



Open Space and Recreation Plan 2018-2023

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Executive Summary

Design Perspectives, Inc. in association with our sister firm, Public Research Group, LLC was commissioned in 2017 to prepare a five-year parks, open space and recreation plan update for the City of Beloit Parks and Recreation Division. The agency has previously undertaken such planning initiatives in the past, most recently in the form of the 2012-2016 parks, open space and recreation plan. The previous plans focused mainly on the need for parks and open space capital improvements to the park system. Capital improvements will continue to be a strong recommendation in this plan, but recreation programming in conjunction with a stronger strategic partnership with the local school district is paramount in changing the direction of the Division.

This plan update will continue to be comprehensive in nature, focusing on parks, open space as well as recreation and partnerships. It will also make administrative and public awareness recommendations. The target behind many of the goals and objectives is to continue to improve the operations of the Division by performance in the areas of budgeting, project prioritization and a branding initiative to increase public awareness to elevate the values of collaboration, celebration and community within City parks and recreation.

The agency will have the potential to make improvements that will impact its future. This will be accomplished with defined goals and objectives based on in part by a community needs assessment component. This study will always try to provide a forward-thinking outlook. The agency has made progress over the years and the optimism for the next five years is to take even bigger steps in the areas of leadership, recreation programming, partnerships and capital investment.

This is a great time to advance the mission of the Parks & Recreation Division.

The six core topics that were generated early on in the planning process from staff meetings were as follows:

- What is the future of programs and leisure services within the City
- We need to increase the exposure of Parks and Recreation Division within the City
- What is the direction with the outdoor pool
- We need detailed master planning for our larger park sites
- Investigate how to develop an appropriate sized outdoor sports complex focused on multi-purpose athletic fields and a comprehensive community services center

The primary concern rising from the staff meetings centered on expanding capital investment, increasing exposure and improving recreation programs. It is apparent that the agency is a friendly competitor with other non-profits such as the YMCA for recreational programs. The City wishes for more resident participation. A comprehensive marketing plan would devise strategies for community outreach and the tools to reach target populations.

In addition, the community needs assessment process provided valuable public opinion. The primary technique used was to obtain a random sample which would be representative of the entire population within an acceptable margin of error. The overall survey response rate was 382 completed surveys, exceeding our goal of 300 returns for a 95% confidence level with +/-5.0 confidence interval.

In review of the survey data obtained as well as other types of information gathered, a great deal of material has been generated from the community. It is clear that parks & recreation touches many lives within the City. In review of the data generated, themes have developed that will help lead the master plan into goals and objectives development.

The following items are in response to this analysis;

- The Division should increase its visibility within the community to become a primary option for Parks and Recreation within Beloit.
- The Division has a strong link to contributing to the quality of life within the community.
- A primary way of learning about Parks and Recreation is through word of mouth. This has a strong correlation to the notion of why people go elsewhere as the top response was friends go there.
- Programs centered on an active lifestyle and special events. Programming registration and fees are of a concern and has also been brought up by Division staff. The Division should seek to expand its program offerings.
- A strong competitor is the county park system.
- The golf course has little play and should be evaluated for a shift in golf programming trends to increase play.
- The pool had strong use within the community and the current facility seems to be in the favor of users. The two primary reasons why residents don't use the pool are easier convenience and lower prices.
- The three parks & facilities that are used the most are Riverside Park, Big Hill Park and Leeson Park. Big Hill Park feels like a county park and has tremendous potential to keep growing in use by continually capital investment into the space.
- The three elements that are most used by the community are trails, playgrounds and benches.
- There is a positive start to the question to combine splintered core recreation facilities into a lifestyle center. The opportunity for the lifestyle center would go beyond leisure services with the potential for city services and resources available for residents who do not frequent downtown.
- There is a strong desire for the City and School District to forge stronger bonds and work together for both the youth as well as lifelong learners. The level of service analysis shows significant opportunities to develop playgrounds, basketball courts and athletic fields in a cooperative fashion both in terms of access and capital investment. (Think Boston Schoolyards)
- The notion of a large outdoor sports complex focusing on soccer and multi-purpose athletic fields is a constant conversation. The investment into a complex would not only help the Division with internal league development into new and growing sports but will also provide economic benefits from seasonal tournament play.

In taking a lead from the vision statements and significant findings from the community needs assessment, the major recommendations for this plan include;

- Continue to evaluate the organizational structure of the Division for improved operations.
- Develop a marketing plan for increased exposure.
- Advance capital improvements including the Outdoor Pool.
- Boost resident program participation levels, lower cancellations, develop leagues and seek a realistic revenue expectation level for recreation offerings.
- Develop a City/School District schoolyard initiative for reduction in playground redundancies and better neighborhood parks for drop in recreation.

These plans can be viewed as a roadmap. Goals and objectives are vital for success. However, these can change as this plan moves forward in the next 5 years. The plan should be reviewed regularly and be adjusted as needed.

Chapter I - Introduction

Planning Process, Rationale & Purpose

According to a county wide recreation survey conducted in 2014 in Rock County by the Public Research Group, Parks and Recreation Division are very important to residents within Rock County. Our current assessment of the City of Beloit Parks & Recreation Division confirms these findings. Our surveys within Rock County are affirmed by national studies conducted by the National Recreation and Park Association which have shown that, on a nationwide basis, Parks and Recreation Division are important to the American public, important because they contribute to the quality of life.

At the local governmental level in Wisconsin, Parks and Recreation Division are provided by departments of municipalities, including cities, villages and towns. Funding for parks and leisure service departments is typically the responsibility of the residents within those jurisdictions, but the State of Wisconsin, through its arm the Department of Natural Resources, provides capital funding for land acquisition and recreation facility development as long as the municipality has a current park, open space and recreation plan that shows the state's funding assistance meets the needs of the public of the local community.

Comprehensive planning is a democratic means of policy making because public input is gathered before decisions are made, allowing the agency to create goals and objectives for the future that are a reflection of the public will.

Park, open space and recreation plans provide the guidelines between the public, elected officials, appointed commissions, and staff. They are agreed upon strategies for meeting public needs, allowing elected officials to decide which of those wants the common council is in a position to fund, and how the staff should implement the council's decisions.

This plan embraces the rationale for planning that it is both democratic governance and a reflection of good government. It also recognizes the difficulty the Wisconsin Legislature has provided municipal

departments and divisions across the state by not creating separate special local governmental units to focus on parks and recreation. It also illustrates how parks and leisure service professionals depend on the support of the public and elected officials in order to do their jobs.

This chapter of the plan begins with a discussion of the recent previous planning efforts, considering which of their goals and objectives were implemented, which of the unaccomplished goals should be advanced, and which of those goals are no longer relevant. This chapter then discusses the purpose of this planning effort, the goals of the plan itself, the format of the planning document, and presents a general statement of philosophy that represents the overarching values of the City of Beloit.

The chapter concludes with a brief discussion of the willingness of the staff and elected officials to deliver services to the community that will improve the quality of life in a changing environment, meeting the challenges of the future.

Previous Planning Efforts

In 2012, the City of Beloit, prepared a Parks, Open Space and Recreation Plan that was a major investment to significantly improve the Division by comprehensively studying all areas of the Division. The primary successes from the previous plan include:

- Improved efforts in the arena of marketing and branding the Division including the logo, website and printed materials
- Performed capital improvements including in the areas of parks and playgrounds
- Developed additional walking paths

The following are goals that did not show significant achievement from the plan that include:

- Develop a public input process for all capital improvements
- Improvements in many areas of programming including the purchase of recreation software
- Update use agreements with allied organizations on a yearly basis

This Planning Effort

This plan is considered an update to the 2012 Parks, Open Space and Recreation Plan because it builds upon the successes from the 2012 plan. This plan is similar to the planning efforts made by other municipal parks and recreation departments in Wisconsin to gather data from the community about the public's wants and needs.

This planning effort continues on the previous plan's systematic way it approaches the planning process. Contained in the following sections of this plan are demographics, an overview of the parks, facilities and programs and an assessment of the condition of these services.

The community's needs are presented, beginning with results from community wide survey. Staff input and commission sentiments are included along with the results from meetings with interest and user groups.

Sufficient evidence will be presented to validate the goals and objectives presented in Chapter 4 of this plan. The goals are divided into four primary goal categories: administrative & operations, recreation programs, land acquisition and park & facility development and facility & park maintenance. These goals go beyond just capital improvement planning.

The final section of this plan presents the action plan which includes timing and potential funding sources for accomplishing the agency goals. This is the most important section of the plan. It is the timeline for building a better agency. Without the commitment to advance the work within a certain time frame, the plan is simply a document that may or may not become reality. With a timeline for implementation, the plan in some form and fashion may actually happen.

City of Beloit Core Organizational Values:

B- Be Safe: Safety comes first. We each play a role in the health, safety and welfare of the public at large and must act in ways that enhance our own personal safety of our co-workers and those we serve.

E- Ethical behavior: We are dedicated to high ethical and moral standards and uncompromising honesty in our dealings with the public and each other. We do what we say we are going to do.

L- Leadership is developed and shared throughout the organization with an emphasis on continuous improvement.

O- Outstanding public service: We are committed to providing outstanding services to our diverse public and internal customers.

I- Inclusion of diverse people and ideas: We respect the unique contributions of our fellow employees, citizens, groups, and organizations throughout the community by seeking out their opinions, talents, and needs.

T- Teamwork to creatively solve problems: We are a team of diverse employees, working internally across departments and divisions, as well as externally with our many stakeholders to creatively solve problems.

Mission:

The City of Beloit's mission is to provide outstanding public service.

Vision:

The City of Beloit's vision is to become a place anyone could proudly call home for a lifetime.

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Goals of the Plan

An important goal of this plan is to be consistent with the mission of the City of Beloit. Since the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division currently does not have a mission nor vision statement, a possible vision statement developed through staff discussions could be:

We will be proactive in nature, technology savvy, determined in our future to provide high quality leisure experiences for our community in a respectful and meaningful way.

The ultimate goal of this plan is, therefore, to provide as many services as feasible, preserve as much open land as is possible, provide quality programs, facilities and service and seek improvements to the parks based on what is economically possible within the budget approved the Beloit City Council.

With that being the common concern of the Beloit City Council, Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission and Parks and Recreation Division staff, the question is how to do it. What tasks should the Division focus on, in what priority should the Division should perform these tasks, and how should the City of Beloit pay for them to be implemented? That is the simple goal of this plan; to figure out what to do, in what order and how to pay for it.

Format of the Plan

The format of this plan is that it is divided into five chapters with a lengthy Appendix at the end. The first chapter is this introductory chapter, one that concludes with a statement of the overall philosophy of parks and recreation service delivery. The second chapter outlines the community demographics and public input that explains the characteristics of the population that the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division serves.

The third chapter reviews the current services offered by the agency, including the administrative system of the Division, its component of the city's financial system, how its park and facilities exist, and a review of the recreational services the Division provides.

Chapter four is the heart and soul of this plan. In chapter four, the goals and objectives for the next five years are presented. These goals are organized into four categories: administration & operations, recreation programs, land acquisition and park & facility development and facility & park maintenance. As the most important section of this plan, it is essential that the goals and objectives represent the needs of the residents of Beloit and take into consideration the understandings of the staff, Commission and Council.

The fifth chapter of this plan is the section dedicated to plan implementation. In order for the goals and objectives to be meaningful, they also need to be feasible. Chapter five offers strategies and funding sources for implementing those goals with the timing of their implementation is the most essential element of their feasibility.

It is important that readers of this plan understand that there is a wealth of information in the Appendix of this study. The reason it is there is it would be too cumbersome for it to be included in the narrative of the five chapters of this plan, but it is important as support information and needs to include the plan.

Statement of Philosophy

The Beloit Parks and Recreation Division has a philosophy of serving the recreational needs of the community that is closely aligned with a definition of its mission. Stated simply, the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division was established to serve the local community and general public in seeking those recreational and leisure needs that are a necessity to the welfare of the general public and a high quality of life for residents of Beloit.

Its programs and services are designed to establish the opportunity for everyone to enjoy and participate in varied activities. Programs and services are reviewed and assessed for relevance in regards to public needs.

The agency is also dedicated to maintaining a financial balance necessary for quality parks and community programming services. The Division views all of its facilities and programs as a whole with their maintenance and implementation being done for the greater good of the entire community and general public.

The Beloit Parks and Recreation Division is dedicated to offer a professionally trained staff to serve the general public. The Division also believes in the ongoing process of providing recreational services for the all populations and to pursue handicapped accessibility improvements whenever and wherever possible. Continued input from the public will be constantly encouraged for the purpose of providing relevant and successful programs.

This plan was prepared in accordance with guidelines that will make it certifiable by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and qualify the City for matching grant funds. The Plan must be updated every five years to ensure that it reflects the current needs of the community and retains its DNR certification. This plan can also be used as a component of the City's Comprehensive Plan, under Wisconsin Statutes 66.1001.



Chapter 2 - Engagement & Community Assessment

Geographic Location & Characteristics

The City of Beloit is located in the south-central portion of the State of Wisconsin on the Illinois border, at the intersection of interstate highways 43, and 39/90. The City is located adjacent to the Town of Beloit, Town of Turtle, and the Illinois municipality of South Beloit.



Located on the Illinois-Wisconsin state line, Beloit became a gateway to the North Country, a role reinforced in more modern times with the routing through its outskirts of Interstate 90 to St. Paul and Minneapolis and Interstate 43 to Milwaukee and Green Bay. Being at the center of this strategic hub of modern expressways, the greater Beloit area is just 90 minutes from Chicago, 70 from Milwaukee, 50 from Madison, and 20 from Rockford, Illinois.

Before the corporate ancestors of the Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific rail systems came to the Stateline area, the Rock River was the main artery of transportation and principal source of power for fledgling industries, including the Blodgett family's grist mill along the Rock River. As in many cities, Beloit saw its riverside surroundings decline over the years, but this process was reversed with the creation of the Beloit 2000 initiative in 1988 with the riverside area in the downtown area full of life and economic activity.

According to the United States Census Bureau, the city has a total area of 16.7 square miles, 43.2 km², of which 16.4 square miles (42.6 km²) is land and 0.2 square miles (0.6 km²) is water.

Over the past five decades, most of Beloit's development has been occurring on the east side, adjacent to Interstates 39/90 and Interstate 43, where the city annexed rural land for the extensive Beloit Gateway Industrial Park, as well as in the newly revitalized downtown located along the Rock River.

Beloit's claim to fame is it is the home of Beloit College. It is also home to a Hormel plant, a Frito Lay plant, the world's largest can of chili,[4] and the Beloit Snappers baseball club of the Midwest League. Beloit also lays claim to such inventions as the speedometer, Korn Kurls, and John Francis Appleby's twine binder. Korn Kurls, which

resemble present day Cheetos, are credited for the founding of the snack food industry.

Another of its claim to fame is that Beloit is the only city in Rock County to have been named an All-America City. The prestigious award is a result of the high quality of life and the citizen involvement that has made Beloit, Wisconsin a great place to live, work and play.

Brief History of the City of Beloit and the Beloit Parks & Recreation Division

According to www.villageprofile.com, when Caleb Blodgett, a proper New England Yankee, and his son drew their ox cart up to the cabin of French fur trader and frontier land owner Joseph Thibeault and his two Native American wives, old Blodgett decided that this was the place. It was the site of what had recently been a great Winnebago tribal village located halfway between Lake Michigan and the Father of Waters, the Mississippi River.

Old Blodgett named the price he was willing to pay for the land he sought, and Thibeault said that such an amount was good for three “looks.” Standing in a clearing, Blodgett looked north up the scenic Rock River valley as far as he could see. After hiking to that distant point, he looked again as far as he could see. After one more trek, he took his third “look” and on that historic day in 1836 thus purchased the land that eventually became Beloit, Wisconsin.

The first development of a park system within the City of Beloit started in the early founding years when the town was first surveyed in the late 1830's. The first piece of public land that would eventually become known as parkland was platted similar to how public squares were designed in New England at the time, laid out as a large public square equivalent to several blocks, and approximately 20 acres in size. This plat also provided for the development of the first business district, surrounding the public square, as well as a portion set aside for burial grounds. Between the years of 1837-1839, three early settlers of Beloit were buried in the northwest section of the public square. However, town proprietors concluded that the village might eventually extend as far north as the burial

vicinity and the remains were moved and reburied in a new cemetery, located some distance to the northeast of the public square, and would become known as Oakwood Cemetery.

In 1840, a new plat was filed in the Courthouse. In this survey, the public square was left open and dedicated as a city park in accordance with the bequest of Dr. Horace White. Even though the site was reduced in size to approximately 8 acres, this site official was designated as the first park within Beloit in the 1880's. In 1902 the City Council appropriated \$500 to build a bandstand as the first civic improvement to the public square. In 1910, the City Council authorized the L.H.D. Crane Post, G.A.R. to place a cannon within the public square as a dedicated memorial to the Fourth Wisconsin Battery. In 1919 the park was renamed in honor of Dr. Horace White a prominent citizen of Beloit who was also involved in acquiring other parkland; Mechanics Green Park in 1837, and officially designated as parkland in 1915.

Since the inception of the first park site, the City of Beloit continued to evolve with the acquisition of numerous additional parks including, Big Hill Memorial Park (1926), Leeson Park (1930), the Krueger Haskell Municipal Golf Course (1927), and the Turtle Creek Greenway (1972-76). As of today, the City of Beloit has acquired over 700 acres of designated parkland that abound in 32 parks sites, and has continued to enhance these parks with countless of new and improved amenities including, 16 buildings, 15 picnic shelters, the development of 24 playgrounds, and over 12 athletic ball fields, including Pohlman Field home to the Beloit Snappers (MLB AAA Affiliate). Additionally, from Grinnell Hall Senior Center (1977) to the Rotary River Center in Riverside Park, the Parks & Recreation Division for the City of Beloit operates and maintains all of these recreational facilities, park sites, walking/bike trails, and two (2) City owned Cemeteries within the budgetary allocations as determined by the City Council annually. The Parks & Open Space Plan has been developed to ensure that the City of Beloit has a defined vision that will continue to foster development and improvements of this designated parkland and recreational facilities today, and into the future for all generations to use and enjoy!

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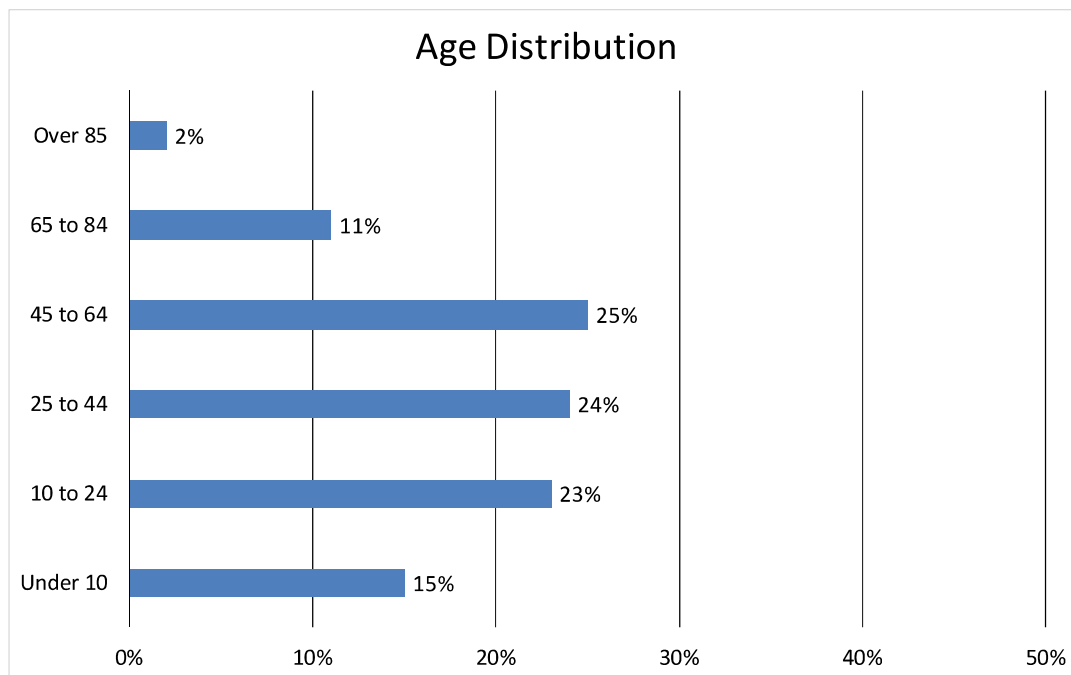
Community Profile & Demographics

In understanding the ages of the park-going population can be useful for the designing age specific programming as well as capital improvements that fits the needs of the community. The following tables and charts are useful for understanding the demographics living near the parks.

Beloit, WI	People
Total Population	36,858
Change in Population 2000 to 2010	610
Total Population Under Age 18 (Children)	9,683
Total Population Age 65 and Over	4,616
<i>Sources: US Census 2011-2015 ACS; US Census 2000 & 2010; ACS 2006-2010 Census</i>	

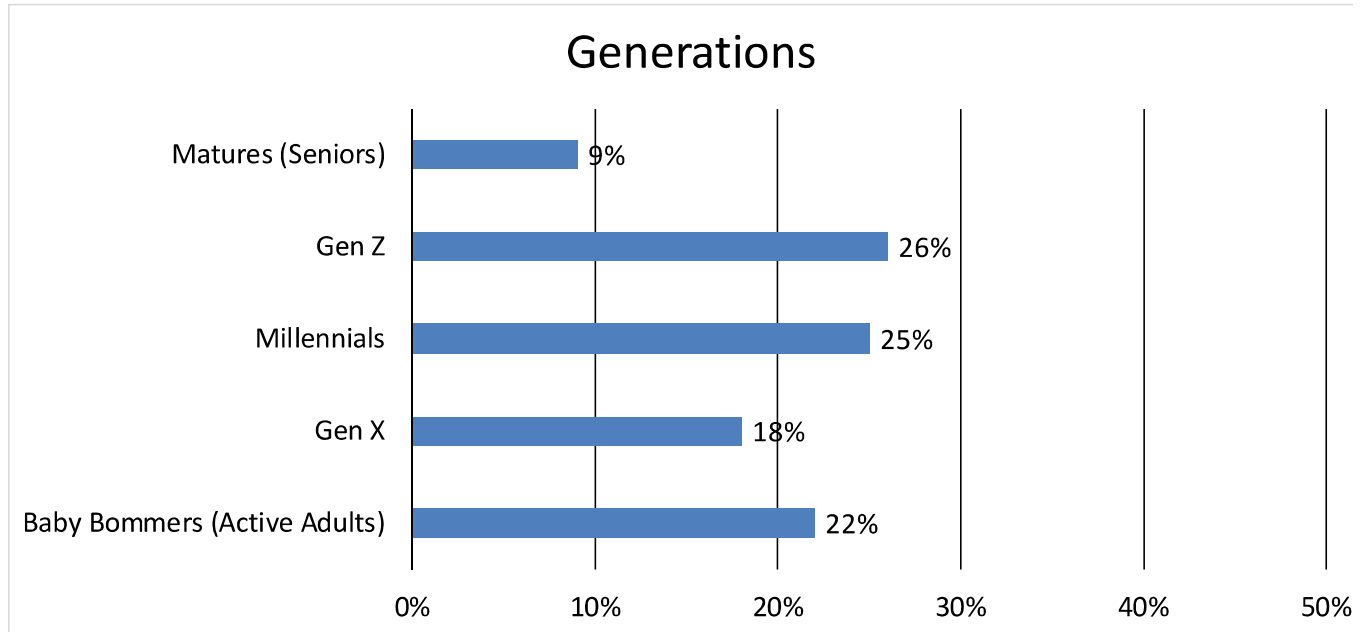
Age

The median age for the City of Beloit is 34.0 as compared to the statewide average of 39.4. The age distribution shows in terms of age distribution, that Beloit is a younger community in terms of age.



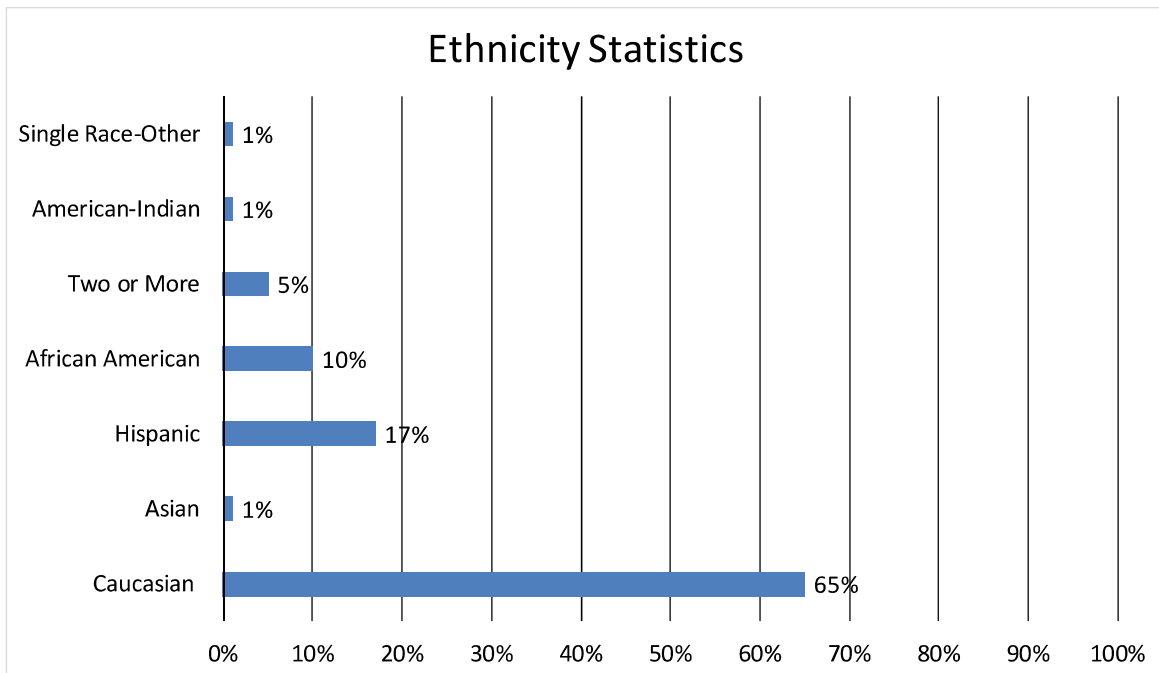
Generation

The largest percentage is Gen Z at 26% followed by an uneven distribution among the remaining generations.



Race/Ethnicity

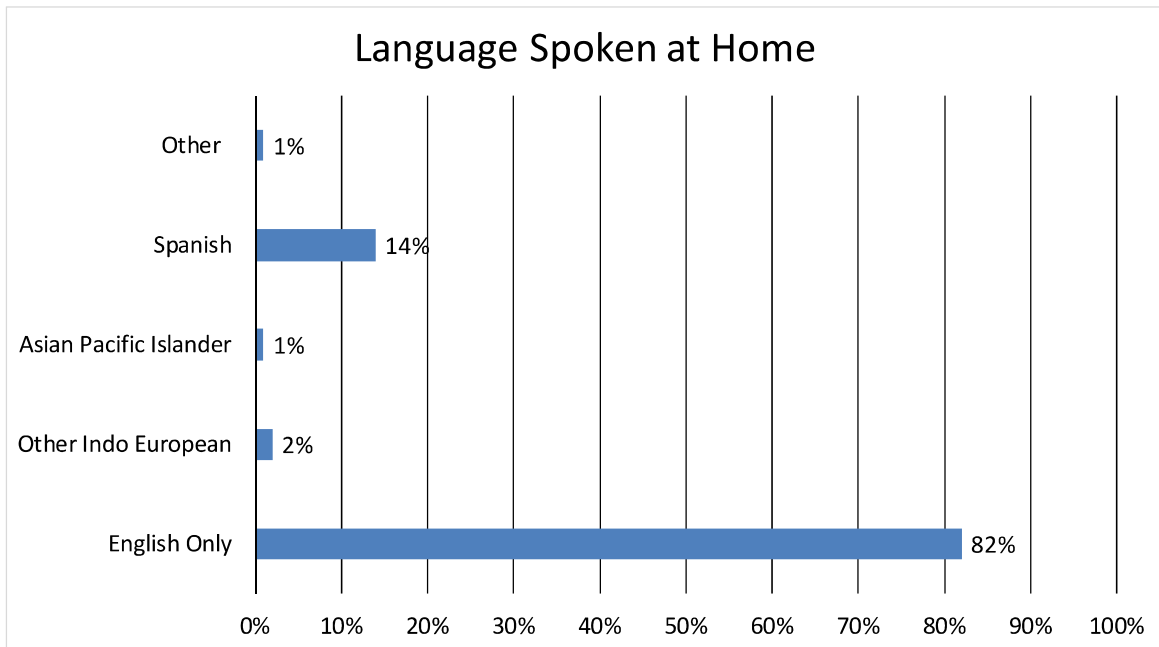
Overall, the largest race/ethnicity is Caucasian at 65% followed by Hispanic making up the second largest group at 17%.



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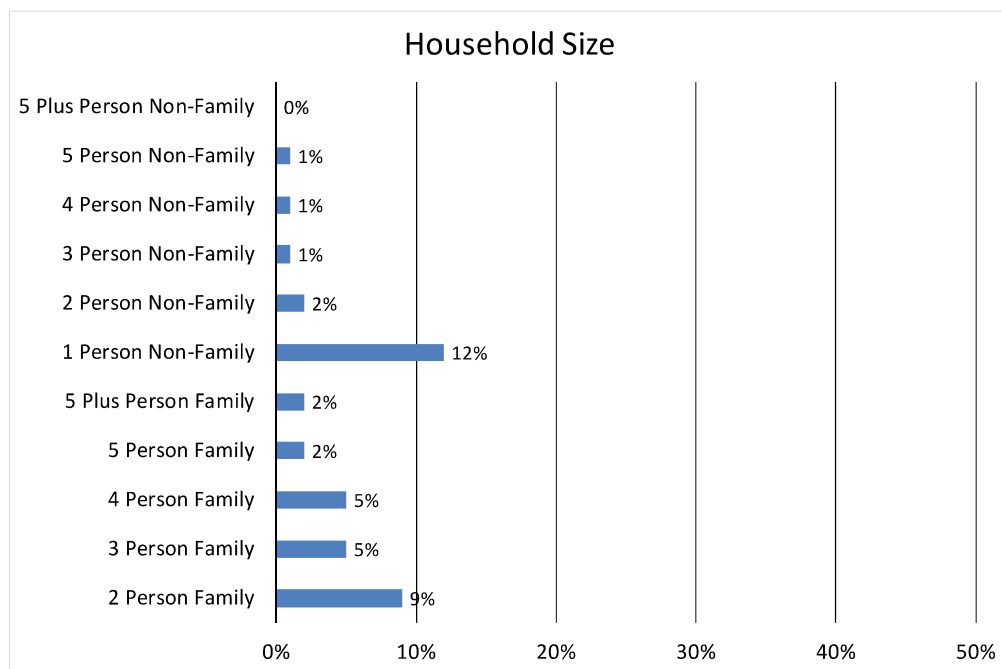
Languages Spoken

English is the primary language spoken at home.



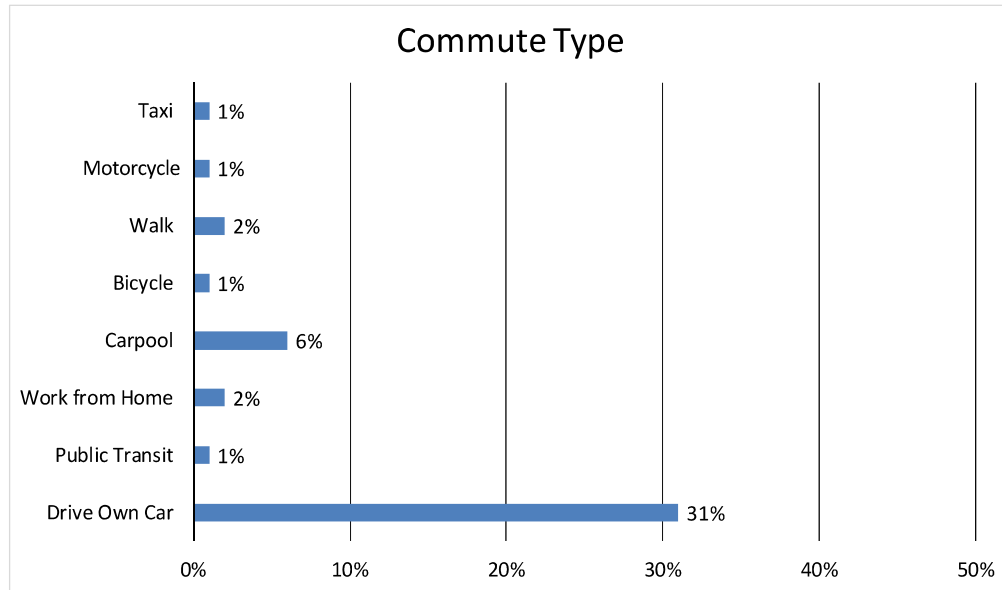
Households-Size

The City of Beloit is a community with the most common household size being 1 person non-family not having children, making up 12%. However when the family categories are added in total it shows that a total of 23% of Beloit households have children.



Commute Type

Overall, 31% of residences commute to work using their own car, followed by 6% relying on carpool services.



Income & Economics

The median income for the City of Beloit is \$40,073, while the per capita income is \$20,143. The top three industries within the City of Beloit are Manufacturing at 37%, construction at 10%, and retail at 9%.

Projections for Growth

The growth of a community is predicted by identifying previous demographic trends through data provided by the Census Bureau and other data collectors and determining that the upward or downward directions of economic factors will continue, considering intervening variables that may affect those trends. The projections for the next several years is mostly a stable demographic base with a flat trend in key areas of population and households.

Considering the service area of the City of Beloit Division of Parks and Recreation to be the City of Beloit and considering the most recent population estimates, the following table shows population estimates within the Division's service area.

	2000	2010	2020
Population	36,200	36,950	36,900
Household	13,600	13,800	14,000
Average Household Size	2.8	2.6	2.3

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Public Input Assessment & Findings

The master planning process has allowed for gainful opportunities for the public to provide input in the planning process. In addition, the Commission as well as the Division staff, who are vested stakeholders, had a chance to express their views into the future of the agency as well. The process concluded with a random sample resident survey administered by Public Research Group. All of this information that has been collected is being analyzed for insight into the future direction of the agency. The following is a summary of the main discussion areas.

Staff Visioning

The staff had several primary points of emphasis that centered on on-line registration opportunities, the development of a sports complex with a focus on soccer fields, the need for a single community center to replace the scattered, smaller arrangement of buildings for a singular recreation purpose, a direction for the outdoor pool, the general investment into infrastructure to renovate the parks in the coming years and finally a stronger partnership with the School District for better facilities access and increased school aged recreation participation. The three big ideas centered on school evaluation and use agreement, on-going completion of the Big Hill park improvements and recreation software.

Commission Visioning

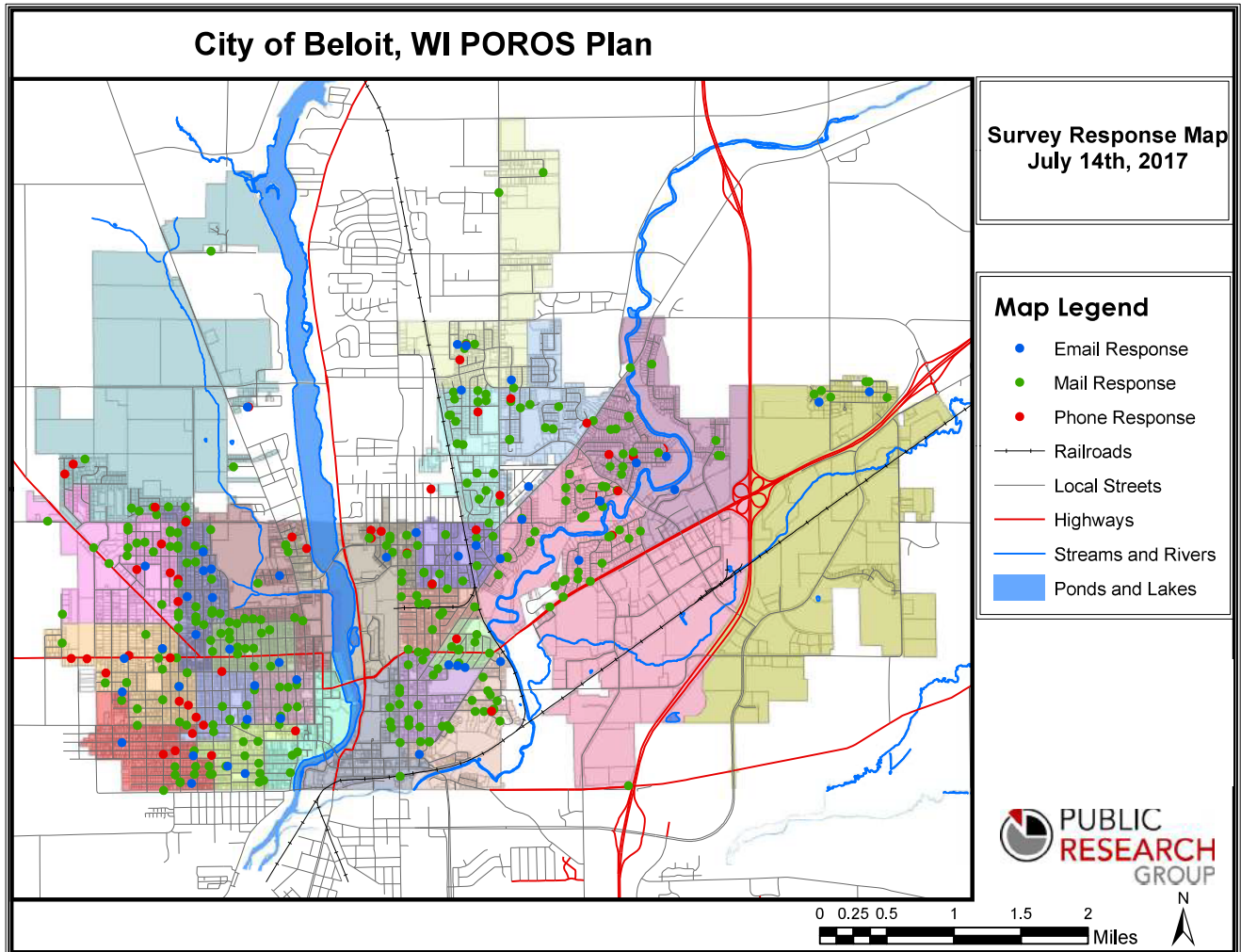
The Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Advisory Commission spent an evening discussing the future direction of Parks and Recreation Division within the City. The majority of the members felt that the Division was meeting the needs of the community, the parks and facilities are clean and safe, and that staff was effective doing their jobs. The Commission was evenly split about retiring older buildings by combining services into a central “lifestyle” center. The majority were supportive of user fees as a way to operate a community “lifestyle” center. All were in favor of strengthening the relationship with the School District by working together in creative ways to increase recreational services to both school age children as well as the general population of the community.

Public Input

A public meeting was held early in the planning process with minimal attendance. The primary comments centered on bike paths are well received and used and good distribution of parks within the community. The public transportation to the parks and facilities could be improved. Big Hill is an excellent addition to the park system with the ecosystem needs to continue to be improved.

Survey Data

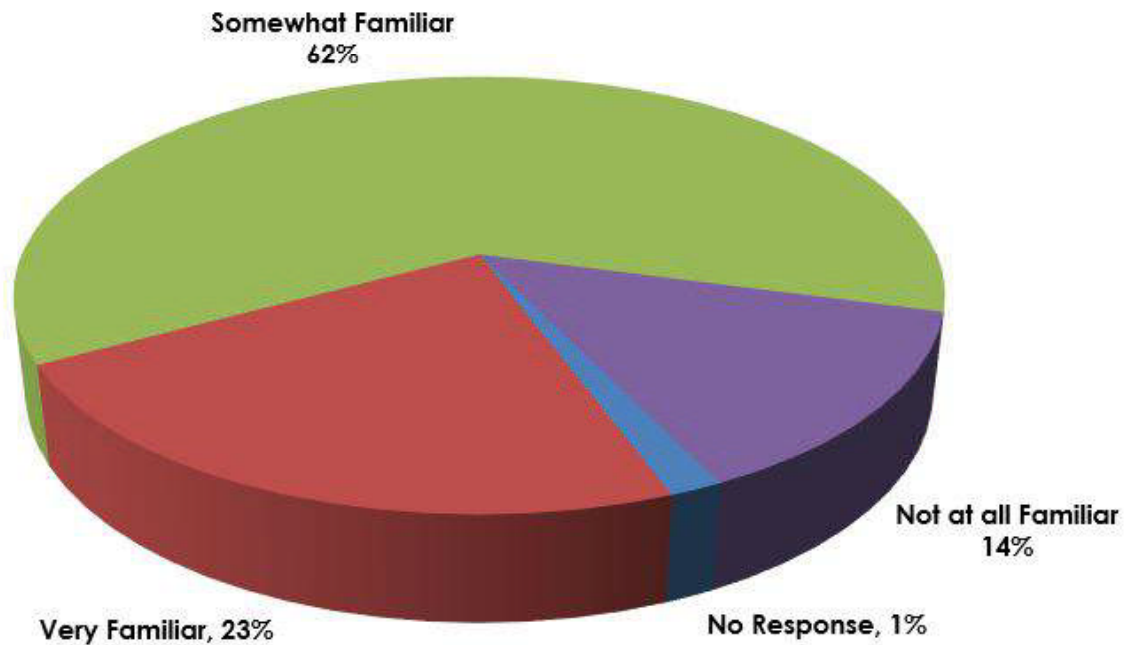
A total of 382 surveys have been received., with 48% through mail, 40% through phone and 13% through email. This provides a 95% confidence level with a +/- 5% confidence interval. The graphs in this section highlight the survey quantitative data collected. The map below shows the geographic distribution of survey responses within the City.



Question 1: How familiar are you with the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division?

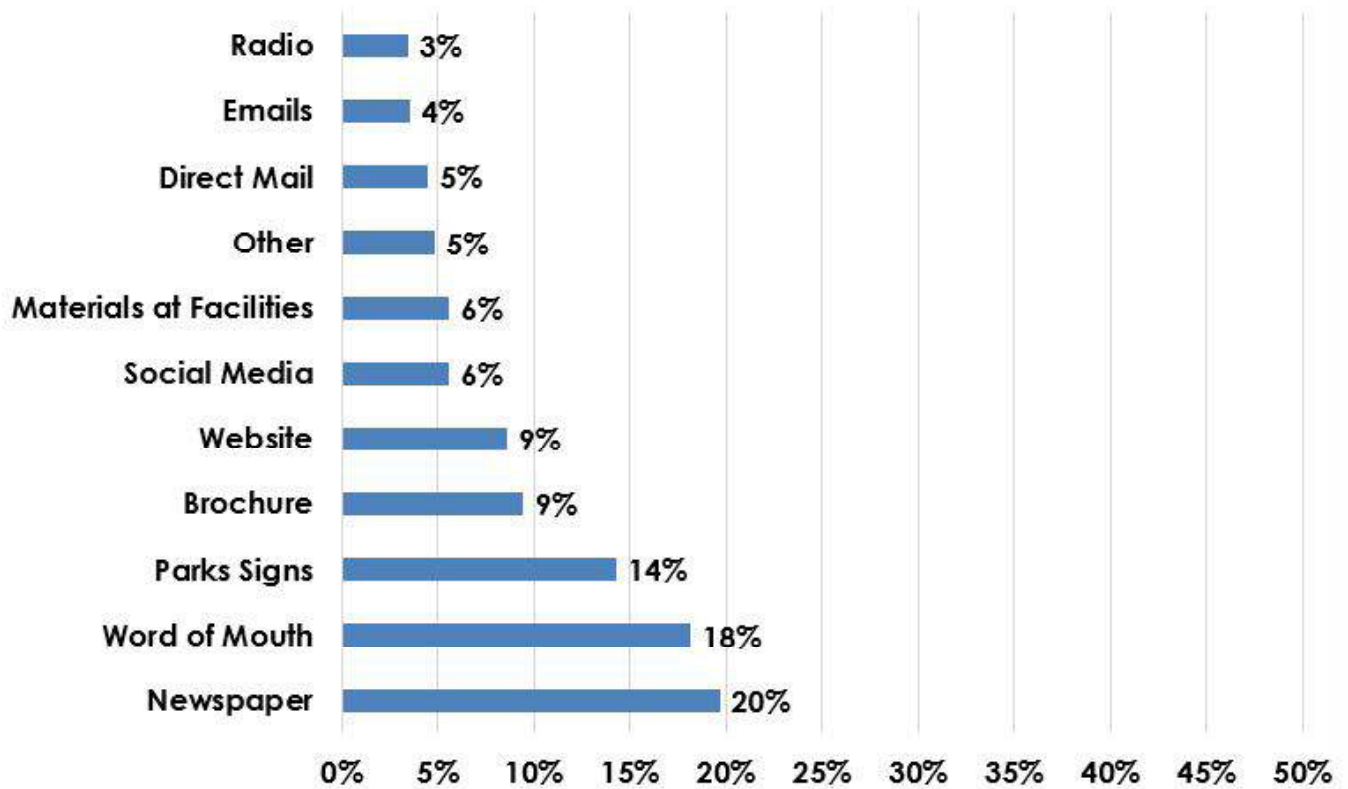
Survey responses that were very/somewhat familiar with the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division was at 85%, an 8% increase from the previous survey in 2011. People aren't very familiar with the Division as they were previously, but more are somewhat familiar than in 2011. A goal in this master plan would be increased marketing and exposure of the Division.

Q1. How familiar are you with the Beloit Parks and Leisure Services Division?



Question 2: How do you learn about the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division?

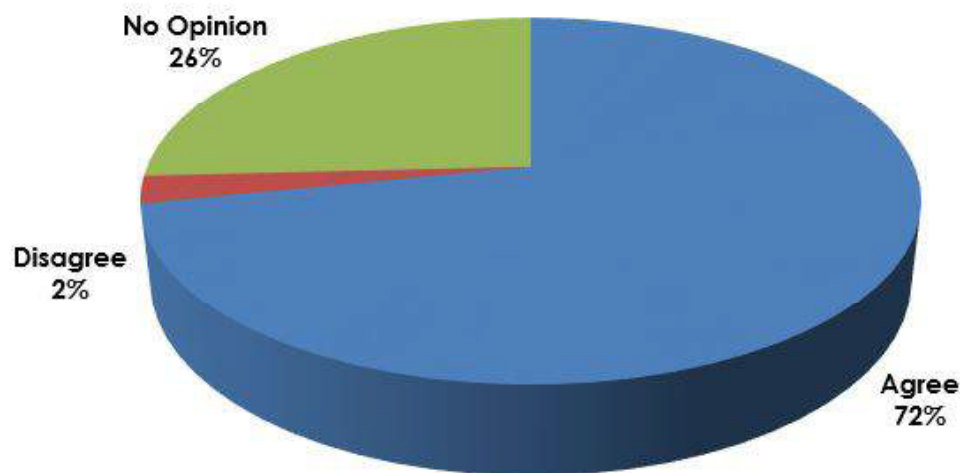
The top three information sources were newspaper at 20%, word of mouth at 18% and parks signs at 14%. (Responses to the option “Other” can be found in the Appendix.)

Q2. How do you learn about the Beloit Parks and Leisure Services Division?

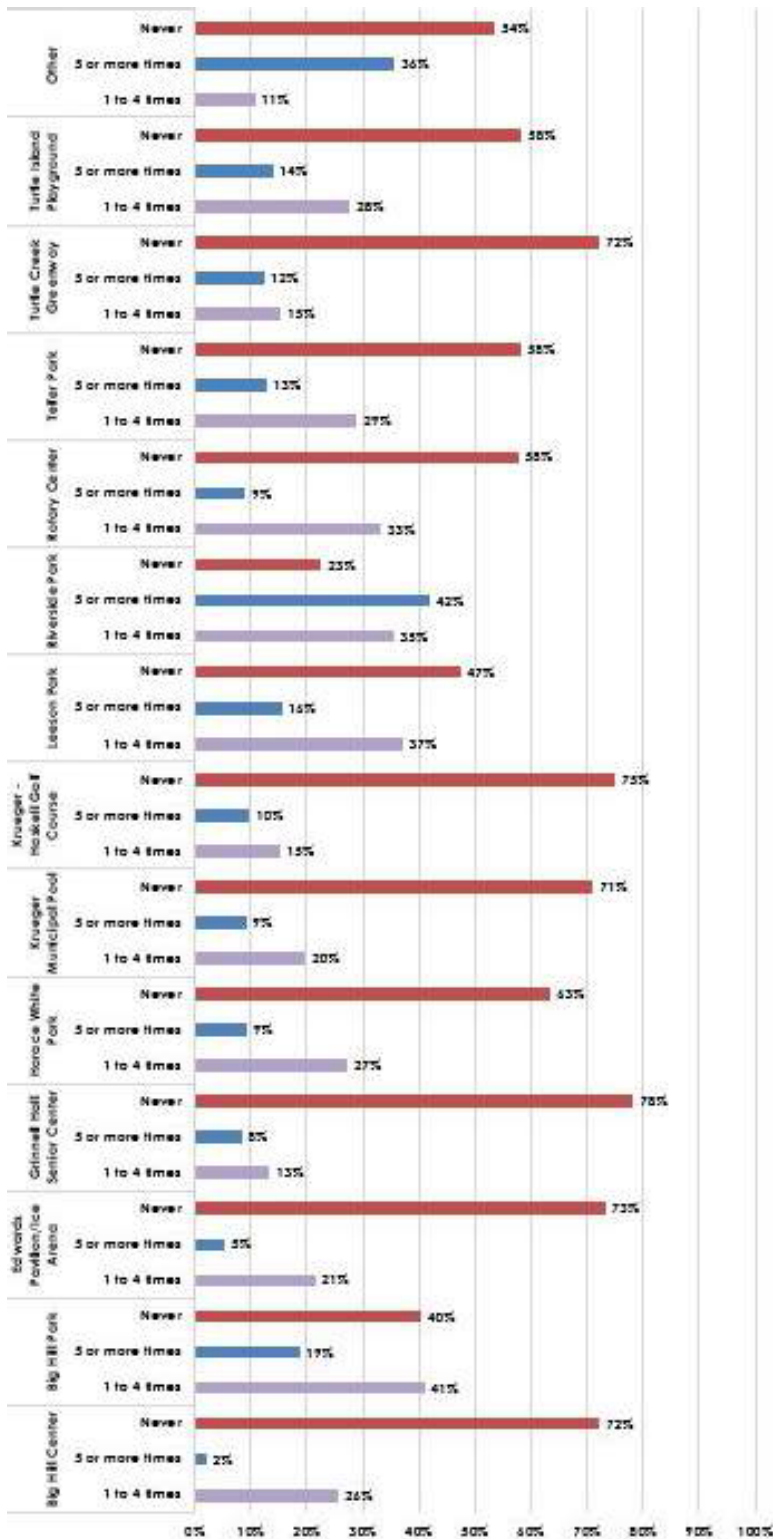
Question 3: Would you agree that the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division contributes to your quality of life?

In review of the survey responses, roughly 3 out of 4 agreed that Beloit Parks and Recreation Division contributes to their quality of life. A very small percent disagree while a 1/4 of respondents have no opinion on whether the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division contribute to their quality of life.

Q3. Would you agree that the Beloit Parks and Leisure Services Division contributes to your quality of life?

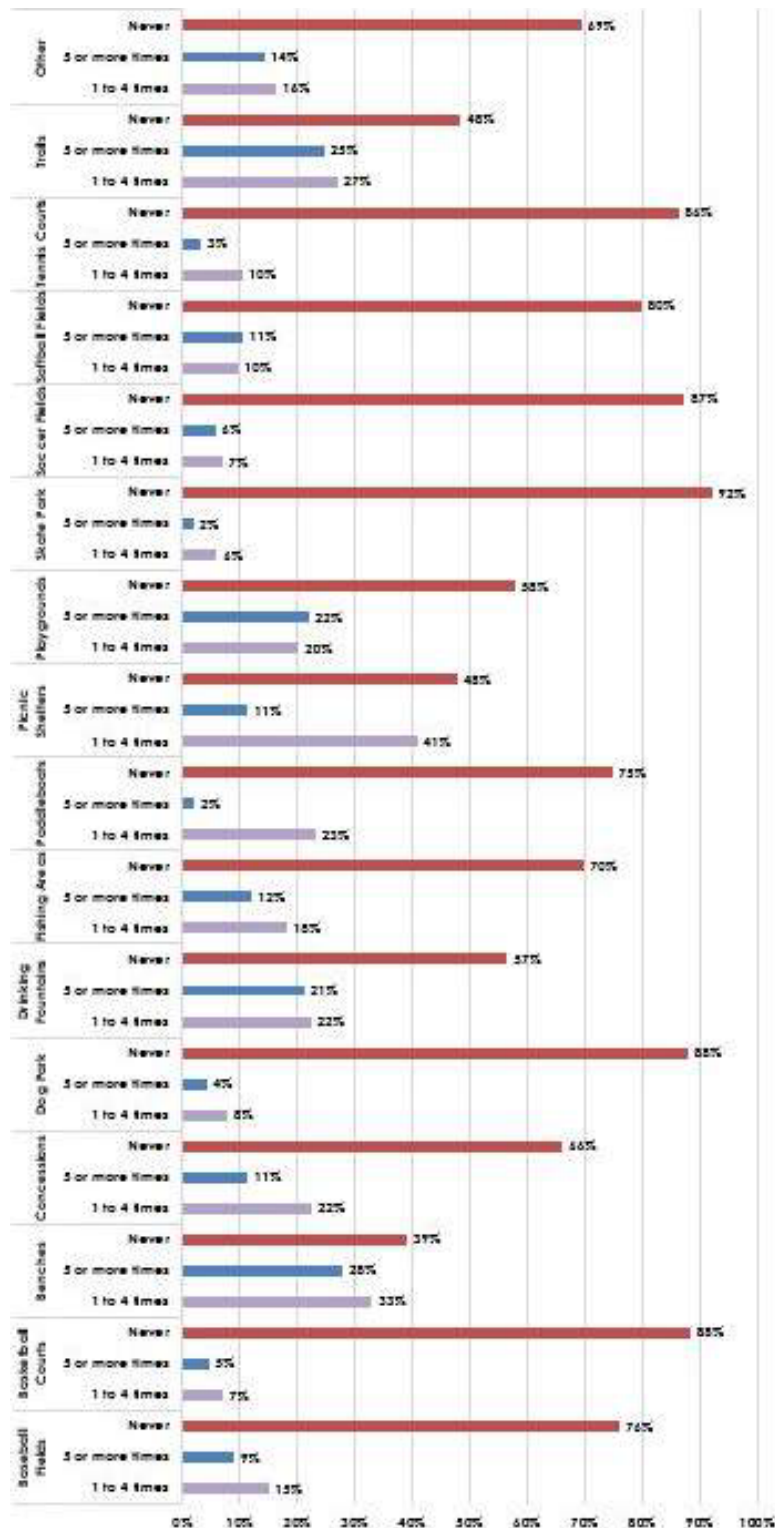


Question 4: How many times would you estimate you or other family members visited each of these locations?



In review of the survey responses, the most visited location are Riverside Park, Big Hill Park and Leeson Park. Least visited locations are Turtle Creek Greenway, Krueger-Haskell Golf Course, Krueger Municipal Pool, Grinnell Hall Senior Center, Edwards Pavilion/Ice Area, and Big Hill Center. Responses also show the high percentage of respondents who never visit these listed locations.

Question 5: How many times have you or other family members used the park amenities over the past 12 months?

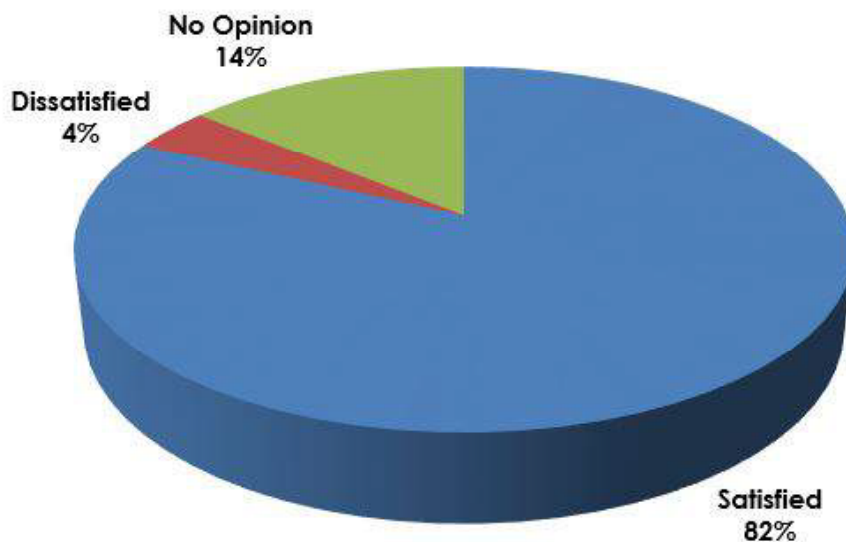


In review of the survey responses, the most commonly used park amenities over the past 12 months are trails, picnic tables, and benches. This may be due to the three being the most common amenities in parks. The least used park amenities over the past 12 months are tennis and basketball courts, softball and soccer fields, skate parks, and dog parks.

Question 6: How satisfied are you with the conditions and maintenance of the parks and facilities?

Survey respondents generally feel that the parks are well kept up and maintained.

Q6. How satisfied are you with the condition and maintenance of the parks and facilities?



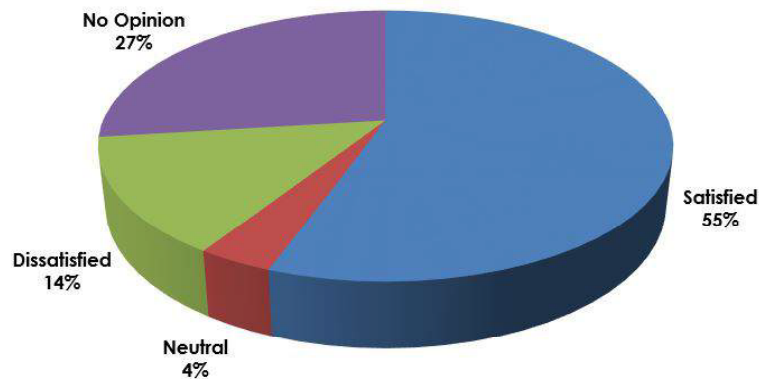
Question 7: If you would like to see improvements made to any Beloit Parks or Facilities, what would you like to see done? (Please be specific as possible)

All of the responses to this question can be found in the Appendix.

