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Community Facilities / Services

Franklin Township Municipal Building / Complex



The Franklin Township municipal complex is located at 568 Rolling Meadows Road, Waynesburg, PA 15370. This facility houses the Township Supervisors, administrative staff, Codes Enforcement / Zoning Officer, Tax Collector, and the Franklin Township Sewage Authority. Part of the complex includes the Franklin Township Public Works department.

Fire Protection

The Waynesburg – Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company (Company 61), formed in 1926 has two facilities – one in the Borough of Waynesburg and the other in Franklin Township. The Township facility is located adjacent to the Franklin Township municipal complex and accessed from Willow Drive.

According to the Fire Department Website (<http://waynesburgfire.com/>) the equipment presently housed at the Franklin Township station includes:

- Engine 61-12 (1995 Sutphen Pumper, cost \$257,819, 2,000-GPM pump, 1,000 gallons of water)
- Engine 61-7 (2013 Sutphen Pumper, cost \$420,000, 1,750-GPM pump, 750 gallons of water)



- Squad 61-5 (2001 F350 Ford Pickup, this vehicle is used to transport fire fighters and equipment to and from incidents)

Emergency Medical Services

EMS is provided to Franklin Township through EMS Southwest, Inc. located at 590 Rolling Meadows Road.

EMS Southwest, Inc. was established in 1994 as a private, paid ambulance service for Greene County, Pennsylvania. We provide 24-hour emergency and non-emergency ambulance transportation to the patients of Greene and Fayette counties. Our pre-hospital registered nurses, paramedics, and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) treat ill and injured patients with professionalism, proficiency, and courtesy. Our pre-hospital professionals provide lifesaving procedures, treatments, and medications to patients in the field and transport them to the nearest appropriate receiving facility.



EMS Southwest, Inc. has been recognized for our program of detection and treatment of ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), more commonly known as heart attack. We work in close partnership with Southwest Regional Medical Center for medical direction and command.

We provide our patients with wheelchair van transportation services. Our service also provides clinical precepting and training for paramedics and new paramedic students. We also serve our community by providing ambulance coverage at special events and sporting venues as well as offering CPR training.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/EMS.Southwest/>

Police Protection

Law enforcement in Franklin Township is provided by the Pennsylvania State Police – Troop B: Waynesburg Station located at 255 Elm Drive, Waynesburg, PA 15370 (in Franklin Township).

Discussions have taken place in the past about creating a municipal or multi-municipal police department. The Township feels that the PSP provides very good service to its residents and businesses and the need to create a local police department was not necessary.

Hospitals / Medical Facilities

Franklin Township has many medical related facilities within its borders that service Greene County residents as well as many others from outside of the area. The Township is fortunate to have many specialists who offer a wide range of practices and care. A few larger facilities are located with Franklin Township that include:

Washington Health System – Greene

Originally opened circa 1905, Waynesburg Hospital provided services for approximately twenty years until it officially changed its name to Greene County Memorial Hospital and began operating as a non-profit corporation. In 1938, a new modern 88-bed, three-story facility was constructed. Over the next three decades, additions were added to the original structure and new services expanded its impact on the community. A five-story addition to the hospital was completed in June of 1976. The next two decades saw more growth and led to the development of two more major projects; a skilled nursing unit for transitional care opened in December of 1992 and the Wellness Center (a comprehensive rehabilitation and fitness facility) was dedicated in June of 1999.

Located 350 Bonar Avenue, Waynesburg (Franklin Township), Washington Health System (WHS) Greene serves as Greene County's only acute care hospital. The 23-bed inpatient unit hospital offers 24-hour emergency services, a range of diagnostic imaging specialties, a fully accredited laboratory, a cardiac care center, outpatient cancer care, a swing bed program as well as a 28-bed long term residential drug rehabilitation unit.



Over the last three years, WHS Greene has invested over \$4 million to make improvement to their facility including building renovation, new furniture and equipment, as well as investments in new technology and changes in patient care procedures.

In the Fall of 2018, the facility renovated its fourth floor and opened a 28-bed long-term treatment center for people suffering from chemical dependency in a program run by the Greenbriar Treatment Center. The facility also houses the OBGYN Care practice and the outpatient diagnostic center.

