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Parks & Open Space Plan

2009 - 2013

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This Parks and Open Space Plan has been prepared as a renewal of the 2001-2006 Plan. The Plan provides a guideline for providing and implementing an action plan for the allocation of natural areas, parks, recreational facilities and open spaces for the present and the future population of the City of Sun Prairie. This plan is a guideline for the next five years through 2013 and it should be recognized that not all of the recommendations within the plan may be accomplished during this time.

The plan recommendations are not accompanied by a listing of costs for each recommendation or a time schedule for implementation. Costs of each recommendation may vary considerably by the time these may be implemented. This document is a working plan over the next five years, with project and plan priorities to be determined by demand, funding availability and personnel available to implement them.

By completing this plan, it will help qualify the City of Sun Prairie to participate in the Land and Water Conservation and State Stewardship Funds, cost-sharing programs with Dane County and other similar funding programs administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Most of these programs require a current 5-year plan to be eligible for participation.

This Parks and Open Space Plan contains an analysis of the present supply of outdoor recreation facilities as well as an analysis of present needs while recapping the achievements of the past eight years. It also projects some future recreation, park facility and maintenance needs. This document will supplement the City of Sun Prairie's Comprehensive Plan Update being done during 2008-2009 and provides more detail and analysis of each park and open space area.

I wish to thank everyone who contributed their comments, thoughts and time in preparing this Parks and Open Space plan.

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**I. Acknowledgements, Council Resolution
and Mission Statements**

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A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE PLAN
COMMISSION ACTION TO ADOPT THE
PROPOSED PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN, 2009 –
2013, AS A COMPONENT OF THE MASTER PLAN
2020

Presented: January 20, 2009

Adopted: January 20, 2009

File Number: 10,893

Resolution No.: 09/005

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, at its December 3, 2008, meeting, the Sun Prairie Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission forwarded the proposed Sun Prairie Parks and Open Space Plan, 2009 – 2013 (hereinafter, “the Plan”), to the Plan Commission for consideration to be adopted as a component of the City’s Master Plan 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Plan is an update of the current Parks and Open Space Plan, and is necessary to guide City decision making regarding park and open space facilities and potential improvements to the park system, as well as to maintain eligibility for future grant opportunities; and,

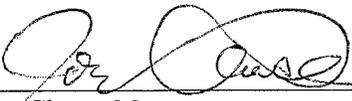
WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission has made efforts to obtain input from the public and other City departments in the development of the Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Plan complies with the requirements of Chapter 62.23 of the Wisconsin Statutes and generally addresses, to varying degrees, the nine Comprehensive Plan Elements as described in Chapter 66.0295 (2) [s. 66.1001 (3)] of the Wisconsin Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, the Plan Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Plan and adopted the Plan as a component of the Master Plan 2020; and

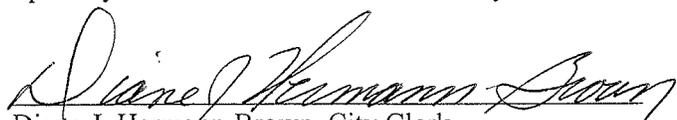
WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that adoption of the proposed Plan is in the best interests of the City and should therefore be approved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council certifies the action of the Plan Commission adopting the Parks and Open Space Plan, 2009 - 2013, as a component of the Master Plan 2020.

APPROVED: 
Joe Chase, Mayor

Date Approved: January 20, 2009

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Sun Prairie at a meeting held on the 20th day of January, 2009.


Diane J. Hermann-Brown, City Clerk

MISSION STATEMENTS

The City of Sun Prairie and the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department have both developed mission statements that provide direction to their operations. The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is a vital function of City services that provides benefits to its residents and the mission statements below are a reflection of this relationship.

City of Sun Prairie

To provide valuable, responsive, and cost-effective services that enable residents to enjoy a high quality of life.

City of Sun Prairie Parks, Recreation & Forestry

The City of Sun Prairie Parks and Recreation Department is committed to improving the quality of life for the benefit of all residents of Sun Prairie. This is accomplished through the provision of high quality services, parks, open spaces, facilities and a variety of programs and special events.

2. An Overview

CITY OF SUN PRAIRIE COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The information on the following pages has been taken directly from the information to be included in the new City of Sun Prairie Comprehensive Plan and describes:

1. Community Overview
2. Historic population trends and changes
3. Housing analysis
4. Employment information

This information has been included into the 2009-2013 Parks and Open Space Plan to give the plan readers an overview of the community of Sun Prairie.

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Sun Prairie is a community of about 26,000 residents located immediately northeast of the City of Madison, Wisconsin. The City is well situated regionally, with excellent access to major transportation routes and facilities. It is located 75 miles west of Milwaukee, and 155 miles northwest of Chicago. Known by many as the birthplace of artist Georgia O'Keeffe, Sun Prairie benefits from its proximity to the City of Madison and the University of Wisconsin, which provide many amenities, events, and attractions for both residents of and visitors to the Sun Prairie area.

The City is well served by regional transportation facilities with U.S. Highway 151 and State Highway 19 passing through the City, and Interstates 39, 90 and 94 located two miles west and five miles south of the City. The City is also well served by the Dane County Regional Airport, located about five miles west within the City of Madison. This has had many positive impacts on Sun Prairie, which is home to several corporate headquarters and has enjoyed success in developing a high quality business park with a diverse mix of employers.

Sun Prairie has become known in the region for its high quality of life, its excellent parks and recreation programs, its exceptional public school system, and progressive approach to the development and redevelopment of the community. These factors, along with reasonable housing costs and a positive community attitude toward growth, have helped to make the City a very attractive location for families moving into the Madison region, or relocating within the region, as evidenced by the strong growth the City has been experiencing in recent years.

Socio-Economic Profile:

Population Trends

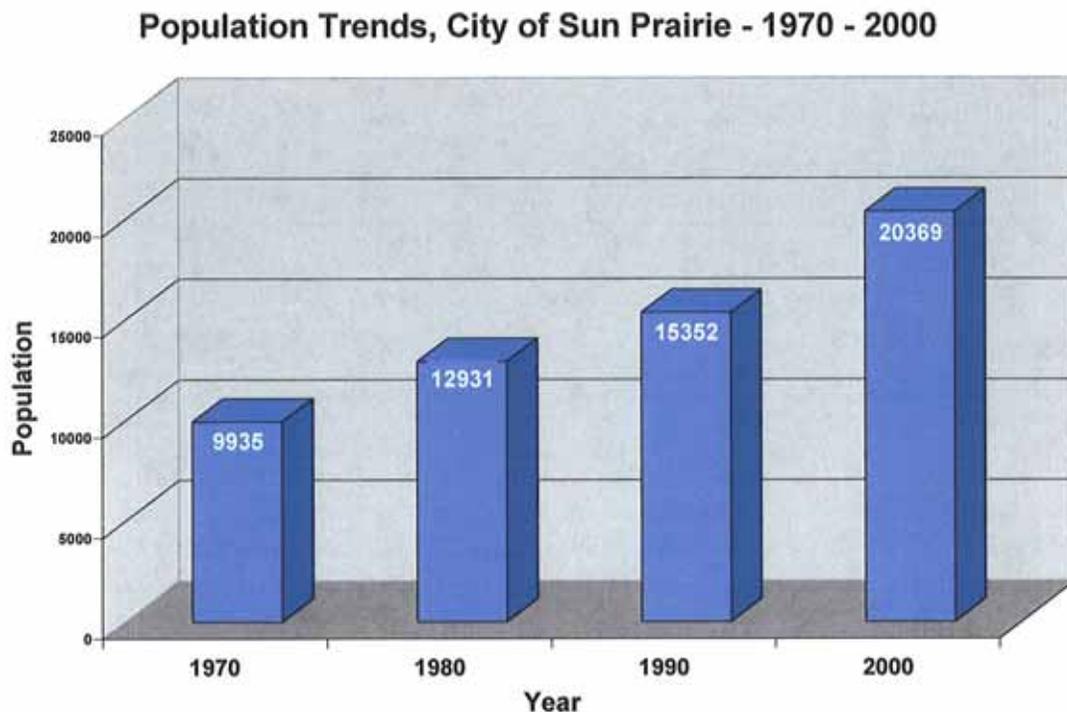
Note: The following information is based upon the year 2000 US Census data, unless otherwise noted. Where available, more recent data is utilized to provide more up-to-date estimates of current population figures or comparisons with other relevant data.

The City of Sun Prairie has experienced strong population growth since its incorporation from a village to a city in 1958, undergoing a transformation from a relatively small community of less than 4,000 people to a substantial suburban edge city with an estimated 25,730 people in 2007 (based upon Wisconsin Department of Administration estimates). The highest rate of population growth occurred between 1960 and 1970 when the population grew from 4,008 to 9,935 persons - an increase of 5,927 persons or 147.9%. The City's population grew by 30.2% during the 1970s, 18.7% during the 1980s, and 32.7% from 1990 through 2000, at which point the City's population stood at 20,369. A DNR-imposed moratorium on new growth in the City during the late 1970s as a

result of sanitary sewer plant issues, and market conditions in the early 1980s, may be partially responsible for the slight decrease in the rate of growth during the 1980s.

Figure 1 illustrates the change in population of Sun Prairie from 1970 to 2000, and Table 1 describes the population growth of the City since 1970, together with population information for the surrounding townships, the City of Madison, and Dane County.

Figure 1



Source: US Census

Table 1

Past Population Trends - City of Sun Prairie and Surrounding Municipalities

Municipality	1970	1980	1970-80	1990	1980-90	2000	1990-2000	2007	2000-07
	number	number	% change	number	% change	number	% change	estimate	% change
Town of Bristol	1,491	1,723	15.56%	1,835	6.50%	2,698	47.03%	3,379	25.2%
Town of Burke	1,742	2,967	70.32%	3,000	1.11%	2,990	-0.33%	3,111	4.0%
Town of Sun Prairie	1,490	1,990	33.56%	1,839	-7.59%	2,308	25.50%	2,360	2.3%
Town of Windsor	2,415	3,812	57.85%	4,620	21.20%	5,286	14.42%	5,823	10.2%
City of Madison	171,809	170,616	-0.69%	190,766	11.81%	208,054	9.06%	224,810	8.1%
City of Sun Prairie	9,935	12,931	30.16%	15,352	18.72%	20,369	32.68%	25,730	26.3%
Dane County	290,272	323,545	11.46%	367,085	13.46%	426,526	16.19%	468,514	9.8%

Source: US Census and Wisconsin Department of Administration

Beginning in the late 1990s, the City experienced a surge in new residential building activity, resulting in a noticeable increase in the city's rate of population growth. Sun Prairie has been one of the fastest growing communities in the state since the 2000 US Census, ranking second in persons added from 2000 to 2007 (5,361), and third in the state in terms of percent growth (26.3%) over this period, when compared to all communities with populations of over 10,000 persons.

The Dane County/Madison region has been one of the fastest growing regions in the state, and Sun Prairie has seen a substantial share of this growth over the past decade. Tables 2 and 3 provide a comparison of population growth among the highest growth municipalities in Dane County.

Table 2

Population Change of Dane County Municipalities Ranked by Persons Added, 2000 - 2007				
Municipality Type and Name	2000 Census	2007 Estimate	Num. Change	% Change
C MADISON	208,054	224,810	16,756	8.1
C SUN PRAIRIE	20,369	25,730	5,361	26.3
C VERONA	7,052	10,125	3,073	43.6
C FITCHBURG	20,501	23,240	2,739	13.4
V WAUNAKEE	8,995	11,010	2,015	22.4
V COTTAGE GROVE	4,059	5,433	1,374	33.9
V OREGON	7,514	8,721	1,207	16.1
C MIDDLETON	15,770	16,960	1,190	7.5
V DE FOREST	7,368	8,414	1,046	14.2
V MCFARLAND	6,416	7,336	920	14.3

Source: Wisconsin Department of Administration

Table 3

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C SUN PRAIRIE	20,369	25,730	5,361	26.3
V WAUNAKEE	8,995	11,010	2,015	22.4
V DANE	799	952	153	19.1
V OREGON	7,514	8,721	1,207	16.1
V CAMBRIDGE	1,014	1,171	157	15.5
V MCFARLAND	6,416	7,336	920	14.3
V DE FOREST	7,368	8,414	1,046	14.2
V MOUNT HOREB	5,860	6,652	792	13.5

Source: Wisconsin Department of Administration

Diversity/Ethnicity

A comparison of the 1990 and 2000 US Census data regarding race and ethnicity reveals that, although Sun Prairie continues to be a fairly homogenous community, the City's population is becoming more diverse. During this decade, the number of persons classifying themselves as white increased by 25%, but the percentage of the overall population of this group decreased from about 98% in 1990 to about 92.7% in 2000. The city saw corresponding increases in the overall percentage of other racial groups during this period, as illustrated in the following table 4:

Table 4

Population by Race and Latino or Hispanic in the City of Sun Prairie: 1990-2000						
Race and Latino or Hispanic	1990	Percent of Total	2000	Percent of Total	1990 to 2000 Change	
					Number	Percent
White	15,049	98.0%	18,877	92.7%	3,828	25%
African-American	103	0.7%	631	3.1%	528	513%
Asian & Other	86	0.6%	280	1.4%	194	226%
Native-American	52	0.3%	60	0.3%	8	15%
Other or 2 races	62	0.4%	521	2.6%	459	740%
Total	15,352	100.0%	20,369	100.0%	5,017	33%
<i>Latino or Hispanic</i>	154	1.0%	555	2.7%	401	260%

Source: US Census

Estimates are not available for changes that may have occurred since the 2000 US Census. However, there are other indicators that can be used to help provide a glimpse of changes that may have occurred since 2000. Changes in the make up of the school population as reported in the Sun Prairie Area School District enrollment data, for instance, may provide some indication of such changes. The enrollment data indicates that since 2000 the student population has experienced similar changes in its racial mix, with African American, Hispanic, and Asian populations comprising an increased percentage of the overall enrollment. There has also been a substantial increase in the number and percentage of students that are considered to be limited in English proficiency. While this cannot directly translate to the overall Sun Prairie population, it is an indicator that the changes that occurred during the 1990s have continued into the present decade.

Poverty

Trends revealed by 2000 Census data regarding poverty in Sun Prairie are cause for concern. As noted in Table 5, while poverty rates in Dane County and the State of Wisconsin declined during the 1990s, rates increased slightly in Sun Prairie. Overall, poverty rates in the City are lower than the County and State, but these figures indicate that the gap is narrowing. The City saw an increase in children in poverty of 2.3%, while the County and State rates declined by 1.2% and 3.8%, respectively. Among persons 65 years of age or older, the poverty rate remained constant in Sun Prairie, but declined slightly in the County and State.

Table 5

Poverty Rates by Age Group: 1989 to 1999

Population Group	1989	1999	% Change	Comparative Trend
Percent Children in poverty				
City of Sun Prairie	3.8%	6.1%	2.3%	Low, but rising too fast
Dane County	8.4%	7.2%	-1.2%	
Wisconsin	14.6%	10.8%	-3.8%	
Persons 65 years & over				
City of Sun Prairie	5.3%	5.3%	0.0%	Not improving, but higher than county
Dane County	5.0%	4.8%	-0.2%	
Wisconsin	8.9%	7.8%	-1.1%	
All Persons				
City of Sun Prairie	3.1%	4.4%	1.3%	Very low, but rising
Dane County	10.5%	9.4%	-1.1%	
Wisconsin	10.7%	8.7%	-2.0%	

Source: US Census

Comparable data since 2000 is not available, but again data from the School District for the student population can help to provide some insight into changes that may be continuing in the community. Between the 1999-2000 and 2006-2007 academic years, the number of students in poverty has increased from 599 (12.8% of the overall student enrollment) to 1,077 (18.1%). Data from the 2010 Census will help to indicate whether this is a continuing trend.

Education

Dane County is a highly educated community that ranks well above the rest of the State and the US in terms of education attainment. The County boasts a 92.2% high school education rate among its population, and 40.6% of the population has earned a bachelor's degree or higher. This compares to 85.1% and 22.4 %, respectively, for the State of Wisconsin, and 80.4% and 24.4% for the US. Sun Prairie compares favorably with a 90.9% high school education rate, and a 34.4% bachelor's degree or higher rate among its population, as shown in the following table 6.

Table 6

Education Attainment		
	High School Graduates	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Sun Prairie	90.9%	34.4%
Madison	92.4%	48.2%
Dane County	92.2%	40.6%
State of Wisconsin	85.1%	22.4%
United States	80.4%	24.4%

Population Forecasts:

It is important to recognize that it is difficult to accurately project population growth for communities under 50,000 in population, and the farther out one projects, the less accurate the projections are likely to be. Therefore, population projections should be considered no more than educated guesses of future growth based on past growth trends in the community. Unforeseen changes in the local or regional economy, outside influences such as land use and development decisions made by adjacent communities, or significant changes in birth, death, or migration rates can dramatically alter population growth in small areas. However, in order to effectively plan and prepare for the changes that are likely to occur within the community over the course of the 20-year planning horizon, assumptions will have to be made regarding the pace and extent of future growth, and projecting future population growth is the main tool available.

The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) prepares population projections for all municipalities in the State, and provides population estimates for all municipalities in the State on an annual basis. The projection and estimate methodologies are explained in detail on the DOA website. In summary, the DOA projection method involves projecting an overall population for the State, which is then used as a control total for allocating this future population to each county. Each county projection is then used in a similar manner as a control total within which to allocate future population growth to each municipality. The methodology looks at local factors and trends to some degree, but the model tends to underestimate future population in high growth communities such as Sun Prairie. The population estimates for Sun Prairie have also been questioned as being seemingly low by the Sun Prairie Planning staff when compared to recent permit data for housing construction. This notion is supported by the annual population estimates made by the US Census, which have been higher than the DOA estimates in recent years. For instance, the July 2006 US Census population estimate for Sun Prairie is 26,429, while the DOA estimate for January 1, 2007 is 25,730.

According to the DOA projections, the City of Sun Prairie will reach a population of 33,222 in 2025, or about a 63% increase from the 2000 Census population of 20,369. This equates to an increase of about 25% per decade. Since 2000, growth in Sun Prairie has exceeded this pace, with growth through 2006 standing at an estimated 26.3% per DOA estimates. Table 7 illustrates the DOA projected population for Sun Prairie, along with a comparison of population estimates prepared for the community for 2005 and 2007.

