

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **SUPPLY ANALYSIS**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Formulating a plan for recreation requires knowledge of the current supply of all recreation resources. For example, it would be unwise to recommend a new park to service a given neighborhood without knowing whether there is an existing park that meets the needs of the neighborhood residents. Similarly, it would be duplicative to recommend a certain kind of program if it is already offered and capable of continuing to meet the demands of the customers into the future.

This chapter analyzes the supply of parks and recreation services. Parks of different sizes and types, recreation facilities, and recreational programs that are available to Horsham Township residents are inventoried. The inventory, or supply base, will be a key factor considered later in this plan to determine how customers' recreation needs should be better met by the Township.

#### **HISTORICAL INFLUENCES**

##### **Home Rule Charter**

Horsham Township has historically been active in providing parks, recreation facilities, and programs. The Township is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that operates under a Home Rule Charter, a locally-prepared and citizen-adopted document that governs how community affairs are conducted. Prior to enactment of the charter in 1976 the Township operated under the Second Class Township Code.

The Home Rule Charter of Horsham Township permits the Township to exercise powers and perform functions not specifically denied by law. It establishes a governmental structure that permits direct citizen participation in the community's legislative decision-making, thereby providing a greater flexibility to respond to the needs and concerns of township residents. The charter establishes a Council-Manager structure for the legislative and administrative responsibilities of the Township:

- Township Council is established as the governing body of the Township. It is a five-member board vested with the legislative power to enact ordinances and establish policies governing municipal affairs and business to benefit the general health, safety and welfare of the community and its residents.
- The Council appoints a Township Manager to administer its ordinances and policies.
- The Manager delegates powers and duties vested in him by Council to staff and appointed members of boards and commissions to help accomplish the business of the Township.
- Paid municipal staff is organized into various departments to carry out business functions and provide essential public services.

##### **Park and Recreation Board**

In 1961, prior to home rule, the Board of Supervisors established an advisory authority for recreation in the township, which was done in accordance with enabling state legislation. The governing body at that time (i.e., the Supervisors) created the Horsham Township Park and Recreation Board and placed the community's recreation system under its supervision and direction. The board is a seven-member advisory authority of volunteers with an interest in sustaining and enhancing the parks and recreation services of the township.

Since its inception, the Park and Recreation Board has advocated the acquisition of open space for park purposes and has directed the physical development of facilities at parks. The formation and growth of the park system evolved slowly over the years as a result of the Board's initiative and foresight:

- In 1966, in conjunction with a ten-member committee appointed by the Supervisors, the Board prepared an open space plan outlining specific parkland proposals. The plan was the first document prepared specifically to promote an orderly park system in the township.
- In succeeding years, the Park and Recreation Board provided input and guidance on park issues relative to various local planning initiatives, including updates to the Township's comprehensive plan in 1969, 1978 and 1989.
- In 1991, the Board was again part of a study committee responsible for addressing the park and recreation needs of the community and formulating strategies for meeting those needs. The result of this planning process was the study titled Strategies for Providing Recreational and Open Space Amenities.
- In 1995, the Board was represented on a recreation and open space planning committee that prepared the Horsham Township Open Space Plan. The plan was prepared to comply with the Montgomery County Open Space Program requirements, which mandate that each community have an adopted open space plan as a requisite to receiving County land acquisition grants.

### **Department of Parks and Recreation**

The park and recreation system as it appears today is the culmination of more than four decades of planning and developing, both physically and functionally. Much has changed in the township since the Park and Recreation Board convened its first meeting in 1961 and laid the framework for what is now a successful and separate department of the municipal government.

The first professional Park and Recreation Director was hired in 1997 to manage the day-to-day care of the parks and to expand the provision of recreation programs. This marked the advent of the Horsham Township Park and Recreation Department. Today, the department is made up of seven full-time employees, including the Director, a Recreation Program Coordinator, four maintenance staff, and a secretary.

The department is assigned the duty of serving the park and recreation needs of the Township. The following statement was written and approved by the Park and Recreation Board as the department's official mission:

- The Horsham Township Department of Parks and Recreation is dedicated to continually improving the quality of life for today and future generations. This is done by providing innovative leisure opportunities, cultural events and recreational activities to promote enjoyment and enrichment among residents of Horsham Township. We also strive to provide and maintain, at the highest level of quality, a natural environment to enhance the aesthetic beauty of our neighborhoods and to contribute to the serenity in the lives of our residents.

### **THE PARK SYSTEM TODAY**

The previous section of this chapter summarized the origins of the park and recreation system and how it has developed over time in response to growth and changing needs. What has emerged from decades of change is a contemporary park system of substantial size, extent, and complexity. This section provides a discussion of the Township parks as they exist today, including:

- The number of parks in the system;
- Their physical size;
- What types of facilities are available within each park;
- And the geographic location of each.