Question 8a: Rate your satisfaction with ease of registration for programs.

Respondents indicated that half of respondents find registration for programs easy, while roughly a quarter of respondents have no opinion on the matter.

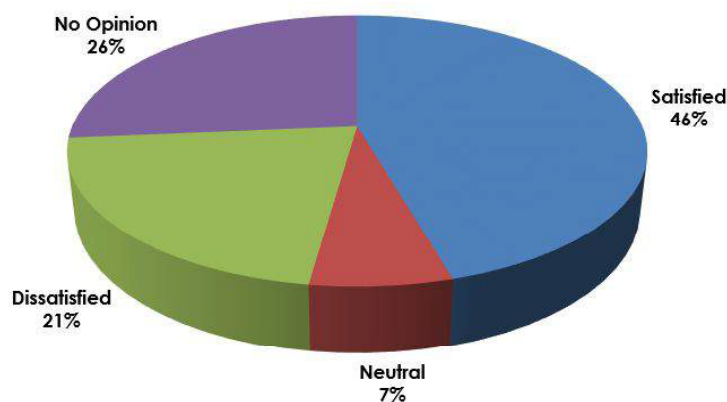
Q8a. Rate your satisfaction with ease of registration for programs



Question 8b: Rate your satisfaction with fees charged for facility rentals.

Respondents indicated that roughly half find the fees charged satisfactory, while the other half of respondents are dissatisfied with or have no opinion on rental fees.

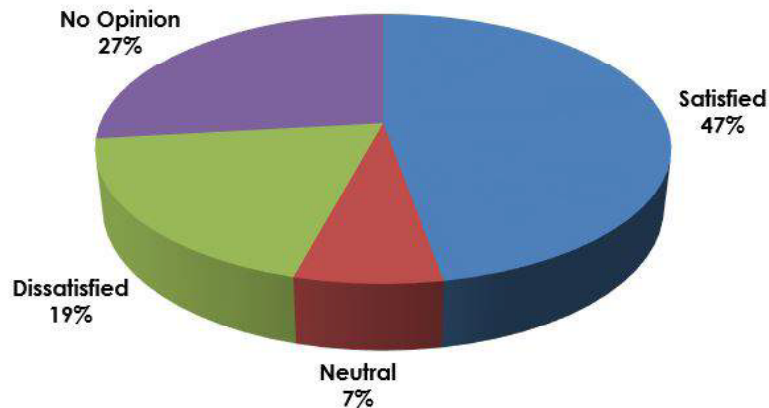
Q8b. Rate your satisfaction with fees charged for facility rentals



Question 8c: Rate your satisfaction with fees charged for programs.

Responses to the satisfaction with fees charged for programs are similar to the previous question, with half finding program fees reasonable while the other half are dissatisfied with program fees or have no opinion.

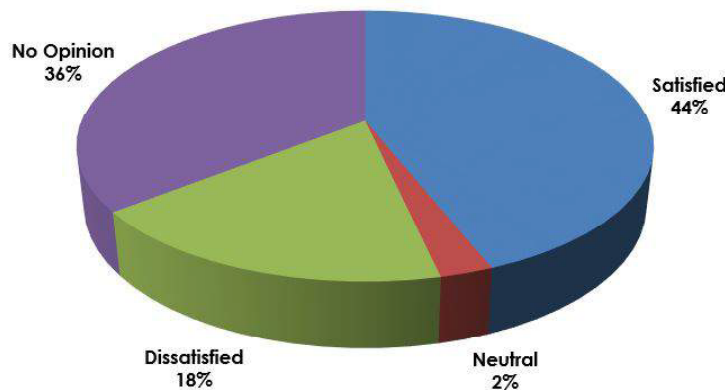
Q8c. Rate your satisfaction with fees charged for programs



Question 8d: Rate your satisfaction with quality of programs.

Respondents indicated that 44% are satisfied with the quality of the programs held at City of Beloit Parks, while 18% of respondents are dissatisfied.

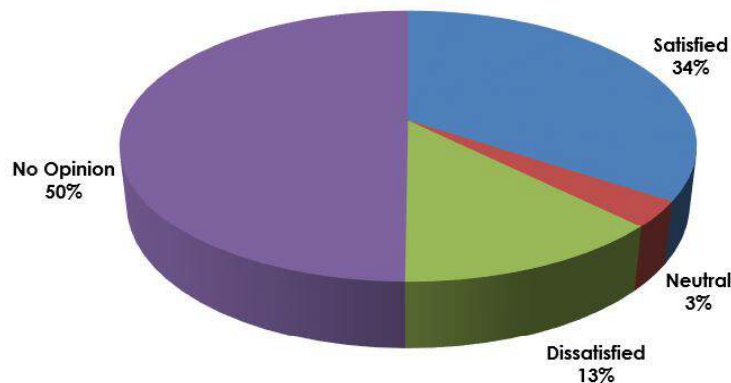
Q8d. Rate your satisfaction with quality of programs



Question 8e: Rate your satisfaction with quality of special events.

Half of respondents have no opinion on the quality of special event programs, compared to the 34% that were satisfied and 13% that were dissatisfied.

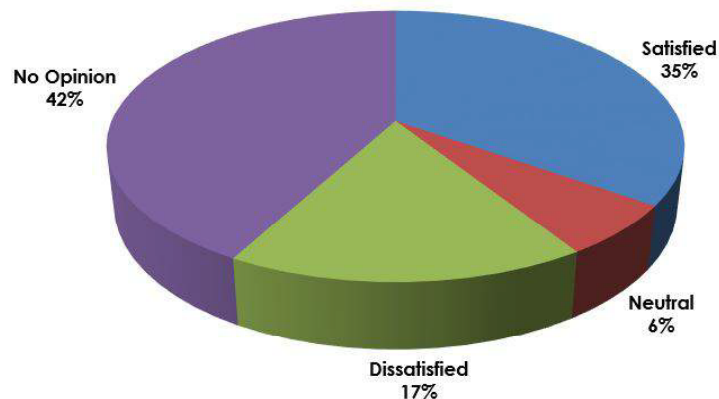
Q8e. Rate your satisfaction with quality of special events



Question 8f: Rate your satisfaction with variety of programs offered.

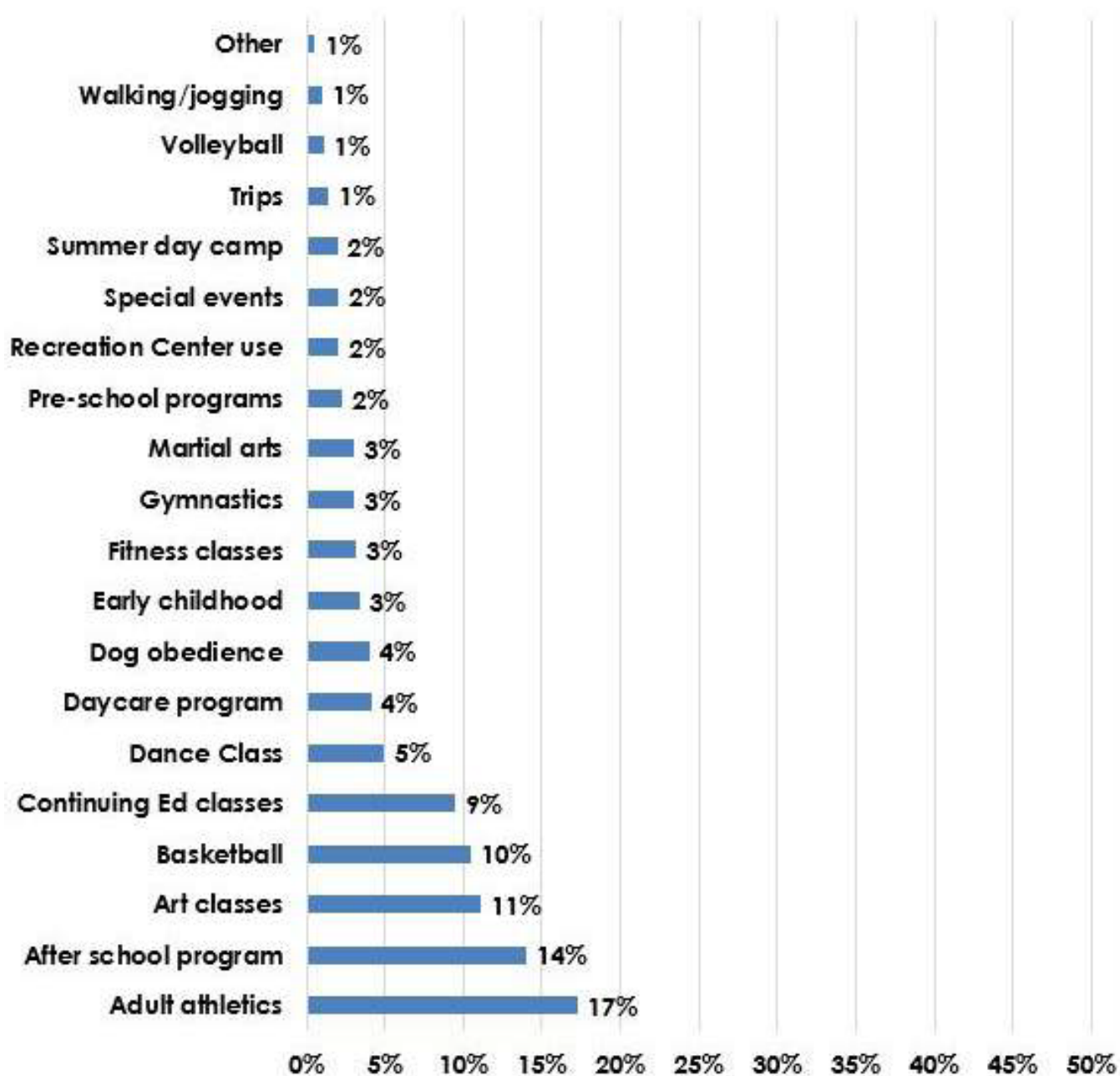
Respondents indicated that 42% have no opinion on the variety of programs offered, while 35% are satisfied with the variety.

Q8f. Rate your satisfaction with variety of programs offered



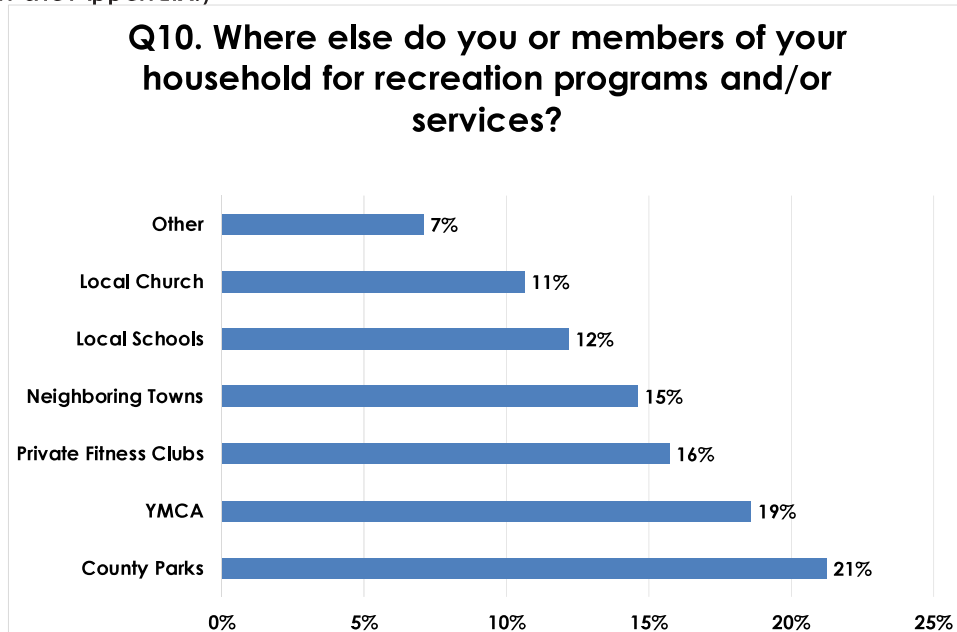
Question 9: Which of the recreation programs do you or other members of your household participate at the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division or elsewhere?

Respondents indicated Adult athletics, followed by After school program and finally Art classes were all commonly participated in. Responses to 'Other' can be found in the Appendix.



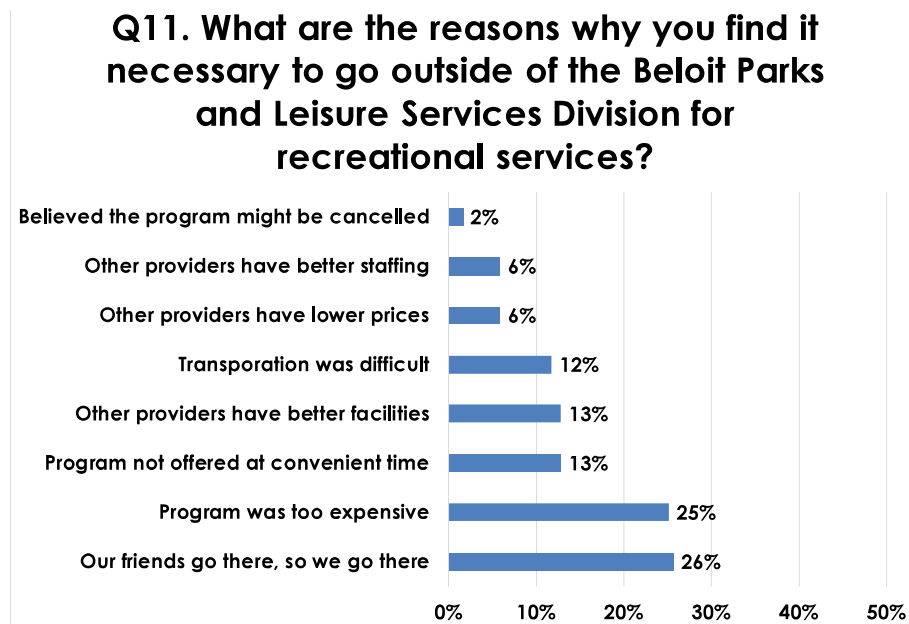
Question 10: Where else do you or members of your household ?

When asked what other recreation providers were used, County Parks was used most often, at 21%, followed by the YMCA at 19% and then Private fitness clubs at 16%. (Responses to the option “Other” can be found in the Appendix.)



Question 11: What are the reasons why you find it necessary to go outside of the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division for recreational services?

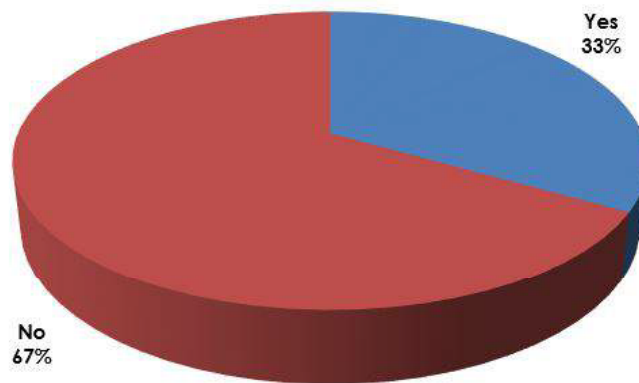
Survey respondents generally go elsewhere because their friends use recreational services outside of Beloit, along with the programs offered at Beloit Parks being too expensive.



Question 12: Have you or a member of your household ever played Krueger-Haskell Golf Course?

Respondents indicated a large percentage have not ever played at Krueger-Haskell Golf Course.

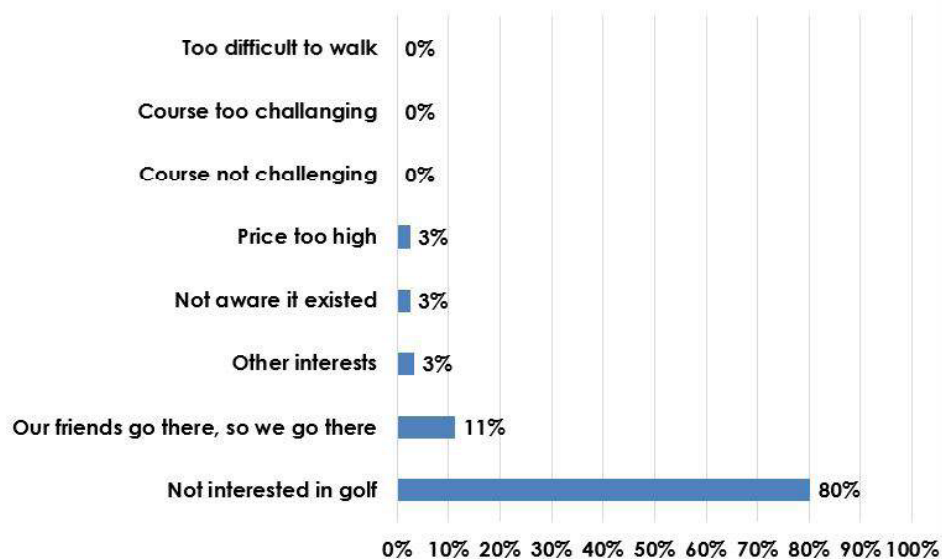
Q12. Have you or a member of your household ever played Krueger-Haskell Golf Course?



Question 12a: Why have you not played the Krueger-Haskell Golf Course?

Respondents that have not played the Krueger-Haskell Golf Course because they or a member of their household are not interested in golf.

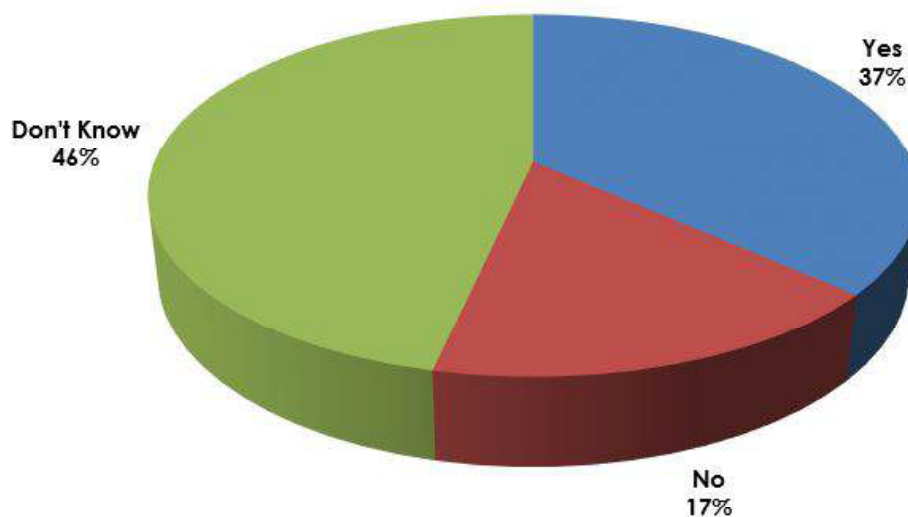
Q12a. Why have you not played the Krueger-Haskell Golf Course?



Question 13: Do you feel the City of Beloit should build and operate a future community recreation “life center” for all ages?

Roughly half of respondent are unsure with the building of a future community center.

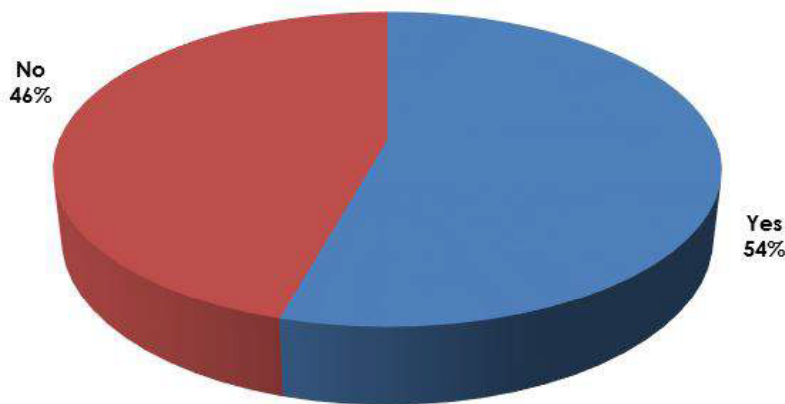
Q13. Do you feel the City of Beloit should build and operate a future community recreation "life center" for all ages?



Question 14: Have you or a member of your household used the Krueger Municipal Pool in the past 12 months?

More than half of respondents have used the Kruger Municipal Pool in the past 12 months.

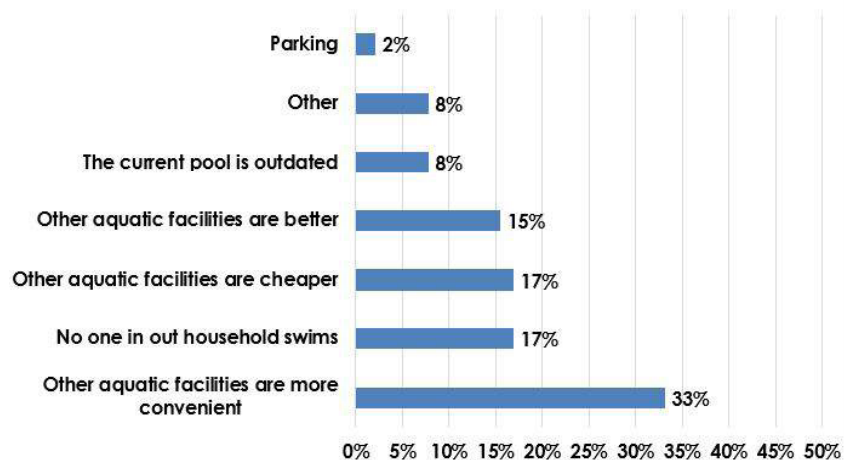
Q14. Have you or a member of your household used the Krueger Municipal Pool in the past 12 months?



Question 14a: What are the reasons you have not used the Krueger Municipal Pool in the past 12 months?

Based on response from the last question, those who have not used the Kruger Municipal Pool in the last 12 months due to the convenience of other aquatic facilities. (Responses to the option “Other” can be found in the Appendix.)

Q14a. What are the reasons you have not used the Krueger Municipal Pool in the past 12 months?



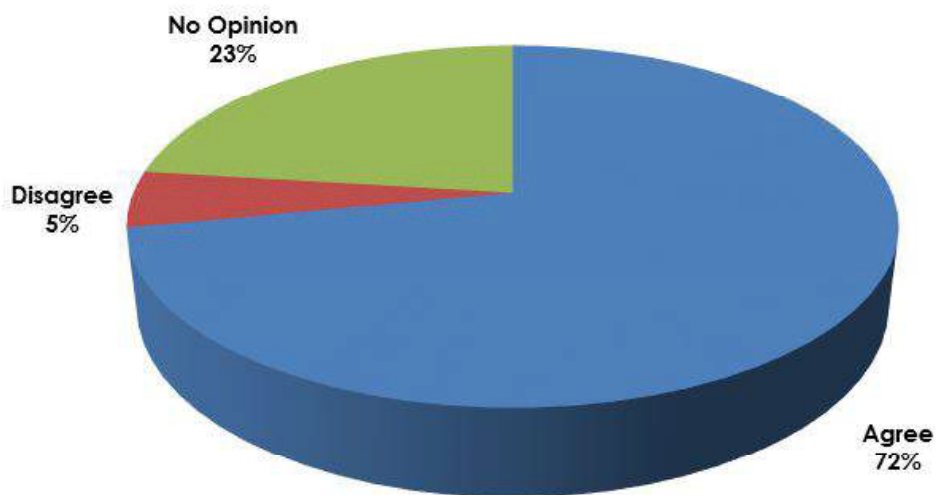
Question 15: If you used aquatic facilities other than the Krueger Municipal Pool last year, where did you go? (Please specify)

All of the responses to this question can be found in the Appendix.

Question 16: Would you agree the City of Beloit and School District of Beloit should work together to provide recreation opportunities for the community?

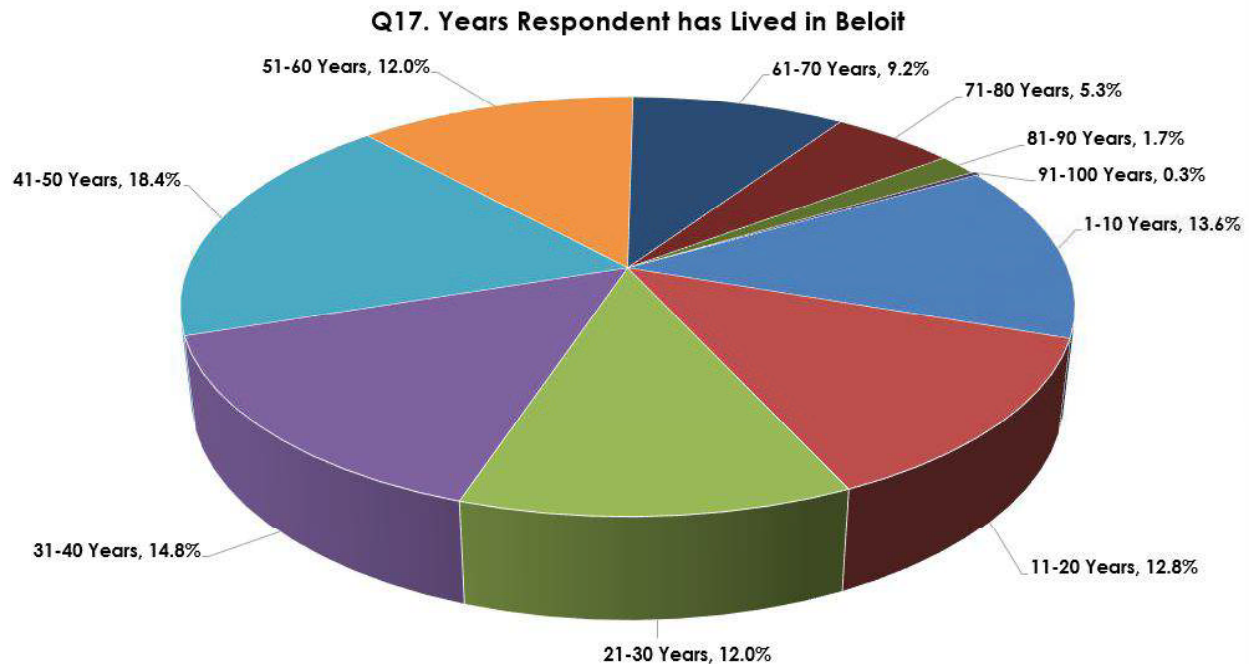
A total of 72% of respondents agree that the City of Beloit and School District of Beloit should work together to provide recreation opportunities for the community.

Q16. Would you agree the City of Beloit and School District of Beloit should work together to provide recreation opportunities for the community?



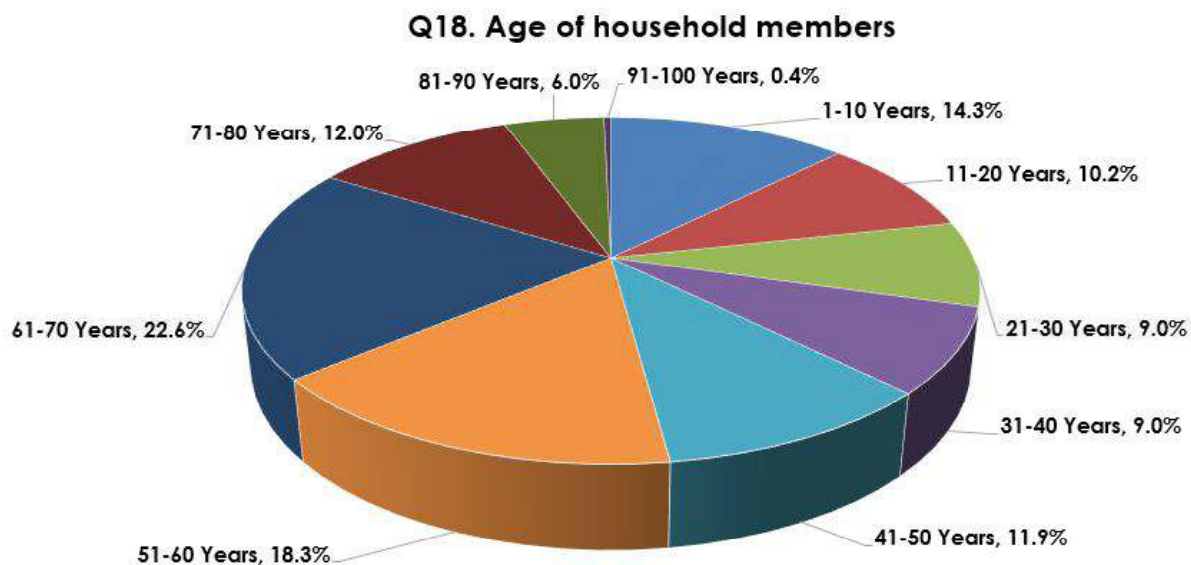
Question 17: How long have you lived in the City of Beloit?

The pie chart below illustrates the length of time survey respondents have lived in the City of Beloit.



Question 18: Beginning with yourself, what are the ages of the people living in your household?

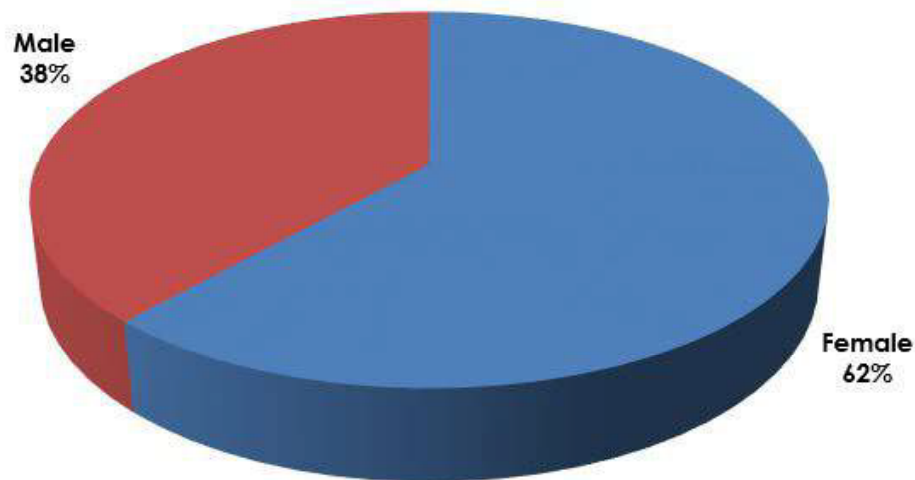
The pie chart below illustrates the ages of every member of the survey respondents' household including the respondent. This graphic is split into 10 year age ranges. The age ranges from the 2017 projections places the largest age category at 45 to 64 with 25% while the survey data places this age range at 22.6%.



Question 19: What is your gender?

The gender distribution according to available Census data is a slightly heavier female population at 52% to the male percentage at 48%. The survey respondents indicated a 62% female population sample. It is not unusual in leisure services research that survey respondents tend to be female more than male since females tend to be spokespersons of their households leisure activities.

Q19. What is your gender?



Question 20: Please tell us anything you would like us to know about your experiences with the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division.

All of the responses to this question can be found in the Appendix.

Conclusions

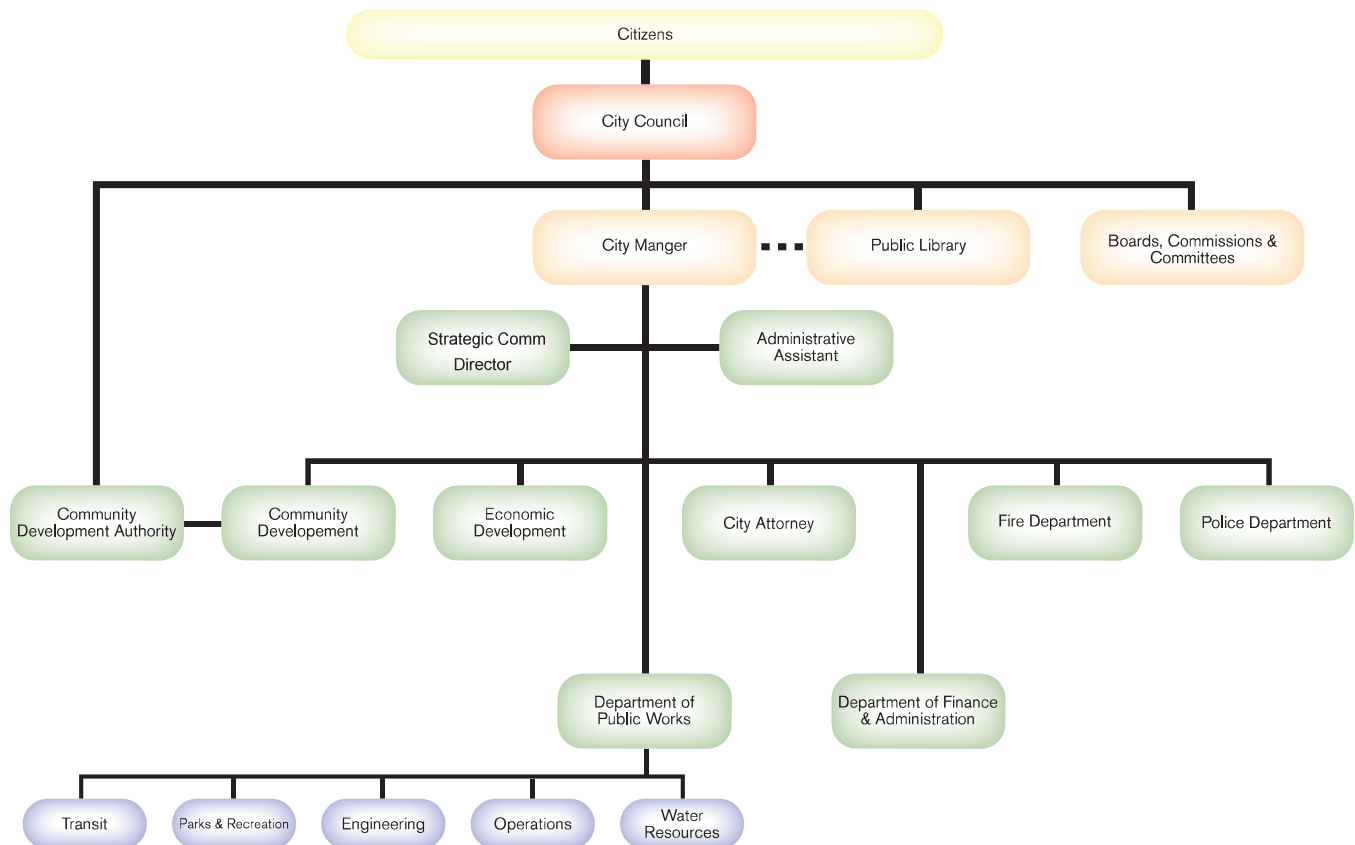
In review of the survey data obtained as well as other types of information gathered, a great deal of material has been generated from the public. It is clear that parks & recreation touches many lives within the community. In review of the data generated, themes have developed that will help lead the master plan into goals and objectives development. The following items are in response to this analysis;

- The Division should increase its visibility within the community to become a primary option for Parks and Recreation Division within Beloit.
- The Division has a strong link to contributing to the quality of life within the community.
- A primary way of learning about Parks and Recreation Division is through word of mouth. This has a strong correlation to the notion of why people go elsewhere as the top response was friends go there.
- Programs centered on an active lifestyle and special events. Programming registration and fees are of a concern and has also been brought up by Division staff. The Division should seek to expand its program offerings.
- A strong competitor is the county park system.
- The golf course has little play and should be evaluated for a shift in golf programming trends to increase play.
- The pool had strong use within the community and the current facility seems to be in the favor of users. The two primary reasons why residents don't use the pool are easier convenience and lower prices.
- The three parks & facilities that are used the most are Riverside Park, Big Hill Park and Leeson Park. Big Hill Park feels like a county park and has tremendous potential to keep growing in use by continually capital investment into the space.
- The three elements that are most used by the community are trails, playgrounds and benches.
- There is a positive start to the question to combine splintered core recreation faculties into a lifestyle center. The opportunity for the lifestyle center would go beyond leisure services with the potential for city services and resources available for residents who do not frequent downtown.
- There is a strong desire for the City and School District to forge stronger bonds and work together for both the youth as well as lifelong learners. The level of service analysis shows significant opportunities to develop playgrounds, basketball courts and athletic fields in a cooperative fashion both in terms of access and capital investment. (Think Boston Schoolyards)
- The notion of a large outdoor sports complex focusing on soccer and multi-purpose athletic fields is a constant conversation. The investment into a complex would not only help the Division with internal league development into new and growing sports but will also provide economic benefits from seasonal tournament play.

Chapter 3 - Current Parks & Recreation Program Environment

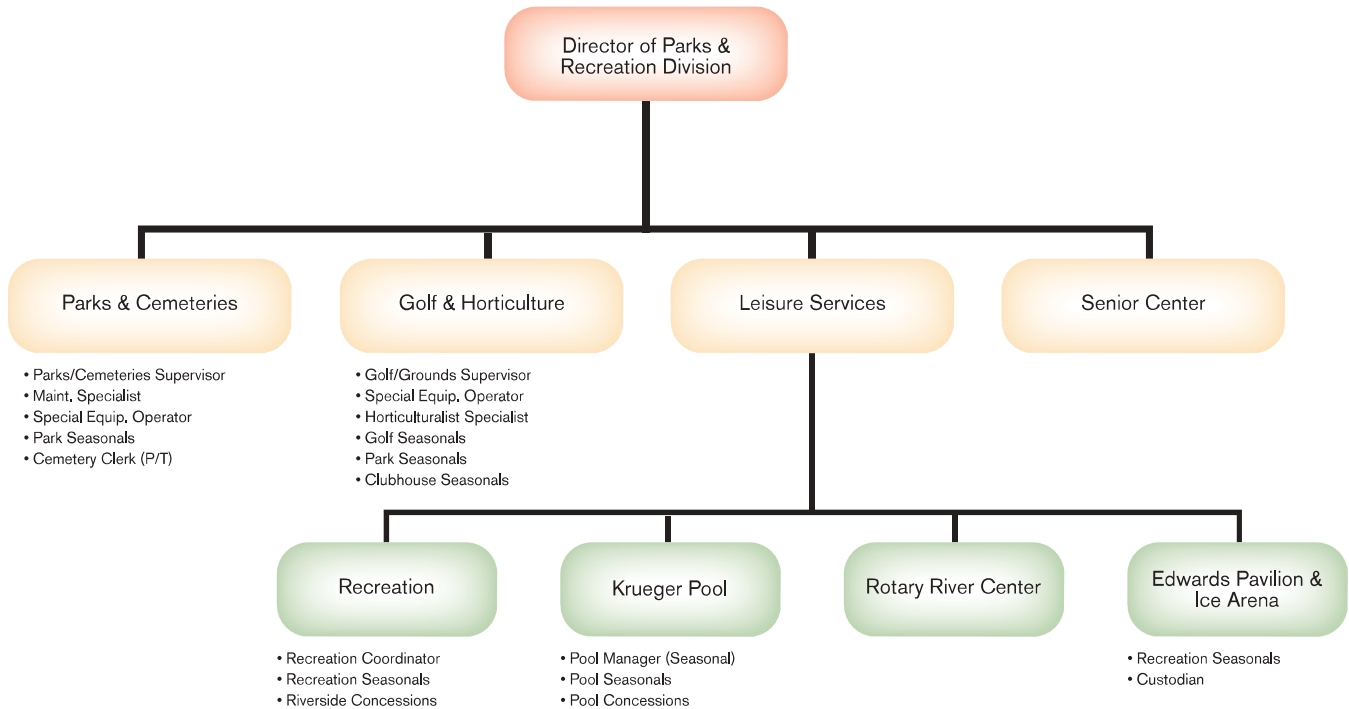
Administration & Operations

The Division of Parks and Recreation is a component of the Public Works Department of the City of Beloit. To help understand the organizational structure of the City, the organizational chart is illustrative.



The chart shows the citizens of the City of Beloit are at the top, served directly by the City Council. The City Manager and Boards, Commissions & Committees report to the Council. The Department of Public Works Director works reports to the City Manager and the Parks and Recreation Director reports to the Public Works Director.

The Division of Parks and Recreation has its own sub-organizational chart.



The chart shows the sub-divisions of the Division of Parks and Recreation, which combine parks and cemeteries into a Division, Golf and Horticulture into another. Leisure Services is a large subdivision with the Rotary River Center, Krueger Pool, Edwards Pavilion and Ice Arena as part of that subdivision. The Senior Center is its own subdivision.

The Park, Recreation, and Conservation Advisory Commission is one of the Commissions that are shown in the City's organization chart, without any lines of authority over the Division of Parks and Recreation. The Commission's responsibility is to hear reports from the Director and staff of the Division and advise the City Council about matters that affect the Division.

In many Wisconsin municipalities that provide parks and recreation services, the structure is that services are provided by a Department. As Departments, most municipalities have a Director or Superintendent of the Department answer directly to the city, village or town manager.

There is the occasional hybrid, such as Pleasant Prairie, where parks are provided by Public Works as a Division, but where recreation is provided by a separate Department. In those cases, there are two commissions, one dedicated to parks and the other to recreation.

Beloit is unique, not only that its recreation services are under the supervision of the Public Works Department, but also that it has chosen to name itself the Division of Parks and Recreation. Many universities, such as the University of Illinois, changed the names of their parks and recreation programs to leisure studies, but like most have changed the names of their programs back to something more generally understandable to the general population, such as recreation, sports and tourism. The Wisconsin university programs never stopped using the word recreation in their Department titles.

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Division Financials & Capital Funding

There are different schools of thought about how to fund parks and recreation services. For many communities, these investments do not provide a financial return on investment, but contribute to the quality of life for that community. However, some communities are seeking ways to increase revenue streams in appropriate areas in the area of parks and recreation. This new type of approach breaks with an older philosophy of significantly subsidizing parks and recreation, practical giving away these essential services. The primary issue with that approach is when budgets are tight, parks and recreation is a logical place to reduce budgets which reduces investments in capital and operational cuts in programs because they do not pull their weight in the budgeting process.

The following tables highlight the revenues and expenditures of the Division over the last year as well as the current budget year projections.

	2017 Budget	2017YTD 7/1/2017	2017 Estimate	2018 Proposed
Parks Operations	\$27,498	\$25,032	\$30,803	\$30,073
Recreation Operations	\$90,845	\$55,405	\$94,329	\$96,623
Krueger Pool	\$67,608	\$31,997	\$69,125	\$69,472
Grinnell Senior CTR	\$22,951	\$35,442	\$36,000	\$30,520
Rotary River Center	\$31,143	\$17,399	\$29,600	\$35,193
Edwards Ice Arena	\$94,278	\$61,705	\$91,475	\$91,819
Big Hill Park Center	\$31,524	\$23,616	\$35,104	\$36,000
Total Revenues	\$365,847	\$250,596	\$386,436	\$389,700

	2017 Budget	2017YTD 7/1/2017	2017 Estimate	2018 Proposed
Parks Operations	\$1,494,489	\$676,271	\$1,443,431	\$1,513,220
Recreation Operations	\$382,243	\$176,315	\$367,593	\$379,631
Krueger Pool	\$171,101	\$51,026	\$178,546	\$177,692
Grinnell Senior CTR	\$151,541	\$75,004	\$146,461	\$157,170
Rotary River Center	\$24,713	\$8,578	\$21,194	\$22,648
Edwards Ice Arena	\$121,120	\$54,490	\$113,831	\$119,817
Big Hill Park Center	\$26,024	\$11,174	\$31,646	\$31,399
Total Expenditures	\$2,371,231	\$1,052,858	\$2,302,702	\$2,401,577

In review of the financial data, the Division historically generates a small amount of revenue while the expenditures are significant. In the 2018 budget, the Division is forecasted to generate almost \$400,000 in revenues while spending nearly \$2.4 million. The numbers represent only a 16% cost recovery model which is very far away from a balanced revenue/expenditure cost recovery model that is becoming a standard operation procedure for many agencies.

In review of the capital improvement funding for the Division, the City of Beloit is projecting an investment of \$1.5 million in parks over the next 5 years. The 2018 citywide capital improvement budget is earmarked for \$19 million in expenditures. The Parks & Recreation Division is scheduled for \$221,000 in funding. There are financial resources available to the City of Beloit, in addition to its bonding authority, to make a series of capital investments identified in this plan. The question is what is the comfort level of the leadership within the City to increase the capital funding to renovate and modernize the current park system? The investment into the parks and facilities will yield opportunities to increase recreation programs, which if priced correctly, will increase revenue back into the budget. As mentioned earlier, the City has budgeted about \$1.5 million over the next 5 years in capital expenditures to be made for park improvements. That amount could be considerably larger.

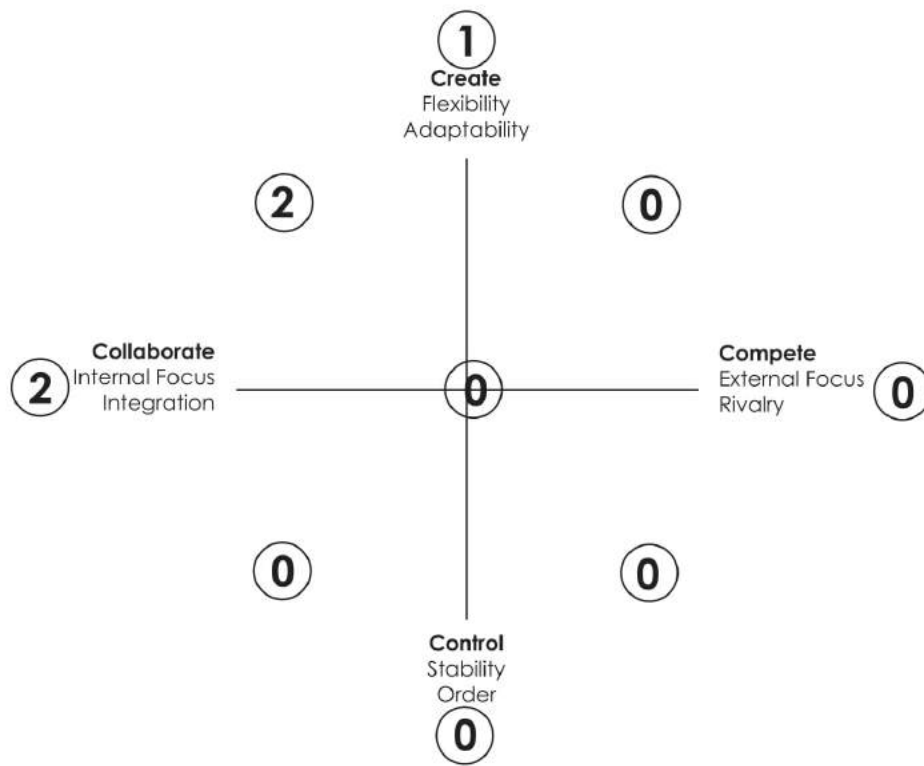
Parks and Recreation Division Culture

The culture of an organization is essentially the personality of the agency which is usually determined by its core mission and defined by the people that work for the organization. In order to provide insight into the Parks & Recreation Division culture, an organization culture meeting was held with Division staff and an important activity was completed. There are numerous theories about organization culture, but for our discussion, we narrowed our focus to 4 basic organizational culture types:

- Control (Hierarchy): Value standardization, control and well defined structure for authority and decision making
- Compete (Market): Value effective external relationships over internal integration
- Collaborate (Clan): Value flexibility, discretion and cohesion
- Create (Adhocracy): Value flexibility, adaptability and thrive in chaos

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In mapping out the organizational culture, each participant was able to complete the exercise, and then an average was taken. The graphic below illustrates the results. The average of all the results is a shift towards creativity and collaboration and away from a controlling or competitive culture.



Peer Agency Comparison

A logical agency to review and to possibly draw comparisons to the City of Beloit is its neighbor to the north in the City of Janesville. It has separated its previous Parks & Recreation Department into a Recreation Division under the Neighborhood & Community Services Department and the Parks Division under Public Works.

Parks Division Comparable Data Table

	Population	Park Acreage	Number of Playgrounds	Number of Soccer Games	Number of FT Employees	Number of Seasonal Employees	2018 Budget	Maintenance Cost per Acre
Beloit	37,000	925	25	NA	8	6.5	\$1,513,220	\$1,635
Janesville	63,000	2,595	43	130	16	12	\$1,552,305	\$598

A key question to ask in reviewing the data is why does it cost the City of Beloit nearly 3 times to maintain an acre of park space as compared to the City of Janesville?

The recreation program review highlights a significant difference between the two communities. The City of Janesville also has a YMCA within the town and operates its recreation services in parks, schools, a softball complex, two pools, a splash pad, a beach, ice arena and a Senior Center. The City of Janesville also has a comparable median income of \$49,372 as compared to Beloit at \$40,073. This information shows the need for the City of Beloit to expand its recreation presence in the community and become a primary option for programming in Beloit.

Recreation Division Comparable Data Table

	Population	Number of Adult Program Participants (2016)	Number of Youth Program Participants (2016)	Number of Aquatic Program Participants (2016)	Number of FT Employees	Number of Seasonal Employees	2018 Budget	Program Cost per Person
Beloit	37,000	192	969	14,966	3	5.6	\$379,651	\$10.26
Janesville	63,000	42,142	15,691	57,547 (3 aquatic facilities)	7	125	\$528,170	\$8.38

In review of the data above, the City of Beloit is keeping its costs in line with Janesville, but the staffing levels and programming participation shows a wide separation in services offered with only a doubling of the total population among the two.

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Programs & Leisure Services

The City of Beloit has a current population of approximately 37,000 residents. The Leisure Services (aka Recreation) Division also offers recreation services for other smaller communities that surround the city. The hallmark of any agency centers on successful leisure services. One of its primary focuses is to offer core recreation program offerings providing the needed leisure service outlets for the community.

This Division has been operating without significant operation data or a detailed recreation plan, but through an informal analysis of its programs, has identified that sports leagues rentals are very popular as well as camps and swimming classes. The need to improve participation rates for residents is a primary goal of this plan. Furthermore, one reason that the numbers might be low is the demographics of the communities it serves is changing. The need for diversified programming should be considered as a way to possibly increase participation.

To understand the Recreation Division in more detail, a basic program analysis was completed. In general, the overall recreation programming numbers from FY 2014, 2015 and 2016 were reviewed. The following table shows the comparison for the specified operations for participation rates only.

Description	2016	# of participants 2016	2015	# of participants 2015	2014	#of participants 2014	Demand
Dirty Dash	\$14,717.00	461	\$11,036.75	347	na	na	Increase
Jr. Golf Program/ Tournament	\$1,582.00	61	\$2,007.00	73	\$1,365.00	73	Decrease
Rec Card	\$590.00	112	\$482.00	91	\$832.00	180	Increase
Tennis Lessons	\$382.20	10	\$976.40	25	\$234.00	7	Decrease
WPRA (# of transactions not participants)	\$346.61	155	\$419.50	161	\$300.00	140	Decrease
Big Hill Day Camp	\$12,123.65	76	\$8,422.75	66	\$8,481.00	61	Increase
Picnic Kits	\$100.00	4	\$75.00	3	\$63.00	2	Increase
Adult Basketball & 3 Point Competition	\$3,466.35	13 Teams	\$862.55	3 Teams	\$1,398.10	5 Teams	Increase
Adult Volleyball	\$14,062.04	74	\$12,618.54	66	\$14,604.04	76	Increase
Adult Softball	\$10,862.54	27	\$13,318.46	33	\$15,322.47	38	Decrease
Lagoon and Concessions	\$21,492.61	na	\$21,460.78	na	\$23,771.60	na	na
Camps & Clinics (pickleball, wiffleball, Packer, soccer, Wacky Wednesdays, tournaments)	\$4,143.90	94	\$5,348.00	109	\$3,127.50	97	Decrease

Description	2016	# of participants 2016	2015	# of participants 2015	2014	#of participants 2014	Momentum
Punt, Pass, & Kick (free event)	free	30	Free	60	Free	45	Decrease
Touch a Truck (free event)	free	180	Free	250	Free	300	Decrease
Fishing (free event)	free	55	Free	50	Free	60	Decrease
Family Movie Night (free event)	free	280	Free	550	Free	na	Decrease
Summer Park Program (free event)	free	3250	Free	3250	Free	3000	Increase

The primary reasons for a lack of participation listed from the survey results were social influences (friends go there), and the cost of programs. It is hard to compete with organizations that offer programs that are free or paid through a basic membership.

In review of 2005-2010 SCORP, it highlights that snow and ice-based activities had a 5% change. Land resource-based activities decreased 5% while water resource-based activities increased at 2%.

The following participation rates were shown to have a projection of increasing demand. These included;

- Adventure racing
- Driving for pleasure
- Developed/RV camping
- Kayaking
- Visit a dog park
- Soccer outdoors
- BMX biking
- Climbing
- Stand up paddling/paddleboarding
- Triathlon (on- and off-road)
- Off-highway vehicle driving
- Gardening or landscape for pleasure

The following participation rates were shown to have a projection of stable demand. These included;

- Walking for pleasure
- Running or jogging
- Water parks
- Motorboating
- Day hiking
- Golf
- Tent camping
- Snowboarding
- Trail running
- View/photograph wildlife
- Bicycling (road and non-paved)
- Snowshoeing

The following participation rates were shown to have a projection of decreasing demand. These included;

- Hunting
- Incline skating
- Skateboarding/skate parks
- Horseback riding on trails
- Softball
- Downhill skiing

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Standards Development

The City of Beloit has an adequate park system in place for the size of the community. The city's population is currently 36,858. The city has 297 acres in the current park system. This equals 8 acres per 1,000 agency residents. In review of the previous Parks & Open Space Plan, the city's local minimum standard for park acreage is 13 acres per 1,000 persons. Our combined analysis from the thorough input process would state that the basic outdoor needs in terms of space of the community are being met and that minimal additional parkland is recommended to be added in the next five years. Since growth has slowed nationwide over the past years, the emphasis on park and open space planning has not been on acquire new open space, but in how to make existing spaces better for residents to use and expand recreational programming.

In general, park and recreation agencies have three basic components; 1) recreational offerings, 2) capital plan development, and 3) parks maintenance. The lack of modern and convenient facilities within the City, other than those of the Riverfront, has created a void in providing the recreational programs needed and in some regards, expected by the community. Furthermore, the maintenance responsibility has seen limited dollars spent on improving the operations for the upkeep of the city's land holdings. However, the parks are maintained in an above average condition which is a testament to the dedication of the parks department. It is our goal to increase resident participation in recreation and advance capital spending for improvements across the community. This chapter will address both the parks and recreation programming as found today.

The agency currently has a total of 50 parks plus a greenway trail network for recreational use. It also has an outdoor swimming pool, ice arena, 18 hole golf course and a senior center. In order to develop goals and objectives to meet the future recreational requirements of the City of Beloit, it is important to study the existing parks and facilities. An inventory and analysis provides the framework for reinvestment into the spaces and the need to continue to improve the park spaces for future enjoyment. It is the essential first step to determine the constraining forces which will affect the overall park system.

The parks in the inventory were classified into different groups. The Park System Level of Service is included in this section which illustrates these classifications and the service radius they cover inside the city. Each of the parks contains a budget breakdown to list each park improvement with a realistic construction cost to upgrade the quality level of the existing park spaces that can be found in Chapter 5.

A good plan should take in account a review of the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). For the purpose of this study, we will review the 2011-2016 edition. It was found in the SCORP that state residents typically prefer natural settings over developed park spaces. The City of Beloit park system has many natural areas, such as Big Hill Park, that reflect this preference.

Goals, objectives and recommendations presented in this plan will generally reflect resident's needs for programs and facilities that support the participation rates found in the SCORP.

Park & Recreation Standards

In order to help guide the park planning process, it is important to identify a set of minimum standards for park and recreational facilities that can serve as a benchmark for evaluating the adequacy of the park system. Such standards enable a community to quantitatively measure how well its existing facilities are meeting the needs of residents as compared with other communities and to plan for future facilities based on projected population growth.

Pocket Parks:

General Description: These parks offer specialized facilities that serve a centralized or limited population or specific group such as young children or senior citizens.

Service Area: Less than 1/4 mile service radius

Desirable Size: 1 acre or less

Local Recommendations (Acres per 1,000 Population): 0.20 to 0.25

Basic Facilities & Activities:

- Playground equipment and structures for pre-school and elementary school age children
- Plaza and seating areas that allow surveillance by parents
- Shelter or Shade Structure to offer relief from the Sun
- Landscaping that provide buffers from adjacent uses and shade
- Security lighting

Neighborhood Parks:

General Description: These parks are designed specifically to accommodate residents living within the immediately surrounding area. They are often characterized by active recreational facilities such as play equipment and basketball courts, but should also incorporate some passive recreational areas for picnicking and nature observation.

Service Area: 1 mile service radius

Desirable Size: 1 to 10 acres

Local Recommendations (Acres per 1,000 Population): 1.5 to 2.5

Basic Facilities & Activities:

- Active recreational activities, such as ballfields, basketball courts, tennis courts and playgrounds
- Passive recreational areas, such as seating areas and picnic shelters
- Picnic shelters
- Security lighting
- Parking lots in larger parks

Community Parks:

General Description: Community parks are intermediate in size and are able to accommodate visitors from the surrounding community and multiple neighborhoods. These parks focus on both the developed active recreational activities as well as the natural passive use areas.

Service Area: 2 mile service radius

Desirable Size: 10 to 50 acres

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Local Recommendations (Acres per 1,000 Population): 4 to 6

Basic Facilities & Activities:

- Active recreational facilities such as swimming, skating, walking/biking trails, ballfields, soccer/football fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts etc.
- Passive recreation facilities such as seating areas, picnic areas, walking/biking trails, native landscape restorations areas and nature education areas.
- Buildings for shelter, storage and restroom facilities.
- Facilities for outdoor concerts or gathering spaces.
- Community/Fitness centers
- Lighting for security
- Adequate amount of parking within the park to accommodate users of the park.

