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1 INTRODUCTION

This plan has been prepared to guide the City of Wausau in developing public outdoor park and recreation facilities. It also serves as a tool to encourage participation in outdoor recreation grant programs through the Department of Natural Resources and other organizations.

1.1 Executive Summary

Parks are gateways to healthy, prosperous and connected communities. The National Recreation and Park Association names “Three Pillars” by which a healthy park system can benefit a community:

- *Conservation* – Parks play an important role in the conservation of natural resources. These protected open spaces not only benefit the environment but also serve as an important indicator to potential outside investment in the community.
- *Health and Wellness* – Parks are essential in combating important health issues such as obesity and physical inactivity.
- *Social Equity* – Universal access to public parks and recreation should be considered a right, not a privilege. A healthy park system will provide equal access throughout the community.

This Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan sets forth Wausau’s vision for future growth and development of its outdoor recreation parks and facilities. The plan is intended to guide the community’s outdoor recreation facility development through the year 2021.

The existing park system in Wausau includes 36 City managed parks. Many of these parks are neighborhood scale parks with traditional recreational facilities such as playgrounds and open air shelters. The City is also the location of four Marathon County parks. These community parks are not owned by the City but provide additional access to recreation for City residents. There are also numerous school parks within the city limits that can be utilized by local residents for active outdoor recreation (tennis, basketball, etc.).

1.1.1 Wausau Mission Statement

In response to our citizens, we will provide services in the most effective and efficient manner in order to promote and enhance our living environment. Plan and encourage positive growth. Promote a positive community image by encouraging citizen involvement and civic pride.

1.1.2 Statement of Need

The purpose of this project is to develop a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for the City of Wausau, assess the vitality and needs of the current City park system and provide direction for maintenance, growth and programming for the next five to ten years.

As a working tool, the plan will provide officials with a clear understanding of park land inventory and future recreational facility and open space needs. The plan also creates an orderly and prioritized strategy for making incremental improvements. The plan will allow the City to request DNR and other public funding for implementing proposed park improvements.

1.2 Goals and Objectives

The following section identifies goals and objectives to guide the future development or expansion of parks and recreational facilities in Wausau.

Goal 1.2.1: Establish and maintain high quality parks and recreational services.

Objectives:

- a. Ensure the amount of parks and recreational facilities is reflective of community population needs.
- b. Upgrade and improve existing parks and facilities.
 - i. Develop bi-annual inspections and inventory of existing parks facilities to maintain an active log of facilities improvements.
 - ii. Continue funding the replacement of old and deteriorating equipment in all city parks to ensure health, safety and welfare of visitors including playground equipment and safety surfacing.
- c. Pursue funding for park and recreation development and land acquisition.
- d. Pursue the development of revenue generating recreational facilities and activities, which can aid in the development of new facilities and/or the maintenance of existing facilities.

Goal 1.2.2: Offer recreational services in an efficient, effective and economical manner.

Objectives:

- a. Cooperatively work with surrounding municipalities, the school district and other partners.
- b. Conduct periodic reviews of programs and services and their benefit to the community.

Goal 1.2.3: Evaluate and analyze park, open space and recreational services based on the needs of the community.

Objectives:

- a. Encourage citizen involvement with the development of the plan.
- b. Survey community to determine changing needs.

Goal 1.2.4: Promote bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout Wausau.

Objectives:

- a. Improve local trail connectivity throughout the Wausau area to parks, conservancy areas, schools, local businesses and all regional trails.

- b. Improve/establish wayfinding signage to allow new residents or visitors to effectively travel throughout Wausau on foot or bicycle or other means (skateboard, rollerblades, etc.)
- c. Increase the availability and accessibility of bicycle parking.

Goal 1.2.5: Promote water recreation throughout the community.

Objectives:

- a. Improve visibility and awareness of the natural amenity and asset the river provides to the community.
- b. Promote and maintain boat launches.
- c. Continue to support community events that support river activity.

Goal 1.2.6: Ensure that the community's existing open space, recreational facilities and programs are designed to meet the special needs of all residents regardless of age, gender, or ability.

Objectives:

- a. Prepare a site Master Plan prior to improvement and/or development of any public park to assure the highest and best use of existing resources.
- b. Provide for barrier-free access in all new park facility construction and play areas.
- c. Achieve compliance with accessibility requirements in existing facilities by 2025.
- d. Encourage participation and accommodation of all interested participants at park and recreational meetings and in recreational programs.
- e. Comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act as it applies to communication with the public. This is in reference to the standard language that government agencies should use on their agendas and other public meeting documents stating accommodation of those with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting.

Goal 1.2.7: Coordinate subdivision review with all departments responsible for providing or maintaining adequate park facilities.

Objectives:

- a. Consult and incorporate the needs identified in the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan before subdivision plats are approved.
- b. Evaluate land dedicated for parks to differentiate between land appropriate for active park use, land appropriate for open space only, and land requiring protection from development. Land requiring protection from development should be protected via development codes.
- c. Continually evaluate and update local zoning and subdivision ordinances so that they adequately address the recreational needs of residents.
- d. Preserve any proposed trail corridors in any review of new development.

Goal 1.2.8: Provide residents with safe and reliable recreation equipment throughout the community park system.

Objectives:

- a. Accurately inventory existing parks facilities and maintain an active log of facilities improvement.

- b. Continue funding the replacement of old and deteriorating recreation equipment in all area parks.
- c. Continually monitor and maintain existing park equipment to ensure its longevity and safety.

Goal 1.2.9: Stress the benefits of larger neighborhood and community parks that provide a wide range of facilities over small playground and tot-lot facilities.

Objectives:

- a. Analyze the location, size and function of existing and proposed parks as annexations, residential development, or land use changes occur.
- b. Communicate the importance of dynamic, multi-purpose parks and recreational facilities as a component of Wausau's regional draw and economic development potential.
- c. Use Park Service Area Criteria to help determine the location of future park sites (see Chapter 2).

Goal 1.2.10: Recognize the importance of an adequate park budget, which can financially address existing park hazards and allow for future parkland acquisition and facility development.

Objectives:

- a. Use the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan as a guide to establish yearly park budgets and funding for the Wausau park system.
- b. Invest funds for the development of facilities that will maximize existing park and recreation areas and provide exciting recreational programs, with the intention of increasing park prominence, community visibility, and use.

Goal 1.2.11: Use all available resources to further enhance the quality of the City's park system.

Objectives:

- a. Continually pursue state and federal funding programs, which can aid in the purchase and/or development of desired park system improvements.
- b. Nurture the existing positive relationships with public and private organizations for donations and volunteer help to aid in park system development.
- c. Update the Wausau Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan every five years to maintain grant eligibility.
- d. Pursue the development of revenue generating recreational facilities and activities, which can aid in the development of new facilities and/or the maintenance of existing facilities.

1.3 Review of Past Planning Documents (Local, Regional, State)

1.3.1 City of Wausau Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2010 - 2014)

The 2010 – 2014 City of Wausau CORP was intended to provide guidance to City staff and officials in the acquisition, development and programming of parks, playgrounds and special recreation areas. The focus is on the adequacy of existing facilities and the opportunities for future recreational facilities. The plan was developed under guidance from the City Park and Recreation Committee as well as input from the general public through user groups and a random survey.

Recommendations of this plan were divided into two broad categories; those that were citywide in scope and those with a primary impact on the neighborhood level.

Citywide recommendations included:

- Developing master plans for key properties
- Development of an open space/land conservation plan
- The identification and development of bicycle and pedestrian access ways
- Development of facility and programming cooperation with the school district, user groups and neighboring communities

Neighborhood level recommendations included:

- Development of River Edge Trail
- Improvements to facilities based on site assessments
- Acquisition of land adjacent to parks
- Installation of new facilities based on public input
- Improvements to park accessibility

1.3.2 City of Wausau Comprehensive Plan (2006)

The 2006 Comprehensive Plan was written as a guide for the City Plan Commission, Common Council and other City officials as they make decisions about the long term growth and development of the community. The plan focuses on the development of Wausau in terms of elements such as land use, transportation, housing, natural resources and parks.

Goals of the plan as they relate to park and recreation improvements include; the maintenance of a diversified park and recreation system for current and future residents, the development of facilities that provide a quality recreational experience, the preservation of important cultural features in the park system and the maximization of the efficiency in which park and recreation services are provided.

Some recommendations of the plan include:

- Exploring opportunities to convert vacant, blighted or underutilized properties into parks, open space or community gardens
- Identification of new trail corridors or trail extensions
- Improving access to the Wisconsin River
- Identification of environmentally sensitive areas within City parks for the purpose of restricting access and providing greater protection

- Exploring the feasibility of increasing user fees, particularly for non-residents
- The completion of detailed master plans for all parks

1.3.3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Wausau Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (2015)

This 2015 plan is intended as a multi-jurisdictional strategy for enhancing conditions and providing inter-city links for biking and walking in support of the Wausau area's transportation, quality of life and tourism goals. The plan stresses the "Five-E's" of bicycle and pedestrian planning when developing goals and improvement strategies. The "Five-E's" include Evaluation, Engineering, Encouragement, Education and Enforcement.

Proposed recommendations of the plan include:

- The modification of existing roadway configurations to utilize existing pavement. Some examples of this type of modification include striping bike lanes on existing pavement, reconfiguring on-street parking and the implementation of "road diets"
- The enhancement of exiting bicycle routes with wayfinding and regulatory signage and markings
- Coordination of bike/ped improvements with future roadway projects
- The prioritization of stand-alone projects that provide high value connections

1.3.4 Wisconsin's State Outdoor Recreation Plan

Since 1965, the State has developed and maintained the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) in an attempt to classify, measure, and ultimately provide for the preferences and needs of a statewide recreating public. Goals include the following:

1. Improve integration of outdoor recreation interests and needs in land use and other relevant planning efforts.
2. Continue to provide and enhance access to Wisconsin recreational land and waters.
3. Promote outdoor recreation as a means of improving public health among Wisconsinites.
4. Establish great urban parks and community green spaces.

1.4 Neighboring Community Planning Documents

A number of neighboring communities in the Wausau area have recently completed Outdoor Recreation Plans. Many of these plans recommend improvements that could impact the City of Wausau in terms of recreational opportunities, tourism and general quality of life. Some communities with recently completed plans reviewed for this document include: the Village of Kronenwetter, the City of Mosinee, the Town of Rib Mountain, the Village of Rothschild and the Village of Weston.

There were four categories of improvements that were common in these plans in terms of potential impact on the City of Wausau. They are listed below.

1. Improvements to bicycle infrastructure and connectivity throughout the Wausau area.

The Weston Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan recommends improvements to bicycle facilities that would impact the City of Wausau. The plan calls for the support of the completion of the Mountain Bay Trail into Wausau, connecting the City to communities to the east as far as Green Bay. The Weston plan also mentions a desire to establish a trail connection to Wausau along the Northwestern Avenue rail corridor as well as a general desire to collaborate with neighboring communities in the delivery of recreational opportunities and trail connections.

The Kronenwetter Outdoor Recreation Plan also recommends improvements to bicycle system connectivity. The Kronenwetter plan recommends continuing to implement the Wausau MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan with improvements such as establishing new trails and routes connecting to Wausau.

2. Improvements to river based recreational opportunities.

Communities in the area are naturally connected by the Wisconsin, Eau Claire and Big Rib Rivers. Improvements such as a new canoe and kayak launch in a neighboring community can serve as a destination point for an afternoon paddle. Several of the plans recommend new canoe, kayak and boat launches. The Kronenwetter plan recommends a public river access point on the Wisconsin River between the Rothschild Dam and the Mosinee Dam. The Rib Mountain and Weston plans also recommend new boat launches at parks with river access.

The Weston and Mosinee plans also call for the establishment of marked canoe and kayak water trails. A route from Miller's Bottom to the Canoe Portage Park is recommended in Mosinee while a trail along the Eau Claire River is recommended in Weston.

3. Establishment of facilities to qualify the Wausau area as an IMBA (International Mountain Biking Association) Ride Center.

In 2013 the CWOCC (Central Wisconsin Offroad Cycling Coalition) proposed the Wausau area as a potential IMBA (International Mountain Biking Association) Ride Center. At the time, there were only two other ride centers in the Midwest. Both of these sites experienced over 25,000 bike visitors a year with future projections of over 30,000. The plan recommended improvements to parks in surrounding communities focused on mountain biking that would qualify the Wausau area as one of these recognized Ride Centers.

Outdoor Recreation Plans in Rib Mountain, Rothschild and Weston support the establishment of Wausau as a Ride Center and offer recommendations for mountain biking facilities. The Rib Mountain plan gives pros and cons for the location of mountain biking facilities in different parks in town. The Weston plan recommends the establishment of facilities in Yellowbanks Park, D.C Everest School Forest or Prohaska Tree Farm. The Rothschild plan expressed a desire of the community to work with the CWOCC to find a suitable site for improvements.

The CWOCC plan envisions the City of Wausau as a “hub” of this system and a potential benefactor of new tourism to the area.



Map of proposed locations for IMBA Ride Center facilities from the CWOCC 2013 plan

4. Development of a regional sports complex in Weston.

The Weston plan recommends the establishment of a sports complex with a regional draw. The Village would like to create a facility designed to host baseball and softball tournaments and provide for a potentially underserved portion of the community. The plan states that there is an unmet demand for tournament space in the area and that girls’ softball teams in particular have to travel to Stevens Point, Rhinelander, Wisconsin Dells and other communities for tournaments. This potential facility could serve residents of Wausau as well as bringing tourism dollars to the area.

1.5 Summary of the Planning Process

1.5.1 Work Plan and Timeline

This plan was developed between March 2016 and October 2016. The process included several meetings with staff and other officials and a public information meeting. All parks were audited by Ayres staff with findings identified on inventory sheets. An online survey was also performed to elicit public information from individuals and groups unable to attend the public meetings.

1.5.2 Meetings

Meeting #1 March 22, 2016: The kick off meeting held at the Parks Administration Building with representatives from the parks department and the consulting planner. Topics discussed included goals and objectives of the plan, recent park projects, park policies and the overall scope of the project.

Field Work – April 2016: All sites were audited by Ayres staff and issues photo documented.

Meeting #2 July 14, 2016: Presentation of site analysis and preliminary recommendations to park administration staff.

Meeting #3 September 22, 2016: A public informational meeting was held to gather stakeholder input and review recommendations.

Meeting #4 October 3, 2016: A parks commission meeting to present the draft report, review recommendations and finalize the report.

1.5.3 Online Survey

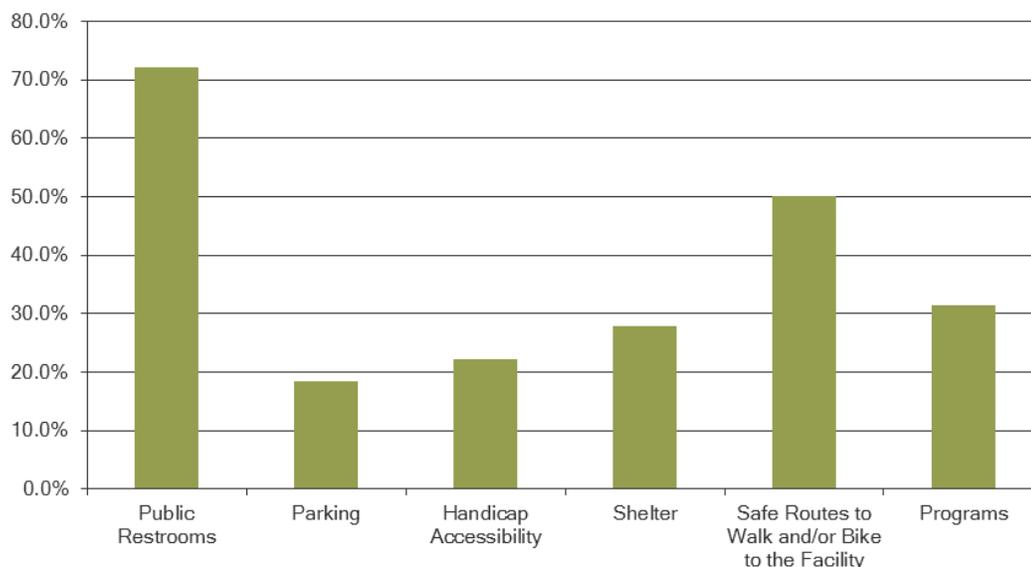
During the development of this plan, an online survey was created to record public opinion concerning key issues and opportunities for enhanced use and enjoyment of parks in Wausau. The survey was also used to formulate recommendations in Chapter 3. The survey was open to residents from August 1, 2016 to September 6, 2016. A total of 137 individuals responded to the survey, 76.6% of whom were Wausau residents.

General findings are summarized below:

- When asked about the overall condition of each type of city park facility, the most frequently rated condition was “good”. Items like picnic areas, park shelters and splash pads were the most common facilities rated “good” by respondents. Facilities that most people believe “need improvement” include park restroom facilities, dog parks, tennis courts and basketball courts.
- Survey participants were asked if the quantity of any facilities/amenities in Wausau did not meet the demands of the community. The most frequently chosen facility was park restroom facilities followed by dog parks, disc golf courses and community gardens.

- When asked what specific facilities were desired but not provided in Wausau, the most common response was BMX/mountain biking facilities. Other facilities commonly mentioned included disc golf courses, dog parks and restrooms.
- Survey participants were asked which outdoor recreation activities they expected to gain popularity over the next five years. Common responses included BMX/mountain biking, disk golf and pickleball.
- Support components are accessory structures and facilities necessary for park use. These include public restrooms, parking lots, handicap accessibility, shelters, safe routes to facilities and programming. When asked if any of these facilities needed improvement in Wausau, “public restrooms” and “safe routes to walk/bike to facility” received the highest percentage of affirmative responses with 72.2% and 50.0% respectively. See **Chart 1** for survey results.

Chart 1 – Please indicate which, if any, of the following support components at existing park facilities need improvement. Select all that apply.



- Survey participants were asked to rank different types of general park improvements in order from most to least important. The results were as follows: 26.8% thought that the “Development of New Facilities” was the most important improvement, 23.9% felt that “Maintenance of Existing Facilities” was the most important improvement, while 21.1% felt that “Offering Additional Programs” was the most important. **See Chart 2.**

Chart 2 – Highest Priority Improvements

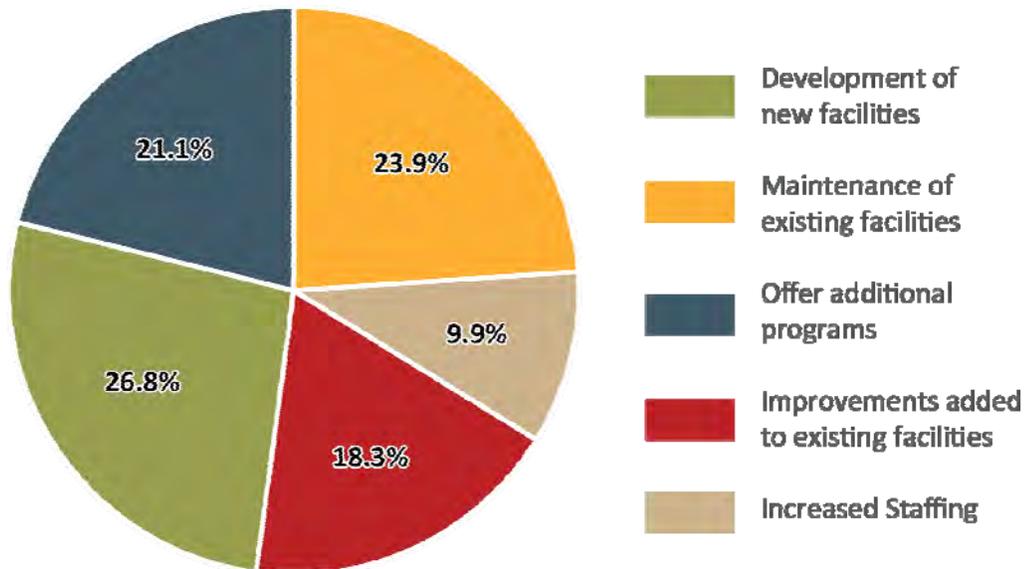


Chart 3 – Survey results of the overall condition of each type of recreational facility.

