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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Walking Path, White Lake Park

Sparta Township is the gateway to Sussex County. Home to Lake Mohawk, Sparta Mountain, Station Park, and Edison Iron Mine, history intermingles with recreation, schools are nestled in the mountain valleys, and parks range from small neighborhood playgrounds to regional hiking destinations. Residents live in Sparta for the quality of life it offers for their families, its schools, and access to shopping and local businesses.

Whether interests lie in team sports, hikes along the mountains, or relaxing moments with friends and family in the playground, Sparta Township's recreational areas cater to the diverse interests of both residents and visitors alike. Planning for open space in Sparta Township began in 1997 with the completion of the town's initial Open Space and Recreation Plan. Updated in various ways at various times, this current report is the first comprehensive examination of the Township's program.

Following on the heels of the 2019 Planning Board's Community Pulse Check Survey, the Environmental Commission undertook a new look at the Township's program to assess the goals, needs, and recommendations for future park expansions, trails and greenways in the municipality. The recent public survey, done as part of this plan, reaffirms the public's commitment to open space, parks, and recreation, and serves as the basis for the plan's recommendations.

With support from Sussex County, the Township has received grant funding to preserve three properties. Five farms have also been preserved through the county and state programs. 24% of Sparta Township is permanently protected, with much of that owned and managed by the NJDEP. Sparta owns and manages 345 acres of municipal parks and open space.

OPEN SPACE GOALS

The goals of the Open Space and Recreation Plan act as a guide for protecting the natural beauty and diverse recreational amenities provided by Sparta Township. Its rural landscape is characterized by the mountains, lakes, and forested land which surround its residential neighborhoods, downtown, and parks. The Township's recreational program is committed to providing superior outdoor activities for residents and their families.

Sparta's **1997 Open Space and Recreation Plan** evaluated the Township's recreational needs, studied its open spaces, and identified areas for preservation. Its **2003 Plan** reaffirmed the goals and the recommendations within the original report, while the **2020 Open Space Plan** offered a list of municipal property. The current update considers the evolution of the Township's needs for outdoor recreation with an eye toward permanence, increased accessibility and sustainability of the Township's public spaces.

PROTECT SPARTA'S SENSE OF PLACE

Ensure that the small town and local neighborhood character that Sparta's residents value is protected as its population grows and changes.

PRESERVE NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Protect the headwaters, woodlands, lakes, slopes, and historic sites that bring value and culture to the region.

SUPPORT EXEMPLARY RECREATIONAL SPACES

Ensure that trails, parks, sports facilities, and other recreational spaces provide the best possible experience to community members.

MAINTAIN HIGH WATER QUALITY

Safeguard and sustain the groundwater and surface water that the town relies upon for both public and private use.

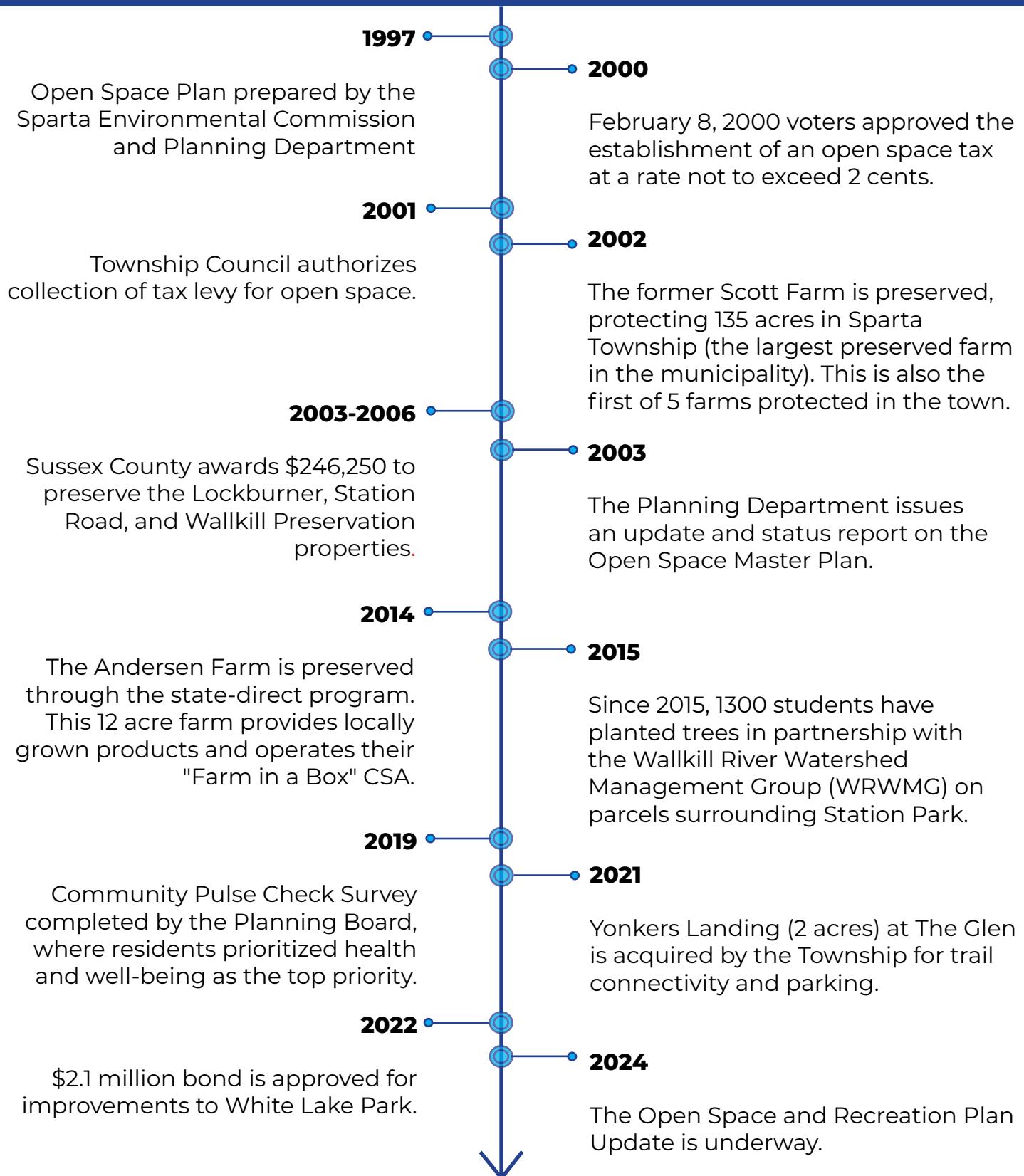
CONNECT COMMUNITY AND PARKS

Where possible and desirable, acquire land to expand existing parkland, natural areas, and buffer residential and local shopping areas.

PRACTICE STEWARDSHIP AND CONSERVATION

Manage public lands to ensure forest health and protect wildlife habitat. Control the spread of non-native plant species in the forest's under story.

HISTORY OF THE OPEN SPACE PROGRAM



FUNDING

Land Preservation

Sparta's Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (the Trust Fund) was established in 2001 following approval by the voters on February 8, 2020. Per Ordinance No. 00-08, the governing body approved an annual rate not to exceed two cents (\$0.02) per \$100 of assessed property value. This rate is set annually by the Township Council. Article XI of the municipal code details the rate and uses of the Trust Fund and is included in **Appendix A**.

While the rate of the levy has changed over the years, the current rate has been one cent (\$0.0111) per \$100 of assessed value since 2021. As of end of 2023, \$4,578,772 has been collected and 338.27 acres have been preserved using the Trust Fund.¹

 \$342,687 is expected to be raised by the tax levy in 2024.

 2 acres were preserved in 2021 (Yonkers Landing at The Glen).

The U.S. Forest Service defines open space as

...all unbuilt areas, whether publicly or privately owned, protected or unprotected. Open space includes forests and grasslands, farms and ranches, streams and rivers, and parks. They provide ecosystem services, support agricultural and forest production, and offer opportunities for recreation.²

The **1997 Open Space and Recreation Plan** hearkened back to the **1984 Comprehensive Master Plan** when it quoted the document as proposing:

...the preservation of natural areas, the use of buffer areas, and the preservation of historic buildings and sites.³

As reported in the annual budget reports, the tax levy raises about \$340,000 per year and the town uses nearly all of that to pay down the outstanding bond payments for improvements to recreation facilities.⁴ In June of 2022, the Council authorized the appropriation of \$2.1 million to install two new baseball and softball fields and a multipurpose field at White Lake Park.⁵

Year	Rate	Tax	Bond Payments	Improvements
2017	\$0.0110	\$327,767	\$300,000	\$29,300
2018	\$0.0110	\$327,463	\$300,000	\$29,300
2019	\$0.0110	\$327,009	\$300,000	-
2020	\$0.0110	\$330,166	\$330,000	\$7,334
2021	\$0.0111	\$334,707	\$330,000	-
2022	\$0.0111	\$340,000	\$330,000	\$12,170
2023	\$0.0111	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$10,980



SUSSEX COUNTY

Preservation Trust

In 2000, Sussex County voters approved the creation of an Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund. The tax, specified as an amount not to exceed 2 cents per \$100 of total County equalized real property valuation, passed with 73% of the vote. The tax was originally structured to provide 90% of the funds for farmland preservation and 10% for acquisition of lands for open space and recreation. Since 2021 the County has also funded municipal trail construction projects.

Sussex County initiated their open space program with the development of their Open Space and Recreation Plan in 2003. In 2016 Sussex County updated their plan. The County Open Space program uses Trust Fund dollars to protect:

- Ecologically sensitive areas.
- Preservation of areas of scenic, cultural, or historic value.
- Public outdoor recreational facilities (active or passive).
- Preservation of lands of exceptional flora or fauna.
- Protection of critical water supplies.

In Sparta Township, Sussex County has awarded three grants totaling \$246,250 for open space projects, protecting 60 acres of land. With the financial support of the County, the Township received the following grants:

Project	Block/Lot	Acres	Year Funded	County Grant
Lockburner Estate (118 North Church Road)	14001/47	42.8	2003	\$90,000
Station Road (65 and 70 Station Road)	26004/1 & 26002/15	6.54	2005	\$90,000
Wallkill Preservation (in back of the municipal building)	2001/52	10.93	2006	\$66,250
Total:		60.27		\$246,250

FARMLAND PRESERVATION

County and State programs

Five farms have been preserved in Sparta Township with funds provided by Sussex County and the State of New Jersey, through the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC). Two of these farms are located in Sparta and Lafayette Townships. Sussex County has contributed \$859,401 and the SADC has contributed \$974,473 to preserve 193 acres of agricultural land in the Township. The first farm preserved was in 2002 and the most recent farm preserved was ten years ago, in 2014. The largest farm was the Takacs Farm at 72 acres, located entirely within the municipality.

Owner (at time of closing)	Year Closed	Block/Lot	Acres Preserved (Sparta)	Acres (total)	Location	Cost	State / County Cost Share
Scott Farm*	2002	14001/6	66	135*	Old Beaver Run Road	\$547,947	70/30
Takacs-High Meadow Farm	2005	28001/5, 28002/4	72	72	Main Street	\$716,334	60/40
Demarest Farm*	2008	14001/3	24	42*	rear of Kimble Lane	\$393,465	60/40
Ashley-Maple Dale Farm	2009	28001/6	19	19	Main Street	\$409,838	County: 100%
Andersen Farm	2014	17001/27 17002/1, 2	12	12	Layton Lane	\$144,625	State: 100%
5 Farms Preserved in Sparta			193 acres in Sparta \$859,401 contributed by Sussex County \$974,473 contributed by the SADC				

*Also located in Lafayette Township



LAND USE INVENTORY

Municipal Parks and Open Spaces

There are **345 acres** of municipal parkland in Sparta Township.⁶ This includes large recreational facilities, rugged natural areas with hiking trails connecting to neighboring state lands, and local neighborhood parks. Three properties have been protected through the Sussex County Open Space program. There are **873 acres** of land protected through open space dedications as lake communities were developed in the municipality.

Regional municipal parks, playing fields, walking paths, playgrounds, and picnic areas include:

-  White Lake Park
-  Station Park
-  Ungermaier Memorial Park

Neighborhood parks, small and easily accessible to the surrounding community:

-  Tyler Park
-  North Village Park
-  Edison Park

Home to hiking trails, scenic views, and breathtaking vistas:

-  The Glen

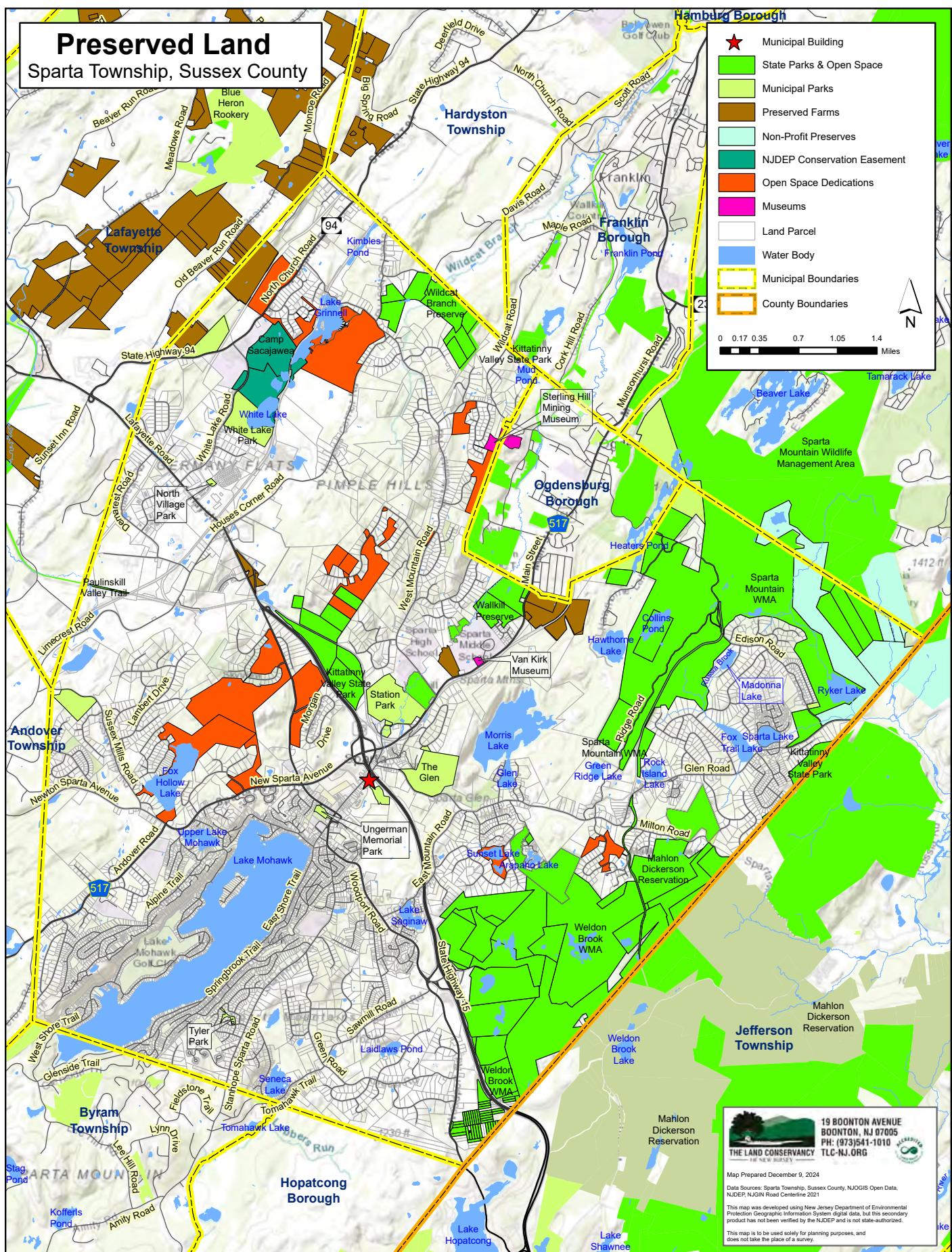
Land preserved with other county/state funds:

-  Wallkill (Sussex County grant)
-  Lockburner (Sussex County and Green Acres)
-  portions of Station Park (Sussex County)

The **Preserved Land Map** (on the following page) includes all permanently protected open space and farmland in the Township. The **Preserved and Public Land Map** shows both preserved property and publicly owned land for schools and general public purposes. **Appendix B** includes the parcel tables for preserved land in Sparta Township.

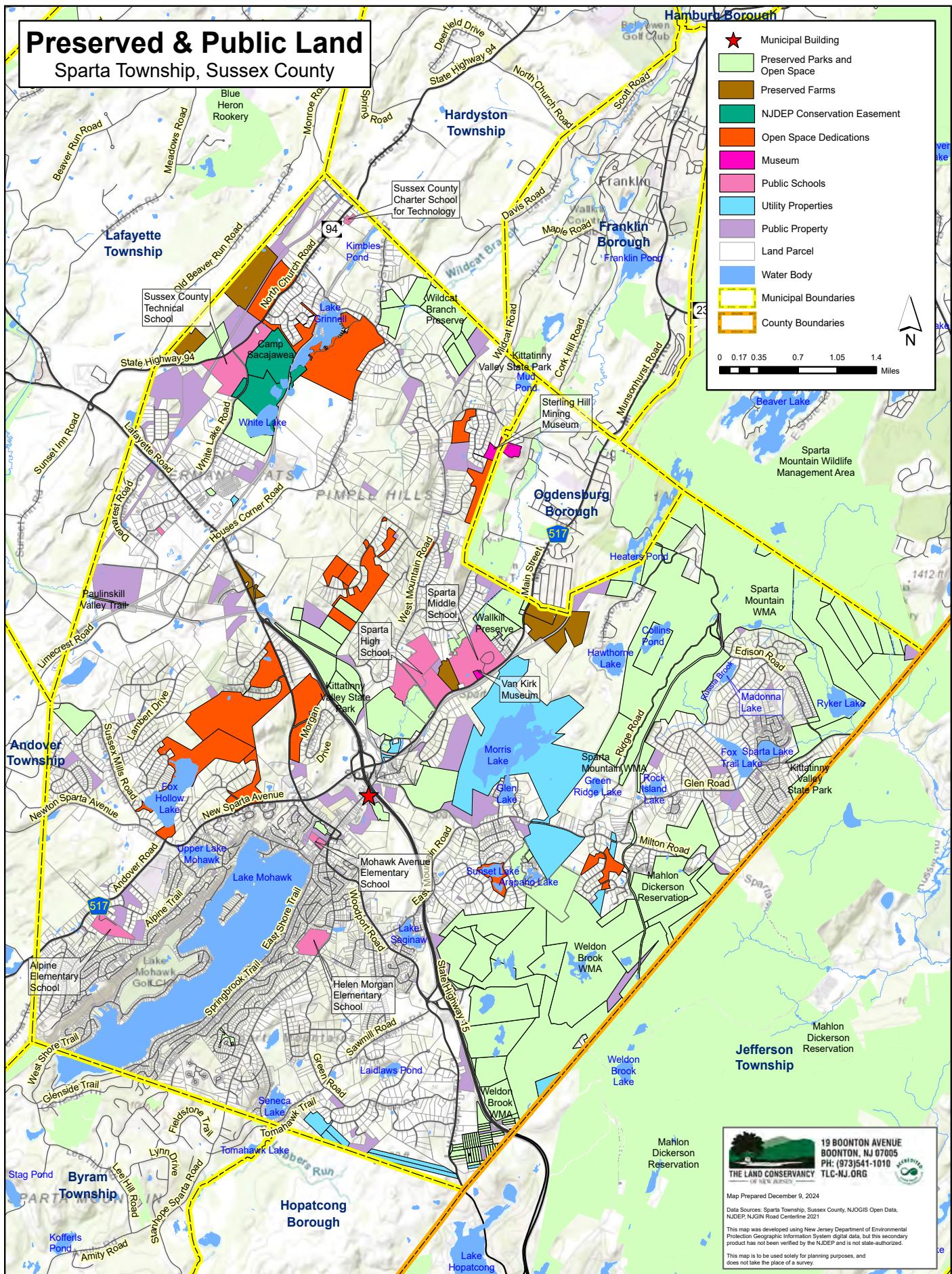
Preserved Land

Sparta Township, Sussex County



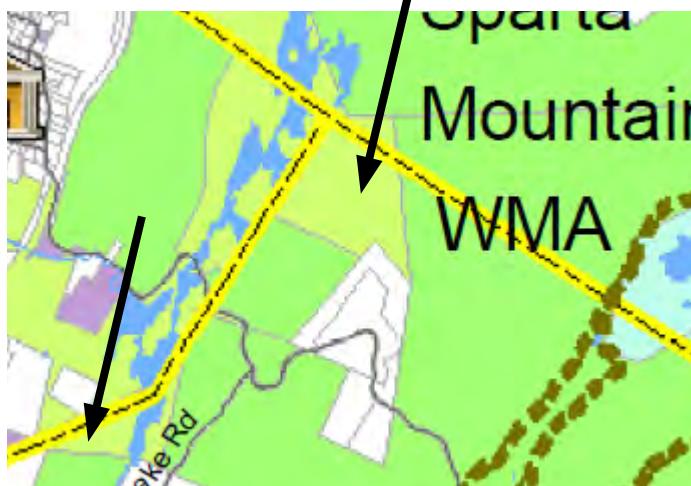
Preserved & Public Land

Sparta Township, Sussex County

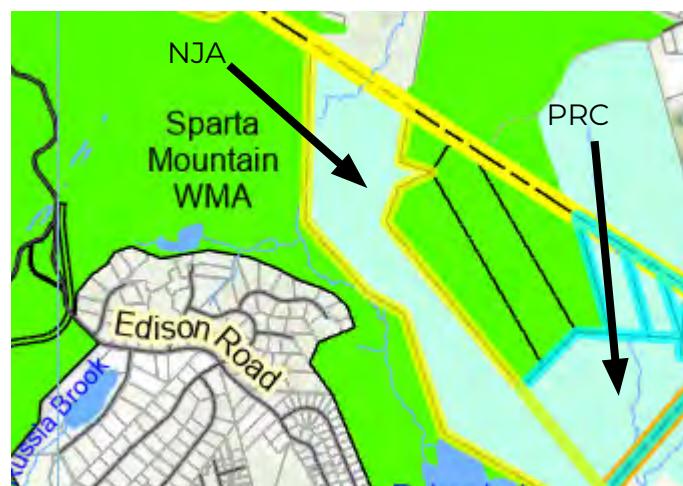


Preserved Land

Ogdensburg Borough owns 66 acres in Sparta Township surrounded by Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA). These adjoin Ogdensburg's Heater's Pond Park:



NJ Audubon (NJA) Sparta Mountain Preserve (219 acres) and the Passaic River Coalition (PRC) Russia Brook Sanctuary (112 acres) are both located at Edison Mountain within Sparta Mountain:

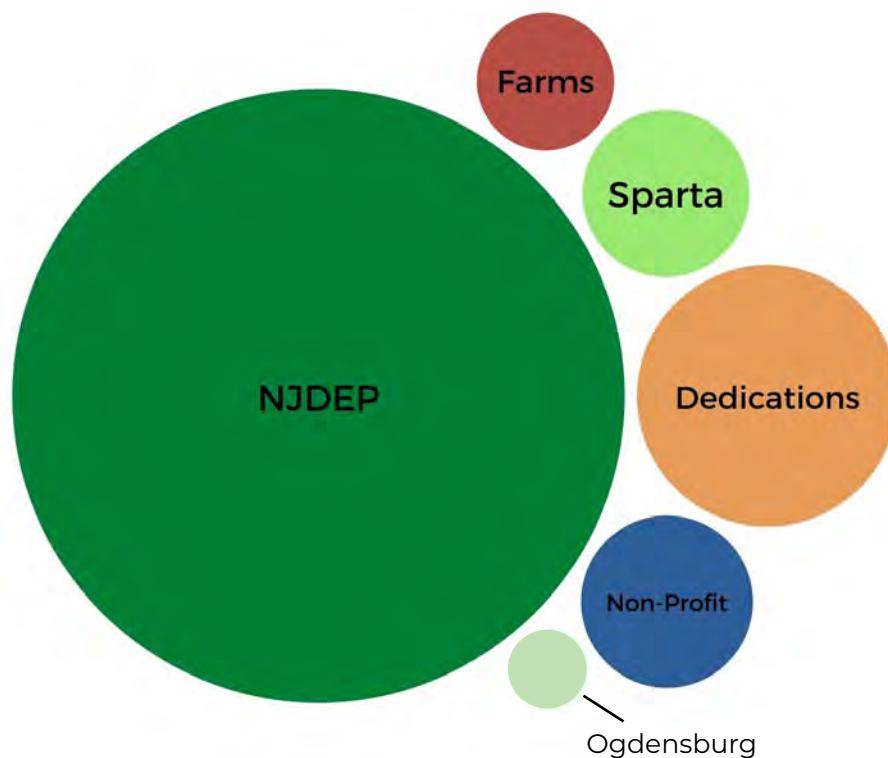


Farms in Sparta Township have been preserved in a variety of programs and methods. Six farms are permanently protected, for a total of 218 acres. Two farms are also preserved in neighboring Lafayette Township. Five of the farms were preserved

through the traditional county and state programs. The sixth farm, located between Sparta's middle and high schools, has a conservation easement (rather than an agricultural easement) through the federal Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP).

There are 4,185 acres of state-owned lands which are permanently protected in Sparta Township. This includes an easement held by the NJDEP for Camp Sacajawea.

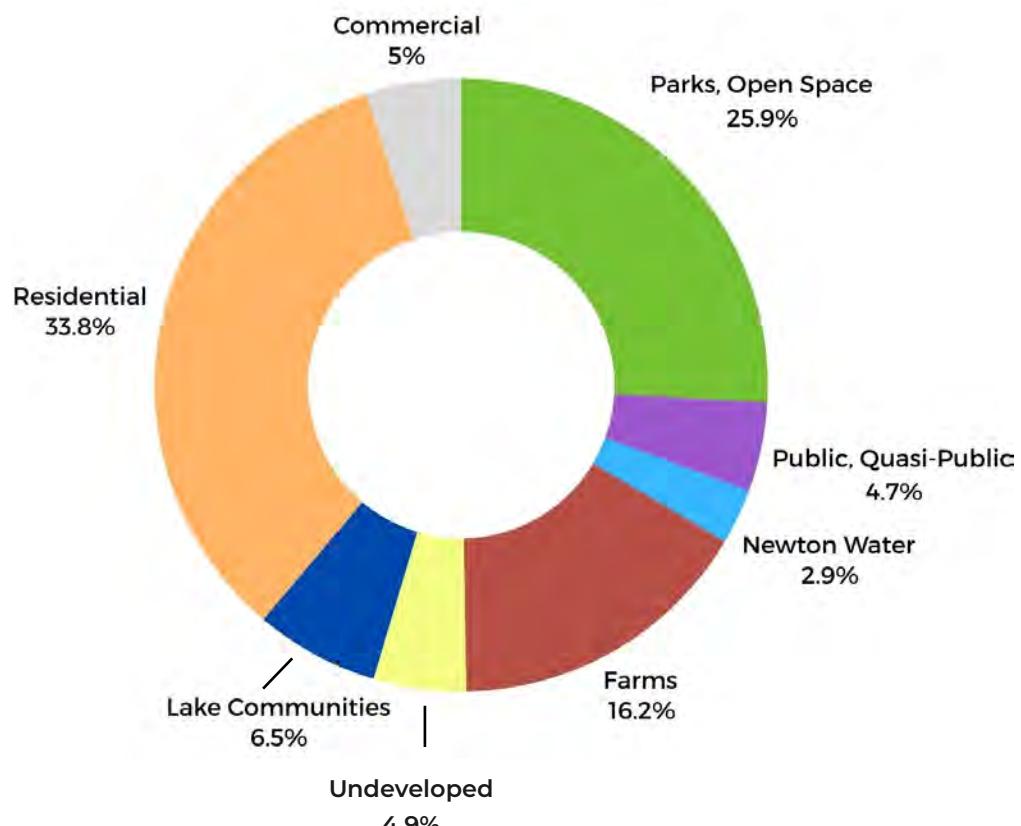
- Weldon Brook WMA: 1,554 acres
- Sparta Mountain WMA: 1,489 acres
- Mahlon Dickerson Reservation: 415 ac.
- Kittatinny Valley State Park: 230 ac.
- Camp Sacajawea: 189 acres
- Wildcat Branch Preserve: 176 acres
- Wallkill Preserve: 128 acres
- Paulinskill Valley Trail: 3 acres
- State Easement: 0.1 acres



24% of Sparta Township is permanently protected:

- 70%, NJDEP
- 5%, Sparta Township
- 15%, Open Space Dedications to Sparta
- 4%, Farmland
- 6%, NJ Audubon, Passaic River Coalition
- 1%, Ogdensburg Borough

Sparta Township is a mixture of developed lands (homes, businesses, industry) and rugged natural areas with parks, lakes, and farms in the valley. About a third of the Township is residential and there are nearly 1500 acres of land owned by local homeowner associations as part of a number of lake communities.⁷ The parcel tables in **Appendix B** include the block, lots, and location of public property, private recreation facilities, and lake communities.



RECREATION RESOURCES

Sparta Township offers outdoor recreational facilities and park spaces that are used by residents, the Parks & Recreation Department, athletic leagues, schools, and neighboring municipalities.



Station Park

Municipal Parkland

Station Park

Station Park is the largest park in the Township and contains the majority of the Township's recreational fields. Located at 80 Station Road and next to the high school, this park totals 104 acres and has 12 recreational fields:

- 7 baseball/softball fields
- 4 multipurpose fields, including 1 synthetic field
- 1 open field area

Sparta uses its multipurpose fields for various sports, including football on the synthetic "Freedom Field."

The Wallkill River flows through the park offering a scenic area for fishing near a picnic pavilion. Kids Kastle II is a popular playground in the community. There are also the Murray Memorial Basketball Courts and a seasonal volleyball court. In the winter, the hills are used for sledding and in the spring and summer, the Parks & Recreation Department hosts several programs which include fishing, volleyball, tennis, and cricket. The Township received grants from Sussex County to add 6.5 acres to the park in 2005.⁸



White Lake Fields

White Lake Fields is a 60-acre park located on White Lake Road near Camp Sacajawea. The land was purchased in 2002. In 2013, the Township constructed a popular 3/4 mile trail and opened the property as a municipal park.¹¹

The Parks & Recreation Department has overseen the addition of two softball/baseball fields and two multi-purpose fields, which are used for soccer and lacrosse.¹² The existing walking trail will be connected to this part of the park.

White Lake Fields

Ungerman Memorial Park

Ungerman Field is a 5.6 acre park off Sparta Avenue on Woodport Road next to the Library and Elementary School. This park includes two baseball/softball fields, two basketball courts, a playground, and picnic tables. Benches overlook the Wallkill River and park. It is also home to the Dykstra Park Amphitheater, a popular concert and event space. In the summer, the Sparta Township Cultural Affairs Committee hosts the Sparta Arts, a free concert series in the park.⁹ The men's mushball league and women's softball also play at the fields in this park.¹⁰



Ungerman Memorial Park

SPORTS PROGRAMS

Sparta Parks and Recreation Department provides seasonal workshops and recreation programs. Workshops are offered for youth (including mommy and me programs) to seniors, from sports to art to cooking.¹³ They are posted on the website and can be found [here](#). Sports programs are run by Parks & Recreation and athletic associations. Outdoor sports programs include:

Sport	Age	Season
Mens Mushball League*	18+	June - August
Womens Softball League*	18+	June - November
Youth Football	2nd – 8th Grade	August – November
Youth Cheer	2nd – 8th Grade	August – November
Girls Youth Softball	Pre-K – 8th Grade	March - November
Sparta Soccer Club	Pre-K – 8th Grade	April - June; September - November
Sparta Little League Baseball	4 – 18 years old	April - November
Sparta Lacrosse	Pre-K – 8th Grade	April - June
Men's Soccer*	18+	April - November
Women's Soccer*	18+	April - November
Cricket Club	16+	April - October
Youth Ice Hockey	6 – 12 years old	September - April

The Glen

The Glen is an 89 acre wooded park located at the base of the Sparta Mountains on Glen Road. There is a covered area for picnicking and hiking trails along the Sparta Mountains. It is a popular spot for hiking, fishing, and picnicking.¹⁴ The Township purchased Yonkers Landing off of Holland Circle with its Open Space Trust Fund, providing a new trail connection and trail head.¹⁵



Neighborhood Parks

Edison Park

Edison Acre Park is a small (2.6 acre) neighborhood park located off Glen Road on Edison Terrace near Ryker Lake. This park has a small playground, an open field, and a basketball court.



North Village Park



Edison Park

North Village Park

North Village Park is a 2.3 acre park off White Lake Road on Prosper Place. This park has a playground, basketball courts, and volleyball courts. North Village is a mixed use community that includes four different residential developments, a supermarket and stores, and the park.



Tyler Park

Tyler Park

This 3.5 acre park is tucked away in the residential community east of Lake Mohawk on Tyler and Warren Street. It contains a playground and basketball court.

State Parks and Wildlife Management Areas

Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA)

1,500 acres of the 3,461 acre Sparta Mountain WMA fall in the northeast section of Sparta Township.^{17, 18} Established in the 1990s, this WMA consists of mountainous forests, several bodies of water, and the Edison Bog. Popular trails in the WMA include:

Ryker Lake Trail: With an entrance off of Edison Road, this 2.5 mile trail circles Ryker Lake and runs through the surrounding forest.^{19, 20}

Edison Mine and Trail: This mine was established in 1772 and purchased by Thomas Edison in 1889.²¹ Edison later converted the facility into a limestone processing operation for cement.^{22, 23} With an entrance on Edison Road, the 7-mile trail passes through Sparta Mountain and connects to Ryker Lake.²⁴

Audubon Overlook Trail: This 3.2-mile loop trail crosses the WMA past remnants of the Edison Mines.²⁵ It is considered an easier route, good for birding, hiking, and trail running.²⁶

Highlands Trail: This 150-mile trail extends from Riegelsville, Connecticut into New York and New Jersey, ending around the Delaware River.²⁷ It combines existing trails and roadways that connect through newly created trails. The Highlands Trail passes through the Sparta Mountain WMA.²⁸

Sparta Mountain: Non-Profit Preserves

The Sparta Mountain WMA is part the Sparta Mountain Greenway that extends along the westernmost ridge of the New Jersey Highlands. It includes the NJA's Sparta Mountain Preserve and PRC's Russia Brook Sanctuary. Part of a larger landscape, the Greenway is adjacent to Newark Watershed property, the Pequannock Watershed and Hamburg WMA.³¹

Russia Brook Sanctuary

This 369-acre wildlife sanctuary is owned by the Passaic River Coalition (PRC). 112 acres of this forested sanctuary is located within Sparta Township and connects the Sparta Mountain section of the Highlands Trail to the Kittatinny Valley State Park section of the Highlands Trail. This area supports a mixed hemlock-hardwood forest and wildlife habitat. The green-blazed Heritage Trail leads towards this property.¹⁶

Sparta Mountain Preserve

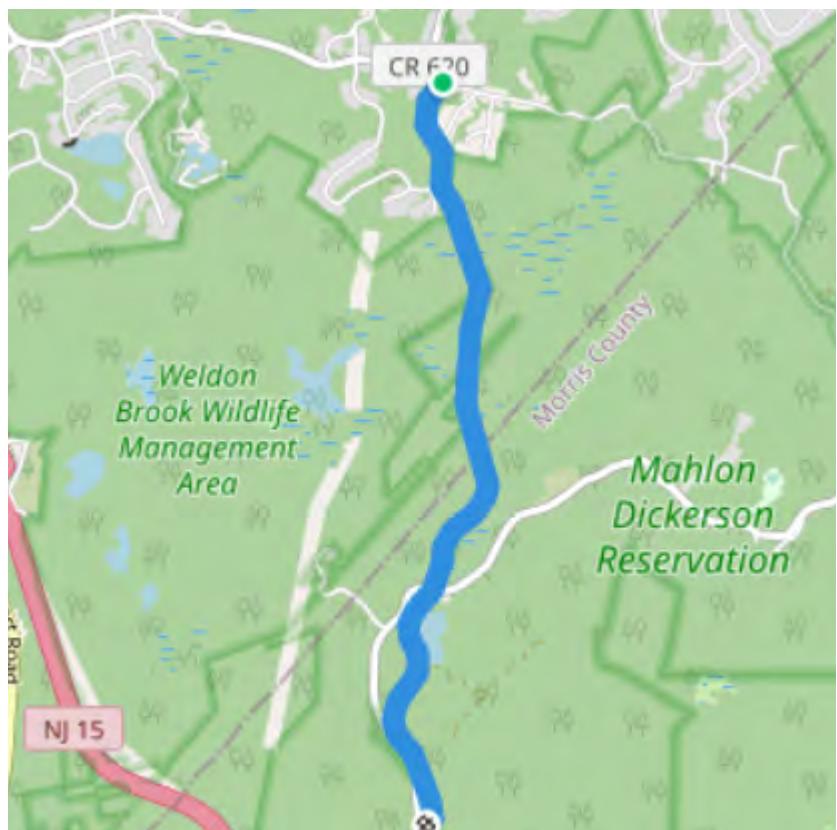
Owned by NJ Audubon (NJA), the Sparta Mountain Preserve includes 218 acres in the Township, 349 acres overall. The **Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Area Forest Stewardship Plan**²⁹ was developed by NJA, in partnership with the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife for both the WMA and the Sanctuary. The organization's goal is to have healthier forest habitats and have provide resources for wildlife of conservation concern. The plan is subject to annual audits, review and oversight by the NJDEP.³⁰

Weldon Brook Wildlife Management Area

Established in the 1990s along with the Sparta Mountain MWA, this 1,555-acre wildlife management area is a popular hiking spot. There are multiple trails with some connecting to other wildlife areas outside of the township such as Kittatinny Valley State Park, Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, and Rockaway River WMA. This area is forested with patches of wetlands and bodies of water such as Blue Heron Lake and Rose Pond. Hunting, fishing, and cross-country skiing are permitted in these areas. Most of WMA is within the southeast corner of Sparta with a small section in Jefferson Township.

