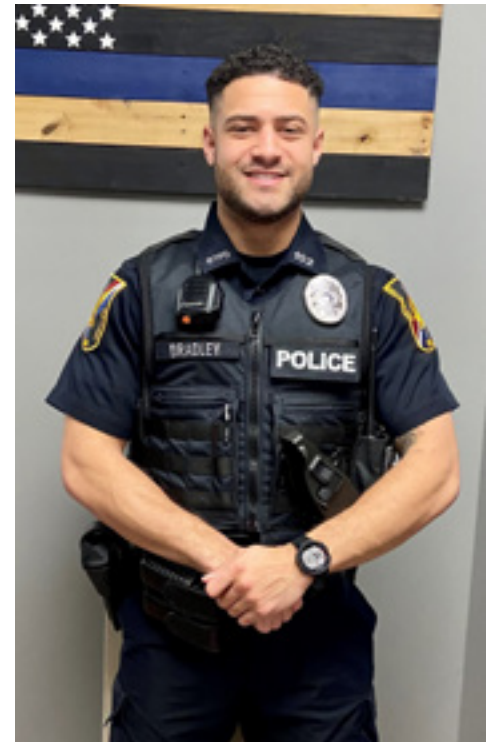




Brighton Township Partnered with Bags & Blessings

Brighton Township partnered with Bags & Blessings for a memorial tree planting project at Two Mile Run Park as part of their Tree Memorial Program. The Road Department planted the 23 memorial trees within the park. Bags & Blessings is a faith based non-profit charity established to help bring hope and love to individuals undergoing cancer treatments. Additional information about Bags and Blessings can be found at www.bagsandblessings.org.



Deante Bradley is the newest full-time police officer with the Brighton Township Police Department, beginning December 1, 2022. Officer Bradley previously worked part-time with the Department. We wish him a long and successful career with Brighton Township.

Township Benefits From the Independence Conservancy and TreePennsylvania Grant Program



Left to right: Rebecca Matsco, Road Foreman Scott Shepler, Lexa Taylor, Peg Schweinsberg, Chief Howard Blinn and Independence Conservancy Executive Director Vicky Michaels plant a Red Maple tree at the Brighton Township Police Department.

In late November, members of the Independence Conservancy and the Township Road Department planted five (5) Red Maple trees at the Brighton Township Police Department. Five (5) Swamp White Oak trees were also planted at the Two Mile Run Disc Golf Course to replace ash trees that have died as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer. The Independence Conservancy obtained these trees through a TreePennsylvania grant program. Over the past three (3) years the Independence Conservancy has planted 45 large-caliper bare-root trees on publicly owned and accessible lands within Beaver County. We are grateful for the assistance of the Independence Conservancy!

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Township Adopts 2023 Budget

At their December meeting the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2023 Budget. The \$5.57 million operating fund budget expands upon existing services and programs that are currently in place to serve the residents. The budget provides nearly \$2.6 million for public safety related expenses. The Township has entered into an agreement with the Beaver Area School District to provide a School Resource Officer at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School. As a result, the Township has added an additional full-time police officer to the Department. The budget also includes increased funding for Fire Department personnel in 2023 to include the Department's first full-time firefighter to support their current part-time staff. The Township owns and maintains over 46 miles of roadway, and it is necessary to fund adequate road maintenance expenses for equipment and materials. In addition to budgeting over \$200,000 for winter maintenance materials, the budget includes \$430,000 for road paving projects. Funding is also provided for the oil and chip surfacing of roads. The Township is planning to release bids in February for the renovation of the Social Hall building and parking areas.

The Board continues to plan for future projects. Consistent with prior years, funds are allocated and held in reserve for the purchase of fire apparatus and open space or land acquisitions. The Township maintains a 10-year schedule of projected capital vehicle and equipment replacements and sets funds aside as part of budget programming to plan for their orderly replacement. The Township funds and completes stormwater projects to comply with current Federal/State Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) regulations.

