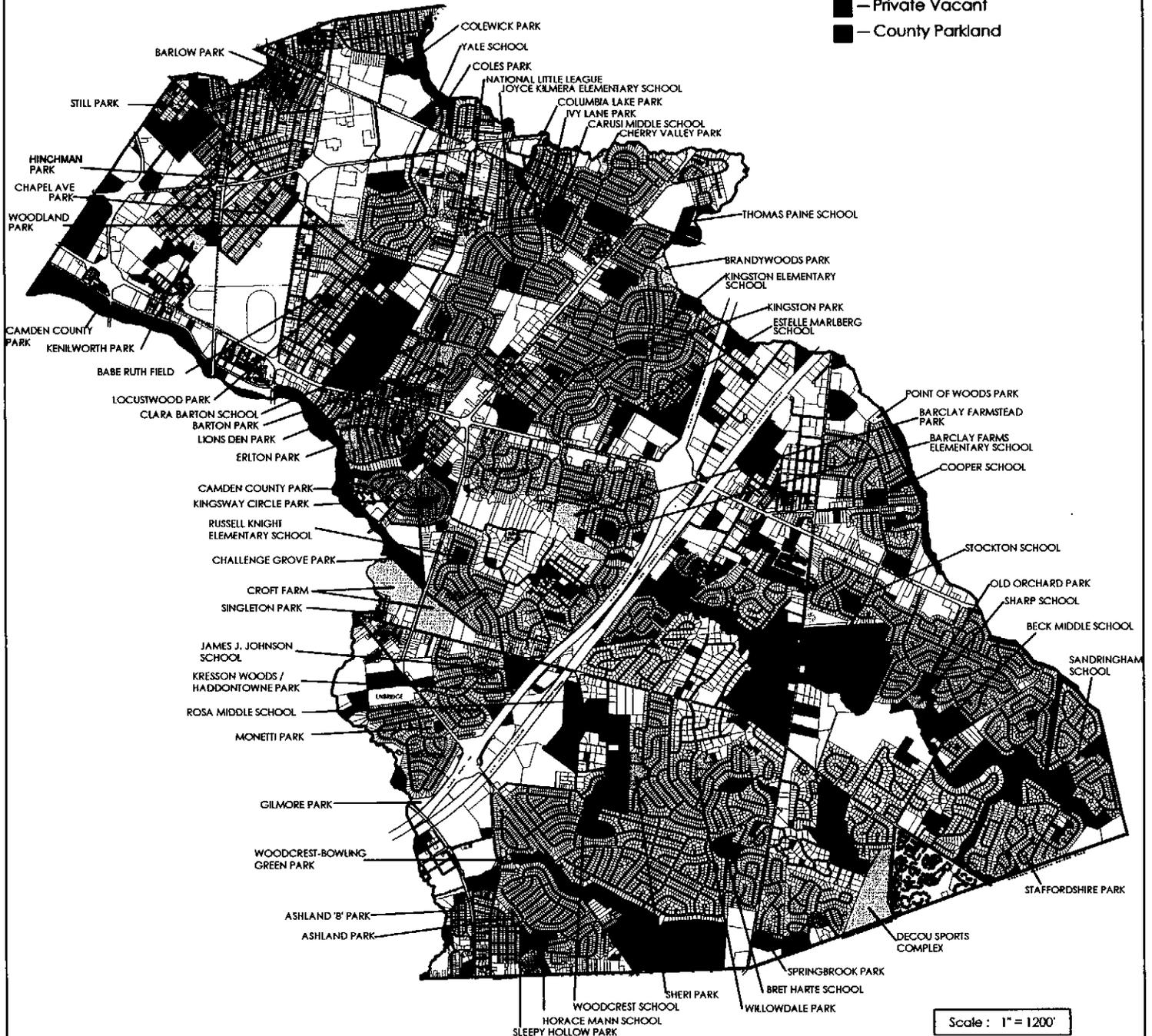
CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP

RECREATION & OPEN SPACE MAP MAP C1



LEGEND

- — School Recreation
- ▨ — Public Active
- ▩ — Public Passive
- — Private Active
- — Private Vacant
- — County Parkland



Scale : 1" = 1200'

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**Table C1
Cherry Hill Township
Recreation Analysis and Need
Population = 69,965²**

| Facility | Total Standard | Current Facilities | | | Deficit (-) Surplus (+) |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Twp./Co. | Schools | Total | |
| Community Park | | | | | |
| 5Acres/1,000 | 349 Acres | 159 Acres | ----- | 159 Acres | - 190 Acres |
| Neighborhood Park/ Playground Equipment | | | | | |
| 2Acres/1,000 Equipment is need based | 139 Acres Varies | 305 Acres 34 Plygs. | 214 Acres* 14 Plygs. | 519 Acres 48 Plygs. | + 380 Acres |
| Baseball Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/3,000 | 23 Fields | 13 Fields | 25 Fields | 38 Fields | + 15 Fields |
| Little League Baseball Fields | | | | | |
| Need Based | Varies | 9 Fields | 0 | 9 Fields | ----- |
| Softball Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/3,000 | 23 Fields | 1 Field | 7 Fields | 8 Fields | - 15 Fields |
| Tennis Courts | | | | | |
| 1 Court/1,500 | 46 Courts | 12 Courts | 35 Courts | 47 Courts | + 1 Court |
| Basketball Courts | | | | | |
| 1 Court/2,000 | 35 Courts | 18 Courts | 20 Courts | 38 Courts | + 3 Courts |
| Volleyball Courts | | | | | |
| 1 Court/4,000 | 17 Courts | 3 Courts | 1 Court | 4 Courts | - 13 Courts |
| Soccer Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/3,000 | 23 Fields | 9 Fields*** | 16 Fields | 25 Fields | + 2 Fields |
| Football Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/10,000 | 7 Fields | 2 Fields | 4 Fields | 6 Fields | - 1 Field |
| Lacrosse/Field Hockey | | | | | |
| 1 Field/4,000 | 17 Fields | 2 Fields | 7 Fields | 9 Fields | - 8 Fields |
| General Use Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/6,000 | 11 Fields | 11 Fields | 0 | 11 Fields | 0 |
| Jogging / Fitness Trails | | | | | |
| 1Mile/1,000 | 70 Miles | 13.5 Miles | 3 Miles | 16.5 Miles | - 53.5 Miles |
| Ice Skating | | | | | |
| 1Rink/25,000 | 2 Rinks | 0 | 0 | 0 | - 2 Rinks |
| Street Hockey | | | | | |
| 1 Rink/8,000 | 8 Rinks | 2 Rinks | 7 Rinks | 9 Rinks | + 1 Rink |
| Community /School Pools | | | | | |
| 1 Public Pool/25,000 | 2 Pools | 0 | 0 | 13 Pools** | - 2 Pools |

* 66% of all school site acreage is attributed to recreation activity

** 13 Private Swim Clubs

*** 4 Fields are mini (½) soccer field

² US Census (2000)

Recreation Inventory

As part of the master plan process, the Township was divided into eight (8) separate planning districts. The recreation facilities in each of these areas were classified using a ranking system based on quality and accessibility of play fields and equipment. A rank of 5 was assigned to parks in very good or exceptional condition and a rank of 1 was assigned to those parks most in need of repair and improvement. Following is an inventory list, by planning district that ranks the facilities.

District 1

Ashland Park-1.6 Acres (3rd and Palmwood)- walking trail, playground equipment, 1 basketball court

Rank: 4

Ashland "8" Park-.5 Acre (Dobson Lane, New Henszey Lane)- playground equipment

Rank: 4

Bret Harte School-13.4 Acres (Queen Anne Road and Brian Drive)- 1 baseball field, playground equipment, 1 basketball court, 2 tennis courts

Rank: 4

DeCou Sports Complex-66.3 Acres (Evesham & Cropwell Roads)- 2 basketball courts, 3 soccer fields, 4 Little League baseball fields, 1 batting cage, 1 general use field

Rank: 5

Horace Mann School-6.8 Acres (Walt Whitman Blvd)- 2 tennis courts, 1 basketball court, 1 baseball field, playground equipment

Rank: 3

Rosa International Middle School-21.0 Acres (Kresson Road & Browning Lane)-

1 baseball field, 1 softball field, 2 soccer fields, 1 field hockey/lacrosse, 1 street hockey court

Rank: 3

Sheri Park-11.7 Acres (Liberty Bell and Bunker Hill)- playground equipment

Rank: 4

Sleepy Hollow Park-.4 Acre (Cuffy's Lane)- playground equipment

Rank: 4

Springbrook Park-12.5 Acres (Spring Road)- playground equipment, 1 general use field

Rank: 5

Willowdale Park-12.0 Acres (Willowdale Drive)- walking trail, playground equipment, 1 basketball court

Rank: 4

Woodcrest School-14.4 Acres (Aster Drive & Cranford Road)- 2 tennis courts, 1 baseball field, 1 soccer field, 1 basketball court, 1 street hockey court, playground equipment

Rank: 4

Woodcrest-Bowling Green Park-3.6 Acres (South Bowling Green Drive)- playground equipment, 1 basketball court

Rank: 4

Cherry Hill High School East-55.0 Acres (Kresson Road)- 2 football fields, 2 soccer fields, 2 field hockey/lacrosse fields, 2 softball fields, 2 baseball

fields, 1 running track, 2 basketball courts, 5 tennis courts, 1 volleyball court
Rank: 3

District 2

Beck Middle School-30.3 Acres (Cropwell Road)- 4 tennis courts, 1 street hockey court, 1 basketball court, 3 soccer fields, 1 field hockey field, 1 baseball field, 1 softball field, running track

Rank: 3

Cooper School-9.6 Acres (Greentree Road & Birchwood Park Drive North)- 2 tennis courts, 1 street hockey court, 1 basketball court, playground equipment, fitness equipment, 1 baseball field

Rank: 4

Lummis Park-1.4 Acres (Marlkress Road near Lucerne)- playground equipment, 1 basketball court

Rank: 5

Staffordshire Park-1.0 Acre (off Brick Road)- playground equipment, 1 basketball court, 1 volleyball court

Rank: 5

Old Orchard Park-2.5 Acres (off Thorne Hill Drive)- playground equipment, 1 general use field

Rank: 5

Point of Woods Park-4.0 Acres (Brookville Drive off Birchwood Park Drive North)- playground equipment, 2 tennis courts, fitness equipment