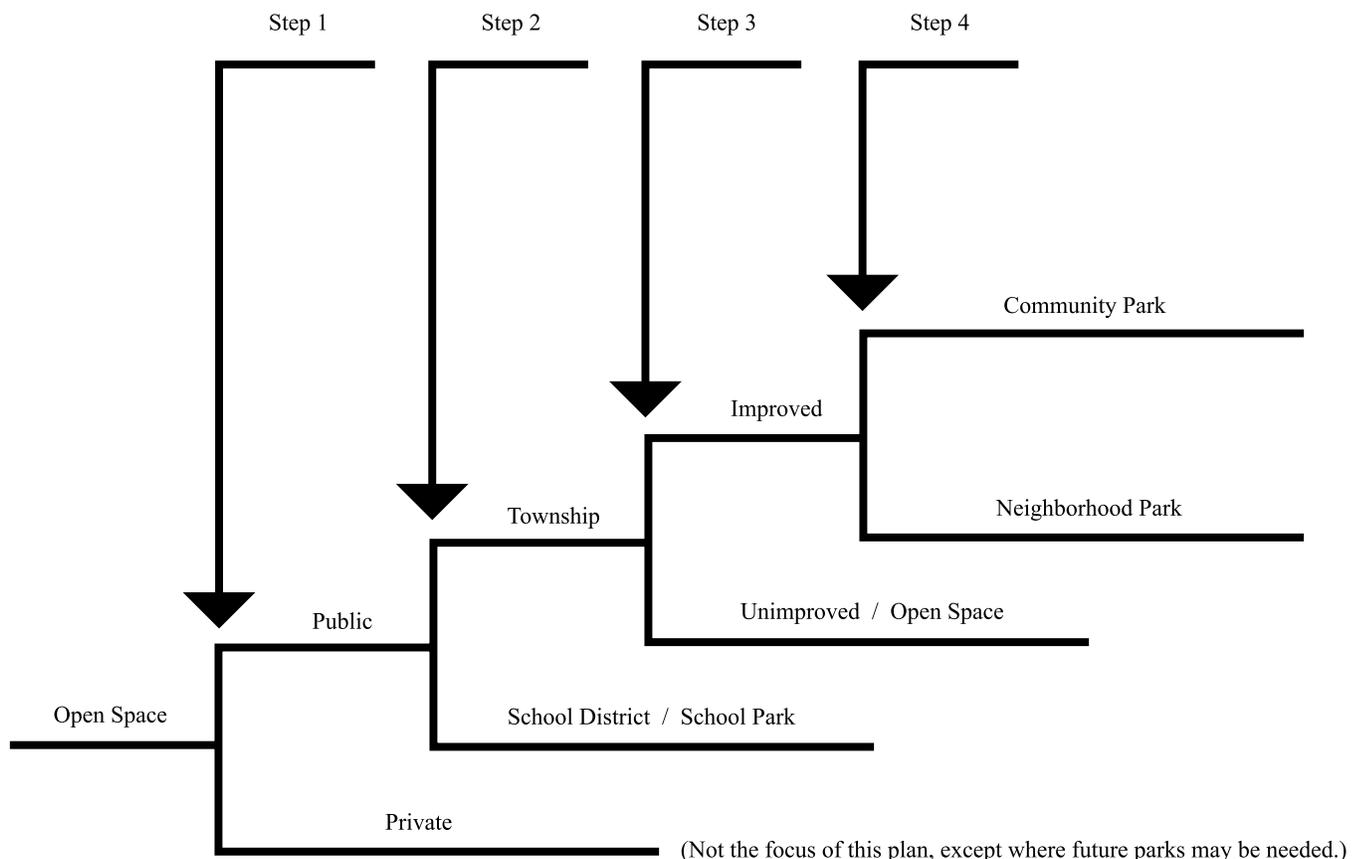
Thus, this section explains the nature and character of the parks, individually and collectively, and the spatial and internal organization of the system.

## Site Classification

An effective way to describe the park system is to consider how each site within the system functions independent of each other. Figure 10 is a chart that illustrates how each park and open space site can be classified. The chart provides a method to categorize sites based first on whether they are protected in the public trust and secondly on their predominant use or function. Each site is directed into a specific branch of the chart by working from the left to the right.

The chart begins with an overall land use category: open space. Open space is generally defined as land that is not currently developed nor committed for development. Parks and recreation areas are considered to be open space because they exhibit a relatively low ratio of development compared to the area of the site that is left as undeveloped land. Furthermore, recreation facilities at parks are benign or unobtrusive features of the landscape, thereby appearing as a low intensity land use unlike most other developments.

**FIGURE 10  
PARK SYSTEM CLASSIFICATION CHART**



The process of classification can involve as many as four steps, as follows:

**Step 1:** Classification begins with dividing the open space sites into two groups, public and private, based on ownership or whether the land is otherwise protected by a public entity. It is important to note that the focus of this study is to assess the current supply of publicly-owned or protected open space and to determine where privately-owned open space should be protected in the future to better meet public recreation needs. Therefore, private open space may come into play later in this document, particularly when recommendations are formulated.

**Step 2:** The second step of the classification process for publicly-owned open spaces again uses ownership as a basis for directing sites into one of two subgroups:

- **Township** – Sites that are owned by Horsham Township fall under this category.
- **School District / School Park** – Sites that are owned by the Hatboro-Horsham School District are assigned to this category and further described throughout this plan as “School Parks.” Public schools are considered as recreation resources because they have indoor and outdoor facilities that may be available for active recreational use. The use of schools for public recreation makes sense because schools are located in areas where there is both a need for recreation facilities and often a short supply of land available for new parks.

**Step 3:** The third step in deciding how Township-owned open spaces should be classified is to divide the sites into two groups according to whether they offer recreation facilities or are undeveloped:

- **Improved** – Sites that have been improved with facilities for public use fall into this category.
- **Unimproved / Open Space** – If sites do not have any recreation facilities, they should be considered unimproved open space.

**Step 4:** The final path for deciding how an improved Township open space should be defined is to select a park classification that reflects the size and geography of the population being served:

- **Community Park** – Community parks are intensively developed active recreation complexes that provide a diverse mixture of recreation opportunities, with emphasis on athletic fields and courts. These parks provide many programmed and informal recreation facilities for a large service area. These parks are strategically located in a community and of sufficient acreage to serve large numbers of customers. Each park may have some facilities that are similar, but they may also have unique features or facilities that typically attract visitors township-wide.
- **Neighborhood Park** – Neighborhood parks are generally smaller than community parks. They are sites that are primarily developed with active recreation facilities that serve the residents of adjacent residential areas. Customers who use neighborhood parks typically come from a smaller, more localized geographic area.

### **Park System Inventory and Classification**

Today, Horsham Township owns approximately 805 acres comprised of 44 individual park and open space areas. The variety of sites within the system suits a wide variety of persons’ needs – both developed parks for active use and undeveloped areas for passive recreation and conservation. The classification and acreage of each Township-owned site is provided in Figure 11. There are seven community parks, nine neighborhood parks, and 28 open spaces, as mapped in Figure 12. The recreation facilities and opportunities available at the parks are listed below.