The budget is funded with a real estate tax levy of 14.0 mills, an increase of 0.5 mills. Less than 11-cents of each real estate tax dollar paid goes to the Township. The annual Stormwater Service Fee of \$66 per single-family detached residential property will remain unchanged for 2023. Each year the Township works diligently to be good stewards of the resources it receives through active Board oversight and responsible department managers. These efforts are undertaken to keep Brighton Township as a community that our residents can be proud to call home. The continued support of everyone is appreciated.

Real Estate Tax Information

Some reminders for residents from the Elected Tax Collector, James W. Onuska:

- The third installment payment for residents who have participated in the 2022 Beaver Area School District Real Estate tax installment program is due no later than December 31, 2022.
- All 2022 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills must be paid in full by March 31, 2023. Unpaid bills will be filed on April 1, 2023.
- All 2022 Brighton Township Real Estate taxes are due by December 31, 2022.
- The 2023 Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed on March 1, 2023. All tax bills will be mailed to residents.

The tax office hours are as follows:

Office Hours: Tuesday - 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Personal appointments may be made by contacting the tax office.

The tax collection office is located in the lower level of the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road. A drop box has been installed for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact James W. Onuska, Brighton Township Real Estate Tax Collector at 724-774-2622.

NOTE: When mailing, please do not include your tax payments within the same envelope as your water & sewer payments. These items should be mailed independent of each other. Those utilizing bill payment services should also notify their bank of this requirement.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Township Supervisors

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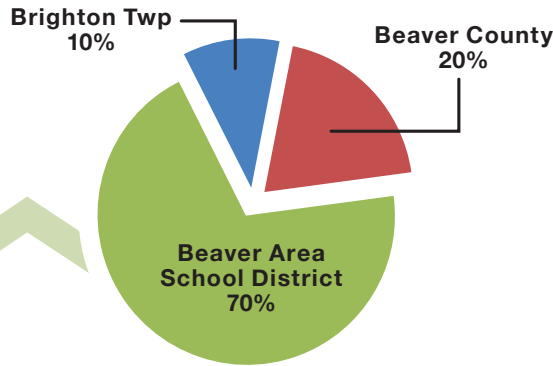
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Real Estate Tax Distribution

Real Estate Tax Dollar

Taxing District	Mills Assessed
Brighton Township	14.0
Beaver County.....	26.0
Beaver Area School	92.28



Example of House Assessed at \$35,000

Township Tax	14.00 mill x \$35,000 =	\$ 490.00
County Tax	26.00 mill x \$35,000 =	\$ 910.00
School Tax	92.28 mill x \$35,000 =	\$3,229.80
Total		\$4,629.80

Rental Registration Reminder

Pursuant to Township Code, owners of rental properties located within the Township are required to file a semi-annual report for each rental property, listing the names of all tenants age 18 and over. The next semi-annual rental property registrations are due on or before February 1, 2023. Registration forms are available at the Municipal Building and on the Applications & Forms Page within the Resident's Center on the Township web site at www.brightontwp.org. It is the responsibility of the landlord to file in a timely manner. The Township does not send notices. If you have had no tenant changes, you may report the information by calling 724-774-4800. Have questions? Please call the Township Office.

Municipal Authority Project Updates

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) awarded in the spring of 2022 a contract to D&M Painting Corporation for tank painting projects. The contractor has completed work at the Authority's Dawson Ridge Storage Tank and the first tank at the Gypsy Glen site. There is one more tank remaining with interior improvements to be completed at the Gypsy Glen site. The Authority has submitted a grant application to seek additional funding for painting of the remaining tank.

In late 2021 the BTMA awarded a contract for electrical improvements at the Center Drive and Gypsy Glen Pump Stations. Materials were ordered by the contractor after contract award. However, due to several delays related to supply chain issues, the electronic components of this contract are not expected to be delivered until January 2023 with construction expected to take place soon thereafter.

