

Middle Township Open Space and Recreation Survey



1. Is preserving open space in Middle Township important to you?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		94.6%	176
No		3.2%	6
Not Sure		2.2%	4
answered question			186
skipped question			2

2. If yes, for what purpose? (pick all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Access to waterways		40.0%	72
Agriculture/Farmland		46.7%	84
Maintain rural character of Township		62.2%	112
Recharge of ground water supply		45.0%	81
Recreation		75.0%	135
Transportation (using the bike path to walk or bike to a destination)		49.4%	89
Wildlife habitat		70.0%	126
Other (please specify)			14
answered question			180
skipped question			8

3. What activities do you and your family enjoy? (Pick only those that apply)

	Often (daily, weekly or monthly)	Occasionally (a few times per year)	Response Count
ATV riding	40.9% (9)	59.1% (13)	22
Baseball	50.8% (30)	49.2% (29)	59
Basketball	66.0% (31)	34.0% (16)	47
Biking	79.7% (94)	20.3% (24)	118
Boating - motorized	57.7% (30)	42.3% (22)	52
Canoeing/Kayaking	42.5% (31)	57.5% (42)	73
Disc Golf	69.2% (18)	30.8% (8)	26
Fishing/Crabbing	55.4% (46)	44.6% (37)	83
Football	64.3% (18)	35.7% (10)	28
Golf	53.3% (32)	46.7% (28)	60
Hockey	93.1% (27)	6.9% (2)	29
Horseback Riding	44.0% (11)	56.0% (14)	25
Hunting	65.2% (15)	34.8% (8)	23
Jogging/Running	79.3% (65)	20.7% (17)	82
Lacrosse	80.0% (12)	20.0% (3)	15
Sailing	52.9% (9)	47.1% (8)	17
Skateboarding	66.7% (14)	33.3% (7)	21
Soccer	82.7% (43)	17.3% (9)	52
Softball	58.1% (18)	41.9% (13)	31
Swimming	72.6% (45)	27.4% (17)	62
Tennis	51.7% (15)	48.3% (14)	29
Volleyball	50.0% (6)	50.0% (6)	12
Walking/Hiking	83.2% (114)	16.8% (23)	137

Wildlife Viewing/Bird Watching	78.8% (63)	21.3% (17)	80
		Other (please specify)	9
answered question			187
skipped question			1

4. Does Middle need...?

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Response Count
Baseball fields	35.5% (43)	50.4% (61)	14.0% (17)	121
Basketball courts	38.1% (45)	44.1% (52)	17.8% (21)	118
BMX track	24.5% (27)	61.8% (68)	13.6% (15)	110
Boat ramps	57.0% (65)	16.7% (19)	26.3% (30)	114
Canoeing/Kayak launch	63.2% (79)	17.6% (22)	19.2% (24)	125
Community Center	54.6% (65)	31.9% (38)	13.4% (16)	119
Disc golf courses	28.3% (32)	47.8% (54)	23.9% (27)	113
Fishing and crabbing areas	71.3% (87)	18.0% (22)	10.7% (13)	122
Football fields	24.1% (26)	58.3% (63)	17.6% (19)	108
Hockey rinks	34.5% (39)	48.7% (55)	16.8% (19)	113
Hunting areas	24.8% (27)	58.7% (64)	16.5% (18)	109
Lacrosse fields	30.6% (34)	45.0% (50)	24.3% (27)	111
Picnic areas	74.6% (94)	23.8% (30)	1.6% (2)	126
Playgrounds	73.2% (93)	20.5% (26)	6.3% (8)	127
Skate park	27.8% (30)	50.9% (55)	21.3% (23)	108
Soccer fields	48.3% (57)	39.8% (47)	11.9% (14)	118
Softball fields	38.1% (43)	44.2% (50)	17.7% (20)	113
Swimming pools - indoor	71.5% (98)	20.4% (28)	8.0% (11)	137

Swimming pools - outdoor	53.0% (62)	35.9% (42)	11.1% (13)	117
Tennis courts	39.8% (43)	41.7% (45)	18.5% (20)	108
Trails - paved asphalt for walking, biking, jogging, rollerblading	85.1% (120)	12.1% (17)	2.8% (4)	141
Trails - unpaved woodchips or dirt	74.6% (100)	18.7% (25)	6.7% (9)	134
Volleyball courts	29.0% (31)	50.5% (54)	20.6% (22)	107
Wildlife/Bird viewing areas	68.3% (86)	21.4% (27)	10.3% (13)	126
			Other (please specify)	28
			answered question	180
			skipped question	8

5. How would you improve the following facilities?






	Add recreation (such as playground equipment, fields, paths)	Add parking or improve access	Improve maintenance	Add/improve restrooms	No improvements recommended	Not sure/have not been to site
Bidwell Jetty at Reed's Beach	8.1% (12)	29.5% (44)	23.5% (35)	16.8% (25)	14.1% (21)	46.3% (69)
Bike Path	14.6% (21)	26.4% (38)	18.1% (26)	16.0% (23)	39.6% (57)	7.6% (11)
Davies Recreation Complex on Goshen Road	27.5% (44)	20.6% (33)	22.5% (36)	25.6% (41)	33.1% (53)	15.0% (24)
Goshen Mini Park behind Old Goshen School	6.3% (9)	6.3% (9)	11.2% (16)	7.7% (11)	15.4% (22)	67.8% (97)
Martin Luther King Center in Whitesboro	18.1% (26)	9.0% (13)	15.3% (22)	6.9% (10)	34.7% (50)	40.3% (58)
Norbury's Landing (Milman Avenue at bay in Del Haven)	7.7% (11)	14.7% (21)	16.1% (23)	5.6% (8)	16.8% (24)	56.6% (81)
Railroad Avenue Park in Rio Grande	28.9% (43)	21.5% (32)	41.6% (62)	20.1% (30)	11.4% (17)	35.6% (53)
Ockie Wisting (former Fort Apache Campground)	47.0% (71)	31.1% (47)	29.1% (44)	34.4% (52)	9.9% (15)	36.4% (55)
Shellbay Pier	8.1% (12)	18.2% (27)	33.1% (49)	20.3% (30)	26.4% (39)	31.8% (47)