Table 7

Department of Administration Population Projections and Estimates for the City of Sun Prairie, 2000 - 2025

	2000*	2005	2007	2010	2015	2020	2025
DOA Population Projections	20,369	23,179	-	25,723	28,116	30,595	33,222
DOA Population Estimates*	20,369	24,219	25,730	-	-	-	-

* Estimates are for January 1 of each year. 2000 Census is based on April 1, 2000.
Source: Wisconsin Department of Administration

This information indicates that the January 1, 2007, population estimate already slightly exceeds the 2010 projected population for the City. This, together with data regarding the number of approved but not yet constructed housing units in Sun Prairie (nearly 4,000 units), suggests that the DOA projections may fall well short of the City’s future population growth. A quick projection of future population that would be accommodated by these approved dwelling units, using the 2000 Census persons per household figure of 2.56, indicates that without approving any additional residential development in the City from this point forward, Sun Prairie would see growth that would exceed the 2025 projection by over 2,500 persons.

Because of these discrepancies, the City of Sun Prairie contracted with the Applied Populations Laboratory (APL) at the University of Wisconsin – Madison to develop alternative population projections using an alternative methodology. These projections can then be compared to the DOA projections, and judgments will be made as to the appropriate level of growth to plan for over the next two decades.

APL used the “Housing Unit” approach to estimate Sun Prairie’s current population and to project future growth. Projections were made based upon three models – low-growth, medium-growth, and high-growth – using differing assumptions in a few key areas. A comparison of the projections produced by each model are illustrated in Table 8, with DOA projections included for comparison.

Table 8

City of Sun Prairie Population Projections - Applied Population Laboratory						
Projection Model	2007	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Low-Growth Model	27,400	29,566	32,776	35,460	37,654	39,394
Medium-Growth Model	27,400	30,963	34,504	37,814	40,904	43,783
High-Growth Model	27,400	29,098	32,787	37,696	42,688	47,750
DOA Projections	-	25,723	28,116	30,595	33,222	-

Source: Applied Populations Laboratory, Wisconsin Department of Administration

Persons Per Household Forecasts:

Following state and national trends, household size in Sun Prairie has declined dramatically over the past several decades. This trend is projected to increase to some extent over the 20 year planning horizon, although there is some speculation that this trend may level off or even begin increasing again as we near the end of this period. Table 9 illustrates the household size changes that have occurred in Sun Prairie since 1970.

Table 9

Population and Household History, 1970-2000			
	Total Population	Households	Persons per Household
1970	9,935	2,663	3.71
1980	12,931	4,360	2.95
1990	15,352	5,605	2.72
2000	20,369	7,881	2.56

Predicting future changes to household size is very important. This is a key component to be used in conjunction with population projections to estimate future housing needs and demands, and as a result future demands on the Parks system. Table 10 illustrates the household size projections prepared by APL through 2030.

Table 10

Sun Prairie Projected Persons Per Household: Exponential Change Based on 1990-2000 Change in Sun Prairie				
	Single Family	Duplex	Multi-Family	Other
2007	2.74	2.39	1.88	3.74
2010	2.69	2.35	1.84	3.68
2015	2.61	2.28	1.79	3.57
2020	2.54	2.22	1.74	3.47
2025	2.46	2.15	1.69	3.37
2030	2.39	2.09	1.64	3.27

Housing Forecasts:

In addition to population and household size projections, housing forecasts are also important tools in projecting forth land use and facilities needs. Since the housing unit method was used by APL to prepare population projections, housing projections were also prepared in order to provide a basis for the population projections. Table 11 illustrates the housing projections used by APL to prepare the medium-growth population projection. This model uses the average housing units added in Sun Prairie over the past five years, and projects this forward as a constant through 2030. While this may seem unrealistic, the annual increase in housing units is consistent with that recommended by the City’s Residential Phasing Plan, and when one considers the typical fluctuation in the pace of building activity over a long period of time, it is not an unreasonable assumption. This forecast would suggest that Sun Prairie has a decade worth of residential growth already accommodated in its previously approved developments (about 4,000 units).

In the medium-growth model, the split between multi-family and single family/duplex housing is about 50/50. In the low growth and high growth models, projections are done using methods that result in a much higher multi-family component, which is at odds with the desires expressed by residents as part of the public involvement process associated with the preparation of this Plan. Therefore, it is recommended that the medium growth model be used to guide the recommendations and land use decisions necessary for the development of this Plan.

Table 11

Projected Added Housing Units: Medium-Growth Model				
	SF/Duplex	Multi-Family/Senior	Other	Total
2008	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2009	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2010	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2011	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2012	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2013	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2014	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2015	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2016	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2017	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2018	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2019	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2020	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2021	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2022	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2023	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2024	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2025	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2026	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2027	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2028	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2029	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65
2030	200.88	203.26	0.52	404.65

3. Planning and Accessibility

THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING PROCESS

The City of Sun Prairie, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission and the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department have had a long standing philosophy of seeking public input on various parks improvements, developments, renovations and the planning process:

During the past twenty-eight year period, the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department has had over thirty-five public input meetings to discuss park development and planning issues with various groups within the community.

In order to make this plan relevant to the needs and desires of residents in addition to Department priorities, several methods were used to seek public input that would go into developing the final recommendations for the 2009-2013 Parks & Open Space Plan.

- Reviewed previous 2001-2006 Parks & Open Space Plan and added any plan recommendations, if still pertinent, not addressed for consideration into the new 2009-2013 Parks & Open Space Plan.
- During the time frame of 2007-2008, various comments from citizens have been received and recorded with some of these comments included in the final recommendations.
- A community input survey was coordinated by the City of Sun Prairie Planning Department and the Survey Research Center at UW-River Falls in the spring of 2008. A random sample 1,122 households received the survey and 507 (45%) completed questionnaires. This feedback provided excellent input into various ideas on parks, open space and quality of life issues for consideration in this plan. This survey was done to assist the Planning Department with the updating of the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- The planning process for this revision of the Parks and Open Space Plan has been discussed at the monthly meetings of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission during 2008.
- Public input on parks and open spaces was received on July 23, 2008 at a public open house facilitated by the Planning Department for the City's Comprehensive Plan Update process.
- A meeting with the Parks Maintenance Crew was held on September 18, 2008 to seek their input and ideas for recommendations. Many of the ideas been added into the final recommendations for the new Parks and Open Space Plan.
- Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department staff were given the opportunity to submit their input at staff meetings, with Planning Department staff asked for their input and comments about the plan during September 2008.

- A second public input meeting was held on October 1, 2008 at the meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission. Twenty-five residents attended this meeting.
- During October/November of 2008, staff from the City Planning Department and the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department worked jointly to review, revise and edit the plan while also completing maps for inclusion into the new plan.
- On December 2, 2008, staff from the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department and the City Planning Department met with the Parks Planner for the Dane County Parks Department to review the potential future trail connections from Sun Prairie to various Dane County parks, including Token Creek, McCarthy and the Patrick Marsh Conservancy.
- The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission approved the final draft of this plan at their December 3, 2008 monthly meeting.
- The final recommended plan was open for public comment at a formal public hearing held at the January 13, 2009 meeting of the City of Sun Prairie Plan Commission. After the public hearing, the Plan Commission by a unanimous vote of 9-0 approved recommending the final plan to the Sun Prairie Common Council.
- On January 20, 2009, the Sun Prairie Common Council by a unanimous vote of 7-0 gave final approval to the 2009-2013 Parks & Open Space Plan that will be a component of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

HOW RESIDENTS FEEL ABOUT PARKS & OPEN SPACES

As a result of the UW-River Falls Survey Research Center completing a survey described on the previous page, several key observations were compiled:

- Seventy percent of Sun Prairie residents rate the quality of life in the City of Sun Prairie as good or excellent. Quality of life factors that they rated the highest were parks/recreation and emergency services.
- Parks and Recreation services and facilities shared in the highest ratings for community services and facilities being offered.
- Respondents said the most desirable characteristics in a neighborhood are for it to be well maintained, have parks and other recreational opportunities nearby, sidewalks, quality streets and to be safe.
- More than two thirds of residents were satisfied with the natural environment of Sun Prairie, and nearly sixty percent agreed there are sufficient recreational opportunities in their neighborhoods.

ACCESSIBILITY IN SUN PRAIRIE PARKS

Since the signing into law on July 26, 1990, the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) has had a profound impact nationwide in providing access for all in public park facilities and recreation areas.

During the past 18 years, the City of Sun Prairie and the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department has worked diligently to comply with the full intent of the ADA. Several older neighborhood parks have been made accessible to the extent possible, while any new park area within the City has been developed according to the ADA requirements. This has included several new community parks and some neighborhood parks as well.

CURRENT STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES USED FOR THE PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) recognizes the importance of establishing and using parks, recreation and open space standards to assist communities in planning, acquisition and development of park, recreation and open space lands, primarily at the community level. These standards should be used as a guideline. The standards address the minimum, not maximum, goals to be achieved.

The City of Sun Prairie Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department has been a long standing member of NRPA and uses their standards in various areas of operation within the Department.

It is the intent of the Department to continue to use the parks, recreation & open space standards as a valuable resource as it plans, acquires and develops properties within the park system.

The complete listing of NRPA standards is found in the Appendix of this plan.

4. Location Of Parks

PARKS AND SPECIAL USE AREAS

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Without a doubt, the most predominate type of park currently found within the City of Sun Prairie is the neighborhood park. Currently 33 of the 43 City owned parks and open spaces are neighborhood parks. They range in size from .4 to 6.0 acres and are evenly spaced throughout the City so that at least one park is within ½ mile walking distance of all residential areas.

Most of the neighborhood parks in Sun Prairie provide basic recreation facilities such as a play structure, benches, basketball standards, and open play areas. However, many of these parks have limited facilities and may provide only one of the previously mentioned facilities.

Currently, neighborhood parks account for 80 acres (21.8% of the total parkland under City ownership). Examples of typical neighborhood parks include Evergreen, Thoreau and Gateway parks.

COMMUNITY PARKS

During the past eight years, the City has developed five Community Parks that have added a variety of recreational areas and opportunities to its extensive park system. The community parks added are Wyndham Hills Park (17.1 acres), Stoneridge Estates Park (19.5 acres), Orfan Park (16.8 acres), Smith's Crossing Park (29.5 acres) and Liberty Park (12.1 acres).

Community parks traditionally serve residential areas within one mile and may included athletic fields, shelter houses, basketball courts, pedestrian/bicycle paths and parking lots.

These five parks, combined with the community parks of Carriage Hills Estates Park and Wetmore Park have provided all sections of the city with a larger park and open space area for the enjoyment of all residents and other users. Total acreage for the seven community parks is 125.6 acres (34.2% of the total parkland under city ownership).

CITYWIDE PARKS

Sheehan Park is the only citywide park owned by the City of Sun Prairie. It consists of 143 acres (39% of the total parkland under city ownership). The development of this park was spurred by interest for family activities such as picnicking, baseball, softball, basketball, hiking and environmental enjoyment. The natural features of the site (slope, vegetation, drainage) provide an aesthetic location for both summer and winter activities. Sledding and cross-country skiing are examples of activities, which, until the development of Sheehan Park were not available in the community.

Over the last eight years, several improvements have been made to Sheehan Park. These have included replacing all picnic tables at each of the three shelters, replacing benches, replacing all the playground equipment on the west side of the park and the addition of new park signs.

SPECIAL USE AREAS

The Family Aquatic Center (7.5 acres) and the Pet Exercise Area (11 acres) comprise the two facilities that are classified as Special Use Areas under city ownership. Both facilities are heavily used by the general public and provide specific activities for the users of each site. These two facilities total 5% of the total parks acreage.

SCHOOL PARKS

The City of Sun Prairie has a fortunate situation when providing residents with quality recreation facilities, in that a strong relationship exists between the City of Sun Prairie and the Sun Prairie Area School District. Due to each party's commitment to a strong community recreation base, coordination of recreation programs and public use policies, doors have opened for residents to have more available facilities for their recreational use.

Most school playgrounds provide more active recreational opportunities than the City owned neighborhood parks, such as regulation ball fields. However, their function primarily serves the surrounding neighborhood with some use of athletic fields for various community programs. Currently, the City of Sun Prairie recognizes ten school playfield/playgrounds facilities.

The current Sun Prairie Senior High School recreation complex is a 22-acre site, which serves a citywide recreation function. This is not uncommon since most city youth are familiar with the location and facilities provided at the site. In 2010, a new Sun Prairie Senior High School complex will open that includes several baseball, softball and soccer fields, a practice football field, outdoor track and tennis courts that are located on adjacent park property as a result of a joint use agreement between the City of Sun Prairie and the Sun Prairie Area School District.

PRIVATE/SPECIALIZED RECREATION FACILITIES

Sun Prairie citizens have benefited from a wide range of recreational opportunities provided by Sun Prairie's private sector establishments. These facilities have complemented the City of Sun Prairie and the Sun Prairie Area School District's facilities well and have helped to create a well rounded recreation environment. The following paragraphs list these private recreational enterprises which provide Sun Prairie residents additional recreation opportunities.

Angell Park – Located on the city's south side, it is owned and managed by the Sun Prairie Volunteer Fire Department. Included in this park are picnic tables, one picnic shelter, a horseshoe court, one baseball field, sanitary facilities, drinking water, wooded area, and ample parking areas.

Angell Park also serves the community by hosting the annual Sweet Corn Festival in August of each year.

In 2008, a community built playground named Fireman's Park in the Prairie was constructed for use by the entire community and provides an excellent play environment for everyone.

The main feature of the park is its midget auto race track. Although this facility is not open for public recreational use at all times, it does serve as an important entertainment source for many people. Complementary to the track is a large pavilion and bleachers for spectators. Fees are charged by the Fire Department for entry to the race track.

Prairie Athletic Club – This facility has kept pace with fitness trends as it contains indoor swimming pools, fitness equipment, track, weight room, racquetball, basketball, handball, volleyball courts and an indoor soccer field. The PAC also offers an outdoor water park to its members. Other features include a steam room, sauna, and group fitness classes. The Prairie Athletic Club is located at 1010 North Bird Street and is open on a private membership basis.

Sun Prairie Country Club – Located four miles north of the City on Happy Valley Road, the Sun Prairie Country Club is a public 18 hole golf course which contains facilities including a club house and pro shop.

Prairie Lanes – This 32 lane bowling alley was recently renovated and provides league and open bowling. It also has outdoor volleyball courts. This facility is located at 430 Clarmar Drive.

Northeast YMCA – The Northeast YMCA is located on O'Keeffe Avenue in Smith's Crossing. This facility opened in October 2007. A membership fee is required for most activities. The Sun Prairie Youth Center, a cooperative venture by several agencies including the City of Sun Prairie, is located at the old YMCA location in downtown Sun Prairie.

Colonial Club – Provides senior citizens with a variety of recreational, special events and trip opportunities at the Club.

Sun Prairie Ice Arena – This 800 seat indoor hockey rink, built in 1978, hosts the Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association (SPYHA), the Sun Prairie High School Hockey Team, tournaments, leagues, and lessons. Located on the City’s northeast side, the Sun Prairie Ice Arena is a private facility, but can be enjoyed by residents under a fee agreement.

There is an agreement in place with the Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association, the Sun Prairie Area School District and the City of Sun Prairie to allow the SPYHA to construct a new double ice sheet indoor ice arena on city park land at East Meadow Park, immediately adjacent to the new high school currently under construction. Land use agreements are in place for the construction, which are effective through December 31, 2009. Construction is dependent of funding. In the fall of 2008, the SPYHA was undertaking a major fund raising event to proceed with the final design and construction.

DEFINITIONS

In contrast to county, state and federal agencies, which have quite varied and extensive recreation and resource protection responsibilities, communities are most often concerned with meeting local, daily recreation needs. Sun Prairie's needs can best be described by the following selected definitions of types of parks.

Neighborhood Park – A neighborhood park provides open space for active and passive recreation for all ages within a neighborhood. An ideal neighborhood park site is scenic or wooded and located a maximum of one-quarter mile, which is normal walking distance, from primary users. Suggested minimum size for this type of park is one acre. Site development should include sidewalk, benches, landscaping, a designated tot lot with sandboxes, a play structure for preschoolers and should include open space as well.

Community Park – This type of park usually serves several neighborhoods and is under municipal administration. Although size is not always a sound criterion for classifying parks, it is generally recognized that community parks are more spacious than neighborhood parks or playgrounds. In addition to the kinds of facilities provided at neighborhood parks, these parks may provide swimming pools, picnic areas, more elaborate playfields, shelter and restroom buildings and tennis courts. Community parks serve people of all ages and have an effective service area radius of one-half mile.

Citywide Park – A citywide park may serve some of all types of a community's recreation needs. It can provide a wide range of activities for all age groups, or it can be very specific (i.e., a zoo). In addition to some of the facilities provided by other types of parks, citywide parks may contain areas for nature study, hiking and riding trails, marinas, boat launching, pond fishing, spectator sports, and numerous other activities. However, in many Wisconsin communities, a city park is sometimes designated as such, not because of its size and/or variety of facilities, but because it is the only recreation area of its type available to the community. Fortunately, this is not the situation in Sun Prairie.

School Park – A school park may be developed as a neighborhood or community park, and size of the joint development should be smaller than if separate sites were developed by the individual agencies. The facilities included represent the functional needs of each agency.

Special Use Area – These types of facilities generally include golf courses, the Pet Exercise Area, the Family Aquatic Center, skateboarding facility and other specialized recreational facilities.

Private Parks/Recreation Facilities – Included in this category are such facilities like the Prairie Athletic Club, Sun Prairie Ice Arena and Angell Park. These facilities are privately owned and usually include admission charges, but play a significant role in the community.

Natural Resources Areas – Historic sites, conservancy areas, and floodplains are examples of these types of areas. Most of these have limited active recreation value, are not developed for multi-purpose recreation, or are not always available for use by the public. The Patrick Marsh restoration project adjacent to the City of Sun Prairie is an example of this type of facility.