The BTMA has awarded a contract to RCC Building Contractors, Inc. to replace aged waterlines at several locations in the Township in accordance with the Authority capital improvements project plan. A preconstruction

meeting was held with the contractor on November 16, 2022. Construction is expected to commence this winter, dependent on material availability. The scope of the waterline replacement project is listed below. There may be temporary water service interruptions needed in these work areas in order to complete the facility upgrades. These interruptions will be limited/short duration. Thank you in advance for your patience during this construction.

- Dutch Ridge Road: Tuscarawas to Grange (abandon existing waterline with frequent breaks)
- Beech Street: Maple to Chestnut (replaced existing waterline)
- Sycamore Street; Maple to Chestnut (replaced existing waterline)
- Spruce Street: Chestnut to Birch (replaced existing waterline)
- Coleman Drive: Tuscarawas to Crest (replaced existing waterline)

Sewage Authority Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project Awarded



The Brighton Township Sewage Authority has awarded a contract for rehabilitation of sewer lines in the area of Magnolia Drive, Cyprus Street, and the end of Maple Drive. The total contract award is \$518,267. The project includes over 2,350 LF of sewer line rehabilitation through pipe bursting or open trench excavation and replacement. The project replaces older clay pipe sewer lines that are more susceptible to cracking and root penetration, which then permits ground water infiltration. Some project areas have sewer lines

that are 20-feet deep, making the project more difficult. As part of the project each individual home sewer connection will be connected to the new sewer line, and the lateral will be replaced to a point outside the road pavement. This project will continue into 2023.

This project area is one of the few locations of the public sanitary sewer system remaining with clay sewer lines. The goal of the projects is to remove as many sources of groundwater infiltration from the

sanitary sewer system as possible. Removing infiltration reduces pump station operating and maintenance costs as well as treatment expenses. The Sewage Authority's treatment expenses are based on pro-rata flows into the treatment facility. That is why it is so important for homeowners to not make illegal connections to the sewer system for rainspouts, roof drains, driveway drains or sump pumps. Sources of ground water and rainwater are prohibited from being connected to the public sewer system.

Township Continues Support of Library

The Township continues to provide an annual contribution to the Beaver Area Memorial Library as part of the adopted budget. For 2023 an allocation of \$32,500 has been provided. Throughout the year the library provides many programs and classes for both children and adults. Check out their wide-ranging opportunities. There is something for everyone!

Please consider making a donation of your time and/or money to the library. The library is located at 100 College Avenue, Beaver. You may contact them at 724-775-1132.

Save the Date

The Beaver Area Memorial Library's annual Lunch at the Library is scheduled for Saturday, March 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Purchase some homemade soup, bread, and desserts to enjoy in the library. The cost is \$3.00 for a bowl of soup and bread and \$3.00 for dessert. Take-outs will be available. The event takes place in the meeting room of the library, 100 College Avenue, Beaver. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Beaver Library and all proceeds benefit the library.



Municipal Authority & Sewage Authority 2023 Budgets Adopted

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) and the Brighton Township Sewage Authority (BTSA) have approved their 2023 budgets with no rate changes. The water rate remains at \$27.65 per month, with excess water billed at \$5.75 per 1,000 gallons of consumption. The sewage rate remains at \$40 per month, with excess sewage billed at \$10 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption. The combined base rate billing will remain \$67.65. The base rate permits a residential customer 4,000 gallons of consumption per month. The Township is divided into three billing districts, and each month one district has a water meter reading. Therefore, each meter is read once every quarter (each three months) or four times per year. Any consumption over 12,000 gallons is classified and billed as excess usage. A 2% discount is available to those residential customers registering for automatic bill payment. More information on the discount program can be obtained at the Municipal Building or on our website at www.brightontwp.org under Automatic Bill Payment on the Water/Sewer page.

The rate at which the Municipal Authority purchases water from the Vanport Township Municipal Authority will increase by 13% in January 2023. However, the BTMA will not increase their rate despite this increase cost. During 2023 the BTMA will continue proceeding with improvements that are part of the Capital Water System Master Plan and Study. A separate article on the scope of these projects is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

During 2022 the Sewage Authority completed the upgrade of the Dawson Ridge sewage pump station by installing new pumps, variable frequency drive motors, control panels and related electronics. A contract for a similar scope of work at the Little Beaver sewage pump station has also been executed and is expected to be completed in 2023. As mentioned above, the Sewage Authority has also awarded a contract for a sewer line rehabilitation project within the Dawson Ridge Plan that will continue into 2023.

