

COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLAN

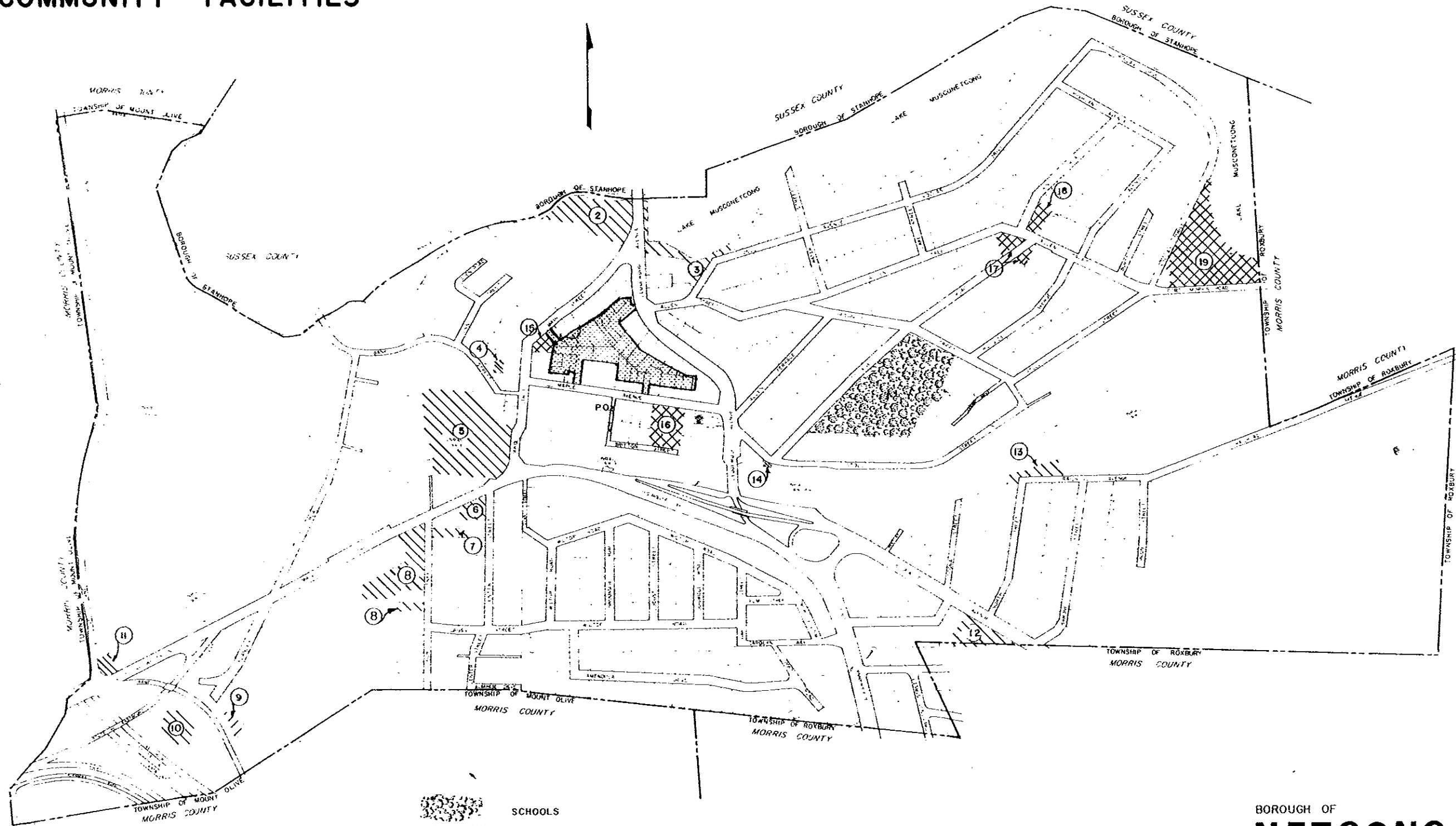
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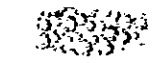
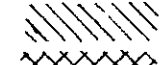
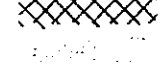

In order to prepare a community facility plan we first compiled an inventory of all existing school, park, public and quasi-public lands. This inventory is shown on the accompanying Plate XI entitled, "Community Facilities" and accompanying Table VII entitled "Community Facilities Inventory".

The inventory indicates that at the present time, the Borough of Netcong owns five properties within the Borough limits, with a total land area of 6.81 acres. There are 13 public and quasi-public properties, other than Borough and Board of Education properties, within the Borough with a total area of 12.09 acres plus Lake Musconetcong's 27.16 acres. The Netcong Board of Education presently owns a total of 6.02 acres, which represents a large portion of all publicly held lands within the Borough limits.

