

New Garden Open Space Review Board 2021 Annual Report

Open Space Preservation Activity



Hiles Preserve (2021)

2021 was a productive year to preserve land in New Garden Township.

- Purchased the sublime wooded Hiles property located in the “canyon country” of the White Clay Creek Preserve. (8 acres.)
- Completed easement of Sproat property (40 acres)
- Progressed the acquisition of Loch Nairn (105 acres)
- Discussed land preservation with interested owners.
- Developed expenditure tool facilitating analysis of grant funding sources for land conservation.
- Assisted Natural Lands mapping the properties and

updating Township Trail System.

- Streamlined the property recommendation process between the OSRB and Township staff.
- Introduced the OSRB to Mike Buck, Township’s new Park & Open Space Superintendent.
- Jack Stefferud, OSRB’s land conservation consultant, succeeded Kate Raman who assisted the Board for four years.

Open Space Review Board Members

- Chris Robinson: Chair/Trials
- Randy Lieberman: Vice Chair
- Richard Meinzer: Secretary
- Joe Miscione: Treasurer
- Kecia Crowl: Secretary
- Steven Dooley: Secretary
- Suzanne Geouque
- Jack Stefferud: Consultant (Natural Lands)

Note: The OSRB meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each. The public session of the meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. An executive session follows the public session where all Open Space Review Board discussions about proposed or ongoing property and easement acquisitions are kept confidential and privileged.

The Board of Supervisors holds a public hearing for the proposed expenditure of open space funds for each proposed acquisition. The OSRB invites residents to attend its public session to learn about the Township's protected lands, trails, wildlife, agriculture, history and the process to preserve land.



Saint Anthony in the Hill Preserve (2018)

Attached to this report are four Supplements that provide additional information.

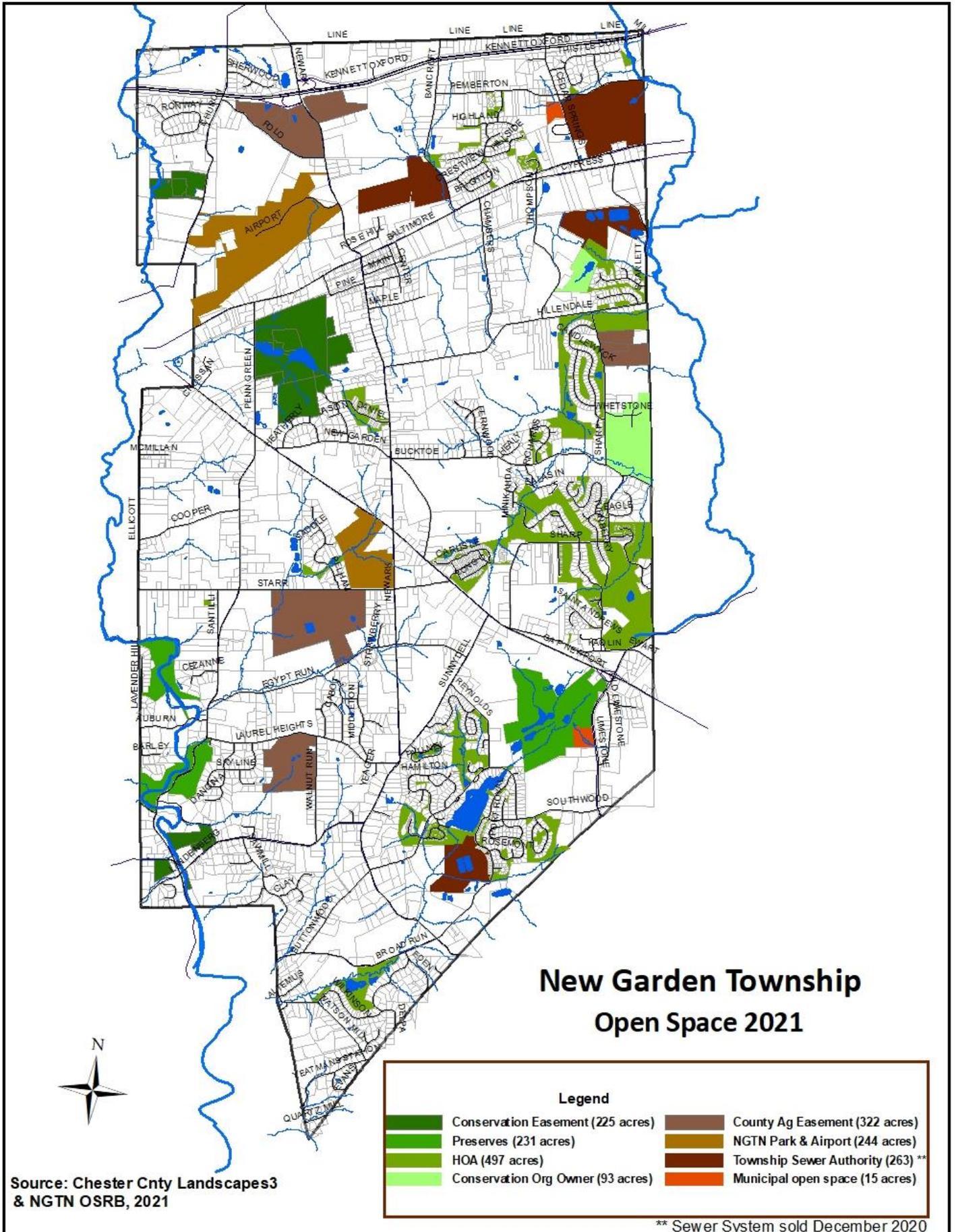
Supplement 1 - New Garden Open Space 2021

