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- Introduction
- Project Schedule
- Review of Meetings
- Mission Statement and Goals
- Demographics
- Public Opinion Survey Results
- Return on Environment
- Inventory & Analysis
- List of KPIs
- Next Steps



Committee

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Natalie Santos	COA Council Representative
Christian Brown	COA Shade Tree Commission and Planning Commission
Tony Hanna	Resident
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Kevin Ervin / Marlon Thomas	East Side Youth Center (AYOUTH)
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Rick Daugherty	Lehigh Valley Active Life
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Julio Guridy	Allentown Housing Authority
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Shannon Fugate	Allentown Arts Commission
Andrew Atiyeh	KNT Basketball
Kyle Edwards	A True L.O.V.E. Story
Daniel Bosket	Community Action Development Allentown
Samantha Shaak	Leonard Parker Pool Institute for Health
Flor and Robert Velez	Puertorrican Culture Preservation
Carmen Bell / Jose Rivera	United Way of Greater Lehigh Valley
Fatima Nabavian	Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living
Marci Klinger	Lehigh Valley Disc Club
Christina DiPierro	Valley Youth House
Abigail Goldfarb	Conference of Churches

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Project Schedule

Meeting Type	Date	Time
Committee Meeting #1	Wednesday, September 25, 2024	7pm-9pm
Public Meeting #1 – Project Intro / Brainstorming	Wednesday, November 13, 2024	6pm – 8pm
Committee Meeting #2	Monday, December 9, 2024	7pm-9pm
Public Meeting #2 – Existing Conditions, Initial Concepts	Wednesday, January 8, 2025	6pm-8pm
Committee Meeting #3	Wednesday, January 22, 2025	7pm-9pm
Public Meeting #3 – Refined Plans, Admin Analysis	Wednesday, February 26, 2025	6pm-8pm
Committee Meeting #4	Wednesday, April 9, 2025	7pm-9pm
Public Meeting #4 – Finance, Programming, Refined Plans	Wednesday, April 30, 2025	6pm-8pm
Key Person Interviews (20)	TBD	TBD
Committee Meeting #5	Wednesday, June 11, 2025	7pm-9pm
Online Public Opinion Survey	October 2024 – May 2025	
Public Meeting #5 – Draft Plans	Wednesday, June 25, 2025	6pm-8pm
Committee Meeting #6	Wednesday, September 10, 2025	7pm-9pm
City Council Meeting (to Adopt Plan – TBD)	October 2025	
City Staff Meetings	Estimated 1 per month	Virtual



Review of Committee Meeting #1

- Programming spaces for young people
- Accessibility of parks
- Communication with the Latino community
- Park improvements and displacement of unhoused people
- Housing development and displacement of the local community
- Park maintenance and safety



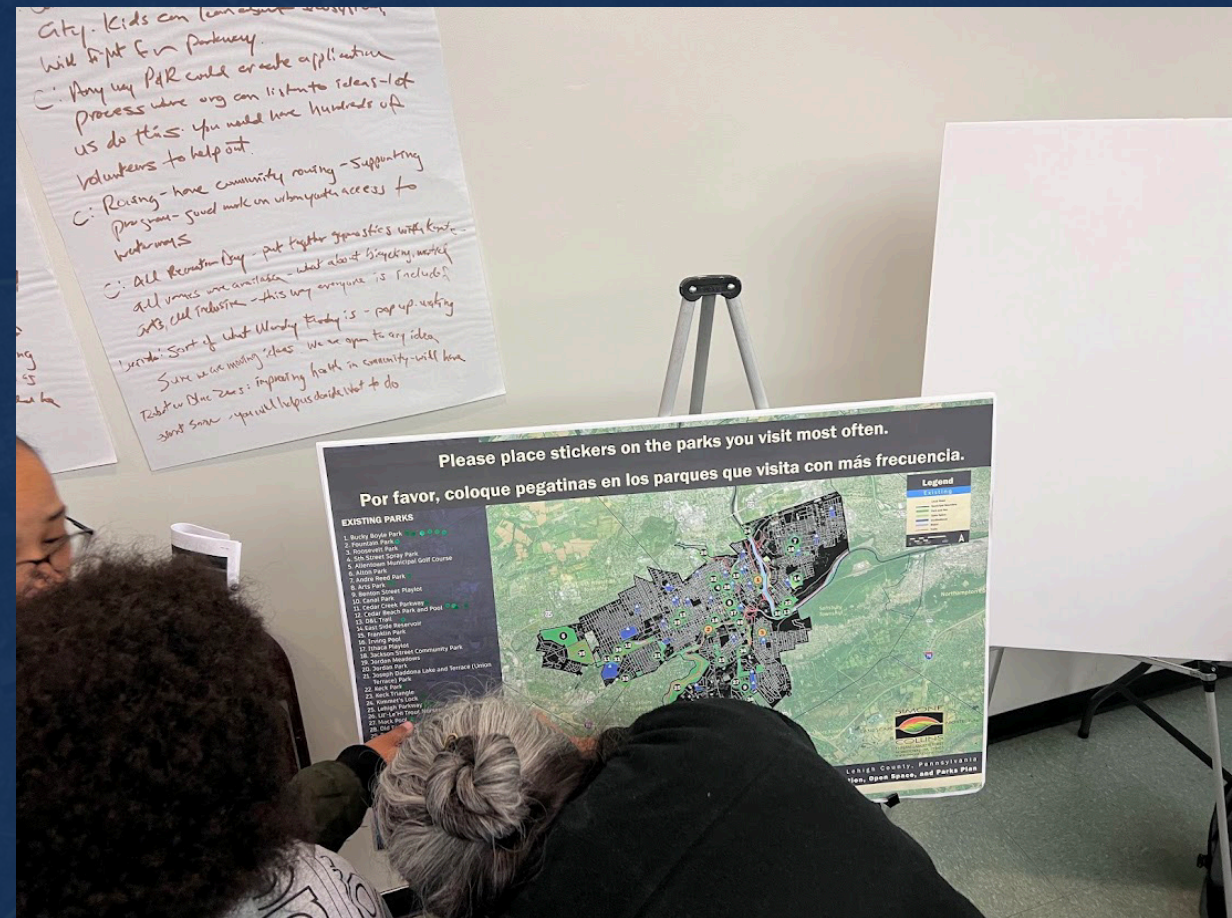
Review of Committee Meeting #1

- Public survey outreach
 - Outreach to park users
 - Outreach to youth
- Pool access and closures
 - Are spray parks an alternative?
- Open space definitions
 - Are cemeteries a supplemental green space?
- Access to nutrition/food systems
- Parks Master Plans vs. Comprehensive Recreation, Open Space, and Parks Plan



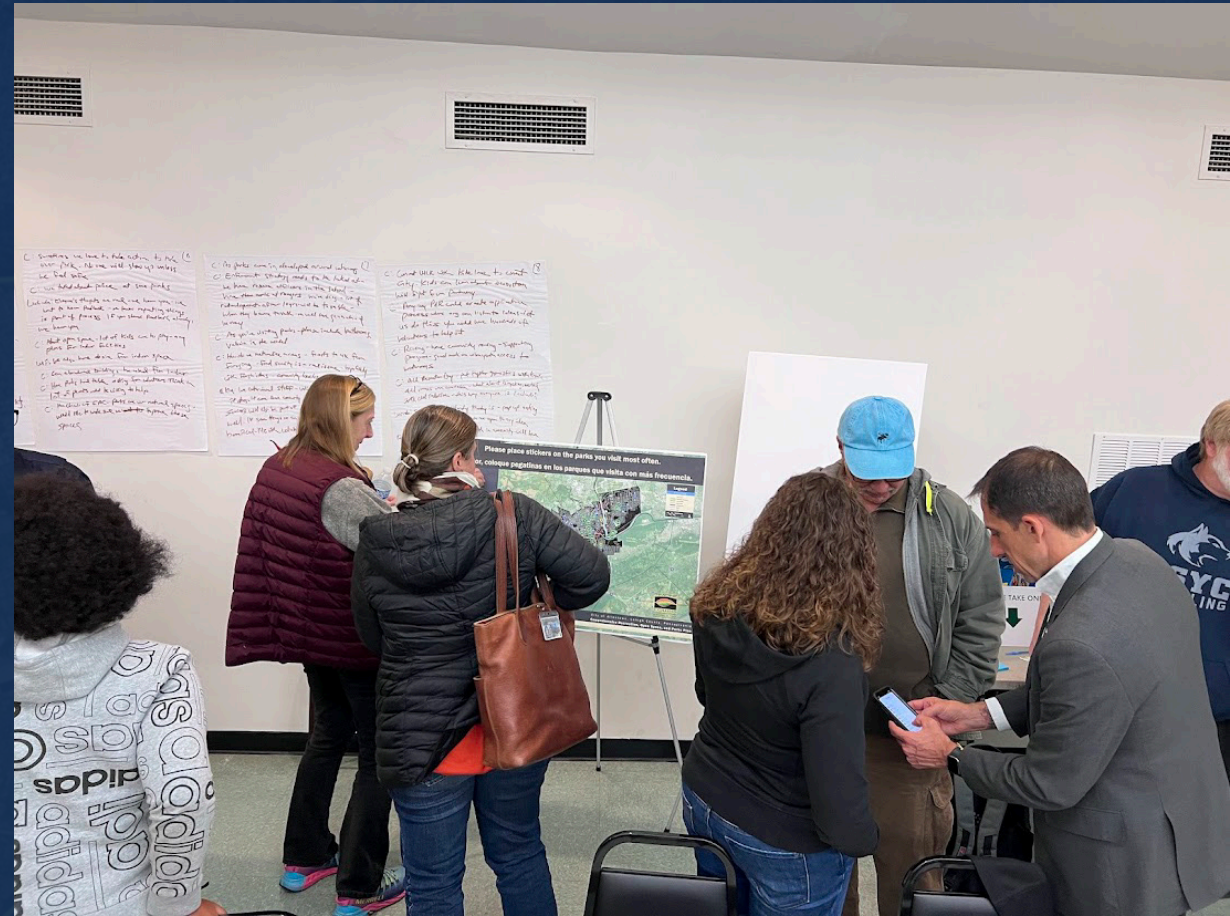
Review of Public Meeting #1

- Access to soccer fields
- Access to recreation for seniors
- Community access to rowing/waterways
- Public restrooms
- Park safety, particularly at Bucky Boyle Park
- Community outreach



Review of Public Meeting #1

- Scope of this planning effort
- Indoor recreation facilities
- MLK Parkway connectivity
- Keck Park and Roosevelt Park improvements
- Valania Park as a model for other parks





Mission Statement, Goals & Objectives

Mission Statement (Draft)

The mission of the
Allentown Comprehensive Recreation, Open Space and Parks Plan is to:

*“Position Allentown to continue to be a “City in a park” and enhance the **quality, connectivity and accessibility** of the City’s valuable recreational, open space and environmental resources to **meet current and future demand** for recreational activity and programming.”*