Regional Parks:

General Description: Regional parks are large areas of natural or ornamental quality for outdoor recreation and are able to accommodate visitors from the region. These parks focus on both the developed active recreational activities as well as the natural passive use areas.

Service Area: 5 mile service radius

Desirable Size: 50 acres or larger

Local Recommendations (Acres per 1,000 Population): 4 to 6

Basic Facilities & Activities:

- Active recreational facilities such as swimming, skating, walking/biking trails, ballfields, soccer/football fields, sports complexes, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts etc.
- Passive recreation facilities such as seating areas, picnic areas, walking/biking trails, native landscape restorations areas and nature education areas.
- Buildings for shelter, storage and restroom facilities.
- Facilities for outdoor concerts or gathering spaces.
- Community/Fitness centers
- Lighting for security
- Adequate amount of parking within the park to accommodate users of the park.

Special Use Parks & Natural Areas:

General Description: Areas of open space that can not be measured by a quantifiable standard because of their unique and diverse contributions to the community. Special Use Parks & Natural Areas enhance an overall park and open space system by maintaining and improving the community's natural resource base, accommodating special activities that aren't included in other parks and providing interconnections between isolated parks and recreation areas.

Service Area: 2 mile service radius

Desirable Size: Any size

Local Recommendations (Acres per 1,000 Population): None

Basic Facilities & Activities:

- Active recreational facilities such as swimming, skating, golf courses and skiing.
- Passive recreation facilities such as seating areas, picnic areas, walking/biking trails and native landscape restorations areas.
- Buildings for shelter, storage and restroom facilities.
- Signage, trail markers, wayfinding markers and site furnishings
- Lighting for security
- Adequate amount of parking within the park to accommodate users of the park.

Recreation Trails:

Recreation trails accommodate various outdoor activities, such as biking, hiking, walking, jogging, horseback riding and cross country skiing. A well-designed park system provides connections between parks and open space lands and effectively integrates urban and suburban areas with the surrounding natural environment by linking off-street trails with on-street bike routes. Recreation trails can be designed to serve different functions and to accommodate various activities.

On-Street Bicycle Facilities

General Description: There are two primary types of on-street bicycle facilities: bicycle lanes and paved shoulders.

Bicycle lanes are areas of the road striped off for exclusive use by bicyclists. They are the preferred bicycle facility for urban arterial and higher volume collector streets. Striping bicycle lanes establishes designated traffic channels that promote an orderly flow by both bicyclists and motorists. Typically, bicycle lanes are established on roadways that are 32 feet or wider with no on-street parking. Shared bicycle/parking lanes generally function well where sufficient space is provided and the parking turnover rate is not too high.

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Paved shoulders are not a bicycle facility per se, but rather a roadway condition that improves bicycle travel and bicyclist safety. They function much like a bicycle lane by separating the motor vehicle travel from bikes. Paved shoulders are ideal for higher volume streets or highways with rural cross sections.

Desirable Design Criteria for Bicycle Lanes:

- Minimum width of 4 feet, or 5 feet along an arterial street
- Minimum width of 5 feet and located to the traffic side of the parking lane when used along side a parking lane
- Minimum combined width of 11 feet (13 feet where there is substantial parking or turnover of parked cars is high) where bike lanes and on-street parking is provided
- Lanes painted with a bicycle pavement symbol or the words “bike lane” according to American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards
- Street signs to identify bicycle lanes

Desirable Design Criteria for Paved Shoulders:

- Minimum width of 4 feet, or 5 feet where traffic speeds exceed 50 miles per hour
- Stripe separating shoulder from roadway
- Generally not marked as an exclusive bike facility

Local Recommendations (Linear Miles per 1,000 Population): None

Off-Street Recreation Trails

General Description: There are two primary types of off-street recreation trails: multi-use paths and rural walking/hiking trails.

Multi-use paths are designed to accommodate bicyclists, walkers, runners and in-line skaters. Such facilities are often located along railroad and street right-of-ways, rivers, lake shores, through parks and environmental corridors.

Rural trails provide connections between urbanized areas and access to parks and open space areas. Walkways may be restricted to pedestrian use because of environmental conditions. In certain locations, they may also be suitable for equestrian and/or bicycle use. Rural walkways are often sited along creeks, streams, rivers, field boundaries and other natural linear systems.

Desirable Design Criteria for Multi-Use Paths:

- In urban areas, a minimum of 10 feet to accommodate two-way bicycle traffic and recommended paved surfacing to facilitate bike, walking, running and skating
- In rural areas, a minimum of 8 feet wide, surfaced with limestone screenings or similar material

- Avoid placement alongside roadways where multiple cross-streets and driveways are or will be present
- Minimum 20 mph design speed

Desirable Design Criteria for Rural Walking/Hiking Trails: Because these trail facilities often travel through sensitive environmental areas, they are generally not paved. Rather, they are surface with crushed limestone, wood chips, hard packed earth or mowed grass.

Local Recommendations (Linear Miles per 1,000 Population): The provision of trails is best related to an analysis of supply versus demand and the size of the community, rather than a single quantitative standard.

Trailheads

General Description: Trailheads can provide visible access points to major off-street paths in the community's system. They generally provide a parking area, locational and directional maps or other information about the trail system. Some might contain restroom facilities, picnic tables or benches for snacks or breaks. Such facilities should be sited with easy and direct access to the trail system.

Desirable Design Criteria for Multi-Use Paths: N/A

Local Recommendations (Number of Facilities per 1,000 Population): *None*

Level of Service

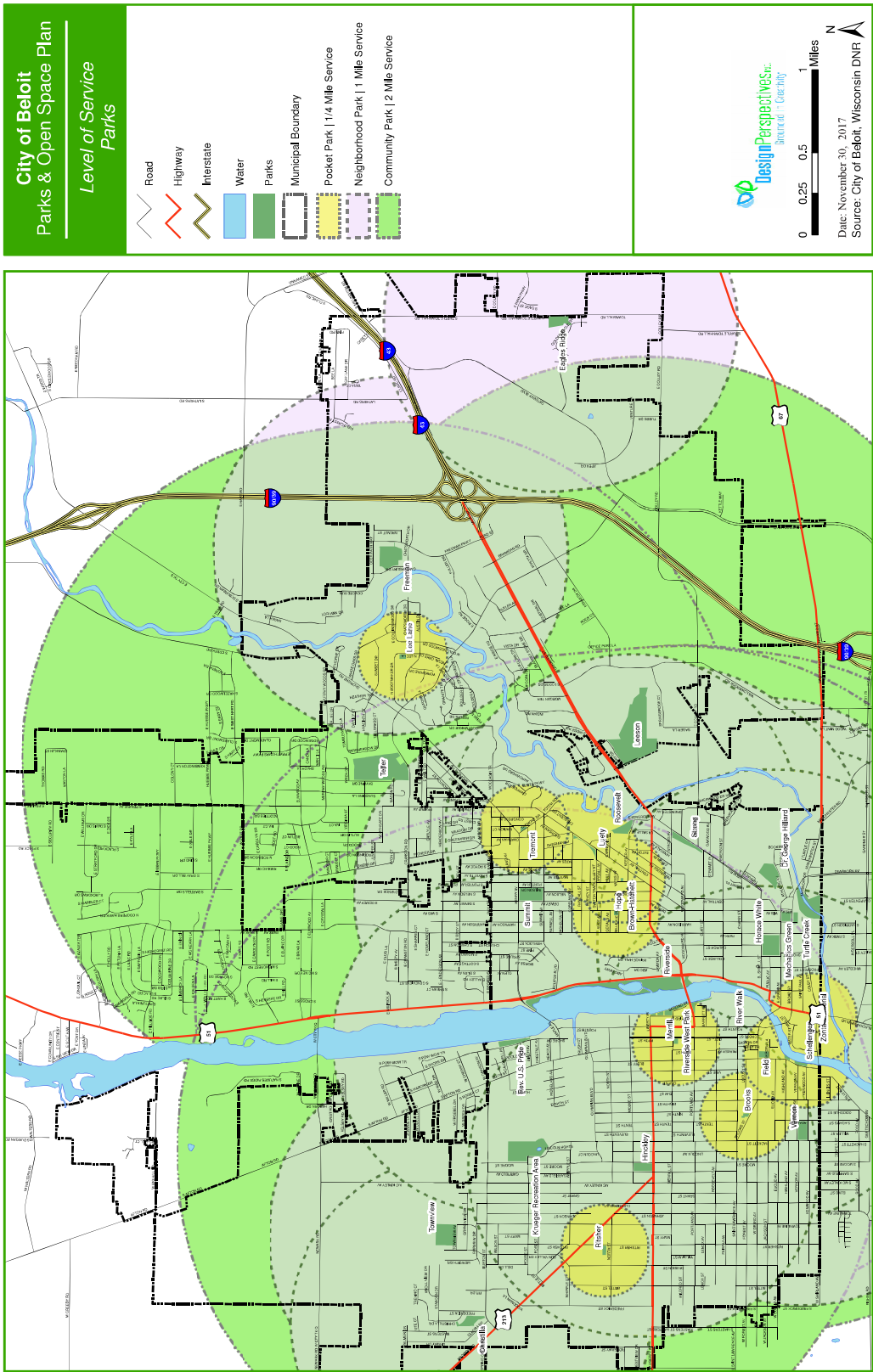
In terms of acreage per person, the City is below the average of standards used to measure this goal. The typical standard of 10 acres per thousand has not been met. Furthermore, the city's local minimum standard for park acreage is 13 acres per 1,000 persons has also not been met. However, throughout the planning process, no one was concerned with the current acreage standard, a reflection of the reduced rate of growth found in many communities.

It is our position that arbitrary standards from state and national organizations are generally a good guide, but should be realistic to the current state of need. This plan will provide a custom approach by developing needs based on local site analysis, relying on survey data, public input, park locations and finally capital costs to justify the needed level of service the community expects. As the city's population has recently stabilized due to the economic slowdown, the agency could experience an increase in growth rate. The City of Beloit should continue to seek out land donations from developers in the future for neighborhood park spaces.

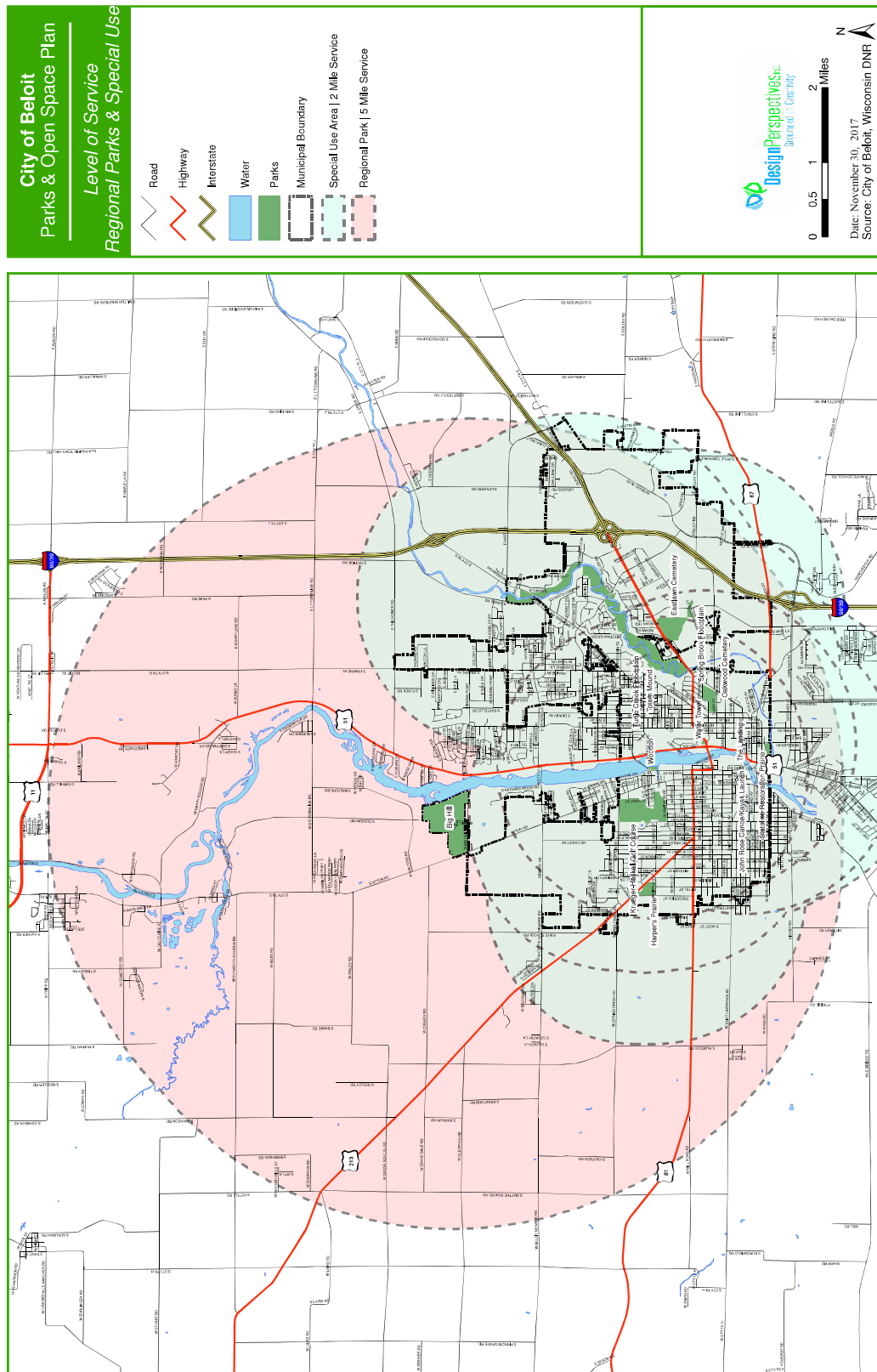
This will reduce the potential for future gaps in service at the neighborhood level. With this being said, this will not cover the gaps in service in terms of community parks. Additional community park parkland should be sought to strategically in-fill park sites to balance the park system. The ideal size of each parcel would be 20 to 50 acres.

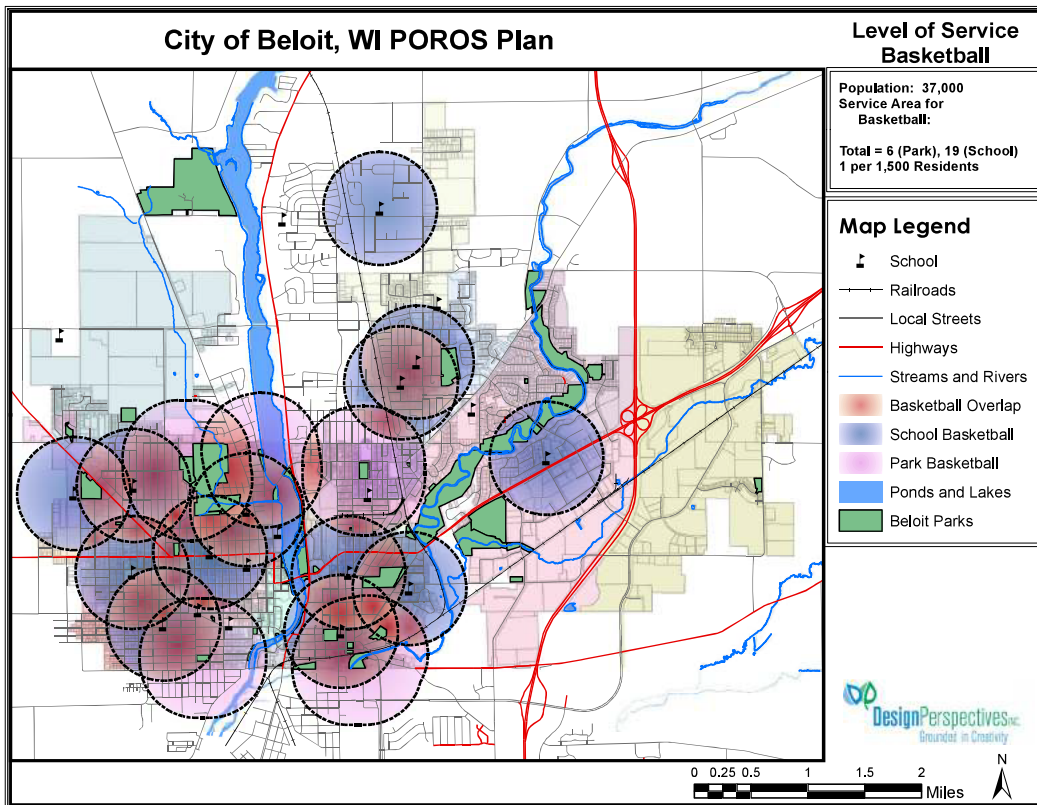
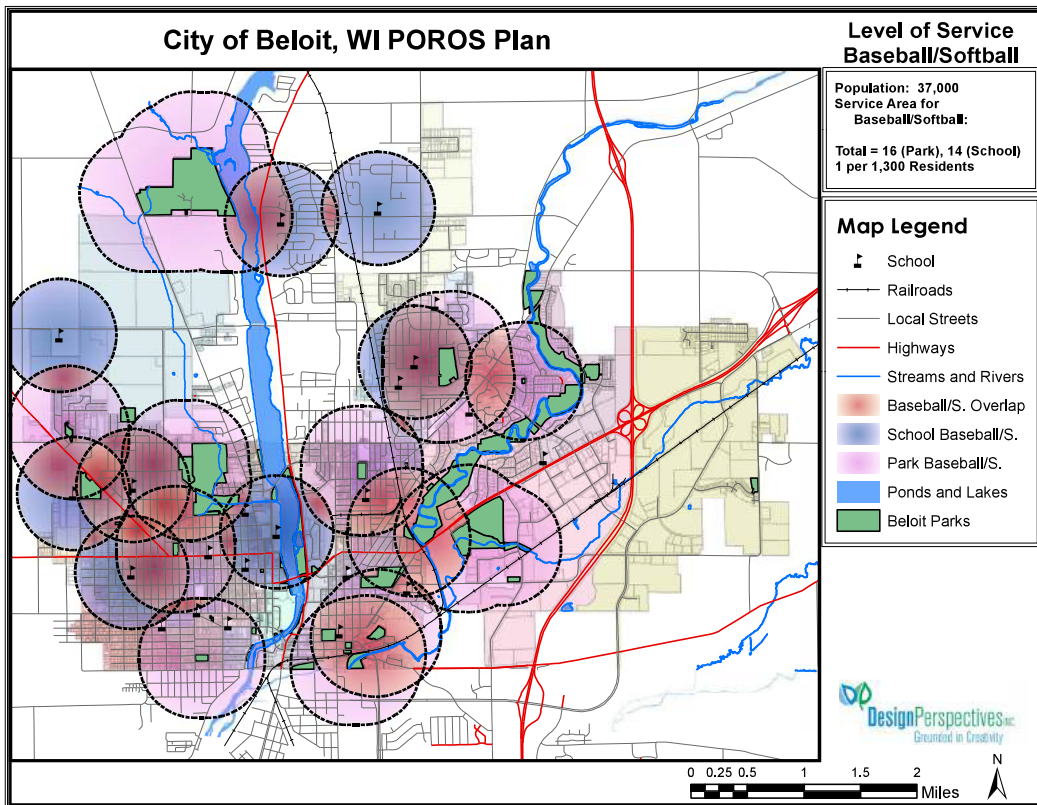
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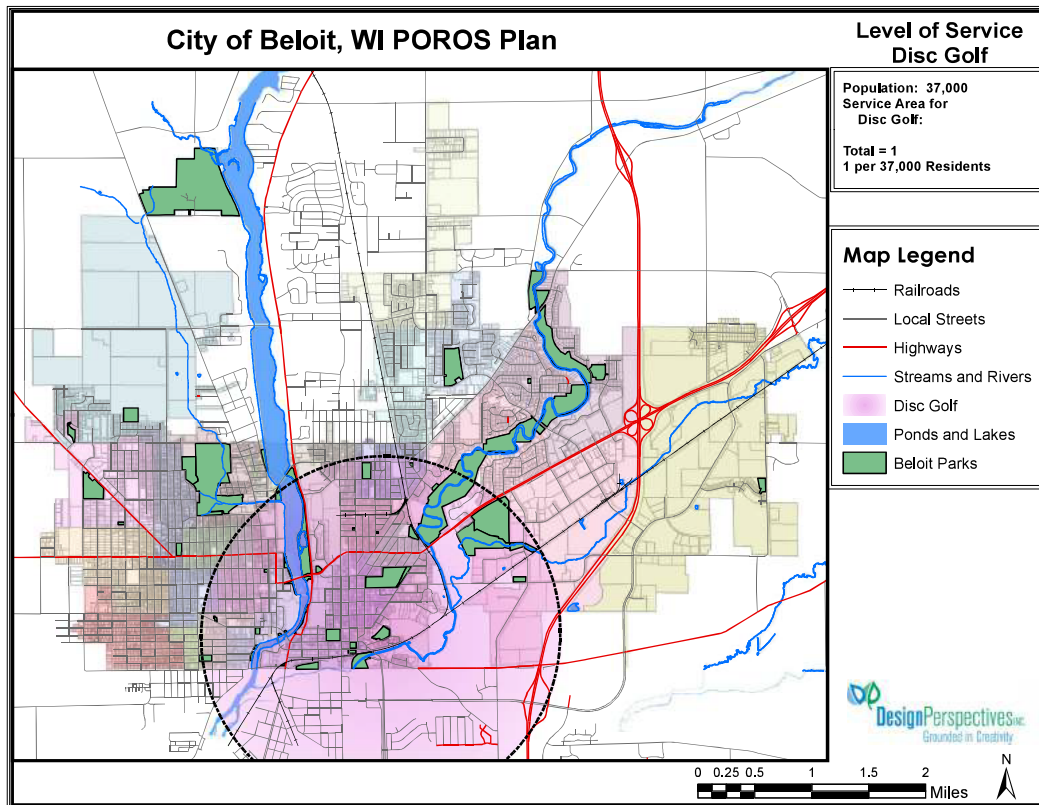
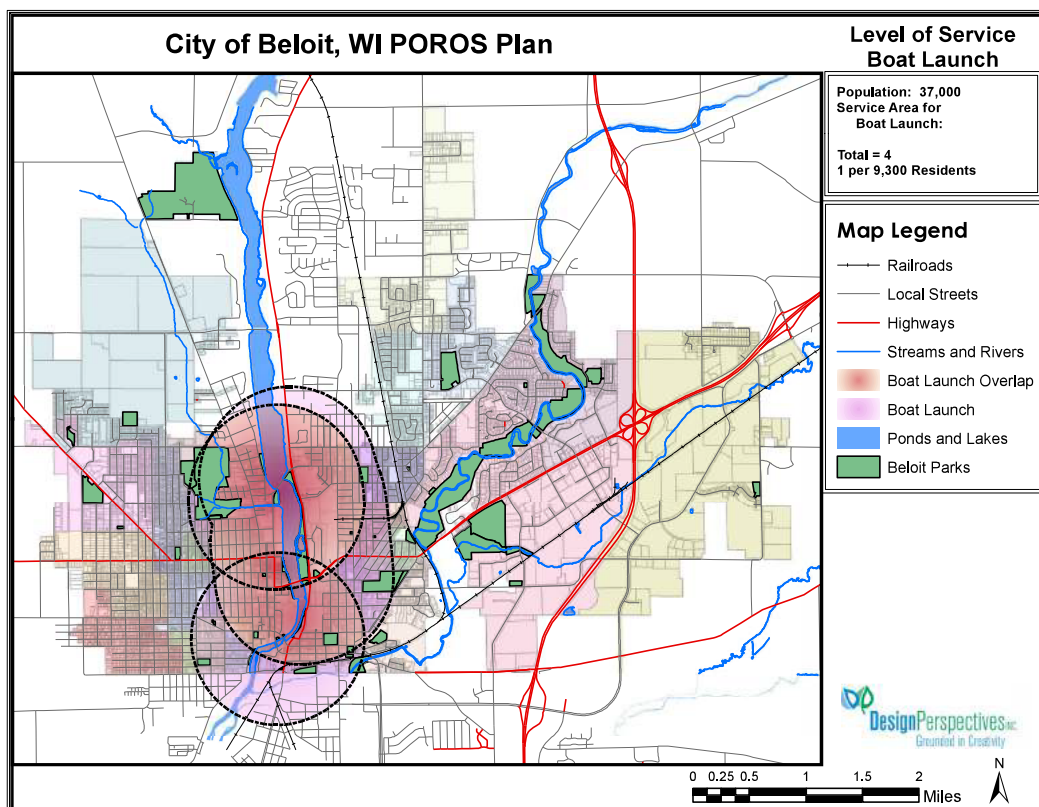


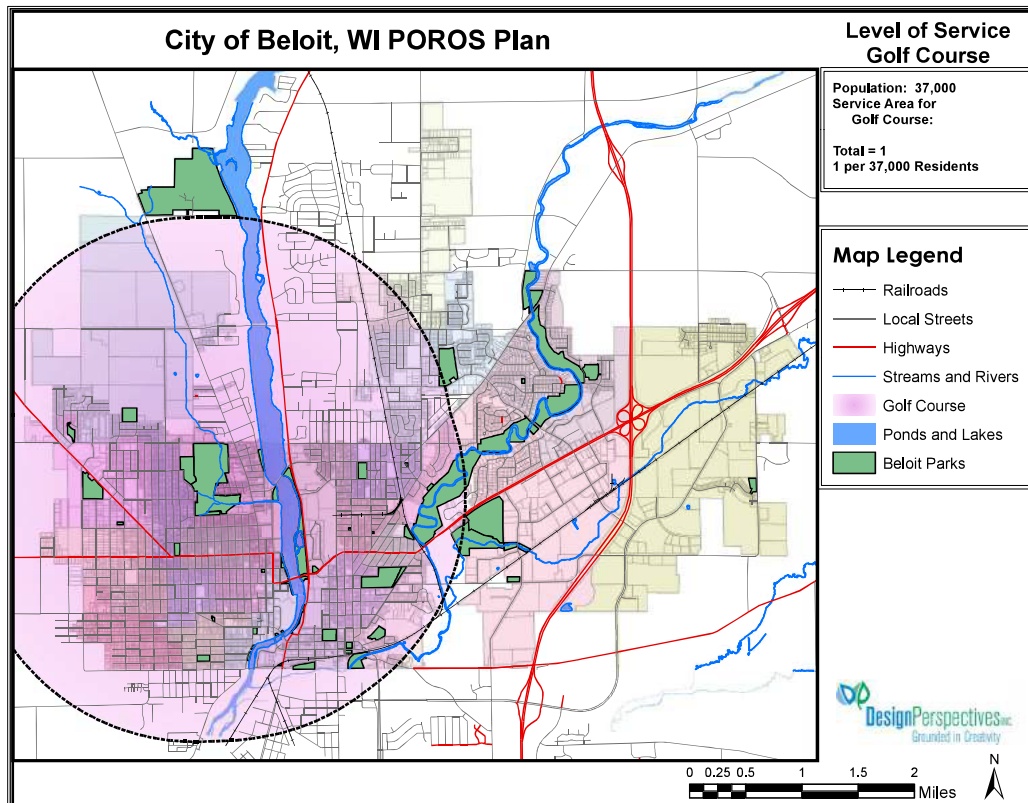
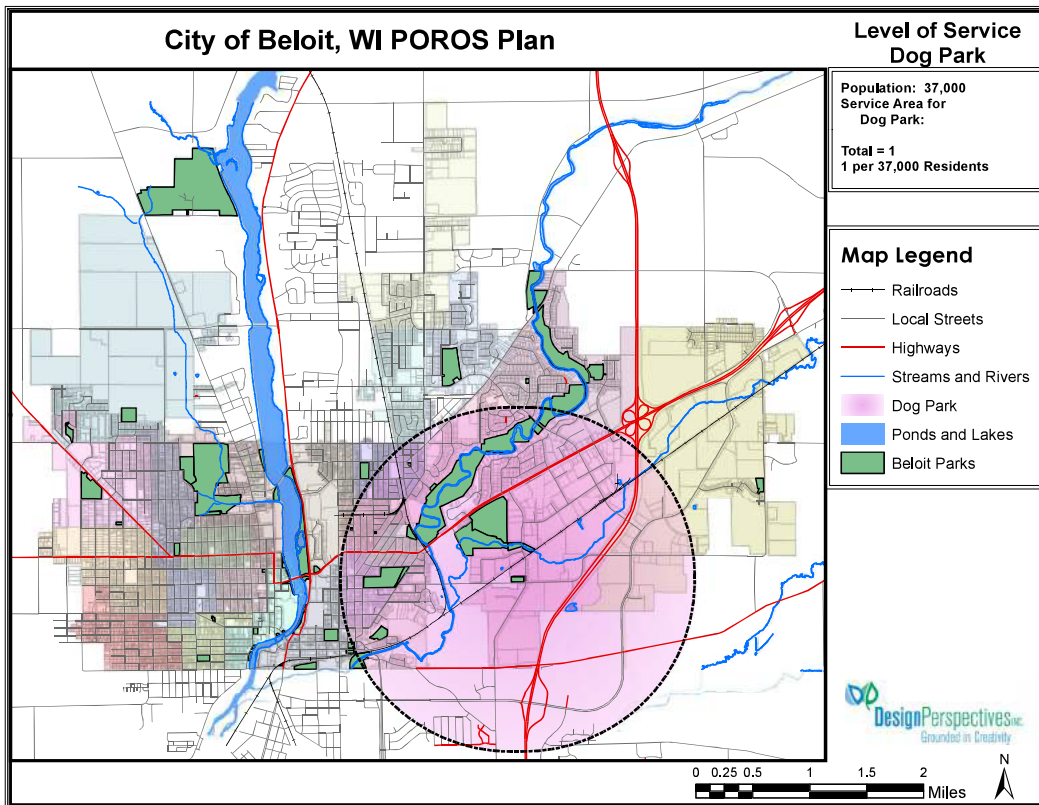


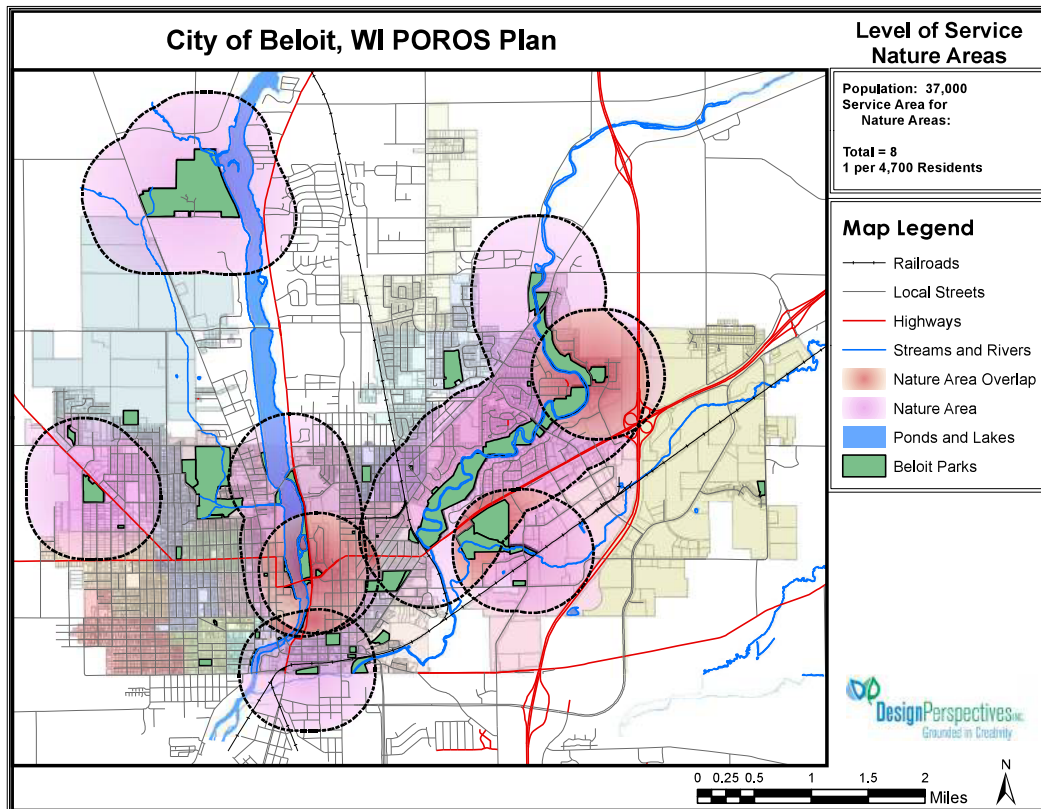
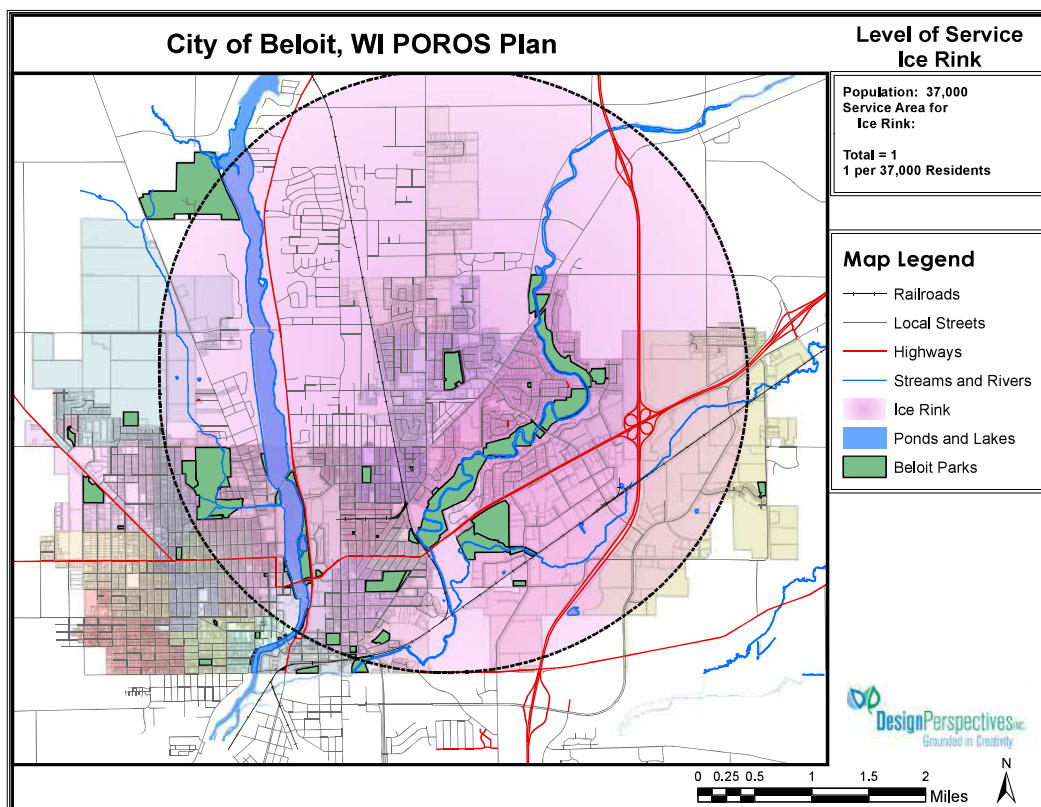
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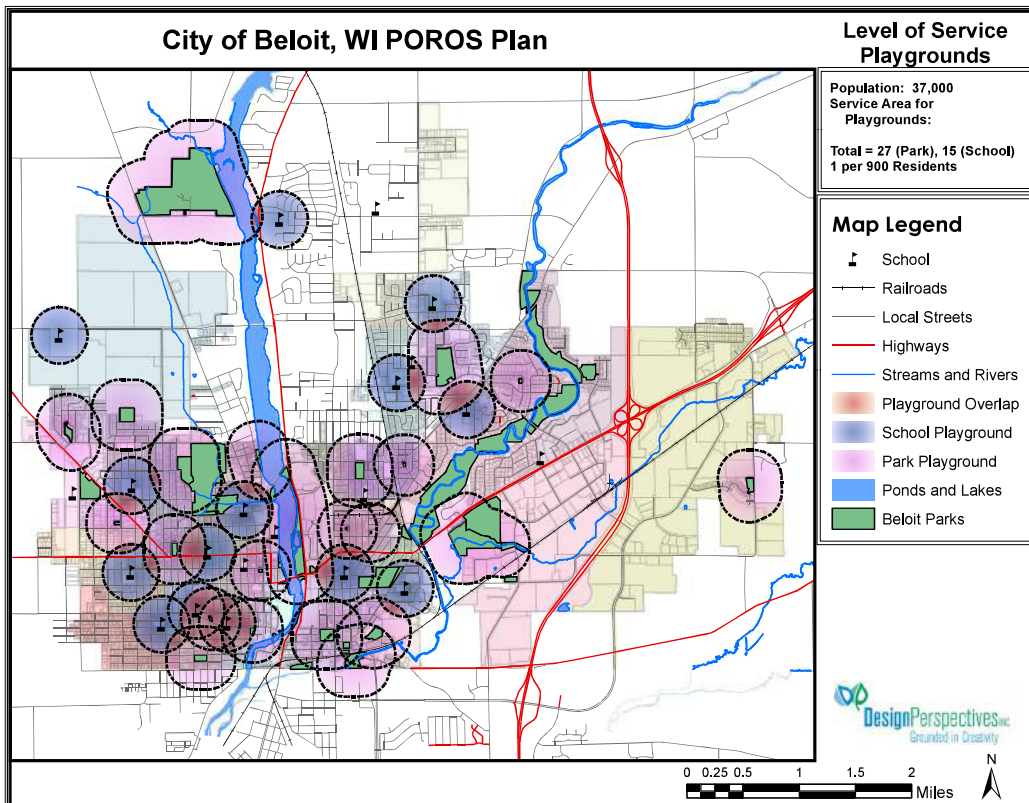
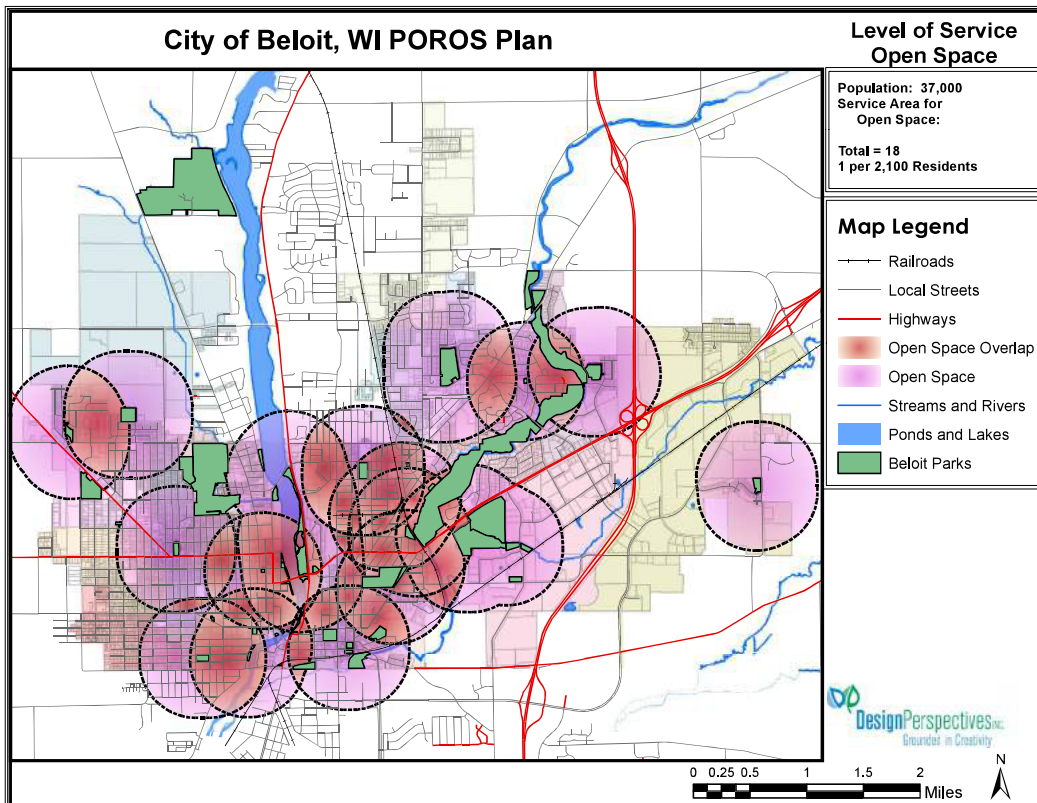


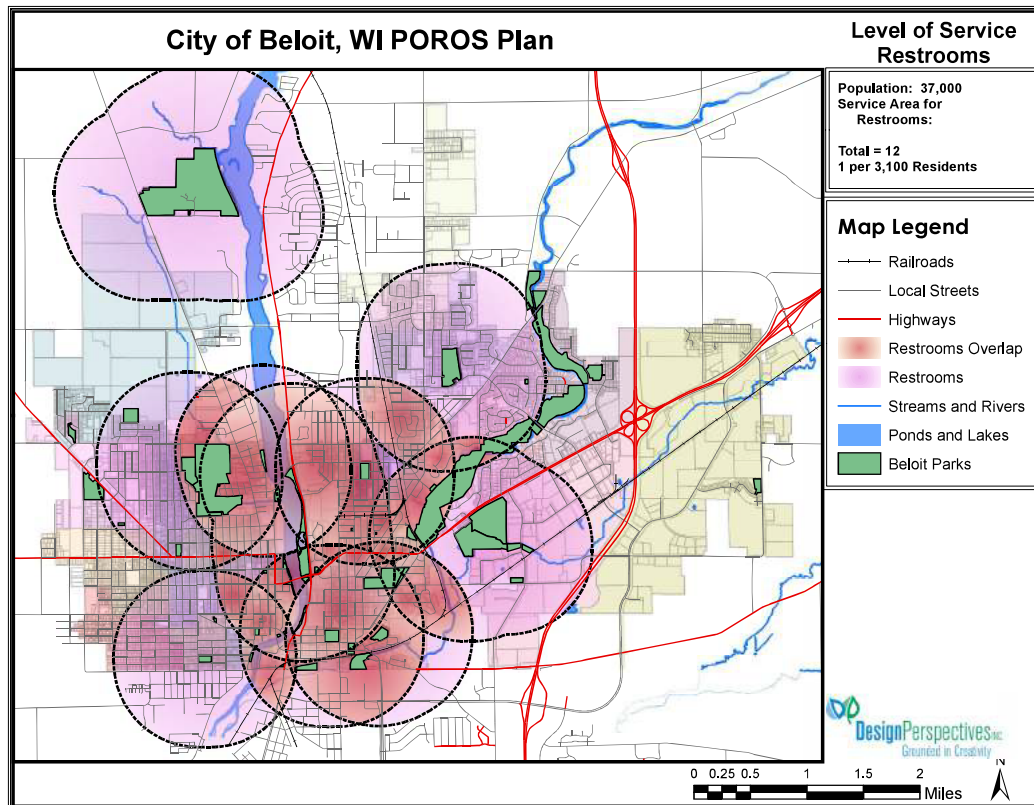
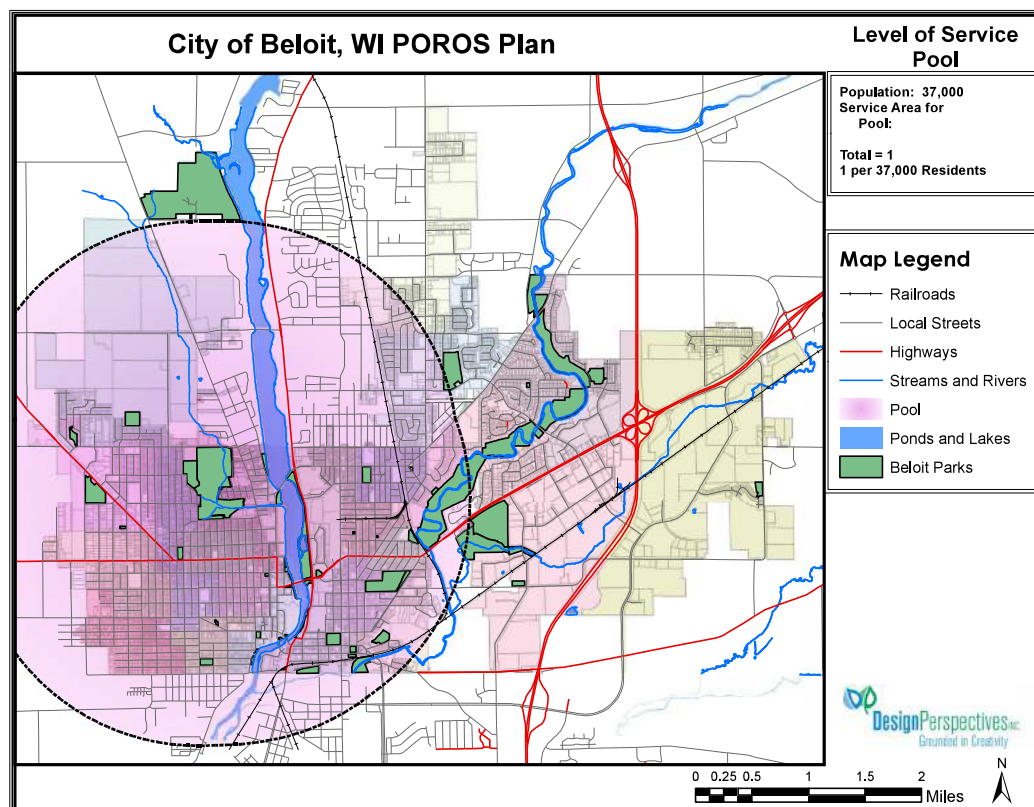


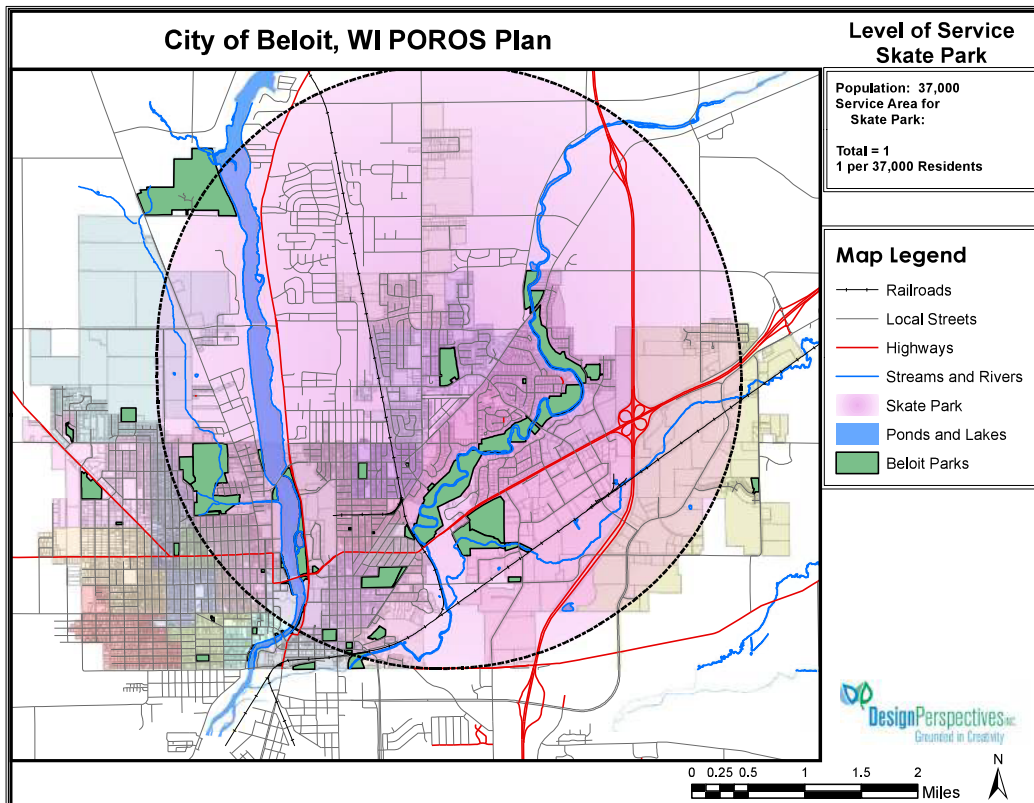
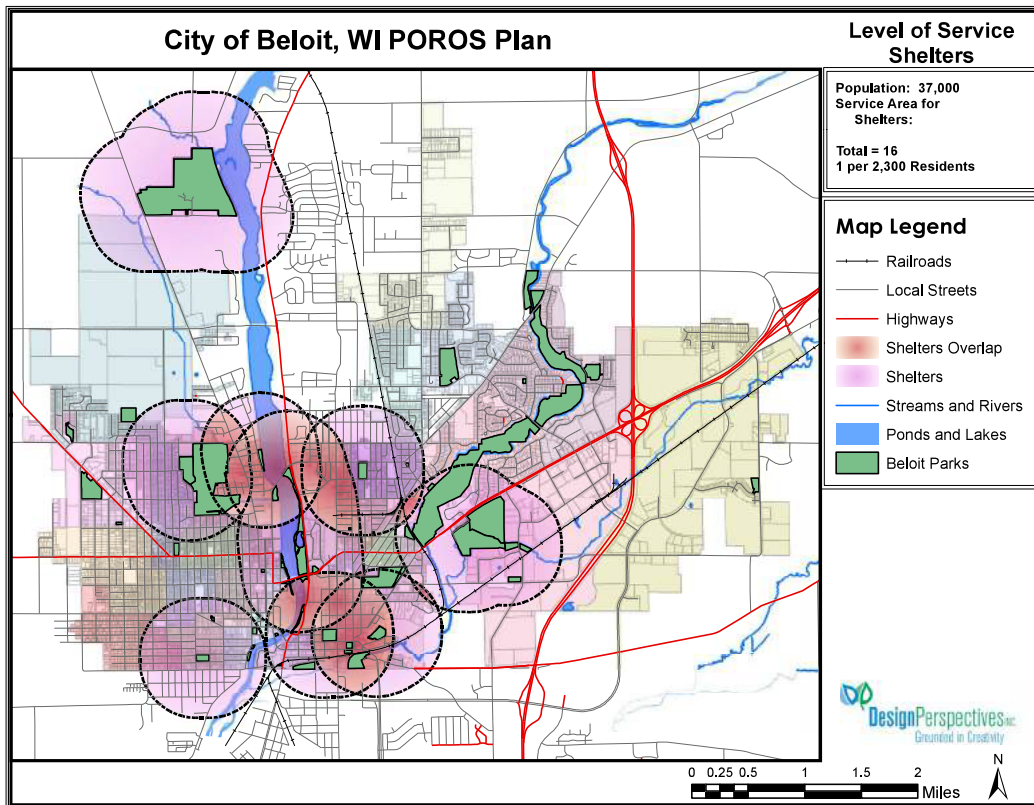


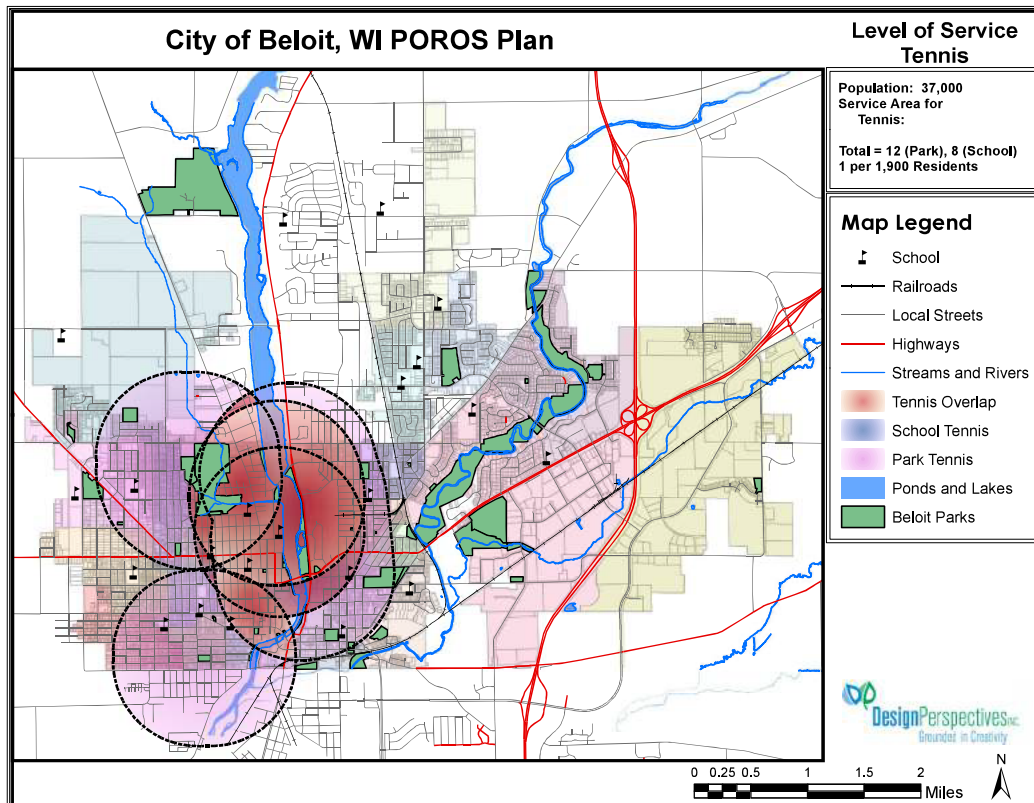
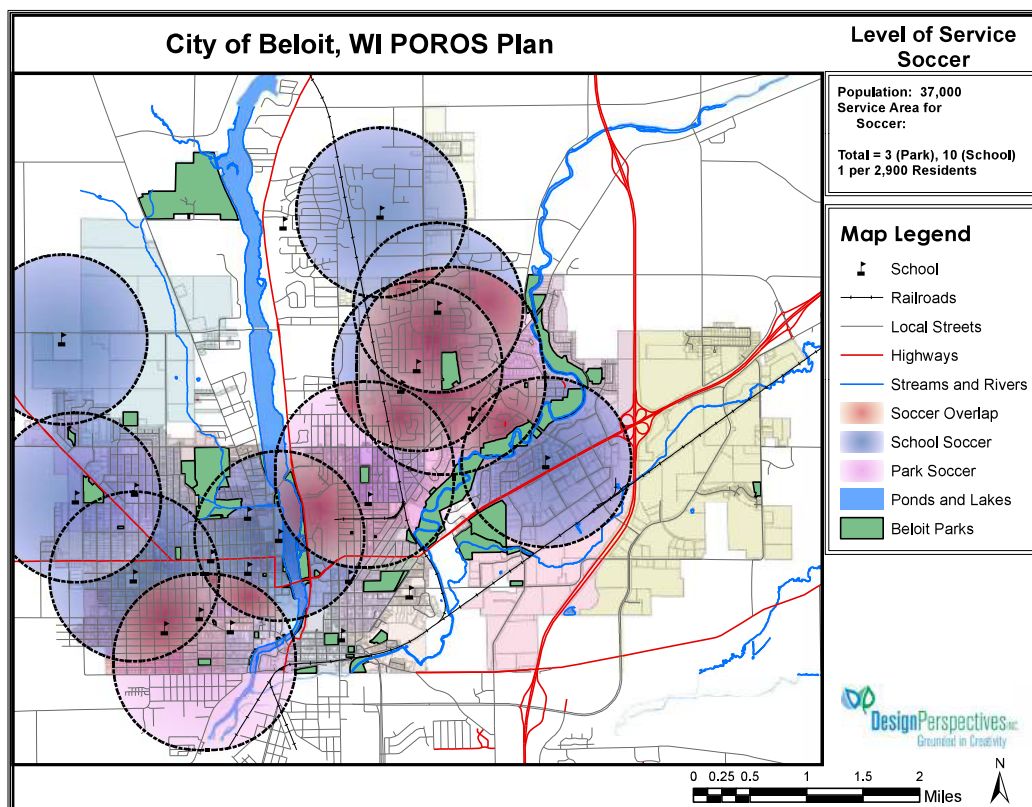


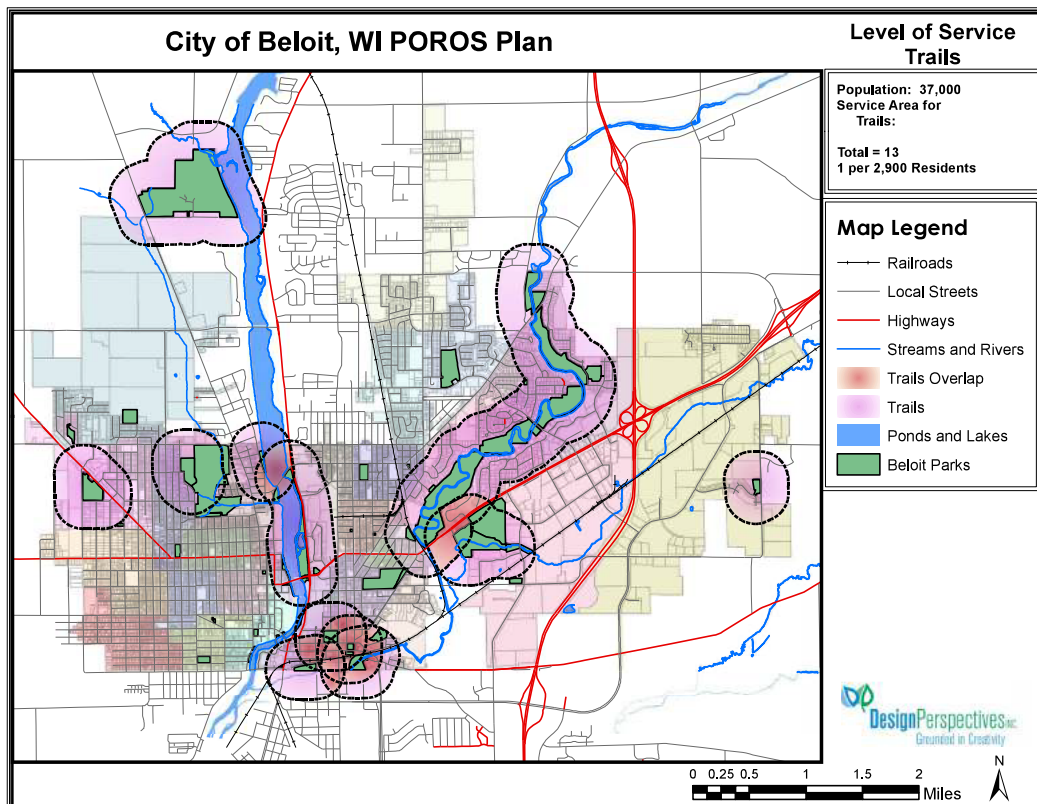












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Site Inventory & Analysis

The City of Beloit's existing park system is depicted with this summary. The system is composed of park sites of various sizes, one outdoor pool, a collection of buildings that include a recreation center, aquatic and fitness center and a maintenance facility. Each park site on the following pages was reviewed during the spring of 2017 when all the park sites were examined and evaluated.

