



River's Edge Family Bike Park Master Plan

Citizen's Survey & Key Person Interview Results

Concept Plans

Presentation Agenda

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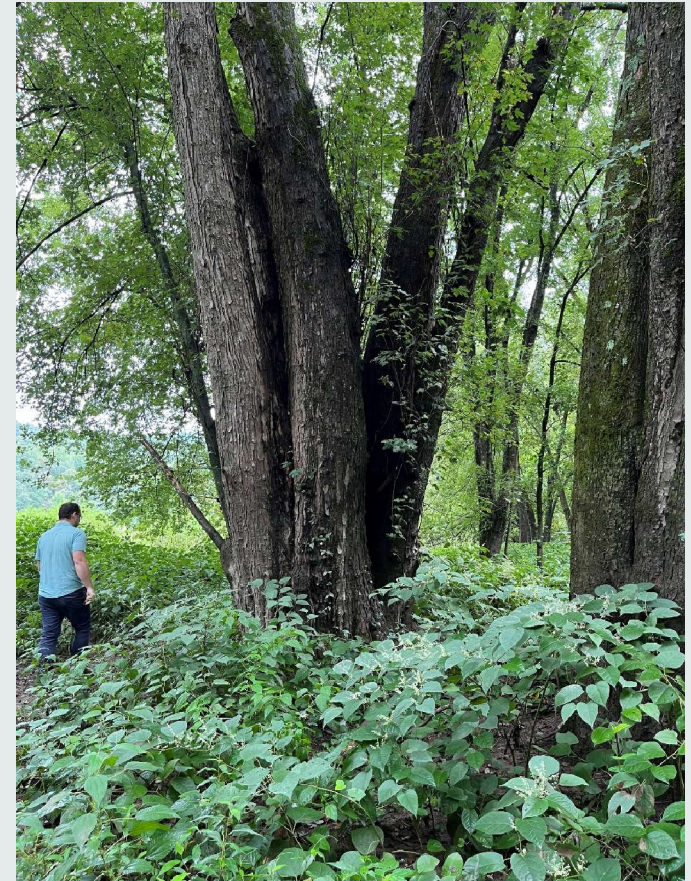


Summary of Findings

- County Forester visited the project site on November 5, 2024.
- Contacted Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office.
- Key person interviews were conducted with 13 interviewees.
- 244 Respondents to Citizen's Survey between September 27, 2024 and February 28, 2025
- Geocache site.
- In addition to the Shawnee-Minisink Dig Site, the property is also adjacent to the remaining stone piers of the New York, Susquehanna, and Western Railroad.

County Forester

- Several native species, but nothing rare or endangered.
- Treat large area of Japanese Knotweed
- Preserve large sycamores along Brodhead Creek
- Manage Multiflora Rose and Honeysuckle
- Poison Ivy is present - native species and suggests removal if creating recreational areas adjacent to it.



Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office

- Phone call with PA SHPO on January 6, 2025.
- Shawnee-Minisink Dig Site is listed as an archaeological site in the National Register of Historic Places.
- No fence around Dig Site, avoid any ground disturbance. Do not recognize specific location of site.
- SHPO's letter dated January 6, 2025 notes that any ground disturbing activity anywhere on property will need a Phase I archaeological survey.



Key Person Interviews

- Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau
- Dr. Joseph Gingerich, PhD
- Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living
- Kettle Creek
- Pocono Heritage Land Trust
- River Sojourn
- Pocono Area Cycling Trails
- Port Jervis Outdoors Club
- Pocono Disc Golf Club
- Price's Landing Residents
- Monroe County Transit Authority
- Senator Rosemary Brown
- Representative Tarah Probst

Key Person Interviews

Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau

- 30 million visitors annually to Monroe/Pike/Wayne/Carbon counties, 20-22 million in Monroe County
- “Free activities” are most requested by visitors (outdoor activities, hiking, non-motorized boat launch)
- Donations requested for trail/park maintenance

Dr. Joseph Gingerich, PhD

- No amenities on actual Shawnee-Minisink Dig Site (no “unscripted digs”), Educational kiosks good idea outside of the Dig Site area.

Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living

- Accessible parking lot, bathrooms, park features

Kettle Creek

- Suggests trail to confluence of Brodhead Creek and Delaware River and limited amenities to deter water access abuse.

Key Person Interviews

Pocono Heritage Land Trust

- Closest dog parks are in Middle Smithfield Township and at Glen Park.
- Most interested amenities – pickleball court, basketball courts, swimming pools, walking, dog walking, updated skate park.
- Suggests “music in the parks” is oversaturated. Field day for community.

River Sojourn

- Paddlers along Brodhead Creek use River’s Edge Family Bike Park as take-out location.
- Small number of people use as put-in location to go down Delaware River.
- Suggests no dock needed.

Pocono Area Cycling Trails

- Paved course would be beneficial.
- Beginner track bring more families/novice riders and jump park bring more local and out-of-town visitors
- 6-10 cars for bike park
- Movie and band nights were heavily attended with no issues
- Bike recycling program – Trips for Kids

Key Person Interviews

Port Jervis Outdoors Club

- Beginner and intermediate/advanced tracks.
- Paved for lower maintenance
- Pump track instrumental for exercise and training for trails.
- Local residents use track a lot because it's close, but a lot of out-of-town visits (Maine, Florida, west coast).

Pocono Disc Golf

- 30-40 people at course at one (1) time
- Currently 9-hole course. Suggested 18-hole course will bring in more players, more money for community. Possible ADA accessibility along paved trail.

Price's Landing Residents

- Would like park to stay "as is". Utilize Waterfront Park for amenities.
- Concerns include lighting (disruption to wildlife and residents), open air theatre, attraction of more people down Price's Landing Road, boat launch causing additional drownings in waters, paved areas in AE flood zone.
- Township needs to consider maintenance, staff, security, lighting. Pay people to maintain park, do not use volunteers.

Key Person Interviews

Monroe County Transit Authority

- Over 70 people utilize River Runner per day.

Senator Rosemary Brown

- Consider everyday user over visitors because National Park and Appalachian Trail are close for tourists. Fill gaps with what amenities other communities do not have.
- Concerned with abuse of waterways, garbage, parking along River Road.
- Controlled access to water is easier to manage.
- Park fee may reduce those from outside Monroe County utilizing park.

Representative Tarah Probst

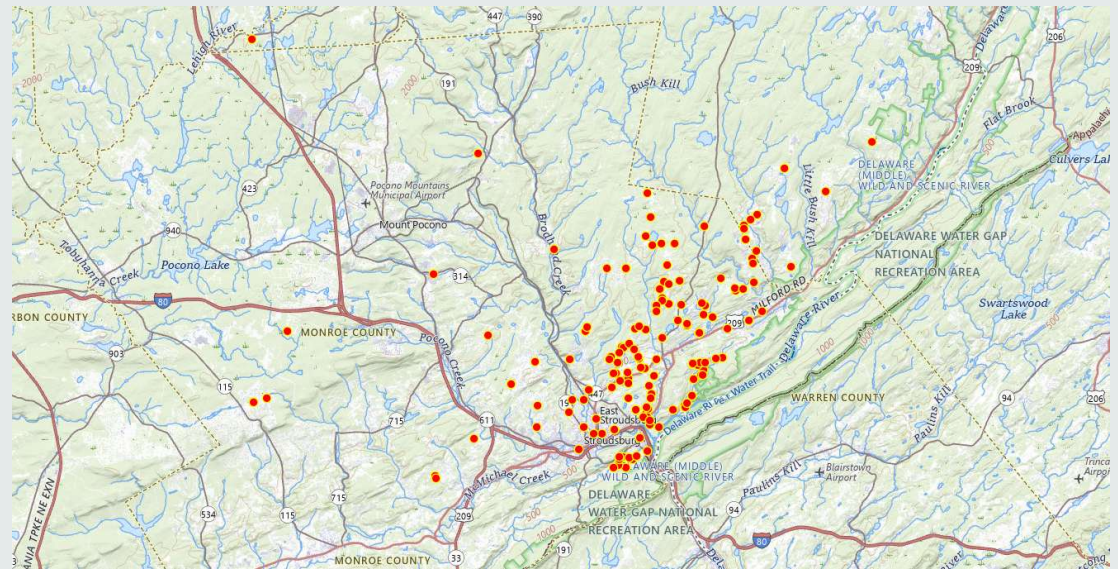
- Supports project and likes the park will remain a park (no vertical development).