WHS-Greene expanded its telemedicine services that allows patients to get the care they need while not having to leave home. The facility also has an outpatient office for UPMC's Hillman Cancer Center on the first floor.

Source: www.whs.org/greene

Washington Health System Family Medicine – Waynesburg

This facility provides high-quality, family-oriented primary care for patients of all ages for acute illnesses, chronic diseases and preventative health maintenance. Services include: Dermatologic Services; Disease Management; Gynecological Care; Immunizations; Men's Health; Pediatric Care; Physicals; Procedures; Sports Medicine; and Women's Health.

Located in Franklin Township at 343 East Roy Furman Highway, WHS Family Medicine has been providing quality care to Southwestern PA since 1997.

Source: www.whs.org/greene



WVU Medicine – Waynesburg

In the Fall of 2019, WVU Medicine opened the 24,300 square foot Waynesburg outpatient clinic at 451 Murtha Drive in Franklin Township. About 15,000 square feet of the facility will be devoted to six specialty clinics: primary care (internal medicine); cardiology and vascular; orthopedics; obstetrics and gynecology; podiatry; and radiology.

Diagnostic services will feature echocardiograms; electrocardiograms; lab testing; stress testing; and X-ray.

The clinic is a primary care and ambulatory-focused facility that has 30 exam rooms and six procedure rooms.

MedExpress Urgent Care, already established in the township, will relocate to the new center and occupy about 3,700 square feet. The remaining approximately 5,000 square feet will accommodate future growth.

Recreation Facilities

Many facilities are located within Franklin Township that provide recreational opportunities for its residents and visitors. Recreation is an important part of providing a quality of life that people are looking for when re-locating or staying in their present location. Parks and recreation – which can be active or passive – have been proven to improve the overall public wellness aspect of the community, its economic prosperity and environmental stewardship efforts.

The following are facilities are owned and maintained by the Township.



- Crawford Park – located at 122 South Porter Street. Amenities include a pavilion, picnic tables, baseball field, football field, basketball court, volleyball court, concession stand, and restrooms.

Improvements are being planned for this site to meet the needs of the residents and organizations in the Township. Township officials will be submitting an application for a Pennsylvania DCNR Grant in the future to help with funding of these improvements.

- Route 188 Park – located at 252 Jefferson Road. Amenities include soccer fields, a concession stand and ample parking. The Route 188 Park also contains an

improved access point to the South Fork of Ten Mile Creek that is used to launch canoes and kayaks.

The Township has identified some potential improvements for this park and will determine the scope and cost to complete them in the future.

- West Waynesburg Park – located at 272 Jennings Avenue.

Other recreational facilities located in Franklin Township include:

- Emerald Field – located on Route 21, this 10.19 acre site owned by the Emerald Mine Company has 2 pony league baseball fields, dugouts, concession stands, bleachers, restrooms, lights, and swings.
- Meadowlark Park – located off of Route 21, this 20.14 acre site has a walking trail, soccer field and a baseball field (Fitch Field) that serves as the Waynesburg High School baseball team home field.
- Waynesburg University Athletic Field Complex – located on Route 21 West, this site has a baseball field, softball field, and tennis courts used by Waynesburg University. Parking is accessible through a small gravel driveway to lots between the tennis court, baseball field and softball field).
- Lions Club Park – located at East Oakview Drive (near the Greene County Water Park). In 1967, the Waynesburg Jaycees approached the Lions Club about taking over the Community Park they had established in 1959. The thirteen acres that comprised the park – located next to the Central Pool along PA Route 21 just east of Waynesburg – was donated to the Jaycees by Dr. and Mrs. Grover C Powell as a recreational area for the community. Committees from the Lions Club and the Jaycees met, discussed the practicalities and agreed to the Lions Club becoming owners and custodians of the Community Park.

Since that time, Dr. and Mrs. Powell donated additional land, increasing the total area of the park to 21 acres. In addition to open space, the park today has three



open-air pavilions, playground equipment, a little league ball field and a playground area supported by the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors. Parking facilities are available for at least fifty vehicles. The pavilions are available for rent from mid-May to the end of October, weather permitting, and at other times with special permission at the discretion of the Waynesburg Lions Club. There is no charge for use of the picnic area, playground equipment or other facilities.

