

## **Parks, Recreation and Open Space**

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### **Introduction**

As an essential part of this planning study, the Consultant<sup>1</sup> conducted an inventory of greenways, open space, and existing park facilities in Fayette County. Each County-owned recreation facility was visited and general problems related to play areas were identified (refer to Section II, Playground Safety Audit). Additionally, recreation facilities throughout the County were identified to develop an overall picture of parks and recreation facilities in Fayette County.

Within the region, Fayette County residents have access to a vast range of recreation facilities and opportunities. The Monongahela River runs along the western boundary of the County, while the Youghiogheny River flows through the northeastern portion of the County, both providing active and passive aquatic recreation opportunities. In addition to the three County parks, there are a wide range of parks and recreation facilities within the County, including: golf courses, campgrounds, state gamelands, historic sites, state parks, Pennsylvania Heritage Parks, scenic byways, and trails. These key features directly impact the provision of recreational opportunities within Fayette County.

The information contained in this chapter includes key parks, recreation, and open space within Fayette County. The chapter is organized into four sections: Parks and Recreation Facilities, Playground Safety Audit, Greenways and Open Space, and Recommendations.

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