Rank: 5

Sandringham Park-5.6 Acres (off Sandringham Road)- playground equipment

Rank: 2

Stockton School-10.0 Acres (Wexford Drive)- playground equipment, 1 street hockey court, 2 tennis courts (no nets), 1 baseball field, 1 basketball court,

Rank: 3

Joseph D. Sharp School-10.0 Acres (Old Orchard Drive)- 1 soccer field, 1 baseball field, 1 basketball court, playground equipment

Rank: 4



District 3

Brandywoods Park-18.6 Acres (S. Dartmouth Road or Colgate Drive)- walking path, playground equipment, 1 basketball court, 1 baseball field, fitness equipment

Rank: 5

Kingston Park-7.5 Acres (Deland & Edgemoor)- Home of "Cherry Hill Eastern Little League". 2 little league fields, 1 street hockey court, and playground equipment

Rank: 5

Kingston Elementary School-9.9 Acres (Kingston Road)- 2 tennis courts, 1 basketball court, 2 baseball fields, playground equipment

Rank: 3

Malberg (Estelle Malberg School)-10.3 Acres (Renaldo Terrace off Route 70)- 2 tennis courts, 1 basketball court, 1 baseball field, playground equipment

Rank: 3

Thomas Paine School-10.0 Acres (Church Road)- 1 basketball court, 2 baseball fields, playground equipment

Rank: 2

District 4

Barclay Farmstead Park- 22.8 Acres (Barclay Lane off West Gate)- walking path, playground equipment

Rank: 3

Challenge Grove Park- 17.8 Acres (Camden County Park, Bortons Mills Rd off Brace)-walking path, 1 basketball court, playground equipment, 1 baseball field, 1 general use field, fitness equipment

Rank: 3

Croft Farm/Cherry Hill Art Center- 70 Acres (Bortons Mill Rd)- walking path, art center, 4 mini soccer fields, 1 lacrosse/field hockey, 1 general use field

Rank: 3

Kresson Woods/Haddontowne Park- 1.8 Acres (Plymouth & Salem)- Playground equipment, 4 tennis courts

Rank: 3

Kingsway Circle Park-.5 Acre (Churchill Road off Kings Highway)- playground equipment

Rank: 3

Monetti Park- 2.2 Acres (Haddonfield Road)- 1 basketball court 1 baseball field, playground equipment

Rank: 3

Gilmore Park- 8.7 Acres (Haddonfield-Berlin Road near I-295)- playground equipment, 2 little league fields

Rank: 3

Singleton Park-.3 Acre (Willard Ave.) - playground equipment, 1 basketball court

Rank: 3

Barclay Farms Elementary School- 11.1 Acres (Weston Way)-1 basketball court, 1 baseball field

Rank: 3

Russell Knight Elementary School- 6.1 Acres (Old Carriage Road)- 1 basketball court, 2 baseball fields, playground equipment

Rank: 3

James J. Johnson Elementary School- 22.5 Acres (Kresson Road)- 1 basketball court, 1 baseball field, 2 tennis courts, 1 soccer field, playground equipment

Rank: 3

District 5

Barton Park- 10.4 Acres (New York and McGill Aves off Cooper Landing)- benches, walking trails, sleigh-riding hill, 3 general use fields

Rank: 4

Lions Den Park- 1.4 Acres (New York Ave near Cooper Landing Road)- playground equipment, walking path, 1Basketball court, 1 volleyball court, benches, sandbox, picnic tables

Rank: 5

Locustwood Park- .8 Acre (Martin Ave and Murry Ave)-playground equipment, 1 basketball court

Rank: 5

Erlton Park- 10.9 Acres (Jefferson and Grant Aves)- playground equipment, 1 Soccer field, 1 basketball court, 2 tennis courts, 1 baseball field, 1 street hockey court, fitness equipment, gazebo, 2 sitting areas

Rank: 5

Municipal Field (Town Hall)- 14.8 Acres- 1 baseball field, 1 softball field

Rank: 3

Cherry Hill High School West- 28.5 Acres (Chapel Ave)- 1 main football field, 1 practice football field, 3 soccer fields, 2 field hockey/lacrosse fields, 2 softball fields, 2 baseball fields, 1 running track, 2 basketball courts, 4 tennis courts

Rank: 3

Clara Barton School- 8.3 Acres (Migill Ave)- 2 tennis courts, 1 basketball court, playground equipment, 1 baseball field, 1 soccer field

Rank: 3

Camden County Park - Maria Barnaby Greenwald Camden County Memorial Park- 26.7 Acres (Park Boulevard)- playground equipment, walking trails, picnic areas, 1 baseball field, 2 general use fields, 1 volleyball court

Rank: 3

Pop Warner Fields- 7.2 Acres (Warren & Graham Ave.) - 2 midget football fields, concession building

Rank: 5

District 6

Barlow Park-2.9 Acres (Church Road and Victor Ave)- playground equipment, picnic benches, 1 general use field, 1 basketball court, 2 baseball fields

Rank: 5

Hinchman Park-1.6 Acres (Hollywood Ave and Rt. 38)- 2 tennis courts, playground equipment

Rank: 5

Kenilworth Park-12.1 Acres (Kenilworth and Olive)- 1 basketball court, 1 baseball field, pavilion, playground equipment

Rank: 5

Still Park-4.8 Acres (Merchant Street - Main Street off of Chapel Ave.)- playground equipment, 1 basketball court, 1 baseball field, park pavilion

Rank: 3

Woodland Park-.6 Acre (Between Third and Woodland Avenues)- playground equipment

Rank: 5

Camden County Community Park- 55.4 Acres (Between the Conrail Line and the Pennsauken Boundary)- 3 baseball fields, dog run, parkway golf

Rank: 3

District 7

Carusi Middle School-21.2 Acres (Jackson Road and Roosevelt Drive)- 2 tennis courts, 1 hockey court, 1 basketball court, 1 baseball field, 1 softball field, 2 soccer fields, 1 field hockey field, 1 running track, walking path, playground equipment

Rank: 3

Chapel Avenue Park-15.7 Acres (Chapel Ave.) - playground equipment, 1 soccer field, 1 lacrosse/field hockey field, walking path

Rank: 5

Columbia Lake Park-4.4 Acres (Church Road and Lake Drive)- walking path

Rank: 3

Ivy Lane Park-1.0 Acre (Ivy Lane & Roosevelt Drive)- playground equipment

Rank: 5

Joyce Kilmer Elementary School-14.0 Acres (Chapel Ave)-

2 tennis courts, 1 street hockey, 1 basketball court, 1 baseball field, playground equipment

Rank: 2

National Little League-2.3 Acres (Cooper Landing Road)- 2 little league baseball fields

Rank: 5

District 8

Cherry Valley Park (aka - Peppermill Farms)- 4.8 Acres (Briar Lane off N. Madison)- playground equipment, 1 baseball field, 1 basketball court

Rank: 3

Coles Park-5.3 Acres (Church Road)- 2 tennis courts

Rank: 4

Colwick Park-13.2 Acres (Colwick Rd and Overbrook Drive) - playground equipment

Rank: 3

Y.A.L.E. School- 5.0 Acres (Church Road-Private)- 2 tennis courts, 1 baseball field, 2 softball fields

Rank: 3



Recreation Administration and Programs

The Cherry Hill Department of Recreation, Parks and Community Service coordinates numerous recreational opportunities for the residents of the community. A full time director and a staff are responsible for the scheduling of activities at Township owned parks and playgrounds, the management of community programs at the Croft Farm and Barclay Farmstead, and the quarterly distribution of a calendar of events.

Social programs are an integral part of the enhanced quality of life of Cherry Hill residents. A variety of activities is necessary to satisfy the assorted needs of the population and Cherry Hill provides this diversity of social opportunity. A seasonal calendar of events, including programs for all ages, is mailed to residents four times a year and. These range from the Easter-Egg Hunt in the spring to the Pumpkin Festival in the fall. Community programs take place throughout the Township, including the public schools, the Cherry Hill Community Center, the Barclay Farmstead, the Cherry Hill Arts Center, the Cherry Hill Public Library, and the Township athletic facilities. Following are some of the programs and special events:

Cherry Hill Youth Athletic Clubs include: Cherry Hill Soccer Club; Cherry Hill East Soccer Association (CHESA); Cherry Hill United Soccer Club (CHUSC); Girl's Soccer Association of Cherry Hill; Cherry Hill Atlantic Little League; Cherry Hill American Little League; Cherry Hill National Little League; Cherry Hill Eastern Little League; Cherry Hill Babe Ruth West; Cherry Hill Babe Ruth East; Cherry Hill Lacrosse Club; Cherry Hill Midget Football, Cherry Hill Cheerleaders

Youth Programs - Include recreational opportunities such as youth softball, basketball, tennis, etc. and visual and performing arts programs such as Theater Workshop, Summer Art Camp, Music & Dance, etc.

Adult Programs - Include recreation, dance, computers, languages, hobbies and leisure, creative arts, money/career, health, and general interest

Senior Citizen Programs - Special activities for senior citizens are provided including "AARP's 55 Alive" mature driving, tennis, line dancing, aerobics, ceramics, computers for seniors, and Internet introduction.

Special events are frequently held at the Croft Farm or the Barclay Farmstead and include; The Croft Farm Orchestra Series, The Celebration of Black History Month, Community Curators Exhibit, Spring Family Festival, Memorial Day Tribute, Music Under The Stars, Fourth of July Celebration, Cinematic Reflections Film Review, "The Croft Farm Story".

Analysis and Recommendations

This report lists the inventory of recreation facilities, analyzes the Township's recreation needs and presents recommendations for recreation goals and objectives. The existing recreation sites have been identified on Map 'R' titled "Cherry Hill Township Recreation and Open Space Map". Based on this analysis, the following recommendations have been developed:

- ◆ Based on the current population of Cherry Hill (69,965), the Recreation Standards Chart indicates that there are an insufficient number of recreation facilities, specifically athletic fields. It is recommended that additional fields be placed in strategic locations on existing Township or school board owned land as identified in each district. This will require a cooperative effort between Township officials and the school board.
- ◆ According to the Recreation Standards, Cherry Hill Township lacks two public recreation components; a community pool and an ice skating rink. Currently, the high school swim teams must travel outside the Township for practice and meets. With regard to an Olympic Pool, the Jewish Community Center on Springdale Road, the YMCA at Echelon and the New Jersey Wahoos in Mount Laurel all have Olympic size pools. It seems that the needs of the community are being met. Additionally, it is recommended that as part of the Garden State Race Track development, an Olympic size community pool be constructed even if it is part of a private health club, provided the swim teams can rent time there.