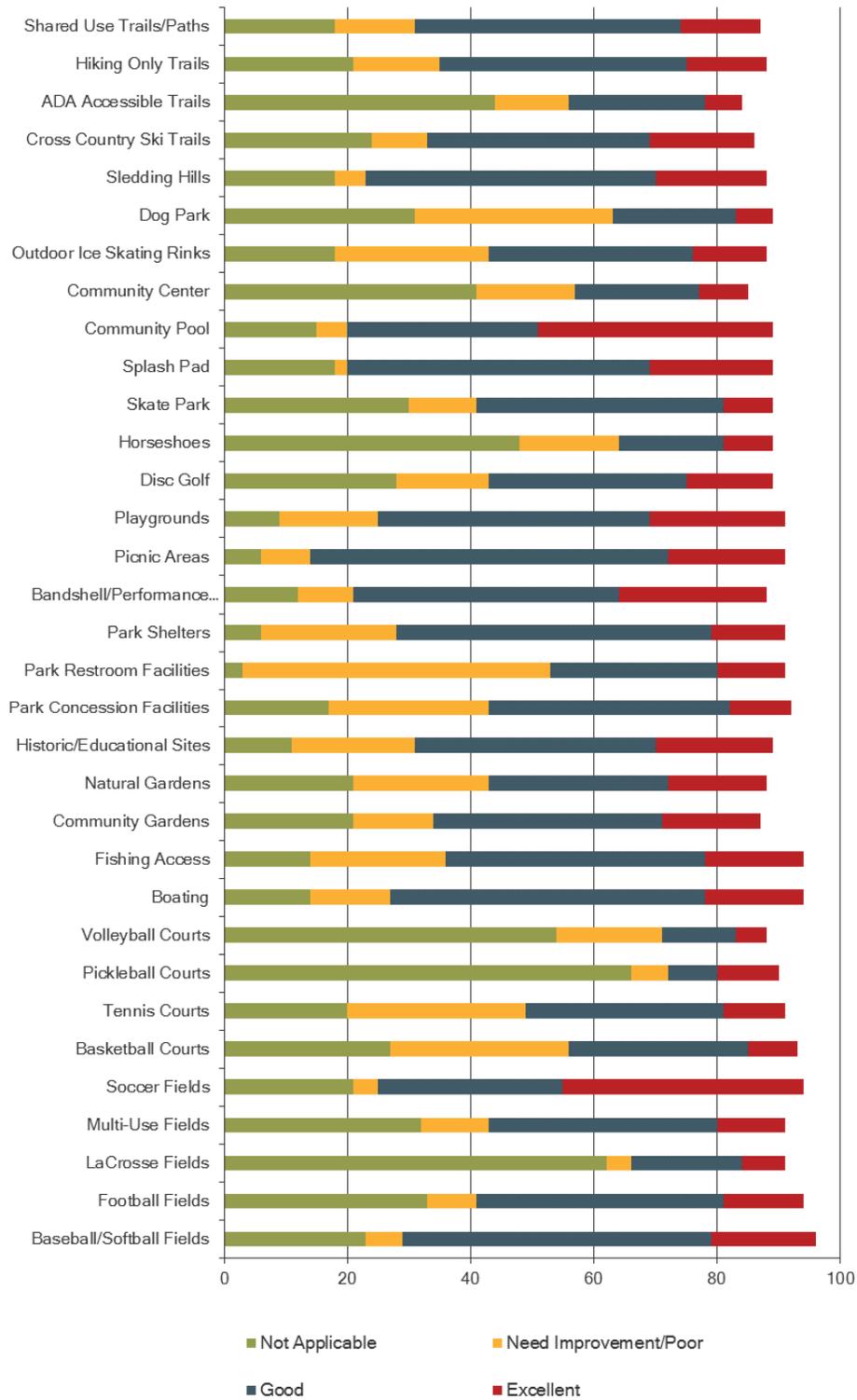
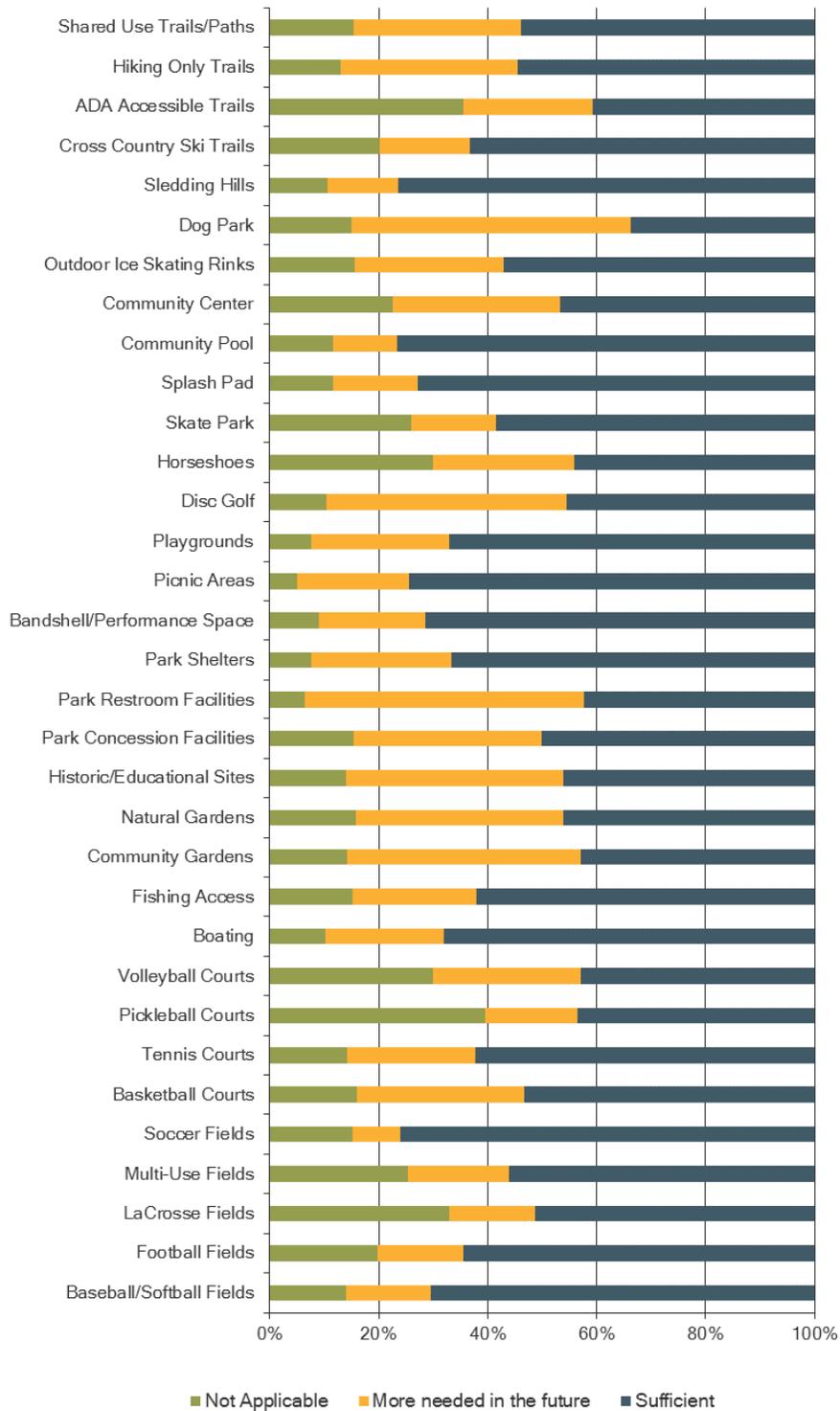


Chart 4 – Survey results as to whether or not the community has sufficient quantities for each type of facility to meet demand.



1.6 Wausau Demographics

1.6.1 Social Characteristics

This section presents social factors that are important to understanding the community and its recreation needs and potential. Particularly important to planning for the adequate provision of parks and open spaces are population trends and projections over the planning period (5-10 years) and age characteristics of potential park users.

Population Trends and Projections

There is a direct relationship between population and the need for parks and recreational space. Predicting how the population might grow in the future provides important information about the amount of new parkland and recreational facilities that will be needed to serve the new populations.

According to data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau, Wausau has experienced stable population growth over the last 45 years. The population decreased 1.2% between 1970 and 1980 while it increased 14.3% between 1980 and 1990, increased 3.6% between 1990 and 2000, and increased 1.8% between 2000 and 2010. There was an overall population increase of 19.0% from 1970 to 2015.

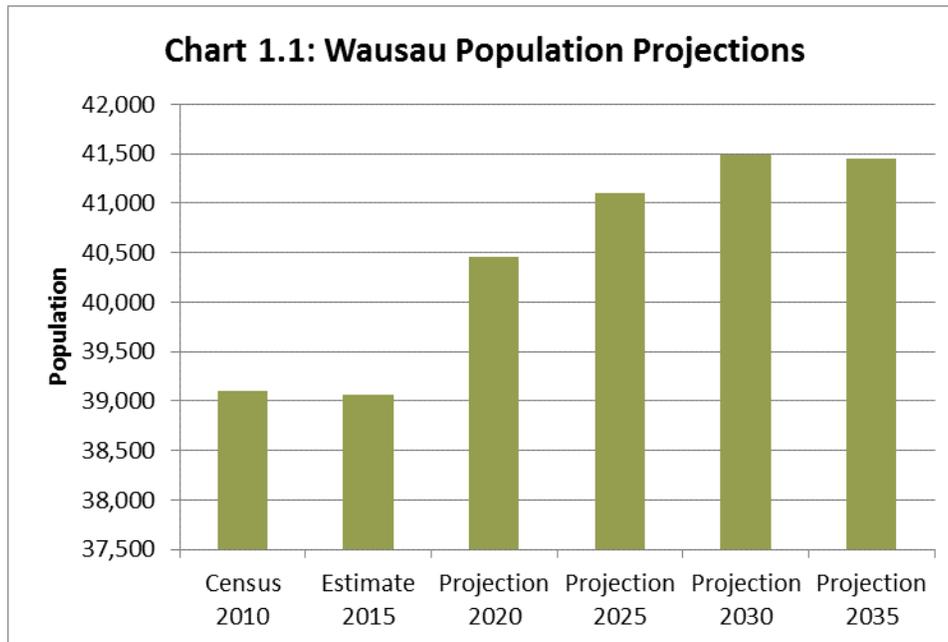
The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) projects population to increase at a rate of 6% over the next 20 years. That amounts to an additional 2,387 residents by the year 2035. Population projections for Wausau and comparable communities are shown in Table 1.1.

This increase in population is significant because current NRPA standards recommend a minimum of 10.5 acres of dedicated parkland per 1,000 residents. Utilizing this methodology, a minimum of 25.1 acres of new parkland will be needed to accommodate the additional 2,387 residents in 2035.

Table 1.1: Population Projections for the City of Wausau and Comparables (2035)

Name of Municipality	Census 2010	Estimate 2015	Projection 2020	Projection 2025	Projection 2030	Projection 2035	Percentage Change 2010-2035
C Wausau	39,106	39,063	40,460	41,100	41,490	41,450	6%
C Fond du Lac	43,021	43,461	44,510	45,540	46,300	46,370	8%
C La Crosse	51,320	51,992	52,550	52,750	52,700	52,300	1%
C Manitowoc	33,736	33,703	33,760	34,060	34,180	33,890	1%
C Neenah	25,501	25,871	26,990	27,810	28,520	28,870	13%
C Stevens Point	26,717	27,037	28,420	29,110	29,640	29,980	12%

Source: Wisconsin Department of Administration Estimates and Projections (2013, 2015)



Ethnic Background

In 2010, the Census indicated the largest percentage of Wausau residents (80.3%) were “White”. The second highest percentage was “Asian” with (13.4%) followed by “Two or more races” (3.8%) and “Black or African American” (1.8%). Other races make up 0.7% of the remaining population.

Employment/Unemployment

The U.S. Census 2014 5-year estimate of the unemployment rate for Wausau was 9.3%. That rate is higher than the statewide unemployment rate during this same time period of 5.3%.

Age

Age distribution in Wausau is shown in Table 1.2. Age cohorts are an important consideration when determining park facilities because different age groups utilize different recreation facilities. For example, in 2014 there were an estimated 2,901 children under the age of 5 (7.4% of the population). These children would be best served by low platforms with ramps and ladders, sand areas or short slides no taller than 4 feet. These same facilities would be uninteresting to a 10 year old. A well-rounded park system will provide a variety of facilities (soccer fields, etc.) and equipment (swings, etc.) for all potential users regardless of ability or age.

Changes in age distribution between 2000 and 2010 seem to suggest there is a growing need for adult-oriented (55 and older) activity centers. Following national trends, the community is likely to experience an increase in senior residents seeking recreation opportunities. These

populations are generally seeking walking paths (with benches) and formalized senior programming as well as fishing and other outdoor options.

**Table 1.2: Age Distribution, 2000-2014
Wausau, Wisconsin**

	2000		2014		Percent Change 2000-2014
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Under 5 years	2,394	6.2	2,901	7.4	21%
5 to 9 years	2,737	7.1	2,196	5.6	-20%
10 to 14 years	2,873	7.5	2,588	6.6	-10%
15 to 19 years	2,896	7.5	2,509	6.4	-13%
20 to 24 years	2,526	6.6	2,666	6.8	6%
25 to 34 years	4,977	13.0	5,607	14.3	13%
35 to 44 years	5,586	14.5	4,117	10.5	-26%
45 to 54 years	4,821	12.5	5,293	13.5	10%
55 to 64 years	3,034	7.9	4,783	12.2	58%
65 to 74 years	2,813	7.3	2,862	7.3	2%
75 to 84 years	2,624	6.8	2,156	5.5	-18%
85 years and over	1,145	3.0	1,529	3.9	34%
Total Population	38,426		39,209		2%

Source: 2000 Census (SF-1), 2014 ACS
5 Year Estimate

2 ANALYSIS OF THE PARK AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM

This chapter analyzes the park system in Wausau. It inventories and classifies the system based on national standards established by the National Recreation and Park Association. In addition, this chapter documents the county and state outdoor recreation facilities within the City of Wausau.

2.1 City of Wausau Park and Open Space Facilities

The information for this section was gathered from site visits conducted by Ayres staff, discussion with City of Wausau staff and review of past planning documents. A more complete list of park facilities can be found in the park inventory sheets in Chapter 3 and the park facility matrix located in Appendix A. See Appendix B for a map of park locations.

2.1.1 Mini Parks

Mini parks include specialized facilities that serve a concentrated population, limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens. Typical size is 1 acre or less, preferably a minimum of ¼ acre.



Yawkey Park

City Hall Park

This 0.5 acre mini park is adjacent to Wausau City Hall at 407 Grant Street. Amenities include a fountain, benches and picnic tables. Tree species include oak and maple.

Lincoln Neighborhood Tot Lot

The Lincoln Neighborhood Tot Lot is located on South 5th Avenue between West Street and Sherman Street. Park amenities include a play structure, merry-go-round and open space. Tree species include ash, maple and hickory.

Yawkey Park

Yawkey Park is a 0.8 acre mini park located at the intersection of North 4th Street and Grant Street. Park amenities include a fountain, benches and a concrete path. Tree species include maple and ash.

2.1.2 Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are areas for multiple and sometimes intensive recreational activities. Facilities may include athletic fields, sports courts, playgrounds, skate parks, picnic areas and splash pads. Desirable size is between 3 to 10 acres.



Big Bull Falls Park

Airport Park

This 7.7 acre neighborhood park is located on Lake View Drive adjacent to the Wausau Municipal Airport. Park amenities include a youth baseball field and two soccer fields. Tree species include ash and linden.

Alexander Park

Alexander Park is located on Lake View Drive adjacent to the Wausau Municipal Airport. Amenities in this 2.4 acre park include a basketball court, tennis/pickleball courts and a park shelter. A neighborhood group is currently fundraising for airport themed park improvements including a Korean War Vintage fighter jet. Tree species include maple, red pine, oak, spruce and linden.

Big Bull Falls Park

Big Bull Falls Park is a 1.6 acre neighborhood park on the Wisconsin River north of Scott Street. Park amenities include a shelter, interpretive signage and a bridge to Barker-Stewart Island. Tree species include oak, maple, spruce and ash.

Forest Park

This heavily wooded park is located at the intersection of North 9th Street and Parcher Street. Park facilities include a playground, tennis/pickleball courts and a shelter. Tree species include mixed deciduous, ash, maple, oak and spruce.

Hammond Park

Hammond Park is a 1.4 acre neighborhood park located at the corner of Grand Avenue and East Thomas Street. Park amenities include a playground, gazebo, horseshoe pits and swinging benches. The park is heavily used by senior residents of the adjacent assisted living center. Tree species include honey locust, spruce, cedar and maple.

Reservoir Park

Reservoir Park is a 4.4 acre neighborhood park on North 12th Avenue between Maple Street and Elm Street. Park features include a playground, a shelter and open space. Tree species include maple, spruce, ash and pine.

River Highlands Park

This 5.1 acre park on Wausau's north side is located between Marquardt Road and River Highlands Court. Park amenities include a basketball court, a playground and open space. Tree species include spruce, maple and crabapple.

Scholfield Park

10.1 acre Scholfield Park is located on the Wisconsin River at 606 East Randolph Street. The park includes two youth baseball fields, a playground and a boat launch. Tree species include maple, spruce, ash and red pine.

Tenth Street Park

Tenth Street Park is a 1.1 acre neighborhood park on North 10th Street between East Jackson Street and East Forest Street. Park amenities include two ½ basketball courts, a playground and open space.

Westview Terrace Park

Westview Terrace Park is on Bissell Street at the intersection of North 16th Avenue. The park is 4.2 acres and includes a playground, a path network and open space. Tree species include maple, pine, birch and ash.

Woodson Park

Woodson Park is a 1.7 acre park south of Big Bull Falls Park on the Wisconsin River. The "Challenge" kayaking sculpture is the main feature of the park. Tree species include spruce, maple and ash.

2.1.3 Community Parks

Community parks are areas of diverse recreational activity and may include facilities such as athletic complexes, large swimming pools off-street parking and restrooms. Desirable size is 10 acres but may vary depending on facilities offered.



Baseball field at Oak Island Park

3M Park

This 15.1 acre community park is located on Park Boulevard between South 5th Avenue and South 3rd Avenue. Site amenities include ballfields, tennis/pickleball courts and playgrounds. Tree species include ash, maple, red pine, spruce and cedar.

Brockmeyer Park

Brockmeyer Park is a 25.5 acre community park at 4200 Stettin Drive. Site amenities include a baseball field, soccer fields and a playground. Tree species include maple, ash, birch and crabapple. JoJo's Jungle, scheduled for construction in 2017, will be the largest all-inclusive playground in Wisconsin.

Memorial Park

This 24.6 acre community park is located on the Wisconsin River west of Sturgeon Eddy Road. The site includes a baseball field, swimming pool and boat launch. Tree species include oak, maple, pine, birch, crabapple, spruce and various others.