The park system as a whole has suffered from a lack of comprehensive planning and detailed site design in the past. In the past five years, the city has completed a series of small renovations that mostly included playground equipment replacement. This is nearly always a symptom of lack of capital to improve the entire park space. This approach is apparent from the time spent in each park.

Many of the park sites have accessibility issues that will need to be corrected to achieve basic compliance. The entire park land holdings should be re-evaluated to match the level of service evaluation for redundancies in park locations and amenities. Our conclusion is that many of the issues surrounding the physical park space will be solved with examining the level of service standard, input from residents and the development of a realistic capital improvement plan included in this planning study.

Park Acreage Analysis

Park Type	Local Recommended Acres per 1,000 Standard	Existing City Park Acreage	
		2018 Total Acres	2018 Acres per 1,000 Residents*
Pocket Park	0.20 - 0.25	8.9	0.24
Neighborhood Park	4.5 - 5.0	137.1	3.7
Community Park	4.0 - 6.0	122	3.3
Regional Park	4.0 - 6.0	187.7	5.08
Total Developed Parks	12.7 - 17.25	455.7	12.3
Special Use Parks & Natural Areas	N/A	444.3	12.02
<i>Total</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>900</i>	<i>24.4</i>
* Based on 2010 Census Data (36,966)			

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Park Matrix		Park Amenities																	
Park Name	Acres	Classification	Playgrounds	Basketball Courts	Soccer Fields (All sizes)	Disc Golf	Baseball Fields	Softball Fields	Backstop/Rec Field	Boat Dock/Ramp	Football Fields	Tennis Courts	Ice Rinks/Skating	Trails/Walkways	Sand Volleyball Courts	Sled Hills	Swimming	Skate Park	Park Shelter
Big Hill Park	186.4	RP	2						1					4	1			3	5
Brooks Street Park	0.3	PP	1																2
Brown-Hatchett Park	0.2	PP	1																1
Christilla Park	4	NP	1					1											1
Dr. George W. Hilliard Park	6	NP	1		1			1									1	1	1
Eagles Ridge Park	4.4	NP	1																1
Field Park	1.3	PP	1											1					
Freeman Park	9.2	NP																	1
Harper's Prairie Park	19.9	NA											1					1	1
Hinckley Park	3.4	NP	1			1		2		1									1
Hope Park	0.3	PP	1																1
Horace White Park	8	NP	1										1				1	2	1
John Rose Canoe & Kayak Launch	0	SU							1									1	
Krueger Recreation Area/Golf Course	125	CP	1	1			1				2		1		1	1		1	2
Lee Lane Park	0.7	PP	1					1											1
Leeson Park	41.6	CP	1				1	1					1		1			2	2
Luety Park	1	PP																	1
Mechanics Green Park	1.2	NP																	1
Merrill Park	0.5	PP	1																1
Rev. U.S. Pride Park	3	NP	1	1										1				1	
Rhodes Arboretum	2	NA												1					
Ritsher Park	0.8	PP	1																1
Riverside Park	28	CP	1						1		4	1	1				5	4	1
Riverside Park - West	2.7	NP												1					1
Riverside Park Lagoon	0	SU											1					1	1
Roosevelt Park	1.3	NP					1												1
Schellenger Park	0.8	PP																	1
Stateline Restoration Prairie	10	NA												1					
Strong Park	3.5	NP																	1
Summit Park	7	NP	1	1	1			1						1				2	1
Telfer Park	30.6	CP	1				1	1			1	1		1			1	1	3
The Landing	0.2	PP												1					
Totem Mound Park	1.2	NA												1	1				1
Townview Park	10	NP	1											1					1
Tremont Park	0.3	PP	1																
Turtle Creek Greenway	379.1	NA												1				1	
Turtle Creek Park	11.4	NP	1	1				1											1
Vernon Park	4	NP	1				2				1						1	1	1
Water Tower Park	1.2	PP												1				1	1
Wootton Park	3	NP								1		5						1	
Totals	913.5		24	4	1	1	6	4	7	3	3	11	3	20	2	2	1	1	18
Classification Key: PP = Pocket Park NP = Neighborhood Park CP = Community Park RP = Regional Park SU = Special Use NA = Natural Area																			

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Park Name	Big Hill
Park Classification	Regional
Park Size	186.4

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	E	6	1.5
PE107	Dog Waste Bag Station	S	G	1	0.8
PE112	Litter Can	B	F	16	4.0
PE115	Parking	B	F	1	1.0
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	48	4.0
PE118	Restroom	A	F	2	6.0
PE120	Shelter	S	F	4	4.0
Total General TCQ Score				21.3	GOOD
Active Park Elements (200)					
PE202	Bag Toss Court	B	G	1	0.8
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	P	1	0.5
PE216	Horseshoe Court	B	P	2	0.5
PE223	Playground	S	E	2	8.0
PE231	Volleyball Court	S	F	1	1.0
Total Active TCQ Score				10.8	GOOD
Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE303	Community Center	A	G	1	4.5
PE306	Natural Area	S	G	1	1.5
PE310	Overlook	A	E	1	3.0
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	1	6.0
Total Passive TCQ Score				15.0	GOOD
Total TCQ Score				47.0	EXCELLENT




North
Big Hill Park
Scale: NTS

 Park Boundary
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Park Name	Brooks Street
Park Classification	Mini
Park Size	0.3

		Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)						
PE111	Lighting	S	P	1	1.0	
PE112	Litter Can	B	F	1	0.3	
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5	
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	1	0.1	

Total General TCQ Score	2.8	FAIR
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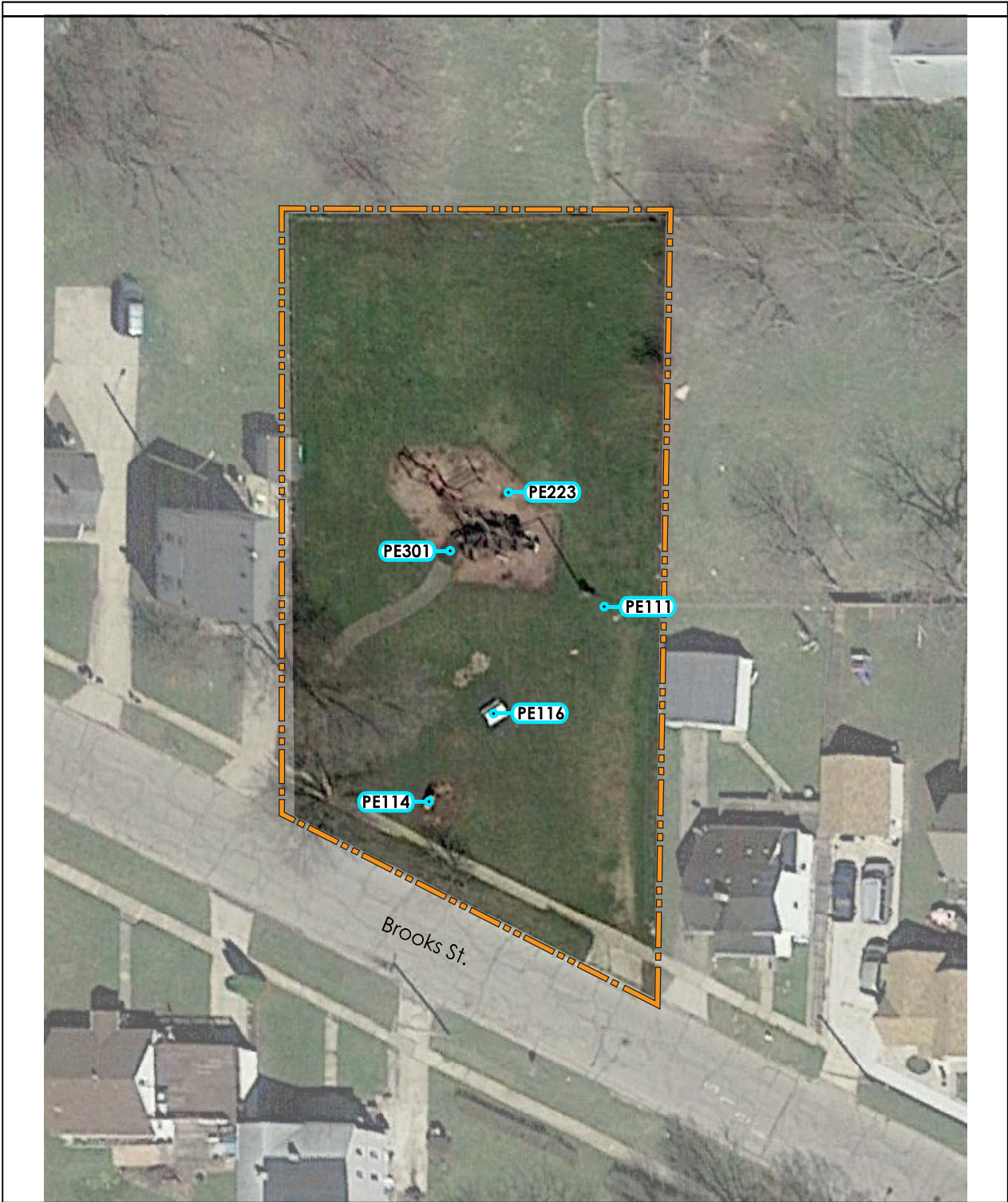
Active Park Elements (200)						
PE223	Playground	S	P	1	1.0	No Edge

Total Active TCQ Score	1.0	FAIR
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Passive Park Elements (300)						
PE301	ADA Access	S	F	1	2.0	

Total Passive TCQ Score	2.0	FAIR
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Total TCQ Score	5.8	FAIR
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Brooks Street Park
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Park Name	Brown-Hatchett
Park Classification	Mini
Park Size	0.2

		Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)						
PE103	Bench	B	F	2	0.3	
PE112	Litter Can	B	F	2	0.5	
PE114	Park Sign	S	F	1	1.0	
Total General TCQ Score					1.8	POOR
Active Park Elements (200)						
PE223	Playground	S	F	1	2.0	Plastic
Total Active TCQ Score					2.0	FAIR
Passive Park Elements (300)						
Total Passive TCQ Score					0.0	POOR
Total TCQ Score					3.8	POOR



Brown-Hatchett Park
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Park Name	City Dog Park
Park Classification	Mini
Park Size	

		Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)						
PE103	Bench	B	E	3	0.8	
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	3	1.1	
PE116	Picnic Table	B	E	1	0.3	
Total General TCQ Score					2.2	FAIR
Active Park Elements (200)						
PE210	Dog Park	A	E	2	12.0	2 Pens, Black Vinyl
Total Active TCQ Score					12.0	EXCELLENT
Passive Park Elements (300)						
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	1	6.0	Miles
Total Passive TCQ Score					6.0	EXCELLENT
Total TCQ Score					20.2	EXCELLENT




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Park Name	Cristilla
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	4

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1	0.4
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	4	0.3

Total General TCQ Score				2.2	POOR
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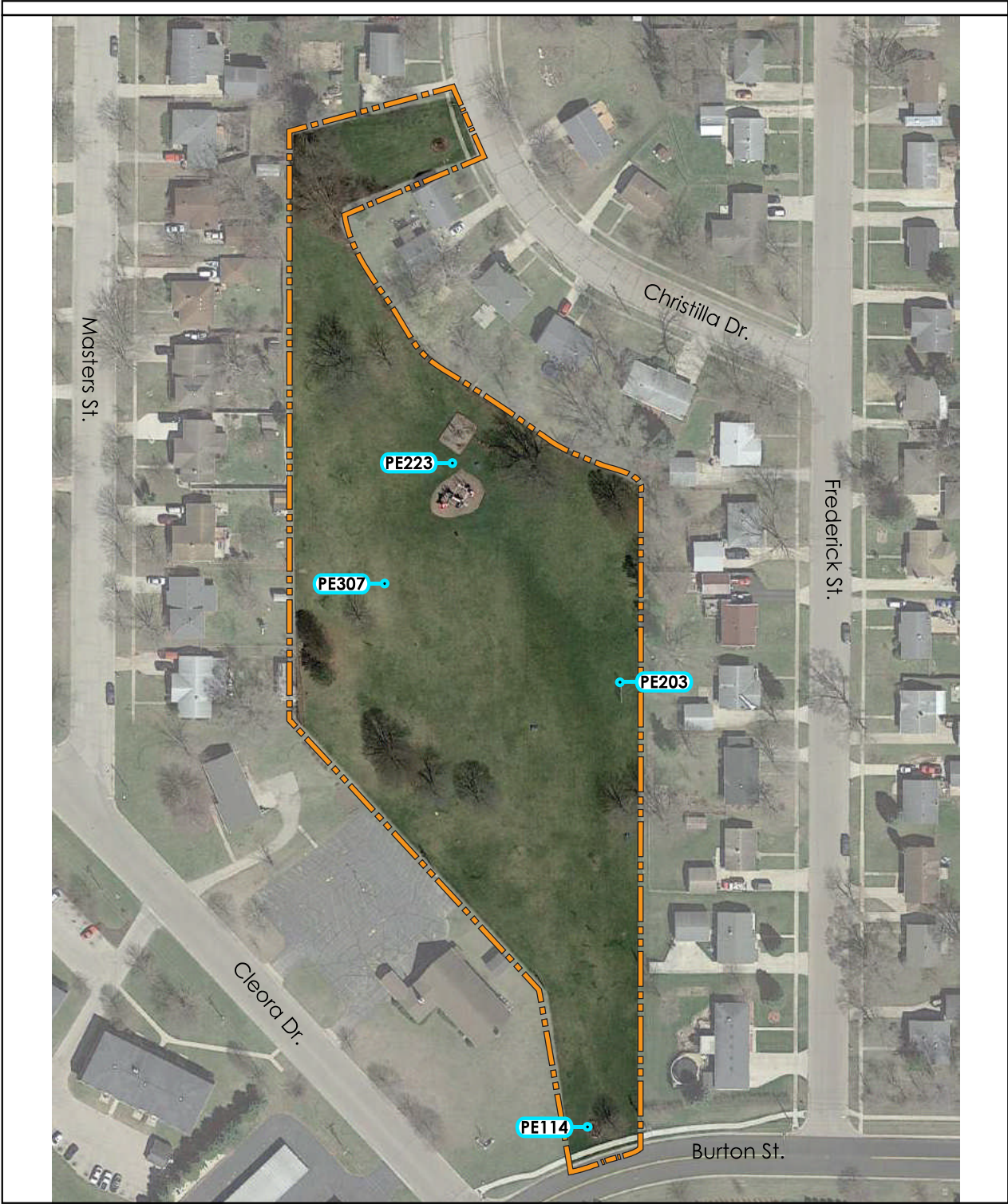
Active Park Elements (200)					
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	P	1	0.5
PE223	Playground	S	P	1.5	1.5

Total Active TCQ Score				2.0	POOR
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Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE307	Open Field	B	F	1	1.0

Total Passive TCQ Score				1.0	POOR
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Total TCQ Score				5.2	POOR
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Christilla Park
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Park Name	Eagles Ridge
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	4.4

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	E	2	0.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1	0.4
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	1	2.0
Total General TCQ Score				2.9	POOR

Active Park Elements (200)					
PE223	Playground	S	E	1.5	6.0
Total Active TCQ Score				6.0	FAIR

Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE307	Open Field	B	E	1	2.0
PE314	Walking Trail	S	E	1	8.0
Total Passive TCQ Score				10.0	GOOD

Total TCQ Score				18.9	FAIR
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Eagles Ridge Park
Scale: NTS

 Park Boundary
 PE100 Park Feature



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Park Name	Field
Park Classification	Mini
Park Size	1.3

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	E	4	1.0
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1	0.4
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	4	0.3

Total General TCQ Score	3.2	FAIR
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Active Park Elements (200)					
PE223	Playground	S	E	1.5	6.0
					Plastic

Total Active TCQ Score	6.0	EXCELLENT
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Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE314	Walking Trail	S	F	1	4.0
PE315	Historic Feature	A	G	1	2.3

Total Passive TCQ Score	6.3	EXCELLENT
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Total TCQ Score	15.5	EXCELLENT
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 Field Park
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Park Name	Freeman
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	9.2

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE114 Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5	
Total General TCQ Score				1.5	POOR
Active Park Elements (200)					
Total Active TCQ Score				0.0	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE306 Natural Area	S	G	1	1.5	
PE307 Open Field	B	G	1	1.5	
Total Passive TCQ Score				3.0	POOR
Total TCQ Score				4.5	POOR



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Freeman Park

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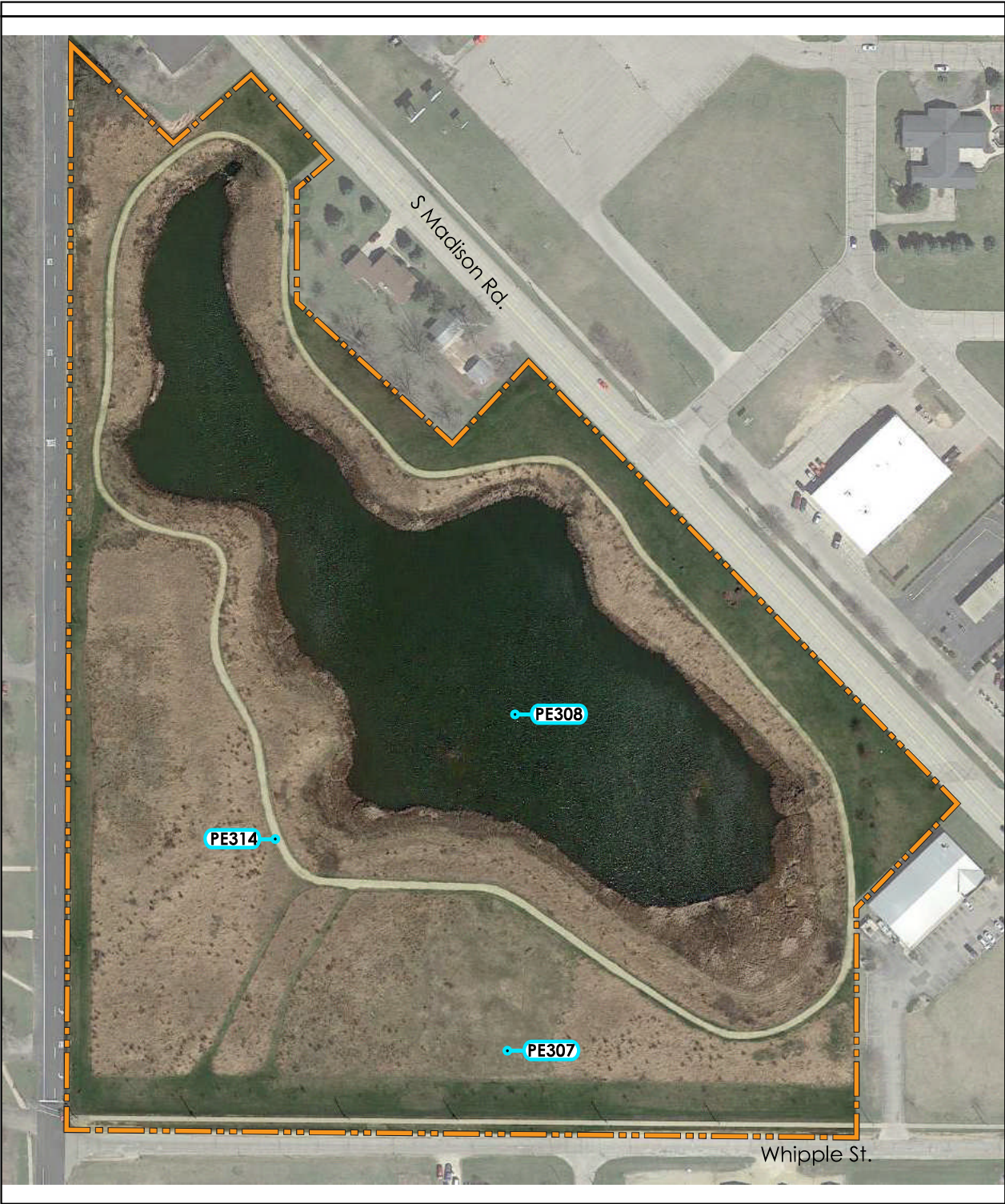



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Park Name	Harper's Prairie Park
Park Classification	Natural Area
Park Size	19.9

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
				0.0	
Total General TCQ Score				0.0	POOR
Active Park Elements (200)					
				0.0	
Total Active TCQ Score				0.0	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1	1.5
PE308	Open Water	S	G	1	3.0
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	1	6.0
Total Passive TCQ Score				10.5	EXCELLENT
Total TCQ Score				10.5	EXCELLENT



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 Park Boundary
 PE100 Park Feature

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Park Name	Dr. George W. Hilliard
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	6

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	G	6	1.1
PE108	Drinking Fountain	B	P	1	0.3
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	6	2.3
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	9	0.8
PE118	Restroom	A	F	1	3.0
PE120	Shelter	S	F	1	1.0
Total General TCQ Score				9.9	GOOD
Active Park Elements (200)					
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	P	1	0.5
PE223	Playground	S	E	1.5	6.0
PE232	Disc Golf	A	G	1.1	2.5
Total Active TCQ Score				9.0	FAIR
Passive Park Elements (300)					
Total Passive TCQ Score				0.0	POOR
Total TCQ Score				18.9	FAIR



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Park Name	Hinckley
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	3.4

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	E	2	0.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	2	0.8
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	2	0.2

Total General TCQ Score	2.9	POOR
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Active Park Elements (200)					
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	P	2	1.0
PE222	Player Bench	B	E	4	2.0
PE223	Playground	S	E	1.5	6.0

Total Active TCQ Score	9.0	FAIR
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Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1	1.5

Total Passive TCQ Score	1.5	POOR
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Total TCQ Score	13.4	FAIR
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Park Name	Hope
Park Classification	Mini
Park Size	0.3

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	F	2	0.3
PE112	Litter Can	B	F	1	0.3
PE113	Ornamental Fence	S	G	1	1.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5

Total General TCQ Score	3.5	FAIR
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Active Park Elements (200)					
PE223	Playground	S	P	1	1.0


Total Active TCQ Score	1.0	FAIR
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Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE307	Open Field	B	F	1	1.0

Total Passive TCQ Score	1.0	FAIR
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Total TCQ Score	5.5	FAIR
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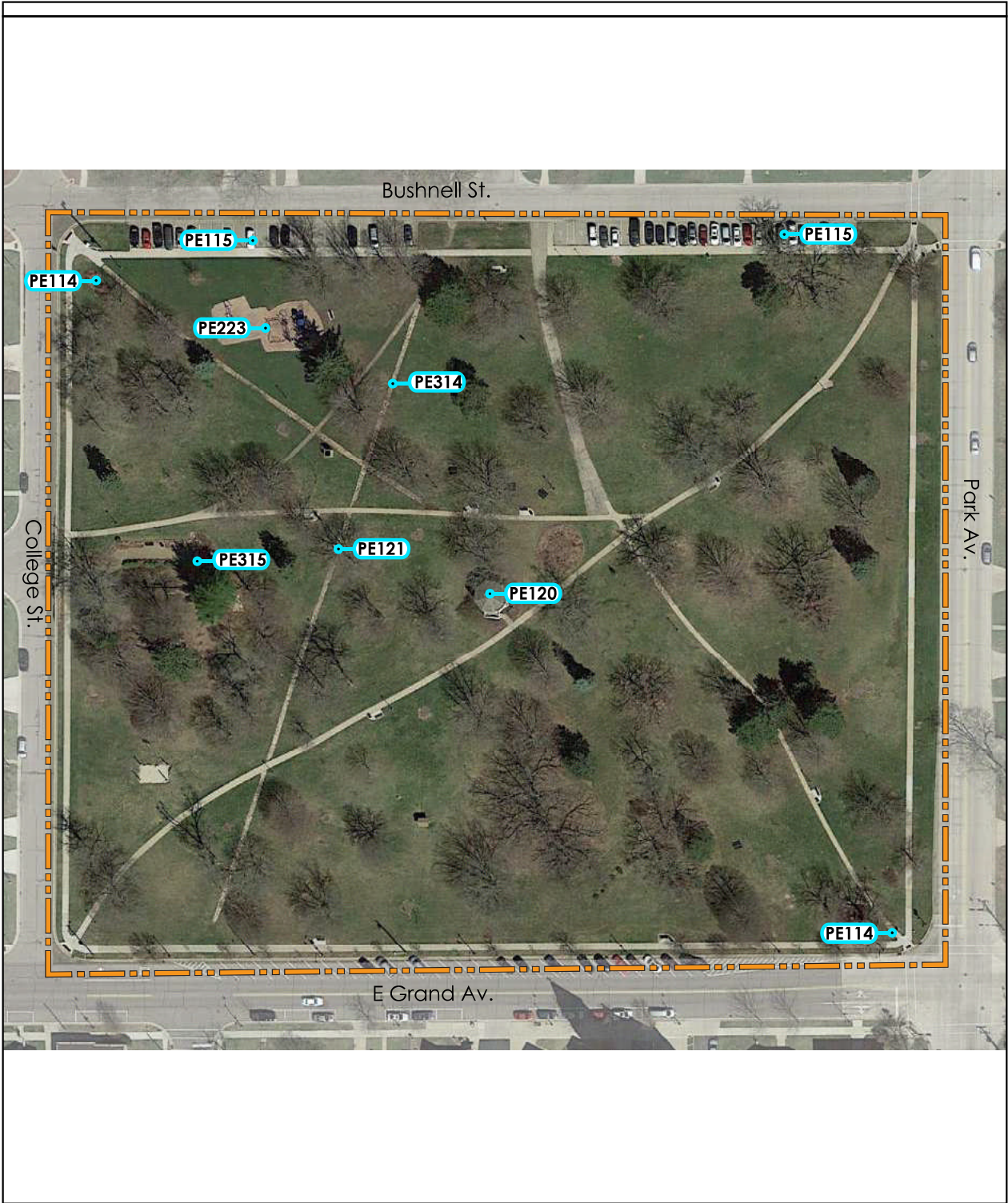


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Park Name	Horace White
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	8

		Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)						
PE103	Bench	B	E	17	4.3	
PE111	Lighting	S	E	1	4.0	
PE112	Litter Can	B	E	16	8.0	
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	2	3.0	
PE115	Parking	B	G	2	3.0	
PE116	Picnic Table	B	E	6	2.0	
PE118	Restroom	A	F	1	3.0	Portable Toilet
PE120	Shelter	S	E	1	2.0	Gazebo
PE121	Flagpole	S	G	1	1.5	
Total General TCQ Score					30.8	EXCELLENT
Active Park Elements (200)						
PE223	Playground	S	F	1.5	3.0	Swing
Total Active TCQ Score					3.0	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)						
PE309	Ornamental Planting	B	G	3	2.3	
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	1	6.0	Miles
PE315	Historic Feature	A	E	1	3.0	
Total Passive TCQ Score					11.3	GOOD
Total TCQ Score					45.0	GOOD



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Horace White Park
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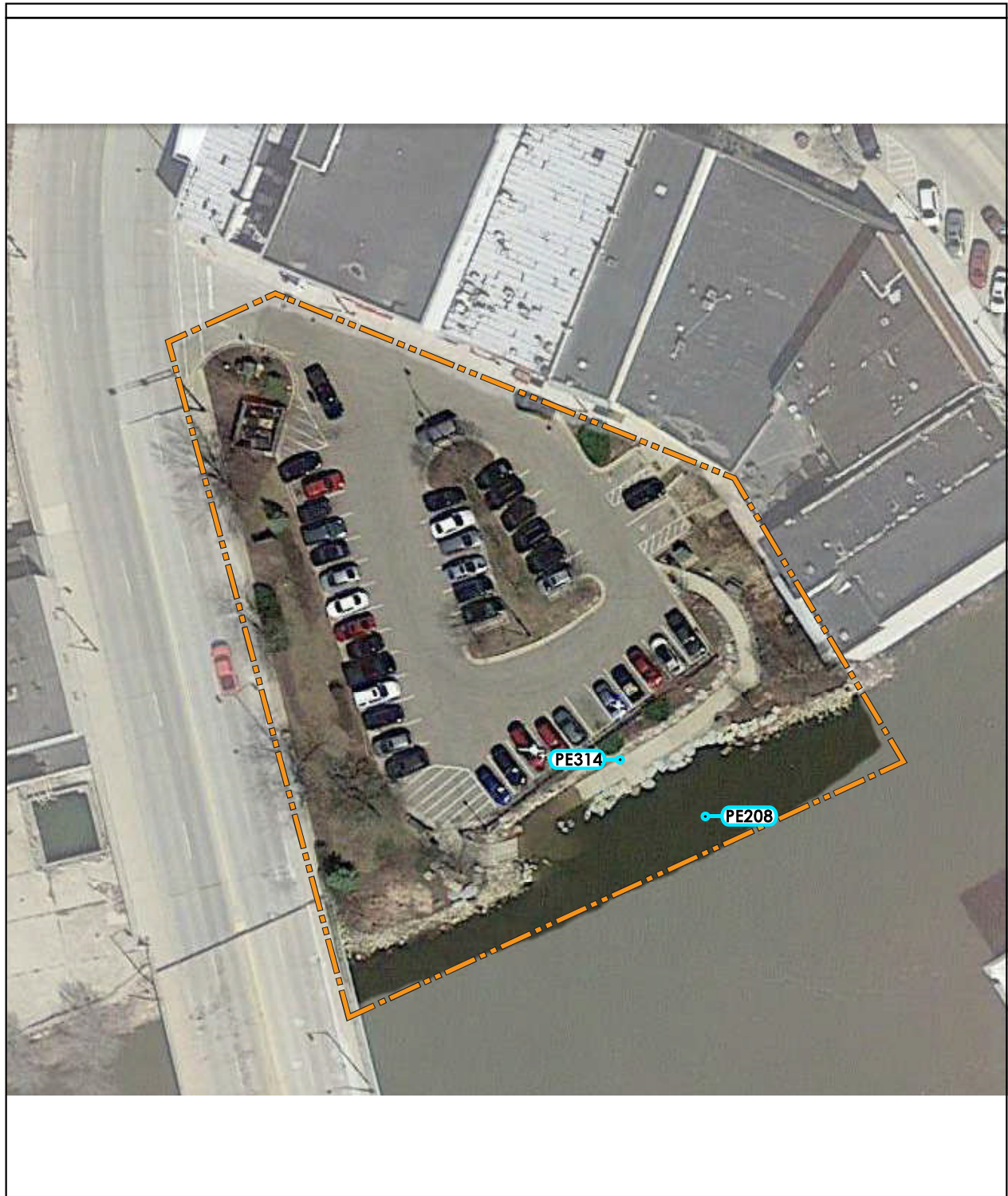


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Park Name	John Rose Canoe & Kayak Launch
Park Classification	Mini
Park Size	0

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
Total General TCQ Score				0.0	POOR
Active Park Elements (200)					
PE208	Canoe Launch	S	F	1	1.0
Total Active TCQ Score				1.0	FAIR
Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	1	6.0 Miles
Total Passive TCQ Score				6.0	EXCELLENT
Total TCQ Score				7.0	FAIR




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John Rose Canoe &
Kayak Launch
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Park Name	Krueger
Park Classification	Community
Park Size	125

		Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)						
PE103	Bench	B	F	8	1.0	
PE104	Bike Rack	B	F	2	1.0	
PE112	Litter Can	B	F	5	1.3	
PE115	Parking	B	F	1	1.0	
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	9	0.8	
PE118	Restroom	A	P	2	3.0	Portable Toilet
PE120	Shelter	S	F	1	1.0	
Total General TCQ Score					9.0	FAIR
Active Park Elements (200)						
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	E	1.5	3.0	
PE204	Basketball Court	S	G	1	1.5	Poor Standard
PE206	Bleacher	S	G	2	1.5	
PE222	Player Bench	B	G	4	1.5	
PE223	Playground	S	P	1.5	1.5	
PE230	Tennis Court	S	P	2	1.0	
Total Active TCQ Score					10.0	FAIR
Passive Park Elements (300)						
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	1	6.0	Miles
Total Passive TCQ Score					6.0	POOR
Total TCQ Score					25.0	FAIR



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Park Name	Lee Lane
Park Classification	Mini
Park Size	0.7

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	E	2	0.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1	0.4
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5

Total General TCQ Score	2.4	FAIR
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Active Park Elements (200)					
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	P	1	0.5
PE223	Playground	S	E	1.5	6.0

Total Active TCQ Score	6.5	EXCELLENT
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Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE307	Open Field	B	F	1	1.0

Total Passive TCQ Score	1.0	FAIR
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Total TCQ Score	9.9	GOOD
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Park Name	Leeson
Park Classification	Community
Park Size	41.6

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	G	5	0.9
PE108	Drinking Fountain	B	P	1	0.3
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	7	2.6
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	1	2.0
PE115	Parking	B	F	2	2.0
PE116	Picnic Table	B	F	24	4.0
PE118	Restroom	A	F	1	3.0
PE120	Shelter	S	F	2	2.0
Total General TCQ Score				16.8	GOOD



Active Park Elements (200)					
PE202	Bag Toss Court	B	G	1	0.8
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	P	2	1.0
PE206	Bleacher	S	F	4	2.0
PE222	Player Bench	B	P	4	0.5
PE223	Playground	S	E	1	4.0
Total Active TCQ Score				8.3	POOR

Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1	1.5
PE308	Open Water	S	G	1	3.0
PE314	Walking Trail	S	P	1	2.0
Total Passive TCQ Score				6.5	POOR

Total TCQ Score				31.6	FAIR
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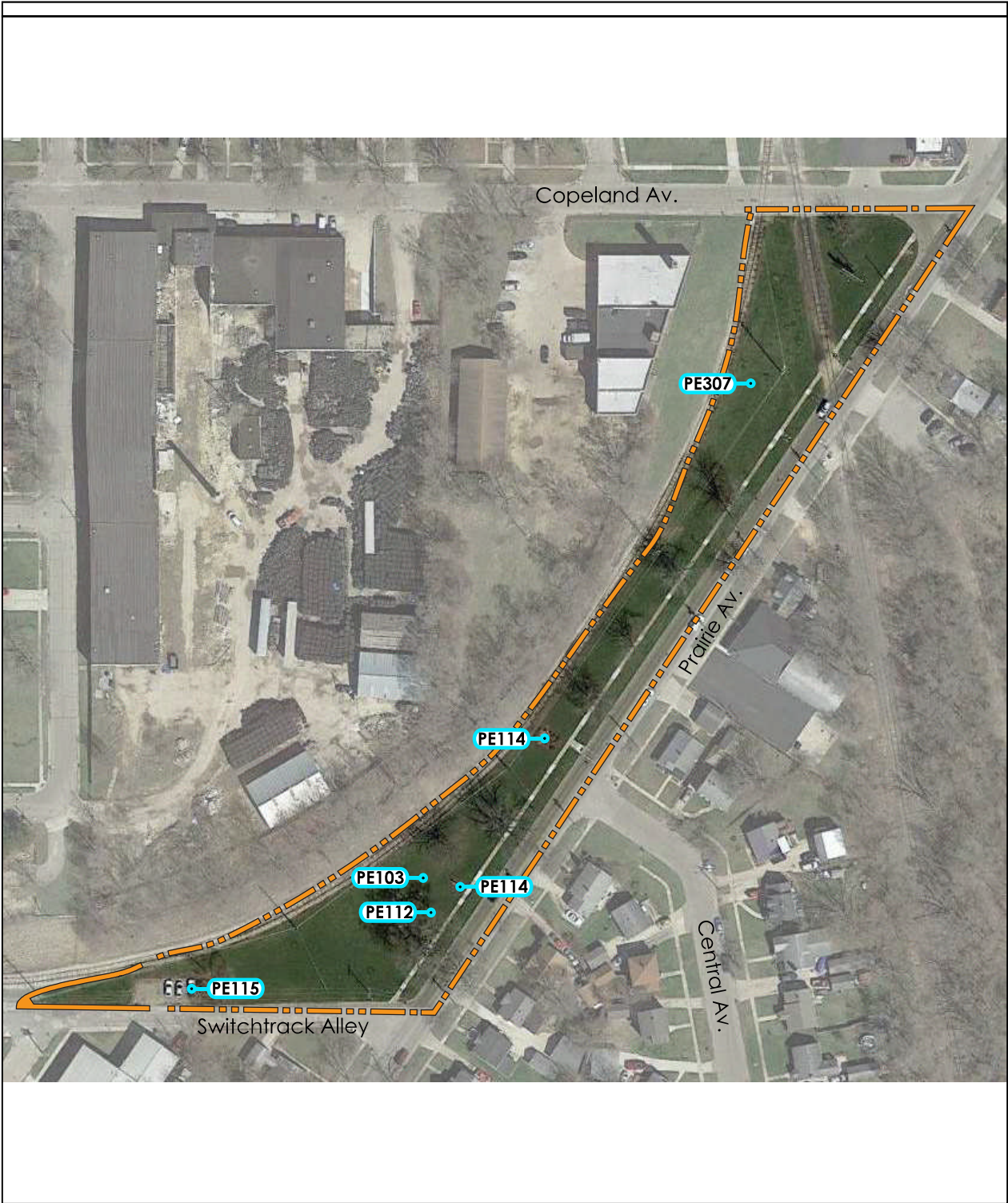



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Park Name	Luety
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	1

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	G	2	0.4
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	2	0.8
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	2	3.0
PE115	Parking	B	F	1	1.0
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	2	0.2
Total General TCQ Score				5.3	FAIR
Active Park Elements (200)					
Total Active TCQ Score				0.0	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE307	Open Field	B	F	1	1.0
Total Passive TCQ Score				1.0	POOR
Total TCQ Score				6.3	POOR



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Park Name	Mechanics Green
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	1

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	F	4	0.5
PE111	Lighting	S	P	1	1.0
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	3	1.1
PE113	Ornamental Fence	S	G	1	1.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5
PE115	Parking	B	G	1	1.5
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	7	0.6
Total General TCQ Score				7.7	FAIR
Active Park Elements (200)					
Total Active TCQ Score				0.0	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1	1.5
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	1	6.0 Miles
Total Passive TCQ Score				7.5	FAIR
Total TCQ Score				15.2	FAIR



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Park Name	Merrill
Park Classification	Mini
Park Size	0.5

		Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)						
PE112	Litter Can	B	F	2	0.5	
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5	
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	4	0.3	
Total General TCQ Score					2.3	FAIR
Active Park Elements (200)						
PE223	Playground	S	F	1	2.0	Plastic
Total Active TCQ Score					2.0	FAIR
Passive Park Elements (300)						
PE307	Open Field	B	P	1	0.5	
PE315	Historic Feature	A	G	1	2.3	
PE316	Community Garden	S	P	1	1.0	
Total Passive TCQ Score					3.8	GOOD
Total TCQ Score					8.1	FAIR



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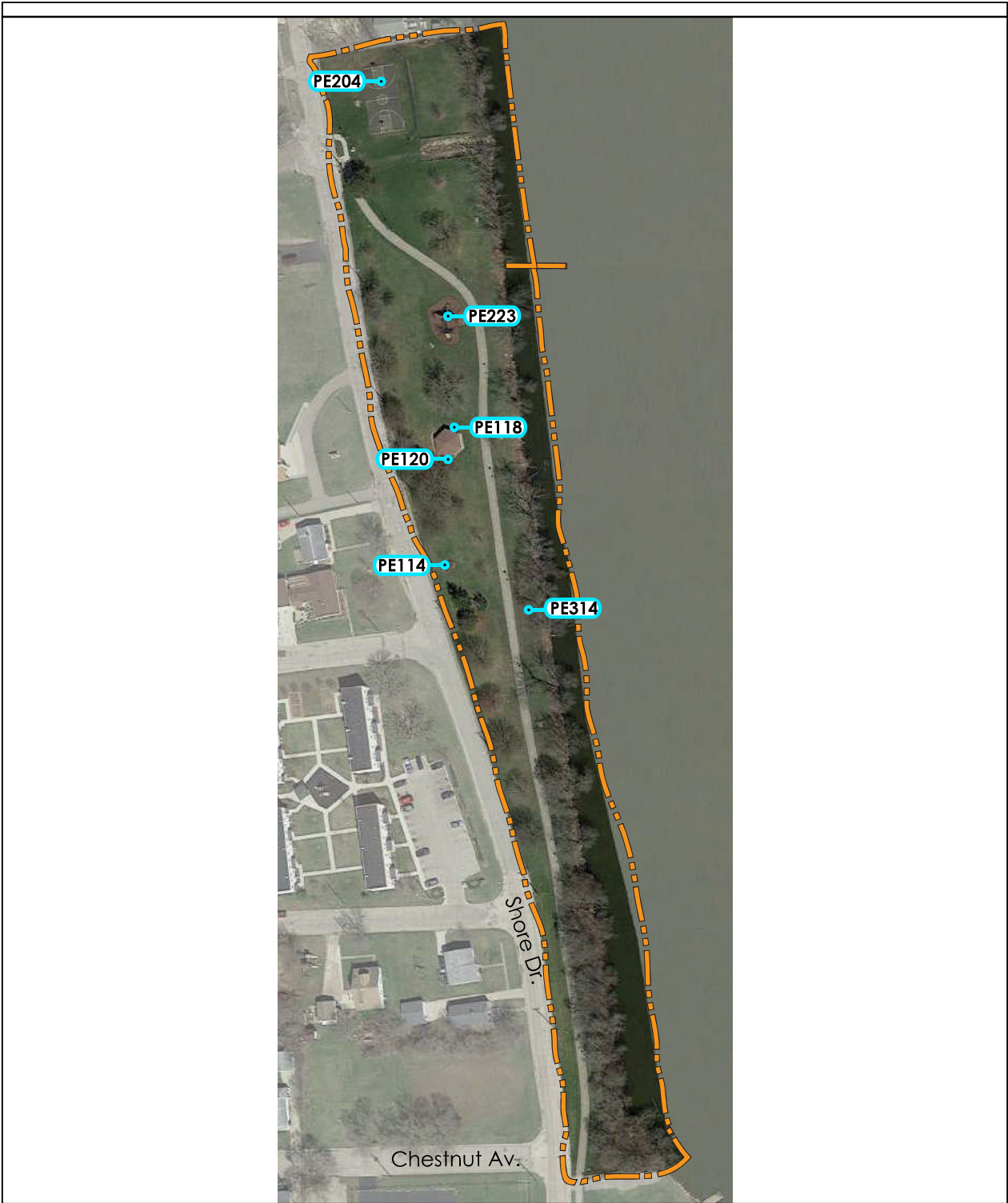


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Park Name	Rev. U.S. Pride
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	3

		Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)						
PE103	Bench	B	G	5	0.9	
PE111	Lighting	S	G	1	3.0	
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	3	1.1	
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5	
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	5	0.4	
PE118	Restroom	A	F	1	3.0	
PE120	Shelter	S	F	1	1.0	
Total General TCQ Score					11.0	GOOD
Active Park Elements (200)						
PE204	Basketball Court	S	P	1	0.5	
PE223	Playground	S	F	1	2.0	Plastic
Total Active TCQ Score					2.5	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)						
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	1	6.0	Miles
Total Passive TCQ Score					6.0	FAIR
Total TCQ Score					19.5	FAIR



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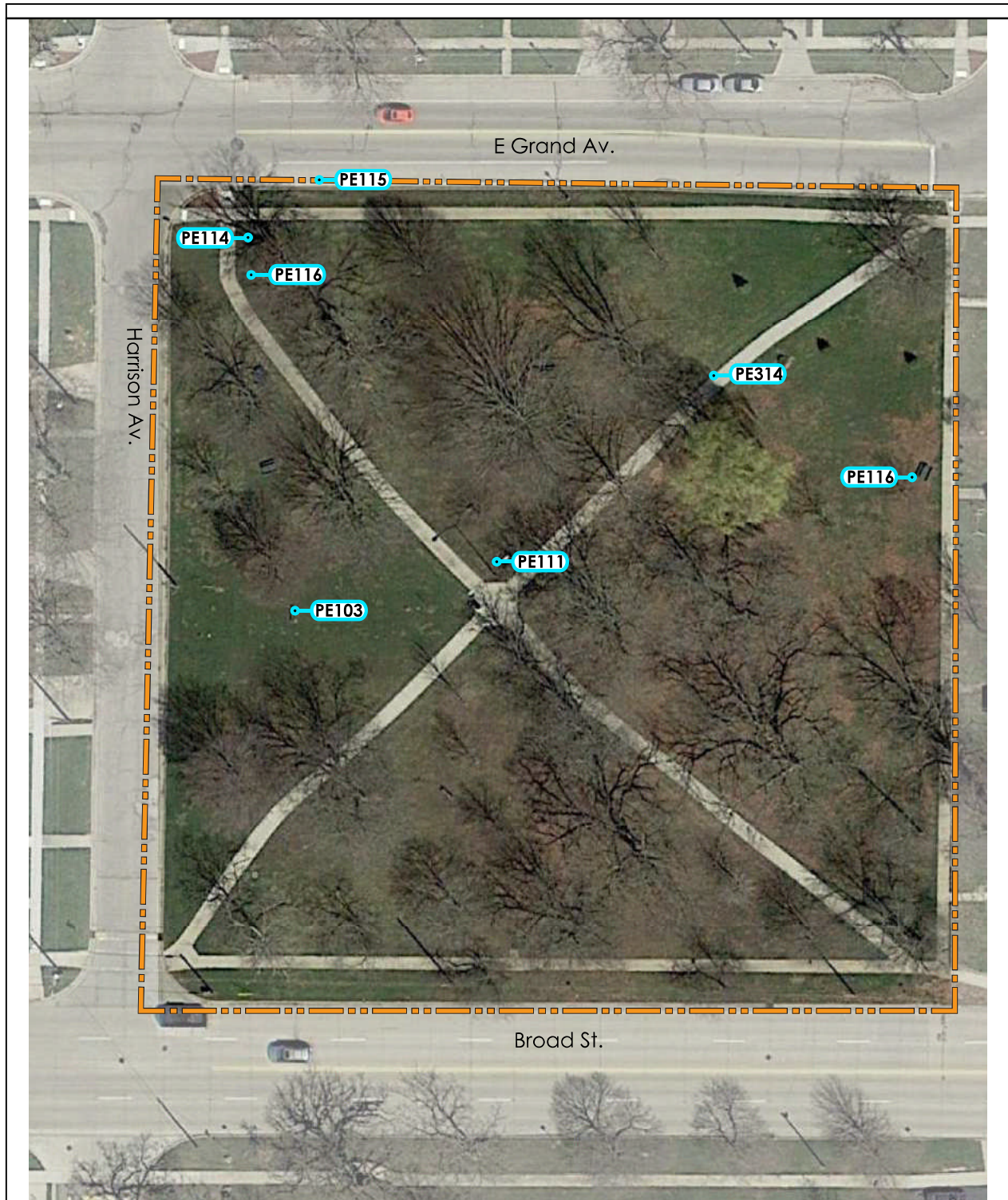



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Park Name	Rhodes
Park Classification	Natural Area
Park Size	2

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	F	4	0.5
PE111	Lighting	S	G	1	3.0
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	2	0.8
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5
PE115	Parking	B	G	1	1.5
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	5	0.4
Total General TCQ Score				7.7	EXCELLENT
Active Park Elements (200)					
Total Active TCQ Score				0.0	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	1	6.0 Miles
Total Passive TCQ Score				6.0	EXCELLENT
Total TCQ Score				13.7	EXCELLENT



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 Rhodes Arboretum
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Park Name	Ritsher
Park Classification	Mini
Park Size	0.8

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	E	2	0.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1	0.4
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	1	0.1

Total General TCQ Score	2.5	FAIR
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Active Park Elements (200)					
PE223	Playground	S	E	1.5	6.0
					Plastic


Total Active TCQ Score	6.0	EXCELLENT
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Passive Park Elements (300)					
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Total Passive TCQ Score	0.0	POOR
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Total TCQ Score	8.5	FAIR
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 Ritsher Park
North Scale: NTS

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Park Name	Riverside
Park Classification	Community
Park Size	28

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	E	60	15.0
PE104	Bike Rack	B	E	3	3.0
PE105	Boat Rental	A	G	1	2.3
PE106	Concessions	A	E	2	6.0
PE107	Dog Waste Bag Station	S	E	3	3.0
PE108	Drinking Fountain	B	G	3	2.3
PE109	Entry Arch	A	E	3	9.0
PE111	Lighting	S	E	1	4.0
PE112	Litter Can	B	E	25	12.5
PE113	Ornamental Fence	S	E	1	2.0
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	2	3.0
PE115	Parking	B	E	4	8.0
PE116	Picnic Table	B	G	48	12.0
PE118	Restroom	A	E	1	6.0
PE119	Shade Structure	S	G	2	3.0
PE120	Shelter	S	E	3	6.0

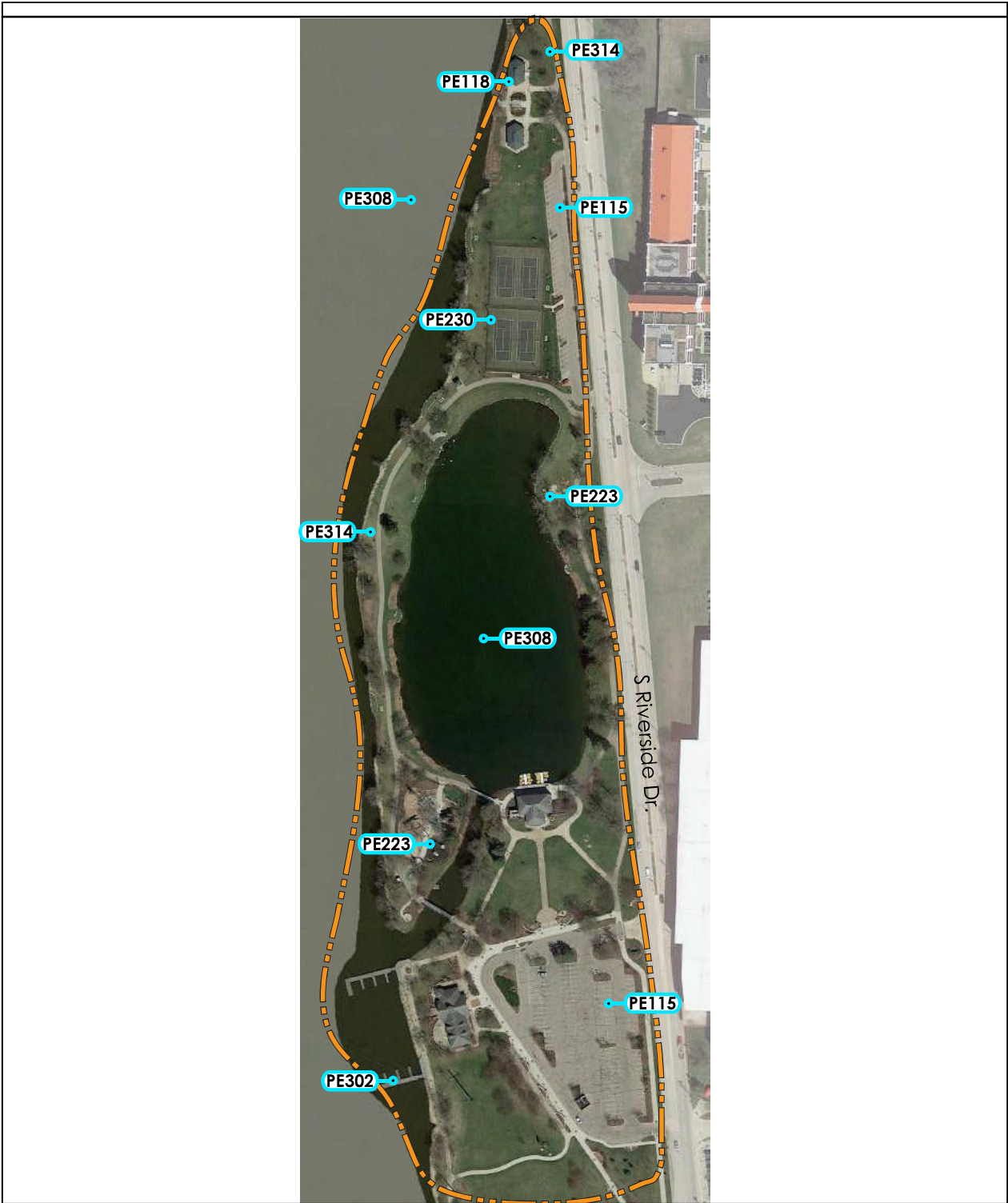
Total General TCQ Score	97.0	EXCELLENT
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Active Park Elements (200)					
PE212	Fishing Station	S	E	4	8.0
PE223	Playground	S	E	3	12.0
PE230	Tennis Court	S	P	4	2.0

Total Active TCQ Score	22.0	GOOD
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Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE301	ADA Access	S	G	1	3.0
PE302	Boat Dock	A	E	2	6.0
PE304	Educational Signage	A	E	1	3.0
PE305	Electric Access	S	G	1	3.0
PE306	Natural Area	S	E	1	2.0
PE307	Open Field	B	E	1	2.0
PE308	Open Water	S	E	2	8.0
PE309	Ornamental Planting	B	F	3	1.5
PE310	Overlook	A	G	1	2.3
PE311	Pedestrian Bridge	A	E	1	3.0
PE313	Sculpture	S	E	5	20.0
PE314	Walking Trail	S	E	2	16.0

Total Passive TCQ Score	69.8	EXCELLENT
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Park Name	Roosevelt
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	1.3

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	2	0.8
PE113	Ornamental Fence	S	P	1	0.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	1	2.0
PE116	Picnic Table	B	F	1	0.2

Total General TCQ Score	3.4	POOR
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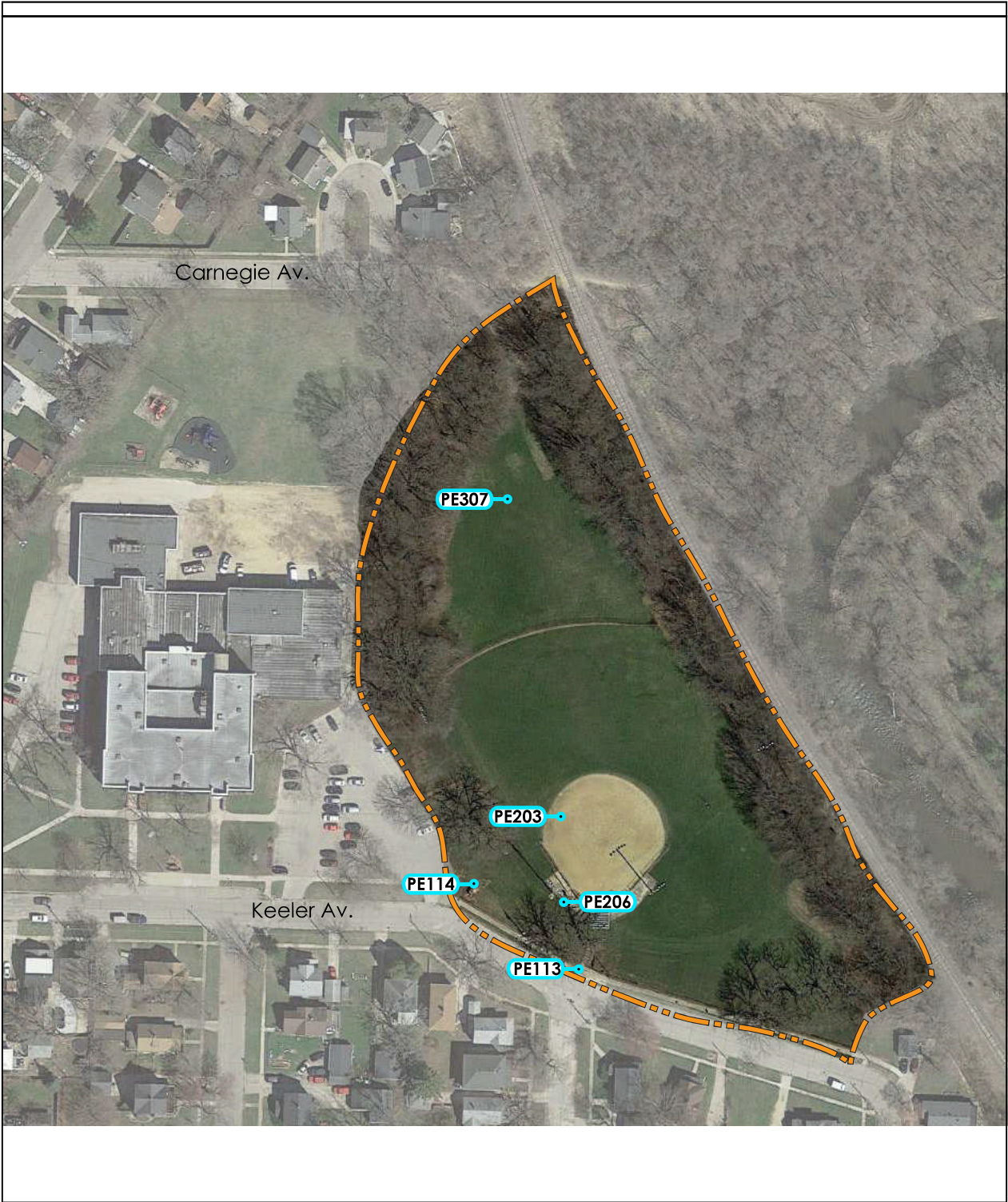
Active Park Elements (200)					
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	P	1	0.5
PE206	Bleacher	S	F	1	0.5


Total Active TCQ Score	1.0	POOR
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Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE307	Open Field	B	P	1	0.5

Total Passive TCQ Score	0.5	POOR
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Total TCQ Score	4.9	POOR
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Roosevelt Park
Scale: NTS

