

TWO COMMUNITY ACTION OPPORTUNITIES in JANUARY: *WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR OUR NEW PARKLANDS?*

MEETING 1 7:00 PM Wednesday January 30th 2019, State College High School **Centre Region Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan**

Public Hearing for the Centre Region Parks and Rec Master Plan, to be updated for the first time since 2008. **This is your only opportunity for public pre-planning input**, however an online survey may be available through Centre Region Parks and Recreation www.crpr.org
You may also write to your municipality (Township or Borough)

MEETING 2 6:00 PM Thursday January 31th 2019, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship **PSU/Clearwater Conservancy: Musser Gap-to-Valley Land Preservation**

Public session for the Penn State/Clearwater Conservancy plan (MG2V) to preserve 365 acres of open space between Whitehall Road Regional Park and Route 45.
You may also write to Penn State Department of Landscape Architecture

Centre Region Parks and Recreation's new Comprehensive Plan can be a road map for parklands that take our region into the 21st century. Our next parklands can be models for Pennsylvania and the US. In addition, Penn State plans to preserve 365 acres, and invites us to share our vision.

Based on past surveys, Centre Region residents want parks that preserve open space and facilitate a variety of activities such as hiking, gardening, bird-watching, nature education, and family-friendly pastimes. Tax revenues of the Centre Region should be invested in more amenities for everyone who enjoys lifelong activities. **Please see the reverse side of this page for suggested amenities and activities**, including green infrastructure, that are part of 21st Century parklands around the United States.

It's time for *all* community voices to help shape a shared vision, and receive a fair share of public funding and consideration. Nittany Valley Environmental Coalition is not leading public input to PSU and CRPR initiatives, but we are helping to call attention to these opportunities for ecologically healthy land planning and more inclusive parklands.

ACTION: PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING. The meetings will have breakout tables (visit as many as you like) with facilitators and notecards so you can voice and/or write your ideas. Meeting 1 (CRPR) tables will likely be: *Parks, Trails, Youth Programs, Adult Programs, Aquatics and Environmental Education*. **If you aren't able to attend, please submit brief thoughts** for others to read. **Only those who share their ideas here will receive consideration.** For more information contact Nittany Valley Environmental Coalition: Randy Hudson grhudsonjr@gmail.com.

WHAT SHOULD 21ST CENTURY PARKLANDS LOOK LIKE?

GENERAL DESIGN PRINCIPLES

Ecologically healthy

Imaginative

Inclusive: all ages, groups, and abilities

SITES Gold certification for all parklands

LEED Platinum design principles

Local use: for residents, by residents

Child-safe

Located to promote walkability

Low maintenance costs:

Resilient to drought, flood, heat

Minimal onsite roads and parking

Native plants exclusively

A model for parks in PA and the US

Prioritizes lifelong activities

Promotes walking, bikes and public transport

Protects water supply

Minimal site disturbance

Sensitive habitat preservation

View preservation, including Dark Skies

Xeriscaping: low or no irrigation, herbicides,
Pesticides or cleansers

What other design principles do you envision?

AMENITIES

Bikeway connections between parks

**Bird and wildlife habitats--meadows,
wetlands, shrublands, mature forests**

Community gardens

Flower covered trellises

Arboretum/Tree ID labels

Eco-friendly sports fields

Green open space

Greenway Connectors

Natural Areas

Outdoor meditation space

Pollinator gardens

Road to ridge views

Scenic walking trails

Water features to attract birds and wildlife

Wooded areas with trails

What other amenities do you envision?

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Renewable energy

Living filters/bioswales

Retain stormwater onsite

Beneficial water reuse

Carbon Sequestration

Water features that clean our water

Composting toilets and/or waterless urinals

Dark Sky principles

No or minimal site lighting-Motion sensors

What green infrastructure do you envision?

ACTIVITIES

Arts in parks (mosaics, interactive art,
sculptures)

Citizen science in parks

Cross-country skiing

Education in parks

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Kite competitions

Landscape painting

Model airplane flying

Outdoor chess

Ice Skating and Hot Chocolate

Outdoor yoga

Planespotting

Sledding and tobogganing

Stargazing

STEAM school projects

Tree identification classes

What other activities do you envision?

TECH AMENITIES

Cell charging stations

Power outlets

Wi-Fi

What other tech amenities do you envision?

