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Champion Township

## **Parks & Recreation / Safety & Security Report**

July 2021





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Champion Township Trustees  
Doug Emerine, Chairman  
William Templeton  
Brian Bugos  
149 Center Street East  
Warren, Ohio 44481

RE: **LAND USE PLAN - PARKS & RECREATION / SAFETY & SECURITY**  
Champion Township, Ohio

Mr. Emerine, Mr. Templeton, and Mr. Bugos,

We are pleased to submit this report representing our collective mission in developing land use plans for Champion Township's parks and recreational facilities, as well as the future of safety and security. These efforts are the culmination of numerous meetings, phone calls, discussions, interviews, and site tours involving countless stakeholders in the community. Subsequently, Baker Bednar Snyder & Associates, Inc. reviewed, analyzed, and planned concepts to address the various needs expressed.

This report is supplemental to the 2015 Champion Township Comprehensive Plan. The result is an outline of the next steps which address current facility deficiencies while enabling growth in the Township.

We are certainly privileged to assist the Township in its efforts to position itself for the future. It is our sincere hope that as you review this report, you share in our excitement of the potential before us!

Respectfully submitted,

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# Project Scope

As per the proposal provided, the Project Scope consists of the following:

## 1. Review of Available Information

- a. Champion Township Comprehensive Plan (2015).
- b. Results of Township survey (see pages 11-14).

## 2. Review of Existing Conditions and Land Use

- a. A review of existing owned lands and facilities as well as the associated operations and programming as related to health, safety, and welfare addressing COVID-19 mitigation concerns.
- b. A complete understanding of all existing, conceptual, and planned recreational sites in and through Champion Township including but not limited to:
  - i. Champion Athletic Club (Old Middle School / Alva Avenue).
  - ii. Champion Youth Soccer League (Old Central School Site / State Route 45).
  - iii. Trumbull County MetroParks
    - 1. Clarence Darrow MetroPark (Educational Highway; 31 acres)
    - 2. Western Reserve Greenway Bike Trail
  - iv. Conceptual Trail following the former Baltimore & Ohio Railroad
  - v. Bicycle Trail connecting Conneaut to Marietta.
  - vi. Kent State University at Trumbull Loop.
- c. cursory review and initial determination (desk review) of any existing wetlands, flood plains, and floodways.
- d. Consideration of any existing easements.
- e. Condition and plan for the preservation of existing trees, etc.

## 3. Stakeholder Meetings and Discussion to Establish Project Groups.

- a. Identification of all park stakeholders.
- b. Discussion with Safety and Security (Fire Department, Administration, and Police Department) including review of information provided.
  - i. Phased approach to construction.
  - ii. Budget-conscious solution (consideration of a metal building).
- c. Requests and consensus from stakeholder engagement.
- d. Outcomes of public meetings.
- e. Sensitivity to concerns of Park neighbors.

## 4. Review of Information Obtained to Establish a Vision for the Future.

- a. Desired amenities and activities.
- b. Opportunities for Funding Grants and Community Partnerships.
- c. Project Phasing.
- d. Identification of initially attainable projects.



### 5. Development of a Land Use Plan

- a. Development of a practical, budget-conscious solution with responses to stakeholder input.
- b. Effective land, utility, and resource utilization.
- c. Introduction of amenities including but not limited to:
  - i. Parking requirements and vehicular wayfinding.
  - ii. Pedestrian access.
  - iii. Earthworks amphitheater.
- d. Review of appropriate material usage.
- e. Discussion of ongoing Township maintenance costs.

### Proposed Professional Services

1. Pre-design Phase
  - a. Gathering of all information (Comprehensive Plan; survey; all existing, conceptual, and planned recreational sites; wetland data, easements, etc.).
  - b. Supplements to the collected data as required.
  - c. Identification of COVID-19 concerns in existing owned lands, facilities, operations, and programming.
  - d. Meetings and facilitation of discussions with Trustees, Safety & Security, community stakeholders, and the public at large.
  - e. Development of a future vision.
2. Schematic Design Phase
  - a. Preparation of Land Use Plan.
  - b. Conceptual drawing(s) of proposed amenities as appropriate.
  - c. Review meetings as required.
  - d. Review of deliverables and Public Presentation.

The following services are excluded:

1. Site survey (if required).
2. Wetlands walkover and wetlands delineation.
3. Assessments or work to obtain environmental permits or approvals.
4. Hazardous materials survey, mine study, and Phase I & Phase II environmentals.
5. Design Development, Construction Documents, and Bidding Phases of future Projects.



## Project Progress

Baker Bednar Snyder & Associates, Inc. held various meetings with Township officials and community stakeholders and conducted site visits to all relevant township sites. These meetings and site visits took place to best determine the needs of Champion Township regarding the 60-acres of property, Township park and recreational facilities, and the Township's safety and security services. Listed below is a summary of all of the progress that has been made in the planning of the Champion Community Park, the Champion Recreational Park, and the Safety & Security Building:

1. Review of the *Champion Community Forum Questionnaire* community survey.
2. Review of 2015 Champion Township Comprehensive Plan.
3. Development of Overall Sites Drawing and accompanying datasheets.
4. Site visits to potential park locations.
  - a. Site tour of Township-owned 60-acres of property.
  - b. Site tour of former Central School site.
  - c. Site tour of former Middle School site.
5. Discussion regarding grants.
6. Site tours and discussion regarding the needs of:
  - a. Champion Township Fire Department
  - b. Champion Township Administration
  - c. Champion Township Zoning Department
  - d. Champion Township Police Department
  - e. Champion Township Road Department
6. Review of the existing fire station facility as well as the existing administration building.

Below is a detailed list of the specific meetings that have taken place to discuss the Parks & Recreation / Safety & Security project (Please note that some meetings were not in-person because of COVID-19 restrictions):

- Public meeting with Champion Township Trustees, Champion Local Schools Board of Education, Champion Athletic Club representatives, and Champion Youth Soccer League representatives.
- Meeting with Champion Local Schools Superintendent and a Champion Local Schools faculty member.
- Several public meetings with Champion Township Trustees.
- Meeting(s) with Township Administration.
- Meeting(s) with a representative from the Champion Police Department and a site visit to the Police Station.
- Meeting(s) with a representative from the Champion Fire Department and a site visit to the Fire Station.
- Meeting(s) with a representative from the Champion Township Zoning Department and a site visit to the Zoning office.
- Meeting(s) with a representative from the Champion Road Department and a site visit to the Road Department facility.
- Site visits to all properties considered for the Champion Community Park, the Champion Recreational Park, and the Safety & Security Building.



## Reviewed Properties

The following properties were reviewed for both Champion Township Parks & Recreation, and the Safety & Security Building.

### Old Middle School Property



**Location:** Champion Athletic Club Complex (Corner of Alva Avenue and Center Street).

**Parcel #:** 46-003506



## Reviewed Properties

### Township Owned Property (including 60-Acre Property)



**Location:** Adjacent to existing Champion PK-8 School Complex (Mahoning Avenue).

**Parcel #:** 46-077325, 46-903724, 46-904011, 46-002502, 46-007001

**General Notes:** This is the Township owned, 60-acre property that was discussed in the *Champion Community Forum Questionnaire* survey.



## Reviewed Properties

### Old Central School Property



**Location:** Former Champion Central School Site (Located on Mahoning Avenue).

**Parcel #:** 46-003511

**General Notes:** The Champion Township Safety & Security Building (Fire Station, Police Station, and Administration Offices) would be built on this property.

### Various Locations within Champion Township

**General Notes:** A study was performed on various parcels of land in Champion Township. As a result, it was determined that these sites were either too small to accommodate separate vehicle entrances / exits for the public and emergency vehicles or the site was too small to accommodate the required parking and building program.



## Survey

The Champion Township Board of Trustees created a survey titled, *Champion Community Forum Questionnaire*, and distributed the survey to community members through their website ([www.championtownship.org](http://www.championtownship.org)) and Champion Local Schools. The purpose of the survey was to receive community input about the Township Board of Trustees' plans to fulfill portions of the Champion Township Comprehensive Plan in the near future. The survey focused on an 80-acre parcel of land which Champion Township currently owns. This parcel of land is located adjacent to the Champion Township Cemetery and the PK-8 School Complex. The survey provided community members with the opportunity to give their input on the need for recreational facilities in the township, what type of recreational facilities the community members would like to see, and the type of assistance which a community member would be willing to provide the Township for the project. The image below shows the 80-acre parcel in discussion.



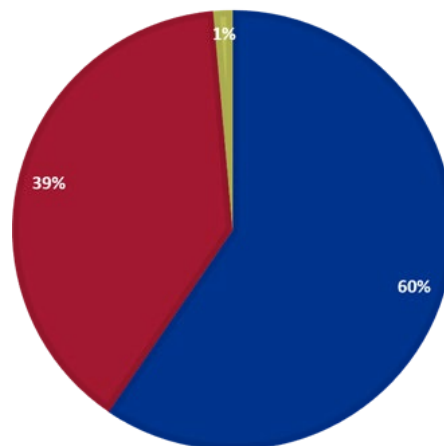


## Survey Findings

Following are the survey questions and the associate responses:

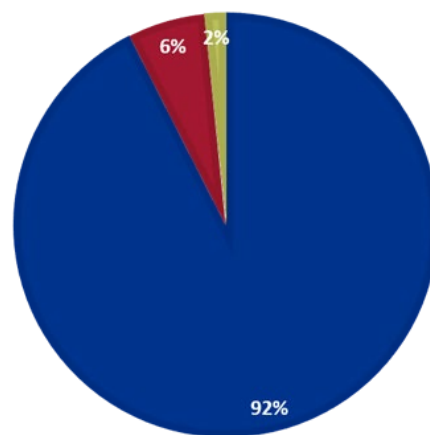
**Are you aware that Champion Township currently owns 60+ acres adjacent to the Township Cemetery and PK-8 School Complex?**

■ Aware ■ Not Aware ■ No Response



The initial steps in this process have been completed by past boards who have found that Champion residents consistently reported a desire for outdoor recreational facilities. Do you feel that the community is still in need of recreational facilities?

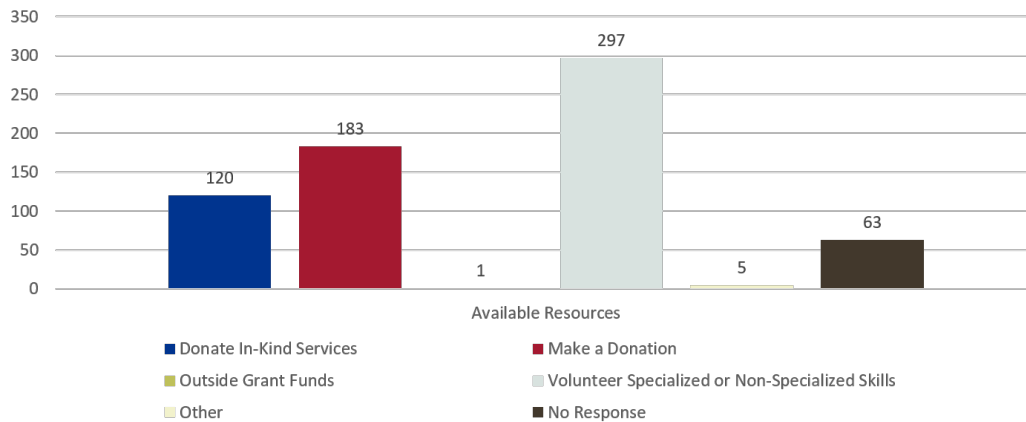
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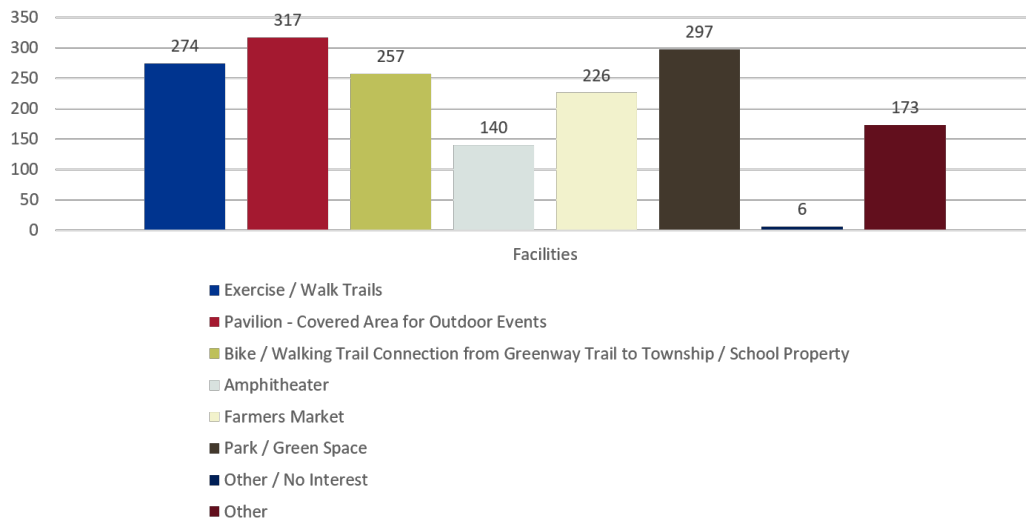
## Survey

ODNR encourages local communities to utilize available resources in the form of in-kind services, donations, outside grant funds, and volunteerism when attempting to meet the local funding responsibility or matching funds. Check options that you would be able / willing to do.