Pavilions and Park Amenities

Jaycee Pavilion – the oldest and largest of the pavilions. It has an occupancy limit of 140, has restrooms and a fireplace for cooking.

Scott Pavilion – the newest pavilion. It has an occupancy limit of 96, has restrooms, but no fireplace.

Moose Pavilion – the smallest of the pavilions. It has an occupancy limit of 48, has restrooms, but no fireplace.

The Waynesburg Lions Community Building - an enclosed rental with a large social room, small kitchenette, and restrooms. It has an occupancy limit of 60 and can be rented throughout the year.



Source: Waynesburg Lions Facebook Page

- Greene County Tennis Courts and Pickle Ball Courts – located at 900 Rolling Meadows Road (near the Greene County Historical Museum). Maintained by the Greene County Department of Recreation, the site offers free parking, 2 tennis courts and 2 pickle ball courts, a fence surrounding the tennis area, outdoor lighting, a water fountain, and a practice site for Greene County tennis leagues.



- Greene County Fairgrounds – located at 107 Fairgrounds Road. The Greene County Fairgrounds covers approximately 40 acres consisting of 12 buildings, two outside arenas, one baseball field and one half-mile track.



Operated and maintained by the Greene County Department of Recreation, the fairgrounds are home to the annual Greene County Fair held the first full week in August. The facilities are used throughout the year for a weekly flea market and other events. Information is available on the

following webpages: www.greenecountyfair.org and www.co.greene.pa.us.

- Greene County Water Park – located at 200 East Roy Furman Highway. Operated by the Greene County Department of Recreation, the Water Park has a



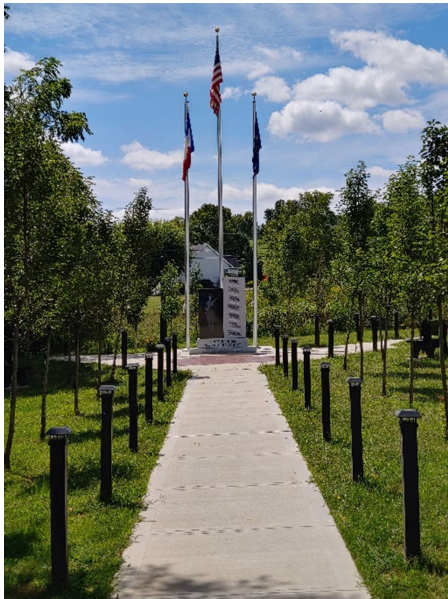
330,000 gallon pool; 2 diving boards and a 12 foot diving pool; 40 foot x 40 foot children's play area; 148 foot spiral water slide; 25 foot water slide; 180 foot "Lazy River" with tubes for floating; water jets and recreation equipment; snack bar; community / birthday / special event room; and bathhouse complete with lockers, restrooms, showers, and changing facilities.

- EQT REC Center – located in the Evergreene Technology Park, this 60,000 square-foot facility was constructed by the Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation. Memberships are available for individuals and families. The REC center offers the following amenities and programs:

- A 24,300-square-foot indoor soccer field
- Regulation-size basketball court



- Batting cages
- Multipurpose spaces for meetings and events
- An ultramodern and well-equipped fitness center, with cardio and weight-training equipment
- Elevated jogging track
- Conference rooms
- Wedding and birthday party venues (includes a ballroom and outdoor pavilion)
- Concession area
- Kids' Zone area
- Party rooms
- Game room with pool tables, table tennis and more
- A variety of camps including a traditional day camp, science and adventure camp and sports camps



- Greene County Veterans Memorial Park – located at 900 Rolling Meadows Road (on the grounds between the Greene County Tennis Courts and the Greene County Historical Society Museum). The park will be dedicated on Memorial Day in 2020 and is not just for Greene County veterans, but all veterans, alive or deceased. The circle memorial will include a park-like setting with the Memorial, flag poles, and granite benches that encourage visitors to walk around and remember. The World War I Memorial is also located in the Veterans Memorial Park and will be connected to the Memorial Park by sidewalk.
- Waynesburg Sportsmen's Association (established 1935) – located on Rolling Meadows Road, the Sportsmen's Association has an indoor and outdoor shooting range and a fishing pond that is stocked yearly.