Although the surrounding communities of Voorhees, Mt. Laurel, and Medford have skating rinks, no ice skating rink exists within the borders of Cherry Hill Township. It is recommended that the construction of at least one (1) ice skating facility be considered. An ideal location for a private skating rink would be in one of the industrial parks, preferably a reuse of an existing vacant building.

- ◆ All the athletic fields are over used. The Township should begin to investigate the development potential of additional municipal lands for use as athletic fields. Since the community is nearly fully developed, available vacant land is limited. In order to compensate for this shortage, the school district provides access, on a limited basis, to their athletic fields. Many of the fields located on school sites are in poor condition. Compounding the problem is the limited space available to accommodate the construction of additional athletic fields in the Township. This situation has forced some athletic groups to secure playing fields in other communities.

The Township and the School Board should cooperate to improve existing School Board owned athletic fields. The analysis has revealed that many of the fields on school property are in disrepair and should be re-graded, irrigated and reseeded. Additional improvements, such as lights, at some field locations will extend the playing time and therefore reduce the number of new fields that would be necessary.

- ◆ The Township has an established maintenance and improvement program that targets an average of four (4) recreational facilities a year. The Township should continue this program with an emphasis placed on addressing safety and federally mandated accessibility requirements at each park and playground. Any improvement to an existing facility needs to be in conformance with ADA standards, the Township's Capital Improvement Plan ensures that all recreation facilities meet or exceed safety and ADA standards. Any facilities identified as being non-compliant should receive immediate attention.
- ◆ The Township should investigate the formation of a cooperative effort to improve and update the recreational opportunities on county owned parkland located within Cherry Hill Township. Most of the County park facilities are out dated and do not conform to ADA accessibility standards. The Township should appoint a liaison to interact with county park officials to leverage dollars for improving the park and recreation facilities within the county park system in Cherry Hill.
- ◆ Within the past several years, interest has been building for the placement of a skateboard park somewhere within the community. Although not a recognized recreation facility according to the National Recreation and Parks Standards, a skateboard park certainly will fulfill an activity need for youths. There are several potential indoor sites. A private enterprise or a public/private partnership may be able to address this need. It is recommended that locations for both outdoor and indoor facilities be considered.
- ◆ Cherry Hill has no public golf course. However, two private courses exist; the Woodcrest Country Club and the Merchantville Country club. The only lands in Cherry Hill that could accommodate a course would be Springdale Farm with the other 104 acres adjacent, which would have to be acquired. A public course could be a potential source of revenue to the Township, once completed. The governing body must weigh this use against keeping the area in open space, although the 104 acres is not deed restricted at this time.

Cherry Hill has over 550 acres of developed recreation area within its borders. This acreage places Cherry Hill at the midpoint of the planning standard range. Although the Township is within the mid-range of these standards, the recreation facilities are not equally distributed throughout the community. In addition, when applying the standards as modified by Ragan Design Group that takes into consideration local need, there exist significant deficits in certain recreation amenities. Following is a listing of specific recommendations for each planning district.



Cherry Hill Babe Ruth Field

Districts 1 & 2

Districts 1 and 2 comprise all lands east of the New Jersey Turnpike (**Maps C2 & C3**). According to the 2000 census, this area has a population of approximately 30,693. Based on the need analysis, Districts 1 and 2 are deficient in a number of recreation elements (**Table C2**). Based on this analysis and the amount of available land the following improvements are recommended:

- ◆ In 2001, as part of their open space preservation initiative, the Township purchased a portion of the property known as "Springhouse Farm". This land area is 46 acres. A portion of the farm (Block: 510.02, Lot: 3) totaling 104 acres remains in private ownership. Adjacent parcels (Block: 510.01, Lots: 3&4 and Block 523.12 Lot 12) totaling 140 additional acres are also in private ownership. The Township should purchase these remaining parcels for open space. Collectively, 290 acres could be preserved. Alternatively, the Township should consider developing this land as a municipal golf course.
- ◆ The Township should investigate the purchase of Block: 433.01, Lot: 8, (40 acres) which is a parcel of land immediately adjacent to the Rosa Middle School. It is recommended that the upland area of this parcel be developed as an active and passive park. According to the need analysis, four (4) soccer fields, three (3) field hockey/lacrosse fields, four (4) softball fields, and two (2) volleyball courts are needed. These athletic fields can be accommodated on this land. A jogging/trail system should be created along the perimeter of this new park that connects to the school property. In addition, it is recommended that the two (2) existing soccer fields located at Rosa Middle School be renovated.
- ◆ Should the Township acquire the additional land adjacent to the Rosa Middle School, it is recommended that the construction of a skateboard

park be considered. In addition to the skateboard park, an in-line skating path should be developed throughout the park. Since the skateboard park and the in-line skaters are of similar age, these two uses are quite compatible.

- ◆ The Township owns an 85-acre parcel at the intersection of Kresson and Springdale Roads. This parcel is vacant and includes a stand of several evergreen trees. The Township should investigate the placement of an active recreation facility such as soccer fields on this parcel, which will fulfill the recreation need at this end of the community.
- ◆ The Board of Education and the Township jointly own a 10-acre parcel (Block: 515.01, Lot: 1) adjacent to the Cherry Run Development (Sandringham Road and Brick Road). The site is wooded with streams on two borders. The Township is the steward of the property, which is to remain in its natural state as passive open space in perpetuity unless the school district needs to build a school there.



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**Table C2
Recreation Analysis and Need
Districts 1 & 2
Population = 30,693**

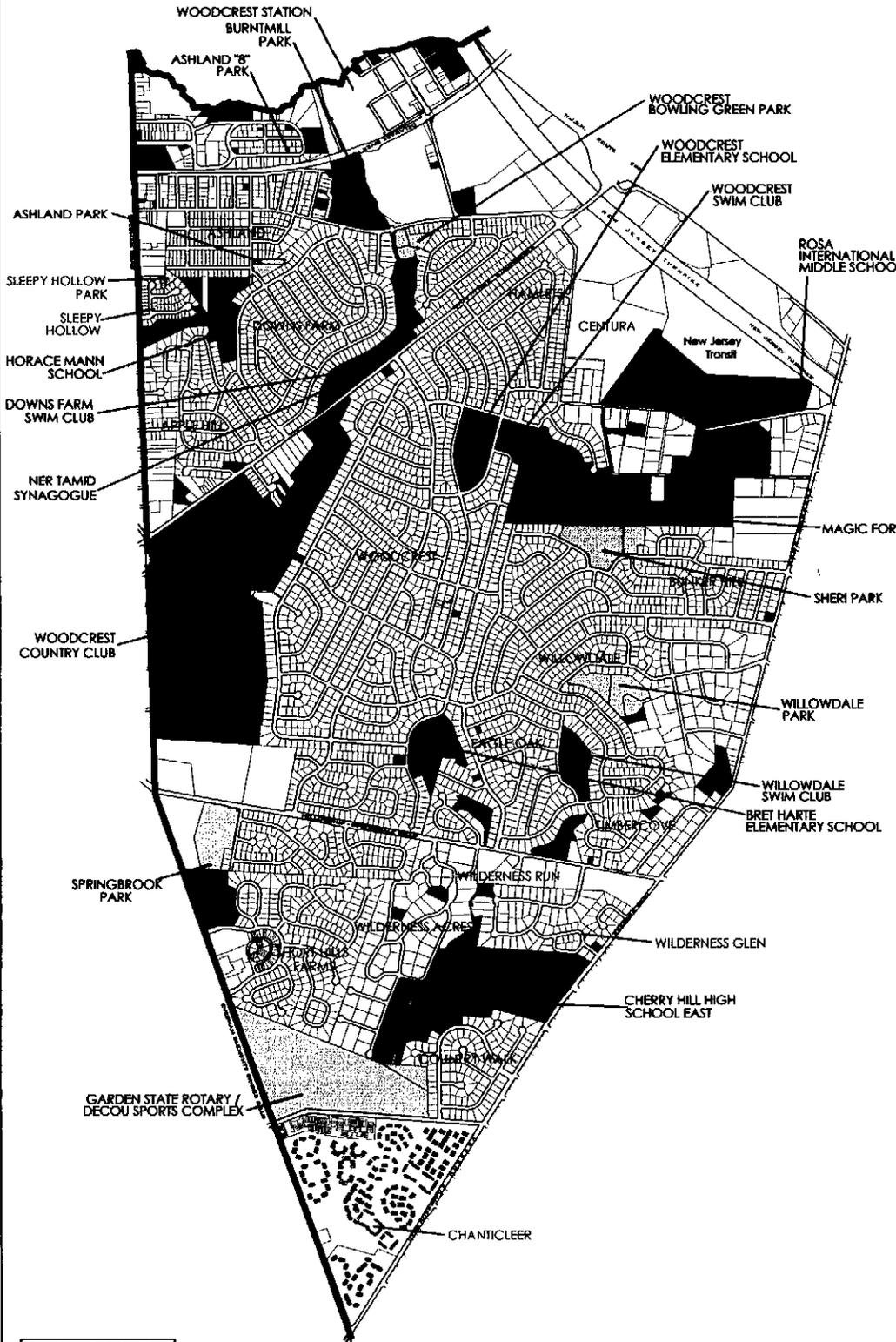
| Facility | Total Standard | Current Facilities | | | Deficit (-) Surplus (+) |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | Twp./Co. | Schools | Total | |
| Community Park | | | | | |
| 5Acres/1,000 | 153 Acres | 66 Acres | ----- | 66 Acres | - 87 Acres |
| Neighborhood Park/ Playground Equipment | | | | | |
| 2Acres/1,000 Equipment is need based | 61 Acres Varies | 57 Acres 12 Plygs. | 115 Acres* 6 Plygs. | 172 Acres 18 Plygs. | + 111 Acres ----- |
| Baseball Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/3,000 | 10 Fields | 0 | 10 Fields | 10 Fields | 0 |
| Little League Baseball Fields | | | | | |
| Need Based | Varies | 2 Fields | 0 | 2 Fields | ----- |
| Softball Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/3,000 | 10 Fields | 0 | 2 Fields | 2 Fields | - 8 Fields |
| Tennis Courts | | | | | |
| 1 Court/1,500 | 20 Courts | 2 Courts | 19 Courts | 21 Courts | + 1 Court |
| Basketball Courts | | | | | |
| 1 Court/2,000 | 16 Courts | 7 Courts | 9 Courts | 16 Courts | 0 |
| Volleyball Courts | | | | | |
| 1 Court/4,000 | 7 Courts | 1 Court | 1 Court | 2 Courts | - 5 Courts |
| Soccer Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/3,000 | 10 Fields | 3 Fields | 9 Fields | 12 Fields | + 2 Fields |
| Football Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/10,000 | 3 Fields | 0 | 2 Fields | 2 Fields | - 1 Field |
| Lacrosse/Field Hockey | | | | | |
| 1 Field/4,000 | 7 Fields | 0 | 4 Fields | 4 Fields | - 3 Fields |
| General Use Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/6,000 | 5 Fields | 3 Fields | 0 | 3 Fields | - 2 Fields |
| Jogging / Fitness Trails | | | | | |
| 1Mile/1,000 | 31 Miles | 5 Miles | 0 | 5 Miles | - 26 Miles |
| Ice Skating | | | | | |
| 1Rink/25,000 | 1 Rink | 0 | 0 | 0 | - 1 Rink |
| Street Hockey | | | | | |
| 1 Rink/8,000 | 4 Rinks | 0 | 5 Rinks | 5 Rinks | + 1 Rink |
| Community /School Pools | | | | | |
| 1 Public Pool/25,000 | 1 Pool | 0 | 0 | 7 Pools** | - 1 Pool |