Ogden Mine Railroad Path: This 2.7-mile trail follows the abandoned Ogden Railroad. The trail begins in Morris County's Mahlon Dickerson Reservation in Jefferson Township,

passes through Weldon Brook, and ends on Hayward Road in Sparta. The path is a dirt and gravel road that allows for bicycling, hiking, and horseback riding.

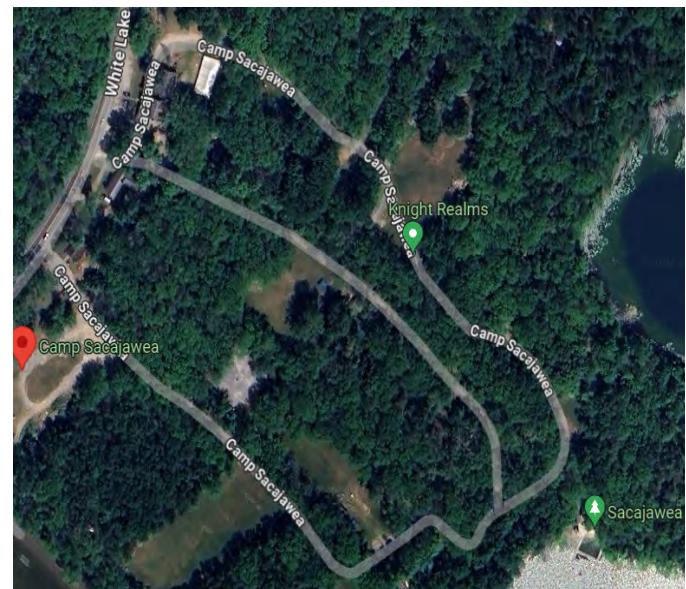


Weldon Brook WMA Ogden Mine Trail (www.mypacer.com)

Camp Sacajawea

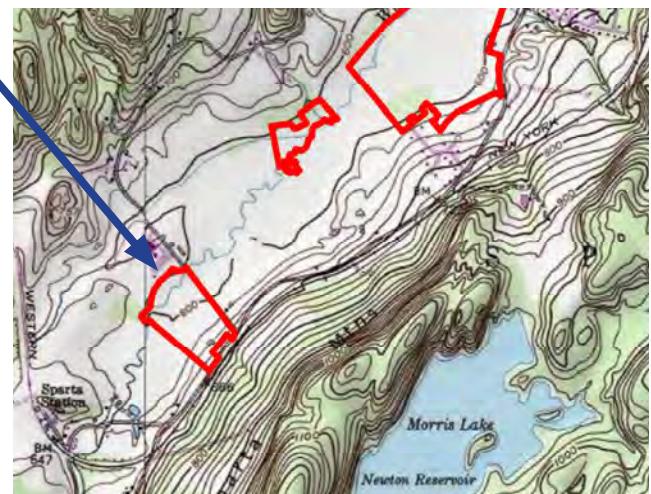
The NJDEP owns a conservation easement which permanently protects the 200-acre Camp Sacajawea campground on White Lake. The site is privately owned and hosts weddings and camping retreats. In the summers it is home to the Sparta Recreation's day camp. This camp is for children entering 1st to 9th grade and has been in operation for over 30 years.³² Camp activities include swimming and boating in White Lake, archery, biking, games, sports, arts & crafts, and nature walks.³³

Camp Sacajawea (Google Maps)



Wallkill Preserve

Wallkill Preserve is a 353-acre preserve located in Sparta, Franklin Township and Ogdensburg Borough.³⁴ It is managed by the NJDEP's New Jersey Natural Land Trust and made up of different patches of land within the municipalities. 128-acres of the Preserve are in Sparta Township, next to the Sparta Middle School. The land is open for recreation and hunting.³⁵



Wallkill Preserve in Sparta Township (NJDEP, <https://dep.nj.gov/wp-content/uploads/njnl/wallkill.pdf>)



Mahlon Dickerson Reservation

This 3,500-acre state park is located primarily in Jefferson Township, with 451 acres falling within Sparta Township.³⁹ It is a popular spot for biking, hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, softball, fishing, picnicking, and bird-watching. Campgrounds and RV areas are open from April to November.

Preserved Land Map

Wildcat Branch Preserve

The Wildcat Branch Preserve is a 148-acre area located northeast of Lake Grinnell near the Sparta and Hardyston border.³⁶ It is managed by the NJ Natural Land Trust. The land is open for recreation and hunting.³⁷



Paulinskill Valley Trail

This 27-mile trail runs along the Paulins Kill river.³⁸ Formerly the site of a railroad, the trail was preserved as a state park in 1992. While the state considers approximately 3 acres of land within Sparta as part of the trail, this section of the Paulinskill Valley Trail has not been completed. The trail currently terminates at Sunset Inn Road where it intersects with Randazzo Road across the border in Lafayette Township.

Paulinskill Valley Trail in Sparta Township (Sussex County, <https://www.sussex.nj.us/documents/tourism/sussexcountytrailmap.pdf>)

Private Recreation Camps, Gardens, Golf, and Lake Communities

Willow Lake Day Camp

Willow Lake Day Camp is a 35-acre private, summer camp on Lake Hopatcong. 12 acres are located in Sparta Township, off of Woodport Road. It has been in operation since 1980. This outdoor day camp is for children ages 3 to 15 and runs from June to August.⁴⁰

Sparta Community Garden (Historical Society)



Sparta Community Garden was established in 2010 at the Van Kirk Homestead Museum on Main Street next to the Sparta Middle School. The garden offers 40 plots for the community members to plant in and two plots reserved for the Sparta Ecumenical Food Bank. Residents of Sparta can sign up in February each year for a plot.⁴¹

Sparta Community Garden

SkyView Golf

In the early 2000s, the Smith family farm was developed into a residential neighborhood and a privately owned golf club. 189 acres of land were dedicated to open space or recreation in the form of a golf course. Nestled between Lafayette Road and Fox Hollow Lake, SkyView Golf Club manages this golf course, offering private lessons and also renting space as a wedding venue.

Hole #3 (SkyView Golf Club Website, <https://www.skyviewgolf.com/golf>)



Lake Mohawk Golf and Yacht Clubs

The Lake Mohawk Yacht Club is a private club located on the northeast shore of Lake Mohawk. It was established in 1938. Members of Lake Mohawk can join the yacht club. The yacht club offers sailboats, and sailboat lessons, and sailboat races for members.⁴²

The Lake Mohawk Golf Club a private golf club is located on the western shore of Lake Mohawk. It opened in 1928 and has hosted the New Jersey State Golf Association and the New Jersey State PGA tournaments. They offer men's leagues, women's leagues, women's associations, and junior leagues and camps. The club also hosts special events such as parties and weddings.⁴³



Lake Mohawk; Lake Mohawk Yacht Club & Lake Mohawk Golf Club (Google Maps)

Private Lakes

Sparta has a unique landscape with 22 lakes located in the Township (both publicly and privately owned). Home to 4 different watersheds, Sparta's lakes are sources of their drinking water and others that are used for their recreational amenities. Many of these lakes are owned by homeowners associations and private clubs. Other private lakes are owned by one or multiple private residents, including Beiser Pond, Fox Trail Lake, and Green Ridge Lake. Several lakes, such as Ryker Lake, are located within state lands and are permanently protected.

Lake Mohawk

Lake Mohawk Country Club (LMCC) is a private lake community encompassing Lake Mohawk and Upper Lake Mohawk. Over 2,500 acres are owned by the LMCC, encompassing the two lakes and 2,700 homes. Members have access to Lake Mohawk and as well as the private Mohawk Boardwalk and Bridal Path. Members also have access to the Lake Mohawk Yacht Club and Mohawk Tennis Club. There are 25 miles of private roads that are managed and maintained by LMCC. The Club maintains four outdoor recreation areas for its residents: Boardwalk Playground, Rainbow Park, Alpine Field, and Hilltop/Lakeview Park.⁴⁴



Boardwalk Playground - This park includes a playground a short walk from the Club on West Shore Trail.

Rainbow Park - Rainbow Park is a pocket park on Rainbow Trail, north of Lake Mohawk. It has a basketball court and volleyball court. Lake Mohawk hosts a number of activities there.

Alpine Field - Alpine Field is located on Summit Road in the Alpine section of LMCC. This 3.5-acre park hosts many of the Club's events including Fall Fest, community picnics, and a wiffle-ball league in the spring and summer.

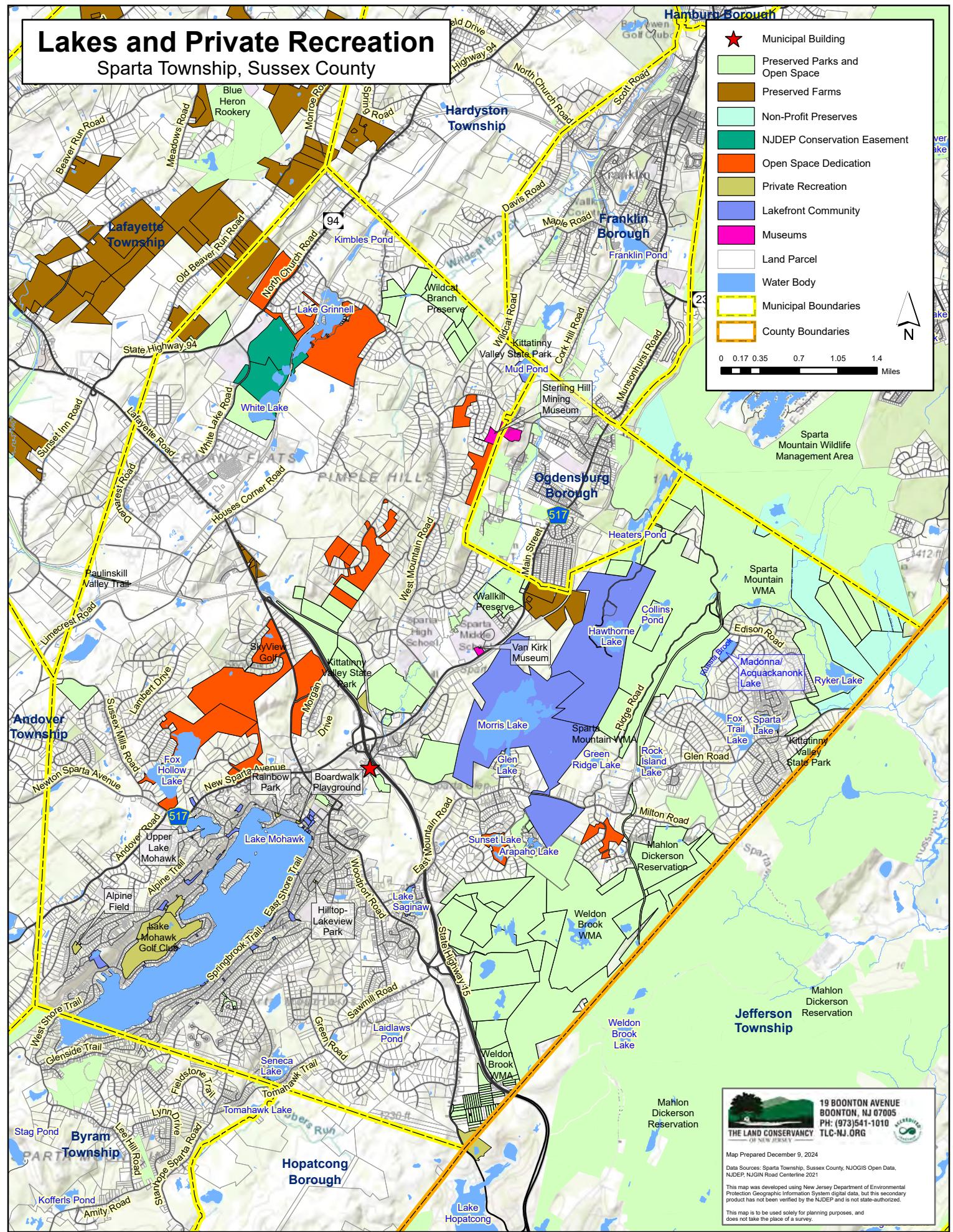
Hilltop/Lakeview Park - Hilltop Lakeview Park is a small park on Lakeview Road.

Lake Mohawk Pool - Lake Mohawk Pool is located on East Shore Trail. There is an Olympic-sized pool, basketball courts, sports fields, a playground, and a gaga pit. The pool is open daily from late June to early September and hosts events such as Family Fun Day, Havana Night, and several nights with live music. Lake Mohawk Pool also has a swim team that hosts both members and nonmembers. The swim team has children ages 5 to 18 and runs from July to August.⁴⁵

Lake Mohawk Country Club (https://www.facebook.com/lakemohawkcountryclub/about?locale=en_US)

Lakes and Private Recreation

Sparta Township, Sussex County





Lake Saginaw (<https://sites.google.com/spartahillsbeachclub.org/spartahillsbeachclub/home>)



Seneca Lake (<https://senecalakeclub.org/>)



Lake Grinnell (<https://www.lakegrinnell.com/>)



Fox Hollow Lake (<https://www.facebook.com/p/Fox-Hollow-Farms-Lake-Club-100067546613270/>)

Lake Saginaw

The Sparta Hills Beach Club owns the 15 acre Lake Saginaw located east of Lake Mohawk. The club offers beach access and dock space for boats and kayaks, providing for lifeguard-monitored swimming and fishing for club members.

Arapaho Lake

Located east of the Sunset Lakes, Arapaho Lake is owned by Arapaho Lake Association.

Seneca Lake

On the border between Sparta and Byram Townships, Seneca Lake and its dam is owned by Seneca Lake Club. The club offers beach access to residents and their guests, including swimming, boating, and fishing.

Lake Grinnell

Located in Sparta's northwest corner, Lake Grinnell is owned by Lake Grinnell Association. This homeowners association offers swimming, boating, fishing, and water skiing to residents and their guests.

Sparta Lake

Sparta Lake Property Owners Association is a homeowners association that manages Sparta Lake's bridge, dam, beach, and pavilion, taking care of water quality and the surrounding property.

Fox Hollow Lake

Adjacent to Skyview Golf Club, Fox Hollow Lake is owned by the Fox Hollow Farms Lake Club Association.



Camp Acquackanonk (<https://www.facebook.com/share/Baq93pD34hJ3mHq/>)



Glen Lake (<https://www.glenlakeliving.org/>)



Sunset Lake (<https://sunsetlakeshoa.org/>)



Rock Island Lake Club (<https://www.rockislandlakeclub.com/>)

Lake Acquackanonk

The former site of the Passaic-Clifton-Garfield YMCA Camp, Lake Acquackanok is located adjacent to the Sparta Mountain WMA. In the present day, the lake is owned by Madonna Lake Property Owners.

Laidlaws Pond

Located in the southeast region of Sparta, Laidlaws Pond is owned by the Laidlaws Pond Association.

Glen Lake

Glen Lake is connected to Newton Water Commission-owned Newton Reservoir/Morris Lake by the Glen Lake dam. The Lake itself is owned by Glen Lake Beach Club, which offers swimming, boating, and fishing to members.

Hawthorne Lake

Hawthorne Lake is located on the west side of the Sparta Mountain WMA and is owned by the Hawthorne Park Club.

Sunset Lakes

Sunset Lake and Upper Sunset Lake are both owned by Sunset Lake Homeowners Association. Residents of the 81 surrounding properties have access to canoeing and fishing on these lakes.

Mud Pond

On the border where Sparta Township meets both Ogdensburg and Franklin Borough lies Mud Pond, property of Braen Aggregates.

Rock Island Lake

Rock Island Lake Club is a wedding venue that lies along Rock Island Lake.

HISTORIC & CULTURAL SITES

Sparta is home to a number of regional and local sites of historic and cultural importance, with many identified on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

White Deer Plaza and Boardwalk Historic District

In 1926, the Arthur D. Crane Company started construction on Lake Mohawk. This was to be the largest dammed lake in New Jersey. Surrounding the lake, a private resort community was established in 1927. During the opening ceremony to the lake and community, Princess White Deer, a Broadway singer from the Mohawk Native American tribe, was in attendance. The White Deer Plaza was named after her and Lake Mohawk was named after her tribe.

Over the 1920s and 1930s, White Deer Plaza expanded with many of the original buildings still in use today. The plaza has a very unique architectural style called "Lake Mohawk Tudor." Elements of this style include half-timbering, variegated slate roofs, gable roofs, stucco siding, decorative brick and stonework. The Boardwalk is semi-private with many of the shops and restaurants open to the public.⁴⁶



White Deer Plaza & Boardwalk Park (Google Maps)

First Presbyterian Church of Sparta

The First Presbyterian Church of Sparta is the oldest church in Sussex County. It was established in November 1786 by Robert Ogden II and was the first public building in Sparta. The church maintains a colonial appearance with elements of the original church such as the support beams and windows still in use today.⁴⁷



Edison Monument, entrance to the Edison Mine and Trail

Edison Mine and Trail

While not on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, the Edison Mine and Trail are both historically and culturally significant to Sparta Township. The mine was discovered in 1772 and used to extract iron. In 1889, the land was purchased by Thomas Edison and renamed to the Edison Mine. He used the mines and the surrounding land in his work. Today, most of the buildings and mines are gone. The land is now home to hiking trails where remnants of the buildings and mines can still be seen.^{48 49}

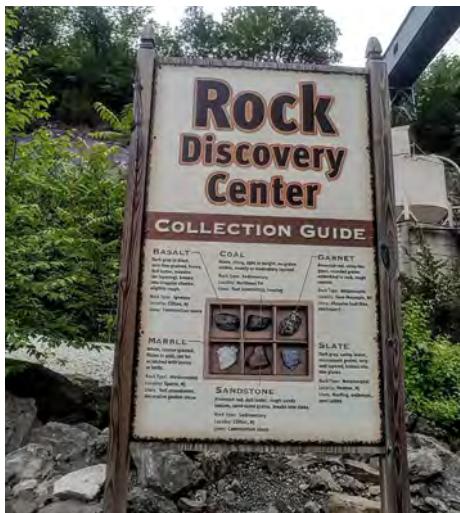
Van Kirk Museum



Located next to the high school on Main Street, this museum was once the home of Thomas Van Kirk and his family in the 1780s. It remained in his family for generations until the 1920s to 1970s when it became a dairy farm. In 2013 it was bought by the Sparta Historic Society and in 2014, opened as the Van Kirk Museum.

The museum's focus is on American life and history over the past 200 years. Each room offers educational information for a specific period in time. There is free admission and it is open the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month.⁵⁰ The museum is also home to the Sparta Community Garden, where residents can rent plots to grow their own plants.

Sterling Hill Mining Museum



In the 1600s, the Dutch started mining in the area looking for copper and iron. In the 1830s, multiple small companies purchased the land to mine zinc. In 1897, the land was purchased by the New Jersey Zinc Company. Large mining operations began with one reaching a depth of 2,675 feet and over 35 miles of tunnels. The mines remained open until 1986 and in 1989 the land was purchased by Richard and Robert Hauck who turned it into a museum. Straddling Sparta and Ogdensburg, the museum's mission is to tell the story of Sterling Hills history and resources.⁵¹

Top: Van Kirk Museum (Wikimedia Commons); Bottom: Sterling Hill Mine Museum (Facebook)

Monroe Historic District

Located in the northwest corner of Sparta, on the border with Hardyston, the Monroe Historic District is part of the former Monroe Hamlet and has been identified on Sparta's zoning map as "commercial historic." Historically, many Sussex County municipalities contained many loosely-defined hamlets and villages such as Monroe Hamlet, which spans portions of both Sparta and Hardyston. Monroe once contained a post office, church, two railroad stations, two creameries, and a one room schoolhouse on the Hardyston side,⁵² which is now listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places as the Old Monroe Schoolhouse.

There are two sites listed on the State Register and one site included on the National Register of Historic Places in Sparta Township. The names, location, and historic registration are included on the following table.

Name	Location	National Register	State Register
White Deer Plaza and Boardwalk Historic District ⁵³	Boardwalk, West Shore Trail and Winona Parkway	7/11/1988	5/25/1988
The First Presbyterian Church of Sparta	32 Main Street	N/A	1/21/1981
Franklin Branch of the Sussex Railroad Historic District	Roughly parallels New Jersey State Route 94 (N. Church Rd).	N/A	Opinion: 4/16/2020
Garrabrant-Abers-Hunt Farmstead Archaeological Site*		N/A	Opinion: 10/29/1996
Lockwood House/Maple Tree	95 Sparta Avenue	N/A	Opinion: 7/20/1979
Lower Blacksmith Shop	Sparta Multiple Resource Area	N/A	Opinion: 7/20/1979
James Maines House	125 Sparta Avenue	N/A	Opinion: 7/20/1979
Main Street Historic District (Sparta Multiple Resource Area)	Main Street Historic District, Lower Blacksmith Shop, and New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad Depot	N/A	Opinion: 7/20/1979
Montonney-House Farmstead Archaeological Site*		N/A	Opinion: 10/29/1996
New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad Depot	Sparta Multiple Resource Area	N/A	Opinion: 7/20/1979
New Jersey and Pennsylvania Concentrating Works Site		N/A	Opinion: 6/5/1990
Pennsylvania-New Jersey Interconnection Bushkill to Roseland Transmission Line	Extends from Roseland Borough to Hardwick Township	N/A	Opinion: 9/9/2011
Sparta Prehistoric Site #1*		N/A	Opinion: 7/20/1979
Union/Houses Corner Schoolhouse	Houses Corner Road	N/A	Opinion: 10/29/1996
West Mountain Road Bridge	West Mountain Road over NY Susquehanna & Western RR	N/A	Opinion: 8/3/1990

Source: NJDEP Historic Preservation Office⁵⁴

Locations for archaeological sites are not provided by the NJDEP to ensure the security of the site.

PLANNING REVIEW

Municipal Planning

1984 Master Plan

Sparta adopted its current **Master Plan** in 1984. This plan has been amended various times, adding amendments for open space and land use (1996, 2002), commercial and economic development (1997, 1999, 2011, 2016), and housing (1997, 2005, 2008). The plan has been reexamined to ensure its continuing fitness in 2000, 2006, 2011, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020. The original document includes the following goals relating to open space and recreation:

- To preserve the Township's natural resources and ecological balance.
- To maintain Sparta's rural residential character.

The 1984 **Conservation Plan Element** confirms the Master Plan's commitment to open space preservation, identifying the following goals:

- To maintain the existing character of much of the Township through the provision of ample open space, the preservation of stream corridors and agricultural lands, and the protection of steep slopes and wooded areas.
- To preserve existing Township historic sites and structures.⁵⁵

Sparta is currently updating its Master Plan.

2002 Amendment: Goals and Objectives and Land Use Plan Element

The 2002 **Master Plan Amendment** adds the following additional open space and recreation goals and objectives to the Master Plan:

- To preserve open space and farmland, to accommodate the communities recreation needs, to protect the natural environment and unique natural features and to enhance the rural character of Sparta Township.
- To maintain existing and establish new community and recreation facilities and services to ensure a high quality of life for current and future residents.
- To promote the conservation and the utilization of the historic resources of the Township.

2020 Reexamination

Prior reexaminations established goals of:

- Managing residential densities surrounding lake communities to maintain water quality and
- Prioritizing open space acquisition to maintain the town's rural character.

The most recent plan recommends the use of "smart growth" techniques such as Transfer of Development Rights to manage growth and preserve open space.⁵⁶

1997 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Sparta's first **Open Space and Recreation Plan** was adopted in 1997, upon the foundation built by the Conservation Element of the 1984 Master Plan. The objectives were:

- To evaluate and designate areas as park lands, open space, and recreation areas.
- To develop input for the Township's Master Plan to address overall open space and recreational needs under ultimate buildout.
- To identify critical environmental resources in the Township by using the Master Plan which contains wetlands, floodplains, endangered species, steep slope, and sole source aquifers.
- To identify undevelopable areas for preservation using DEP programs such as Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act and the Flood Hazard Control Act.
- To heighten public awareness regarding the importance of preserving natural and cultural resources, specifically relating to non-point source pollution.
- To propose natural trails highlighting the historic and natural resource values of the proposed park land, open space, and/or recreation areas.

The Open Space Concept Plan recommends the protection of priority areas for preservation by dividing the Township into quadrants and identifying greenways to link open space/parklands – referred to as the “linkage system.”⁵⁷

Updates to the Open Space Plan:

2003 UPDATE

The 2003 goals included:

- To preserve and enhance the natural and rural character of Sparta through planning, land development ordinances, fee simple acquisitions, and agricultural and conservation easements.
- To continue to plan for the existing and future active and passive recreational needs of the residents of Sparta Township.
- To develop strategies to acquire and preserve priority land consistent with policies of the Open Space Master Plan.

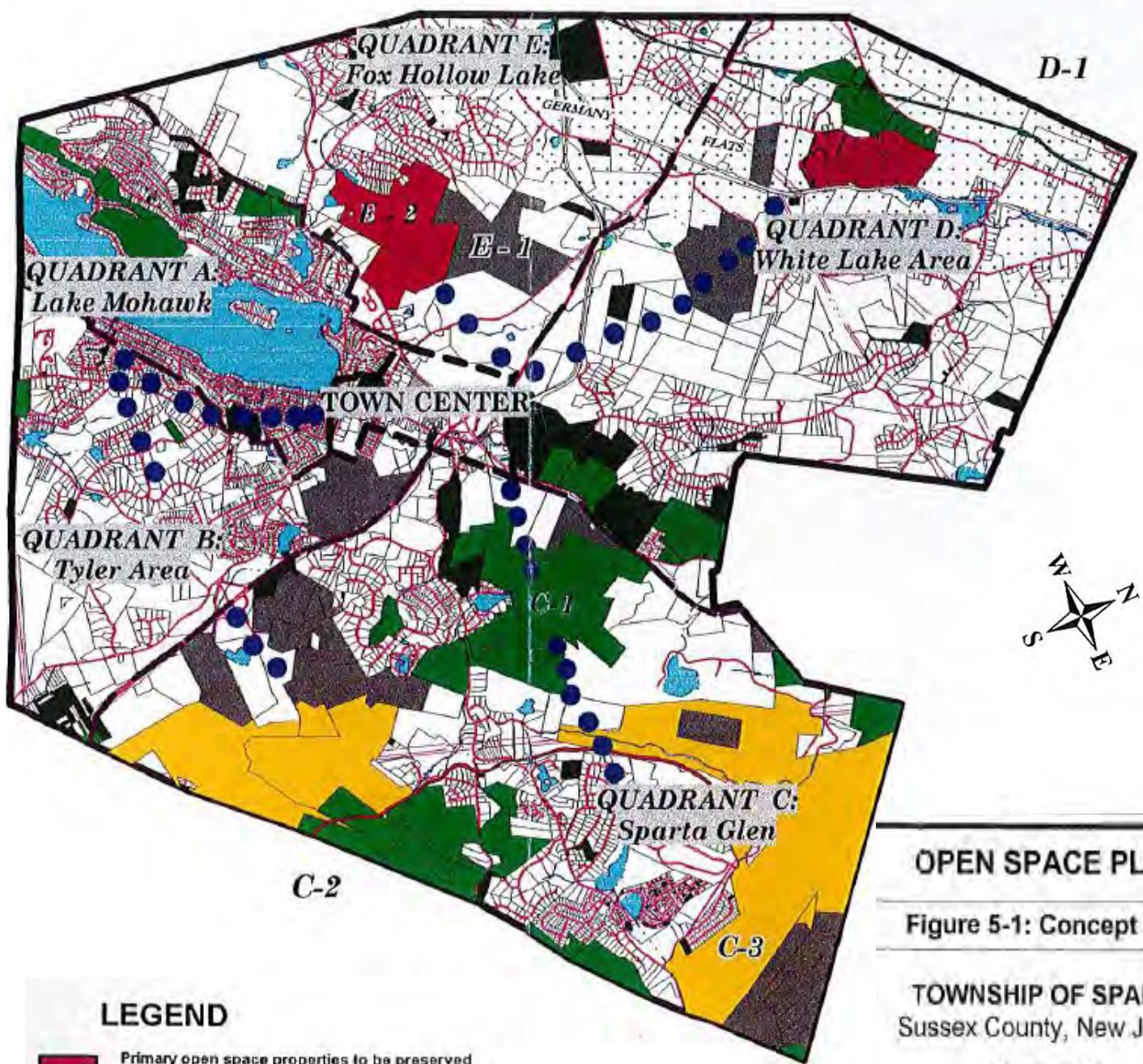
The plan provides an updated inventory of properties that are designated for preservation and lists potential open space funding sources and funding mechanisms.⁵⁸

2020 UPDATE

Sparta's 2020 Open Space plan acknowledges major population changes and development projects that have taken place in Sparta since the first Open Space Plan was created in 1996. This report catalogs and maps land designated for open space in the Township, which totaled 6,941 acres.⁵⁹

The 1997 Concept Plan for open space is included on the following page, as it guided the Township's open space program since its adoption by the Planning Board.

1997 Open Space Plan: Concept Map



LEGEND

- Primary open space properties to be preserved
- Secondary open space properties
- Recent acquisition by New Jersey Green Acres and the Trust for Public Lands
- Township open space
- Other public lands
- Linkage Points
- Quadrant Boundary
- Town Center
- Ridge Lines

OPEN SPACE PLAN

Figure 5-1: Concept Plan

TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA
Sussex County, New Jersey

Prepared By:
Township of Sparta Planning Department

County Planning

2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Sussex's **Open Space and Recreation Plan** was completed in 2003 and was updated in 2016 with a focus on water quality protection and land stewardship. It includes the following goals and objectives:

- Protect the quantity and quality of water resources
- Secure protection of rivers, lakes and streams
- Connect land for regional greenways and trail development
- Shape growth and maintain rural character
- Safeguard threatened and endangered species habitat
- Add to publicly owned land
- Preserve scenic vistas
- Offer opportunities for resource-based ("passive") recreation
- Provide opportunities for facility-based ("active") recreation
- Engage in land stewardship activities
- Promote eco-tourism activities
- Enhance land and sites with historic values.⁶⁰

2014 Strategic Growth Plan

Produced as a followup to the **2005 Strategic Growth Plan** to "reduce or reverse the loss of population and economic base that the County has been experiencing in recent years," it provides recommendations for increasing tourism, improving transportation, housing, economic development, reducing regulation, and supporting agriculture.

2008 Farmland Preservation Plan

Sussex County is currently updating its **2008 Farmland Preservation Plan**. Initially completed in 2003, the County wishes to protect its rural character and agrarian economy, while supporting future growth. The 2008 update identifies priority preservation areas – two of which are located in Sparta Township – and identifies existing and planned initiatives to meet the County's farmland preservation goals.⁶¹

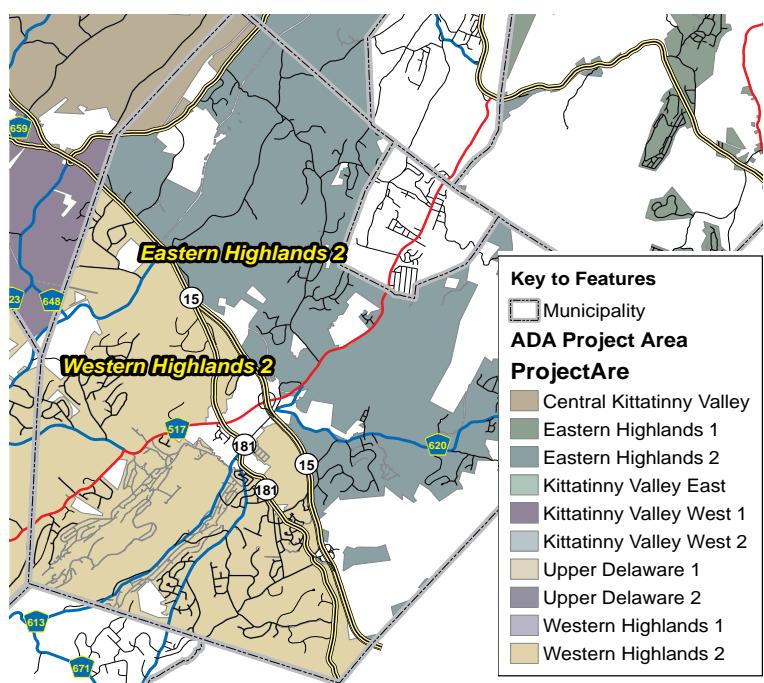
This map was created using data developed by Sussex County, NJDCA, and NJDOT. Information contained within this map has not been verified or authorized by any of the secondary parties.

Due to inconsistencies in the parcel data and origin of data sources, the data on this map may not identify all q-farm assessed properties, preserved farms, or accurate town center boundaries.



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Sparta County New Jersey
Sussex County – People & Nature Together
Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan
Proposed Project Areas

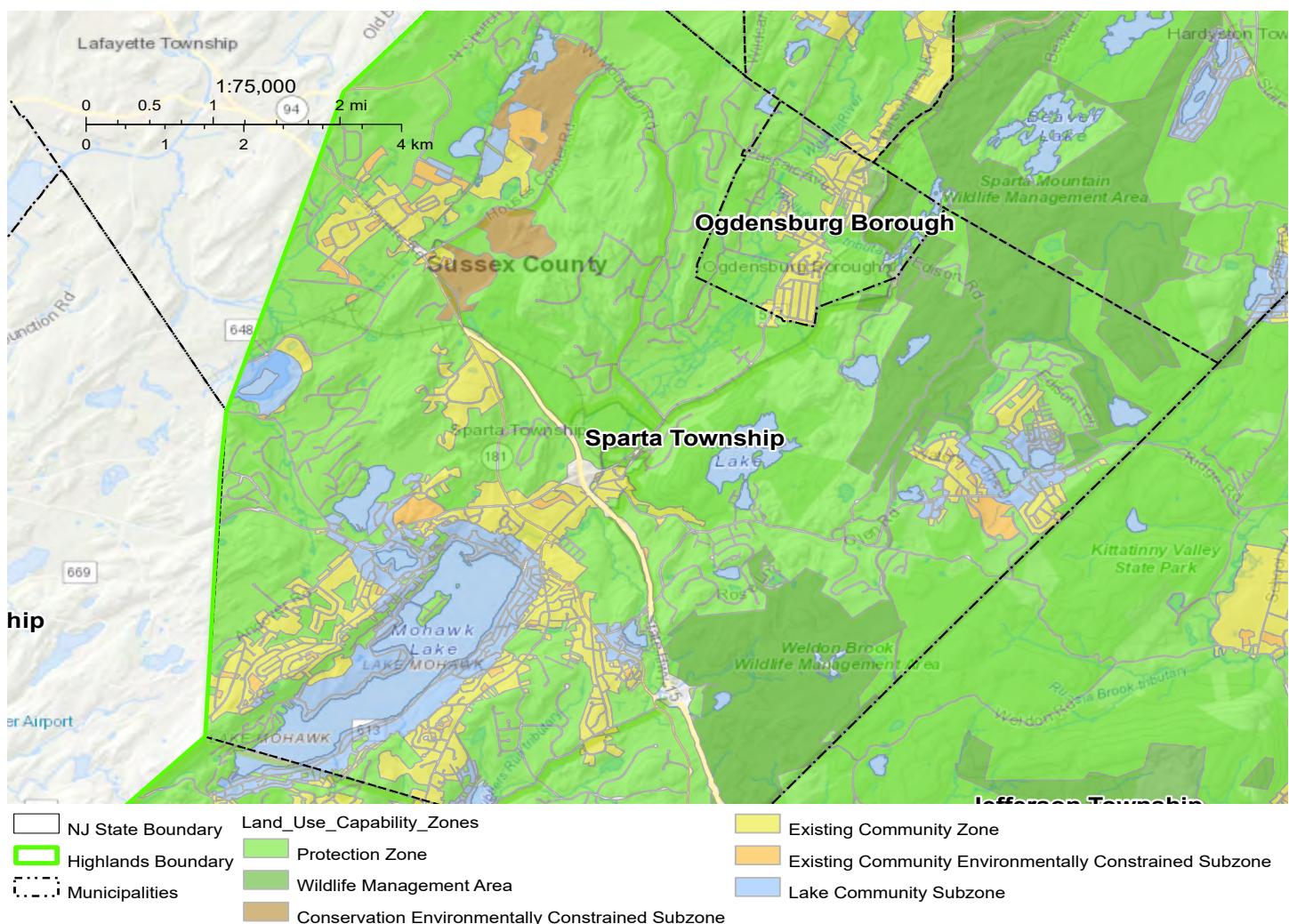


Regional and State Planning

2008 Highlands Regional Master Plan

The Highlands Region, an area of 859,358 acres, includes 88 municipalities and portions of 7 counties. Recognizing the necessity to protect and preserve environmental resources and drinking water supplies within this region, the State Legislature enacted the **Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act** in 2004. The 2008 Highlands **Regional Master Plan** (RMP) identifies all lands within the Region as either a Preservation Area (in which conformance with the RMP is mandatory) or in a Planning Area (in which conformance is voluntary).⁶²

11,488 acres of Sparta Township falls within the Preservation Area. The RMP also assigns overlay zones as a guideline for future land uses, five of which are located within the Township. This includes the Protection, Wildlife Management, Existing Community Environmentally Constrained Subzone, Lake Community Subzone and Existing Community Zone.