The Authorities will continue to take measures to provide quality service and maintain the valuable water and sewage infrastructure of the community in a fiscally responsible manner.



Township Awards Contract for Pollution Reduction Plan Project

The Township has awarded a contract for the next phase of the Township's Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP). The PRP was prepared to comply with current Federal/State Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) regulations. Work is expected to begin in early 2023 to reconstruct the Beaver Woods stormwater management basin located in the rear of the Beaver Woods neighborhood. The Township acquired the 26-acres of land where the basin is located via a land donation from Amore Limited Partnership.

The work scope includes the excavation and removal of accumulated sediment; installation of a new underdrain system; construction of a new outlet structure to improve discharge control from the facility; restoration of the disturbed areas; fencing; and construction of two (2) access roadways to the site. This project is anticipated to be completed by the Summer of 2023. The reconstructed basin will help control the downstream discharge as well as continue to remove sediment that is deposited within the stormwater management basin by rainfall runoff. The Township will be responsible for the maintenance of this facility.

This project is being completed to satisfy the Township's PRP requirements under the NPDES MS4 Permit, as issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP). The PRP requirements include removal of approximately 10% of the sediment loading to the streams within this drainage area. As such, the Beaver Woods Stormwater Management Basin will remove approximately 17,000 pounds of sediment from the stream each year.

Waterline Breaks

When a waterline break occurs, the Authority is unable to notify each household that water service will be temporarily shut off while repairs are made. During the winter season waterline breaks occur more frequently, disrupting service to customers of the Municipal Authority. If you notice running water or other unusual conditions along a road that you believe could be the result of a broken waterline, please contact the Municipal Office (724-774-4800) as soon as possible, or report the condition to the non-emergency police line (724-774-1789) outside of normal working hours.

The Authority takes action to expedite repairs to waterlines when a break occurs. However, prior notification to other utilities is required in advance of excavating. In addition, extremely cold or severe weather makes working conditions difficult and can delay the repairs. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding when these breaks occur and ask your help in keeping the employees safe by driving slowly through the construction zones.

After the repairs are made, Authority employees flush the water lines to clear them of any dirty water that can occur as a result of the waterline break. If you experience dirty water, run the cold water at the lowest point in your home (i.e. a basement laundry sink) until the water appears clear. Do not run the hot water, as this results in the dirty water passing through the hot water tank.



Tire Collection Continues to Be Successful

The Township's September tire collection program at the Public Works site resulted in 400 tires collected! The program provides an opportunity for the disposal of tires to prevent their illegal dumping. Brighton Township has participated in the tire collection program since its inception in 2004. Through the years over 6,000 tires have been collected at the Brighton Township site.

The annual program is conducted in cooperation with the Independence Conservancy, a 501(c)3 Pennsylvania nonprofit, with an all-volunteer group that has a goal of protecting the environment and protecting our local natural resources. More information can be found at www.independenceconservancy.org.