The facilities include an indoor 50' NRA-certified range (Rifles: 17-22LR rimfire only) that is available 24/7; an outdoor range (25 yard covered pistol range and 100 yard covered rifle range); and a one (1) acre fishing pond that is stocked with trout and catfish in the Spring (three (3) fish limit of same species per day - PA fishing license required).

- Rohanna's Golf Course – located at 1005 Rolling Meadows Road, this family owned and operated, 18-hole, public course features 5,945 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 70. Rohanna's Golf Course was designed by K.A. Rohanna and was opened in 1956.

The course is set in the rural, rolling countryside of Greene County. While playing a round, you will experience a variety of challenges; hills, ponds and intriguing lies that will be sure to test your shot making ability.

Schools

Central Greene School District

"Preparing students for success in a changing world."

Central Greene School District (CGSD) became a merged district in 1962 when the Borough of Waynesburg and the townships of Perry, Whiteley, Franklin, Wayne and Washington agreed to the jointure. The district operates one elementary school (K - 5), one middle school (6 - 8) and one senior high school (9 – 12). These facilities are located at the following locations:

Waynesburg Central Elementary School – 90 Zimmerman Drive (Franklin Township)



Starting in the 2019 – 2020 school year, the elementary children in the CGSD (grades K-5) will be learning to code. All of the teachers have received the appropriate professional development to facilitate this skill. As a gateway to future learning and earning, coding is an important skill that will unlock the world of work and to higher levels of education.

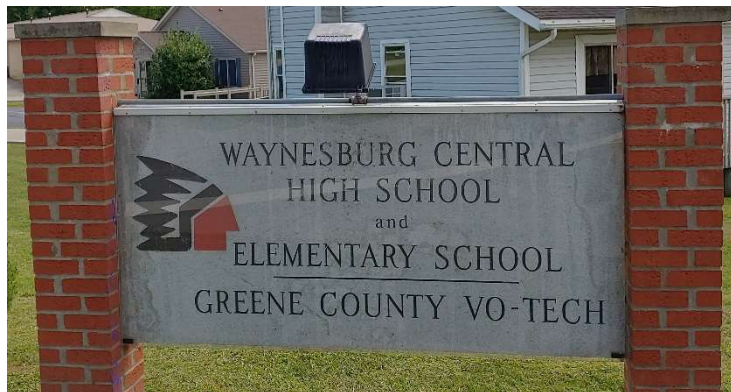
Margaret Bell Miller Middle School – 126 E Lincoln Street (Waynesburg Borough)

The CGSD has requested permission from the Pennsylvania Department to transfer the sixth-grade students from Margaret Bell Miller (MBM) Middle School to the Waynesburg Central Elementary School. The school district is awaiting permission to implement this move for the 2020-2021 school year. If successful, the MBM facility will only house students in grades seven and eight. Ultimately, the CGSD would like to move the

students in grades seven and eight to Waynesburg Central High School so that all students (K – 12) will be located on one campus in Franklin Township.

The goal will then be to sell the MBM building that is in the Borough of Waynesburg.

Waynesburg Central High School – 30 Zimmerman Drive (Franklin Township)



The high school houses approximately six hundred students and has over seventy faculty and staff members. In addition to the faculty and staff, two administrators, a Principal, and an Assistant Principal / Athletic Director, are housed in the building along with two guidance counselors. The high school is

located adjacent to the Greene County Career and Technology Center, which enables students to choose from many vocational areas.

Waynesburg Central High School, in partnership with Carnegie Mellon University, is teaching Computer Science to our high school students. The classes will progress in difficulty until AP (Advanced Placement) Computer Science is reached. At that time, students will be able to test to obtain college credit for their knowledge and skills. Students at the high school are also able to take courses at Waynesburg University through a partnership program. Because of this unique arrangement, students can take the classes tuition free and get a jump on potential college debt.

Safe Schools Champion Award

In 2018, the CGSD was awarded the inaugural Safe Schools Champion Award from the Center for Safe Schools. Three elements helped the CGSD to be recognized for this honor: (1) their attention to, and communication with, students and members of the school community via programs like the Weekend Backpack Food Program, (2) the implementation of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program accepted as the most widely used program in the country to prevent bullying, and (3) the ability of the CGSD to thrive in a low socio-economic environment.