Public Workshop Insights

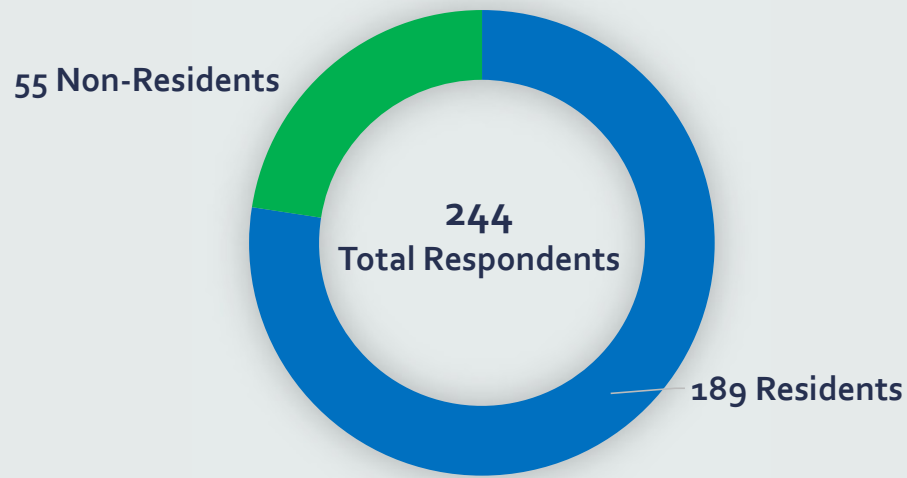
- Expand existing bike park with beginner and advanced tracks, Provide jump line
- Shed for bike rentals
- ADA Accessible Path
- Existing disc golf favored to remain
- Passive educational kiosks
- Kayak/canoe launch
- Picnic areas/benches
- Restroom facilities
- Electric for food truck, bike repair, entertainment
- Open air theatre
- Security and safety concerns, signage
- Dog park
- Maintenance responsibilities, Volunteer vs. Township employees
- Additional parking
- Preservation of Shawnee-Minisink dig site
- Removal of invasive species
- Open spaces for unstructured play

Citizen's Survey Results

- The survey ran between September 27, 2024 and February 28, 2025.
- The survey was available on the Smithfield Township website, through a QR Code placed on signs located throughout Smithfield and Middle Smithfield Townships, and paper copies at the Municipal Building.
- The survey was advertised on the Smithfield Township website, at public meetings held on November 12, 2024, December 17, 2024, January 6, 2025, January 28, 2025, and February 25, 2025, on the Smithfield Township Facebook page, and on the River's Edge Family Bike Park Facebook page.