* 66% of all school site acreage is attributed to recreation activity

** 7 Private swim clubs

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RECREATION & OPEN SPACE MAP DISTRICT 1 MAP C2



LEGEND

- — School Recreation
- ▨ — Public Active
- ▩ — Public Passive
- — Private Active
- — Private Vacant
- — County Parkland

RECREATION INVENTORY

(RANK 1 - 5, with 5 being the best)
(Parks & Recreation Reference Numbers)

- Ashland Park - 1.6 Acres (3rd and Palmwood):**
 - walking trail
 - playground equipment
 - 1 basketball court
 - RANK = 4**
- Ashland 'B' Park - .5 Acres (Dobson Lane, New Henszey Lane):**
 - playground equipment
 - RANK = 4**
- Bret Harte School - 13.4 Acres (Queen Anne Road and Brian Drive):**
 - 1 baseball field
 - playground equipment
 - 1 basketball court
 - 2 tennis courts
 - RANK = 4**
- DeCou Sports Complex - 66.3 Acres (Evansham & Cropwell Roads):**
 - 2 basketball courts, general use
 - 3 soccer fields
 - 4 baseball fields, Little League
 - 1 batting cage
 - RANK = 5**
- Horace Mann School - 6.8 Acres (Wall Whitman Blvd.):**
 - 2 tennis courts
 - 1 basketball court
 - 1 baseball field
 - playground equipment
 - RANK = 3**
- Sheri Park - 11.7 Acres (Liberty Bell and Bunker Hill):**
 - playground equipment
 - RANK = 4**
- Sleepy Hollow Park - .4 Acres (Cuffy's Lane):**
 - playground equipment
 - RANK = 4**
- Springbrook Park - 12.5 Acres (Spring Dale Road):**
 - playground equipment, general use
 - RANK = 5**
- Willowdale Park - 12 Acres (Willowdale Drive):**
 - walking trail
 - playground equipment
 - 1 basketball court
 - RANK = 4**
- Woodcrest School - 14.4 Acres (Aster Drive & Cranford Road):**
 - 2 tennis courts
 - 1 baseball field
 - 1 soccer field
 - 1 basketball court
 - 1 hockey court
 - playground equipment
 - RANK = 4**
- Woodcrest-Bowling Green Park - 3.6 Acres (south Bowling Green Drive):**
 - playground equipment
 - 1 basketball court
 - RANK = 4**
- Cherry Hill High School East - 55 Acres (Kresson Road):**
 - 2 football fields
 - 2 soccer fields
 - 2 field hockey/lacrosse fields
 - 2 softball fields
 - 2 baseball fields
 - 1 running track
 - 2 basketball courts
 - 5 tennis courts
 - 1 volleyball court
 - RANK = 3**
- Rosa International Middle School - 21 Acres**
 - 1 baseball field
 - 1 softball field
 - 2 soccer fields
 - 1 roller hockey court
 - RANK = 3**

Scale: 1" = 600'

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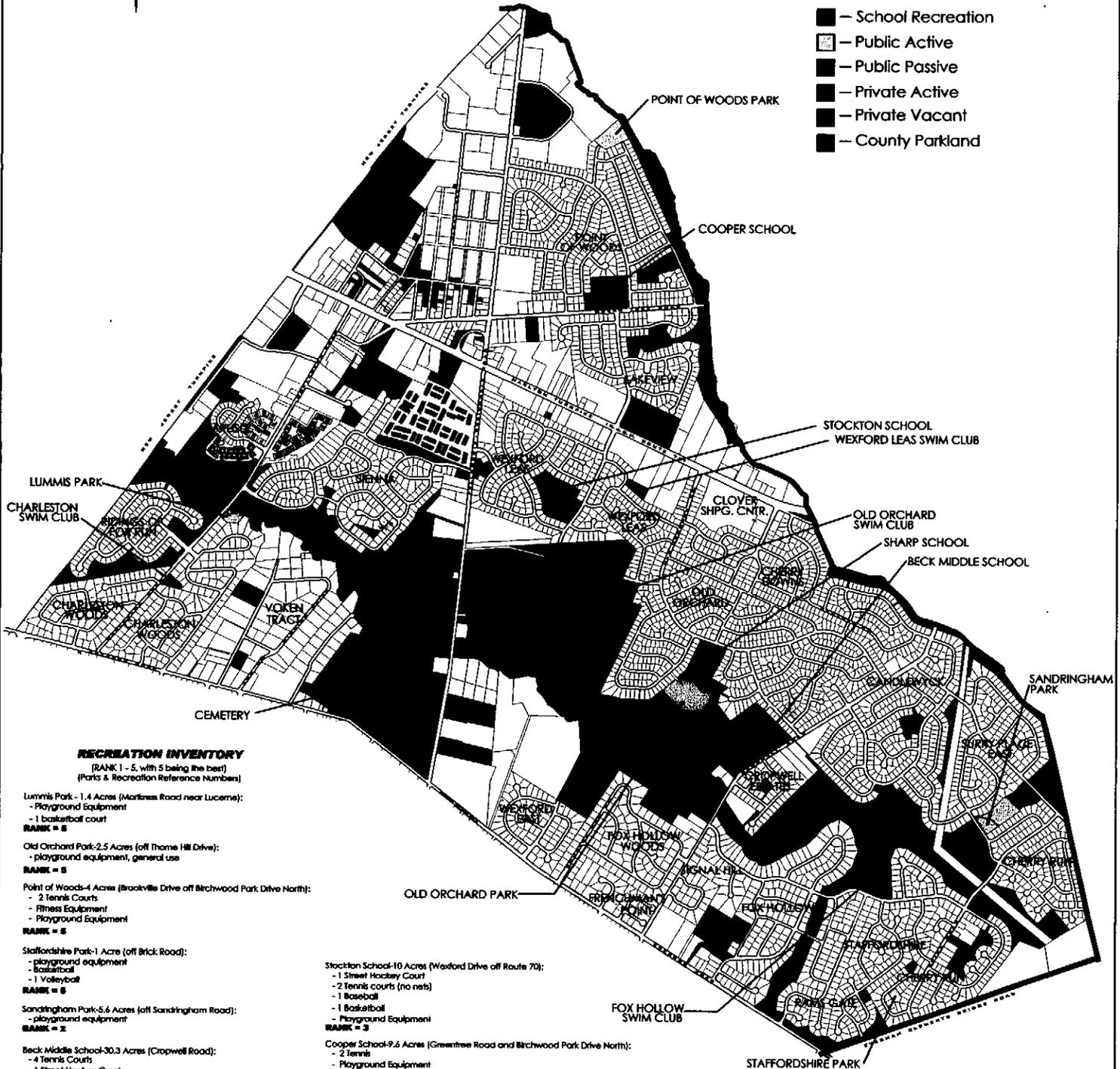
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RECREATION & OPEN SPACE MAP DISTRICT 2 MAP C3



LEGEND

- - School Recreation
- - Public Active
- - Public Passive
- - Private Active
- - Private Vacant
- - County Parkland



RECREATION INVENTORY (RANK 1 - 5, with 5 being the best) (Parks & Recreation Reference Numbers)

Lummis Park - 1.4 Acres (Marlines Road near Lucerne):
- Playground Equipment
- 1 Basketball court
RANK = 5

Old Orchard Park-2.5 Acres (off Thome Hill Drive):
- playground equipment, general use
RANK = 5

Point of Woods-4 Acres (Brookville Drive off Birchwood Park Drive North):
- 2 Tennis Courts
- Fitness Equipment
- Playground Equipment
RANK = 5

Staffordshire Park-1 Acre (off Brick Road):
- playground equipment
- Basketball
- 1 Volleyball
RANK = 5

Sandringham Park-5.6 Acres (off Sandringham Road):
- playground equipment
RANK = 2

Beck Middle School-30.3 Acres (Cropwell Road):
- 4 Tennis Courts
- 1 Street Hockey Court
- 1 Basketball
- 3 Soccer Fields, need irrigation, for community use
- 1 Field Hockey/Lacrosse Field
- 1 Baseball
- 1 Softball
- Running Track
RANK = 3

Stockton School-10 Acres (Wexford Drive off Route 70):
- 1 Street Hockey Court
- 2 Tennis courts (no nets)
- 1 Baseball
- 1 Basketball
- Playground Equipment
RANK = 3

Cooper School-9.6 Acres (Greenview Road and Birchwood Park Drive North):
- 2 Tennis
- Playground Equipment
- Fitness Equipment
- 1 Baseball
- 1 Street Hockey Court
- 1 Basketball
RANK = 4