Other (please specify)

answered question

skipped question

6. If you are recommending improvements, how should they be funded?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No improvements recommended		4.1%	7
Apply for State and Federal grants		84.7%	144
Partner with private entities		65.9%	112
Attract athletic tournaments that pay user fees and maintenance costs		55.9%	95
Business sponsorships		58.8%	100
	Other (please specify)		20
		answered question	170
		skipped question	18

7. Would you be interested in programs such as:

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Response Count
Guided nature walks	53.5% (84)	34.4% (54)	12.1% (19)	157
Guided kayak tours	55.3% (84)	28.9% (44)	15.8% (24)	152
Challenge to walk, run, bike or hike all recreation sites within the Township	69.2% (110)	19.5% (31)	11.3% (18)	159
Annual festival to celebrate Delaware Bay resources and wildlife	76.4% (123)	11.8% (19)	11.8% (19)	161
Volunteer program to help threatened wildlife	68.2% (105)	14.3% (22)	17.5% (27)	154
Runs, bike races and tournaments to benefit local organizations	73.5% (119)	14.8% (24)	11.7% (19)	162
Tours of historic properties	64.1% (100)	18.6% (29)	17.3% (27)	156
			Other (please specify)	9
			answered question	177
			skipped question	11

8. What are the three most important open space and recreation issues for Middle Township?











	Response Count
	119
answered question	119
skipped question	69

9. How many people are in your household in the following age categories?

Number in household

	0	1	2	3	4	5
Age 0-10	31.5% (23)	38.4% (28)	23.3% (17)	4.1% (3)	2.7% (2)	0.0% (0)
Age 11-20	23.8% (20)	33.3% (28)	32.1% (27)	7.1% (6)	3.6% (3)	0.0% (0)
Age 21-40	12.6% (13)	37.9% (39)	44.7% (46)	2.9% (3)	1.0% (1)	0.0% (0)
Age 41-60	7.3% (9)	31.5% (39)	60.5% (75)	0.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
61+	17.3% (9)	44.2% (23)	32.7% (17)	3.8% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)

10. Where do you live?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Burleigh		3.2%	6
Cape May Court House		50.8%	94
Del Haven		3.8%	7
Green Creek		3.2%	6
Goshen		4.9%	9
Rio Grande		11.4%	21
Swainton		5.4%	10
Whitesboro		2.2%	4
Other Cape May County municipality		14.1%	26
Outside Cape May County		1.1%	2
Outside New Jersey		0.0%	0
	Other (please specify)		7
answered question			185
skipped question			3

Page 1, Q2. If yes, for what purpose? (pick all that apply)

1	dog park	Nov 29, 2012 10:55 AM
2	Control population growth and over building community. The infrastructure of the Township cannot withstand unrestrained growth. The educational system is unable to take on many more students, especially those with special needs. Without controls on building and population we can expect our property taxes to spin out of control and our safety and security be threatend with a police department that is, in fact, undermanned now.	Nov 29, 2012 8:39 AM
3	handicap accessible/stroller accessible	Nov 27, 2012 5:34 PM
4	Swimming pool	Nov 27, 2012 11:35 AM
5	Continue bike trail from Lower Twp to Rio Grande Shoping	Nov 27, 2012 7:41 AM
6	We need to develop Fort Apache since Middle Twp. bought the ground for recreational purposes.	Nov 23, 2012 7:19 AM
7	Preserve watershed to tidal estuary streams	Nov 22, 2012 7:49 PM
8	educational programs for youth	Nov 14, 2012 4:34 PM
9	Air quality	Nov 11, 2012 10:25 AM
10	sports complex to increase tourism	Nov 8, 2012 6:29 AM
11	Protecting water quality	Nov 7, 2012 12:22 PM
12	disc golf	Nov 4, 2012 3:28 PM
13	Hockey rink in the twsp would be nice.	Nov 4, 2012 1:57 PM
14	quality of life	Nov 2, 2012 7:14 AM

Page 1, Q3. What activities do you and your family enjoy? (Pick only those that apply)

1	Walking	Dec 1, 2012 5:38 AM
2	Enjoying the rustic beauty of the area and relative silence and calm.	Nov 29, 2012 8:39 AM
3	Bicycle riding	Nov 28, 2012 6:28 AM
4	handicap accessible/stroller accessible	Nov 27, 2012 5:34 PM
5	just to enjoy the peace and quiet of nature	Nov 25, 2012 10:31 AM
6	Public firearms range run by cooperative efforts of state and local goverments, funding from Pittman Robertson Act through Fish & Game Dept.	Nov 22, 2012 7:49 PM
7	landscape/wildlife photography	Nov 14, 2012 4:34 PM
8	the zoo & park for picnics	Nov 10, 2012 8:49 AM
9	Zoo	Nov 8, 2012 8:40 AM

Page 1, Q4. Does Middle need...?

