

## PROJECT REQUEST FORM

1) Project Name:	Tri-Municipal Park Road		
2) Project Location:	Potter Township, just west of Centre Hall Borough		
3) Applicant:	Centre Hall Borough		
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9) City:	Centre Hall	10) Zip Code:	16828-0054

<b>11) Project Type (please check only one):</b>		
A) Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility		Route #:
B) Bridge - Local System		Route #:
C) Bridge - State System		Route #:
D) Highway	x	Route #: new
E) Public Transportation		Route:
F) Rail		Line:
G) Other		

<b>12) Please attach a location map and photo(s).</b> <i>*8.5 x 11 maps are preferred and please submit no more than 3 photos*</i>
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<b>13) Please provide a brief (one or two sentence) description of the project :</b> This is a new road to improve access to Brush Valley Rd (SR2006) and the new 165 acre Tri-Municipal Park west of Centre Hall. The intent is to alleviate traffic in Linden Hall, along Rimmey Road, and on West Church Street in Centre Hall Borough.
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<b>14) Please describe the project being requested, specifically what issues/problems are present and how this project will improve conditions:</b> The project is to create a more suitable access to SR2006 ( Upper Brush Valley Road) for local residents and users of a new 165 acre Tri-Municipal Park via 1 mile of new road that will tie SR2006 (Brush Valley Road) to SR45. Currently SR2006 can only be accessed via three unsubstantial points: 1.) from Linden Hall, an old village with narrow roads and bridges 2.) from Rimmey Rd, a narrow country road with several blind curves that is one of the oldest roads in the county, and most importantly 3.) from West Church St in Centre Hall, a narrow residential street.  Potter Township, Gregg township, and Centre Hall Borough are in the process of creating a new 165 acre park along SR2006. The new park will create new traffic of over 100 cars per day along West Church St. This new project will cross the park land and continue through a dormant housing development project, currently owned by S&A, to connect to RT45. The new traffic patterns should decrease traffic on Rt 144 and West Church St in Centre Hall as well as Rimmey Road and Linden Hall.
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## **SAFETY & SECURITY**

Do you believe this project will:

<b>15) Reduce crash rate?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i> While there are few crashes in this area now, an improved access route will decrease the crash risk in the area in general.			

<b>16) Reduce conflicts between motorized and non-motorized transportation modes (Pedestrian/Bicycle/Buggy)?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain and note if a pedestrian/bicycle/buggy amenity will be maintained or added as part of the project:</i> There is no bike path on West Church St at present, but it could be created. SR2006 is part of Pennsylvania Bike route 'G' that runs north/south from the New York state line to the Maryland state line. Again, decreasing vehicle traffic along this route is a goal of this project.			

<b>17) Improve intersection(s) and/or roadway alignment(s)?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain and note the intersection(s) that will be affected:</i>			

<b>18) Improve the security of the traveling public (Ex. Improves upon incident response, establishes detour/evacuation routes, implements security features on public transportation vehicles and facilities)?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i> The improvements gained from this project will cut minutes off of travel times for many possible routes in the area.			

## **PRESERVATION OF THE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

Do you believe this project will:

<b>19) Prolong the useful life of the transportation system and infrastructure through reconstruction, rehabilitation and preventative maintenance?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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*If yes, please explain:*

The decreased traffic through the current accesses to SR2006 will alleviate the need for improvements to West Church Street, Rimmey Road, and roads in Linden Hall.

<b>20) Rehabilitate and modernize public transportation facilities or fleet?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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*If yes, please explain:*

<b>21) Improve ride quality?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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*If yes, please explain and provide current International Roughness Index:*

## **EFFICIENT SYSTEM MANAGEMENT & OPERATION**

Do you believe this project will:

<b>22) Reduce congestion, improve Level of Service and reduce travel times within the project area?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain and note how this project may impact adjacent routes/travel patterns:</i> Traffic coming from the south on SR144, and east on SR45, that would normally turn north on SR144 at Old Fort and drive through Centre Hall would be able to proceed west on SR45 and turn right onto the new road.			