#### **Community Parks**

##### **C1 – Chestnut Creek Park**

- 3 full size lighted football fields
- 2 half size lighted football fields
- Concession stand
- Restroom

##### **C2 – Cedar Hill Road Park**

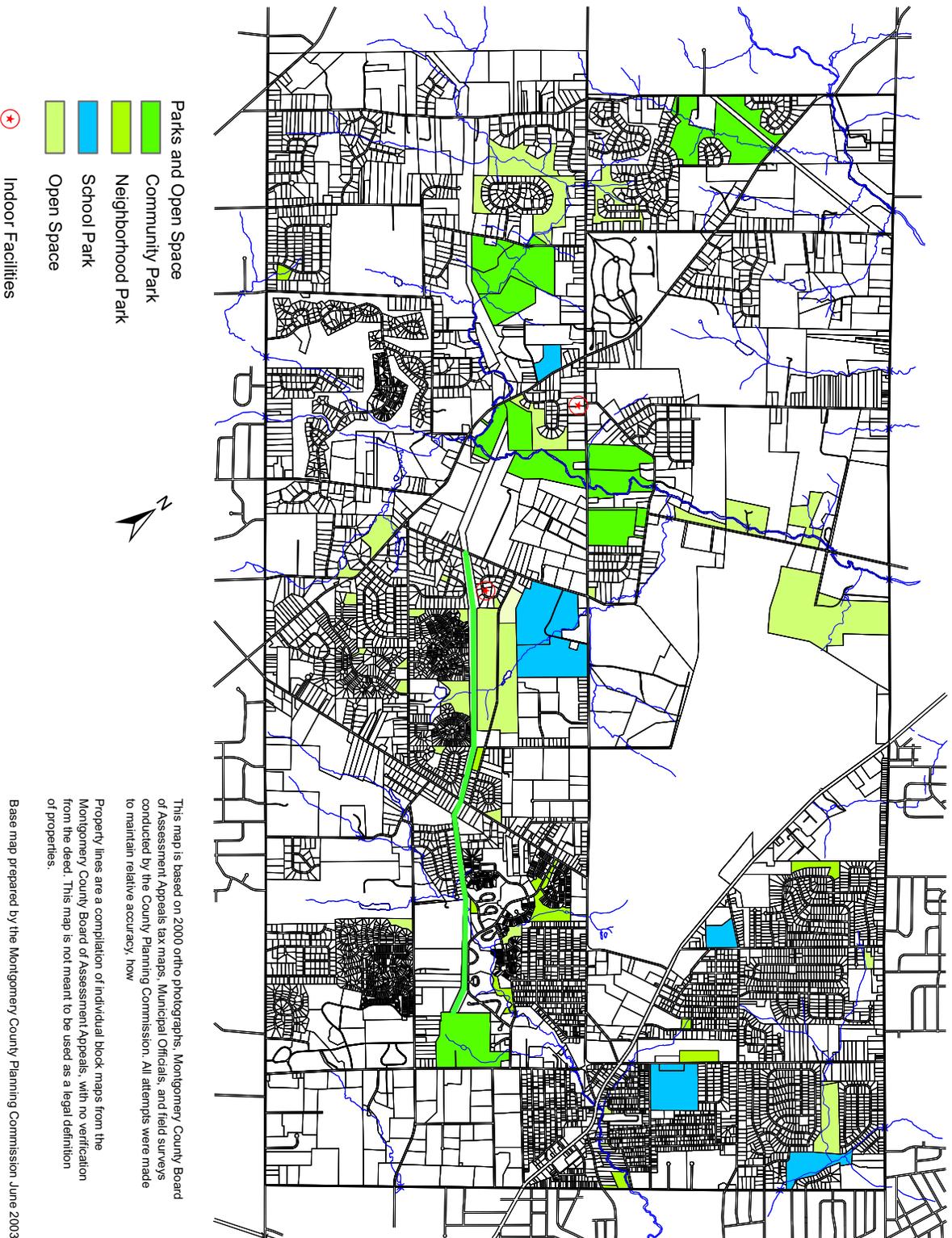
- Adult sized softball field
- 2 grass volleyball courts
- Open playfield
- Playground apparatus
- Limestone walking trail
- Nature trail with 3 nature blinds
- Outdoor classroom

**Figure 11**  
**Park System Inventory and Classification**

<b>Site Name and Classification</b>		<b>Acreage</b>
<b>COMMUNITY PARKS:</b>		
C1	Chestnut Creek Park .....	64.60
C2	Cedar Hill Road Park .....	87.00
C3	Kohler Park .....	71.42
C4	Deep Meadow Park .....	51.88
C5	Samuel Carpenter Park .....	30.98
C6	Powerline Trail .....	7.50
C7	Lukens Park at Dresher Road .....	50.68
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS:</b>		
N1	Hideaway Hills Park .....	2.86
N2	Jarrett Road Park .....	2.31
N3	Sawyers Way Park * .....	11.66
N4	Whetstone Tot-Lot * .....	1.32
N5	Saw Mill Lane Tot-Lot * .....	1.97
N6	Maple Park .....	7.46
N7	Meetinghouse Park .....	6.50
N8	Wayne Avenue Park .....	1.40
N9	Blair Mill Par .....	3.35
<b>OPEN SPACES:</b>		
O1	Chestnut Creek Park Open Space .....	16.09
O2	Highgate Open Space .....	30.52
O3	Squires Knoll Open Space .....	30.70
O3	Kingswood Estate Open Space .....	14.83
O5	Keith Valley Park .....	29.20
O6	Park Ridge Open Space .....	14.29
O7	Strawbridge Property .....	102.90
O8	Babylon Road & Horsham Road Property .....	1.24
O9	Gregory Drive Open Space * .....	0.93
O10	Hearne Property .....	78.40
O11	Cavalry Drive Open Space * .....	2.16
O12	Glenview Drive Open Space * .....	0.74
O13	Hunt Drive Open Space * .....	2.03
O14	Lakeview Park .....	16.00
O15	Danbridge Drive Open Space * .....	2.01
O16	Gilman Road Open Space * .....	0.69
O17	Herman Road Open Space * .....	1.03
O18	Downey Drive Open Space * .....	1.83
O19	Wichard Property .....	12.16
O20	Brantford Circle Open Space * .....	1.48
O21	Norristown Road Open Space * .....	2.33
O22	Witmer Road Open Space * .....	3.26
O23	Log Pond Drive Open Space * .....	3.38
O24	Springbrook Park .....	2.58
O25	Clearbrook Park .....	29.56
O26	Olive Avenue Property .....	0.94
O27	Hill Avenue Property .....	0.71
O28	Pemmapecka Park .....	0.45
<b>SCHOOL PARKS:</b>		
S1	Limekiln Simmons Elementary School	
S2	Dorothea H. Simmons Elementary School	
S3	Hatboro-Horsham High School	
S4	Hallowell Elementary School	
S5	Keith Valley Middle School	
S6	Blair Mill Elementary School	