Although such areas are not considered in acreage evaluations made for Sun Prairie, it must be recognized that areas are an important adjunct to a community and its parks program. As future evaluations of recreation opportunities in Sun Prairie are undertaken, it may become necessary to include consideration of natural resources areas.

COMMUNITY PARK LOCATION CRITERIA

To aid in the process of locating parks, criteria should be used to guide decision makers. Future community park locations should meet the following criteria:

1. Direct access to a collector level street or higher.
2. For active recreation sections within site, land must be predominantly level, and have soils suitable for active recreation purposes.
3. Unique areas, such as creeks, drainage areas, detention basins, and wetlands, are viewed as desirable, but not necessary for park development.
4. Natural vegetation, primarily mature trees, are desirable to work into the layout of the park.
5. Adjacent land uses shall be non-hazardous to park users.
6. Parks shall be located so that the service area encompasses as many residential neighborhoods and schools as possible.
7. Adequate size and parcel shape to accommodate ball fields and picnicking.
8. Community parks should be located so that service area overlaps are minimized.
9. Allow for off-street parking facilities with on-street available when needed for overflow parking needs.

As one might expect, the criteria listed above limit the amount of land available for this type of use. Nonetheless, a site which best meets the above criteria will encourage use, provide aesthetics, and be more cost effective.

POTENTIAL FUTURE PARK LOCATIONS

With continued growth and development in the City of Sun Prairie, the need arises to identify potential future community and neighborhood park sites based on the following:

- 1 – The Comprehensive Land Use Plan (future growth areas)
- 2 – Service area of present park locations
- 3 – Park location criteria outlined previously

Development of any neighborhood or community park site will depend greatly on the location of future growth. New potential sites are identified on the park service areas map.

If possible, land should also be acquired to add to the Carriage Hill Park to aid in its redesign.

5. Safety

COMMITMENT TO PLAYGROUND SAFETY

The City of Sun Prairie and the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department are continually working on a “Commitment to Playground Safety” in all of our parks. This commitment centers on striving to make all parks and playground areas safe places to play.

As part of this commitment, the City has constantly been supporting the replacement of playground equipment in various parks as necessary and maintains appropriate surfacing material under all playground equipment.

In addition to the replacement of the equipment, a complete equipment inspection program is completed on a monthly basis with any needed repairs receiving the highest priority. The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department has made a continuous effort to educate the residents of Sun Prairie on playground safety and has worked with the local school system and other local groups in this area. Playground use and regulation signs have been posted at each park.

It is our goal to make every City of Sun Prairie park an enjoyable area to play and recreate in.

PARK FACILITY INSPECTIONS

In addition to the playground inspections listed above, the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is in the process of completing a plan to have other facilities within the park system inspected on a regular basis beginning in 2009.

These facilities include pedestrian/bicycle bridges, athletic fields and fencing, shelter houses, skateboard facility, Family Aquatic Center and the Pet Exercise Area. Inspection forms are currently being developed for use in the Spring of 2009.

The intent of these inspections is to have consistently clean, useable and safe facilities for our residents to use and enjoy as they enjoy the park system.

6. Building The Park System

BUILDING THE PARKS SYSTEM
A SUMMARY OF THE PAST EIGHT YEARS
2001-2008

The park system has been able to expand and develop during the past eight years using several funding sources which include the City's park fund (developer's fees, donations, player facility fees and interest) and grants.

EXPENDITURES ONLY FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT
(Does not include maintenance items)

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
\$133,935	\$134,313	\$221,000	\$226,685	\$276,844	\$524,589	\$294,787	\$218,057



**PARK DEVELOPMENT &
IMPROVEMENTS**
2001-2008

2001

- New picnic tables at Sheehan West shelter house
- Repainting of play equipment at FAC & Sheehan Park
- Neighborhood park playground retrofits/upgrades
- Blooming Meadows Park development-benches, tables, play equipment, basketball court and landscaping
- New playground structure for Schey Park
- Revision of Sheehan Park plan for potential baseball field project
- Completion of conceptual plans and phase one development for Wyndham Hills Community Park

2002

- Installation of new play equipment and picnic tables at Evergreen Park
- Installation of new spring riders at Renstone Park
- Installation of new small kids play structure at Sheehan Park West
- Phase two development for Wyndham Hills Community Park

2003

- Installation of new modern park name signs at all parks
- Replacement of playground equipment at Carriage Hills Estates Community Park
- Installation of new play structure at Family Aquatic Center

- Installation of new foul poles and permanent foul lines at Sheehan Park ball diamonds
- Renovation of Sheehan Park basketball courts and installation of new benches at the courts

2004

- Initial development of Orfan Community Park and the Rotary shelter house project
- Phase two development of Wyndham Hills Community Park-shelter house and landscaping
- Replacement of sand play equipment and installation of a small kids waterslide at Family Aquatic Center
- Additions to Gateway Park playground
- Development of Windy Ridge Park

2005

- Phase two development of Orfan Park including pathways, parking lot, landscaping, basketball court, tennis courts, gazebo and playground
- Development of Thoreau Park including bike path, gazebo, sidewalks, drinking fountain, playground, benches, tables and landscaping
- Removal of access road, new park sign and installation of new pathway connections in Stoneridge Estates Park
- Installation of new skateboard park improvements
- Installation of new park signs and waste stations along walking paths in various parks.

2006

- Begin installation of shelter house, playground, pathways and parking lot in Stoneridge Estates Park
- Installation of new softball diamond lights at Sheehan Park diamonds 1 and 2
- Installation of new scoreboards at all three softball diamonds in Sheehan Park
- Soccer goals at Wyndham Hills Community Park
- Installation of park name sign for the new Liberty Park

2007

- Completion of installation of shelter house, pathways and landscaping at Stoneridge Estates Park
- Complete site master plan for Smith’s Crossing Community Park
- Installation of playground equipment and landscaping at Uplands Park
- Installation of backstop and trees at Royal Oaks Park

2008

- Installation of new picnic tables at Wetmore and Carriage Hills Estates shelter houses
- Replacement of all lounge chairs at the Family Aquatic Center
- Installation of new bridge, pathway, parking lot, picnic tables and benches at Liberty Community Park
- Began initial development of Smith’s Crossing Community Park with playground equipment, basketball court, shelter house foundation, soccer field, pathways, picnic tables, benches and tree planting
- Installation of new playground equipment at Sheehan Park West
- Installation of a new Heliocentrix play climber at Uplands Park

PARK ACQUISITIONS 2001-2008

The City of Sun Prairie was active in acquiring parkland during the period of 2001-2008, due to the rapid growth and residential development in the city. Previous planning efforts and an existing parkland dedication ordinance assisted greatly in these acquisitions.

<u>Park</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type of Acquisition</u>
Thoreau Park	0.40	2003	Dedication from development
East Meadow Park	10.00	2004	Dedication from development
Providence Green	0.75	2004	Dedication from development
Uplands Park	0.85	2004	Dedication from development
Willowbrook Park	1.00	2004	Dedication from development
West Prairie Village (To Be Named)	0.40	2005	Dedication from development

Liberty Community Park	12.10	2005	Dedication from development
Smith's Crossing Community Park	29.50	2005	Dedication from development
Fox Point Park	0.75	2006	Dedication from development
Total Acres Added	55.75		

TOTAL PARKS & OPEN SPACE ACREAGE
1979-2008

<u>Type</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Gained Over Past 9 Years</u>
Neighborhood Parks & School Parks *	73.85	74.95	84.50	99.80	128.50	167.41	38.91
Community Parks	11.40	11.40	20.60	66.90	84.07	125.67	41.60
City Wide Parks (including Angell)	152.00	152.00	162.00	172.50	172.50	172.50	0.00
Special Use Areas	-	-	-	7.50	18.50	18.50	0.00
Private Parks **	60.80	60.80	60.80	60.80	60.80	57.40	(3.40)
Total	298.05	299.15	327.90	407.50	464.37	541.48	77.11

* Includes useable outdoor areas at the four new school parks at Prairie View Middle School, Patrick Marsh Middle School, Horizon Elementary School and Creekside Elementary School.

** Includes the elimination of the former Prairie Homes private park

7. Park Facilities



Acres
Picnic Tables
Picnic Shelter
Restrooms
Horseshoes
Playground
Softball Fields
Basketball
Hockey
Skateboarding
Tennis
Volleyball
Soccer
Ski Trails
Warming House
Ice Skating
Swimming
Sledding
Landscaping
Trails

Neighborhood Parks		Address	80.00	Acres	Picnic Tables	Picnic Shelter	Restrooms	Horseshoes	Playground	Softball Fields	Basketball	Hockey	Skateboarding	Tennis	Volleyball	Soccer	Ski Trails	Warming House	Ice Skating	Swimming	Sledding	Landscaping	Trails
Birkinbine	435 Union St.	2.0	◆					◆	◆	◆												◆	
Blankenheim	300 Blankenheim Ln.	0.6	◆					◆															◆
Blooming Meadows	885 Foxglove Dr.	2.4	◆	◆				◆		◆													◆
Cardinal Crest	1259 Mockingbird Ln.	1.5	◆	◆				◆															◆
Carriage Hills	901 Woodview Dr.	1.5	◆					◆		◆									◆				◆
Davison	200 Davison Dr.	2.1	◆					◆															◆
East Meadow	838 Grove St.	10.0									◇		◇		◇				◇				◇
Evergreen	1900 Pennsylvania Ave.	1.1	◆					◆		◆													◆
Fox Point	TBD	2.75	◇	◇				◇															◇
Gateway	955 N. Thompson Rd.	1.5	◆					◆															◆
Glacier Crossing	645 Granite Way	2.0	◆	◆				◆		◆													◆
Grandview	135 Grandview Dr.	2.8	◆				◆	◆	◆	◆													◆
Hunter's Ridge	951 Huntington Dr.	2.8	◆	◆				◆	◆	◆					◆								◆
Memorial	362 Trapp St.	3.0	◆					◆	◆														◆
Misty meadow	615 Clarmar Dr.	1.4	◆					◆															◆
Oakridge	2131 Michigan Ave.	2.2	◆					◆	◆		◆								◆				◆
Oakview	2120 Wyoming Ave.	0.6	◆					◆															◆
Pheasant Run	921 Sunfield St.	1.0	◆					◆															◆
Renstone	1695 Steven St.	4.7	◆					◆	◆	◆	◆				◆				◆				◆
Royal Oaks	301 Concord Dr.	1.4	◆					◆															◆
Schey	901 Laura St.	1.3	◆					◆	◆														◆
Thomas Highlands	1164 McMahan Dr.	4.8																					◆
Stonehaven	1551 Boulder Way	0.8	◆				◆	◆															◆
Sunny Valley	900 Castle Dr.	2.0	◆	◆				◆		◆													◆
Thoreau	1521 Thoreau Dr.	4.4	◆	◆				◆															◆
Unnamed-WPV	TBD	1.4	◇																				◇
Uplands	260 Sweet Grass Dr.	2.85	◆					◆															◆
Valley	930 N. Bristol St.	1.8	◆					◆	◆														◆
Vandenburg Heights	1020 Vandenburg St.	3.1	◆					◆	◆	◆					◆								◆
Westwynde	855 Eddington Dr.	3.25	◆	◆				◆		◆					◆								◆
Willowbrook	1078 Gaslight Dr.	1.0	◆																				◆
Windy Ridge	3161 Bull Run	6.0	◆					◆		◆													◆
Community Parks			125.6																				
Carriage Hills Estates	450 N. Musket Ridge Dr.	20.2	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆					◆	◆						◆	◆
Liberty	1270 Tara Dr.	12.1	◆	◇	◇			◆		◆													◆
Orfan	2050 St. Albert the Great Dr.	16.8	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆				◆								◆	◆
Stoneridge Estates	300 Stonehaven Dr.	19.5	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆				◇		◆							◆
Smith's Crossing	2298 Yellow Daisy Ln.	29.5	◆	◆				◆	◆	◆					◆								◆
Wetmore	555 North St.	10.4	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆		◆				◆			◆	◆				◆
Wyndham Hills	675 N. Heatherstone Dr.	17.1	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆					◆								◆
Citywide Parks			143.0																				
Sheehan Park	925-1375 Linnerud Dr.	143.0	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆						◆	◆
Special Use Areas			18.5																				
Family Aquatic Center	920 Linnerud Dr.	7.5	◆	◆	◆			◆							◆					◆			◆
Pet Exercise Area	1025 S. Bird St.	11.0	◆																				◆
Private Parks			57.4																				
Wegell Park	200 Park St.	57.4	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆															◆
TOTAL PARK ACRES			424.50																				

KEY
 ◆ Existing ◇ Planned ◆◇ Parks showing both symbols indicate that some exist now and more are planned

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY: "MANAGING THE CITY'S ASSETS"
PARKS EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES INVENTORY
UPDATED 10/23/08

The first inventory of all parks and open spaces was conducted in January, 1995 to determine what equipment and facilities were available in each city park and what the current value of these facilities was. The inventory did not include landscaping and trees or the land value for each site. Since the first inventory, both land values and tree values have been added as a lump sum amount at the end of the inventory to better reflect the true value of the park system in Sun Prairie. Dates behind the park name indicate the year the park was acquired by the City. This inventory is updated every year as needed.

PARK NAME / ACRES	#ITEMS	YEAR	2008 \$ VALUE
Birkinbine (1964) 2.0			
Modular playstructure	1	1995	12,383
Spring rider	1	1995	418
Swings	4	1963	1,516
Sand box	1	1964	550
Basketball court	1	1990	6,068
Backstop	1	1964	1,358
Backhoe digger	1	1993	1,062
Picnic table-6' wood	3	1988	825
Picnic table-8' wood ADA	1	1995	275
Bench - wood	1	1988	275
Bench - pvc	1	1995	456
Cooking grill	1	1964	275
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - sand	1	1993	688
Safety surfacing - wood	1	1995	1,321
Total			28,384
Blankenheim (1964) 0.6			
Swings	4	1965	1,516
Spring riders	2	1992	1,366
Backhoe diggers	2	1992	1,062
Sand box	1	1992	688
Modular playstructure	1	1992	13,710
Horseshoe courts	2	1965	413
Picnic table-8' wood ADA	3	1987	825
Bench - pvc	2	1992	910
Cooking grill	1	1987	275
Sign	1	2003	915

Safety surfacing - chips/mats	1	1992	2,752
Total			24,432

Blooming Meadows (1998) 2.4

Modular playstructure	1	2001	23,362
Spring riders	2	2001	1,510
Tree climbers	3	2001	1,379
Swings	4	2001	1,470
Tire swing	1	2001	1,986
Bench - pvc	5	2001	2,249
Shelter building	1	2001	5,841
Picnic tables - pvc	3	2001	2,245
Cooking grill	1	2001	118
Basketball court	1	2001	12,907
Asphalt pathway	1	2000/2001	8,460
Asphalt pathway	1	2002	3,541
Entrance sign	1	2003	915
Playground signs	2	2001	177
Safety surfacing - chips/mats	1	2001	3,984
Total			70,144

Cardinal Crest (1990) 1.5

Swings	2	1994	1,214
Sand box	1	1994	550
Tic Tac Toe	1	1994	759
Recycle sign	1	1994	688
Backhoe diggers	2	1994	1,051
Spring rider	1	1994	720
Modular playstructure	1	1994	22,547
Gazebo	1	1994	8,837
Bench - pvc	1	1994	456
Picnic table - 6' wood	1	1994	275
Picnic table - 8' wood	1	1994	275
Picnic table - 8' wood ADA	1	1994	275
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - chips/mats	1	1994	2,477
Total			41,038

Carriage Hill (1967) 1.5

Swings	2	1968	759
Modular playstructure	1	1995/2001	11,682
Backhoe diggers	2	1995	963
Basketball court - 1/2 size	1	1995	6,589
Picnic table - wood 8' ADA	1	1987	275

Bench - pvc	1	1987	456
Lighted ice skating rink	1	1968	688
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - sand	1	1993	1,100
Safety surfacing - wood	1	1995	1,321
Total			24,748

Carriage Hills Estates (1987) 20.2

Swings	6	1994	2,730
Modular playstructure - large	1	2003	21,330
Modular playstructure - small	1	2003	9,903
Activity panels - free standing	3	1994	2,124
Bench - 6' pvc	13	1994	5,915
Round McTables	4	1994	1,238
Sandbox	1	1994	1,100
Backhoe diggers	2	1994	1,062
Spring rider	1	1994	590
Spring rider - Flippo	1	2003	885
Spinner - Burke	1	2003	767
Multi-Pondo-Miracle	1	2003	2,479
Safety surfacing - chips/mats	2	1994	4,551
Safety surfacing - chips	1	2003	2,243
Safety surfacing - rubberized	1	1994	4,722
Picnic shelter bldg w/restrooms	1	1994/1995	60,940
Picnic table - 8' pvc ADA	8	2008	5,712
Regulation size basketball court	1	1994	12,907
Sand volleyball courts	2	1994	4,678
Sledding hill	1	1994	5,503
Sign/flower bed	1	1999	1,792
Backstop	1	1994	1,376
Soccer goals	2	1995	2,833
Asphalt bicycle path / walkway	1	1994	27,516
Asphalt path around pond	1	1994	34,501
Detention pond - 6 acres	1	1994	496,671
Pedestrian bridge	1	1994	8,033
Parking lot	1	1995	17,886
Parking lot barriers	34	1995	1,467
Total			743,457

Davison (1969) 2.1

Swings	4	1970	1,941
Backhoe digger	1	1988	531
Modular playstructure	1	1990/2001	13,976
- new spiral slide added	1	2000	2,951

- new T-T-T panel	1	2001	552
Picnic table - 8' wood	2	1990	550
Picnic table - 6' wood	1	1995	275
Tire swing	1	1995	1,796
Bench - wood	1	1990	275
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety Surfacing - sand	1	1990	2,063
Total			25,827

East Meadow 2004 10.0

Evergreen (1977) 1.1

Swings - 4 unit	1	1991	1,518
Swings - 2 unit single post	1	1995	759
Spring riders	2	1991	1,214
Barney spring rider	1	1995	1,138
Backhoe diggers	2	1987	1,053
Modular playstructure	1	1995	15,548
Curved climber	1	1995	646
Tire Swing	1	1995	1,650
Trac ride	1	1995	2,251
Tic tac toe/chinning bars/log roll	1	1995	2,124
Spider climber	1	2002	1,417
Spinner	1	2002	1,401
Mondo Pondo (see saw)	1	2002	2,479
Full size basketball court	1	1988	12,907
Player bench	1	1991	1,376
Picnic table - 8' PVC	1	2002	649
Picnic table - 8' PVC ADA	1	2002	767
Bench	2	1995	825
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - sand	1	1995	2,477
Safety surfacing - wood	1	1995	3,302
Total			56,416

Family Aquatic Center (1991) 7.5

Bathroom building	1	1992	606,737
Bathroom building property	-	1992	47,450
Concession building & accessories	1	1992	235,111
Concession machines/property	-	1992	23,967
Mechanical building & accessories	1	1992	296,694
Main pool w/lights & accessories	1	1992	606,737
Diving pool & accessories	1	1992	331,574
Garage	1	2000	14,165

Concrete decking	1	1992	75,671
Waterslide-210'	1	1991	197,189
Dropslide-18'	1	1992	28,821
All chain link fencing	1	1992	60,674
Parking lot-200 cars	1	1992	103,187
Modular playstructure	1	2003	28,331
Sandworks playstructure	1	1991	6,827
Playhouse	1	1991	5,309
Conversation playhouse	1	1991	3,034
Backhoe diggers	5	1991/1994	2,655
Spring riders	2	1991	1,366
Seesaw	1	1991	1,971
Sandtables	3	1991	1,820
Bench	3	1991	1,366
Sand volleyball courts	2	1991	4,678
Safety surfacing-sand	1	1991	6,880
Safety surfacing-rubberized	1	1994	11,007
Safety surfacing-rubberized	1	2003	4,722
Picnic tables-square pvc	12	1992	8,191
Picnic table-pvc ADA	1	1992	744
Picnic table-wood	9	1992	2,477
Lounge chairs	150	2008	14,280
Sun shelters-inside	2	1991	12,135
Picnic shelters-outside	2	1991	12,135
Bicycle racks	9	1991	3,715
PVC trash receptacles/covers	4	2003	1,889
Total			2,763,506

*note = total of above categories does not reflect site work, landscaping, fill, etc., in the original cost of the aquatic center - see final billing sheets for this detail.

