

Steve Landes, CPRP

Community Recreation Planner



Education

Bachelor of Science, Parks and Recreation Administration
Pennsylvania State University
1974

Certification

Certified Park and Recreation Professional
National Recreation and Park Association

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Steve Landes is a recreation planner specializing in park, open space, and trail and greenway acquisition, development and maintenance. As a former municipal parks and recreation director for Muhlenberg Township, Berks County, he negotiated the purchase and coordinated the design and development of 10 neighborhood parks, two large community parks and a two-mile rail-trail. Working with a parks and recreation board and arts board, he organized and conducted the recreation and cultural arts programs and special events for the community. During his 40-year career, part of which while serving as a township manager, he has gained extensive experience in all aspects of local government operation.

RELEVANT SKILLS LIST

- Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plans
- Park Operation and Management Plans
- Park and Trail Development
- RFP Preparation
- Athletic Field Maintenance
- Capital Improvement Budgets
- Maintenance Management Plans
- Safety and Security Analyses
- Community Needs Assessments
- Recreation Programming Plans
- Parks and Recreation Board Development and Training
- Grant Writing

APPOINTMENTS/PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) Past President, Secretary, State Conference Chair, Branch Officer and Finance Committee Member
- National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Council of Affiliate Presidents Member
- NRPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Council Member
- Schuylkill River Greenway Association President and Board Member
- Schuylkill River Heritage Corridor Feasibility Study and Management Action Plan Committees

AWARDS

- Penn State Recreation, Parks and Tourism Management Outstanding Alumni Award, 2011
- PRPS Fred M. Coombs Honor Award, 2010
- PRPS Distinguished Member Award, 2007

CERTIFICATIONS/TRAINING

- North Carolina State University/NRPA Maintenance Management School
- Temple University, Marketing Recreation Services
- Governor's Conference on Recreation and Parks
- Governor's Conference on Greenways and Trails
- PRPS and NRPA Annual Conferences



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SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Jim Dietrich Park, Reading, PA

Project manager to negotiate the acquisition of an 80-acre farm with the owner, and an adjacent 20-acre parcel with a residential building developer, to create the township's first community park. The project included negotiating the termination of over 20 riverfront cabin leases and demolition of the cabins. DCNR grant funding was obtained to create a park master site development plan and finish phase one and phase two park construction, which included infrastructure improvements, three pavilions, access roads, parking lots, concession stand, restrooms, ball fields and soccer fields.

Muhlenberg Rail-Trail, Reading, PA

Project manager to coordinate the acquisition and design of a two-mile paved rail-trail through the center of the township. The project included extensive public input and meetings over many years. Title to the property was acquired through eminent domain. Work included obtaining PennDOT funding to construct the trail. The completed trail connects the school campus, three neighborhood parks, the public library, a youth sports facility, homes and businesses.

Honey Brook Township Comprehensive Recreation, Park, Open Space and Trails Plan, Honey Brook, PA

Project manager to obtain DCNR matching funds for the preparation of the first-ever comprehensive recreation, park and open space plan for a rural township of 7,600 residents. This planning study was a high priority recommendation of the joint Honey Brook Borough-Township Comprehensive Plan. Work included preparing the RFP for consultant hiring, selecting the firm, and putting together and serving on the study committee.

Central Carbon County Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan, Lehigh, PA

Lead recreation planner for a large regional comprehensive recreation, park and open space plan for six municipalities. Extensive public input was conducted through a mailed survey, key person interviews and study committee meetings. Every park and trail site were visited, with detailed maintenance and development recommendations prepared. Regional collaboration and partnerships were the focus of the action plan recommendations for recreation programming, park development, financing, maintenance and administration.

River Park Revitalization Master Plan, Columbia, PA

Lead recreation planner for a master site development plan for an underused riverfront park area. Work included the creation of a park operation and management plan, with the annual costs of operating and maintaining the park and its facilities, based on the proposed development. A complete market analysis was prepared, with an inventory of similar regional facilities, potential programming, and revenue analysis. Park design included an indoor environmental education/visitors center.

