

# Application to Morris County Open Space Trust Fund *Boonton Avenue Recreation Facility*



*Presented to the Kinnelon Borough  
Council*

*Assisted by:*



*July 2020*

# Boonton Avenue Recreation Facility Highlights:

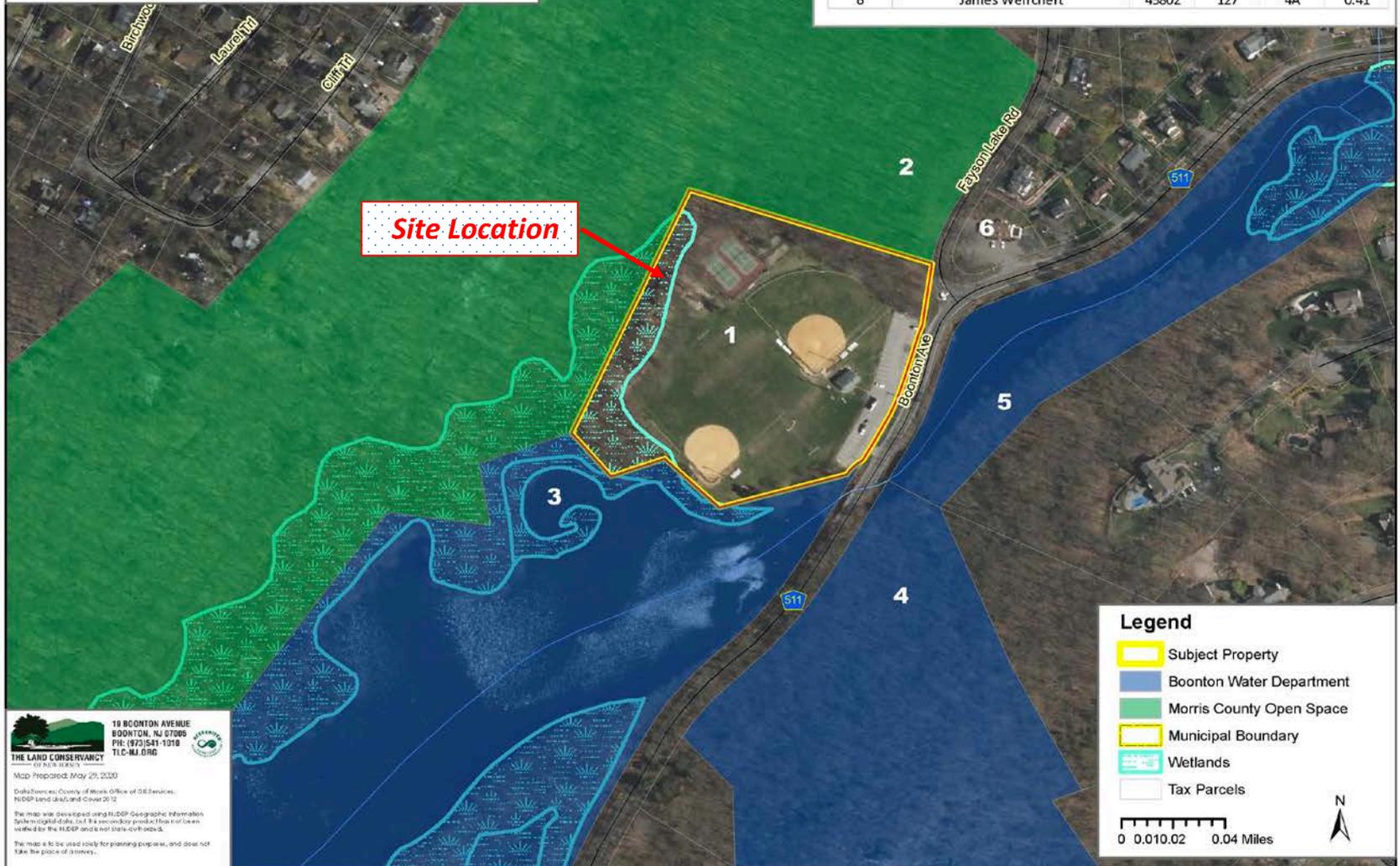


- *The Borough of Kinnelon has utilized this property for recreational use since 1974, and had a lease agreement with the Town of Boonton, the owner from 1974 to 2019.*
- *The Borough is interested in purchasing rather than entering into another lease with the Town of Boonton. This would enable the Borough to determine future recreational needs without approval from the Town of Boonton, own the facility that they invested in, and ensure that the facility is available for the residents of Kinnelon in perpetuity.*
- *The Borough has already invested in the development of the property for recreational use, making this property very desirable to acquire*