NJ Highlands Council Interactive Map (https://www.nj.gov/njhighlands/gis/interactive_map/index.html)

2023 Outside Together! Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

New Jersey's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) is updated every five years. The 2023 update, **Outside Together!**, identifies recreation needs, opportunities for park development, and stakeholder values. This plan was submitted to the National Park Service, thereby continuing New Jersey's eligibility for federal grant funding. It will inform new funding policies and acquisition priorities for relevant state programs, including the Green Acres program. The principles guiding the plan are:



Expanding high-quality open space and recreational opportunities for all New Jerseyans



Enhancing climate resilience and sustainability through acquisition and development of open and green space



Empowering communities through investment in ecotourism and outdoor recreation



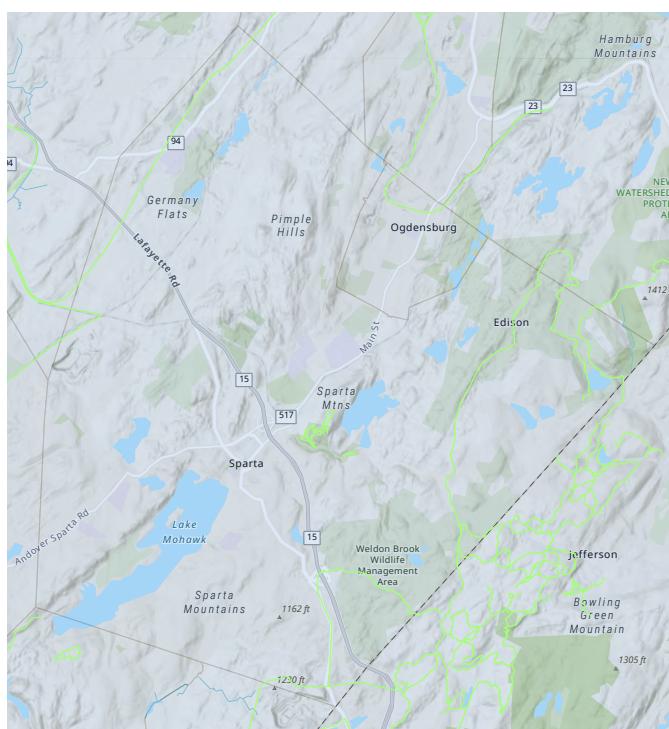
Embracing the role of technology in conservation and outdoor recreation



Furthering equity and environmental justice through outdoor recreation



Continuing the commitment to stewardship and the conservation and restoration of biodiversity⁶³



7/3/2024

Statewide Trails in New Jersey

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2009 New Jersey Trails Plan

The 2009 New Jersey **Trails Plan** prioritizes trail enhancement through the development of “community pathways”, which includes having a recreational trail within a 10-minute walk of every state resident. Other recommendations include creating a dedicated funding source for trail management and advocating for trail continuity, linkages, and acquiring rights-of-way to do so.

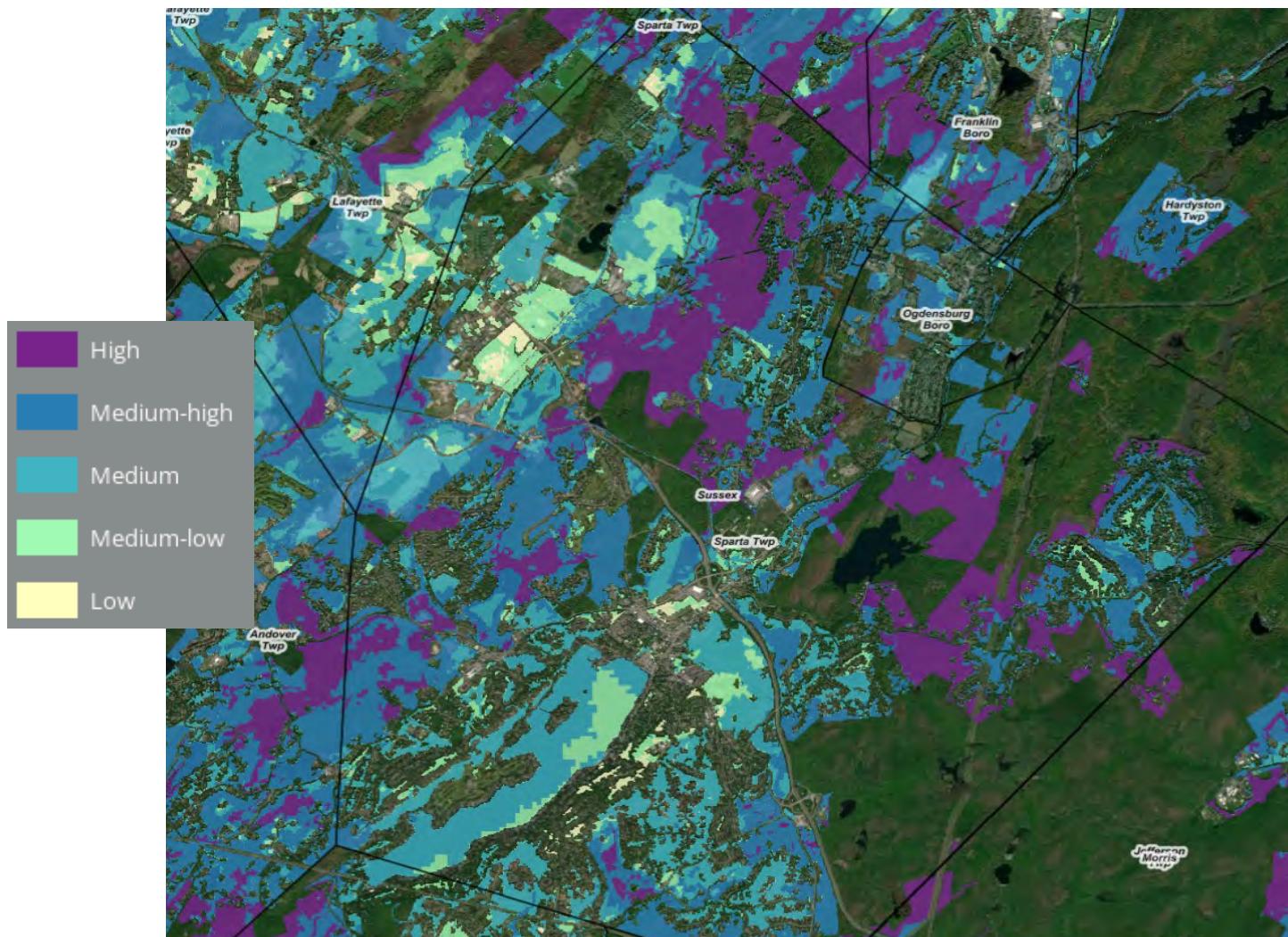
The Highlands Trail and the Paulinskill Valley Trail, as well as many local and state trails, run through Sparta Township.⁶⁴

Statewide Trails in New Jersey, <https://njgis-newjersey.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/2fa0ddfecdf74f8a8718bd3791dabdd7/about>

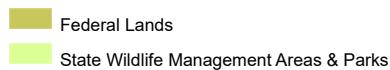
New Jersey Conservation Blueprint

Conservation Blueprint is an online interactive map that was developed by The Nature Conservancy, Rowan University, and the New Jersey Conservation Foundation to assist in conservation planning. It provides a customizable map to help identify preservation priorities on a parcel level. The map provides detailed information on topics related to community open space, agriculture, ecological integrity, and water quality. Based on this information, Conservation Blueprint maps priority areas that are crucial to protect to maintain the ecosystems of New Jersey.⁶⁵ Priority areas do not include land that has already been protected as open space or farmland.

Substantial areas of high and medium-high priority ecosystem exist in the area between Lake Mohawk and Limecrest Road, southwest of Route 15, as well as the Pimple Hills area and around Morris Lake. Additional medium priority areas include land on either side of Limecrest and Houses Corner Roads and land lying in the fork between Sparta Road and Route 15.



(Priority Lands for Community Green Space (New Jersey Conservation Blueprint, <https://www.njmap2.com/blueprint>)



Skylands - Conservation Focal Areas

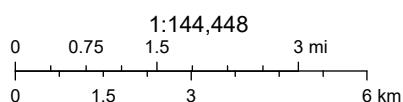
Highlands Core CFA

Kittatinny Slope Mosaic CFA

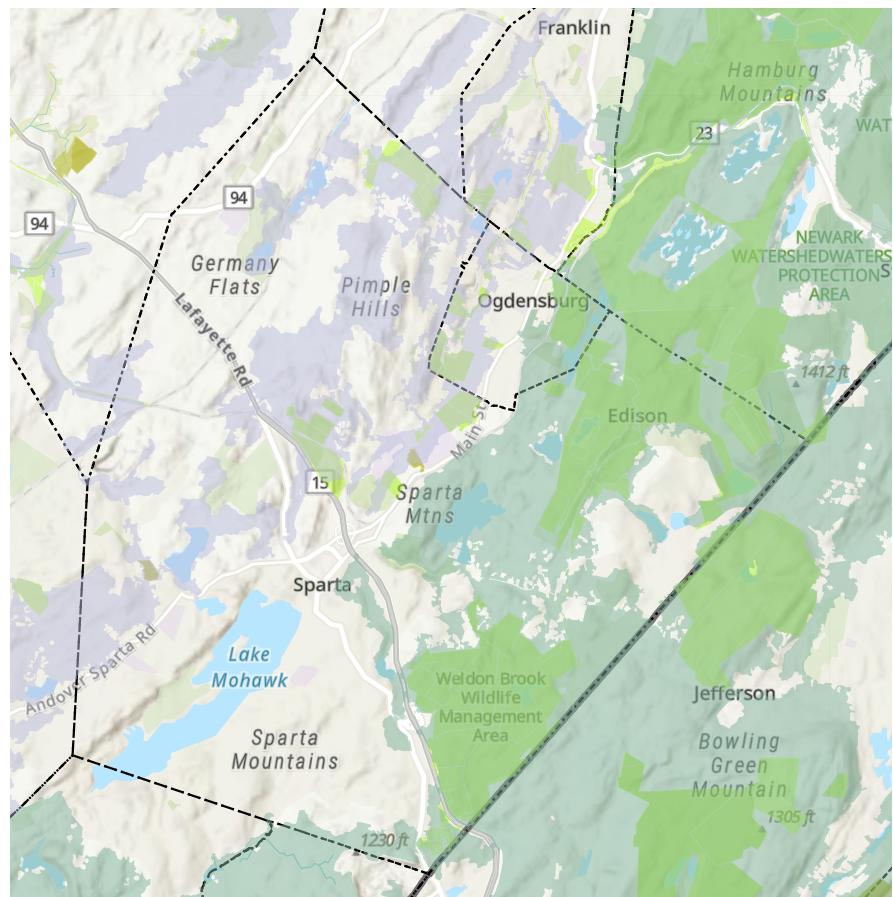
Kittatinny Valley Mosaic CFA

Picatinny Military Installation CFA

Municipalities (dashed line)
Counties (solid line)



Conservation Focal Areas (NJ Fish and Wildlife Service, <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/destinations/map-tools/>)



2018 New Jersey Wildlife Action Plan

The New Jersey **Wildlife Action Plan** (NJSWAP) establishes conservation strategies to manage wildlife populations across the state through 2028, allowing New Jersey to qualify for federal grants. It focuses on 107 high-priority species at the most risk.⁶⁶

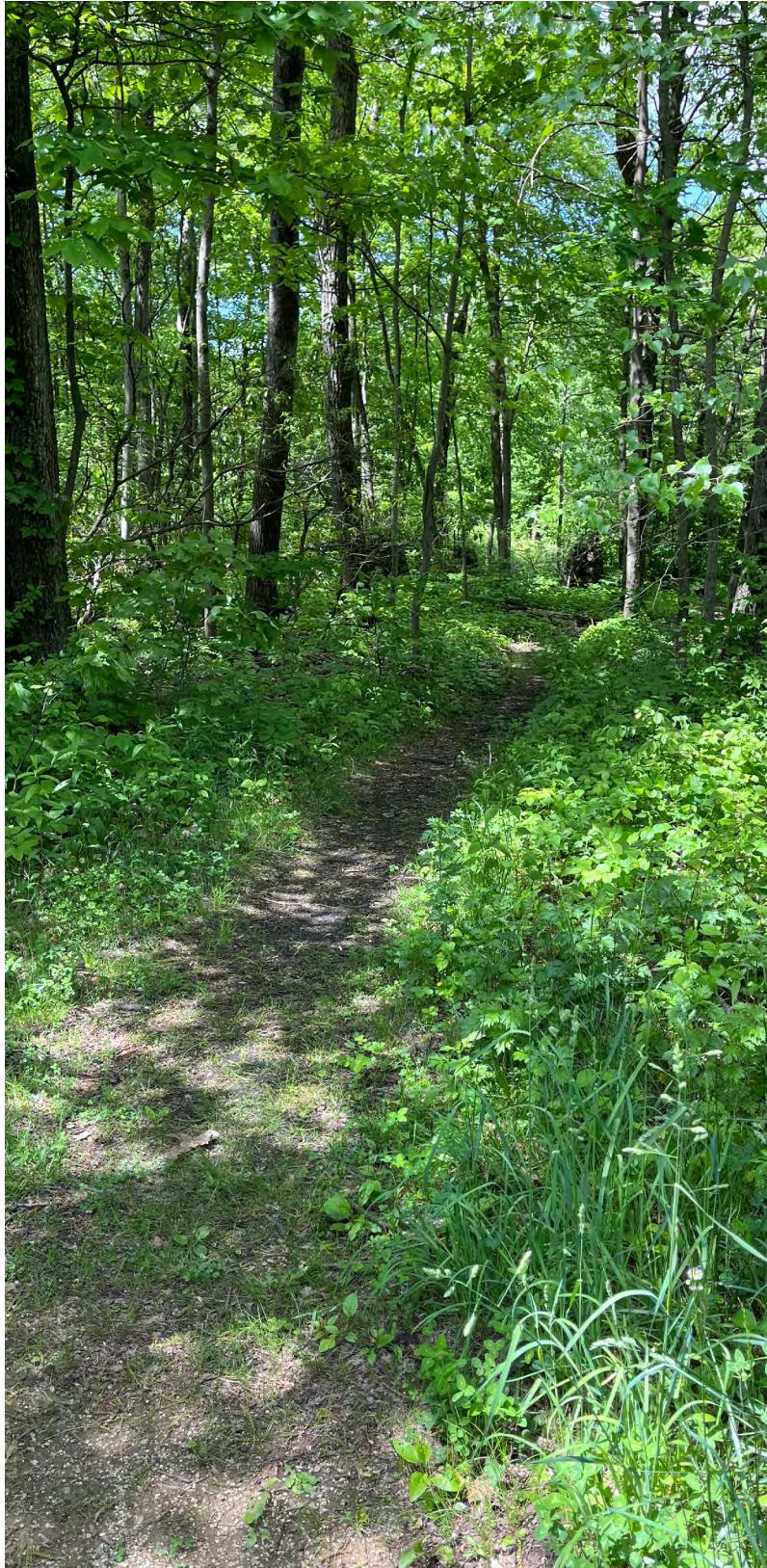
Sparta Township falls in the Skylands region and contains sections of both the Highlands Core Conservation Focal Area (CFA) and the Kittatinny Valley Mosaic CFA. The Highlands CFA is composed of mostly protected contiguous high elevation forest. Timber rattlesnakes, bobcats, barred owls, and red-shouldered hawks all depend on these lands to sustain their populations. These are also key recovery areas for golden-winged warblers and other declining songbirds.

The Kittatinny Valley Mosaic CFA is a diverse location characterized by agriculture and grassland environments among forested hills and wetland complexes. A variety of rare New Jersey terrestrial wildlife, including the bog turtle, make their homes in the mosaic of habitats contained here, from small forest tracts to scrub-shrub habitats and agricultural grasslands.

The NJDEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife is in the process of revising New Jersey's SWAP. For the first time, plants and fungi will be included in the plan. Fish & Wildlife is actively seeking input from the public regarding the newly added list of plants and fungi included as species of greatest conservation need for the 2025 revision.

WHY OPEN SPACE?

Needs and Benefits of Open Space



Trail at Edison Monument, Sparta Mountain

When planned as a system, open space supports the community's quality of life, recreational programs and activities, and protects its natural, cultural, and agricultural resources. Because parks and preserved lands provide so many simultaneous benefits, creating an interconnected system of public and preserved lands can achieve multiple objectives. Furthermore, the completion of this plan helps Sparta gain eligibility for state open space funding and supports its wider open space goals.

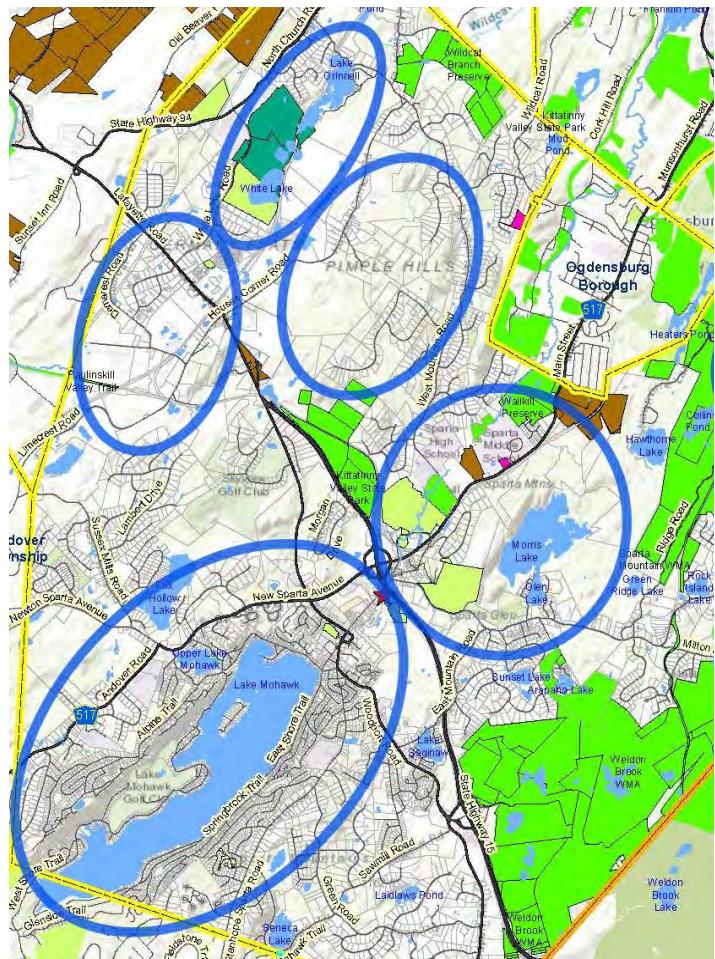
The needs and benefits described in this section are derived from the goals stated in Sparta's planning documents, community outreach, and municipal staff. Many of the needs can be addressed simultaneously through projects that help connect the preserved lands. Combining resources on projects that achieve multiple goals can be of great advantage to the Township's open space program.

Sparta's open spaces support core habitats for native New Jersey wildlife and feed many of New Jersey's high value watersheds. The preservation of open space is vital to ensuring that these important resources are protected. Increased open space not only protects wildlife and drinking water quality, but also supports a healthy and connected community, providing opportunities for recreation and community gathering. These benefits are costly to replicate once the land is developed.

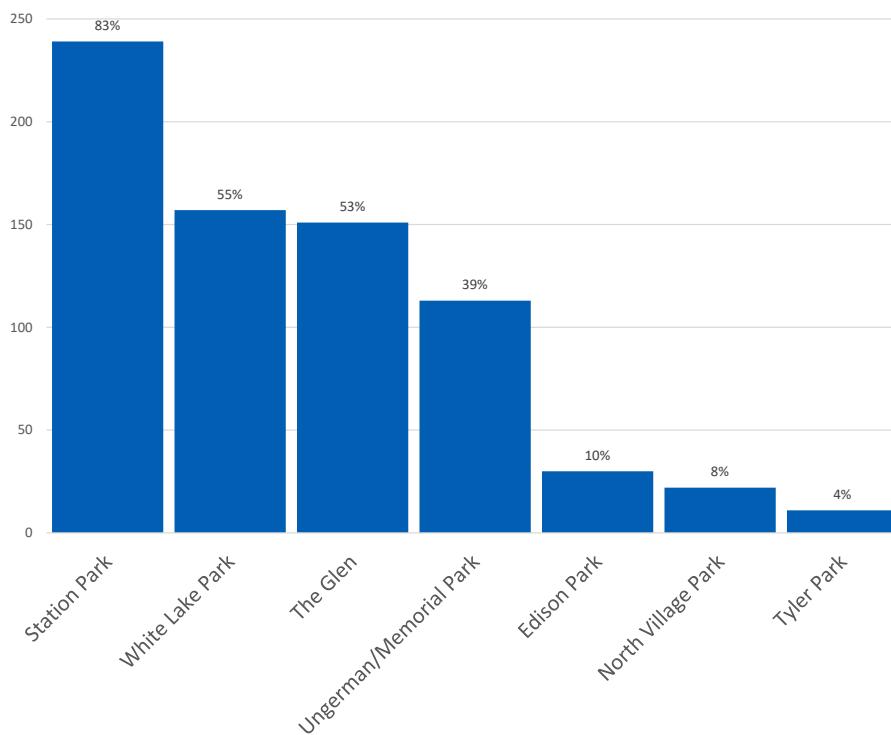
Public Opinion Survey

As part of the update to the Open Space Plan, the Township distributed an Open Space and Recreation Survey to collect resident and community stakeholder input. A summary of the results of this survey can be found in **Appendix C**.

Respondents expressed their love of Sparta's rural, small-town feel, citing it – as well as quality schools and close community – as one of the primary reasons that they choose to live in the Township. They hoped that this plan would encourage the protection of open space and natural resources while controlling development and providing for additional walking paths and other recreation opportunities. Areas that respondents recommended for preservation included land in the northwest region of Sparta to limit development in this region and preserve the water quality of the Germany Flats Aquifer. Land in the central region of Sparta was also recommended, especially areas contiguous to existing parkland and school properties.

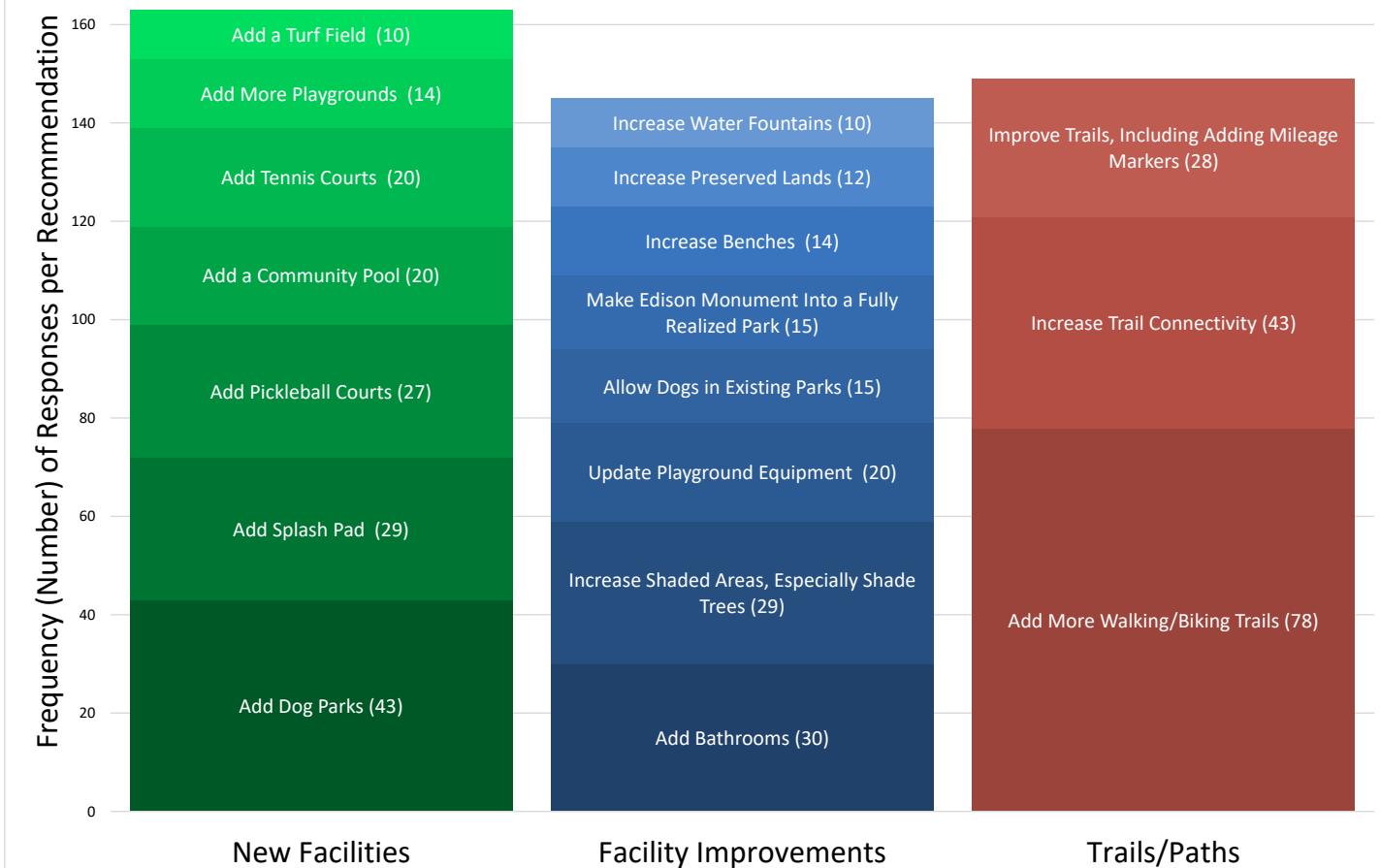


Which Township Parks do you visit the most?



Residents emphasized their frequent use of Station Park, followed by White Lake Park and the Glen. Station Park was praised for its extensive sports offerings, playgrounds, and areas for walking, providing for a variety of park uses across multiple age groups. Ungerma was also valued for its sports offerings, though many residents mentioned that it could use facility improvements. Respondents described the Glen as a highly-valued hiking area, especially because it permits dogs, while White Lake was valued for its flatter walking/running paths.

What Recreation Facilities Could Use and Upgrade? What New Things Would You Like to See Added to the Parks?



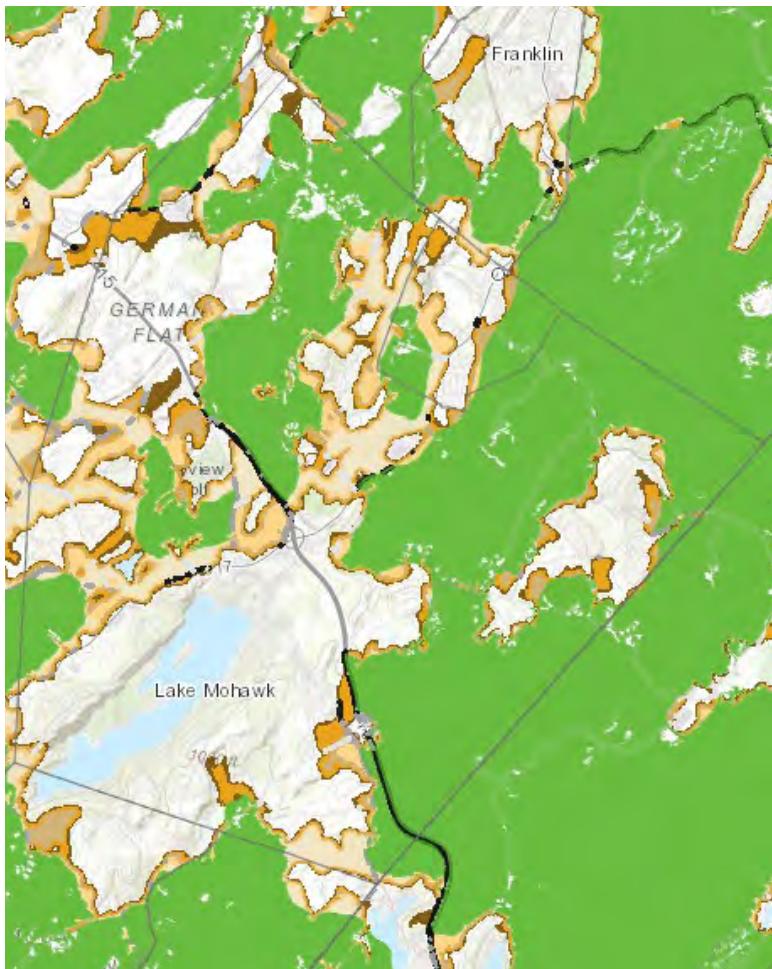
Respondents provided recommendations for improving Sparta's open space and recreation facilities. These recommendations were grouped (new facilities, facility improvements, and trails recommendations) and visualized in the chart (above) if they were mentioned in the responses of greater than 10 respondents. The most requested facilities were the addition of a dog park, a splash pad or community pool, and courts for pickleball or tennis. Suggestions for facility improvements included adding more bathrooms, planting additional trees and plants – especially shade trees – and updating playground equipment across Sparta's parks. Respondents mentioning Sparta's trails generally wanted more trails and wanted to improve Sparta's trail system by increasing connectivity and adding more signage and mileage markers.

“I would like to see more hiking, walking running trails especially ones that allow dog walking!”

– Sparta Resident answering the survey question: *Why should Sparta update its Plan? What would you like to see as an outcome of the Plan?*

“We are quintessential small town America - rural but not too rural - the perfect blend of nature and civilization.”

– Sparta Resident answering the survey question: *Why do you live in Sparta Township? What makes it so special?*



*Sparta Wildlife Habitat Corridors
(CHANJ Web Viewer, <https://njdep.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=53339ff12f27488d8462e5e2c4c21b5c>)*

Wildlife Habitat Corridors

New Jersey wildlife is at risk from habitat fragmentation that occurs because of urbanization across the state. Many species are highly dependent on habitat connectivity and will be unable to maintain healthy populations without corridors linking their segmented habitats together.

New Jersey has a commendable history of protecting open space, but these preserved lands must be connected to provide maximum benefits to the wildlife that call this state home, which is why NJDEP created Connecting Habitat Across New Jersey (CHANJ), a state program that prioritizes the protection of New Jersey wildlife by preserving habitats, restoring corridors between habitats, and making roads safer for animals to cross.⁶⁷

Large swaths of intact “Core” habitats for wildlife are located within Sparta Township, as well as numerous best available “Corridors” between them. Sparta’s preserved and vacant land contains these key habitats, which are shrinking as time goes on. According to Sparta’s 2024 budget, the valuation of Sparta’s vacant land dropped from \$63.6 million in 2020 to \$39.6 million today, a loss of \$24 million. When measured by valuation, Sparta lost 38% of its vacant land in the last 4 years.⁶⁸ Given the Township’s goal of maintaining its natural resources and character, it is more important than ever to preserve Sparta’s remaining vacant land.

Preserving these corridors as open space would help further the state’s mission to connect these important habitats.

“Everywhere!! [...] We need to be mindful of the impact on our wildlife and the ecosystem! Sussex County's slogan is "People and Nature Together" -- let's keep it that way!”

– Sparta Resident answering the survey question: *Where would you like to see land preserved in Sparta? Why?*

Accessibility and Trails

Sidewalks, walking paths and trails allow pedestrian access to parks, schools, and local neighborhoods, providing alternatives to driving short distances. Walkways:

- Increase community interactions.
- Allow people to stay physically fit.
- Increase the number of residents served by nearby parks.
- Increase awareness of the natural environment.
- Offer safe places for people of all ages to walk, bicycle, or wheel around — giving mobility to those who cannot drive due to age or other factors.⁶⁹

Sparta's residents have expressed a keen interest in the creation and extension of walking, hiking, and biking trails across the Township. Through the collection of the responses on the Open Space Survey,

- 27% valued their favorite Sparta parks for their access to trails for hiking and walking,
- 24% wanted to see more trails added across Sparta, and
- 13% wanted the Open Space plan to recommend increasing Sparta trail's connectivity to the regional trail system.

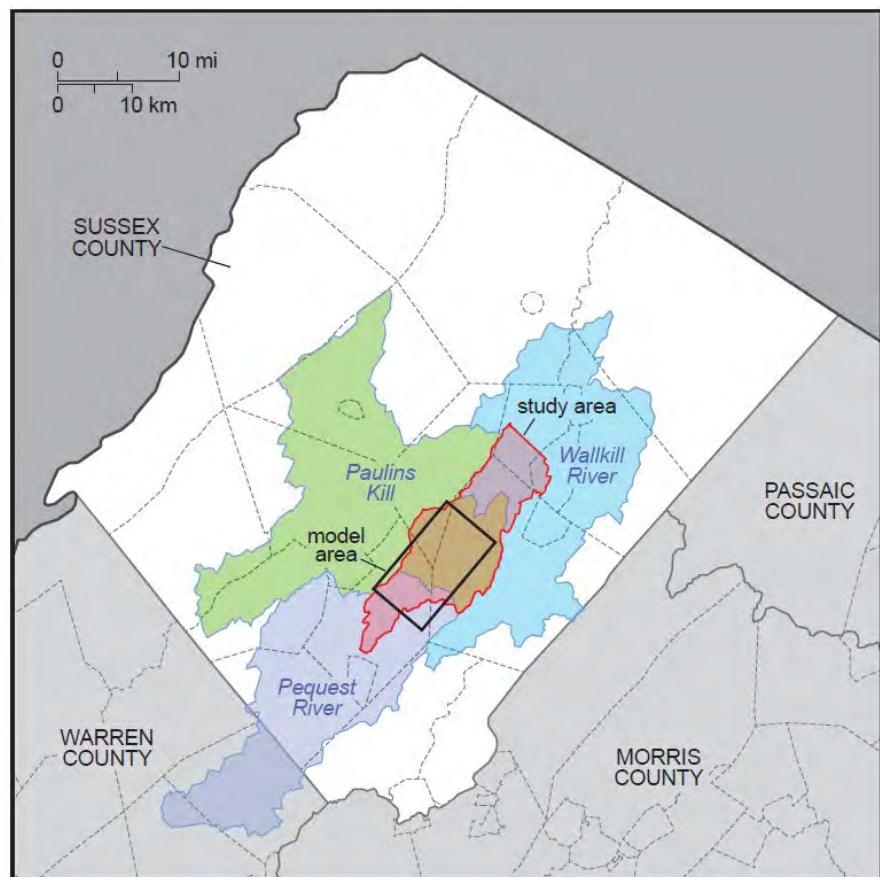
Water Resource Protection

Sparta residents care about maintaining the drinking water quality they currently enjoy. When asked where in Sparta they wanted land preserved:

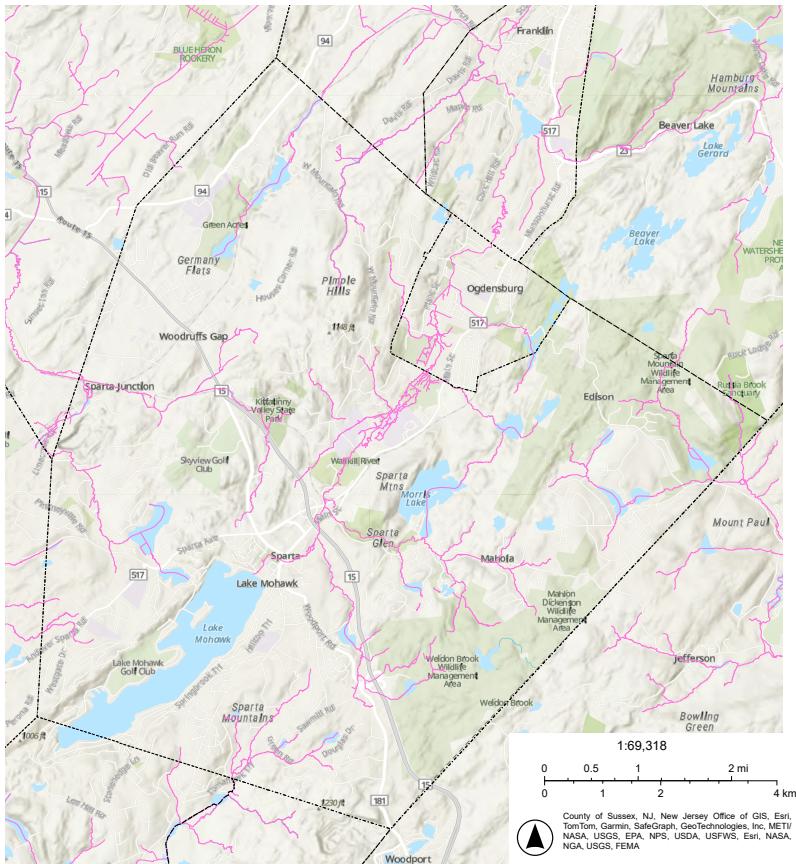
- 22% suggested lands around lakes and tributaries, and
- 20% mentioned lands above the Germany Flats Aquifer, which is located in the northwest region of Sparta and a primary drinking water source for Sparta residents.

