

# TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK

2019 Open Space and Recreation Plan Update  
Amended May 2024

Planning Board  
Presentation  
July 10, 2024



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OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

COUNTY OF BERGEN



2024

## Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

### Presentation and Public Meetings:

#### 2024:

Planning Board, 7.10.2024 - 7:30 PM

#### 2018-2019:

Public Meeting, 11.14.2018

Township Council, 07.09.2019

Planning Board, 07.18.2019



Amended May 24, 2024

**October 31, 2019**





# Green Acres Guidelines

For updating Municipal  
Open Space and  
Recreation Plans



**The current Open Space Plan is from 2007 and is out of date. The 2024 update will keep the municipality current until 2029 for matching funds through the Green Acres program.**



**The amended Open Space Plan includes the recently completed Recreation and Open Space Inventory (signed May 2024).**

# Benefits of Open Space

»»» **Contributes to quality of life**

»»» **Improves air and water quality and flood mitigation**

»»» **Enhances homeowner property value**

»»» **Encourages physical activity**

»»» **Provides storage of carbon in trees to combat climate change**

»»» **Maintains wildlife habitat for both flora and fauna**

»»» **Helps to keep streams and rivers clean**

# Goals of the 2019 OSRP Update

- Enhance parks and open space while protecting environmentally sensitive features.
- Maintain and upgrade the existing system of parks to provide for residents of all ages and abilities.
- Preserve unique and historically significant structures and areas.
- Preserve the residential character.
- Provide a continuous walkable trail throughout the Hackensack River Greenway.
- Establish pocket parks, especially in neighborhoods where there are no parks.
- Join the national "10-minute walk" program.



Hackensack River



Community Garden at Hawthorne Park

# Municipal Open Space Trust Fund

## History of the Open Space Program

- 2004 – MOST approved by voters
- 2005 – MOST set at 1 cent, Advisory Board formed
- 2007 – Open Space and Recreation Plan adopted
- 2006 – Acquired 662 Pomander Walk
- 2010 – Acquired 640 River Road
- 2014 – Acquired 671 Pomander Walk

## MOST

- \$6.85 million generated through MOST since 2005
- \$506,700 collected in 2018 (MOST)
- \$1.61 million – current balance (December 2018)
- \$6.14 million spent on recreation development projects
- \$1.05 million spent on open space acquisition
- \$880,034 received from NJDEP Green Acres Program
- \$1,586,813 received from Bergen County



