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Joint Municipal Park

Local parks and recreation play an important role in the health of a community. Investments in parks also spur economic growth and development. And, proximity to a developed state, regional, or community park improves property value. Thanks to a communitywide effort, a borough and township in Wyoming County have partnered together to create a joint municipal park for its residents.

Together with Clinton Township, Factoryville Borough created the 29-acre park that houses three multipurpose fields, a concession/shed building, parking lots, rain gardens, a grass path around the perimeter for walking and running, and a wetland trail with benches alongside the south branch of the Tunkhannock Creek. The Clinton Township-Factoryville Borough Joint Municipal Park is located on Creek Road across from the Clinton Township Municipal Building. A task force with borough and township officials and residents collaborated to determine the scope of the project. The task force also engaged students in the process.

Funding can be a challenge for local recreation needs. This project was funded with 80 percent of the project cost by impact fee sourced Greenways Trails and Recreation has added a new three story playground. The grant will also provide a larger concession stand with bathrooms. Factoryville was recognized as a “Playful City USA” community in 2013, which helped the borough to get the grant. Playful City USA is a national recognition program that honors cities and towns across the country for taking bold steps that make it easy for all kids to get the balanced and active play they need to thrive.



These communities are recognized for their efforts to create more playable, family-friendly cities. For more information, visit www.kaboom.org/take_action/playful_city_usa.

A second project, funded by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), will add a second soccer field and well to the site. Other upgrades will continue to be made as this project expands. **(B)**