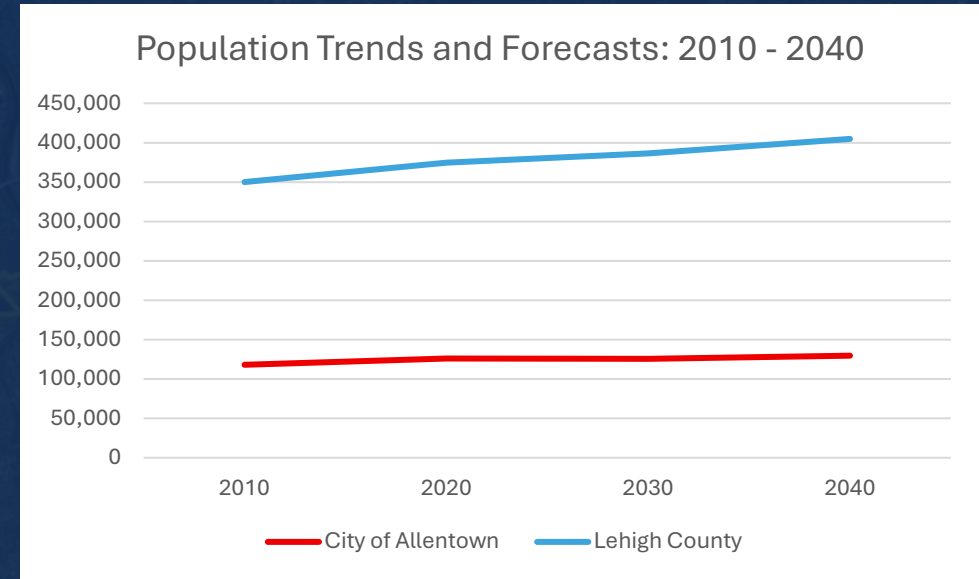
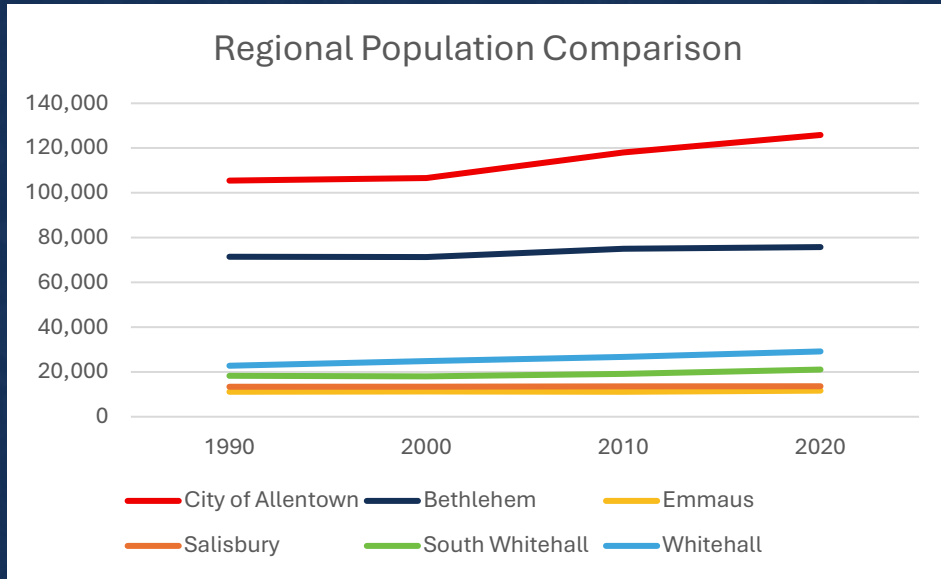
Plan Goals (Draft)

- Engage in an **open and transparent** exchange of ideas where all ideas are considered and where everyone's voice can be heard throughout the planning process.
- Provide for the recreational needs of **all age groups**.
- Provide for the recreation needs of residents with a **physical, mental, developmental, or intellectual disability** and provide **equitable access** and opportunities to all residents.
- Protect and enhance the City's **Park and Open Space**.
- Create a **sustainable plan** for parks, recreation and open space
- Preserve cherished and important City historic artifacts and **valued natural resources**.
- Plan for **safe multi-modal connections** between various destinations in the City.





Demographics: Population



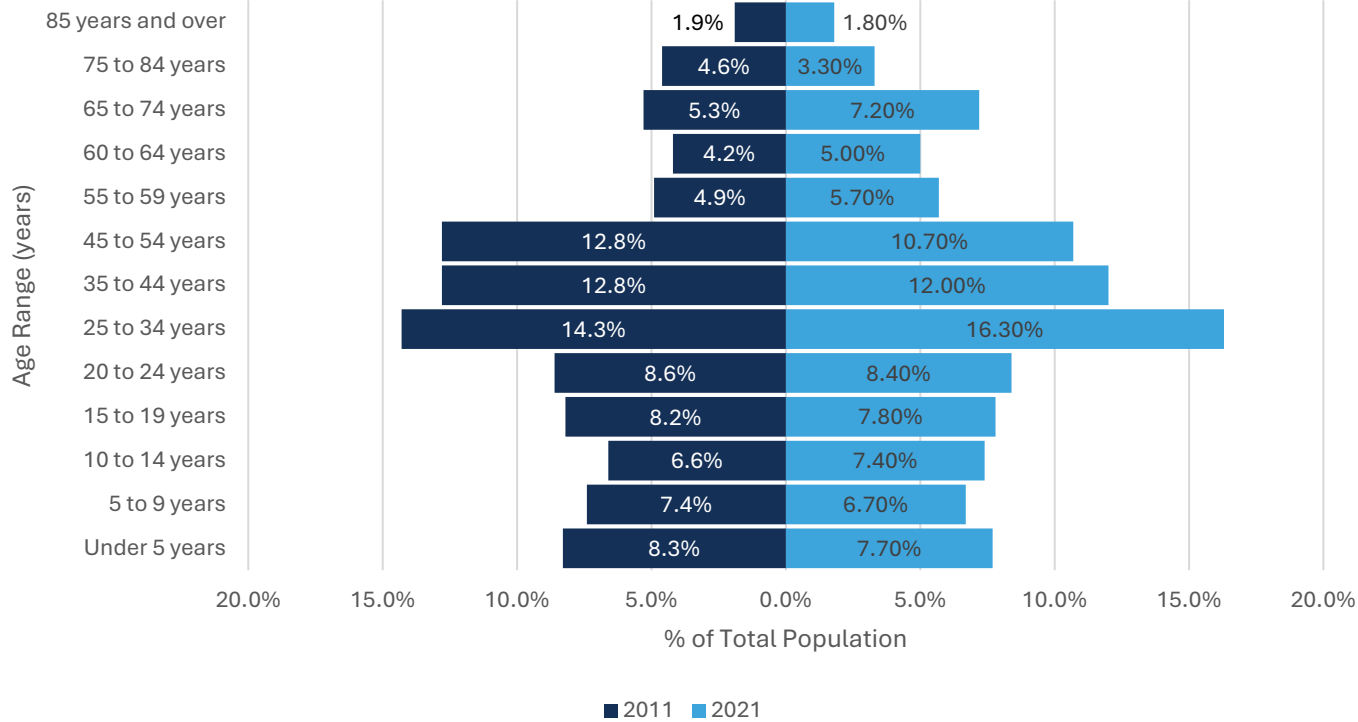
Regional Population Comparison					
Municipality	1990	2000	2010	2020	% Change 2010-2020
City of Allentown	105,473	106,632	118,032	125,845	6.21%
Bethlehem	71,428	71,329	74,982	75,781	1.05%
Emmaus	11,157	11,313	11,211	11,652	3.78%
Salisbury	13,401	13,498	13,505	13,621	0.85%
South Whitehall	18,261	18,028	19,180	21,080	9.01%
Whitehall	22,779	24,896	26,738	29,173	8.35%
Lehigh County	291,130	312,368	350,008	370,802	5.61%

Population Trends and Forecasts: 2010 - 2040				
Year	City of Allentown		Lehigh County	
	Population	% Change	Population	% Change
2010	118,032		350,008	
2020	125,845	6.21%	374,557	6.55%
2030	125,755	-0.07%	386,419	3.07%
2040	129,585	2.96%	404,790	4.54%

By 2040, the population of Allentown is expected to grow by 3%.

Demographics: Age

City of Allentown Population by Age

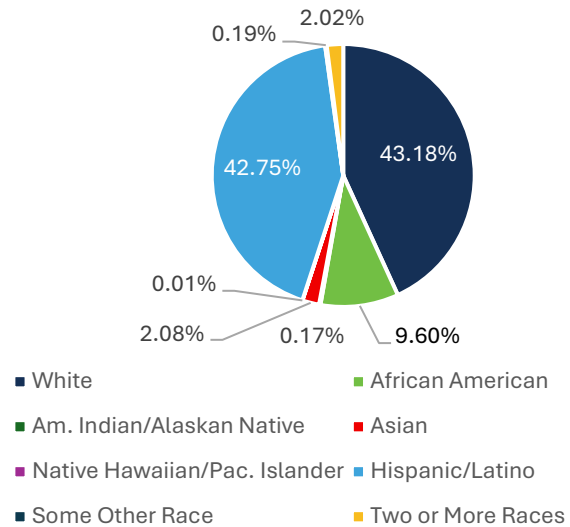


Population by Age - City of Allentown			
	2011	2021	
Age Group	%	%	% Change
Under 5 years	8.30%	7.70%	-0.60%
5 to 9 years	7.40%	6.70%	-0.70%
10 to 14 years	6.60%	7.40%	0.80%
15 to 19 years	8.20%	7.80%	-0.40%
20 to 24 years	8.60%	8.40%	-0.20%
25 to 34 years	14.30%	16.30%	2.00%
35 to 44 years	12.80%	12.00%	-0.80%
45 to 54 years	12.80%	10.70%	-2.10%
55 to 59 years	4.90%	5.70%	0.80%
60 to 64 years	4.20%	5.00%	0.80%
65 to 74 years	5.30%	7.20%	1.90%
75 to 84 years	4.60%	3.30%	-1.30%
85 years and over	1.90%	1.80%	-0.10%

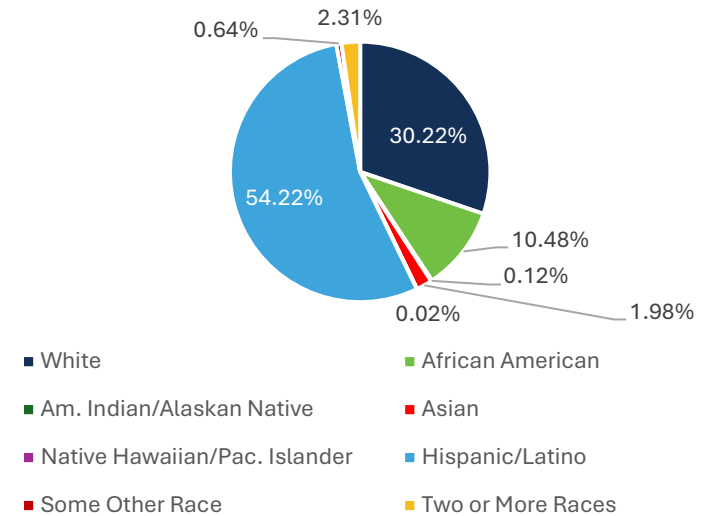
Population of Allentown is young. Median age is 32.4. 55+ age group has grown.