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Park Name	Schellenger
Park Classification	Mini
Park Size	0.8

		Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)						
PE103	Bench	B	P	1	0.1	
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5	
Total General TCQ Score					1.6	POOR
Active Park Elements (200)						
Total Active TCQ Score					0.0	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)						
PE307	Open Field	B	F	1	1.0	
PE310	Overlook	A	G	1	2.3	Natural
Total Passive TCQ Score					3.3	GOOD
Total TCQ Score					4.8	FAIR



 Schellenger Park
North Scale: NTS

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Park Name	Stateline Prairie
Park Classification	Natural Area
Park Size	10

		Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)						
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	1	2.0	
PE115	Parking	B	G	1	1.5	
Total General TCQ Score					3.5	FAIR
Active Park Elements (200)						
Total Active TCQ Score					0.0	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)						
PE307	Open Field	B	E	1	2.0	
PE308	Open Water	S	E	1	4.0	
PE311	Pedestrian Bridge	A	G	1	2.3	
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	1	6.0	Miles
Total Passive TCQ Score					14.3	EXCELLENT
Total TCQ Score					17.8	EXCELLENT



 Stateline Prairie Park
North Scale: NTS

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Park Name	Strong
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	3.5

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE112 Litter Can	B	G	1	0.4	
PE114 Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5	
PE116 Picnic Table	B	F	2	0.3	
Total General TCQ Score				2.2	POOR
Active Park Elements (200)					
Total Active TCQ Score				0.0	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE307 Open Field	B	G	1	1.5	
Total Passive TCQ Score				1.5	POOR
Total TCQ Score				3.7	POOR



 Strong Park
North Scale: NTS

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Park Name	Summit
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	7

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	F	6	0.8
PE104	Bike Rack	B	P	1	0.3
PE108	Drinking Fountain	B	F	1	0.5
PE110	Grill	S	G	2	1.5
PE111	Lighting	S	G	1	3.0
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1	0.4
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5
PE116	Picnic Table	B	F	10	1.7
PE118	Restroom	A	F	1	3.0
PE120	Shelter	S	F	1	1.0

Total General TCQ Score	13.5	GOOD
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Active Park Elements (200)					
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	F	1	1.0
PE204	Basketball Court	S	F	2	2.0
PE223	Playground	S	E	1	4.0
PE228	Soccer Field	S	F	1	1.0


Total Active TCQ Score	8.0	FAIR
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Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE307	Open Field	B	F	1	1.0

Total Passive TCQ Score	1.0	POOR
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Total TCQ Score	22.5	FAIR
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 Summit Park
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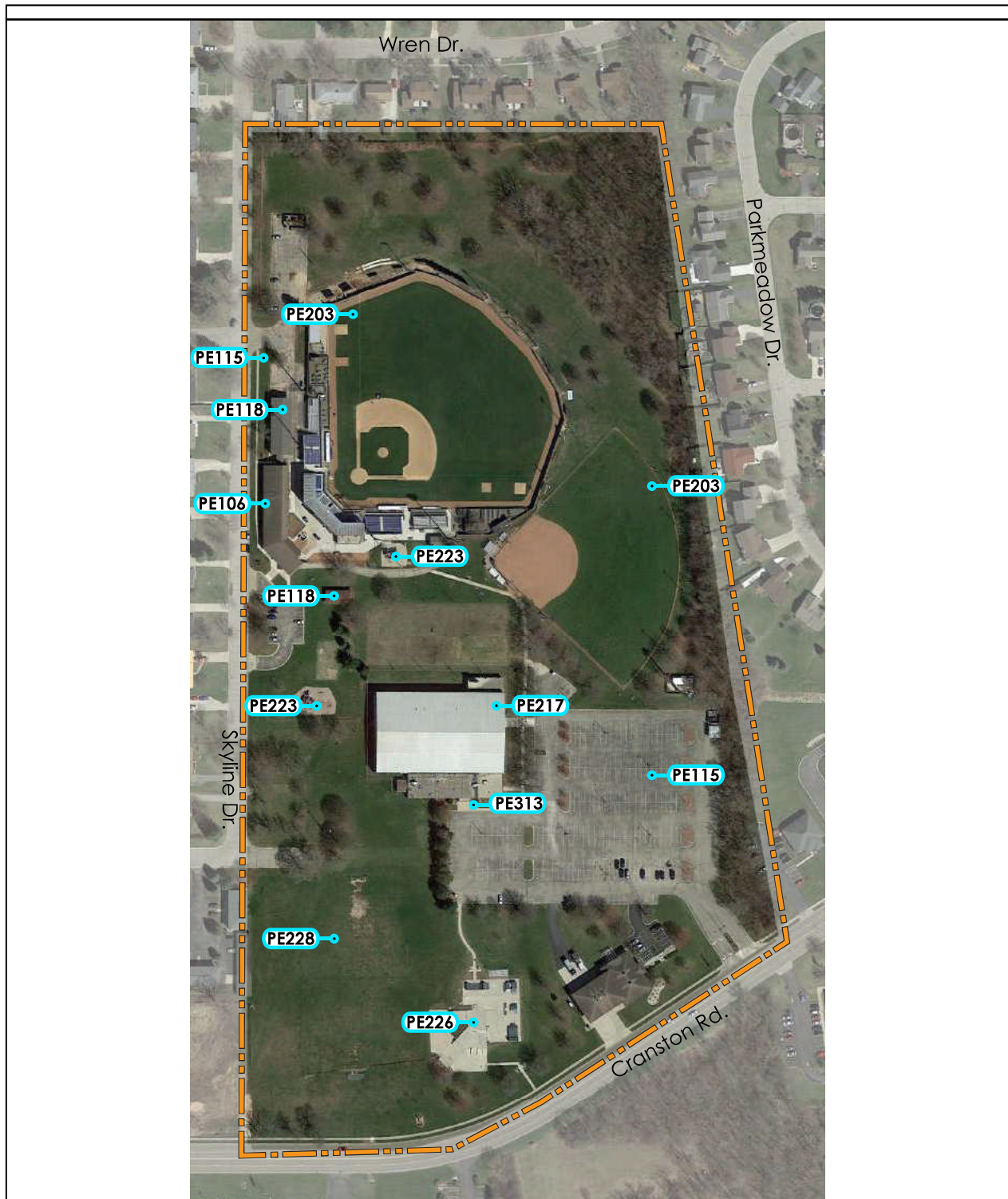
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Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	30.6

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	F	13	1.6
PE104	Bike Rack	B	P	1	0.3
PE106	Concessions	A	G	2	4.5
PE108	Drinking Fountain	B	G	1	0.8
PE111	Lighting	S	G	1	3.0
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	9	3.4
PE115	Parking	B	F	2	2.0
PE116	Picnic Table	B	F	9	1.5
PE118	Restroom	A	F	2	6.0
Total General TCQ Score					23.0
					EXCELLENT

Active Park Elements (200)					
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	G	2	3.0
PE206	Bleacher	S	G	9	6.8
PE217	Ice Rink	A	G	1	2.3
PE222	Player Bench	B	G	6	2.3
PE223	Playground	S	F	2	4.0
PE226	Skate Park	A	G	1	2.3
PE228	Soccer Field	S	F	1	1.0
Total Active TCQ Score					21.5
					EXCELLENT

Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE307	Open Field	B	F	2	2.0
PE313	Sculpture	S	E	1	4.0
Total Passive TCQ Score					6.0
					FAIR

Total TCQ Score				50.5	EXCELLENT
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 Telfer Park
 North Scale: NTS

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Park Name	The Landing
Park Classification	Mini
Park Size	0.2

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	E	3	0.8
PE111	Lighting	S	G	1	3.0
PE112	Litter Can	B	E	1	0.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5

Total General TCQ Score	5.8	GOOD
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Active Park Elements (200)					

Total Active TCQ Score	0.0	POOR
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Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE310	Overlook	A	G	1	2.3
PE313	Sculpture	S	E	2	8.0

Total Passive TCQ Score	10.3	EXCELLENT
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Total TCQ Score	16.0	EXCELLENT
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Park Name	Totem Mound
Park Classification	Natural Area
Park Size	1.2

		Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)						
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1	0.4	
PE113	Ornamental Fence	S	F	1	1.0	Wood Fence
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5	
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	2	0.2	

Total General TCQ Score	3.0	FAIR
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Active Park Elements (200)						

Total Active TCQ Score	0.0	POOR
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Passive Park Elements (300)						
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1	1.5	
PE315	Historic Feature	A	G	1	2.3	

Total Passive TCQ Score	3.8	FAIR
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Total TCQ Score	6.8	EXCELLENT
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Totem Mound Park
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Park Name	Townview
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	10

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	E	2	0.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1	0.4
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	1	0.1

Total General TCQ Score	2.5	POOR
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Active Park Elements (200)					
PE223	Playground	S	G	1.5	4.5

Total Active TCQ Score	4.5	POOR
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Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1	1.5

Total Passive TCQ Score	1.5	POOR
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Total TCQ Score	8.5	POOR
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Townview Park
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Park Name	Tremont
Park Classification	Mini
Park Size	0.3

		Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)						
PE103	Bench	B	P	2	0.1	
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	2	0.8	
PE113	Ornamental Fence	S	F	1	1.0	Wood Fence
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5	
Total General TCQ Score					3.4	FAIR
Active Park Elements (200)						
PE223	Playground	S	E	1	4.0	Plastic Edge
Total Active TCQ Score					4.0	GOOD
Passive Park Elements (300)						
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1	1.5	
Total Passive TCQ Score					1.5	FAIR
Total TCQ Score					8.9	FAIR



 Tremont Park
North Scale: NTS

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Park Name	Turtle Creek
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	11.4

		Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)						
PE103	Bench	B	E	4	1.0	
PE104	Bike Rack	B	E	1	1.0	
PE111	Lighting	S	G	1	3.0	
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5	
PE115	Parking	B	G	1	1.5	

Total General TCQ Score	8.0	FAIR
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Active Park Elements (200)						
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	G	1	1.5	Softball
PE204	Basketball Court	S	E	1	2.0	
PE206	Bleacher	S	F	1	0.5	
PE223	Playground	S	G	1.5	4.5	Swing

Total Active TCQ Score	8.5	FAIR
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Passive Park Elements (300)						
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	1	6.0	Miles
PE315	Historic Feature	A	F	1	1.5	

Total Passive TCQ Score	7.5	FAIR
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Total TCQ Score	24.0	FAIR
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N Turtle Creek Park
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Park Name	Turtle Creek Greenway
Park Classification	Natural Area
Park Size	379.1

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE115	Parking	B	P	1	0.5
Total General TCQ Score				0.5	POOR
Active Park Elements (200)					
Total Active TCQ Score				0.0	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE314	Walking Trail	S	F	1	4.0
Total Passive TCQ Score				4.0	GOOD
Total TCQ Score				4.5	GOOD



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 Park Feature

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Park Name	Vernon
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	4

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	E	2	0.5
PE111	Lighting	S	P	1	1.0
PE112	Litter Can	B	F	2	0.5
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	3	0.3
PE118	Restroom	A	P	1	1.5
PE120	Shelter	S	P	1	0.5

Total General TCQ Score	4.3	FAIR
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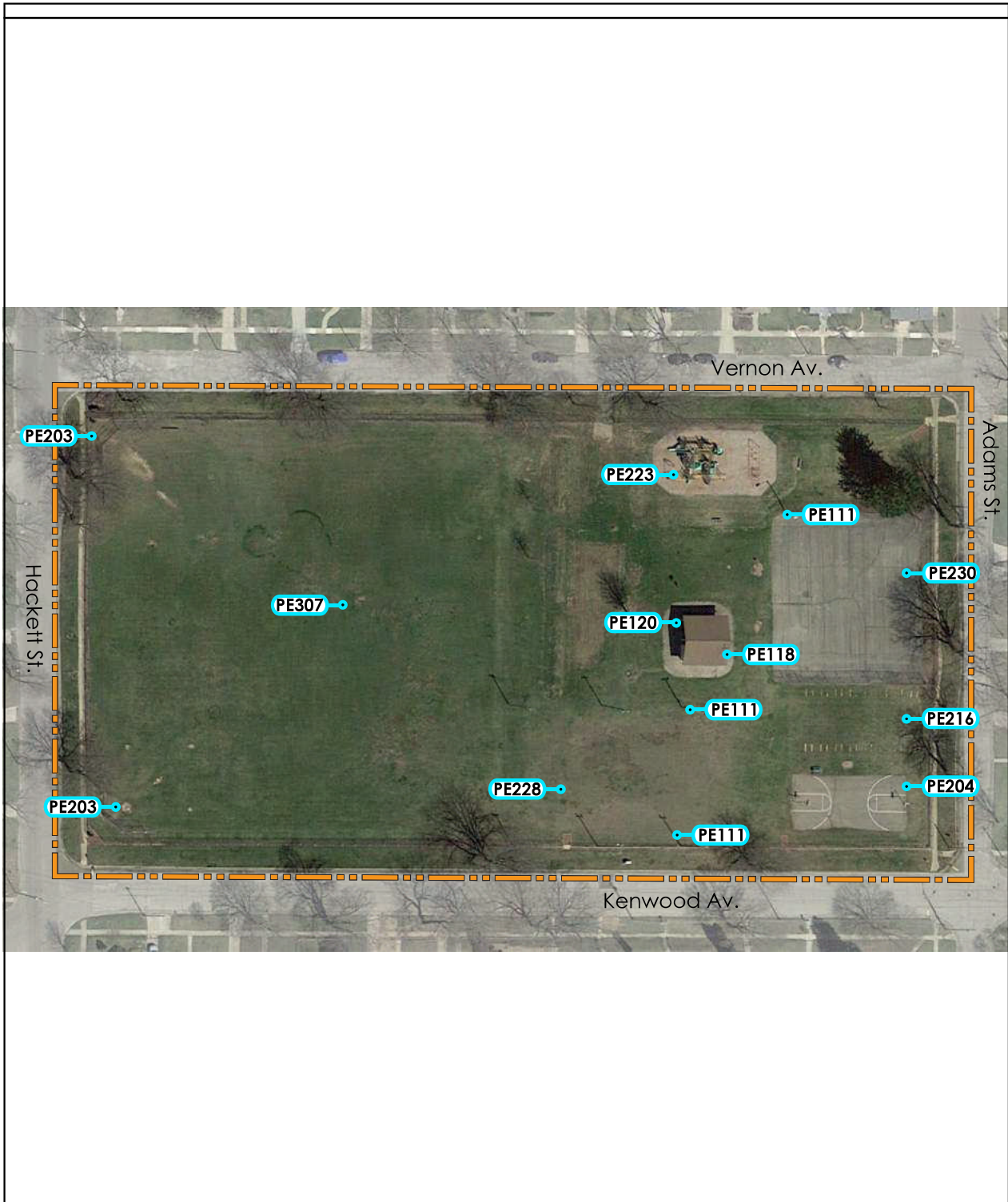
Active Park Elements (200)					
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	F	2	2.0
PE204	Basketball Court	S	P	1	0.5
PE216	Horseshoe Court	B	P	8	2.0
PE222	Player Bench	B	F	4	1.0
PE223	Playground	S	E	1.5	6.0
PE228	Soccer Field	S	P	1	0.5
PE230	Tennis Court	S	P	2	1.0

Total Active TCQ Score	13.0	GOOD
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Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1	1.5

Total Passive TCQ Score	1.5	POOR
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Total TCQ Score	18.8	FAIR
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 Vernon Park
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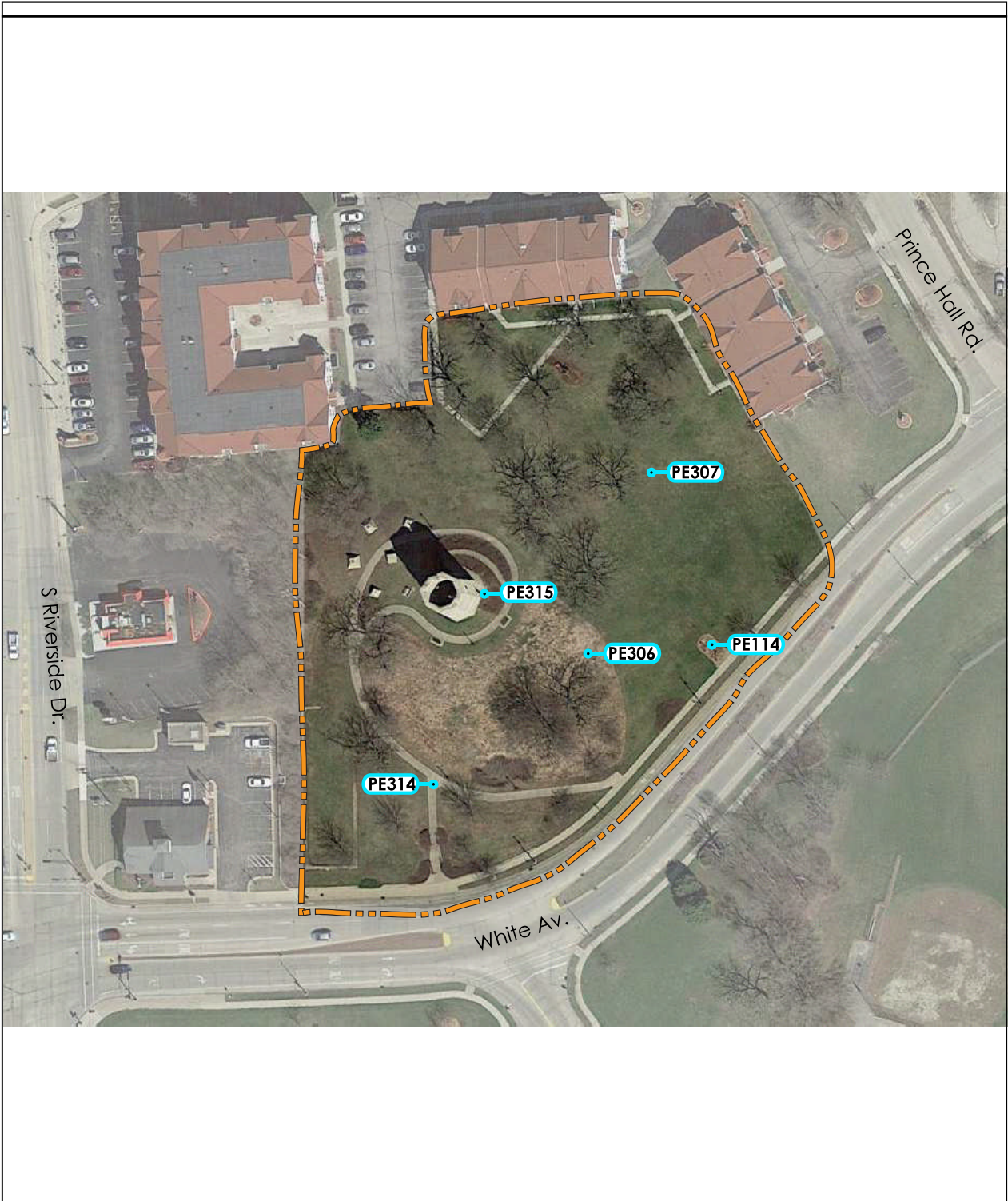
Park Name	Water Tower
Park Classification	Mini
Park Size	1.2

	Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	F	3	0.4
PE111	Lighting	S	G	1	3.0
PE114	Park Sign	S	G	1	1.5
Total General TCQ Score				4.9	GOOD

Active Park Elements (200)					
Total Active TCQ Score				0.0	POOR

Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE306	Natural Area	S	G	1	1.5
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1	1.5
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	1	6.0
PE315	Historic Feature	A	G	1	2.3
Total Passive TCQ Score				11.3	EXCELLENT

Total TCQ Score				16.1	EXCELLENT
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 N Water Tower Park
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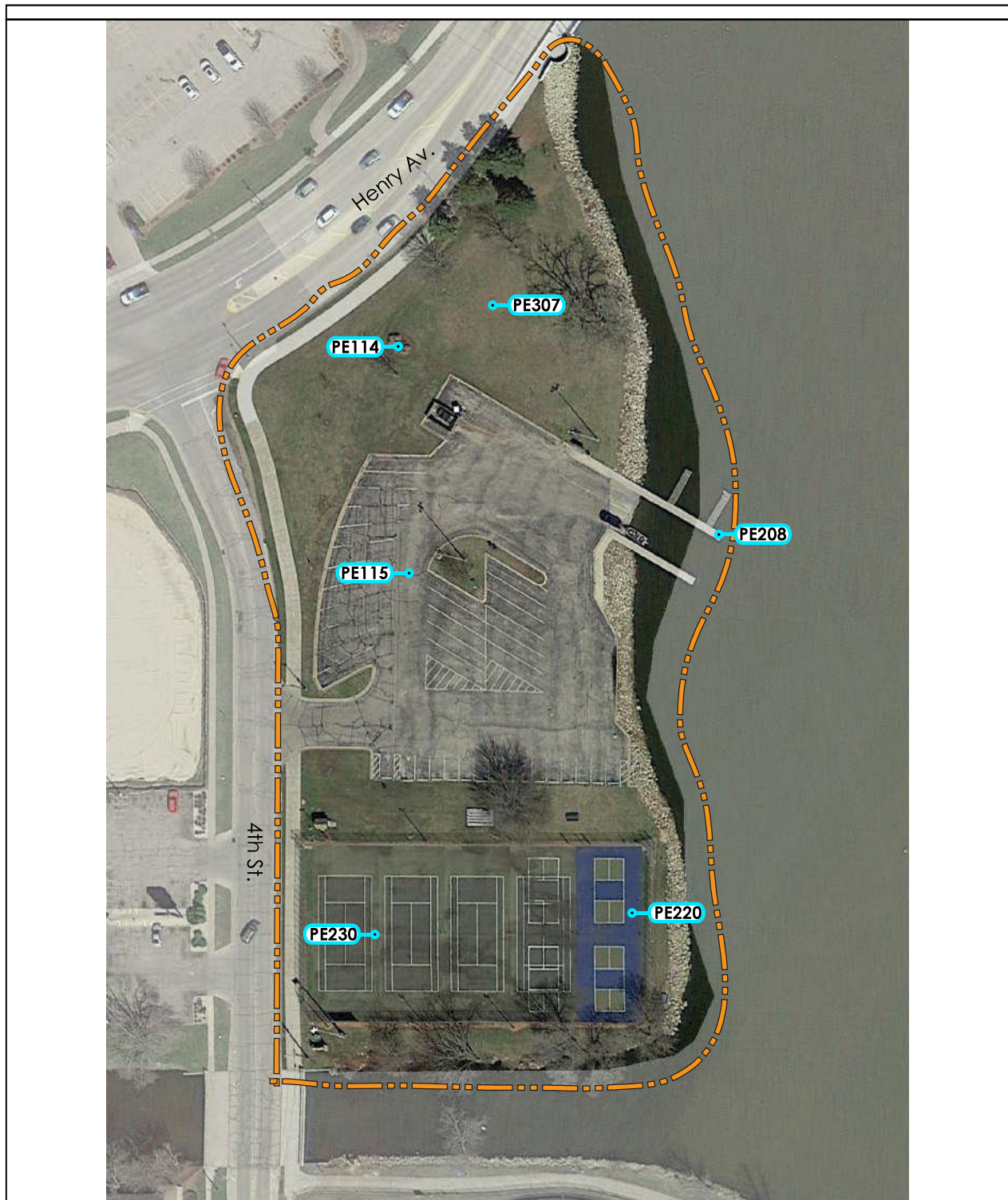



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Park Name	Wootton
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	3

		Type	Condition	Quantity	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)						
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	1	2.0	
PE115	Parking	B	F	1	1.0	
Total General TCQ Score					3.0	POOR
Active Park Elements (200)						
PE208	Canoe Launch	S	F	1	1.0	
PE220	Pickleball Court	S	E	2	4.0	
PE230	Tennis Court	S	F	4	4.0	
Total Active TCQ Score					9.0	FAIR
Passive Park Elements (300)						
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1	1.5	
Total Passive TCQ Score					1.5	POOR
Total TCQ Score					13.5	FAIR




 Wootton Park
 North Scale: NTS

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Chapter 4 - Envisionin the Future

The planning effort has been a course of investigation, analysis and interpretation. Public meetings have been conducted, a group of community leaders have offered their suggestions, a community survey of over 380 households has been analyzed, and the staff and appointed Commission members have provided their ideas.

All of these sources need to be taken into consideration to determine the needs of the community as well as the needs of the City of Beloit Division of Parks and Recreation. For this reason, goals and objectives of this plan will be categorized into these four main categories as:

- Administration & Operations
- Recreation Programs
- Land Acquisition and Park & Facility Development
- Facility & Park Maintenance

Administrative goals have emerged based on input from the staff, Commission and the work of the Delphi committee. Recreation programs emerged from the survey analysis, input from the staff and the work of the Delphi committee.

Land acquisition and park & facility development goals resulted from survey analysis, input from the Commission and staff as well as the work of the Delphi committee.

Facility & Park maintenance goals were largely a result of input from the staff, but with some input from the surveys.

Inevitably, administrative goals always surround the budget. That includes the development of financial reporting that is transparent and allows the City Council and City Manager to identify needed resources and distribute them in an equitable manner to meet the mission of the Division. Equitability is best determined by need. For this reason, the community survey provides the best information about what the community needs, with other sources playing an important as well.

In political science and public administration, one important source of information about how well an agency is performing is a simple comparison of its organizational structure to surrounding agencies. In this regard, the City of Beloit Division of Parks and Recreation have some important challenges. One such challenge is the organizational structure of the Division itself. The Parks and Recreation Division have less identity and autonomy than other similar departments of Wisconsin municipalities.

Themes

It is the development of themes from the information collected in this planning process in which the goals and objectives categories are developed. These strategic goals provide high level discussion for broad based thinking. They will stimulate the need to create specific objectives that are the foundation of the implementation portion of the plan. After a careful and thorough review of the input received from the many different sources, several areas have emerged that will comprise the plan direction. The three goal categories surround six major focus areas. The following list illustrates six major focus areas with a priority marker included to signify its importance.

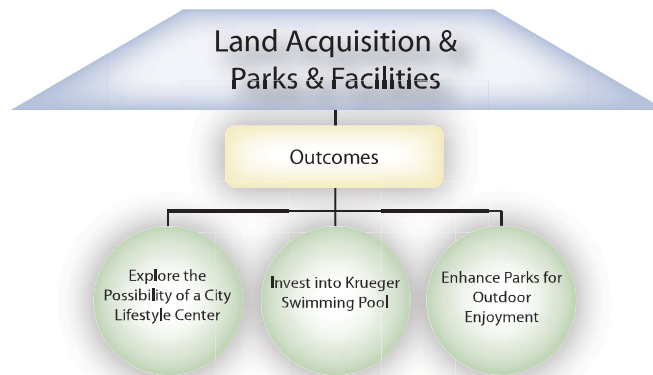
- **a. Park & Facility Improvements - High**
- **b. Capital Funding-High**
- c. Marketing & Visibility-Mid
- d. Partnerships-Mid
- d. Recreation Programs-Low
- e. Organization Change-Low

The goals and objectives surrounding park & facility improvements and capital funding should be viewed as high priorities. These two goals should also be viewed as interrelated activities with the remaining four as they have all direct relationships upon each other.

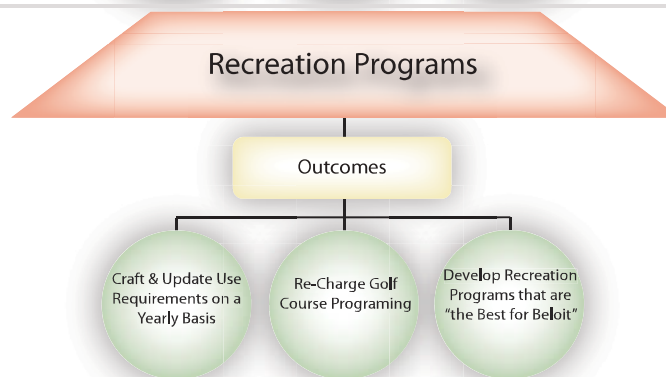
Strategic Atlas

The Strategic Atlas on the next page illustrates the major outcomes of the plan.

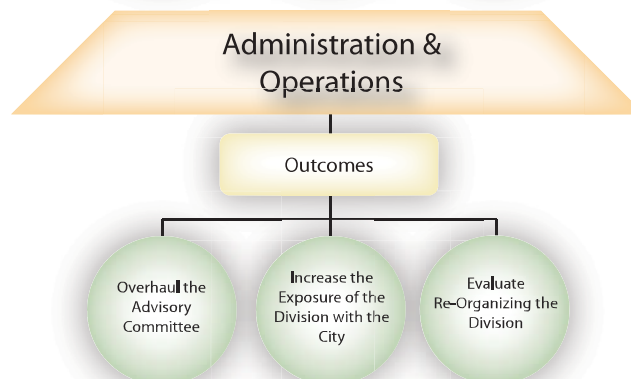
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Beloit Parks, Open Space & Recreation Plan Goals and Objectives

The administrative goals identified as part of this plan are goals that allow the provision of Parks and Recreation Division to enhance serve to the public. In review of the goals that follow, organizational operations review, visibility and a stronger and more active Commission are highlights to focus on in the future.

Administration & Operations Goals & Objectives

Goal 1: *Continue to evaluate the organizational structure of the Division for improved operations where possible.*

Objectives:

- Evaluate the Division's organizational structure on a regular basis and make adjustments where possible for improved operations.
- Provide an opportunity to grow recreation revenues and re-invest into operational expenses. This would also include the development of a new tier system of capital money allocation from basic park repair and replacement items to high level improvements to community assets.

Goal 2: *Increase the exposure of Parks and Recreation Division within the City of Beloit*

Objectives:

- Assemble a task force committee that will provide direction and recommendations on marketing opportunities for enhanced media coverage and publicity.
- Work with Blackhawk Technical College to develop a marketing intern position that will provide expertise in the development and implementation of a new modern marketing campaign.

Goal 3: *Produce timely promotional material informing the public of the recreation programs, parks and facilities available to them*

Objectives:

- Create professional promotional material to compliment the Activities & Program Guide to inform the community of on-going and pop-up leisure services.
- Issue these materials in both print and electronic format.
- Develop "video-clips" to emphasis timely topics and materials and release through social media applications.

Goal 4: *Overhaul the Parks, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission with an enhanced connection to the City Council*

Objectives:

- Investigate the current and refine the future direction of the Commission by specific direction from the City Manager's office.
- Limit Commission member's terms of service to a maximum of 5 years to ensure a mix of new ideas reflective of the community.

- Develop a monthly presentation by staff and/or invited guest speakers of a relevant park and/or recreation topic to educate the Commission on current trends in the industry.
- Investigate appropriate mechanisms to inform the City Council on the Commission's work and also have the Commission understand Council's position on parks and recreation topics.
- Keep a standing discussion agenda item on the Commission meeting discussing the Master Plan.

Goal 5: *Investigate the process to begin CAPRA Agency Accreditation*

Objectives:

- Review the process to become an accredited agency by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). There are currently only two accredited agencies in Wisconsin.
- Discuss the merits of accreditation and if feasible, pursue the application.
- Set self-assessment deadline to obtain accreditation.

Recreation Programs Goals & Objectives

The ability to program effective course offerings while providing a variety of experiences is a challenge for every recreation agency. The need to base program decisions on the needs of the community is vital. Creative thinking to develop new and merited classes is important to every recreational professional. However, high cancellation rates and classes running at less than capacity are significant issues that are faced by all organizations. Follow up research is needed to define the obstacles to these issues and to maximize core recreation offerings. It is clear that adult league play is a core recreation offering. The primary goal in this plan for leisure services is to re-visit financial and performance based criteria to bolster the success of recreation programming. A focus on family based programming for a diverse population might be a good test program series to see what level of interest is generated. New recreation and financial software to grasp the hard numbers is needed as well as an innovative marketing plan to continue to place the leisure services offerings in the minds of the local consumer. The market for these services has growth potential if an effective message can be communicated to the community.

Goal 6: *Create in-house youth athletic leagues that focus on quality instruction*

Objectives:

- Develop protocols for the formation of youth sports leagues with field allocations, referee assignments and leagues rules.
- Focus on sports that can be played on multi-purpose fields such as soccer and lacrosse.
- Target early childhood ages that focus on skill development and need smaller space footprints.

Goal 7: *Re-invest into the uses of Krueger Swimming Pool*

Objectives:

- The swimming pool is an important component to the fabric of the community. Create an informational campaign to educate residents on the value of the swimming pool and how they can benefit by using the pool.
- Continue to seek ways to reduce operational expenses on the pool so fees can be adjusted to target an increase in season pool pass and daily use sales.

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- Expand the swimming programs where possible. Seek modest price increase where possible.
- Propose special events on a weekly basis to draw more patrons and guests to the pool.

Goal 8: *Invest into industry based recreation software that allows for on-line registration, real time registration data, financial performance indicators and multiple points of sale opportunities.*

Objectives:

- Research the best software solution that will meet the City of Beloit's IT specifications.
- Set up migration plan to "go-live" with new software.
- Monitor data and use software reporting features for decision making.

Goal 9: *Develop on-going data sets for strategic direction in recreation programming income and attendance potential.*

Objectives:

- Review profit/loss statements as well as attendance numbers for each recreation program on a monthly basis with a 3-year history to identify trends and set programming direction.
- Establish a competitive pricing strategy which tracks pricing policies for both internal use and external competitors.
- Make decisions as to the short-term direction on programs and be aggressive in taking action to stop unsuccessful endeavors where and when possible.

Goal 10: *Develop recreation programs with a re-focus on "the Best activities for Beloit".*

Objectives:

- Organize and operate healthy centered lifestyle programs.
- Expand youth aged summer day camps
- Expand adult sports leagues with additional team offerings for ages over 40.
- Organize and operate limited youth sports leagues.
- Organize and operate niche travel trips for City residents.
- Seek to develop programs offered for the City by the City.
- Hold activities away from week day nights and focus on weekends for greater participation rates due to schedule availability.
- Develop a 12 month long special event series with an activity for each month out of the year. Seek to develop a strong corporate sponsorship program as a revenue stream to offset special events costs.

Goal 11: *Develop performance standards for each recreation course grouping.*

Objectives:

- Set agreed upon specific performance standards and develop measurable matrix indicators to gauge outcomes.
- Develop a continuous market based research approach for class offerings to identify strengths and weakness and set criteria to correct imbalanced performances.

Goal 12: *Coordinate recreation programming with capital plan development for improved use of limited parks and facilities*

Objectives:

- Develop a structured review of park and facility plans to discuss what the recreation needs could be in new and improved spaces for programmed activities.
- Implement a process of reporting what is feasibly possible within budget parameters on capital projects.
- Review the project requests with the park planners and decide what can be included in the capital projects.

Goal 13: *Craft and/or update use agreements with allied organizations and review on a yearly basis.*

Objectives:

- Expand local school use for both buildings and school yards for both structured and drop in recreational opportunities. This includes investment into the cost sharing of capital costs for project elements.
- Identify new potential partnerships that will create value for your residents by leisure services that you cannot offer.
- Develop agreements that are fair for all parties involved and enforce terms of the individual agreements.

Goal 14: *Assist the Welty Environmental Center in the expansion of nature programming in the Big Hill Center.*

Objectives:

- Identify areas of assistance for both programs and camps.
- Prepare a cost sharing model between the City and the Welty Environmental Center for expanded course offerings in nature based education.

Goal 15: *Develop an operational recreation & rental plan for the conversion of the Big Hill Center from general office space to prime programming and rental space.*

Objectives:

- Identify potential recreation uses that can be offered in the Big Hill Center outside of the Welty Environmental Center lease area.
- Explore the rental possibility of the upper floor for special events rentals like weddings, birthday parties, corporate events, etc.
- Define revenue/expense projections and seek a modest profit margin on rentals.
- Seek capital investment for conversion activities.

Goal 16: *Recharge golf course programming.*

Objectives:

- Develop new programs to shift golf play from recreational play to a social experience.
- Encourage youth play by developing a traditional team roster of players and play in a league format.

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- Center marketing efforts on customer enjoyment.
- Increase the overall use of golf facilities including non-golf events and activities. Explore a marketing cross promotion tie into the swimming pool next door for joint use opportunities.

Land Acquisition and Park & Facility Development Goals & Objectives

The need to have a functional and well developed park and facility system in place allows for agency success. For governmental organizations that invest into planning, a well thought out capital plan is a necessity. The ability to construct and maintain quality indoor and outdoor space is crucial for program offerings. The primary reason agencies do not offer many activities that a community desires is it lacks the spaces to do.

As the expenses to maintain parks and facilities are ever increasing, not having the ability to invest capital in parks and facilities limits every aspect as to what the agency can do. These goals and objectives are specific within a flexible framework to allow major capital improvement projects to be started within the next five years. The implementation plan in the next chapter outlines the level of improvements needed from an inventory review of the current park system with a blended evaluation process as to the direction of needed improvements. To this end, the study will give recommendations based on solid rationale, but leave the final decisions as to the character and composition of the five year capital improvement plan to the City leadership.

Goal 17: Implement the 5 year capital improvement plan to the best of the agency abilities.

Objectives:

- Advance the Capital Improvement Plan by developing a structured review of the conceptual site plans for each park and associated improvements for that budget year.
- Continue to review the CIP and move projects up or down based on continued resident feedback and Commission/staff interaction.
- Look to develop a school yard initiative based on successful models with the local School District where neighborhood parks that need investment within an overlay level of service can be improved and enhanced by this initiative to create neighborhood recreation spaces while also benefiting the local students.
- Develop grant applications where possible to assist in offsetting capital costs.
- Proceed with project implementation with the goal of zero project fiscal year carry-overs.

Goal 18: Develop walking/biking paths for health awareness.

Objectives:

- Construct paths, both loop and linear, within the parks and open spaces identified in this plan.
- Work towards pathways for on-street and off-street linear path segments when performing roadway improvements to address multi-modal options connecting park spaces as well as other cultural areas.
- Continue working with other trail partners, identifying the sections each would build and the financial responsibilities of each party.
- Identify funding sources for the City's portion of the pathway system.
- Where possible, apply for grants and assemble the matching resources to fund construction of specific paths.
- Let the community know where the current local pathways are and future paths will be built.

Goal 19: *Incorporate specialty use areas into the park system.*

Objectives:

- Educate the public on the benefit of these unique park elements within the identified parks during the design process.
- These specialty use areas could include sled hills, outdoor ice rinks, custom climbing equipment, dog parks, fishing piers, prairies, natural playgrounds and splash pads.
- Identify parks and open spaces that will distribute these use areas strategically throughout the City.

Goal 20: *Develop a public input process for all capital improvements.*

Objectives:

- Develop a public input process to gather community feedback appropriate for the level of project.
- Engage the public in a clear and transparent input process.
- Evaluate comments and incorporate suggestions that make sense where possible.
- Finalize project direction with opportunities for public viewing, comment and a potential timeline.

Goal 21: *Review Level of Service and acquire additional park acreage where needed.*

Objectives:

- Identify potential areas within the City that can address gaps in level of service.
- Evaluate the benefits of resource allocation for land acquisition versus of subject property versus other capital improvements.
- Acquire additional park land if the benefits outweigh the obstacles to address service gaps.

Goal 22: *Perform minor capital improvements at indoor facilities.*

Objectives:

- Define criteria for essential indoor projects versus outdoor capital projects.
- Minor indoor capital improvements should be prioritized and funded as to repairs necessary for operations
- It is not anticipated that major capital dollars be spend on indoor facilities unless a viable revenue stream that will cover operational expenses has been identified and studied.

Goal 23: *Perform a feasibility study to consolidate indoor recreation facilities into one lifestyle center.*

Objectives:

- Start the process of a feasibility study to develop a full picture as to the success and potential obstacles of a future consolidation of City owned satellite indoor recreation facilities into an efficient, single lifestyle center to house both essential recreation and city related services to the community.
- Identify potential partnerships to advance building projects to share capital, revenue and expenses.

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Goal 24: *Invest into Krueger Swimming Pool.*

Objectives:

- Review the feasibility study findings and fund the most logical direction that City Council deems necessary for continued operation of the pool.
- Explore the idea of creating a new entrance experience for both the pool and the golf course for an easier arrival sequence.

Facility & Park Maintenance Goals & Objectives

Goal 25: *Incorporate green building technology into projects where feasible*

Objectives:

- Evaluate the cost benefit versus the social justice of environmental stewardship.
- If financially feasible, develop an appropriate green response into maintenance projects.

Goal 26: *Establish standard of care of parkland and facilities, and annually complete inspections of all park sites in creating a priority maintenance plan.*

Objectives:

- Perform Monthly inspections of all playgrounds.
- Perform Monthly inspections of all park shelters and picnic amenities.
- Create and implement an annual maintenance structure repair plan for parks and recreational facilities within the limited resources of the annual budget.
- Review the signage program to ensure park rules and general public information are within park sites
- Provide training as deemed appropriate for park maintenance staff and supervisors which will enhance their knowledge and skills in maintaining our park system.
- Understand the on-going maintenance requirements of the Parks CIP Plan.
- Hire and utilize contractual services as warranted and acceptable within the City's Contracting, Purchasing, and Disbursement Policy.
- Collaborate with various community based organizations in providing supportive services in the coordination of special community events, including but not limited to; Beloit Riverfest, July 4th Celebration, Snappers Baseball, Friends of the Riverfront programs, and Beloit 20/20 related activities. These services should have hours tracked and invoiced to the appropriate organization for time and material cost recovery related to all assistance outside of City run special events.
- Provide support and assistance to community-based groups that volunteer to conduct community service (clean-up) programs within city parks.
- Continue to offer and market the Adopt-a-Park Program.
- Continue to offer and market park bench donations.
- Continue to offer and market park tree donations.
- Continue the implementation of the park mowing schedule and make revisions based upon additional mowing areas as assigned.

- Continue our graffiti removal program by removing graffiti from our parks within 48 hours of notification, either by our staff or contractual services.
- Assist in Snow Removal Operations in assigned areas as prioritized, including but not limited to; city parking lots, and sidewalks, as well as shaping the Ski Trails.

Goal 27: *Provide effective and efficient landscape management that continually improves the aesthetic qualities of the city owned parks, open space, streetscapes, and recreation facilities throughout the year.*

Objectives:

- Create an Annual Maintenance Schedule which indicates the implementation, tracking and completion of projects on a weekly basis.
- Create a separate budgetary cost center for accurately budgeting and tracking and of landscaping expenditures, and related projects.
- Continue implementation of a Special Landscaping Project Plan each year.
- Utilize the Horticulturist in the designing of landscape beds.
- Continue with the Turf Management in the parks and facilities to include fertilizing, weed control, aerifying, and over-seeding.
- Continue partnership with Rock County Parks in the implementation of our controlled burn plan within various identified park sites.
- Continue partnership with the Friends of the Riverfront in the Landscaping of Riverside Park corridor area.
- Complete the installation and landscaping of the new park signs as identified within the Park Signage Plan.

Goal 28: *Provide effective and efficient management of Eastlawn and Oakwood Cemeteries to include staff management, fiscal control, quality services, planning, and facility maintenance.*

Objectives:

- Annually, schedule an informational meeting with local Funeral Home Directors for the purpose of addressing operational and maintenance issues.
- Annually review and revise the Cemetery Rules & Regulations Manual which defines standard maintenance care of the cemeteries.
- Annually review and make recommendations regarding revisions to the fee structure for cemetery services.
- Continue to keep appropriate records as required by State Statute.
- Continue to work collaboration with the city's Engineering Department in review and implementing upgrades to the cemetery database regarding platting of the cemetery plots and updating clerical software files.
- Enhance public relations through appropriate staff training and sensitive marketing techniques.
- Maintain the cemetery grounds through a ground maintenance services as hired through the city's Contractual, Purchasing, and Disbursement Policy.
- Continue to monthly inspections of the ground maintenance service performance to ensure city standards for the cemetery maintenance are being met.
- Semi- annually (spring & fall) schedule and implement a cemetery clean-up program when all floral arrangements are removed from the cemetery, as outlined within the Cemetery Rules & Regulations Manual.

Chapter 5 - Plan Implementation

Action Plan with Timeline

A good plan is built on the information that it collected. However, the success of the plan truly lies with the agency. The previous chapter outlined specific goals and objectives that have the ability to make steps forward into the future to create a better parks and recreation experience in Beloit. It not only focuses on just parks, but also operations. It will allow the agency the opportunity to primarily address capital needs, but also just importantly, look at the operation of the entire Division setting direction which strategic goals for many areas to seek improvement.

This chapter is organized into a simple to follow action plan that should be implemented to meet the goals and objectives as outlined in this plan. It is the culmination of all the research, meetings, responses and discussions that has transpired during the seven plus month planning process. The end goal of this plan is to set priorities that will positively impact the quality of life for the residents of Beloit.

One of the key items that will allow for continued improvements and implementation are frequent Staff/Committee discussions regarding the Division. These meetings should cover the monthly action items that need to be reviewed but needs to provide stronger discussions on the future of parks and recreation within Beloit. It is also important to have a clear funding picture for the projects of this plan to get the necessary buy-in at all levels within the organization. The City passed a 5 year capital improvement plan that has outlined a series of projects for the Division. The costs that follow in the next section are only preliminary budgetary numbers and should be viewed as a starting point when a project is considered.

Implementation Timeline for Goals						
Strategic Goal	Priority	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<i>Implement the 5 year capital improvement plan to the best of the agency abilities</i>	High	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Develop walking/biking paths for health awareness</i>	Medium					
<i>Incorporate specialty use areas into the park system</i>	High	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Develop a public input process for all capital improvements</i>	Medium	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Review Level of Service and acquire additional park acreage where needed</i>	Low		X		X	
<i>Perform minor capital improvements at indoor facilities</i>	Medium	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Perform a feasibility study to consolidate indoor recreation facilities into one lifestyle center</i>	Low		X			
<i>Invest into Krueger Swimming Pool</i>	High		X			
<i>Incorporate green building technology into projects where feasible</i>	Low	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Establish standard of care of parkland and facilities, and annually complete inspections of all park sites in creating a priority maintenance plan</i>	High	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Provide effective and efficient landscape management that continually improves the aesthetic qualities of the city owned parks, open space, streetscapes, and recreation facilities throughout the year</i>	High	X	X	X	X	X

2018-2023 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Strategic Goal	Priority	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<i>Provide effective and efficient management of Eastlawn and Oakwood Cemeteries to include staff management, fiscal control, quality services, planning, and facility maintenance</i>	Low	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Increase the exposure of Parks and Recreation Division within the City of Beloit</i>	High	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Produce timely promotional material informing the public of the recreation programs, parks and facilities available to them</i>	Medium	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Craft and/or update use agreements with allied organizations and review on a yearly basis</i>	High	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Assist the Welty Environmental Center in the expansion of nature programming in the Big Hill Center</i>	Medium		X			
<i>Create in-house youth athletic leagues that focus on quality instruction</i>	Medium	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Re-invest into the uses of Krueger Swimming Pool</i>	Medium	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Overhaul the Parks, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission with an enhanced connection to the City Council</i>	High		X			
<i>Investigate the process to begin CAPRA Agency Accreditation</i>	Low		X			
<i>Invest into industry based recreation software that allows for on-line registration, real time registration data, financial performance indicators and multiple points of sale opportunities</i>	Low			X		
<i>Develop on-going data sets for strategic direction in recreation programming income and attendance potential</i>	Low	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Develop recreation programs with a re-focus on “the Best activities for Beloit”</i>	High	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Develop performance standards for each recreation course grouping</i>	Medium		X		X	
<i>Develop an operational recreation & rental plan for the conversion of the Big Hill Center from general office space to prime programming and rental space</i>	High	X				
<i>Recharge golf course programming</i>	High	X	X			

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Capital Improvement Planning & Schedule

The conceptual ideas for each park are subject to change as each specific park project is developed. Final programming for each park is important and each park should be developed with a public input process specific to that project.

The City of Beloit Parks & Recreation Division has certain infrastructure needs and obligations, such as maintaining the trail network, indoor facilities and outdoor park spaces as well as creating safe environments that will continue to be reviewed and evaluated as this plan is moved forward.

The chart on the following page is the Quality of Service Scorecard. It takes into account three categories (level of service, cost and impact) and then ranks each park or facility. The highest scores should be considered the most important items, which should be focused on first. The capital improvement plan targets a fiscal year for improvements to be made. As noted earlier, the final course of action is left to the agency staff and appointed Commission, since the plan is a guide for making decisions associated with possible improvements.

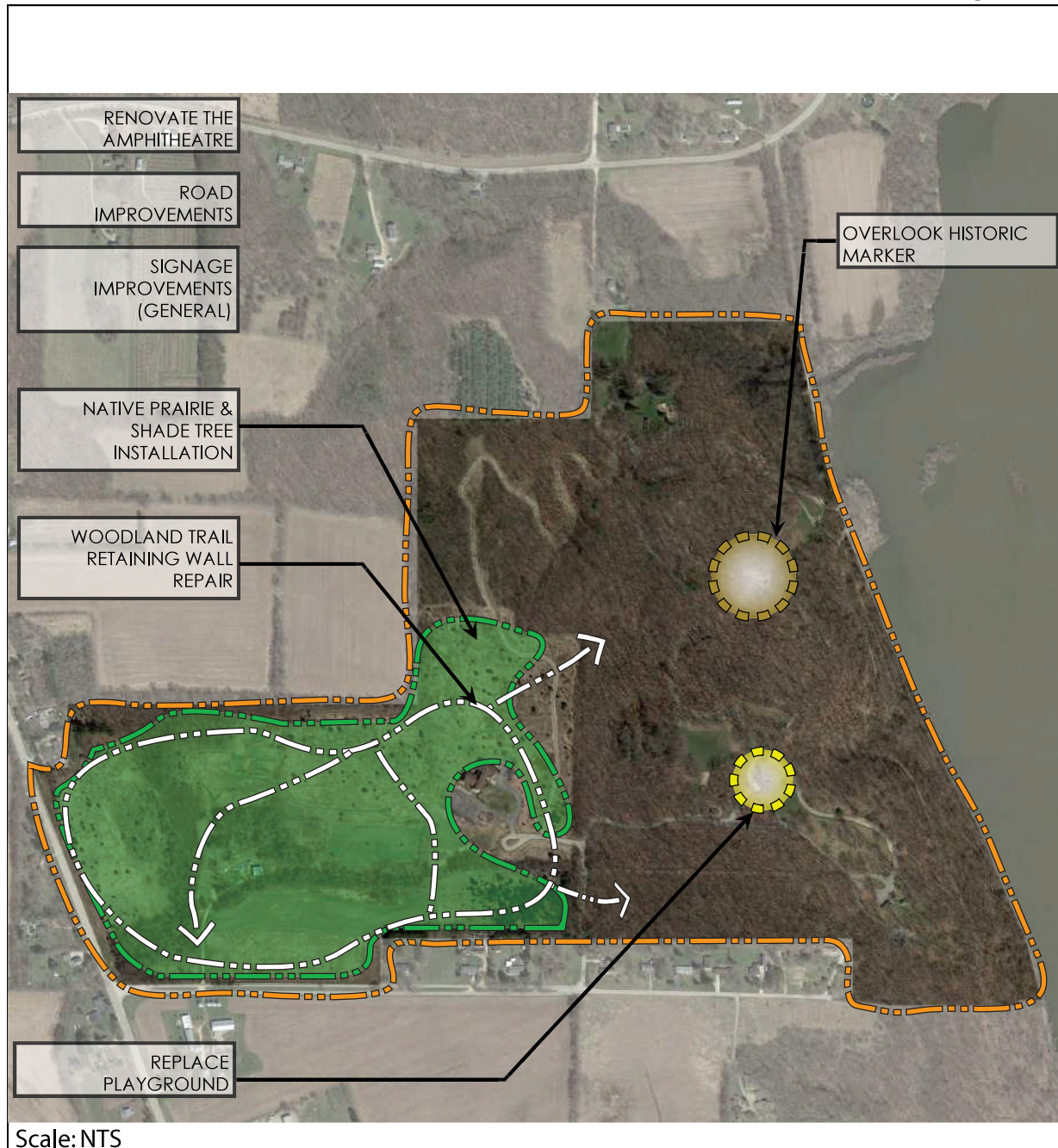


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Park	Level of Service	Cost	Impact	Score
Big Hill Park	4	2	3	9
Leeson Park	3	3	3	9
Krueger Recreation Area	3	2	2	7
Riverside Park	3	2	2	7
Telfer Park	3	1	3	7
Turtle Creek Floodplain	3	2	2	7
Turtle Creek Park	2	2	3	7
Freeman Park	2	1	3	6
Harper's Prairie Park	3	1	2	6
Hinckley Park	2	2	2	6
Horace White Park	2	2	2	6
Wootton Park	3	1	2	6
Dr. George W. Hilliard Park	2	1	2	5
Rev. U.S. Pride Park	2	1	2	5
Riverwalk	3	1	1	5
Spring Brook Floodplain	3	1	1	5
Summit Park	2	1	2	5
The Landing	3	1	1	5
Totem Mound	3	1	1	5
Vernon Park	2	1	2	5
Christilla Park	2	1	1	4
Eagles Ridge Park	2	1	1	4
Mechanics Green Park	2	1	1	4
Roosevelt Park	2	1	1	4
Strong Park	2	1	1	4
Townview Park	2	1	1	4
Brooks Street Park	1	1	1	3
Brown-Hatchett Park	1	1	1	3
Field Park	1	1	1	3
Hope Park	1	1	1	3
Lee Lane Park	1	1	1	3
Luety Park	1	1	1	3
Merrill Park	1	1	1	3
Ritsher Park	1	1	1	3
Schellenger Park	1	1	1	3
Tremont Park	1	1	1	3
Water Tower	1	1	1	3
	1 - Low (Pocket Park)	1 - Low (\$200,000 & Under)	1 - Low	
	2 - Medium (Neighborhood Park)	2 - Medium (\$200,000-\$700,000)	2 - Medium	
	3 - High (Community Park/Special Use/Natural Areas)	3 - High (\$700,000 & Up)	3 - High	
	4 - High (Regional Park)			

Big Hill Park

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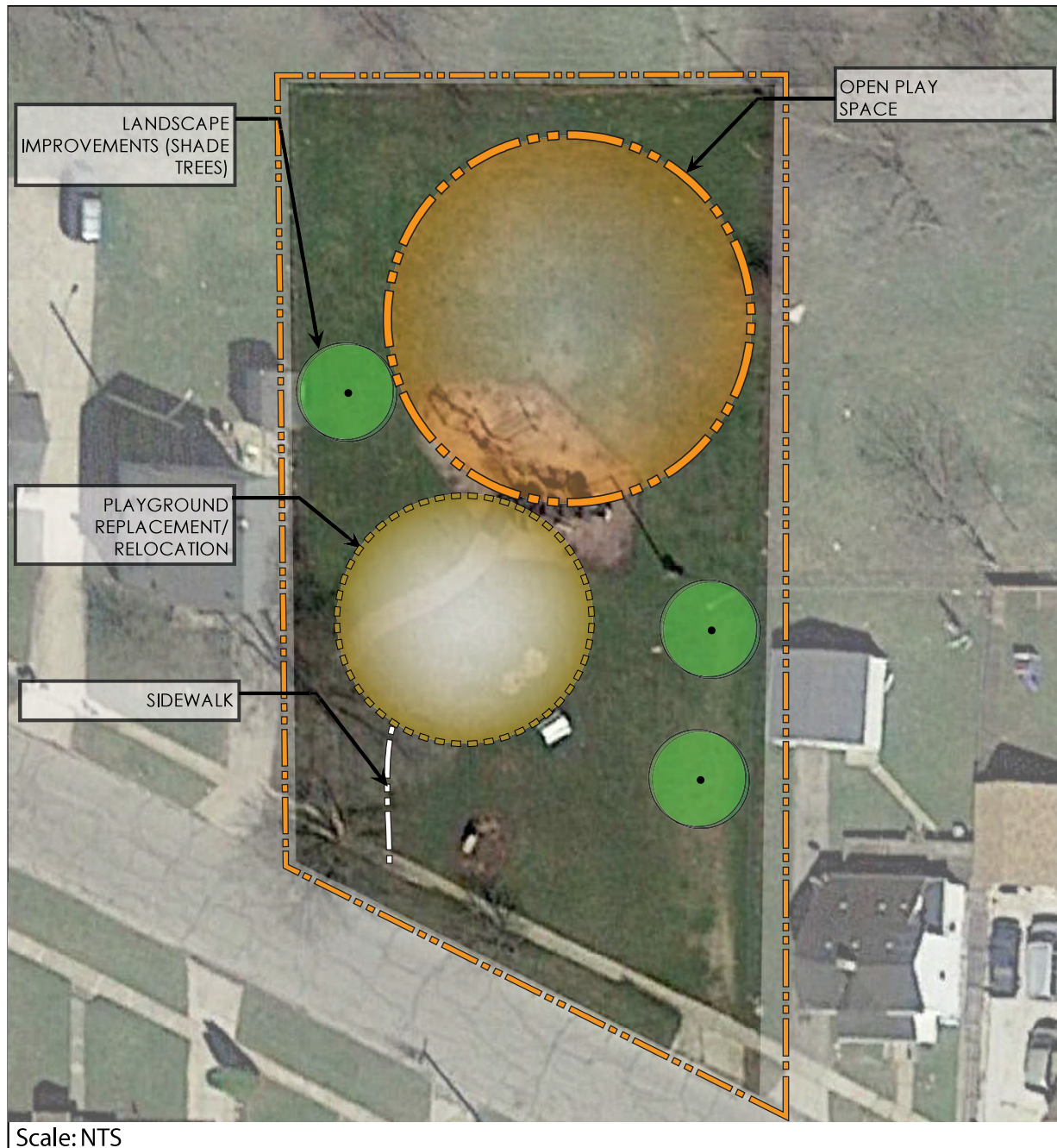
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Big Hill Park									
	Amphitheatre Renovation		\$10,000				\$10,000		
	Native Prairie & Shade Tree Installation		\$75,000					\$75,000	
	Ski Jump/Overlook Historic Marker/Memorial		\$20,000		\$20,000				
	Signage Improvements (General)		\$10,000		\$10,000				
	Woodland Trail Retaining Wall Repair		\$80,000			\$80,000			TBA
	Big Hill Park Total	9	\$195,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$80,000	\$10,000	\$75,000	
BIG HILL CENTER									
	Replace Carpet in Upper Level Conference Room		\$5,000		\$5,000				
	Remodel Interior L Office to Banquet Room with Catering Kitchen Amenities		\$50,000		\$50,000				
	Exterior Deck Expansion		\$10,000		\$10,000			\$25,000	
	Big Hill Center Total		\$65,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	