Two Mile Run Park Phase I Hiking Trails Completed

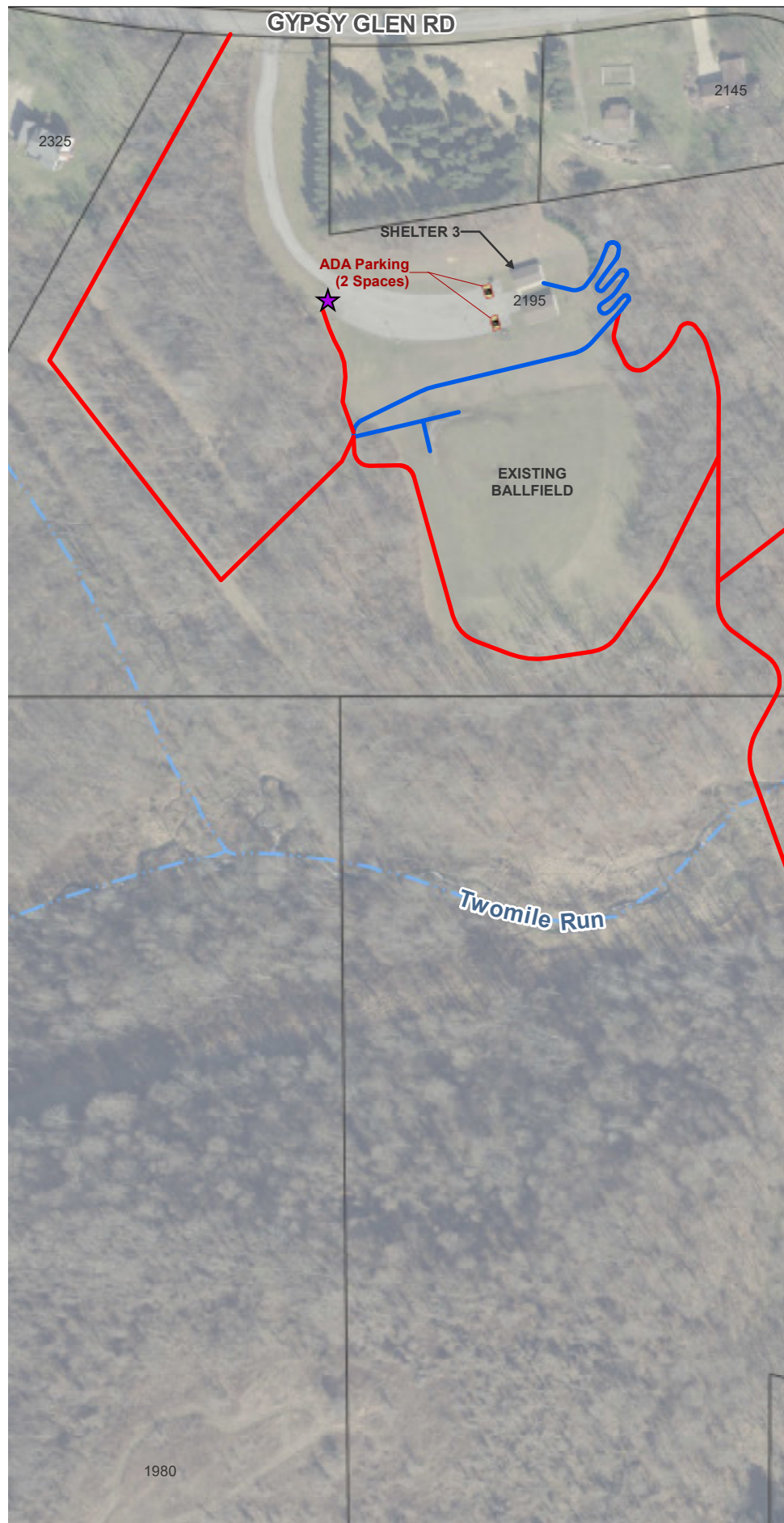
Brighton Township has completed construction of Phase I of the Two Mile Run Trail project. The trail system includes over 10,000 LF of trail, as identified on the Two Mile Run Trail System Map. Two (2) trailheads were constructed as part of this project, one (1) at Shelter #3, 2195 Gypsy Glen Road and one (1) at the Shultz Lodge location, 1925 Gypsy Glen Road. Both locations are identified on the map. The most challenging portion of the trail, identified as Loop A on the map, is accessed from a point near Shelter #2, and ascends the hill through the woods.