Joseph D. Sharp School-10 Acres (Old Orchard Drive):
- 2 Tennis
- 1 Soccer
- 1 Baseball
- Playground Equipment
- 1 Basketball
RANK = 4

Scale: 1" = 600'

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Districts 3 & 4

Districts 3 and 4 comprise all lands west of the New Jersey Turnpike to Kings Highway (Maps C4 & C5). According to the 2000 census, this area has a population of approximately 18,388. Based on the area needs analysis, Districts 3 and 4 are deficient in a number of recreation opportunities (Table C3). Based on this analysis and the amount of available land the following improvements are recommended:

- ◆ Most of the recreational facilities located within these districts are located either at school sites or within the County Park system. In addition, there are a number of private recreational opportunities that includes the Cherry Hill Health and Racquet Club, the Cherry Hill Skating Center, World Gym, and others. Virtually all of the public recreation amenities are out dated and are in need of improvement. It is recommended that the Township and the School Board consider ways to cooperate and reduce costs to improve the existing school board athletic fields and play structures. In addition, the Township should investigate the possibility and feasibility of entering into an agreement with the Camden County Parks and Recreation Commission to fund improvements and update the existing County owned recreational facilities located within Cherry Hill.
- ◆ The Camden County Parks Commission owns and maintains Challenge Grove Park, a 17.8-acre park located along Bortons Mill Road immediately adjacent to the Croft Farm/Cherry Hill Art Center. This park consists of walking paths and trails along with active recreation opportunities for basketball, baseball and a playground. It is recommended that two soccer fields and four (4) volleyball courts be added to this park to serve the existing needs of the surrounding neighborhoods.
- ◆ The Township owned Croft Farm property is located along both the east and west sides of Brace Road. The eastern side is approximately 29 acres and consists of open fields. Four (4) mini soccer fields have been constructed in this area and are known as the Cherry Hill Soccer Park. The western side is approximately 41 acres and consists of the Croft Farm/Cherry Hill Art Center. Located on this parcel are a variety of recreation amenities including a walking trail, a general use field, and a lacrosse/field hockey field. It is recommended that two mini soccer fields be located on the western side of the property. In addition, one medium-sized soccer field should be constructed for middle-school age children.
- ◆ As noted previously, a majority of the recreation need for Districts 3 and 4 are met through existing school board properties. Most of these school sites are over ten acres and can accommodate additional recreation facilities. It is recommended that athletic fields be constructed at the following school sites:
 - ◆ Kingston Elementary School- One (1) soccer field
 - ◆ Estelle Malberg School- One (1) soccer field
 - ◆ Thomas Paine Elementary School- One (1) soccer field, one (1) softball field

- James J. Johnson Elementary School- One (1) soccer field, one (1) softball field
- Given the proximity of the previously proposed park in Districts 1 and 2, adjacent to the Rosa Middle School, this facility will also provide recreation opportunities to meet some of the needs of Districts 3 and 4.



**Table C3
Recreation Analysis and Need
Districts 3 & 4
Population = 18,388**

| Facility | Total Standard | Current Facilities | | | Deficit (-) Surplus (+) |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Twp./Co. | Schools | Total | |
| Community Park | | | | | |
| 5 Acres/1,000 | 92 Acres | 93 Acres | ----- | 93 Acres | + 1 Acre |
| Neighborhood Park/ Playground Equipment | | | | | |
| 2 Acres/1,000 Equipment is need based | 37 Acres Varies | 57 Acres 9 Plygs. | 47 Acres* 5 Plygs. | 104 Acres 14 Plygs. | + 67 Acres ----- |
| Baseball Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/3,000 | 6 Fields | 3 Fields | 9 Fields | 12 Fields | + 6 Fields |
| Little League Baseball Fields | | | | | |
| Need Based | Varies | 4 Fields | 0 | 4 Fields | ----- |
| Softball Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/3,000 | 6 Fields | 0 | 0 | 0 | - 6 Fields |
| Tennis Courts | | | | | |
| 1 Court/1,500 | 12 Courts | 4 Courts | 4 Courts | 8 Courts | - 4 Court |
| Basketball Courts | | | | | |
| 1 Court/2,000 | 9 Courts | 4 Courts | 6 Courts | 10 Courts | + 1 Court |
| Volleyball Courts | | | | | |
| 1 Court/4,000 | 5 Courts | 0 | 0 | 0 | - 5 Courts |
| Soccer Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/3,000 | 6 Fields | 4 Fields*** | 1 Field | 5 Fields | - 1 Field |
| Football Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/10,000 | 2 Fields | 0 | 0 | 0 | - 2 Fields |
| Lacrosse/Field Hockey | | | | | |
| 1 Field/4,000 | 5 Fields | 1Field | 0 | 1 Field | - 4 Fields |
| General Use Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/6,000 | 3 Fields | 2 Fields | 0 | 2 Fields | - 1 Field |
| Jogging / Fitness Trails | | | | | |
| 1Mile/1,000 | 18 Miles | 4 Miles | 0 | 4 Miles | - 14 Miles |
| Ice Skating | | | | | |
| 1Rink/25,000 | .5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .5 |
| Street Hockey | | | | | |
| 1 Rink/8,000 | 2 Rinks | 1 Rink | 0 | 1 Rink | - 1 Rinks |
| Community /School Pools | | | | | |
| 1 Public Pool/25,000 | .5 | 0 | 0 | 4 Pools** | .5 |

* 66% of all school site acreage has been attributed to recreation activities

** 4 Private swim clubs

*** Mini soccer fields

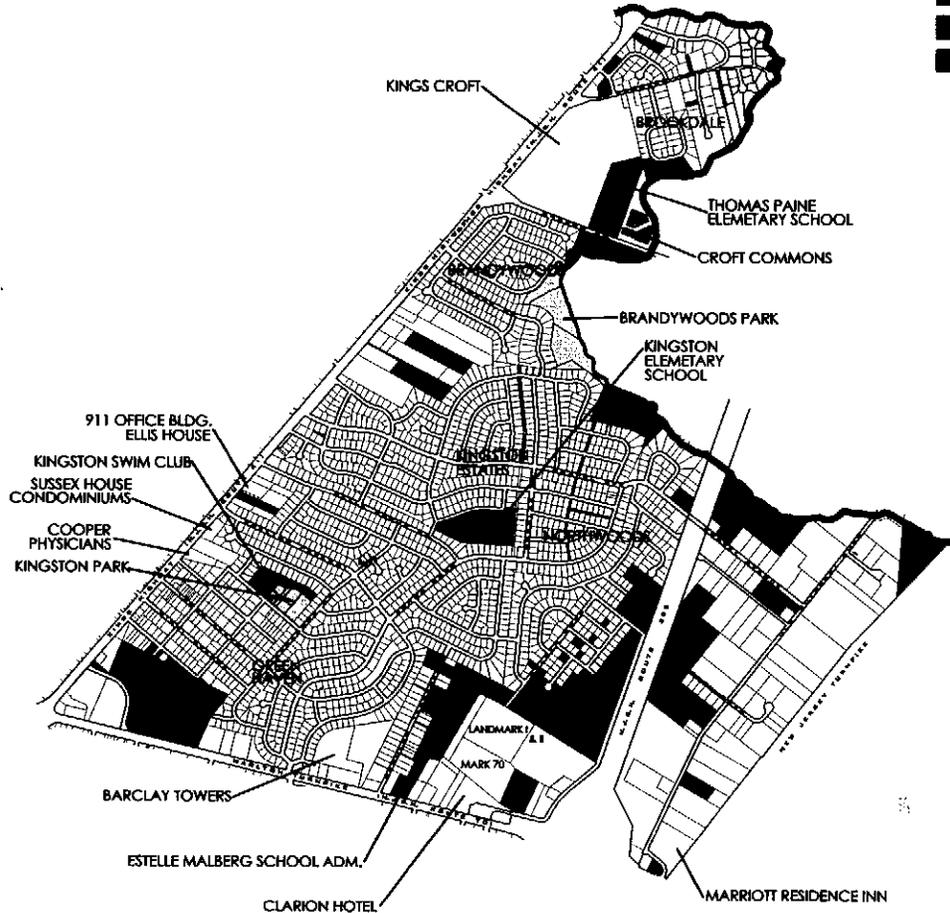
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RECREATION & OPEN SPACE MAP DISTRICT 3 MAP C4



LEGEND

- — School Recreation
- — Public Active
- — Public Passive
- — Private Active
- — Private Vacant
- — County Parkland



RECREATION INVENTORY

(RANK 1 - 5, with 5 being the best)

(Parks & Recreation Reference Numbers)

Brandywoods Park-18.6 Acres (S. Darlington Road or Colgate Drive):

- Walking path
- Playground equipment
- 1 Basketball court
- 1 Baseball field
- Fitness equipment

RANK = 5

Kingston Park-7.5 Acres (Dekard & Edgemoor):

- Home of "Cherry Hill Eastern Little League"
- 2 Little League fields
- 1 Hockey court
- Playground equipment

RANK = 5

Kingston Elementary School-9.9 Acres (Kingston Road):

- 2 tennis courts
- 1 Basketball courts
- 2 Baseball field
- Playground equipment

RANK = 3

Malberg (Estelle Malberg School)-10.3 Acres (Renaldo Terrace off Route 70):

- 2 Tennis courts
- 2 Basketball courts
- 1 Baseball field
- Playground equipment

RANK = 3

Thomas Paine School-10 Acres (Church Road):

- 1 Basketball court
- 2 Baseball fields
- Playground equipment

RANK = 2

Scale : 1" = 600'