Oak Island Park

Oak Island Park is a 22.1 acre community park on the Wisconsin River west of River Drive. Site features include a skate park, a boat launch four shelters and two baseball fields. Tree species include maple, spruce, ash, willow and oak.

Pleasant View Park

This 10.0 acre park is located at the intersection of South 12th Street and Sumner Street. Site amenities include an enclosed shelter, a playground, a sledding hill and tennis courts. Tree species include maple, spruce, ash and box elder.



Pleasant View Park Shelter

Riverside Park

This 16.2 acre park is located on the Wisconsin River east of South 1st Avenue. Site amenities include an enclosed shelter, a bike polo court, a playground and a basketball court. Tree species include maple, spruce, box elder, ash, black cherry, birch and oak.

Sylvan Hill Park

This 82 acre park is located on the City's north side at 1329 Sylvan Street. The Park has a tubing hill with six runs, an enclosed shelter, multi-use trails a playground and a bike park scheduled to be constructed in 2017. Tree species include birch, spruce, maple, black cherry, box elder, pine and cedar.

2.1.4 Special Use Parks

Special use parks are typically areas for specialized or single purpose recreational activities, such as golf courses, nature centers, skate parks and ball diamonds.



Stewart Park

The 400 Block Park

This 1.3 acre park and plaza is located on North Third Street between Jefferson Street and Scott Street. The main feature of this recently improved park is a performance stage with an overhead canopy, lighting and sound. Tree species include arborvitae and crabapple.

Athletic Park

Athletic Park is located at 324 East Wausau Avenue and is home to the Wisconsin Woodchucks of the Northwoods League. Tree species include honey locust and linden.

Boileau Park

Boileau Park is a 1.4 acre youth baseball diamond adjacent to Athletic Park on North 5th Street. Tree species include ash trees.

Kaiser Pool

Kaiser Pool is located on East Bridge Street between 9th and 10th Streets and contains the recently improved Kaiser Pool. The pool includes new waterpark features, restrooms, concessions, a kitchen and bicycle parking.



Schulenburg Pool

This 3.9 acre neighborhood park is adjacent to Thomas Jefferson Elementary School and is accessible via Summit Drive. Park features include a swimming pool with play features, slides, zero depth entry and lap lanes. Tree species include spruce and maple.

Stewart Park

Stewart Park is a 1.9 acre park located on North 10th Street between McClellan Street and Scott Street. Site amenities include a performance stage, paved paths and picnic tables. Tree species include pine, hackberry, spruce and poplar.

White Water Park

White Water Park is a 4.6 acre Special-Use Park on the Wisconsin River south of Washington Street. The site includes a Whitewater kayak course with spectator seating and contains a portion of the River Edge Trail. Tree species include juniper, maple and ash.



White Water Park

2.1.5 Conservancy, Natural Areas & Undeveloped Parks

Conservancy parks and natural areas are established for protection and management of the natural or cultural environment with recreational facilities as a secondary objective. Undeveloped parks are parcels that have been reserved as future park lands but currently offer no recreational facilities.



Paff Woods Preserve

Barker-Stewart Island Park

This 11 acre island is a city park and natural area located on the Wisconsin River north of Scott Street. The site includes the River Edge Trail, interpretive signage and pedestrian bridges.

Gilbert Park

Gilbert Park is a 7.3 acre park and natural area on the Wisconsin River west of 6th Street. Site amenities include a boat launch, a handicap accessible fishing pier and parking lot. Tree species include red pine, maple and ash.

Eau Claire River Conservancy

The Eau Claire River Conservancy is a 130 acre undeveloped conservancy area in southeast Wausau.

Horgen Park

This 4.4 acre undeveloped park is located north of Russell Drive between 54th and 56th Streets. The site is a pine plantation.

Isle of Ferns Park

Isle of Ferns Park is a 24 acre natural area on the Wisconsin River adjacent to Oak Island Park. Park features include open space, a trail network and a pedestrian bridge. Tree species include hackberry, maple, spruce, box elder and various others.

Paff Woods Preserve

This 21 acre natural area containing walking trails and a boardwalk is located on McIntosh Street east of South 13th Street. Tree species include mixed deciduous, cedar and tamarak.

Rib River Park

Rib River Park is a 39 acre natural area on Big Rib River adjacent to Highway 51.

Swiderski Park

This 2.3 acre undeveloped parcel is on Jade Avenue on the city’s west side. Tree species include pine, spruce, poplar, maple and ash.

2.1.6 School Parks (Wausau School District)

Although not calculated as components of city-provided parks and open space, school facilities in Wausau also offer community residents with outdoor recreation activities, often with structured play equipment and athletic fields. The City contains several public schools including ten elementary schools, two middle schools and two high schools.

Facilities at schools within the city limits and part of the Wausau School District include:

- 17 – Soccer fields
- 12 – Softball fields
- 11 – Playgrounds
- 9 – Basketball courts
- 7 – Football fields
- 6 – Baseball fields
- 4 – Tennis facilities (29 courts)
- 4 - Tracks
- 2 – Sand volleyball courts

Wausau School District recreation areas include:

Recreation Area	Acres	Facilities	Address
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS			
A.C. Kiefer Educational Center	1.2	Playground	700 W Strowbridge St
Franklin Elementary	1.7	Playground, basketball, open space	1509 N 5 th St
G.D. Jones Elementary	3.0	Playground, soccer, basketball	1018 S 12 th Ave
Grant Elementary	3.5	Playground, softball, open space, basketball	500 N 4 th Ave
Hawthorne Hills Elementary	4.5	Playground, soccer, basketball	1600 Kickbush St
John Marshall Elementary	4.1	Playground, softball, basketball, open space	1918 Lamont St
Lincoln Elementary	2.6	Playground, sandlot backstops, open space, basketball	720 S 6 th Ave
Riverview Elementary	5.4	Playground, softball (2), tennis, basketball, open space	4303 Troy St
Stettin Elementary	14.0	Playground, softball, soccer, open space	109 N 56 th Ave
Thomas Jefferson Elementary	3.7	Playground, basketball, soccer	500 W Randolph St
MIDDLE SCHOOLS			
Horace Mann Middle	14.9	Playground, softball soccer (2), track, football, basketball	3101 N 13 th St
John Muir Middle	10.2	Tennis, football, track, basketball, soccer, sand volleyball	1400 Stewart St
HIGH SCHOOLS			
Wausau East High	60.6	Tennis, soccer (6), football, track, baseball (3), softball (3)	2607 N 18 th St
Wausau West High	54.3	Tennis, sand volleyball, soccer (4), football (4), baseball (3), softball (3), track	1200 W Wausau Ave

* WSD properties outside of Wausau include Hewitt-Texas Elementary, Maine Elementary, Rib Mountain Elementary and South Mountain Elementary.

2.1.7 Trail Corridors

A linear park or trail corridor is an area designated for one or more modes of recreational travel such as hiking, biking, snowmobiling, etc. One such trail corridor in the City of Wausau is the *River Edge Parkway*. The *River Edge Parkway* is a paved trail along the Wisconsin River running from Oak Island Park in the south to the Barker-Stewart Island bridge in the north. The corridor contains plaza space and seating areas and has the capability of hosting events. The bridge connects to an interpretive trail system in Barker-Stewart Island Park highlighting the history of the island. In 2017, construction is scheduled to begin on the new River Edge Park just north of the Barker-Stewart Island bridge. A completed trail in this riverfront park will connect the River Edge Parkway trail to an existing trail segment to the north, completing a continuous trail from Oak Island Park to Winton Street.

Another nearby trail corridor is the Mountain Bay State Trail. The Mountain Bay State Trail begins in Weston and travels along the former Chicago and Northwestern Rail right-of-way 83 miles into Green Bay. While this trail corridor is not currently within the city limits, it is accessible via Wausau area bike routes. Past plans have called for completion of the trail into Wausau. See Map 3 – Appendix B for existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

2.2 Inventory of County Facilities

2.2.1 Marathon County Parks

DC Everest Park

DC Everest Park is a 12 acre park on the Wisconsin River. Park amenities include two boat launches, a fishing pier and shelter. The park hosts the Central Wisconsin Water Ski Show Team during the summer months and bleachers are available to spectators of the shows through Labor Day.

Eastbay Sports Complex

This is a recently completed sports facility with 15 irrigated soccer fields, a concession building, restrooms and parking for 430 vehicles. Many of the area soccer leagues make this complex their home field with over 1,200 youth soccer participants alone. Statewide soccer tournaments are planned at the site and the capability exists to host other field sports and special events.

Marathon Park

Marathon Park is 78 acre, community level park that is host to the Wisconsin Valley Fair. The most notable feature is a 4,000 seat, covered amphitheater that hosts a variety of events such as concerts, fireworks and tractor pulls. The park also includes exhibition buildings, festival grounds, a splash pad, dog park, playground, sports facilities and many other amenities.

Sunny Vale Park

This 300 acre park on the City's west side includes the Sunny Vale Softball Complex, a swimming area, shelters and trails. The five diamond softball complex is used primarily for high school softball until May. The Wausau Area Softball Association and the Wausau Area Girls Softball Association host leagues at the complex after the first week in May. The complex is host to summer softball tournaments.

2.3 City Park Facility Policies, Hours and Fees

Ball Diamonds

Parks	Hours	Fees
Airport Park (1) Scholfield Park (2) Boileau Field (1) Marathon Park (1) Memorial Park (1) Riverview Park (1) Oak Island Park (2) 3M Park (2) Brockmeyer Park (1)	6 AM – 11 PM	None

Policies

Little League diamonds are contracted by the Wausau Area Little League organization for spring and early summer use. They may be used by the general public for play at all other times.

Boat Launches

Parks	Hours	Fees
Gilbert Park Memorial Park Oak Island Park Scholfield Park	Any hour	Annual Sticker = \$25 Business Sticker = \$50 Daily Pass = \$5 Additional/Replacement Sticker = \$10 Violation Notice = \$25

Policies

Use of boat launches requires the user to purchase a daily or annual boat launch permit.

Bike Polo Court

Parks	Hours	Fees
Riverside Park (Enter on Emter Street off of Thomas Street)	6 AM – 11 PM	None

Policies

League play has priority use, open to the general public all other times.

Canoe & Kayak Launches

Parks	Hours	Fees
1700 River Drive River Edge Trail	Any Hour	None

Policies

Use of launch is free.

Disc Golf Courses

Parks	Hours	Fees
Memorial Park	6 AM – 11 PM	None

Policies

Course Rules:

1. Don't litter, carry-on, carry-off your refuse.
2. Share the park with other user groups.
3. Yield to vehicles on roadways & pedestrians on walkways.
4. Lake Wausau, tennis courts, ball field, swimming pool are out of bounds.
5. Water Hazard hole 6.
6. No groups larger than a foursome.
7. Have Fun!

Horseshoe Pits

Parks	Hours	Fees
Alexander Park Hammond Park	6 AM – 11 PM	None

Policies

None

Inline Skating/Skateboarding

Parks	Hours	Fees
Oak Island Park	6 AM – 11 PM	None

Policies

Skateboard Park Rules:

1. This facility is for skateboards, in-line skates and BMX bike only.
2. Proper protective equipment is recommended.
3. The addition of ramps or obstacles to this facility is prohibited.
4. This is your skate park, help to preserve it
 - o Protect from graffiti and abuse.
 - o Respect other park users by keeping noise to a minimum.
 - o Inspect the facility before use and remove material that could interfere with safe use of the facility.
 - o Be courteous to others.
 - o Do not bring food or glass onto the facility.
 - o Dispose of refuse properly.
 - o This facility is not supervised, skate at your own risk.

Inline Skating ordinance per Wausau Police Department:

No inline skating allowed in the downtown area: Washington Street from 2nd Street to 4th Street; Third Street from Grant to Washington; Jefferson from 2nd Street to 4th Street; all city operated parking ramps; not allowed on any city streets where sidewalks are available; not allowed in any public parking lots (ie Shopko); not allowed on private property without permission of owner.

Off-Leash Dog Areas

Parks	Hours	Fees
Memorial Park Oak Island Park Riverside Park	6 AM – 9 AM & 6 PM – 9 PM Memorial Park: 6 AM – 9 AM only	None

Policies

Off-Leash Area Guidelines:

1. Clean up after your dog
2. Remove aggressive dogs
3. Keep your dog in sight
4. Dogs must be on a leash when outside the off-leash area

Outdoor Ice Rinks

Parks	Hours	Fees
The 400 Block Park	The 400 Block Rink: 5 PM – 8 PM Monday - Friday 10 AM – 8 PM Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM Sunday	No fee reservations are possible

Policies

Any time the combined air and wind temperature falls to -20 degrees or colder, all rinks will close. Reservations are required for “exclusive” use of a rink.



Outdoor Pools

Parks	Hours	Fees
Kaiser Pool Memorial Pool Schulenburg Pool	Pools open June, 2017. <u>Monday – Friday</u> Swim Lessons: 10:10AM – 11:55AM Open Swim: 1 AM – 7:50 PM <u>Saturday & Sunday</u> Swim Lessons: None Open Swim: 1 AM – 7:50 PM ----- Free Swim: 6 PM – 7:50 PM Wednesdays ½ Price Swim: 6 PM – 7:50 PM All days except Wednesdays	Daily Passes: Infants < 1 year = FREE Youth (1 – 17) = \$1.00 - \$2.00 Adult (18 – 59) = \$1.50 - \$3.00 Seniors (60+) = \$1.00 - \$2.00 Season Passes (City Residents): Youth = \$30 Adult = \$45 Family (First 2 members) = \$70 Family (Additional members) = \$10 Season Passes (Non-City Residents): Youth = \$40 Adult = \$60 Family (First 2 members) = \$95 Family (Additional members) = \$15 ----- Rental Rates: Without Waterslides = \$250 With Waterslides = \$300

Policies

Parents with non-swimming children are encouraged to ask pool staff for life jackets for their children to wear while they are at the pool.

Residency must be within the Wausau City Limits for Residence prices.

Family Definition: All family members must reside at the same dwelling. There must be at least one adult (18 yrs.+) but no more than 2 adults. One or both adults must be the parent or legal guardian of the children.

Infants & toddlers who aren't toilet trained must wear swim diapers.

Pool Rules:

1. Do not enter the pool if you have a communicable disease or an open cut.
2. Do not bring food, drink, gum or tobacco into the pool.
3. Shower before entering the pool and after use of toilet facilities.
4. Do not run or engage in rough play in the pool area.
5. Do not bring animals into the pool area.
6. Diaper changing on the pool deck is prohibited.
7. Only swim diapers allowed.
8. Glass and shatterable items are prohibited in the pool area.

Park Shelters (Reservable)

Parks	Hours	Fees
Oak Island Park Pleasant View Park Sylvan Hill Park Riverside Park	6 AM – 11 PM or as allowed by the event agreement	2017 Price per day: Oak Island = \$142 Pleasant View = \$95 Sylvan Hill = \$211 Riverside Park = \$211 - \$495 Security Deposit = \$200

Policies

CANCELLATIONS - REFUND POLICY: There shall be a service fee for any canceled Facility Reservation Agreement. For all cancellations made 14 calendar days or more prior to the scheduled event, \$10/per reservation or 10% of the TOTAL rental fee, whichever is greater, is forfeited. For all cancellations made 13 calendar days or less before the scheduled event, the TOTAL rental fee is forfeited.

1. The security deposit is collected when both amplified music/sound and alcohol will be present.
2. The security deposit is collected when tents, temporary structures or equipment are present.
3. Fees depend on number of persons.
4. This building can be rented hourly for meetings (minimum 2 hours).
* All enclosed shelters have water and restrooms inside or nearby.

Playground Program

Parks	Hours	Fees
Memorial Park	8:30 AM – 12 PM & 1 PM – 4 PM, Fridays	Resident = \$31 Non-Resident = \$40

Policies

For children attending Grades K through 5 for the 2016/2017 school year from June to August

Playgrounds are staffed by college-age adults who excel at leading games and arts and crafts. In case of rain, playgrounds move into school gyms or multi-purpose rooms except on Fridays. If it rains on a Friday there is no playground program that day.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon sites must register through Wausau Schools Community Connections, 715.261.0581. You may not register through the Park Department for those days/times.

Playgrounds Code:

In order to maintain a safe and fun play environment for all the participants in our program, we ask that children abide by the Code of Courtesy on the playgrounds and during special events.

Code of Courtesy:

- *I will treat myself, other children, playground leaders and guests with respect and not use inappropriate language or make inappropriate physical contact.
- * I will respect the playground supplies and not enter the van without permission from the leaders.
- *I will respect the school and grounds and only enter the building when I am accompanied by an adult leader. In the school I will use my inside voice and will not misuse equipment.
- * I will park my bike, board or scooter, and not use them in the play areas. If I wear in-line skates to the playground, I will bring regular shoes and change into them for playground activities.
- *I will follow this code of courtesy when on the playground and during special events.

Sledding Hills

Parks	Hours	Fees
Pleasant View Park* Riverside Park Schofield Park 3M Park* (* Lighted hills)	6 AM – 11 PM	None

Policies

Sledding areas are open as soon as snow cover permits. Two hills have lights for night use. All hill close at 11pm (when parks close). There is no charge to use these hills.

Sylvan Tubing Hill

Parks	Hours	Fees
Sylvan Hill Park	Seasonal hours: Fridays: 6 PM – 9:30 PM Saturdays: 1:30 PM – 5 PM & 6 PM – 9:30 PM Sundays: 1:30 PM – 5 PM	<u>2016-2017 Public Tubing Fees</u> Adult (14 and older): \$9/session Child: \$6.50/session <u>Group Rates</u> 4 Adults: \$34.00/session 8 Adults: \$66.50/session 12 Adults: \$99.00/session 4 Children: \$24.50/session 8 Children: \$48.00/session 12 Children: \$71.50/session

Policies

1. A minimum height restriction of 42" in order to tube. The height restriction ensures that tubers are sufficient size to quickly exit the tubes and the landing area, thereby reducing potential collisions.
2. No riding double on tubes. Multiple riders on the same tube may be at risk of impacting with other riders in the same tube. This includes holding small children on one's lap.
3. The lower level of the Chalet has been remodeled for carry-in use. All foods, snacks and/or beverages not purchased at the Chalet must be stored and eaten on the lower level. Infant formula and personal water bottles are not included in this restriction. The only foods, snacks or beverages allowed on the main floor of the Chalet are those items that have been purchased at the Sylvan Chalet snack bar. Space is limited in the entire building; tables cannot be "saved" or "reserved" and are open for use any time they are not occupied. Sylvan snack bar serves pizza, nachos, soft pretzels and pre-packaged foods and hot and cold beverages.

Tennis Courts		
Parks	Hours	Fees
Alexander Park *^ Memorial Park *^ Oak Island Park * Pleasant View Park * Forest Park ^ Riverview Park 3M Park ^	6 AM – 11 PM	None
(* Lighted courts) (^ with Pickleball)		

- Policies**
- Lights are generally on from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Alexander Park tennis court lights are turned off at 10 p.m. because of the adjacent homeowners. Oak Island's lights have to be manually turned on. Memorial's lights are on a timer. These timers can get off their schedules due to power outages. If there is a problem with lights call the park office, 261-1550.
 - Tennis courts are reserved only for either tournaments or lessons offered by an organized group. No fee is involved.



Volleyball Pits		
Parks	Hours	Fees
Riverside Park	6 AM – 11 PM	None

Policies

You must provide your own nets for volleyball pit use.

2.4 Parkland Classification Analysis

The number and type of parks and recreation facilities needed within a community are dependent on the demands of the local residents. Identifying the recreational needs and wants of community residents provides the justification for funding the acquisition and development of new facilities as well as for the maintenance of existing recreational facilities.

