



# Mountain Springs Recreational Preserve

Ephrata Borough / Ephrata Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

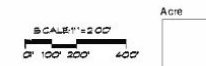


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## AERIAL MAP

Ephrata Borough, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
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- LEGEND**
- Municipal Boundary
  - - - Property Line



# Recreational Preserve

A Recreational Preserve is a designated area of land managed to balance natural resource conservation with public outdoor recreational activities. Recreational Preserves:

- Prioritizes the protection of natural resources
- Focus on facilitating public access and enjoyment of nature through infrastructure like trails, boat launches, etc.
- Include opportunities for low impact outdoor activities like hiking, bird watching, kayaking, etc.



# Planning Process

- Goal Setting
- Site Analysis
- Needs Assessment / Research
- Public Meeting / Open House
- Conceptual Alternative Designs
- Pre-Final Master Plan
- Public Meeting
- Final Master Plan
- Cost Analysis / Phasing
- Operations / Maintenance / Security Analysis



# Project Goals

- Protect the natural resources of Ephrata Mountain in perpetuity
- Expand public use of Ephrata Mountain through the low impact improvements desired by residents and visitors
- Prioritize improvements that provide opportunities to spend time experiencing and enjoying nature
- Provide safe pedestrian connections from downtown Ephrata and the WERT to Ephrata Mountain
- Restore native plant communities and enhance habitat diversity
- Control invasive species
- Minimize the impacts of stormwater runoff
- Enhance the recreation preserve in a manner that minimizes maintenance requirements



*Degradation  
of Resources*

*Inappropriate  
Use*

*Homeless*

*Protection  
of Wildlife*

*Vandalism*

*Erosion /  
Wet Basements*

*Privacy for  
Neighbors*