Supplement 2 - Protected, Prospective Open Space Properties 2021

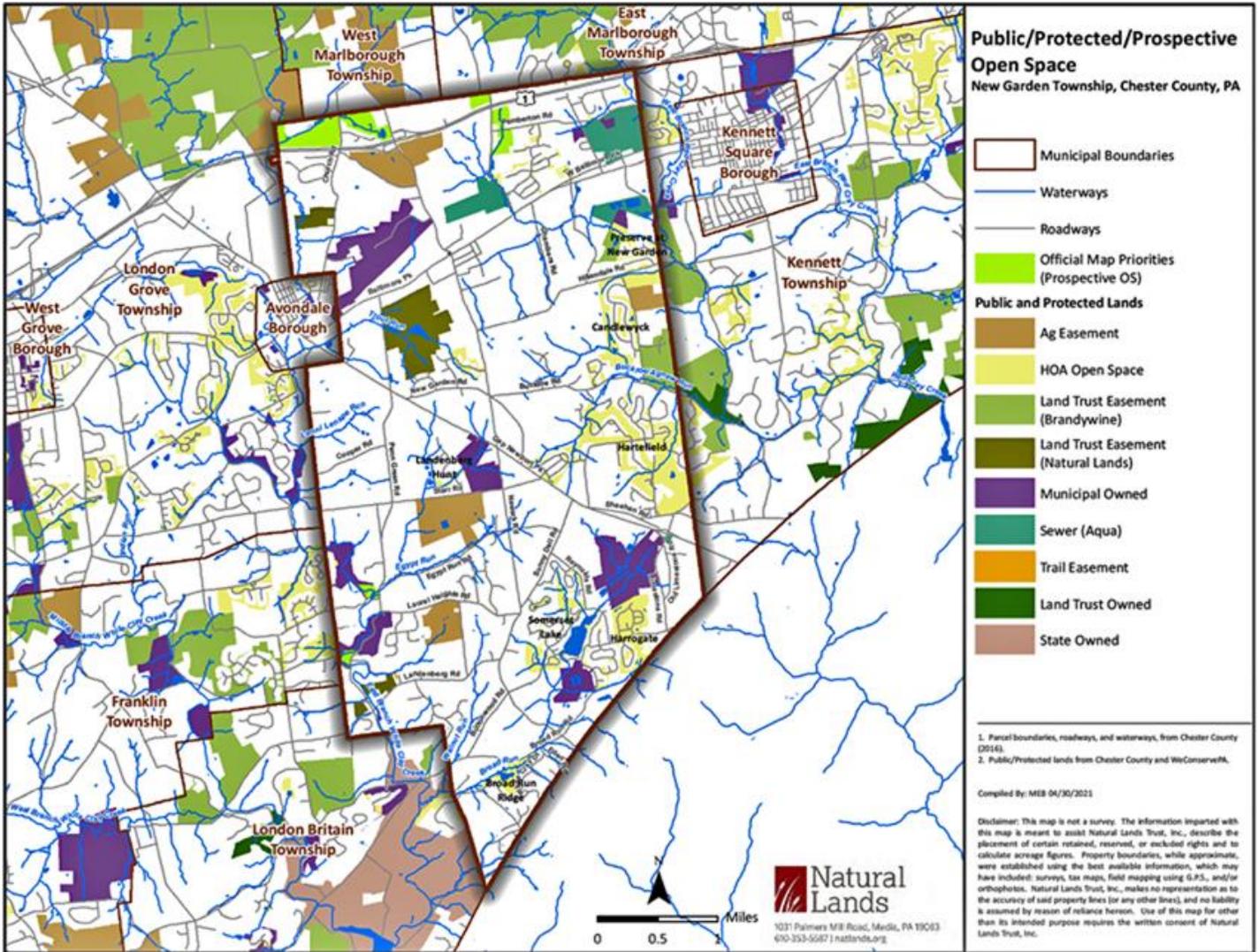
Supplement 3 - New Garden Trail System, Existing and Proposed 2021