“Protect the Germany Flats Aquifer that supplies our drinking water.”

— Sparta Resident answering the survey question: *Where would you like to see land preserved in Sparta? Why?*



Germany Flats Aquifer Pictured in Red (Source: US Geological Survey, Hydrogeologic Framework and Computer Simulation of Groundwater Flow in the Valley-Fill and Fractured Rock Aquifers of the Germany Flats Area of Sussex County, NJ)



Sparta is home to 69 miles of Category 1 waterways. The C1 classification is the highest level of protection for NJ waterways. These waterways are fed by the many watersheds that are located within Sparta. The Highlands RMP differentiates watershed values on a high-moderate-low scale.⁷⁰ With the Township's high level of forest cover, its watershed value is correspondingly high. The riparian areas surrounding Sparta's many waterways are zones of natural vegetation that serve as protective barriers, keeping waters clean, fostering a thriving river ecosystem, and serving as a habitat for endangered native species. Preserving key riparian lands surrounding Sparta's waterways will maintain clean water quality for the Township and region.

Category 1 Waterways within Sparta, NJ (NJDEP Bureau of GIS <https://gisdata-njdep.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/njdep::category-one-c1-waters-of-new-jersey/about>)

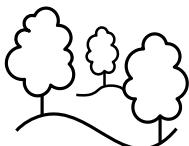
Name	Miles	Feet
Acquackanonk Lake	0.20	1,041
Blue Heron Lake	0.17	917
Fox Trail Lake	0.58	3,086
Glen Lake	0.28	1,463
Grinnell Lake	0.77	4,090
Hawthorne Lake	0.37	1,931
Heaters Pond	0.18	937
Kimbles Pond	0.49	2,595
Kymer Brook	0.21	1,097
Laidlaws Pond	0.20	1,048
Lubbers Run and UNT	5.30	27,966
Morris Lake Total	0.70	3,710
Paulins Kill and UNT	5.91	31,203

UNT: Unnamed Tributary

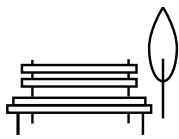
Name	Miles	Feet
Russia Brook and UNT	6.52	34,438
Ryker Lake	0.49	2,567
Saginaw Lake	0.28	1,504
Sparta Glen Brook and UNT	9.09	48,015
Sparta Junction Brook and UNT	7.15	37,744
Sparta Lake	0.26	1,380
Sunset Lake	0.19	1,018
Tar Hill Brook and UNT	1.79	9,427
Uncoded Tributary	0.96	5,046
Wallkill River and UNT	22.95	121,189
White Lake	0.37	1,951
Wildcat Branch and UNT	3.50	18,502
Grand Total	68.91	363,863

RECOMMENDATIONS

A connected system of preserved land will provide residents engaging recreational opportunities while connecting important habitats and protecting environmental resources. How can this be done?



Grow Your Parks



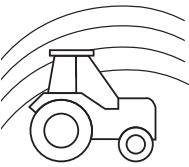
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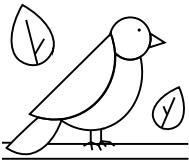
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Preserve Farmland

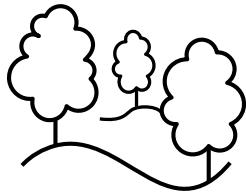


Connect Wildlife Habitat



Support Native Landscaping

Included in **Appendix C** is a map of the properties recommended for preservation in the Township. This includes those parcels which may expand and connect parks, protect land for wildlife habitat, priority sites for water recharge and water quality, and farms which meet state criteria for preservation.



Grow Your Parks

While Sparta is a rural area that possesses many opportunities for the preservation of large, undeveloped tracts of land, the Township also contains areas of more concentrated development that would benefit from the expansion of nearby parks. In these locations, the preservation of green space can and should be resized.

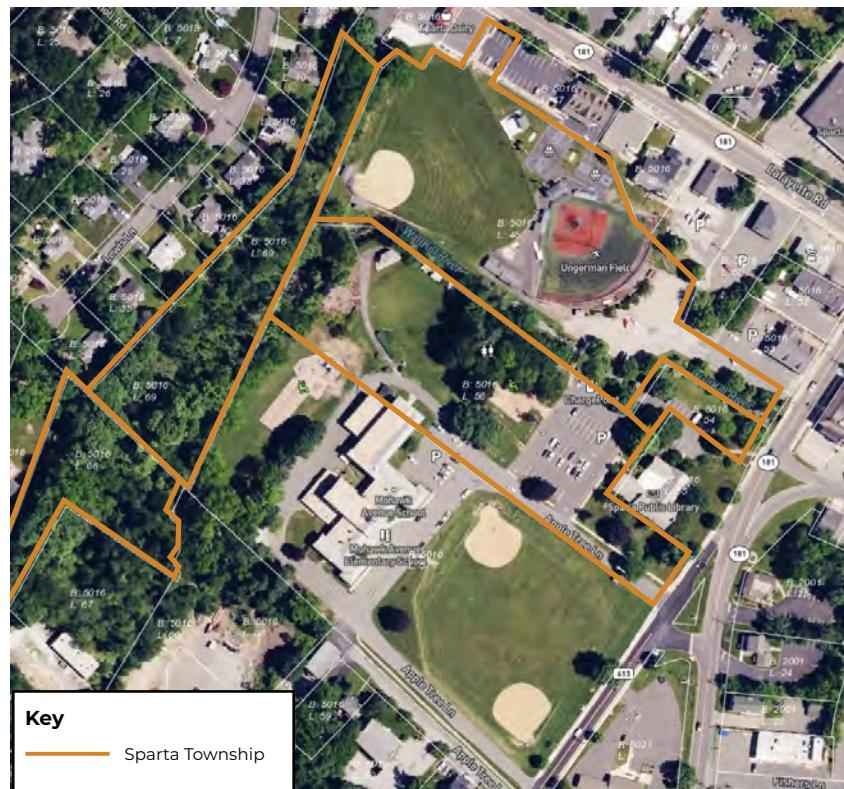
Green spaces give residents, particularly those with young children, a place to interact and play together without the formality of an organized recreation program. The existence of a nearby park can provide a sense of ownership-in-common that helps to anchor them more securely to the greater Township community. Additionally, providing these amenities helps to preserve and enhance property values.

A grow your parks program examines local parks and conservation areas to identify properties which may present opportunities to expand and connect existing park and recreation areas. This expansion may allow for new sports fields, trails, parking, and infrastructure. As part of this Open Space Plan, an analysis of undeveloped land and underutilized residential properties was conducted to identify potential opportunities for future preservation.

EXPANDING UNGERMAN/ MEMORIAL PARK

Located north of Lake Mohawk off Woodport Road, Ungerman/Memorial Park offers many sports facilities for nearby residents. The park is bordered by municipally-owned lots, presenting an opportunity for Sparta to enhance its parkland by preserving these lots as open space. Presently, these properties are in the town center, zoned as Town Center Commercial and Town Center Commercial Office.

Ungerman/Memorial Park and Adjacent Municipal Properties (Source: NJ Parcel Explorer)

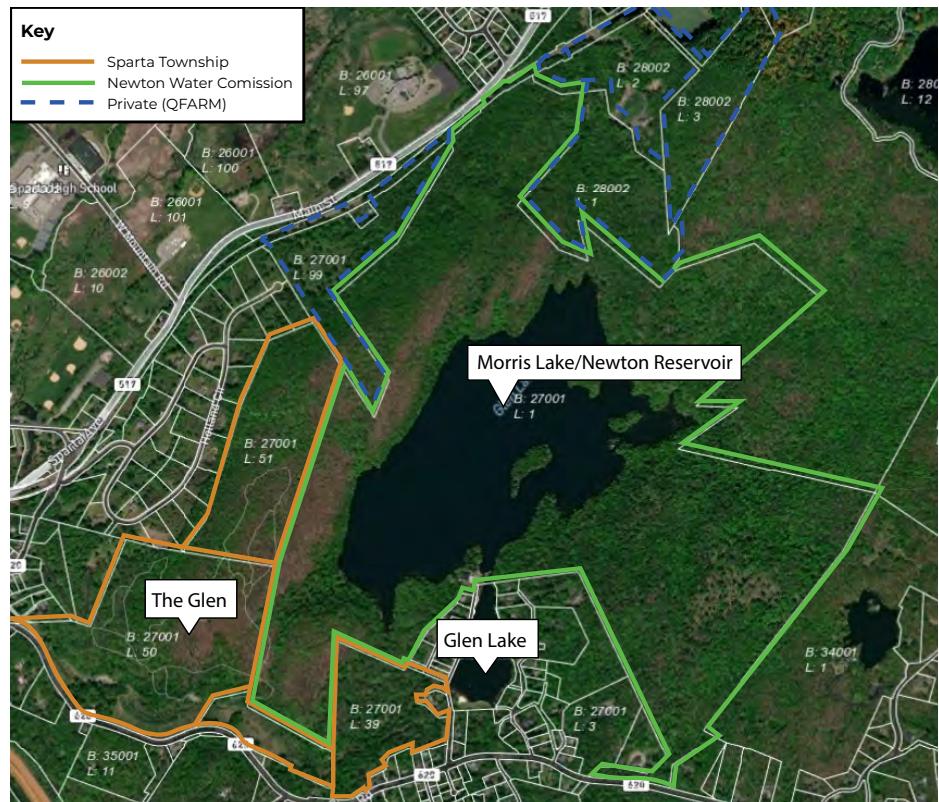


Block	Lot	Owner	Acreage	Class	Zone
5016	46	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	5.6	15C	OSGU
5016	54	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.4	15C	TCCO
5016	56	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	3.45	15C	TCCO
5016	68	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.58	15C	R3
5016	69	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	2.5	15C	TCCO

EXPANDING THE GLEN AND PROTECTING MORRIS LAKE

The Glen, preserved as open space, lies between Lake Mohawk and Morris Lake on the edge of the Sparta Mountains. Morris Lake is also known as the Newton Reservoir and serves as the main source of drinking water for the Town of Newton. Preserving lands surrounding this lake would both protect it from the negative environmental impacts of encroaching development and expand recreation opportunities for nearby residents, increasing the connectedness of the Township's open space.

The Township owns three lots connecting the Glen and Newton's Morris Lake property, which could be preserved as open space and used as passive recreation areas. Furthermore, four qualified farmland lots border Morris Lake to the north. State and county programs for farmland preservation may be an opportunity for these lots.



Sparta Glen, Glen Lake, and Adjacent Properties (NJ Parcel Explorer)

In the survey, many members of the Sparta community listed the Glen as an often-visited park and indicated that this space is a high priority for preservation.

Block	Lot	Owner	Acreage	Class	Zone
27001	1	NEWTON WATER COMMISSION	529.54	1	OSGU
27001	39	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	47.5	15C	OSGU
27001	49	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	13.69	15C	RR
27001	50	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	87.2	15C	OSGU
27001	51	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	52.21	15C	RR
27001	99	PRIVATE OWNER	41.32	3B	RR
28002	1	PRIVATE OWNER	44	3B	RR
28002	2	PRIVATE OWNER	2/27.042	3A/3B	RR
28002	3	PRIVATE OWNER	31.04	3B	RR

PRESERVING VFW PARK

The VFW park is located across from the Sparta Town Hall and is owned by the Township. The parking lot behind it is owned by VFW Memorial Post 7248, which maintains the park itself and takes care of the war plaques that are placed on it. The park is used both for VFW events and for Sparta events, and the parking lot is used by both organizations when needed for functions. Because this area is owned by the Township and used as a park, Sparta should consider adding this to their ROSI and permanently protecting it.



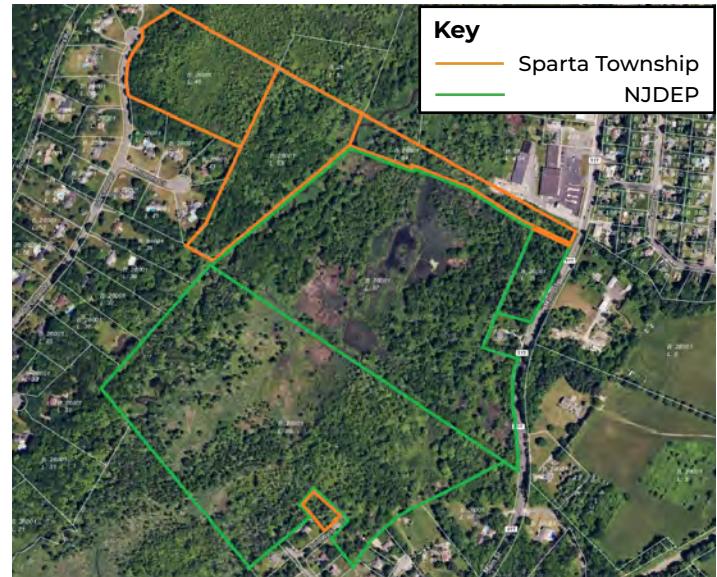
VFW Park (NJ Parcel Explorer)

Block	Lot	Owner	Acreage	Class	Zone
5020	4	VFW MEMORIAL 7248	0.72	15F	TCLC
5020	5	Township of Sparta	0.51	15C	TCLC

EXISTING MUNICIPAL / STATE LANDS

Sparta should also consider transferring municipal properties, that the Township has no use for, that are contiguous to state park and wildlife areas. For example, there are four parcels of Township owned land connected to the Wallkill River Preserve that would make great additions to state parkland. Two additional parcels of Township owned land are connected to the Weldon Brook WMA.

Municipal Land Bordering the State-owned Wallkill Preserve (NJ Parcel Explorer)



Block	Lot	Owner	Acreage	Class	Zone
26001	46	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	9.14	15C	RR
26001	63	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	9.81	15C	RR
26001	64	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	3.36	15C	RC-1
26001	81	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.53	15C	R-1
36001	83	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	11.65	15C	OSGU
37002	52	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.06	15C	RR

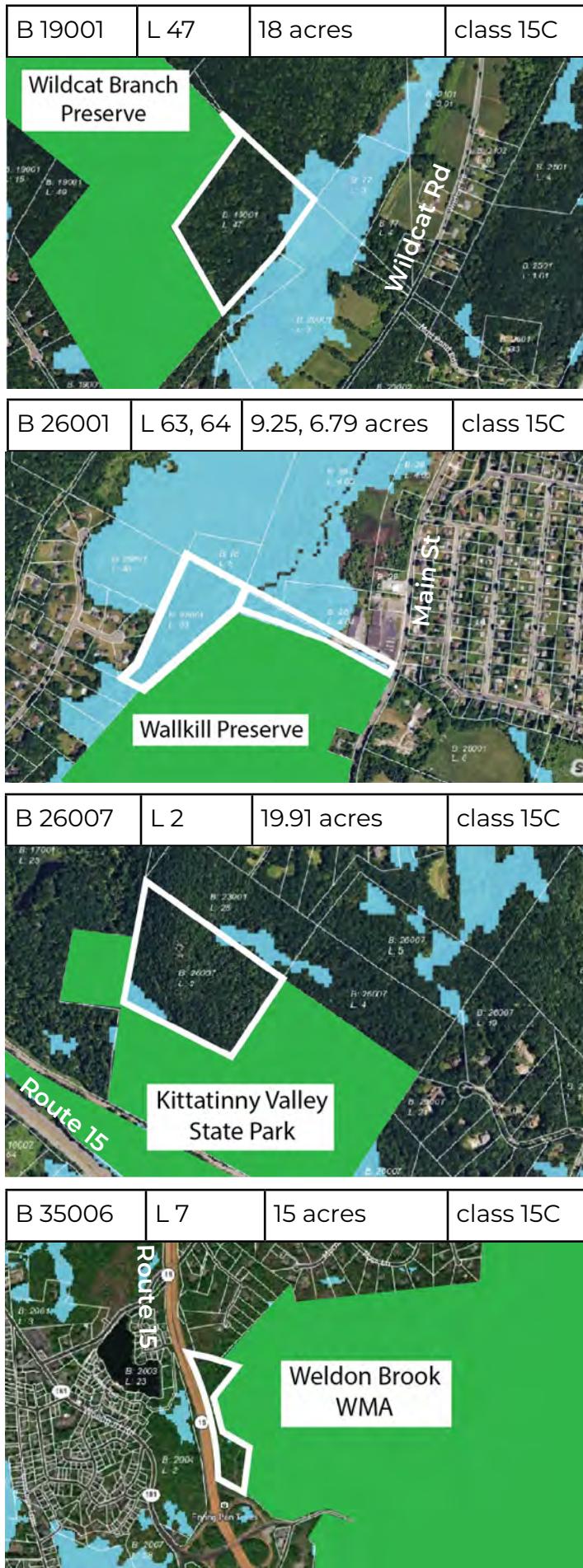
The closing of the Sparta Landfill located on Prices Corner Road, is an excellent example of how Township-owned property can be protected to extend state lands. The landfill property contains wetlands and closing the landfill will disturb those wetlands. The NJDEP ruled that Sparta must obtain a state permit to complete the closure and mitigate the subsequent loss of wetlands.

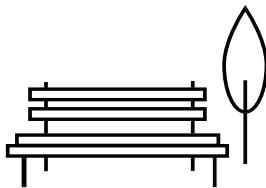
In lieu of more traditional wetland mitigation options, Sparta proposed permanently preserving five Township-owned properties containing important wetlands and/or rare species habitat, and transferring ownership to the NJDEP.

All five sites are located next to existing state lands (see maps). Once approved by the NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Mitigation Council, Sparta will receive the state permit to close the former landfill and preserve these properties. It is anticipated that this should be completed in the first half of 2025.

The Landscape Projects lists each of these properties as rank 5, indicating that they serve as habitat for federally listed threatened and/or endangered species. Most of these lots also contain wetlands.

Building upon this success, Sparta can consider transferring ownership of additional municipal properties, which are contiguous to state park and wildlife areas, to the NJDEP.





Update and Expand Recreation Facilities

The survey provided an opportunity for residents to provide feedback on what recreational facilities they would like to see upgraded or expanded (**Appendix C**).

NEW FACILITIES

A number of survey responses noted a need for either creating dog parks or allowing dogs to be walked in existing parks. Residents recommended creating dog-friendly locations at Station Park and White Lake Park.

Another request submitted by several respondents was for the establishment of a splash pad or a municipal pool. Alternatively, residents requested that public access to White Lake Beach be restored, recalling memories of swimming, fishing, and boating in the area.

The two most often requested additions to Sparta's recreational facilities were pickleball and tennis courts. Tennis courts had been located at Edison Park and Tyler Park, and residents had suggested they be restored at these facilities.

“Would love to have a dog park where we can socialize and meet other town residents.”

– Sparta Resident answering the survey question: *What recreation facilities could use an upgrade? What new things would you like to see added to the parks?*

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

In addition to suggestions for the addition of new facilities, respondents also made suggestions for how existing facilities can be improved. The most common improvement request was the addition of bathrooms in parks throughout the Township. Parks specifically mentioned included White Lake, Station Park, the Glen, and Ungerman/Memorial Park.

Additional shade at the parks, especially shade trees, was also included in the survey responses. This included mention of White Lake Park and at many of the local playgrounds. Requests for additional seating and benches was often paired with requests for shade.

Improvements to playground equipment was the third most commonly requested facility improvement. A few respondents mentioned upgrades at Ungerman and Station Parks, as well as increased accessibility for children with disabilities. Green Acres grant funding is available for these types of playground updates that comply with ADA requirements. The Township is upgrading the playground facilities at Station Park for ADA compliance.



Increase Trail Connectivity

Trails and walkways provide public health benefits while connecting people to their history, the land, and local parks. Trails can also provide opportunities to increase habitat connectivity, protecting corridors that connect core wildlife habitats. The most frequent requests gathered in the survey was to add more trails and paths across the Township and to increase the connectivity of existing trails. Many of those responding recommended increasing the amount of paved paths for walkers, people with strollers, bikes, scooters, and roller blades.

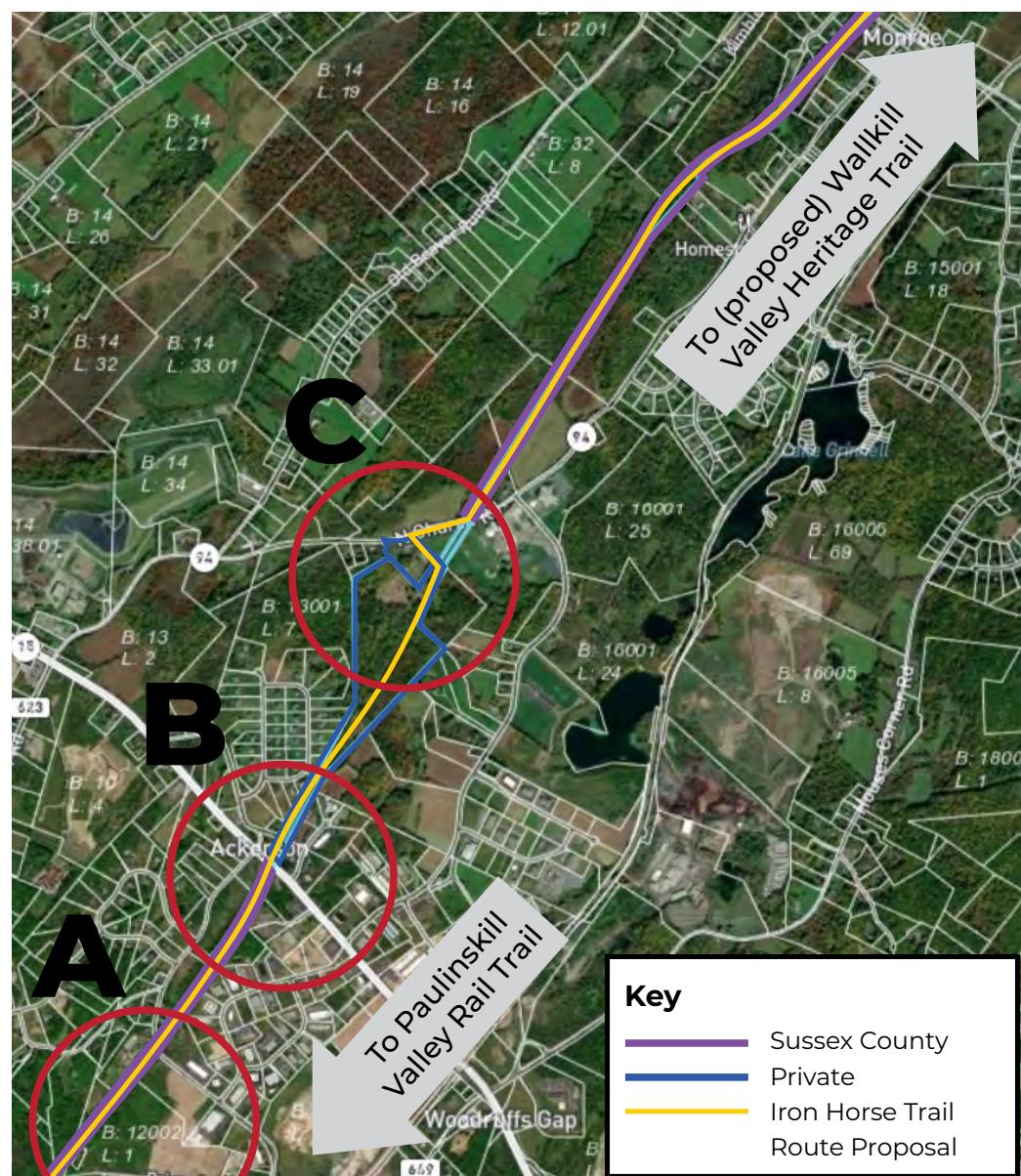
Public lands used for water utilities present a way to link open spaces and public roads with trails. Re-purposing old railway lines are present another opportunity. Many railways, once integral to Sparta's growth from a summer resort colony into a year-round residential community, now lay abandoned. These tracks of land are excellent opportunities for the creation of new trails. Thousands of rails-to-trails have been created across the country upon the pathways of abandoned rail lines, a conversion embraced in New Jersey's **2009 Trails Plan**.

In addition to increasing trails, respondents to the Open Space Survey expressed their desire for improvements to existing trails, especially adding mileage markers and signage to help ensure hikers' safety.

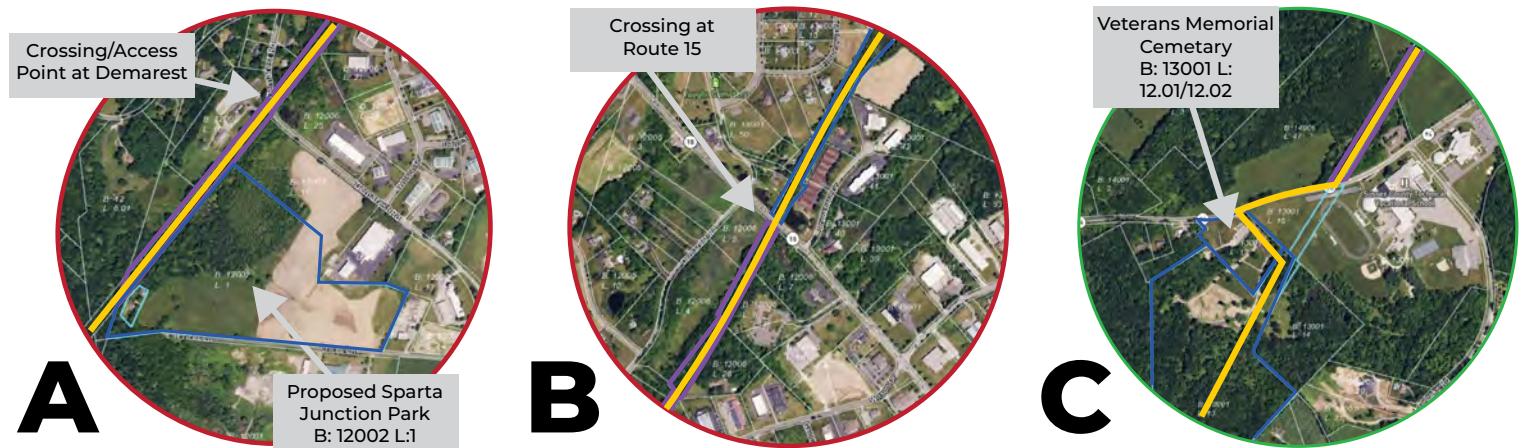
Particular locations that could benefit from additional trail markings include:

- Edison Trail and Mine,
- Ryker Lake, and
- The Glen.

Proposed Iron Horse Tail Trail (Source: NJ Parcel Explorer)



IRON HORSE HERITAGE TRAIL



A plan for the establishment of the Iron Horse Heritage Trail on the former right-of-way of the Franklin Extension of the Sussex Railroad was proposed by the NJDEP in 2002. The State wanted to purchase or obtain an easement for the rights to use this former right-of-way as a part of the New Jersey trails system and have it managed either by a new management unit or by the Kittatinny Valley State Park, which manages the Paulinskill Valley and Sussex Branch Trails.

The proposed trail would connect the existing Paulinskill Valley Trail in Lafayette Township and the proposed Wallkill Valley Heritage Trail in Franklin, increasing Sparta residents access to regional trails and helping preserve natural and historic resources located along the trail. The 2002 plan points out the key wetland habitat located along the northern portion of the proposed trail, as well as locations of interest documenting the history of the railroad.

The parcels that make up the proposed trail are currently owned by Sussex County, which has identified connecting land for regional greenways and trail development as a key goal for its open space program. Sparta should consider partnering with the county and with neighboring municipalities to renew interest in this trail project.

Block	Lot	Owner	Acreage	Class	Zone	Notes
12002	1	WT-SPARTA HOLDINGS, LLC	41.26	3B	ED	Proposed Junction Park
12002	3	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	4.09	15C	RR	Proposed Trail
12006	6	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	7.95	15C	RR	Proposed Trail
13001	12.01	N NJ VET'S MEM CMTRY, INC % J. HARRIGAN	31.07	15E	OSGU	Veterans Cemetery
13001	12.02	N NJ VET'S MEM CMTRY, INC % J. HARRIGAN	33.75	15E	OSGU	Veterans Cemetery
13001	13	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	11.3	15C	OSGU	Proposed Trail
13001	16	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	1.7	15C	OSGU	Proposed Trail
14001	26	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	24.06	15C	OSGU	Proposed Trail

OGDEN MINE RAILROAD TRAIL



The former Ogden Mine Railroad has an existing trail that runs along most of its length from the Mahlon Dickerson Reservation in Jefferson Township through Sparta's Weldon Brook WMA and Sparta Mountain WMA before ending at the Edison Mine and Trail where it connects with other Sparta Mountain trails.

Most of this land is already owned by the state and is used as part of the trail network in Weldon Brook WMA, with the exception of a 13.25 acre section running through the Sparta Mountain WMA that is privately owned (outlined in dark blue). Acquiring this strip of land would connect three major preservation areas, increasing access for Sparta residents and providing an unbroken recreational trail running across almost the entire eastern region of the Township.

Key	
	Sussex County
	Private
	Iron Horse Trail Route Proposal

Proposed Ogden Mine Railroad Trail Trail (NJ Parcel Explorer)

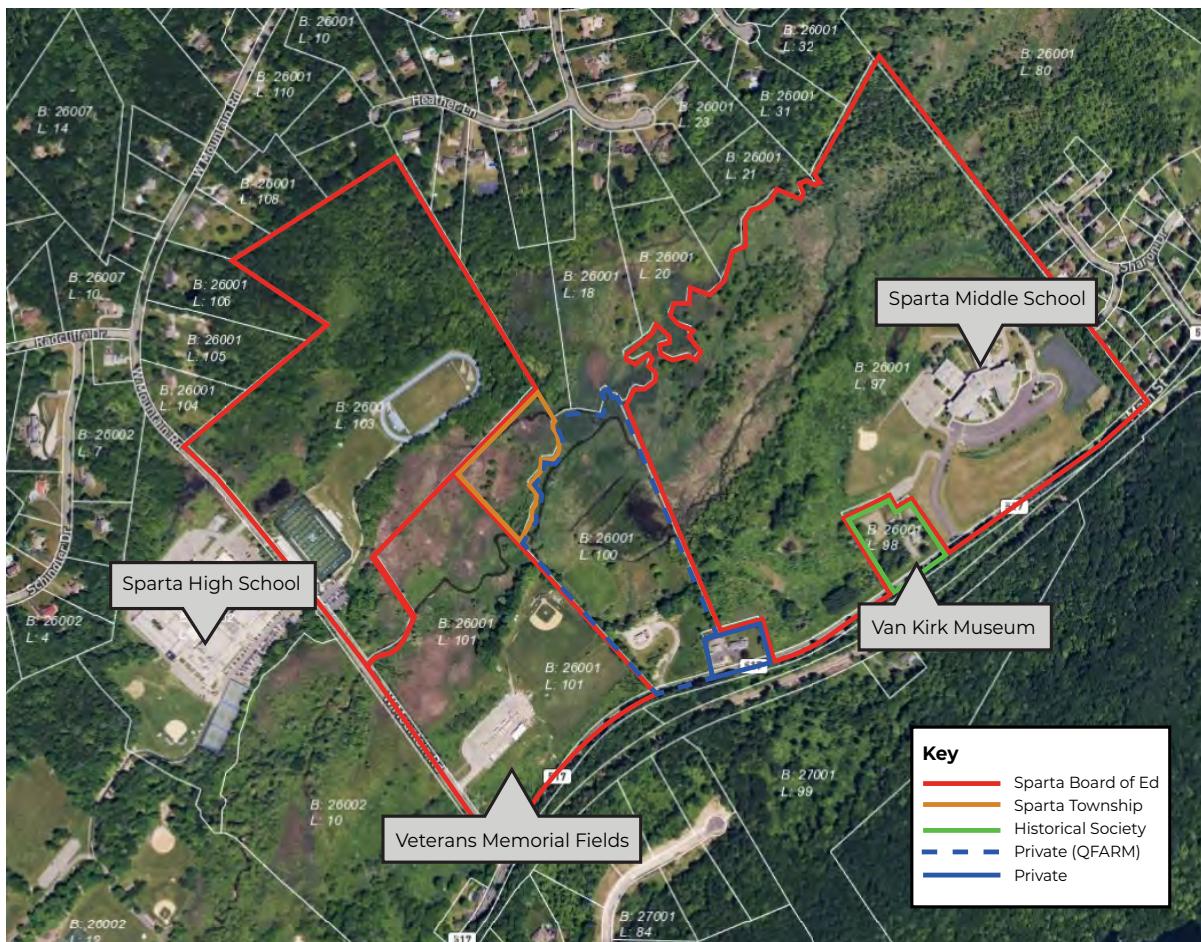
Block	Lot	Owner	Acreage	Class	Zone	Notes
29001	7	PRIVATE OWNER	13.25	1	RR	Private
34004	4.01	STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEP	3.06	15C	R1	Sparta Mountain WMA
36001	46	STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEP	7	15C	OSGU	Weldon Brook WMA
36002	15	STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEP	2.29	15C	R1	Weldon Brook WMA

Connecting these rail trails across municipalities and between natural spaces will require collaboration between Sparta, its neighboring municipalities, Sussex County, and the State of New Jersey. Developing and strengthening these connections supports a regional vision for open space preservation, public health, and eco-tourism.