<b>23) Increase public transportation service frequency and capacity?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i> As the park gets established, it may be a convenient destination for the bus route that is proposed to service the proposed Old Fort Park-and-Ride lot.			

<b>24) Improve system functionality through improvements such as signal upgrades, Intelligent Transportation System applications and access management approaches?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			

## INTEGRATION & CONNECTIVITY OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Do you believe this project will:

<b>25) Eliminate/overcome barriers (Ex. Closures, detours &amp; delays, weight restrictions) in key corridors?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p><i>If yes, please explain and note official detour distances based on factors such as weight restrictions:</i></p> <p>The improved accessibility in and around Centre Hall should alleviate many of these issues.</p>			

<b>26) Establish/maintain intermodal connections?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p><i>If yes, please explain:</i></p>			

<b>27) Introduce new connections between existing travel patterns (Ex. Street connectivity, linking bicycle/pedestrian routes, connections between transit routes and providers)?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p><i>If yes, please explain:</i></p> <p>Along with the advantages it creates for vehicle traffic, its proximity to a major new recreational attraction makes it an excellent place for new bike and pedestrian routes. Pennsylvania Bike route 'G' passes through this area as well.</p>			

<b>28) Align residents with their destinations?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p><i>If yes, please explain:</i></p> <p>Current residents along SR2006 near Centre Hall Borough will find easier access to points south and west. Local residents involved in AYSO soccer ( ~270 kids ) will have easier access to the new fields and other amenities in the new park.</p>			

## ACCESSIBILITY & MOBILITY OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE & FREIGHT

Do you believe this project will:

<b>29) Improve public transportation services: routes, ride share opportunities, vanpools, and park &amp; ride lots?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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*If yes, please explain and include projected ridership:*

There are already separate plans for Park & Ride facilities at the intersection of SR144 and SR45 in Old Fort, so bus service is already planned for the area. Using the Tri-Municipal Park parking areas for an additional Park & Ride, Bike & Ride, or informal ride sharing connection point would all be further served by the installation of this project.

<b>30) Improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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*If yes, please explain:*

As explained above, this project used in conjunction with the new Tri-Municipal Park facilities and the planned bus service to Old Fort would create a very useful pedestrian and bicycle connection point to mass transit. The park itself does not have a formal plan as yet, but it will have many pedestrian and bicycle features.

<b>31) Improve access to airports, freight distribution facilities or major industrial districts?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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*If yes, please explain:*

<b>32) Implement Complete Streets principles?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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*If yes, please explain:*

The location of this proposed project would make it a prime candidate for many of the Complete Streets principles due to the mixed vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic. These aspects should be incorporated as the project would come to the design stage.

## CONSISTENCY WITH PLANNED GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT AREAS

Do you believe this project will:

<b>33) Be consistent with the following documents?</b>			
A) County Comprehensive Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
B) Regional Comprehensive Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
C) Municipal Comprehensive Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
D) Municipal Zoning Ordinance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
E) Municipal Official Map	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

*If yes to any of the above, please explain:*

Potter Township does not have an "Official Map" yet but the project is consistent with their planned location of future residential development. It is also consistent with the Penns Valley Regional Comprehensive plan to develop residential areas near the current towns, Centre Hall Borough being one of these towns. None of these plans are in conflict with County Comprehensive plans.

<b>34) Improve/support the existing transportation infrastructure in existing &amp; planned growth areas?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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*If yes, please explain:*

Potter Township has established a planned residential zone for the two tracts located between the Centre Hall Borough line and the new Tri-Municipal Park land. The park is planned as a transition zone between the developed areas and the Agricultural areas in the rest of Potter Township. This project supports and augments this plan.