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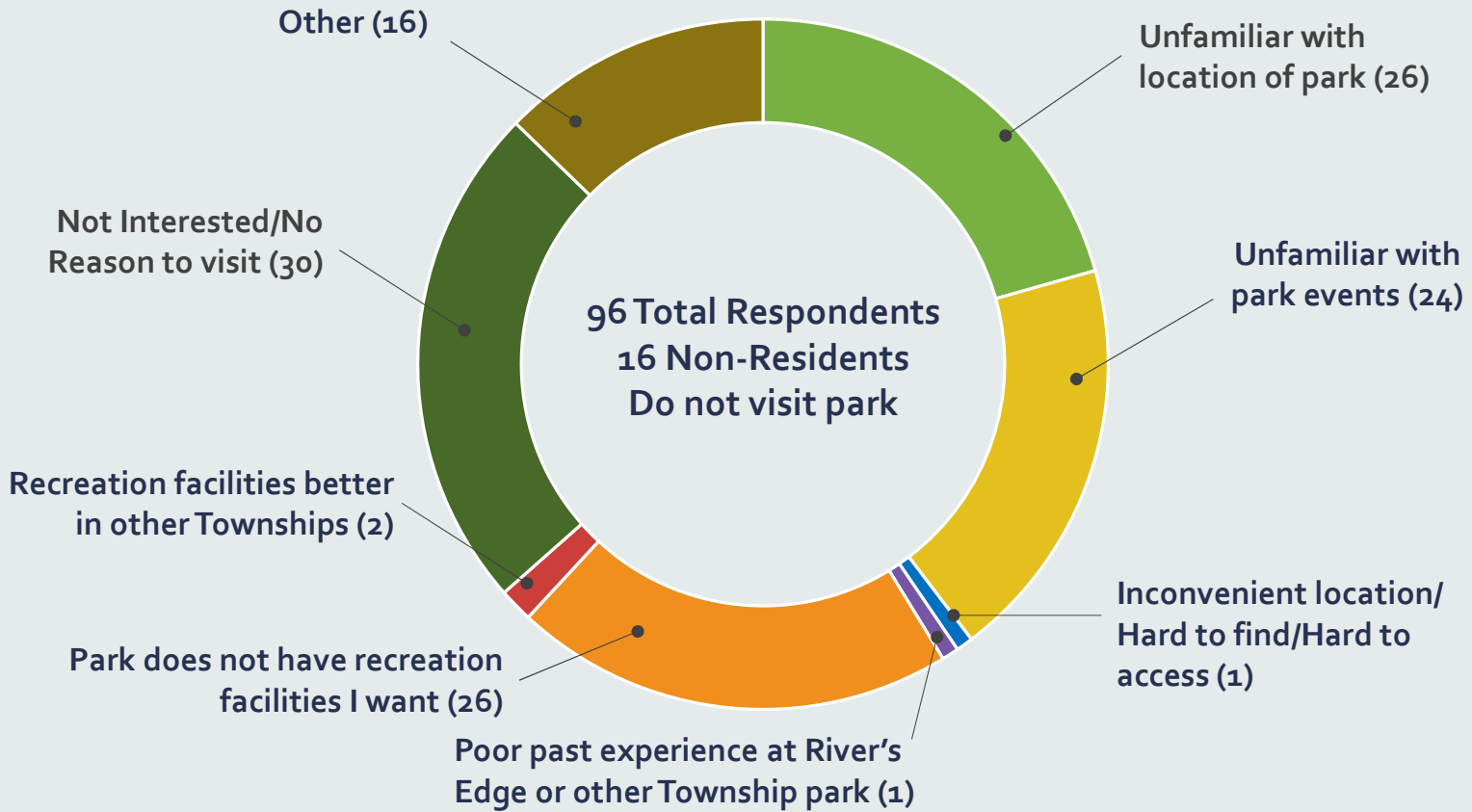


- 51 residents: < 10 years
- 33 residents: 10-20 years
- 105 residents: 20+ years

Visit Frequency	Residents	Non-Residents
3+ times per week	4.1%	0.8%
1 time per week	7.4%	2.5%
1 time per month	8.6%	5.7%
1 time per 6 months	14.3%	2.8%
1 time per year	10.6%	3.7%
Never	32.8%	6.9%

Citizen's Survey Results

Why do you not visit River's Edge Family Bike Park?