CONNECT SPARTA'S MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

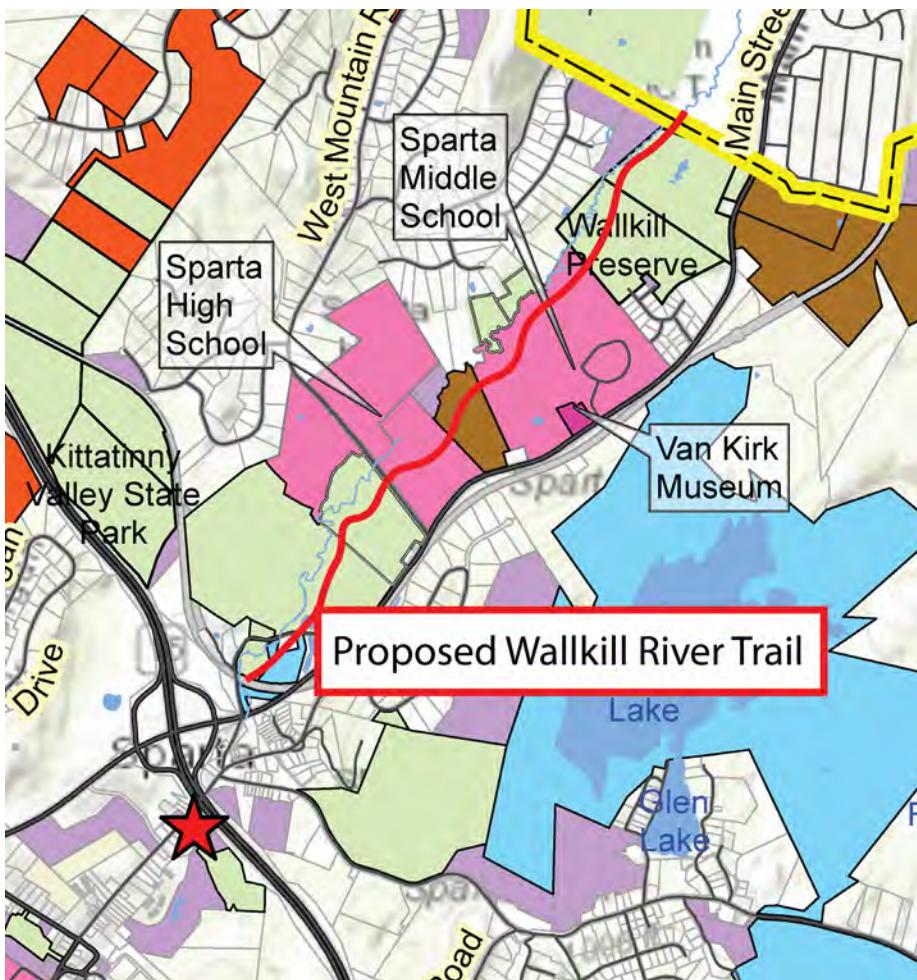
A walking path between Sparta High School (Veterans Memorial Fields) and Sparta Middle School would provide a safe, off road, corridor for students to walk from one facility to another. This area contains part of the Wallkill River and its tributaries. A path through this area would require the cooperation of the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) because it has an easement on block 26001, lot 100. The Historical Society (which maintains the Van Kirk Museum) supports this connection.

The Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA) also completed a riparian reforestation project on lots 97, 101, and 102. Adding a walking path to this area would enhance the reforestation project's goals of creating an outdoor classroom and raising awareness about the importance of watershed stewardship.⁷¹



Properties Connecting Sparta's Middle and High Schools (NJ Parcel Explorer)

Block	Lot	Owner	Acreage	Class	Zone
26001	97	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA BOARD OF ED	95.9	15A	OSGU
26001	98	SPARTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	2.99	15F	RC1
26001	100	PRIVATE OWNER (NRCS Easement)	1/18.7	4A/3B	RC1
26001	101	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA BOARD OF ED	30.06	15A	15A
26001	102	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	4.52	15C	OSGU

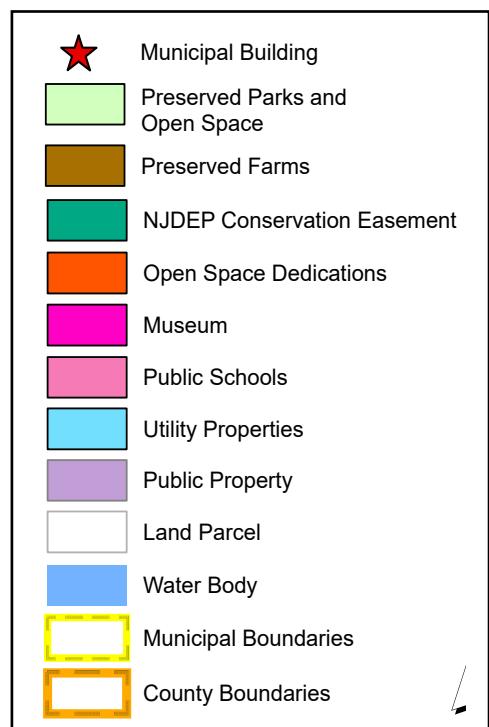
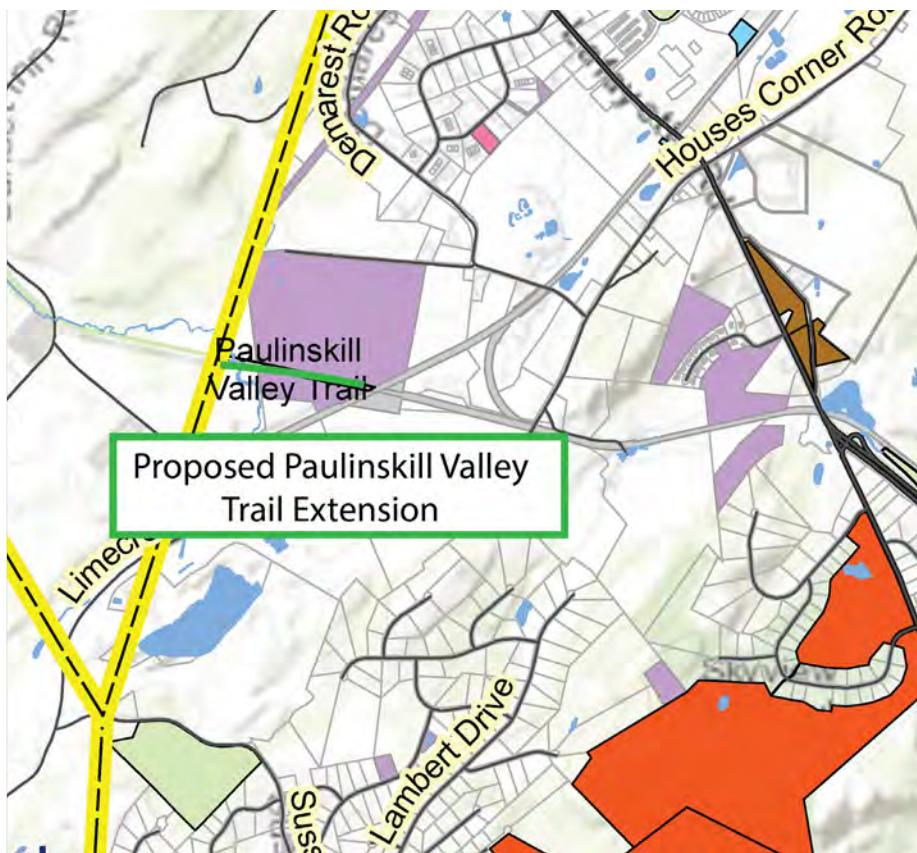


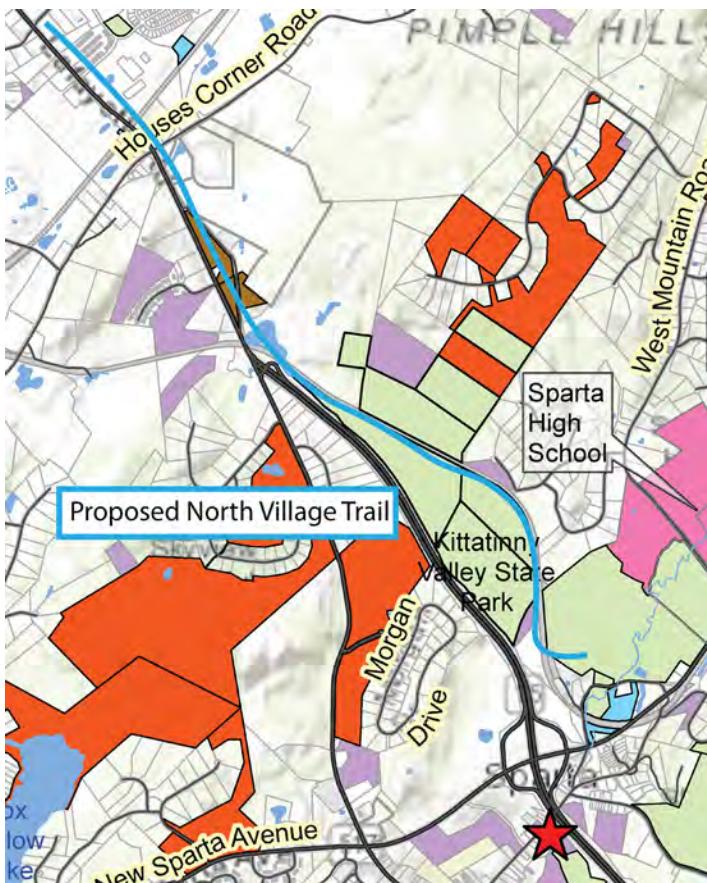
WALLKILL RIVER TRAIL

The Wallkill River runs through public and preserved land on its way towards Route 15. Developing a walking trail along this river corridor would connect parks and community centers, including the Wallkill Preserve, Sparta Middle School, Sparta High School, the Van Kirk Museum, and Station Park.

PAULINSKILL VALLEY TRAIL EXTENSION

Kittatinny Valley State Park's Paulinskill Valley Trail currently ends at Sparta's border. Extending it to Sparta Junction would connect the municipality with this regional trail network. The proposed Iron Horse Trail would extend from Sparta Junction along the route of the former railroad.



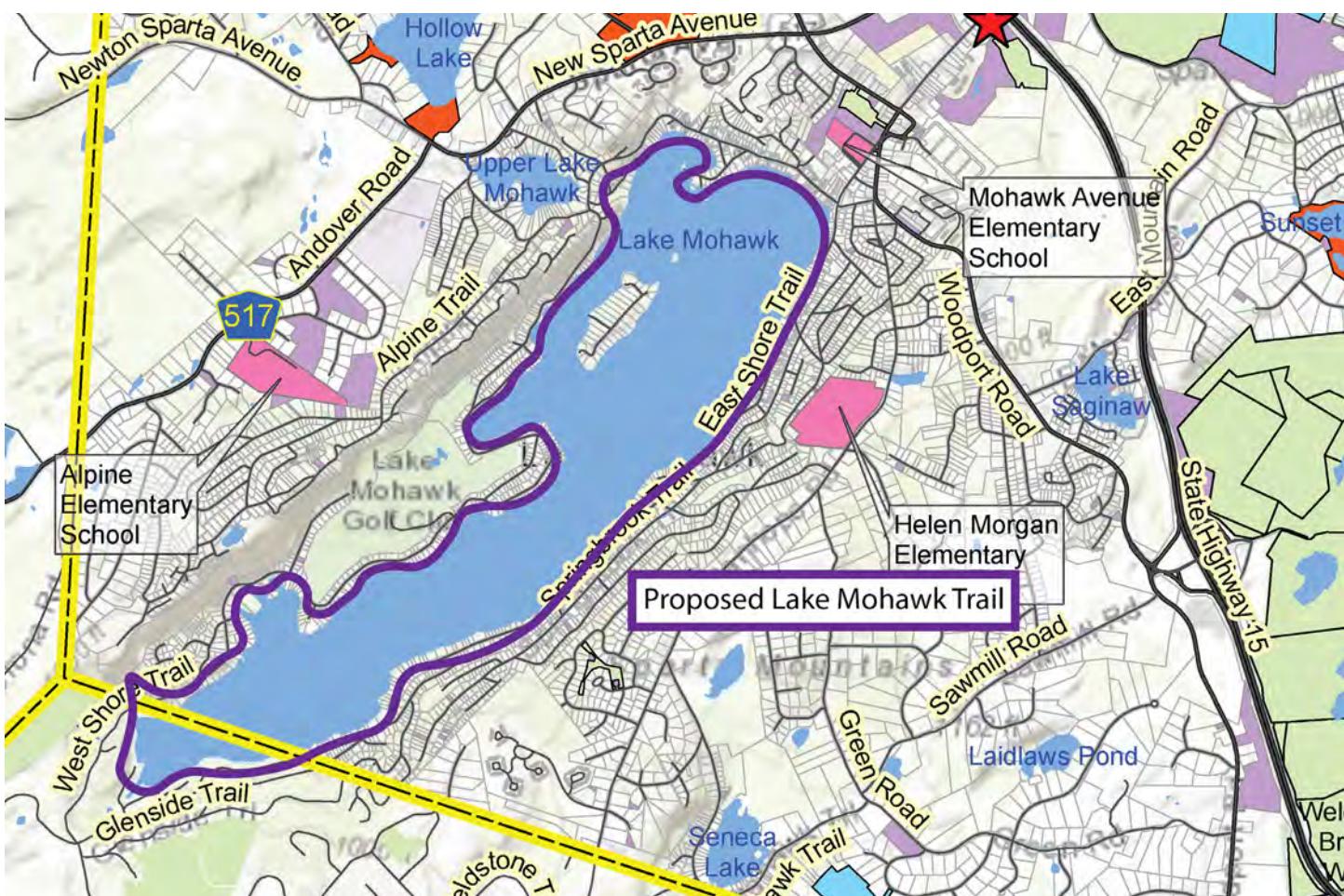


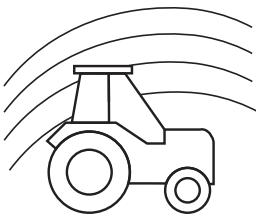
NORTH VILLAGE TRAIL

Station Park and Kittatinny State Park could be connected by a trail running along the railroad and then following Route 15 up to the North Village area. This would provide connection from the northwest section of town to the town's center, which is currently connected only by Route 15 itself.

LAKE MOHAWK BIKING TRAIL

Lake Mohawk residents expressed a desire for increased walking and bicycling offerings surrounding the lake. A trail could be developed along the roads surrounding the lake with the cooperation of the Lake Mohawk Country Club. In addition to providing recreation for lake residents, visitors could park at the plaza and bike down to the trail.

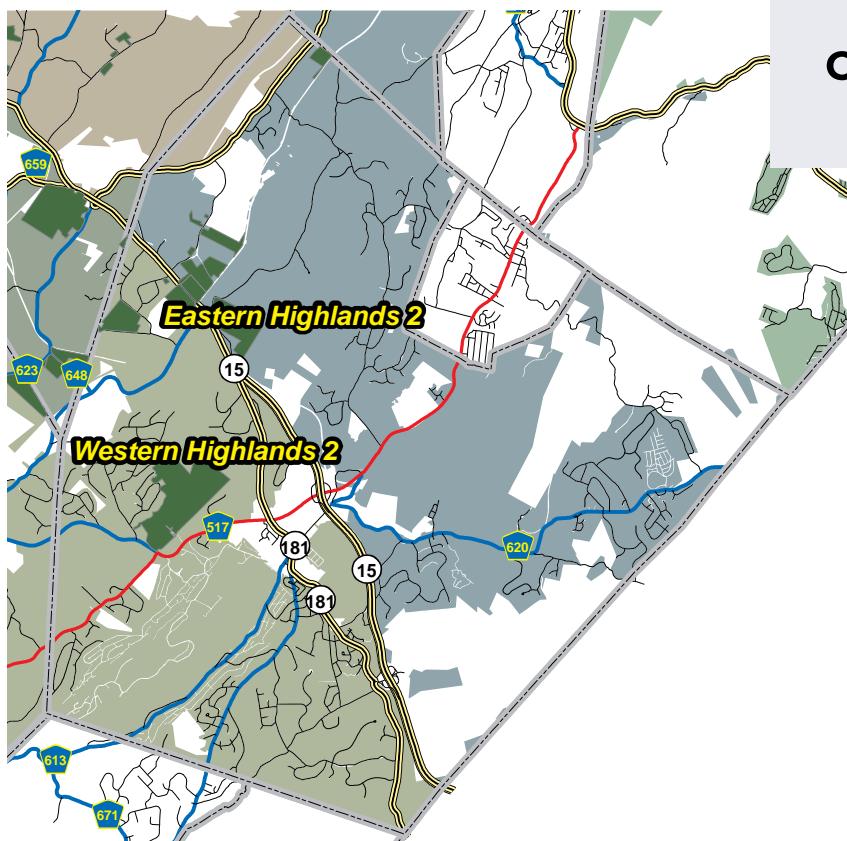




Preserve Farmland

The 2008 Sussex County **Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan** identifies two agricultural development areas (ADA) within Sparta Township. The Eastern Highlands 2 Area contains upland forests northeast of Route 15 and the Western Highlands 2 Area contains forested woodland and wetland areas lands northwest of Route 15. The 2008 Plan also identified candidate farms meeting the eligibility criteria defined by the SADC. Parcels identified as qualified farmland according to tax data are listed below.

Candidate Farms for Preservation (2008 Sussex County Farmland Plan)



Sussex County is currently updating its Farmland Plan.

Key to Features

■ Candidate Qfarm Parcels

□ Municipality

ADA Project Area

Area

■ Central Kittatinny Valley

■ Eastern Highlands 1

■ Eastern Highlands 2

■ Kittatinny Valley East

■ Kittatinny Valley West 1

■ Kittatinny Valley West 2

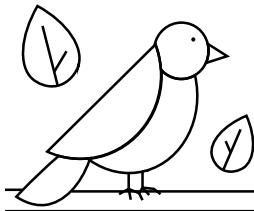
■ Upper Delaware 1

■ Upper Delaware 2

■ Western Highlands 1

■ Western Highlands 2

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10001	1	PRIVATE OWNER	174.85	3B	RR	
12002	1	PRIVATE OWNER	41.26	3B	ED	Proposed Junction Park
12002	11	PRIVATE OWNER	12.55	3B	ED	
12008	19	PRIVATE OWNER	2.47	3B	PCED	
12008	20	PRIVATE OWNER	32.06	3B	PCED	
12008	21	PRIVATE OWNER	2.5	3B	PCED	
13001	29	PRIVATE OWNER	6.03	3B	RC2	
13001	32	PRIVATE OWNER	1.22	3B	RC2	
15002	18	PRIVATE OWNER	15.77	3B	RC2	
17001	4	PRIVATE OWNER	83.78	3B	RR	



Connecting Wildlife Habitat

Sparta Township's mountains, lakes, and riparian corridors offer habitat for a myriad of wildlife, both plant and animal. Conserving these landscapes will ensure resilience of the species who rely upon it.

PIMPLE HILLS

A preservation priority is the Pimple Hills area, which runs along Houses Corner Road. Much of this area is owned by a single property owner and is entirely located within the Highlands Preservation Area. The Highlands RMP identifies this area as a high priority ecosystem for protection, and it has been considered for preservation by NJDEP in the past. This area may be reconsidered for open space preservation or even farmland preservation, as these parcels are qualified farms.



Block	Lot	Owner	Acreage	Class	Zone
17001	7	PRIVATE OWNER	100	3B	RR
17001	9	PRIVATE OWNER	6.67	3B	RR
18001	46	PRIVATE OWNER	12.34	3B	RR
18001	47	PRIVATE OWNER	0.84	3B	RR
22001	1	PRIVATE OWNER	3.32	3B	RR
22001	4	PRIVATE OWNER	21	1	RR
22001	3	PRIVATE OWNER	11.01	3B	RR
22001	53	PRIVATE OWNER	3	3B	RR
22001	54	PRIVATE OWNER	15.14	3B	RR
22001	55	PRIVATE OWNER	19.86	3B	RR
22001	56	PRIVATE OWNER	12	3B	RR
23001	1	PRIVATE OWNER	14.16	1	RR
23001	2	PRIVATE OWNER	12.03	3B	RR
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23001	28	PRIVATE OWNER	14	1	RR

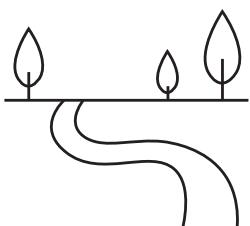
SPARTA MOUNTAIN WMA

Four more parcels of qualified farmland are located in the middle of the Sparta Mountain WMA. The Town may consider these for acquisition or encourage the state to do so.



Farmland In Sparta Mountain WMA (NJ Parcel Explorer)

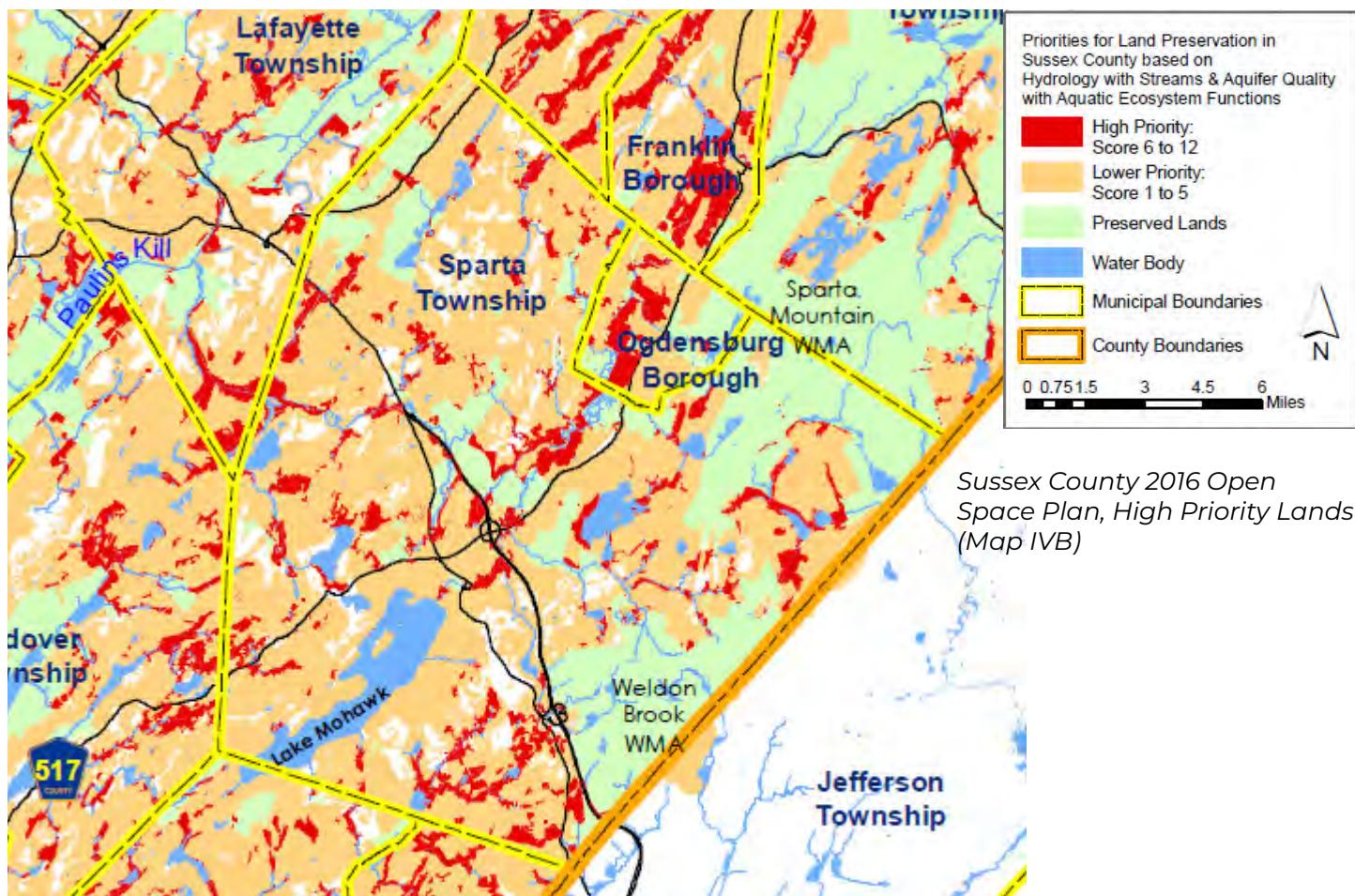
Block	Lot	Owner	Acreage	Class	Zone
28002	14	PRIVATE OWNER	5.02	2	RR
28002	15	PRIVATE OWNER	8.02	15F	RR
28002	16	PRIVATE OWNER	5.65	2	RR
28003	3	PRIVATE OWNER	14.75	3B	RR
28003	4	PRIVATE OWNER	15.75	3B	RR



Maintain Water Quality

The 2016 update to **Sussex County's Open Space and Recreation Plan** assesses existing public lands and open space to prioritize and implement land stewardship and water resource preservation. This GIS mapping and modeling project identified strategic opportunities to enhance the water quality functioning of the land, and offered a targeted, site specific action program. The mapping analysis offers the County the ability to analyze the properties based on unique water quality and/or water resource attributes. There are 882 acres on 159 properties (3,542 acres in total) of high priority lands in the Township identified in the County Plan Update which are important for water resource protection. (**Appendix D**). These lands are centered along the waterways in the municipality.

Riparian buffers filter contaminants, provide wildlife habitat, and moderate water temperatures. Protection of the riparian area on either side of the streams provides clean water percolating back down to the aquifer system from which residents obtain their drinking water. 300 foot buffers on either side of the Category One streams are the most sensitive areas water resource areas in the Township. These high-quality waterways are to be protected from measurable changes in water quality.





Support Native Landscaping

Native species help maintain the balance and biodiversity of their ecosystems. They are generally better adapted to local soils, climate, insects, and diseases, with balanced relationships to other native species. Landscaping with native plants helps support this established network, increasing biodiversity and providing quality habitat for other native wildlife. While preserving larger tracts of land helps maintain wildlife habitats, especially in “core” areas such as those identified by CHANJ, supporting native landscaping helps in areas that are otherwise developed. In acknowledgment of the benefits of native landscaping, some New Jersey municipalities have taken the initiative to adopt native planting ordinances. These ordinances mandate the prioritization of native plants in municipal landscaping and often encourage residents to prioritize native species as well. These ordinances often cite as an example the 2017 bill S-227/A-963, which requires the NJ Department of Transportation, the NJ Turnpike Authority, and the South Jersey Transportation Authority to use solely native vegetation for landscaping, land management, reforestation efforts, and habitat restoration. Examples of local native plant ordinances include Jersey City⁷² and Chatham Borough.⁷³

Educational initiatives meant to encourage native planting for private residents provide information on native and nonnative plant species and referrals to native plant planning resources and retailers that sell native plants. The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife provides information on “backyard habitats,” recommending various methods to create wildlife-friendly backyards. Amongst these recommendations include planting native plants and trees, as well as keeping cats indoors, installing bird and bat boxes, mowing less, and avoiding the use of insecticides and herbicides. The Highlands Council has published a list of plant species native to the Highlands Region and locations where they can be purchased.⁷⁴

The Township of Sparta contains habitat for native wildlife. Adopting a native plant ordinance and encouraging wildlife friendly land management for private landowners can help increase the connectivity of wildlife habitats within the Township.



*Native Plants Attracting Pollinators (Debbie Ross,
<https://www.jerseyyards.org/create-a-jersey-friendly-yard/pollinators/>)*

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Prior to the completion of this plan update, the 2019 Planning Board Subcommittee on Quality-of-Life issued a **Community Pulse Check** survey. Designed to investigate alignment between the Planning Board initiatives and community member expectations, this survey garnered 411 responses and 198 additional comments. Respondents prioritized health and well-being over all other categories, with Infrastructure coming in second, and leisure and recreation coming in third. Residents suggested the development of a dog park, increasing turf fields, creating a community center, and developing bike paths.

Community outreach as part of the **2024 Plan** update was solicited in a variety of forms and forums:

- Public Workshop: June 13, 2024, Environmental Commission
- Public Survey: June 13 - August 9, 2024
- Public Meeting: November 6, 2024, Planning Board

June 13, 2024 Workshop: Sparta announced the development of the Open Space and Recreation Plan at its June 13, 2024 Environmental Commission meeting with a post on the Township's website news feed, "News Flash." Meeting details were also shared on Facebook and promoted by The Land Conservancy. This meeting was an opportunity to solicit public comment on the future direction of the Township's open space program. It was live streamed on the Township's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@SpartaTwpstreams>. During this meeting, the Environmental Commission solicited public input via live polling and taking audience questions. Copies of the meeting announcement, agenda, presentation, and notes are included in **Appendix E**.

Public Survey: Following the conclusion of this meeting, the questions from the live polling were adapted into an online survey. The link to this survey was shared on the Township's news feed and Facebook page and also emailed to Community Pass System users and subscribers to the Tap Into Sparta newsletter. After a month and a half of outreach, the survey received a total of 334 responses. A copy of the survey questions and results is included in **Appendix E**.

November 6, 2024 Public Meeting: Upon completion and release of the draft plan, the Township hosted a public meeting on the Plan Update. The purpose of this meeting was to provide an opportunity for residents and community stakeholders to provide recommendations regarding the open space program. The public meeting was announced on the municipal website. Copies of the report were available at the municipal building. The Planning Board adopted the plan at its **January 15, 2025** meeting. A copy of the meeting announcement, agenda, and presentation is included in **Appendix E**. The meeting notes can be found on the Township's website.

ACTION PLAN

The Open Space and Recreation Plan offers a set of strategies and a timetable to implement the goals and recommendations for the Township of Sparta. This section suggests a program of actions to guide the orderly and coordinated execution of a plan's goals and policies. Following completion of the Plan Update, it was adopted by the Planning Board as an element of the Master Plan. The Open Space and Recreation Plan should be updated every 10 years to ensure compliance with the Municipal Land Use Law.

The Action Plan provides direction for addressing the open space needs and goals based on the abilities of the community and fiscal constraints. It encompasses a ten-year period and should be updated to report on progress, and include any proposals for new actions.

Action Items

Preservation
Meet with local and regional stakeholders, including State Parks, Fish and Wildlife, to review opportunities for partnership and preservation.
Investigate opportunities for transferring municipal land to state ownership, where appropriate.
Establish or reestablish relationships with private landowners to discuss preservation of properties adjacent to existing parkland, properties for water resource protection, trail connections, and farms which may be eligible for preservation.
Investigate existing municipal land – especially undeveloped properties – for the potential of conserving these as open space to create either new public spaces or enlarge existing parks/recreational areas.
Apply for public funding for land acquisition grants, as properties arise. Continue to collect funds through the municipal Open Space Trust Fund.
Note updated target farms for preservation when Sussex County releases its updated Farmland Preservation Plan.
Look to partner with local non-profit land trust organizations, homeowners associations, and lake associations to permanently protect watershed land.
Explore opportunities for preserving additional sites of cultural and historic importance through the completion of a Historic Preservation Plan involving the Sparta Township Historical Commission.

Park Development and Stewardship

Continue to provide the Township with excellent community facilities and services.

Investigate facility improvements with a focus on identifying gaps in access for dog owners, bathrooms, presence of shade trees, and updated playground equipment.

Assess the feasibility of installing a splash pad or municipal pool.

Reestablish tennis courts at Edison Park and Tyler park and/or consider developing pickleball courts at one of these former tennis locations.

Consider expanding the parks program to include management of invasive species and inclusion of an ordinance to encourage native plantings.

With funding from the Highlands Council, develop a Trails Plan to layout trail linkages to design, construct, connect and implement the recommendations of this report.

Consider the completion of a Recreation Master Plan to study additional opportunities and needs for outdoor and indoor recreation facilities. Sparta can use the Open Space and Recreation Survey (summarized in **Appendix E**) as a reference point to begin this analysis.

GREEN ACRES

The Green Acres program, administered by the NJDEP, grants funds to counties, municipalities and non-profit organizations to preserve open space and improve park facilities. Green Acres offers funding for land acquisition, park development, stewardship, and inclusive playgrounds (also known as Jake's Law).

An advantage of having an Open Space and Recreation Plan and a local tax for open space is that it qualifies the town for enrollment in the state's Planning Incentive (PI) program. The PI program offers 50% grants to municipalities that maintain a one-half cent open space levy and up-to-date Open Space Plan. Sparta Township, with the completion of this Plan Update, will qualify for state's PI program, if it chooses to apply for these funds.

A requirement of the Green Acres program is the preparation and submission of a ROSI. As explained on the Green Acres website (<https://dep.nj.gov/otpla/rosi/>), a ROSI lists all lands owned by the municipality for conservation and/or recreation purposes, whether the town owns them in fee, easement, or uses them via a long-term lease agreement. Once a property is listed on the ROSI it is deed restricted as a park/conservation area and if the Township were to remove it from the ROSI it would require approval by the Statehouse Commission.

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Open Space Trust Fund

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ARTICLE XI Taxation and Revenue

§ 2-61. OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, AND FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND.

§ 2-61.1. Open Space Acquisition Determination. [Ord. No. 00-08 § I]

The Township Council shall determine which properties shall be acquired for open space, recreation, and farmland and historic preservation purposes.

§ 2-61.2. Fund for Open Space Acquisition. [Ord. No. 00-08 § II]

There is hereby established an account to be known and designated as the Municipal Open Space, Recreation, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (the Trust Fund) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7, et seq., which shall be maintained in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 and N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1. Funds from the Trust Fund may, as directed by the Township Council, be utilized to acquire or develop vacant land, as well as land which has improvements upon it at the time of acquisition, or to acquire development rights, where the principal purpose of the acquisition is open space preservation, farmland preservation, historic preservation and/or creation of recreation facilities.

§ 2-61.3. Funding of the Open Space Dedicated Trust Fund. [Ord. No. 00-08 § III]

- a. The Trust Fund shall be funded through the dedication of an amount not to exceed \$0.02 per \$100 of assessed valuation of each annual tax levy commencing with the year 2001. The Trust Fund shall also be permitted to accept donations and testamentary bequests.
- b. The funds accumulated within the Trust Fund may be utilized for any of the purposes set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7. Any and all interest that accrues shall remain in the Trust Fund and may be utilized for the above-described purposes.
- c. The Township Council shall determine the amount of the tax levy each year by Resolution.
- d. The Township Council may, after conducting at least one public hearing, determine how to subdivide the amount of the tax levy among the various purposes set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7 and this section.

§ 2-61.4. Sale of Property. [Ord. No. 00-08 § IV]

- a. Property acquired with funds from the Trust Fund may not be leased or sold, until and unless the sale or lease has been authorized by the Township Council in the manner prescribed by law.
- b. The Township Council, after at least one public hearing, and upon a finding that the purposes of this section will be better served, or that any land acquired by the Township pursuant to this section is required for another public use, may by section convey, through sale, exchange, transfer or other disposition, title to or a lesser interest in that land, provided that the Township shall replace any land conveyed under this section with land of at least equal

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fair market value and reasonably equivalent usefulness, size, quality and location. Any money derived from the conveyance shall be deposited into the Trust Fund.

- c. Any conveyance made pursuant to this section shall be made in strict accordance with the "Local Lands and Buildings Law" (N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.). In the event of conveyance by exchange, the land or improvements thereon to be transferred to the Trust shall be at least equal in fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness, size, quality and location to the land or improvements transferred from the Trust.

§ 2-61.5. Review. [Ord. No. 00-08 § V]

In the event that no property is acquired under this section for a period of five consecutive years, then the Township Council shall issue a report with recommendations and conclusions concerning the Trust Fund.

§ 2-62. 100% Disabled Veteran Tax Refunds. [Added 4-11-2023 by Ord. No. 23-06]

A refund of property taxes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32 shall be granted provided that the applicant submits a complete application to the tax assessor as required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30. A retroactive refund of property taxes as set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32 shall be limited to the property taxes previously paid for the period of time commencing on the date that the fully completed proper claim form with all required documentation is submitted to the Tax Assessor as required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, but not to extend beyond the taxes paid for the current year and immediate prior year and not to exceed 24 months from the date that the Township Tax Assessor's received the fully completed application.