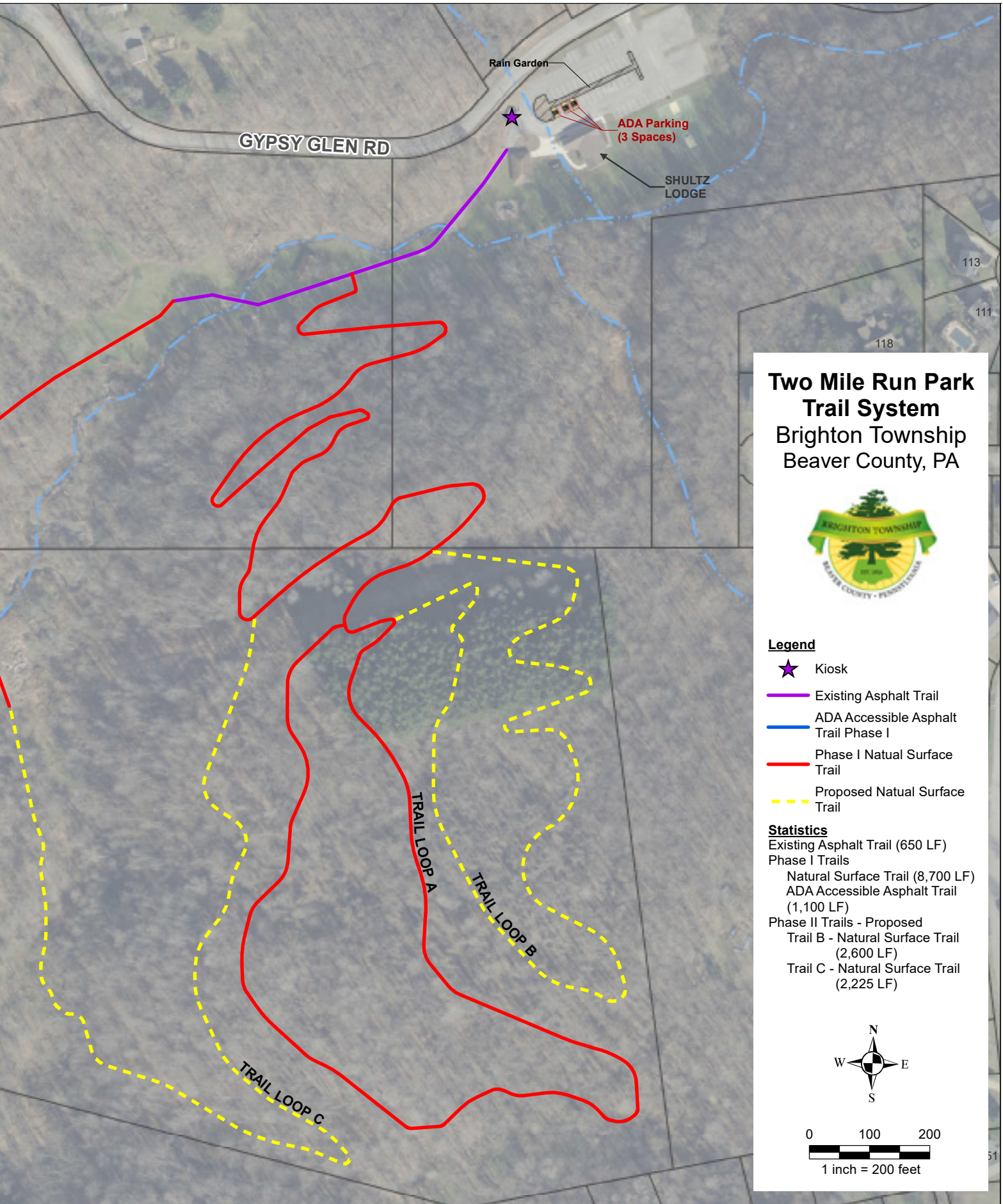
Grant funding from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of \$155,000 was secured for Phase I. The Township has applied for grant funding to construct Phase II of the project, which will include two (2) additional loop hiking trails (trail loops B & C) as shown on the map. The additional trail loops will add approximately 4,825 LF of hiking trail, creating a multi-loop system.

There are universal symbols to identify the difficulty of trail segments. The Township plans to provide additional markings during 2023 to further identify the trail path, as well as provide other amenities for users. The Township is looking for people who may regularly hike the trails to report to the Township office locations where trail maintenance may be needed due to fallen trees or trail washouts. Reports of litter or vandalism should also be reported.