NOTE: "Other" responses included: fundraising efforts, public relations assistance, and the help of local Boy Scout troops.

### What facilities would you most like to see in Champion Township?



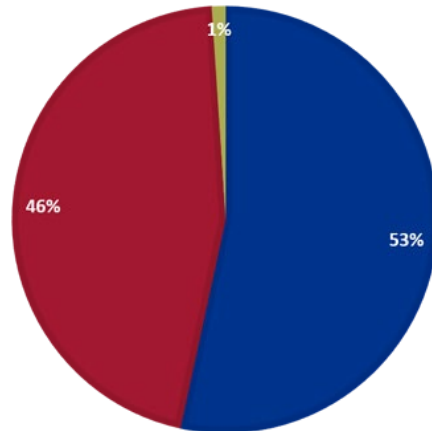
NOTE: "Other" responses included: a splash pad, a community pool, a sporting and recreational facility, a playground, and a health and wellness facility.



## Survey

Are you aware that the Trustees maintain the funds raised by past community members have been designated to be used in support of the creation of recreational facilities if and when it becomes fiscally reasonable to do so?

■ Yes ■ No ■ No Response





## Survey Feedback

Community members were given the opportunity to share additional feedback regarding the survey and the potential project. The responses were then divided into two categories - Concerns & Complaints and Praises. A summary of the responses is listed below:

### Concerns & Complaints

- Would taxes be raised to help fund the upkeep of the park?
- In the past this idea has just been put on the "back burner", it would be nice if the plan is put into place in a timely manner.
- The old CES property would be a better location.
- Concerns about the safety and security of the new park.
- Would the new park be handicap accessible?
- Is the property a special land, in terms of the ecosystem?
- I wouldn't want to look at the cemetery while at the park.
- By connecting the park to the school, the school personnel would have an added responsibility and they already have enough to do during the school day.
- This survey is irresponsible and misleading because the community is not able to support the cost of maintenance without placing a tax burden on the residents.
- How would the pavilion be usable during the winter months?

### Praises

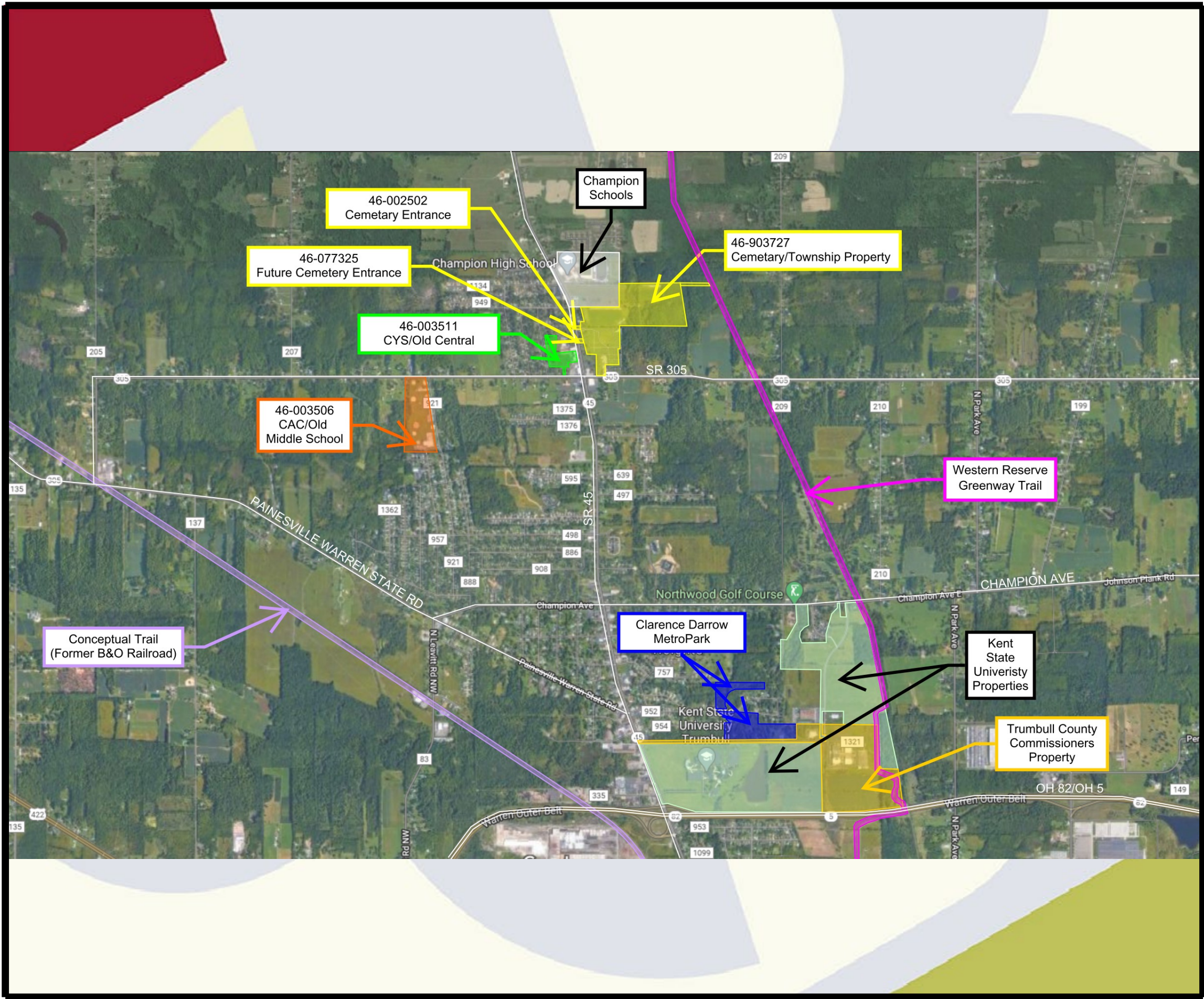
- Thank you to the trustees for listening to the community and their needs!
- This would only be a positive for the community.
- This would make the community more valuable.
- The community needs recreational activities.
- The people in Champion would love to help make their town a better community.
- Bike trails that lead to the school would allow students to ride their bikes to school instead of riding the bus.
- This would be a place where kids and families could "hang out" and have fun.
- This would bring a sense of community to our town.





# **Overview of Township Sites**





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PARKS & RECREATION /  
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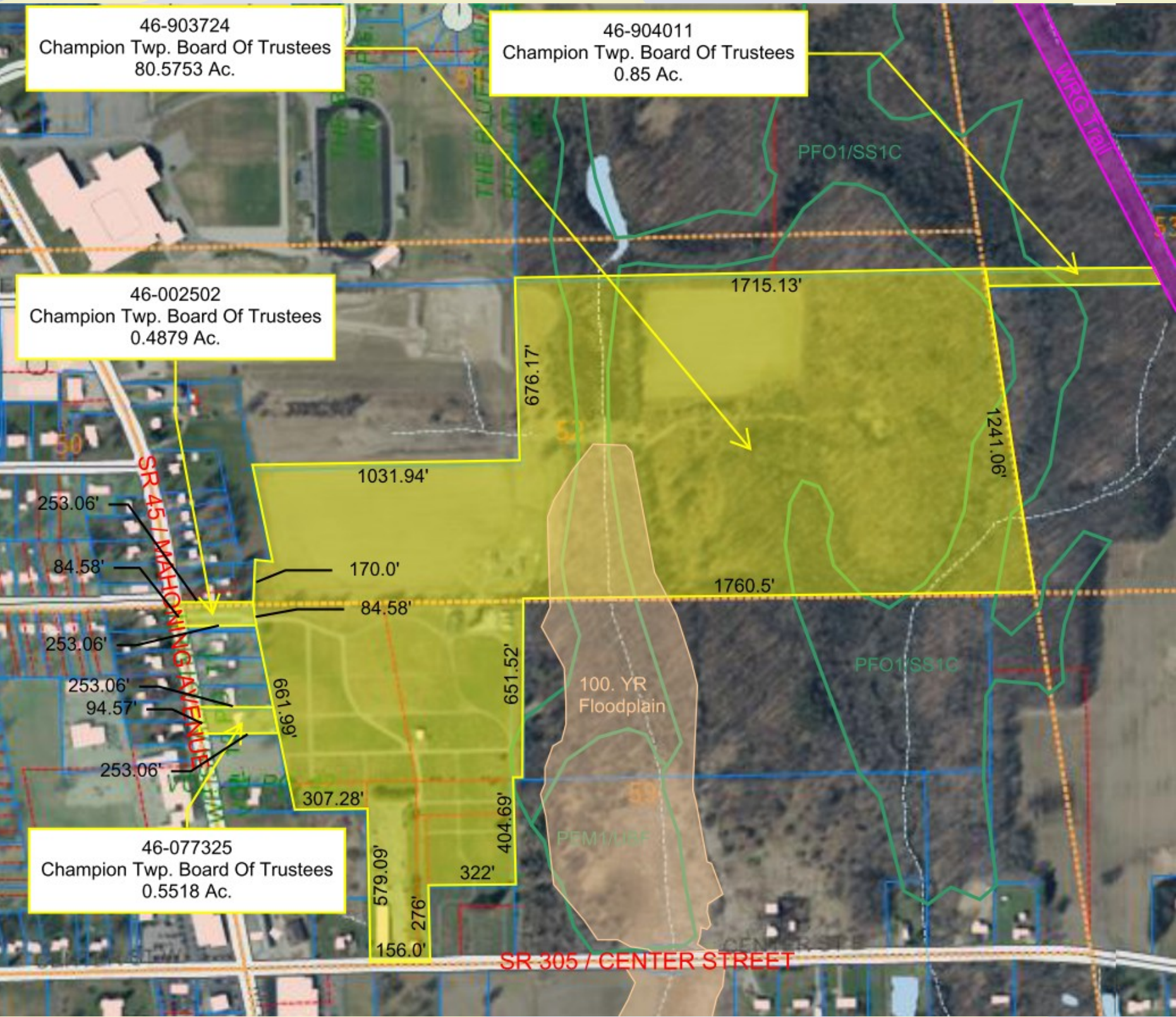
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KEY MAP OF  
CHAMPION

CHAMPION TOWNSHIP  
LAND USE STUDY

OVERALL MAP





CHAMPION TOWNSHIP



PARKS & RECREATION /  
SAFETY & SECURITY



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PROPERTY DETAILS

**Zoning Classification:** Residential  
**Zoning Restrictions:** (If building and/or accessory bldg. to be erected)  
1. SETBACK: Buildings shall be erected no closer than 50' from the ROW, if along state highway within Champion twp., 60' from the ROW.  
2. SIDEYARD: For every bldg., except accessory bldgs., there shall be a min. side yard of 10'.  
3. The aggregate sq. footage of all accessory bldgs. located on any one lot shall not exceed 2.5% of the total sq. footage area of the lot size.  
4. REAR YARD: Min. rear yard setback in 'R' & 'RA' districts shall be 40' from the property line. For accessory buildings in the same zones, min. rear lot clearance is 10'.  
**Wetlands Present:** Yes, Forested & Emergent Wetlands / Riverine (See map)  
**Floodplain Present:** Yes, 100 YR  
**Floodway Present:** No  
**Hydrologic Soil Classification(s):** C/D (Low infiltration/high runoff)  
**Utilities Present:** Public water, public sewer, storm sewer, gas, electric.