The majority of Borough owned property is outside of the Borough limits. Netcong owns five properties with a combined total area of 78.36 acres in Mount Olive and Roxbury Townships, 20.56 of these acres are for recreational purposes while the remaining 57.8 acres are owned by the water department for their use.

# COMMUNITY FACILITIES



-  SCHOOLS
-  PUBLIC, AND QUASI-PUBLIC PROPERTY
-  BOROUGH PROPERTY
-  PROPOSED PARKING

BOROUGH OF  
**NETCONG**  
 MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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TABLE VII

COMMUNITY FACILITIES INVENTORY  
BOROUGH OF NETCONG

	<u>LOT</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>AREA (ACRES)</u>
<b>SCHOOLS</b>			
1. Netcong Elementary School	22	9	6.02
<b>PUBLIC &amp; QUASI-PUBLIC PROPERTY</b>			
2. Methodist Episcopal Church	1	16	1.84
3. Lake Musconetcong State Park (Area of Lake Musconetcong)	15	14	0.78 27.16
4. Veterans of Foreign Wars	32	15	0.08
5. Conrail (D. L. & W. RR) Train Station	35, 36, 37, 38, 39	26	4.52
6. Old St. Michael's Church Rectory	1	25	0.38
7. St. Michael's Confraternity Center	17	25	0.17
8. St. Michael's Church and Parochial School	12, 14	21	2.00
9. State of New Jersey	1	21	0.12
10. State of New Jersey	17	20	0.67
11. State of New Jersey	15	18	0.19
12. Knights of Columbus	11	40	0.85
13. St. Ceasario Society (Netcong Sports Club)	10	8	0.45
14. Assumption Society Shrine	12	8	0.04
<b>BOROUGH PROPERTY</b>			
15. Netcong Municipal Building	32	15	0.23
16. Fire Company No. 1	12	27	0.97
17. Hilltop Fire Company No. 2	17 24	5 6	0.40
18. Netcong Public Library	15	3	0.33
19. Netcong Cove Recreation Area	17.1	1	4.88

TABLE VII (CONT'D)

COMMUNITY FACILITIES INVENTORY  
BOROUGH OF NETCONG

	<u>LOT</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>AREA (ACRES)</u>
BOROUGH PROPERTY IN OTHER MUNICIPALITIES			
20. Vacant Land - Port Morris Road, Roxbury	92, 93, 94	25	5.79
21. Football Field - Lane, Roxbury	16	33-1	14.77
22. Water Department, Route 206, Roxbury Township	1	37	8.50
23. Water Department, Route 206, Roxbury Township	1	38	18.00
24. Water Department, Adjacent to No. 23, Mt. Olive Township	17	376	31.30

## SCHOOLS

In the eyes of many taxpayers, schools are the most important community facility. This is due mainly to the universal desire for a quality education and the fact that school costs account for the greatest percentage of the tax dollar. In 1976 62 percent of municipal funds were devoted to education.

### Existing School Facilities

The Borough of Netcong operates a K-8 school system. All the school facilities are located off of College Road consisting of the old elementary school building built in 1892 with a 1910 addition, the old Netcong High School built in 1925 with an addition in 1956. Both buildings are interconnected and incorporated into one elementary school, containing 32 classrooms plus a gym, a library, and offices on a 6.02 acre site. The Board of Education also leases user rights for a 14.77 acre site with a football field and baseball diamond off of Mountain Road in Roxbury from the Borough of Netcong.

Lenape Valley Regional High School is located on a 57.33 acre site off of Sparta Road. It first opened in the fall of 1974 serving students from grades 9 - 12 from three municipalities, Netcong Borough, Stanhope Borough,

and Byram Township. The Lenape Valley Regional High School contains 51 classrooms with a capacity of 1,200. There are presently 933 students enrolled of which 209 or 22 percent are Netcong Borough pupils.

Because of the existing large high school site, the nonavailability of suitable undeveloped land in Netcong and shifting of the district's student population center toward Byram Township, any possible future expansion of Regional High School Facilities will take place at the existing Lenape Valley site or in Byram Township. Therefore the Borough of Netcong should not consider High School facilities in future land use planning.

#### Enrollments

Enrollments by grade since 1970 in the Netcong School District are shown in Table VIII. The figures shown here indicate a declining trend in student population with a drop from 435 (1970-71) to 360 (1977-78) in grades K-8 and special education.

Future enrollments will primarily be effected by birth rates and zoning policies. Since Netcong's undeveloped land area is limited, future new building will not be a major factor. During the 1960's there was a 26 percent decrease in the under 5 population, however this will be balanced

TABLE VIII

NETCONG ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENT K-8/S.E.