1	Handicap Accessibility for all facilities	Dec 3, 2012 7:25 PM
2	We need a good access (boat ramp) to our back bay waters. Stone Harbor and Avalon BLV both have deep water area	Dec 2, 2012 3:38 PM
3	No more capital improvements. Let's pay outstanding obligations.	Dec 1, 2012 5:38 AM
4	DOG PARK	Nov 30, 2012 12:27 PM
5	dog parks	Nov 29, 2012 10:55 AM
6	Open space	Nov 28, 2012 10:31 AM
7	SOMETHING for kids in Burleigh-(southern court house) area that they could walk or ride bikes to	Nov 27, 2012 8:19 PM
8	Ice skating rink/pond areas; Better lighting on bike/walking trails; Racquetball court	Nov 26, 2012 11:11 AM
9	dog park	Nov 25, 2012 10:31 AM
10	Open space woodland/natural habitat green belts	Nov 22, 2012 7:49 PM
11	Dog Park	Nov 20, 2012 9:52 AM
12	Dog parks	Nov 15, 2012 1:39 AM
13	what we have is great	Nov 14, 2012 6:45 PM
14	I like soccer, but too much is dedicated to this, and growing!	Nov 14, 2012 6:40 PM
15	Youth Conservation Club w/ caring adult mentors	Nov 14, 2012 4:34 PM
16	activities on existing spaces for recreation, ie what is offered through wildwood rec	Nov 13, 2012 7:02 AM
17	Township cheerleaders	Nov 11, 2012 10:25 AM
18	Build a large NATATORIUM, 50 METER POOL,at Ockie Wisting(Fort Apache) , Halls to changing rooms and food services with access to the outside to possible soccer fields for tournaments. This leaves Goshen open for baseball and softball. We attended a meet this past weekend with 1200 swimmers and about 7200 entries. two large teams were not there. It porbably grossed \$40,000 in 2 days.	Nov 10, 2012 12:24 PM
19	Ice Skating Rink	Nov 9, 2012 4:37 PM
20	Repaving and upkeep of current water access. (Example - Goshen Landing road was recently fixed in the westerly portion, but rather than completing the repair work a sign was installed to restrict vehicle access.) Many roadside boat ramps could be easily repaired for next to nothing in terms of costs. (Example - the "free bridge" boat ramp needs a truckload of fill or rocks.	Nov 8, 2012 7:43 AM
21	organized after school programs for kids	Nov 8, 2012 6:29 AM

Page 1, Q4. Does Middle need...?

22	areas for dogs	Nov 7, 2012 2:42 PM
23	a state park like Cape May Point but along the Bay	Nov 7, 2012 11:50 AM
24	Dog Park	Nov 5, 2012 11:40 AM
25	Plaza Area	Nov 5, 2012 5:28 AM
26	unpaved bike & running paths, dog park	Nov 4, 2012 5:58 PM
27	More Hockey rinks, very crowded	Nov 4, 2012 12:56 PM
28	Items I did not note I believe we have access to	Nov 2, 2012 8:23 AM

Page 1, Q5. How would you improve the following facilities?

1	Seek reimbursement for money spent at Fort Apache, and use it to turn the area into passive site.	Dec 1, 2012 5:38 AM
2	dog parks, exercise trails	Nov 29, 2012 10:55 AM
3	many sites should have informational signage	Nov 28, 2012 5:24 PM
4	Add lighting to Bike Path	Nov 26, 2012 11:11 AM
5	Add an indoor pool to Goshen sports complex	Nov 25, 2012 6:17 PM
6	Lighting on bike path, especially at cross streets	Nov 25, 2012 12:30 PM
7	dog park and walking paths at Ockie Wisting	Nov 25, 2012 10:31 AM
8	Bought in Middle Twp. 10 years ago and thought Fort Apache would be improved shortly after I moved in and am still waiting to use it.	Nov 23, 2012 7:19 AM
9	goshen rec way too crowed...i suggest relocating cape express...shellbay is often a filthy mess, i live down street.	Nov 14, 2012 6:45 PM
10	put recycling cans at public places, libraries, etc... its the law!	Nov 13, 2012 2:59 PM
11	Expand North Wildwood Rec Center to include fitness and indoor swimming, yoga, piliates, etc.	Nov 13, 2012 11:52 AM
12	paths for walking access to bike path from neighborhoods; davies - add recreational programs/leagues	Nov 13, 2012 7:02 AM
13	Indoor 50 meter pool for local swim team use at Ockie Wisting. Middle, Tech both pay close to \$19,000 each per swim season and CAT-Cape Atlantic Team Aquatics a fast growing satilite of Brigantine Greenheds a year round USA Swim Team producing Junior Olympic swimmers and top Nationally ranked swimmers attending Zone Championships would use it to. Also Cape May has a recreational team that may want to swim there.	Nov 10, 2012 12:24 PM
14	Fort Apache has sat for YEARS absolutely unused...	Nov 9, 2012 6:35 AM
15	make ockie wisting a destination site for travel team tournaments (eg lax)... good for tourism	Nov 8, 2012 6:29 AM
16	add a dog pk to Fort Apache & unbolt gate,let us in!!	Nov 7, 2012 2:42 PM
17	Many of the following would draw more if expanded in size, which would create space for other future improvements while serving more roles	Nov 7, 2012 11:50 AM
18	please keep open spaces where people can walk safely with dogs,look at wildlife etc, not more formal paved trails	Nov 7, 2012 10:49 AM
19	Cape express needs a soccer complex along with a park for people to walk, hike, ride bikes. A playground for young children, a picnic area	Nov 7, 2012 6:43 AM
20	sidewalks are needed on Rte 9 to/from county park, also on Dennisville Road	Nov 6, 2012 8:20 AM

Page 1, Q5. How would you improve the following facilities?

