



Borough of Riverdale



Open Space and Recreation Plan

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Section 9. ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan is the Borough of Riverdale’s statement that identifies specific strategies and recommendations that should be taken to implement the goals and policies of the Riverdale Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Action Plan is a dynamic statement of intent that should be regularly reexamined, and when actions and projects have been completed, new ones will be identified.

PLANNING & FUNDING

1. Adopt the Open Space and Recreation Plan as an open space amendment to the municipal Master Plan.
2. Apply and submit the Open Space and Recreation Plan to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant Program for matching open space acquisition funds.
3. Examine opportunities to develop a greenway corridor project along the Pequannock River in cooperation with neighboring municipalities, nonprofit river associations, and county park commissions to create new access and recreation on this waterway.
4. Promote the acquisition of flood-prone properties, for conversion into open space projects funded through the State Green Acres Program, Morris County Open Space Fund, and Federal grant monies.
5. Adopt environmental protection ordinances for stormwater recharge areas and well head protection areas to protect surface and ground water resources.
6. Make the waters of Riverdale “fishable and swimmable,” that is, safe and clean so as to promote both human quality of life and ecological health, as directed by the federal Clean Water Act.
7. Educate and inform citizens on the Garden State Preservation Trust Fund’s Payment in-Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program. Ensure that this program continues to provide funds to Riverdale and serves as an incentive to continue preserving open space.
8. Apply for New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Livable Communities grants where appropriate for development and restoration of parks and open space.

ACTION STEPS

1. Finalize the Glenburn property plans to create historical, cultural, and recreational facilities on the site.
2. Meet with Green Acres staff to discuss priority projects. Develop a tour of Riverdale for Green Acres staff to understand the location and significance of preservation projects.
3. Utilize the Riverdale Zoning Map for determining locations for new recreational facilities and services (see **Figure 14, Land Use Zones**).
4. Implement an Active Recreation Plan for the maintenance of existing athletic fields, relocation of the tennis courts, and the development of additional fields and facilities, especially for the western side of the Borough.

5. Encourage or require new residential developments to include recreational facilities on site, following the example of the Rock Creek development.
6. Plan and implement a greenway corridor and river walks along the Pequannock River, starting with the northeastern corner, where the Pequannock bends from east to south. Continue with a plan to develop the Pequannock inlet in Independence Park. Explore a partnership with the Borough of Bloomingdale on the connection of Appelt Park to Federal Hill.
7. Create a Conservation Area overlay district to foster the productive integration of natural ecosystems and economic growth in the areas of the Borough that are currently under the highest amount of development pressure. (See **Appendix D** for a model Conservation Area overlay district ordinance.)
8. Adopt a Well Head Protection Ordinance to safeguard the borough's public community water supply wells from changes in land use and activities that could potentially leak contaminants into the ground water (see **Appendix C**).

Picnickers,
Freedom Park,
off Dalton
Drive



Athletic fields and basketball
courts, Independence Park

Figure 14 – Land Use Zones