Demographics: Race/Ethnicity

Racial/Ethnic Composition - City of Allentown 2010



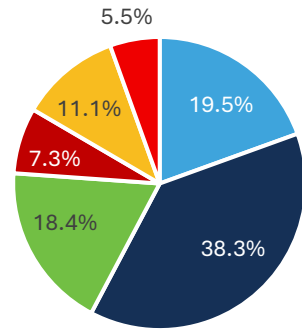
Racial/Ethnic Composition - City of Allentown 2020



Racial and Ethnic Composition: 2010 - 2020								
Race/Ethnicity	City of Allentown				Lehigh County			
	2010 Pop.	2010	2020 Pop.	2020	2010 Pop.	2010	2020 Pop.	2020
White	50,964	43.18%	38,033	30.22%	250,245	71.60%	227,994	60.87%
African American	11,336	9.60%	13,193	10.48%	17,230	4.93%	22,950	6.13%
Am. Indian/Alaskan Native	200	0.17%	150	0.12%	442	0.13%	337	0.09%
Asian	2,452	2.08%	2,498	1.98%	10,090	2.89%	13,725	3.66%
Native Hawaiian/Pac. Islander	11	0.01%	28	0.02%	65	0.02%	91	0.02%
Hispanic/Latino	50,461	42.75%	68,232	54.22%	65,615	18.77%	96,981	25.89%
Some Other Race	224	0.19%	805	0.64%	555	0.16%	1,779	0.47%
Two or More Races	2,384	2.02%	2,906	2.31%	5,255	1.50%	10,700	2.86%
Total	118,032		125,845		349,497		374,557	

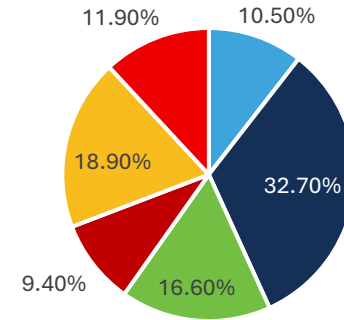
Demographics: Education

City of Allentown - Educational Attainment 2020



■ No High School Diploma ■ High School Graduate
■ Some College, No Degree ■ Associate's Degree
■ Bachelor's Degree ■ Graduate or Prof. Degree

Lehigh County - Educational Attainment 2020

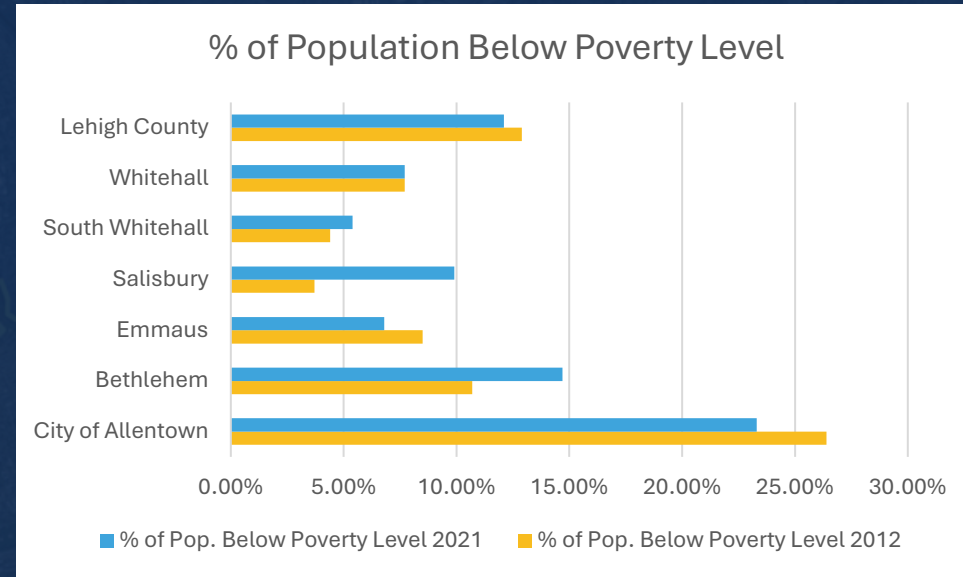
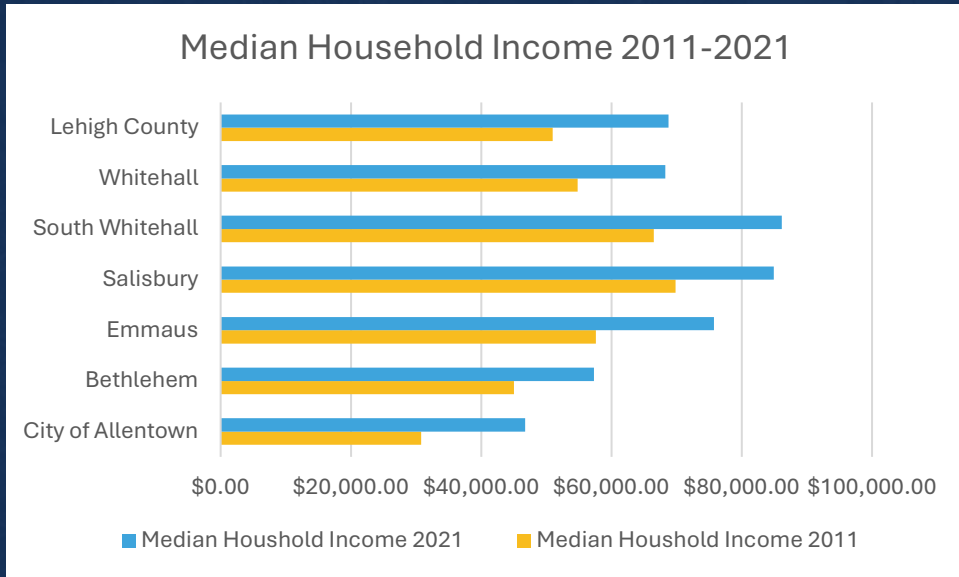


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Educational Attainment for Residents Over 25 Years of Age (2020)

Educational Attainment	City of Allentown	Bethlehem	Emmaus	Hanover	South Whitehall	Lehigh County
No High School Diploma	19.5%	10.8%	9.2%	3.9%	6.2%	10.50%
High School Graduate	38.3%	32.2%	36.8%	24.6%	27.7%	32.70%
Some College, No Degree	18.4%	17.0%	16.5%	15.1%	13.7%	16.60%
Associate's Degree	7.3%	8.7%	10.5%	9.8%	8.5%	9.40%
Bachelor's Degree	11.1%	19.0%	17.4%	27.5%	25.0%	18.90%
Graduate or Prof. Degree	5.5%	12.3%	9.6%	19.1%	19.0%	11.90%
Residents with at least a High School Diploma	80.6%	89.2%	90.9%	96.1%	93.8%	89.50%
Residents with at least a Bachelor's Degree	16.6%	31.3%	27.0%	46.6%	44.0%	30.80%

Demographics: Income



With a lower median household income and higher poverty rate, Allentown residents may not have the disposable income to spend on recreation as much as residents in other Lehigh County communities might.

Median Household Income/Poverty Comparison				
	Median Household Income		% of Pop. Below Poverty Level	
	2011	2021	2012	2021
City of Allentown	\$30,784.00	\$46,745.00	26.40%	23.30%
Bethlehem	\$45,019.00	\$57,320.00	10.70%	14.70%
Emmaus	\$57,585.00	\$75,750.00	8.50%	6.80%
Salisbury	\$69,838.00	\$84,937.00	3.70%	9.90%
South Whitehall	\$66,498.00	\$86,158.00	4.40%	5.40%
Whitehall	\$54,800.00	\$68,273.00	7.70%	7.70%
Lehigh County	\$50,978.00	\$68,738.00	12.90%	12.10%



Public Opinion Survey Results

Public Opinion Survey Preliminary Results

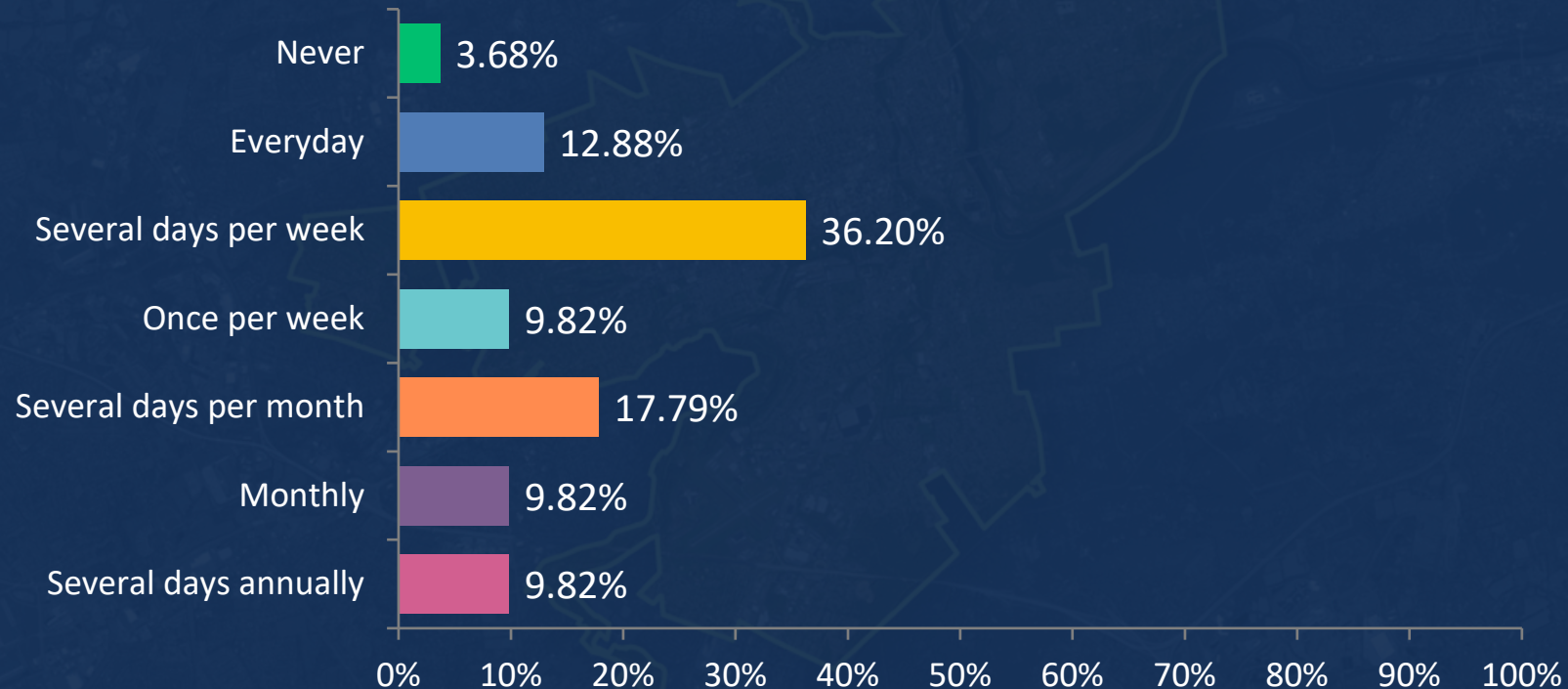
- **163** responses to date (English language survey)
- **30%** reside in Zip Code 18104
 - Parks include: Allentown Golf Course, Cedar Creek Parkway, Cedar Beach Park, Daddona Lake and Terrace Park, Rose Gardens, Trexler Memorial Park
- **20%** in 18102
 - Parks include: Bucky Boyle Park, Fountain Park, Franklin Park, Jackson St. Community Park, Jordan Meadows, Old Fairgrounds Playground/5th St. Spray Park, Stevens Park, West Park
- **17%** in 18103
 - Parks include: Roosevelt Park, Alton Park Playlot, Lehigh Parkway, Mack Pool, Percy Ruhe Park, South Mountain Reservoir
- **50%** of respondents have lived in their communities for 20+ years



Public Opinion Survey Preliminary Results

Q1: Generally, how often do people in your household visit parks in the City of Allentown?