# Surrounding Land Uses

2020 Morris County Open Space Trust Fund Application  
 Boonton Avenue Recreation Facility  
 Block 34801 Lot 102  
 Kinnelo Borough, Morris County  
 Aerial & Adjacent Land Use Map

Number	Name	Block	Lot	Class	Acreage
1	Boonton Water Department	34801	102	15C	8.17
2	Morris County	34801	101	15C	98.06
3	Boonton Water Department	34801	103	2	67.62
4	Boonton Water Department	56301	148	1	12.29
5	Boonton Water Department	56301	101	1	9.39
6	James Weirchert	45802	127	4A	0.41



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Drake/Zimmer, County of Bucks Office of GIS Services  
 NJDCP Land Use/Land Cover 2012

The map was developed using NJDCP Geographic Information System digital data and its secondary products. These products were verified by the NJDCP and is not state-certified.

The map is to be used solely for planning purposes, and does not take the place of a survey.

**Legend**

- Subject Property
- Boonton Water Department
- Morris County Open Space
- Municipal Boundary
- Wetlands
- Tax Parcels

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*The Property has a 76 space parking area and concession stand with restrooms and refillable water bottle station.*

*This property provides access to Pyramid Mountain trails, where hikers can utilize both the parking and bathroom facilities.*

*In addition, the field area is used as an emergency landing area for police and medivac helicopters.*



# ***Boonton Avenue Field Recreation Facility Usage***

## **Kinnelon Recreation Department**

### **Groups that Regularly Utilize the Facility**

**Boys & Girls Soccer** (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade) 325 registrations annually (fall) 6 days per week (August through November)

**Baseball** (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade) 250 registrations annually (spring) 7 days per week. (March through June)

**Travel Baseball** (5 age groups) 80+ annual registrations (three seasons-spring, summer, fall) 4 days per week.

**KPEC** (Kinnelon Parents for Exceptional Children) – the registration numbers fluctuate with the special needs group a program over three seasons.

**Tennis Courts/Pickleball** are open 7 days per week from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm for residents. In addition, the Borough offers several youth tennis clinics three seasons per year and a summer tennis camp in August.

**Batting Cages and Practice Pitching Mound**: In season-you will find the batting cages and practice pitching mound being utilized 8:00 am to 9:00 pm - 7 days per week.

**Playground** is in use and open 7 days per week, year-round.

**Pyramid Mountain Hikers** access the trails from the Boonton Avenue Facility. They both park there and utilize the bathrooms in the concession stand. Several regular senior groups walk from that location each morning all year long.

## ***Consistency with Borough and County Master Plans***

- *The Borough's 2015 Master Plan Re-Examination Report identifies the need for additional recreational lands. The Goals and Policies note there is presently a lack of adequate recreational fields.*
- *The County Open Space Element Principal No. 3, identifies the expansion of recreational opportunities. The acquisition is consistent with Goal 2, which is to provide adequate recreational facilities to all Morris County residents through both public and private sectors. Objectives 5 states "Recreational facilities and programs should be accessible to all Morris County residents within a reasonable travel distance".*

## ***Proposed Project Funding***

Appraised Value (Current value, Pre-Highlands):	\$360,000
Morris County Open Space Funds Requested	<u>\$150,000</u>
<b><i>Balance</i></b>	\$210,000

### ***Source of Balance***

Borough of Kinnelon Open Space Trust Funds	\$30,000
Borough Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant	<u>\$180,000</u>
	\$210,000

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*Thank you!*