2.4.1 Parkland Classification

A parkland classification system is a useful tool to determine if an existing park system serves the needs of a community. The definitions in this document are adapted from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) classification system. Total acreage alone does not guarantee that the community’s park needs are being met. A community should have a number of different types of parks to serve the various needs of the residents. They may have “met the standard” in acreage through the creation of one large park, but the community’s needs can best be met through a variety of recreational activities. Table 2-1 explains the seven park classifications most commonly used in the NRPA system, their associated use, service areas, desirable size and desired acres per population. A well-rounded park system offers at least one park in each classification.

Table 2-1 National Recreation and Park Association Parkland Classification System

Component	Use	Service Area	Desirable Size	Acres/1,000 Population
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A. Local/Close-to-Home Space

Mini Park	Specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens.	Less than ¼ mile radius	1 acre or less	0.25 to 0.5A
Neighborhood Park	Areas for intense recreational activities, such as field games, court games, crafts, playground apparatus area, skating, picnicking, wading pools, etc.	¼ to ½ mile radius to serve a population up to 5,000 (a neighborhood)	3-10 acres	1.0 to 2.0A
Community Park	Areas of diverse environmental quality. May include areas suited for intense recreational facilities, such as athletic complexes and large swimming pools. May be an area of natural quality for outdoor recreation, such as walking, viewing, sitting, picnicking. May be any combination of the above, depending upon site suitability and community need.	Several neighborhoods. 1 to 2 mile radius	10+ acres	5.0 to 8.0A

Total Local Space = 6.25 to 10.5 AC/1,000

Table 2-1 (Continued) NRPA Parkland Classification System				
Component	Use	Service Area	Desirable Size	Acres/1,000 Population
B. Regional Space				
Regional/ Metropolitan Park	Areas of natural or ornamental quality for outdoor recreation, such as picnicking, boating, fishing, swimming, camping, and trail uses; may include play areas.	Several communities. 1 hour driving time	200+ acres	5.0 to 10.0A
C. Space that may be Local or Regional and is Unique to Each Community				
Linear Park	Area developed for one or more varying modes of recreational travel, such as hiking, biking, snowmobiling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, canoeing and pleasure driving. May include active play areas. (NOTE: the above components may occur in the "linear park")	No applicable standard	Sufficient width to protect the resource and provide maximum use	Variable
Special Use	Areas for specialized or single purpose recreational activities, such as golf courses, nature centers, skateparks, marinas, zoos, conservatories, arboreta, display gardens, arenas, outdoor theaters, gun ranges, or downhill ski areas, or areas that preserve, maintain, and interpret buildings, sites, and objects of archeological significance. Also plazas or squares in or near commercial centers, boulevards, parkways.	No applicable standard	Variable	Variable
Conservancy	Protection and management of the natural/cultural environment with recreational use as a secondary objective.	No applicable standard	Sufficient to protect the resource	Variable

2.4.2 Level of Service Standards

Once a community’s existing parks have been classified, a comparison can be made between the national standard for each park type and existing park acreage. While there is no formally established method to determine the Level of Service (LOS) provided by the existing facilities, the following parameters should be considered.

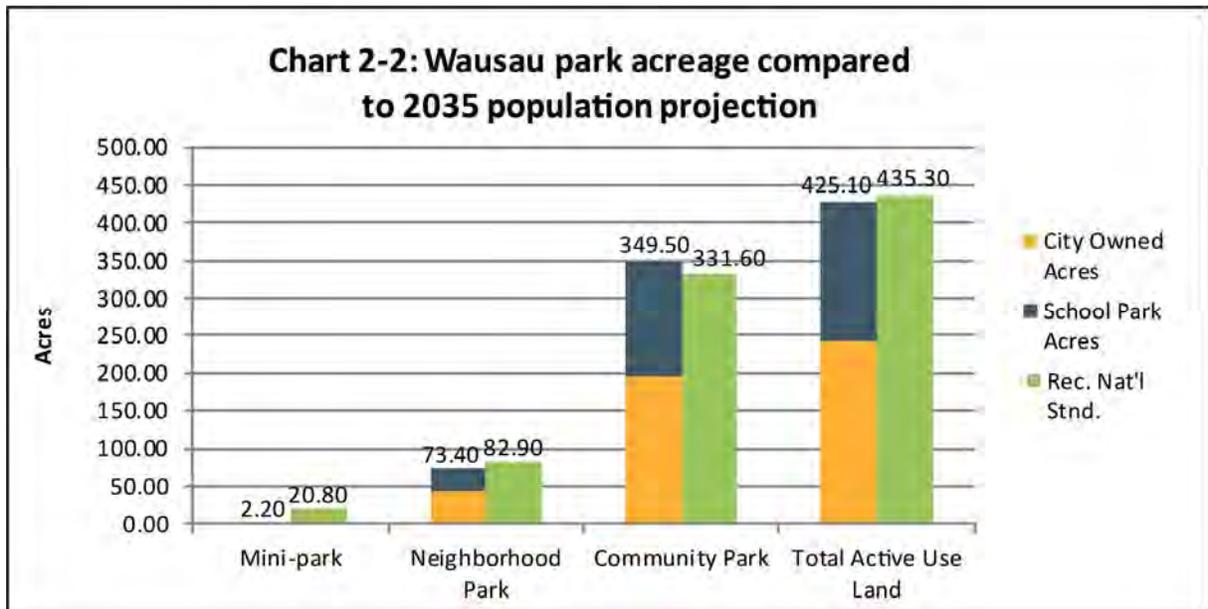
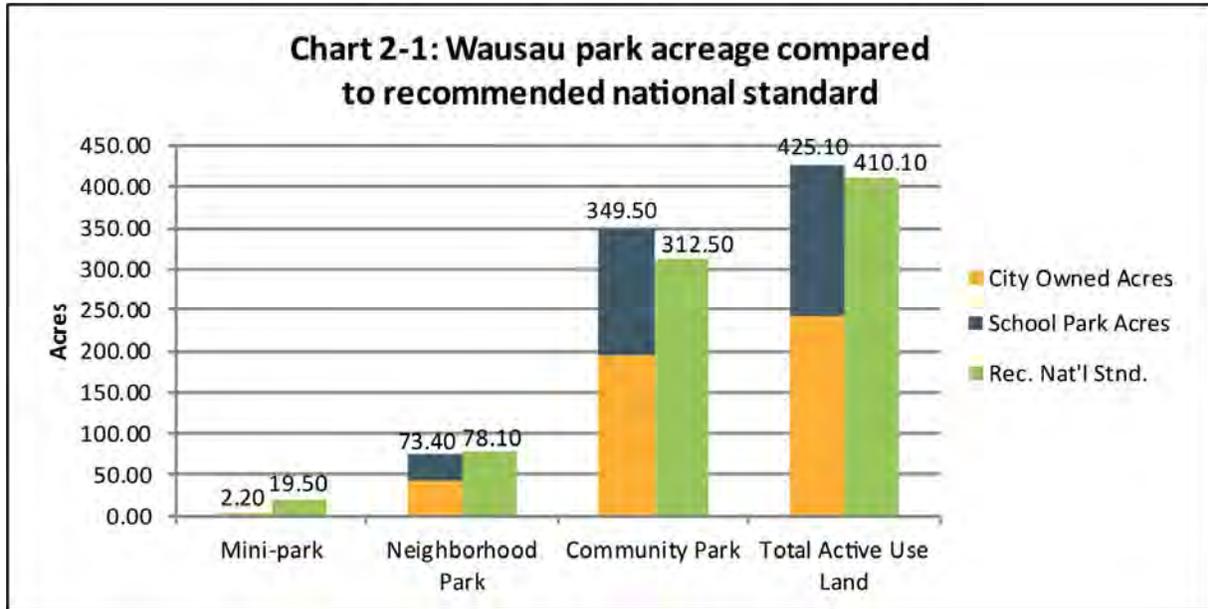
Indicators	Social Environmental Economic
Acreage/Miles	Population standards (Acres/1000 population) Benchmarking
Facilities, Activities, Capacity	Population standards Demographic Analysis Neighborhood area activities Supply/Demand
Access	Walking/Bicycling/Driving, Transit Parks Facilities
Quality	Evaluation Mapping/Distribution
Programs	Relevancy, quality, and variety Scheduling Mapping/Distribution

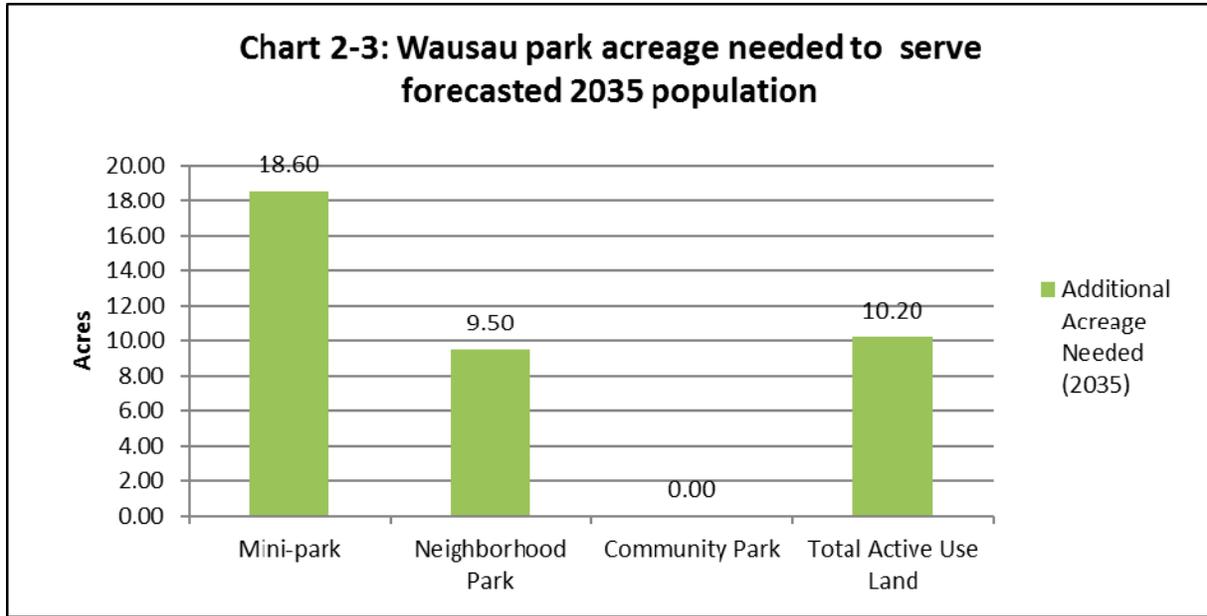
The widely accepted NRPA standard for park acreage per 1,000 population is 10.5 acres. It is recommended that this acreage be distributed among park types as follows:

Mini Parks	0.5 acres/1,000 population
Neighborhood Parks	2 acres/1,000 population
Community Parks	8 acres/1,000 population
Total	10.5 acres/1,000 population

Acreage totals in Wausau compared to NRPA standards are shown in Chart 2-1. Park acreages in Wausau are below the NRPA standard in all categories. Applying the ratios from Table 2-2 to the Wausau 2015 population of 39,063, the national standards for Wausau (shown as the green bars in Chart 2-1) are established. Wausau is below the national standard of total parkland by 168.3 acres (410.1 to 241.8). The City is also below the established standards for the different park categories. Mini parks, neighborhood parks and community parks are 16.9, 34.4 and 117.0 acres below the standard respectively. Including school parks (Blue bars in Chart 2-1) to the area calculations pushes the park area totals past the national standard.

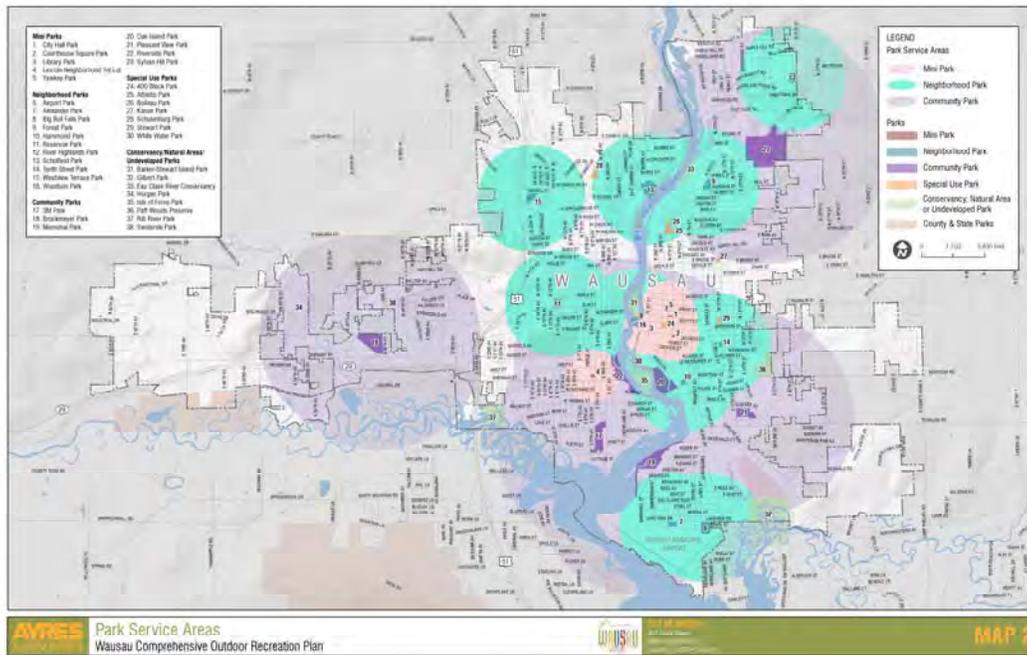
Chart 2-2 uses the 2035 combined population projection (Wisconsin Department of Administration) of 41,450 residents and applies it to measure current acreage figures and future standards.





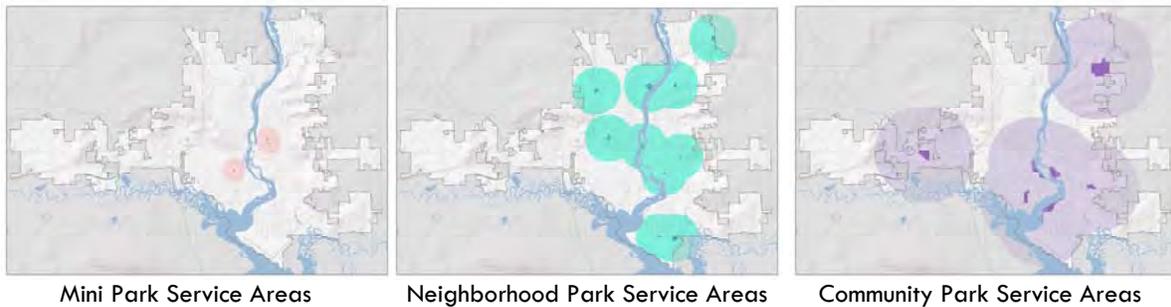
2.5 Park Service Area Requirements

This method of evaluating a community’s parkland needs and adequacy of service includes plotting park service areas on a base map to identify areas that are underserved. Utilizing the park service radii criteria established by the NRPA, park service areas were mapped for city owned mini, neighborhood and community parks in Wausau. See Map 2 in Appendix B.



The combined park service areas (mini, neighborhood, community parks) of Wausau parks provide overall good coverage to the City with some gaps in coverage. These gaps may not necessarily indicate a complete lack of park access as school and county parks may exist in these areas.

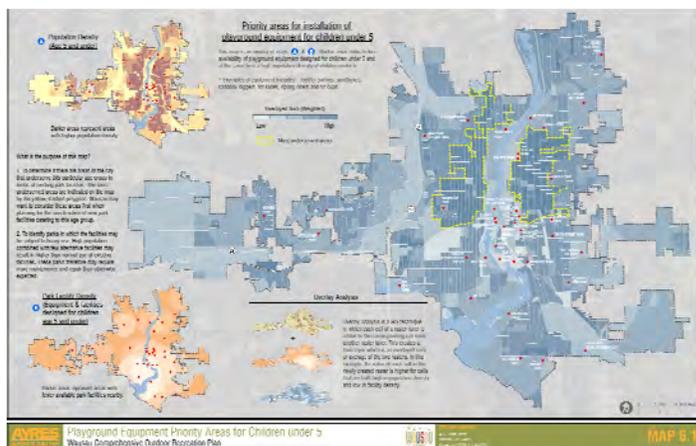
Another factor to be considered when analyzing park service areas is the distribution of parks by park type. Community parks have the most complete coverage of the City. The only major gaps in the community park service areas occur on the north side west of the river and on the far west side. Neighborhood park service areas provide a little less coverage of the City than community parks, but are still fairly well distributed. Mini parks are poorly distributed in the community with the few mini parks clustered in the City center.



If additional mini parks are planned in the future, the City may want to consider locating them outside of this central cluster. While service area by individual park type is not as vital as the combined park service area coverage, it is important to try to distribute park types evenly to give all citizens a variety of park access.

2.6 GIS Age Cohort Analysis

This analysis was developed to help prioritize improvements based on the distribution of residents by age and the availability of recreation facilities most suited for these ages in relation to their geographic location. The methodology includes the layering of data on a map (See Maps 6.1 to 6.4 in Appendix B). The result is a graduated scale of relative need or “priority” based on the absence of a particular set of amenities we would expect an age



Map 6.1 – Appendix B

group to utilize. The map is used to identify areas of spatial mismatch where parks containing certain amenities are not located in neighborhoods containing user groups best suited for those amenities. For example, if an area contains a high percentage of toddlers (age 2-5) but does not contain toddler-aged play equipment, the priority rating would be “high” because the area lacks the amenities to serve that population.

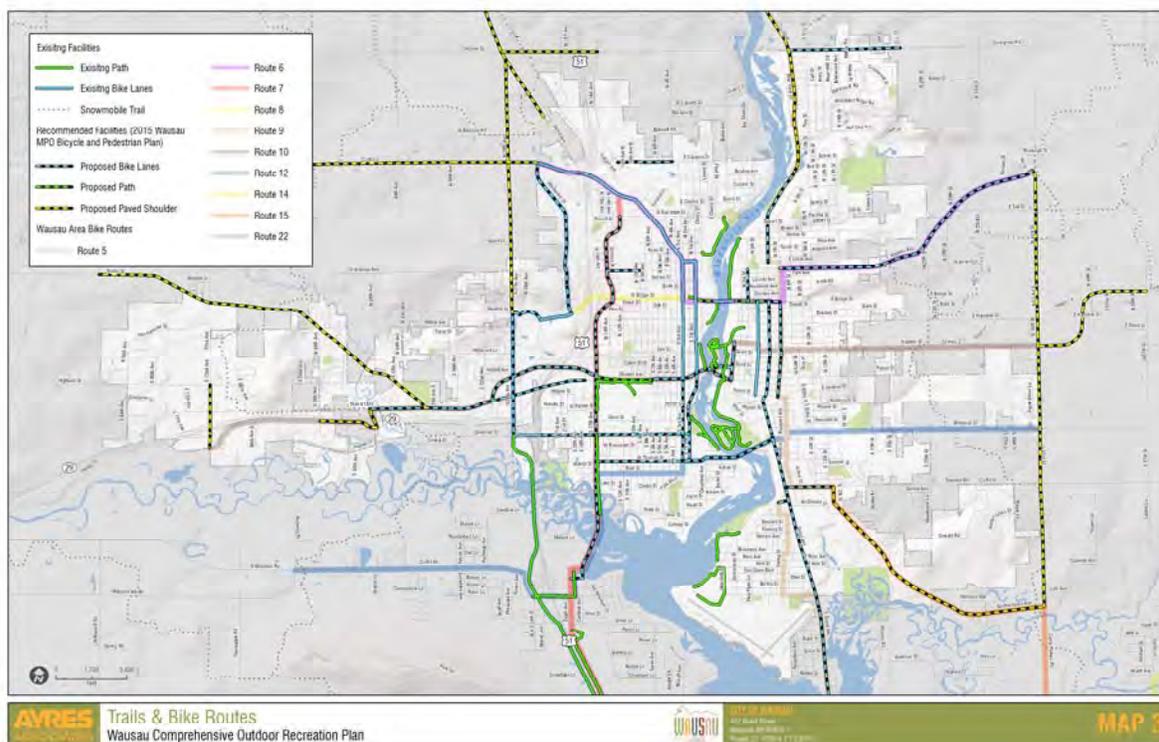
The analysis was used for four populations:

1. Under 5 years of age: toddlers are best served by play equipment such as sandboxes, toddler swings, tot slides, spring riders, and tilt cups.
2. Ages 5 to 9: this group can be expected to use play equipment such as swings, climbing structures, teeter totters, merry-go-rounds and monkey bars.
3. Ages 10 to 17 years of age: this group can be served by a variety of park facilities. Amenities evaluated for this population include facilities related to baseball, softball, soccer, sand volleyball, skateboarding, ice skating and tennis.
4. Age 55+: service to this this group was evaluated using hiking trails, picnic areas, shelters, dog parks, boat launches and fishing piers.