Fox Point (2006) 2.75

Sign	1	2008	1,530
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Gateway (1994) 1.5

Modular playstructure	1	1996	18,689
Swings - 4 unit	1	1996	1,499
Seesaw	1	1996	1,499
Tender turf tiles	1	1996	759
Backhoe diggers	2	1996	910
Safety surfacing - wood	1	1996	3,302
Bench	3	2004	910
Sign	1	2003	915
Picnic table - pvc	3	2004	-

Bounce Buttons	4	2004	1,618
Climbing Wall	1	2004	3,019
Tire Swing	1	2004	1,941
Monkey bars	1	2004	1,618
Turbo tower climber	1	2004	1,618
Total			38,298

Glacier Crossing (1986) 2.0

Swings	4	1993	1,516
Picnic shelter building	1	1993	5,332
Cooking grill	1	1993	275
Picnic table - 6' wood	1	1993	275
Picnic table - 8' wood ADA	1	1993	275
Bench - pvc	2	1993	910
Modular playstructure	1	1993	13,724
Backhoe diggers	2	1993	1,062
Full size basketball court	1	1994	12,453
Safety surfacing - sand/mats	1	1993	2,752
Sign	1	2003	915
Total			39,488

Grandview (1975) 2.8

Swings	4	1976	2,438
Modular playstructure	1	2000	6,603
Spring riders	1	1993	607
Backhoe diggers	1	1993	531
Spiral slide	1	1993	3,504
Curved climber	1	1993	1,675
Tire swing	1	1993	2,285
Three quarter basketball court	1	1988	9,860
Bicycle rack	1	1988	688
Picnic table - 6' wood	1	1988	275
Horseshoe courts	2	1988	688
Bench - PVC	1	1988	391
Backstop	1	1976	2,448
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - sand/mats	1	1988/1993	2,477
Total			35,385

Hunter's Ridge (1991) 2.75

Swings	4	1994	1,516
Spring riders	2	1994	1,214
Backhoe diggers	2	1994	1,062
Sandbox	1	1994	759

Modular playstructure	1	1994	21,330
Tire swing	1	1994	2,285
Picnic shelter building	1	1994	5,790
Picnic table - 6' wood	2	1994	550
Picnic table - 8' wood ADA	1	1994	275
Cooking grill	1	1994	275
Full size basketball court	1	1994	13,044
Sand volleyball court	1	1994	2,338
Bench	3	1994	1,238
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - chips/mats	1	1994	3,852
Total			56,443

Liberty (2005) 12.1

Modular playstructure	1	2007	21,930
-Swings	4	2007	1,836
-Spring riders	2	2007	1,632
-Tilted pole	1	2007	2,550
-Net climber	1	2007	7,650
-Tilted sky runner	1	2007	2,550
-Trapeze quad circuit	1	2007	5,100
-Trac ride	1	2007	2,142
Safety surfacing-chips/mats	1	2007	3,782
Parking lot-28 cars	1	2008	28,560
Interior pedestrian paved path	1	2008	14,280
Pedestrian bridge-30'	1	2008	14,790
Picnic tables	3	2008	2,295
Benches	6	2008	2,081
Waste receptacles	2	2008	400
Basketball court	1	2007	9,455
Park name sign	1	2006	1,839
Total			122,872

Memorial (1961) 3.0

Swings	6	1993	2,881
Modular playstructure	1	1993	19,806
Backhoe diggers	2	1993	1,062
Spring riders	2	1993	1,218
Bench - pvc	2	1993	910
Picnic table - 6' wood	1	1993	275
Picnic table - 8' wood	1	1993	275
Picnic table - 8' wood ADA	1	1993	275
Backstop	1	1962	1,358
Sign	1	2003	915

Lighted skating rink	1	1962	688
Safety surfacing - sand/mats	1	1993	2,752
Total			32,416

Misty Meadow (1978) 1.4

Swings	4	1986	1,499
Modular playstructure	1	1996	15,235
Backhoe digger	1	1992	531
Tire swing	1	1996	2,285
Bike Rack(from Sheehan Pk)	1	2006	-
Bench - wood	1	1986	275
Picnic table - 6' wood	1	1986	275
Fence	1	1988	6,068
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - sand	1	1996	2,063
Total			29,146

Oakridge (1967) 2.2

Swings	6	1968	2,730
Sandbox	1	1968	688
Backhoe digger	1	1991	531
Backstop	1	1995	1,829
Lighted ice skating rinks	1	1968/1988	2,752
Picnic table - 8' wood	1	1993	550
Bench - wood	1	1991	275
Bench - pvc	1	1997	452
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - sand	1	1993	1,100
Modular playstructure	1	1997/2001	16,495
Safety surfacing - wood	1	1997	2,063
Total			30,381

Oakview (1967) 0.6

Swings	6	1989	2,730
Modular playstructure	1	1989	16,391
new slide and retrofits added	1	2000	-
Tire swing	1	1989	2,275
Sign	1	2003	915
Bench - wood	1	1989	275
Picnic table - 8' wood	1	1989	275
Safety surfacing - sand	1	1989	2,477
Total			25,338

Orfan (1994) 16.8

Rotary shelter w/RR	1	2004	157,380
- incl. 20 pvc picnic tables @ \$600			-
Cooking grills	2	2005	946
Benches - pvc at shelter	5	2005	1,891
Parking lot	1	2005	31,518
Asphalt paths		2005	26,265
Tennis courts & fence	2	2005/2006	70,916
Basketball court	1	2005	10,506
Benches at courts	3	2005	1,103
Modular playground - small	1	2005	26,954
Modular playground - large	1	2005	10,781
Multi-pondo	1	2005	2,696
Tire swing	1	2005	2,206
Swings	4	2005	1,833
Playground signs	2	2005	315
Gazebo - 24'	1	2005	31,518
Table & benches at gazebo	5	2005	3,152
Waste receptacles	8	2005	2,101
Park sign	1	2005	1,786
Drinking Fountain	1	2005	2,696
Total			386,562

Parks/PW Maintenance Building - Sheehan Park

	1	2003	649,250
Total			649,250

Pet Exercise Area (1997) 11.0

Parking lot - gravel/asphalt	1	1997/2006	31,518
Signs	1	2003	1,712
Bench - 6' recycled plastic - (port)	3	2004	-
Picnic tables - 6' recycled	3	2004	-
Water & storage building	1	2008	1,530
Fencing	1200'	1997/2006	3,152
Total			37,911

Pheasant Run (1965) 1.0

Swings	2	1993	1,218
Modular playstructure	1	1993	12,187
Backhoe diggers	2	1993	1,062
Picnic table - 6' wood	1	1993	275
Picnic table - 8' wood ADA	1	1993	275
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - sand/mats	1	1993	2,752
Total			18,684

Providence (2004) .75

Gazebo	1	2005	23,113
Picnic table	1	2006	630
Total			23,744

Renstone (1973) 4.7

Swings	6	1991	2,730
Modular playstructure - large	1	1991	18,282
Modular playstructure - small	1	1991	9,903
Backhoe diggers	2	1991	1,062
Spring riders - Frogs	2	2002	1,870
Tic tac toe panel	1	1991	910
Benches	3	1991	910
Picnic table w/roof	1	1991	1,372
Picnic table - 6' wood	3	1991	825
Picnic table - 8' wood	1	1991	275
Lighted skating rinks	2	1974/1989	2,176
Full size basketball court	1	1988	13,044
Backstop	1	1995	1,829
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - sand/mats	1	1991	3,440
Total			59,544

Royal Oaks (1965) 1.4

Swings	1	1966	1,522
Modular playstructure	1	1990/1991	18,792
retrofitted	2	2001	3,541
Backhoe diggers	2	1990	1,062
Spring riders	1	1990	1,218
Bench - wood	2	1990	275
Picnic table - 6' wood	1	1990	550
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - sand	1	1990/1991	2,477
Satellite climber	1	1998	2,271
Backstop	1	2007	1,996
Total			34,619

Schey (1959) 1.3

Modular playstructure	1	2001	14,017
Swings	4	2001	2,135
Merry go round	1	1965	1,651
Backstop	1	1965	1,338
Picnic table - 8' wood	1	1990	275

Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - sand	1	1993/2001	2,125
Total			22,456

Sheehan (1973) 143.0

Lighted softball diamonds w/fencing	2	1975/2006	231,132
Lighted softball diamond w/fencing	1	1990	75,842
Picnic shelter bldg. East w/restrms	1	1979	113,261
Picnic table-East-ADA pvc	4	2000	3,432
Picnic table-East-rectangle pvc	6	2000	4,567
Restroom/storage building (west)	1	1991	76,449
Picnic shelter building (W) octagon	1	1990	60,674
Picnic table - West - ADA pvc	4	2001	3,066
Picnic table-West-rect. Pvc	12	2001	8,143
Concession/storage building	1	1977	30,336
Picnic shelter building - Central	1	1998	24,269
Picnic table-Central-square pvc	10	1998	6,068
Picnic table-Central-ADA pvc	2	1998	1,214
Cooking grill-Central	1	1998	547
Spectator bleachers (dia 1 & 2)	8	2002	23,609
Spectator bleacher (dia 2)	1	2000	2,538
Spectator bleachers (dia 3)	4	1990	6,068
Player benches (dia 1 & 2)	4	1988	6,068
Foul poles (dia 1, 2 & 3)	6	2003	7,083
Permanent foul lines (dia 1, 2 & 3)	6	2003	4,486
Electronic scoreboards (dia 1 & 2)	2	2006	9,101
Electronic scoreboards (dia 3)	1	2006	4,551
Soccer field with goals	1	1988	11,007
Gazebo shelter	1	1984	10,618
Full size basketball courts	2	2003	23,609
Sand volleyball courts	2	1984	4,678
Basketball court player benches	4	2003	1,889
Softball scorer's booths (dia 1 & 2)	2	1993	4,128
Softball scorer's booth (dia 3)	1	1991	8,255
Gift recognition area (east side)	1	1986	3,440
Bicycle path - paved, 4900'	1	1995	90,804
Softball field warning tracks (1&2)	2	1997	6,068
Bleachers - soccer field	2	1999	3,279
Bleachers - soccer field	1	1997	1,640
Drinking fountains	6	1990/1994	16,381
Cooking grills (east)	2	1979/1997	825
Cooking grills (west)	2	1990	1,375
Bench	9	1990/1993/1999	2,972
Bench-PVC	3	2005	-

Picnic table - East 8' wood	8	1985	2,202
Picnic table - East 8' wood ADA	2	1992	550
Picnic table - East 6' wood	11	1985	3,027
Picnic table - West 8' wood	17	1990	4,678
Picnic table - West 6' wood	17	1990	4,678
Picnic table - 8' PVC ADA	1	2005	275
Permanent picnic tables	2	1986	1,239
Picnic table shelter w/roof	1	1988	1,239
Bicycle racks	1	1988	295
Lighted ice skating rink	1	1986	688
Lighted sledding hills	2	1983	688
Pedestrian span bridges	3	1985/1989	31,855
Message board w/roof	1	1984	1,033
Cross country ski trail head sign	1	2003	472
Cross country ski trail arrow signs	15	2003	885
Park sign (east)	1	2000	2,121
Park sign (west)	1	1984	688
Park sign (Linnerud Dr)	1	1993	3,337
Parking lot - 100 car (dia 1 & 2)	1	1975	55,776
Parking lot - 33 car (east shelter)	1	2002	9,444
Parking lot - 20 car (basketball)	1	1984	11,155
Parking lot - 64 car (dia 3)	1	1989	35,697
Parking lot - 36 car (west shelter)	1	1989	20,080
Parking lot - 40 car (soccer)	1	1993	22,311

East Playground

Modular playstructure	1	1990/1993	26,408
Swings	4	2000	1,790
Backhoe diggers	3	1993	1,367
Spring riders	2	1990	1,214
Flippo frog spring rider	1	2003	885
Spinner	1	2003	708
Safety surfacing - sand	1	1990	2,752
Safety surfacing - rubberized	1	1994	5,309
Satellite climber	1	1997	2,427

West Playground

Modular playstructure - large	1	2008	40,800
Modular playstructure - small	1	2002	10,624
Swings	6	1990/2008	2,733
Tire swing	1	1993	2,596
Safety surfacing-wood	4	2008	6,120

Youth Baseball Complex (1994-1996)

Youth baseball fields	4	1994	165,098
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Fencing at diamonds	4	1994	45,505
Spectator bleachers	8	1995	10,922
Parking lot - gravel	1	1994	27,516
Asphalt paths and service road	1	1995	17,886
Concession/restroom building	1	95-96-07	183,855
Infield mixture	2.5	1994	5,160
Sign	1	2003	1,712
Picnic table - 6' wood	4	1994	1,100
Picnic table - 8' wood	2	1994	550
Irrigation system	4	2004	-
Skateboarding Facility (1997)	1	1997	43,045
Message board	1	2006	-
Signs	2	1997	620
			-
Total			1,716,583

Shonas Highlands (1994) 4.8

Bicycle path - paved	1	1999	12,395
Sign	1	2003	915
Not developed - wooded			-
Total			13,310

Smith's Crossing (2005) 29.5

Basketball court	1	2008	11,730
Softball backstop	1	2008	3,366
Hex shelter-24'	1	2008	13,362
Soccer goals	2	2008	2,550
Playground structure-musical	1	2008	13,770
Playground structure-regular	1	2008	9,180
Tot swings	2	2008	1,020
Picnic tables	4	2008	3,060
Waste receptacles	2	2008	400
Benches	6	2008	2,040
Rubber safety surfacing	1	2008	14,484
Sign	1	2008	1,530
Total			76,492

Stonehaven (1986) 0.8

Swings	4	1988	2,743
Modular playstructure	1	1988	21,330
Tire swing	1	1988	2,285
Backhoe diggers	2	1988	1,062
Spring riders	2	1988	1,218

Bench - wood	2	1988	550
Picnic table - 6' wood	1	1988	275
Picnic table - 8' wood	1	1988	275
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - sand	1	1988	2,477
Total			33,130

Stoneridge Estates (1991) 19.5

Softball backstop	1	1995	4,953
Softball sideline fencing	1	1998/2007	12,371
Park sign	1	2005	2,007
Soccer goals	2	1997	2,803
Storage building	1	1998	1,100
Parking lot - 65 car	1	1998/2006	57,783
Asphalt paths	1	2006/2007	16,810
Basketball court	1	2006	7,880
Shelter house w/ restrooms	1	2006	78,795
Large modular playstructure	1	2006	26,265
Small modular playstructure	1	2006	9,455
The Rock climbing rock	1	2006	15,234
Swings	4	2006	2,101
Sway Fun accessible boat	1	2006	7,880
Free standing hanging spinner	1	2006	1,366
Spring rider	1	2006	735
40' Pedestrian bridge	1	2006	17,335
Picnic tables	14	2006	9,455
Benches	10	2006	3,393
Waste receptacles	8	2006	2,049
Drinking fountain	1	2006	473
Cooking grill	2	2006/2007	1,156
Total			281,398

Sunny Valley (1986) 2.0

Swings	4	1988	1,525
Modular playstructure	1	1988/1991	19,806
Tire swing	1	1988	2,285
Backhoe digger	1	1988	531
Three quarter basketball court	1	1988	9,860
Small shelter building	1	2006	7,880
Picnic table	5	1988	1,376
Bench	2	1988/1998	607
Horseshoe court	1	1991	413
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - sand	1	1988	2,477

Total **47,675**

Thoreau (2003) 4.4

Modular playstructure	1	2005	26,954
Swings - 2 belt / 2 bucket	4	2005	1,891
Sphere climber	1	2005	1,618
Spinner	1	2005	735
Wavy Net climber	1	2005	1,618
Drinking fountain	1	2005	2,696
Picnic tables - pvc	6	2005	4,528
Benches - pvc	3	2005	3,881
Benches - concrete	3	2005	1,261
Park sign	1	2005	788
Trash cans	2	2005	840
Gazebo shelter	1	2005	26,954
Sidewalk	-	2005	-
Security lights	4	2005	-
Total			73,763