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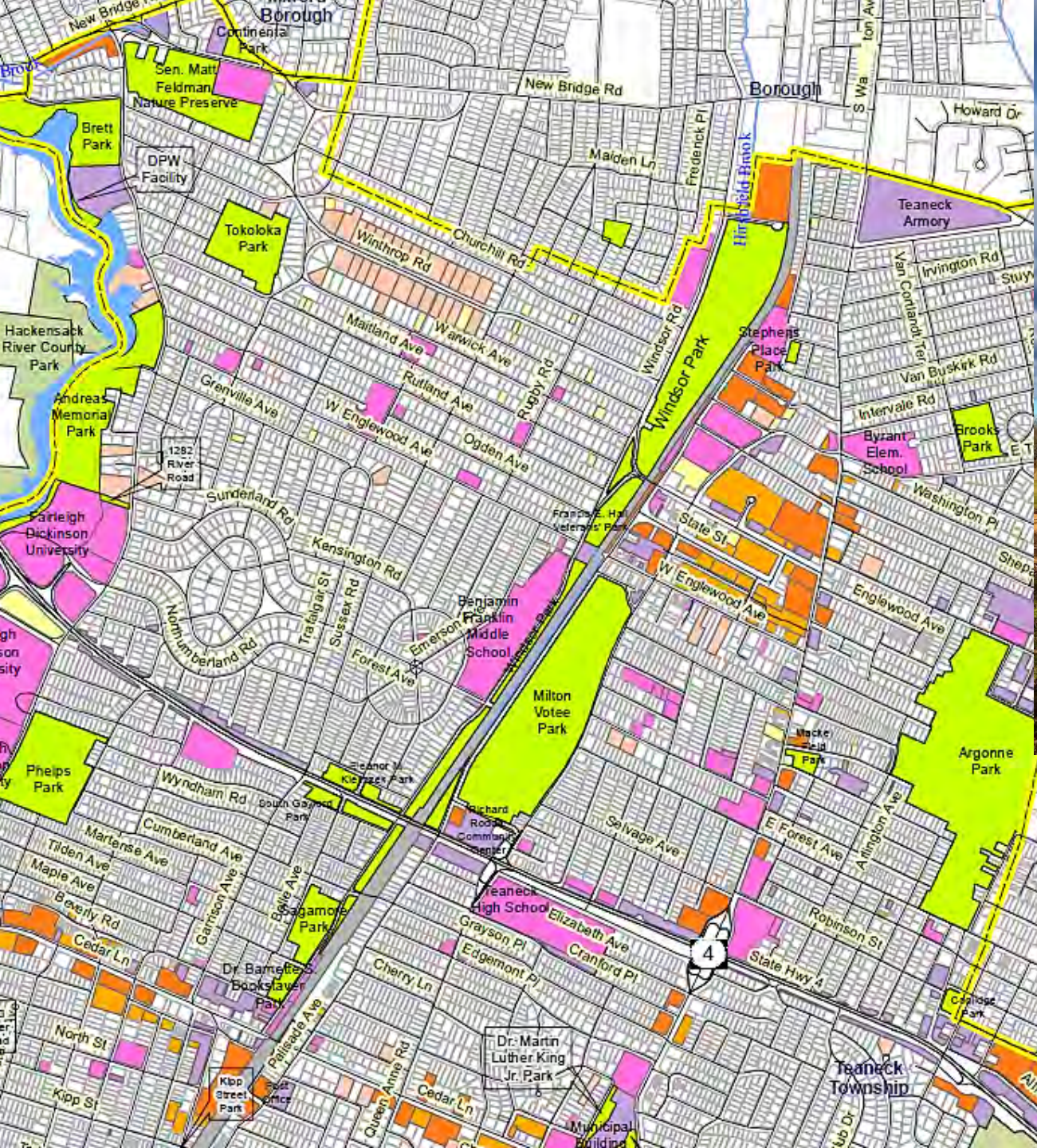
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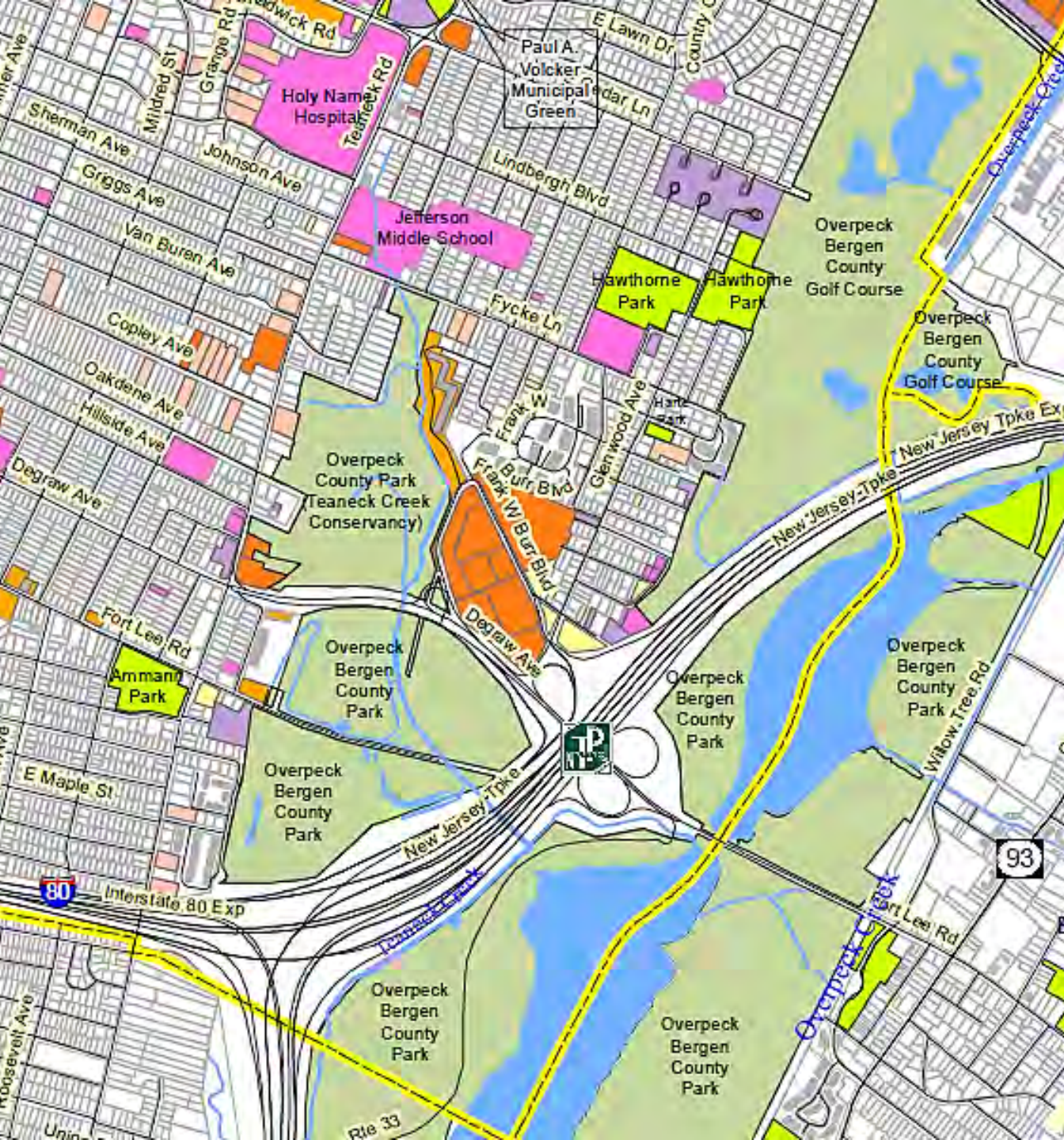


