## Franconia Parks To See Major Renovations In 2023

## Branchwood Park to feature 6 new pickleball courts, 2 new tennis courts and a new basketball court

Few communities can boast of a park system as beautiful and well maintained as we enjoy in Franconia Township.

In 2022, large-scale renovations were made to the playground area at the Municipal Park off of Allentown Road. The renovations included a new rubberized surface, additional play equipment, and a farm theme paying homage to the agrarian past of the Township. Accessibility features were added to ensure children of all abilities can play together in a safe and fun environment. Colorful Adirondack chairs, new benches and shade structures were added to enhance the enjoyment for those wishing to play, and for those who might wish to 'sit it out' while their children play. 2023, however, could be even more exciting than 2022, especially for those who want to get active.

The tennis and basketball court area at Branchwood Park will be upgraded to add six pickleball courts, two new tennis courts, and a new basketball court. These improvements will make Branchwood the premier racquet sport center in our community. The Township is working with Keystone Sports Construction, the same company that has built some of the newest and best sports facilities in our region, to construct this new outdoor racquet sport center. But there is more.

We didn't forget about those who want a little more passive recreation. The improvements to Enos Godshall Park will continue throughout 2023 with the conversion of the pond to a bio-retention area. The walking paths will be improved, and a picnic area will be created for those who just want to enjoy the beauty of the natural surroundings. Look for this park to start taking shape with tree and shrub plantings later this year, along with upgrades to the walking trail.

"These upgrades will be a fantastic addition to our park system. We continue to re-invest in our park system, which is just part of what makes Franconia such a special place," said Board of Supervisors' Chair Grey Godshall. "Few communities have our combination of low taxes, a low crime rate, and such outstanding parks."

Whether you enjoy passive or active recreation, Franconia has a park for you!