Unnamed Park in WPV (2005) 1.4

Uplands (2004) 2.85

Modular playstructure	1	2007	21,012
-Space arch	1	2007	-
-Exceleator	1	2007	-
-Tire Swing	1	2007	-
-Tilted whirlwind seat	1	2007	-
-Mini sky runner	1	2007	-
-Age appropriate sign	1	2007	-
Swings-2 belt/2 bucket	4	2007	2,040
Heliocentrix net climber	1	2008	4,998
Surfacing-chips/rubber mats	1	2007/2008	4,590
Park name sign	1	2007	788
Asphalt paths	1	2006	-
Waste receptacles	2	2008	400
Benches	4	2008	1,360
Total			35,188

Valley (1962) 1.8

Modular playstructure	1	1996/2001	11,856
Swings	2	1965	1,218
Backstop	1	1965	1,525
Fence	1	1989	6,068
Benches - pvc	2	1996	910

Bench - by sign - pvc	1	1998	413
Picnic table - 8' wood ADA	1	1996	275
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - sand	1	1994	207
Safety surfacing - wood	1	1996	1,720
Total			25,106

Vandenburg Heights (1992) 3.1

Swings	6	1992	2,743
Modular playstructure - large	1	1992	27,953
Modular playstructure - small	1	1992	9,903
Backhoe diggers	2	1992	1,062
Spring riders	2	1992	1,367
Sand box	1	1992	1,100
Tic tac toe panel	1	1992	910
Drinking fountain	1	1992	2,730
Picnic table w/roof	2	1992	2,477
Full size basketball court	1	1992	13,044
Sand volleyball court	1	1992	2,338
Backstop w/fencing	1	1992	3,504
Bench	3	1992	1,366
Picnic table - 8' wood	3	1992	825
Picnic table - 8' wood ADA	1	1992	275
Sign	1	2003	915
Safety surfacing - chips/mats	2	1992	4,540
Total			77,053

Westwynde (1990) 3.25

Swings	4	1994	1,518
Modular playstructure - large	1	1994	21,330
Modular playstructure - small	1	1994	10,665
Backhoe diggers	2	1994	1,062
Spring riders	2	1994	1,218
Recycle sign	1	1994	759
Tire swing	1	1994	2,285
Ring bridge	1	1994	1,980
Picnic table - 6' wood	5	1994	1,376
Picnic table - 8' wood ADA	1	1994	275
Bench	3	1994	1,238
Picnic shelter building	1	1994	8,405
Cooking grill	1	1994	275
Sand volleybal court	1	1994	2,338
Full size basketball court	1	1994	13,044
Sign	1	2003	915

Safety surfacing - chips/mats	1	1994/1995	4,815
Total			73,499

Wetmore (1962) 10.4

Picnic shelter w/restrooms	1	1996	83,427
Picnic shelter - small	1	1990	16,172
Picnic table - 6' wood	12	1988	3,302
Picnic table - 8' wood	4	1988	1,100
Picnic table - 8' wood ADA	1	1996	275
Picnic table - square pvc	10	2008	7,650
Picnic table - 8' pvc ADA	2	2008	1,530
Bench - wood	1	1990	275
Bench - pvc	3	1996	1,366
Cooking grills	1	1996	759
Modular playstructure	1	1996	28,669
3 playpanel unit	1	1996	1,820
Spring riders	2	1996	1,169
Backhoe diggers	2	1996	910
2 unit single post swing	1	1996	836
4 unit swings	1	1996	1,833
Trac ride	1	1996	2,323
Airplane spring rider	1	1997	683
Softball diamond/backstop	1	1996	3,234
Pedestrian bridge	1	1997	26,954
Walkways - paved	1	1999	4,958
Drinking fountains	1	1996	3,186
Lighted ice skating rinks	3	1996	22,013
Signs	2	1963	1,239
Safety surfacing - sand	1	1993	1,375
Safety surfacing - wood	1	1996	3,440
Rubber pads	4	1996	382
Parking lot	1	1996	24,765
Total			245,646

Willowbrook (2004) 1.0

Picnic table	1	2005	735
Cooking grill	1	2005	315
Waste receptacle	1	2005	315
Total			1,366

Windy Ridge (1998) 6.00

Asphalt pathways	1	2004	8,405
Basketball court	1	2004	10,506
Benches (1 side)	3	2004	1,103

Benches (2 sides)	3	2004	2,206
Fire engine spring rider	1	2004	3,887
Large Modular Playstructure	1	2004	28,366
Mono rail	1	2004	2,627
Picnic tables	6	2004	4,413
Sign	1	2005	840
Small Modular Playstructure	1	2004	10,710
Swings- 2 unit tot	1	2004	1,261
Swings- 4 unit	1	2004	1,891
Tire Swing	1	2004	2,206
Waste receptacles	3	2004	1,103
Total			79,524

Wyndham Hills (1998) 17.17

Large playstructure	1	2002	23,362
Small playstructure	1	2002	11,004
See saw	1	2002	759
Mondo Pondo	1	2002	2,479
Flippo spring rider	1	2002	752
Earthquake rider	1	2002	942
Spinner	1	2002	739
Tire swing	1	2002	2,206
Mobius climber	1	2006	14,790
Swings - 4 unit	1	2002	1,624
Safety surfacing - wood	1	2002	4,486
Benches - 2 sided PVC	2	2002	1,485
Benches - 1 sided PVC	14	2002	5,602
Trash receptacle - PVC	5	2002	1,571
Playground signing	2	2002	937
Retaining wall/obs. Deck	1	2002	15,933
Asphalt bike path	1	2002	31,767
Park signs	2	2002	3,307
Bridge	1	2003	18,297
Shelter House w/rr	1	2003	106,241
Picnic tables - PVC	14	2003	10,742
Drinking fountain	1	2003	2,597
Cooking grill	1	2003	472
Basketball court	1	2003	10,624
Parking lot w/curb	1	2003	47,218
Total			319,937

Miscellaneous additions - in various parks

Dome covers for trash barrels	20 + 20	2000/2005	1,605
Dome covers for trash barrels	24	2001/07	2,311

Dome covers for trash barrels	10	2002	826
Providence open space - Gazebo	1	2005	26,265
PVC trash barrels	7+20+6	00/05/06/07	2,732
Total			33,740

Note: For all items installed after 1979, the estimated year of installation was used according to any records that existed prior to this date. Otherwise, installation of that equipment was assumed to be installed within 1-3 years after the parks were accepted.

SUMMARY OF VALUES:

PARKS TOTAL EQUIPMENT	8,552,867
PARKS TREE VALUE as of 11/07 (from Davey Resource Group)	1,297,839
ESTIMATED PARK LAND VALUES as of 11/07 (at average of \$10,090 per acre)	3,706,490
<u>TOTAL VALUE OF THE PARKS SYSTEM IN \$</u>	13,559,756
PARKS TOTAL ACRES	377.92

8. Maps

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Existing Parks

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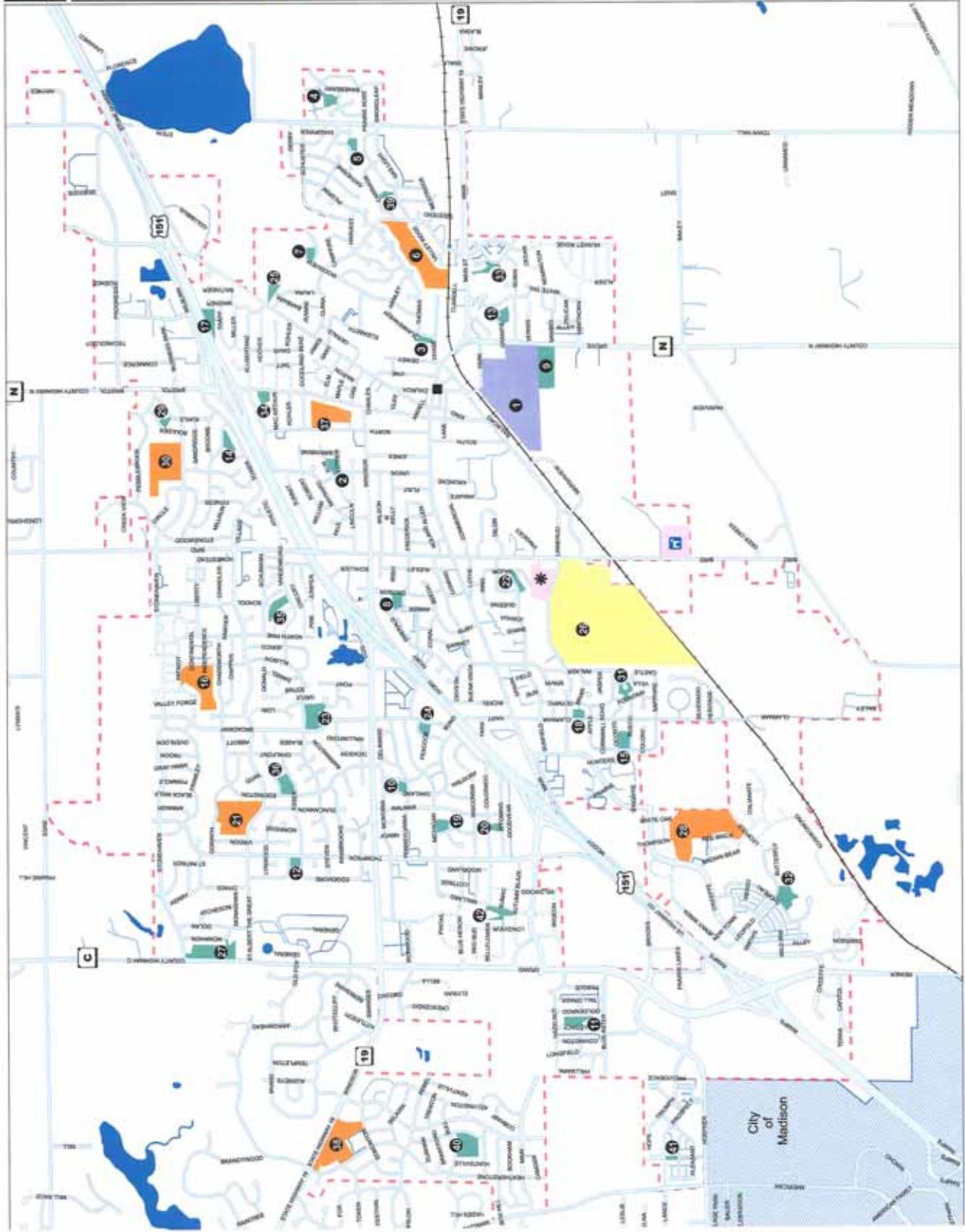
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- Future Street
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- Railroad
- City Limit
- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park
- Citywide Park
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- Special Use
- Family Aquatic Center
- Pet Exercise Area
- Canopy Square Plaza

Neighborhoods

- 1 Angel (private)
- 2 Berkshire
- 3 Blenheim
- 4 Blooming Meadows
- 5 Cardinal Crest
- 6 Carriage Hills Estates
- 7 Carriage Hills
- 8 Darnton
- 9 East Meadow
- 10 Evergreen
- 11 Fox Point
- 12 Oakway
- 13 Glacier Crossing
- 14 Graniche
- 15 Hunter's Ridge
- 16 Liberty
- 17 Memorial
- 18 Mary Meadow
- 19 Oakridge
- 20 Oakview
- 21 Orfan
- 22 President Run
- 23 Restone
- 24 Royal Oaks
- 25 Solley
- 26 Sheehan
- 27 Shomas Highlands
- 28 Smith's Crossing
- 29 Stoneham
- 30 Stoneridge Estates
- 31 Sunny Valley
- 32 Thomas
- 33 Uplands
- 34 Valley
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- 36 Westwynde
- 37 Wetmore
- 38 Wyndham Hills
- 39 Willowbrook
- 40 Windy Ridge
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Existing Parks and Schools

Legend

- Street
- Future Street
- Private Road
- Railroad
- City Limit
- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park
- Citywide Park
- Private Park
- Special Use
- School
- Family Aquatic Center
- Ped Exercise Area
- Canine Square Plaza

PARKS

- 1 Angel (private)
- 2 Skokholm
- 3 Blenheim
- 4 Blooming Meadows
- 5 Cardinal Crest
- 6 Carriage Hills Estates
- 7 Devon
- 8 East Meadow
- 9 Evergreen
- 10 Fox Point
- 11 Gateway
- 12 Glacier Crossing
- 13 Greenview
- 14 Hunter's Ridge
- 15 Liberty
- 16 Mansfield
- 17 Milky Meadow
- 18 Carriage
- 19 Oakview
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- 21 Pleasant Run
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- 26 Shona Highlands
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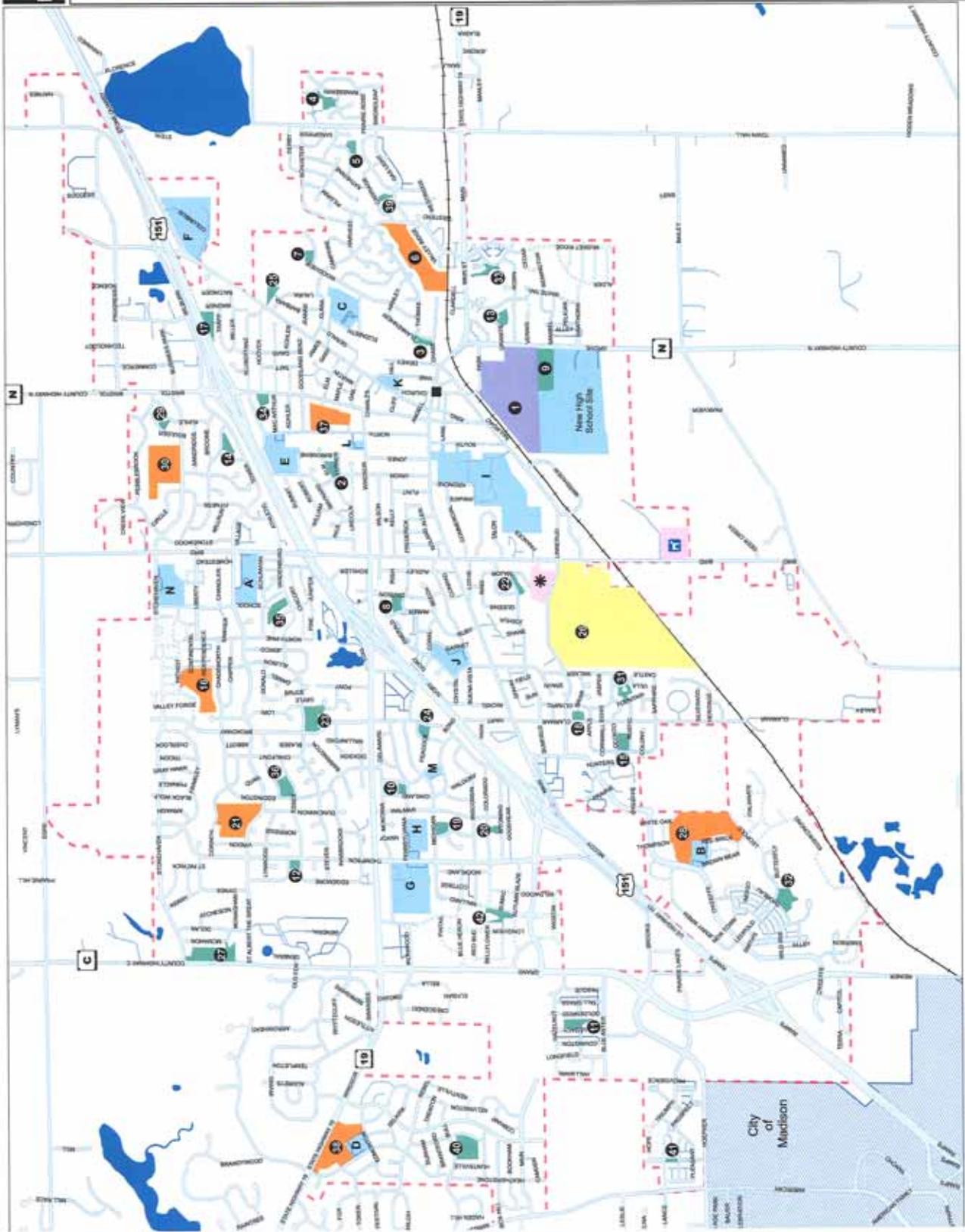
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- C Eastside Elementary
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- E Northside Elementary
- F Frick Marsh Middle
- G Prairie View Middle
- H Royal Oaks Elementary
- I Sun Prairie High School
- J Westside Elementary

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

- K Sacred Hearts
- L Peace Lutheran
- M Calvary Baptist Christian
- N Peace Lutheran

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Neighborhood Park Service Areas

Legend

- Street
- Future Street
- Private Road
- Railroad
- City Limit
- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park
- Citywide Park
- Private Park
- Special Use
- Neighborhood Park Service Area (1/4 mile radius)
- Future Neighborhood Park Service Area
- Family Aquatic Center
- Pet Exercise Area
- Cannery Square Plaza

Neighborhood Park Service Areas (1/4 mile radius)