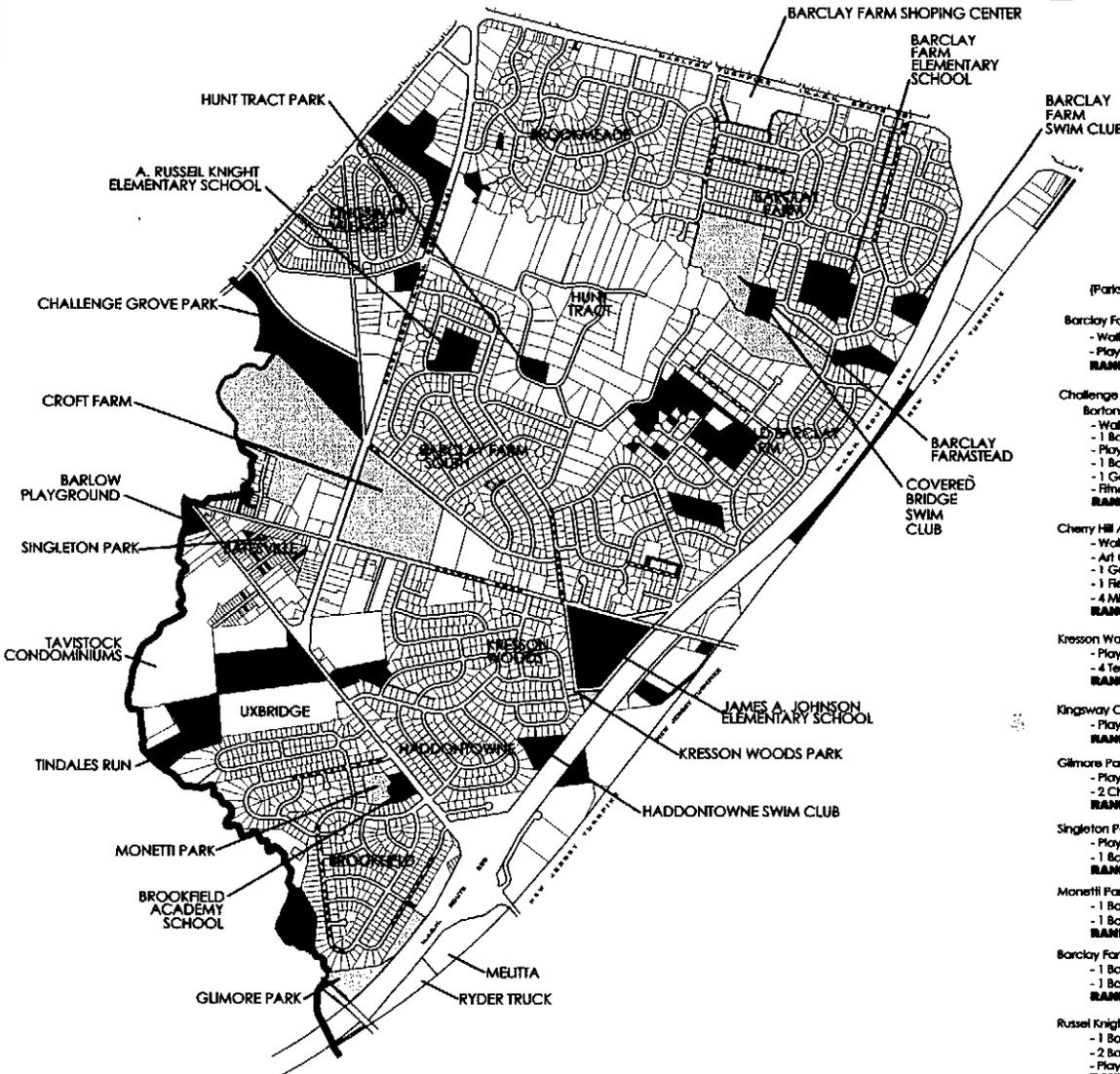
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RECREATION & OPEN SPACE MAP DISTRICT 4 MAP C5



LEGEND

- School Recreation
- Public Active
- Public Passive
- Private Active
- Private Vacant
- County Parkland



RECREATION INVENTORY

(RANK 1 - 5, with 5 being the best)

(Parks & Recreation Reference Numbers)

Barclay Farmstead Park-22.8 Acres (Barclay Lane off West Gate):

- Walking Path
- Playground

RANK=3

Challenge Grove Park-17.8 Acres (Camden County Park,

Bortons Mills Rd off Brace):

- Walking Path
- 1 Basketball Court
- Playground
- 1 Baseball

- 1 General Use Field
- Fitness equipment

RANK=3

Cherry Hill Art Center At Croft Farm- 70 Acres (Bortons Mill Rd):

- Walking Path
- Art Center
- 1 General Use Field
- 1 Field Hockey/Lacrosse Field
- 4 Mini Soccer Fields

RANK=3

Kresson Woods/Haddonstowne-1.8 Acres (Plymouth & Salem):

- Playground
- 4 Tennis Courts

RANK=3

Kingsway Circle-0.5 Acres (Churchill Road off Kings Highway):

- Playground

RANK=3

Gilmere Park-8.7 Acres (Haddonfield-Berlin Road Near I-295):

- Playground Equipment
- 2 Cherry Hill Little League Fields

RANK=3

Singleton Park-0.3 Acres (Willard Ave.):

- Playground Equipment
- 1 Basketball Court

RANK=3

Monetti Park-2.2 Acres (Haddonfield Road):

- 1 Basketball Court
- 1 Baseball Field

RANK=3

Barclay Farm Elementary School-11.1 Acres (Weston Way)

- 1 Basketball Court
- 1 Baseball Field

RANK=3

Russel Knight Elementary School-6.1 Acres (Old Carriage Road)

- 1 Basketball Court
- 2 Baseball Fields
- Playground Equipment

RANK=3

James J. Johnson Elementary School-22.5 Acres (Kresson Road)

- 1 Basketball Court = 3
- 1 Baseball Field = 3
- 2 Tennis Courts = 3
- 1 Soccer Field = 3
- Playground Equipment = 3

RANK=3

Scale : 1" = 600'

Districts 5, 7, & 8

Districts 5, 7 and 8 comprise all lands west of Kings Highway to Haddonfield Road (**Maps C6, C7 & C8**). According to the 2000 census, this area has a population of approximately 16,203. Based on the area needs analysis, Districts 5, 7, and 8 are slightly deficient in a number of minimum recreation facilities (**Table C4**). Based on this analysis and the amount of available land the following improvements are recommended:

- ◆ According to the Recreation Standards, these districts have sufficient recreation areas to meet the needs of the current population. As in the other districts, the recreation need is met primarily through the combination of recreation facilities at school locations and community parks. These districts have an abundance of recreation facilities in the form of fourteen (14) neighborhood parks, and five (5) schools, all providing community recreation facilities. Deficiencies have been identified in the number of volleyball courts and jogging/walking/biking trails. The Joyce Kilmer Elementary School is fourteen acres and therefore can accommodate additional recreation facilities. It is recommended that one (1) soccer field, two (2) volleyball courts and a path system be constructed at this site.
- ◆ Barton Park is located between New York and McGill Avenues and is 10.4 acres. The facility includes benches, walking trails, a sled-riding hill, and three (3) general use fields. During the community meetings, local residents expressed an interest in developing Barton Park into an active recreation facility that includes; a track, a Little League baseball field, a soccer field, an in-line skating park (not street hockey), and a sitting area on top of the sledding hill. It is recommended that this improvement be developed as part of a planned park expansion program. This project could be financed through the Capital Improvement Program.
- ◆ Columbia Lake Park is located along Church Road. It was the first public swimming facility built in Cherry Hill. Long since abandoned as a swimming facility, the lake has been reclaimed as a passive park that includes a walking trail and sitting areas. Walkers and joggers use the park extensively. During the community meetings, local residents have expressed an interest in having the walk around the lake illuminated so that walkers and joggers can safely use the park after sunset. It is recommended that this improvement be developed as part of a planned park expansion program.
- ◆ Many of the existing facilities located on school sites are in poor condition. Most are out dated and are in need of improvement. It is recommended that the Township and the School Board enter into an agreement to fund improvements to the existing school board athletic fields and play structures.
- ◆ Chapel Avenue Park is a recently developed 15.7 acre park located adjacent to Cherry Hill Estates. The facilities include benches, walking paths, playground equipment, a soccer field, and a lacrosse/field hockey field. It is recommended that one (1) additional lacrosse/field hockey field be constructed at this location. In addition, the recreation facilities located

within the various neighborhood parks are in good to excellent condition. One notable exception is the baseball field at Cherry Valley Park. It is recommended that this field be reconstructed to provide safe playing conditions.

- ◆ The Pop Warner Midget Football Club maintains two (2) midget football fields at the intersection of Warren and Graham Avenues. The club is actively searching for additional fields adjacent to their existing facility. The Township owns open space land known as Cooperfield Park in close proximity to the Pop Warner fields. It is recommended that the Township discuss with the club the possibility of using a portion of the park for midget football practice fields. Any new fields should be sited such that they are not in conflict with existing wooded areas.
- ◆ The Camden County Parks Commission owns and maintains the Maria Greenwald Memorial Park, a 26.7-acre park located along Park Boulevard between Kings Highway and Grove Street. This park consists of walking paths, trails and active recreation opportunities including one (1) baseball field, two (2) general use fields, one (1) volleyball court, and a playground. It is recommended that one (1) soccer field be added to this park to serve the existing needs of the surrounding neighborhoods. In addition, the baseball field needs to be reconstructed.



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Table C4
Recreation Analysis and Need
Districts 5, 7 & 8
Population = 16,203

