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Public Meetings Announced For Trexler Nature Preserve

Lehigh County, PA- Lehigh County announces public meetings are to be held concerning the Master Plan update for the Trexler Nature Preserve. Last updated in 2006, the Trexler Nature Preserve seeks to work with County residents to evaluate existing conditions and envision future improvements within the Preserve. The first meeting will be held virtually Thursday, September 3rd, 2020 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

There will be a series of 3 public meetings and an online public opinion survey for interested residents to work with Lehigh County to envision improvements to Trexler Nature Preserve.

The following meetings are:

- Public Meeting #1 will take place virtually on Thursday September 3rd, 2020 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This meeting can be accessed online via the following link:
https://teams.microsoft.com/#/l/meetup-join/19:meeting_ODBmODhkMzMtZjM0Ni00YWUwLWE3NjgtYmMwODhkMTYxZjQ3@t.thead.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22ed76717d-5fc5-4ae1-a6f4-0c9451666c69%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2233417d85-dbbf-48d7-b926-f1b40554fdd6%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atru%7d&anon=true&deeplinkId=9622cef7-b5ad-4ee1-da9f-644646450778
- Public Meeting #2 is scheduled as a virtual meeting for Thursday December 3rd, 2020 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Public Meeting #3 is scheduled as a virtual meeting for Thursday February 11th, 2021 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The online public opinion survey will be open from August 14th and be open through the draft plan presentation on December 3rd, 2020. The survey can be accessed online via the following link:

[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/TREXLER](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/trexler)

The County has retained the firms of Simone Collins Landscape Architecture of Norristown, PA, along with Applied Ecological Services to assist in updating the Trexler Nature Preserve Master Plan.

The 1,108-acre Trexler Nature Preserve is located in the northwest portion of Lehigh County, in the Townships of North Whitehall and Lowhill, eight miles northwest of Allentown. Owned and maintained by Lehigh County, the preserve is named for prominent Lehigh citizen Harry C. Trexler (1854-1933), who initially established the preserve to stock big game animals such as elk and deer, with the goal of saving the North American Bison.

Today, the Trexler Nature Preserve provides opportunities for mountain biking, hiking, walking, horseback riding, birdwatching, and wildlife observation. The Jordan Creek offers fishing and picnic opportunities and archery hunting is permitted in the Preserve's north and south ranges. The Preserve is home to a complex network of flora and fauna, which include plants, mammals, birds, insects, amphibians, and more.

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