Parks that appear in “priority” areas (shown as the darkest areas on the graduated scale) are further discussed in Chapter 3 and mapped in Appendix B - Map 6 series.

2.7 Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections

A park-by-park analysis revealed a lack of barrier-free access to some park facilities and playgrounds. This is an important consideration for residents who have mobility limitations and require additional accommodation. Barrier-free access to many of the facilities can be accommodated by simple solutions such as installing curb cuts to allow easy access for pedestrians from the street to the park. This missing piece of infrastructure also poses a barrier for cyclists. Additional bike racks should be considered in some parks.



Map 3 – Appendix B

Map 3 (Appendix B) shows the existing and proposed bicycle facilities in Wausau. The Marathon County Bicycle Route System is a signed system of designated bicycle routes in the Wausau metropolitan area that serves as the foundation for the local bicycle network. The system consists of 105 miles of bicycle routes with over 600 color-coded route signs. Routes exist on bicycle friendly roads including roads improved with bike lanes and shared-lane markings. Shared lanes (or “sharrows”) are one of the many new strategies and engineering practices that have evolved and are now accepted by Wisconsin DOT and local governments for on-road bicycle facilities. These strategies, along with strategies from the Wausau MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, should be considered as potential tools for improving the bicycling infrastructure in the future.



Typical Wausau Area Bicycle Route Sign



Shared Bike Lanes “Sharrows”

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

This chapter includes a variety of recommendations specifically developed to meet the existing and future needs of the community over the next five years. The recommendations incorporate local citizen input and have been developed as a result of extensive analysis and participation by City officials, staff, citizens and local organizations as presented in the preceding chapters.

General recommendations are provided for direction on policy and design considerations while also considering operational and maintenance procedures. This chapter also includes a detailed park inventory sheet for each City park including general issues, possible improvement options and costs. Where they can be graphically depicted, the park inventory sheets provide schematic concept layouts for park improvement options. This chapter is divided into the following sections:

3.1 General Recommendations: System-wide policies and procedures

3.2 Future Parks and Open Spaces: Identification of general locations for new park land that would best serve the community

3.3 Individual Park Recommendations: an inventory sheet has been provided for each City Park (includes inventory and park improvement options)



Athletic Park Playground

3.1 General Recommendations

3.1.1 Park Facility Recommendations

Several common issues were observed during the planning process through the results of the community survey, site visits and meetings with community staff. Those issues and recommendations for improvements related to those issues are listed below:

1. ADA Accessibility

Site visits revealed many parks did not provide ADA accessibility to park facilities such as playground equipment, picnic shelters and sports courts. It was also observed that many of the support components at City parks (picnic tables, drinking fountains, etc.) were not ADA approved models.

- Recommendations:
 - Conduct an ADA audit system-wide, and develop a prioritized action plan to address documented issues.
 - Retrofit all parks and park facilities to be disabled accessible (when possible). This includes assuring barrier-free access to all play areas, shelters, river access points, seating areas and restrooms.
 - Where possible with existing infrastructure, assure that all parks are improved with ADA approved drinking fountains, picnic tables and other park components.
 - See Figures 3.1 and 3.2 for examples of “best practices” when designing parks for ADA accessibility



Figure 3.1 – Examples of an ADA approved picnic table and drinking fountain.

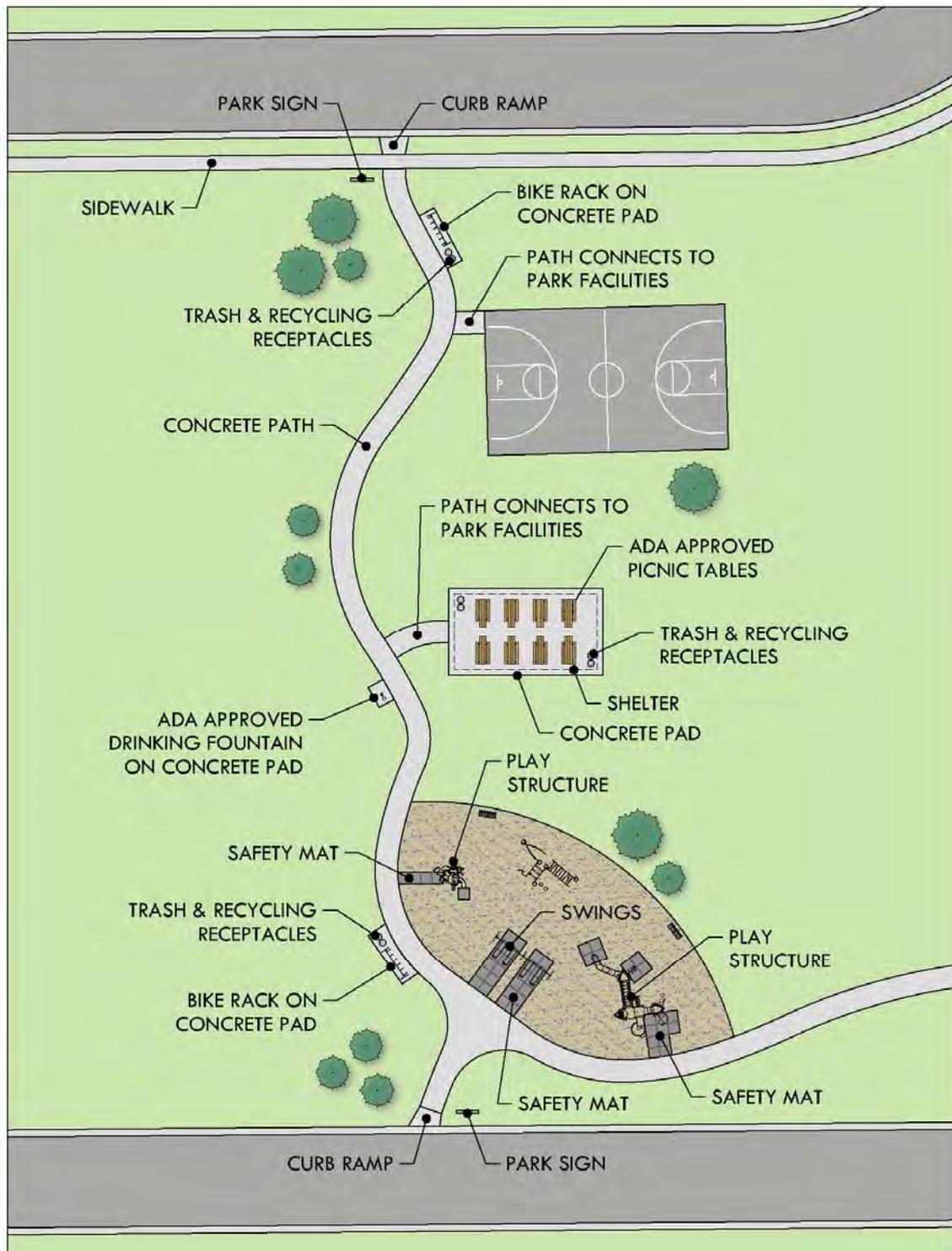


Figure 3.2 – Typical ADA requirements call for barrier free access to all park facilities. Hardscape paths, playground safety mats and ADA approved support components are examples of good practices when designing parks for accessibility. Other examples of necessary elements for general park design include bicycle parking, trash/recycling receptacles and a park sign.

2. Restrooms/Access to Restrooms

Restroom availability, access and maintenance were common issues throughout the planning process. Many in the community felt that the parks that did have restrooms did not make them available for public use often enough. This was particularly an issue in parks that host athletic events (soccer, baseball, etc.) that bring a number of people into the park for an extended period of time. One park specifically mentioned in the community survey by multiple respondents as needing restrooms was Memorial Park.

○ Recommendations:

- Develop a procedure for the prompt maintenance of park restroom facilities and equipment once a problem is observed/reported and before the issue gets worse or becomes a safety hazard. Perform systematic routine inspection and maintenance.
- Policy regarding the locking of restrooms during certain times of year or hours of the day should be revisited if public demand for access is high. Adding auto locks to restroom doors is one potential solution for avoiding restrooms being locked for long periods of time.
- Consider the construction of park restrooms in parks that host events, host leagues and/or have high attendance and no restrooms. A good policy would be that all “Community Park” size parks have restroom facilities. The plan identifies Memorial Park and 3M Park as parks that would be good candidates for new restroom buildings.

3. Missing Support Components

Many parks did not have support components such as drinking fountains, trash/recycling receptacles and bicycle parking.

○ Recommendations:

- All parks “Neighborhood Park” size or larger should have trash receptacles, recycling receptacles, drinking fountains and bike racks. These components should be installed on a hardscape surface such as concrete or asphalt.

4. Aging Play Equipment

Park inventories revealed that some of the City's playground equipment is starting to show signs of age and will need to be replaced in the near future.

- Recommendations:
 - This plan recommends the replacement of play equipment in four City parks during the five-year period after its adoption. After that period, another set of parks will need to have playground equipment replaced. We recommend this staggered approach to replacing playground equipment to avoid the situation in which all playgrounds begin to have equipment fail at the same time.

5. No Transfer Mats at Playgrounds

Many parks are missing transfer mats under play equipment. Mats are typically located at critical points where children would enter or exit a piece of equipment. These mats serve the dual purposes of providing a safe landing spot in fall zones as well as allowing for easier wheelchair access to equipment.

- Recommendations:
 - Install transfer mats under swings and at entry/exit points of play structures in all playgrounds.

3.1.2 Promotion/Education

- a. Continue to communicate with user groups over facilities updates and promote donations and formalized use agreements for maintenance.
- b. Enhance the City web page to include a parks location map and specific site maps for each park illustrating site layout and amenities.
- c. Invite private partner groups to participate in periodic park update meetings to keep participation high and awareness of ongoing project endeavors.
- d. Establish a community-wide wayfinding system that identifies key parks and bicycle routes along primary transportation corridors to and through the City. Regularly update all bicycle and park system maps as new facilities are developed.
- e. Utilize marquee signs and other displays to announce special events, prices or programs in City parks. This plan recommends coordinating with user groups and/or advertisers to offset costs and install marquees when budgets, grants or fundraising allow for purchase and installation.

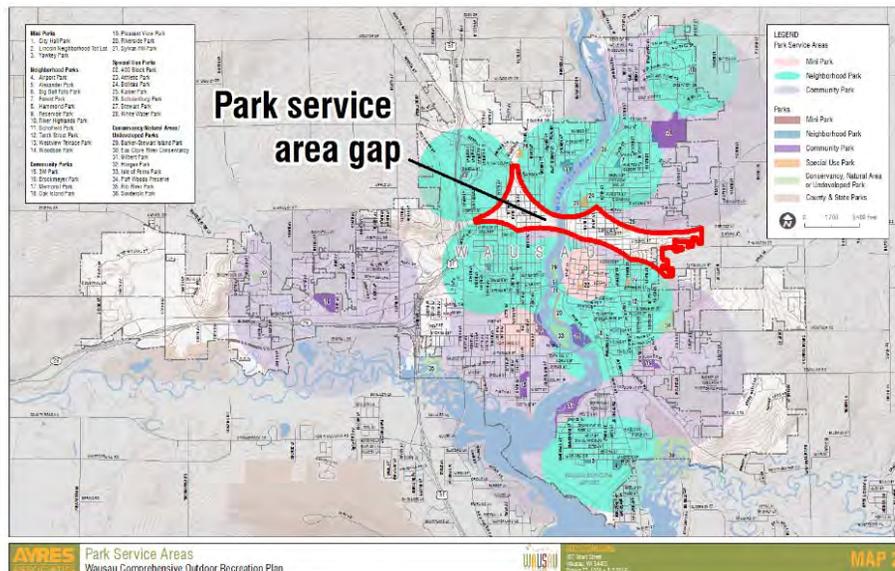
3.1.3 Environmentally Sustainable Practices

- a. Trash and recycling receptacles should be evenly distributed throughout City parks. The method of collection should also be used to determine receptacle locations. Placement of trash receptacles near sitting benches, for example is not preferred since it may discourage use of the benches or the trash receptacle.
- b. Consider integrating rain gardens and bio-retention facilities, rain barrels, and other stormwater best management practices into existing facilities and proposed improvements.
- c. Consider adopting a “grow not mow” policy in City parks to limit how often (and what portions of) parks are mowed. Adding a day or more to the mowing cycle and preserving natural grasslands in parks can reduce the amount of fossil fuels consumed in City operations. These new grasslands can also function as natural buffers around shoreland and wooded areas and help reduce soil erosion.
- d. There are a variety of operational and maintenance activities that often can be accomplished for less cost. Fuel is a big expense, prompting some communities to have strict idling policies that restrict how long a municipal vehicle can remain running before it is turned off. Similarly, warming up vehicles should be limited – an example would be restricting warm up to no more than five minutes.
- e. When replacing and/or installing new lighting in City parks, consider fixtures that utilize solar regeneration and LED illumination to reduce long-term maintenance costs and minimize non-renewable energy use.

3.2 Future Parks and Open Spaces

3.2.1 Future Park Locations

Park service area mapping revealed a small gap in service through the north central portion of the city (See Map 2). This area is outlined in red below.



This red park service area gap transposed to the population density map (Map 5) reveals that this gap is in a rather densely populated area of the City.



This would be a good area to study the feasibility of a new park if the City chose to add park land in the future. There are a few City owned parcels in this area and there is a sizeable population that could make use of a park in this location. A new park would most likely be a mini or neighborhood size park to serve the immediate area. Facilities could include amenities such as play equipment, a shelter and possibly athletic fields. Demographic analysis (such as Maps 5.1 & 6 through 6.4) and neighborhood input would be gathered to determine the type of facilities that are in demand in this area.

The City is currently in the planning stage for a new park in close proximity to this gap. The River Edge Park is planned for construction in 2017 and will be located on the riverfront near Bridge Street. Preliminary concept plans for the park include amenities such as event space, trails, a splash pad and play equipment.

3.2.2 Park Layout Concept /Park Master Plans

If significant improvements are planned for a specific park, a concept or master plan should be completed before construction begins. The goal of the plan is to determine what type of improvements are possible in the given space and to provide a guide for the development of those improvements.



Park Master Plan Graphic Example

The process for development of a park master plan includes research and data collection to identify drainage patterns, topography and other site features. After this initial reconnaissance, a public meeting is held to gather input on preferred park programming and amenities. Following this community engagement, concept development plans are created and cost estimates are prepared. These concept plans are further refined through public feedback and staff discussions into a final graphic and summary report.

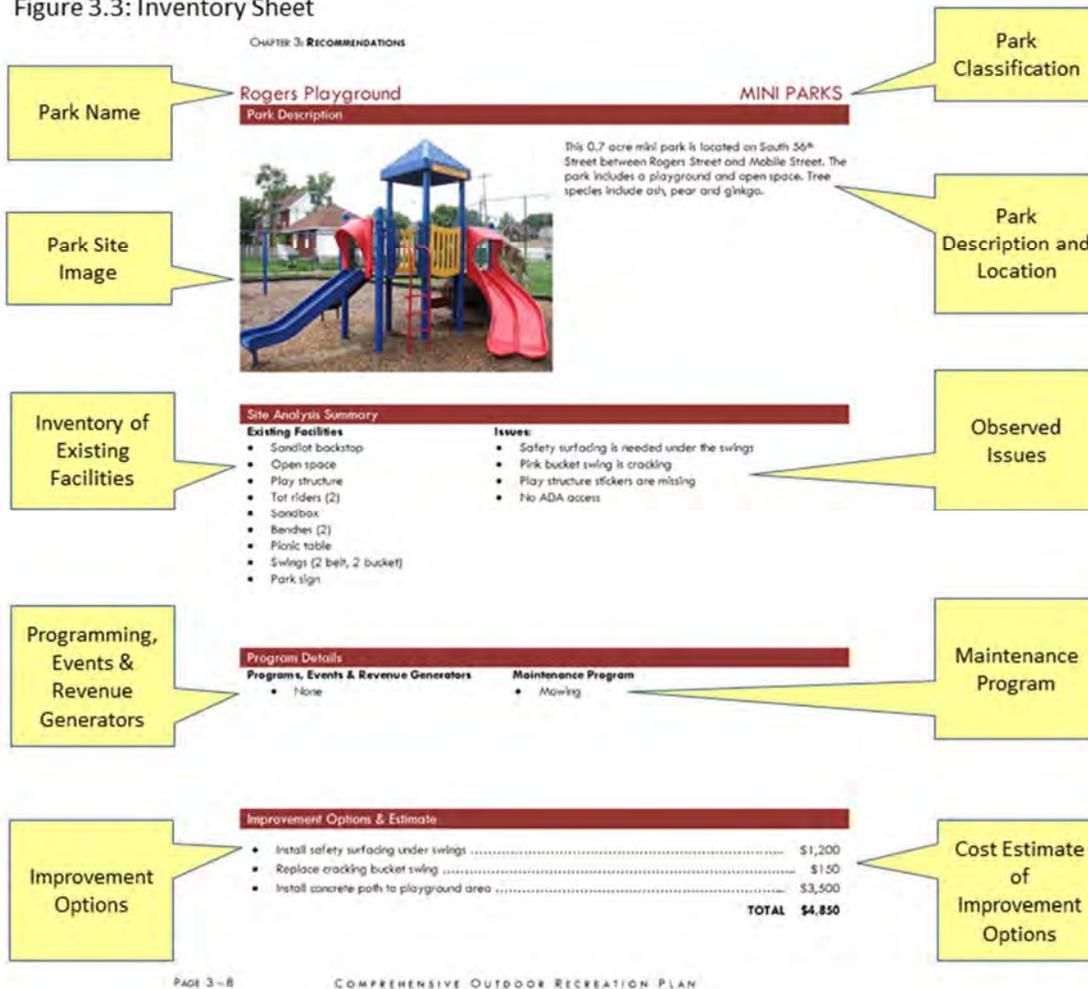
3.3 Individual Park Recommendations

The following section discusses more detailed recommendations for each park. These recommended improvements are based on issues identified in site visits and comments from residents and local officials. Improvement options are also identified for each park in the 5-Year Capital Improvements Table in Chapter 4.

Each park’s inventory sheets contain the location of the park, existing facilities, observed issues and recommendations for improvements. Not all improvements can be made in the next 5-years and many require substantial investment in the form of time, money or human capital to implement. Improvement recommendations should be viewed as options that could occur to mitigate, improve or promote aspects of the park site.