640 River Road





**Map 1: Open Space**  
Teaneck Township, Bergen County



Teaneck Creek Conservancy



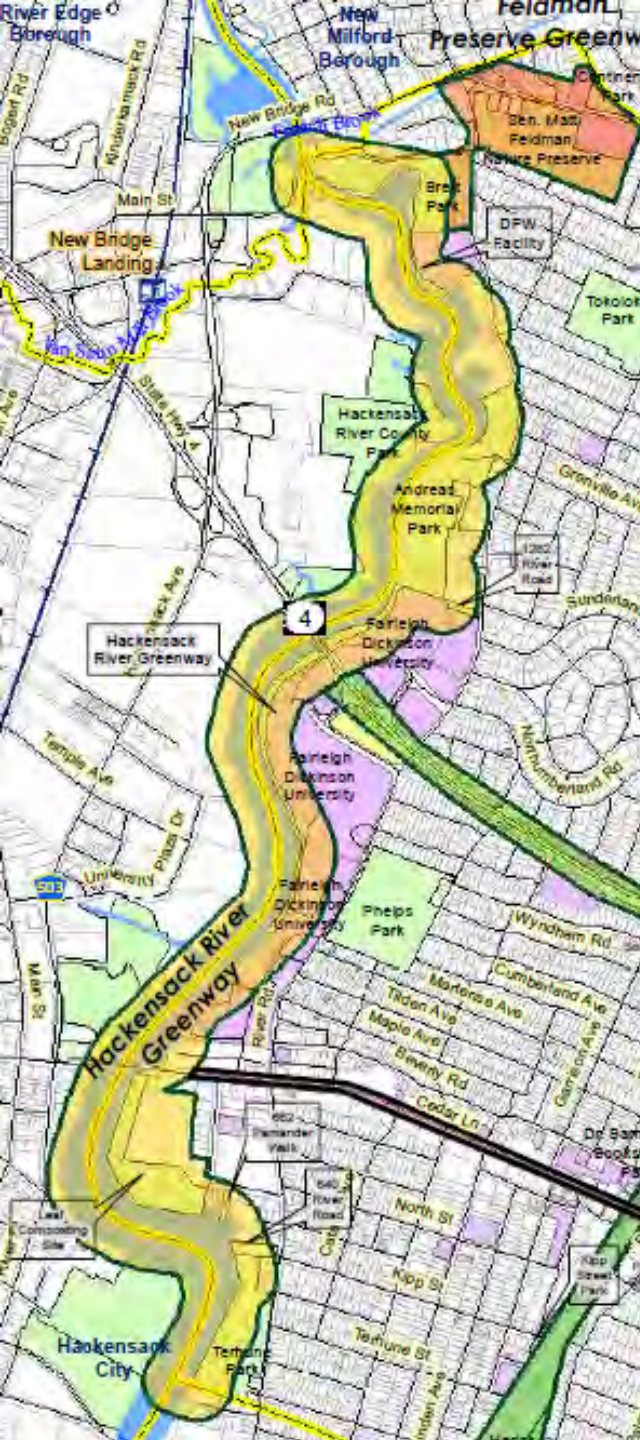
- Eco-Tourism Connectors
- Argonne Greenway
- Feldman Preserve Greenway
- Hackensack River Greenway
- Overpeck Greenway
- Route 4 Greenbelt
- Windsor Park Greenway