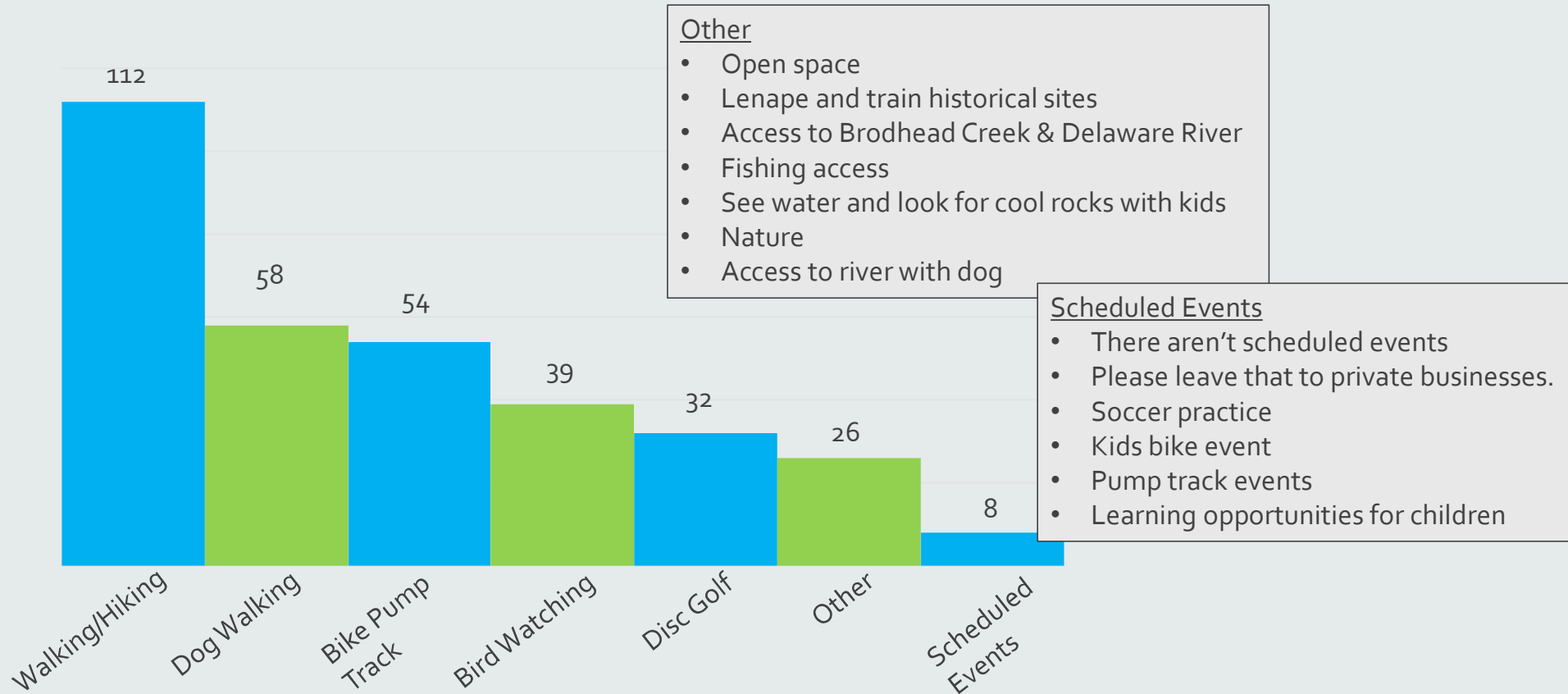
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Other reasons why I do not visit River's Edge Family Bike Park, or visit infrequently.

- We don't need tons of people running in our backyards.
- Inside person.
- Thought it was solely a bike park/I am not a bike rider/Don't have a bike.
- Haven't gotten around to it yet.
- Heard it was not good.
- Don't like the smell coming from the sewer system. Putrid, unhealthy odor.
- Crowds from out of state.
- Waste money, [boycott]
- Just found out about park from this survey.
- Disc golf/I go there to play disc golf.
- Too far from home.
- Used to take dogs for a hike on disc golf course. Now go to Minisink park. Does not bike or play disc golf.
- Availability/Working/Busy on weekends, have own large property, and unsure how dog friendly park is.
- I do have interest in this park and want to know more. Looking for place to take my family.
- No reason to.
- Pave it.
- It isn't kept up well at all. It kind of just sits there. The disk golf course wasn't maintained at all last time I was there and the pump track wasn't in great shape./Wish it was maintained better
- The park could use- places to escape the sun, more seating options, a detailed site use explaining how to use the park with etiquette and directional descriptions. Maintenance on the park can be challenging at times- there's non existent local bike paths to get to the [bike] park.
- Prefer to commune with nature in private.

Citizen's Survey Results

What existing amenities do you visit River's Edge Family Bike Park for?



