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Butler County Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan Survey

Butler County is updating its Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan. The Plan will guide future decisions about parks, trails, recreation programs, open space and other public amenities.

Your feedback will help the County understand current conditions, identify community needs, and prioritized future investments. The survey should take approximately 7-10 minutes to complete.
Residents, property owners, employees and visitors are encouraged to participate.

Please complete the survey by October 16, 2026.

1. In which Butler County community do you live?

2. Please enter your zipcode

* 3. What age range do you fall within?

- [ ] Under age 18
- [ ] Age 18 - 30
- [ ] Age 31 - 40
- [ ] Age 41-50
- [ ] Age 51-60
- [ ] Over 60

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The following questions ask about parks and recreation in general in relation to you and your family.

4. Have you visited a park located in Butler County in the last 2 years?

- ◯ Yes (If yes, please answer the following question)
- ◯ No

5. What did you participate in during your visit at the parks?

- ☐ Enjoying nature
- ☐ Fitness (exercise, running, etc.)
- ☐ Organized sports
- ☐ Pick up sports
- ☐ Picnicking
- ☐ Socializing with friends
- ☐ Special events (holidays, fairs, movies, etc.)
- ☐ Walking
- ☐ Biking
- ☐ Mountain Biking
- ☐ Playgrounds or unstructured play areas
- ☐ Swimming Pool
- ☐ Splashpad
- ☐ Summer Camp
- ☐ Dog Park
- ☐ Program
- ☐ Miracle League Field and Playground
- ☐ None of these options
- ☐ Other (please specify)

6. Please rate each of the following statements according to their importance in you or members of your household:

	Very Important	Important	Not Important	Not sure/not applicable
Recreational waterways rivers, lakes and water trails) are important to me and/or members of my household	◯	◯	◯	◯
Recreational trails are important to me and/or members of my household	◯	◯	◯	◯
Recreational programming is important to me and/or members of my household	◯	◯	◯	◯
Parks are important to me and/or members of my household	◯	◯	◯	◯

7. The following is a list of recreation programs. Check the box if you or members of your household would enjoy participating in the type of activity listed below:

- [ ] Outdoor recreation (hiking, biking, fishing)
- [ ] Environmental Education
- [ ] Exercise and fitness programs for adults
- [ ] Arts and crafts
- [ ] Special events (holiday events, fairs, etc.)
- [ ] Continuing educational classes and workshops
- [ ] Summer day camps
- [ ] Clubs (chess, cards, hobbies, etc.)
- [ ] Youth League sports (baseball, soccer, etc.)
- [ ] Adult League sports
- [ ] Non-league /pick up sports (golf, tennis, basketball, pickleball, etc.)
- [ ] Bus trips
- [ ] Inclusive programs
- [ ] Senior programs
- [ ] Cultural diversity programs
- [ ] Health and Wellness (Meditation, Yoga, Healthy Cooking, Forest Bathing)
- [ ] Adult (over 21) programs and events
- [ ] Other (please specify)

8. How do you typically find information on recreation programs, sports leagues, and special events in your area?

- ( ) Word of mouth
- ( ) Community websites
- ( ) Community social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Community Forums)
- ( ) Sports association websites
- ( ) Can't find information
- ( ) Other (please specify)

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9. How important is it to you and your family to develop more trails and connections (sidewalks, pathways, bike lanes) to improve pedestrian and bicycling connections in Butler County?

- ◯ Very important
- ◯ Somewhat Important
- ◯ Not at all important
- ◯ No opinion

10. How important is it to you that Butler County continue to invest County funds in the development, operations and maintenance of public parks, trails, and open spaces?

- ◯ Very important
- ◯ Somewhat important
- ◯ Not at all important
- ◯ No opinion

11. Do you feel your local municipality is committed to their parks and recreation facilities and services?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Unsure

The following questions will focus on Butler County.

12. **Trails and Connections:** From the following list, which types of trails do you feel should be prioritized or improved in Butler County? *(Select the top 3)*

- [ ] Multi-Use Paved Trails (for walking and biking)
- [ ] Accessible/Inclusive Trails
- [ ] Hiking Trails
- [ ] ATV Trails
- [ ] Equestrian trails
- [ ] Mountain biking trails
- [ ] Rope-assisted trail (to navigate difficult terrain)
- [ ] Comments

13. **Trails and Connections:** Which of the following best describes how you use trails?

- [ ] Recreation (e.g., walking, running, biking for leisure)
- [ ] Transportation (e.g., commuting, errands)
- [ ] Both
- [ ] Neither

14. **Trails and Connections:** How important is trail connectivity for longer distance trails?

- [ ] Very important
- [ ] Somewhat important
- [ ] Not at all important
- [ ] No opinion

15. **Open Space**: Which types of initiatives do you feel should be prioritized?