A sample inventory sheet (Figure 3.3) illustrates how information is presented on each park sheet. Park sheets are presented by parkland classifications devised by the National Recreation and Park Association as identified in Chapter 2.

Figure 3.3: Inventory Sheet



MINI PARKS

City Hall Park

MINI PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 0.5 acre mini park is adjacent to Wausau City Hall at 407 Grant Street. Amenities include a fountain, benches and picnic tables. Tree species include oak and maple.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Fountain
- Benches (5 standard , 4 fountain style)
- Concrete sidewalk
- Trash receptacles (3)
- Picnic tables (3)
- Park sign

Issues:

- Broken trash receptacle lid
- Add recycling receptacle
- Broken concrete step
- Reseed lawn near path

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Construction
- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Replace trash receptacle lid	\$200
• Add recycling receptacles	\$2,000
• Repair concrete step	\$1,000
• Reseed lawn near path	\$200
TOTAL	\$3,400

City Hall Park

MINI PARKS

Site Images



Fountain



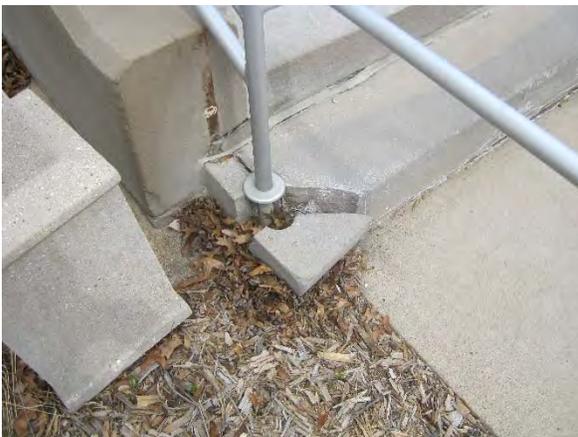
Park sign



Hagge family plaque



Fountain benches



Broken concrete step



Broken trash receptacle lid

Lincoln Neighborhood Tot Lot

MINI PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 0.9 acre park is on South 5th Avenue between West Street and Sherman Street. Park amenities include a play structure, merry-go-round and open space. Tree species include ash, maple and hickory.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Play structure (2 to 5 year old)
- Merry-go-round
- Open space
- Bucket game
- Benches (6)
- Drinking fountain
- “Werle Park Neighborhood” sign
- Bike rack
- Trash receptacle

Issues:

- Some benches missing backs/graffiti
- Bike rack is not standard
- Play structure wheel is missing
- Bucket game is leaning and missing a bucket
- Drinking fountain is not ADA approved
- No recycling receptacle
- Crack in asphalt path

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Replace benches	\$6,000
• Replace bike rack with Inverted-U style racks	\$1,500
• Replace damaged “wheel” module on play structure	\$1,000
• Remove “bucket” game and replace with new feature	\$1,000
• Remove drinking fountain and replace with ADA approved model	\$5,000
• Install recycling receptacle	\$1,000
• Seal crack in asphalt	\$500
TOTAL	\$16,000

Lincoln Neighborhood Tot Lot

MINI PARKS

Site Images



Play structure



Merry-go-round



Missing bucket on bucket game



Back support on bench is missing



Play structure wheel is missing



Bike rack is not standard

Yawkey Park

MINI PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



Yawkey Park is a 0.8 acre mini park located at the intersection of North 4th Street and Grant Street. Park amenities include a fountain, benches and a concrete path. Tree species include maple and ash.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Fountain with seating area
- Benches (2)
- Concrete path
- Drinking fountain
- Picnic tables (4)
- Trash receptacles (2)
- Lighting
- Pergola on paver base

Issues:

- Pergola wood is rotting
- Broken wood utility cover
- No recycling receptacle
- Drinking fountain not ADA approved

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Ice Tee Classic Fundraiser

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Refurbish pergola	\$5,000
• Replace utility cover	\$500
• Add recycling receptacle	\$1,000
• Replace drinking fountain with ADA approved model	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$11,500

Yawkey Park

MINI PARKS

Site Images



Fountain



Fountain seating area



Bench



Pergola



Rotten wood on pergola



Broken utility cover

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Airport Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 7.7 acre neighborhood park is located on Lake View Drive adjacent to the Wausau Municipal Airport. Park amenities include a youth baseball field and two soccer fields. Tree species include ash and linden.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Youth baseball field with bleachers
- Soccer fields (2)
- Gravel parking lot
- Asphalt path
- Park sign
- Storage shed
- Drinking fountain

Issues:

- Equipment shed doors need to be replaced
- Drinking fountain is not ADA approved
- No trash or recycling receptacles
- Need permanent fencing on east side of parking lot
- No bicycle parking

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Wausau Youth Baseball and Softball

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Replace equipment shed doors	\$2,500
• Replace drinking fountain with ADA approved model	\$5,000
• Install trash and recycling receptacles	\$2,000
• Install chain link fence on east side of parking lot	\$10,000
• Install bike racks on hardscape surface	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$21,000

Airport Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images



Youth baseball field



Gravel parking lot



Baseball bleachers



Soccer field/open space



Pad for bleachers



Equipment shed

Alexander Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



Alexander Park is located on Lake View Drive adjacent to the Wausau Municipal Airport. Amenities in this 2.4 acre park include a basketball court, tennis courts and a park shelter. Tree species include maple, red pine, oak, spruce and linden.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Basketball court
- Tennis courts (2) with lights
- Pickleball court
- Small play structure (5 to 12 year old)
- Swings (2 belt, 1 bucket, 1 seat)
- Shelter
- Benches (3)
- Picnic tables (5)
- Park sign
- Asphalt path
- Drinking fountain
- Horseshoe pits
- Park sign

Issues:

- Drinking fountain is not ADA approved
- No recycling receptacles
- Split tree
- Cracks in tennis court surface
- No bicycle parking

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

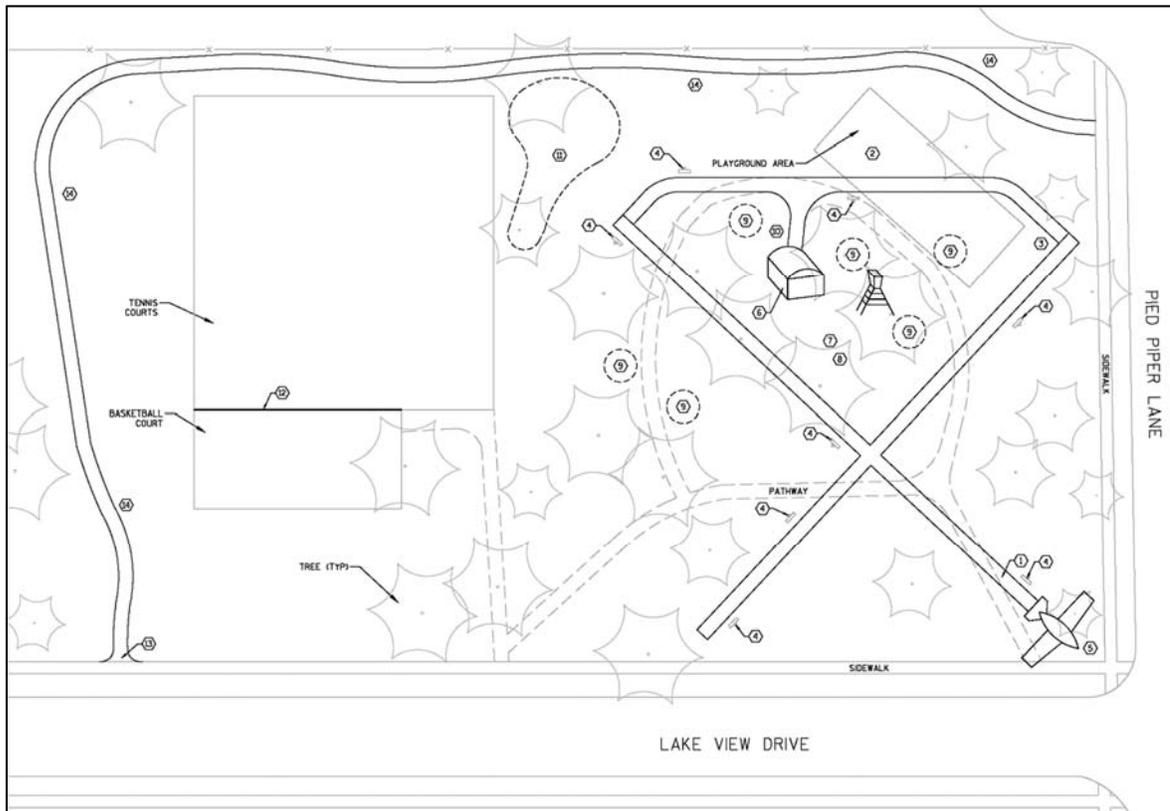
- General maintenance
- Mowing

Alexander Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Replace drinking fountain with ADA approved model	\$5,000
• Install recycling receptacle	\$1,000
• Remove tree	\$1,500
• Seal cracks in tennis court	\$1,000
• Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500
• Replace play structure and surfacing	\$37,500
	PRIVATELY FUNDED
• Implement 2018 park redevelopment plan (Airport theme – See below)	
TOTAL	\$47,500



Proposed, privately funded Alexander Park improvements

Alexander Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images



Shelter



Play Structure



Asphalt path



Swings



Drinking fountain



Cracks in tennis court surface

Big Bull Falls Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



Big Bull Falls Park is a 1.6 acre neighborhood park on the Wisconsin River north of Scott Street. Park amenities include a shelter, interpretive signage and a bridge to Barker-Stewart Island. Tree species include oak, maple, spruce and ash.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Shelter
- Asphalt path
- Parking lot
- Benches (3)
- Wood fence
- Park sign
- Interpretive signage
- River view area
- Bridge to Barker-Stewart Island Park

Issues:

- Cracks in asphalt path and concrete bench pad
- Some interpretive signage is in poor condition
- No recycling receptacles

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Construction
- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Seal cracks in asphalt and concrete	\$1,000
• Replace "You Are Here" map	\$3,000
• Install recycling receptacle	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$5,000

Big Bull Falls Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images



Park sign



Shelter



Parking lot



Asphalt path



Cracked concrete pad



Interpretive signage

Forest Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This heavily wooded park is located at the intersection of North 9th Street and Parcher Street. Park facilities include a playground, tennis courts and a shelter. Tree species include mixed deciduous, ash, maple, oak and spruce.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Tennis courts (2, one with pickleball)
- Covered benches (2)
- Bench
- Play structure (5 to 12 year old)
- Swings (2 bucket, 1 belt, 1 seat)
- Shelter
- Picnic tables (4)
- Park sign

Issues:

- No drinking fountain
- No trash or recycling receptacles at tennis courts or playground/shelter area
- No ADA access to facilities
- Park sign paint is chipping

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Install drinking fountain at tennis courts	\$10,000
• Add trash and recycling receptacles at tennis courts and playground/shelter area	\$4,000
• Install asphalt path to playground and shelter	\$5,000
• Paint park sign	\$500
• Replace play structure and surfacing	\$57,250
TOTAL	\$76,750

Forest Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images



Shelter



Tennis court with Pickleball striping



Play structure



Covered bench



No ADA access



Park sign

Hammond Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 1.4 acre neighborhood park is located at the corner of Grand Avenue and East Thomas Street. Park amenities include a playground, a gazebo and horseshoe pits. Tree species include honey locust, spruce, cedar and maple.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Gazebo
- Small water fountain gazebo
- Swings (2 belt)
- Slide
- Horseshoe pits (2X2)
- Benches
- Picnic tables
- Asphalt path
- Bike rack
- Parking lot
- Trash receptacles
- Bridge monument
- Park sign

Issues:

- Gazebo roof shingles are in poor condition
- No recycling receptacles
- The bike rack should have hardscape surface on both sides
- No ADA drinking fountain

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Concert Band

Maintenance Program

- Construction
- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Repair gazebo roof (re-shingle)	\$15,000
• Install recycling receptacles	\$2,000
• Install ADA drinking fountain	\$10,000
• Add hardscape surface at bike rack so it is accessible from both sides	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$28,500

Hammond Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images



Gazebo



Park sign



Swings



Slide



Bike rack



Parking lot

Reservoir Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



Reservoir Park is a 4.4 acre neighborhood park on North 12th Avenue between Maple Street and Elm Street. Park features include a playground, a shelter and open space. Tree species include maple, spruce, ash and pine.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Shelter with picnic tables (4) and grills (2)
- Parking lot
- Open space
- Play structure (5 to 12 year old)
- Swings (2 belt)
- Bench
- Asphalt path
- Picnic tables
- Reservoir bench/monument
- Park sign

Issues:

- No ADA access to playground from Maple St
- No drinking fountain
- No trash or recycling receptacles
- No bike parking
- Weeds in stone walk at monument/bench
- Missing panel on play structure

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Construct asphalt path from Maple Street to playground	\$5,500
• Install ADA approved drinking fountain	\$10,000
• Install trash and recycling receptacles	\$2,000
• Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500
• Treat weeds in stone walk at bench/monument	\$1,000
• Replace play structure and surfacing	\$57,250
TOTAL	\$77,250

Reservoir Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images



Shelter



Play structure



Asphalt path



Swings



Bench/monument



No ADA access from Maple St

River Highlands Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 5.1 acre park on Wausau's north side is located between Marquardt Road and River Highlands Court. Park amenities include a basketball court, a playground and open space. Tree species include spruce, maple and crabapple.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Play structure (5 to 12 year old)
- Swings (2 belt, 2 bucket)
- 1/2 Basketball court
- Asphalt path
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Open space
- Path lighting
- Trash receptacles

Issues:

- No bike parking
- No drinking fountain
- No recycling receptacles
- No three point line on basketball court

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500
• Install ADA approved drinking fountain	\$5,000
• Install recycling receptacles	\$2,000
• Stripe three point line on basketball court	\$500
TOTAL	\$9,000

River Highlands Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images



Play structure



Swings



1/2 basketball court



Asphalt path



Open space



Bench

Scholfield Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



10.1 acre Scholfield Park is located on the Wisconsin River at 606 East Randolph Street. The park includes two youth baseball fields, a playground and a boat launch. Tree species include maple, spruce, ash and red pine.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Softball/youth baseball with bleachers (2)
- Play structure (5 to 12 year old)
- Swings (2 bucket)
- Drinking fountain
- Asphalt parking lot
- Gravel parking lot
- Boat launch with parking
- Asphalt path
- Picnic tables
- Flagpoles
- Park sign

Issues:

- Playground equipment is in poor condition
- ADA access issues
- Drinking fountain not ADA approved
- No bicycle parking
- No recycling receptacles
- Equipment shed at north baseball field needs paint
- Crosswalk to asphalt parking lot needs paint

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Wausau Youth Baseball and Softball

Maintenance Program

- Construction
- General maintenance
- Mowing

Scholfield Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Install new play structure and swings	\$90,000
• Pave gravel parking lot	\$40,000
• Install asphalt path from sidewalk on Randolph to existing path at north ball field	\$10,000
• Paint equipment shed at north ball field	\$1,500
• Replace scoreboard at south ball field	\$3,000
• Replace drinking fountain with an ADA approved model	\$5,000
• Install recycling receptacles	\$3,000
• Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500
• Repaint crosswalk on Randolph St	\$2,000
TOTAL	\$156,000

Scholfield Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images



Play structure



Play structure steps



Gravel Parking lot



Crosswalk to asphalt parking lot



Swing set



South ballfield scoreboard



Tenth Street Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



Tenth Street Park is a 1.1 acre neighborhood park on North 10th Street between East Jackson Street and East Forest Street. Park amenities include basketball courts, a playground and open space.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- ½ Basketball courts (2)
- Play structure (5 to 12 year old)
- Swings (2 bucket, 1 belt, 1 seat)
- Open space
- Park sign
- Benches (2)
- Trash receptacle

Issues:

- Cracks in basketball court
- Trash receptacle at basketball court is damaged
- No trash receptacle at playground
- No recycling receptacles
- No bicycle parking
- No drinking fountain
- Play structure is in poor condition
- No ADA access to park facilities

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Seal cracks in basketball court, resurface and cut expansion joint between courts	\$15,000
• Replace damaged trash receptacle at basketball court, install trash receptacle at playground	\$2,000
• Install recycling receptacles at basketball court and playground	\$2,000
• Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500
• Install ADA approved drinking fountain	\$10,000
• Install asphalt path to playground and basketball courts	\$2,000
TOTAL	\$32,500

Tenth Street Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images



Basketball courts



Crack in court



Damaged trash receptacle at basketball courts



No trash receptacle at playground



Playground (REPLACED)



Play structure is in poor condition (REPLACED)

Westview Terrace Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



Westview Terrace Park is on Bissell Street at the intersection of North 16th Avenue. The park is 4.2 acres and includes a playground, a path network and open space. Tree species include maple, pine, birch and ash.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Play structure (5 to 12 year old)
- Sand digger
- Swings (2 belt, 2 bucket)
- Boulder play area
- Merry-go-round
- Asphalt paths
- Benches
- Open space
- Park sign

Issues:

- No trash or recycling receptacles
- No drinking fountain
- No bicycle parking
- Playground equipment is not ADA accessible
- No safety mats under play equipment

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Install trash and recycling receptacles	\$2,000
• Install drinking fountain	\$10,000
• Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500
• Install safety mats under play equipment to provide safe fall zones and ADA access to play equipment	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$18,500

Westview Terrace Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images



Boulder play area



Playground



Asphalt path



Benches



Open space



Play structure

Woodson Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



Woodson Park is a 1.7 acre park south of Big Bull Falls Park on the Wisconsin River. The “Challenge” kayaking sculpture is the main feature of the park. Tree species include spruce, maple and ash.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- “Challenge” sculpture and plaza
- Concrete path
- Benches (4)
- Park sign
- Open space
- Lighted bollards

Issues:

- No trash or recycling receptacles
- No drinking fountain
- Worn turf near path

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Install trash and recycling receptacles	\$2,000
• Install drinking fountain	\$10,000
• Reseed turf near path	\$500
TOTAL	\$12,500

Woodson Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images



Park sign



Sculpture drain



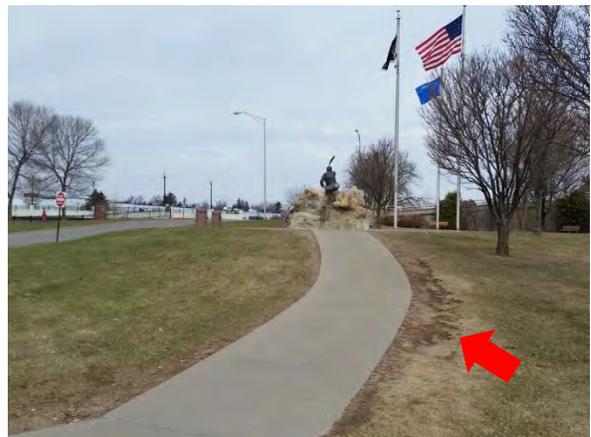
Monument plaque



Lighted bollard



Benches & open space



Worn turf near path

COMMUNITY PARKS

3M Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 15.1 acre community park is located on Park Boulevard between South 5th Avenue and South 3rd Avenue. Site amenities include ballfields, tennis courts and playgrounds. Tree species include ash, maple, red pine, spruce and cedar.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Softball/youth baseball fields with bleachers (2)
- Tennis courts (2) with pickleball (4)
- Tennis ball return wall
- ½ basketball court
- Play structure (5 to 12 year old)
- Swings (4 belt, 1 bucket, 1 seat)
- Tire swing
- Slide
- Tot rider
- Puzzle game
- Sand digger
- Parking lots (2)
- Shelter
- Open space
- Asphalt path
- Equipment shed
- Little Free Library
- Drinking fountain
- United Way learning stations
- Benches
- Sledding hill
- Park sign
- Picnic tables