As of December of 2019, the CGSD employed over 250 people and had a \$33 million budget. Enrollment figures for each of the facilities in the Central Greene School District can be found in Section 3 – Demographic and Socioeconomic Snapshot.

Greene County Career and Technology Center (CTC)

The mission of Greene County Career and Technology Center is to prepare every student for the world of work with technical competencies, academic skills and attitudes that are necessary for both entry level employment and continuing education.

Greene County Career and Technology Center (GCCTC) is an educational facility founded in 1970. Offering 13 professional programs to high school and adult students from five local school districts, GCCTC has a program to match nearly every career and educational goal. Students can earn college credits through their program while still in high school through GCCTC's participation in the Statewide Articulation Program.

Approximately 350 secondary students are served annually in thirteen various technology programs. The Joint Operating Committee, consisting of one member from each of the five sending schools, is the governing body of the Center.

Media and technical support equipment, such as white boards and projectors for PowerPoint presentations, are available. A fully equipped lab is accessible for both computer training and on-line instruction. Rooms are available for use by outside agencies, organizations and other training providers as well. The following daytime curricula are available for secondary and adult students: Building Construction Occupations, Drafting and Design, Precision Machining, Welding, Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Automotive Technology, Automotive Collision Repair, Health Assistant, Computer Network Systems, Emergency and Protective Services, Electrical Occupations, and Childcare Services.

Colleges and Universities

Franklin Township has the advantage of being close to many post-secondary educational opportunities in the region. They include:

- Waynesburg University – Waynesburg Borough (1 mile)
- West Virginia University – Morgantown, WV (25 miles)
- University of Pittsburgh – Pittsburgh (55 miles)
- California University of Pennsylvania – California, PA (25 miles)
- Washington and Jefferson College – Washington, PA (23 miles)
- Westmoreland County Community College – Youngwood, PA (50 miles)
- Penn State: Fayette Campus – Uniontown, PA (33 miles)
- Bethany College – Bethany College (47 miles)
- West Liberty University – West Liberty, WV (50 miles)

- Fairmont University – Fairmont, WV (43 miles)

Even though Franklin Township is considered a rural community, there are very good educational opportunities for students and adults located within a reasonable drive from the municipality. Education is an important part of the overall quality of life of a community and the colleges and universities in the region will be important to the future growth of the Township.

As a comparison, an article in USA Today, “Rural Education Deserts” (written by David Jesse, Detroit Free Press - January 26, 2020) stated that in 2016, a recent study completed by the Jain Family Institute found that across U.S. states and territories, 5.4 million individuals lived in education deserts – those areas lacking access to any type of higher education institution within a 30-minute drive. Looking at public colleges alone, 10.1 million individuals live in education deserts and 30.7 million individuals have access to only one public school.

[Institutional Facilities](#)

State Correctional Institute (SCI) Greene

Located at 169 Progress Drive in Franklin Township, the State Correctional Institute (SCI) Greene facility opened in January of 1994. As of December 31, 2019, the total institutional population at SCI Greene was 1,791 which was 96.7 percent of capacity. The US Census Bureau Residence Criteria states that incarcerated persons in State Correctional facilities are counted at the prison location – the municipality where it is located.

According to the SCI Greene website the total number of full-time employees was 691, which is part of the reason why State Government was the top employer in Greene County (as of the 2nd Quarter, 2019).

This prison is one of five prototypical state prisons dedicated in 1993 and currently serves as the Western Region Reception Center. Housing units consist of both cells and dormitory-style housing. Special features at the facility include: a Residential Treatment Unit, Step-Down Unit, Secure Residential Treatment Unit, Diversionary Treatment Unit, and Security Threat Group Management Unit.

Not only does the prison house inmates, it also provides academic and vocational education opportunities for these individuals.

Academic education includes:

- Adult Basic Education (GED)
- Commonwealth Secondary Diploma
- English as a Second Language
- Individual Cell Study Program
- Victim Awareness
- Money Smart
- Pathways to Success Program
- Read to your Child / Grandchild Program
- Correspondence Courses as requested

Vocational education is provided in the following areas:

- Carpentry Trades Program (NCCER)
- Business Educations (ICDL)
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (NCCER)
- OSHA Certification
- FLAGGER Certification

All of the vocational classes offer industry-recognized certifications specific to the trade skills taught in the program.