Supplement 4 - Land Protection Categories

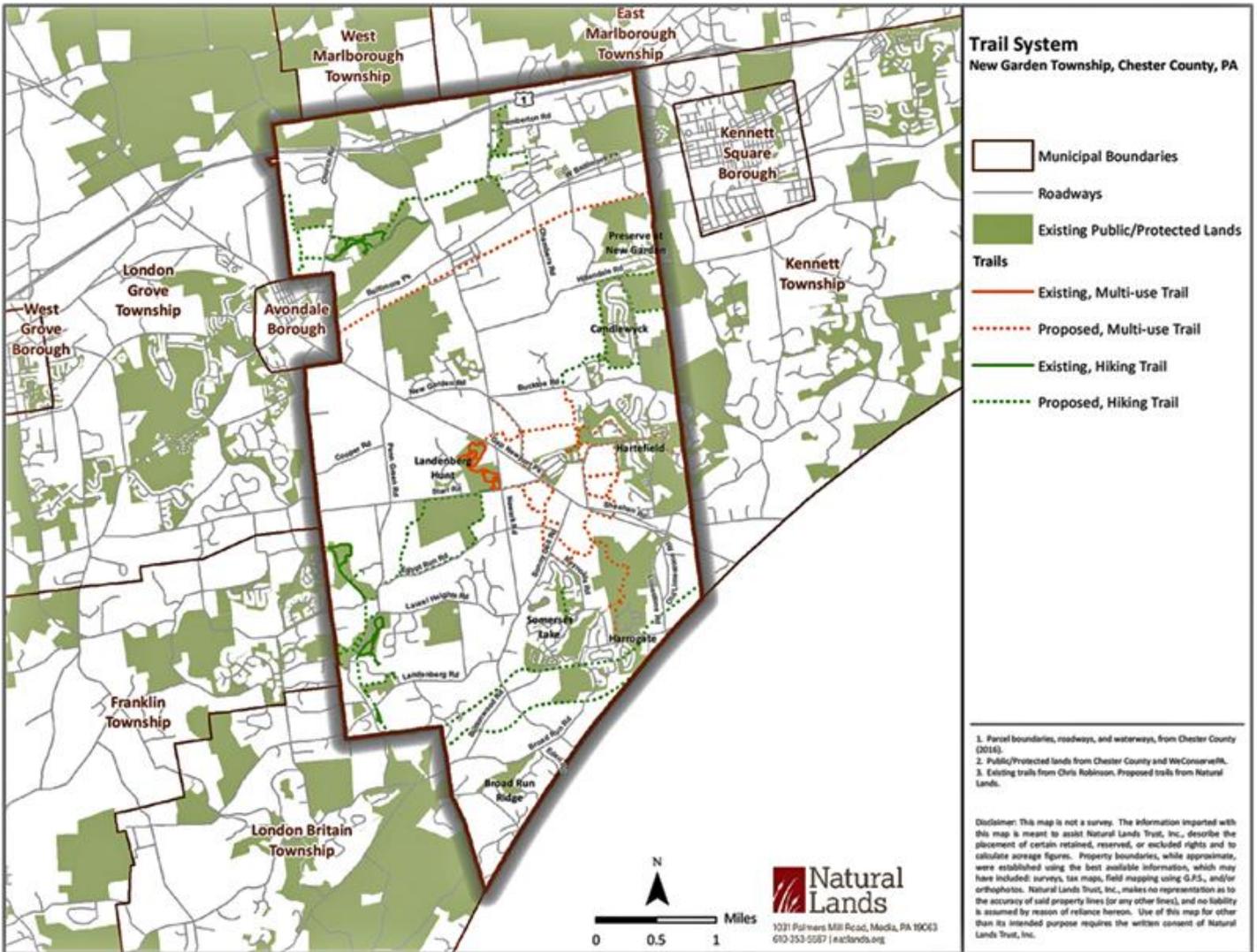
Supplement 1: New Garden Open Space, 2021



Supplement 2: NGTN & surrounding area Public, Protected, Prospective Open Space



Supplement 3: New Garden Trail System, Existing and Proposed, 2021



Supplement 4: Land Protection Categories

From 2003 to 2021 New Garden Township conserved or protected from development a total of 432 acres. 258 acres are protected by a conservation easement with a private owner. 174 acres are owned and protected from development by the Township.

Land protected by a conservation easement is assigned to the property owner with the agreed limits to development. Natural Lands, a third party to the easement agreement, is responsible to monitor the property owner’s land use (agricultural, woodland) in accordance with the agreement.

Land purchased by “fee assist” is owned by the Township which is then responsible to monitor its use in accordance with the agreement.