Issues:

- General Issues
 - Drinking fountain not ADA approved
 - No trash receptacles at playground
 - No recycling receptacles
 - Playground equipment not ADA accessible
 - No safety mats under some play equipment
 - No bicycle parking
 - No restrooms
- Baseball/Softball Fields
 - Steep slope behind team bench at north field
 - Missing cable on backstop of north field
 - Heaving fence posts at south field
- Tennis Courts
 - Crack in court
 - No expansion joint
- Basketball Court
 - Needs resurfacing
 - No three point line

3M Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Wausau Youth Baseball and Softball

Maintenance Program

- Construction
- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

○ General Issues		
• Replace drinking fountain with ADA approved model	\$5,000	
• New restroom building	\$150,000	
• Possible disc golf course location	\$15,000	
• Install trash receptacles at playgrounds (2)	\$2,000	
• Install recycling receptacles (4)	\$4,000	
• Install safety mats at playground to provide safe fall zones and ADA access to play equipment	\$4,000	
• Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500	
• Possible community garden location	\$3,000	
○ Baseball/Softball Fields		
• Install fence behind first base team bench at north field to restrict access to steep slope ..	\$15,000	
• Replace missing cable support at backstop on north field	\$500	
• Reset heaving fence post footings at south field	\$5,000	
○ Tennis Courts		
• Seal crack in court surface	\$1,000	
• Cut an expansion joint between courts to prevent future cracking	\$1,000	
○ Basketball Courts		
• Resurface and restripe basketball court (include three point line)	\$4,000	
		TOTAL \$211,000

3M Park

Site Images

COMMUNITY PARKS

General



Playground



Swings and tot rider



Parking lot



United Way learning stations



Asphalt path



Sledding hill

3M Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Site Images

Baseball/Softball Fields



Missing cable backstop support



Heaving fence post footings at south field

Tennis Courts



Tennis court with pickleball striping



Crack in court surface

Basketball Court



Basketball court



Brockmeyer Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



Brockmeyer Park is a 25.5 acre community park at 4200 Stettin Drive. Site amenities include a baseball field, soccer fields and a playground. Tree species include maple, ash, birch and crabapple.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Baseball field with bleachers & press box
- Equipment shed
- Soccer fields (3)
- Open space
- Shelter with restrooms
- Park dedication monument
- Drinking fountain
- Play structure (5 to 12 year old)
- Swings (2 belt, 2 bucket)
- Asphalt path
- Parking lot
- Picnic tables
- Bench
- Park sign

Issues:

- General Issues
 - Turf in poor condition in some areas
 - No recycling receptacles
 - No bicycle parking
 - No ADA accessibility to some park facilities
 - No ADA accessibility from some handicapped parking stalls
 - No safety mats under play equipment
 - Poorly fitted bolt on play structure
 - Heaving footings on shelter columns causing concrete pad to crack
 - Shelter roof shingles are weathered
 - ADA parking sign posts are too short
- Baseball Field
 - Issues with fence on 1st base side (Heaving footings, gap at bottom, misaligned, no gate)
 - Stair platform at press box not level
 - No drinking fountain

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Wausau Youth Baseball and Softball

Maintenance Program

- Construction
- General maintenance
- Mowing

Brockmeyer Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Improvement Options & Estimate

○	General Issues		
●	Reseed areas of lawn in poor condition	\$500	
●	Install recycling receptacles	\$2,000	
●	Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500	
●	Construct path from parking lot to baseball field	\$18,000	
●	Construct path from west parking lot to playground/shelter area. Extend path at east parking lot to handicapped parking stalls to the south. Construct curb ramps.	\$14,000	
●	Remove cracked concrete sections at shelter. Replace with new concrete.	\$5,000	
●	Re-shingle roof of shelter	\$10,000	
●	Convert open space to fenced off-leash dog area	\$10,000	
●	Construct Jo Jo's Jungle (All-inclusive playground) in place of existing playground		PRIVATELY FUNDED
●	Jo Jo's Jungle infrastructure improvements	\$110,000	
●	Stettin Drive sidewalk extension	\$20,000	
●	Extended walking path system	\$50,000	
●	Potential location for a dog exercise area	\$10,000	
○	Baseball Fields		
●	Replace fence at baseball field on 1 st base side from dugout to outfield fence	\$10,000	
●	Install drinking fountain	\$10,000	
			TOTAL \$261,000

Brockmeyer Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Site Images

General



Turf in poor condition



No ADA access to play equipment



No ADA access from handicapped parking stalls



Bolt not securely fastened



Cracked concrete at shelter



Shelter roof is in poor condition

Brockmeyer Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Site Images

Baseball Field



Heaving fence post footings



Gap at bottom of fence on 1st base side



Fence is leaning



No Gate (Foul ball danger?)



Backstop, Dugouts, press box & equipment shed



Stair platform not level



Memorial Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 24.6 acre community park is located on the Wisconsin River west of Sturgeon Eddy Road. The site includes a baseball field, swimming pool and boat launch. Tree species include oak, maple, pine, birch, crabapple, spruce and various others.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Youth baseball field with bleachers
- Baseball field equipment shed
- Tennis courts (2 – One with pickle ball)
- Basketball hoop (In tennis courts)
- Swimming pool with building (Under const.)
- Shelters (2)
- Boat launch
- Play structure (5 to 12 year old)
- Swings (3 bucket, 1 belt, 1 seat)
- Disc golf course
- Off-leash dog area
- Fishing pier
- Drink fountain (Out of order/not ADA)
- Covered bench
- Open space
- Asphalt path
- Picnic tables
- Grills
- Benches
- Trash receptacles
- Parking lots (2)
- Park signs (2)

Issues:

- General Issues
 - Lower shelter needs new roof
 - Upper shelter timber column is splitting
 - Disc golf signage is in poor condition
 - Drinking fountain is out of order/not ADA
 - Play structure is in below average condition
 - Need more recycling receptacles
 - No bike parking
 - Turn radius at boat launch is too tight
 - Parking lots will soon need repaving
 - No restrooms (outside of pool area)
 - Sidewalk from park entrance ends abruptly
 - Sea wall needs replacement
- Baseball Field
 - Paint is chipping on dugouts and press box
- Tennis Courts
 - Cracks in court surface
 - Court surface is worn in some areas
 - Nets are splitting in some areas
 - Tennis, basketball and pickle ball conflict

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Wausau Youth Baseball and Softball

Maintenance Program

- Construction
- General maintenance
- Mowing

Memorial Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Improvement Options & Estimate

○	General Issues	
●	New restroom building	\$150,000
●	Replace splitting timber column on upper shelter	\$5,000
●	Install new disc golf signage	\$10,000
●	Install (2) ADA approved drinking fountains	\$15,000
●	Replace play structure and surfacing	\$77,500
●	Install (2) recycling receptacles	\$2,000
●	Install (2) bike racks on hardscape surface	\$3,000
●	Increase turning radius at boat launch	\$5,000
●	Repave parking lots	\$60,000
●	Walkway extension	\$42,500
●	Replace sea wall	\$85,000
○	Baseball Field	
●	Repaint dugouts and press box	\$1,500
○	Tennis Courts	
●	Seal cracks in court surface	\$1,000
●	Cut expansion joint in court surface to prevent future cracking	\$1,000
●	Move basketball hoop to new area to prevent conflicts with tennis and pickle ball	\$5,000
		TOTAL \$463,500

Memorial Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Site Images

General



Shelter roof in poor condition (ROOF REPLACED)



Upper shelter column is splitting



Disc golf signage



Drinking fountain out of order (REPAIRED)



Play structure



Turn radius at boat launch is too tight

Memorial Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Site Images

Baseball Field



Baseball field



Some chipping paint on dugouts and press box

Tennis Courts



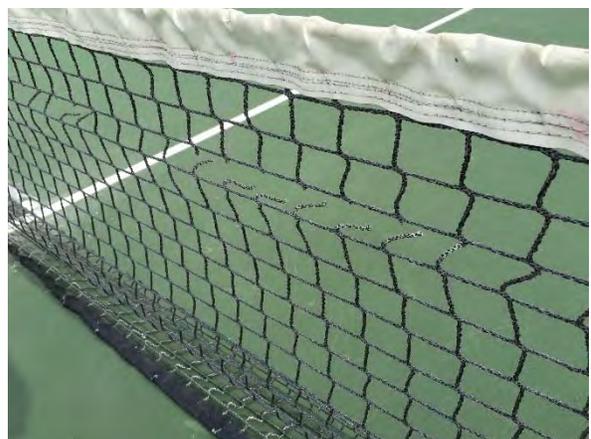
Cracks in tennis court



Tennis/basketball/pickle ball conflict



Tennis court surface is worn in some areas



Nets are splitting in some areas

Oak Island Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



Oak Island Park is a 22.1 acre community park on the Wisconsin River west of River Drive. Site features include a skate park, four shelters and two baseball fields. Tree species include maple, spruce, ash, willow and oak.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Baseball field with lights and bleachers
- Concessions/press box building
- Youth baseball field with bleachers
- Tennis courts (6)
- Tennis ball return wall
- Boat launch
- Skate park
- Off-leash dog area
- Restroom building
- Shelter building
- Shelters (3)
- Play structures (2)
- Zip line
- Swings (5 belt, 2 bucket, 1 seat)
- Parking lots (3)
- Asphalt paths
- Open space
- Storage shed
- Grills
- Drinking fountains (3)
- Park sign
- Bridge to Fern Island
- Picnic tables
- Benches

Issues:

- General Issues
 - Sink in Men's Bathroom has a leak
 - Play structures are worn
 - Pinch point at play structure bridge
 - Roof of shelter at skate park is in poor condition
 - No curb ramps or path at crosswalk
 - Drinking fountains are not ADA approved models
 - No bicycle parking
 - Shelter on north side of park needs painting
- Tennis Courts
 - Court surface is worn in some areas
 - Ball return wall needs paint
 - No ADA access from tennis court parking

Oak Island Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Shelter rentals
- Soccer Shootout
- Department function
- Summer Kickoff
- Wausau Youth Baseball and Softball
- Big Bull Falls Blues Fest
- Tennis rain site location
- Invasive species clean-up
- Scavenger hunt and cookout

Maintenance Program

- Construction
- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

○ General Issues		
• Fix leaky sink in men’s bathroom	\$2,000	
• Remove play structures. Replace with one 2 to 5 and one 5 to 12 play structure	\$127,000	
• Add additional features to skate park	\$40,000	
• Replace roof on shelter near skate park	\$10,000	
• Install ADA drinking fountains (2)	\$15,000	
• Install bike racks (2) on hardscape surface	\$3,000	
• Paint north shelter	\$1,500	
○ Baseball Field		
• Install curb ramps at crosswalk on River Drive to baseball field	\$3,000	
• Construct asphalt path from River Drive crosswalk to baseball field	\$5,000	
○ Tennis Courts		
• Paint ball return wall	\$2,000	
• Construct path between tennis court and tennis parking lot	\$20,000	
• Stripe two courts for pickleball/tennis combo	\$1,000	
		TOTAL \$229,500

Oak Island Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Site Images

General



Bathroom sink leak



Worn play equipment



Worn play equipment



Sand play surface



Roof of shelter near skate park is in poor condition



Paint is fading on north shelter

Oak Island Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Site Images

Baseball Field



Crosswalk at River Drive to baseball field



No Curb ramps or path at crosswalk to field

Tennis Courts



Ball return wall paint is faded



No ADA access from tennis parking lot

Pleasant View Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 10.0 acre park is located at the intersection of South 12th Street and Sumner Street. Site amenities include an enclosed shelter, a playground and tennis courts. Tree species include maple, spruce, ash and box elder.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities:

- Play structure (5 to 12 year old)
- Swings (4 belt, 1 bucket, 1 seat)
- Tot riders (3)
- Tennis courts (2)
- Basketball hoop
- Indoor/outdoor shelter
- Grills
- Sledding hill
- Asphalt path
- Open space
- Drinking fountain
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Trash receptacles
- Park sign

Issues:

- General Issues
 - Drinking fountain is not ADA approved
 - No recycling receptacles
 - No bicycle parking
 - Cracks in asphalt path
- Tennis Courts
 - Cracks in court surface
 - Court surface is worn in some areas
 - Basketball/tennis conflict
- Playground
 - Exposed assembly holes on slide

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Shelter rentals

Maintenance Program

- Construction
- General maintenance
- Mowing

Pleasant View Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Improvement Options & Estimate

○	General Issues	
•	Replace drinking fountain with ADA approved model	\$5,000
•	Install recycling receptacles at shelter and playground	\$2,000
•	Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500
•	Seal cracks in asphalt path	\$1,000
○	Tennis Courts	
•	Seal cracks in court surface	\$1,000
•	Cut expansion joints between courts to prevent future cracking	\$1,000
•	Resurface tennis courts	\$10,000
•	Move basketball hoop to a new area	\$5,000
○	Playground	
•	Cover holes on slide	\$500
•	Replace play structure and surfacing	\$57,250
	TOTAL	\$84,250

Pleasant View Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Site Images

General



Indoor shelter



Outdoor shelter



Sledding hill



Natural area



Drinking fountain



Cracks in path

Pleasant View Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Site Images

Tennis Courts



Cracks in court surface



Cracks in court surface



Court surface is worn in some areas



Basketball/tennis conflict

Playground



Swings



Exposed assembly holes

Riverside Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 16.2 acre park is located on the Wisconsin River east of South 1st Avenue. Site amenities include an enclosed shelter, playground and basketball court. Tree species include maple, spruce, box elder, ash, black cherry, birch and oak.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Indoor/outdoor shelter
- Play structure (5 to 12 year old)
- Swings (2 belt, 2 bucket)
- Picnic island/dog exercise area
- Basketball/volleyball court
- Bike polo court
- Open space
- Sandlot backstop
- Asphalt paths
- Parking lots (3)
- Drinking fountain
- Sand volleyball court
- Picnic tables
- Park sign

Issues:

- General Issues
 - Drinking fountain not ADA approved
 - No bicycle parking
 - No access to path from ADA parking in south lot
- Playground
 - Sand playground surface
 - No safety mats under play equipment
 - No benches at playground
 - No trash/recycling receptacles at playground
 - Damaged swing seat
- Basketball Court
 - No lines on basketball/volleyball court
 - Basketball net needs to be replaced

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Shelter rentals
- Sledding party

Maintenance Program

- Construction
- General maintenance
- Mowing

Riverside Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Improvement Options & Estimate

○	General Issues	
•	Replace drinking fountain with ADA approved model	\$5,000
•	Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500
•	Reconfigure ADA parking at south lot to allow for a connection to the asphalt path. A light post is blocking possible connection	\$5,000
○	Playground	
•	Install safety mats at playground to provide safe fall zones and ADA access to play equipment	\$4,000
•	Install benches (2) on concrete pads	\$2,000
•	Replace belt swing seat	\$100
•	Install trash and recycling receptacles	\$2,000
○	Basketball/Volleyball Court	
•	Paint lines on basketball/volleyball court	\$1,500
•	Replace basketball net	\$30
	TOTAL	\$21,130

Riverside Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Site Images

General



Basketball/volleyball court



Indoor/outdoor shelter



No ADA safety mat to playground equipment



Damaged belt swing seat



Basketball net in poor condition



No connection from handicapped parking to path

Sylvan Hill Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 82 acre park is located on the City's north side at 1329 Sylvan Street. The Park has a tubing hill with six runs, an enclosed shelter and a playground. Tree species include birch, spruce, maple, black cherry, box elder, pine and cedar.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Tubing hill
- Shelter building/lodge
- Open shelters (2)
- Play structure (5 to 12 year old)
- Park sign
- Trailhead kiosk
- Hiking/cross country ski/snowshoe trails
- Garage
- Picnic tables
- Parking lot

Issues:

- No ADA access to playground
- No safety mats at playground
- North parking lot will need repaving/restriping
- Parking lot lighting may be needed
- No recycling receptacles
- No bicycle parking

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Lodge/shelter rentals
- Tubing/public tubing

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Install asphalt path from shelter to playground	\$2,500
• Replace play structure and surfacing	\$72,250
• Repave & restripe north parking lot	\$90,000
• Install lighting at parking lot	\$50,000
• Mountain bike trails being constructed in 2017. See bike park plan	\$190,000
• Add recycling receptacles at park shelters	\$2,000
• Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500
• Reconstruct trails in wet areas between tubing runs and Jim Moore Creek	\$15,000
• Expand chalet	TBD
TOTAL	\$423,250

Sylvan Hill Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Site Images



Tubing hill



Lodge



Trails



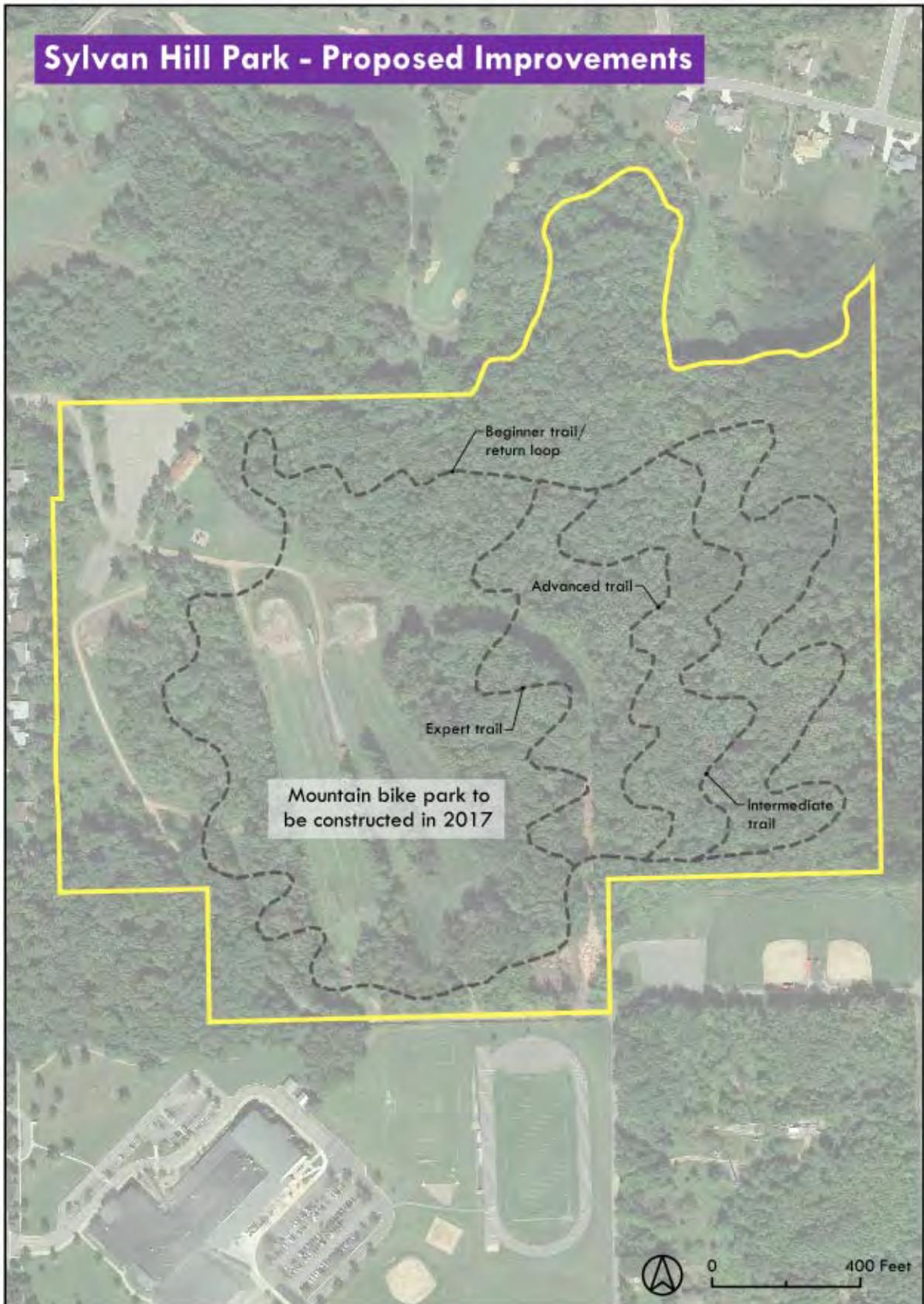
Play structure



No ADA access to playground



Parking lot needs lighting, repaving and restriping



SPECIAL USE PARKS

The 400 Block Park

SPECIAL USE PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 1.3 acre park and plaza is located on North Third Street between Jefferson Street and Scott Street. The main feature of this recently improved park is a performance stage with an overhead canopy, lighting and sound. Tree species include arborvitae and crabapple.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Outdoor stage and canopy
- Electrical, lighting and sound equipment
- Concrete path
- Plaza areas
- Benches
- Picnic tables
- ADA drinking fountain
- Trash and recycling receptacles
- Planters
- Open space
- Lighting
- Bollards
- In-ground fountain/spray area
- Donor pavers