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Municipal Open Space

1. Preserved Land

Open Space Dedication

Block	Lot	Class	Location	Prior Block	Prior Lot	Acres (Tax Data)	Owner	Acres (GIS)	OS Dedication (Development)		
10001	15	15C	SPARTA AVE	35.06	1	35.06	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	31.06	OS: FOX CHASE ONE/FOX RUN		
10004	6	15C	SPARTA AVE	35.07	9	6.83		6.88			
								Fee Simple (Sparta):	37.94		
10002	8	15C	2 MADISON DR	19.02	31.28	21.81	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	21.62	OS: DEERFIELD ESTATES / SPARTA CHASE		
10002	35	15C	1 MADISON DR	19.02	31.01	47.90	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	48.02			
								69.64			
Dedicated to the Township of Sparta for public use (open space):											
14001	43	15C	270 NO CHURCH RD	25	11	56.90	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	56.85	OS: SADDLE RIDGE ESTATES		
				Dedicated to the Township of Sparta for public use (open space)							
16001	28	15C	SADDLE RIDGE RD - REAR	26.02	28	24.73	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	24.57			
				Dedicated to the Township of Sparta for public use (open space and detention pond area)*							
								Total dedication, Saddle Ridge Estates:	81.42		
21001	20	15C	STERLING HILL RD	9	8.01	21.16	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	21.26	OS: WEST MOUNTAIN MANOR		
				4.103 acres was merged with this lot according to final plat Lot 10.06							
				Total dedication, West Mountain Manor:							
21001	60	15C	18 GREENFIELD HILL	10	2.11	37.92	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	38.08	OS: GREENFIELD HILL		
				Open space dedicated to the Township of Sparta							
23001	3	15C	40 CROWNVIEW CT	19.10	25	16.94		16.94			
23001	4	15C	PIMPLE HILL	19	34.06	11.31		11.31			
23001	12	15C	10 CROWNVIEW CT	19.10	37	1.56	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.56			
23001	20	15C	32 CROWNVIEW CT	19.10	29	1.13		1.12			
23001	34	15C	17 QUARTERHORSE CROSSING	19.10	11	55.36		55.58	OS: (TARA GREEN) TRIPLE CROWN		
23002	7	15C	23 TRIPLE CROWN DR	19.11	7	0.64	detention basin*	0.64			
23002	18	15C	16 QUARTERHORSE CROSSING	19.11	18	9.43		9.43			
24001	12	15C	1 TRIPLE CROWN DR	19.10	1	3.07	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	3.05			
26007	4	15C	PIMPLE HILL	19	34.04	14.00		14.69			
				Reserved for open space:							
36001	10	15C	8 ANGELO DR	6.32	10	9.94	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	10.09	OS: GLEN BROOK ESTATES		
36001	27	15C	44 ANGELO DR	6.33	10	2.52		2.48			
36002	7	15C	11 ANGELO DR	6.34	20	17.17		17.03			
				Open space dedicated to the Township of Sparta:							
				Open Space Dedication, owned by Sparta Township:							
				395.38							
								392.26			

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Open Space Dedication

Block	Lot	Class	Location	Prior Block	Prior Lot	Acres (Tax Data)	Owner	Acres (GIS)	OS Dedication (Development)		
11001	48	4A	220 LAFAYETTE RD	35	11	149.35	SKYVIEW GOLF	150.04	OS: SKYVIEW GOLF		
11003	1	4A	226 LAFAYETTE RD	35.05	1	39.52		39.57	OS: SKYVIEW GOLF		
Golf course and related facilities for recreational purposes & clustered open space: 189.60											
10001	1	3B	FOX HOLLOW LAKE	35	47.01	174.85	FOX HOLLOW LAKE CLUB	177.78	OS: FOX CHASE TWO		
				Open space dedicated to the Fox Hollow Lake Homeowners Association: 177.78							
16005	69	3B	WEST MOUNTAIN ROAD	26	31	142.62	PRIVATE	174.77	OS: EASEMENT		
				Open space easement held by Township of Sparta: 88.00							
35002	12	1	6 ROSE LANE	6.25	17	25.43	SUNSET LAKE HOA	25.81	OS: SUNSET LAKE		
				Open space dedicated to the Township of Sparta: 25.28							
				Open Space Dedication, Privately Owned: 477.00							
								480.67			
				Total, Open Space Dedication: 872.38							
								872.93			
				*Block 16001, Lot 28, a portion is a detention pond and that portion should not be on the ROSI							
				*Block 23002, Lot 7 is a detention basin and should not be placed on the ROSI							
				The Township should complete title work for Skyview Golf and Fox Hollow Lake to confirm dedication/easement							
				Information for this table was provided by the Sparta Township Tax Assessor (August 2024)							

1. Preserved Land

State Parks and Open Space

Block	Lot	Class	Location	Prior Block	Prior Lot	Acres (Tax Data)	Owner	Acres (GIS)	Facility/Park Name
1003	1	3B	107 TOMAHAWK TRL	16.09	1	0.10	PRIVATE	0.14	Easement
13001	18	3B	250 WHITE LAKE RD	27	2	5.71	CAMP SACAJAWEA, LLC	6.37	Camp Sacajawea
16001	24	3B	251 WHITE LAKE RD	26	47	89.54	CAMP SACAJAWEA, LLC	90.54	Camp Sacajawea
16001	25	3B	WHITE LAKE RD	26	48.01	82.85	CAMP SACAJAWEA, LLC	83.82	Camp Sacajawea
16005	9	3B	NEXT TO L & H R R	26	49	8.70	CAMP SACAJAWEA, LLC	8.41	Camp Sacajawea
			Total, Camp Sacajawea:	186.80				189.15	(Easement)
12001	2	15C	SPARTA JUNCTION	33	15	3.11	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	3.23	Paulinskill Valley Trail
19001	34	3B	23 OLD PROSPECT SCHL RD	20	42	5.00	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	25.33	Wildcat Branch Preserve
19001	35		(TAX DATA: LOT 35.02)			-	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	13.49	Wildcat Branch Preserve
19001	43	15C	75 DAVIS RD	20	30	25.40	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	25.01	Wildcat Branch Preserve
19001	45	15C	DAVIS RD	20	3	61.98	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	62.48	Wildcat Branch Preserve
19001	46	15C	WEST MOUNTAIN RD	20	4.09	14.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	12.29	Wildcat Branch Preserve
19001	48	15C	WEST MOUNTAIN RD	20	4.08	25.08	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	22.12	Wildcat Branch Preserve
19001	50	15C	WEST MOUNTAIN RD	19001	50	18.33	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	15.52	Wildcat Branch Preserve
			Total, Wildcat Branch Preserve:	150.29				176.25	
26001	20	15C	ADJ TO LOT 31	11	31.01	5.51	NJ NATURAL LANDS TRUST	5.53	Wallkill Preserve
26001	21	15C	ADJ TO LOT 29	11	29.01	4.78	NJ NATURAL LANDS TRUST	4.65	Wallkill Preserve
26001	65	1	MAIN ST	11	2.02	4.00	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	2.65	Wallkill Preserve
26001	67	15C	MAIN ST	11	2.03	40.06	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	39.42	Wallkill Preserve
26001	80	15C	MAIN ST	11	3	48.95	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	44.35	Wallkill Preserve
26002	10	15C	MAIN ST	19	37	34.22	NJ NATURAL LANDS TRUST	31.21	Wallkill Preserve
			Total, Wallkill Preserve:	137.52				127.81	
20002	13	15C	MUD POND RD	8	6.01	1.63	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	2.24	Kittatinny Valley State Park
26006	1	15C	ROUTE 15	19	32	38.37	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	43.87	Kittatinny Valley State Park
26006	2	15C	ALONG RR	19	35	21.95	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	21.86	Kittatinny Valley State Park
26006	3	15C	ADJ TO LOT 35	19	99	47.65	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	47.62	Kittatinny Valley State Park
26007	1	15C	N Y S & W R R	19	61	38.90	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	39.41	Kittatinny Valley State Park
26007	3	15C	WEST MOUNTAIN RD	19	34.08	19.48	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	21.36	Kittatinny Valley State Park
26007	5	15C	PIMPLE HILL	19	34.07	15.93	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	15.37	Kittatinny Valley State Park
31002	38	15C	SPARTA MOUNTAIN	4	2	39.24	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	35.60	Kittatinny Valley State Park
33002	42	15C	OFF LANCER ST	4.08	32	10.82	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	3.02	Kittatinny Valley State Park
			Total, Kittatinny Valley State Park:	233.97				230.35	

1. Preserved Land

State Parks and Open Space

Block	Lot	Class	Location	Prior Block	Prior Lot	Acres (Tax Data)	Owner	Acres (GIS)	Facility/Park Name
28002	8	15C	OFF HAWTHORNE LAKE	7	88	18.52	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	17.33	Sparta Mountain WMA
28002	10	15C	EDISON RD	7	90	23.51	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	23.51	Sparta Mountain WMA
28002	13	15C	EDISON RD	7	2	366.90	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	366.87	Sparta Mountain WMA
28002	17	15C	EDISON RIDGE RD	7	3	50.00	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	51.57	Sparta Mountain WMA
28002	18	15C	RIDGE RD	7	4	50.91	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	52.16	Sparta Mountain WMA
28003	1	15F	EDISON RD	1	16	28.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	36.10	Sparta Mountain WMA
28003	2	15C	EDISON RD	1	17	7.10	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	6.46	Sparta Mountain WMA
29001	6	15C	RIDGE RD	3	14	83.05	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	83.06	Sparta Mountain WMA
29001	8	15C	EDISON RD	3	12	117.26	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	117.26	Sparta Mountain WMA
29001	9	15C	OFF GLEN RD	3	20.03	17.94	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	17.73	Sparta Mountain WMA
30001	6	15C	EDISON MOUNTAIN	1	1.04	38.00	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	38.03	Sparta Mountain WMA
30001	7	15C	EDISON MOUNTAIN	1	1.03	47.00	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	46.99	Sparta Mountain WMA
30001	8	15C	EDISON MOUNTAIN	1	1.01	50.00	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	50.30	Sparta Mountain WMA
30001	9	15C	EDISON MOUNTAIN	1	1.02	18.40	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	9.62	Sparta Mountain WMA
30001	11	15C	GLEN RD-EDISON MT	1	2	676.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	532.04	Sparta Mountain WMA
30004	1	15C	EDISON RD	2	1	4.88	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	4.11	Sparta Mountain WMA
31001	19	15C	EDISON MT & GLEN	3	1	32.33	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	32.21	Sparta Mountain WMA
34004	4	2	450 GLEN RD	4	46	0.60	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	3.88	Sparta Mountain WMA
Total, Sparta Mountain WMA:				1,631.40				1,489.21	
35006	1	15C	ADJ TO LOT 50	6	51.05	72.25	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	72.04	Weldon Brook WMA
35006	2	15C	WOODLAND-EAST MOUNTAIN RD	6	51.04	5.00	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	5.71	Weldon Brook WMA
35006	3	15C	EAST MOUNTAIN RD	6	51.03	10.00	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	9.14	Weldon Brook WMA
35006	4	15C	ADJ TO LOT 50	6	51.02	44.03	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	48.33	Weldon Brook WMA
35006	5	15C	BLUE HERON AREA	6	50	59.95	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	60.36	Weldon Brook WMA
35006	6	15C	BLUE HERON RD	6	46	5.48	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	2.91	Weldon Brook WMA
35006	119		(ADDITIONAL TO LOT 139)			-	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	97.49	Weldon Brook WMA
35006	139	15C	ARAPAHO ACREAGE	6	111.01	94.13	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	2.55	Weldon Brook WMA
36001	1	15C	BLUE HERON RD	6	44	67.00	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	63.40	Weldon Brook WMA
36001	2	15C	BRADY TRACT	6	51.01	118.19	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	115.78	Weldon Brook WMA
36001	3	15C	BLUE HERON RD	6	45	42.13	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	41.95	Weldon Brook WMA
36001	4	15C	OFF RR BED	6	32	368.92	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	369.98	Weldon Brook WMA
36001	46	15C	HAYWARD RD	6	28	7.00	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	7.57	Weldon Brook WMA
36001	78	15C	NEXT TO RR BED	6	29	1.15	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.15	Weldon Brook WMA
36001	80	15C	OFF HAYWARD RD	6	27	12.97	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	13.13	Weldon Brook WMA
36002	15	15C	10 MILTON RD	6.34	6	2.29	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.98	Weldon Brook WMA

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37001	2	15C	90 BLUE HERON RD	6	43	75.65	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	113.30	Weldon Brook WMA
37001	3	15C	OFF MILTON RD	6	33.01	277.02	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	273.86	Weldon Brook WMA
37001	7	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6	34.53	1.90	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.91	Weldon Brook WMA
37001	8	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6	34.47	0.40	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	0.40	Weldon Brook WMA
37001	11	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6	34.44	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.48	Weldon Brook WMA
37001	12	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6	34.43	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.51	Weldon Brook WMA
37001	15	15C	E OF WOODPORT RD	6	38.01	42.10	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	47.48	Weldon Brook WMA
37001	16	15C	EAST OF RT 15	6	37	43.10	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	40.37	Weldon Brook WMA
37001	17	15C	E/S WOODPORT RD	6	38.02	1.71	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.87	Weldon Brook WMA
37001	18	15C	535 WOODPORT RD	6	38	123.68	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	92.22	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	5	15C	ADJ TO LOT 35	6.22	38.05	8.03	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	6.86	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	6	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.31	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.43	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	8	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.30	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.47	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	10	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.29	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.50	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	14	1	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.27	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.52	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	15	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.38	1.30	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.33	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	16	15C	WALLACE TRACT #19	6.22	34.26	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.51	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	17	15C	WALLACE TRACT 28	6.22	34.39	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.49	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	18	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.25	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.51	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	19	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.24	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.52	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	20	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.23	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.52	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	25	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.51	0.40	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	0.41	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	26	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.52	0.08	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	0.08	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	27	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.56	0.10	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	0.11	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	29	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.58	0.64	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	0.64	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	30	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.59	1.00	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	0.90	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	31	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.60	1.20	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.17	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	32	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.61	1.40	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.43	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	33	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.68	1.70	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.70	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	34	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.69	1.80	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.82	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	37	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.72	1.80	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.80	Weldon Brook WMA

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37002	38	15C	WALLACE TRACT 53	6.22	34.73	1.80	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.80	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	39	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.74	1.80	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.82	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	40	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.75	1.80	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.85	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	41	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.76	0.90	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	0.91	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	42	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.77	0.10	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	0.11	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	43	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.78	0.10	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	0.11	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	45	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.80	1.80	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.82	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	46	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.81	1.80	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.82	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	47	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.67	1.20	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.22	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	51	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.65	0.17	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	0.17	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	52	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.64	0.06	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA*	0.06	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	57	15C	835 WOODPORT RD	6.22	34.11	2.20	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	2.18	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	58	15C	825-31 WOODPORT RD	6.22	34.09	4.30	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	4.25	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	59	15C	789 WOODPORT RD	6.22	34.02	1.10	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	0.80	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	60	15C	817 WOODPORT RD	6.22	34.01	1.70	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.68	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	61	15C	811 WOODPORT RD	6.22	34.06	1.60	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.58	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	63	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.15	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.46	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	64	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.16	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.52	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	65	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.17	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.53	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	66	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.18	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.56	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	67	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.19	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.52	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	68	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.20	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.51	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	69	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.21	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.51	Weldon Brook WMA
37002	70	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.22	1.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	1.47	Weldon Brook WMA
			Total, Weldon Brook WMA:			1,546.43		1,553.86	
33001	1	15C	85 MILTON RD	4	54.03	83.43	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	78.13	Mahlon Dickerson Reservation
36001	70	15C	MILTON RD	6	1.04	130.58	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	132.96	Mahlon Dickerson Reservation
36001	74	15C	MILTON RD	6	1.03	52.57	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	57.65	Mahlon Dickerson Reservation
36001	75	15C	MILTON RD	6	1.02	59.81	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	51.33	Mahlon Dickerson Reservation
36001	76	15C	MILTON RD	6	1.01	0.22	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	0.22	Mahlon Dickerson Reservation
36001	77	15C	W RR BED NR HOPE	6	30.01	46.79	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	50.10	Mahlon Dickerson Reservation
36001	81	15C	OFF RR BED	6	30.02	14.10	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	13.11	Mahlon Dickerson Reservation
36001	84	15C	OFF RR BED	6	31	29.50	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	31.63	Mahlon Dickerson Reservation
			Total, Mahlon Dickerson Reservation:			417.00		415.13	

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Block	Lot	Class	Location	Prior Block	Prior Lot	Acres (Tax Data)	Owner	Acres (GIS)	Facility/Park Name		
							State Easement	0.14			
							Camp Sacajawea	189.15			
							Paulinskill Valley Trail	3.23			
							Wildcat Branch Preserve	176.25			
							Wallkill Preserve	127.81			
							Kittatinny Valley State Park	230.35			
							Sparta Mountain WMA	1,489.21			
							Weldon Brook WMA	1,553.86			
							Mahlon Dickerson Reservation	415.13			
				Total, State Lands:		4,306.62	Total, State Lands:		4,185.12		
				*Note: Block 37002, Lot 52 is owned by the NJDEP and not the Township of Sparta. The Tax Assessor will update the tax records.							

1. Preserved Land

Non-Profit Preserves
Borough of Ogdensburg Parkland

Block	Lot	Class	Location	Prior Block	Prior Lot	Acres (Tax Data)	Owner	Acres (GIS)	Facility/Park Name
30001	10	15C	EDISON MOUNTAIN	1	1.10	211.37	NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY	210.61	Sparta Mountain Sanctuary
30001	12	15C	EDISON MOUNTAIN	1	1.11	7.62	NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY	7.62	Sparta Mountain Sanctuary
				Total, NJ Audubon:		218.99		218.22	
30001	2	15F	EDISON MOUNTAIN	1	1.08	79.00	PASSAIC RIVER COALITION	78.96	Russia Brook Sanctuary
30001	3	15F	EDISON MOUNTAIN	1	1.07	4.00	PASSAIC RIVER COALITION	4.03	Russia Brook Sanctuary
30001	4	15F	EDISON MOUNTAIN	1	1.06	11.00	PASSAIC RIVER COALITION	11.05	Russia Brook Sanctuary
30001	5	15F	EDISON MOUNTAIN	1	1.05	18.10	PASSAIC RIVER COALITION	18.13	Russia Brook Sanctuary
				Total, Passaic River Coalition:		112.10		112.17	
28002	9	15F	HAWTHORNE LAKE	7	89	22.25	BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG	22.96	Heater's Pond Park/Sparta Mtn WMA
28002	11	15C	EDISON RD	7	91	2.10	BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG	0.64	Heater's Pond Park/Sparta Mtn WMA
28003	5	15C	OFF EDISON RD	1	15	48.70	BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG	42.79	Heater's Pond Park/Sparta Mtn WMA
				Total, Ogdensburg:		73.05		66.39	

1. Preserved Land

Preserved Farms

Block	Lot	Class	Location	Prior Block	Prior Lot	Acres (Tax Data)	Preservation Program	Owner	Acres (GIS)	Acres (Easement)
14001	3	3B	REAR OF LOT 14	25	14.01	24.16	CTY EP	PRIVATE	26.31	
								Easement Acres, Sparta:	23.17	
								Easement Acres, Lafayette:	19.28	
								Total:	42.45	
14001	6	3B	ADJ TO LAFAYETT TWP	25	15.01	66.08	CTY EP	PRIVATE	79.30	
								Easement Acres, Sparta:	73.32	
								Easement Acres, Lafayette:	61.41	
								Total:	134.73	
17001	27	3B	15 LAYTON LN	19	109	3.16	SADC EP	PRIVATE	3.09	
17002	1	3B	14 LAYTON LN	19.06	62	1.94	SADC EP	PRIVATE	2.81	
17002	2	3B	34 LAYTON LN	19.06	64	6.14	SADC EP	PRIVATE	7.21	
26001	100	3B	276 MAIN ST	11	42	18.7	NRCS WRP	PRIVATE	18.44	18.44
28001	6	3B	479 MAIN ST	7	72.01	15.48	CTY IEP	PRIVATE	19.53	19.38
28001	5	3B	461 MAIN ST	7	71	31.07	CTY EP	PRIVATE	31.60	
28002	4	3B	REAR OF 461 MAIN ST	7	85	41.23	CTY EP	PRIVATE	43.15	72.36
								Total, Preserved Farmland in Sparta:	218.23	

2. Public Land

Public Property and Schools (Township and County)

Block	Lot	Class	Location	Prior Block	Prior Lot	Acres (Tax Data)	Facility Description	Owner	Acres (GIS)
12008	6	15A	10 GAIL CT	32.01	3	1.85	SCHOOL	SUSSEX CTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	1.85
13001	15	15B	91 NO CHURCH RD	27	1.01	4.45	VACANT LAND	SUSSEX COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL	4.46
13001	17	15B	270 WHITE LAKE RD	27	1	48.98	SCHOOLS	SUSSEX COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL	47.38
16001	26	15A	105 NO CHURCH RD	26	48	28.29	SCHOOLS	SUSSEX COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL	28.02
			Total, Schools (County):			83.57			81.71
15002	11	15A	385 NO CHURCH RD	22	28.02	2.71	SCHOOLS	SUSSEX CTY SCHOOL FOR TECHNOLOGY	2.75
15002	19	15A	383 NO CHURCH RD	22	28.01	1.17	SCHOOLS	SUSSEX CTY SCHOOL FOR TECHNOLOGY	1.15
			Total, Schools (Charter)			3.88			3.90
3046	8	15A	72 HILLTOP TRL	125.01	40	0.11	HELEN MORGAN: PARKING	TWSP OF SPARTA BOARD OF ED	0.11
3046	56	15A	100 STANHOPE RD	125.01	26.02	25	HELEN MORGAN SCHOOL	TWSP OF SPARTA BOARD OF ED	29.19
4017	36	15A	151 ANDOVER RD	39.26	13.02	25.13	ALPINE ELEM. SCHOOL	TWSP OF SPARTA BOARD OF ED	26.09
5016	57	15A	18 MOHAWK AVE	39.01	4	8.6	MOHAWK ELEM. SCHOOL	TWSP OF SPARTA BOARD OF ED	6.95
26001	97	15A	350 MAIN ST	11	4	95.9	SPARTA MIDDLE SCHOOL	TWSP OF SPARTA BOARD OF ED	91.55
26001	101	15A	17 WEST MOUNTAIN RD	11	5	30.06	HS: ATHLETIC FIELDS	TWSP OF SPARTA BOARD OF ED	30.63
26001	103	15A	WEST MOUNTAIN RD	11	6.01	47.78	HS: ATHLETIC FIELDS	TWSP OF SPARTA BOARD OF ED	48.92
26002	9	15A	70 WEST MOUNTAIN RD	19	36	27.71	SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL	TWSP OF SPARTA BOARD OF ED	27.37
			Total, Schools (Sparta BOE):			260.29			260.82
12002	3	15C	DEMAREST RD	33	16.01	4.09	VACANT LAND	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	4.32
12006	6	15C	DEMAREST RD	32.04	16.01	7.95	VACANT LAND	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	6.86
13001	13	15C	ADJ TO LOT 16			11.30	VACANT LAND	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	57.24
13001	16	15C	NORTH CHURCH ROAD	27	5.01	1.70	VACANT LAND	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	1.97
14001	26	15C	NORTH CHURCH ROAD	25	18.01	24.06	VACANT LAND	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	23.97
14003	5	15C	22 HOPKINS CORNER RD	23	6	0.64	VACANT LAND	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	0.64
			Total, Sussex County:			49.74			95.01
1001	34	15C	538 WOODPORT RD	14	5	0.26	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.26
1001	50	15C	WOODPORT RD	14	18.01	0.18	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.18
1001	83	15F	DOUGLAS DR	14	3.30	0.86	WATER SUPPLY	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.86
1003	24	15C	234 GREEN RD	15.03	1	4.23	PUMP STATION	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	4.21
1003	39	15C	2 LARIKAT LN	15.03	19	1.95	WATER TANK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.96

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1003	43	15C	10 LARIKAT LN	15	11.17	12.17	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	15.67
2001	28	15C	MARIAN RD	13.01	4	0.15	WELL	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.15
2001	50	15C	65 MAIN ST	13.11	14	2.54	MUNICIPAL BLDG	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	2.54
2001	51	15C	65 MAIN ST	13.11	28	2.22	MUN PARKING LOT	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.93
2001	53	15C	VILLAGE LANE REAR	13	19.27	17.24	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	17.35
2003	5	15C	EAST MOUNTAIN RD	6.13	77	0.01	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.01
2003	15	15C	69 LLEWELLYN DR	6.13	13	0.32	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.32
2003	21	15C	LLEWELLYN DR	6.13	23	1.20	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.36
2003	22	15F	15 LLEWELLYN DR	6.13	30	1.4	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.83
2004	9	15C	WOODPORT RD	6.15	1.02	0.01	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.01
2006	29	15C	111 SIGNAL HILL TR	14.03	1	0.13	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.13
2006	36	15C	85 DECKER TER	14.03	13	0.27	WATER TANK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.27
2007	1	15C	114 SAWMILL RD	14.11	23	0.08	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.08
2007	47	15C	52 ST MARYS PL	14.06	14	0.08	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.08
2007	50	15C	56 ST MARYS PL	14.06	13	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
2007	57	15C	78 ST MARYS PL	14.06	1	0.41	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.41
2007	60	15C	86 SAWMILL RD	14.10	24	0.33	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.33
2010	16	15C	30 WEST WINDY BUSH LN	17.04	10	0.42	PUMPING STATION	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.43
2022	25	15C	OAK TREE LN	18.04	17.02	0.00	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.00
2025	1	15C	WOODPORT RD	13.02	18	1.15	PARK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.79
2029	2	15C	MARIAN RD	13.05	2	0.69	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.69
2034	1	15C	97 EAST MOUNTAIN RD	13.17	33	0.52	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.51
3001	17	15C	91 SENECA LAKE RD	16.03	13	0.23	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.23
3001	119	15C	155 SENECA LAKE RD	16.08	18	0.07	PUMPING STATION	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.07
3001	120	15C	153 SENECA LAKE RD	16.08	17	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
3001	121	15C	151 SENECA LAKE RD	16.08	16	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.10
3002	4	15C	146 SENECA LAKE RD	16.07	22	0.10	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.10
3005	4.05	1	4 WHITLINS WAY			1.13	DRAINAGE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.48
3005	8	15C	SENECA LAKE TER	16.05	14	0.35	WATER TANK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.35
3011	9	15C	77-A WARREN RD	155	39	0.24	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.24
3011	22	15C	TYLER ST	155	38	0.29	WATER TANK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.29
3013	20	15C	392 STANHOPE RD	39.03	7.02	0.14	PUMP SHED	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.14
3016	48	15C	44 LONGVIEW RD	94	23	0.20	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.20
3016	50	15C	48 LONGVIEW RD	94	27	0.16	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.16
3017	12	15C	354 SPRINGBROOK TR	95	20	0.37	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.37
3025	14	15C	328 SPRINGBROOK TR	99	23	0.17	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.17
3033	20	15C	116 HILLSIDE RD	104	16	0.27	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.27

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3041	7	15C	146 SPRINGBROOK TR	112	19	0.17	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.17
3046	4	15C	88 HILLTOP TRL	125.01	32	0.11	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.11
3046	28	15C	56 STANHOPE RD	125.01	74	0.27	WATER TANK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.27
3046	29	15C	58 STANHOPE RD	125.01	1	0.13	WATER SUPPLY	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.13
4002	39	15C	251 ALPINE TRL	41	1	0.13	PUMPING STATION	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.13
4002	75	15C	141 ALPINE TRL	47	1.02	0.07	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.07
4002	273	15C	5 FAIRWAY TRL	80	90	0.22	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.22
4002	309	15C	617 WEST SHORE TRL	84	3	0.47	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.47
4006	28	15C	OFF WESTGATE DR	39.06	14	0.10	PARKING AREA	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.10
4006	31	15F	14 CARRIAGE HOUSE RD	39.24	3	8.95	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	9.26
4006	44	15F	61 WESTGATE DR	39.24	26	0.65	CONSERVATION	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.65
4007	6	15F	62 WESTGATE DR	39.23	5	3.23	CONSERVATION	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	3.21
4013	28	15C	156 ALPINE TRL	48	41	0.37	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.37
4013	44	15C	23 SUMMIT TER	48	67	0.24	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.24
4013	58	15C	36 SUMMIT TER	48	83	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
4016	22	15C	21 SUMMIT RD	51	21	1.50	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.39
4016	28	15C	18 SUMMIT TRL	51	32	0.95	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.95
4017	21	15C	FAITHANN WAY	4017	29	0.79	OPEN SPACE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.79
4017	49	15C	55 TIMBERLINE DR	39.21	22	10.61	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	10.54
4017	61	15C	ADJ TO LOT 15	39.21	16	10.60	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	10.42
4018	1	15C	2 TIMBERLINE DR	39.22	12	10.62	PUMP HOUSE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	11.08
4022	36	15C	14 ALPINE TRL	57	26	0.08	PUMPING STATION	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.08
4025	11	15C	2 IVY TER	65	31	0.80	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.80
5007	2	15C	13 WOODY LN	64	5	0.33	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.33
5011	5	15C	5 HAYES LN	72	6	0.30	WATER TANK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.30
5011	22	15C	95 WEST SHORE TRL	72	41	0.12	WATER SUPPLY	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.12
5016	5	15C	2 NEALLEY DR	170.01	21	0.14	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.14
5016	48	15C	12 SPARTA AVE	39.01	10.02	0.52	AMBULANCE CORPS	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.52
5016	54	15C	18 WOODPORT RD	39.01	13	0.40	PARK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.40
5016	55	15C	22 WOODPORT RD	39.01	6.01	0.74	LIBRARY	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.74
5016	56	15C	4 MOHAWK AVE	39.01	5	3.45	PARK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	4.22
5016	67	15C	OFF ALDER DR	39.01	33.01	1.18	SEWERAGE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.15
5016	68	15C	ALDER DR	39.01	33.02	1.58	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.39
5016	69	15C	OFF LEWIS LN	39.01	16.01	2.50	PARK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	2.33
5017	7	15C	2 CEDAR CREST DR	169	1	0.31		TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.31
5019	3	15C	4 TOWN CENTER DR	19.03	48.02	17.00	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	17.07
5020	5	15C	62 MAIN ST	19.01	9	0.51	VFW PARK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.51

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5022	1	15C	WOODPORT & MOHAWK	13.14	5	0.04	PARK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.04
5029	1	15C	24 STANHOPE RD	139.01	27	0.28	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.28
5031	15	15C	41 MAPLE TREE LN	138	34	0.19	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.19
5031	16	15C	43 MAPLE TREE LN	138	33	0.06	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.06
5042	9	15C	91 SPRINGBROOK TRL	122.01	2	0.14	PARKING AREA	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.14
5042	24	15C	25 LOG CABIN TER	122.02	32	0.31	WATER SUPPLY	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.31
6001	6	15C	14 STACEY CT	38	6.08	0.79	DRAINAGE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.79
8003	5	15C	112 PINKNEYVILLE	37.01	2.04	0.28	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.28
9001	5	15C	85 PINKNEYVILLE RD	166	20	16.04	PARK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	15.94
9001	34	15F	ELLA RD REAR	36	7.11	0.45	DETENTION BASIN	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.45
10002	5	15C	35 LAFAYETTE RD	19.02	57.03	9.91	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	9.89
11001	5	15C	ADJ TO LOT 53	35	68	8.60		TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	9.40
11001	107	15C	REAR OF LOT 26	168.03	22	4.23	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	4.04
11001	154	15C	51 DEIRE DR	35	49.16	1.61	PUMP HOUSE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.69
11002	26	15C	1 PRIMROSE LN	35.08	1	17.99	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	18.09
11002	38	15C	LAFAYETTE ROAD - REAR	35.08	17	13.76	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	13.74
11007	13	15C	66 DEIRE DR	168	49	0.90	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.90
12001	4	15C	15 PRICES LN	33	4	82.13	INCINERATOR	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	82.51
12001	10	15C	PRICES LN	33	9	8.08	INCINERATOR	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	9.91
12006	5	15C	LAFAYETTE RD	32.04	2.01	3.29	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	3.37
12008	9	15C	20 GAIL CT	32.01	6	1.18	WATER SUPPLY	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.29
12013	2	15C	LIMECREST RD	34	1.01	0.55	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.55
13001	7	15C	20 CHAPEL HILL CT	28	9.11	50.15	OPEN SPACE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	50.60
13001	50	15C	2 CHAPEL HILL CT	28	9.24	3.32	OPEN SPACE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	3.34
13001	55	15C	8 FIELDVIEW DR	28	9.19	1.34	OPEN SPACE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.34
13001	63	15C	11 CHAPEL HILL CT	28	9.05	3.70	OPEN SPACE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	3.73
14001	12	15C	70 KIMBLE LN	25	16.02	17.12	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	16.90
14001	45	15C	NORTH CHURCH RD	25	12	23.35	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	24.68
14001	48	15C	REAR OF LOT 12	25	12.01	17.22	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	14.50
14003	4	15C	25 HOPKINS CORNER RD	23	2	0.46	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.46
16001	12	15C	12 PARK LAKE RD	26.05	6	13.27	WELL	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	12.94
16001	15	15C	14 AARON WAY	26.05	9	3.85	DRAINAGE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	3.73
18001	8	15F	HOUSES CORNER RD	19	1.20	10.77	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	10.79
18001	31	15F	WEST MOUNTAIN RD	19	2.01	15.49	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	17.47
18001	32	15C	580 WEST MOUNTAIN RD	19.04	1	18.59	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	17.58
19001	10	15C	38 KROGHS LN	20.01	20	2.07	WATER TANK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	2.07
19001	22	15C	621 WEST MOUNTAIN RD	20.01	19	1.17	PARKING AREA	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.19

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19001	47	15C	WEST MOUNTAIN RD	20	4.10	18.00	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	19.31
20001	2	15C	WEST MOUNTAIN RD	20	4.05	7.80	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	7.85
20001	12	15C	STERLING HILL RD	20.02	19	0.57	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.57
20001	24	15C	9 ARIELLE WAY	20.02	12	0.61	WELL	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.61
20002	30	15C	1 WILDCAT RD	8	12	0.45	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.45
21001	1	15C	1 GREENFIELD HILL	10	3.01	0.77	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.77
21001	12	15C	COTTONWOOD REAR	9	8.34	29.88	OPEN SPACE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	29.78
21001	22	15C	1 COTTONWOOD TRL	9	8.33	0.40	WELL LOT	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.40
21001	39	15C	COTTONWOOD TR (REAR)	9	8	4.74	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	4.74
22001	2	15C	PIMPLE HILL	19	86	4.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	4.93
22001	47	15C	2 TRIPLE CROWN DR	19.13	1	0.55	WATER TWR BOOSTER ST	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.55
23002	10	15C	17 TRIPLE CROWN DR	19.11	10	1.19	WATER TANK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.19
24001	33	15C	184 WEST MOUNTAIN RD	19	25	0.30	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.30
25001	18	15C	HIDEAWAY LN	10	8.03	5.31	PARK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	5.47
25001	28	15C	HIDEAWAY LN	10	41	4.75	PARK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	4.78
26001	46	15C	70 OLD CEDAR DR	11	11	9.18	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	9.14
26001	63	15C	ADJ TO LOT 11	11	10.19	9.25	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	9.81
26001	64	15C	486 MAIN ST	11	1	6.79	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	3.36
26001	81	15C	8 JUNE WALK	11.04	2	0.53	SHED	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.53
26001	102	15C	ADJ TO LOT 6.01	11	9	4.52	CONSERVATION-VACANT	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	4.41
26006	4	15C	ADJ TO LOT 31	19	93	3.41	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	3.15
26007	2	15C	WEST MOUNTAIN RD	19	34.01	19.91	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	20.50
26007	35	15C	ECHO DR	19	30.11	3.95	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	4.00
27001	39	15C	GLEN & MORRIS LAKE RD	7	50	47.50	PARK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	30.89
27001	48	15C	GLEN RD	7	56.03	0.29	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.29
27001	49	15C	GLEN & MORRIS LAKE RD	7	56.02	13.69	PARK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	13.42
27001	51	15C	HOLLAND CIRCLE - REAR	7.05	13	52.21	OPEN SPACE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	52.01
27001	72	15C	41 HOLLAND CIRCLE	7.04	1	2.99	PUMP HOUSE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	2.98
27004	2	15C	MAIN ST	13.10	29	2.66	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	2.66
27004	14	15C	GLEN RD	13.13	21	7.57	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	7.69
28001	7	15C	ADJ TO LOT 71	7	101	1.87	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.91
28002	5	15C	ADJ TO LOT 99	7	100	5.51	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	8.44
28002	6	15C	ADJ TO LOT 100	7	99	3.30	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	3.26
28002	7	15C	OFF RR	7	87	9.66	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	12.29
29001	100	15C	ADJ TO LOT 33	3	67	9.70	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	8.30
30001	1	15C	EDISON MOUNTAIN	1	1.09	11.40	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	11.40
30001	36	15C	91 EDISON TER	1	3.17	0.52	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.52