Brooks Street Park

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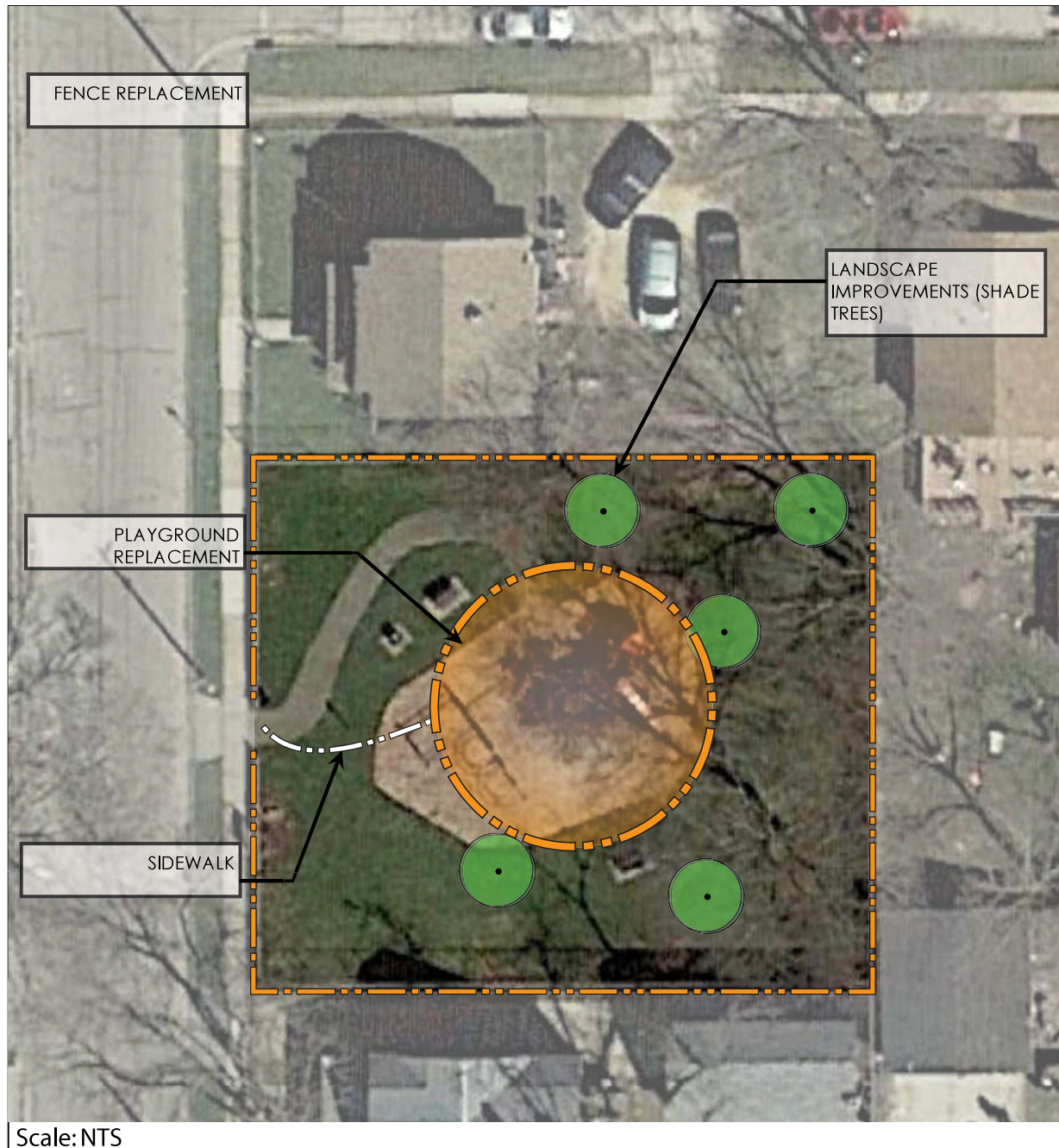
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Brooks Street Park								
Landscape Improvements (Shade Trees)		\$2,500	\$2,500					
Playground Replacement		\$37,500	\$37,500					
Brooks Street Park Total	3	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



Brown-Hatchett Park

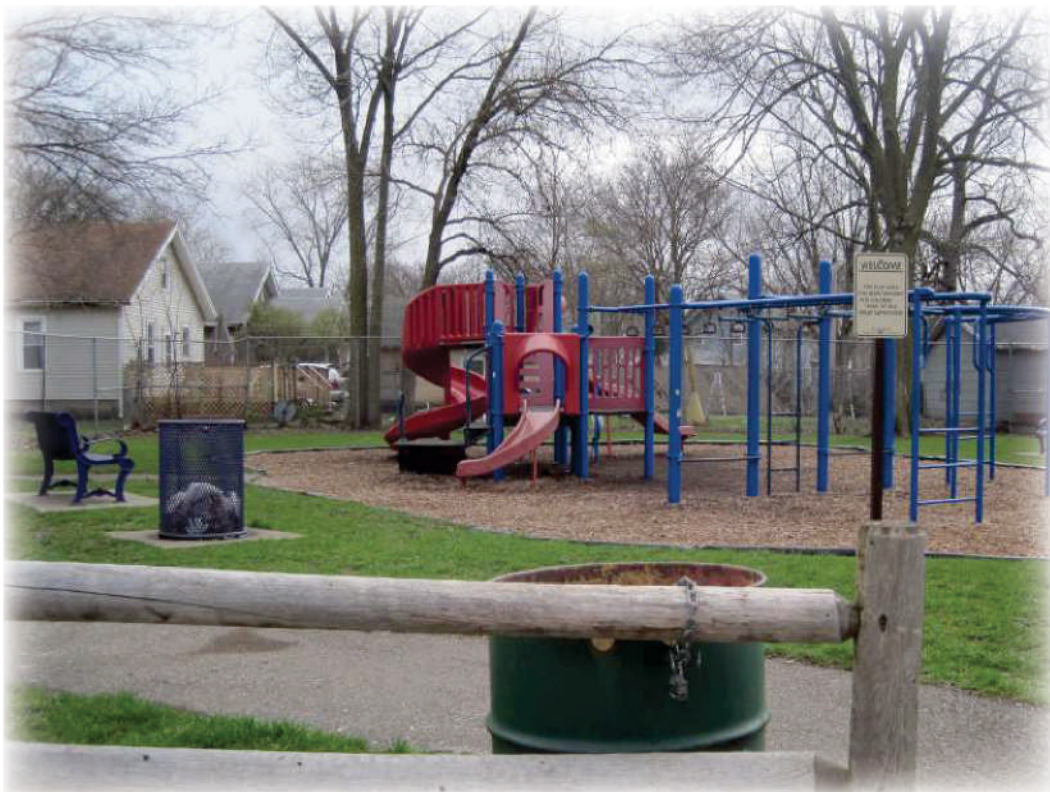
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Brown-Hatchett Park								
Playground Replacement		\$30,000			\$30,000			
Landscape Improvements (Shade Trees)		\$5,000			\$5,000			
Brown-Hatchett Park Total	3	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$0



Christilla Park

Concept Diagram



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	QOS Priority Ranking	Preliminary Budget	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Christilla Park								
Perimeter Park Walking Path		\$60,000					\$60,000	
Install Walking Path from Christilla to connect to Park		\$10,000		\$10,000				
New Small Picnic Shelter		\$50,000		\$50,000				
Landscape Improvements (General)		\$10,000			\$10,000			
Playground Replacement		\$40,000						\$40,000
Christilla Park Total	4	\$170,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$40,000



Field Park

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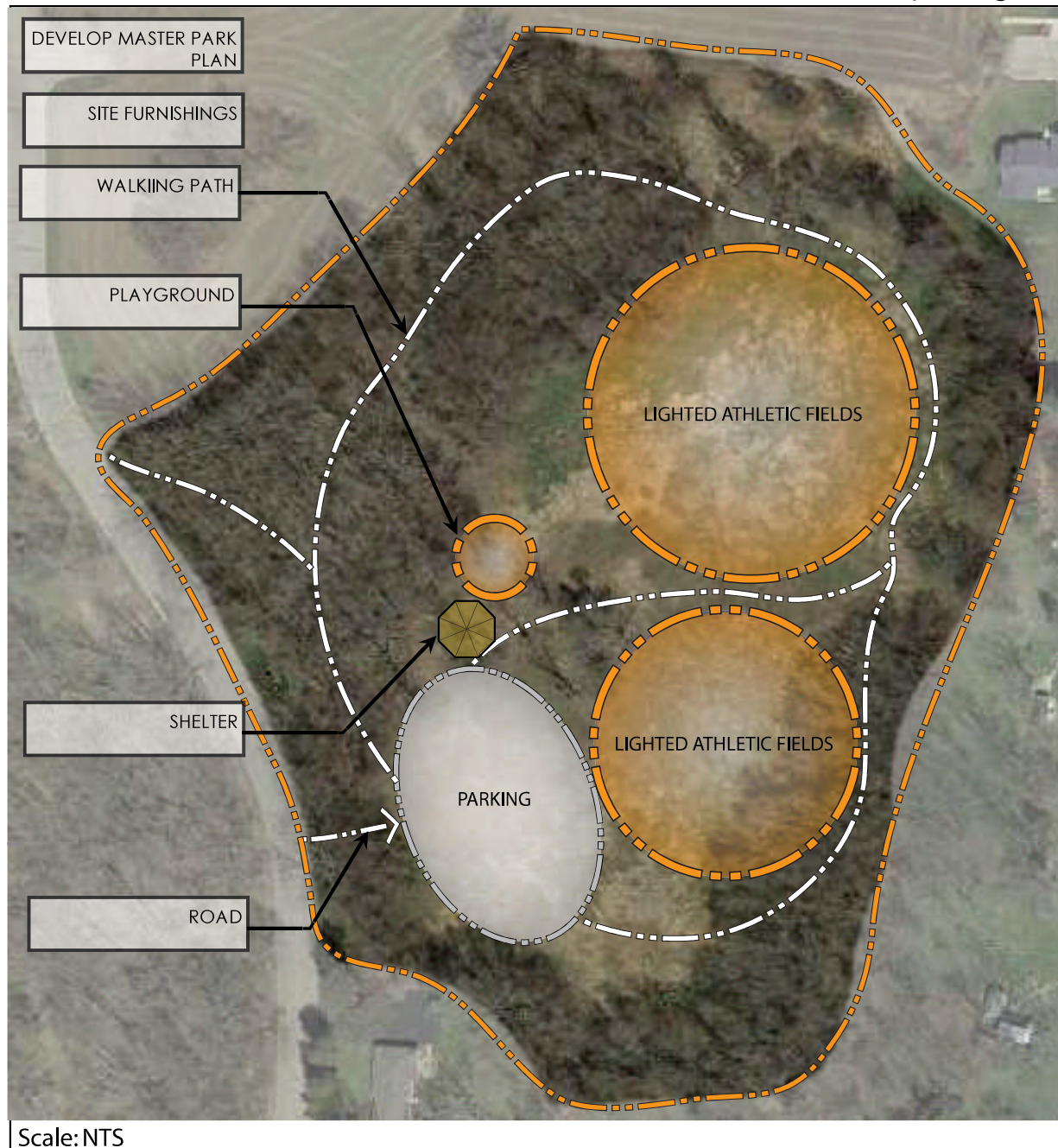
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Field Park								
Upgrade Site Lighting		\$75,000		\$75,000				\$80,000
Landscape Improvements & Add Historic Signage at NW Corner		\$20,000		\$20,000			\$20,000	
Field Park Total	3	\$95,000	\$0	\$95,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$80,000



Freeman Park

Concept Diagram



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	QOS Priority Ranking	Preliminary Budget	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Freeman Park								
Develop Master Park Plan		\$5,000		\$5,000				
New Shelter		\$75,000					\$75,000	
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, Bike racks, etc.)		\$10,000					\$10,000	
New Playground		\$40,000					\$40,000	
Freeman Park Total	6	\$130,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	\$0

Harper's Prairie Park

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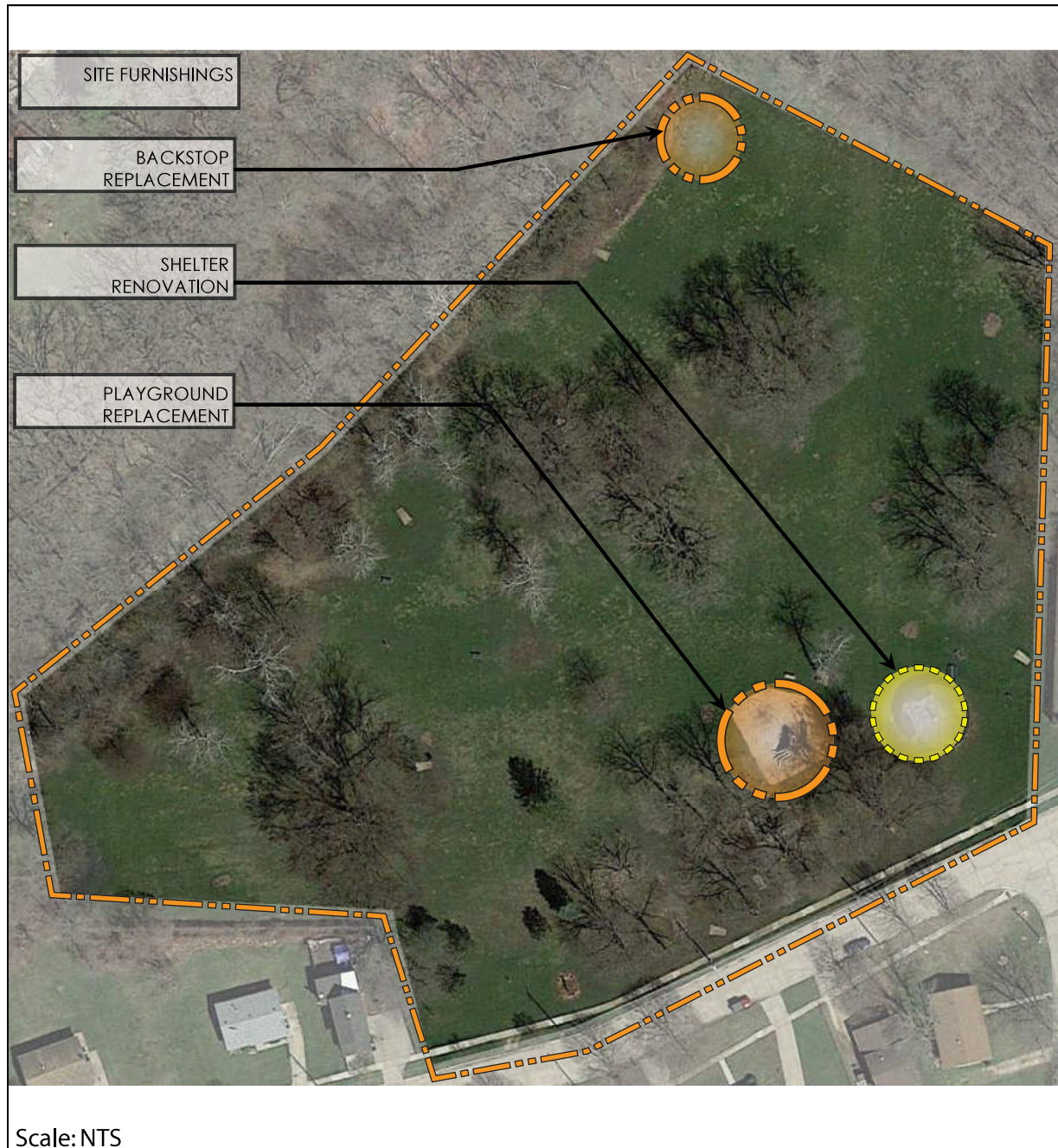
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Harper's Prairie Park									
	Environmental Signage		\$5,000		\$5,000				\$5,000
	Site Furnishings (Benches, Litter cans, Bike racks)		\$5,000		\$5,000				\$10,000
	Prairie Restoration		\$10,000			\$10,000			
	Harper's Prairie Park Total	6	\$20,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000



Hilliard Park

Concept Diagram



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	QOS Priority Ranking	Preliminary Budget	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Hilliard Park (Dr. George W. Hilliard Park)								
Existing Shelter Renovations		\$30,000			\$30,000			
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, Bike racks, etc.)		\$10,000		\$10,000				
Replace Playground		\$40,000					\$40,000	
Backstop Replacement at NE Corner		\$10,000				\$10,000		
Hilliard Park (Dr. George W. Hilliard Park) Total	5	\$90,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$40,000	\$0



Hinckley Park

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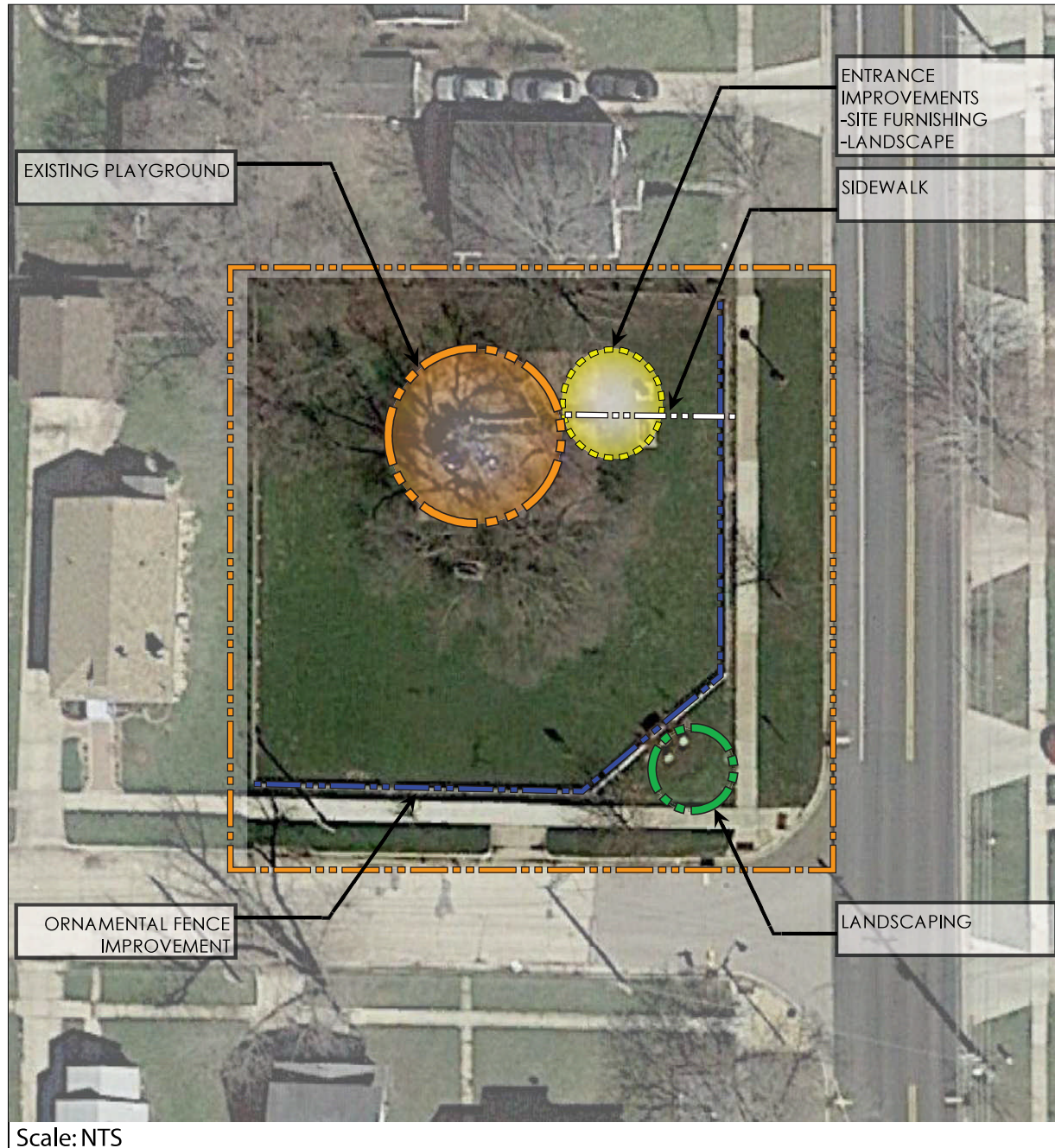
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Hinckley Park								
Develop Master Park Plan		\$5,000		\$5,000				
Landscape Improvements (General)		\$10,000		\$10,000				\$10,000
New Walking/Bike Path		\$75,000				\$75,000		
New Basketball Court		\$25,000						\$25,000
New Skate Spot		\$30,000						\$30,000
New Picnic Shelter		\$50,000			\$50,000			
Upgrade & Improve Athletic Fields		\$75,000						\$75,000
Hinckley Park Total	6	\$270,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$140,000



Hope Park

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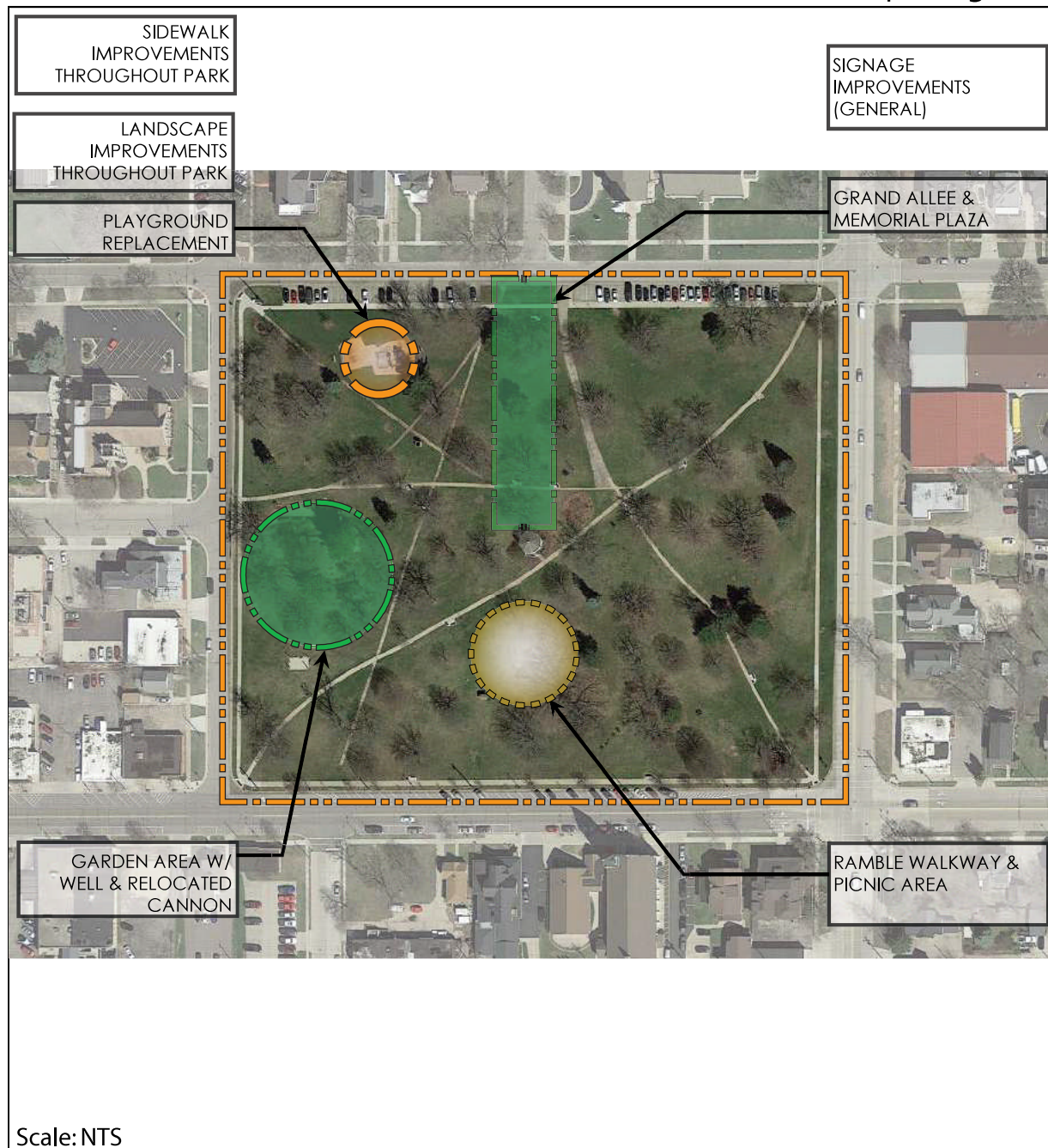
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Hope Park								
Construct New Park Entrance with Landscaping & Site Furnishings		\$10,000				\$10,000		
Hope Park Total	3	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0



Horace White Park

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		QOS Priority Ranking	Preliminary Budget	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Horace White Park									
	Sidewalk Improvements w/ADA Accessible Route Throughout the Park		\$110,000		\$110,000				
	Grand Allee and Memorial Plaza Construction		\$250,000		\$250,000	\$250,000			
	Playground Replacement		\$75,000				\$75,000		
	Landscaping Improvements (General)		\$20,000		\$20,000	\$20,000			
	Signage Improvements (General)		\$20,000			\$20,000			
	Ramble Walkway Picnic Area w/Rock Outcroppings		\$40,000						\$40,000
	Garden Area w/Relocated Cannon		\$80,000						\$80,000
	Horace White Park Total	6	\$595,000	\$0	\$380,000	\$290,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$120,000



Krueger Park

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Krueger Park								
South Entrance Reconfiguration/Improvements		\$150,000		\$150,000				
Erosion Control (Lower level)		\$60,000				\$60,000		
Re-cap & Renovate Lighthouse		\$15,000						\$15,000
Add Skate Spot		\$30,000						\$30,000
Krueger Park	7	\$255,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$45,000
KRUEGER POOL								
Renovate Concession Area		\$5,000		\$5,000				
Bath House Improvements		\$20,000		\$20,000				
Replace Sealant in Deep Pool Wall & Main Pool Wall		\$25,000	\$25,000					
Provide 2nd Means of Access to Swimming Pool		\$30,000	\$30,000					
Upgrade Electrical distribution		\$45,000	\$45,000					
Verify & Enhance Exit and Emergency Lighting		\$5,000	\$5,000					
Replace Perimeter Fencing		\$100,000		\$100,000				
Add Water Slide to Pool		\$50,000				\$50,000		
Krueger Pool		\$280,000	\$105,000	\$125,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
Krueger Haskell Golf Course (For Review)								
New Outdoor Patio Area Construction		\$15,000				\$15,000		
New Patio Furnishings		\$5,000				\$5,000		
E Maintenance Shop Parking Lot Improvements/Paving		\$20,000			\$20,000			
Clubhouse Restroom & Locker Room Remodeling		\$30,000					\$30,000	
Tee Box Signage Replacements		\$30,000						\$30,000
Hole #7 - North Shelter/Rest Room Construction		\$60,000						\$60,000
E Parking Lot Retaining Wall		\$50,000						\$50,000
Driving Range w/Nets Construction		\$50,000						\$50,000
Krueger Haskell Golf Course Total		\$260,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$190,000



Lee Lane Park

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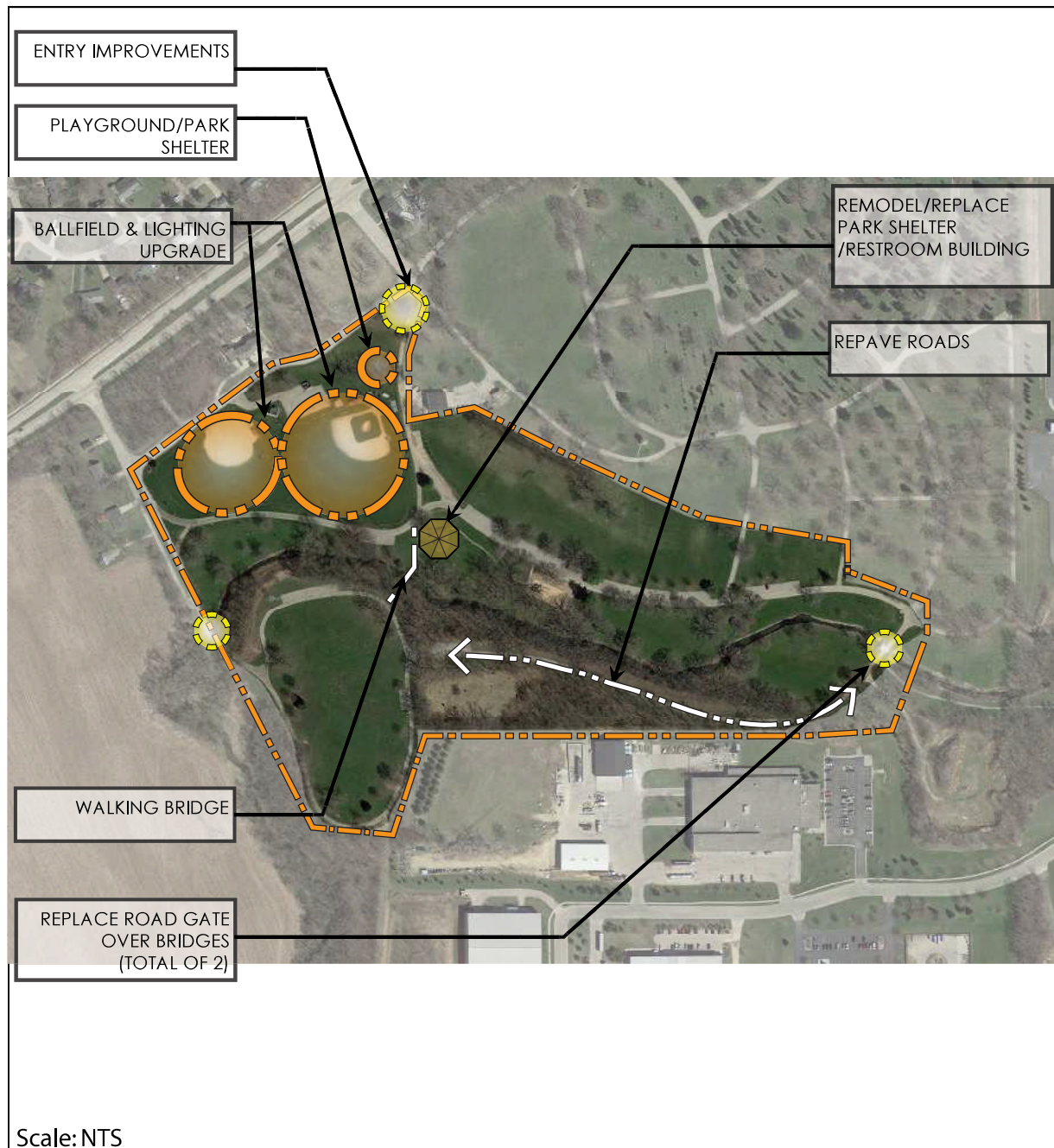
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Lee Lane Park									
	Develop Landscape Design		\$10,000				\$10,000		
	Install Walking Path		\$50,000				\$50,000		
	Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, etc.)		\$10,000				\$10,000		
Lee Lane Park Total		3	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$0



Leeson Park

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	QOS Priority Ranking	Preliminary Budget	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Leeson Park								
Remodel/Replace Park Shelter/Restroom Building		\$100,000		\$100,000				
Replace Road Gates by Bridges		\$20,000				\$20,000		
Ballfield Backstop, Plaza & Lighting Upgrades (2 fields)		\$200,000			\$200,000			
Roadway Paving Improvements		\$150,000						\$150,000
New Playground (Upper area)		\$80,000						\$80,000
Sandlot Backstop		\$20,000						\$20,000
New Picnic Shelter		\$60,000						\$60,000
New Walking Bridge Over Creek		\$125,000						\$125,000
Leeson Park Total	9	\$755,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$435,000



Rev. U.S. Pride Park

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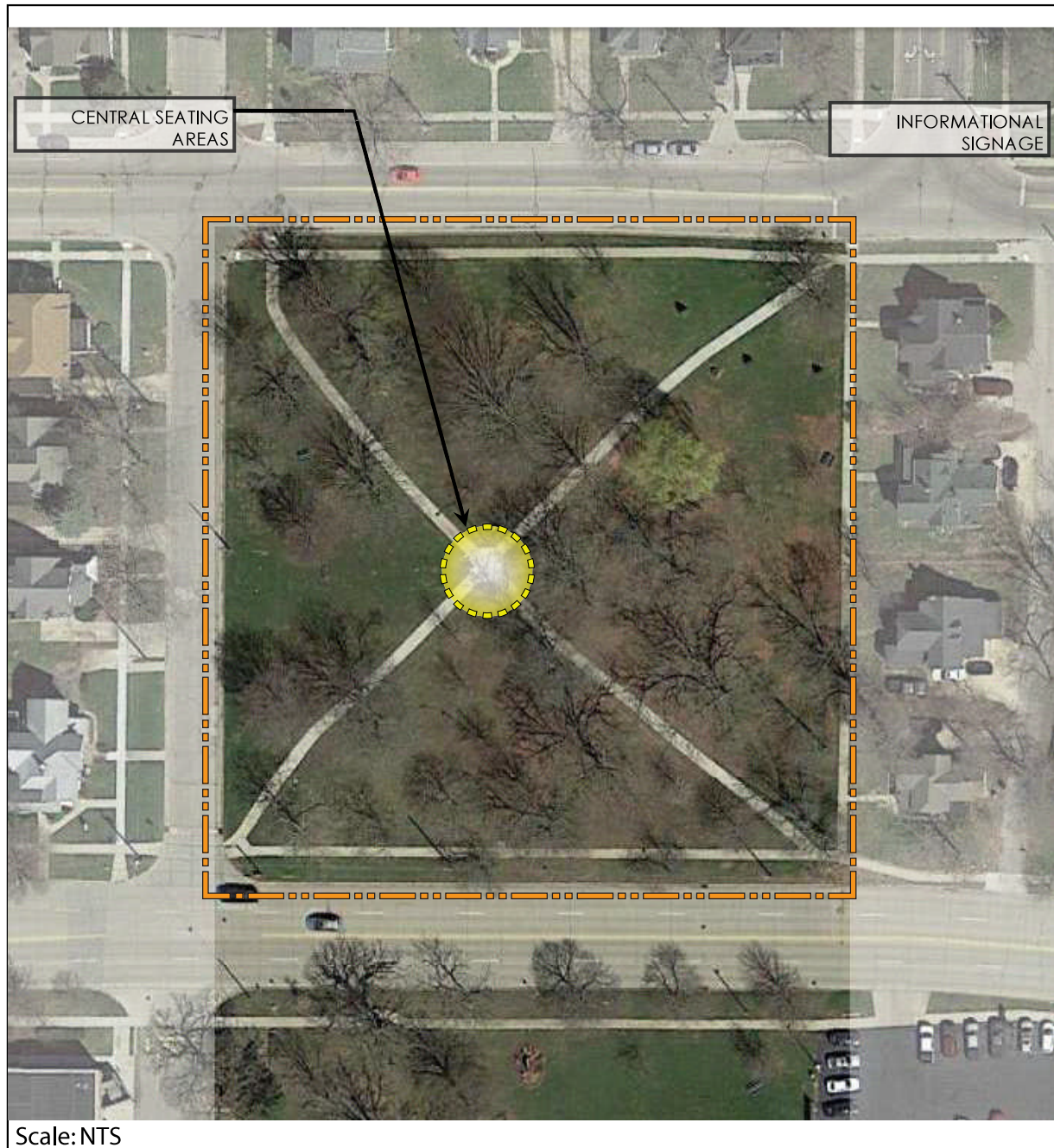
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Rev. U.S. Pride Park								
Riverbank Improvements		\$50,000			\$50,000			
Playground Replacement		\$35,000		\$35,000				
Rev. U.S. Pride Park Total	5	\$85,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0



Rhodes Arboretum

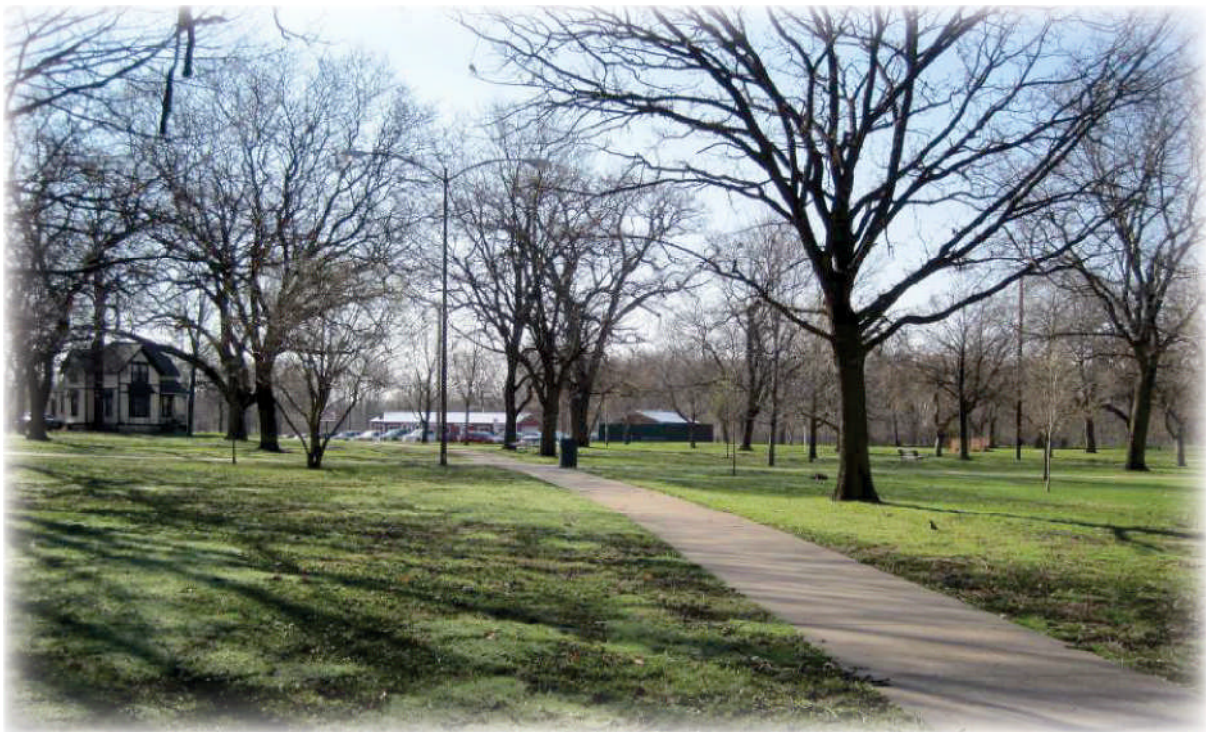
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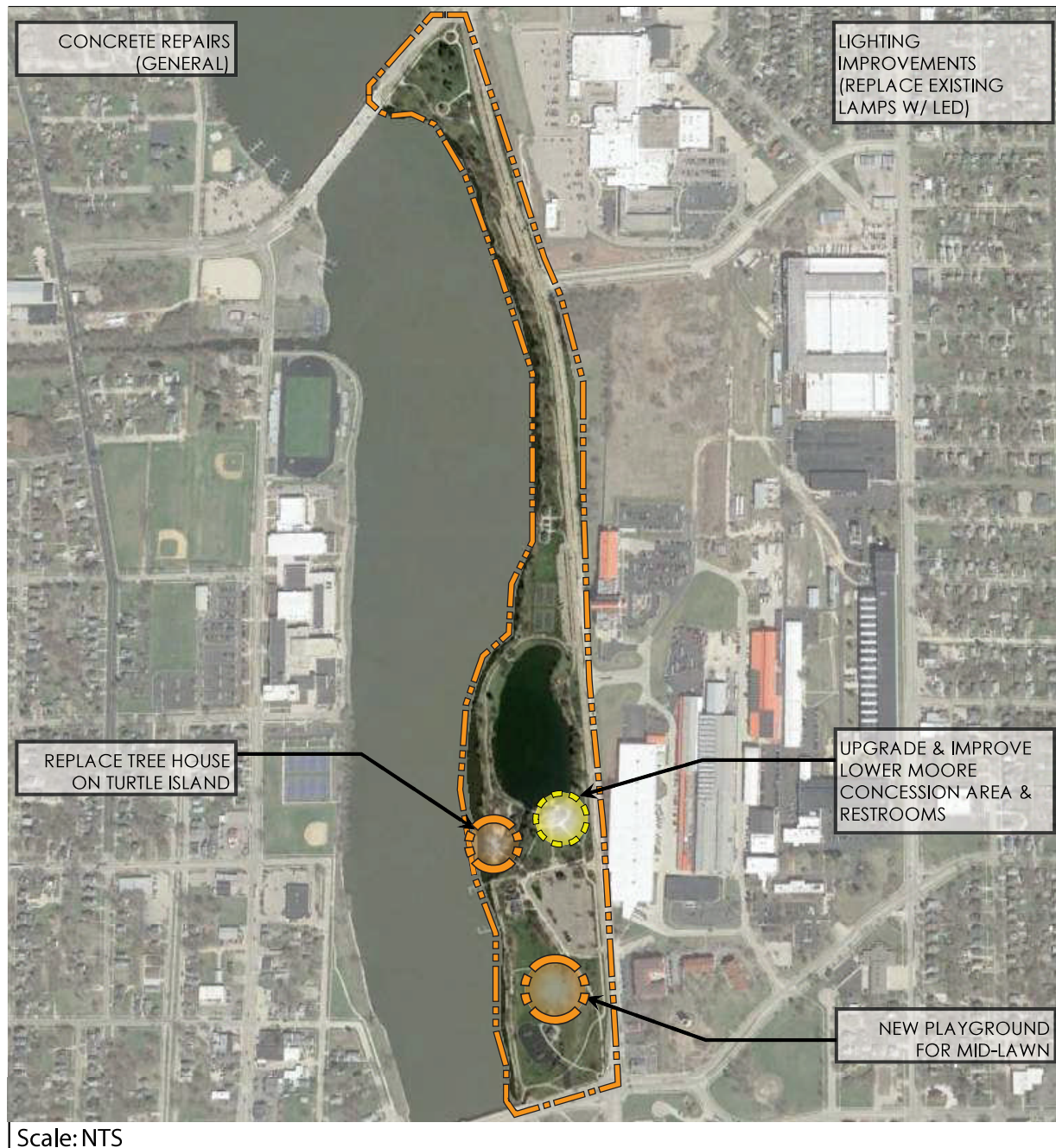
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Rhodes Arboretum								
Informational Signage		\$5,000				\$5,000		
Central Seating Areas		\$20,000					\$20,000	
Rhodes Arboretum Park Total		\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$0



Riverside Park

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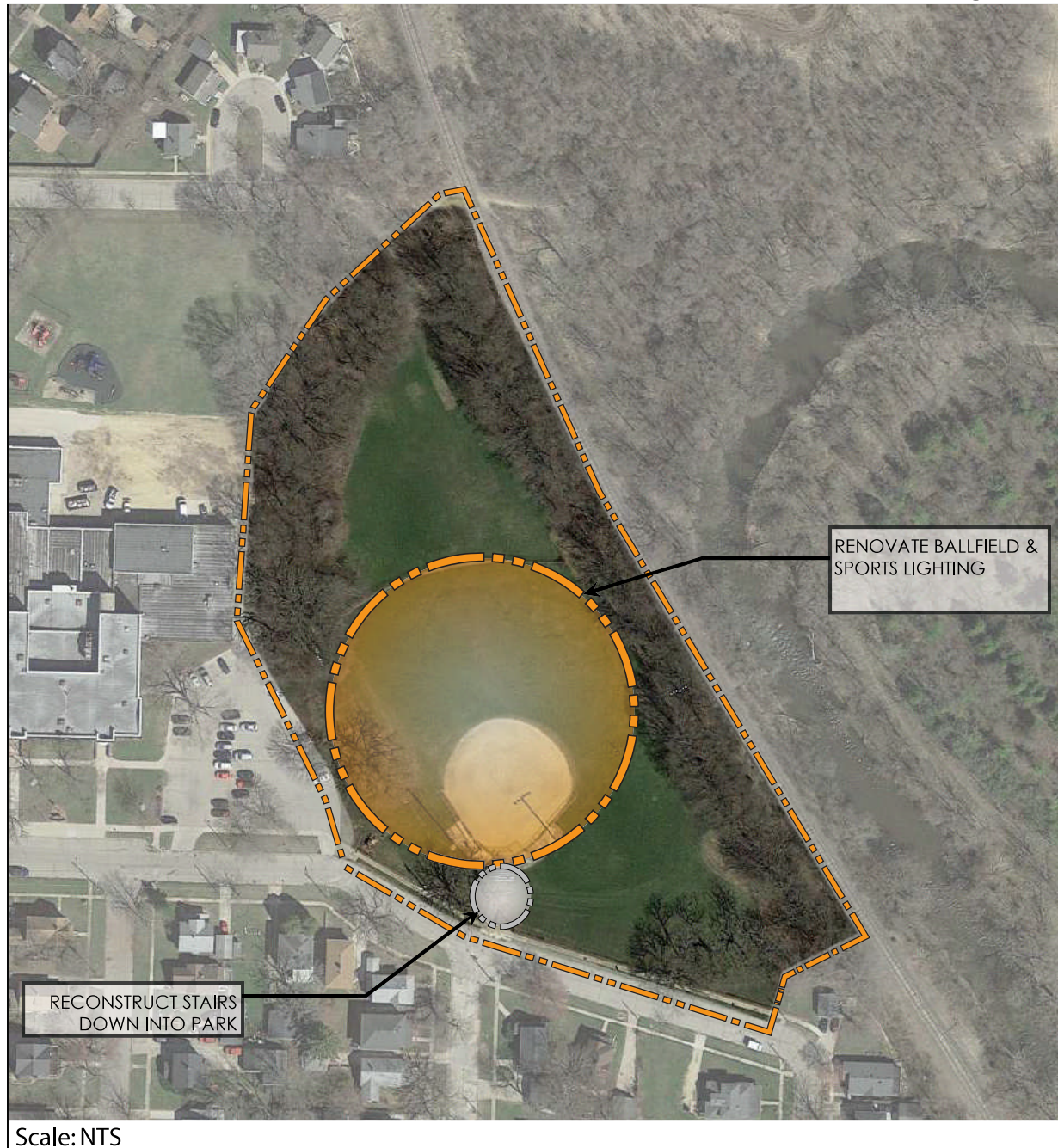
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Riverside Park									
E	Shoreline Stabilization		\$100,000			\$100,000			
	Upgrade & Improve Lower Moore Concession Area & Restrooms		\$40,000			\$40,000			
	Concrete Repairs (General)		\$10,000			\$15,000			
	Replace Tree House on Turtle Island		\$75,000				\$75,000		
	Add Small Playground for Mid-Lawn		\$40,000						\$40,000
	Lighting Improvements (Replace Existing Lamps w/LED)		\$100,000		\$100,000				
	Riverside Park Total	7	\$365,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$155,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$40,000
Riverwalk									
	Repair Concrete Flatwork where Needed		\$10,000		\$10,000				
	Riverwalk Total	5	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LEISURE SERVICE CENTER									
	Roof Replacement (Historic Period Shingles)		\$10,000		\$10,000				
	Leisure Services Office Total		\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



Roosevelt Park

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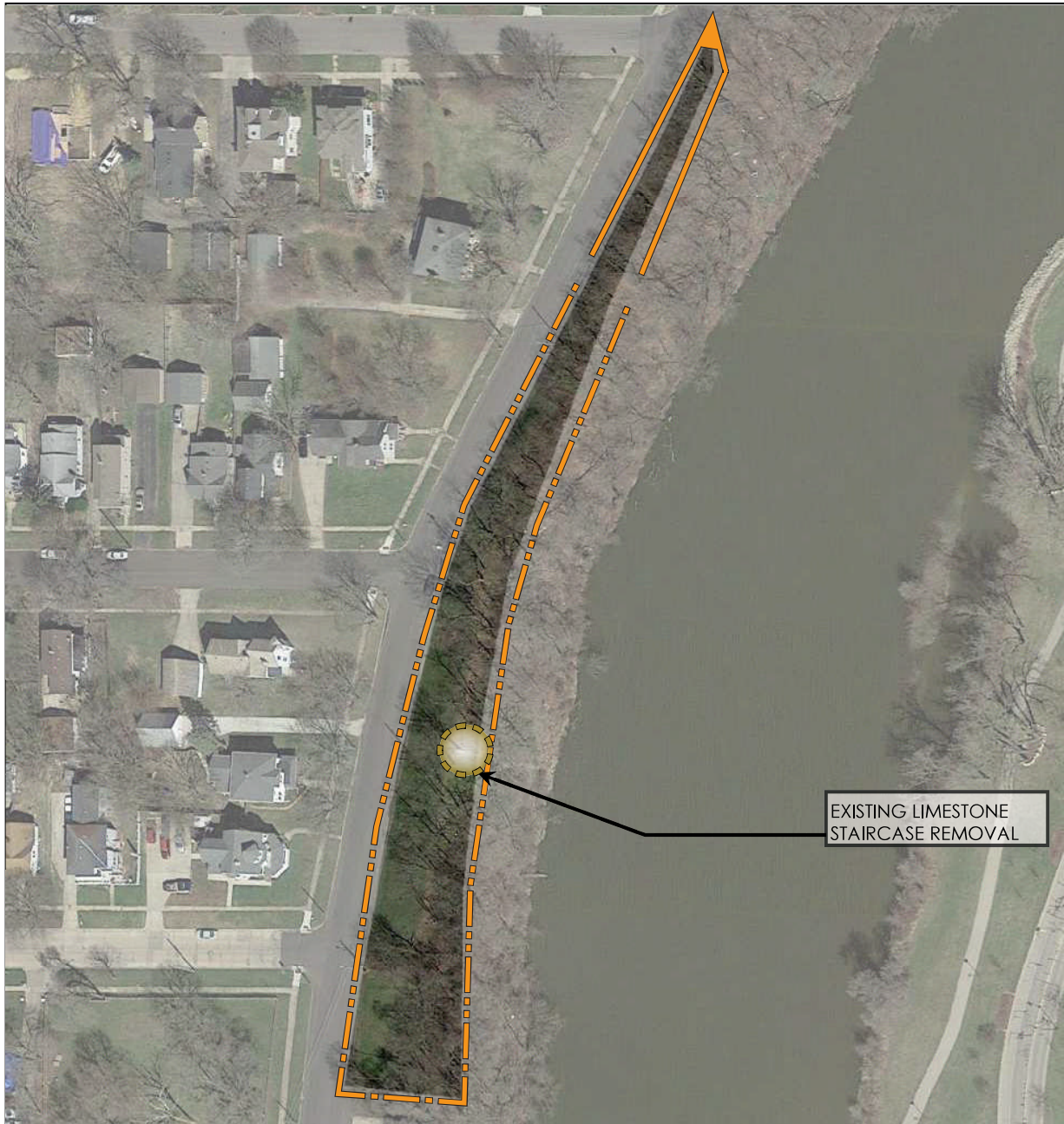
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Roosevelt Park									
	Renovate Ballfield & Sports Lighting		\$125,000						\$125,000
	Reconstruct Stairs Down into Park		\$50,000		\$50,000				
	Roosevelt Park Total	4	\$175,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000



Schellenger Park

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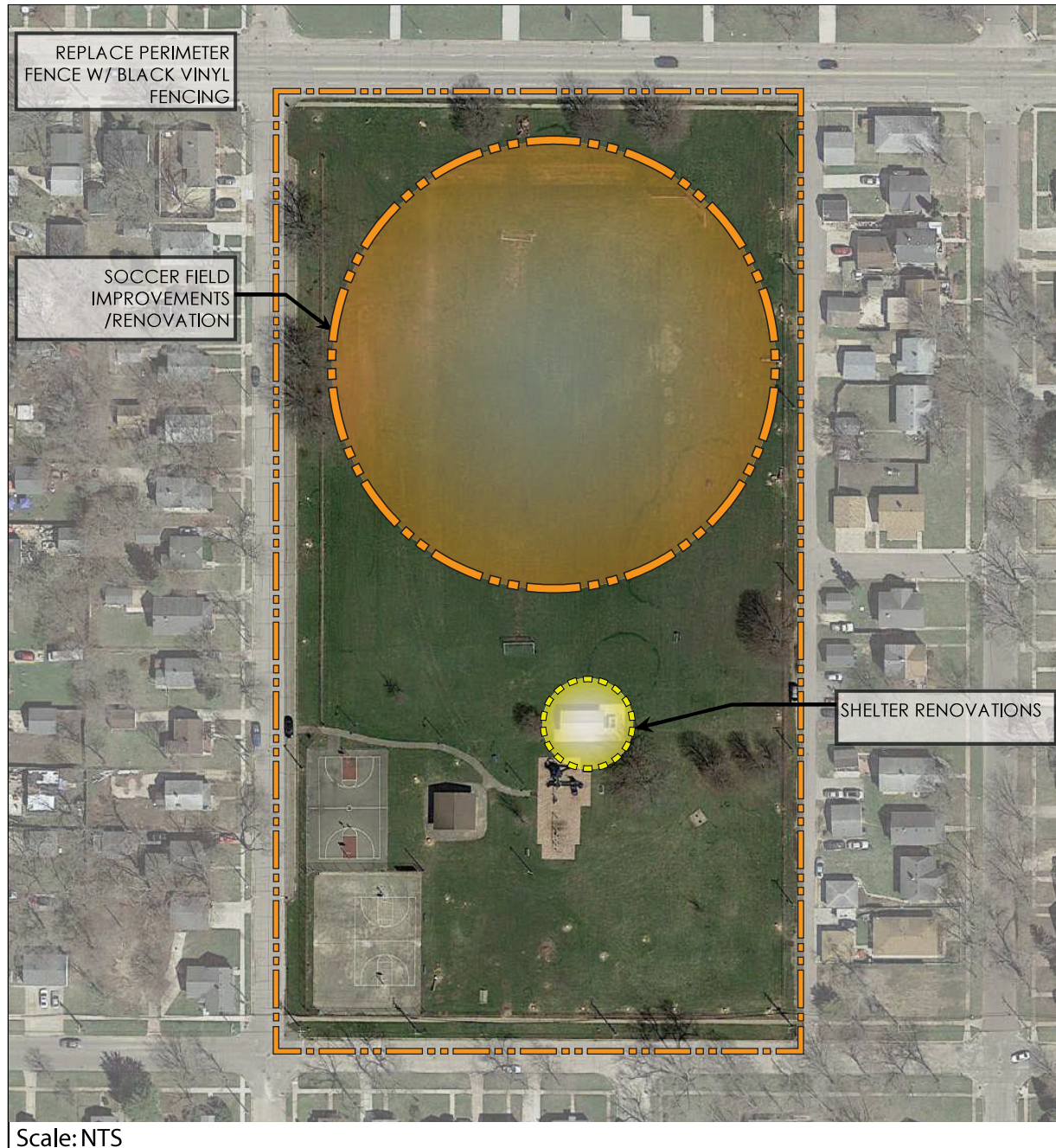
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		QOS Priority Ranking	Preliminary Budget	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Schellenger Park									
	Existing Limestone Staircase Removal		\$10,000			\$10,000			
	Schellenger Park Total	3	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Summit Park

Concept Diagram



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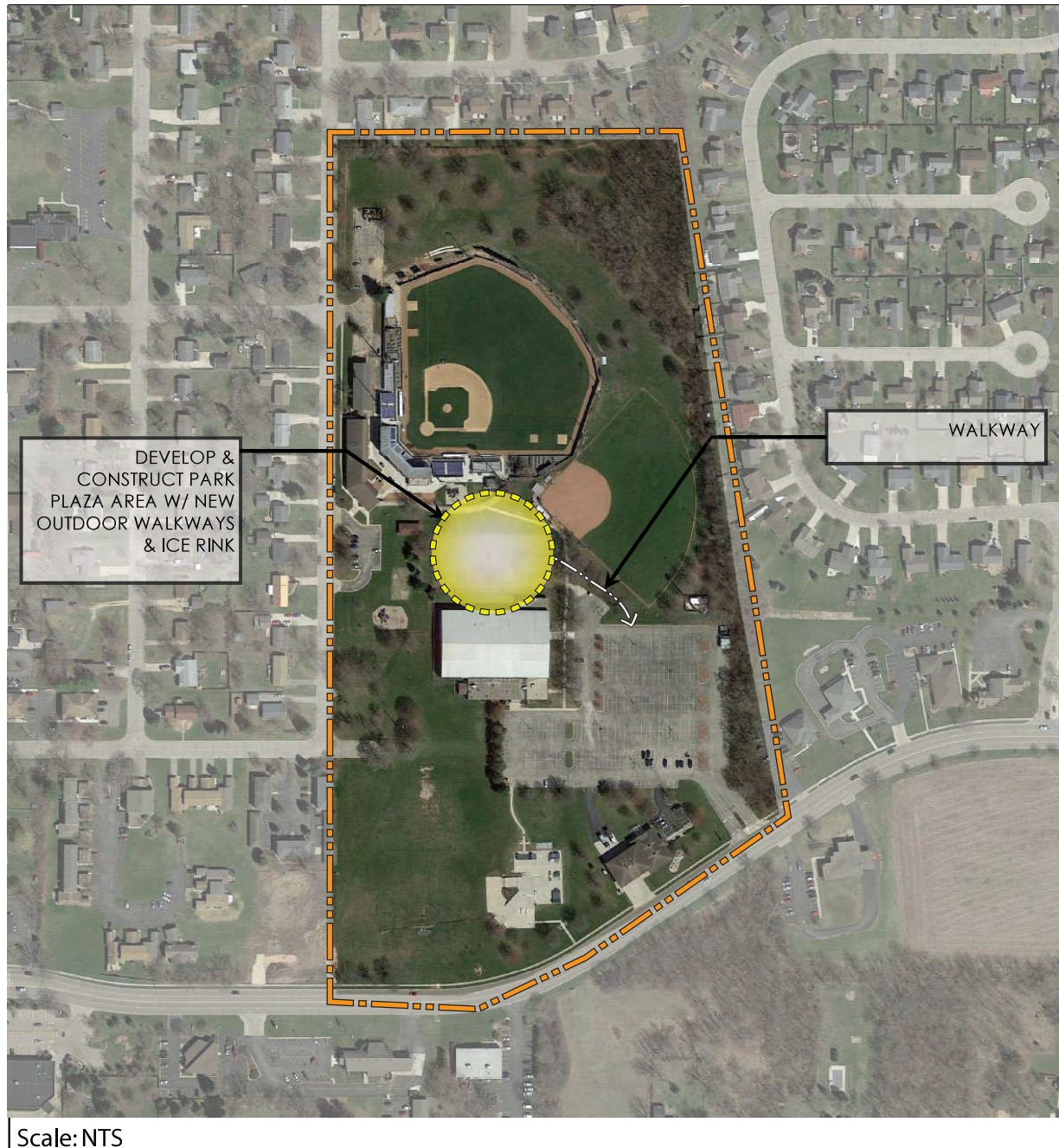
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	QOS Priority Ranking	Preliminary Budget	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Summit Park								
Replace Perimeter Fence with Black Vinyl Fencing		\$50,000						\$50,000
Soccer Field Improvements/Renovation		\$55,000	\$55,000					
Shelter Renovations		\$25,000			\$25,000			
Summit Park Total	5	\$130,000	\$55,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000



Telfer Park

Concept Diagram



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	QOS Priority Ranking	Preliminary Budget	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Telfer Park								
Develop & Construct Park Plaza area with New Outdoor Walkways & Ice Rink North of Pavilion		\$100,000		\$100,000				\$15,000
Telfer Park Total	7	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
EDWARD'S CENTER								
Replace Roof in Lobby Area		\$100,000				\$100,000		
Replace Exterior Fencing - Black Vinyl		\$10,000			\$10,000			
Install New Roll-Away Bleachers		\$60,000		\$60,000				
Paint Pavilion Interior Ceiling		\$25,000		\$25,000				
Edwards Center Total		\$195,000	\$0	\$85,000	\$10,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0



Townview Park

Concept Diagram



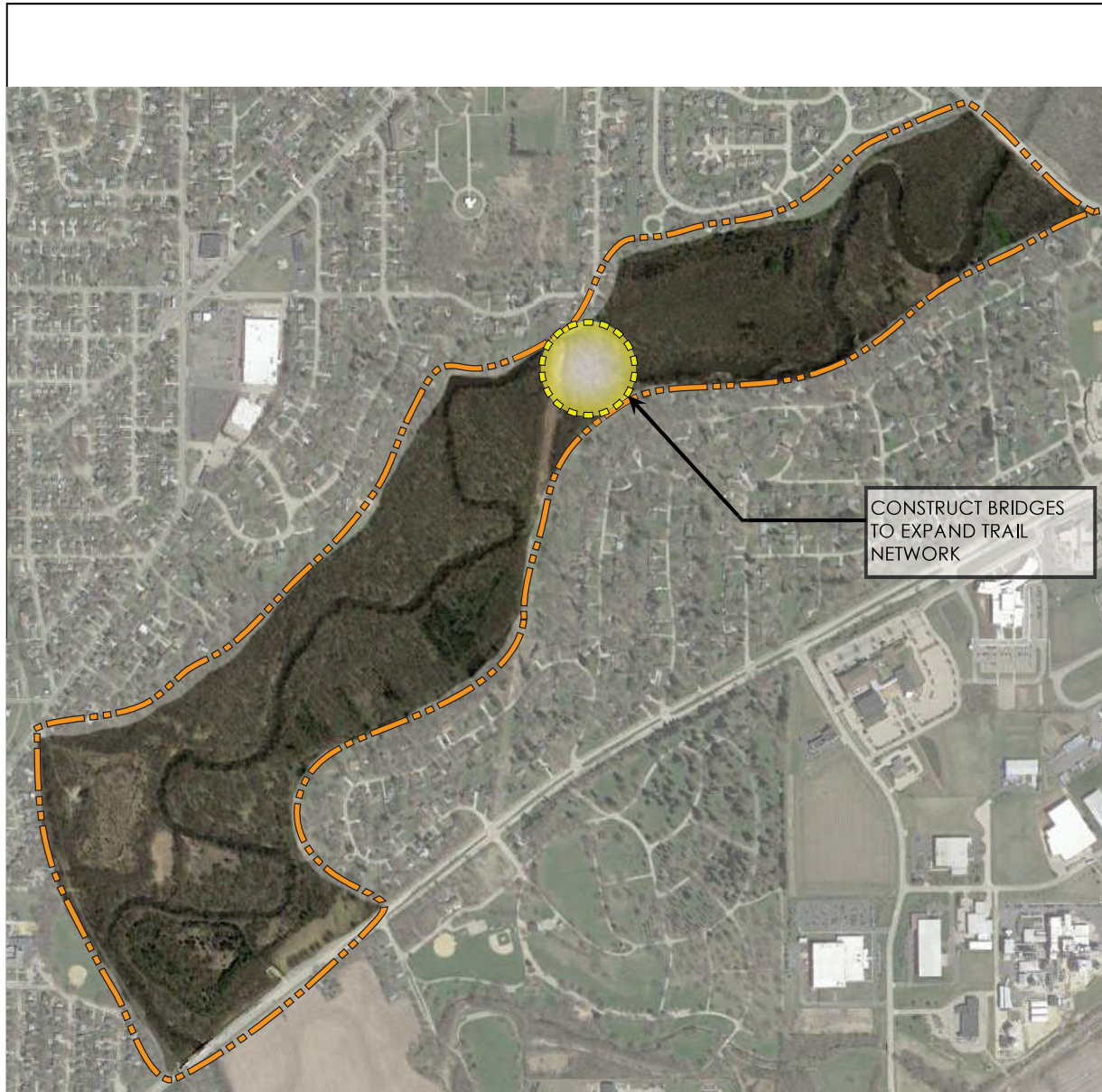
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		QOS Priority Ranking	Preliminary Budget	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Townview Park									
	Native Prairie Restoration		\$50,000					\$50,000	
	Townview Park Total	4	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0

Turtle Creek Greenway

Concept Diagram



Scale: NTS

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		QOS Priority Ranking	Preliminary Budget	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Turtle Creek Floodplain									
	Construct Bridges to Expand Trail Network		\$250,000				\$250,000		
	Turtle Creek Floodplain Total	7	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$0



Turtle Creek Park

Concept Diagram



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		QOS Priority Ranking	Preliminary Budget	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Turtle Creek Park									
	Re-purpose of the existing Pool House		\$233,640	\$233,640					
	Install New Picnic Shelter		\$50,000		\$50,000				
	Playground Replacement		\$30,000				\$30,000		
Turtle Creek Park Total		7	\$313,640	\$233,640	\$50,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0



Vernon Park

Concept Diagram



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		QOS Priority Ranking	Preliminary Budget	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Vernon Park									
	Upgrade Baseball Fields		\$10,000		\$10,000				
	Repurpose Existing Tennis Courts		\$10,000		\$10,000				
	Vernon Park Total	5	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



Wootton Park

Concept Diagram



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		QOS Priority Ranking	Preliminary Budget	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Wootton Park									
	New Picnic Shelter		\$40,000				\$40,000		
	Upgrade Tennis Courts with Sports Lighting		\$100,000				\$100,000		
	Wootton Park Total	6	\$140,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$140,000	\$0	\$0



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Operations & Maintenance Implications & Capabilities

The Parks & Recreation Division is part of the City Public Works Department which provides tremendous benefits in terms of operations and maintenance for the parks system. The Division has 38 employees of which appropriately 18 positions center on maintenance for parks, facilities and the golf course. The Division has the capabilities to continue to maintain a satisfactory level of maintenance based on the funding for the proposed staffing levels. The Division has adequate equipment to take care of the day to day maintenance of the system but also has access to trained personnel and specialty equipment on an add needed basis from the Public Works Department. The Division also works with the Rock County Parks Division for controlled burns of natural areas.