Citizen's Survey Results

Proposed Amenity	Most Interested	Least Interested
Bathrooms & Drinking Fountains	67%	33%
Shawnee-Minisink Kiosks w/Map	63%	37%
Kayak/Canoe Launch	61%	39%
Pavilion/Picnic Tables	58%	42%
Educational Kiosks w/Map	57%	43%
ADA Accessible Loop	57%	43%
Playground Equipment	51%	49%
Bird Watching	49%	51%
Beginner Bike Track	46%	54%
Dog Park	45%	55%
Open Air Theatre	46%	54%
Advanced Bike Track	40%	60%
Pickleball Courts	36%	64%
Splash Pad	35%	65%
Sports Field/Courts	28%	72%

Citizen's Survey Results

Other interested amenities

- A Boardwalk to the Delaware River and Brodhead Creek confluence.
- Access to fish the lower Brodhead Creek. / Parking for fishing.
- Sophie waste stations. Have access to doggie bags and a waste area to put the used bags in the bin.
- Provide a pollinator area with flowers and support the wildlife that lives in this park. / Community garden.
- The park could benefit from having an archaeological dig site.
- BMX ramps
- Any additional amenities are great! Looking for things not common/covered well by other area parks.
- Shooting range, indoors or outdoors, anywhere you want to put it!!!
- Exercise items (chin up bar, incline bench for sit-ups etc.) along a trail.
- A well-maintained concrete skate park, everything else you have listed we already have available to us.
- There is a train track near that park, I would love to be able to take a trolley there from East Stroudsburg downtown
- A place to rehydrate or filling station would be great. But more importantly spaces for resting and or waiting like benches and a couple or more pavilions to escape the sun.
- Meditation/sitting gazebo
- A fee booth!

Citizen's Survey Results

Other amenity comments.

- Baseball fields if anyone still plays! Pickleball is great but may be a 'decade fad'. Be prepared for a secondary use for the pickleball court.
- Sports fields - Tennis courts, Volleyball, Kickball, Baseball, Football/Hockey Basketball/Court for shooting baskets only/Hoops of different heights for training.
- Lit Pickleball courts are a necessity in our area.
- Walking/biking paths that connect to Mcdade?
- Upgrade/expand the disc golf course/18-holes
- Make it a nature hiking trails with educational kiosks of the area. Lots of rich history to the area. The bike track is a great idea but something like that belongs in town where kids can access easier if they don't have a way to transport their bikes
- Educational boards and building sustainable trail system though out. Giving bird watchers, dog owners and walkers more interesting trail area. Importantly a trail should be built to safely up along the road and across bridge to connect the parks safely
- I'm not really familiar with what separates advanced from beginner skills for bicycle riding. I like the course as it is and would visit more often if it were maintained.
- Love the pump track! It needs to be paved like Port Jervis! Please don't create a place for people to leave their garbage, like the soccer fields. We need a safe path/bridge from the soccer fields, not the road.
- I think the least expensive option would be best. Perhaps craft or educational events might be a start. Or gear beginning disc golf towards an older and younger group. Less expensive than golf and pickle ball. Good exercise and intergenerational.
- Should be open space. / Go back to natural growth of vegetation.

Citizen's Survey Results

Additional Comments

- So I guess it's not going to be private. In Price's Landing?
- Some weekends over crowded with out of towners./Very unfortunate when it is closed due to misuse/overcrowding.
- Running track would be nice.
- The Poconos is a rural wilderness area and I wish everyone would support that and stop trying to take away from the animals that have called this place home way before any human decided to.
- Please keep it patrolled summer months.
- We need bike trails linking this park to local communities such as Shawnee, DWG, Minisink Hills.
- Could use a jump line.
- Please build a walking path between DWG and Shawnee.
- At the least, keep the bike track as it now exists.
- Invasive species removal should be part of the planning.
- Can't hold disc golf tournaments because it only have 9 holes.
- Must be a Township resident to use it.
- Sports and wellness activity kiosks.
- Outdoor yoga class area.
- It should be left as-is and cleaned up. Don't waste more taxpayer money on building and maintenance when locals don't use or want it. It infringes upon the quiet and serenity of surrounding residents. Lighting, trash, noise, and influx of visitors will be negatives if the park is expanded.
- Any expansion brings people and people ruin everything by placing street on the infrastructure. Expansion is a bad idea.
- It floods there and using tax dollar money to build permanent amenities.