<b>35) Promotes Smart Growth Principles (Ex. walkable communities, fosters distinct communities &amp; sense of place, supports integration of mixed land uses into communities)?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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*If yes, please explain:*

This project will be an important building block that will make smart growth possible in Potter Township in the area west of Centre Hall Borough. It will help reduce vehicle traffic in Centre Hall Borough, and it will ease access to the facilities in the new Tri-municipal Park for all of the residents of the area.

<b>36) Avoid negative impacts on communities and the environment?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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*If no, please explain:*

The alleviated traffic on the main street (SR144) and West Church Street (SR2006) in Centre Hall Borough will have a very positive impact. The site of the proposed project is across two large farm fields that are now removed from farming operations. While it can be argued that creating a road through farm fields is an environmental negative, the overall effect will greatly benefit the community.

## **ENVIRONMENT & AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY**

Do you believe this project will:

<b>37) Improve air quality</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i> Reduction in congestion and shifting people from drivers to cyclists and pedestrians should have a benefit.			

<b>38) Promote energy conservation?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i> To some minor degree owing only to decreased travel times for many travelers.			

<b>39) Avoid impacts on endangered or threatened species, key natural habitats, agricultural lands and historic &amp; cultural resources?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If no, please explain:</i> This is difficult to evaluate. The two tracts that the project will cross are already removed from agricultural use, although they have been farmed for many years. Areas serviced by the project are in agricultural use but are planned for residential growth. Historic features, important habitats or species issues will need research. The parkland itself is planned as a largely natural area that will enhance all of these aspects.			

<b>40) Avoid impacts upon water resources (Ex. water recharge areas &amp; exceptional value/high quality streams?)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If no, please explain and note which water resources may be affected:</i> There are no streams in the area, but the parkland will have several municipal well sites that will need to be protected. These areas are already identified and the proposed project right-of-way will avoid them.			

## **ECONOMIC VITALITY**

Do you believe this project will:

<b>41) Improve access and/or enhance freight movement to regional &amp; national economic centers?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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*If yes, please explain:*

<b>42) Encourage tourism?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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*If yes, please explain:*

Very much so, the park land abuts the Grange Fair Grounds. The Grange hosts several large RV rallies each year and it has become a major destination for the equestrian tourist crowd. Riding trails are planned for the park, as well as other crowd-drawing events such as Civil War reenactments involving cavalry. Easing access for these larger vehicles and larger number of vehicles is a goal of this project.

<b>43) Encourage infill development, the redevelopment of brownfield sites within reach of existing infrastructure &amp; the overall redevelopment of core communities?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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*If yes, please explain:*

## **PRIORITY**

<b>44) Is this your highest priority (#1) project?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>Highest priority projects will be granted a half-point (0.5) bonus. Entities requesting projects may submit only one highest priority project.</i>			

<b>45) If this is not your #1 priority, what rank did you assign this project?</b>	
<i>Municipalities may submit as many projects as they wish. The CCMPO requests that you rank all of your candidate projects.</i>	

## **COST**

<b>46) What is the total estimated cost?</b>	\$4,300,000
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<b>47) What is the cost by project phase, if known?</b>	
A) Preliminary Engineering	
B) Final Design	
C) Utilities	
D) Right of Way	
E) Construction	