21	add lighting on walking/running path	Nov 4, 2012 5:58 PM
22	PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE add a disc golf course at Fort Apache! I can have it all built with volunteers! The whole thing!!!	Nov 4, 2012 2:09 PM

Page 1, Q6. If you are recommending improvements, how should they be funded?

1	See above	Dec 1, 2012 5:38 AM
2	Asses a activity fee for each residence in Township. \$10.00 a year should be sufficient.	Nov 29, 2012 8:39 AM
3	MINIMAL (\$5 - \$15) voluntary- yearly- recreation sponsor's membership fee which entitles holder to special programs - ie: movie night open to sponsor cardholders only	Nov 27, 2012 8:19 PM
4	With funds already misappropriated and mispent for work never completed	Nov 27, 2012 10:25 AM
5	charge a small annual membership fee for the dog park	Nov 25, 2012 10:31 AM
6	if all else fails, taxes	Nov 15, 2012 1:20 PM
7	Fundraising events, affordable fees for usage	Nov 14, 2012 4:34 PM
8	taxes if necessary? middle doesn't invest in recreation, which is part of the problem. It's appalling that the high school baseball team fields had to rely on donations for its construction and landscaping/maintenance.. embarassing...	Nov 13, 2012 7:02 AM
9	What about our taxes?	Nov 10, 2012 12:24 PM
10	raise taxes	Nov 10, 2012 9:08 AM
11	no new taxes	Nov 10, 2012 8:49 AM
12	build into town budget	Nov 8, 2012 8:55 AM
13	There are private entities looking to improve rec facilities at no cost to the township. This is a common practice in other townships. They are often maintained at a higher standard than govt maintained facilities, at no cost to townships. Somehow this became a political issue in the election, showing the small mindedness of nonprogressive politicians. In my parents hometown, they built a tennis center that draws college tournaments and addition of hotels resturants. We already have hotels & resturants with capacity in fall,winter, & spring!:)	Nov 8, 2012 6:29 AM
14	You only need a few gates and fencing for a dog park at Ft Apache.	Nov 7, 2012 2:42 PM
15	An open space tax that allows for both acquisition and improvement and upkeep is best route to securing outside funding	Nov 7, 2012 11:50 AM
16	Pay out of the regular budget, its important, doesnt need "special" funding, it was an oops not to include this as a choice	Nov 6, 2012 2:18 PM
17	Municipal Budget	Nov 6, 2012 8:43 AM
18	I am willing to lead Disc Golf Project and require no funds from Middle Township	Nov 4, 2012 2:09 PM
19	Fund drive or charity events	Nov 4, 2012 1:57 PM
20	half cent per hundred open space and recreation tax to build public monies to leverage grants and partnership monies	Nov 2, 2012 7:14 AM

Page 1, Q7. Would you be interested in programs such as:

1	Incorporate art activities into the open space for both youth and adults.	Nov 14, 2012 4:34 PM
2	establish trail for Middle Twp.'s "Magnificent Trees"	Nov 10, 2012 8:49 AM
3	Athletic Tournaments	Nov 9, 2012 4:37 PM
4	Our family would like most of the areas left as natural as possible.	Nov 7, 2012 2:42 PM
5	trash cleanup days at specific areas	Nov 5, 2012 7:11 AM
6	Disc Golf Players Association	Nov 5, 2012 5:43 AM
7	Disc golf	Nov 4, 2012 2:39 PM
8	Disc golf design, maintenance etc	Nov 4, 2012 2:39 PM
9	birding events tied to migrations	Nov 2, 2012 7:14 AM

Page 1, Q8. What are the three most important open space and recreation issues for Middle Township?

1	Recreation for ALL ages Public education for existing wildlife habitat, open space and its long term value to the community. Safe sidewalks and more of them.	Dec 3, 2012 7:25 PM
2	Open additional fishing areas. Use school facilities and fields more Have a community marching band	Dec 3, 2012 7:24 PM
3	Middle twp. has the best back bay areas in the State of NJ, yet we have no access in the way of a twp boat ramp. Good sites for a TWP boat ramp would be Nummy Island, by the free bridge. Stone Harbor BLV. near Scotch Bonnet Bridge. The property is for sale, just west and north of the Scotch Bonnet, would make an excellent Twp. Marina and boat ramp.	Dec 2, 2012 3:38 PM
4	Preservation Preservation Preservation	Dec 2, 2012 10:02 AM
5	Financial constraints - too much money has been wasted in the name of open space and recreation, when really only benefitting small number of individuals. Need truly open space - the type of farmland and other vistas that old-timers grew up with, not a race to fill every available space with things like soccer fields. Encourage full and fair access to all our our community's young people to sporting teams at existing facilities.	Dec 1, 2012 5:38 AM
6	1. Maintenance/upgrades at the current recreational properties. 2. Updated bathrooms at these properties 3. Community Health Club with pools, indoor workout facilities, programs, etc.	Nov 29, 2012 3:56 PM
7	Need better areas in the Rio Grande area that are easy to access. Connect bike path with the Lower section in Rio Grande. Places to take dogs also.	Nov 29, 2012 10:55 AM
8	The most important concern is to stop the uncontrolled growth. The affordable housing mess that you created will ruin the Township and cause a huge increase in property taxes due to the need for increases services.	Nov 29, 2012 8:39 AM
9	Preservation of open space, publicity about open space and improved access about open spaces. Some sites are "creepy" because of trash and debris and feel unsafe. This needs to be fixed to make these sites welcoming.	Nov 28, 2012 5:24 PM
10	Wildlife preservation Areas for Hiking biking and wildlife appreciation	Nov 28, 2012 10:00 AM
11	Linking bike path: integrating the bike path with current recreational facilities. Developing Ockie Wisting Park sooner rather than later.	Nov 28, 2012 6:28 AM
12	Middle township is so large and currently the recreation centers are spread far apart. Some local neighborhood play centers are needed. Some open spaces are also needed to insure the residents continue to enjoy the rural/country atmosphere of the township which is so much a part of the apeal of the area.	Nov 27, 2012 8:19 PM
13	handicap accessible	Nov 27, 2012 5:34 PM
14	Not sure.	Nov 27, 2012 1:31 PM
15	Middle Township needs to address the issues it creates with the affordable housing and stay out of the recreation business	Nov 27, 2012 11:35 AM
16	There are no swimming pools indoor/outdoor	Nov 27, 2012 6:27 AM