CEMETARY / TOWNSHIP  
PROPERTY

SITE MAP

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# CHAMPION TOWNSHIP



PARKS & RECREATION /  
SAFETY & SECURITY



## PROPERTY DETAILS

**Zoning Classification:** Commercial  
**Zoning Restrictions:** (If building and/or accessory bldg. to be erected)  
 1. SETBACK: Buildings shall be erected no closer than 50' from the ROW, if along state highway within Champion twp., 60' from the ROW.  
 2. SIDEYARD: For every bldg., except accessory bldgs., there shall be a min. side yard of 10'.  
 3. The aggregate sq. footage of all accessory bldgs. located on any one lot shall not exceed 2.5% of the total sq. footage area of the lot size.  
 4. REAR YARD: Min. rear yard setback in 'R' & 'RA' districts shall be 40' from the property line. For accessory buildings in the same zones, min. rear lot clearance is 10'.  
**Wetlands Present:** No  
**Floodway Present:** No  
**Hydrologic Soil Classification(s):** D (Low infiltration/high runoff)  
**Utilities Present:** Public water, public sewer, storm sewer, gas, electric.

YOUTH SOCCER /  
OLD CENTRAL

SITE MAP

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### PROPERTY DETAILS

**Zoning Classification:** Residential

**Zoning Restrictions:** (If building and/or accessory bldg. to be erected)

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4. REAR YARD: Min. rear yard setback in 'R' & 'RA' districts shall be 40' from the property line. For accessory buildings in the same zones, min. rear lot clearance is 10'.

**Wetlands Present:** No

**Floodway Present:** No

**Hydrologic Soil Classification(s):** D (Low infiltration/high runoff)

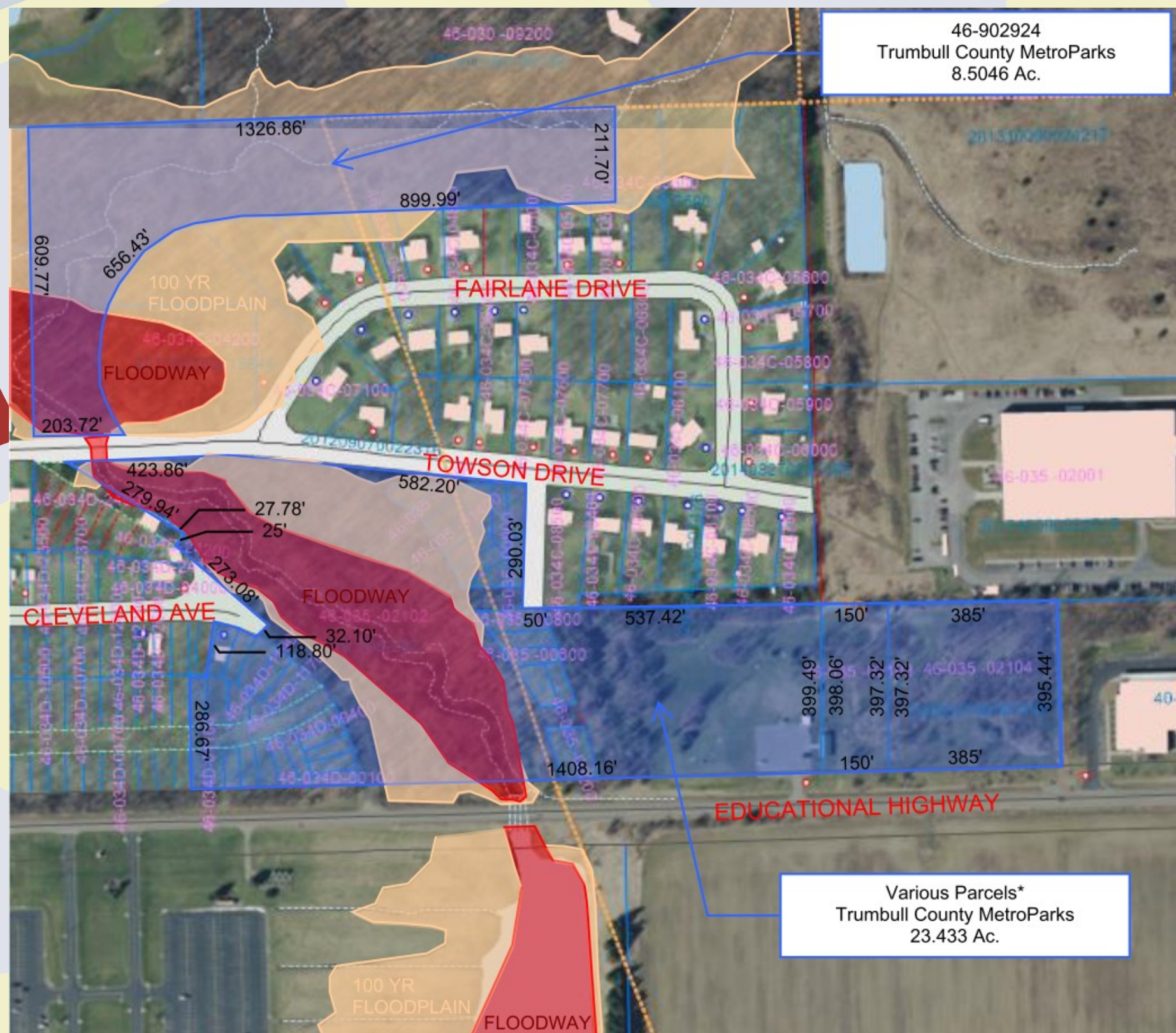
**Utilities Present:** Public water, public sewer, storm sewer, gas, electric.

ATHLETIC CLUB /  
OLD MIDDLE SCHOOL

SITE MAP

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SAFETY & SECURITY



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## PROPERTY DETAILS

**Zoning Classification:** Residential/Res. Apartments  
**Zoning Restrictions:** (If building and/or accessory bldg. to be erected)

1. SETBACK: Buildings shall be erected no closer than 50' from the ROW, if along state highway within Champion twp., 60' from the ROW.
2. SIDEYARD: For every bldg., except accessory bldgs., there shall be a min. side yard of 10'.
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4. REAR YARD: Min. rear yard setback in 'R' & 'RA' districts shall be 40' from the property line. For accessory buildings in the same zones, min. rear lot clearance is 10'.

**Wetlands Present:** Yes (See Map)

**Floodplain Present:** Yes, 100-YR

**Floodway Present:** Yes

**Hydrologic Soil Classification(s):** B/D (Moderate to low infiltration/moderate to high runoff)

**Utilities Present:** Public water, public sewer, storm sewer, gas, electric.

**Amenities:** 31-acres, Disc golf course, Benches, Trails, Cookout sites, 75-person pavilion

## CLARENCE DARROW METROPARK

SITE MAP

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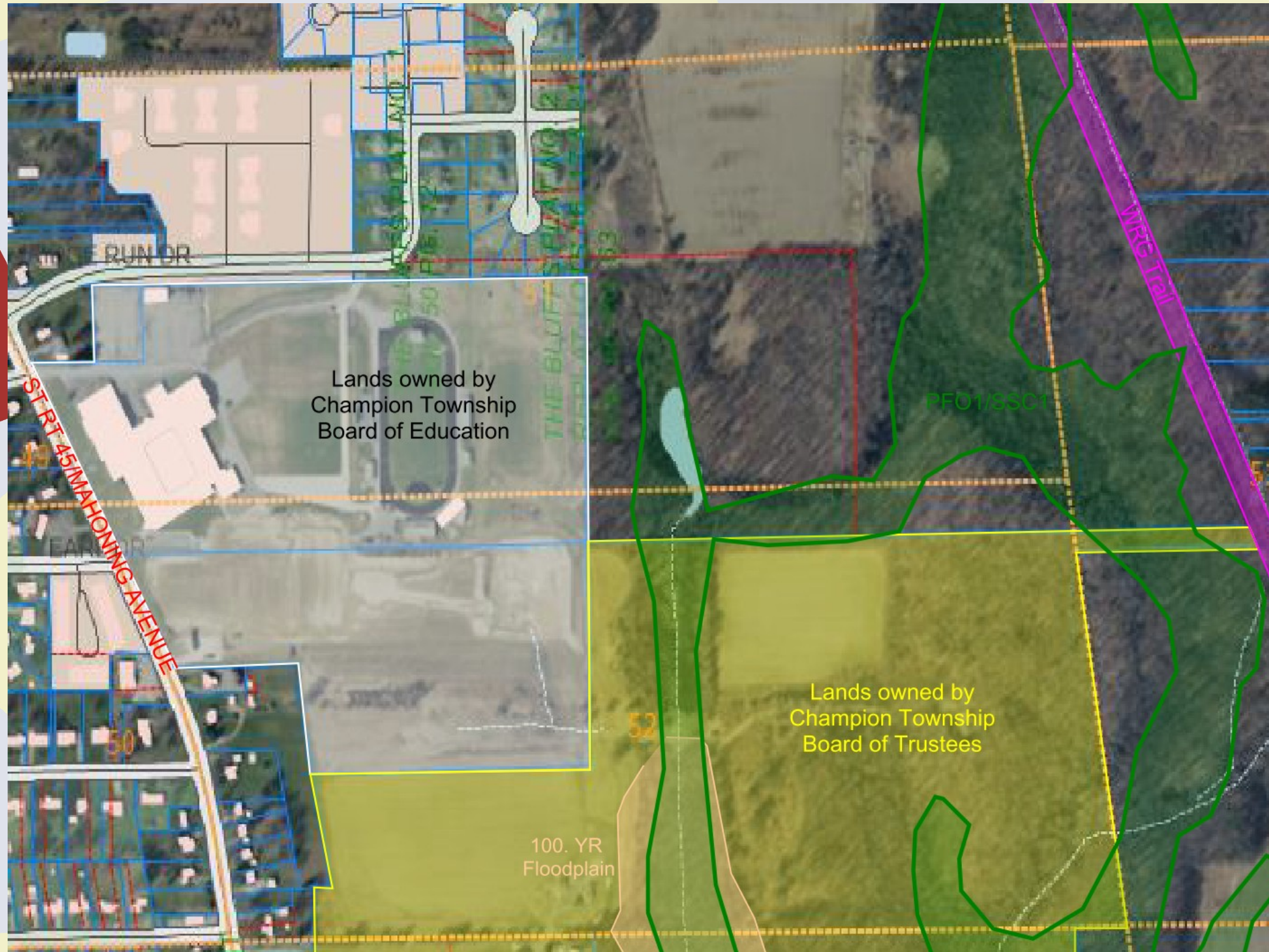
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## PROPERTY DETAILS

Grades Pre K - 8TH

CHAMPION LOCAL  
SCHOOLS

SITE MAP

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# 2015 Comprehensive Plan Summary

## Population

At the time of the publication of the 2015 Champion Township Comprehensive Plan, the population of Champion Township was 9,612. The population was 51% female and 49% male at an average age of 44.8 years old. The number of residents aged 55+ is increasing, while those aged 0 to 24 are decreasing. 5.93% of the Township's population has a reported physical disability. Additionally, there are 2,842 families and 3,801 households - 6% of which are vacant. The median income of Champion Township residents is \$52,181. This information was provided in the 2015 Champion Township Comprehensive Plan and was collected from the 2010 United States Decennial Census and the 2008-2012 American Community Survey.