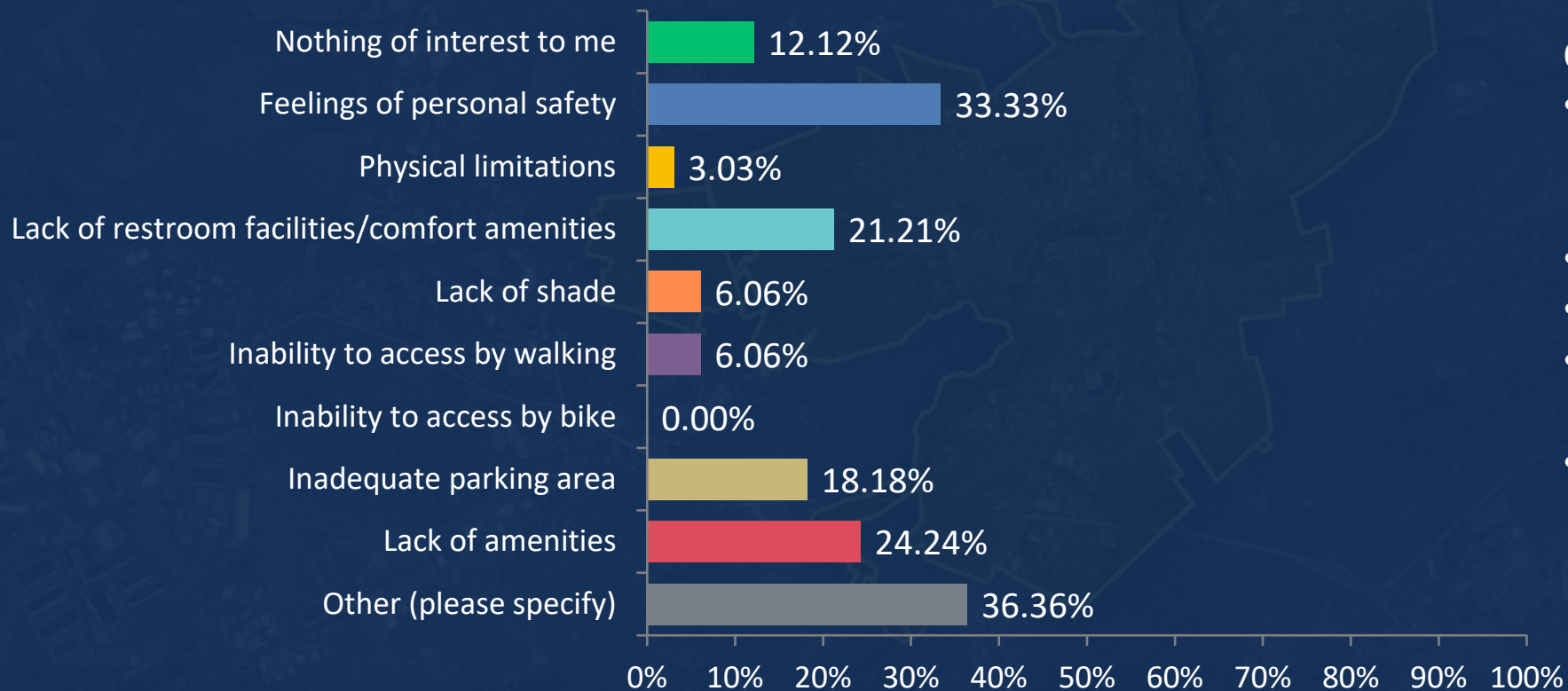
Answered: 163 Skipped: 0



Public Opinion Survey Preliminary Results

Q2: If you answered 'Never' in Question 1, what are the primary reasons that you DO NOT visit parks in the City of Allentown? Select all that apply.

Answered: 33 Skipped: 130



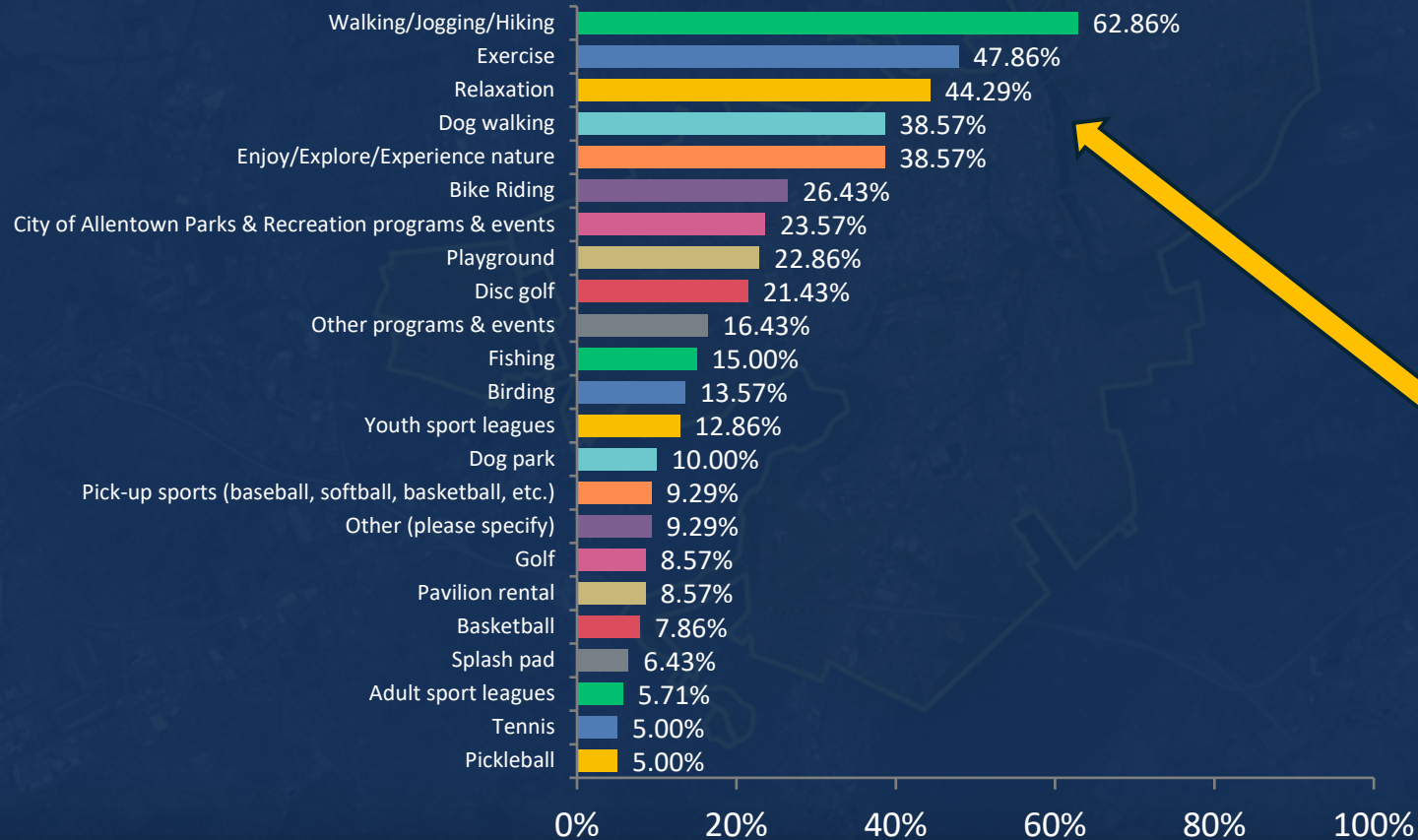
Other responses include:

- Want to simply walk my dog and too many do not follow the rules
- Upkeep
- Cleanliness
- Broken playground, graffiti, crowded
- Lack of bike trails to get to the parks.

Public Opinion Survey Preliminary Results

Q5: For what purpose(s) do people in your household visit park/recreation sites in the City of Allentown? Select all that apply.

Answered: 140 Skipped: 23



- Other responses include:
- Concerts, seasonal and holiday events
 - Art Spaces
 - Ecological examination
 - No interest. Reason: safety

Top 5 Responses

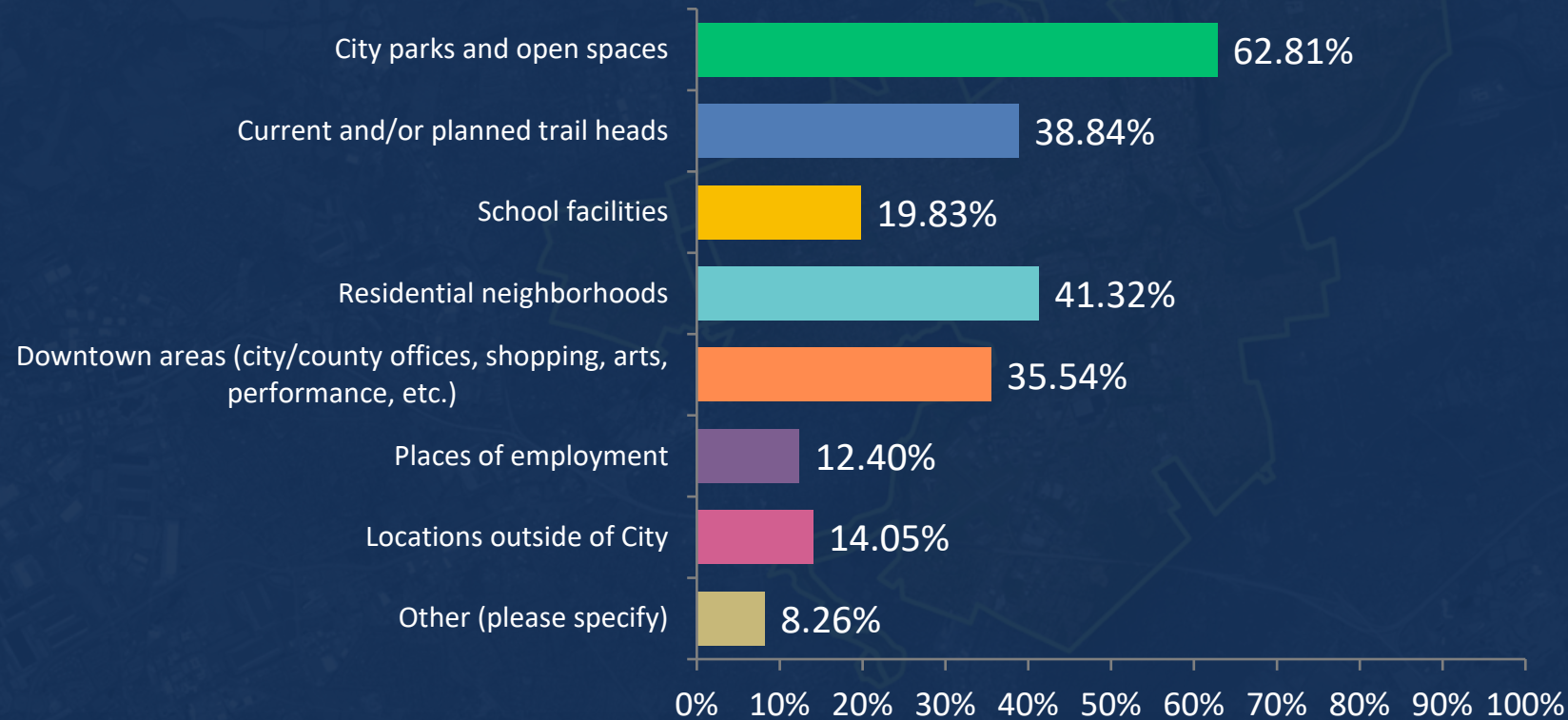
1. *Walking/Jogging/Hiking*
2. *Exercise*
3. *Relaxation*
4. *Dog walking*
5. *Enjoy/Explore/Experience nature*