The Division has set a series of goals and objectives in the areas of parks and facility maintenance, landscape management and Cemetery operations. In addition to the structured schedules and standardized processes, a key component for long term success centers on the understanding of the maintenance implications for each capital project. The decisions in the front-end planning process have an impact of the resources needed to keep the investment safe and attractive for the community to enjoy. This approach is listed in those goals and objectives to be performed for future projects. The Division has the tools in place that includes staffing and equipment, which provides an 82% acceptance rate based on data from the survey on the condition and maintenance of parks and facilities by the community.

Grant Recommendations

In these challenging economic times, many governmental agencies are eager to pursue the ability to meet their expanding financial needs by seeking alternative revenue sources, such as grants, that are available to offset high development costs. Grants are highly competitive and having a current plan will be provide a strategic advantage. Grant writing is also a time-consuming endeavor with specific skill sets needed.

Numerous projects included in this study would be potential candidates for grant dollars. Additional research on the viability of the various projects identified in the plan will be needed to identify opportunities to apply for funding through the grant programs administered through WDNR & WisDOT.

If in-house agency staff cannot research and prepare the grant applications, the agency should seek out a grant writer/park master planner and apply for several grants in aid in this 5-year planning cycle. The agency should also pursue smaller grants that can help further offset additional capital expenditures. Lastly, corporate foundations and other non-profits could also be researched as to potential investments into the park system. A reasonable target of grant money should be set to be attained during this five year planning effort.

Conclusion

The agency has seen improvements in many areas within the past five years. One of the biggest is the transformation of Big Hill Park and the purchase of the Big Hill Center. The potential to create an outstanding rental venue at the Big Hill Center is extremely capable in its short-term future. The agency has many more opportunities to keep taking small steps towards creating a better parks and recreation experience for all of Beloit.

In the past seven months, much good work has been done. Furthermore, several items became very clear. First, the need to have a strong identity for the Division from both within City leadership as well as community is needed. The agency needs to develop an enhanced understanding of the demographic forces shaping local consumer behavior to reach residents and meet basic recreation requirements. An improved partnership with the local School District to transform the local schoolyards into community gathering spaces has the potential to be a big game changer in those areas that have level of service overlap for basic park amenities.

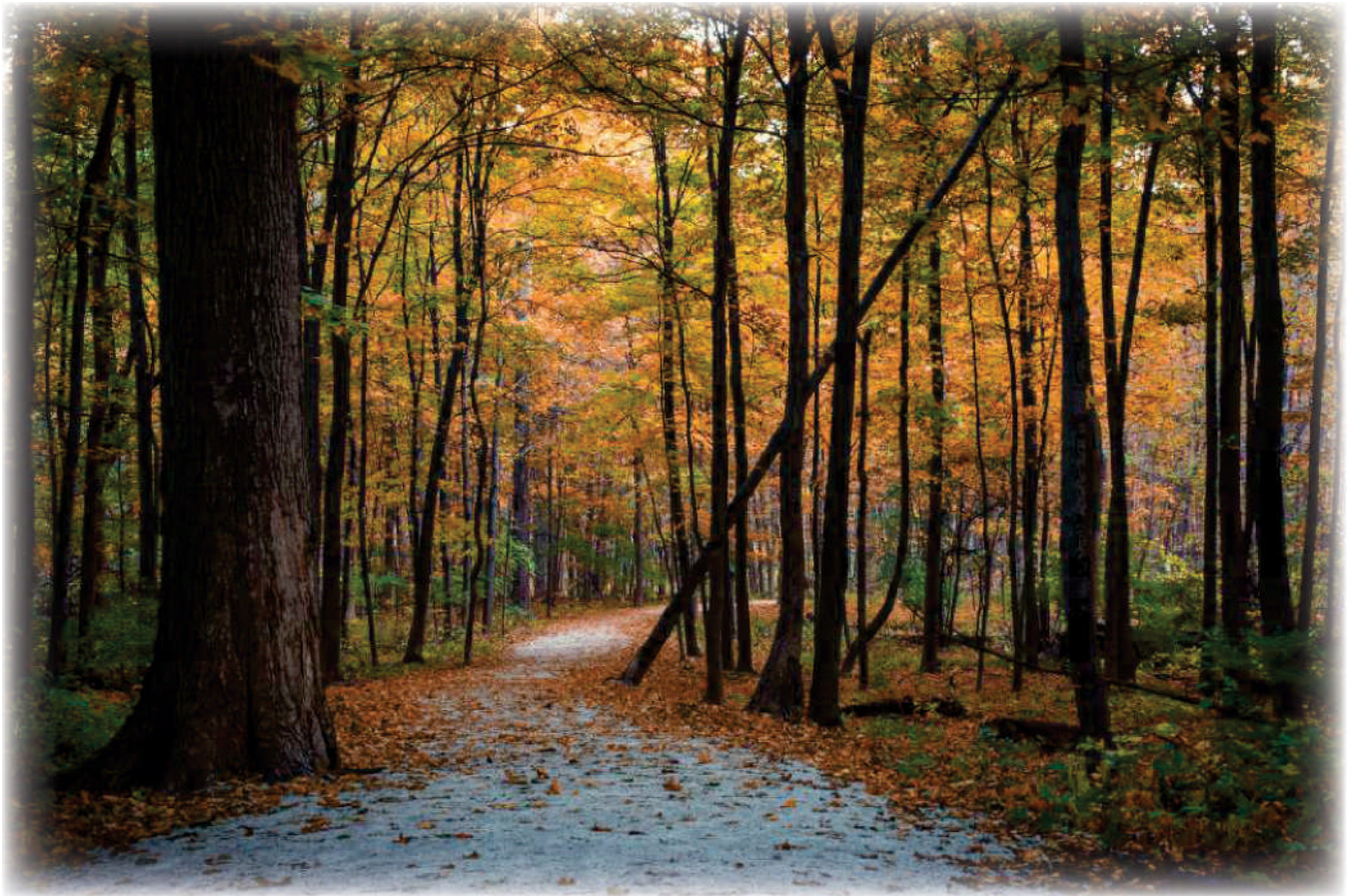
Second, investment into marketing and agency exposure on many fronts has not happened. This has left untapped opportunities to further enrich the community's recreational life by not having touched as many people as desired.

Lastly, the organization has resources that it can certainly use better. In particular, capital spending has not filtered its way into the overall park spaces that capture creativity, excitement or completing entire projects with a comprehensive vision instead of improving limited areas with a singular purpose. This however, can be fixed quickly with selecting the right projects, the right approaches and leaving a series of project that go beyond the legacy of the Riverfront to the community.

The areas of growth for the agency should be carefully throughout with a marketing spin. There is an outstanding opportunity to advance the overall good work of the past into an exciting future by the wise investment in solid planning. The journey has only begun. If implementation of the top goals and objectives happens, the agency is sure to make strides to becoming an improved organization. For this to happen, ownership of this plan and the leadership to implement it must occur.

In the next two years, visible progress should be made. The plan has been designed to be a wise resource and provide for an understanding of the recreational needs within the community. It also can help both staff and the elected officials by looking at different ways to communicate and organize decision-making processes. It is clear that the agency is an organization that strives for service to the Beloit community. But, there is always room for improvement. The potential to change the culture, expand the level of excitement and exceed community expectations will provide Beloit with improved quality of life through parks and recreation which just makes life better.

Appendix



Community Survey

City of Beloit Parks and Recreation Division Community Survey

Congratulations! The City of Beloit would like your input to help determine park and recreation priorities for our community. Your “household” refers to you and those residing in your home. This survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete. When you are finished, please return your survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. All responses to this survey are anonymous and confidential. If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 608-364-2929.

1. How familiar are you with the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division?
☐ Very familiar ☐ Somewhat familiar ☐ Not at all familiar

2. How do you learn about the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division? **(Check all that apply)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Brochure <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Social media e.g. Facebook and Twitter <input type="checkbox"/> Materials at facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio <input type="checkbox"/> Direct mail <input type="checkbox"/> Word of Mouth <input type="checkbox"/> E-mails <input type="checkbox"/> Park signs
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3. Would you agree that the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division contributes to your quality of life?
☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No opinion

4. About how many times would you estimate you or other family members visited each of the following over the past 12 months?

	1 to 4 times	5 or more times	Never
Big Hill Center			
Big Hill Park			
Edwards Pavilion/Ice Arena			
Grinnell Hall Senior Center			
Horace White Park			
Krueger Municipal Pool			
Krueger-Haskell Golf Course			
Leeson Park			
Riverside Park			
Rotary Center			
Telfer Park			
Turtle Creek Greenway			
Turtle Island Playground			
Other: (Please Specify)			

Survey continues on the other side of this page.

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5. About how many times have you or other family members used the park amenities over the past 12 months?

	1 to 4 times	5 or more times	Never
Baseball Fields			
Basketball Courts			
Benches			
Concessions			
Dog Park			
Drinking Fountains			
Fishing Areas			
Paddleboats			
Picnic Shelters			
Playgrounds			
Skate Park			
Soccer Fields			
Softball Fields			
Tennis Courts			
Trails			
Other: (Please Specify)			

6. How satisfied are you with the condition and maintenance of the parks and facilities?

___ Satisfied

___ Dissatisfied

___ No opinion

7. If you would like to see improvements made to any Beloit Parks or Facilities, what would you like to see done? **(Please be specific as possible)**

8. Please rate your satisfaction with the following recreation services provided by the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division by circling the corresponding number to the right of each service.

Services	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied (Answer Q#8a)	No Opinion
Ease of registration for programs	4	3	2	1
Fees charged for facility rentals	4	3	2	1
Fees charged for programs	4	3	2	1
Quality of programs	4	3	2	1
Quality of special events	4	3	2	1
Variety of programs offered	4	3	2	1

- 8a. Why were you dissatisfied? **(Please be specific as possible)**

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9. Which of the following recreation programs do you or other members of your household participate at the Beloit Parks and Recreation Department or elsewhere? **(Check all that apply)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Adult athletics	<input type="checkbox"/> After school program	<input type="checkbox"/> Art classes
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuing ED classes	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance class
<input type="checkbox"/> Daycare program	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> Early childhood
<input type="checkbox"/> Fitness classes	<input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics	<input type="checkbox"/> Martial arts
Pre-school programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Center use	<input type="checkbox"/> Special events
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer day camp	<input type="checkbox"/> Trips	<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball
Walking/ jogging	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____	

10. Where else do you or members of your household go for recreation programs and/or services? **(Check all that apply)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Local schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Private fitness clubs	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighboring towns
<input type="checkbox"/> YMCA	<input type="checkbox"/> County parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Local church
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify) _____		

11. What are the reasons why you find it necessary go outside of the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division for recreational services? **(Check all that apply)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Program not offered at convenient time	<input type="checkbox"/> Other providers have lower prices
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation was difficult	<input type="checkbox"/> Other providers have better facilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Believed the program might be cancelled	<input type="checkbox"/> Other providers have better staffing
<input type="checkbox"/> Program was too expensive	<input type="checkbox"/> Our friends go there, so we go there
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify) _____	

12. Have you or a member of your household ever played the Krueger-Haskell Golf Course?

☐ Yes ☐ No **(Answer Q#12a)**

12a. If no, why?

<input type="checkbox"/> Not aware it existed	<input type="checkbox"/> Not interested in golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Price too high
<input type="checkbox"/> Course not challenging	<input type="checkbox"/> Course too challenging	<input type="checkbox"/> Other interests
<input type="checkbox"/> Too difficult to walk	<input type="checkbox"/> Other reasons (please specify) _____	

13. Do you feel the City of Beloit should build and operate a future community recreation “life center” for all ages?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

Survey continues on the other side of this page.

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14. Have you or a member of your household used the Krueger Municipal Pool in the past 12 months?

☐ Yes ☐ No (**Answer Q#14a**)

14a. If you did not use the Krueger Municipal Pool in the past 12 months, what are the reasons?
(**Check all that apply**)

☐ No one in our household swims ☐ Other aquatic facilities are better
☐ Parking ☐ Other aquatic facilities are more convenient
☐ The current pool is outdated ☐ Other aquatic facilities are cheaper
☐ Other (Please specify) _____

15. If you used aquatic facilities other than the Krueger Municipal Pool last year, where did you go? (**Please specify**)

16. Would you agree that the City of Beloit and School District of Beloit should work together to provide recreation opportunities for the community?

☐ Agree (**Answer Q#16a**) ☐ Disagree ☐ No opinion

16a. What would you like to see accomplished in working together?
(Please be specific as possible)

17. How long have you lived in the City of Beloit? _____ years

18. Beginning with yourself, what are the ages of the people living in your household?

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

19. What is your gender?

☐ Female ☐ Male

20. Please tell us anything you would like us to know about your experiences with the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division.

Thank you very much for your time. Please return this questionnaire in the enclosed envelope.

Survey Open Ended Answers

Question 2: How do you learn about the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division? (OTHER)

- Calling
- Wife is a teacher.
- Daughter served as Beloit Parks commissioner
- From son, works at DPW
- This survey
- Info posted at Senior Center
- Worked for Parks program in college
- School, Library
- TV
- Worked for P&R 24+ years
- Stateline News
- TV
- This mailing
- This survey
- Lived here all my life
- We live in Beloit
- Worked for city of Beloit for 17 years
- Lifelong resident
- Visit yearly
- Worked for Parks Dept. for 5 years
- Live here
- School, News, TV
- Lived in Beloit entire life
- Family

- 45-year resident
- Shopper
- Lived here 58 years
- Lived in Beloit 44 years
- Work for City of Beloit
- Drive by and sit at the park
- Police Reports
- I don't
- Friends who work for the Parks division
- TV channel 3 out of Madison
- TV
- TV
- No way
- TV
- Lived in Beloit entire life
- Golf Course

Question 4: About how many times would you estimate you or other family members visited each of the following over the past 12 months? (OTHER)

- Preservation Park
- Summit Park
- I wish this had an oak savannah restoration on vegetable gardens for the schools. I walk past it every day and it has so much potential.
- Snapper Park
- Farmers Market - I love the market and how beautiful downtown has become.

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- Privatize the golf course or close it and subdivide the property
- Dog Park
- Lagoon
- Preservation Park
- Lee Lane Park
- Vernon
- Armstrong
- Wooten Armst Eddy
- Armstrong Eddy, Summit Park
- Turtle Creek Trails
- Harper's Park
- Arboretum / Bike Path
- Beloit Historical Society Park / Baseball diamond
- Krueger Park Itself

Question 5: About how many times have you or other family members used the park amenities over the past 12 months? (OTHER)

- Bathrooms
- Pickle ball
- Beckman Mill Trails
- Grass areas for Frisbee
- Pickle ball Courts
- Fireworks
- Big Hill Park lookout deck/ Picnic grills / Shelter
- Restrooms

Question 7: If you would like to see improvements made to any Beloit Parks or Facilities, what would you like to see done?

- Preservation Park - Benches to sit near equipment.
- I like all your improvements
- Softball fields are in terribly bad condition and are an embarrassment to the community.
- I think DPW does an AWESOME job of maintaining the parks. What I don't like is how people litter and trash some of them, which I know is outside of your control.
- More lighting for dusk activities
- Bathrooms opened year-round. Very important.
- More police presence
- Would like to see pool restrooms slightly updated
- I wish there was more policing out at Big Hill. A lot of shady characters out there.
- Soccer field improvements, up and coming sport
- I would love to see grills
- More benches especially by water and more pavilions
- Vernon Park - Improvement to pavement and tennis courts
- More indoor activities that are free for kids and young adults, maybe crime would lessen? Trampoline Park, mini golf.
- Add a few more swings in parks
- Please keep all parks and facilities clean.
- Better lighting in parks

- Fallen trees removed when possible
- Bring back the free boat races
- Senior access and activities
- Used a lot more when had kids in school at house
- Eradication of garlic mustard at big ill Park for environmental purposes.
- Law requiring mussels for dogs in parks.
- Tubing on Turtle Creek
- Cannot think of any improvements
- Big Hills need more patrols - Too many teenagers hanging around damaging and a naked sunbather.
- Upgrade and clean parks
- Connection of greenway trails to one continues
- Keep all restrooms clean in parks
- Upgrade Big Hills - like fireplaces, etc.
- More restrooms in parks
- Would like to see rental facility used for reunions etc. available through the Rotary Center enlarged. It's way small.
- Edwards's ice arena is closed!!
- More walking trails
- Better police patrol for parks and facilities.
- More basketball and volleyball courts
- Trails maps
- Disc golf course, outdoor ice rink near river
- More parking at Riverside
- Better maintenance to the Krueger Park
- I'm not sure. I haven't had a chance to visit the facilities.
- Satisfied with looks and condition of parks. Dissatisfied with some of the brush and wild grasses in parks as they attract mosquitos.
- Secured garbage lids - Trash is scattered
- Cleanup (trash) brush cleanup, mowing trimming, especially behind Snapper field
- More park playground equipment for young children in all parks
- Bathrooms open year round
- Big Hill Park bathrooms; need hand sanitizer or soap and water.
- More concerts, classic rock, grunge
- Maybe more water fountains
- More bubblers {working} on water fountains
- Parks should be kept cleaner
- More pickle ball courts please. Growing sport!
- Trash cleanup at Big Hill Park
- New equipment, more for smaller children (age 1-3)
- Benches and restrooms closer together not so far apart.
- Moe improvements on smaller neighborhood parks and not only focus on playground equipment
- Clean up the lagoon
- More help "\$" to the golf course!!! They need to oversee fairways
- Keep it clean more, pick up the poop!

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- Disc golf at Leeson Park
- Make sure all parks are clean
- Cleaner bathrooms
- Kolack or Roosevelt
- Adult soccer league
- Do you send brochures to residents?
- Clean up the parks. Many dirty, more playground equipment in all parks.
- Riverside Park - Tons of goose droppings everywhere. Picnic tables and boat dock need repairs. Tennis courts rundown. Turtle Island - Dirty and vandalized.
- The trees pruned
- Clean up the lagoon. Area not useable or nice to walk around.
- More handicap/fishing locals and tables/parking
- Better police patrol in parks
- More police patrol
- Bike trail/paths
- Ability for night fishing
- Would like to see more portable toilets in parks.
- Keep all parks as beautiful as Riverside Park. Great job on Vets Roll Welcome!
- I would like to see kayak rentals on the new educational center @ the Turtle Creek confluence (co-venture w/ S. Beloit?)
- Playground equipment at Riverside Park
- Because I love to fish I feel that our Lagoon could be more like Delavan urban pond. Make it bigger deeper and stock it. Maybe the DNR could help. Take out a couple tennis courts. Kids don't get into trouble with a fishing pool.
- Clean the lakes and maybe add color to water.
- More modernized, updated playground equipment in more parks in Beloit.
- Swings at Horace White need tightening
- No opinion
- Security down at Riverside Park. A lot of troublemakers hanging out down there. Don't feel safe.
- Basket courts at Leeson Park
- Larger all terrain dog park including hills, water, grass, running area.
- Keep parks cleaner
- More bike trails, long bike roads.
- Year-round toilets at playgrounds. Water fountains turned on sooner in the year.
- Big Hill Park needs more restrooms/outhouses
- New trees planted to replace trees that have been cut down in parks.
- I love walking in Leeson Park to Eastlawn Cemetery, but there is a lot of seediness there. Litter, guys sitting around in cars, people cruising, signs of public "bedroom" (Condoms and wrappers) on ground.
- Level off the tee #5 at golf course.
- Trash pickup. Found empty pill bottles and used needles before once.

- Improve safety in parks. Hire and place security guards in parks and provide regular city of Beloit police patrols in all parks at various times throughout the day and night.
- Would like to see cleaner restrooms in the parks
- Better map for bike trails. More water fountains and garbage cans. Some parks are dirty. Cleanup those parks regularly.
- Ball Park - Old one tear down. Old Ball Park is an embarrassment. Build new ballpark in old food location.
- Would like to use paddleboats, but lagoon water looks awful. Would like to see a fountain in lagoon.
- Horace White Park needs more regular care. Weeding, trimming, bushes, gardens, tree trimming. Other parks are well maintained regularly on weekly basis.
- Problem with restrooms, no toilet paper
- Bring back Riverfest. Gave residents of Beloit something to look forward to for community.
- Taxes pay for these services, they should be free to residents. We should have more polls available. There should be continuous learning experiences for school children, during and after school. There should be fund raisers to support extra activities.
- Prices too high for programs. Greater variety of programs. Add summer day programs for kids.
- Weather is always a variable that cannot be controlled.
- Why charge for the dog park and no others?
- Finds registration difficult
- Fees too high for art classes. Fees too high for facility rentals.
- Not enough programs
- Resident feels fees charged for party rentals are too high. Provide lower fees. Please lower fees for rec activities and programs. Too high for many residents. Feels there needs to be a greater variety of programs for all youth to keep them actively engaged and off streets. Enhance quality of rec programs.

Question 8a: Why were you dissatisfied? (Please be specific as possible)

- No opinion because I haven't used most of what is offered.
- There needs to be a more diverse offering of music genres offered for concerts, not just blues, rock, etc.
- Some programs at little or no cost for some users
- I have no idea that there were programs or anything. Is there a quarterly list of classes offered? How do we obtain a schedule to plan ahead?
- Fees for rental facilities too expensive
- Fees for programs are too expensive.
- Don't use.
- Fees charged for programs too high. Tball fees are so expensive, many people can't afford to play.
- Don't know what they are

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- Fireworks from the Snappers, damage to property from fireworks, fireworks late at night, people blocking our driveway and leaving behind trash, walking across our lawn. We are training our dog to become a service dog. During fireworks she is so scared and needs to be medicated. We have to go to the basement.
- Too expensive
- Krueger is priced too high \$25 Winnebago Forest Preserve Courses, \$25 Mondays Riverside, Many online deals for less than Krueger
- Removed a lot of senior activities which were previously offered at Grinnell Hall Senior Center. Bring Bingo and other craft activities back. Positive for senior population.
- Fees seem a little high for shelter rentals.
- Everything costs too much. I don't understand why people have to pay to have a family picnic at the facilities.
- You cannot even walk on the sidewalk without running in to poop. People do like walking on the sidewalk you know. Make sure the cell bathroom is clean not "nasty".
- It would be nice to have Riverfest back.
- Enjoyment and leisure should cost nothing
- Don't use them
- Fees charged for Rotary center = satisfied. Fees charged for small party rentals = too high.
- I miss the triathlon
- Not dissatisfied just do not use the above.
- No handicap and or fishing availability. We seniors paid for parks all our lives.
- Too high for the amount of time rented.
- Boat landing fees are too high. I would like to see a no wake time like many Wisconsin waterways. Sun up till 11:00 no wake - 11:00 till 7:00 pleasure craft - 7:00 till dark no wake. Fair for both to riders and fishermen.
- City should be offering more things for kids to do during summer months to try to keep them occupied instead of causing problems.
- Resident feels fees charged for the Krueger Haskell Golf Course are too high
- Dissatisfied with price charged for Dog Park, too high as residents already pay taxes for city services.
- Fees are too high
- Not receiving information/would like to receive mail.
- Would be helpful to be able to register online.
- More rec activities for older children to keep them engaged, productive, safe and off the streets.
- More variety of fishing and music
- Riverfest being taken away as our annual summer fest special event is a huge upset and disappointment to resident and many residents. Upset as quality of special events as many are geared toward older people in community such as the weekly concerts in the parks.

Question 9: Which of the following recreation programs do you or other members of your household participate at the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division Department or elsewhere? (OTHER)

- Fitness center/fitness equipment
- Line dancing at Grinnell Senior Center
- Water aerobics
- I don't know about any programs.
- Snapper vol. team/golf
- Pool
- Farmer's Market
- Swimming
- Runner
- Lectures at Beloit College
- Fitness center usage, exercise equipment, swimming
- Discount tickets to attractions
- Swim Team
- geocaching
- yoga, craft classes
- Fitness center, use exercise equipment
- Used to play slow pitch at Krueger. Too old now.
- Grinnec
- Fitness center and fitness equipment
- Bowling
- skiing
- Would like to know more about
- Music, Snappers
- Youth sports
- Pickle ball
- Golf, Hockey
- Exercise equipment
- Had no knowledge of availability of most of these programs.
- yoga
- Taking grandkids to park to play or fishing by the water
- Fitness equipment
- Golf
- Fitness centers and exercise equipment
- Water Skiing
- Fitness center usage and exercise equipment
- Fitness equipment
- Bicycling Big Hill is great for cycling
- Fitness Center Usage
- Archery
- Fitness center and exercise equipment
- Swimming, water exercise and aerobics
- Fitness center usage for exercise equipment

Question 10: Where else do you or members of your household go for recreation programs and/or services? (OTHER)

- Football fields
- Boys and Girls Club
- Library

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- Public Library - Storytelling and arts and crafts
- Watching grandkids sports games
- State Parks
- Welty
- Bike Paths/Trails
- Rock River for fishing and boating
- Northpointe
- Bowling Alley
- 7,8
- Karris Field (Boy Scout Softball)
- Northpointe
- Planet Fitness
- Mexico, South Dakota
- Free splash pads in Janesville and Milton
- Private businesses
- Beloit College
- Cottage up north
- Northpointe
- Town of Beloit offer much more
- Arthur Murray Dance Center in Rockford, IL
- Beloit College Sports center
- BRC
- Northpointe
- Dog obedience classes
- Boys and Girls Club Beloit Location

- Sports complex
- Surrounding lakes
- Local archery club
- Wisconsin Dells
- Silver slippers for older people at YMCA

Question 11: What are the reasons why you find it necessary go outside of the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division for recreational services? (OTHER)

- Husband uses YMCA for fitness center use and exercise equipment not offered by Beloit. County Parks for variety of nature walking.
- Looking at new areas
- Indoor pool for water aerobics
- Enjoy Madison and the area
- Convenience
- Nature
- New adventure and scenery, still use Beloit parks very often
- I don't know about your programs
- Different offerings/Scenery
- Nature pursuits
- YMCA - Daughter needs to swim indoors when extremely hot due to illness
- Works at YMCA and gets free access to rec programs
- Boating, Swimming in lakes
- Grandkids spectator events

- Older don't use any facilities
- No special aquatics facility, no fitness center and exercise equipment.
- Free lunch and fellowship
- Too many drugs and violence in Beloit
- No reason
- Nature and volunteer pursuits at nature areas
- No idea Beloit had anything
- Indoor walking track at YMCA
- No fitness center equipment
- Located close to our jobs/families
- Fishing and Boating
- Greater variety of programs and activities
- Others were at no charge
- Did not know about programs.
- No bowling except at bowling alley
- Senior center when I am old enough
- Nature
- But I don't know about Beloit's
- Nature
- Not offered - Private fitness club
- 2
- Restrictions
- Too crowded
- Needed more info/Advertisement
- No kids
- Happened to be in the area
- Family participates in activities out of town
- Something different
- To get out of Beloit
- Variety, reputation
- No fitness center and equipment under BP&CS
- Did not know about the programs
- Beloit does not offer some services
- Just moved here and don't know much.
- No fitness center or exercise equipment. Better aquatic centers everywhere, less expensive than Krueger pool.
- Senior couple in mid to late 70s
- NO outside weightlifting
- Non- existing
- Fitness equipment not offered in Beloit
- Unfamiliar with what is offered
- Older age group
- No adult pool during the year.
- Specifically, desired programs. Example of Renaissance Fair in Janesville
- Beloit Parks & Recreation Division does not have an indoor working track or fitness center.
- Friends and family live elsewhere
- Program not available
- Neighboring towns for variety of special events i.e., Beer Fests, Specialty Fests.
- Cleaner

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- No fitness center and exercise equipment
 - Do not know of program availability
 - BP & CS has no fitness center and exercise equipment
 - No fitness center and exercise equipment
 - Fitness Center usage, indoor pool, county parks, nature
 - Social endeavor and to support charitable community projects such as pancake breakfast
 - Convenience with Y membership
 - No fitness center or exercise equipment. Visit county parks for nature. Visit YMCA for rec center use and year-round swimming.
 - Fitness club/exercise equipment
 - Kayaking and various nature areas
 - Fitness center use, exercise equipment, rec center use
 - County parks, Fitness Club
 - NO archery clubs
 - Fitness rec center. Beloit doesn't have one.
 - No fitness center or exercise equipment
 - No fitness center and equipment.
 - Beloit does not offer a hot water therapeutic pool
 - Vacation type opportunities
 - No Fitness Center or exercise equipment. Better aquatic centers everywhere, less expensive than Krueger pool.
 - County parks, nature
 - Beloit parks & rec does not have fitness center or indoor pool, county parks for nature pursuits, schools offer continuing education
 - No fitness and exercise equipment
 - Beloit doesn't have any fitness center/exercise equipment
 - Nature
 - Nature
 - Fitness program is free at YMCA through insurance
- Question 12a Have you or a member of your household ever played the Krueger-Haskell Golf Course? If no, why?**
- knee surgery
 - Age
 - Disability
 - Health Reasons
 - No time
 - Close it
 - Don't play golf
 - Husband died
 - Older, no longer play golf
 - Don't play golf
 - Plays with friends from other areas at other golf courses.
 - Don't play golf
 - Age
 - Like mini golf but zero regular golf

- I pay for it in taxes though.
- Would like senior fees. Can't afford to golf.
- Don't like the ponds
- Gave golf clubs away a couple years ago.
- Uncoordinated
- Time, other priorities, other interests
- Age
- Age
- No time
- Age
- Age
- Husband disabled

Question 14a: If you did not use the Krueger Municipal Pool in the past 12 months, what are the reasons? (OTHER)

- Age
- Use yard pools - grandkids too young for larger community pools
- Ages and changed needs as getting older
- Been working a lot
- Too crowded, you don't actually get to swim
- Age and health
- Too old
- Country Club pool is more convenient
- Don't want to swim with other people
- Less crowded elsewhere, can use floating devices

- Older, don't swim anymore
- Don't get to that area of town
- I use my brothers pool
- Health Reasons
- I work too much
- Child grown, works at YMCA can use that pool
- Age
- Age and no time
- Likes to swim in lakes
- Don't swim anymore. Needs have changed.
- Caregiver to wife
- Not interested in swimming
- We go to Rockport, mom lives up there.
- Nobody swims anymore
- Too old
- Older - doesn't use pool anymore
- Time and older
- Price way too high, need therapeutic pool
- Handicapped
- Too busy
- Didn't get time
- Age
- Have our own pool
- Age
- YMCA, I worked there
- Older

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- Where is it located?
- Used to in the 50s and 60s. Too old now
- Don't feel like it.
- older
- Use the YMCA pool
- Just oved to the area in December
- Needs have changed
- Year-round pool uses at YMCA
- Too busy last year
- We have a pool, but this pool is important
- Kids grown
- Don't know where it's located.
- Pools great!
- Too busy
- No time
- Age
- Age
- Too far away
- YMCA for swim or waterparks
- Too busy
- Too many kids! Too many splashing!
- Older - No longer uses public parks
- Health issues - Knee problems - Used to love to swim and use the pool
- Have young children, not enough for them to do.
- Not interested
- No time
- Private neighbors pool
- Homebody's I guess
- Do not go to public pools
- Age
- Swim at Beloit Club
- Amenities and crowds
- No time / interest
- Have use of a private pool
- Fear of naughty kids/adults
- Too many children
- Would like to but haven't investigated.
- Not keen on swimming in public
- Just moved here
- Workout in other ways/running/lifting
- Too old
- Age and health issues
- Age
- Don't like large groups or crowds
- Price for each pool entry should be cheaper.
- Too old
- No time for it
- Age
- Unfamiliar with location
- Not interested
- Relative has pool
- Age

- Older, Needs have changed
 - Time schedules
 - Older
 - Age and health
 - Not safe
 - Hours of operation and always crowded
 - My grandson w/the Boys and Girls Club
 - Didn't swim in the past 12 months
 - Generally, prefer to leave Beloit for recreation. My children are young. No kiddie or spray pad.
 - We have a personal pool. Krueger Pool too crowded.
 - Neighbors Pools
 - Age
 - Age
 - Age, YMCA has year-round swimming.
 - Pool in backyard
 - Use YMCA
 - Neighbor has pool
 - Apartment complex has pool and lack of information.
 - Age
 - Age
 - Too busy with business now.
 - Time
 - Age
 - Has own pool
 - Needs have changed, older
 - Interested in lake areas for swimming concerned about health safety associated with public pools.
 - New resident, wasn't living in Beloit last summer.
 - older
 - Age
 - Age
 - Kids gone, needs have changed
 - Outgrown city's outdoor pool, use water aerobics classes
 - Age
 - Age and disability in household
 - age
 - Swims in lakes
 - YMCA pool
 - Too old
- Question 15: If you used aquatic facilities other than the Krueger Municipal Pool last year, where did you go?**
- YMCA
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 - YMCA
 - Hotel
 - Janesville Pool
 - Beloit Club/Country Club
 - Hotel, YMCA
 - Janesville

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- YMCA
- Wisconsin Dells (vacation)
- YMCA - Indoor swimming when too hot outside and all year activities
- YMCA
- YMCA
- Plamer Park
- Pearl Lake
- None
- Camping and beaches
- Beloit Memorial High School / Water Parks with slides
- YMCA
- Beloit College
- Northpointe for swimming
- Private pools
- I don't know. Hotel.
- YMCA
- YMCA
- YMCA
- Hotels when out of town, pool at family members house
- Our own
- YMCA
- New to Beloit, Chicago Park District
- North Point Aquatic Center
- Rockport
- Northpoint
- Rockport Pool in Janesville
- Various water parks
- Palmer Park
- Need an east side pool, adult swim
- YMCA
- Magic Waters (Rockford), Palmer Park (Janesville)
- Northpointe, high school
- YMCA
- Reservation Park
- Great America and Wisconsin Dells
- Just motels when on the "Road"
- Mexico
- Beloit Club
- Janesville and Milton splash pads, YMCA
- Pearl Lake
- State Park Lakes
- YMCA, out of town
- lakes/beaches
- Palmer Park, Janesville
- Lakes
- YMCA
- Northpointe
- Rockton, Janesville
- North Pointe
- Swimming
- Rivers, lakes, creeks

- Janesville
- North Point Aquatic Center
- YMCA
- Northpointe
- Palmer, Rockton and Milton Splash Pad
- Janesville Palmer Park, Pearl Lake
- Northpointe
- YMCA
- Palmer wading pool, Riverside splash pad, Edgerton pool, lions search
- Home. Sand Park Pool, Loves Park, IL
- Neighbors Pools
- YMCA for indoor pool usage as well as outdoor pool usage
- Beloit Club
- YMCA
- YMCA
- YMCA
- YMCA
- Northpointe
- Wisconsin Dells
- YMCA
- YMCA

Question 16a: Would you agree that the City of Beloit and School District of Beloit should work together to provide recreation opportunities for the community? What would you like to see accomplished in working together?

- People of all colors getting along
- Youth programs
- Sponsor creative programs for teens to keep them actual engaged and off the streets.
- For family and sports together
- Strengthen community and fill gaps in community needs
- Community relations - positivity
- Healthy activity access to everyone and throughout the city in all neighborhoods
- Combining resources to increase recreational opportunities
- Early youth engagement w/physically active summer programs
- More teen programs
- Getting word out there
- Open swim at BMHS with better availability.
- Collaborative programs for kids
- Pool, gym , shop areas
- Fitness groups for families to go to together
- Children taught all sports during school hours and after.
- Start programs to get kids off street and involved in programs.
- Provide evening and summer programs and activities for youth of all ages

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- Important to provide vital rec activities for youth of all ages
- For the 2 groups to get along and not segregate themselves. They tend to act independently.
- More programs for parents who can't afford much Cold help lessen crime down the road.
- Provide constructive organized structures activities of all ages so children choose valued healthy and activities as they get older.
- Provide greater variety of youth programs/activities - all ages that will enhance the wellbeing of the community.
- Focus on structured programs after school and during summer for youth, to keep them focused.
- Good idea to partner
- Summer programs like Welty
- Just play areas for children
- Would like to see the high school and the city work together. High schoolers could help with senior programs and activities. The city could provide structural for high school aged children in parks as rec center, etc.
- Better use of available facilities
- Rowboat classes/Paddle boat, yoga classes on the lawn.
- Greater activities for kids. Positive use of facilities. Better cooperation between city and school would be an accomplishment.
- Specific recreation programs for all children. Also, focus on older children so they can be involved in productive venture and not hang around without anything to do.
- Provide constructive activities for youth of all ages, engage them in useful activities
- Sponsor community service projects for school aged children (middle school and high school ages)
- Swimming program
- Provide learning and educational activities for youth of all ages. Bike safety.
- Get rid of drugs and violence
- More programs akin to the YMCA i.e. youth soccer, baseball, etc. as a challenger
- Savings on programs and facilities and more use
- Engage children in summer activities
- Getting more people to Beloit
- I don't know.
- See two groups work collaboratively vs. acting as rivals as they do now.
- Free of inexpensive summer programs
- Community Gardens
- Pursue joint efforts to strengthen youth base
- Material distribution to families' directly thru school. Subsidized or lower cost?
- Program based integration between all children, all ages regardless of race or ethnic origin.
- After school - Teen mentoring
- Pool money together to help children

- Develop strong community education programs
- More programs for all ages, especially teens/young adults
- Summer jobs for teens and after school programs
- More youth programs for kids
- Safe supervised choices for youth
- Be more cohesive unit with each other
- High school pool
- Move the Snapper field to the country.
- Variety of structured activities for kids
- Youth mentoring programs for pre-teen, teen and young adults
- Use schools in summer for rec activities for youth of all ages. Work on collaborative pool usage
- More collaboration of youth sports, after school programming and community outreach collaboration.
- Supervised games and rec activities also sports in parks for youth of all ages through high school to keep children actively engaged all year long and off the streets.
- New outdoor pool/aquatic facility
- Utilize vacant school rooms in schools in summer for senior activities (Bingo, knitting, crafts, etc.) Provide games, crafts and athletic endeavors for all age children in schools in summer and all year round.
- Job opportunities for qualified high school students interested in a career focused on recreation.
- More for young children, better quality of equipment and services
- Work together to avoid duplicated services.
- More programming options and lower cost
- No more crime
- Cheaper programs
- Provide greater variety of interesting rec programs for all ages of children from preschool thru high school. Provide specific appropriate activities also for middle school and high school aged kids to keep them actively engaged and out of harm's way in the streets.
- Provide and combine learning activities with rec activities. IE computer usage, video games, etc.
- Open gym for basketball in summer
- More things for the children to do while they are out of school
- Streamlined services
- Bring back Riverfest
- Joint programs for pre-teens
- Keep kids safe and active
- Efficiency; Lower costs
- Provide solid programs academically and recreationally for Beloit's youth
- Programming that meets the changing needs of the community.
- Local schools safer than some parks.
- Open up all spaces since it's all supported by TAXES!

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- Provision of structured programs and activities for high school age youth and older at night to give them recreational outlets. Keep youth off the streets.
- Provide more activities for adolescents and teens.
- Kids that are grateful, kids that work, kids that won't use drugs.
- Community
- It would help kids feel sense of safety and community if there were more programs that continue outside of school.
- Better communication
- Parents of children in school pay taxes, adults who never had children in school shouldn't
- Keep it looking nice for picnics and save playgrounds for kids
- Good idea, but does not see this happening.
- Affordable rec choices for children of all ages in an attempt to keep them from negative environments and/or choices
- Planning together, sharing facilities
- School District (students) volunteers might form a park patrol to visit parks routinely, help with litter and be more "eyes on the parks" other citizens might also volunteer for a loosely organized "eyes on the parks" walking on a regular basis.
- Provide activities, programs and classes and transportation for seniors. Provide structured activities, recreation for older youth teens, young adults.
- Provide activities for youth of all ages to keep them off the streets
- Better advertising, expand options
- Youth programming aimed at cultivating manners and polite behavior.
- Pool. We all paid for it, we should be able to use it easily.
- Provide children of all ages with constructive rec programs and activities outside of school so interested in positive pursuits.
- More playground areas and programs for younger kids.
- More activities or youth
- Not Sure
- Get students occupied at non-school time's productivity in parks and at schools. Also, offer craft opportunities in schools and parks.
- Structured activities and programs for youth of all ages to keep them focused and positive.
- Develop programs/activities for all ages in community and utilize schools for rec activities as well.
- More variety of rec activities for middle aged children.
- Lower rates and transportation to from
- Programs available and accessible to ALL children/teens
- Provide greater stability. Rec and educational activities for youth. More experienced
- More teen and youth activities
- Getting people informed of programs and improvements
- Provide more programs for youth of all ages

- Generate productive activities for youth of all ages and continuing programs for adults
- More variety of programs and rec activities, better use of schools and educational buildings. Can be used for rec activities.
- Keep kids busy during school breaks
- Eliminates duplicated efforts by both parties, school age kids are the ones that would be most likely to use these rec facilities. The school district can add value here if working together.
- More activity for kids (physical fitness), combined with nutrition education for improved “life wellness”
- Stability of integrated programs for all ages
- Fitness classes for everyone
- Strengthen programs for youth of all ages
- Provide young people a place to go that is safe where they can have fun and join in many rec activities.
- Improve playgrounds at schools for community usage
- More selection of rec activities for youth of all ages
- More youth programs for all ages of children
- Improve services. Obtain funding for better location and distribution of services
- Provide activities and services for all community members that aren’t available just through school or thru rec area.
- Would like to see empty schools used for recreation.
- Utilization of high school pool by community. Better utilization of school buildings in summer months for rec activities and joint activities.
- Provide constructive programs for youth of all ages
- Better options for young people to hang and engage in productive activities.
- Provide activities for youth of all ages to keep them off the streets
- Activities and programs for youth of all ages to keep them off the street
- Better communication with events, etc. between two groups
- Interaction between both parties so parents feel secure there are variety of recreational and educational activities sponsored for children to keep them positively engaged in constructive endeavors.
- Provide positive programs for youth of all ages
- See better utilization of high school pool. It is open to the public, yet the school district keeps and segregated and protected. Utilize the school buildings for more rec use
- Community enhancement and activities for all ages including teens and seniors.
- Utilize school buildings and general strong programs for youth of all ages to foster constructive behavior.
- Have teachers being more concerned about parents’ need. Provide parenting classes. Develop mentoring programs & programs for all.
- Utilization of shared facilities

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- Enhance accelerates programs for all age groups
- Greater supervised rec programs and activities for youth of all ages to keep them actively engaged in positive pursuits and off the streets.
- Greater variety of youth based programs
- Parental involvement and interaction with school aged parents and children to generate productive behaviors as children grow in the community and become young adults. Offer parenting skill classes for adults IF you don't change the child's environment you can't change the outcome with adding rec activities.
- Provide constructive rec programs and services for older youth to keep them off the streets and stop crime.

Question 20: Please tell us anything you would like us to know about your experiences with the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division.

- Interested in game called kube. Would like to see the game in some Beloit parks. Also interested in martial arts classes, gymnastics, and dance classes for the 5-7 year-old age groups.
- Would like more info and publicity on day trips sponsored by Beloit Parks and Recreation Division?
- Would like a recreation center for all ages. It would contain an area for indoor musical concerts/plays and such. Have it fine art oriented as well as facilitating general rec activities.
- Enjoyed both them on weekends not working
- We love the concerts in the park
- School District should not partner with city to provide rec activities. Schools have enough to do. Upset about past discussion about closing pool and golf course. They are a mainstay of recreation and basics of the community. City should conduct through surveys and stop spending large amount of money on outside surveys rather than thinking about closing rec facilities.
- Nice to look at! Thanks for making it so pretty.
- Thinks ideas of building a new rec center is not good. Beloit has no money. Cost would not justify payback to community. People wouldn't utilize it fully. Facility would just sit there.
- City employees who maintain the parks do a wonderful job!! Thank you!!
- Would like a 40 and over softball league to finally be a rarity or a 35 and over.
- Especially enjoy the floodplain trails and golf course
- Every year we have our family reunion there. Our family come from Arizona, Florida, and Virginia. They love that they can do water ride and have a nice park for the kids to play.
- Bathrooms accessible year-round. We would be eternally indebted. It is not easy to go for long walks or bike rides without this access.
- Very pleased

- We have four children. We live across the street from Vernon Park. Our kids grew up playing tennis, basketball, ice skating, baseball and on the playground. My grandkids now go over and play on the playground. Crude profanity has been written on the slides as well as other places. No more tennis courts, or skating rink. They have lowered the hoops so the adults won't crowd out the younger kids, which is a good thing. You have moved everything to the East side. We would love to have the skating rink back. Because we are retired, I really couldn't fill out this form, but living across from park, I thought I'd voice my opinion. Thank you.
- Too many standing dead trees at Big Hill Park - over 300. Resident has notified city of issue, but nothing has been done.
- All have been excellent. I would recommend more consistent enforcement at Leeson Dog Park. Most are great, but some dogs engage in overly dominant behavior. Perhaps enforcement of fees, etc. would filter some of the behavior outliers while improving revenue from that dog park.
- Too many people in Turtle Creek green area w/dogs off leash. I stopped going from too many bad experiences.
- More special events
- Think the city should invest more in keeping the Snappers in the city of Beloit. We spend money on other areas with little or no return on investment. Example, too many police cars that sit in a parking lot. Also, could use a few less fire department cars, trucks, etc.
- Often, I don't join in anything because I am a low income large family so something that cost even as low as \$5 per person still adds up to \$25 for my family.
- My husband loves photography and more observation areas for people with limited mobility would be nice for picture taking.
- Very pleased with the recreational offerings provided by the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division.
- Wished Riverfest was not discontinued. Great community activity. Would like to see more summer games and supervised rec activities for youth in the parks.
- Krueger Haskell is one of the more enjoyable golf courses I've played at.
- I really love downtown, so many wonderful improvements (so much thanks for Diane Henricks for investing in us) I would love to see a brewery, winery and botanical garden to house butterflies, hummingbirds along with plants. Where you can walk in with them like JIbrich in Madison.
- Think the Beloit Parks Division does an excellent job of providing park and rec services for the community.
- Provide continuing education classes. Would like to see greater variety of activities and classes for 50 yr. and older age group. Provide greater selection of programs for all ages to enjoy. Special events great. Special events at Riverside Park wonderful.
- I love the Riverside area. Run it all the time (Thanks)
- Feels the Parks and Recreation Division does a good job of providing services to the community.

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- Good question! The mud run brings the family together for this event. More events like this Mud Run! Nature and group activities are the best way to keep individuals and a community healthy! Weekly encourage all city employee to visit the parks and be involved in community events.
- Riverfront is beautiful. All events well done/
- Sorry no English
- We do miss the ice skating areas at Roosevelt School and Lincoln School in the winter.
- At my age (84) parks and recreation are not high on my to do list. Sorry
- You folks do great job. Thank you!
- This is a great survey
- Great when my kids were growing up (now they are 33, 30, 26, 24, and 20) Used ice rink, parks, pools, everything!
- I have lived here 10 years and Riverside Park just keeps getting more lovely every year. Keep up the wonderful work.
- Pleased to see improvements to Big Hill Park. Disappointed by size of bike trail through Big Hill Park. Would like to know more info on what would be included in new community center for all ages before deciding in favor of Beloit building a new rec center or not.
- Prices of many programs too high
- Parks and Leisure should provide better handicapped accessibility in various areas (certain walkway to parks and facilities and in restroom areas in parks also) Likes idea of building a community rec center but concerned about costs to build and operate.
- Always impressed how clean public restrooms are kept. Have enjoyed music concerts. Really appreciate all of the efforts Beloit has created new opportunities to enjoy the parks. Please keep it up.
- Parks are full of drugs, have worked at them
- Division does a great job with concerts in the parks, farmers market and other special events.
- Grinnell Hall is a wonderful place for seniors. They have wonderful programs!
- Truly enjoys the beautification of parks in Beloit. Happy with landscaping and flowers in park areas. Definitely enjoys the fountain and beauty of Riverside Park. Strongly feels Beloit should build a future community “life center” for all ages. Great enhancement to community, families and youth in Beloit. Disagrees with collaboration between parks and leisure and school district as educational items are very different from community rec needs especially when youth are concerned.
- Being semi new to Beloit there is nothing that I have found about facilities, programs, etc.
- Would like to see a rec center with indoor pool built for residents. Would also like to see water aerobics classes offered as well as price reduction incentives. Fall comprehensive rec center desired. Would be asset.
- Would like to know what you are trying to accomplish with a survey of this type and length. Upset tax payer money is being used for this survey.
- Used to go to Leeson Parks more often years ago that I do now.

- I love the Turtle Creek walk trail on both sides of creek you can see a lot of wild animals like deer, turkey and others.
- As a senior citizen I cannot use recreation facilities as much, but I do think for the city it's very important that they be available to make Beloit a place people would want to make their home!!
- Likes special event that is no longer sponsored. Supervised games in parks for kids. Unsure whether school district or Leisure Services Division sponsored this program. Would like to see the activity reinstated.
- Facilities we are likely to use in the future are trails (biking and hiking) canoe launches, fishing area, tennis courts, ice rinks and open fields.
- Cleanup the lagoon area. And
- Should not build a rec center as new YMCA will service the community needs a new rec center in Beloit would not be able to sustain itself.
- We enjoy hiking on the trails with our dogs
- I love Big Hill quiet, well kept up. Don't like hiking on city sidewalks - in nature is much better. Love concerts at Harry's Place. Lessons are great on Mondays in the summer.
- Would like to see vacant schools be used as community recreation centers as well as the playgrounds be used and accessible to community members. Loves landscaping and flowers in parks. Likes the cross-country skiing offered by the Beloit parks and rec center. Also, big plans for all.
- I have no experience with the Park & Leisure Services. Just recently moved to Beloit.
- Exercise natural mosquito abatement options in parks.
- We use the parks almost daily. But evenings are a hangout for drinking/partying youth (Leesons)
- I would like to learn more about what is offered.
- Big pool too expensive unless you go on \$2 day. We only go on those days.
- More supervision - Keep the kids and family safe!
- If you would like to call us regarding the statements made about the Snapper Ballfield feel free, my husband and I live next door to the field and are not happy about how things have been. It's a mess over there! Please clean it up and stop the fireworks. Mr. & Mrs. Chambliss (608)312-2292
- I like them.
- Our favorite park is Big Hills. Always clean, great scenery for pictures. Just need to update bathrooms!
- Very nice to sit at the park and listen to the bands provided.
- Offer more varied rec programs. Offer more special events geared toward all ages, fests.
- We need more parks than bars in this city
- Love Big Hill, the river, music Harry's, Telfer Park and Rock River by 51
- I love they are clean and also upgraded
- I feel that for a city Beloit's size our parks department offers a lot. I think improvements in communication w/ families of our youth about programming and financial assistance for some of these programs would be beneficial.

