

Green Space Sustainable Development Charts

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Mc 1	Austin-Beck-Rolshouse	Nixon Road	29.9	Passive	Forest with stream. No facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Create trailhead connection via paper street from Nixon Road. •Seek easement agreement to create additional trailhead connection via Parcel ID 0611-F-00130 on Rolshouse Road. •Open discussions with Ross Township about sharing cost of improvements in this area while exploring additional trailhead connection via paper street extension of May Drive, Ross Township. •Lay out trail network according sustainable trail standards, seeking expertise from a non-profit or design firm. •Enlisting Scouts, students or other volunteers, Initiate a invasives removal program that is coupled with a reseeding/replanting program (as needed). •Determine whether watercourse needs streambed renewal or riparian improvements, and consider applying for grants such as through the Allegheny County Conservation District's Conservaton Leadership and Innovation Program (CLIP) grant program. •Enlist Scouts and other volunteers to build trails (or repair existing informal trails), stairways and footbridges, wayfinding signage. Trail Pittsburgh has built new single-track trails in other parks in the area. 	3
Mc 2	Brandt	Sloop Road	0.5	Passive	Forest with wetlands and stream. No facilities. Near Wall Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •See Harmony Trail Corridor plan in Active Transportation & Connectivity chapter. 	1
Mc 3	Brandt	Sloop Road	22.1	Passive	Forest with wetlands and stream. No facilities. Near Wall Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Location of planned trail loop. •Also, see Harmony Trail Corridor plan in Active Transportation & Connectivity chapter. 	1
Mc 4	Council Memorial Park	Ingomar Heights/Highland/Ingomar	1.3	Passive	Memorial Garden. No facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Open discussions with Marshall Township to explore possibility of connecting this parklet with Potter Park, possibly via Ingomar Church property, some of the paper streets near the church, and easement agreements with residential property owners. 	3
Mc 5	Early	McCandless Drive (NW)	4.4	Passive	Field, forest and wetlands. No facilities. Near Town Hall.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The northern portion of the site can become the location of a raingarden to capture stormwater runoff from Memorial Drive that is now going into a storm drain. 	2
Mc 6	Early	McCandless Drive (SE)	4.7	Passive	Wetlands. No facilities. Near Town Hall.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •See Pine Creek Trail Corridor plan in Active Transportation & Connectivity chapter. 	1
Mc 7	Gahagan	Vestal Field Complex	5.2	Active	Ballfields 2 & 3 at Vestal Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •See Pine Creek Trail Corridor plan in Active Transportation & Connectivity chapter. •The trail corridor would follow the existing walkway between Fields 1 and 2 by the concession stand. •A small area on this parcel, possibly on the western, wooded side of the walkway leading to Field 3, could be developed as a community garden. Raised beds and fencing would be needed due to deer and other animals. Locating a community garden in an active recreation park has the benefits of access to water on-site, vehicular access nearby, and the possibility of some storage space in existing building. Produce could be sold at concession as team fund-raiser. Also, there is a likelihood that people will be present during summer either to help, to harvest or to just keep more eyes on the garden. 	1

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Mc 8	Gardner	Pine Creek Road	1.6	Passive	Field and parking for Vestal Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Add stormwater facilities along lower edge of gravel lot to prevent runoff toward wetland and stream, similar to work done at Devlin Park in 2018. •Reduce mowed area where possible by transitioning to low-mow grass (mowed 2 x year) or upland meadow. •Create trailhead signage for entrance to Pine Creek Trail via existing boardwalk. 	3
Mc 9	Glen Manor	Glen Manor Road	2.4	Passive	Field, forest and wetlands. No facilities. Near Wall Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •See Harmony Trail Corridor plan in Active Transportation & Connectivity chapter. •Create trailhead for portion of trail that follows tributary to Lowries Run. This site should allow for trailhead amenities such as parking with stormwater facilities, shade trees, bike racks, picnic tables, benches, and auto-locking composting toilet or other restroom facility. 	1
Mc 10	Hamburg (Pocohontas)	Old Perry Highway	0.2	Passive	Field. No facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •See Mc 11. 	1
Mc 11	Hamburg (Melrose Park)	Pontiac Avenue	2.4	Passive	Field, forest and stream. No facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Consider future development of this parcel as an upland meadow and community food forest park with accessible walking trail. •Create small parking area (2-3 spaces) with stormwater infrastructure to keep runoff from entering stream. Enlarge existing trail to 0.2-mile loop, adding surfacing and appropriate slopes for ADA accessibility. •Plant groves of native fruit and nut trees, and blackberry, raspberry shrubs, etc. •If area residents or others are interested, this could be a location for a community garden, although the location may not be suitable because no water source appears to be available. (Could a well be dug?) Raised beds and fencing would be needed due to deer and other animals. •Improve trail to the stream with sustainable trail design principals so it is not a fall-line trail that erodes silt into the stream. 	2
Mc 12	Kocan	Highland Road	4	Passive	Forest and stream. No facilities. Near Wall Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •See Harmony Trail Corridor plan in Active Transportation & Connectivity chapter. •This parcel will be the location of switchbacks on the single-track, sustainable trail to traverse the 60-foot change in elevation between the stream-side and the trailhead at Highland Road and Glen Manor Road. 	1
Mc 13	Korvick	Pine Creek Road	7.9	Passive	Trail, field, forest and parking for Vestal Park. No facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Add stormwater facilities along lower edge of gravel lot to prevent runoff toward wetland and stream, similar to work done at Devlin Park in 2018. •Reduce mowed area where possible by transitioning to low-mow grass (mowed 2 x year) or upland meadow. •Create trailhead signage for entrance to Pine Creek Trail via existing boardwalk. 	3