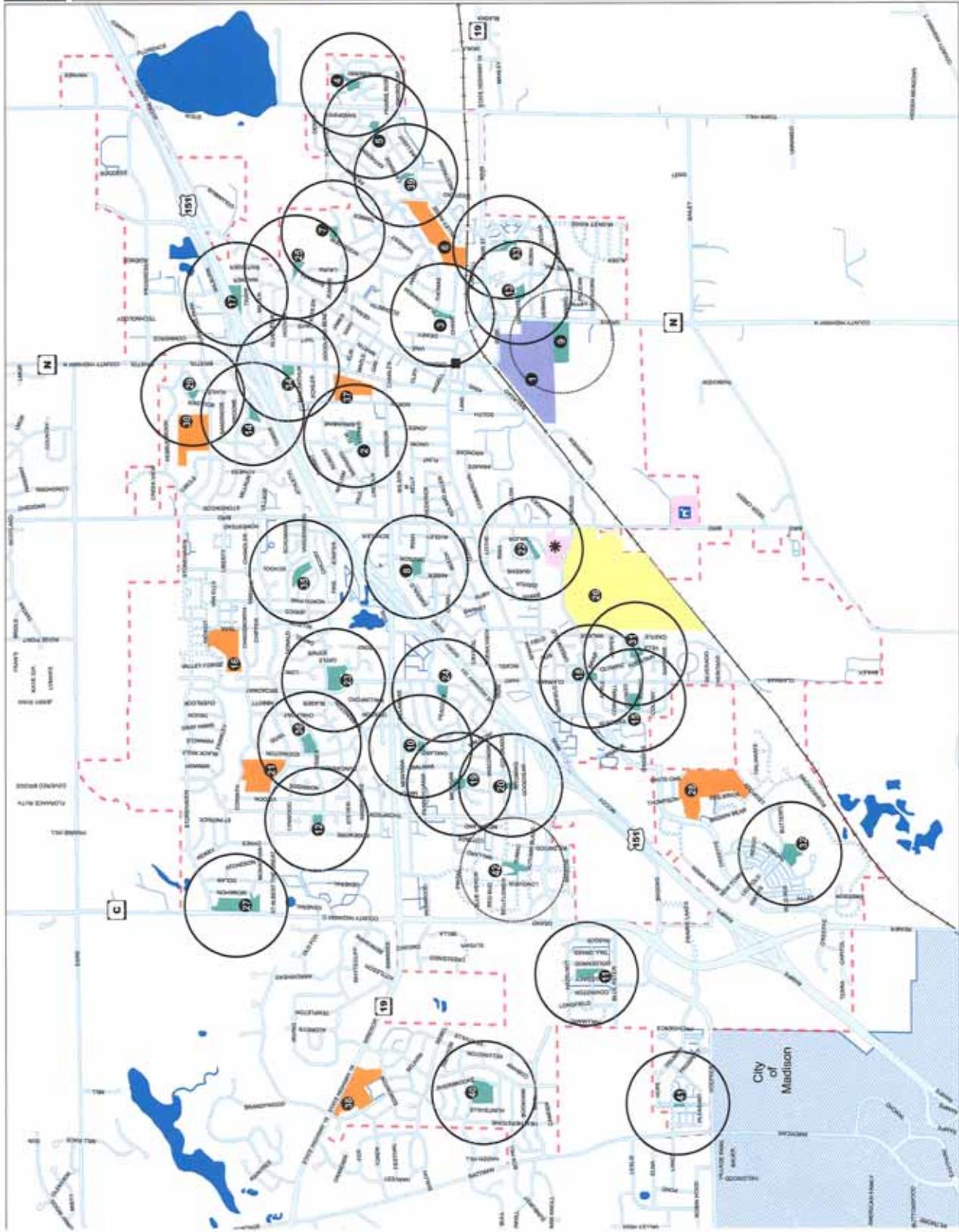
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- 9 East Meadow
- 10 Evergreen
- 11 Fox Point
- 12 Gateway
- 13 Glacier Crossing
- 14 Grandview
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- 16 Liberty
- 17 Memorial
- 18 Misty Meadow
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- 23 Rolstone
- 24 Royal Oaks
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- 28 Smith's Crossing
- 29 Stonehaven
- 30 Stoneridge Estates
- 31 Sunny Valley
- 32 Thoreau
- 33 Uphands
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- 35 Wendenburg Heights
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- 37 Watmore
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Community and Citywide Park Service Areas

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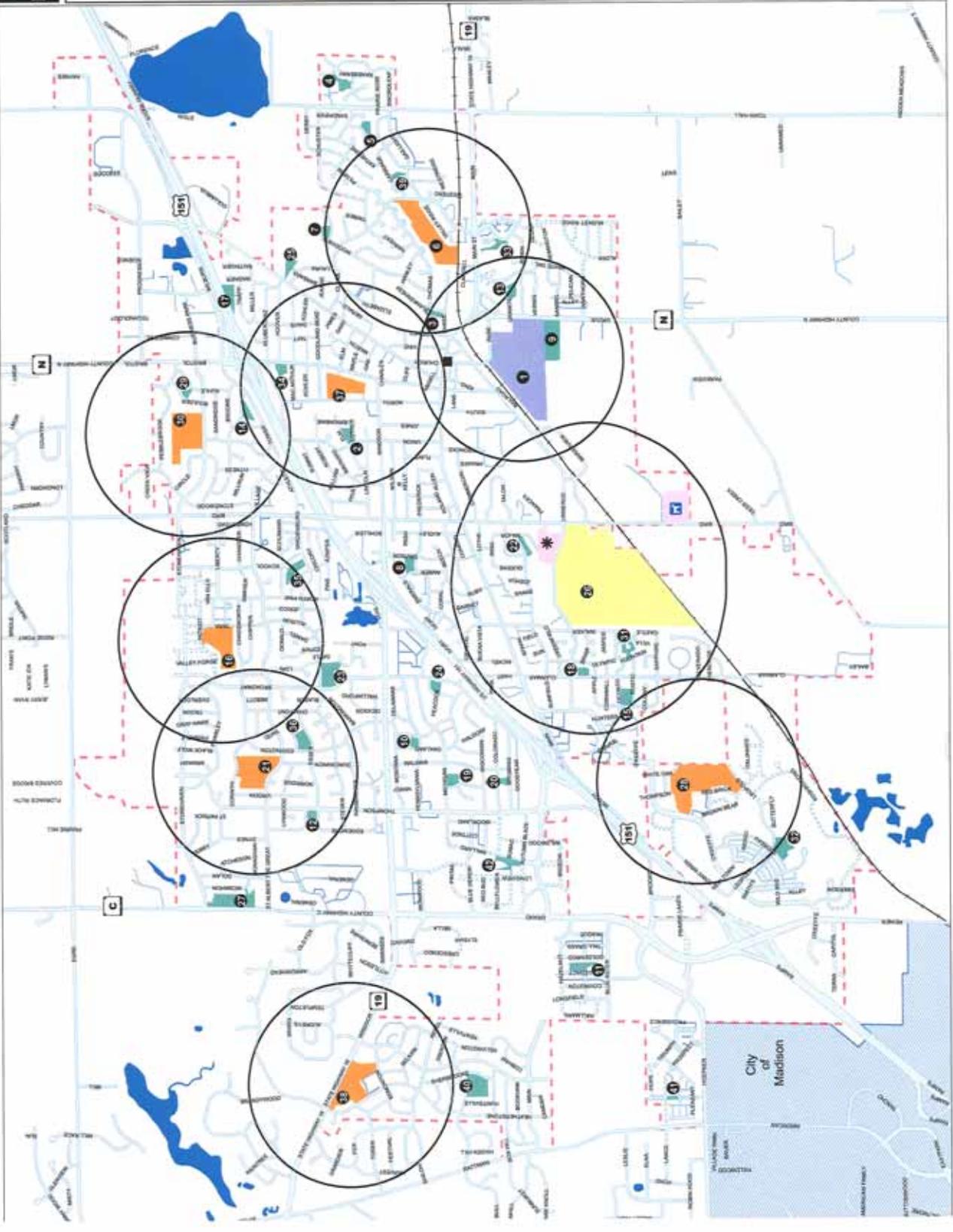
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- Private Park
- Special Use
- Community & Citywide Park Service Area (1/3 mile radius)
- Family Aquatic Center
- Pet Exercise Area
- Canopy Square Plaza

- PARKS**
- 1 Angell (private)
 - 2 Briskbire
 - 3 Blankenheim
 - 4 Blooming Meadows
 - 5 Cardinal Crest
 - 6 Carriage Hills Estates
 - 7 Carriage Hills
 - 8 Davison
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 - 10 Evergreen
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 - 30 Stoneridge Estates
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 - 33 Uplands
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 - 35 Vandenburg Heights
 - 36 Westeynde
 - 37 Walmore
 - 38 Wyrtham Hills
 - 39 Willowbrook
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 - 41 Unnamed
 - 42 Unnamed

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School/Park Service Areas

Legend

- Road
- Future street
- Private Road
- Railroad
- City Limit
- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park
- Citywide Park
- Private Park
- Special Use
- School
- School/Park Service Areas (1/2 mile radius)
- Future School/Park Service Area
- Family Aquatic Center
- Pet Exercise Area
- Canary Square Plaza

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- A C. H. Bird Elementary
- B. Crookside Elementary
- C. Eastside Elementary
- D. Horizon Elementary
- E. Northside Elementary
- F. Patrick Marsh Middle
- G. Prairie View Middle
- H. Royal Oaks Elementary
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- L. Peace Lutheran
- M. Calvary Baptist Christian
- N. Peace Lutheran

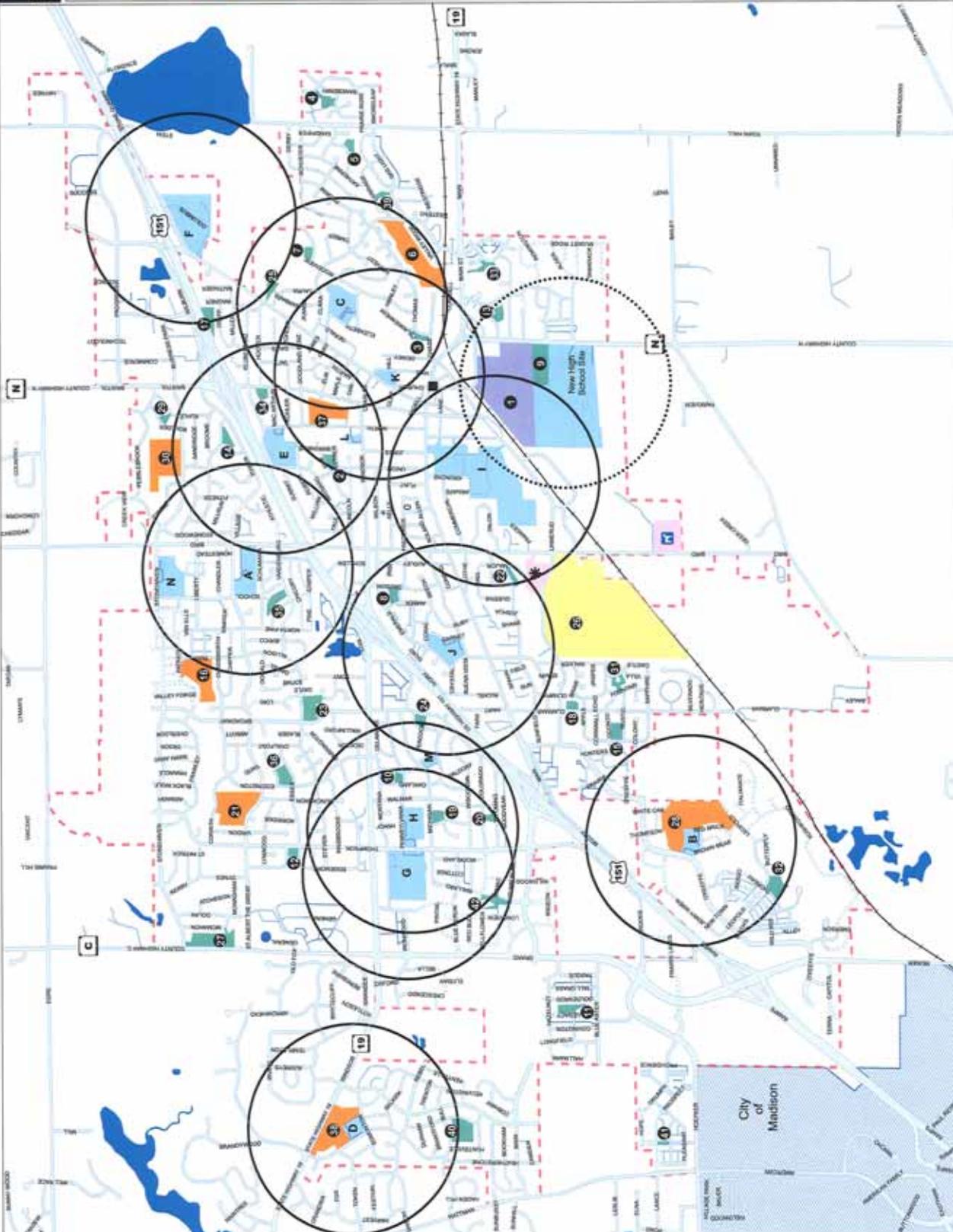
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- 8. Davison
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- 12. Gateway
- 13. Glacier Crossing
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- 18. Misty Meadow
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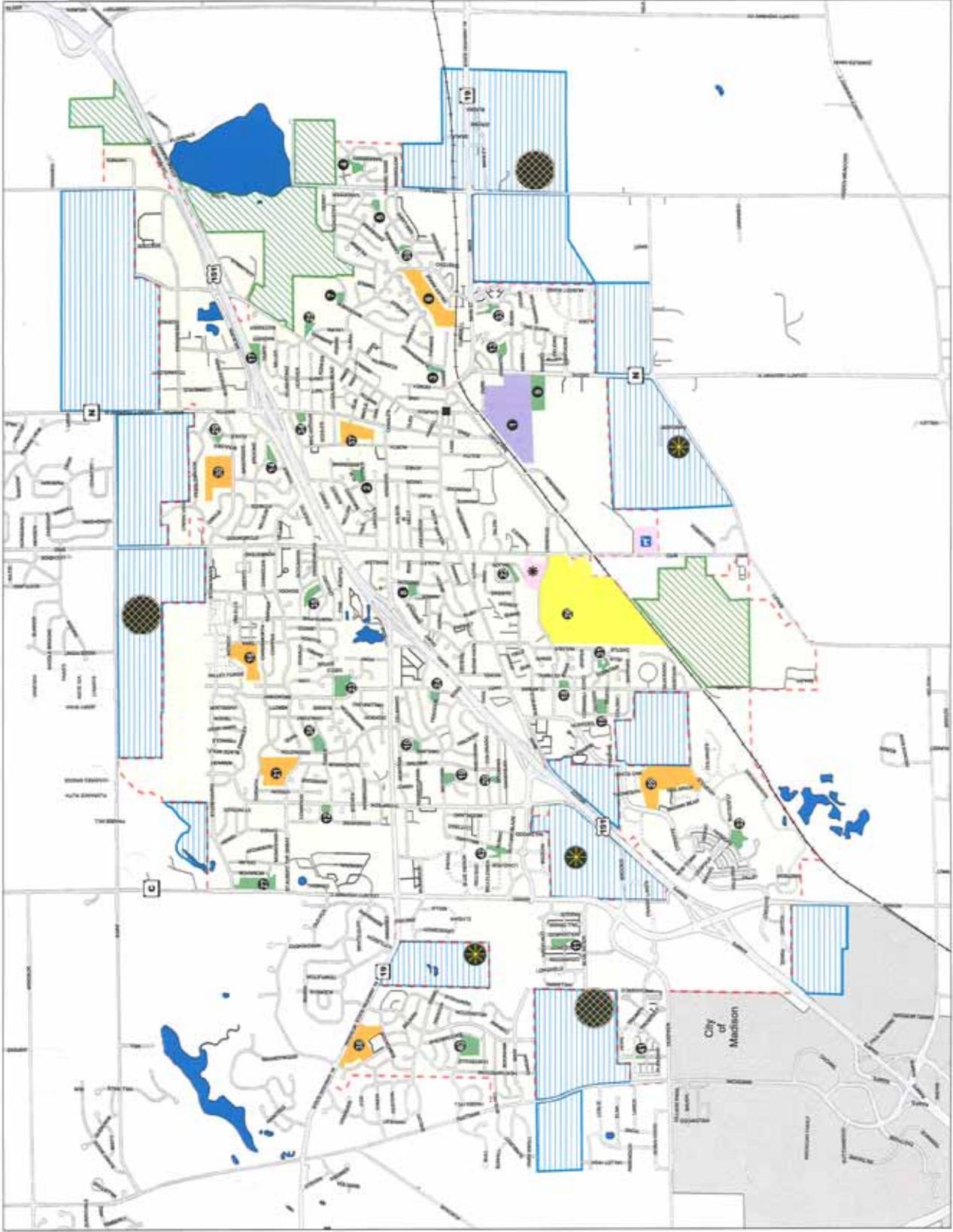
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 - Existing Private Park
 - Existing Special Use
 - Family Aquatic Center
 - Pet Exercise Area
 - Canine Square Plaza
 - Planned Open Space
 - Future Growth Area
 - Future Community Park
 - Future Neighborhood Park