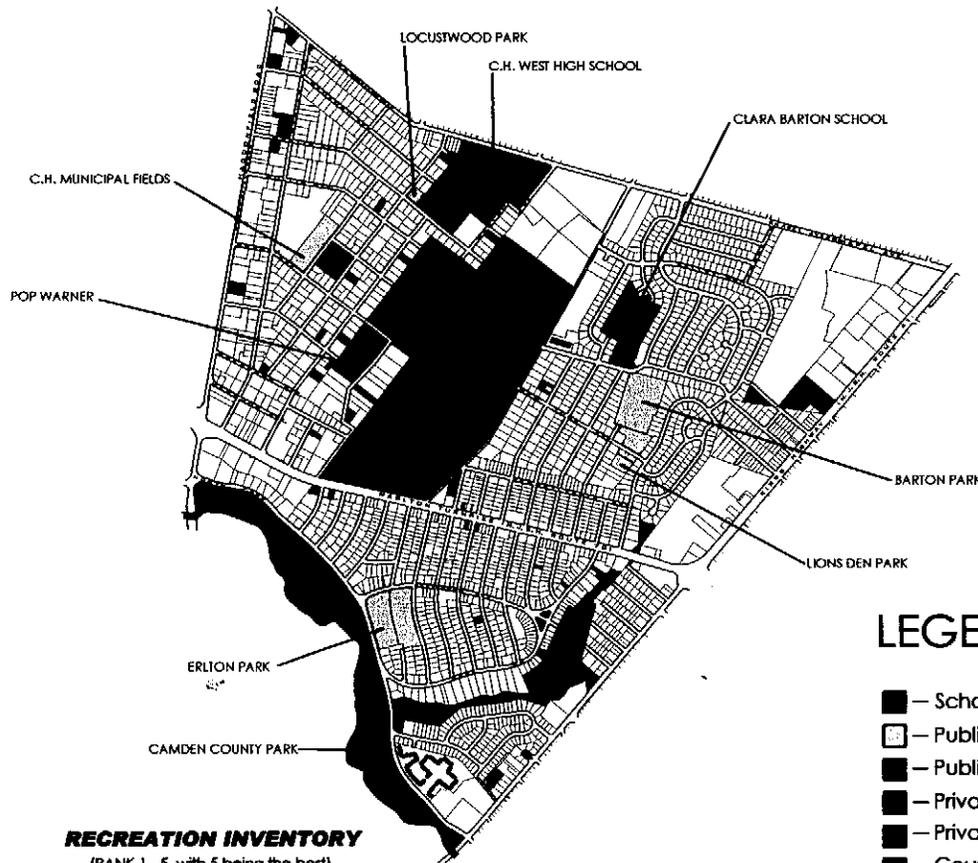
| Facility | Total Standard | Current Facilities | | | Deficit (-) Surplus (+) |
|---|----------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | Twp./Co. | Schools | Total | |
| Community Park | | | | | |
| 5Acres/1,000 | 81 Acres | 0 | ----- | 0 | - 81 Acres |
| Neighborhood Park/ Playground Equipment | | | | | |
| 2Acres/1,000 Equipment is need based | 32 Acres Varies | 114 Acres 8 Plygs. | 52 Acres* 3 Plygs. | 166 Acres 11 Plygs. | + 134Acres ----- |
| Baseball Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/3,000 | 5 Fields | 3 Fields | 6 Fields | 9 Fields | + 4 Fields |
| Little League Baseball Fields | | | | | |
| Need Based | Varies | 3 Fields | 0 | 3 Fields | ----- |
| Softball Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/3,000 | 5 Fields | 1 Field | 5 Fields | 6 Fields | + 1 Field |
| Tennis Courts | | | | | |
| 1 Court/1,500 | 11 Courts | 4 Courts | 12 Courts | 16 Courts | + 5 Courts |
| Basketball Courts | | | | | |
| 1 Court/2,000 | 8 Courts | 4 Courts | 5 Courts | 9 Courts | + 1 Court |
| Volleyball Courts | | | | | |
| 1 Court/4,000 | 4 Courts | 2 Courts | 0 | 2 Courts | - 2 Courts |
| Soccer Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/3,000 | 6 Fields | 2 Fields | 6 Fields | 8 Fields | + 2 Fields |
| Football Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/10,000 | 2 Fields | 2 Fields | 2 Fields | 4 Fields | + 2 Fields |
| Lacrosse/Field Hockey | | | | | |
| 1 Field/4,000 | 4 Fields | 1 Field | 3 Fields | 4 Fields | 0 |
| General Use Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/6,000 | 3 Fields | 5 Fields | 0 | 5 Fields | + 2 Fields |
| Jogging / Fitness Trails | | | | | |
| 1Mile/1,000 | 16 Miles | 4.5 Miles | 3 Miles | 7.5 Miles | - 8.5 Miles |
| Ice Skating | | | | | |
| 1Rink/25,000 | .5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .5 |
| Street Hockey | | | | | |
| 1 Rink/8,000 | 2 Rinks | 1 Rink | 2 Rinks | 3 Rinks | + 1 Rink |
| Community /School Pools | | | | | |
| 1 Public Pool/25,000 | .5 | 0 | 0 | 2 Pools** | .5 |

* 66% of all school site acreage is attributed to recreation activity

** 2 Private swim clubs

CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP

RECREATION & OPEN SPACE MAP DISTRICT 5 MAP C6



LEGEND

- — School Recreation
- — Public Active
- ▨ — Public Passive
- ▧ — Private Active
- ▩ — Private Vacant
- — County Parkland

RECREATION INVENTORY

(RANK 1 - 5, with 5 being the best)

(Parks & Recreation Reference Numbers)

Barton Park - 10.4 Acres (Rhode Island Ave. and McGill off Cooper Landing):

- benches
 - walking trails
 - sleigh riding hills
 - 3 general use fields
- RANK = 4**

Lions Den Park - 1.4 Acres (New York Ave. near Cooper Landing Road):

- playground equipment
 - walking path
 - 1-1/2 basketball courts (2 full courts with hoops only at 1)
 - 1 volleyball court
 - benches, sandbox, picnic tables
- RANK = 5**

Locustwood Park - 0.8 Acres (Martin Ave. and Murray Ave.):

- playground
 - 1 basketball court
- RANK = 5**

Erlton Park - 10.9 Acres (Jefferson and Grant Aves.):

- playground equipment
 - 1 soccer field
 - 1 basketball court
 - 2 tennis courts
 - 1 baseball fields
 - 1 street hockey court
 - fitness equipment
 - gazebo
 - sitting areas
- RANK = 5**

**Municipal Field (Town Hall) - 14.8 Acres
"George McManamin Field Home of Cherry Hill Babe Ruth":**

- 1 baseball field
 - 1 softball field
- RANK = 3**

Pop Warner Fields - 7.2 Acres (Warren and Graham):

- 2 midget fields
 - 1 concession building
- RANK = 5**

Cherry Hill High School West - 28.5 Acres

- 1 main football field (no lights)
 - 1 practice football field
 - 3 soccer fields
 - 2 field hockey/lacrosse fields
 - 2 softball fields
 - 2 baseball fields
 - 1 running track
 - 2 basketball courts
 - 4 tennis courts
- RANK = 3**

Clara Barton School - 8.3 Acres (Migall)

- 1 tennis courts with lights
 - 1 basketball court
 - playground
 - 1 baseball field
 - 1 soccer field
- RANK = 4**

**Camden County Park
Marla Barnaby Greenwald Camden County Memorial Park - 26.7 Acres:**

- walking trails
 - play equipment
 - picnic areas
 - 1 baseball field
 - 3 general use fields
 - 1 volleyball court
- RANK = 3**

Scale: 1" = 600'

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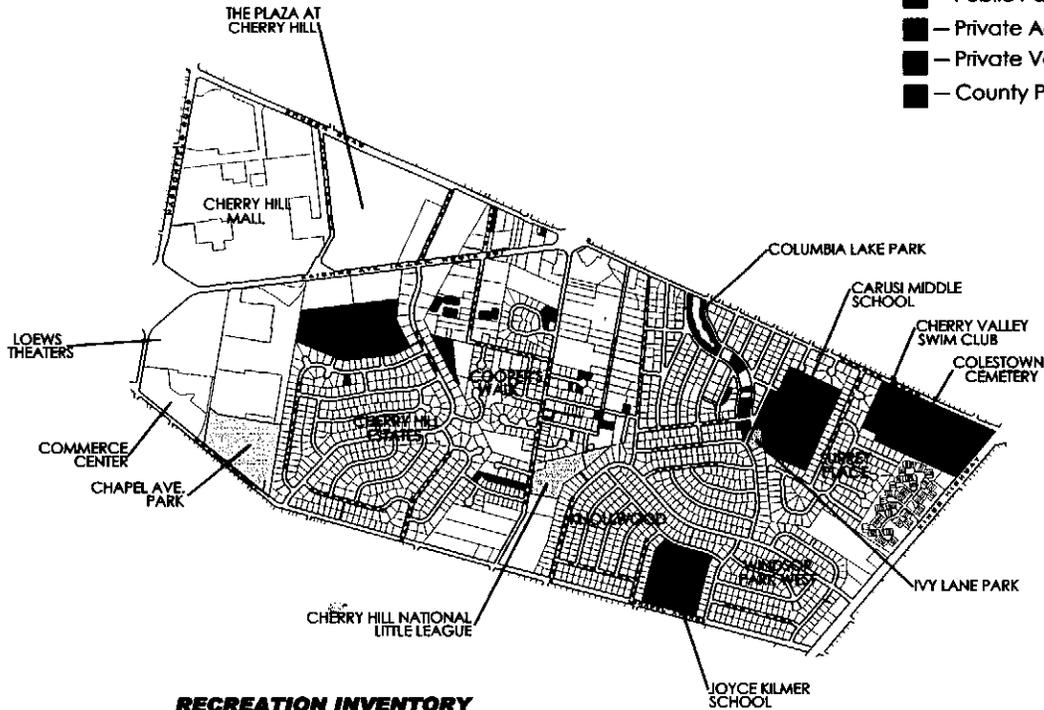
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RECREATION & OPEN SPACE MAP DISTRICT 7 MAP C7



LEGEND

- — School Recreation
- ▣ — Public Active
- — Public Passive
- — Private Active
- — Private Vacant
- — County Parkland



RECREATION INVENTORY

(RANK 1 - 5, with 5 being the best)

(Parks & Recreation Reference Numbers)

Carusi Middle School - 21.2 Acres (Jackson Road and Roosevelt Drive):

- 2 tennis courts
- 1 hockey court
- 1 basketball court
- 1 baseball field
- 1 softball field
- 2 soccer fields
- 1 field hockey
- 1 running track
- walking path
- playground equipment

RANK = 3

Chapel Avenue Park - 15.7 Acres (Chapel Ave.):

- playground equipment
- 1 field hockey/lacrosse field
- 1 soccer field
- walking path

RANK = 5

Columbia Lake Park - 4.4 Acres (Church Road and Lake Drive):

- walking path

RANK = 3

Ivy Lane Park - 1 Acre (Ivy Lane and Roosevelt Drive):

- playground equipment

RANK = 3

Joyce Kilmer Elementary School - 14 Acres (Chapel Ave.):

- 2 tennis courts
- 1 hockey court
- 1 basketball court
- 1 baseball field
- playground equipment

RANK = 2

National Little League - 2.3 Acres (Cooper Landing Road):

- 2 baseball fields
- concession stand

RANK = 5

Scale: 1" = 600'