# CentreMap

- Streets
- Streams
- Township Names
- Municipalities






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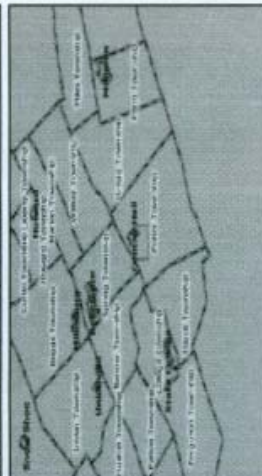
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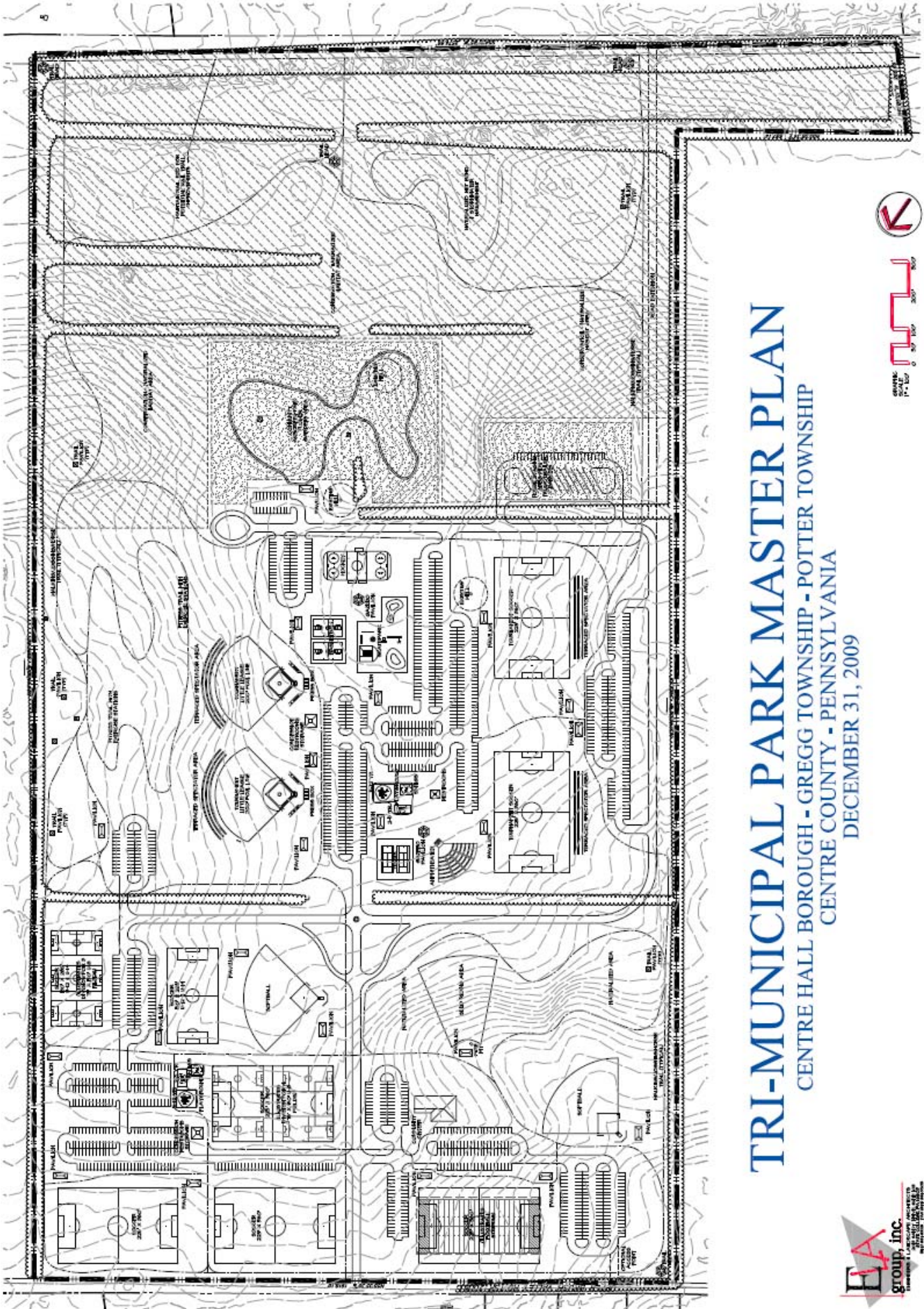



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### Proposed New Road Location

-  Potter Township Residential Zone
-  New Tri-Municipal Park
-  Grange Fair Park





# TRI-MUNICIPAL PARK MASTER PLAN

CENTRE HALL BOROUGH - GREGG TOWNSHIP - POTTER TOWNSHIP

CENTRE COUNTY - PENNSYLVANIA

DECEMBER 31, 2009