## Stakeholders

Champion Township Stakeholders include, but are not limited to:

- Champion Athletic Club (Youth Baseball & Softball)
- Little Flashes Youth Football
- Champion Youth Soccer League
- Trumbull Career and Technical Center
- Kent State University at Trumbull

## Parks and Recreation

A portion of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan discussed the state of Champion Township's parks and recreational opportunities. Champion Township, itself, does not own or manage any parks, trails, or recreational facilities. The township also lacks pedestrian sidewalks throughout the community. However, the Trumbull County MetroParks owns two facilities within Champion Township. These facilities cover 103 acres of the Township, and they are the most visited of the MetroParks' facilities in Trumbull County.

The Clarence Darrow MetroPark is located at 483 Educational Highway NW. This 31-acre park is home to Young's Run Disc Golf Course - a public 18-hole disc golf course, a 75-person pavilion, cook-out sites, benches, and trails.

The Western Reserve Greenway bike trail is a 43-mile trail that begins on the shores of Lake Erie in Ashtabula and ends in Warren. The Western Reserve Greenway trail spans all five miles of Champion Township and bikers and walkers can park, take a rest, or have a picnic at the Sunside Trailhead located at 547 Center Street East (State Route 305). The 2015 Comprehensive Plan suggested the possibility of adding a bike and walking trail that would loop around the Kent State University at Trumbull campus and connect to the Western Reserve Greenway bike trail. The 2009 Trumbull County MetroParks Comprehensive Plan discussed a conceptual trail that would connect Champion Township to Southington and Warren by using the former Baltimore & Ohio Railroad track path. Additionally, there is a need to add signage to Ohio Bicycle Route J, which runs through Champion Township.



# 2015 Comprehensive Plan Summary

## Parks and Recreation (cont.)

It is important to note that Champion Township Trustees and the Planning Commission are aware that wetlands are present throughout the Township. When park and recreation projects are considered in the future, wetland preservation will be a major component in the planning of any nature areas. The 2015 Comprehensive Plan identified activities that community members desired to have made available to them. They include:

- Picnicking
- Hiking
- Hunting
- Water sports
- Fishing
- Enjoying nature
- Baseball
- Soccer
- Football
- Basketball
- General recreation opportunities
- Aerobic activities
- Painting
- Senior citizen activities
- Spectator sports

As part of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan, Township Trustees and the Planning Commission determined objectives and policies to help them achieve their goal of ***improving the quality of life in the Township by providing adequate parks and recreation options for the existing and project populations***. The determined objectives and policies are as follows:

### Objective P&R1

Create a park and recreation system in the Township to complement the existing amenities in the Township.

#### Policy P&R1.1

Consolidate the Champion Athletic Club to manage all youth recreation sports activities in the Township.

#### Policy P&R1.2

Identify and pursue relevant governmental, nonprofit and private sector funding sources for recreational facility funding.

#### Policy P&R1.3

Identify and evaluate areas for recreational linkages and greenways including preservation of natural features.

#### Policy P&R1.4

Prioritize natural resources (hillsides, floodplains, wetlands, and other characteristics unique to the Township) for conservation as part of a park, recreation, and open space system.

#### Policy P&R1.5

Determine the best land preservation practices, such as easements or acquisition, to reserve land for open space and recreation. Determine the appropriate administering body for such techniques.

#### Policy P&R1.6

Protect lands designated for recreation and open space uses within new developments from incompatible land uses.



## 2015 Comprehensive Plan Summary

### **Parks and Recreation (cont.)**

As per the Proposal provided by BBS, the purpose of this effort is to gain only a general understanding of recreational facilities offered in Champion Township by Trumbull County MetroParks and Champion Local School District to complement what is already available as opposed to duplication.

### **Objective P&R2**

Coordinate with the Trumbull County Metroparks regarding development of proposed land trails.

#### **Policy P&R2.1**

As needed, coordinate a review of Township goals, existing needs, and projected needs for park and recreation space with Trumbull County Metroparks.

#### **Policy P&R2.2**

Communicate with Trumbull County MetroParks when new residential subdivisions are proposed that would affect Township recreation and open space needs or future park site selection.

#### **Policy P&R2.3**

Establish a trail link between the proposed MetroParks conceptual trail and the Kent State University at Trumbull loop.

### **Objective P&R3**

Continue development of conceptual design and construction of the vacant 80-acre parcel into a mixed-use development featuring public service, park, and recreational uses.

#### **Policy P&R3.1**

Explore a joint-use agreement with the Champion Local School District for the design of a K-8 and town hall / senior & community center building and campus.



# 2015 Comprehensive Plan Summary

## **Champion Township Owned Land**

In 2002 and 2008, Champion Township officials purchased two parcels of land that total 81.74 acres. This land is located on State Route 45, just south of Champion High School and adjacent to the new Champion PK-8 Complex.

The land was bought to implement the goals, policies, objectives, and recommendations which were stated in the 2001 Champion Township Comprehensive Plan. Township officials believe that by utilizing the 80-acres, the Township can enhance and expand community facilities and potentially alter the community facility composition of the Township in a positive way.

Highly favored ideas for the property are a park and playground, a community center, town hall, farmer's market, police and fire stations, and a recycling center. As part of this Report, Baker Bednar Snyder & Associates, Inc. has developed preliminary plans for a Champion Community Park and a Safety & Security Building. The addition of a Park and the Safety & Security Building, whether on the 80-acre property or elsewhere, would immediately address these desired community facilities.

While considering the future use of the 80-acre property, Township officials provided the opportunity for Township department heads to discuss the current and future needs of each department. A summary of the responses is below:

## **Champion Township Police Department**

The Champion Township Police Department is currently located at 149 Center Street East. The Department shares a facility with the Champion Township Road Department, Zoning Inspector, Township Trustees, and Cemetery Operations. At the time of the publication of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan, the Department has a staff of eight full-time officers and one clerk as well as 10 police cruisers.

The Police Chief believed that the shared facility is less-than-ideal for both the Police Department and the Road Department. Relocation to an updated building and a more ideal location would be welcomed by the Department. A possible relocation site for the police station would be to the 80-acre property or the former Champion Central School site.

## **Champion Township Fire Department**

The Champion Township Fire Department is currently located at 139 Champion Avenue West. The Department currently operates out of a structure that was built in 1945. At the time of the publication of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan, the Department has a staff of seven full-time personnel (including the Fire Chief) and 23 reserve personnel. The Department's equipment includes a brush unit, an engine truck, rescue truck, tanker truck, a tanker, two ambulances, a command unit, a pick-up truck, and a boat.

The Fire Chief discussed the needs for the current facility to be upgraded and provided three potential solutions: 1) renovate the current facility and build a two-bay structure in the northern half of the township; 2) build a new structure at the former Champion Central School site and close the current facility; 3) build a new structure at the 80-acre site near the cemetery entrance off of State Route 45 and close the current facility.



## 2015 Comprehensive Plan Summary

### Champion Township Owned Land (cont.)

#### Champion Township Road Department

The Champion Township Road Department is currently located at 149 Center Street East. The Department currently shares a facility with the Police Department, Zoning Inspector, Township Trustees, and Cemetery Operations.

As mentioned by the Police Chief, the shared facility is less-than-ideal for both the Road Department and the Police Department. The Road Supervisor has stated the need for a larger structure for the services the Road Department provides to the community.

#### Champion Township Land Use

The “Land Use” of an area reflects the natural and man-made environment that evolved over time and that influences the timing, location, type, and intensity of the use of land. Natural environments include rivers, floodplains, watersheds, wetlands, groundwater resources, soil type, and more. Man-made environments include residential, commercial, and industrial structures, roadways, public water, and sanitary sewer systems, electrical lines, gas line, and other utilities. Social factors, such as the demographic of the community, are also considered.

Analyzing the current land use of Champion Township enables Champion Township’s residents and elected officials to better understand current and future land use needs and establish measurable goals, policies and objectives to enhance Champion Township.

To best serve their community, Township officials must also consider Future Land Use plans, in addition to Existing Land Use. The Future Land Use plan should be used to determine if decisions made in the Township’s Comprehensive Plan conflict with the Future Land Use Plan, which could potentially undermine the community’s long-term goals, objectives, and policies and should be avoided.

It is important to note that the plans developed by Baker Bednar Snyder & Associates, Inc. for the Champion Community Park, the Champion Recreational Park, and the Safety & Security Building are all in accordance with both the Existing Land Use categories and the Future Land Use categories, as stated in the 2015 Comprehensive Plan and illustrated in **Map 8-1 Existing Land Use** and **Map 9-1 Future Land Use** located on the following pages.



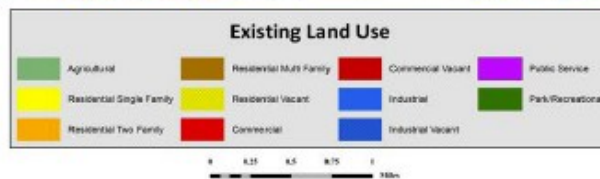
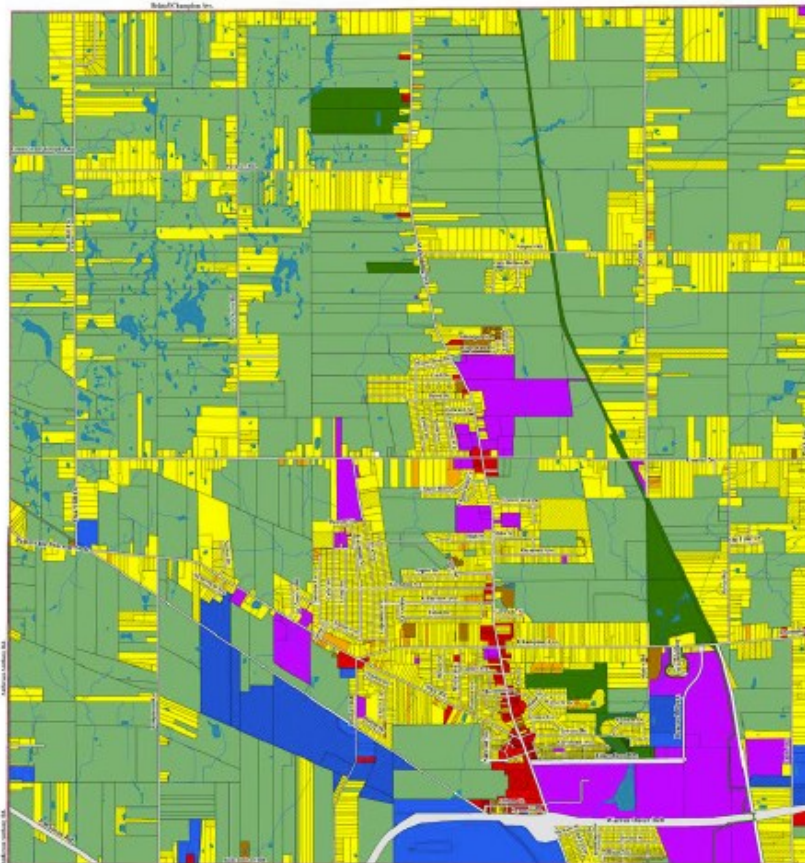
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Map 8-1 *Existing Land Use* depicts the distribution of land uses within Champion Township.