- [ ] Greenway connectivity
- [ ] Protection of agricultural areas
- [ ] Protection/enhancement of wildlife habitat
- [ ] Stormwater management
- [ ] Protection of natural areas for hunting and fishing

16. **Sports Facilities:** From the following list, which types of sports facilities should be prioritized or improved in Butler County? *(Select the top 3)*

- [ ] Tennis courts
- [ ] Pickleball courts
- [ ] Baseball fields
- [ ] Softball fields
- [ ] Football fields
- [ ] Soccer fields
- [ ] Multi-use fields (football size)
- [ ] Basketball courts
- [ ] LaCrosse
- [ ] Rugby
- [ ] Volleyball courts
- [ ] Shooting or archery ranges
- [ ] Disc golf course
- [ ] Indoor community center/gymnasium
- [ ] Other (please specify)

17. **Other Facilities:** From the following list, which types of other publicly available facilities do you think should be prioritized or improved in Butler County? *(Select the top 3)*

- [ ] Bocce court
- [ ] Playgrounds
- [ ] Nature play areas
- [ ] Picnic pavilions
- [ ] Shelters with kitchens
- [ ] Restrooms
- [ ] Adult exercise equipment
- [ ] Splashpad
- [ ] Skatepark
- [ ] Swimming pool
- [ ] Dog park
- [ ] Other (please specify)

18. How often do you or members of your household visit a public swimming pool located in Butler County?

- ◯ Several times a week
- ◯ About once a week
- ◯ Two or three times a month
- ◯ About once a month
- ◯ Less than once a month
- ◯ Never

19. Which Butler County pool(s) do you or members of your household visit most often?

- ☐ Alameda Pool, 184 Alameda Park Road
- ☐ ARMCO Park, 341 Centreville Pike, Slippery Rock
- ☐ Cranberry Township Community Waterpark, 450 N. Boundary Park Drive
- ☐ EDCO Park and Pool, 154 W. Main Street, Evans City
- ☐ SEBCO Pool, 105 Doerr Park Drive, Cabot
- ☐ Town Park Pool, 390 Castle Creek Drive, Seven Fields
- ☐ Zelienople Community Pool, 402 East Beaver Street, Zelienople
- ☐ Butler County Family YMCA, 339 North Washington Street, Butler
- ☐ Rose E. Schneider Family YMCA, 2001 Ehrman Road, Cranberry Township
- ☐ Penn Valley Athletic Club, 6135 Monroe Road, Butler
- ☐ SRU Aebersold Recreation Center, 101 Stadium Drive, Slippery Rock
- ☐ Butler Cubs, 113 South McKean Street, Butler
- ☐ Other (please specify)

20. Do you currently have a membership to a Butler County public pool?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

Name of Pool

21. If you do not currently have a pool membership, what factors would make purchasing a membership more attractive to you and members of your household? (Select up to three)

- ◯ Extended hours
- ◯ Additional amenities for young children
- ◯ Additional amenities for teens/ young adults
- ◯ Ability to use multiple County pools with one membership
- ◯ Lower membership costs
- ◯ Better concessions (refreshments)
- ◯ Improved restrooms
- ◯ Flexible payment options
- ◯ Lap lanes and dedicated times
- ◯ More shade

22. Is there something that prevents or limits you or members of your household from using park, trails or participating in recreation programs more often? Select all that apply

- ☐ Lack of time
- ☐ Distance to facilities is too far
- ☐ Lack of transportation
- ☐ Lack of information
- ☐ Programs are offered at inconvenient times
- ☐ Cost
- ☐ Accessibility limitations
- ☐ Facilities do not meet my interests
- ☐ Poor maintenance
- ☐ Limited parking
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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The following questions are to acquire information on the County's Alameda Park:

23. How often do you visit Alameda Park?

- ◯ Every day
- ◯ Weekly
- ◯ Monthly
- ◯ A few times a year
- ◯ It's been a while...
- ◯ I've never been there

24. How would you rate the following amenities within Alameda Park?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	No opinion/never visited
Playgrounds	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Shelters	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Walking areas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Swimming pool	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Restrooms	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Hiking trails	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Parking	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
General safety	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Volleyball court	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Dog park	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Mountain bike trail	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Cleanliness and maintenance	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

25. What other amenities would you like to see at Alameda Park? *(Select the top 3)*

- [ ] More walking trails
- [ ] Basketball court
- [ ] Tennis courts
- [ ] Pickleball courts
- [ ] Disc golf course
- [ ] Skatepark
- [ ] Pump track
- [ ] Improved signage
- [ ] Improved parking
- [ ] Water fountains
- [ ] Amphitheater
- [ ] It is great the way it is!
- [ ] Other (please specify)

26. How would you rate the following at Alameda Park pool?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	No opinion/visited
Guards/staff	○	○	○	○	○
Kids area of the pool	○	○	○	○	○
Diving boards	○	○	○	○	○
Slides	○	○	○	○	○
Area around the pool	○	○	○	○	○
Seating area	○	○	○	○	○
Cleanliness and maintenance	○	○	○	○	○
Restrooms/changing areas	○	○	○	○	○
Hours	○	○	○	○	○
Special events/swims	○	○	○	○	○
Swimming lessons	○	○	○	○	○
Good price/value	○	○	○	○	○
Concession stand	○	○	○	○	○
Shaded areas	○	○	○	○	○

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27. Is there anything else we should know about parks, recreation and open space in Butler County?

Thank you for taking time to complete this questionnaire! If you are interested in receiving updates, please provide your contact information below. It will not be shared with any other parties. Additional thoughts related to this program can be sent to Heather Cuyler of Pashek+MTR at hcuyler@pashekmtr.com