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Terry Ostrowski, president and CEO of Earth Conservancy, talks about the site location and master plan for Hanover Lot 7A.

So many choices

Possibilities for a new recreation area in Hanover Twp. were revealed.

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ASHLEY — Officials on Tuesday unveiled several possible designs for a recreation area on 30 acres of Earth Conservancy land along the South Valley Parkway between the new state police headquarters and the CVS Caremark facility.

The designs range from Plan A, which includes an indoor sports complex and three sports fields, to Plan D, which features mostly “passive” green space with walking trails.

“We thought this was a great location. It’s immediately accessible off the new South Valley Parkway. This can be something bigger than a community park. It could be a regional park,” Terry Ostrowski, president and CEO of Earth Conservancy, said at a public hearing Tuesday at the organization’s

headquarters in Ashley.

Costs range from between \$27 million and \$41 million, according to estimates developed by engineers.

In August, potential stakeholders in the project — including the Hanover Area School District and Hanover Twp. — formed the South Valley Regional Recreational Authority.

The proposed site was used as a dumping ground for debris following the destruction caused by flooding that followed Tropical Storm Agnes in 1972. The land was later reclaimed by Earth Conservancy, but it still will require additional remediation to create the park.

Preliminary designs of the recreation area, created by K&W Engineers in Harrisburg, were paid for by a \$22,000 state grant that was matched by



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Michele Schasberger of Kingston and a community development coordinator from the YMCA, places a green sticker on her first choice of the conceptual vision plan A.

Earth Conservancy.

Planners are hoping to obtain additional American Rescue Plan grant funding to pay for the recreation area.

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