24% said they visit for Parks & Recreation programs and events

Public Opinion Survey Preliminary Results

Q9: Select the top 3 destinations you would like improved pedestrian and bicycling access to.

Answered: 121 Skipped: 42



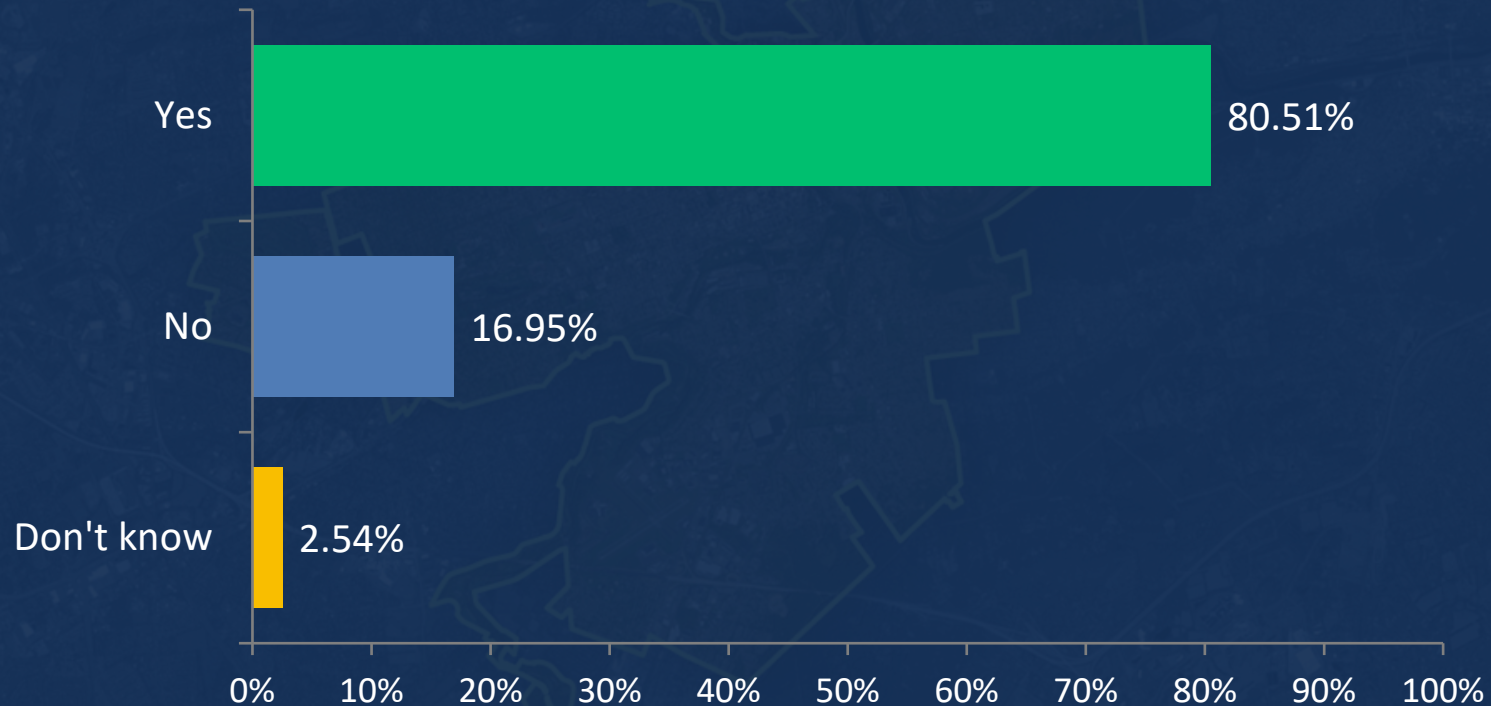
Other responses include:

- ADA-Accessible trails
- Places in the city that have no sidewalk (I.E. Parkway Blvd and Trexler Blvd.). Cyclists and walkers that insist on being on the street impede on traffic and place themselves in harms way.
- Better road marking for bicycle (bike lanes)

Public Opinion Survey Preliminary Results

Q10: Do you feel that there is an adequate number of parks, natural areas, and trails available to you or in close proximity to where you live?

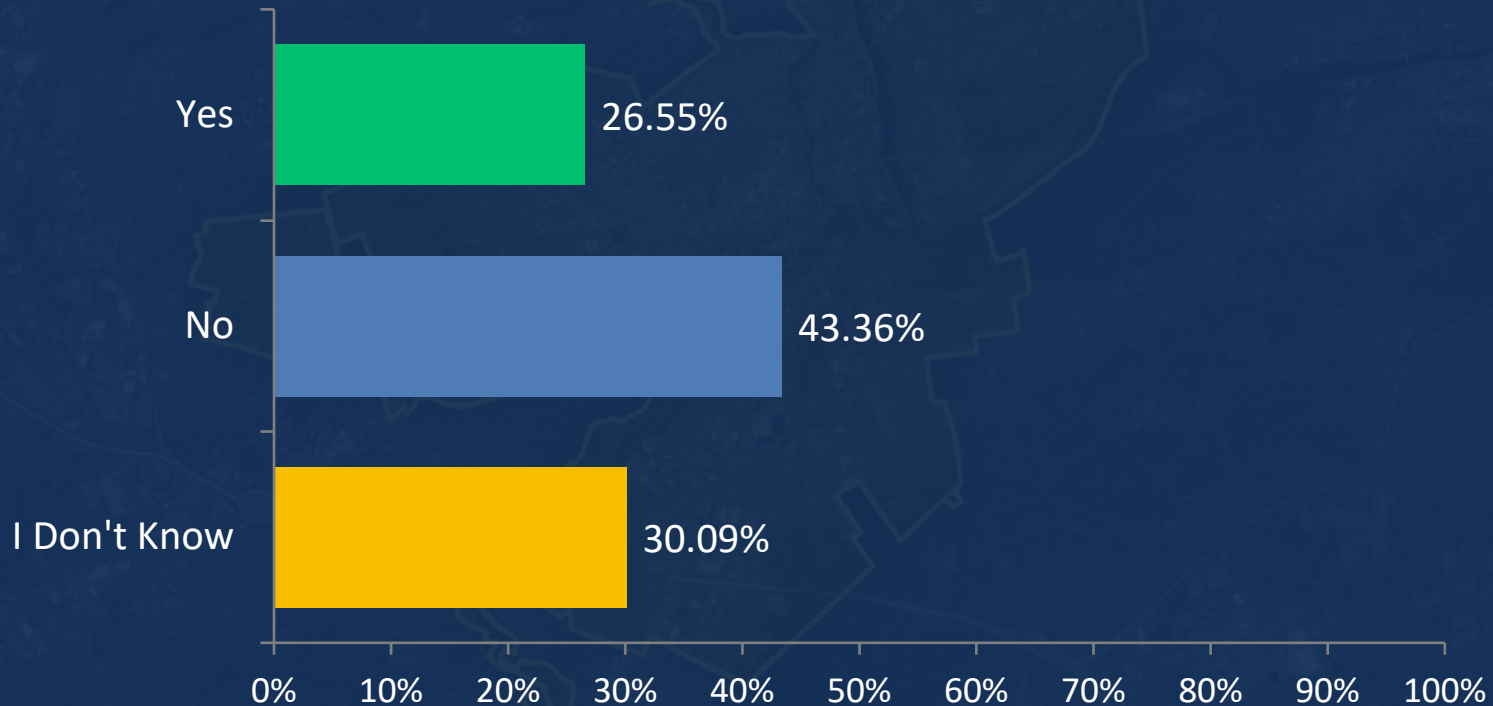
Answered: 118 Skipped: 45



Public Opinion Survey Preliminary Results

Q17: Do you feel that there are barriers or obstacles that limit access to parks and park programming that are based on socioeconomic background?