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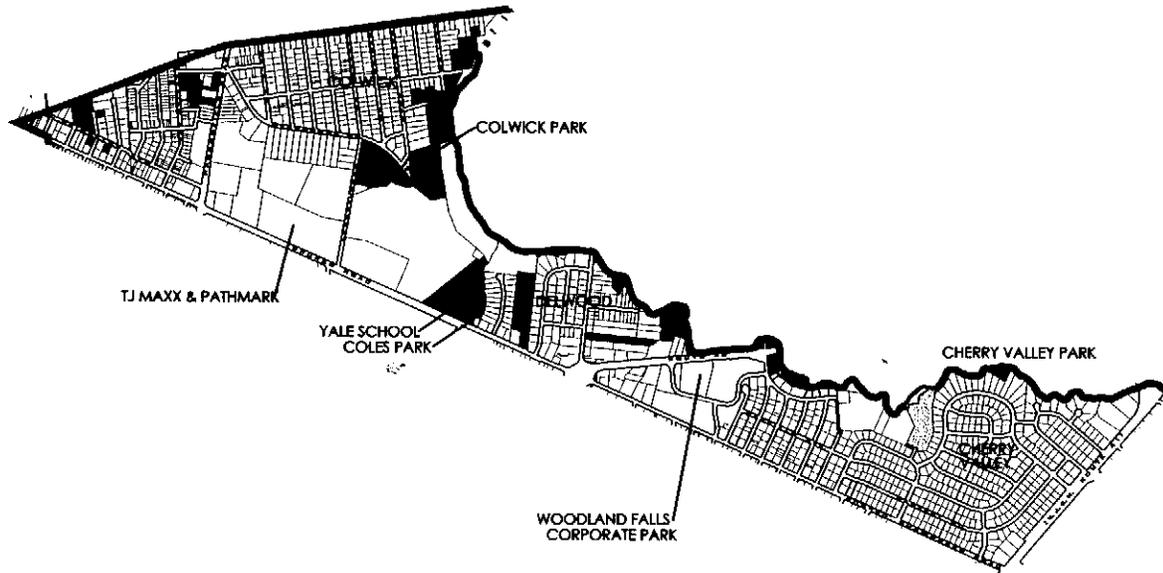
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RECREATION & OPEN SPACE MAP DISTRICT 8 MAP C8



LEGEND

- - School Recreation
- ▣ - Public Active
- - Public Passive
- - Private Active
- - Private Vacant
- - County Parkland



RECREATION INVENTORY

(RANK 1 - 5, with 5 being the best)

(Parks & Recreation Reference Numbers)

Cherry Valley Park (a.k.a. Peppermill Farms) - 4.8 Acres

(Briar lane off N. Madlson):

- playground equipment
- 1 baseball fields
- 1 basketball court

RANK = 3

Coles Park - 5.3 Acres (Church Road):

- 2 tennis courts

RANK = 4

Colewick Park - 13.2 Acre (Colewick Rd. and Overbrook Drive):

- playground equipment

RANK = 3

Yale School (Church Road-Private) - 5.0 Acres

- 2 tennis courts
- 1 baseball fields
- 2 softball fields

RANK = 3

Scale : 1" = 600'

District 6

District 6 consists of all land west of Haddonfield Road to the Pennsauken border (**Map C9**). According to the 2000 census, this area has a population of 4,681. Based on the area needs analysis, District 6 is deficient in a number of recreation facilities (**Table C5**). Based on this analysis, and the amount of land available in this district, the following improvements are recommended:

- ◆ Unlike other districts, the recreation need is being met primarily through the Township's neighborhood parks. Six (6) parks exist in this district. Deficiencies have been documented in the number of softball, soccer, and lacrosse fields, and jogging, walking, and biking trails. As part of the Garden State Race track development, twenty to thirty acres are being set aside as a neighborhood park. It is recommended that two (2) soccer fields and one (1) softball field be constructed at this site.



Cooper River offers recreational and educational opportunities

**Table C5
Recreation Analysis and Need
District 6
Population = 4,681**

| Facility | Total Standard | Current Facilities | | | Deficit (-) Surplus (+) |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Twp./Co. | Schools | Total | |
| Community Park | | | | | |
| 5Acres/1,000 | 23 Acres | 0 | ----- | 0 | - 23 Acres |
| Neighborhood Park/ Playground Equipment | | | | | |
| 2Acres/1,000 Equipment is need based | 9 Acres Varies | 77 Acres 5 Plygs. | 0 0 | 77Acres 5 Plygs. | + 68 Acres ----- |
| Baseball Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/3,000 | 2 Fields | 7 Fields | 0 | 7 Fields | + 5 Fields |
| Little League Baseball Fields | | | | | |
| Need Based | Varies | 0 | 0 | 0 | ----- |
| Softball Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/3,000 | 2 Fields | 0 | 0 | 0 | - 2 Fields |
| Tennis Courts | | | | | |
| 1 Court/1,500 | 3 Courts | 2 Courts | 0 | 2 Courts | - 1 Court |
| Basketball Courts | | | | | |
| 1 Court/2,000 | 2 Courts | 3 Courts | 0 | 3 Courts | + 1 Court |
| Volleyball Courts | | | | | |
| 1 Court/4,000 | 1 Court | 0 | 0 | 0 | - 1 Court |
| Soccer Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/3,000 | 1 Field | 0 | 0 | 0 | - 1 Fields |
| Football Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/10,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lacrosse/Field Hockey | | | | | |
| 1 Field/4,000 | 1 Field | 0 | 0 | 0 | - 1 Field |
| General Use Fields | | | | | |
| 1 Field/6,000 | 0 | 1 Field | 0 | 1 Field | + 1 Field |
| Jogging / Fitness Trails | | | | | |
| 1Mile/1,000 | 5 Miles | 0 | 0 | 0 | - 5 Miles |
| Ice Skating | | | | | |
| 1Rink/25,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Street Hockey | | | | | |
| 1 Rink/8,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Community /School Pools | | | | | |
| 1 Public Pool/25,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

* 66% of all school site acreage is attributed to recreation activity.

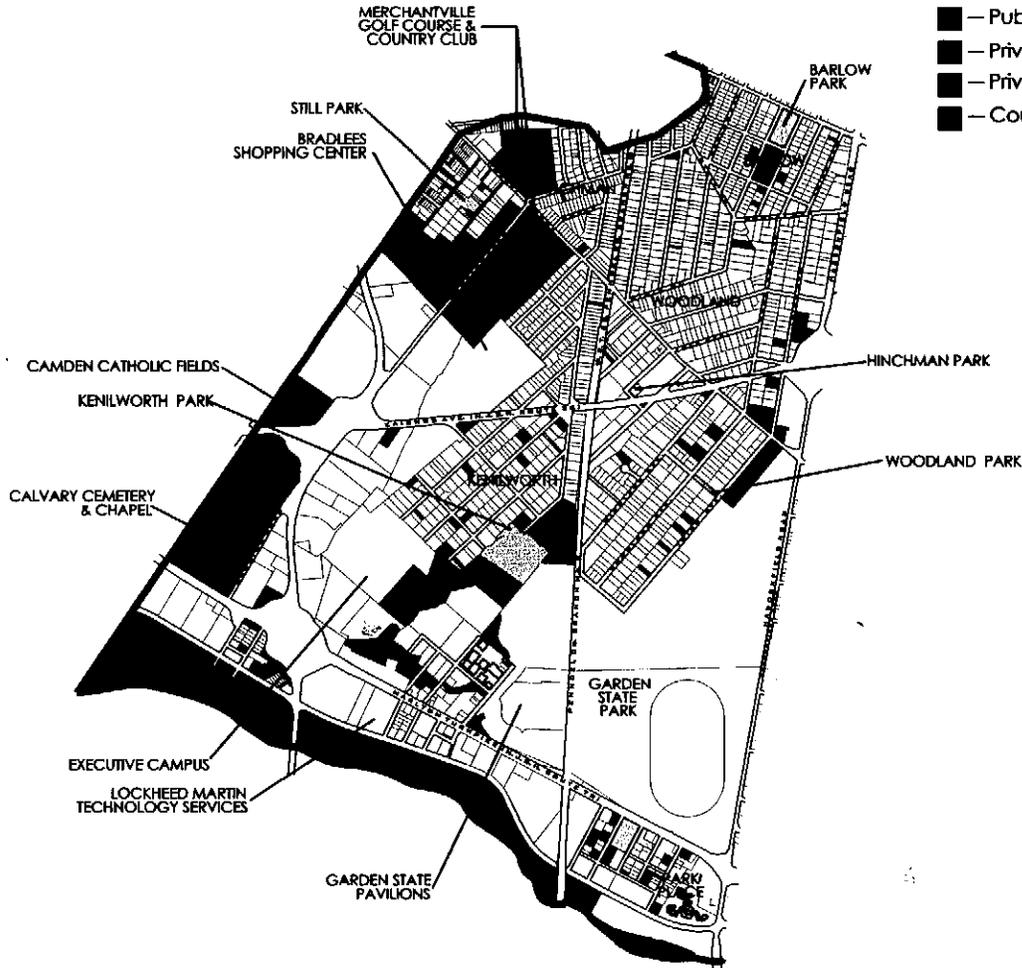
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RECREATION & OPEN SPACE MAP DISTRICT 6 MAP C9



LEGEND

- — School Recreation
- ▨ — Public Active
- — Public Passive
- — Private Active
- — Private Vacant
- — County Parkland



RECREATION INVENTORY

(RANK 1 - 5, with 5 being the best)

(Parks & Recreation Reference Numbers)

Barlow Park - 2.9 Acres (Church Road and Victor Ave.);
 - playground equipment
 - 3 picnic benches
 - 1 general use field
 - 1 basketball court
 - 2 baseball fields
RANK = 5

Hinchman Park - 1.6 Acres (Hollywood Ave. and Route 38)
 - 2 tennis courts
 - play equipment
RANK = 5

24.) Kenilworth Park - 12.13 Acres (Kenilworth and Olive);
 - 1 basketball court
 - 1 baseball field
 - pavilion
 - playground equipment
RANK = 5

Still Park - 4.8 Acres (Merchant Street - Main Street off Chapel Ave.);
 - playground equipment
 - 1 basketball court
 - 1 baseball field
 - Park Pavilion
RANK = 3

Woodland Park - .6 Acres (Between Third and Woodland Avenues);
 - playground equipment
RANK = 5

Camden County Community Park - 55.4 Acres (Between Haddonfield Road and the Pennsauken Township Boundary)
 - 3 baseball fields
 - dog run
 - parkway golf
RANK = 3

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