	(1970-71)	(1971-72)	(1972-73)	(1973-74)	(1974-75)	(1975-76)	(1976-77)	(1977-78)
K	50	39	50	37	28	38	34	30
1	48	43	42	40	39	39	34	28
2	47	41	44	43	41	42	38	36
3	46	44	41	40	42	36	42	36
4	48	45	39	44	37	39	41	38
5	50	42	43	44	40	41	38	45
6	46	45	42	45	43	40	39	38
7	44	43	46	44	45	50	45	48
8	50	50	52	50	48	49	45	46
S.E.	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>
Total	435	400	409	393	370	381	366	360

\* While total enrollment is accurate, grade enrollments are estimated because source of information revealed composite figures only.

Source: Superintendent of Schools



by the additional children in the Netcong Heights Apartment Development. The Superintendent of Schools projects the total school enrollments to be steady for the next ten years with relatively minor fluctuations from year to year. The Superintendent's projections are shown in Table IX which follows.

Considering the above the Planning Board concludes that future schoolroom needs can be met by renovation and rebuilding of the existing site. Therefore no new areas need be considered for school purposes in the Master Plan.

TABLE IX  
NETCONG ELEMENTARY  
PROJECTED 10 YEAR ENROLLMENT

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
K	28	30	42	38	28
1	33	31	33	45	41
2	31	34	32	34	47
3	37	30	33	31	33
4	38	37	30	33	31
5	41	39	37	31	34
6	46	40	40	36	31
7	43	50	39	43	39
8	53	46	54	42	46
S.E.	<u>15</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>
Total	365	354	356	350	347

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
K	34	34	34	34	34
1	31	37	37	37	37
2	43	32	38	38	38
3	46	42	31	37	37
4	33	47	43	31	37
5	32	34	49	45	32
6	33	32	33	48	44
7	33	36	34	36	52
8	42	35	38	36	38
S.E.	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
Total	345	347	355	360	368

K Est. = 39 Births/yr. averaged over past 8 years (x)  
.86 attendance ratio note 16 students added for garden apartments

Source: Superintendent of Schools

## PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

In recent years, increasing attention has been given to recreational activity as a municipal endeavor and responsibility. Increased leisure time coupled with a higher standard of living have prompted the need for more recreational facilities.

Nationally recognized standards suggest a minimum of 8 acres of municipal recreation land per 1,000 persons. This is also recommended by the Open Space Element of the Morris County Master Plan. Furthermore the County Master Plan recommends that the county provide 12 acres per 1,000 persons; the state 24 acres per 1,000 persons; and the federal government, 16 acres per 1,000 persons of additional parkland. Accordingly the Borough of Netcong should presently have 28 acres for recreational purposes and 31 acres by 1980.

The Borough presently has one recreation area within the Borough limits known as the Netcong Cove Recreation Area consisting of 4.88 acres including a baseball diamond, two tennis courts, picnic area, a planned basketball court, and a planned kiddie park. An additional adjacent 5.79 acres between Lake Musconetcong and Port Morris Road in Roxbury Township are available for development on which a concession building and parking area are already planned. The Borough also owns a

recreational facility known as the Old Netcong High School Athletic Field. This area consists of 14.77 acres in Roxbury Township located on the Lane which is off of Mountain Road approximately one-half mile north of the Netcong Borough boundary. This facility contains a football field, and baseball diamond with an inclined outfield. The Netcong Heights Garden Apartment Complex has approximately 3.5 acres set aside for recreational purposes or 2.5 acres less than called for by the above mentioned standards. The Borough has a total of 25.44 acres of land available for recreational purposes or by 1980 five acres short of the above mentioned standards.

A majority of the land available for development is outside the Borough boundary. Therefore it is proposed that the 5.79 acres between Lake Musconetcong and Port Morris Road next to Arbolino Field be used for the continued expansion of recreational facilities. Also should the Borough acquire a piece of property in the newly proposed Single Family Residential R-3 zone off of Church Street it should be developed with recreation facilities. This will provide recreation areas within close proximity to residents in the western part of the Borough.

When future garden apartment developments are proposed the Planning Board will require that adequate recreational development accompany the buildings.

Musconetcong State Park

Musconetcong State Park along with a portion of Lake Musconetcong is the only non-municipal recreation area within the Borough. There is a limited beach and picnic area (.78 acres) adjacent to Route 183 making it somewhat undesirable due to the constant nearby traffic. Due to the shallowness of the lake and a silting condition, development and maintenance of additional beach areas will be impractical and expensive. 27.16 acres of Lake Musconetcong lie within the Borough providing for boating, fishing, and ice fishing.