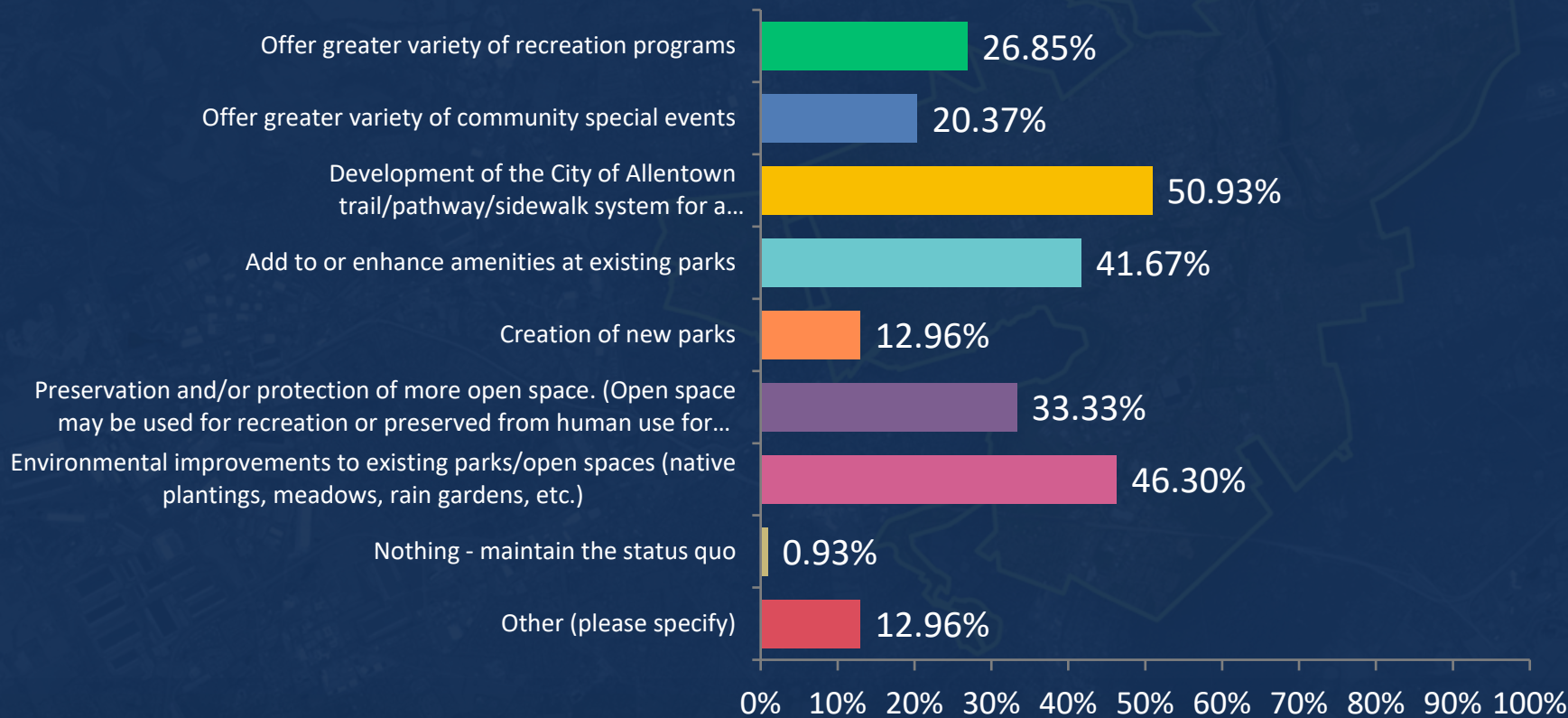
Answered: 113 Skipped: 50



Public Opinion Survey Preliminary Results

Q31: Over the next 3 to 5 years, where should the City of Allentown's recreational / park / open space priorities be? Select up to three (3).

Answered: 108 Skipped: 55



Other responses include:

- More engagement for local kids in the community
- Keeping the parks clean, one more dog park, cutting dead trees down along the creeks/river planting new trees
- Improve maintenance schedule for bathrooms. Repair/remove the interactive play spaces that are no longer working



Natural Resources Mapping

Lehigh Valley Return on Environment

Natural System Services

- The green infrastructure along streams in the Lehigh Valley reduces tax dollars by avoiding more than **\$110.3 million** annually in expenditures for water supply, flood mitigation and water quality.
- Natural areas provide over **\$22.4 million** annually in pollination and **\$2.5 million** in biological control services to agriculture.
- Natural areas provide **\$219.5 million** annually in plant and animal habitat.

Air Quality

- Air quality services provided by trees removing pollutants are estimated at **\$48.2 million** annually.
- Photosynthesis by trees provides health and other benefits of about **\$3.6 million** per year.

Lehigh Valley Return on Environment



Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
2014

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Outdoor Recreation

- An estimated **\$795.7 million** is spent on outdoor recreation each year in the Lehigh Valley.
- Recreational activity on open space in the Lehigh Valley creates an estimated **9,678 jobs**, which generate about **\$58.9 million** in state and local taxes.
- An estimated **25%** of all tourism in the Lehigh Valley comes from recreation.

Property Value

- The average premium afforded each home within ¼ mile of protected open space is **\$14,600** in the Lehigh Valley.
- This average real estate premium for single-family homes located within ¼ mile of protected open space is lowest for homes in rural areas (**\$2,600**) and highest for homes in cities and boroughs (**\$28,200**).

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Hydrology & Floodplains

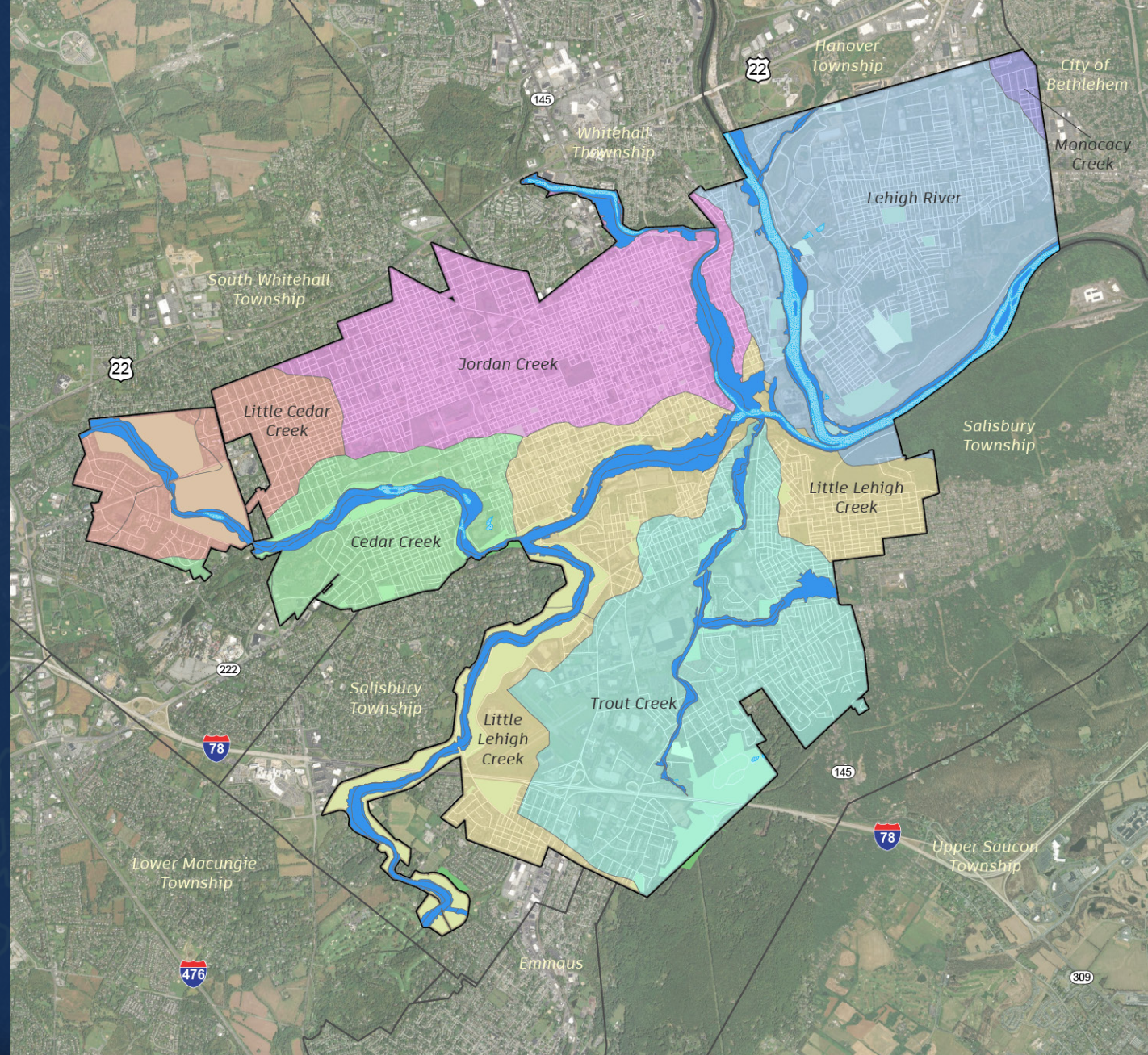
Legend

Existing

-  Local Road
-  Municipal Boundary
-  Park and Rec
-  Open Space
-  Institutional
-  Water

Analysis - Hydrology

-  Lehigh River watershed
-  Jordan Creek watershed
-  Little Cedar Creek watershed
-  Cedar Creek watershed
-  Little Lehigh Creek watershed
-  Trout Creek watershed
-  Monocacy Creek watershed
-  Floodplain
-  Wetlands



Slopes

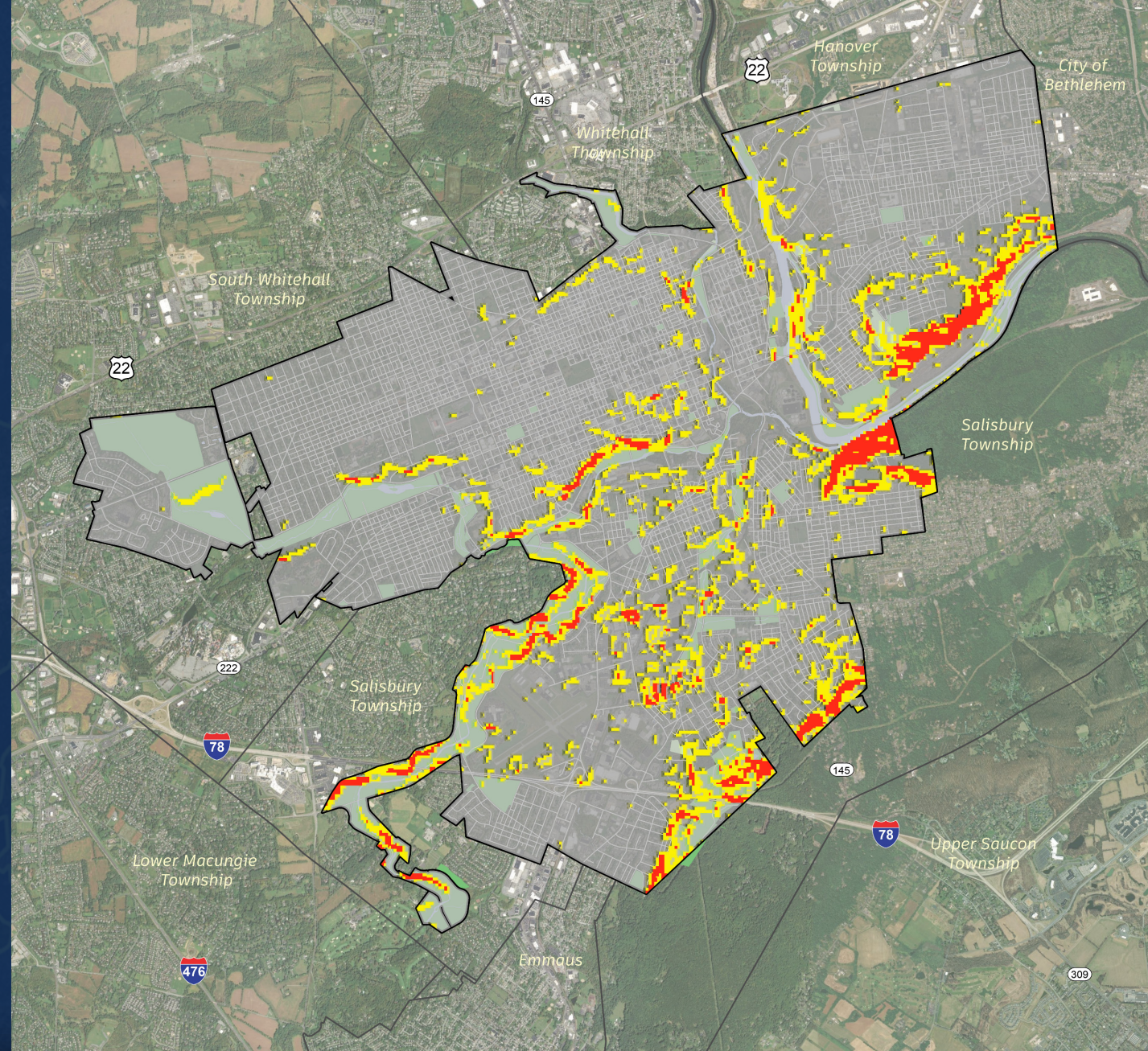
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- Local Road
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Analysis - Slopes