Map 8-1 *Existing Land Use*

## Existing Land Use

Champion Township  
Trumbull County, Ohio





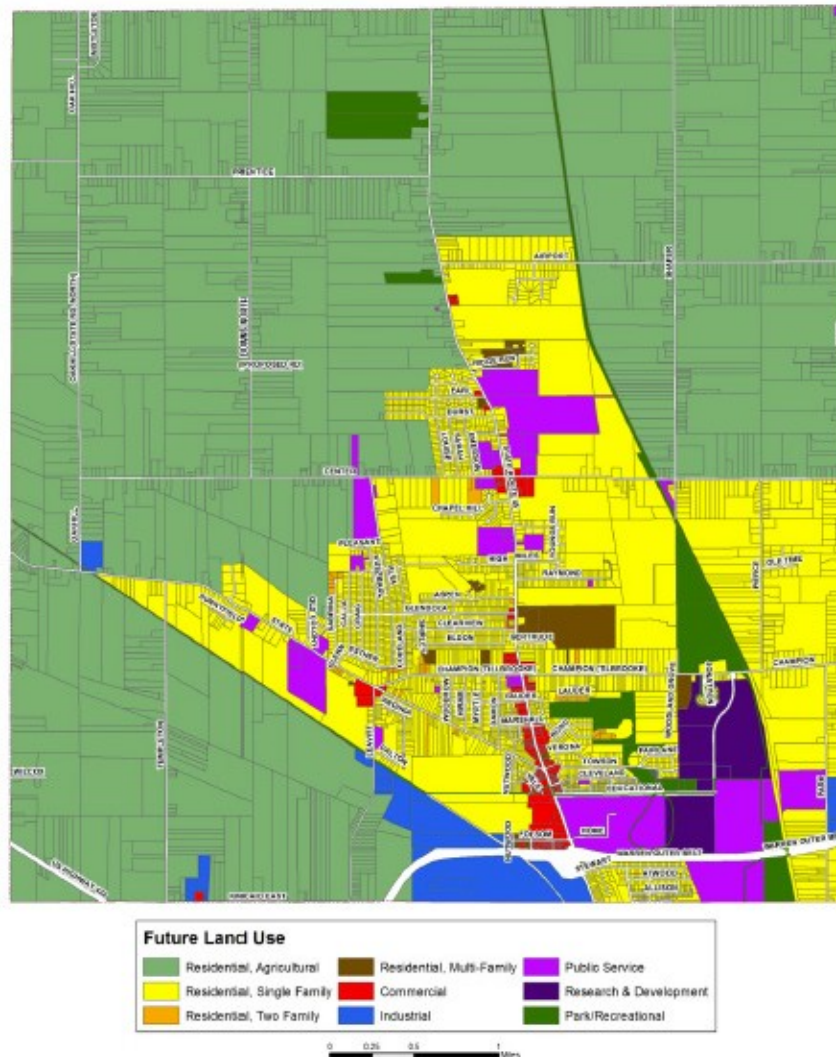
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Map 9-1 Existing Land Use depicts the proportion of land designated to each future land use category.

Map 9-1 Future Land Use

## Future Land Use

Champion Township  
Trumbull County





# 2015 Comprehensive Plan Summary

## Champion Township Land Use (cont.)

To align with the needs of the community, Township officials and the Planning Commission included specific information about future land use for park and recreational purposes. This land could be used for parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, stadiums, golf courses, trails, land reserved for outdoor space, or a combination of such activities.

According to the Future Land Use Map on the previous page, there are 417-acres of land in Champion Township that are eligible to be used for park and recreational purposes. This eligible land occupies approximately 3% of the area of the Township.

## Land Use Goals, Objectives, and Policies

Similar to the objectives and policies that were created for Champion Township's parks and recreational opportunities, the Township Trustees and Planning Commission also created objectives and policies to ensure that their land-use goal to ***promote the public health, safety, and welfare through land-use decision-making that achieves and maintains a high-quality living environment with a well-planned, well-timed, and well-placed mix of land uses*** is achieved.

### Objective LU8

Make public recreational facilities and programs available that are conveniently located and accessible to the population.

#### Policy LU8.1

Accommodate recreational uses in the one category, as follows:

#### Park / Recreational

Park / Recreational areas are characterized by parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, stadiums, golf courses, trails, land reserved for outdoor space, or a combination of such activities. Areas so designated should consist of public and semi-public recreational land use including active and passive recreation.

#### Policy LU8.2

When considering the location and design of recreation and open space facilities, allow for both region-oriented spaces, containing a variety of active and passive recreation pursuits, and neighborhood-oriented spaces, primarily aimed at satisfying the day-to-day desires and needs of immediately surrounding residents.

#### Policy LU8.3

Evaluate potential recreational areas to ensure the most efficient and reasonable utilization of the area's physical resources and that any short-term uses of the environment will be to the long-range benefit of all.

#### Policy LU8.3

Encourage appropriate authorities and private developers to incorporate designs for recreational facilities into the early stages of land development projects.





# **Champion Community Park**



The Champion Township Trustees hope that the creation of a Community Park on the Township-owned 60 acres of land would establish a stronger sense of community between the residents of Champion Township, the Champion Local School District, and the Township Administration.

As part of the planning process, three sites were considered for a Community Park: the former Central School site on Mahoning Avenue, the former Middle School site on Alva Avenue, and the 60 acres of land behind the new PK-8 School Complex. After all, sites were reviewed, it was decided that the 60-acres of land would be the best location for a Community Park. The former Central School site is a Township-owned, 10-acre parcel of land adjacent to the R.D. Banks Chevrolet dealership. After reviewing other available sites, it was determined that this parcel of land would be best used for the Township Safety & Security Building, as opposed to a park. This site is also the current home of the Champion Youth Soccer League. The former Middle School is a 6-acre parcel of land that is currently used by the Champion Athletic Club and Little Flashes Youth Football organization. It has been determined that this property will continue to be used as a Recreational Park for the Champion youth sports organizations.

Completion of the Community Park is proposed to be in four phases (see more about the individual phases on the following pages). By working in phases, the Park will be completed through smaller, more attainable projects allowing the community to take advantage of parts of the park as the rest is finished.

Township Trustees are reviewing partnerships, grants, and other sources of funding to help eliminate the number of tax dollars used. These grants include the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks grant program and Clean Ohio Trails Fund, as well as a grant opportunity through Dominion Energy, which the Township could potentially qualify for because of the Dominion oil well that is located on the Park property. Mr. Dave Murduck, a teacher at Champion Local Schools will assist the Township Trustees in researching and applying for grants. Local politicians have already expressed their support for the project, which could potentially increase the Township's chances to secure additional funding for the park.

When designing plans for the park, there are environmental limitations that must be considered. The property must be reviewed to identify the location of any wetlands to determine if there are any restrictions as to what can be located in the wetland areas, according to Ohio EPA.

Part of the planning for the Champion Community Park included the potential replacement of the Thomas Neighbarger Cross-Country Course. The original Course was recently displaced by the construction of the new PK-8 School Complex.

Additional goals include connectivity to the Western Reserve Greenway bike trail; the installation of an amphitheater that can be used for community entertainment purposes, such as a 'Noon in the Park' music program performed by the CHS music department; and a disc golf course, which is already in the process of being created. The following pages will further outline the goals and plan that the Township Trustees and Community Stakeholders have for the Champion Community Park.

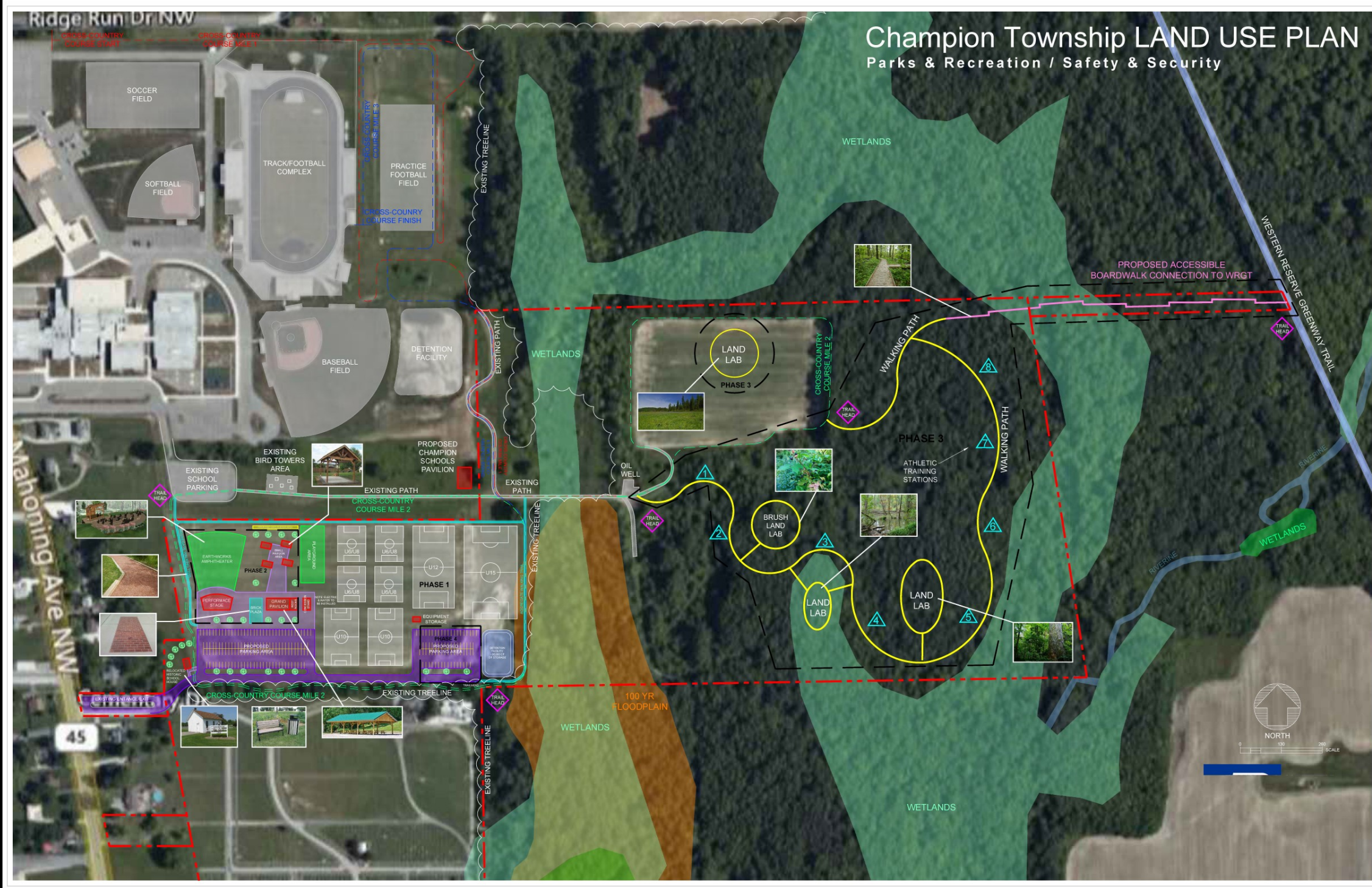




# **Champion Community Park**

Proposed Overall and Enlarged Site Plans





# CHAMPION TOWNSHIP



**PARKS & RECREATION /  
SAFETY & SECURITY**



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## PROPERTY DETAILS

### PHASE 1

- Site utilities.
- Soccer fields.
- Concession stand.
- West parking lot and drives.
- Walking trail.
- Relocated playground.
- Equipment shed.
- Stormwater management.

### PHASE 2

- Amphitheater.
- Grand pavilion.
- Restrooms.
- Small pavilions.

### PHASE 3

- Boardwalk through wetlands to the bike trail.
- Primitive trail.

### PHASE 4

- East parking lot.

## COMMUNITY PARK

OVERVIEW MAP

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# CHAMPION TOWNSHIP



## PARKS & RECREATION / SAFETY & SECURITY



### PROPERTY DETAILS

#### PHASE 1

- Site utilities.
- Soccer fields.
- Concession stand.
- West parking lot and drives.
- Walking trail.
- Relocated playground.
- Equipment shed.
- Stormwater management.

#### PHASE 2

- Amphitheater.
- Grand pavilion.
- Restrooms.
- Small pavilions.

#### PHASE 3 (shown on overall plan)

- Boardwalk through wetlands to the bike trail.
- Primitive trail.