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Mc 14	Lincoln	Lincoln Boulevard	9.3	Passive	Forest and stream. No facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eventual goal will be to link the Lincoln Boulevard with Nixon Road property to the south and create another trailhead at Washington Heights Avenue to the north. • Discuss easement acquisition with owner of continuous land Parcel ID 0611-F-00236 or owner's participation in land trust or other preservation scenario. Part of discussion could be stream and woodland preservation to be conducted on this easement property as an incentive to work with town. • Determine whether watercourse on this property (and the neighbor's) needs streambed renewal, and consider applying for grant. See Allegheny County Conservation District's Conservaton Leadership and Innovation Program (CLIP) grant program. • Create trailhead connection via Lincoln Boulevard. • Meanwhile, also open discussion with owner of land Parcel ID 0714-N-0024 to determine if easement can be acquired for access to town land via Washington Heights Avenue. • Lay out modest trail loop limited (at this time) solely to the 9.3-acre parcel according to sustainable trail standards, seeking expertise from a non-profit or design firm. • Enlisting Scouts, students or other volunteers, initiate an invasives removal program that is coupled with a reseeding/replanting program (as needed). • Enlist Scouts, Trail Pittsburgh, and other volunteers to build trails (or repair existing informal trails), stairways and footbridges, wayfinding signage. 	1
Mc 15	Marymont	Marymont Drive	18.7	Passive	Forest and wetlands. No facilities. Near Wall Park.	• See Harmony Trail Corridor plan in Active Transportation & Connectivity chapter.	1
Mc 16	Memorial Park	Memorial Drive	0.1	Passive	Veteran's Memorial garden and lawn. No facilities.	• The northern portion of the site can become the location of a raingarden to capture stormwater runoff from Memorial Drive that is now going into a storm drain.	3
Mc 17	Oak Ridge	Oak Ridge Drive	8.5	Passive	Trail, field, forest and wetlands. No facilities. Near Vestal Park.	• See Pine Creek Trail Corridor plan in Active Transportation & Connectivity chapter.	1
Mc 18	Oak Ridge	Oak Ridge Drive	1.9	Passive	Trail, field, forest and wetlands. No facilities. Near Vestal Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Pine Creek Trail Corridor plan in Active Transportation & Connectivity chapter. • Create trailhead for western terminus of Pine Creek Trail, where it intersects with the north-south Harmony Trail Corridor. This can include trailhead amenities such as parking with stormwater facilities, shade trees, bike racks, picnic tables, benches, and auto-locking composting toilet or other restroom facility. 	1
Mc 19	Petrush	Sloop Road	18.8	Passive	Forest. No facilities. Near Wall Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of planned trail loop (grant application submitted). • Also, see Harmony Trail Corridor plan in Active Transportation & Connectivity chapter. 	1

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Mc20	Potter Park	Harmony Road (Private)	12.8	Passive	Trail with benches, field, forest, wetlands and fishing lake. No facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Harmony Trail Corridor plan in Active Transportation & Connectivity chapter. • Town should take over ownership of Harmony Lane, and pave it or maintain it to Penn State University gravel road specifications to mitigate runoff and make the park more accessible to citizens. • Organize the parking bump-out just north of the park entrance. • Open discussions with owners of large lots contiguous to the park to determine whether easements can be acquired or whether land trusts might be a future option. • Reconfigure the entrance to the park to eliminate the fall-line trail (which causes erosion and deterioration of the landscape) and to provide an entrance laid out according to principles of sustainable trail design. Conduct trail maintenance on other trails to improve drainage and to open them up for use. • Take actions that reduce runoff that carries sediments and nutrients into the pond, such as building a just-above-grade boardwalk where the main trail reaches the pond, to limit soil compaction and erosion. • Add a pack-in-pack-out sign at entrance to encourage park users to avoid littering and carry trash away with them. Consider an annual cleanup blitz at the park – prize for whichever kid collects the most trash in a half-hour. • Relocate the existing (memorial) bench and add a second bench – both on the boardwalk surface. 	2
Mc 21	Town Hall/ Devlin Rodgers Field	Grubbs Road	12	Active	Field, forest and stream. Sports fields and courts, picnic tables, pavilion, and restrooms. At Town Hall.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Pine Creek Trail Corridor plan in Active Transportation & Connectivity chapter. • Team with one of the Pine Creek-related associations or other existing group to begin aggressive program to remove Japanese Knotweed. In the area of the park. • Support water quality improvements and the appearance of the area by continuing stormwater runoff mitigation practices, and replacing Knotweed with native plantings. 	1
Mc 22	Vincentian Complex	Peebles Road	13.6	Active	Seven baseball/softball fields with concession stands and restrooms. Some other forest and fields. Complex is leased by the Town.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add stormwater facilities along lower edge of gravel lot to prevent runoff toward wetland and stream, similar to work done at Devlin Park in 2018. 	3
Mc 23	Wall Park	Sloop Road	5	Active	Field, forest and stream. Sports fields and courts, picnic tables, pavilion and restrooms. Part of Wall Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of planned trail loop (grant application submitted). • Also, see Harmony Trail Corridor plan in Active Transportation & Connectivity chapter. 	1
Mc 24	Wall Park	Rochester Road	2.9	Active	Field, forest and stream. Sports fields and courts, picnic tables, pavilion and restrooms. Part of Wall Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of planned trail loop (grant application submitted). • Also, see Harmony Trail Corridor plan in Active Transportation & Connectivity chapter. 	1
Mc 25	Vestal	Perry Highway	1.7	Active	Ballfield I at Vestal Park. Some other forest and fields. Part of Vestal Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Pine Creek Trail Corridor plan in Active Transportation & Connectivity chapter. 	1