Hikers should stay on the trail path to prevent damage to other vegetation within the forested areas. Maintaining the health of off trail vegetation is important for soil stabilization and to prevent unnecessary erosion. The trail areas are of varying difficulty consistent with the landscape characteristics of Two Mile Run Park. The trails are of a natural surface graded to shed water to avoid ponding or point stormwater discharge. Swales and cross vanes are used where needed to convey stormwater within its natural course.

These are the first hiking trails of this type constructed by the Township. Hardy Field and Two Mile Run Park North at the disc golf course have paved walking areas that are less challenging and have better accessibility.





**Two Mile Run Park
Trail System**
Brighton Township
Beaver County, PA

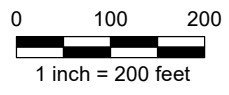


Legend

- ★ Kiosk
- Existing Asphalt Trail
- ADA Accessible Asphalt Trail Phase I
- Phase I Natural Surface Trail
- Proposed Natural Surface Trail

Statistics

- Existing Asphalt Trail (650 LF)
- Phase I Trails
 - Natural Surface Trail (8,700 LF)
 - ADA Accessible Asphalt Trail (1,100 LF)
- Phase II Trails - Proposed
 - Trail B - Natural Surface Trail (2,600 LF)
 - Trail C - Natural Surface Trail (2,225 LF)



Brighton Township 2023 Recycling Calendar

WHAT: Aluminum, bi-metal and tin cans; aluminum (tin) foil; plastic containers with the numbers 1-5, 7 inside the recycling logo; newspapers and magazines.

WHERE: Place your recycling container in the same area where the garbage is picked up.

WHEN: Your regular garbage collection day during the recycling weeks shown below:

GREEN: Collecting areas on and off of Dutch Ridge Road, Dawson Ridge and Gypsy Glen Road

RED: Collecting along Tuscarawas Road, from Dutch Ridge Road to Beaver

For questions, call: J. Young Refuse, 724-495-6199

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Refuse & Recycling Program Rates Effective January 1, 2023

Brighton Township's contract with J. Young Refuse for the collection of all residential refuse and recycling includes provisions for a semi-annual Fuel Cost Adjustment. A calculation has been prepared for fuel cost based upon OPIS price postings and in accordance with the formula included in the contract documents. The calculation results in an increase of \$2.00 per month over the base rate. Based upon the semi-annual adjustment, the January 1, 2023 rate is as follows:

Base Rate July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023	\$ 11.93
Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective January 1, 2023	\$ 2.00
Monthly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2023	\$ 13.93
Quarterly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2023	\$ 41.79

Mandatory Participation – Each residential unit is required to participate in the contracted refuse and recycling collection program. Brighton Township is also mandated by State law to provide curbside collection of recyclables to each residential unit. Township ordinance requires mandatory participation in these programs. As the contracted hauler provides the Township with the names and addresses of non-participants, notices will be sent. Continued non-participation can result in the filing of an enforcement notice with potential fines of not less than \$100 nor more than \$600, plus costs of prosecution for each violation.

Non-Residential Recycling Requirements

Commercial and other non-residential establishments are reminded that participation in the Township's recycling program is mandatory. Township ordinance requires that all businesses must separate high-grade office paper, aluminum food & beverage containers and corrugated paper (cardboard) from the waste stream, and store the materials until collection. Each location is also encouraged to recycle food and beverage containers; steel and bimetal food and beverage containers; newspaper and magazines; and PET (1) and HDPE (2) plastics. An annual report must be submitted to the Township by the establishment or their contracted hauler disclosing the type and weight of materials recycled during the previous year. The Township is required by the PA Department of Environmental Protection to report annually the types and amounts of materials recycled by both residential and commercial sources.



RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

 <p>Manila & Brown Folders</p>	 <p>All Paper</p>
 <p>Glossy Paper & Magazines</p>	 <p>Newspaper & Phone Books</p>
 <p>Tin & Aluminum</p>	 <p>Junk Mail</p>
 <p>Aseptic Containers</p>	 <p>Plastic All containers labeled #1-5 & 7</p>

How to Prepare Your Materials

Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only

- All containers labeled # 1-5 and 7 are accepted!
- Rinse, flatten and securely fasten cap back on.
- Labels do not need to be removed.
- Containers that originally held oil or chemicals must be completely emptied and not contain any potentially hazardous material.
- No plastic bags or buckets.
- Place in green recycling container with other recycling items.

Aluminum, Bi-Metal & Tin Food and Beverage Containers and Aluminum Foil

- Rinse and flatten or crush containers.
- Labels do not need to be removed.
- Place in green recycling container with other recycling items.

Aseptic Containers (Milk Cartons)

- Rinse and flatten containers.
- Place in green recycling container with other recycling items.

Newspaper and Other Paper Products

- Include newspaper, magazines, phone books, junk mail, and all other paper.
- Do not place in plastic bags.
- Cereal and cracker type boxes can be included – remove inner bags or liners and flatten.
- Place directly in green recycling container with other recycling items.

Remember...

- Glass is NO LONGER accepted for recycling.
- Place your recycling container at roadside on the same day as your regular garbage collection during the recycling weeks.
- Place recyclables directly into recycling container. Do not place items in separate bags or they will not be collected.
- Recover your recycling container promptly after collection.
- Green recycling containers are available for purchase at the Brighton Township Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road.

NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

 <p>Glass</p>	 <p>Electronics / TVs</p>
 <p>Food Waste</p>	 <p>Glass Pane & Pyrex</p>
 <p>Food Containers</p>	 <p>Ink/Toner Cartridges</p>



RECYCLING IS EASY!

Brighton Township

1300 Brighton Road
Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009

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**LOCAL POSTAL
CUSTOMER**

Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Municipal Building. Meetings are subject to change. Call to confirm meeting date and time, 724-774-4800.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Second Monday of each month
7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

First Monday of each month
7:30 p.m.

SEWAGE AUTHORITY

Third Monday of each month
7:00 p.m.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Third Monday of each month
7:45 p.m.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

As requested.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Fourth Wednesday every other
month, starting in January
7:00 p.m.

Township Stormwater Service Fee Delinquent Collections

All unpaid Stormwater Service Fee bills have had delinquent notices sent by Berkheimer and are now in the delinquent collection program. The Township is reviewing accounts with unpaid balances to be filed as a lien upon the property. Liens incur additional fees and interest until paid. The current Lien Preparation, Filing Fee & Satisfaction Fees total \$87.50 and interest accrues at 6% per year.

The Stormwater Service Fee bills are mailed at the beginning of February by Berkheimer, who was selected as the most cost effective method for billing. The current rate is \$66.00 per year (\$5.50 per month) for each single-family detached residential property. The billing provides discount, face and penalty periods. Developments that own and maintain their own stormwater infrastructure, and are part of the Township's inspection and maintenance program may be eligible for a partial credit. The fee unit is identified as an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). An ERU is designated as 4,700 SF of impervious surfaces based upon the Township's Stormwater Service Fee Analysis and Report. Non-single family properties pay fees based upon how many ERUs their property has.

Stormwater is now highly regulated. Requirements of the Township's NPDES General Permit for its Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) as issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) necessitates frequent inspection, maintenance and quality monitoring, similar to water, sewage or other utilities. Costs for these activities continue to increase as a result of regulatory requirements. As a result, the Township is proactive with the maintenance of existing storm sewer systems and site inspections. The Township continues to invest in new infrastructure and site improvements that are necessary for regulatory compliance and to implement the requirements of the approved Pollutant Reduction Plan.

Free Christmas Tree Disposal at Yard Waste Site

Christmas trees are an excluded item in the Township's refuse collection contract. However, residents can drop-off Christmas trees at no charge at the Township's yard waste site located at 1250 Brighton Road. Trees must be removed from any tree bag and all tinsel or other decorations must be removed.