SCI Greene also provides a Community Work Program. This Program provided a total of 5,680 hours of community work in 2019 for an estimated savings to the community of \$142,000. Some of the CWP Projects included:

- Provided maintenance services and painting to churches and Volunteer Fire Departments
- Refurbished a local Police Department
- Litter pick up throughout county in cooperation with PENN DOT (8 months/year)
- Provide maintenance services to both public and non-profit schools in Greene and Fayette Counties
- Assisted numerous non-profit agencies in Greene, Washington and Fayette Counties with various projects and events

Greene County Prison

Also located in Franklin Township, the Greene County Prison is located at 855 Rolling Meadows Road. According to the County's website (<https://www.co.greene.pa.us/departments-prison>), there were approximately 60 inmates – male and female – housed at the prison. The US Census Bureau Residence

Criteria states that incarcerated persons in local jails are counted at the prison location – the municipality where it is located.

The mission of the Greene County Prison to serve and protect the County's citizens with safe, humane, and lawful incarceration of offenders, by providing treatment programming and structure to support inmate accountability and successful community integration.

We provide our employees with training and support which promotes and develops highly-skilled and motivated corrections professionals.

We maintain a partnership with human service agencies, volunteers, religious groups, and service providers in order to respond to the multiple needs of offenders and the challenges they meet in their return to the community. As a team, we strive to facilitate the successful reintegration of offenders into the community as responsible and productive citizens.

The facility provides counseling services for the inmate population; some of those include:

- Prison work release programs
- Referral to C.A.R.E. (drug and alcohol counseling) and the GED programs
- Obtaining information regarding employment, continuing education and available community resources
- A parole plan to address upcoming release needs such as housing, transportation, drug / alcohol treatment and other supportive services

Cultural / Environmental / Natural Resources

It is important for the Franklin Township officials to continue to balance growth and conservation efforts in order to achieve the quality of life that successful communities provide. Conserving assets such as farmland, cultural and natural resources, scenic viewsheds, environmental features, forests / woodlands, stream and greenway corridors and wildlife habitats will ensure that future generations can appreciate some of the elements that the Township has to offer.

One of the tools available to protect farms and farmland from non-agricultural uses is the creation of an Agricultural Security Area (ASA). Farmers wishing to establish an ASA can submit a petition to the township supervisors provided they have a combined minimum of 250 acres – the amount required for the establishment of an ASA. Franklin Township has 803.76 acres enrolled in the program that consists of five (5) landowners.

These participants receive special consideration regarding:

- Protection from local ordinances and nuisance lawsuits affecting normal farming activities
- Review of farmland condemnation by state and local government agencies

Another resource that can increase tourism in Franklin Township is the South Fork of Ten Mile Creek. This waterway, which flows into Ten Mile Creek and ultimately into the Monongahela River provides residents and visitors looking to canoe, kayak, and / or fish with an opportunity to enjoy this recreational asset. Presently there are three access points in Franklin Township: Bucktown Dam; Route 188 Park; and under the I-79 overpass. A group has been formed in Greene County that provides information on the water levels, access points, trips, etc. for waterways in the County. The website that has been created is <https://www.kayakgreenecounty.com/>.

Historical Resources

Protecting the history of Franklin Township is important to the maintaining the character and sense of place of the community. Many historical assets are weaved into the fabric of the Township. These assets help to tell the story of how Franklin evolved from its beginnings and include sites such as:

- The Charles Grant Heasley House
- Greene Hills Farm
- Thomas Kent, Jr. Farm
- Randall S. Paul House
- Allison Farm
- George W. Gordon Farm
- 132-foot Arch Bridge – SR 0188 over Ten Mile Creek

Greene County Historical Society / Museum

Located at 918 Rolling Meadows Road in Franklin Township, the Greene County Historical Society Museum is a self-supporting organization that has served as the caretaker of local written and physical histories. The GCHS maintains a historic 52-room museum at the former Greene Hills Poor Farm (or Almshouse), as well as a restored cabin, an agricultural barn, a print house and a railroad house on 17 acres of land.