**NOTE:** An asterisk (\*) denotes that the site includes stormwater management basin (s) for neighboring development.

**FIGURE 12  
PARK SYSTEM CLASSIFICATION MAP**



**Future improvements / Proposed facilities:**

- Horseshoe courts
- 1 picnic pavilion
- 2 picnic shelters

**C3 – Kohler Park**

- Fishing pond
- 2 areas of playground apparatus
- Lighted In-line skating hockey court
- 6 lighted soccer fields
- Picnic tables, barbecue grills and a pavilion
- Gazebo
- 2 restrooms

**Future improvements / Proposed facilities:**

- Horseshoe courts

**C4 – Deep Meadow Park**

- 11 baseball fields
- 1 mile limestone walking/jogging trail
- Batting cage
- Playground apparatus
- 10-station outdoor exercise center
- Picnic tables, barbecue grills and a pavilion
- Concession stand
- Restrooms

**C5 – Samuel Carpenter Park**

- 3 basketball courts
- 3 tennis courts
- 2 sand volleyball courts
- Adult size softball field
- 90 ft. baseball field
- Official size football field
- 2 multipurpose fields
- ¾ mile limestone walking/jogging trail
- Picnic tables, barbecue grills and a pavilion
- Restrooms

**C6 – Powerline Trail**

- 2.5-mile paved, multi-use trail

**C7 – Lukens Park at Dresher Road**

- 3 adult sized softball fields
- Trails
- Handicap accessible playground apparatus (Everybody's Playground)

**Future improvements / Proposed facilities:**

- 1 picnic pavilion
- Restrooms

**Neighborhood Parks**

**N1 – Hideaway Hills Park:**

- Playground apparatus
- Picnic tables and barbecue grills

**N2 – Jarrett Road Park:**

- Playground apparatus

**N3 – Sawyer's Way Park:**

- Playground apparatus

**N4 – Whetstone Tot-Lot & Open Space:**

- Playground apparatus
- Stormwater management basin

**N5 – Saw Mill Lane Tot-Lot & Open Space:**

- Playground apparatus
- Half size basketball court
- Stormwater management basin

**N6 – Maple Park:**

- Basketball court
- Playground apparatus
- Swing set
- Paved path

**N7 – Wayne Avenue Park:**

- Softball field
- Playground apparatus

**N8 – Meetinghouse Park:**

- Playground apparatus
- Picnic grove with tables and barbecue grills

**N9 – Blair Mill Park:**

- Playground apparatus
- Picnic tables

**Indoor Facilities**

- Although not classified as a traditional park, the Horsham Township Municipal Building is another existing Township-owned site that serves as a recreational resource for indoor activities and, therefore, deserves consideration. Certain rooms within the building are made available for meetings, gatherings, and indoor events.

**Proposed Facilities:**

- The proposed Horsham Township Library to be constructed at the corner of Babylon and Jarrett roads, will provide indoor recreation/meeting space.
- Another proposal, the conversion of the Public Works building located behind the Horsham Township Municipal Building into a community center, will increase opportunities for indoor recreation activities, meetings, and events.

As noted earlier in the Site Classification discussion, the park system in Horsham Township also includes public school sites that help to meet the basic recreational needs of the community. There are six properties in the township that are owned by the Hatboro-Horsham School District. An inventory of the outdoor and indoor facilities at these sites is as follows.

**School Parks**

**S1 – Limekiln Simmons Elementary School:**

- 1 basketball court
- Baseball/soccer field
- Multi-purpose paved area
- Playground apparatus

**Indoor facilities:**

- 1 multi-purpose room
- 14 regular classrooms
- 1 kindergarten center/day care room

**S2 – Dorothea H. Simmons Elementary School and Nature Center:**

- Nature trail
- Wetlands

- Woods
- Amphitheater
- Sport fields were combined with the high school fields

Indoor facilities:

- Swimming pool
- 1 library
- Cafeteria
- 60 regular classrooms
- 3 computer lab rooms
- 2 art rooms
- 2 music rooms
- 1 gymnasium

**S3 – Hatboro-Horsham Senior High School:**

- Baseball fields
- Soccer fields
- Lighted tennis courts
- Basketball courts
- Football field with stadium and all-weather track
- Nature trail

**Indoor facilities:**

- 1 library
- 68 regular classrooms
- Science labs
- Industrial arts rooms
- Art rooms
- Music rooms
- Computer lab
- Auditorium
- Complete cafeteria
- 2 Gymnasiums
- Fitness center

**S4 – Hallowell Elementary School:**

- 1 baseball field
- 3 basketball goals
- Playground apparatus

**Indoor facilities:**

- 1 library
- 1 multi-purpose room
- 16 regular classrooms
- 1 art room
- Special Education Administration room