- PARKS**
- 1 Angel (private)
 - 2 Beckwith
 - 3 Blankenheim
 - 4 Blooming Meadows
 - 5 Cardinal Crest
 - 6 Carriage Hills Estates
 - 7 Carriage Hills
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 - 9 East Meadow
 - 10 Evergreen
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Pedestrian Trails/Routes
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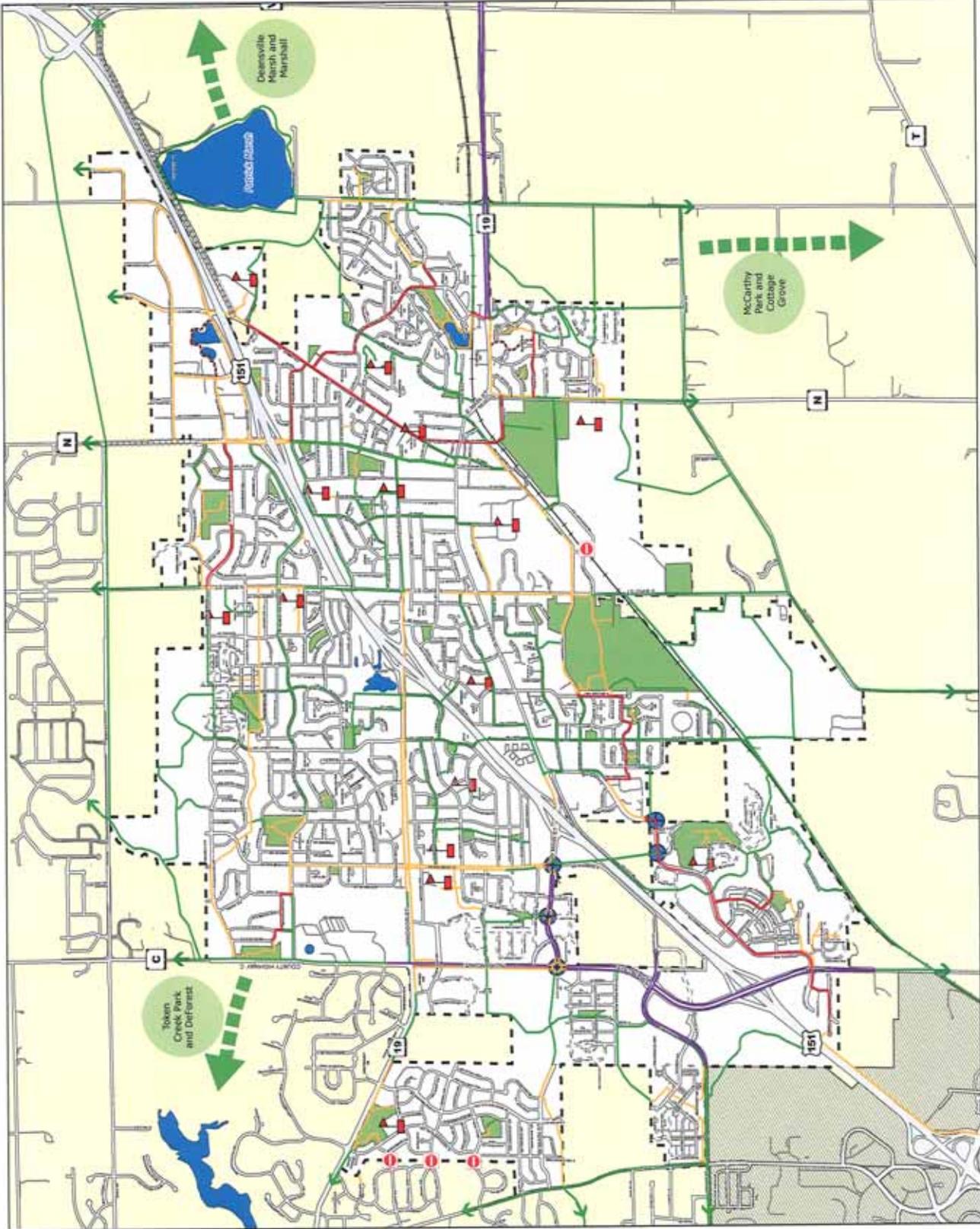
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 - Multi-Use Path
 - Unpaved Multi-Use Path
 - Rural Bike Route
 - Proposed Route/Path
 - ▲ Schools
 - Parks
 - City of Sun Prairie
 - Public Street
 - Future Public Street
 - Road Block
 - Roundabout
 - Railway
 - City of Madison
 - Water



Notes:

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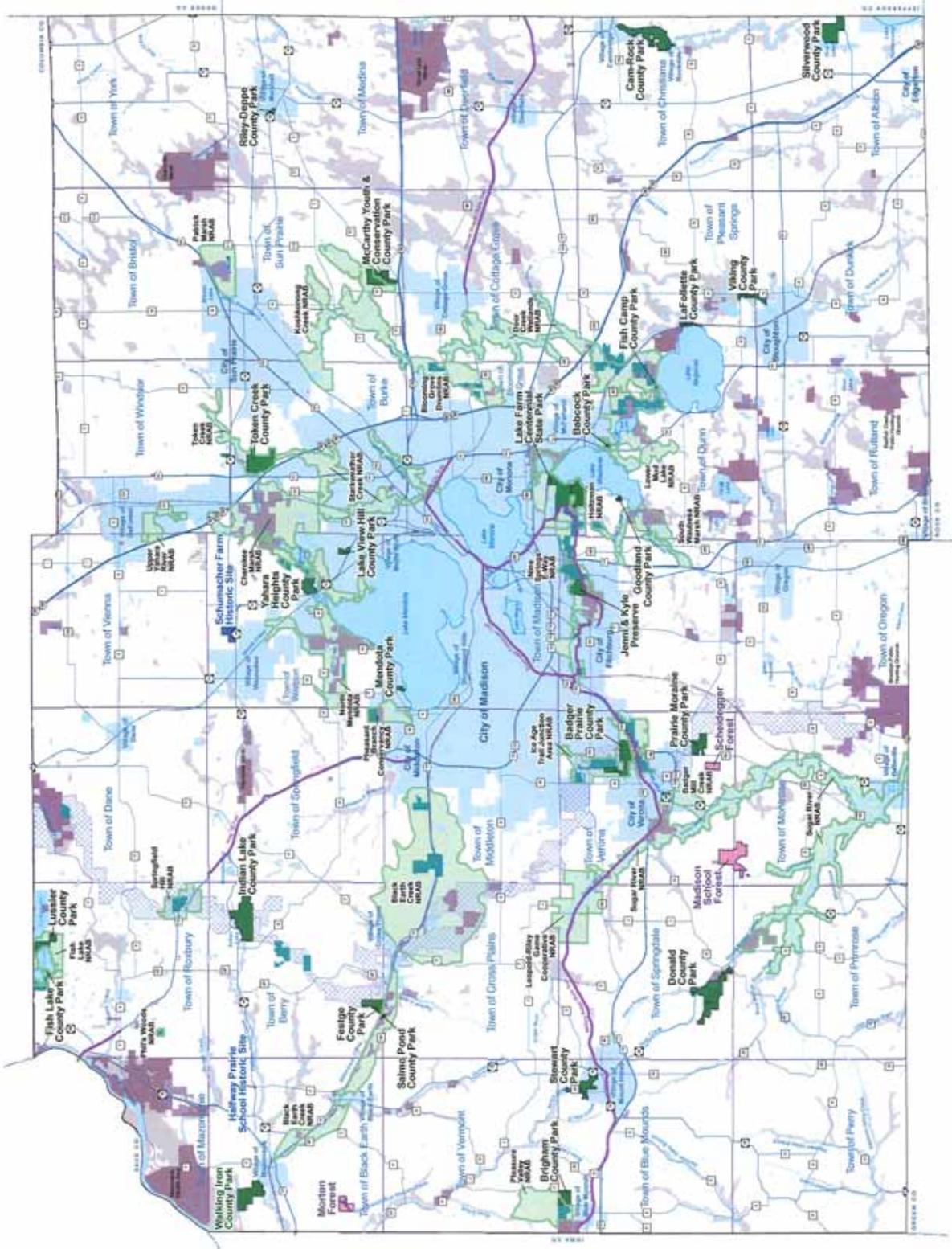
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- Recreation Park
 - Forest*
 - Historical/Cultural Site
 - Natural Resource Area Property
- Dane County Natural Resource Project Areas (NRPA)**
- Natural Resource Area Boundary (NRAB)
 - Ice Age National Scenic Trail Corridor



- Reference Layers**
- County & State Blue/Pedestrian Trail
 - State/Federal Land
 - Environmental Corridor
 - Urban Service Area
 - Major Road
 - Railroad
 - Lake/Pond
 - Stream/River
 - Township Boundary



Dane County Park Commission and its various School District
 Data Sources: Aerial & Community Service
 Information/Cultural Sites and Natural Resource Area
 (NRPA) (June 2006)
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 Urban Service Area (July 2006)
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9. Goals & Plan Recommendations

2009-2013 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE GOALS AND PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

GOALS

The goals of the 2009-2013 Parks & Open Space Plan provide a guide and direction for the development and implementation of the plan. The goals and recommendations listed within this plan are meant to guide the City of Sun Prairie in its planning, maintaining, development and acquisition of parks, open space areas and other facilities during the next five years. These goals are reflective of the mission statement of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.

- Ensure that all residents of Sun Prairie have adequate park facilities available to them within walking distance for neighborhood parks and within a reasonable distance for community and citywide parks.
- Provide a connected bicycle/pedestrian path system connecting parks, schools and other recreational facilities to residential and commercial neighborhoods.
- Provide for and sustain a wide range of well maintained parks, recreation facilities and special use areas for all residents.
- Ensure that all residents are provided with safe and reliable parks and recreation equipment and facilities throughout the park system.

CITIZEN COMMENTS-Comments from citizens that have been received are offered for support for the plan recommendations:

- Add a playground structure at the Westside Community Service Building.
- Expand the playground equipment at Pheasant Run Park.
- Add a mulch pathway through the wooded area at Pet Exercise Area.
- Provide a nature center in the community.
- Explore the possibility of adding soccer/lacrosse fields or a soccer complex on the west side of Sun Prairie on land owned by Madison, in Sheehan Park or potentially Angell Park.
- Add a prairie grass maze in one of the parks for kids to expose them to nature up close.
- Provide an access to the Thompson/Broadway woods area entrance.
- Replace all wood benches and picnic tables in the parks with longer lasting equipment.

PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recognized that not all of these plan recommendations may be achieved during this time period. These recommendations as they relate to planning and acquiring areas for distant future needs must be actively pursued and constantly evaluated.

Recommendations in this section are divided into the following focus areas: Policy Decisions, Family Aquatic Center, Bike Paths, Neighborhood/Community/Citywide Parks, Playgrounds, Pet Exercise Area, Forestry and Planning/Acquisition. A listing of Park Maintenance needs follows the recommendations.

POLICY DECISIONS

- Adopt and implement proposed facility inspection policy with inspection checklists for FAC, shelters, athletic fields/bleachers/fencing and bridges, etc.
- Adopt playground equipment replacement schedule by priority, park, age, condition and use.
- Evaluate and identify the status of grooming cross country ski trails during the winter months and signing the trails for skiers only. Manpower available to groom trails is very scarce after snow falls do to extensive snow plowing operations.
- Evaluate and identify the status of having the Wetmore Park warming house during ice skating season due to lack of personnel to staff/supervise the facility.
- Evaluate and identify the number of outdoor ice skating rinks to be maintained during winter.
- Establish a Friends of the Parks group and/or an Adopt-A-Park program for each park area to assist on a regular basis with spring clean up, litter patrol, weeding, reporting vandalism, etc.
- Explore methods to make use of “Green” technologies (energy efficiency and alternative energy such as solar powered lights, skylights in shelter restrooms, motion detector lights, etc) to save money over the long term.

FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

- Investigate the proper course of action to address the waterslide tower platform rusting condition.
- Have pool drains become in compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act in 2009.
- Schedule the replacement of the waterslide prior to 2010.
- Schedule sandblasting and repainting of two pool shells.
- Install additional shade shelters.
- Schedule some new improvements for pool users, such as an additional water play feature, small entertainment center, etc.
- Designate funds for replacement items from within the City’s Park Fund.
- Determine a schedule for necessary maintenance and replacements, including building roofs, concession equipment and bathhouse equipment.

BIKE PATHS

The planning, development and maintenance of the bicycle paths within the City of Sun Prairie is a combined effort involving four City of Sun Prairie Departments, including Parks, Recreation & Forestry, Public Works, Planning and Engineering. While some of the recommendations listed below are within city parks, most of these involve the entire city network of paths. All of these recommendations will be forwarded to the involved Departments for their use and information. The recommendations listed are not in order of priority.

PARK PATHS

- Consult the recommendations of the City of Sun Prairie Safe Routes to School Plan when prioritizing potential path installations and pedestrian improvements within and near parks and other public use/recreational facilities.
- Connect Orfan Park to bicycle path behind homes on Frawley Drive by pathway connection via bridge/boardwalk.
- Connect Colonial Club to Carriage Hills Estates Park via bike path on city land.

- Connect the bike path in Smith's Crossing from Thoreau Park to the Smith's Crossing Community Park- (developer's responsibility).
- Development of walking trails and bicycle paths should be completed when the Koshkonong Stormwater/Wildlife Facility is developed south of Sheehan Park.

CITY PATHS

- Consult the recommendations of the City of Sun Prairie Safe Routes to School Plan when prioritizing potential path installations.
- Seek Highway 151 connection to west side of SP by Providence.
- Repave the bike path along the south side of Windsor Street from Walmar to Broadway and widen the path from 6' to 10'.
- Connect the bike path from Wyndham Hills development to Hwy C/19.
- Work toward developing and completing an entire connected bike path loop in the city and connect it to the regional trail system in Dane County that would go to Token Creek County Park, McCarthy County Park and to Patrick Marsh.
- Extend bike path along Hwy 19/C to Stonehaven Dr. to the north. Work with County, Windsor and Burke to install pathways along Hwy C.
- Decide on the bike path through Patrick Marsh that would connect to the neighborhood to the south.
- Connect Highway 151 to Sheehan Park through Scenic Point development.
- Mark bike lane (on road) when the bike path continues to the road/highway.
- In Providence, Blooming Meadows, and Stoneridge sub-divisions, add exits and curb cuts to the streets from the bike paths. Other locations should be checked for this condition also.

NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY/CITYWIDE PARKS

- Install the shelter, picnic tables and benches at Smith's Crossing Community Park.
- Explore adding restrooms in Smith's Crossing Community Park.
- Construct the Liberty Community Park shelter house with restrooms and decide if this shelter will be enclosed for year round use.
- Replace Sheehan Park softball storage/maintenance/concession building with new building for concessions, storage and restrooms.
- Replace the roof at the Sheehan east shelter house.
- Develop tennis courts in Stoneridge Estates Community Park as per the approved park plan.
- Complete the Renstone Park well-house/shelter with restrooms by SP W&L.
- Put new PVC coated benches, swing chains and picnic tables in existing parks like the new parks have in them.
- Begin the development of the new Fox Point Park neighborhood park.
- Look into adding a new sledding hill in the bottom third of Sheehan Park off of Castle Dr.

PLAYGROUNDS

- Develop yearly schedule for the replacement/addition of safety surfacing for all playgrounds in the park system.
- Replace the Renstone Park playground equipment. Time this improvement with the new well-house/shelter installation.
- Renovate the playground equipment near the Sheehan Park east shelter.
- Conduct regular safety inspections of all playgrounds on a regular basis.

PET EXERCISE AREA

- Add a mulch/gravel path through the area.
- Fill in low spots in the Pet Exercise Area.
- Add an open shelter or some form of shade.
- Add container for used tennis balls/softballs for patrons and pets to use.
- Create a small dog and/or timid dog vs. large dog separate area. Seek input from the users of the PEA to define this area.
- Replace perimeter fence around site.
- Add more lighting for after dark use. Mount at entrance by gate and shine into park.

FORESTRY

- Add a street tree replacement account in the forestry budget in the Park Fund.
- Look into addressing invasive species in wooded areas within the entire park system and develop a plan to address this growing situation.
- Implement Tree Management Plan recommendations for the Forestry Division including:
 - Pruning
 - Removals
 - Routine maintenance
 - Personnel adjustments geared toward additional forestry maintenance
 - Funding for increased workload/work force
 - Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) monitoring and education programs for residents

PLANNING/ACQUISITION

- Add improvements to the outdoor skateboard park. Look into providing an indoor area for skateboarding with a joint venture with the YMCA, Rotary and churches and others.
- Investigate the potential to purchase land adjacent to the Carriage Hill Park for the expansion of this very small park.
- Add some park/open space adjacent to the Providence development.
- As the city continues to grow, add appropriate sized park space and/or natural areas or open spaces to the park system.
- Identify potential locations of new parks and open spaces in association with the City's upcoming update to the Comprehensive Plan.
- The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission should review and evaluate their existing position on recommending what type of parks the City of Sun Prairie should accept or not accept in new developments.
- Continue to work with the Dane County Parks Department, the City of Madison and other agencies in acquisition and planning efforts to link city trails with a regional trail system connecting to the Token Creek County Park, the City of Madison, McCarthy Park, Town of Bristol and the Glacial Drumlin Trail.
- Coordinate any new facilities with the recommendations that are part of the 2005-2010 Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and the 2006-2011 Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan.
- Explore possibilities to provide additional soccer fields or a soccer complex within or adjacent to the City of Sun Prairie.

10. Conclusion

SUMMARY

The City of Sun Prairie has continually recognized the need and benefit of quality parks and recreation programs and facilities for the past thirty-three years. With the support of the Mayor, City Council and the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission, significant strides have been made in the past eight years for providing residents with excellent facilities to enjoy their leisure time.

During this time, planning, development and acquisition of parkland has continued for the benefit of all residents. With the addition of various park sites, the City of Sun Prairie has continued its efforts for the enjoyment of everyone, both now and in the future.

High quality recreational developments are important. These developments are essential to community development, and planning for them must be an ongoing effort. The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department has taken great pride over the years in seeking citizen input into the park planning process with a high level of success. The City of Sun Prairie and the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department will continue to seek this input in future years as we continue to improve our park system for the benefit of our residents.

The recommendations in this plan are numerous, ambitious and far reaching. However, they will be not be accomplished if they are never brought forward for consideration, discussion and action. This plan insures that the City of Sun Prairie will stay as progressive in future years as it has in the past.



II. Appendix

PUBLIC INPUT PARTICIPATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

Comprehensive Plan Open House: Wednesday, July 23rd, 2008

The following questions were presented to participants at the Comprehensive Plan Update Open House held at the Westside Community Service Facility. Results and responses are shown in red.

PARK PREFERENCE AND RECREATIONAL & FACILITY NEEDS

On display please see the map of the City of Sun Prairie park system, a map of environmental corridors and features, and descriptions and photos of different types of parks that may be supported in a community. As you learn about the different types of parks and the variety of activities they provide, think about how you use the parks in Sun Prairie as you answer the questions below.

Q1.a. The park closest to my home is (SEE ATTACHED)

b. Do you use this park regularly? (8) Yes (15) No (1 no answer)

c. If no, please mark the boxes from the list below to indicate why. (Mark all that apply)

- | | |
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| (5) No amenities/facilities offered for my desired activities | (1) Low accessibility: (location or special needs) |
| (3) No bike / walk paths to get there | (1) Parking limitations |
| (2) I'm not an outdoors/park person | (0) Not enough space |
| (0) Lack of maintenance / upkeep | (0) Not a pleasant place to be (noise, view, safety) |

Other: (SEE ATTACHED)

d. The park I go to most often is (SEE ATTACHED)

Q2. What type of park or open space would you use most? (Select your top 3 choices)

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (10) Neighborhood Park | (3) Downtown Park |
| (8) Special Use Park* | (3) Block Park |
| (7) Community Park | (3) Athletic Complex - Indoor |
| (6) City-Wide Park | (3) Parkways |
| (4) Greenways | (1) Regional/Resource Park |
| (4) Athletic Complex -Outdoor | (1) School Park |
| | (0) Heritage Site |
| | (0) Private Park |

* Pet, Dog Park with water, Aquatic Center, Softball-little league, Patrick Lake, bike path around (large areas connected), there are enough parks

Q3. What other park & recreational activities or facilities would you like to see in Sun Prairie?