Since its incorporation in 1925, The Greene County Historical Society has strived to fulfill its mission to collect, preserve and interpret the history of Greene County. GCHS achieved its mission when, in 1971, it found a permanent home at the former Greene Hills Poor Farm.

The GCHS maintains a 52-room museum with over a thousand artifacts that represent all aspects of Greene County and surrounding areas history and culture. Exhibits include rooms showing what life was like for those that lived in the Poor Farm, as well as period Georgian and Victorian Rooms that illustrate what life was like throughout the 19th Century. The museum also features a large Native American Collection that educates visitors on over 10,000 years of regional history and the first Americans.

Regional Efforts / Shared Services

One of the regional efforts that Franklin Township is a part of is the Waynesburg – Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company, which has been in existence since 1926. The main fire station is in Waynesburg Borough and the Franklin Station is located on Willow Drive near the Franklin Township Municipal Complex. The Franklin Township Station is also the location of the Waynesburg – Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company Mobile Live Fire Simulator that provides training for the fire company members.

Township officials are open to investigating the sharing of services and equipment with Waynesburg Borough and the adjacent Townships where it is mutually beneficial. A recommendation of the Project Steering Committee is to have these initial discussions and to determine if a merger or consolidation of Franklin Township and Waynesburg Borough has any merit.

Township Assets

It's often said that "you don't know what you need until you know what you have." Early in the planning process for the Franklin Township Comprehensive Plan update, participants were asked to identify the assets of the Township. This exercise was a

culmination of the findings and current conditions analysis and will allow local leaders to focus on these areas as they direct future resources to their improvement and promotion.

The results of the assets identification exercise are listed below.

Assets (of Franklin Township)

General

- Township taxes – comparatively low
- Commercial hub of the County
- Good leadership at the Township
- Financial situation is solid
- Resources are in place
- Relatively safe community

Land

- Vacant land in the Township that can be used for restaurants, shopping, etc.
- Available land surrounding the Walmart Property
- Available land to create walking trails
 - There are no outside areas that are easily accessible except the school track which is often closed

Facilities / Businesses

- Waynesburg University
- SCI – Greene
- EQT REC Center
- (Local) Hospital and Medical Facilities
 - Washington Health System – Greene
 - WVU Medicine Facility
- Greene County Airport (property)
- Greene County Water Park
- Lions Club Park - Amphitheater
- Valley View Farm – The Wedding Barn
- Local schools
- State Police Barracks
- Greene County Fairgrounds
- Evergreen Assisted Living
- Evergreene Technology Park
- Greene County Historical Society / Museum
 - Improvements being made

- Hotels in the Township

Natural and Cultural Resources / Reserves

- Ten Mile Creek
- Wisecarver property (recreation area)
- Beautiful topography and viewsheds
- Very historical area
- Natural Gas (Industry)
- Energy Production (coal, gas, etc.)
- Rural Character
 - Open / green space

Transportation Network

- The Interstate
- Route 21 – to the east for development
- The rail line is an asset for the Township

Location

- Central location between other cities / centers of activity – Uniontown, Washington, and Morgantown
- Close to other Interstates (I-70 and I-68) and the Mon Fayette Expressway (Route 43)
- Not far from the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport
- In proximity to currently being constructed and proposed Cracker Plants
- Easy access to businesses, retail, schools
- The Township surrounds the County Seat – to get to Waynesburg you have to go through Franklin Township
- The expansion and growth of Morgantown and Southpointe

The second part of the exercise was to prioritize (rank) the top five assets – from those identified – in Franklin Township. The individual assets and categories that were ranked most often in the responses included:

- Interstate 79
- Location of the Township
 - Not far from other centers of activity and the expansion and growth of Morgantown and Southpointe
- Safe community
- Township taxes
- Commercial hub of the County

- Available land for development
- Waynesburg University
- SCI – Greene
- EQT REC Center
- Medical facilities
- Natural and Cultural Resources / Reserves

Franklin Township has many assets in place that can be marketed to potential developers, business / industry leaders, residents, and visitors. Some of these assets – natural resources, location, interstate / interchange – provide the Township with a competitive advantage within and outside of the region. Other assets are important to providing the quality of life that current and potential residents and businesses / industries are looking for in a location.