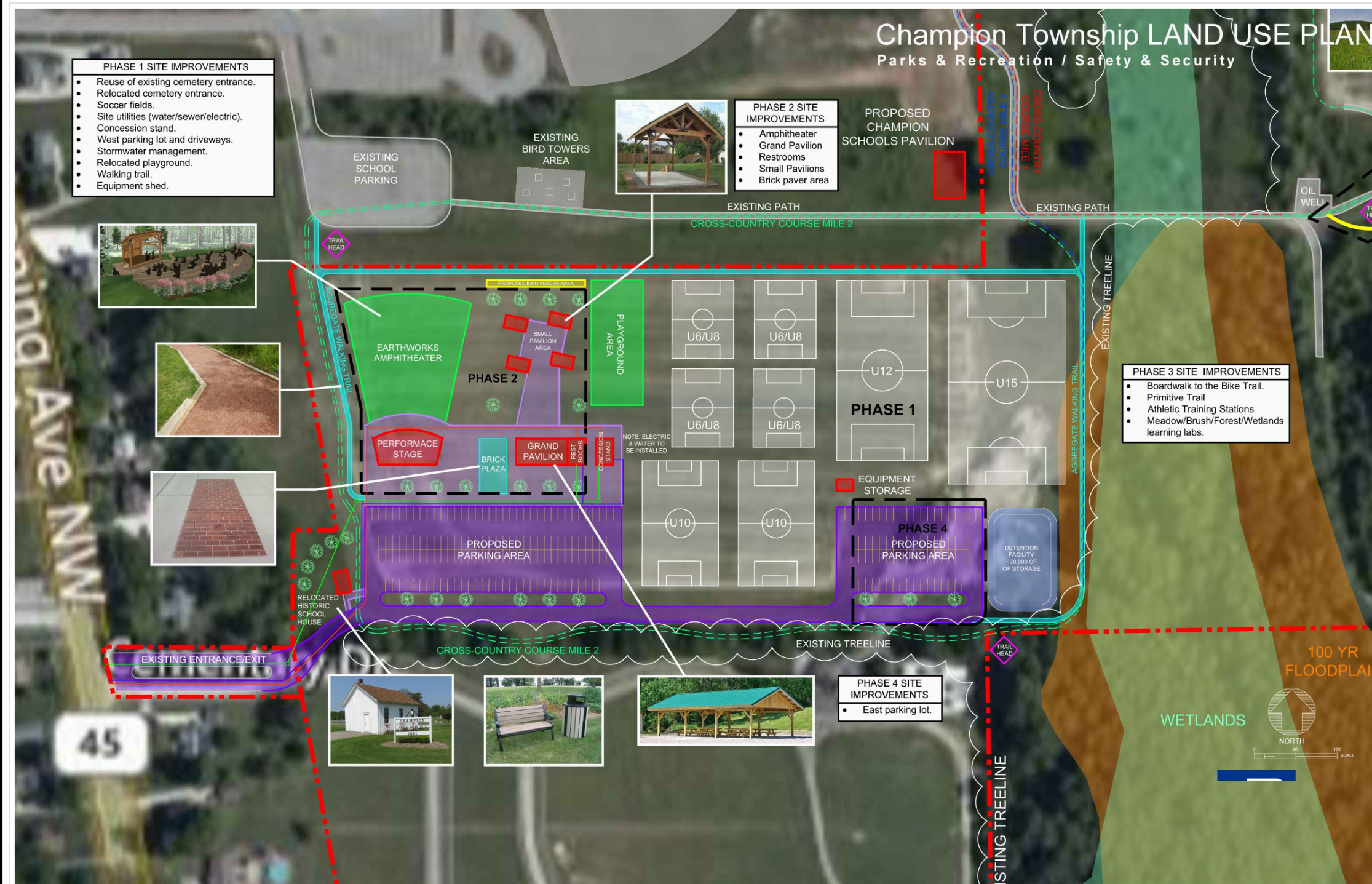
#### PHASE 4

- East parking lot.

## COMMUNITY PARK

### SITE MAP

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### Phase 1

The cost estimate for Phase 1 of the Champion Community Park includes the following elements:

- Professional site survey (for the western portion).
- Wetlands delineation (for the entire site).
- Use of the existing cemetery entrance.
- Soccer fields.
- Site utilities (water, sewer: connected to the interceptor at the western property line, and electric).
- Concession stand.
- West parking lot and drives.
- Stormwater management.
- Relocated playground.
- Walking trail.\*
- Equipment shed.

\* If the walking trail is completed prior to the completion of Phase 1, the cost of the walking trail will be approximately \$100,000.

### Phase 1 Cost Estimate: \$453,000

#### Phase 1 Notes

- The cost of the base and top surface grindings at the drives and parking area is included in the cost estimate.
- If grindings are provided by others, the cost estimate can be reduced by about \$12,500.
- The walking trail is roughly 2,200' long.
- If the wood edging on the walking trail is not installed, the cost savings are estimated at between \$22,000 and \$36,000.
- Manholes and a fire hydrant are included in the utility cost.
- There is roughly 25' of fall (from west to east) in the Phase 1 area of the project which translates to about a 1.5% slope.
- Initial estimates are for a 30,000 to 50,000 cubic foot stormwater basin; a two-foot depth has been assumed.
- Installation of the nine requested soccer fields includes tilling, grading, raking, and seeding of approximately 5 acres; assumes the reuse of topsoil existing on-site (at the parking and drive areas as well as the stormwater basin).
- Striping of the fields and parking lots is not included in the estimate.
- Portable restroom facilities would be used until the completion of Phase 2.
- The cross-country trail is shown for reference only; it is not a part of this project.
- Preparation of the area in which to relocate the playground (including rubber mulch) has been included in the estimate but the cost to relocate the playground has not.
- The relocation of the historic schoolhouse is not a part of this project.



## Cost Estimate

### Phase 2

The cost estimate for Phase 2 of the Champion Community Park includes the following elements:

- Amphitheater.
- Grand pavilion.
- Restrooms.
- Small pavilions.
- Brick paver area.
- Gravel areas around structures.

### Phase 2 Cost Estimate: \$360,000

#### Phase 2 Notes

- Locked limestone gravel has been included around structures.
- Estimated costs for each component are as follows:
  - Amphitheater: \$115,000
  - Grand pavilion and restrooms: \$155,000
  - Small pavilions: \$40,000
  - Sitework: \$50,000

### Phase 3

The cost estimate for Phase 3 of the Champion Community Park includes the following elements:

- Boundary and topographic survey of the eastern easement to the bike trail.
- Boardwalk through wetlands to the bike trail (roughly 1,200').
- Primitive trail.
- Athletic training stations.
- Meadow, brush, forest, and wetlands learning labs.

### Phase 3 Cost Estimate: \$220,000

#### Phase 3 Notes

- There is only approximately one foot of fall along the length of the boardwalk.
- The cost of cutting in the trails (roughly 3,700') has not been included in the cost estimate.
- The land labs are assumed to be naturally existing.
- The cost of the training stations (\$6,500) has not been included in the cost estimate.

### Phase 4

The cost estimate for Phase 4 of the Champion Community Park includes the following elements:

- East Parking Lot

### Phase 4 Cost Estimate: \$50,000

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## Overall Champion Community Park Cost Estimate: \$1.1 to \$1.4 million

#### General Notes

- Design work, if necessary, is not included in the above estimates. (Design services are required to develop, among other things, the stormwater management solution, a stormwater pollution prevention plan, and management of permitting through Trumbull County.)





# **Champion Recreational Park**

(Alternate Location of Champion Youth Soccer League)



*The Champion Athletic Club (CAC) is Champion Township's youth t-ball, baseball, and softball league. CAC averages approximately 220 players each season.*

*The Champion Youth Soccer League (CYSL) is Champion Township's youth soccer league. On average, 450 players sign up for CYSL each season, in addition to adults who participate in the Adult League. CYSL also allows players from neighboring communities to participate in their league.*

After a review of the former Middle School property and the CAC Complex, and receiving input from CAC and CYSL representatives, the following has been concluded:

The area of the Complex where the Middle School was located must be addressed if either the CAC or CYSL would like to use the area for fields, as the current conditions of the site are not suitable to be played on.

Overall, parking at the Complex is insufficient, especially when sports tournaments are held at the Complex. Oftentimes, spectators park in an area of the property that has been considered for a proposed playground. To eliminate the insufficient parking options and the use of potential recreational areas for parking, added parking inside the loop at the south end of the property should be considered.

It has been recommended to have a playground added to the property near the existing soccer fields. Not only would the addition of a playground benefit the families who come to the Complex for sporting events, but considering that the Complex is located in a residential area, this playground would also benefit the residents of the area. This proposed playground would not duplicate the playgrounds that are located elsewhere in the Township.

## **Champion Athletic Club**

CAC currently has eight ball fields, which are numbered 1 through 8 starting in the southeastern corner of the Complex and ending in the southwestern corner. However, CAC may no longer need field 8. After review, part of the fences on fields 7 and 8 are no longer necessary and can therefore be removed.

The most southwestern ball fields, fields 7 and 8, are low and often wet. If this area of the Complex is used by CYSL in the future, the area must be filled before use.

CAC has also determined that the batting cages located near the site of the former Middle School are no longer needed.

## **Champion Youth Soccer League**

If any changes occur to the layout of the Complex, the layout of the CYSL fields must be considered. Not only do the soccer fields need to be roughly 30' apart to allow for adequate distance between games and practices, but the fields must also be laid out in a way that allows the older age soccer fields to be away



from the fields for younger age players. When planning the layout of the fields, the orientation of the sun must also be taken into consideration. CYSL would also like to have the ability to rotate their fields, when necessary. To provide an additional playing area, a swinging gate could be added to CAC's Sweeney Field to allow the area to be used as both a ball field and a soccer field.

Currently, the U6 and U8 soccer teams use two fields, the U10 teams use one field, the U12 teams use one field, and the U15 teams use one field. The CYSL has expressed the need for more fields for the following leagues: U6 and U8 - two additional fields (four total fields); U10 - one additional field (two total fields); U15 - one additional field (two total fields). The U12 and U15 fields are both also used by adult soccer leagues. While CYSL's fields are currently split between the CAC Complex and the former Central School site, CYSL would prefer to be relocated to the proposed Champion Community Park property located behind the PK-8 School Complex.

If CYSL is relocated to the Champion Community Park property, the League would like to have a concession stand that is located central to the soccer fields. This concession stand could potentially be a trailer or a physical structure, but water and electricity will be required at the stand.





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- Gravel parking expansion.
- Relocated ball fields.
- Soccer fields.
- Additional concession stand.

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**Champion Township LAND USE PLAN**  
Parks & Recreation / Safety & Security

The map illustrates the layout of sports fields and parking areas within Champion Township. Key features include:

- Existing Facilities:**
  - EXISTING SOFTBALL FIELD (1)
  - EXISTING SOFTBALL FIELD (2)
  - EXISTING SOFTBALL FIELD (3)
  - EXISTING SOFTBALL FIELD (4)
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- Proposed Developments:**
  - PROPOSED PARKING LOT EXPANSION (74% INC. IN TOTAL PARKING AREA)
  - PROPOSED PARKING LOT EXPANSION (94% INC. IN TOTAL PARKING AREA)
  - PROPOSED PLAYGROUND AREA
  - PROPOSED ENHANCED CONCESSION/PAVILION
  - SOILS TO BE EXCAVATED (APPROX. 1.93 AC)
  - AREA TO BE FILLED (APPROX. 2.75 AC)
  - PERMANENT FENCE TO BE REMOVED. REMOVABLE FENCE TO BE INSTALLED
- Other Labels:**
  - ALVA AVENUE
  - DITCH
  - EXISTING PARKING
  - PORT-A-JONS
  - TICKET BOOTH & STORAGE
  - BATTING CAGES
  - GARAGE
  - PAVILION
  - FIELD HOUSE
  - U6/U8
  - U10
  - U12
  - U15
  - EXISTING DRIVE
  - CENTER STREET/S.R. 305

**Scale and Orientation:**  
0 40' 80' 160'  
GRAPHICAL SCALE  
NORTH

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## Cost Estimate

### Overall Work

The cost estimate for the Champion Recreational Park includes the following elements:

- A professional site survey,
- Wetlands delineation,
- Design work to develop grading, the required stormwater management solution (most likely a swale at the west property line), a stormwater pollution prevention plan, the parking layout, and management of permitting through Trumbull County,
- Excavation and fill at the building pad,
- Fill at the southwest corner of the site,
- Excavation and gravel (grindings) at the expanded parking areas, and
- Grading and seeding.