**S5 – Keith Valley Middle School:**

- 7 tennis courts
- 2 baseball fields
- 2 soccer fields
- 1 practice football field
- 1 football field, running track and stadium

**Indoor facilities:**

- 1 library
- 1 large group instruction room
- 1 auditorium
- 72 regular classrooms

- 3 computer labs
- 2 music rooms
- 2 homemaking rooms
- 1 industrial arts room
- 3 art rooms
- 2 gymnasiums

**S6 – Blair Mill Elementary School:**

- 2 baseball fields
- 4 basketball standards
- Playground apparatus

**Indoor facilities:**

- 1 library
- 1 multi-purpose room
- 25 regular classrooms
- 1 art room
- 1 music room (located in a modular outside)

**Other Recreation Facilities in the Township**

In Horsham, like in most communities, the supply of recreation areas and facilities offered by the local government and the school district is supplemented by a mix of other public, quasi-public and private entities, all of whom collectively serve various segments of customers' overall recreation needs.

The county and state governments, as well as civic organizations, youth associations, and commercial recreation enterprises are all providers of recreation opportunities. Private development also supplies recreation facilities, such as swimming pools and tennis courts, at apartment complexes for tenants. These facilities substantially reduce the need for public recreation areas in a neighborhood. Such facilities supplement the supply of municipal parks, offering a close-to-home place for residents to recreate. However, the general township resident is not particularly allowed to use these facilities.

Private and semi-private recreation facilities, such as the YMCA, day camps, sportsmans clubs, and youth sports associations provide facilities to township residents, which reduces the number of facilities that otherwise need to be provided by the Township. Generally, these facilities serve limited sectors of the population. The ability of residents to conveniently travel to the resource, their ability to pay required fees and charges, and their ability to be permitted access to the resource because of lack of residency or membership, among other factors, restrict resident use.

Below is an inventory of recreation facilities found in Horsham but not provided by the Township or the School District.

**Hatboro Borough Facilities**

**Blair Mill Park (15.87 acres):**

- Baseball field complex
- 6 fields

**Upper Moreland Township Facilities**

**Blair Mill Park (.96 acre):**

- Playground apparatus
- Picnic area
- Wood turf area

## **State Government Facilities**

### **Graeme Park (41.72 acres):**

- Historic country home of Provincial Governor of PA
- Historic and educational programs
- Walking paths

## **Federal Government Facilities**

### **Willow Grove Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (approx. 1,100 acres):**

- Open space preserved as land use buffer
- On-base facilities include: station library, gymnasium, clubhouses, bowling center, racquetball courts, tennis courts, ball fields, volleyball courts, swimming pool, darts, billiards, auto shop, hobby shop and fitness center
- Currently must have Military ID to access the base and utilize facilities

## **Quasi-Public/Private Facilities**

### **Horsham Valley Golf Course:**

- 18-hole golf course open for general public use for a fee
- Driving range (8 tees/positions)
- Clubhouse
- Pro Shop

### **Limekiln Golf Course:**

- 27-hole golf course and community open for residents and members
- Clubhouse
- Pro Shop

### **Talamore at Oak Terrace Country Club:**

- 18-hole golf course and corporate center open for membership use
- Facilities include: a clubhouse, tennis courts, swimming pool, a fitness center and Pro Shop

### **Commonwealth National Golf Club:**

- 18-hole golf course open for membership use
- Clubhouse
- Pro Shop

### **Squires Country Club:**

- 18-hole golf course open for membership use
- Clubhouse

### **Lower State Road Driving Range:**

- Driving range (30+ tees)

### **The Golf Zone:**

- Driving range (75 tees)
- Practice area for putting chipping and sand shots
- Pro shop
- 18-hole miniature golf course

### **Hideaway Swim Club:**

- Swimming pool
- Basketball courts
- Tennis courts

### **Ukranian American Sports Center:**

- Center provides recreation for those of an Ukranian heritage
- Playground
- Soccer fields
- Tennis courts
- Volleyball court

- Multi-purpose fields
- Picnic areas
- Clubhouse

**College Settlement/Kuhn Day Camp:**

- 115.00/36.00-acre camp for disadvantage youth
- Playground apparatus
- Fishing pond (open for general public use)
- Camping facilities
- Environmental education center
- Open playfields
- Baseball field
- Swimming pool
- Tennis courts
- Basketball court
- Picnic pavilions

**Natural Lands Trust, Inc.:**

- 71.64 acres of Mann Road open space

**Philadelphia Geriatric Center:**

- Clubroom/exercise room
- Art gallery
- Meeting rooms

**Abramson Center for Jewish Life:**

- Library for Aging Resources – community resource center and library with access to medical research in gerontology and elderly diseases and illnesses

**Fair Oaks Apartments:**

- Swimming pool
- Tennis court
- Facilities open to tenants and guest paying a fee

**Blair Mill Apartments:**

- Swimming pool
- Tennis court
- Facilities open to tenants and guest paying a fee

**Dresher Town Apartments:**

- Pool
- Sauna
- Tennis courts
- Playground apparatus
- Facilities open to tenants and guest paying a fee

**Maple Hill Apartments:**

- Open space areas

**Horsham Towne Business Campus:**

- Fitness trail

**Motorola:**

- Gymnasium

**VFW Post 9788**

- Picnic facilities
- Multi-purpose/meeting room

**Saint Catherine of Sienna Roman Catholic Church:**

- Baseball field
- Play area

**Bux-Mont Baptist Church:**

- Permit non-profit group use of multi-purpose room

**Grace Presbyterian Church:**

- Multi-purpose room

**Korean Yuong Sang Presbyterian Church:**

- Gymnasium

**Resurrection Lutheran Church:**

- Permit resident use of multi-purpose room

**Trinity Orthodox Presbyterian Church:**

- Permit resident use of multi-purpose room

**United Methodist Church of Prospectville:**

- Basketball goal in the parking lot

**Horsham Clinic:**

- Conference center

**Bodyshop Fitness Center:**

- Free-weights
- Nautilus equipment
- Cardiovascular machines
- Tanning
- Membership fee is charged for use of gym
- Martial arts instruction facilities (Villari's Martial Arts)