# Map 6: Greenways

## Teaneck Township, Bergen County



Eco-Tourism Connector  
Source: Google



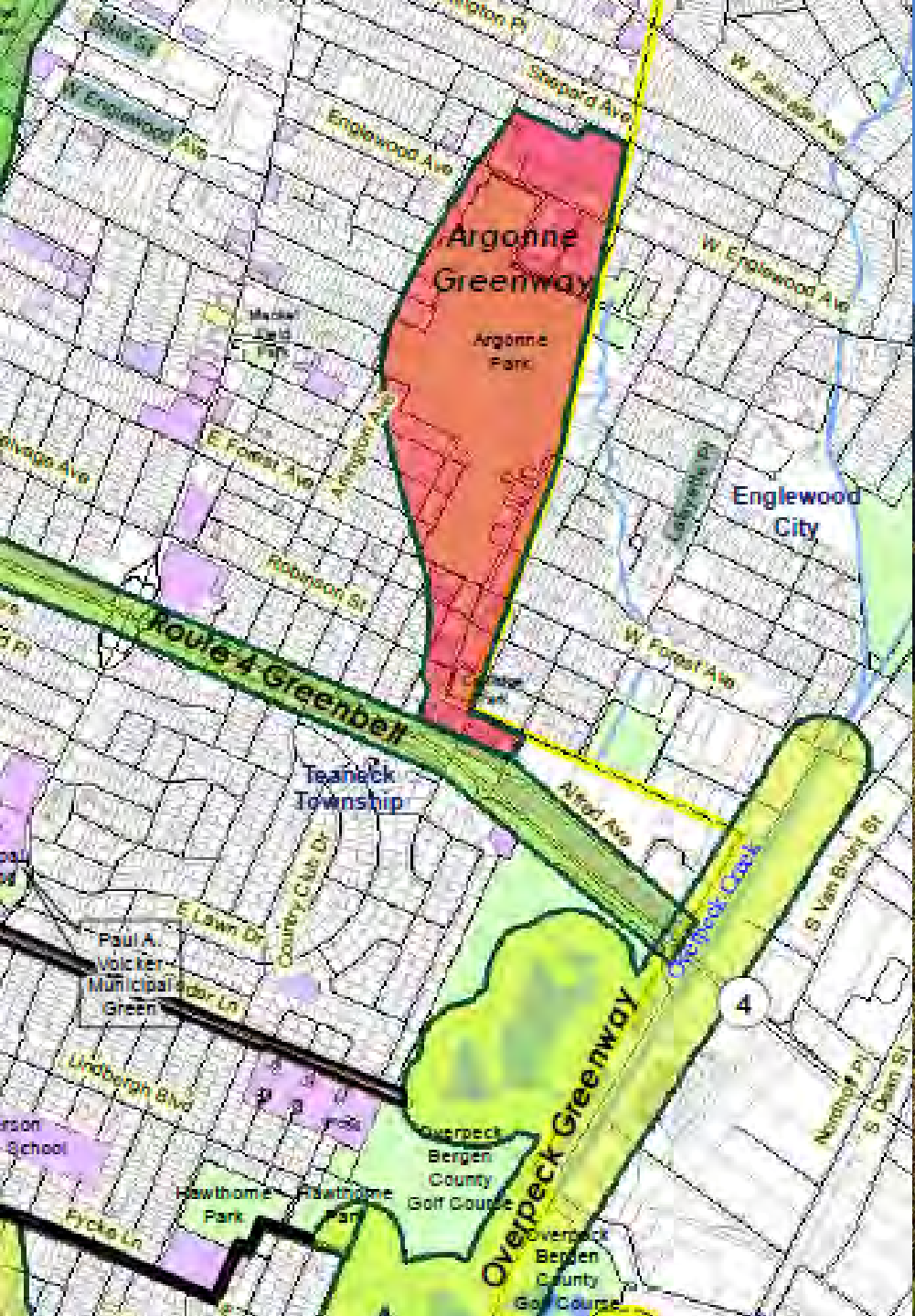
Senator Matthew Feldman Nature Preserve



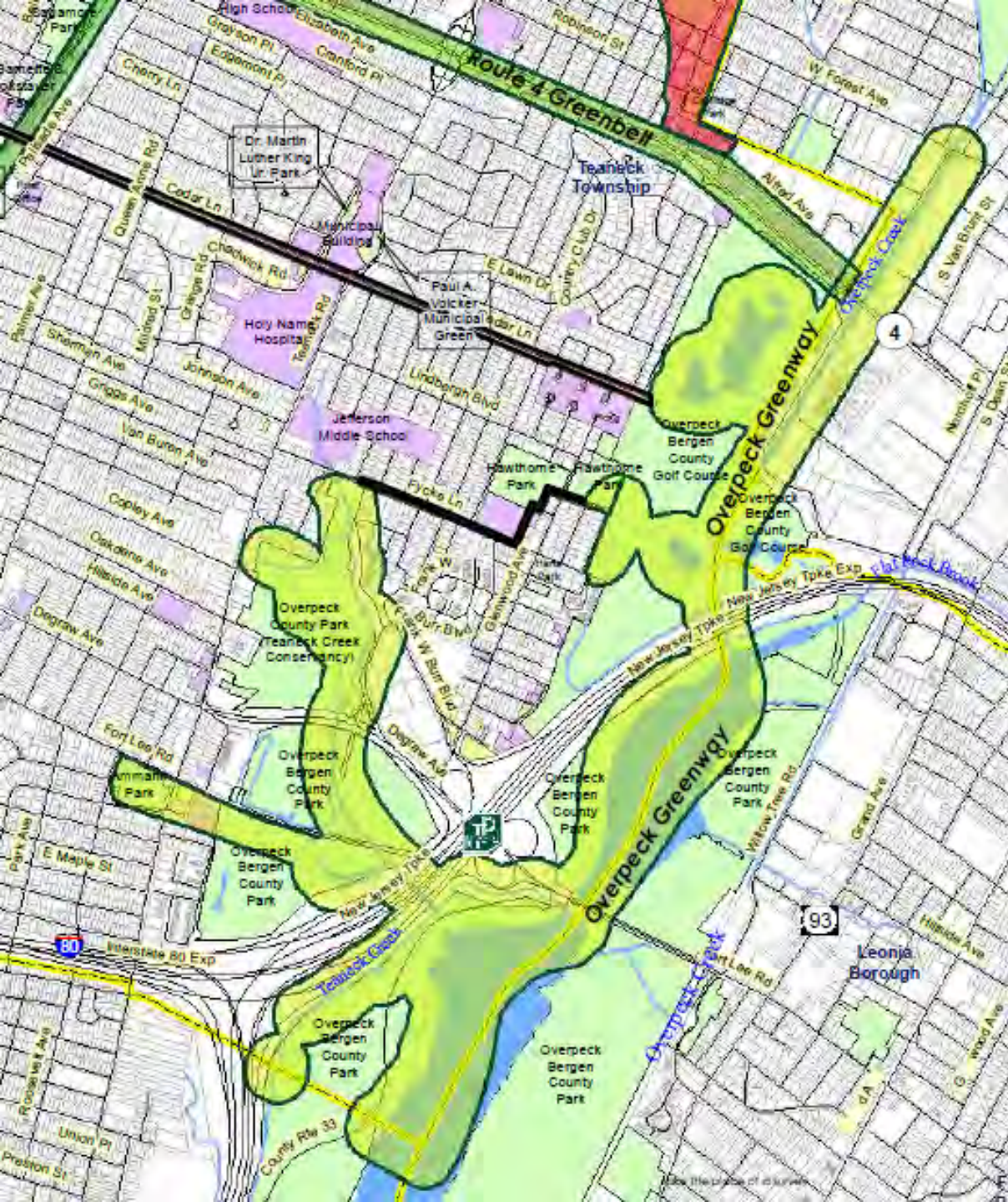
Andreas Memorial Park



Milton Vottee Park



Argonne Park



Overpeck County Park, Overpeck Golf Course  
Source: Bergen County Department of Parks

# Recommendations & Action Plan

## Within One Year

- Adopt the *Open Space and Recreation Plan Update* as part of the Master Plan.
- Submit the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update to the Green Acres program at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
- Develop a plan for engaging local and community recommendations on the future of the Route 4 Greenbelt.
- Reach out to residents to provide continued dialogue on future improvements to municipal parks and recreational areas, expand outreach initiatives to include various social media platforms to capture a diverse demographic of community members.
- Examine Township-owned properties for placement on the Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI), to ensure their permanent protection as open space. This includes the properties along the Route 4 Greenbelt. Resolve any inconsistencies in the ROSI with NJDEP and the Township professional staff.



# Within Three Years

- Implement the recommendations of the Hackensack River Greenway to identify and reach out to property owners, including Fairleigh Dickinson University, to promote and connect the Greenway in the Township.
- Investigate the feasibility of completing an inventory of the municipal street trees to improve public awareness and continued maintenance by the Department of Public Works.
- Work with historic organizations to expand local opportunities for historic conservation and education.
- Consider municipal recognition of the Route 4 Greenbelt as a historic site in the Township.



*Brett Park*

# Ongoing

- On an annual basis, review and provide an accounting of the use of the MOST for residents and governing body.
- Work with the governing body and administration to ensure full membership on MOST Committee, including the addition of a public member.



Milton Vottee Park

# Thank You

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