**Overall Cost Estimate: \$350,000**

### Notes

- Several spot elevations were taken to determine the amount of fill required.
- The estimate includes the reuse of the existing topsoil and donated grindings.
- Striping of the fields and parking lots, relocation of the existing playground, and new or relocated fencing are not included.

### Conclusion

- Due to the fact that Champion Township does not own this property, the use of Township funds to improve this site may pose a concern.
- The costs to improve this location sufficiently to permit the use by CYSL are prohibitive.
- Investment in this site does not align with the progress at the Community Park.





# **Safety & Security Building**



Upon review of the existing Safety & Security facilities in Champion Township, and after receiving input from Township Safety & Security department heads, the following information has been recommended:

It is important to note that in addition to the planned areas of the Safety & Security Building, the design of the facility also allows for growth opportunities within the building, in short, the building was designed for both today and the future. For example, space has been included in the design for a future United States Postal Service unit.

## **Champion Township Administration Building**

The current Champion Township Administration Building is the same facility that houses the Township Zoning Department, Fiscal Office, Police Department, and Road Department. The building is considered to be vintage, although a date could not be confirmed for when the building was originally built. The Administration Building has not been inspected in approximately 20 years, and it was noted that the previous inspection did not go well. While there are limitations to the existing facility, the Township continues to ensure that the facility is well maintained and if needed, could be used in its entirety by the Township Road Department in the future.

In addition to the needs of the individual Departments that would work out of the Township Administration Building, if a new facility was built, the Township Administration portion of the building should include: a workroom with a copier, storage cabinet, and a kitchenette, as well as a community room.

During a site visit to the existing Administration Building, no concerns were observed concerning COVID-19 pandemic guidelines. The number of staff members in the building at one time easily allows for proper social distancing, staff members and visitors wore face coverings when necessary, and handwashing and general hygiene opportunities were sufficient.

Adjacent to the existing Champion Administration Building is the One Room School House, which is owned by the Champion Historical Society. The School House was relocated to its current location in either 1976 or 1977; if it were to be relocated again, potentially to the new site of a Township Administration Building, the Township would need to ensure that the structure was secure.



## **Champion Township Fire Department**

Currently, the Champion Township Fire Department is staffed by two full-time and two part-time personnel on each shift, at all times. The Department employs seven full-time staff members and 23 part-time staff members. Their apparatus includes one tanker, one engine, three ambulances, one command vehicle, one pick-up truck, one brush unit, and one boat. The Department currently has two offices: a Fire Chief's office and a Radio Room. The existing Chief's office is 12' x 14' but needs to be slightly larger. The existing Radio Room is 10' x 10' but also needs to be larger to accommodate two workstations. The open area on the second floor of the facility is currently used for training purposes. Additionally, the existing facility houses a display / history area that should be maintained, should a new facility be built.

The existing facility is considered vintage, as it was built in 1945 as part of the Works Project Administration Project. Two additions were added to the original structure - one in 1961 and a second in 1982. Changes in the needs of the community and the Department, as well as in technology have increasingly revealed limitations in the existing facility over the years.

The current facility has insufficient height and length in the apparatus garages. This creates a lack of space above the vehicles which are stored in the oldest portion of the building. Additionally, when new vehicles and equipment are purchased, the Department's choices are limited by the lack of depth available in the garages. Other limitations of the building include the need for the roof on all portions of the building to be repaired, an insufficient HVAC system that is unregulated and poorly positioned in the garage, and the lack of a second means of egress from the second floor of the building. Concerns were also raised about the floor drains throughout the building.

On the exterior of the building, the masonry requires repointing and other repairs, the asphalt of the parking lot needs to be repaired, and the Department also has insufficient site ownership for training and equipment needs. Also, it should be noted that while the existing facility has aged and requires repairs, the facility is still well maintained and could be used by the Township Road Department in the future, if necessary.

Representatives from the Department also discussed the need for a remote location for turn-out gear, the lack of space for workout equipment, and the need for better storage areas as the existing loft storage is inconvenient. A dedicated decontamination shower and a secure area for EMS equipment are also needed in the station.

During a site visit to the existing station, no concerns were observed concerning COVID-19 pandemic guidelines. The number of staff members on shift at one time easily allows for proper social distancing, staff members and visitors wore face coverings when necessary, and handwashing and general hygiene opportunities were sufficient.



## **Champion Township Police Department**

The Champion Township Police Department currently operates with one officer on duty per day shift, afternoon shift, and midnight shift; additionally, there is a split-car from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. The Department's apparatus currently consists of eight police cruisers, however, storage is only needed for one to two cruisers as most Officers take their vehicles home. If a new facility were to be built, a two-bay sallyport would be considered.

In the existing facility, there is a Police Chief's Office with a small interview table. However the office is currently too small, and if a new facility is built, the Chief's Office should be twice the size of the existing space. There is also a Clerk's Office in the existing facility. The current Clerk's Office is not currently occupied, but the room is required. In the future, records will become electronic therefore a need for record storage will be minimized.

In a new facility, a public entrance to the station should be maintained; currently, there is a bell / phone used to access the Police Station. A new facility would also require holding cells. While most arrested individuals are either released or taken to a nearby jail, two holding cells would still be necessary. The station would also need an evidence room that is roughly 10' x 15' and a storage area that is also roughly 10' x 15'.

The Officers would need an Officers' room that includes two workstations, a copier and fax machine, a shredder, and a printer table. There would also be a need to include a locker room area that has at least 12 lockers, however, a shower would most likely not be necessary. Finally, the Officers would need a training room, though there would need to be consideration into the location of the area. The training room could possibly be centralized within the Administration Building, but access to the room could become an issue, as non-law enforcement personnel may not enter the room unless they are accompanied by a law enforcement officer.

## **Champion Township Zoning Department**

The Champion Township Zoning Department is currently operated by one Zoning Inspector. The Zoning office is a private office located in the Township Administration building that is shared with the Police and Road departments. The current Zoning Office is roughly 8' x 11', but must be larger in a new building. It is recommended that a new office have one workstation, one meeting table that is large enough to review drawings and other large documents, four vertical file cabinets for storage, a locked cabinet for payments, and a printer. There must also be space for a map of Champion to be mounted on the wall and an accessible location for hanging drawings. The Zoning Inspector has also requested to have a centralized location at the entrance of the building to screen clients before bringing them into the private Zoning Office.

In the Administration Building, there should be a lobby adjacent to the private Zoning Office that has a location for Zoning forms (garage sale permits, zoning complaints, zoning applications, etc.), a waiting area, and a shared mail slot and conference room with the Administration Offices.



### **Champion Township Road Department**

The Champion Township Road Department is staffed by five full-time employees, including the Road Supervisor. The Department currently operates with five trucks - but would like room for six - and they have an apparatus of a backhoe, a 1-ton dump truck, a box truck, a 4x4 truck, a Blazer, and a dump truck. These vehicles are either kept in storage until needed or at a mechanic shop.

The Township currently rents storage for the Road Department's equipment and materials. The storage area is roughly 24' x 30', but the Department anticipates a need for greater storage space; potentially a 40' x 60' or 100' space. The equipment that is kept in the storage area is listed above.

The existing facility has a garage with four workspaces, storage for a variety of items including cemetery plywood, and a Supervisor's office. In a new facility, the Road Department would need a Supervisor's office that is accessible from both the Township Administration offices and the Department's garage, as well as an employee break space that is adjacent to the garage, but not within the garage itself. The Road Department would also like to include a Mechanic's Shop in the facility. This would create a need for a separate office that is adjacent to the mechanic's shop.

Note that in the future, the Road Department can occupy the existing fire station once new construction has taken place.

### **Champion Township Fiscal Office**

The Champion Township Fiscal Office is operated by one full-time Fiscal Officer and one part-time assistant. The two employees work together in a shared space, using one U-shaped workstation. The Fiscal Office currently uses a printer, a check printer, six filing cabinets, and has a chair available for guests. The Fiscal Office also utilizes a secured, 10' x 12' storage room, a file storage room that houses 14 file cabinets, and a cabinet for Township meeting minutes. In a new facility, there would be a need for a location within the Fiscal Office for Township Trustees to transfer secure and unsecured files.

The Champion Township Cemetery Sexton position is currently filled by the Township Fiscal Officer. The Cemetery Sexton has a records cabinet, two file cabinets, and a map cabinet.

### **SCOPE Center**

The Champion SCOPE Center is currently located at 163 Folsom Street and provides activities, games, speakers, and programs for local senior citizens. As part of the plans for the Safety & Security Building, Township Trustees are considering providing a space within the building for SCOPE. The needs for the space include an office, storage for tables, chairs, and arts and crafts, and a warming kitchen that would include steam tables, a three-compartment sink, a refrigerator, a microwave, and more. The space would only be used by SCOPE from approximately 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., leaving the potential for the space to be utilized by other organizations at later times in the day - should Township officials decide to offer such an opportunity.