**Body Dynamics Gym:**

- Cardiovascular equipment
- Free weights
- Resistance equipment

**East Montgomery Karate Academy:**

- Martial arts instruction facilities

**Days Inn:**

- Exercise room
- Whirlpool
- Facilities open to hotel guest only

**Candlewood Hotel:**

- Fitness center open to hotel guest only

**Marriott TownePlace Suites:**

- Swimming pool open to hotel guest only

**Marriott Residence Inn:**

- Swimming pool
- Exercise room
- Whirlpool
- Amenities open to hotel guest only

**Regional Recreation Facilities Outside the Township**

Horsham Township's geographical location affords residents varied opportunities for recreation beyond its municipal borders. The community is bordered by six municipalities and is directly related to a nearby seventh (Hatboro Borough) due to the makeup of the school district. Within and beyond this immediate seven-municipality area, there are recreation areas that serve both regional and local recreation interests. Therefore, regional inventory data have relevance to the planning process and will be taken into account when formulating recommendations to remedy deficiencies in the local recreation supply base. *Refer to Appendix A for this information.*

**RECREATION PROGRAMS**

In order to estimate the future need for additional organized recreation activities, an understanding and measure of the current program supply base must be made, like had been done for recreation facilities above.

## **Township and School District Recreation Programs**

The following section presents an inventory of programs that are currently sponsored by the Township and the School District.

### **Horsham Township Programs**

#### **Karate Class:**

- Karate lessons taught in 3 month sessions in the Township building by local police officers
- Ages range from 8 years old and up
- Fee is applicable

#### **Golf Class:**

- Introductory course on golf
- All ages
- Fee is applicable

#### **Star Watch:**

- Spring star watching
- Free program

#### **Courses Sponsored by The American Red Cross:**

- Certified babysitting course
- Community First Aid and Safety course
- Fee is applicable

#### **Soccer Petite:**

- Introductory soccer camp for children ages 3-4
- Fee is applicable

#### **Soccer Developmental:**

- Basic skill course in soccer for children ages 5-7
- Fee is applicable

#### **Easter Egg Hunt:**

- Open to kids ages 8 and under on April 5<sup>th</sup>
- Free program

#### **Melody in Motion:**

- A fundamental music class for children ages 11/2 – 31/2 comprising of singing, dancing and learning to play instruments
- Fee is applicable

#### **Atlantic City Day Trips:**

- A full day trip to Atlantic City to visit and play the casinos
- Fee is applicable

#### **Boys Bear Museum/Gettysburg Day Trip:**

- In the morning, a visit to the Boyds Bear Museum and gift shop followed by a visit to historic Gettysburg
- Fee is applicable

#### **Aerobics Class:**

- A complete body workout program
- Open to adults
- Fee is applicable

#### **Messy Playtime:**

- A program that allows children to make a mess with paints, glue and other types of media.
- Ages range from 2-5 years old
- Fee is applicable

#### **A “Day Out” for Parents:**

- A program that allows parents to drop off their children for a day at the Township Building under the supervision of the Park and Recreation staff

- Program is open to youth ages 5-13
- Fee is applicable

**Learn to Stamp Class:**

- A class that teaches the art and craft of stamping
- Open to ages 13 and up
- Fee is applicable

**Women's Self Defense Class:**

- A course on self defense for women, conducted by Horsham Police officers and Horsham Park and Recreation staff
- Free course

**Horsham Summer Camp:**

- The camp runs from June 16<sup>th</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup>
- Campers can sign up for one week or all ten weeks
- Activities offered are arts 'n craft, sports, swimming, nature and field trips
- Ages range from 6-12 years old
- Fee is applicable

**Mission Control Space & Flight:**

- Educational space activities, rocket building, visit the homemade planetarium and sample real space food
- Offered to campers
- Additional fee is applicable

**Physics, Chemistry and Technology Courses:**

- Educational activities and experiments
- Offered to campers
- Additional fee is applicable

**Soccer: UK Elite:**

- Tactical and fundamental training in the game of soccer
- Ages range from 5-14 years old
- Open to campers and non-campers
- Fee is applicable

**Tennis with Mark Daniels:**

- Tennis instruction and personal attention to all players
- Ages range from 5-17 years old
- Open to campers and non-campers
- Fee is applicable

**Basketball (Skyhawks):**

- Fundamental training for beginners and intermediate players
- Ages range from 7-14 years old
- Open to campers and non-campers
- Fee is applicable

**Roller Hockey (Skyhawks):**

- A fast-paced program to teach proper hand, stick and skating techniques
- Ages range from 7-14 years old
- Open to campers and non-campers
- Fee is applicable

**Mini-hawk (Skyhawks):**

- Introductory soccer, baseball and basketball program in a camp setting
- Ages range from 4-14 years old
- Open to campers and non-campers
- Fee is applicable

**Nature Connections:**

- Nature lessons, activities and games
- Ages range from 5-10 years old
- Open to campers and non-campers
- Fee is applicable

**Creepy Crawlies:**

- A hands-on program that explores the life of insects in their own habitat.
- Ages range from 5-10 years old
- Open to campers and non-campers
- Fee is applicable

**Theater Camp:**

- A program to expose children, young adults and adults to the art of theater
- Ages range from 7 and up
- Open to campers and non-campers
- Fee is applicable

**Movie Making Camp:**

- A program that offers the complete process of creating a movie from start to finish
- Ages range from 9 and up
- Open to campers and non-campers
- Fee is applicable