Page 1, Q8. What are the three most important open space and recreation issues for Middle Township?

17	Better lighting for safety	Nov 26, 2012 11:11 AM
18	proper lighting and proper supervision. Team fun and enjoyment.	Nov 26, 2012 8:24 AM
19	1. Ockie Wisting (former Fort Apache Campground) to be completed. 2. Up keep at Davies, 10,000+ athletes and parents pass through the complex every year and the fields(football, soccer, baseball and basketball) are a disgrace. 3.Davies should be the highlight of our community not its armpit	Nov 25, 2012 7:31 PM
20	Money to fund them Money to maintain them Developing them in an environmentally friendly way	Nov 25, 2012 5:42 PM
21	wrong word issues. but,,, access to bay, undisturbed forest, pedestrian friendly walkways (to and from)	Nov 25, 2012 4:01 PM
22	1) Encourage bikers to ride WITH traffic; walkers AGAINST traffic. 2) Better signage for all destinations listed above, such as showing direction from middle of town, along the way, etc. 3) Handicap access to water's edge.	Nov 25, 2012 12:30 PM
23	There are very few places for local people with like interests to socialize. The rural character of Middle Township is very quickly disappearing. Once it's gone we might as well all be living in Newark.	Nov 25, 2012 10:31 AM
24	Wisting recreation center needs to be developed. The children of Rio Grande keep getting forgotten about when new recreation projects come up- build things for the kids in Rio Grande for the kids to do. take better care of the equipment that we do have,	Nov 23, 2012 8:05 PM
25	I cannot name 3 issues only Fort Apache needs to have bike and hiking trails and the other improvements that were promised 10 years ago to the tax payers who paid for the land.	Nov 23, 2012 7:19 AM
26	Preservation of fertile farm fields/croplands, tidal estuary streams and wetlands and woodland old growth forest green belts. This would enhance the rural character of the Township, recreational opportunities and preserve habitat for fish and game species.	Nov 22, 2012 7:49 PM
27	1) Fort Apache ->> What's going on there? 2) Finishing and connecting bike paths to Erma 3) Increasing overall participation from the county to improve the health of both adults and children.	Nov 21, 2012 10:50 AM
28	Kids Partying and littering..because the teenagers lack places to ride ATVS, Skate, and play hockey. Unleased Pets and Lack of Poop disposal bags Not enough Parking and Restrooms	Nov 20, 2012 9:52 AM
29	Tennis Court at Middle Township Rec in Whitesboro Extend Walking/Jogging/Bike Path from Indian Trail to Rio Grande and add Exercise/Fitness Stops all along path Ockie Wisting	Nov 20, 2012 9:51 AM
30	Fort Apache, Goshen Sports Complex, and East Shellbay Avenue needs to be upkept. The gates need to be locked when it closes at 9pm to keep the people out of there from destroying the property.	Nov 19, 2012 10:26 AM
31	free natural access, except for select sport activities	Nov 18, 2012 1:32 AM

Page 1, Q8. What are the three most important open space and recreation issues for Middle Township?

32	Maintain the amount of open undeveloped space Continue to extend the bikepath keep the sports complex in good shape	Nov 15, 2012 1:20 PM
33	1)Develop Fort Apache as a recreation area with soccer fields. 2)Improve parking, field maintenance, management of Davies Complex. 3)Look into utilizing old dump site on Indian Trail Rd as a PVC Solar field for the township.	Nov 15, 2012 7:50 AM
34	Not enough opportunities/spaces for all members of the family Doesn't represent a wide variety of things to do); not pet friendly; maintenance on all properties (bike path is already run down with weeds growing through the asphalt, fields are not maintained)	Nov 15, 2012 5:42 AM
35	Develop fort apache Offer more sports (lacrosse)	Nov 15, 2012 4:00 AM
36	Need places for dogs to run and play.	Nov 15, 2012 1:39 AM
37	My main concern is that enviro sensitive land be kept sacred. For instance, i live near bay, surrounded by wetlands. I was put off by sewer dept when i was concerned about pump station built right off my back property line. Not only is it an unkept eyesore, i was promised it would be housed in a building, exactly what was built near bennys landing, but it is not. Old old trees were cut for it and protected bird used to live there (red head woodpecker), lights often flash, trucks and workers visit, noisy machines....all the while my home property value has sunk even more because of, my home property value for taxation an absolute false number, and taxes, cant even imagine growing old here. So, with this long winded note, I suggest we take even better care of what we have, and not build and grow to further tax residents and not be able to maintain. Most of the tax paid expensive trees planted around the pump station died within a month of planted this past summer. They were never cared for, watered.	Nov 14, 2012 6:45 PM
38	Could us a bigger Rec building in Goshen, so more than one event or game style could happen at once. Need more safe biking, jogging, walking in more areas accessible to all parts of Township. How about a dog park ~ LARGE safe area where a dog could run and play with fences?	Nov 14, 2012 6:40 PM
39	We need a dog park in Middle Township!	Nov 14, 2012 6:10 PM
40	Too much money is spent on open space, especially farmland preservation. Why give people money not to sub divide their land? The new zoning changes makes it near impossible to sub divide any way. A township golf course would be nice.	Nov 14, 2012 5:50 PM
41	Goshen Sports Complex, Improvement to the Football field! Field needs attention, fencing, bleachers, and improvements to the score board as well as speaker system	Nov 14, 2012 5:45 PM
42	1) Preservation of natural resources and habitats, 2) Increase awareness of natural resources especially among the youth to enrich their knowledge and quality of life, 3) Opportunities for community involvement.	Nov 14, 2012 4:34 PM
43	restoration of old sand quarries. planting trees along bike path. restoration of older houses rather than new construction that involves deforestation.	Nov 13, 2012 2:59 PM

