

EXERCISE #2 – PROS PLAN GOALS

STEP ONE:

Please read the **2009 RPOS Plan Update Goals** below and **select which goals still apply** to the 2022 RPOS Plan Update.

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP 2009 RPOS PLAN UPDATE - GOALS

The Township's first RPOS Plan was adopted by the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors in 1998. The Plan identified the importance of providing updates on a regular basis and to that end, the Plan was updated in 2009. In the 2009 Plan Update, the RPOS Planning Committee established the following goals to serve as guidelines for the Plan Update:

- **Goal #1:** Develop a strategy that allows the Township to provide recreation, park, and open space facilities to current and future populations.
- **Goal #2:** Evaluate how the services at the local level are impacted by the recently obtained regional park opportunities.
- **Goal #3:** Provide safe and convenient access to park / open space for all residents of the Township
- **Goal #4:** Provide a range of park, recreation, and open space opportunities which support both active and passive recreation needs and serve all ages and abilities.
- **Goal #5:** Ensure public awareness and involvement in the planning process Plan.

STEP TWO:

To develop a more comprehensive list of Plan Goals, please review the examples of Goals from peer RPOS Plans and **select the Top 3 Goals from each example** that you like the most.

BUTLER AREA RPOS PLAN - GOALS

1. Develop a comprehensive network of safe bicycle and pedestrian access routes in the greater Butler area.
2. Develop a unified and cohesive method to publicize existing recreation facilities, recreation programs and general recreational opportunities in the greater Butler area.
3. Develop partnerships among municipalities, local organizations, and recreation providers to foster a culture of open communication and collaboration.
4. Maintain all municipal recreation facilities to the highest level of acceptable standards to ensure clean, safe, and aesthetically pleasing facilities.
5. Develop a plan to ensure the long-term financial sustainability for the operation, maintenance and development of parks, recreational facilities, and programs.

6. Preserve open space areas that contain features of natural and/or cultural significance.
7. Develop and maintain clean, safe, and well-appointed facilities that meet the needs of all users in the community.
8. Maintain the staff necessary to support the development, implementation and maintenance of all facilities and programs.
9. Build a culture of sustainability within the parks and recreation organization to promote green building practices and the use of alternative methods for park development and maintenance.
10. Develop a well-rounded offering of programs for all age and user groups within the community.

WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP RPOS PLAN - GOALS

1. Moving forward with a strategy that recognizes parks, recreation, open space, and trails as part of the Township's overall infrastructure serving environmental, economic, health, and social needs is essential.
2. Enhancing the quality of life and the Township's resiliency and sustainability through parks and recreation in accordance with Best Management Practices and the expressed opinion of the public is the foundation of this plan.
3. The Plan Update's implementation will protect our natural resources and open space
4. It will shape the beauty and character of our landscape
5. It will expand access for all
6. It will improve health
7. It will increase revenues
8. It will mitigate the effects of severe weather and climate change
9. It will help build a strong sense of community
10. It will provide opportunities for our residents to create memories that will last a lifetime

JACKSON TOWNSHIP RPOS PLAN - GOALS

1. Initiate cooperative efforts between Jackson Township, Zelenople and Harmony
2. Boroughs to efficiently provide the best quality recreation for all residents of the region
3. Prepare for the development of Jackson Township's first recreation facilities
4. Sustain the quality of existing recreation resources, and plan for increased level of use
5. Plan local and regional trail networks
6. Preserve open space
7. Prepare to fund new recreation infrastructure
8. Develop local partnerships to provide robust recreation facilities and programs

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP RPOS PLAN - GOALS

Programming:

1. Maintain support of MARA1 to continue long range planning and management of programs and services.
2. Establish performance measures and policies to facilitate effective park programming.
3. Expand, update, and formalize partnership agreements.
4. Recognize the value and importance of partnerships and volunteers that donate each year.

Facilities:

- 5. Realign the Neighborhood Parks to be the primary interface with citizens and a priority component of the park system.
- 6. Maintain and establish regional sports complexes to serve club sport’s needs.
- 7. Update recreation ordinance requirements to bridge the gap between project population and municipally owned facilities.
- 8. Establish additional signature parks that create a sense of community pride and livability.

Connectivity:

- 9. Prioritize connections within existing park facilities to enhance users to access amenities.
- 10. Prioritize gaps in sidewalks that connect neighborhoods to parks in various areas of the Township.
- 11. Work to enhance the Swatara Creek Water Trail Access.

Administration and Implementation:

- 12. Assign staff and funding necessary to implement key elements of the Plan.
- 13. Annually review the recreation maintenance budgets to assure there is adequate funding to maintain and repair existing amenities.
- 14. Establish and update all recreation policies and procedures.
- 15. Develop a communication and marketing plan to promote recreation services, facilities, and parks to enhance for Community use.

STEP 3 - RESULTS:

Please list your selections for 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice from each example below.

** In the case of Ferguson Township, you may elect to choose all the previous Goals from the 2009 RPOS Plan to continue to include in the 2022 Plan Update.

RPOS Plan Goals			
	1 ST CHOICE	2 ND CHOICE	3 RD CHOICE
FERGUSON TWP 2009 PLAN **			
BUTLER AREA PLAN			
WHITPAIN TWP PLAN			
JACKSON TWP PLAN			
LOWER SWATARA TWP PLAN			