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- Pool prices are a bit high, but I like that you have specials on certain days.
- I took my kids to the parks and pool when they were small, all the time loved it!
- Get rid of gang activities in parks (gang hangouts)
- Love to walk in the Riverside Park.
- Why are they cutting down trees in Riverside Park? Trees did not seem diseased. Like trees for shade. Better police protection and safety measures in parks.
- Fabulous staff!
- Doesn't feel Beloit should build a community rec center for all ages. Feels they should utilize the facilities and schools which exist in the community to provide structured, organized programs and rec activities for all ages. Perhaps also utilize volunteers to cut costs. Feels beautification and improvements to pools (Especially Riverside) are positive enhancements.
- Big Hill Park is a place I always go to hike the trails admire the parks natural beauty and it's sad to see all the trash and litter ruin that.
- Disabled. Upset with city of Beloit on laws for handicapped facilities on own property.
- Our kids love the parks we have been to recently, but I would love to see more for young children/infants.
- Beautification of parks and downtown Beloit area with landscaping is excellent. Thinks also the Krueger Municipal pool is a great facility for the community. Parks and rec programs also very satisfied with. Think the Leisure Services Division does a wonderful job of community. Would like to see additional pool benches and restrooms in the parks in Beloit.
- Good job
- Thanks improvements made to Beloit parks and facilities are positive and have enhanced the community.
- Vernon Park - Many kids are bullied in this park. Needs better parental and police supervision.
- Beloit should build a rec center. Would be extremely valuable for community. Creating a teen center in Beloit would be extremely beneficial.
- Good job. Keep cars out of upper level of Leeson's. Would stop tire track wreckage and turn it into a quiet peaceful pristine sanctuary...People could still walk up there or wheel chair up.
- We enjoy going to Harry's place to listen to music. When we had children at home we went to the majority of the parks often, I think the parks are beautiful and well maintained, sadly we seem to work more than not and don't make it to them anymore. We were at the ball diamonds 5 nights a week. Used to go to Turtle Island. Everything was always great to go to, great job Beloit. Be proud.
- Damn, keep it real. They need to keep pray bathroom will be more nice to peoples!
- Lots of \$ seems to be spent on people riding around on golf carts, utv's, etc. We spend too much trying to compete with other communities.
- Does not use parks and activities any longer. Does use senior center. Programs are great. Excellent.
- I think we have wonderful facilities access.
- Beloit has great potential. I see a lot more being offered in Janesville.

- I think you make our city look beautiful.
- Riverside Park along the lagoon is one of the best parks in the state!
- Parks and playgrounds are well kept; good variety. Children are just entering school age, so may use programs in the future.
- Kruger Haskell is one of the best public courses in the region. Season pass prices are higher than some others.
- Good luck. Loves special events and activities and special offerings at Riverside
- I love Beloit continues to make efforts to improve and provide family activities
- I have many opinions about the city of Beloit and its operations. First of all, I feel that the city has its hands in way too many things, weather it is real estate, pools, golf courses, cemeteries, etc... In a lot of communities, they are held by private individuals or companies. NOT by cities. I was told that Beloit has between 42 and 46 parks and facilities - that's way too many! In some neighborhoods a house will burn down and they put a small park in its place, when a vacant lot would suffice. Riverside Park is nice, but I see and feel that more effort is put into that area than any other area. I live and own my own home, in the Kolack or Roosevelt area - and that park looks like crap - it's not maintained like the rest of the parks in Beloit. Over growth of plants on fences. Stairway falling apart going down to bottom. Power boxes falling apart. No lights at nighttime. When I was younger that was a very nice park, a lot of the neighborhood used it and enjoyed it even in the winter time people had fun there - it had a warming house and ice rink. Go look at it. It's now pretty much an eye sore. But yet I see a small park on Richer Street and it looks perfect. Well maintained and newer playground equipment - but nobody using it. I agree Beloit needs parks, but not so many of them - just more money spent on maintaining them - That is wasted money and time! I believed that more money should be spent on our roads in Beloit - Not the park systems. The roads are literally falling apart. LaSalle Street has not been replaced in more than 60 years. Milwaukee Road is falling apart by Turtle Creek Greenway, etc. Plus, many others that the city apparently doesn't care to repair. Nice parks, yes a few. Nice roads - NOPE. Let's maintain what we have before we plan and spend money on new projects.
- Very happy about quality of parks and services but don't golf or play tennis, just bike and hike and too old for pool and too young for Grinnell Hall. Showed up for pickle ball to try and disappointed because very few people there, maybe 3-4.
- Do you send info? Benn in this house almost 2 years, and nothing!
- Love the trails but wish there were more biking trails and love Big Hill Park being in the forest.
- Appreciate the number of parks
- We live across from Vernon Parks and my 9 year old son can't wait for the summer program to start again. He loved it last year.
- Cater to seniors
- Provide better safety for community in the parks
- Love concerts in the parks but need more police patrol and smaller community parks! Love the lower basketball hoops at Summit Park! Great job
- I love going on picnics it gives you some time with your family that haven't seen for a while.

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- For a new rec center to be viable, it needs to be located near I90, for large amounts of people from a variety of areas. Would not be feasible downtown Beloit.
- Roscoe and Janesville bike paths are awesome. We have nothing like it.
- In the short time I have been a Beloit resident I am impressed with the various accommodations and rec choices available to the public. Thank you.
- Feels should not build a community rec center as there are so many fitness centers in area. Usage might not be sustainable. Would demand justify building cost.
- Great planning and brochures - Fridays in Park, 4th of July. Great job to all!!
- The pump house plantings and building should be meticulously maintained because of its location on major corner. The staff at the pump house are helpful and courteous.
- Too much money spent on parks and rec endeavors. Do not build a community rec center. Too much money.
- Resident used programs and activates when children were younger. Needs have changed.
- On Turtle Creek green trails, there are some spots where it gets muddy. You should top it off with gravel for safer walk/run
- Overall, thanks to the Parks and Recreation Division does a great job with parks and activities for community.
- Did not know anything/programs were offered. I am used to IL park districts, never see advertisements
- I enjoy the various Turtle Creek trails. Kayak rentals at the new Confluence Building would be ideal.
- To obtain an intelligent response to a question, one must have knowledge of the issue at question!
- Please keep the pool and golf course open. They add much to the city's west side which is so often neglected and criticized. They are gems for the whole city. I don't use pool and appreciate its beauty. The course and pool are scenic and people who live near them especially appreciate this! They are what I want my tax dollars to pay for whether I use them or not.
- Knows the fireworks are sponsored by the City of Beloit and not Parks Services. However, wants this event to continue free of charge.
- Parks are well kept and I feel there is something for everyone. For 60+ years I have enjoyed them and over the years they just get better. I fish the Rock, but would love a lake. So let's see what you guys can do - Better hurry.
- Has been out of Beloit for quite a few years and is now back fulltime with a 10 year old daughter. Plans to check out all rec and educational services available. Building a rec center might be useful and valuable for community but would like more info and feasibility studies, funding, building plans, etc.
- Would like to see community rec center built. Would like to see a fitness center or fitness equipment and indoor walking track incorporated into a new center. Feels this could be a very cost effective to Beloit residents.
- I think they are all very well kept. Very inviting if one is interested. I go there every day, to one spot or another. Twice a day most days. I'm satisfied. Wouldn't hurt to see a more diverse group of employees (mainly summer help).

- Would like to see a greater variety of recreation programs and classes across the board for all ages offered.
- We have enjoyed them very much. Sure, wish there was a pool on east side. Even a small one like Palmer Park.
- Does not wish Beloit to build a community center. YMCA is fine.
- Would like to see the city be more dog friendly overall.
- Very satisfied with programs and activities offered by Beloit Parks and Recreation Division as well as parks themselves.
- Satisfied with recreational and park provisions to date. Thinks building a multipurpose rec center with exercise equipment for community would be great.
- Beloit is a Great City...just could be a little bit more diverse. Not just in color but age also. Love my city. Thanks for allowing me to do this.
- Better problem throughout all of Beloit - parks, city areas, stores, parking lots, etc. Charge fines and enforce fines for littering.
- Appreciate the extremely clean park grounds and trash cans
- Thank you! Great Services!
- Provide more safety in parks with camera
- A swing set at Turtle Pond would be a benefit. Replanting the removed trees at TI would provide needed shade. Although parks are generally nice, many times the person using them are inappropriate, and I find myself leaving Beloit for my children's recreation.
- I would like to receive mail from park leisure
- Very satisfied with parks and facilities. Provide valuable service to community with variety of services and facilities as well as great parks.
- Thanks. Good job with parks.
- Bring back community fishing derby. Son liked it.
- Need more boat docks. Not enough to accommodate all boats. Meters don't work on metered boat slips.
- Keep up the good work!
- Horace White is a nice neighborhood park. I like when the Turtle Creek Greenway trail is groomed in winter. The trails in Big Hill around Welty are a well-kept secret.
- This will be our first year signing up for the Dirty Dash and Cheer Camp.
- Does not want taxes raised to build a new community rec center.
- Enhancements made = great
- Great job with special events. Do not build a community rec center, too much competition with fitness center close by and MCA new facility.
- Would like to see more "ethnic" special events.
- Spread the services and funding to all areas of Beloit
- Don't go overboard with agencies working together. Don't need overlapping programs.
- Would like to see better advertising of Beloit recreational programs, activities, events by the Parks and Recreation Division as resident owns a bed and breakfast in Beloit and better publicity would benefit Beloit and Business.

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- Expand Merriville Community Center instead of building new life center. Hold community rec opportunities in different parts of the community. Rec Division does an excellent job. Very pleased with variety of programs.
- Park enhancements and beautification of riverfront and Beloit in general are assets for the community.
- Thanks. Beloit Parks and Recreation Division does a fine job.
- Enhancements to parks and facilities over time have proven to be great enhancement for the community of Beloit.
- Bathrooms not open at Turtle Park. Please open.
- Would like more info and publicity on youth programs and activities for children.
- Would like to see bingo offered at the Grinnell Hall Senior Center.
- Resident is a past commissioner of Parks and Leisure. Provide better advertising on rec programs and activities. Utilize the lagoon area for art fairs. Cleanup Linikin Creek.
- Overall, feels the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division does a good job. Provides community with nice parks and variety of rec programs.
- Programs and services need to be able to be available to all youth, regardless of socioeconomic reasons. Pools should be proceed so all community members can afford to swim.
- Don't become stagnant. Keep making improvements to parks and rec services. Likes outdoor activities like concerts in the parks, nature activities, and trails. Intends to explore the many services and activities sponsored/provided at the Grinnell Hall Senior Center. Didn't know so much is offered.
- Feels City of Beloit and School District should work together to provide services, but Services
- Very satisfied with services provided.
- Please generate and offer special events that are geared toward interests of all age residents. Not just the senior age groups. Does not feel Beloit should build a rec center. That is what the Y upgrade is for. Too much competition would not be sustainable. Generate mentoring programs for kids.
- Publicize special events such as concerts in the parks and other activities more effectively to get word out to the community.
- Impressed with the way the Beloit Parks and Recreation Division creates and implements viable programs for the community. Impressed by quality of service.

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BELOIT POROS PLAN: 2018-2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Updated 8/2/17

		QOS Priority Ranking	Preliminary Budget	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Bio Hill Park									
	Amphitheatre Renovation		\$10,000				\$10,000		
	Native Prairie & Shade Tree Installation		\$75,000					\$75,000	
	Ski Jump/Overlook Historic Marker/Memorial		\$20,000		\$20,000				
	Signage Improvements (General)		\$10,000		\$10,000				
	Woodland Trail Retaining Wall Repair		\$80,000			\$80,000			TBA
	Bio Hill Park Total	9	\$195,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$80,000	\$10,000	\$75,000	
BIG HILL CENTER									
	Replace Carpet in Upper Level Conference Room		\$5,000		\$5,000				
	Remodel Interior L Office to Banquet Room with Catering Kitchen Amenities		\$50,000		\$50,000				
	Exterior Deck Expansion		\$10,000		\$10,000			\$25,000	
	Bio Hill Center Total		\$65,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	
Brooks Street Park									
	Landscape Improvements (Shade Trees)		\$2,500	\$2,500					
	Playground Replacement		\$37,500	\$37,500					
	Brooks Street Park Total	3	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Brown-Hatchett Park									
	Playground Replacement		\$30,000			\$30,000			
	Landscape Improvements (Shade Trees)		\$5,000			\$5,000			
	Brown-Hatchett Park Total	3	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Christilla Park									
	Perimeter Park Walking Path		\$60,000					\$60,000	
	Install Walking Path from Christilla to connect to Park		\$10,000		\$10,000				
	New Small Picnic Shelter		\$50,000		\$50,000				
	Landscape Improvements (General)		\$10,000			\$10,000			
	Playground Replacement		\$40,000						\$40,000
	Christilla Park Total	4	\$170,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$40,000
EDWARD'S CENTER									
	Replace Roof in Lobby Area		\$100,000				\$100,000		
	Replace Exterior Fencing - Black Vinyl		\$10,000			\$10,000			
	Install New Roll-Away Bleachers		\$60,000		\$60,000				
	Paint Pavilion Interior Ceiling		\$25,000		\$25,000				
	Edwards Center Total		\$195,000	\$0	\$85,000	\$10,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
Field Park									
	Upgrade Site Lighting		\$75,000		\$75,000				\$80,000
	Landscape Improvements & Add Historic Signage at NW Corner		\$20,000		\$20,000			\$20,000	
	Field Park Total	3	\$95,000	\$0	\$95,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$80,000
Freeman Park									
	Develop Master Park Plan		\$5,000		\$5,000				
	New Shelter		\$75,000					\$75,000	
	Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, Bike racks, etc.)		\$10,000					\$10,000	
	New Playground		\$40,000					\$40,000	
	Freeman Park Total	6	\$130,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	\$0
Harper's Prairie Park									
	Environmental Signage		\$5,000		\$5,000				\$5,000
	Site Furnishings (Benches, Litter cans, Bike racks)		\$5,000		\$5,000				\$10,000
	Prairie Restoration		\$10,000			\$10,000			
	Harper's Prairie Park Total	6	\$20,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Hilliard Park (Dr. George W. Hilliard Park)									
	Existing Shelter Renovations		\$30,000			\$30,000			
	Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, Bike racks, etc.)		\$10,000		\$10,000				
	Replace Playground		\$40,000					\$40,000	
	Backstop Replacement at NE Corner		\$10,000				\$10,000		
	Hilliard Park (Dr. George W. Hilliard Park) Total	5	\$90,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$40,000	\$0
Hinckley Park									
	Develop Master Park Plan		\$5,000		\$5,000				
	Landscape Improvements (General)		\$10,000		\$10,000				\$10,000
	New Walking/Bike Path		\$75,000				\$75,000		
	New Basketball Court		\$25,000						\$25,000
	New Skate Spot		\$30,000						\$30,000
	New Picnic Shelter		\$50,000			\$50,000			
	Upgrade & Improve Athletic Fields		\$75,000						\$75,000
	Hinckley Park Total	6	\$270,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$140,000
Hope Park									
	Construct New Park Entrance with Landscaping & Site Furnishings		\$10,000				\$10,000		
	Hope Park Total	3	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0

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Horace White Park									
Sidewalk Improvements w/ADA Accessible Route Throughout the Park			\$110,000		\$110,000				
Grand Allée and Memorial Plaza Construction			\$250,000		\$250,000	\$250,000			
Playground Replacement			\$75,000				\$75,000		
Landscaping Improvements (General)			\$20,000		\$20,000				
Signage Improvements (General)			\$20,000			\$20,000			
Ramble Walkway Picnic Area w/Rock Outcroppings			\$40,000						\$40,000
Garden Area w/Relocated Cannon			\$80,000						\$80,000
Horace White Park Total	6		\$595,000	\$0	\$380,000	\$290,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$120,000
Krueger Park									
South Entrance Reconfiguration/Improvements			\$150,000		\$150,000				
Erosion Control (Lower level)			\$60,000				\$60,000		
Re-cap & Renovate Lighthouse			\$15,000						\$15,000
Add Skate Spot			\$30,000						\$30,000
Krueger Park	7		\$255,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$45,000
KRUEGER POOL									
Renovate Concession Area			\$5,000		\$5,000				
Bath House Improvements			\$20,000		\$20,000				
Replace Sealant in Deep Pool Wall & Main Pool Wall			\$25,000	\$25,000					
Provide 2nd Means of Access to Swimming Pool			\$30,000	\$30,000					
Upgrade Electrical distribution			\$45,000	\$45,000					
Verify & Enhance Exit and Emergency Lighting			\$5,000	\$5,000					
Replace Perimeter Fencing			\$100,000		\$100,000				
Add Water Slide to Pool			\$50,000				\$50,000		
Krueger Pool			\$280,000	\$105,000	\$125,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
Krueger Haskell Golf Course (For Review)									
New Outdoor Patio Area Construction			\$15,000				\$15,000		
New Patio Furnishings			\$5,000				\$5,000		
E Maintenance Shop Parking Lot Improvements/Paving			\$20,000			\$20,000			
Clubhouse Restroom & Locker Room Remodeling			\$30,000					\$30,000	
Tee Box Signage Replacements			\$30,000						\$30,000
Hole #7 - North Shelter/Rest Room Construction			\$60,000						\$60,000
E Parking Lot Retaining Wall			\$50,000						\$50,000
Driving Range w/Nets Construction			\$50,000						\$50,000
Krueger Haskell Golf Course Total			\$260,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$190,000
Lee Lane Park									
Develop Landscape Design			\$10,000				\$10,000		
Install Walking Path			\$50,000				\$50,000		
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, etc.)			\$10,000				\$10,000		
Lee Lane Park Total	3		\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$0
Leeson Park									
Remodel/Replace Park Shelter/Restroom Building			\$100,000		\$100,000				
Replace Road Gates by Bridges			\$20,000				\$20,000		
Ballfield Backstop, Plaza & Lighting Upgrades (2 fields)			\$200,000			\$200,000			
Roadway Paving Improvements			\$150,000						\$150,000
New Playground (Upper area)			\$80,000						\$80,000
Sandlot Backstop			\$20,000						\$20,000
New Picnic Shelter			\$60,000						\$60,000
New Walking Bridge Over Creek			\$125,000						\$125,000
Leeson Park Total	9		\$755,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$435,000
LEISURE SERVICE CENTER									
Roof Replacement (Historic Period Shingles)			\$10,000		\$10,000				
Leisure Services Office Total			\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rev. U.S. Pride Park									
Riverbank Improvements			\$50,000			\$50,000			
Playground Replacement			\$35,000		\$35,000				
Rev. U.S. Pride Park Total	5		\$85,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rhodes Arboretum									
Informational Signage			\$5,000				\$5,000		
Central Seating Areas			\$20,000					\$20,000	
Rhodes Arboretum Park Total			\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$0
Riverside Park									
E Shoreline Stabilization			\$100,000			\$100,000			
Upgrade & Improve Lower Moore Concession Area & Restrooms			\$40,000			\$40,000			
Concrete Repairs (General)			\$10,000			\$15,000			
Replace Tree House on Turtle Island			\$75,000				\$75,000		
Add Small Playground for Mid-Lawn			\$40,000						\$40,000
Lighting Improvements (Replace Existing Lamps w/LED)			\$100,000		\$100,000				
Riverside Park Total	7		\$365,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$155,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$40,000
Riverwalk									
Repair Concrete Flatwork where Needed			\$10,000		\$10,000				
Riverwalk Total	5		\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Roosevelt Park									
Renovate Ballfield & Sports Lighting			\$125,000						\$125,000
Reconstruct Stairs Down into Park			\$50,000		\$50,000				
Roosevelt Park Total	4		\$175,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000
Schellenger Park									
Existing Limestone Staircase Removal			\$10,000			\$10,000			
Schellenger Park Total	3		\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Summit Park								
Replace Perimeter Fence with Black Vinyl Fencing		\$50,000						\$50,000
Soccer Field Improvements/Renovation		\$55,000	\$55,000					
Shelter Renovations		\$25,000			\$25,000			
Summit Park Total	5	\$130,000	\$55,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
Telfer Park								
Develop & Construct Park Plaza area with New Outdoor Walkways & Ice Rink North of Pavilion		\$100,000		\$100,000				\$15,000
Telfer Park Total	7	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Townview Park								
Native Prairie Restoration		\$50,000					\$50,000	
Townview Park Total	4	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Turtle Creek Floodplain								
Construct Bridges to Expand Trail Network		\$250,000				\$250,000		
Turtle Creek Floodplain Total	7	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
Turtle Creek Park								
Re-purpose of the existing Pool House		\$233,640	\$233,640					
Install New Picnic Shelter		\$50,000		\$50,000				
Playground Replacement		\$30,000				\$30,000		
Turtle Creek Park Total	7	\$313,640	\$233,640	\$50,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0
Vernon Park								
Upgrade Baseball Fields		\$10,000		\$10,000				
Repurpose Existing Tennis Courts		\$10,000		\$10,000				
Vernon Park Total	5	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wootton Park								
New Picnic Shelter		\$40,000				\$40,000		
Upgrade Tennis Courts with Sports Lighting		\$100,000				\$100,000		
Wootton Park Total	6	\$140,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$140,000	\$0	\$0
TOTALS		\$5,213,640	\$433,640	\$1,400,000	\$975,000	\$1,000,000	\$445,000	\$1,295,000

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BELOIT POROS PLAN: 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN EXTENTION

Updated 12/8/17

	Preliminary Budget	2023+
Big Hill Park		
Phase II - Beloit-Janesville Bike Trail Connection	\$100,000	\$100,000
New Wedding Gazebo	\$30,000	\$30,000
Big Hill Park Total	\$130,000	\$130,000
BIG HILL CENTER		
Exterior Siding Painting & Repairs	\$30,000	\$30,000
Replace Front Entry Walkway - ADA Compliance	\$5,000	\$5,000
Parking Lot Improvements (expansion, resurface & stripe)	\$75,000	\$75,000
Big Hill Center Total	\$110,000	\$110,000
Brooks Street Park		
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, etc.)	\$2,500	\$2,500
Brooks Street Park Total	\$2,500	\$2,500
Brown-Hatchett Park		
Fence Replacement - Black Vinyl Fencing	\$7,500	\$7,500
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, etc.)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Playground Removal	\$5,000	\$5,000
Contribution to Merrill Elementary Playground Improvements	\$75,000	\$75,000
Brown-Hatchett Park Total	\$92,500	\$92,500
Christilla Park		
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, etc.)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Fitness Stations	\$25,000	\$25,000
Christilla Park Total	\$30,000	\$30,000
Eagles Ridge Park (TID #10 Funding)		
Athletic Field Grading Development	\$48,300	\$48,300
Soccer Field - Goals	\$20,000	\$20,000
Fitness Stations	\$20,000	\$20,000
Park Shelter	\$50,000	\$50,000
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, etc.)	\$7,500	\$7,500
Basketball Shoot-Around/Court	\$25,000	\$25,000
Sand Volleyball Court	\$10,000	\$10,000
Eagles Ridge Park Total	\$180,800	\$180,800
Eastlawn Cemetery		
Road Improvements (Engineering Division)	\$60,000	\$60,000
Parking Lot / Building Entrance Improvements	\$15,000	\$15,000
Grave Stone Restoration	\$20,000	\$20,000
Convert Pumphouse to Columbarium	\$25,000	\$25,000
Mausoleum	\$100,000	\$100,000
Eastlawn Cemetery Total	\$220,000	\$220,000
EDWARD'S CENTER		
Replace three (3) HVAC Roof-top Units	\$50,000	\$50,000
Enclose West End Wall	\$30,000	\$30,000
Enclose North Wall	\$60,000	\$60,000
Edwards Center Total	\$140,000	\$140,000
Field Park		
Site Furnishings (Flag poles, Benches, Picnic tables, etc.)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Field Park Total	\$5,000	\$5,000
Freeman Park		
Walking Paths	\$50,000	\$50,000
Lighted Athletic Fields	\$200,000	\$200,000
Parking Lot Construction	\$100,000	\$100,000
Freeman Park Total	\$350,000	\$350,000

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Harper's Prairie Park		
Trail Improvements	\$10,000	\$10,000
Harper's Prairie Park Total	\$10,000	\$10,000
Hinckley Park		
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, etc.)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Hinckley Park Total	\$5,000	\$5,000
Hope Park		
Playground Replace & New Vinyl Fencing	\$50,000	\$50,000
Contribution to Merrill Elementary Playground Improvements	\$75,000	\$75,000
Hope Park Total	\$125,000	\$125,000
Horace White Park		
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, etc.)	\$15,000	\$15,000
Horace White Park Total	\$15,000	\$15,000
Krueger Park		
Signage Improvements (General)	\$5,000	\$5,000
ADA Path from Parking Lot to Playground	\$10,000	\$10,000
Tennis Court Improvements (Fencing and Colorcoating)	\$40,000	\$40,000
Sand Volleyball Court	\$10,000	\$10,000
Parking Lot Improvements	\$125,000	\$125,000
Landscape Improvements (General)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Playground Equipment Replacement	\$75,000	\$75,000
Basketball Court Improvements (Repair cracks, Colorcoat, New goals)	\$15,000	\$15,000
Softball Field Renovation	\$25,000	\$25,000
Krueger Park	\$310,000	\$310,000
KRUEGER POOL		
Purchase & Install New Shade Structure	\$40,000	\$40,000
Repair/Replace Basement Deteriorating Column	\$10,000	\$10,000
Remove Spalled Concrete on Overhead Beam	\$7,500	\$7,500
Upgrades to General Purpose Outlets	\$15,000	\$15,000
HVAC - Provide Basement Pool Mechanical Room Ventilation	\$15,000	\$15,000
Replace Swimming Pool Perimeter Gutter	\$750,000	\$750,000
Krueger Pool	\$837,500	\$837,500
Krueger Haskell Golf Course		
New Outdoor Patio Area Construction	\$15,000	\$15,000
New Patio Furnishings	\$5,000	\$5,000
Maintenance Shop Parking Lot Improvements/Paving	\$20,000	\$20,000
Clubhouse Restroom & Locker Room Remodeling	\$30,000	\$30,000
Tee Box Signage Replacements	\$30,000	\$30,000
Hole #7 - North Shelter/Rest Room Construction	\$60,000	\$60,000
Parking Lot Retaining Wall	\$50,000	\$50,000
Driving Range w/Nets Construction	\$50,000	\$50,000
Krueger Haskell Golf Course Total	\$260,000	\$260,000
Lee Lane Park		
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, etc.)	\$10,000	\$10,000
Lee Lane Park Total	\$10,000	\$10,000
Leeson Park		
Shoreline Restoration	\$75,000	\$75,000
Leeson Park Total	\$75,000	\$75,000
Oakwood Cemetery		
Reclaim Burial Lots	\$10,000	\$10,000
Road Improvements	\$20,000	\$20,000
Gravestone Restoration	\$30,000	\$30,000
Oakwood Cemetery Total	\$60,000	\$60,000
Rev. U.S. Pride Park		
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, etc.)	\$20,000	\$20,000
Basketball Court Improvements (Surface and Goals Repairs)	\$15,000	\$15,000
Rev. U.S. Pride Park Total	\$35,000	\$35,000
Riverside Park		
Shoreline Stabilization	\$100,000	\$100,000
Tennis Court Improvements/Replacements (Pickle Ball Conversion)	\$150,000	\$150,000
Riverwalk Distance Markers	\$5,000	\$5,000
Lagoon - Paddle Boat Replacements	\$9,000	\$9,000
Lagoon - Erosion Control & Enhancement	\$10,000	\$10,000
Riverside Park Total	\$274,000	\$274,000
Summit Park		
ADA Access to Playground	\$5,000	\$5,000
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, etc.)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Park Signage	\$5,000	\$5,000
Parking Lot	\$30,000	\$30,000
Summit Park Total	\$45,000	\$45,000

2018-2023 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Telfer Park		
ADA Access to Playground	\$10,000	\$10,000
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, etc.)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Playground Replacement	\$75,000	\$75,000
Outdoor Restroom Replacement	\$50,000	\$50,000
Parking Lot Improvement (off Cranston Road) - resurface & stripe	\$200,000	\$200,000
Telfer Park Total	\$340,000	\$340,000
Telfer Park (Pohlman Field)		
Pohlman Field - New Walkway Plaza	\$100,000	\$100,000
Pohlman Field - Ballfield Lighting Upgrade/Renovations	\$125,000	\$125,000
Pohlman Field - Parking Lot (Skyline Drive - south lot) - Resurface & Stripe	\$100,000	\$100,000
Pohlman Field - Parking Lot (Skyline Drive - north lot) - Resurface & Stripe	\$200,000	\$200,000
Telfer Park Total	\$525,000	\$525,000
Totem Mound		
Add Interpretive Signage	\$7,500	\$7,500
Totem Mound Total	\$7,500	\$7,500
Townview Park		
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, etc.)	\$10,000	\$10,000
ADA Access to Playground	\$10,000	\$10,000
Townview Park Total	\$20,000	\$20,000
Tremont Park		
ADA Access to Playground	\$10,000	\$10,000
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, etc.)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Tremont Park Total	\$15,000	\$15,000
Turtle Creek Floodplain		
Add Secondary (footpath) Trail Network	\$25,000	\$25,000
Add Benches and Trash Cans (Throughout trail network)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Expand Trail Network (Along Turtle Creek)	\$75,000	\$75,000
Turtle Creek Floodplain Total	\$105,000	\$105,000
Vernon Park		
Site Furnishings (Benches, Picnic tables, Signage, Litter cans, etc.)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Athletic Field Grading Development	\$70,000	\$70,000
Vernon Park Total	\$75,000	\$75,000
Other/Administrative		
Update/Revise POROS Plan (2023-2027)	\$30,000	\$30,000
Other/Administrative Total	\$30,000	\$30,000
TOTALS	\$4,439,800	\$4,439,800

Peer Community Comparision

The City of Beloit has adequate parks and open space to serve the needs of the community. If the City sees significant growth in the future, additonal park land should be acquired to service new devleopments within the City.

City	Populaton	Parkland Acreage	Acres per 1,000 res.
Beloit	36,838	297	8.1
Janesville	62,720	2,568	40.9
LaCrosse	51,522	1,400	27.2
Sheboygan	49,288	551	10.8
Wausau	39,106	328	8.4

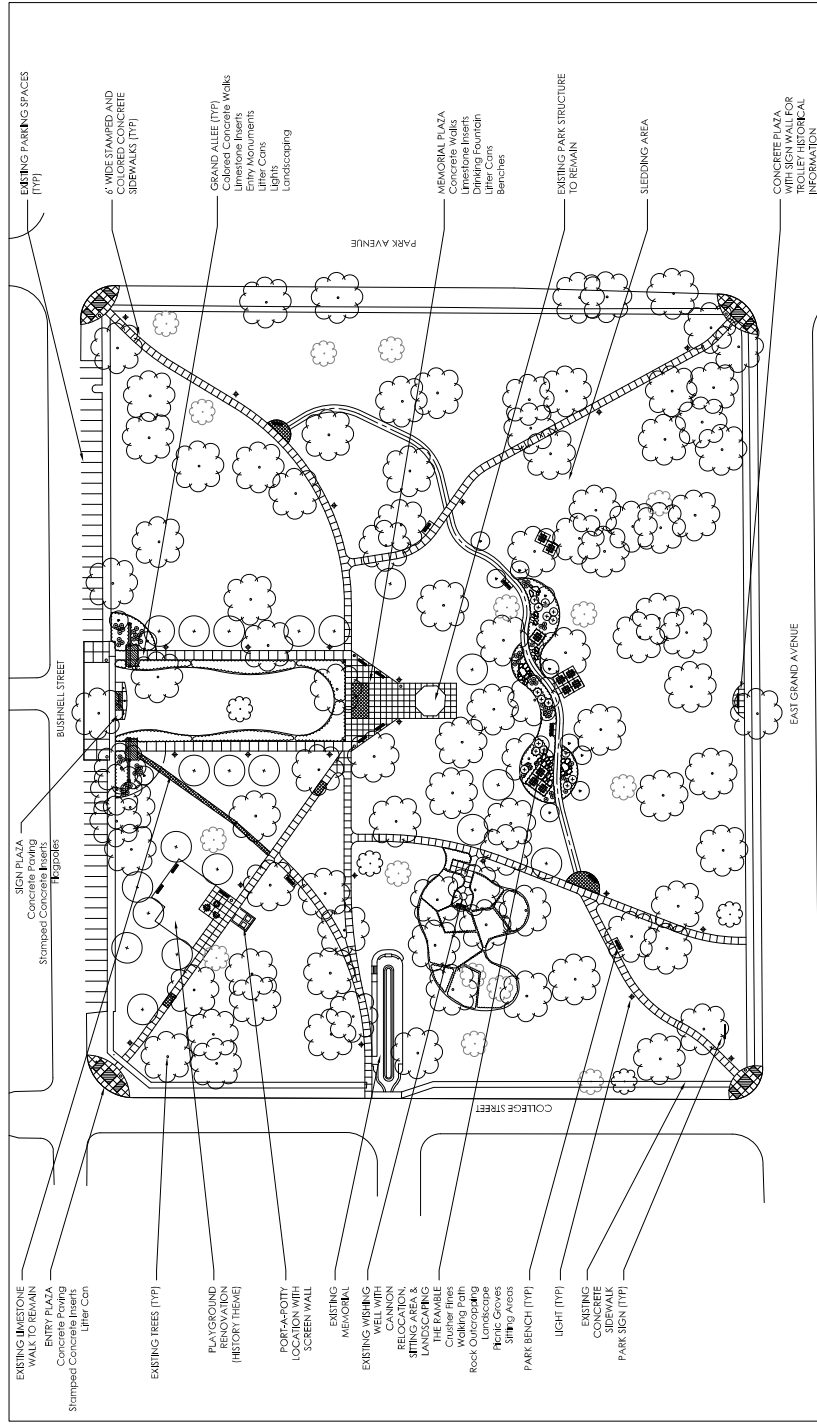
Parks Budget, TCQ, and QOS Comparison

Park	Preliminary Budget	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TCQ Score	QOS Score
Big Hill	\$195,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$80,000	\$10,000	\$75,000	\$0	47	9
Leeson	\$755,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$435,000	31.6	9
Krueger	\$255,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$45,000	25	7
Riverside	\$365,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$155,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$40,000	188.8	7
Teller	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	50.5	7
Turtle Creek Floodplain/Greenway	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	4.5	7
Turtle Creek	\$313,640	\$233,640	\$50,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	24	7
Freeman	\$130,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	\$0	4.5	6
Harper's Prairie	\$20,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	10.5	6
Hinckley	\$270,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$140,000	13.4	6
Horace White	\$595,000	\$0	\$380,000	\$290,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$120,000	45	6
Wootton	\$140,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$140,000	\$0	\$0	13.5	6
Hilliard	\$90,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$40,000	\$0	18.9	5
Rev. U.S. Pride	\$85,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	19.5	5
Riverwalk	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		5
Summit	\$130,000	\$55,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	22.5	5
Vernon	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	18.8	5
Christilla	\$170,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$40,000	5.2	4
Roosevelt	\$175,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	4.9	4
Townview	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	8.5	4
Brooks Street	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	5.8	3
Brown-Hatchett	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	3.8	3
Field	\$95,000	\$0	\$95,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$80,000	15.5	3
Hope	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	5.5	3
Lee Lane	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	9.9	3
Rhodes Arboretum	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$0	13.7	3
Schellenger	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.8	3
Big Hill Center	\$65,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0		
Edward's Center	\$195,000	\$0	\$85,000	\$10,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0		
Krueger Pool	\$280,000	\$105,000	\$125,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0		
Krueger Haskell Golf Course (For Review)	\$260,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$190,000		
Leisure Service Center	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Totals	\$5,213,640	\$433,640	\$1,400,000	\$975,000	\$1,000,000	\$445,000	\$1,295,000		

Horace White Park- Design Concept

Horace White Park

Overall Master Plan



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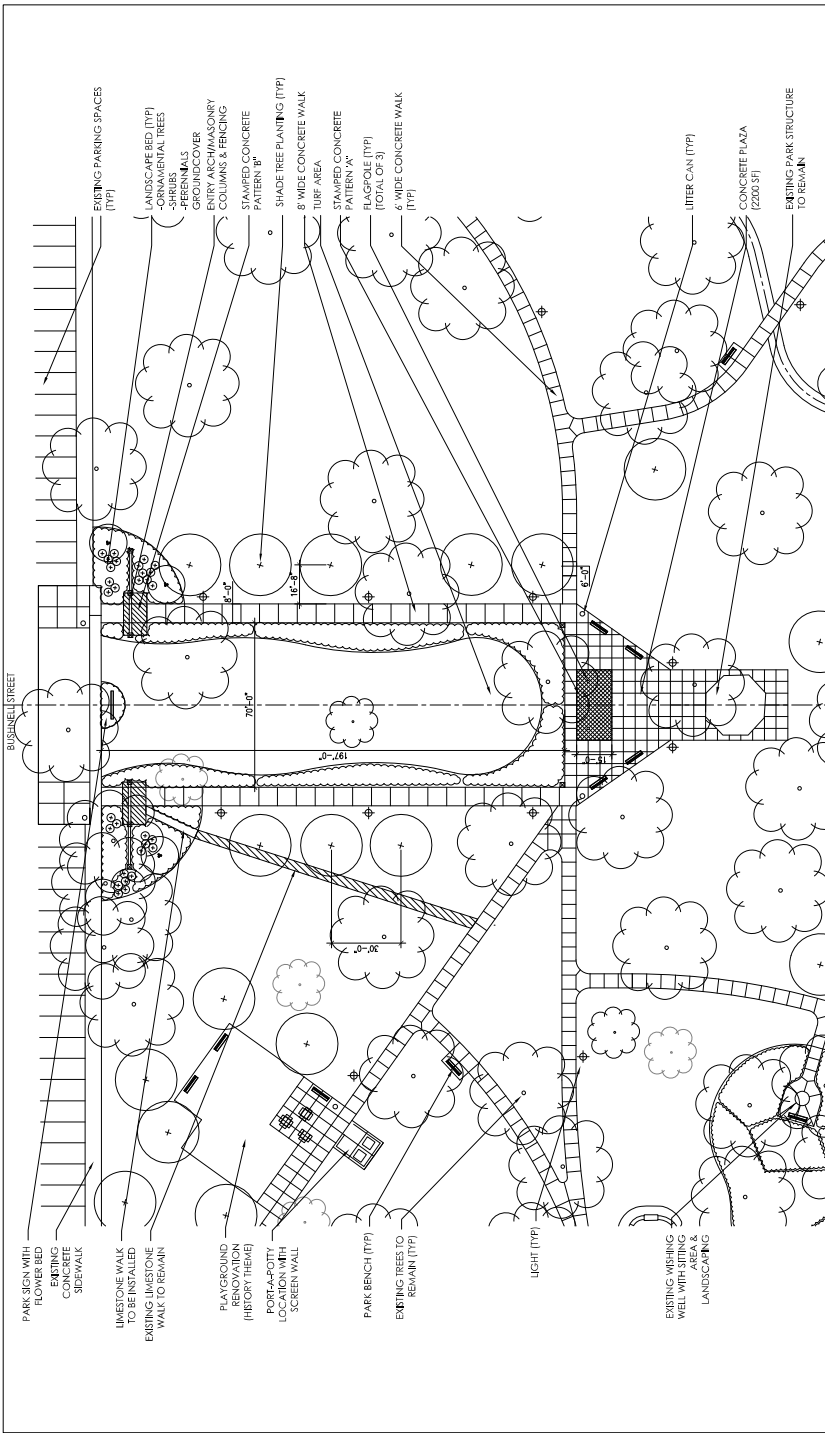
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Horace White Park

Grand Allee & Memorial Plaza Plan Enlargement



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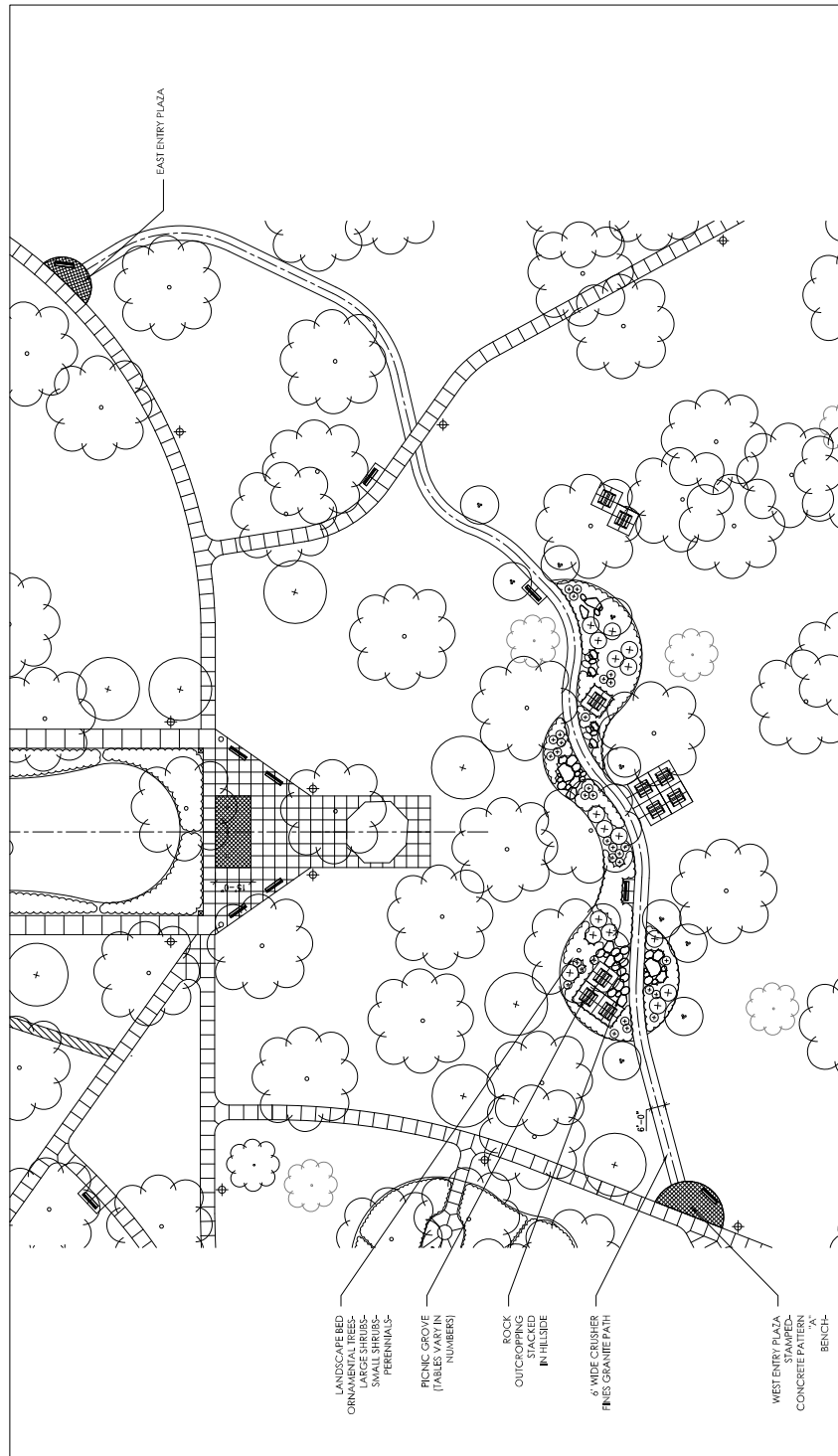
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The Ramble Plan Enlargement



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City of Beloit Horace White Park Re-development

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View looking Southeast at the Proposed Grand Allee



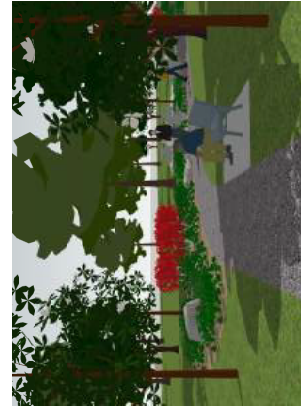
View looking Southeast at the Proposed Memorial Plaza



Aerial View looking Southeast at Proposed Grand Allee



Aerial View looking Northwest at Proposed Park Improvements

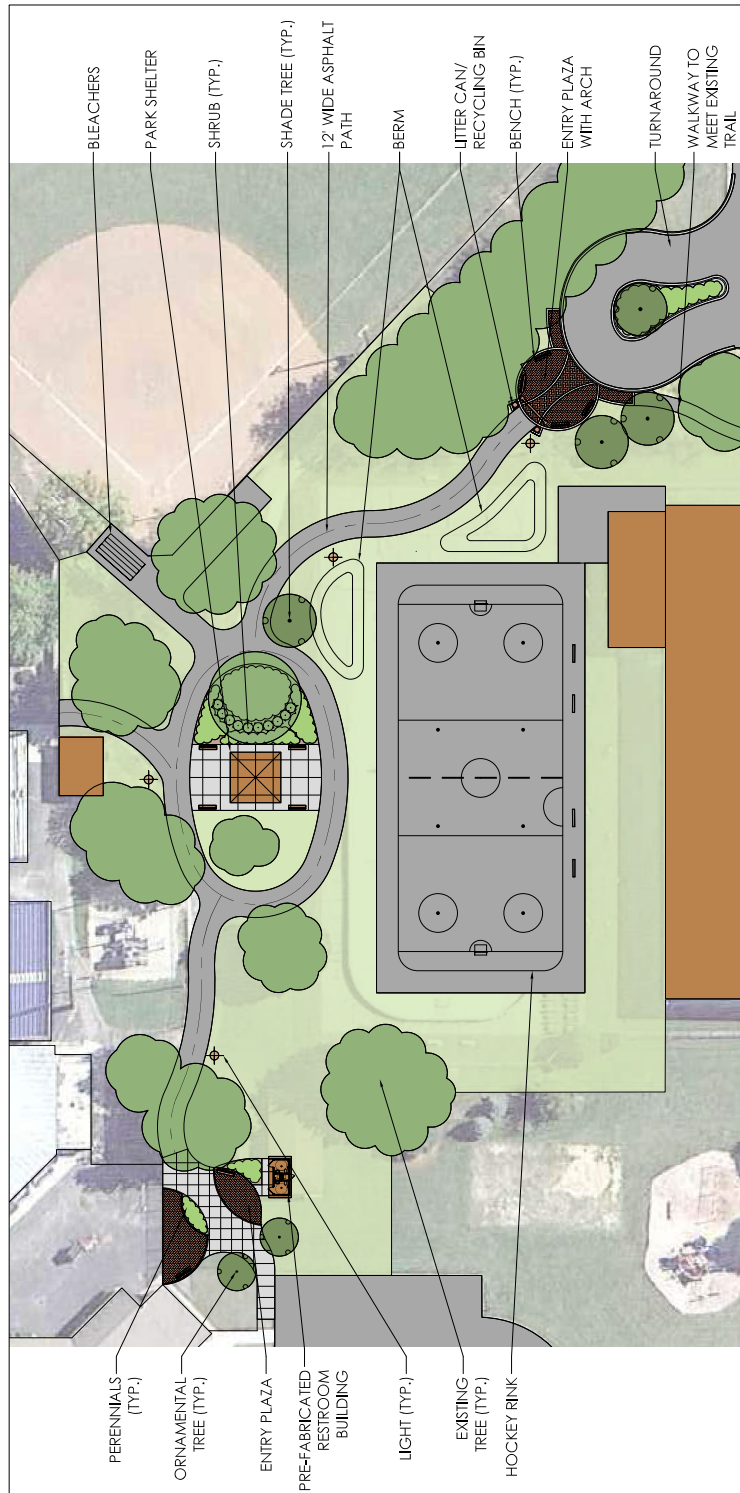


View looking Southwest at the Proposed "Ramble"

Telfer Park Plaza- Design Concept

Telfer Plaza Improvements

Master Plan



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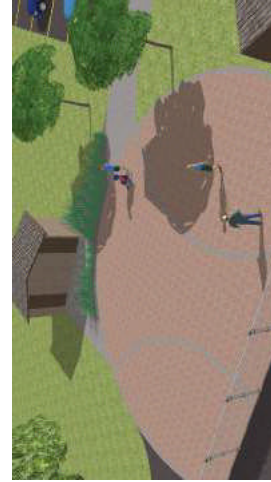
View overlooking the park shelter area



View of the entry plaza to the Snappers Stadium



View looking at the entry plaza and arch at the South end to the park

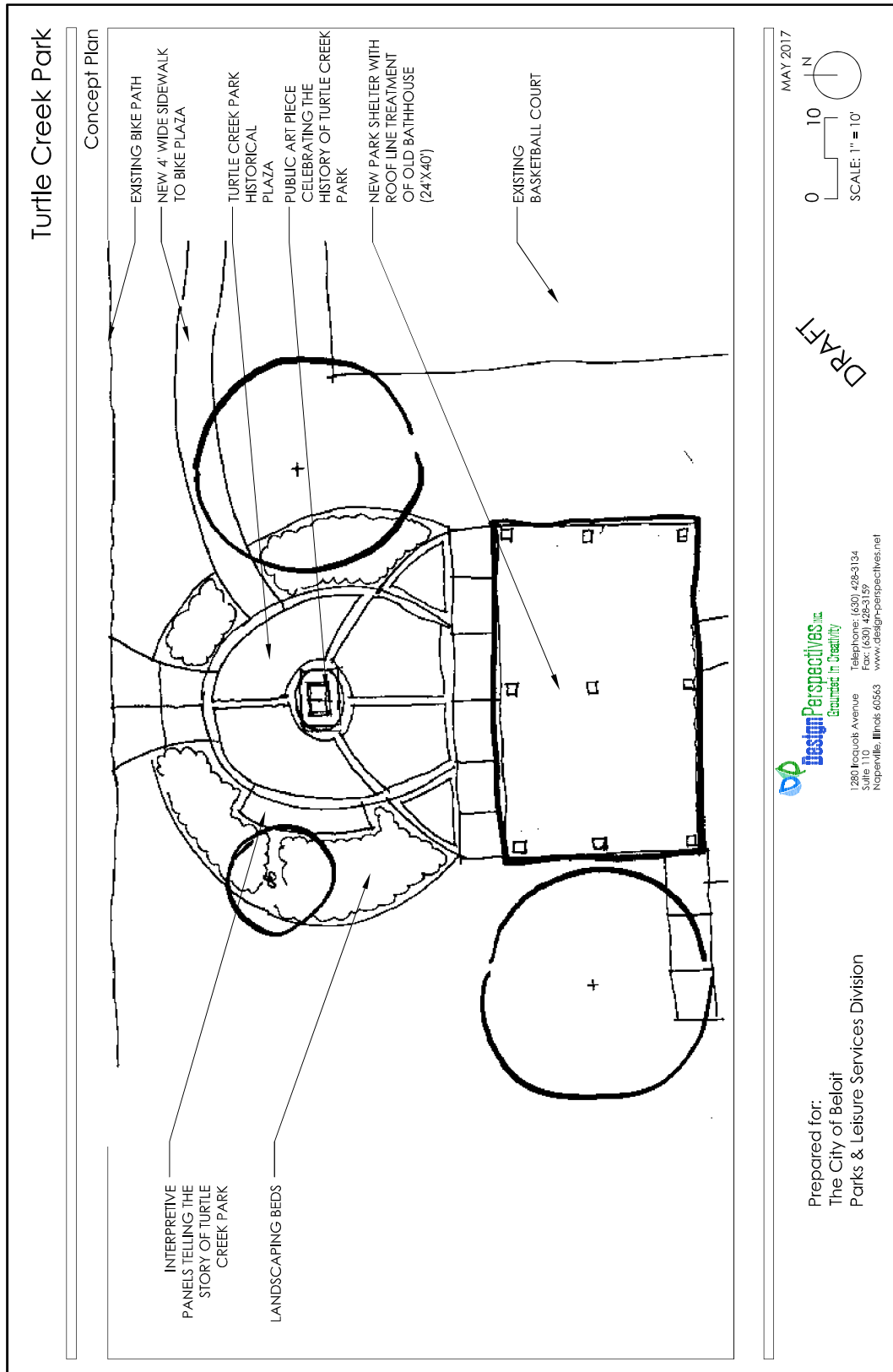


View of the entry plaza and restroom building near Snappers Stadium



Overall view of the site from the South East

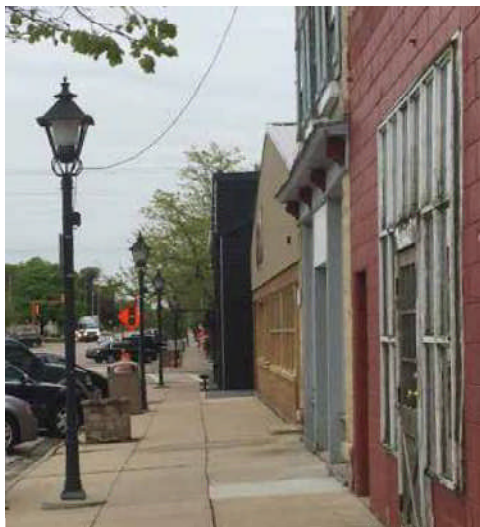
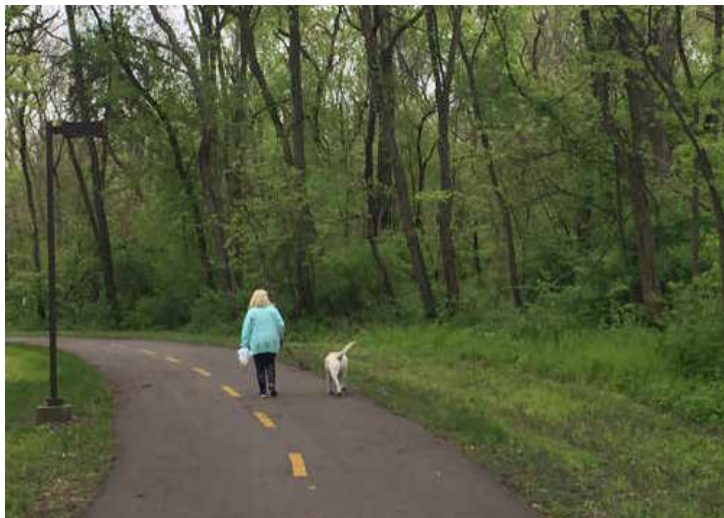
Turtle Creek Park- Design Concept



Turtle Creek Plaza Model



Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects in the City of Beloit



STATELINE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Pedestrian and Bicycle System Plan Update 2017

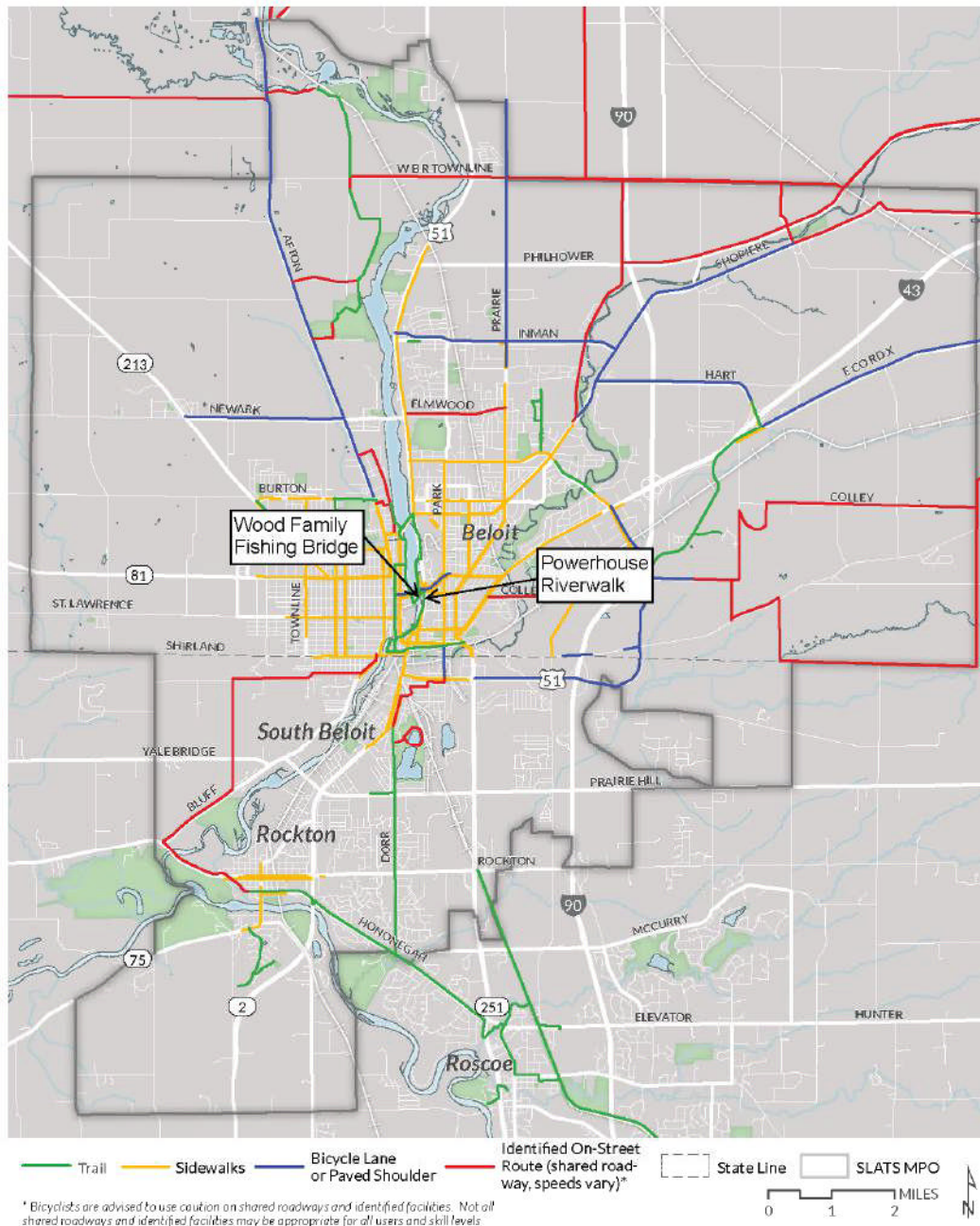


Figure 8. Existing Bicycling and Walking Facilities. Note: Identified on-street routes consist of recommended routes for on street bicycling and may or may not include wayfinding signage.

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Future Downtown Riverfront Park

Future Downtown Riverfront Park

Concept Diagram