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44	Open space and reserving land water for wildlife and bird viewing. Larger improved Rec Center in North Wildwood to include indoor swimming pool and classes for all ages.	Nov 13, 2012 11:52 AM
45	maintenance developing land so it is useful and an attraction funding	Nov 13, 2012 11:08 AM
46	When my children were young, recreation programs were much less expensive, much better organized, with much better communication with participants. In this day and age, no excuse for schedules not to be printed and updated or sent electronically including addresses/phone numbers of venues. Seems like making profit from the children's families is now more important than providing recreational opportunities and quality activities and the values/skills learned through group sports. Who knows exactly where all my property taxes are going? certainly not for my grandchildren's benefit. a shame...	Nov 13, 2012 9:03 AM
47	Opportunity with Cape Express a great idea at Ft. Apache with more soccer fields Extend bike path to Cape May How to fund all the Township would like to do	Nov 12, 2012 9:45 AM
48	Larger community center for all age activities. More focus on local tournaments . Create Twp. Cheer-leading Organization	Nov 11, 2012 10:25 AM
49	Middle township has no pool in an area where swimming is so imortant.Middle Township has a civic duty to teach children in a community surrounded by water water safty, also swim lessons, and support its local swim teams.A new complex with a 50 meter pool,concessions, soccer fields and maybe a track at the former Fort Apache site is needed.	Nov 10, 2012 12:24 PM
50	need a swimming pool for local teams and recreation for elderly	Nov 10, 2012 9:49 AM
51	maintaining current open space educating public on importance of open space giving children/teens places to exercise.	Nov 10, 2012 9:08 AM
52	Preserve the current character of our township Prohibit ATV activity Additional bike and walking trails and paths We do not need additional ball fields	Nov 10, 2012 8:58 AM
53	More open space Co-op gardening Less dense development	Nov 10, 2012 8:49 AM
54	Need more activities such as ice skating rink, more street hockey rinks & more boat launches	Nov 9, 2012 4:37 PM
55	dont need to spend money right now	Nov 9, 2012 10:03 AM
56	1) Development Costs (tax payers can't afford more taxes) 2) Maintenance Costs (Goshen is a mess and its blamed on funding) 3) Future Considerations of land use (We dont want to 'give' away land)	Nov 9, 2012 6:35 AM
57	Maintain rural character of township - DO NOT OVERBUILD. The attractiveness of living in this community will be destroyed. Maintain amount of agricultural/farm lands, including wineries. Keep natural areas protected from development for birds, wildlife, and people who enjoy them.	Nov 8, 2012 4:03 PM
58	Let cape express soccer club invest in FT Apache, where else would the money come from. Maintenance is substandard, especially at Davies complex. Lack	Nov 8, 2012 9:09 AM

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	of recreation areas in general	
59	Connecting/preserving/stewarding forested wildlife habitat Protecting shorebird habitat Providing safe walking and bike-riding (sidewalks, bike lanes)	Nov 8, 2012 8:55 AM
60	Preserving open space for wildlife habitat. Educating people about the importance of open space. Getting people involved in cleaning up the township as far as litter etc.	Nov 8, 2012 8:34 AM
61	Space Variety Funding	Nov 8, 2012 8:25 AM
62	1. Maintaining what we already have in the community. 2. Boating and waterfront access pays the bills and is the reason why people spend vacations in this area - put resources to good use in this area. 3. Surrounding municipal boat ramps (Avalon, Stone Harbor and North Wildwood) charge a small fortune - put funding in place to maintain existing free ramps in Middle Township like Cape May has done near Lucky Bones.	Nov 8, 2012 7:43 AM
63	1) Lack of maintenance of current facilities 2) Current facilities are undersized or don't allow for flexibility. (eg younger bball teams in winter can not get court time) 3) Resistance to private entity partnerships	Nov 8, 2012 6:29 AM
64	1) properly maintained areas 2) adequate space for activities 3) activities/equipment for all age groups - i.e. toddler to adult	Nov 7, 2012 8:19 PM
65	Keeping the sense of a rural town with family activities in our community. The Rio Grande area has been sold out to big box retail and the balance of tax revenue generated in this area is not put back into this town. As residents of 26 years we have seen more negative than positive changes. It has no more small town charm. We will continue to count the years till we can move. How hard would it be to place some attractive lights and greenery in the "down-town" area? It would make a huge difference. There are no upscale grocery options or eateries. There need to be options for kids to participate in group sports. All the farms were sold off for more building. Make the empty stores be rented before building any more!	Nov 7, 2012 6:17 PM
66	access. Why is Ft. Apache locked off to cars, Not having police to watch the site is a poor excuse. Open it up and in part of it we would benefit from a dog park. Railroad ave site has very little to offer anyone over 8yrs. How about skateboarder, better playground, picnic benches? Some cost could be off set by advertizers signs on the fences.	Nov 7, 2012 2:42 PM
67	1. Expanding Cape May National Wildlife Refuge 2. Protecting riparian corridors 3. Enhancing public access	Nov 7, 2012 12:22 PM
68	The extended bike trail is fantastic! However, it would be wonderful if it could be lighted. More people would be able to use it in the fall/winter in the evenings when it gets dark by 5pm. Perhaps we could get local fitness and wellness centers to sponsor a light. Just an idea....	Nov 7, 2012 12:00 PM
69	The need to support efforts by the Service, non-profits and state to help the Refuge acquire remaining unprotected lands within the congressionally approved acquisition boundaries. Most critical to water supply and water quality is	Nov 7, 2012 11:50 AM