- Less than 10%
- 10% to 20%
- Greater than 20%



Historic Resources

- 95 sites eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places
- 17 sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places

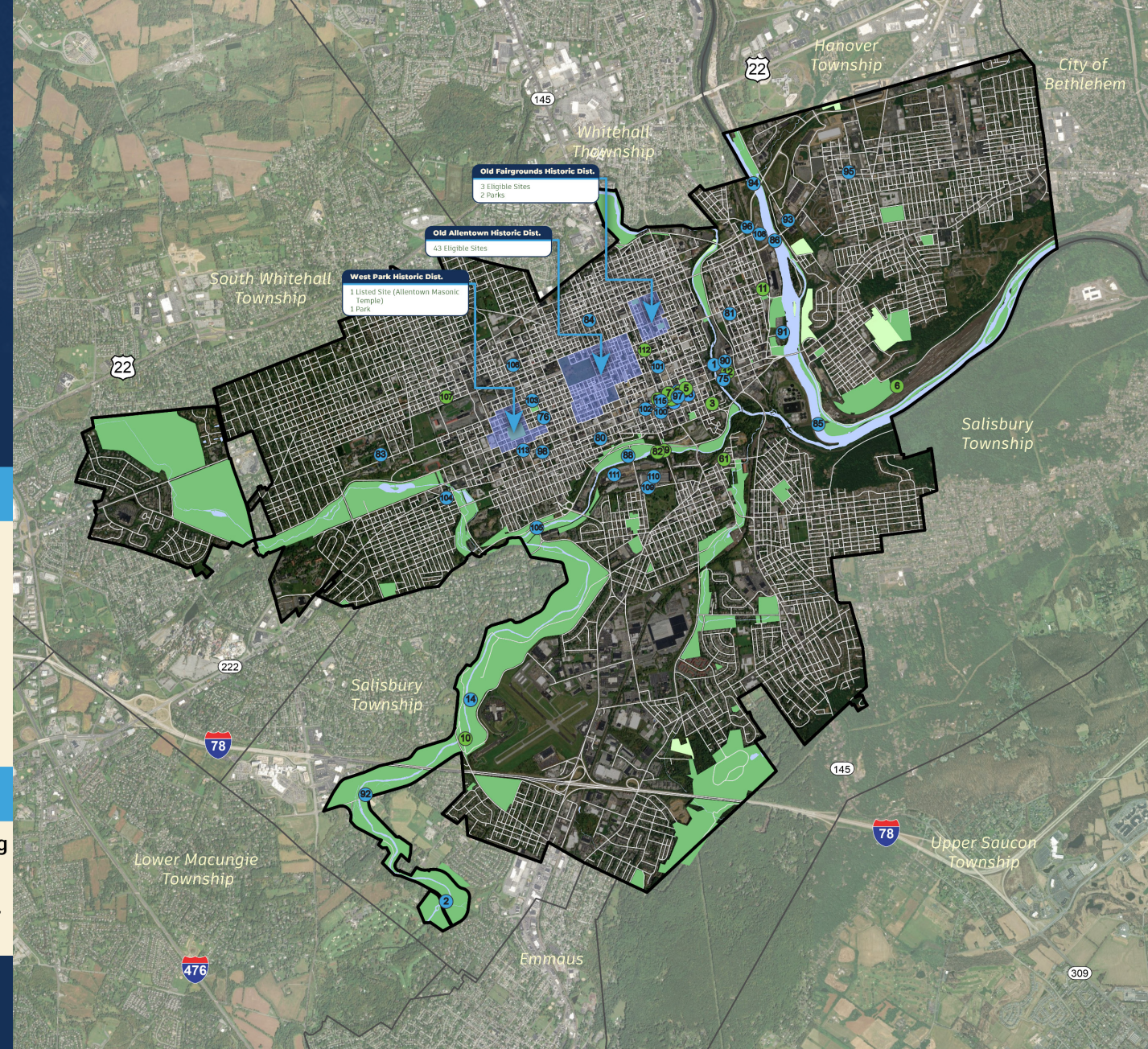
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Historic Resources

- ① Site eligible for Historic listing
- ① Site listed on Historic register

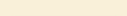


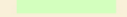





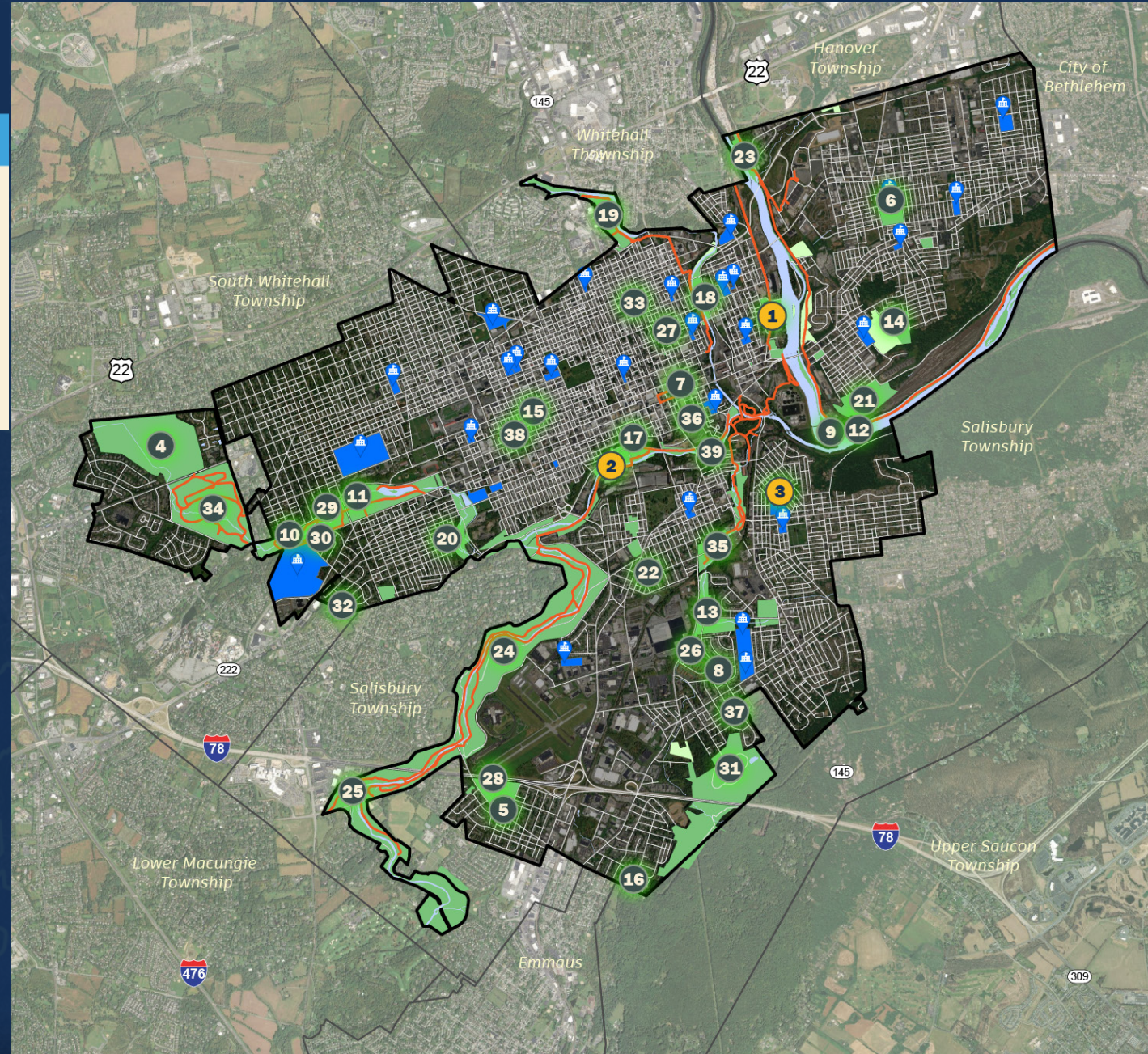
Parks Map

1. Bucky Boyle Park
2. Fountain Park
3. Roosevelt Park
4. Allentown Municipal Golf Course
5. Alton Park Playlot
6. Andre Reed Park and Irving Pool
7. Arts Park
8. Benton Street Playlot
9. Canal Park
10. Cedar Creek Parkway
11. Cedar Beach Park and Pool
12. D&L Trail
13. Dixon Street Dog Park
14. East Side Reservoir
15. Franklin Park
16. Ithaca Playlot
17. Jackson Street Community Park
18. Jordan Meadows
19. Jordan Park
20. Joseph Daddona Lake and Terrace (Union Terrace) Park

Legend

Existing

-  Roads
-  Municipal Boundary
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-  Water
-  Trails



