

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The goals and objectives listed below are the basis for the recommendations described in the following chapter. These goals and objectives describe the Township's vision for providing adequate parkland, enhancing recreation opportunities, and preserving Amity's natural and historic environment.

### **Goal for Parks and Recreation Facilities:**

*Provide adequate parkland to meet the needs of residents now and in the foreseeable future.*

#### **Objectives:**

- Continue to improve existing parks by constructing new recreation facilities and replacing outmoded ones.
- Ensure the Township owns adequate undeveloped area to establish new parks in the future, as needed.
- Provide a balance between parks designed primarily for athletic competition and parks devoted to preserving environmental amenities.
- Create more opportunities for indoor recreation to complement existing outdoor recreation facilities.

### **Goal for Greenways:**

*Begin to establish a system of interconnected greenways in the Township.*

#### **Objectives:**

- Create Township greenways that connect to the Schuylkill River Greenway Association's planned Thun Trail.
- Ensure future trails are designed to accommodate both active and passive recreation.

### **Goal for Recreation Programs:**

*Provide sufficient recreation activities for people for all ages, various interests and both genders.*

**Objectives:**

- Create more alternatives recreation programs and more environmental education opportunities to complement existing sports offerings.
- Identify ways to expand special events programming with Township involvement as appropriate.

**Goal for Open Space Conservation:**

*Conserve the natural environment of Amity Township.*

**Objectives:**

- Strengthen zoning and subdivision regulations to enhance protection of sensitive natural areas.
- Use greenways to help preserve stream corridors and other sensitive natural lands.

**Goal for Historic and Agricultural Preservation:**

*Retain the Township's rural heritage by preserving historic properties and farmland wherever possible.*

**Objectives:**

- Explore a range of techniques to help keep farming viable in the Township.
- Increase the Township's role in historic preservation in Amity.

**Goal For Recreation Administration:**

*Ensure Amity's recreation services are safely administered and adequately funded.*

**Objectives:**

- Enhance the Township's current recreation safety and risk management practices.
- Augment current recreation revenues with additional fund raising techniques.