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	preservation of remaining unprotected upland forested areas of 10 or more acres. Voluntary buyout of homes in places like Reed's Beach to facilitate future growth in ecotourism, getting people of out harm's way and horseshoe crab/shorebird beach habitat restoration.	
70	No more development-we need open space, wildlife areas, places to walk in the woods and fields, no more paved bicycle paths-we have plenty of that. I love the Nature Preserve near hand ave off route 47. There are several trails through the woods and you can also walk to the bay. We need more open space-we need habitat for birds and wildlife-where people can walk in relative solitude. We need hiking trails like at Belleplain-we have plenty of bike paths! We need to preserve the few farms that are left. We need to preserve the bay-it is a major migratory bird stop, the horseshoe crabs have been fished almost to extinction. We need to preserve the wonderful and unique natural resources we have left. We need to preserve the few places where one may walk/hike and observe nature and the beauty seen in this area.	Nov 7, 2012 10:49 AM
71	none	Nov 7, 2012 10:38 AM
72	1. Keep development to a minimum & enlarge/encourage open space. 2. The bike path ... take it all the way to Rio Grande & beyond ... connect with others, both north & south. Love it! 3. Keep up the good work on activities for all ages!	Nov 7, 2012 10:15 AM
73	The most important issue is not to raise taxes one penny in order to do any recreational improvements. As a matter of fact, everything in the township should be privatized including the schools and property taxes should be reduced by a minimum of 50%. STOP taking and spending other people's money.	Nov 7, 2012 7:52 AM
74	Not enough recereation for youth 11-26 years-old.	Nov 7, 2012 7:48 AM
75	1. Creating exercise options that are fun, such as running paths walking areas and bike riding trails. 2. Keeping space from being developed for retail and chain businesses. 3. Making some areas safe for recreation.	Nov 6, 2012 8:55 PM
76	Keep the Apache site - DO NOT LEASE IT. Develop it as passive recreation and wildlife sanctuary Establish more boat ramps and piers in township and maintain them. Cater to township teams and not private leagues. BUILD A SWIMMING POOL!!!! for high school teams, recreation teams and fitness swimming. The special services pool does not cut it and is often not available.	Nov 6, 2012 8:52 PM
77	Quality, organized, lit playing fields	Nov 6, 2012 2:18 PM
78	Building the soccer fields in Rio Grande. Maintenance at Goshen Complex and building the soccer fields in Rio Grande. Also building soccer fields in Rio Grande.	Nov 6, 2012 10:24 AM
79	Preserving existing open space Maintaining existing recreation facilities Developing new recreation facilities as the need arises	Nov 6, 2012 8:43 AM
80	We need bike lanes like Stone Harbor and Avalon. We definitely need sidewalks to improve the linking of the community.	Nov 6, 2012 8:20 AM
81	Improve Rio Grande Section of the township, it is a disgrace what our children or	Nov 6, 2012 7:28 AM