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30001	62	15C	14 KING ALEX CT	1.02	35	0.79	DETENTION BASIN	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.79
30001	71	15F	8 DOROTHY DR	1.02	26	1.03	DETENTION BASIN	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.03
30001	91	15C	11 MEGAN TER	1.02	6	1.96	STORM MANAGEMENT	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.95
30001	97	15C	OFF EDISON RD	1	9	2.00	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	2.75
31001	3	15C	7 LAKE SHORE DR	3.27	15.01	0.69	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.69
31001	5	15C	1 OVERLOOK DR	3.27	14	0.27	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.27
31001	6	15C	5 OVERLOOK DR	3.27	13.02	0.25	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.25
31001	7	15C	11 OVERLOOK DR	3.27	13.01	0.49	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.49
31001	8	15C	17 OVERLOOK DR	3.27	12	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
31001	9	15C	19 OVERLOOK DR	3.27	11	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
31001	10	15C	21 OVERLOOK DR	3.27	10	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
31001	11	15C	23 OVERLOOK DR	3.27	9	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
31001	12	15C	25 OVERLOOK DR	3.27	8	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
31001	13	15C	27 OVERLOOK DR	3.27	7	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
31001	15	15C	33 OVERLOOK DR	3.27	4	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
31001	16	15C	35 OVERLOOK DR	3.27	3	0.18	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.18
31001	17	15C	37 OVERLOOK DR	3.27	2	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
31001	18	15C	39 OVERLOOK DR	3.27	1	0.67	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.67
31001	20	15C	735 GLEN RD	3.27	26	0.16	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.16
31001	21	15C	6 VINE RD	3.27	25	0.23	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.23
31001	22	15C	10 VINE RD	3.27	24	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
31002	14	15C	730 GLEN RD	4.03	1	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.04
31002	39	15F	39 SUMMER TREE RUN	165	29	8.66	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	8.78
31002	87	15C	22 CONCORD TRL	165	31	0.17	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.17
31002	88	15F	11 FOX TRAIL RD	165	30	2.03	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.91
31002	89	15C	CASTLEWOOD TRL	4.02	9	0.18	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.19
31006	6	15C	6 CASTLEWOOD TRL	4.06	1	0.46	VACANT	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.45
31006	7	15C	10 CASTLEWOOD TRL	4.06	2	0.51	VACANT	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.63
32001	19	15C	11 MILL CREEK RD	3.35	19	0.54	WATER TANK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.54
32002	64	15C	51 WASHINGTON DR	3.16	8	0.16	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.19
32002	67	15C	40 BROOK DR	3.16	4	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.08
32002	68	15C	42 BROOK DR	3.16	3	0.07	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.08
32002	69	15F	44 BROOK DR	3.16	2	0.13	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.12
32002	70	15F	46 BROOK DR	3.16	1	0.21	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.21
32002	82	15C	41 OLIVE RD	3.08	1	0.19	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.18
32002	86	15C	14 PALM RD	3.08	13	0.05	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.05
32002	87	15C	16 PALM RD	3.08	14	0.23	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.20

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32002	88	15C	11 PALM RD	3.07	1	0.83	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.79
32002	90	15C	5 PALM RD	3.07	3	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
32002	91	15C	9 SYCAMORE RD	3.07	4	0.54	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.54
32002	93	15C	7 QUAIL RD	3.05	1	0.55	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.55
32002	94	15C	5 QUAIL RD	3.05	2	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
32002	95	15C	3 QUAIL RD	3.05	3	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
32002	97	15C	17 SYCAMORE RD	3.05	5	0.26	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.26
32002	98	15C	6 ROBIN RD	3.05	6	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
32002	99	15C	8 ROBIN RD	3.05	7	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
32002	100	15C	10 ROBIN RD	3.05	8	0.18	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.19
32002	101	15C	14 ROBIN RD	3.05	9	0.31	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.31
32002	102	15F	11 ROBIN RD	3.01	1	0.12	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.12
32002	103	15F	9 ROBIN RD	3.01	2	0.29	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.26
32002	104	15F	5 SWALLOW RD	3.01	3	0.58	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.59
32002	105	15C	9 SWALLOW RD	3.01	4	1.13	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.18
32002	106	15C	10 SWALLOW RD	3.03	1	0.56	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.56
32002	107	15C	4 SWALLOW RD	3.03	2	0.18	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.19
32002	108	15C	3 ROBIN RD	3.03	3	0.18	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.18
32002	110	15C	21 SYCAMORE RD	3.03	5	0.23	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.23
32002	111	15C	23 SYCAMORE RD	3.03	6	0.33	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.31
32002	131	15F	13 OLIVE RD	3.10	14	0.18	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.19
32002	132	15C	11 OLIVE RD	3.10	15	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.10
32002	134	15C	5 OLIVE RD	3.10	17	0.59	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.59
32002	136	15C	20 ASPEN RD	3.11	3	0.15	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.15
32002	137	15C	18 ASPEN RD	3.11	4	0.10	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.10
32002	138	15C	16 ASPEN RD	3.11	5	0.10	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.10
32002	139	15C	14 ASPEN RD	3.11	6	0.10	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.10
32002	140	15C	12 ASPEN RD	3.11	7	0.23	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.23
32002	141	15F	8 ASPEN RD	2.11	8	0.17	RESIDENCE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.18
32002	142	15C	6 ASPEN RD	3.11	9	0.12	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.13
32002	143	15C	4 ASPEN RD	3.11	10	0.33	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.32
32002	147	15C	14 WASHINGTON DR	3.21	7	0.12	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.12
32002	159	15C	71 LAKE SHORE DR	3.21	38	0.25	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.18
32002	160	15C	85 LAKE SHORE DR	3.06	3	0.17	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.11
32002	161	15C	693 GLEN RD	3.06	2	0.25	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.20
32002	162	15F	697 GLEN RD	3.06	1	0.2	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.20
32003	2	15F	5 FOREST RD	3.17	9	0.18	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.17

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32003	3	15C	9 FOREST RD	3.17	11	0.30	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.31
32003	7	15C	37 BROOK DR	3.17	3	0.24	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.23
32003	10	15C	29 BROOK DR	3.17	6	0.08	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.08
32004	16	15C	6 FOREST RD	3.18	8	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
32008	1	15C	3 BEECH RD	3.13	14	0.12	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.08
32008	2	15C	5 BEECH RD	3.13	16	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.08
32008	3	15C	7 BEECH RD	3.13	17	0.10	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
32008	4	15C	12 FAIRMONT RD	3.13	11	0.30	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.28
32008	5	15C	11 BEECH RD	3.13	18	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.08
32008	6	15C	13 BEECH RD	3.13	19	0.14	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.12
32008	18	15C	18 FAIRMONT RD	3.13	8	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.10
32008	19	15C	16 FAIRMONT RD	3.13	9	0.15	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.15
32008	20	15C	14 FAIRMONT RD	3.13	10	0.10	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.10
32008	21	15C	19 WASHINGTON DR	3.13	12	0.08	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.10
32008	22	15C	17 WASHINGTON DR	3.13	13	0.10	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
32009	7	15C	17 ASPEN RD	3.12	24	0.18	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.18
32009	8	15C	21 ASPEN RD	3.12	25	0.23	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.23
32009	9	15C	25 ASPEN RD	3.12	26	0.22	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.22
32009	10	15F	32 BEECH RD	3.12	1	0.23	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.23
32009	11	15C	30 BEECH RD	3.12	2	0.41	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.41
32011	11	15C	12 DANDELION RD	3.23	4	0.11	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.12
32012	7	15F	47 WASHINGTON DR	3.24	1	0.32	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.30
32012	8	15F	21 BROOK DR	3.24	2.02	0.31	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.33
32014	5	15C	24 BROOK DR	3.26	23	0.12	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.11
32014	6	15C	26 BROOK DR	3.26	24	0.05	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.05
32014	7	15C	28 BROOK DR	3.26	25	0.14	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.14
32014	8	15C	30 BROOK DR	3.26	26	0.05	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.05
32014	9	15C	52 WASHINGTON DR	3.26	1	0.14	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.14
32014	10	15C	42 OVERLOOK DR	3.26	2	0.07	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.07
32014	11	15C	40 OVERLOOK DR	3.26	3	0.05	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.05
32014	12	15C	38 OVERLOOK DR	3.26	4	0.06	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.06
32016	1	15C	701 GLEN RD	3.04	9	0.31	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.34
32016	12	15C	707 GLEN RD	3.04	7	0.14	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.14
32016	13	15C	705 GLEN RD	3.04	8	0.10	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.12
32017	17	15C	8 HIDDEN GLEN DR	3.33	28	7.45	PUMP HOUSE	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	7.68
32017	28	15C	591 GLEN RD	3.33	32	0.76	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.76
33001	28	15C	MILTON RD	4.15	18	3.20	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	3.22

2. Public Land

Public Property and Schools (Township and County)

Block	Lot	Class	Location	Prior Block	Prior Lot	Acres (Tax Data)	Facility Description	Owner	Acres (GIS)
33001	29	15C	143 MILTON RD	4	54.02	1.88	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.85
33002	4	15C	596 GLEN RD	4.16	29	16.03	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	15.73
33002	43	15F	REAR OF LOT 21	4.08	21.01	0.82	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.82
34004	11	15F	502 GLEN RD	4	42	0.63	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.63
34004	15	15C	522 GLEN RD	4	38	0.03	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.00
34004	51	15C	11 MILTON RD	4	45.04	0.46	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.46
35001	1	15C	116 EAST MOUNTAIN RD	13.13	34	0.16	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.16
35002	49	15C	51 MORNING STAR DR	6.25	18	0.91	PUMPING STATION	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.91
35006	7	15C	ADJ TO LOT 50	6	49.01	15.00	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	15.37
35006	10	15C	ADJ TO LOT 55	6	56.01	0.47	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.47
35006	54	15C	70 MORNING STAR DR	6.26	25	0.74	WATER TANK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.75
35006	127	15C	141 ARAPAHO TRL	6.01	17	0.07	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.07
35006	128	15C	139 ARAPAHO TRL	6.01	16	0.09	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.09
35006	141	15C	15 ARAPAHO TRL	6	107	5.50	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	6.74
35006	142	15C	238 GLEN RD	6	103	1.51	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.49
35006	146	15C	270 GLEN RD	6	106.02	0.33	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.29
36001	34	15C	83 HAYWARD RD	6	20	1.00	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.93
36001	39	15C	50 HAYWARD RD	6	16.02	0.19	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.19
36001	82	15C	OFF MILTON RD	6	121	25.94	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	19.18
36001	83	15C	OFF MILTON RD	6	33.02	1.65	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	2.48
37001	13	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6	34.35	0.20	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.20
37001	14	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6	34.33	0.58	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.58
37002	3	15C	647 WOODPORT RD	6.22	38	21.72	WATER TANK	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	17.64
37002	7	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.32	0.23	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.23
37002	9	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.34	0.33	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.33
37002	11	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.36	0.58	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.58
37002	12	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.28	1.50	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.52
37002	13	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.37	1.00	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.96
37002	22	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.48	0.10	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	0.00
37002	35	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.70	1.80	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.82
37002	36	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.71	1.80	VACANT LAND	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	1.82
			Total, Sparta Township:		944.86				929.80

2. Public Land: Transportation

Transportation (Railroad and NJDOT)

Block	Lot	Class	Location	Prior Block	Prior Lot	Acres (Tax Data)	Facility Description	Owner	Acres (GIS)
50000	30	5A	HOUSES CORNER RD	35	7	6.9		N Y S & W RAILROAD	7.31
50000	5	5A	HOUSES CORNER RD	33	10	4.96		N Y S & W RAILROAD	4.58
50000	12	5A	DEMAREST RD	32	11	3.64	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	4.04
50000	14	5A	LAFAYETTE RD	31	3	1.97	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	2.12
50000	31	5A	LAFAYETTE RD	19	45	16.64	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	15.92
50000	1	5A	LIMECREST RD	34	1	0.91	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	1.13
50000	38	5A	MAIN ST	7	60	24.44	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	24.46
50000	28	5A	KIMBERLYS POND	22	9	6.06	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	9.09
50000	9	5A	HOUSES CORNER RD	33	10.01	0.23	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.05
50000	8	5A	HOUSES CORNER RD	33	7.04	3.5	TROLLEY TRACKS	N Y S & W RAILROAD	3.44
50000	7	5A	DEMAREST RD	33	6	5.51	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	6.07
50000	15	5A	LAFAYETTE RD	26	5	15.45	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	23.28
50000	2	5A	HOUSES CORNER RD	33	6.01	3.64	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	5.19
50000	35	5A	SPARTA JUNCTION	12	2	3.11	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	3.11
50000	13	5B	LAFAYETTE RD	32	11.01	0.43	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.64
50000	39	5B	MAIN ST	7	60.04	0.45	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.45
50000	16	5B	ADJ TO LOT 39	26	5.01	1.79	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	1.58
50000	18	5B	ADJ TO LOT 46	26	5.03	0.8	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.80
50000	10	5B	DEMAREST RD	33	6.05	0.27	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.27
50000	27	5B	ADJ TO LOT 51	26	5.10	0.59	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.59
50000	34	5B	44 STATION RD	19	45.01	0.95	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.98
50000	19	5B	ADJ TO LOT 47	26	5.04	0.59	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.59
50000	36	5B	SPARTA JUNCTION	12	2.01	0.38	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.38
50000	29	5B	KIMBERLYS POND	22	9.02	1.65	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.70
50000	4	5B	ACROSS RR FROM LOT 6.04	33	6.03	2.51	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	2.87
50000	21	5B	ADJ TO LOT 47	26	5.06	0.1	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.10
50000	33	5B	LAFAYETTE RD	19	45.04	1.1	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.26
50000	17	5B	ADJ TO LOT 39	26	5.02	3.02	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	2.42
50000	40	5B	MAIN ST	7	60.01	0.2	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.20
50000	20	5B	ADJ TO LOT 36	26	5.05	0.48	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.48
50000	11	5B	DEMAREST RD	33	6.06	0.28	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.30
50000	32	5B	LAFAYETTE RD	19	45.05	0.26	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	1.10
50000	24	5B	ADJ TO LOT 33	26	5.09	0.38	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.38
50000	25	5B	ADJ TO LOT 49	26	5.11	0.24	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.24
50000	23	5B	ADJ TO LOT 34.01	26	5.08	0.17	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.17
50000	22	5B	ADJ TO LOT 47	26	5.07	0.64	RAILROAD	N Y S & W RAILROAD	0.64

2. Public Land: Transportation

Transportation (Railroad and NJDOT)

Block	Lot	Class	Location	Prior Block	Prior Lot	Acres (Tax Data)	Facility Description	Owner	Acres (GIS)
50000	3	5B	HOUSES CORNER RD	33	6.02	1.63	RAILROAD	NY S & W RAILROAD	0.50
50000	6	5B	ADJ TO LOT 7.02	33	6.04	0.56	RAILROAD	NY S & W RAILROAD	0.51
50000	37	5B	SPARTA JUNCTION	12	2.02	0.44	RAILROAD	NY S & W RAILROAD	0.44
50000	26	5B	LAKE GRINNELL	26	5.12	0.26	RAILROAD	NY S & W RAILROAD	0.26
				Total, Railroad:		117.13			127.64
10002	63	15C	1 SPARTA JUNCTION	19.02	54	0.11	VACANT LAND	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	0.10
11002	8	15F	446 LAFAYETTE RD	35	2	1.00	RESIDENCE	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	0.73
12009	2	15F	HOUSES CORNER RD	32	10	10.73	VACANT LAND	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	10.84
12009	3	15F	280 HOUSES CORNER RD	32	23	2.05	VACANT LAND	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	2.10
12009	6	15F	466 LAFAYETTE RD	32	17	0.68	VACANT LAND	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	0.72
12009	7	15C	462 LAFAYETTE RD	32	6	0.53	VACANT LAND	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	0.53
12009	8	15C	318 HOUSES CORNER RD	32	8.03	1.73	VACANT LAND	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	1.88
12009	9	15C	LAFAYETTE RD	32	8.01	1.22	VACANT LAND	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	1.22
12009	10	15C	318 HOUSES CORNER RD	32	9	0.26	VACANT LAND	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	0.26
26003	1	15C	STATION RD	12.03	1	0.27	RIGHT-OF-WAY	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	0.27
26005	2	15C	STATION RD	12.01	7.01	0.74	VACANT LAND	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	0.74
26006	7	15C	30 STATION RD	19	47	1.49	VACANT LAND	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	1.55
27008	1	15C	SPARTA JUNCTION	12.02	900	0.18	VACANT LAND	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	0.18
27009	1	15C	MAIN ST	12.02	1	0.14	RIGHT-OF-WAY	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	0.14
37001	9	15F	WALLACE TRACT	6	34.46	1.00	VACANT LAND	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	0.97
37001	10	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6	34.45	1.20	VACANT LAND	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	1.23
37002	23	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.49	0.22	VACANT LAND	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	0.22
37002	24	15C	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.50	0.60	VACANT LAND	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D O T	0.61
				Total, NJDOT:		24.15			24.29

2. Public Land: Utilities

Utilities, Newton Water Commission

Block	Lot	Class	Location	Prior Block	Prior Lot	Acres (Tax Data)	Owner	Acres (GIS)
27001	1	1	GLEN LAKE	7	15	529.54	NEWTON WATER COMMISSION	568.00
35006	140	1	272 GLEN RD	6	110	95.50	NEWTON WATER COMMISSION	91.53
			Total, Newton Water Commission:			625.04		659.53
12008	22	1	472 LAFAYETTE RD	32	5.02	0.14	JCP&L CO C/O FIRST ENERGY TAX DEPT	0.14
16001	90	1	75 WHITE LAKE RD	26	42.01	2.23	JCP&L CO C/O FIRST ENERGY TAX DEPT	2.01
26004	2	1	77 STATION RD	12.01	15.01	5.81	JCP&L CO C/O FIRST ENERGY TAX DEPT	5.78
26005	1	1	MAIN ST	12.01	3	1.65	JCP&L CO C/O FIRST ENERGY TAX DEPT	1.86
37001	6	1	REAR OF LOT 33.01	6	128	18.02	JCP&L CO C/O FIRST ENERGY TAX DEPT	16.21
						Total, JCP&L:	27.85	26.00
1003	33	1	45 NEWSTAR RIDGE	15	11.01	30.68	PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS CO	16.29
1003	81	1	R O W	15	19	15.94	PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS CO	17.02
1003	82	1	854 WOODPORT RD	15	9.01	18.62	PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS CO	19.24
1003	84	1	41 NEWSTAR RIDGE	15	11.09	9.88	PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS CO	9.27
1003	85	1	43 NEWSTAR RIDGE	15	11.10	7.83	PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS CO	8.07
34003	13	1	399 GLEN RD	5	4	1.85	PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS CO	1.81
36001	32	1	HAYWARD RD	6	18.03	9.60	PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS CO	9.21
36002	13	1	GLEN RD	6.34	4	4.60	PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS CO	4.15
37002	48	1	WALLACE TRACT	U.22	34.82	1.80	PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS CO	1.81
						Total, PSEG:	100.80	86.89

3. Private Recreation

Private Recreation: Museums, Lake Mohawk, Golf, Camp, Club

Block	Lot	Class	Location	Prior Block	Prior Lot	Acres (Tax Data)	Owner	Acres (GIS)	Facility Name
26001	98	15F	336 MAIN ST	11	4.02	2.99	SPARTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	3.03	Van Kirk Musuem
21001	59	1	STERLING HILL RD	9	5	13.2	STERLING HILL MINING MUSEUM, INC	12.51	Sterling Hill Mining Museum
			Total, Historic (Museums):		16.19			15.54	
4002	174	3B	63 LEDGEWOOD TRL	76	10	0.17	LAKE MOHAWK GOLF CLUB	0.17	Lake Mohawk Golf Club
4002	184	3B	309 WEST SHORE TRL	77	17.01	9.95	LAKE MOHAWK GOLF CLUB	9.13	Lake Mohawk Golf Club
4002	288	3B	LEDGEWOOD & FAIRWAY	80	1.02	10.22	LAKE MOHAWK GOLF CLUB	10.84	Lake Mohawk Golf Club
4002	218	4A	471 WEST SHORE TRL	80	1.01	82.85	LAKE MOHAWK GOLF CLUB	101.33	Lake Mohawk Golf Club
4002	163	3B	41 LEDGEWOOD TRL	76	21	0.14	LAKE MOHAWK GOLF CLUB	0.14	Lake Mohawk Golf Club
4002	177	3B	69 LEDGEWOOD TRL	76	7	0.17	LAKE MOHAWK GOLF CLUB	0.17	Lake Mohawk Golf Club
			Total, Lake Mohawk Golf Club:		103.5			121.77	
5047	11	2	138 EAST SHORE TRL	119	21.01	0.22	LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB	0.22	Lake Mohawk Yacht Club
5047	10	1	140 EAST SHORE TRL	119	21.02	0.15	LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB	0.15	Lake Mohawk Yacht Club
5047	12	2	136 EAST SHORE TRL	119	20	0.23	LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB	0.23	Lake Mohawk Yacht Club
			Total, Lake Mohawk Yacht Club:		0.6			0.61	
4008	50	1	OFF SUMMIT RD	39.19	17	3.51	LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	3.61	Alpine Field
5038	7	2	25 LAKEVIEW RD	130	8	0.59	LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.59	Hilltop-Lakeview Park
5049	17	4A	30 WEST SHORE TRL	143	21	0.5	LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.50	Boardwalk Playground
5054	5	2	4 RAINBOW TRL	144	1	0.75	LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.75	Rainbow Park
			Lake Mohawk Country Club:		5.35			5.46	
11001	48	4A	220 LAFAYETTE RD	35	11	149.35	SKYVIEW GOLF	150.04	SkyView Golf Club
11003	1	4A	226 LAFAYETTE RD	35.05	1	39.52	SKYVIEW GOLF	39.57	SkyView Golf Club
			Total, SkyView Golf:		188.87 (Preserved, Open Space Dedication)			189.60	
37002	50	1	WALLACE TRACT	6.22	34.05	2.7	WILLOW LAKE DAY CAMP	2.02	Willow Lake Day Camp
37002	53	1	855 WOODPORT RD	6.22	34.03	4.1	WILLOW LAKE DAY CAMP	9.87	Willow Lake Day Camp
			Total, Willow Lake Day Camp:		6.8			11.89	
26006	5	2	ALONG RR	19	46	7.35	PRIVATE	6.97	Club

4. Lakes and Lake Communities

Lakes and Lake Communities (Private and Public)

Block	Lot	Class	Location	Prior Block	Prior Lot	Acres (Tax Data)	Facility Description	Owner	Acres (GIS)	Lakes/Lake Communities
35007	6	1	138 ARAPAHO TRL	6.06	27	5.40	HOA	ARAPAHO LAKES ASSOCIATION	5.08	Arapaho Lake
37001	2	15C	90 BLUE HERON RD	6	43	75.65	Weldon Brook WMA HOA: OS	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	113.30	Blue Heron Lake
10001	1	3B	FOX HOLLOW LAKE	35	47.01	174.85	Dedication	FOX HOLLOW LAKE CLUB	177.78	Fox Hollow Lake
27001	22	2	15 MORRIS LAKE RD	7	37.01	15.53	HOA	GLEN LAKE BEACH CLUB	13.93	Glen Lake
34001	1	3B	64 RIDGE RD	7	5	92.60	Private	PRIVATE	97.32	Green Ridge Lake
28002	12	3B	HAWTHORNE LAKE	7	86	431.40	Private	HAWTHORNE PARK CLUB	432.65	Hawthorne Lake
16005	10	1	LAKE GRINNELL	26	50	39.70	HOA	LAKE GRINNELL ASSOC	39.69	Lake Grinnell
3015	19	1	1 LONGVIEW RD	100	4	0.23		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.23	
3023	17	2	402 EAST SHORE TRL	90	29	1.18		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.95	
3023	52	2	300 EAST SHORE TRL	102	21	0.51		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.47	
3023	57	2	286 EAST SHORE TRL	102	16	0.22		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.22	
3023	76	2	234 EAST SHORE TRL	107	5	0.53		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.19	
3033	14	1	100 HILLSIDE RD	104	8	0.21		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.21	
3038	14	1	165 SPRINGBROOK	113	19	1.43		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	1.42	
3045	24	1	104 HILLTOP TRL	123	3	0.21		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.21	
3045	56	1	61 PARK RD	116	34	0.33		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.33	
4001	76	2	532 WEST SHORE TRL	81	33	0.28		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.28	
4001	98	2	472 WEST SHORE TRL	78	66	0.34		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.34	
4001	149	2	328 WEST SHORE TRL	74	7	0.34		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.34	
4001	174	2	274 WEST SHORE TRL	74	45	0.10		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.10	
4001	182	1	252 WEST SHORE TRL	74	54	0.11		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.11	
4001	186	1	LAKE MOHAWK BED	151	2	719.80		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	719.80	
4002	51	2	215 ALPINE TRL	39	18	8.24		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	8.37	
4002	88	1	3 MOUNTAIN TER	54	15	3.39		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	2.32	
4002	124	1	23 HICKORY TRL	55	1	2.90		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	2.65	
4008	50	1	OFF SUMMIT RD	39.19	17	3.51		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB:	3.61	
4025	19	1	CRESTWOOD TRL	65	51.01	0.04		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.04	
4028	19	1	213 WEST SHORE TRL	67	34	0.10		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.10	
4028	21	1	221 WEST SHORE TRL	67	36	0.59		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.59	
4031	7	1	30 HEIGHWOOD TRL	79	36	0.18		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.18	
5001	1	1	SOUTH SHORE TRL	61.01	103.1	0.09		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.09	
5002	11	1	65 SOUTH SHORE TRL	61	80	0.48		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.34	
5002	58	1	UPPER LAKE MOHAWK	61	103	25.00		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB:	22.99	

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Lakes and Lake Communities (Private and Public)

Block	Lot	Class	Location	Prior Block	Prior Lot	Acres (Tax Data)	Facility Description	Owner	Acres (GIS)	Lakes/Lake Communities
5010	1	1	HAYES LN	72	15	0.04	HOA	LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.04	Lake Mohawk Country Club
5011	7	1	WEST SHORE TRL	72	27	1.44		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	1.63	
5016	65	4A	OFF MOHAWK AVE	39.01	1.03	0.87		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.87	
5016	66	1	ALDER DR	39.01	33	1.54		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	1.75	
5024	5	1	31 WEST SHORE TRL	150	10	0.24		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.24	
5024	6	4A	9 CHURCH LN	150	11	1.92		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	1.73	
5024	7	4A	11 WEST SHORE TRL	150	3	1.22		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	1.19	
5038	7	2	25 LAKEVIEW RD	130	8	0.59		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB:	0.59	
5042	10	1	89 SPRINGBROOK TRL	122.01	1	2.07		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	2.03	
5047	6	1	162 EAST SHORE TRL	119	25	0.08		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.08	
5047	8	2	148 EAST SHORE TRL	119	23	0.09		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.09	
5047	9	2	142 EAST SHORE TRL	119	22	0.15		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.15	
5047	23	1	98 EAST SHORE TRL	119	1	0.27		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.27	
5047	35	2	60 EAST SHORE TRL	127	12	0.43		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.43	
5048	9	1	16 EAST SHORE TRL	135	11	0.16		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.16	
5048	16	1	30 WHITE DEER PLZ	143	6	0.23		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.19	
5049	17	4A	30 WEST SHORE TRL	143	21	0.50		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB:	0.50	
5049	19	2	22 WEST SHORE TRL	143	15	0.97		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.15	
5049	23	4A	12 WEST SHORE TRL	143	10	0.59		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.39	
5049	24	4A	8 WEST SHORE TRL	143	9	0.31		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.31	
5050	1	1	BOARDWALK	143	11	0.74		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.74	
5054	5	2	4 RAINBOW TRL	144	1	0.75	HOA	LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB:	0.75	Lake Saginaw
5055	1	1	106 WEST SHORE TRL	70	38	0.05		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.05	
5056	1	1	WEST SHORE TRL	68	1.01	0.12		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.12	
5056	23	1	186 WEST SHORE TRL	70	3	2.23		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	2.29	
5056	45	1	90 WEST SHORE TRL	143	66	0.15		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	0.15	
10001	54	4A	245 SPARTA AVE	35	32.02	1.60		LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB	1.60	
Total, Lake Mohawk Country Club:				789.69					785.03	
2003	23	1	SAGINAW LAKE BED	6.13	75	14.17	HOA	SPARTA HILLS BEACH CLUB INC	15.99	Lake Saginaw
2003	27	2	45 LAKE TER	6.13	44	0.86		SPARTA HILLS BEACH CLUB INC	0.86	
2004	21	1	40 LAKE TER	6.19	1	0.32		SPARTA HILLS BEACH CLUB INC	0.32	

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2003	7	1	EAST MOUNTAIN RD	6.13	1.03	0.06		SPARTA HILLS BEACH CLUB INC	0.05	
2003	9	1	39 EAST MOUNTAIN	6.13	1.01	0.54		SPARTA HILLS BEACH CLUB INC	0.63	
			Total, Lake Saginaw:			15.95				17.85
29001	12	1	22 CAMELOT RD	3	11	10.00	HOA	MADONNA LK PROP OWNERS	9.96	Madonna Lake (Acquackanonk Lake)
27001	1	1	GLEN LAKE	7	15	529.54		NEWTON WATER COMMISSION	568.00	
35006	140	1	272 GLEN RD	6	110	95.50	Private/Utility	NEWTON WATER COMMISSION	91.53	Morris Lake
			Total, Morris Lake			625.04				659.53 (private, utility)
20002	17	2	MUD POND RD	8	11	18.00	Private	PRIVATE	18.98	Mud Pond
29001	95	4A	485 GLEN RD	3	66	2.83	Private	ROCK ISLAND LAKE CLUB	2.79	Rock Island Lake
30001	11	15C	GLEN RD-EDISON MT	1	2	676.50	Sparta Mountain	STATE OF NEW JERSEY D E P	532.04	Ryker Lake
3001	118	1	157 SENECA LAKE RD	16.08	19	0.31		SENECA LAKE CLUB	0.31	
3001	122	1	149 SENECA LAKE RD	16.08	14	0.09		SENECA LAKE CLUB	0.09	
3001	123	1	147 SENECA LAKE RD	16.08	13	0.09		SENECA LAKE CLUB	0.09	
3001	124	4A	145 SENECA LAKE RD	16.08	12	0.16		SENECA LAKE CLUB	0.16	
3001	125	1	SENECA LAKE RD	16.08	15	0.12		SENECA LAKE CLUB	0.12	Seneca Lake
3001	126	1	137 SENECA LAKE RD	16.08	11	0.79	HOA	SENECA LAKE CLUB	0.79	
3001	127	1	SENECA LAKE	16	9.02	12.80		SENECA LAKE CLUB	12.44	
3001	115	1	114 TOMAHAWK TRL	16.08	22	0.14		SENECA LAKE CLUB	0.14	
3001	116	1	118 TOMAHAWK TRL	16.08	21	0.11		SENECA LAKE CLUB	0.11	
3001	117	1	159 SENECA LAKE RD	16.08	20	0.04		SENECA LAKE CLUB	0.04	
			Total, Seneca Lake:			14.65				14.30
32015	1	1	LAKE BED	3.02	1	17.00	HOA	SPARTA LK PR OWNERS	17.04	Sparta Lake
32016	8	1	4 LAKE SHORE DR	3.04	1	0.06		SPARTA LK PR OWNERS	0.06	
			Total, Sparta Lake:			17.06				17.10
35002	12	1	6 ROSE LN	6.25	17	25.43	HOA	SUNSET LAKE HOMEOWNERS	25.81	Sunset Lake & Upper Sunset Lake
16001	23	15C	201 WHITE LAKE RD	26	46	59.70	White Lake	TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	59.38	White Lake
16001	24	3B	251 WHITE LAKE RD	26	47	89.54	NJDEP Easement	CAMP SACAJAWEA, LLC	90.54	
			Total, White Lake:			149.24		Total, White Lake	149.93	(preserved)
			Total, Lakes/Lake Communities:			3,179.52				3,113.07
			Total, Lakes/Lake Communities, PRESERVED:			1,076.24				973.05
			Total, Lakes (Newton Water):			625.04				659.53
			Total, Lakes/Lake Communities, PRIVATE:			1,478.24				1,480.49

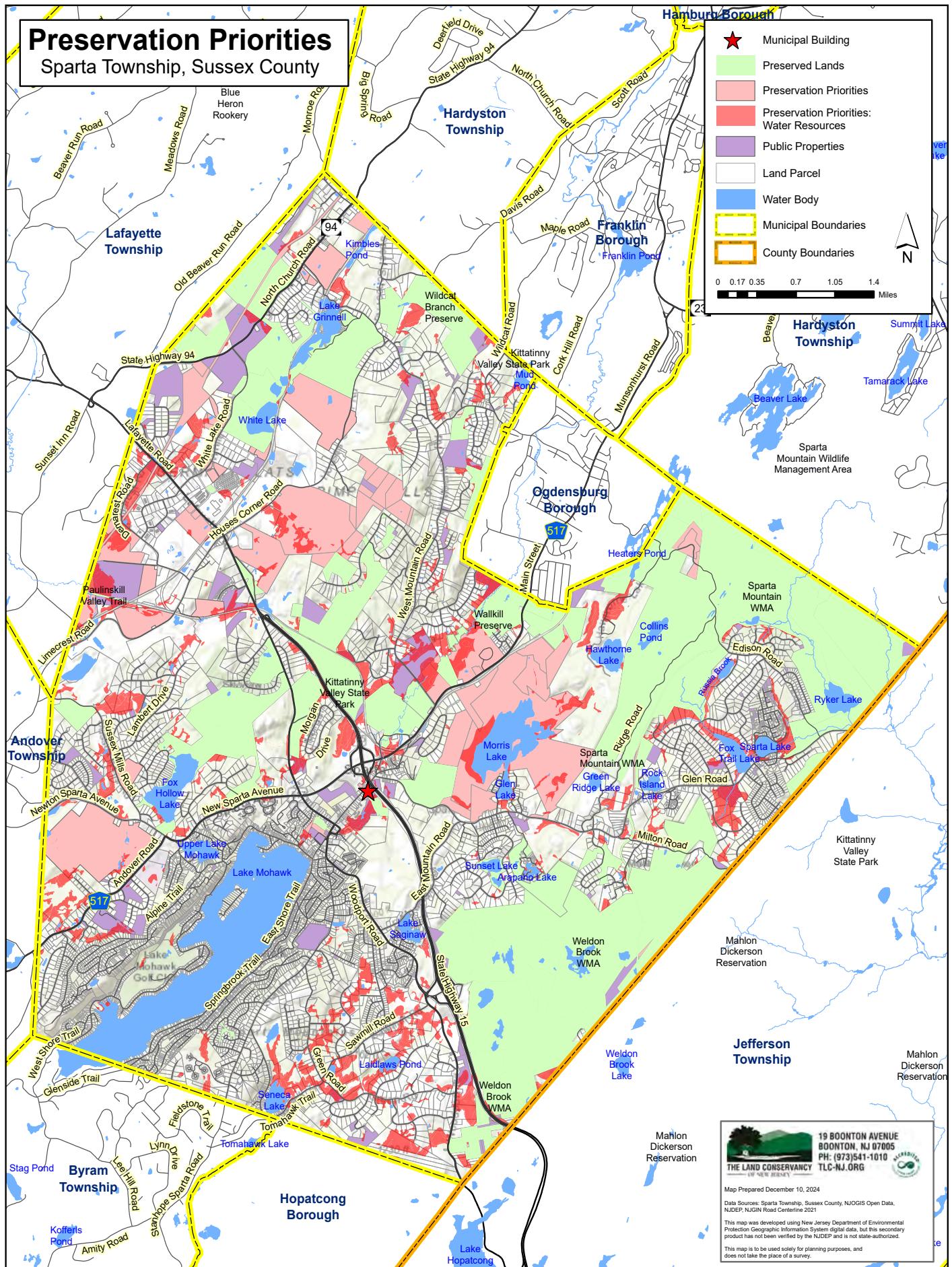
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SPARTA TWP	1003	78	1	806 WOODPORT RD	27.87	12.49	44.82%
SPARTA TWP	1003	80	1	WOODPORT RD	34.72	24.17	69.62%
SPARTA TWP	1003	81	1	R O W	17.02	1.80	10.55%
SPARTA TWP	2001	52	15C	BACK OF MUNICIPAL BLDG	9.92	8.25	83.17%
SPARTA TWP	2001	53	15C	VILLAGE LANE REAR	17.35	14.68	84.63%
SPARTA TWP	2004	2	3B	87 WOODPORT RD	33.92	7.09	20.89%
SPARTA TWP	3100	1	1	CANTERBURY DR	78.43	10.69	13.63%
SPARTA TWP	5016	68	15C	ALDER DR	1.39	1.29	92.37%
SPARTA TWP	9001	2	3A	66 SUSSEX MILLS RD	17.22	10.47	60.78%
SPARTA TWP	9001	62	2	54 FARMBROOK RD	3.69	2.25	60.98%
SPARTA TWP	9001	63	2	43 FARMBROOK RD	1.99	1.16	58.16%
SPARTA TWP	9001	74	3A	128 SUSSEX MILLS RD	19.36	5.01	25.88%
SPARTA TWP	9001	75	2	80 SUSSEX MILLS RD	1.82	1.09	59.93%
SPARTA TWP	10001	1	3B	FOX HOLLOW LAKE	177.78	48.84	27.47%
SPARTA TWP	10001	4	3B	86 LAFAYETTE RD	97.51	3.96	4.06%
SPARTA TWP	10001	5	3A	52 LAFAYETTE RD	10.81	1.32	12.17%
SPARTA TWP	10001	11	4A	115 SPARTA AVE	25.33	3.19	12.60%
SPARTA TWP	10001	14	4A	125 SPARTA AVE	6.59	2.34	35.46%
SPARTA TWP	10002	5	15C	35 LAFAYETTE RD	9.89	8.23	83.15%
SPARTA TWP	10002	18	2	20 MORGAN DR	1.99	1.02	51.22%
SPARTA TWP	10002	32	2	56 MORGAN DR	3.51	2.08	59.16%
SPARTA TWP	10002	47	2	21 LINKS CT	9.71	1.78	18.29%
SPARTA TWP	10002	51	2	9 LINKS CT	3.23	1.31	40.65%
SPARTA TWP	10002	52	2	7 LINKS CT	2.91	1.44	49.67%
SPARTA TWP	10002	61	1	11 SPARTA JUNCTION	100.64	25.09	24.93%
SPARTA TWP	10004	7	3B	SPARTA AVE	12.07	6.01	49.74%
SPARTA TWP	11001	6	3A	300 LAFAYETTE RD	26.22	1.40	5.35%
SPARTA TWP	11002	26	15C	1 PRIMROSE LN	18.09	7.42	41.01%
SPARTA TWP	11002	30	1	342 LAFAYETTE RD	1.21	1.16	96.04%
SPARTA TWP	12001	1	3B	4 HOUSES CORNER RD	24.44	2.89	11.82%
SPARTA TWP	12001	3	3B	ADJ TO LOT 12.01	7.30	6.94	95.01%
SPARTA TWP	12001	4	15C	15 PRICES LN	82.51	24.66	29.89%
SPARTA TWP	12001	10	15C	PRICES LN	9.91	4.84	48.88%
SPARTA TWP	12001	11	1	ALONG L H&H RR	6.42	2.20	34.36%
SPARTA TWP	12002	1	3B	104 DEMAREST RD	43.22	13.69	31.68%
SPARTA TWP	12002	4	3B	ADJ TO LOT 17	3.77	2.87	76.18%
SPARTA TWP	12002	11	3B	114 DEMAREST RD	13.24	7.90	59.64%
SPARTA TWP	12005	2	3B	236 DEMAREST RD	6.59	1.06	16.02%
SPARTA TWP	12005	3	4A	240 DEMAREST RD	8.77	2.54	28.99%
SPARTA TWP	12005	9	2	43 FIDDLERS WAY	2.88	1.19	41.22%
SPARTA TWP	12006	2	2	161 DEMAREST RD	7.74	6.74	87.16%
SPARTA TWP	12006	3	1	DEMAREST RD	1.03	1.02	99.36%
SPARTA TWP	12006	4	1	DEMAREST RD	10.67	10.45	97.88%
SPARTA TWP	12006	5	15C	LAFAYETTE RD	3.37	3.23	95.97%
SPARTA TWP	12006	7	4A	580 LAFAYETTE RD	5.92	3.57	60.38%
SPARTA TWP	12006	8	1	572 LAFAYETTE RD	4.04	1.10	27.15%
SPARTA TWP	12006	25	1	133 DEMAREST RD	8.63	2.54	29.47%
SPARTA TWP	12012	2	3A	160 HOUSES CORNER RD	59.03	4.48	7.60%
SPARTA TWP	13001	29	3B	180 WHITE LAKE RD	6.00	1.02	16.97%
SPARTA TWP	13001	30	3A	172 WHITE LAKE RD	24.82	12.33	49.67%
SPARTA TWP	13001	31	3B	WHITE LAKE RD	37.36	6.62	17.73%
SPARTA TWP	13001	40	4A	12 BROOKFIELD DR	4.09	1.24	30.35%
SPARTA TWP	13001	41	4A	26 BROOKFIELD DR	5.26	2.98	56.69%
SPARTA TWP	13001	42	1	38 BROOKFIELD DR	3.17	1.66	52.43%
SPARTA TWP	14001	5	3B	ADJ TO LAFAYETTE TWP	49.07	6.05	12.33%
SPARTA TWP	14001	12	15C	70 KIMBLE LN	16.90	1.23	7.28%

