

# What types of community organizations currently serve Springfield Township? Where are there potential gaps?

## Current

## Potential Gaps

Historical Society

Churches

Fire company

Cooks Creek watershed

Shelly Fire Co and Springtown

EAC

youth

Scouts

SERTOMA (Financial holdings for service organizations)

environmental

Passer Community Center

Palisades Community Foundation (School District)

Community Days - great venue to recruit new members

Springfield Elementary Clubs

Lion's Club

Springtown Rod and Gun Club

Minsi Trail Flower club

Older kids associated with equestrian - usually held together by one person

More inclusive opportunities for kids with special needs

Community Board to advertise opportunities

Lack of spaces for gathering for youth

meeting places for parents with young children

6 different zip codes

Getting people pulled in - how know how to join/get in

Recruitment and Advertising

senior serving organizations

Don't know what other organizations provide

Public Gathering Spaces (For community organizations)

Activities for Kids

Local farmers market

Environmental Education Opportunities

4H clubs - have gone in and out, especially due to available meeting spaces

Meeting spaces - no official network/resource

playground

Join forces with nearby communities

# Who typically engages and/or utilizes the services/activities of local community organizations/groups?

Lots of locations authorized by School District to get volunteer hours that are part of graduation requirements

Parents with young children

EAC - different events (public facing events; include youth as volunteers)

More younger folks with sense of volunteerism and need to engage them more

Really good representative leadership among organizations

More multigenerational than ever before

multiple generations living together

Cooks Creek does kids stuff and general population

Township is an aging community

Grandparents have a role

Biggest problem - lack of access to what we have

It is a spectrum

With current economy - you will see more of this

During pandemic - a lot of out of towners coming in and using Jere Knight trail

Out of Town people using trails and recreation

More people are using trails due to the pandemic

Both residents and non-residents attend community events and utilize the park and bike trail

Diverse leadership

Fire company - older members (auxiliary members have gone) but have a lot of families, generations involved

Preserved by watershed assoc.

folks are aging out

Populations of churches declining? Hard to get pastors

# What does current community participation look like in local groups/organizations?

Folks are aging out

More younger folks with sense of volunteerism and need to engage them more

Only 15% of households have young children

everybody loves it so much, they just stay

Size of township and low density population

Low density is a benefit, but need to think outside the box to get people involved -- Perhaps bringing in inner city kids to learn about environment and agriculture

Good and Diverse leadership

Need to reach out to the larger community region

Nothing for seniors to do socially

Lack of transportation (for Seniors) to participate

Cooks Creek Watershed (most members are seniors)

Large township area

It's important to keep your senior citizens active. Activeness = healthfulness

An established senior center could have transportation and I am sure there are grants available for development of senior center

Bucks county transportation (only during the week)

**611 Senior Center**

Passer community center - almost centrally located in the township; could be used for senior center or other uses

because more homeowners than renters; don't have high density

Nothing available for those want/need it (seniors)

# Where are there opportunities for collaboration across community organizations/groups in the Township?

**Passer Community Center has a central location**

**Small window for organization events and activities (overlap)**

**Other neighboring municipalities -- partnerships**

**Opportunities across townships - regional community day**

**I personally think there is great value to collaborating with other townships in our area who share our interests and concerns**

**Community interaction**

**Communication is real problem - we can connect and get something together than can improve everything**

**Definitely a way to work together - could serve various populations**

nonprofit organization, developed in 1950s when school districts consolidated and bought school house - on the deed it is owned by the community - only community owned facility that is historic

**Advertising**

**Sharing advertising and social media messaging**

**Working together for grants**

**Palisades school district - class of 2029 (96 kids) - look at enrollment data**

**How to build membership**

**COVID --> you need your neighbors**

**Plant sale - great example of future collaboration**

**Networking and Brainstorming Together**

**Cooks Creek - watershed coalition of lehigh valley; Frys Run watershed**

**Watershed Coalition of Lehigh Valley**

**shared customer base**

**working together to get grants to make ideas possible**

**Understand what prevents one from volunteering**

**Create a personal connection**

**Board and working with Parks and Rec commission**

**Joint activity opps**

**Increasing platforms for volunteer organizations (Internet, podcasts, communication)**

**Personal touch, invites, and comfort**

**limited calendars when groups meet**

**Finding out what is stopping volunteerism**

**very hard to reach people**

# What are the short (within 2 years), medium (within 5 years), and long-term (within 10 years) priorities?

Short

Long

Medium