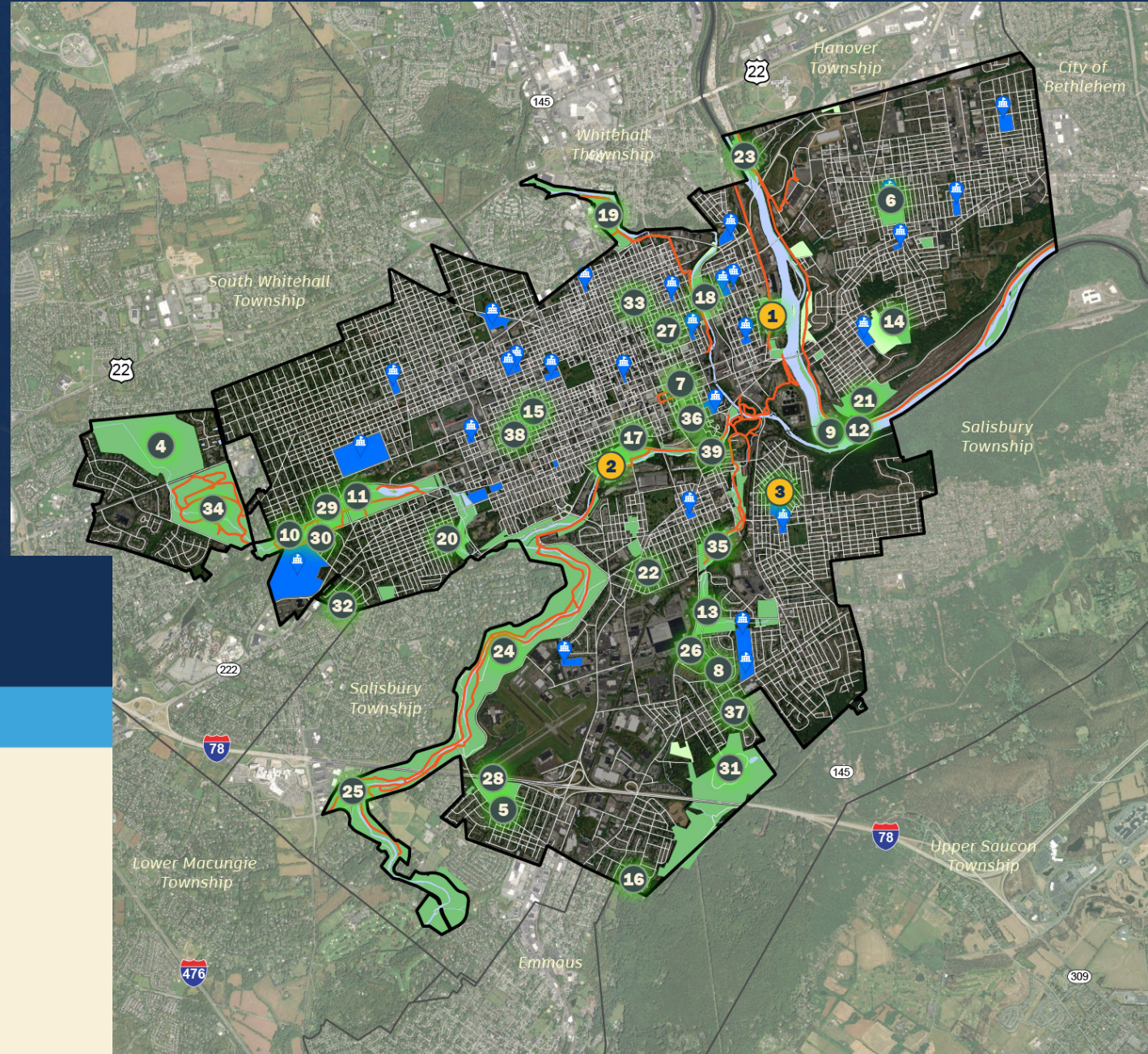
Parks Map, cont...

- 21. Keck Park
- 22. Keck Triangle
- 23. Kimmet's Lock
- 24. Lehigh Parkway
- 25. Li'l-Le'Hi Trout Nursery
- 26. Mack Pool
- 27. Old Fairgrounds Playground/ 5th Street Spray Park
- 28. Percy Ruhe Park
- 29. Rose Gardens
- 30. Rose Garden Pavilions
- 31. South Mountain Reservoir
- 32. South Street Playlot
- 33. Stevens Park
- 34. Trexler Memorial Park
- 35. Trout Creek
- 36. Valania Park
- 37. Walden Terrace Playlot
- 38. West Park
- 39. Wire Mill Meadow Arboretum

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Community Benchmarking

Community Benchmarking

In order to assess whether the City has an adequate number of recreational facilities to meet the needs of its current and future population, the City's park system was benchmarked against:

- Communities of similar size and population density
- Communities in the Lehigh Valley
- National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards
 - The NRPA provides park and recreation metrics to assist professionals in the management and planning of their recreational resources
 - The NRPA understands that there is no single set of standards for parks and recreation to address the uniqueness of a community



Benchmarking: Similar Communities

City of Allentown Community Benchmarking - Existing Facilities											
	City of Allentown	City of Reading, Berks County	City of Erie, Erie County	City of Albany, Albany County, NY*	City of Buffalo, Erie County, NY	City of Syracuse, Erie County, NY	City of New Haven, New Haven County, CT	City of Bridgeport, Fairfield County, CT	Average	Difference from Average	Difference from Maximum
2024 Population (ACS)	124,597	94,878	92,371	102,076	273,720	145,171	137,173	148,131	139,765	-15,168	-149,123
2040 Projection	129,585	103,656	92,162	98,640	278,000	149,000	139,000	149,000	142,380	-12,795	-148,415
Area (Sq. Miles)	17.55	10.1	19.3	21.8	52.48	25.6	20.1	19.4	23	-6	-34.93
2024 Pop Density per Sq. Mile	7,100	9,394	4,786	4,682	5,216	5,671	6,825	7,636	6,414	686	-2,294
2040 Pop Density per Sq. Mile	7,384	10,263	4,775	4,525	5,297	5,820	6,915	7,680	6,583	801	-2,879
# of Parks	39	27	45	125	180	46	8	35	63	-24	-141
Park Area (Acres)	2000	134	385	530	2360	972	2200	1800	1,298	702	-360
Facility											
Amphitheater	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Baseball / Softball	25	13	16	25	53	30	6	28	25	1	-28
Basketball	23	45	21	31	94	34	6	12	33	-10	-71
Biking / Hiking Trails	28.6			22.2	63.7	6.0	10.0		26.1	2.5	-35.1
Community garden	1	1	0	5	178	1	1	0	23	-22	-177
Dog Park	1	0	1	4	2	1	1	3	2	-1	-3
Football	4		1	1	12	3	1	0	3	1	-8
Handball	10	0	4	6	0	0	0	0	3	8	4
Multipurpose Field	0	6	1	7	18	15	4	4	7	-7	-18
Pavilion / Rental Space	14	7	29	2	46	7	5	4	14	0	-32
Pickleball Court	8	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	-1
Playgrounds	24	27	27	30	86	50	4	19	33	-9	-62
Pool	3	1	1	2	11	10	1	0	4	-1	-8
Recreation Center	6	2	0	1	28	8	0	0	6	0	-22
Skate Park	2	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	0
Soccer	2	0	2	0	20	1	2	8	4	-2	-18
Street Hockey/Ice Skating	1	1	1	1	15	4	1	2	3	-2	-14
Tennis	8	6	14	33	48	51	15	23	25	-17	-43
Volleyball	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	4

*Municipal code permits Fee-in-lieu for open space dedication

Benchmarking: Lehigh Valley Communities

City of Allentown Community Benchmarking - Existing Facilities								
	City of Allentown	City of Bethlehem	Northampton Borough	Lower Macungie Township	City of Easton	Average	Difference from Average	Difference from Maximum
2024 Population (ACS)	124,597	79,167	10,414	32,559	30,003	55,348	69,249	45,430
2040 Projection	129,585	85,701	11,697	48,213	37,504	62,540	67,045	43,884
Area (Sq. Miles)	17.55	19.12	2.64	22.37	4.26	13	4	-4.82
2024 Pop Density per Sq. Mile	7,100	4,141	3,945	1,455	7,043	4,737	2,363	57
2040 Pop Density per Sq. Mile	7,384	4,482	4,431	2,155	8,804	5,451	1,933	-1,420
# of Parks	39	39	5	26	31	28	11	0
Park Area (Acres)	2000	568	55	235	157	603	1,397	1432
Facility								
Amphitheater	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Baseball / Softball	25	7	6	9	4	10	15	16
Basketball	23	18	5	19	6	14	9	4
Community garden	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	-2
Dog Park	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Football	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
Handball	10	0	0	1	0	2	8	9
Multipurpose Field	0	4	2	4	0	2	-2	-4
Pavilion / Rental Space	14	6	0	16	9	9	5	-2
Pickleball Court	8	4	0	9	0	4	4	-1
Playgrounds	24	24	3	14	14	16	8	0
Pool	3	6	1	1	2	3	0	-3
Recreation Center	6	0	1	1	0	2	4	5
Skate Park	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Soccer	2	0	1	14	0	3	-1	-12
Street Hockey/Ice Skating	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tennis	8	4	2	11	1	5	3	-3
Volleyball	6	0	0	2	3	2	4	3

Benchmarking: NRPA

	Allentown (2024)	Allentown (2040) (Projection)	National Recreation & Park Association Average	Current Number	Additional to meet benchmark (2024)	Additional to meet benchmark (2040)
Population of Jurisdiction	124,597	129,585	100,000-250,000			
Residents per park (median)	3,195	3,323	3,344			
Acres of Parkland per 1,000 Residents (median)	16	15	7			
Facility						
Playgrounds	5,192	5,399	5,016	24	0.84	1.83
Basketball courts	5,417	5,399	9,643	23	-10.08	-9.56
Diamond fields (total)	4,984	5,183	6,821	25	-6.73	-6.00
Tennis courts	15,575	16,198	8,731	8	6.27	6.84
Rectangular fields: multipurpose	20,766	21,598	7,375	6	10.89	11.57
Dog parks	124,597	129,585	74,504	1	0.67	0.74
Swimming pools	41,532	43,195	65,697	3	-1.10	-1.03
Community gardens	124,597	129,585	55,326	1	1.25	1.34
Skate parks	62,299	64,793	105,567	2	-0.82	-0.77
Regulation 18-hole golf courses	124,597	129,585	112,641	1	0.11	0.15
Ice rinks	124,597	129,585	102,981	1	0.21	0.26
Pickleball courts	15,575	16,198	20,244	8	-1.85	-1.60



KPI List

- Lehigh Valley Water Authority
- Lehigh Valley Health Network
- Blue Zones Project Lehigh Valley
- Trexler Trust
- City of Allentown:
 - Department of Public Works
 - Police Department
 - Planning Commission
- Becky Bradley, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
- Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA)
- Fatima Nabavian, Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living
- Parknership (Conversation with 2 Board members
already occurred)

WHO ELSE?



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Next Steps

Project Schedule

Meeting Type	Date	Time
Committee Meeting #1	Wednesday, September 25, 2024	7pm-9pm
Public Meeting #1 – Project Intro / Brainstorming	Wednesday, November 13, 2024	6pm – 8pm
Committee Meeting #2	Monday, December 9, 2024	7pm-9pm
Public Meeting #2 – Existing Conditions, Initial Concepts	Wednesday, January 8, 2025	6pm-8pm
Committee Meeting #3	Wednesday, January 22, 2025	7pm-9pm
Public Meeting #3 – Refined Plans, Admin Analysis	Wednesday, February 26, 2025	6pm-8pm
Committee Meeting #4	Wednesday, April 9, 2025	7pm-9pm
Public Meeting #4 – Finance, Programming, Refined Plans	Wednesday, April 30, 2025	6pm-8pm
Key Person Interviews (20)	TBD	TBD
Committee Meeting #5	Wednesday, June 11, 2025	7pm-9pm
Online Public Opinion Survey	October 2024 – May 2025	
Public Meeting #5 – Draft Plans	Wednesday, June 25, 2025	6pm-8pm
Committee Meeting #6	Wednesday, September 10, 2025	7pm-9pm
City Council Meeting (to Adopt Plan – TBD)	October 2025	
City Staff Meetings	Estimated 1 per month	Virtual

NEXT →

Next Steps - Simone Collins team

- Continue park system analysis
- Continue analysis and strategy development for master planned parks
- Continue analysis of ecology and systemwide issues
- Continue analysis of feedback from staff interviews
- Prepare for Public Meeting #2
- Schedule KPIs
- Schedule additional site visits
- Schedule meeting at Valania Park



Thank You!

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