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| (8) Nature Center | (3) Indoor Sports Complex |
| (8) Other* | (2) Outdoor Sports Complex |
| (4) Formal Gardens (Botanic) | (2) Golf Course |
| (4) Nature Interactive Activities | (2) Passive Open Space |
| (4) Golf Driving Range/Practice Facility | |

* Bike paths (2), running paths, enlarge dog park, ballparks, geocaching, mini-golf, don't need to add expenses to the budget, Providence multi-family area could use a park and/or basketball court for the kids that live there. Less likelihood of getting into trouble.

- Please complete both sides and hand to the station host to validate your players card -

Answers to Question 1a, b, c & d

(a) Closest Park	(b) Use It Regularly? (c) Why?	Closest Park	Park Used Most	(d) Park Used Most Often
Birkinbine	Yes	Neighborhood	Neighborhood	Same (Birkinbine)
Carriage Hills	No - use occasionally City events, band concerts, walking, biking	Neighborhood	Community	Carriage Hills Estates
Evergreen	Yes	Neighborhood	City-Wide Community	Sheehan Orfan and Wetmore
Firemans	No - No bike/walk paths & parking limitations	Private	?	None provided
Grandview	No	Neighborhood	Private	Angel Park
Grandview	No - I don't use a park	Neighborhood	?	None provided
Hunters Ridge	No - No amenities/facilities offered	Neighborhood	City-Wide	Sheehan
Hunters Ridge	No - No amenities/facilities offered	Neighborhood	City-Wide	Sheehan
Liberty	Yes	Community	Neighborhood	Stonehaven
Misty Meadows	No - Low accessibility Looks more like a neighborhood park	Neighborhood	?	None provided
Misty Meadows	No - No amenities/facilities offered Dogs not allowed	Neighborhood	Special Use	Dog Park
Oakridge	Yes Not much in the park mainly open grass	Neighborhood	?	None provided
Orfan	No - No bike/walk paths	Community	Community	Liberty
Orfan	Yes	Community	Community	Same (Orfan)
Orfan	Yes/No - No amenities/facilities offered	Community	?	None provided
Orfan	Yes	Community	Community	Same (Orfan)
Sheehan Park	Yes	City-Wide	City-Wide	Same (Sheehan)
Sheehan Park	no answer - Good park - should allow dogs	City-Wide	?	None provided
Thoreau	No - It's pretty small & very hot - no shade	Neighborhood	Community Private	?, Wyndam Hills Monona Dream Park/YMCA
Thoreau	No - No bike/walk paths Nice park - hard for us (Providence) to get to safely	Neighborhood	Neighborhood	Same (Thoreau)
Wetmore	Yes	Community	Special Use	Dog Park
Wetmore	No - I'm not a park person	Community	City-Wide	Sheehan
Wetmore	No - My backyard is like a park	Community	City-Wide	Sheehan
Wetmore	No - no answer	Community	?	None provided

12/24 Live closest to a Neighborhood Park
 9/24 Live closest to a Community Park
 2/24 Live closest to a City-Wide Park
 1/24 Live closest to a Private Park

6/24 Use a Community Park most often
 6/24 Use a City-Wide Park most often
 3/24 Use a Neighborhood Park most often
 2/24 Use a Private Park most often
 2/24 Use a Special-Use Park most often
 7/24 Did not provide an answer
 1/24 Do not use a park
 26/24 * (2 extra answers provided)

- Although Neighborhood Parks was selected the most (10/24) as one of the top three park choices people would use, only 3/24 respondents actually use them. Rather, 5/10 use a larger park, 2/10 use a special use or private park, and 1/10 don't use a park.
- Overall, 7/24 use a larger park than the park located nearest their homes.

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CULTURAL & CIVIC FACILITIES

Q4. What other facilities for cultural and community events, would you like to see in Sun Prairie?

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (11) Public Market | (5) Band Shell/Pavilion |
| (8) Performance/Cultural Arts Center | (4) Community Theater |
| (8) Performance Areas/Amphitheater | (4) Other* |
| (6) Public Art/Monuments/Fountains | (2) Arts Center/Gallery |
| (6) Tech. School/Community College | |
| (6) Youth Center | |

* Good enough for now, don't need to add additional cost to budget – taxes are high enough

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION

Q5. The public opinion survey indicated that 71% of respondents support the use of alternative energy sources at city buildings and facilities. In this two part question, place a mark in the appropriate column to indicate (1) which of the following energy conserving methods you would support, and (2) if you would continue to support these measures if it meant a higher initial investment of public funding now with reduced long-term costs?

Energy Efficiency Method	Support Method	Support Funding
Solar Panels	17	12
Geothermal	18	11
Hybrid Vehicles	13	6
Wind Power	12	6
Education on energy efficient practices (i.e. City website, mailings)	10	7
Prairie restoration at parks and City facilities (one comment: silly)	10	4
Incentives for LEED rated buildings	9	6
Stricter regulations and limits on new pollutant discharging industries	8	6
Green Roofs	8	3
Consider and evaluate environmental effects of City Policy decisions on daily operations	6	3

(1) Other: Make schools & other public buildings more energy efficient

Q6. Which of the following energy conservation methods would you consider for your home?

- (15) Buying products and services at local businesses and farmers markets
- (14) Participation in public utility programs and incentives to promote energy efficiency
- (11) Landscaping with native plants and tree placement for passive solar cooling benefits
- (8) Water conservation with rain gardens and rain barrels
- (8) Renewable energy methods (such as solar hot water and electric, wind, geothermal heat pump)
- (6) Purchase of a home built on a smaller lot to reduce infrastructure costs and preserve more land for parks and open space (one comment: this is bogus reasoning. Only the developers benefit from this!)
- (1) Other: Better insulation

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The park closest to my home is _____ (Park name or map #).

Do you use this park regularly? Yes No

If no, please mark the boxes from the list below to indicate why. (Mark all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No amenities/facilities offered for my desired activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Low accessibility: (location or special needs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of maintenance / upkeep | <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No bike / walk paths to get there | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking limitations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not a pleasant place to be (noise, view, safety) | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not an outdoors/park person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

The park I go to most often is _____ (Park name or map #).

What type of park or open space would you use most? (Select your top 3 choices)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Park | <input type="checkbox"/> School Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Athletic Complex - Outdoor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City-Wide Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Athletic Complex - Indoor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Parkways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Use Park* | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional/Resource Park |

*Please specify the special use _____

What would you like to see in Sun Prairie parks that are not currently offered?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Areas/Amphitheater | <input type="checkbox"/> Formal Gardens (Botanic) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Art/Monuments/Fountains | <input type="checkbox"/> Passive Open Space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Driving Range/Practice Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Interactive/Interpretive Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Center/Gallery | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

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Energy Efficiency Method	Support Method	Support Funding
Solar Panels/Photovoltaics (what does this mean?)		
Geothermal		
Wind power		
Green roofs		
Integration of environmental considerations into strategic decision and daily operations (need to clarify this)		
Prairie restoration at parks and City facilities		
Incentives for LEED rated buildings		
Stricter regulations and limits on new pollutant discharging industries		
Education on energy efficient practices (i.e. City website, mailings)		

Other: _____

Which of the following energy conservation methods would you consider for your home?

- Landscaping with native plants and tree placement for passive solar cooling benefits
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- Participation in public utility programs and incentives to promote energy efficiency
- Renewable energy methods (such as solar hot water and electric, wind, geothermal heat pump)
- A hybrid or electric vehicle???? (include on this list?? How would this potentially influence city policy?)
- Purchase of a home built on a smaller lot to reduce infrastructure costs and preserve more land for parks and open space
- Other: _____

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Input Please

SPPRF seeks resident comments for plan update

Public Input Meeting:
Wednesday,
Oct. 1
starting at
4:30 p.m. at
the Westside
Community
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2598 W.
Main

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Input is defined as contributing information or work, and Sun Prairie residents will definitely get the chance to provide information on Wednesday, Oct. 1 when the Sun Prairie Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission will conduct a public input meeting at the Westside Community Service Building, 2598 W. Main.

During the meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m., city residents will have the opportunity to talk with commission members about their ideas for the future of Sun Prairie's parks and open spaces.

The comments and suggestions will assist the SPPRF Department while it develops the 2009-13 Sun Prairie Parks & Open Space Plan.

"Hopefully by the end of the year, I'm going to complete the writing of the *Parks & Open Space Plan* and included in that are recommendations about what will happen to the park system in the next five years," SPPRF Director Bob Holling said in a recent article in *The Star*.

Those happenings include new park development, any potential park land acquisitions, development of bike paths or trail systems, maintenance and trail connections.

"What we want people to do is give us input (that) 'hey, we think it's a great idea that you're going to connect the bike path out here at Highway 19,' or the city is thinking about that, or 'we need more playgrounds in the city' or perhaps getting rid of the wooden park benches that people like to break . . . so it's a chance for people to reinforce things like that . . . they're going to get up to three minutes to indicate 'we like this idea, we like this idea,' et cetera," Holling said.

Following the Oct. 1 meeting, Holling will be writing the plan. After the plan is completed, it will be presented to the Sun Prairie Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission, then to the Sun Prairie Plan Commission and then to the Sun Prairie City Council for final approval.

Individuals who want to provide comments should send them to Holling via e-mail at rholling@cityofsunprairie.com or call the SPPRF office at 837-3449.

Will the parks be what you want them to be? Your input is requested.

The Current Used Guidelines:

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) recognizes the importance of establishing and using park and recreation standards as:

- A national expression of minimum acceptable facilities for the citizens of urban and rural communities.
- A guideline to determine land requirements for various kinds of park and recreation areas and facilities.
- A basis for relating recreational needs to spatial analysis within a community-wide system of parks and open space areas.
- One of the major structuring elements that can be used to guide and assist regional development.
- A means to justify the need for parks and open space within the overall land-use pattern of a region or community.

The purpose of these guidelines is to present park and recreation space standards that are applicable nationwide for planning, acquisition, and development of park, recreation, and open space lands, primarily at the community level. **These standards should be viewed as a guide.** They address minimum, not maximum, goals to be achieved. The standards are interpreted according to the particular situation to which they are applied and specific local needs. A variety of standards have been developed by professional and trade associations which are used throughout the country. The standard derived from early studies of park acreages located within metropolitan areas was the expression of acres of park land per unit of population. Over time, the figure of 10 acres per 1,000 population came to be the commonly accepted standard used by a majority of communities. Other standards adopted include the "percent of area" approach, needs determined by user characteristics and participation projections, and area use based on the carrying capacity of the land. The fact that some of the standards have changed substantially is not an indication of their obsolescence. Changes are a measure of the growing awareness and understanding of both participant and resource (land, water, etc.) limitations. Parks are for people. Park, recreation, and planning professionals must integrate the art and science of park management in order to balance such park and open space resource values as water supply, air quality, etc.

Since each town, locality, park, and area have different demographics, we have provided a table on the next few pages which suggests minimum goals to be achieved as a "National Standard".

ACTIVITY/ FACILITY	RECOMMENDED SPACE REQUIREMENTS	RECOMMENDED SIZE AND DIMENSIONS	RECOMMENDED ORIENTATION	NO. OF UNITS PER POPULATION	SERVICE RADIUS	LOCATION NOTES
Badminton	1620 sq. ft.	Singles – 17'x44' Doubles – 20'x44'	Long axis north-south	1 per 5000	¼ - 1/2 mile	Usually in school, recreation center or church facility. Safe walking or bike access.
Basketball	2400-3036 sq. ft.	46-50'x84'	Long axis north-south	1 per 5000	¼ - ½ mile	Same as badminton. Outdoor courts in neighborhood and community parks, plus active recreation areas in other park settings.
1. Youth 2. High School 3. Collegiate	5040-7280 sq. ft. 5600-7980 sq. ft.	50'x84' 50'x94' with 5' unobstructed space on all sides				

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Handball (3-4 wall)	800 sq. ft. for 4-wall 1000 for 3-wall	20'x40' - Minimum of 10' to rear of 3-wall court. Minimum 20' overhead clearance	Long axis north-south. Front wall at north end.	1 per 20,000	15-30 minute travel time	4-wall usually indoor as part of multi-purpose facility. 3-wall usually outdoor in park or school setting
Ice Hockey	22,000 sq. ft. including support area	Rink 85'x200' (minimum 85'x185') Additional 5000 sq. ft. support area	Long axis north-south if outdoor	Indoor - 1 per 100,000 Outdoor - depends on climate	½ - 1 hour travel time	Climate important consideration affecting no. of units. Best as part of multi-purpose facility.
Tennis	Minimum of 7,200 sq. ft. single court (2 acres for complex)	36'x78'. 12' clearance on both sides; 21' clearance on both ends.	Long axis north-south	1 court per 2000	¼-1/2 mile	Best in batteries of 2-4. Located in neighborhood/community park or adjacent to school
Volleyball	Minimum of 4,000 sq. ft.	30'x60'. Minimum 6' clearance on all sides	Long axis north-south	1 per 5000	¼ - ½ mile	Same as other court activities (e.g. badminton)
Baseball 1. Official 2. Little League	3.0-3.85 A minimum 1.2 A minimum	Baselines - 90' Pitching distance 60 ½' foul lines - min. 320' Center field - 400'+ Baselines - 60' Pitching distance - 46' Foul lines - 200' Center field - 200' - 250'	Locate home plate to pitcher throwing across sun and batter not facing it. Line from home plate through pitchers mound run east-north-east.	1 per 5000 Lighted 1 per 30,000	¼ - ½ mile	Part of neighborhood complex. Lighted fields part of community complex.
Field Hockey	Minimum 1.5 A	180' x 300' with a minimum of 6' clearance on all sides.	Fall season - long axis northwest to southwest. For longer periods north-south	1 per 20,000	15-30 minutes travel time	Usually part of baseball, football, soccer complex in community park or adjacent to high school.
Football	Minimum 1.5 A	160' x 360' with a minimum of 6' clearance on all sides.	Same as field hockey.	1 per 20,000	15-30 minutes travel time	Same as field hockey.
Soccer	1.7 - 2.1 A	195' to 225'x330' to 360' with a minimum 10' clearance all sides.	Same as field hockey.	1 per 10,000	1-2 miles	Number of units depends on popularity. Youth soccer on smaller fields adjacent to schools or neighborhood parks.
Golf-driving Range	13.5 A for minimum of 25 tees	900'x690' wide. Add 12' width for each additional tee.	Long axis south-west-northeast with golfer driving toward northeast.	1 per 50,000	30 minutes travel time.	Part of a golf course complex. As separate unit may be privately owned.
¼ Mile Running Track	4.3 A	Overall width - 276' Length - 600.02' Track width for 8 to 4 lanes is 32'.	Long axis in sector from north to south to north-west-south-east with finish line at northerly end.	1 per 20,000	15-30 minutes travel time	Usually part of high school, or in community park complex in combination with football, soccer, etc.
Softball	1.5 to 2.0 A	Baselines - 60' Pitching distance- 46' min. 40' women. Fast pitch field Radius from Plate - 225' Between foul Lines. Slow Pitch - 275' (men) 250'(women)	Same as baseball	1 per 5,000 (if also used for youth baseball)	¼ - ½ mile	Slight differences in dimensions for 16" slow pitch. May also be used for youth baseball.
Multiple Recreation Court (basketball, volleyball, tennis)	9, 840 sq. ft.	120' x 80'	Long axis of courts with primary use is north-south	1 per 10,000	1-2 miles.	
Trails	N/A	Well defined head maximum 10' width, maximum average grade is 5% not to exceed 15%. Capacity rural trails - 40 hikers/day/mile. Urban trails - 90 hikers/day/mile.	N/A	1 system per region	N/A	

ACTIVITY/ FACILITY	RECOMMENDED SPACE REQUIREMENTS	RECOMMENDED SIZE AND DIMENSIONS	RECOMMENDED ORIENTATION	NO. OF UNITS PER POPULATION	SERVICE RADIUS	LOCATION NOTES
Archery Range	Minimum 0.65 A	300' Length x Minimum 10' wide between targets. Roped clear space on sides of range minimum 30', clear space behind targets minimum of 90'x45' with bunker.	Archer facing north = or - 45 degrees.	1 per 50,000	30 minutes travel time	Part of regional or metro park complex.
Combination Skeet and Trap Field (8 Stations)	Minimum 30 A	All walks and structures occur within an area approximately 130' wide by 115' deep. Minimum cleared area is contained within 2 superimposed segments with 100-yard radii (4 acres). Shot-fall danger zone is contained within 2 superimposed segments with 300-yard radii (36 acres).	Center line of length runs northeast-southwest with shooter facing northeast.	1 per 50,000	30 minutes travel time	Part of regional/metro park complex
Golf 1. Par 3 (18 hole) 2. 9-hole standard 3. 18-hole standard	50-60 A Minimum 50 A Minimum 110 A	Average length vary 600-2700 yd. Average length --2250 yards Average length 6500 yards	Majority of holes on north-south axis	 1/25,000 1/50,000	 ½ to 1 hour travel time	9 hole course can accommodate 350 people/day. 18 hole course can accommodate 500-550 people/day. Course may be located in community or district park, but should not be over 20 miles from population center.
Swimming Pools	Varies on size of pool and amenities. Usually ¼ to 2 A site.	<i>Teaching</i> - minimum of 25 yards x 45' even depth of 3 to 4 ft. <i>Competitive</i> - minimum of 25 m x 16 m. Minimum of 27 square feet of water surface per swimmer. Ratios of 2:1 deck vs. water.	None-although care must be taken in siting of lifeguard stations in relation to afternoon sun.	1 per 20,000 (Pools should accommodate 3 to 5% of total population at a time.)	15 to 30 minutes travel time	Pools for general community use should be planned for teaching, competitive and recreational purposes with enough depth (3.4m) to accommodate 1m and 3m diving boards. Located in community park or school site.
Beach Areas	N/A	Beach area should have 50 sq. ft. of land and 50 sq. ft. of water per user. Turnover rate is 3. There should be 3-4 A supporting land per A of beach.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Should have sand bottom with slope maximum of 5 % (flat preferable). Boating areas completely segregated from swimming areas.