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SPARTA TWP	14001	40	4A	294 NO CHURCH RD	5.25	1.55	29.56%
SPARTA TWP	14001	45	15C	NORTH CHURCH RD	24.68	5.63	22.83%
SPARTA TWP	14001	49			29.79	4.04	13.56%
SPARTA TWP	16001	26	15A	105 NO CHURCH RD	28.02	4.10	14.63%
SPARTA TWP	16001	28	15C	SADDLE RIDGE RD - REAR	24.57	2.27	9.26%
SPARTA TWP	17001	4	3B	429 LAFAYETTE RD	83.82	5.73	6.83%
SPARTA TWP	17001	25	3A	3 LAYTON LN	111.85	2.65	2.37%
SPARTA TWP	20001	3	3A	64 WILDCAT RD	32.20	3.78	11.74%
SPARTA TWP	20001	9	2	1 ARIELLE WAY	7.07	2.64	37.33%
SPARTA TWP	20001	21	2	3 ARIELLE WAY	4.06	2.23	54.84%
SPARTA TWP	21001	11	2	411 WEST MOUNTAIN RD	5.93	2.57	43.25%
SPARTA TWP	21001	39	15C	COTTONWOOD TR (REAR)	4.74	3.08	64.97%
SPARTA TWP	23001	4	15C	PIMPLE HILL	11.31	1.97	17.46%
SPARTA TWP	23001	5			18.73	1.91	10.19%
SPARTA TWP	23001	28	1	45 CROWNVIEW CT	15.43	1.39	9.03%
SPARTA TWP	25001	10	2	33 GRAPHIC BLVD	3.43	1.79	52.29%
SPARTA TWP	26001	15	2	18 HEATHER LN	8.68	4.83	55.61%
SPARTA TWP	26001	18	2	27 MEREDITH DR	9.69	7.70	79.40%
SPARTA TWP	26001	22	2	35 MEREDITH DR	2.08	1.09	52.57%
SPARTA TWP	26001	23	2	38 MEREDITH DR	3.15	1.06	33.54%
SPARTA TWP	26001	31	2	12 SUNRISE CT	4.57	1.89	41.41%
SPARTA TWP	26001	32	2	13 SUNRISE CT	4.96	2.93	59.03%
SPARTA TWP	26001	37	2	38 OLD CEDAR DR	2.60	1.69	65.20%
SPARTA TWP	26001	38	2	44 OLD CEDAR DR	2.79	1.56	55.68%
SPARTA TWP	26001	39	2	48 OLD CEDAR DR	2.75	1.26	45.84%
SPARTA TWP	26001	46	15C	70 OLD CEDAR DR	9.14	8.82	96.42%
SPARTA TWP	26001	63	15C	ADJ TO LOT 11	9.81	9.67	98.51%
SPARTA TWP	26001	64	1	486 MAIN ST	3.36	3.14	93.30%
SPARTA TWP	26001	65	1	MAIN ST	2.65	1.27	47.84%
SPARTA TWP	26001	68	2	420 MAIN ST	4.39	1.50	34.18%
SPARTA TWP	26001	97	15A	350 MAIN ST	91.55	28.62	31.26%
SPARTA TWP	26001	100	4A	276 MAIN ST	18.44	13.33	72.32%
SPARTA TWP	26001	101	15A	17 WEST MOUNTAIN RD	30.63	14.25	46.52%
SPARTA TWP	26001	103	15A	WEST MOUNTAIN RD	48.92	24.07	49.19%
SPARTA TWP	26002	1	2	28 SCHINDLER DR	9.92	8.49	85.57%
SPARTA TWP	26002	3	2	20 SCHINDLER DR	10.49	8.36	79.68%
SPARTA TWP	26002	4	2	16 SCHINDLER DR	3.36	2.34	69.65%
SPARTA TWP	26002	9	15A	70 WEST MOUNTAIN RD	27.37	6.73	24.58%
SPARTA TWP	26002	15	15C	70 STATION RD	1.35	1.10	81.44%
SPARTA TWP	26004	1	15C	65 STATION RD	4.41	3.60	81.59%
SPARTA TWP	26004	2	1	77 STATION RD	5.78	3.24	56.12%
SPARTA TWP	26005	1	1	MAIN ST	1.86	1.61	86.84%
SPARTA TWP	26006	5	2	ALONG RR	6.97	3.63	52.05%
SPARTA TWP	26006	7	15C	30 STATION RD	1.55	1.20	77.41%
SPARTA TWP	26007	34	1	24 ECHO DR	7.26	3.50	48.21%
SPARTA TWP	26007	35	15C	ECHO DR	4.00	3.98	99.56%
SPARTA TWP	27001	1	1	GLEN LAKE	568.01	66.94	11.79%
SPARTA TWP	27001	24	1	233 GLEN RD	4.43	2.56	57.90%
SPARTA TWP	27004	14	1	GLEN RD	7.69	1.31	17.07%
SPARTA TWP	28002	3	3B	OFF MAIN ST & RAILROAD	31.04	1.10	3.53%
SPARTA TWP	28002	12	3A	HAWTHORNE LAKE	432.66	52.39	12.11%
SPARTA TWP	29001	3	2	65 RIDGE RD	11.42	3.44	30.14%
SPARTA TWP	29001	5	2	83 RIDGE RD	21.78	2.79	12.79%
SPARTA TWP	29001	7	1	EDISON RD	16.76	2.13	12.70%
SPARTA TWP	29001	13	2	54 CAMELOT RD	8.47	4.66	54.97%
SPARTA TWP	29001	14	2	62 CAMELOT RD	9.52	4.90	51.54%

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SPARTA TWP	29001	44	2	3 MT PLEASANT RD	3.92	2.23	56.75%
SPARTA TWP	29001	45	2	29 WATERS EDGE	3.74	1.50	40.13%
SPARTA TWP	29001	46	2	27 WATERS EDGE	5.30	3.66	69.01%
SPARTA TWP	29001	47	2	23 WATERS EDGE	4.08	3.03	74.28%
SPARTA TWP	29001	48	2	19 WATERS EDGE	5.93	4.52	76.18%
SPARTA TWP	29001	49	2	15 WATERS EDGE	6.34	4.61	72.81%
SPARTA TWP	29001	50	2	9 WATERS EDGE	2.19	1.09	49.88%
SPARTA TWP	29001	51	2	5 WATERS EDGE	2.20	1.31	59.45%
SPARTA TWP	29001	53	2	46 PHEASANT WALK	4.31	2.45	56.78%
SPARTA TWP	29001	57	2	37 PHEASANT WALK	3.27	1.48	45.23%
SPARTA TWP	30001	69	2	1 KING ALEX CT	1.83	1.04	56.94%
SPARTA TWP	30001	70	2	6 DOROTHY DR	2.27	1.12	49.29%
SPARTA TWP	30001	72	2	8 FREDERICK PL	3.39	1.57	46.27%
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SPARTA TWP	50000	30	5A	HOUSES CORNER RD	7.31	1.20	16.39%
SPARTA TWP	50000	35	5A	SPARTA JUNCTION	3.11	1.45	46.64%
Total, High Priority Lands in Sparta for Water Resource Protection:						3,542.05	881.85
Number of High Priority Parcels:						158	

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Township Website News Flash Post (May 16, 2024)

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Please plan on joining us on the 13th. We want to hear from you about your vision for Sparta Township's open spaces!

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Township Facebook Post (May 16, 2024) and TLCNJ Facebook Post (June 13, 2024)



The Land Conservancy of New Jersey

6 hours ago ·

...

Sparta Township is looking for community input and participation as they update their Open Space and Recreation Plan for the first time in 20 years--wow! If you can't attend the meeting in person, check out the livestream on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@SpartaTwpstreams>



Sparta Township, New Jersey

May 16 at 2:57 PM ·

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You and 1 other



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1. Public Workshop - June 13, 2024 Environmental Commission

Agenda



TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, June 13, 2024
7:00 pm

Live in the Council Chambers @ the Municipal Building

<https://www.youtube.com/@SpartaTwpstreams>

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that action will be taken on the following items at the Sparta Environmental Commission meeting Thursday, June 13, 2024.

TIME: The meeting is called to order at 7:00 pm

STATEMENT: Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the public and the press on January 5, 2024, by delivering to the Press and posting on the Township website a copy of the notice.

Agenda Is Subject to Change

1. Public Workshop - June 13, 2024 Environmental Commission Presentation



Sparta Township

Update to the Open Space and Recreation Plan
Public Meeting

June 13, 2024

 Sparta Township

While we wait to get started, please join our Poll Everywhere
by scanning this QR code:
(or visiting <https://pollev.com/barbaradavis928>)



The Land Conservancy of New Jersey

We preserve, restore, and care for land and water resources, inspiring and empowering individuals and communities to protect open space.



Why update the Open Space Plan?



Green Acres Guidelines



Completing an Open Space Plan opens the opportunity for state grants.

The Township would qualify for Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant funding:
<https://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres>

1. Public Workshop - June 13, 2024 Environmental Commission

Presentation

Components of an Open Space and Recreation Plan

							
Executive Summary	Goals of the Open Space Program	Community Meetings	History of the Open Space Program	Open Space Inventory	Recreation Resources	Historic and Cultural Resources	Planning Consistency
Highlights the community's recreational and ecological amenities and open space successes.	Offers a picture of why the town wants to purchase and preserve land for open space and recreation.	Engaging the public is a key part of the Open Space Plan.	Provides information on the town's Open Space Trust Fund, grants received, and land preserved.	Documents preserved, public, and private land in Sparta Township.	Inventories recreational areas and facilities within the municipality.	Provides a picture of locally and regionally important historic sites in the municipality.	Ensures consistency between the Open Space Plan and the Master Plan.

Recommendations

	
Preservation Recommendations	Action Plan

Recommends opportunities for preserving additional land and improving existing resources.

Provides a general timeline for meeting Sparta's open space goals.



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water quality
habitat improvement
land community
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schools erosion
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facilities soil core drainage/runoff
natural sparta glen park congestion
clustering greenways
redevelopment
highlands town center
underutilized brownfields
historic attractive
woodlands

1. Public Workshop - June 13, 2024 Environmental Commission Presentation

Live Questions Using Poll Everywhere

Poll Everywhere is a live polling platform that can be used to gather audience responses in real time.

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Schedule and Deliverables

Kickoff Meetings

With the Environmental Commission, Staff and Recreation Dept.

March-June 2024

First Public Meeting

Hosted by the Environmental Commission

June 13, 2024

= We are here

Plan Adoption

Township will approve and adopt the Plan Update as an Element of the Master Plan and submit to Green Acres

Second Public Meeting

To present and review the Plan Update

Next Steps

1. Prepare Draft Report
2. Review by Environmental Commission and Township Staff
3. Present to Planning Board and Public
4. Adopt as an Element of the Township Master Plan
5. Submit to NJDEP Green Acres



Site Visit

TLCNJ attended site visits and tour with the Environmental Commission and Staff

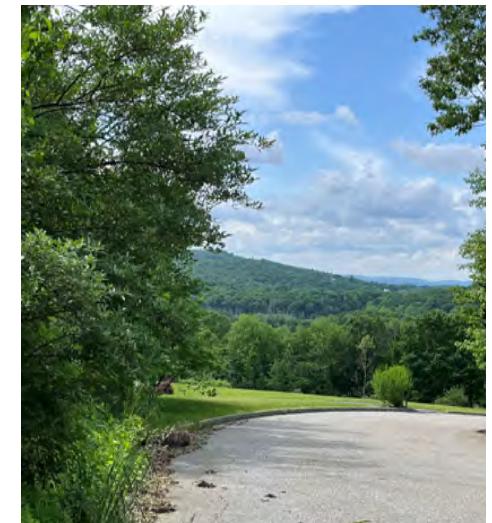
May 23, 2024 and April 8, 2024

Draft Preparation

TLCNJ will prepare drafts for review

Final Plans

TLCNJ will provide the final Plan Update



1. Public Workshop - June 13, 2024 Environmental Commission

Notes

Sparta Township – Environmental Commission

Public Meeting: Open Space and Recreation Plan – Thursday, June 13, 2024

The meeting was streamed online at <https://www.youtube.com/@SpartaTwp/streams>.

Open Space and Recreation Plan

Kim, Chair EC:

- ✓ Open Space falls under the purview of the Environmental Commission
- ✓ Township received a grant from the Highlands Council to update the Open Space Plan
- ✓ The plan is being updated to:
 - Support tourism and businesses: in 2023 over 3.5 million people visited Sussex County
 - Sparta's upcoming Master Plan update makes it a good time to update OSRP
 - Sparta currently has bronze certification for Sustainable New Jersey and would like to achieve silver – an Open Space Plan garners 10 points towards recertification.

Poll Everywhere Questions

Question 1: Why do you live in Sparta Township? What makes it so special? (Word cloud)

Question 2: Which Township Park do you visit the most? (Multiple choice, select up to 3)

Question 3: What do you like so much about these parks? (Word cloud)

Question 4: Why should Sparta update its Plan? What would you like to see as an outcome of the Plan? (Short answer, with ability to like)

Question 5: What recreation facilities could use an upgrade? What new things would you like to see added to the parks? (Short answer, with ability to like)

Question 6: Where would you like to see land preserved in Sparta? Why? (Short answer, with ability to like)

Open Questions

- Citizen 1(Mike)
 - Would like to see Township preserve land to protect the future appearance of the town, would like acquisition to maintain character of town

2. Open Space Survey

Township News Flash Post (June 28, 2024)

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Posted on: June 28, 2024

Sparta Open Space and Recreation Plan Public Survey

Sparta Open Space and Recreation Plan

Public Survey

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey is updating Sparta Township's Open Space and Recreation Plan. In order to identify goals and recommendation for the plan, we are gathering input from the community. Please fill out this 5 minute survey so we can incorporate your feedback.

[Please click here to access the survey ...](#)

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Email to Community Pass System Users (July 2, 2024)

Below is a link residents can use to fill out a **survey** being distributed by the Sparta Township Environmental Commission as part of its effort to update our Open Space and Recreation Plan. The update includes an inventory of all recreational areas in the Township, including our parks, playgrounds, and fields.

This is not a parks master plan; it is a listing of what we currently have available to residents. The plan will provide general recommendations regarding our facilities and the care of our natural areas. If you would like to participate in decisions on Sparta Township's open spaces, please go to the attached link and complete the short **survey**.

[Sparta Township - Survey for the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update](#)

Thank you for taking part in our Open Space plan update

2. Open Space Survey

Tap into Sparta Newsletter (July 22, 2024)

Sparta Residents Asked to Complete Survey for Updated Open Space and Recreation Plan

Sparta Environmental Commission working with Land Conservancy of New Jersey to build the plan

Sparta Glen
Jennifer Dericks

By Jennifer Dericks

Published July 22, 2024 at 12:11 AM
Last Updated July 22, 2024 at 10:37 AM

SPARTA, NJ – The Sparta Environmental Commission, a statutory board, is working with the Land Conservancy of New Jersey to update Open Space and Recreation Plan for the community. They are asking Sparta residents to complete a [survey](#) to help them “identify goals and recommendations for the plan.”

The [survey](#) takes about five minutes to complete. It will be open until the end of the week, according to Environmental Commission Vice Chair Neil Sauerwein.

The Land Conservancy will compile the results to help develop the plan for the township. [Click here for the survey.](#)

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2. Open Space Survey

Survey Questions and Results

Township of Sparta 2024

Open Space and Recreation Public Survey: Results

Sparta Township's Environmental Commission distributed this Open Space and Recreation Survey to collect resident and community stakeholder input regarding the update of its Open Space and Recreation Plan.

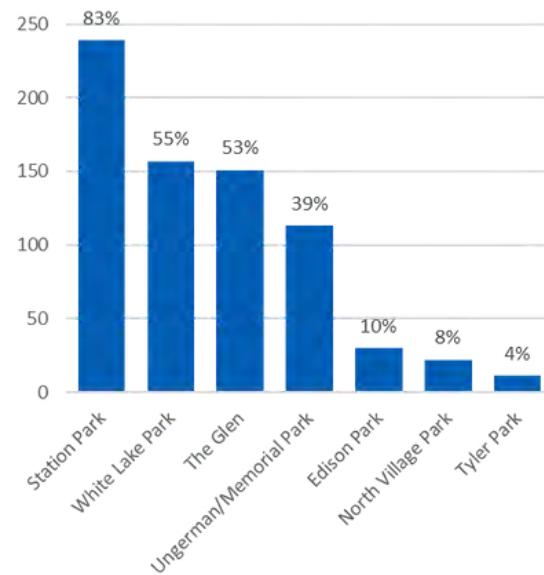
Responses were collected via live polling at the June 13, 2024 Environmental Commission meeting and via an online survey shared to the Township's newsfeed and Facebook page, to Community Pass System users, and to subscribers to the Tap into Sparta newsletter.

After a month and a half of outreach, the survey received a total of 334 responses. These responses are summarized below.

1 Why do you live in Sparta Township? What makes it so special?



2 Which Township parks do you visit the most?



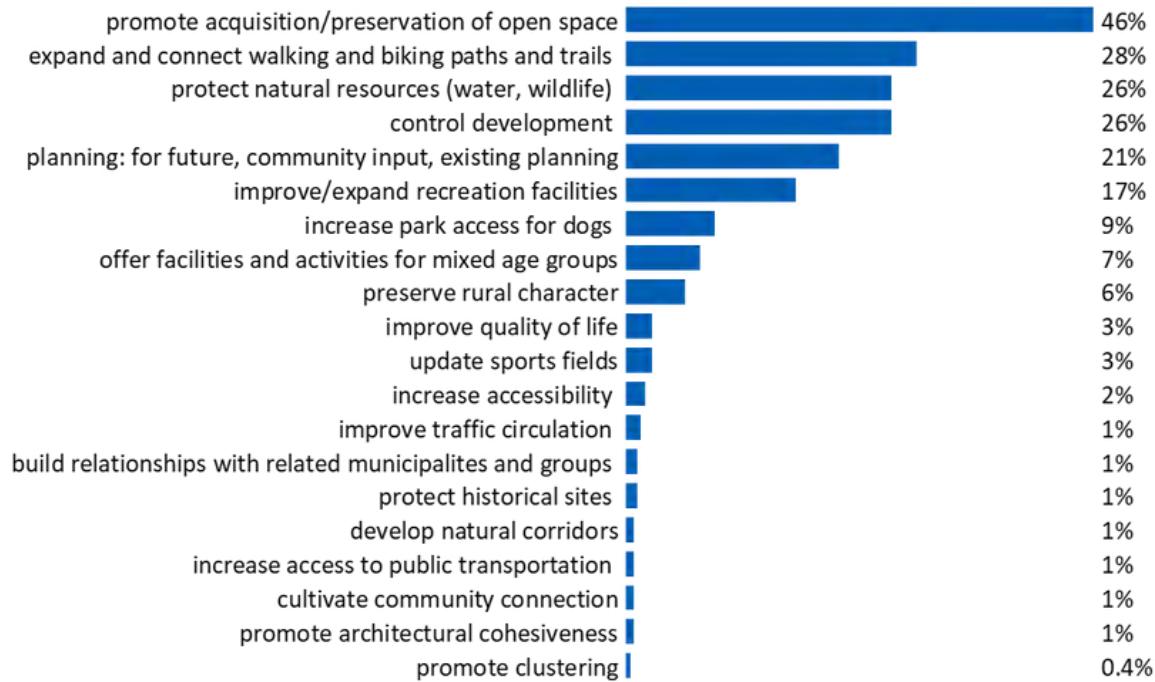
3 What do you like so much about these parks?



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Survey Questions and Results

4 Why should Sparta update its Plan? What would you like to see as an outcome of the Plan?



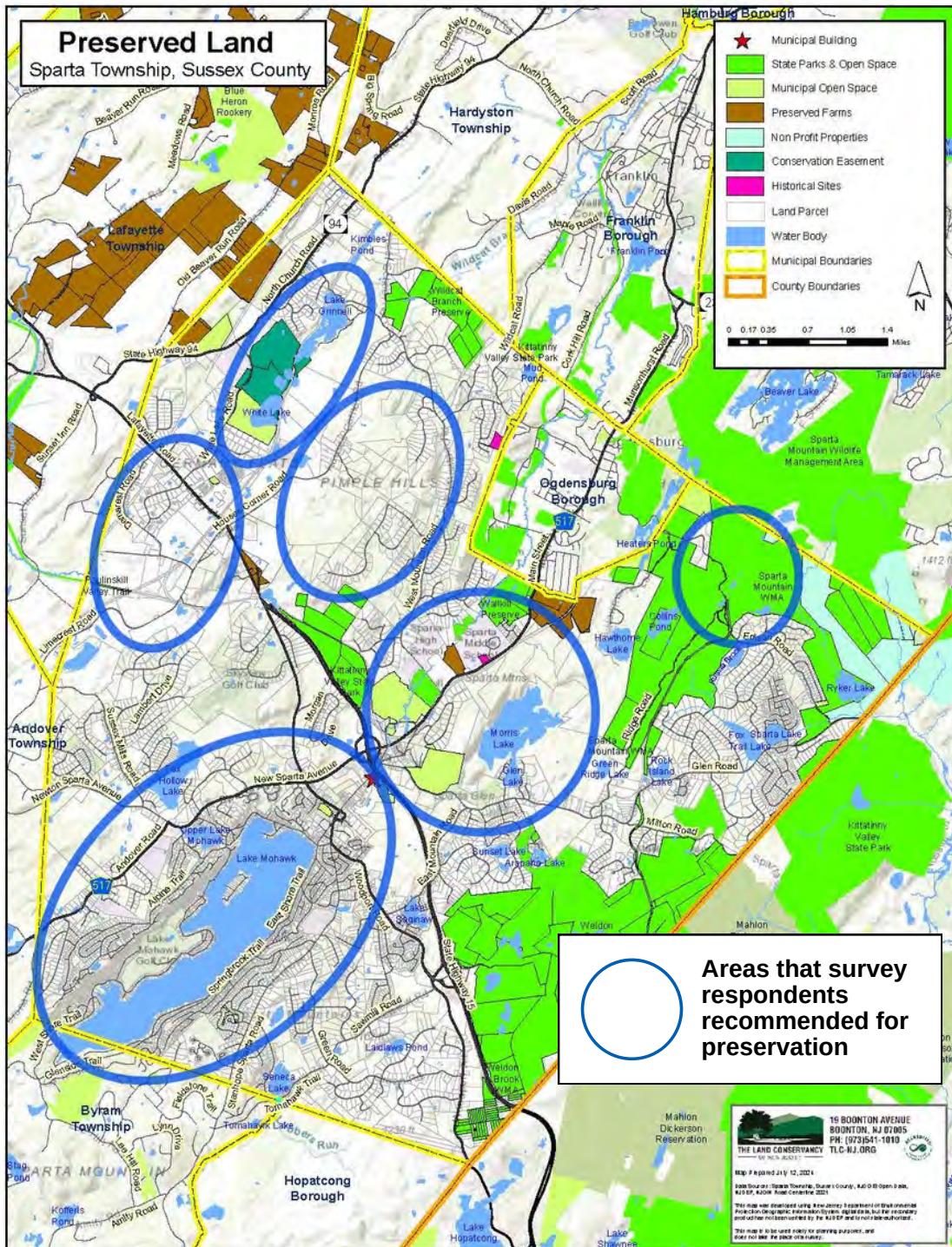
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Survey Questions and Results

5 Where would you like to see land preserved in Sparta?



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3. Public Meeting - November 6, 2024 Planning Board

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Township of Sparta Planning Board

Sparta Township Municipal Building Courtroom 7:00 PM
65 Main Street, Sparta, NJ 07871

MEETING AGENDA OF WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6TH, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

No New Business/Testimony to be conducted after 9:30 P.M., and the meeting will end at 10:00 P.M.

<https://www.youtube.com/@SpartaTwp>

I. ANNOUNCEMENT: Open Public Meetings Act Statement - Adequate notice of this public meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Formal action may or may not be taken.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL: Justin Kanellis, Ernie Reigstad, Christine Dunbar, Mike Sylvester, Vice Chairman Bill Enright, Chairman Ron Day, Deputy Mayor Dean Blumetti, Joan Furman, Jeannette Burke, Celeste Luciano, Bryan Zimmermann

IV. OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

- Open Space & Recreation Plan - Presentation and Discussion
- PDRM-2 Zone - Max Building Size and Required Impact Statements Discussion
- Ordinance 24-16 Cannabis - Discussion and possible recommendation to the Town Council

V. UPDATES

- Town Council
- Environmental Commission
- Subcommittees

VI. RESOLUTION

Resolution 2024-21 - PB#24-721 Branstone - 26 Gail Ct Unit A - B 12008 Lot 11 - ED Zone - Site Plan Change in Tenancy - Eligible to Vote: Deputy Mayor Dean Blumetti, Jeannette Burke, Joan Furman, Justin Kanellis, Celeste Luciano, Ernie Reigstad, Bryan Zimmermann, Chairman Ron Day

VII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For comments on matters not on the agenda and matters not related to a hearing on an application for development

III. ADJOURNMENT

3. Public Meeting - November 6, 2024 Planning Board
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2024

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

Public Meeting November 6, 2024 - 7:00 PM Planning Board



WHY UPDATE THE OPEN SPACE PLAN?

-  The Plan identifies locally important lands for conservation and protection.
-  Sparta's current Open Space Plan is out of date.
-  Updating an Open Space Plan qualifies Sparta for state funding and yields 10 points toward Sustainable Jersey Certification.
-  Sparta received a grant from the Highlands Council to cover 100% of the cost to update the Open Space Plan.



COMMUNITY SURVEY

Sparta's Open Space Survey was administered from the June 13th meeting through July, garnering **334 responses**. Questions provided direction for the plan's recommendations.

2024 OPEN SPACE GOALS

PROTECT SPARTA'S
SENSE OF PLACE

PRESERVE NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

SUPPORT EXEMPLARY RECREATIONAL SPACES

MAINTAIN HIGH WATER QUALITY

CONNECT **COMMUNITY AND PARKS**

PRACTICE STEWARDSHIP AND CONSERVATION

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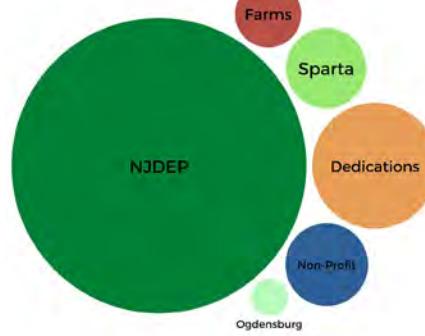
HISTORY OF THE OPEN SPACE PROGRAM

1997 Sparta adopts its Open Space Plan	2002 Former Scott Farm is Preserved, protecting 135 acres	2015 Start of student tree planting (with WRMG) surrounding Station Park	2024 Sparta receives \$517,165 from Green Acres to install an inclusive playground at Station Park.
2000 Sparta voters approve Open Space Tax (2 cents)	2003-2006 Sussex County awards \$246,250 to preserve Lockburner, Station Road, and Wallkill Preservation Properties	2021 Yonkers Landing at The Glen is acquired for trail connectivity and parking	

OPEN SPACE FUNDING

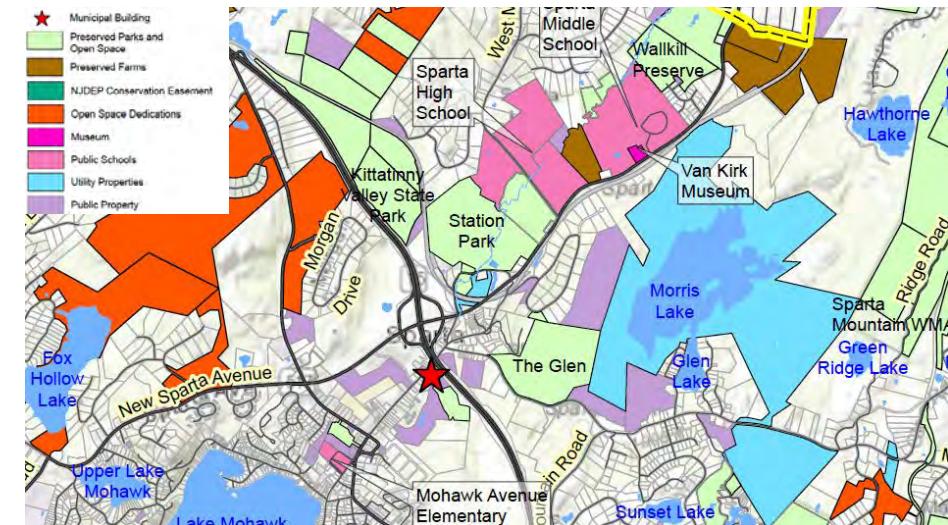
NEW JERSEY	SUSSEX COUNTY	SPARTA TOWNSHIP
State Open Space Grants \$517,165	County Open Space Grants \$246,250	Expected Revenue from Open Space Tax (2024, one cent) \$342,687
State Farmland Grants \$974,473	County Farmland Grants \$859,401	Revenue collected since 2001 (as of Dec. 2023) \$4,578,772

OPEN SPACE INVENTORY



As of 2024, 24% of Sparta's land is preserved:

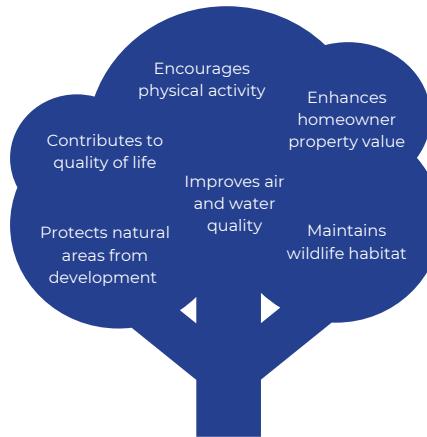
NJDEP - 4,158 acres
 Sparta Township - 310 acres
 Ogdensburg - 66 acres
 Non-Profit Land Trusts - 330 acres
 Preserved Farms - 193 acres (5 farms)
 Open Space Dedications - 759 acres



3. Public Meeting - November 6, 2024 Planning Board

Presentation

WHY OPEN SPACE?



GROW YOUR PARKS

Examine existing parks to identify opportunities for expansion and connection.



UPDATE AND EXPAND RECREATION FACILITIES

Consider resident recommendations for

New facilities:

- Dog parks/dog access
- Splash pad/municipal pool
- Pickleball courts
- Tennis courts

Facility improvements:

- Add bathrooms
- Add shade, especially shade trees
- Additional benches and seating areas
- Upgrades to Underman and Station Parks
- Increased accessibility



3. Public Meeting - November 6, 2024 Planning Board

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INCREASE TRAIL CONNECTIVITY

The MOST requested park improvement was for more trails/walking paths and greater trail connectivity.

Rail trails:

- Iron Horse Trail
- Ogden Mine Railroad Trail

Additional trails:

- Trail connecting middle and high school
- Morris Lake Trail
- Wallkill River Trail
- Paulinskill Valley Trail extension
- North Village Trail (connecting Station Park to North Village)
- Lake Mohawk Trail

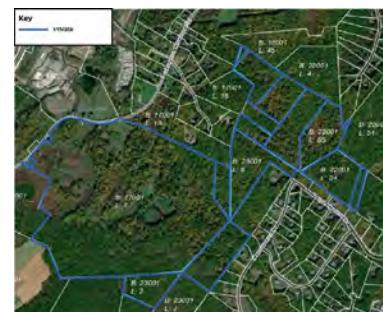
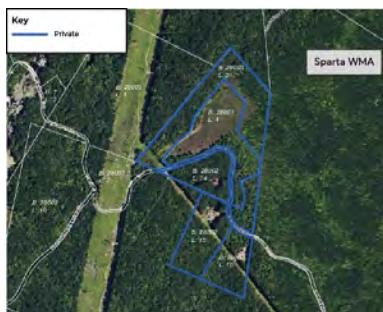


PRESERVE FARMLAND

Prioritize farms identified in Sussex County's farmland plan.



CONNECT WILDLIFE HABITAT



Consider preserving private land in pimple hills and in the Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Area.



MAINTAIN WATER QUALITY

Prioritize land identified as important for water resource protection in Sussex County's Open Space and Recreation Plan Update.



3. Public Meeting - November 6, 2024 Planning Board

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SUPPORT NATIVE LANDSCAPING



Consider adopting a native plant ordinance - like those adopted by Chatham Borough or Jersey City - requiring the use of native plants in municipal landscaping and encouraging the use of native plants by private residents.

SCHEDULE:

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