**Build a Sustainable Community:**

- A hands-on program to teach children how a community is created and the people who establish and work in the community
- Ages range from 8-12 years old
- Open to campers and non-campers
- Fee is applicable

**Horsham Day: (First Saturday in June)**

- A special event held once a year to encourage community pride and interaction
- Activities include fishing derby, volleyball and softball games, children's games and contests, pet show, band concert, fireworks and food

**Horsham Day Car Show:**

- A car show that displays all types of cars, trucks and motorcycles
- Vehicles are classified and judged by category, make, model, year and uniqueness
- The event is free and open to all residents

**Hatboro Horsham School Districts Programs****September-June Aquatics Program at Dorothea H. Simmons School:**

- Adult swimming lessons
- Red Cross Lifesaving course
- Recreational swimming and water games
- Adult and handicapped swimming
- Competitive swimming events

**September-June Gym Program at Dorothea H. Simmons School:**

- Basketball
- Baseball
- Softball

**Summer Recreation Program at Dorothea H. Simmons School:**

- Recreation swimming
- Swimming lessons

**Open Library Programs at all schools:**

- Library is open for general public use

**Evening Library Program at Senior High School:**

- Library is open for general public use

**Fifth Grade Spring Outdoor Education Program:**

- 3-day experience at College Settlement Farm of Philadelphia
- Open to all elementary school fifth graders

**Child Care Programs:**

- Child care offered to students during non-school hours at all school locations
- Open to all elementary school students

**Summer Reading Program at Blair Mill Elementary School:**

- Enhancement of reading skills

**Summer School Enrichment Program:**

- Educational and musical courses offered in the Summer

**Adult Evening School:**

- Offers a wide variety of educational, social and recreational programs, during non-school hours

**School Drama and Theater:**

- Student performances, plays and singing

**Summer Camp & Child Care Program (June 17-August 22):**

- Offered to students in grades K to 5
- A variety of youth programs offered
- Located at the Blair Mill & Simmons Elementary Schools

**Computer Camp (June 23-27):**

- Offered to students in grades 3 to 5
- Fundamental computer training
- Located at the Blair Mill Elementary School

**Kindergarten Camp (July 28- August 15):**

- A variety of educational and playtime activities
- Located at all elementary schools

**Instrumental Music Camp (June 24-July 24):**

- Offered to students in grades 4 to 9
- Camp includes Jazz Band, Summer Band, String Ensemble and Instrumental lessons
- Located at the Senior High School

**LaSalle Summer Enrichment Programs (July 7-18):**

- Offered to students in grades 1 to 5
- Understanding math and science through sports
- Located at the Simmons Elementary School

**Middle School Summer Program (June 18-August 1):**

- Offered to students in grades 6 to 8
- Courses taught: Language, Arts, Mathematics and Science
- Located at the Keith Valley Middle School

**Hatters High School Soccer Camp (July 28-August 1):**

- Offered to boys and girls ages 5 to 14
- Fundamental soccer camp
- Located at Kohler Park, Horsham Township

**Field Hockey Camp (July 21-25):**

- Offered to students in grades 4 to 8
- Fundamental field hockey camp
- Located at the Senior High School

**Youth Football Camp (July 28-August 1):**

- Offered to students in grades 4 to 8
- Fundamental football camp
- Located at the Senior High School

**Lacrosse Camp (June 23-27 and July 7-11):**

- Offered to students in grades 4 to 8
- Fundamental lacrosse camp
- Located at the Senior High School

**Triple Threats Hoops Camp (June 23-27):**

- Offered to female students, grades 5 to 8
- Fundamental and basic skills basketball camp
- Located at Keith Valley Middle School

**Coach O's Hatters Shooting Stars Basketball Camp (July 29-31):**

- Offered to boys and girls ages 9 to 15
- Short term basketball camp
- Located at the Simmons School

**Coach O's Hatters Future Stars Basketball Camp (June 23-27):**

- Offered to boys and girls ages 9 to 15
- Fundamental basketball camp
- Located at the Senior High School

**Fall School Sports:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls tennis
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade hockey
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade soccer
- Open weight football
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade hockey
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade soccer
- Golf
- Tennis
- Cross country
- Track and field
- Hockey
- Soccer
- JV football
- Varsity football
- Cheerleading

**Winter School Sports:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade wrestling
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade basketball
- Bowling
- Swimming
- Diving
- Winter Track
- Wrestling
- Basketball

**Spring School Sports:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade track
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade lacrosse
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys tennis
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade softball
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade baseball
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade softball
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade baseball
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade basketball
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade track

- Girls soccer
- Tennis
- Track
- Lacrosse
- Softball
- Baseball

### **Other Recreation Programs in the Township**

Below is an inventory of non-Township and non-School District recreation programs found in Horsham Township.

### **State Government Programs**

#### **Graeme Park:**

- Historic and educational programs at the historic country home of Provincial Governor of PA

#### **Friends of Graeme Park:**

- Non-profit organization that assists operating, maintaining and developing the historic site
- Sponsors events and programs at the site including: Charter Day, living history day, children's summer history program, ghost stories, holiday craft show, colonial Christmas decorating and Native American Cultural Festival
- Educational programs

### **Federal Government Programs**

#### **Willow Grove Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base:**

- Sponsors annual Willow Grove Air Show
- Educational guided tours of the base, offered to organized groups and school groups
- Recreation programs include: trips and tours, intramural programs, softball leagues and tournaments, golf tournaments, bowling leagues, annual 10K and 2-mile Fun Runs and youth activities and programs
- Must have Military ID to access the base and participate in non-public programs

### **Quasi-Public/Private Programs**

#### **Horsham Little League:**

- Chartered baseball organization for youth ages 5-18
- Game play is from April through June
- T-ball
- Softball
- Challengers Division of children with physical and mental disabilities

