

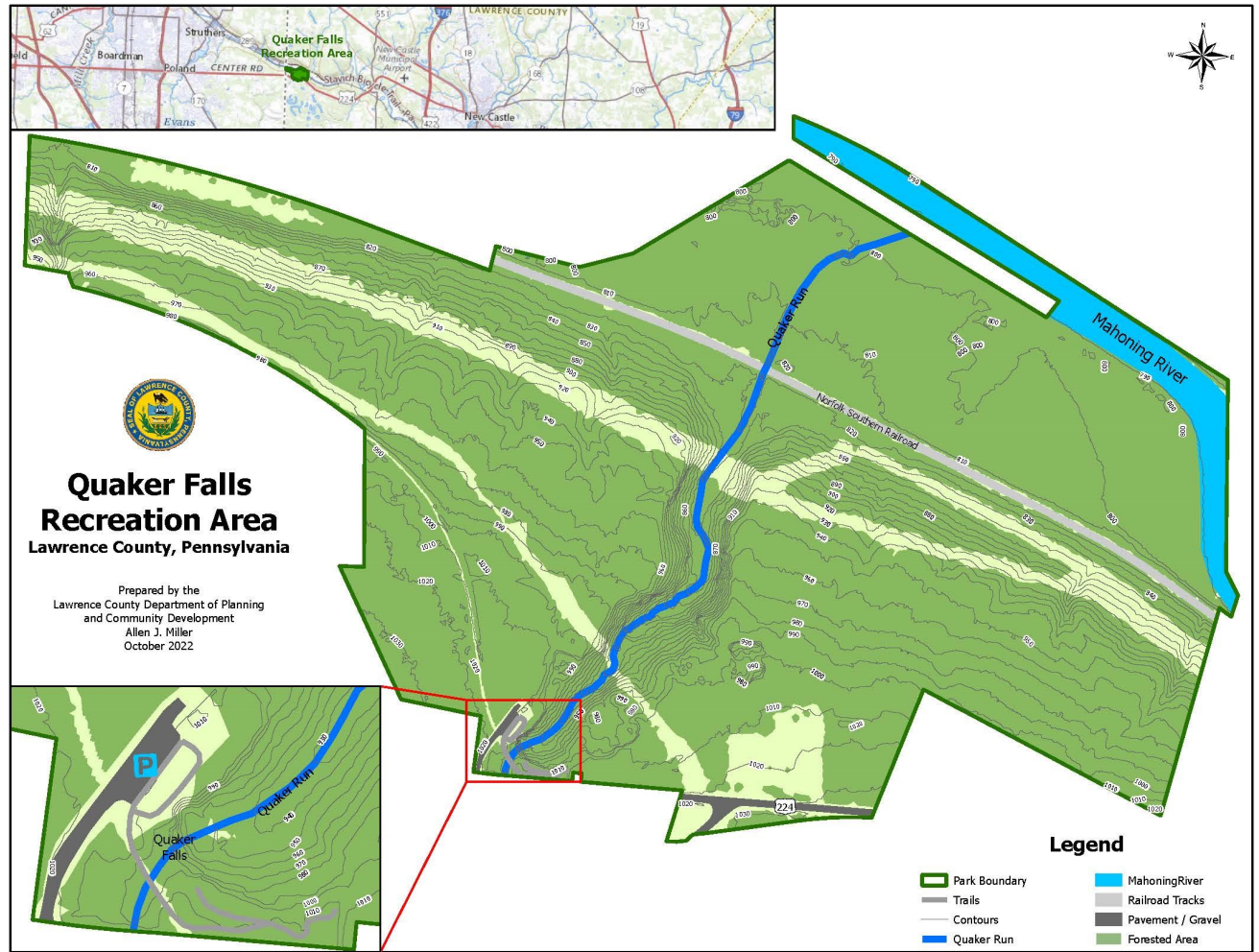


LAWRENCE COUNTY'S NEWEST PARK

Quaker Falls Recreation Area officially opened on October 29th, 2021, thanks in part to the generosity of the Pennsylvania DCNR. The Quaker Falls property is comprised of 293 acres and is a natural historic landmark. The highlight of this newly created park is the 50 foot-tall, double-tiered waterfall, Quaker Falls.

As visitors arrive at the park, they are immediately immersed in the sensory experience of the sound of water rushing over the falls. The park features ADA accessible parking and a crushed stone walking trail that allows views of the cascading water. From the parking area, visitors will cross directly over the falls via a pedestrian bridge that spans Falling Spring Creek. The trail continues on the Route 224 side of the park where Phase 2 of the park development will feature two viewing platforms that will allow all visitors the opportunity to enjoy the splendid natural beauty of the falls and gorge in a safe and accessible way. From here they can take in the scenic view surrounded by native trees, shrubs, vegetation and wildlife.

Phase 2 of development also includes plans for an ADA accessible pavilion near the parking area. Ideas for future park uses and enhancements are endless. It is the hope of the County that this will become a greenspace where people can not only enjoy the falls but also engage in physical activities such as walking, hiking and biking.



ECOLOGY

Quaker Falls stands about 50 feet tall and is a result of the Pleistocene glaciation of Northwestern Pennsylvania almost 1.5 million years ago. It was during that period that many of the streams were dammed and rerouted, as they once flowed towards what is today, Lake Erie. The environmental changes influenced much of the settlement and utilization of the land at the site. It was during the Wisconsinian glaciation, around 16,000 B.C., that many forests extended southward to the Carolinas. During this time, there were many frozen tundras and large open meadows containing spruce and fir trees with only some shrubs. Around 7240 B.C., forests were more open and diverse with browsing herbivores. There was a mixture of spruce and firs where larger mammals, such as caribou, elk, mammoth and mastodons roamed freely. Today the average climate of the region is 70 degrees Fahrenheit during the summer months and 60 degrees Fahrenheit during the winter months. Approximately 38 inches of precipitation falls annually.

In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous. Aristotle