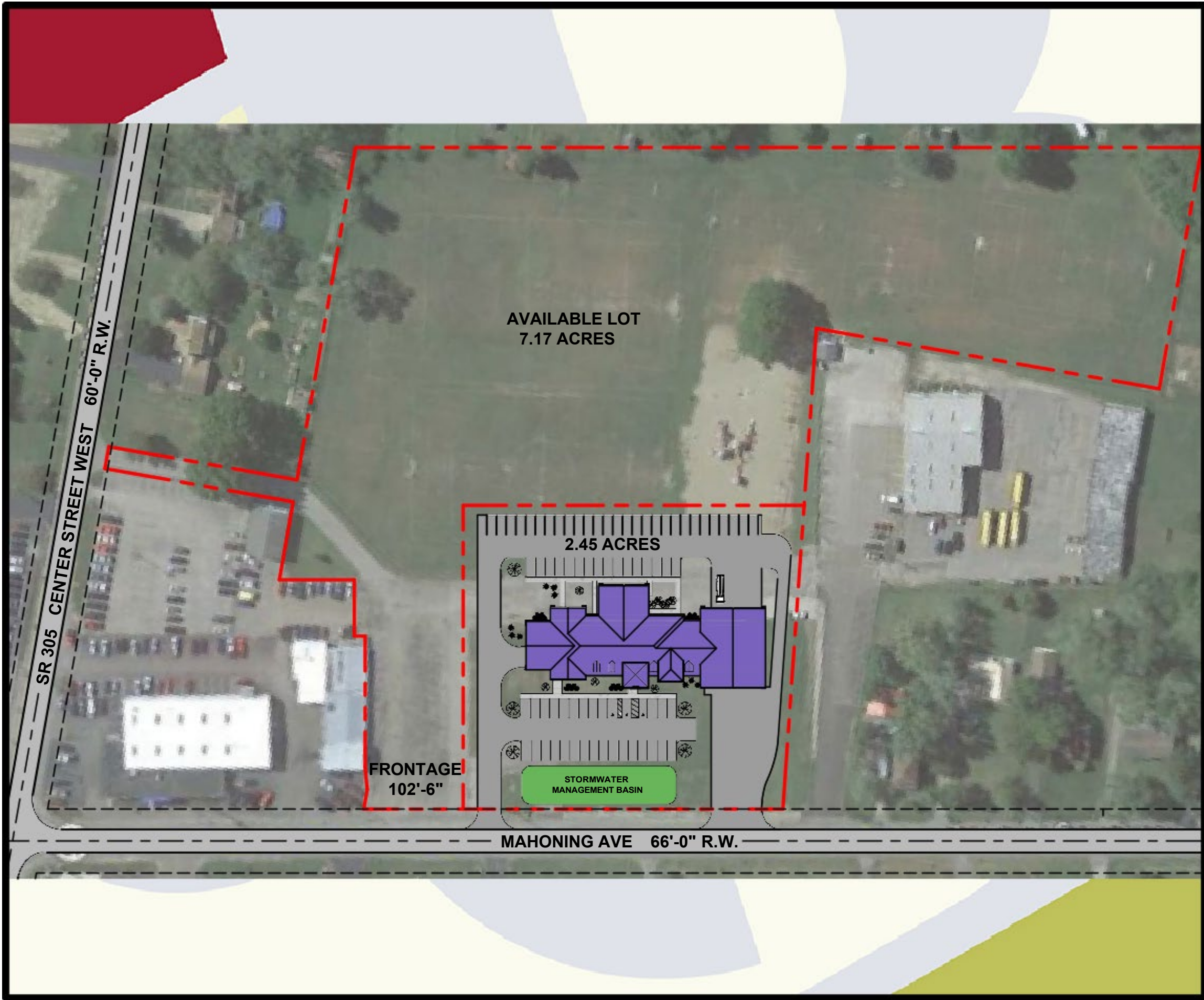




# **Safety & Security Building**

Proposed Site, Plan, and Exterior Image





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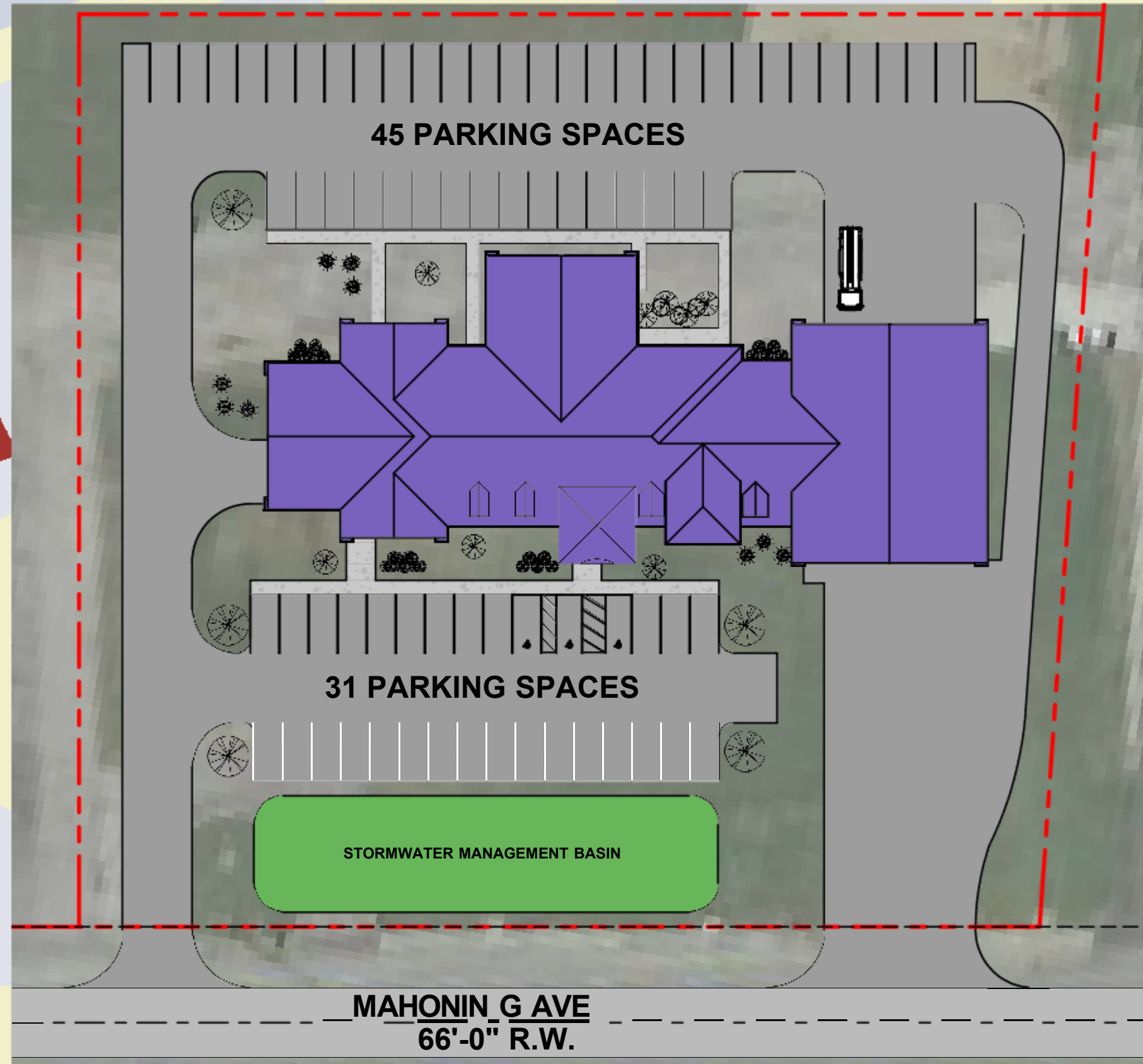
**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>9.6286 ACRES</b>
<b>SAFETY &amp; SECURITY LOT</b>	<b>2.45 ACRES</b>
FRONTAGE ON MAHONING AVE - 330'-0"	
<b>AVAILABLE LOT</b>	<b>7.17 ACRES</b>
ACCESS ROAD OFF OF SR 305 FRONTAGE ON MAHONING AVE - 102'-6"	

**SAFETY & SECURITY  
BUILDING**

**SITE PLAN**





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## BUILDING CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

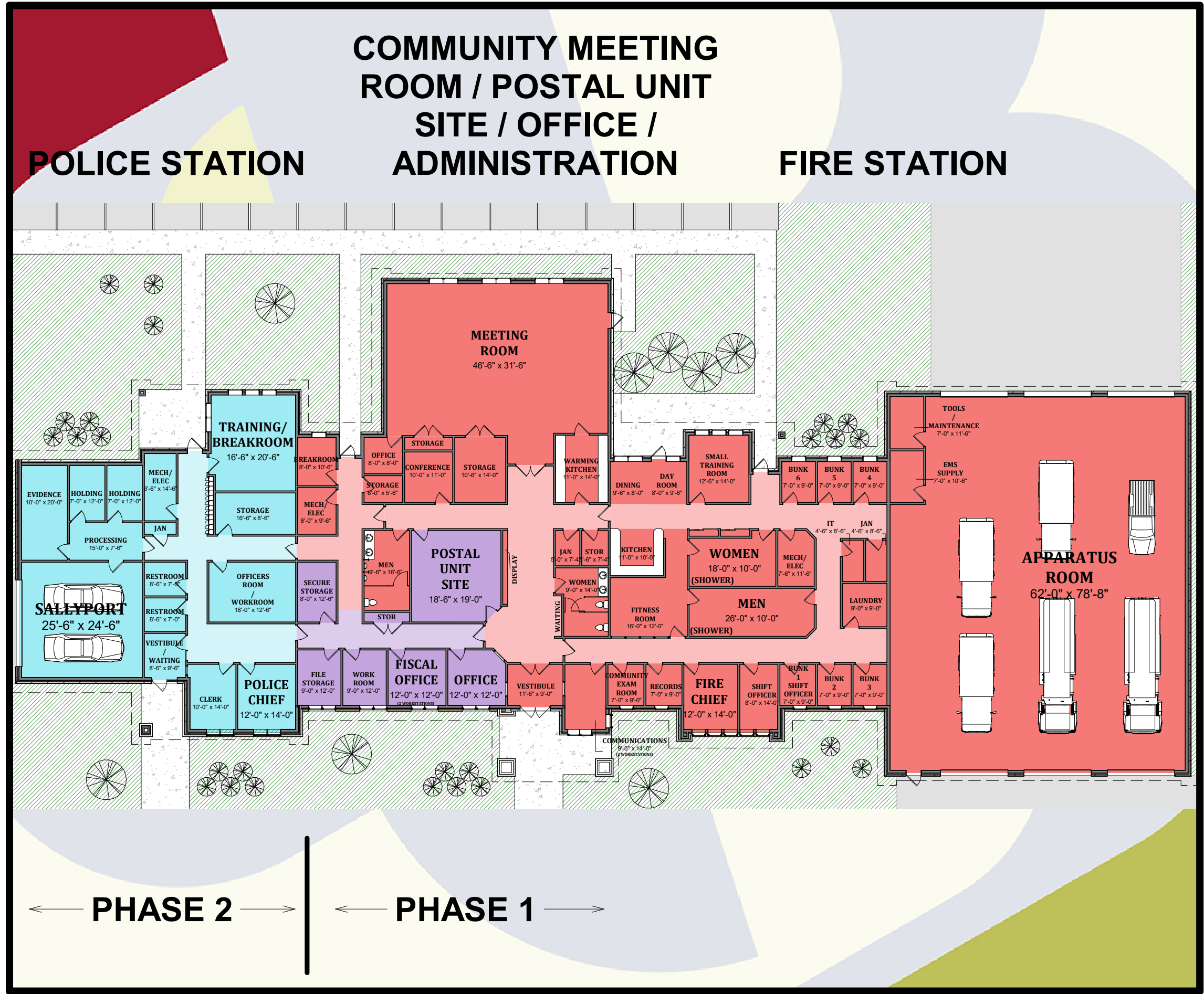
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	MASONRY & MASONRY VENEER ON METAL STUD WALL FRAMING & TRUSSED ROOF
BUILDING HEIGHT	36'-0"
BUILDING SQUARE FOOTAGE	16,894 SF

## SAFETY & SECURITY BUILDING

ENLARGED  
SITE PLAN

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PROGRAM

FIRE STATION

APPARATUS ROOM  
FITNESS / SHOWERS  
KITCHEN / DAYROOM  
6 BUNKS  
COMMUNITY EXAM ROOM  
TRAINING ROOM  
FIRE CHIEF OFFICE

ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE  
MEETING ROOM WITH  
KITCHEN  
POSTAL UNIT SITE  
FISCAL OFFICE

POLICE STATION

TRAINING ROOM  
SALLEY PORT  
HOLDING CELLS  
OFFICERS ROOM  
POLICE CHIEF OFFICE

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BUILDING

PROPOSED  
FLOOR PLAN





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BUILDING**

3D VIEWS

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### Phase 1

The cost estimate for Phase 1 of the Champion Safety & Security Building includes the following elements:

- Fire station.
- Community meeting room.
- Postal unit site.
- Zoning.
- Administration.
- Site work.
- Parking.
- Stormwater management.

### Phase 1 Cost Estimate: \$3.8 to \$4 million

### Overall Project

The cost estimate for the Champion Safety & Security Building includes the following elements:

- All of Phase 1.
- Police Station.
- Additional site work.

### Overall Project Cost Estimate: \$5 to \$6 million

### Overall Project Notes

- Estimated costs for each portion of the overall project are as follows:
  - Fire station and associated site costs: \$2.25 to \$2.7 million.
  - Police station and associated site costs: \$1.25 to \$1.5 million.
  - Community meeting room / Postal unit site / Zoning / Administration and associate site costs: \$1.5 to \$1.8 million.
- All above estimates include the following:
  - Professional site survey (for the portion of the site to be improved).
  - Site utilities.
  - Stormwater management.
- The above estimates do not include professional architectural and engineering fees, permitting and plan approval fees, and insurance costs.



After review and reflection we ask, what are the...

### NEXT STEPS

- What are the action steps moving forward?
  - Township Administration
  - Community / Stakeholders / Committee(s)
  - Design professionals
- Is there a projected timeline or target completion date for the various phases of the project?
- How can you help?
  - Funding
    - Grants
    - Bond issues
    - Volunteering
  - Planning
    - Meetings
    - Committees
    - Stakeholders
- How can the community expect to receive updates on the project?