#### **Horsham Soccer Association:**

- Soccer leagues for ages 4-19
- Fall and Spring leagues
- Indoor soccer games during December and January
- Regional travel teams
- Intramural and competitive play focus
- Hosts the Colleen Reilly Soccer Tournament

#### **Hatboro Horsham Soccer Club:**

- Regionally competitive soccer teams for youth and young adults
- One week soccer camp: July 21-25<sup>th</sup>

#### **Hatboro-Horsham Youth Basketball Association (Hhoops):**

- Basketball leagues for youth from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade

#### **Horsham Hawks Football & Cheerleading Association:**

- Organized football and cheerleading league for boys and girls ages 5 to 15

#### **Horsham Heat Athletic Association:**

- Travel baseball program in the Montco Youth Baseball League for boys from age 11 to 16

**Hatboro-Horsham Girls Amateur Softball Association:**

- Travel softball programs and leagues for girls ages 9 to 18

**Hatboro-Horsham Wrestling Club:**

- The club introduces the sport of wrestling to students in grades Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup>
- The club competes in a five-county region

**Hatboro-Horsham Adult Evening School:**

- Offers courses from art to computers to yoga
- 100 courses offered
- Professional training

**Hatboro-Horsham Educational Foundation:**

- Programs developed to enhance the community through the arts, culture and education

**Celestia Performing Arts Center:**

- The center offers a plethora of entertainment in musicals, opera, concerts, ballets, poetry readings, plays and various stage performances
- The center welcomes all ages and talents

**Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America:**

- Organizations promoting conservation of natural resources
- Recreation-oriented activities, crafts and community service projects are performed to earn badges
- Leadership and team work experiences
- Occasional field trips to regional places of interest
- Overnight trips
- Volunteer/Service projects undertaken in Township parks

**Horsham Seniors Group:**

- Organization for seniors primarily serving Horsham-Hatboro area
- Programs include organized recreational activities, trips/tours, and presentations

**Horsham Preservation and Historic Association:**

- Identifying, studying, preserving and protecting historical heritage
- Membership fee is applicable

**Friends of Horsham Library:**

- Organization to support the Horsham Township Library

**Park Creek Watershed Association:**

- Organization promoting actions to protect the water resources and environmental quality of the Park Creek watershed
- Environmental and land stewardship awareness programs

**Horsham Township Chamber of Commerce:**

- Organization for business leaders in the township

**Rotary Club of Horsham:**

- Community service organization
- Hosts the annual Edward E. Stokes Memorial River Ride (April 27<sup>th</sup>)

**Horsham Lions Club:**

- International humanitarian volunteer club
- Aids in community service programs and events

**Suburban Cyclists Association:**

- Organization for bicyclists
- Sponsors year-round bicycle rides in the region
- Club based in Horsham, but serves regional interests

**American Red Cross:**

- Offers courses for first aid, CPR, etc.
- Youth services (youth development and training)
- Emergency services
- Volunteer programs

**Saint Catherine of Sienna Roman Catholic Church:**

- Home and school association
- Catholic Youth Organization activities include basketball, softball and volleyball
- Bingo once a week
- Senior citizens group and activities
- Annual carnival
- Occasional bake sales and dances

**Bux-Mont Baptist Church:**

- Christian training
- Literacy and language classes
- Craft classes
- Youth and adult music programs
- Drama team (theater program)

**Grace Presbyterian Church:**

- Religious instruction
- Special activities including lunches, dinners, bazaars, and on-site programs, and trips

**Horsham Bible Church:**

- Religious classes

**Korean Yuong Sang Presbyterian Church:**

- Korean language classes
- Summer vacation school for two weeks
- Groups for member ages 30's-80's
- Soccer programs
- Basketball programs

**Resurrection Lutheran Church:**

- Sunday school open to public
- Bazaar and rummage sales

**Trinity Orthodox Presbyterian Church:**

- Women's group
- Boys club with emphasis on religion
- Craft workshop for girls 3-6 years old
- Retired men's and women's programs
- College student group meetings

**United Methodist Church of Prospectville:**

- Sunday school program

**RSVP of Montgomery County:**

- Community service volunteer organization for senior citizens
- Members participate in several programs covering all age cohorts

**Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust:**

- A private environmentally-oriented organization and land trust open to the public
- Outdoor education programs and workshops
- Membership and volunteer base

**Ukranian American Sports Center:**

- Recreation for those of an Ukranian heritage
- Playground
- Soccer
- Host soccer tournaments
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Picnicking

**College Settlement/Kuhn Day Camp:**

- Provides camp experiences for disadvantaged youth

- Playground activities
- Fishing
- Camping
- Environmental education and nature activities
- Creek crawling
- Baseball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Picnicking
- Story telling
- Cooking classes

**Talamore at Oak Terrace Country Club:**

- Talamore Golf Academy
- Camp Talamore

**Horsham Clinic:**

- Support groups for illnesses and diseases
- Health-related lectures and workshops (registration fees may apply)

**Philadelphia Geriatric Center:**

- Social and therapeutic activities for residents

**Abramson Center for Jewish Life:**

- Helen L. Weiss Senior Day Program (adult day care) provides a daytime environment for frail seniors
- The Counseling for Caregivers – offers support and guidance to caregivers
- Lecture series planned for future

**Bodyshop Fitness Center:**

- Membership fee is charged for use of gym
- Aerobics
- Cardiovascular exercises
- Yoga
- Babysitting
- Tanning
- Martial arts instruction (Villari's Martial Arts) in Kempo Karate and T'ai Chi open to children and adults

**Body Dynamics Gym:**

- Cardiovascular exercises
- Group exercise classes (Yoga, Pilates and Spinning)

**East Montgomery Karate Academy:**

- Martial arts instruction in Okinawa Karate, Kobudo and Judo
- Open to children and adults

**SUMMARY**

This chapter presented the various recreation resources available to Horsham Township's customers. In the next chapter, this supply base will be compared to estimates of recreation needs to determine park, recreation facility, and program deficiencies.