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	rather what our children don't have down this end.	
82	Lack of safe soccer fields No pool	Nov 6, 2012 7:19 AM
83	preservation providing habitat for wildlife rural landscape	Nov 6, 2012 6:33 AM
84	Issuing use/density variances poor zoning enforcement overemphasis on team/league sports	Nov 5, 2012 3:34 PM
85	Vandalism. Misuse. Lack of public works maintenance of open spaces. Lack of variety in open spaces , need different activity areas	Nov 5, 2012 2:53 PM
86	We aren't using the open space we have. I've lived in Middle for over five years, and Fort Apache is a joke. The only thing that happens there is the circus once a year. What is keeping that site from being used for recreation OR rented out for other major events? Isn't that a potential source for income for Middle? Why can't it be opened up for hiking/boating? Could that become an ATV park? Could it be used for nature hikes/wildlife viewing? There has to be a use for it. The baseball field on Railroad is embarrassing. That should be a safe place for kids to play, not an eyesore. Even with the recent improvements, I wouldn't take kids there. Middle needs to pay more attention to maintaining our current recreation areas. Having a variety of parks makes Middle a more attractive place to live and provides more opportunities for kids and adults. The only areas that appear well maintained are in Court House. If money is a problem, can a business "adopt" a park?	Nov 5, 2012 2:01 PM
87	get rid of dan ,tim , r&v	Nov 5, 2012 12:15 PM
88	1. We need a 2nd Hockey Rink at the Davies Complex for the growing sport. 2. Speeding cars must be monitored on the access road to Davies Complex. Speed humps must be reinstalled before a child or parent gets injured or killed. 3. Additional safe parking at Davies Complex.	Nov 5, 2012 10:25 AM
89	1) The roads to get to the open space and recreation areas can be lethal for walkers and bicycles. There needs to be bike/walking paths installed adjacent to the road to make it safe for non motorized travelers. This would include access to Wildwood. 2) All areas need better litter control: trash and recyclable receptacles with regular pickup. The trash in this township is disgusting - conversely if there are no laws on unsecured loads there needs to be with enforcement - can do during DUI stops	Nov 5, 2012 7:11 AM
90	1. lack of disc golf. the cmc zoo is the only disc golf course in the area, which is way over crowded and hardly playable. this deters people from enjoying the sport. 2. fundraising/charity . just recently playing in a disc golf tournament in bucks county pa, we raised over \$500 for sandy victims. 3. preservation. while creating open space and rec areas, we as a disc golf community will clean, protect, and preserve these areas.	Nov 5, 2012 5:43 AM
91	Athletic Fields next to Menz's. Maintaining Davies Sports Complex. Continuing to meet the demands of the communities recreational needs.	Nov 5, 2012 5:28 AM
92	We need a disc golf course the one at the zoo is short and not up to par. If we had a good course we could try to get pro events to pass by. Aswel as disc	Nov 4, 2012 6:07 PM

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94	A dog park is needed. A race or walk along the bike path would be fun. Improved access to waterways.	Nov 4, 2012 5:58 PM
95	Building disc golf course(s) Build beach volleyball court(s)	Nov 4, 2012 3:48 PM
96	lack of things for teens to do.	Nov 4, 2012 3:28 PM
97	Disc golf	Nov 4, 2012 3:08 PM
98	No disc golf course	Nov 4, 2012 2:39 PM
99	Recreational variety Parking Interest	Nov 4, 2012 2:39 PM
100	Disc Golf, Disc Golf, and Disc Golf!	Nov 4, 2012 2:09 PM
101	Variety in recreation is of the utmost importance. Accessibility for all ages, and proper maintenance.	Nov 4, 2012 2:06 PM
102	I think the township could use a well maintained hockey rink, in door swimming pool, and a dog park.	Nov 4, 2012 1:57 PM
103	There needs to be more funding and attention paid to other sports such as hockey rather than always going towards baseball and basketball	Nov 4, 2012 1:27 PM
104	Hockey rinks for kids	Nov 4, 2012 12:59 PM
105	Davies Sports Complex. There is a thriving hockey program & a second rink for the kids to play & practice on is badly needed.	Nov 4, 2012 12:56 PM
106	Too many sports, not enough fields. Not enough parking spaces at sport clomplex when big tournament are being there. Inadequate field maintenance, municipalities with less resources still make sure their sports field are top notch.	Nov 4, 2012 8:54 AM
107	Affordable outdoor recreation for youngsters, maybe marble rings (like in Wildwood) Maintain bike path, it's the best thing going in township. Whatever you do, make sure folks in wheelchairs can use them too.	Nov 4, 2012 7:13 AM
108	Adding a 2nd hockey rink with safer parking. More baseball fields. Better parking at Davies complex,	Nov 4, 2012 4:51 AM
109	STOP overdevelopment! Leave farmlands as farmlands! There is no need for more recreation activities- we have more than enough	Nov 3, 2012 1:58 PM
110	-Preserving open space in an environmentally responsible manner -Recognizing that "recreation" space, while important in the county, is not necessarily the same thing as "open" space (a manicured baseball field is not the same as a	Nov 3, 2012 9:36 AM

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	wildlife preserve) -Obtaining appropriate funding for all open space/recreation space endeavors	
111	goshen field more space for activities, kayaking on a safe lake area, walking trails	Nov 3, 2012 3:56 AM
112	1. Continue the bike path to Rio Grande so you can ride from the south end to the north end of the Township - connect to the newly renovated Fort Apache Rec Complex! 2. Nature walks would be great. Something like the walking path near the Lighthouse at CMC Park South. 3. Improve and Expand parking at Goshen Complex	Nov 2, 2012 6:23 PM
113	more for adults and outside activities	Nov 2, 2012 10:50 AM
114	- clean up - access friendly but closed time accordingly to area -INFORMATION - even if we have certain rec areas or events it seems not many know about it to attract the funds necessary, each year seems to decline in guest attraction	Nov 2, 2012 8:23 AM
115	expanding recreational land base. linking existing land base maintaining the land base	Nov 2, 2012 7:14 AM
116	Improving connectivity between sites Maintenance of existing facilities site amenities - restrooms	Nov 2, 2012 4:29 AM
117	We need another hockey rink, and an ice hockey rink.	Nov 1, 2012 6:37 PM
118	More hockey rinks	Nov 1, 2012 5:43 PM
119	Funding Maintenance Access	Nov 1, 2012 9:09 AM

Page 1, Q10. Where do you live?

1	Lower Twp	Nov 27, 2012 7:41 AM
2	North Wildwood _ Anglesea	Nov 13, 2012 11:52 AM
3	Cold Springs	Nov 11, 2012 10:25 AM
4	Cape may	Nov 5, 2012 1:40 AM
5	Oceanview	Nov 4, 2012 6:07 PM
6	Oceanview	Nov 4, 2012 6:07 PM
7	ocean city	Nov 4, 2012 3:08 PM