Issues:

- Lawn is worn in many areas
- No bicycle parking

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Wausau 400 Block Party
- Concert Band
- Caribbean Marketplace
- Event for Equality
- Flag Day ceremony
- Gospel Express concert
- Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
- Video Shoot
- Parade
- Blessing of the Pets
- Downtown Church Picnic
- River District Marketplace
- Summer Kickoff
- Concerts on the Square
- Harvest Fest
- Screen on the Green
- Wausau Festival of Arts
- Frontier Fest
- Chalk Fest
- Rock the Block
- Father's Day car show
- Holiday parade

The 400 Block Park

SPECIAL USE PARKS

Program Details (Continued)

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Re-seed/re-sod worn lawn areas	\$500
• Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500
• Install sign/kiosk with 400 Block event calendar and posters	DONATION
TOTAL	\$2,000

The 400 Block Park

SPECIAL USE PARKS

Site Images



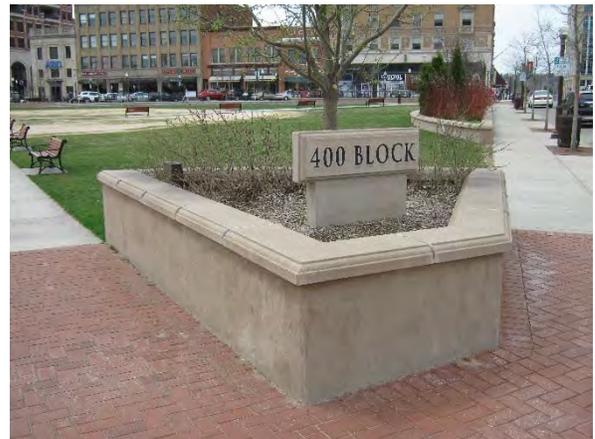
Stage



In-ground fountain/spray area



Plaza



Planter



Worn lawn area



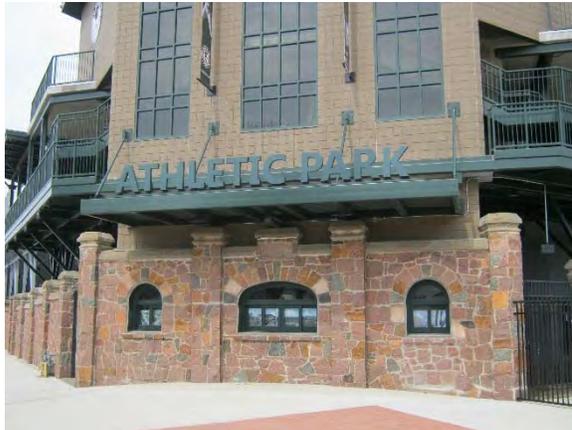
Worn lawn area

Athletic Park

SPECIAL USE PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



Athletic Park is located at 324 East Wausau Avenue and is home to the Wisconsin Woodchucks of the Northwoods League. Tree species include honey locust and linden.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Baseball stadium (Wisconsin Woodchucks home field – Grandstands, concessions, lights, pressbox)
- Playground/plaza area
 - Covered play structure (5 to 12 year old)
 - Benches
 - ADA drinking fountain
 - Bike rack
 - Shelter
 - Picnic tables

Issues:

- Playground/plaza area
 - No safety mats at playground

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Wisconsin Woodchucks
- American Legion Baseball
- Movie in the Park
- Business PM
- Fundraiser

Maintenance Program

- Construction
- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Install transfer mats at playground to provide safe fall zones and ADA access to play equipment	\$4,000
TOTAL	\$4,000

Athletic Park

SPECIAL USE PARKS

Site Images



Baseball field



Outfield wall



Playground/plaza area



Covered play structure



ADA drinking fountain



No transfer mats

Boileau Park

SPECIAL USE PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



Boileau Park is a 1.4 acre youth baseball diamond adjacent to Athletic Park on North 5th Street. Tree species include ash trees.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Youth baseball field with bleachers
- Scoreboard
- Equipment shed
- Park sign
- Gravel parking lot
- Asphalt path
- Drinking fountain
- Port-a-potty
- Bike rack
- Trash receptacle

Issues:

- Bike rack on grass
- No recycling receptacles
- Drinking fountain is not an ADA approved model

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Wausau Youth Baseball and Softball

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Move bike rack to a hardscape surface	\$1,500
• Install recycling receptacle	\$1,000
• Replace drinking fountain with an ADA approved model	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$7,500

Boileau Park

SPECIAL USE PARKS

Site Images



Park sign



Infield



Bleachers



Dugout



Bike rack



Drinking fountain

Kaiser Pool

SPECIAL USE PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



Kaiser Pool is located on East Bridge Street between 9th and 10th Streets. The pool includes new waterpark features, restrooms, concessions, a kitchen and a pool control room.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Swimming pool with waterpark features
- Pool building with restroom, concessions, offices, kitchen and pool control rooms
- Bike rack
- Shade structure
- Lighting
- Stone seating area
- Beach chairs
- Drinking fountains
- Lockers

Issues:

- None

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Pool rentals

Maintenance Program

- Construction
- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

- None

Kaiser Pool

SPECIAL USE PARKS

Site Images



Waterpark feature



Waterpark feature



Pool building



Lockers, drinking fountains & restrooms



Shade structure



Bike rack

Schulenburg Pool

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 3.9 acre neighborhood park is adjacent to Thomas Jefferson Elementary School and is accessible via Summit Drive. Park features include a swimming pool currently under construction. The new pool will open in 2017 with play features, slides, zero depth entry and lap lanes.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- New swimming pool with play features, slides, zero depth entry and lap lanes
- Kiddie pool
- Pool building with restrooms
- Pergola with picnic tables
- Lockers
- Drinking fountain
- Benches
- Tennis courts (To be removed)
- Sledding hill
- Parking lot
- Bike racks
- Park signs (2)

Issues:

- Parking lot is in poor condition
- The tennis courts are to be repurposed
- A few cracks in concrete pool deck
- Bike racks need a larger hardscape pad and wider spacing
- Drinking fountain not ADA approved

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Repave/restripe parking lot	\$34,000
• Install ADA approved drinking fountain	\$10,000
• Move one bike rack to an alternate hardscape location	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$45,500

Schulenburg Pool

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images



Pool



Pool building



Construction adjacent to site



Tennis courts to be repurposed



The parking lot is in poor condition



The bike racks require a larger hardscape area

Stewart Park

SPECIAL USE PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 1.9 acre park is located on North 10th Street between McClellan Street and Scott Street. Site amenities include a performance stage, paved paths and picnic tables. Tree species include pine, hackberry, spruce and poplar.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Concrete stage with electrical outlet
- Asphalt path
- Park sign
- Drinking fountain
- Picnic table
- Trash receptacles
- Stone walls and stairs
- Planter
- Lighting

Issues:

- No recycling receptacles
- No bicycle parking
- Loose stone work on some stairs and walls
- Cracked concrete on walls
- Columns on 10th Street are leaning

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Construction
- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Seal gaps caused by cracked concrete and loose stone work in walls and stairs	\$2,000
• Repair 10 th Street columns	\$50,000
• Install recycling receptacles	\$2,000
• Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$55,500

Stewart Park

SPECIAL USE PARKS

Site Images



Park sign



Stage



Terraced seat walls



Entrance staircase closed for repairs



Cracked concrete



Columns

White Water Park

SPECIAL USE PARKS

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



White Water Park is a 4.6 acre Special-Use Park on the Wisconsin River south of Washington Street. Site features include a Whitewater kayak course, boat launches and a paved path. Tree species include juniper, maple and ash.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Whitewater course
- Canoe & kayak launches
- Paved path
- Benches
- Bleachers
- Park sign

Issues:

- Potential path connection

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Jackson Freestyle Clinic
- River Cleanup Days
- Team River Runners event
- USACK Nationals
- Midwest Freestyle Championship
- Buttercup Slalom Race Series
- Wausau Kayak and Canoe events

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Connect path	\$2,000
• Review private (Wausau Area Canoe and Kayak Corp.) development plans	TBD
• Replace railroad tie seating	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$27,000

White Water Park

SPECIAL USE PARKS

Site Images



Park sign



Canoe and kayak course



Canoe and kayak course



Canoe and kayak launch



Spectator seating



Connect to path

CONSERVANCY PARKS, NATURAL AREAS & UNDEVELOPED PARKS

Conservancy Parks, Natural Areas & Undeveloped Parks

Barker-Stewart Island Park

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 11 acre island is a city park and natural area located on the Wisconsin River north of Scott Street. The site includes lighted walking trails, interpretive signage and a pedestrian bridge. The site includes lighted walking trails, interpretive signage and a pedestrian bridge.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Gravel trails
- Interpretive signage
- Pedestrian bridge
- Path lighting
- Sawmill foundation
- Benches

Issues:

- Missing interpretive signage
- Damaged and/or worn interpretive signage
- Cracked concrete pad for bench

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Replace missing, damaged or worn interpretive signage	\$5,000
• Seal cracks in concrete pad for bench	\$500
• Install lighting along trails	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$105,500

Conservancy Parks, Natural Areas & Undeveloped Parks

Barker-Stewart Island Park

Site Images



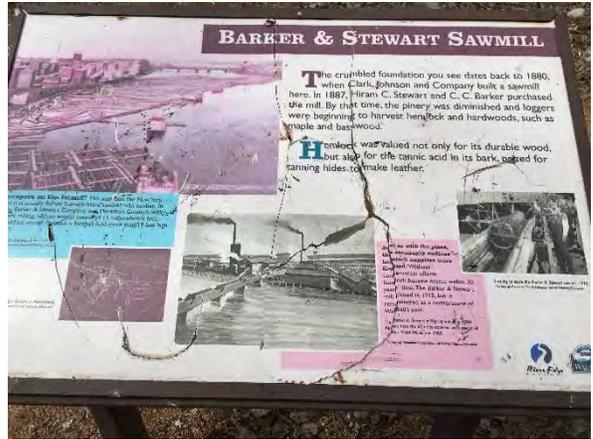
Sawmill location



Trail



Trail lighting



Damaged interpretive signage



Missing interpretive signage



Cracked bench pad

Conservancy Parks, Natural Areas & Undeveloped Parks

Gilbert Park

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



Gilbert Park is a 7.3 acre park and natural area on the Wisconsin River west of 6th Street. Site amenities include a boat launch, fishing pier and parking lot. Tree species include red pine, maple and ash.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Boat launch
- Fishing pier
- Kiosk
- Parking lot
- Open space
- Grills
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Park sign
- Boat Landing sign

Issues:

- Boat dock needs repair or replacement

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Replace boat dock	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$15,000

Conservancy Parks, Natural Areas & Undeveloped Parks

Gilbert Park

Site Images



Park sign



Boat launch sign



Fishing pier



Benches, picnic tables & grills



Open space



Kiosk

Conservancy Parks, Natural Areas & Undeveloped Parks

Eau Claire River Conservancy

Park Description

Aerial Photo



The Eau Claire River Conservancy is a 130 acre undeveloped conservancy park in southeast Wausau. Future plans include a nature center, trails, boats launches, restrooms and parking. The park will also serve as an urban link and connection point to the future extension of the Mountain Bay State Trail.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Undeveloped

Issues:

- None

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- General maintenance

Improvement Options & Estimate

• Develop master plan with cost estimates	\$15,000
• Incorporate the Village of Weston's "Lower Eau Claire River Water Trail" signing and branding standards when facilities are developed	TBD
TOTAL	\$15,000 +

Conservancy Parks, Natural Areas & Undeveloped Parks

Horgen Park

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 4.4 acre undeveloped park is located north of Russell Drive between 54th and 56th Streets. The site is a pine plantation.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Asphalt path

Issues:

- None

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- None

Improvement Options & Estimate

- None

Conservancy Parks, Natural Areas & Undeveloped Parks

Horgen Park

Site Images



Asphalt path



Rules and regulations signage



Undeveloped/natural area



Path to school



Wooded area



Path at 54th Avenue

Conservancy Parks, Natural Areas & Undeveloped Parks

Isle of Ferns Park

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



Isle of Ferns Park is a 24 acre natural area on the Wisconsin River adjacent to Oak Island Park. Park features include open space, a trail network and a pedestrian bridge. Tree species include hackberry, maple, spruce, box elder and various others.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Open space
- Gravel trails
- Pedestrian bridge
- Lighting
- Park sign
- Picnic tables

Issues:

- None

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Wedding ceremonies/receptions
- Big Bull Falls Blues Fest
- Invasive species cleanup

Maintenance Program

- Construction
- General maintenance
- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

- Trail surfacing and directional signage \$43,000

Conservancy Parks, Natural Areas & Undeveloped Parks

Isle of Ferns Park

Site Images



Pedestrian bridge



Open space



River view from bridge



Gravel trail



Open space, picnic tables & lighting



Park sign

Conservancy Parks, Natural Areas & Undeveloped Parks

Paff Woods Preserve

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 21 acre natural area is located on McIntosh Street east of South 13th Street. Tree species include mixed deciduous, cedar and tamarak.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Natural Areas
- Boardwalk
- Gravel/natural surface trails
- Bridge
- Benches
- Stone monument with plaque
- Parking lot

Issues:

- None

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Construction
- General maintenance
- Mowing

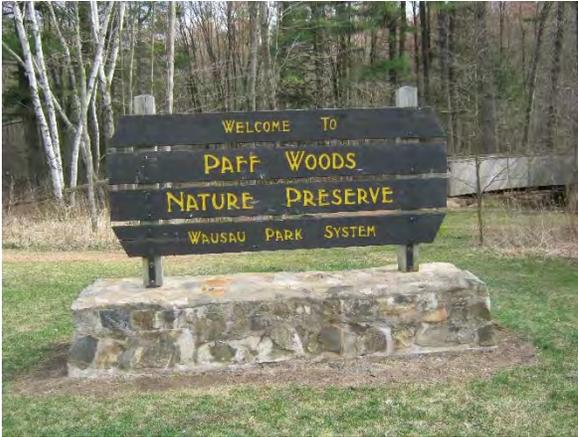
Improvement Options & Estimate

- Add interpretive signage TBD

Paff Woods Preserve

Conservancy Parks, Natural Areas & Undeveloped Parks

Site Images



Park sign



Bridge



Boardwalk



Natural area



Benches



Natural surface trail

Conservancy Parks, Natural Areas & Undeveloped Parks

Rib River Park

Park Description

Aerial Photo



Rib River Park is a 39 acre natural area on Big Rib River adjacent to Highway 51.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Natural Area

Issues:

- None

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- None

Improvement Options & Estimate

- None

Conservancy Parks, Natural Areas & Undeveloped Parks

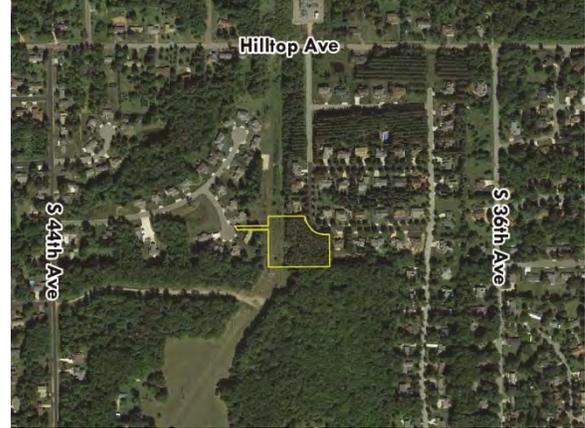
Swiderski Park

Park Description

Site Image



Aerial Photo



This 2.3 acre undeveloped parcel is on Jade Avenue on the city's west side. Tree species include pine, spruce, poplar, maple and ash.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Park sign
- Undeveloped/natural area

Issues:

- None

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- None

Improvement Options & Estimate

- Construct connector trail between Indian Court and Jade Avenue \$20,000

Conservancy Parks, Natural Areas & Undeveloped Parks

Swiderski Park

Site Images



Park sign



Natural area



Transmission line corridor



4 IMPLEMENTATION

The previous chapter of this report detailed a number of specific improvement options. This chapter provides the mechanism for implementing them. It includes a compilation of capital improvements, park development mechanisms and funding sources. The chapter also includes the process for adopting, monitoring, and updating this plan.

4.1 Plan Approval and Amendments

Introduction

A prerequisite to participation in outdoor recreation grant programs is the adoption and subsequent Department of Natural Resources acceptance of a local comprehensive outdoor recreation plan.

Comprehensive planning is an overall survey of the existing facilities within a given jurisdiction, and gives recommendations for future improvements. A comprehensive outdoor recreation plan (CORP) is only the first step in the development of a recreational park site or system.

Master planning, which follows the recommendations of the comprehensive plan, is an overall view and analysis of an existing or proposed park area. The purpose is to guide the orderly development of a park or recreational facility.

Site planning, is the detailed plan of how an area within a park or recreation area will be developed. Site plans supply the construction details needed to develop a facility recommended in the master plan.

This plan provides strategies and recommendations for improving public parks in Wausau. It is anticipated that master planning for community parks and proposed parks is a high priority and should be featured prominently when budgets are determined over the life of this plan.

Formal Plan Approval

This CORP should be approved by the local governing body after thorough review by the Park and Recreation Committee and City Council. Once adopted, the plan will become a component of the city comprehensive plan. The city should follow all rules and procedures established in the citizen participation plan adopted as part of the comprehensive planning process (per State Statute 66.1001) when adopting this CORP.

Amending the Plan

Plan amendments are common and should be considered part of the planning process. They frequently represent good implementation or plan usage and should be acceptable for consideration by local decision-makers. Amendments must follow the same process as the original plan and should be developed in coordination with the Park and Recreation Committee before they are presented to the City Council for approval. Amendments generally prolong the effectiveness of the parent plan.

The Wausau Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan will make the City eligible for funding through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources through the year 2021. Since this plan was developed with a five-year timeframe, it should be amended in 2021 to ensure grant eligibility and to reflect progress made over time.

4.2 Park Acquisition and Development Mechanisms

4.2.1 Parkland Dedication

Many communities have developer exactions for parkland acquisition. These exactions are designed to help a growing community acquire new park land to keep pace with new residential development. As residents move into a new subdivision, they place additional stress on existing park facilities. Developer exactions, agreed upon during the subdivision review and approval period, provide land, cash or a combination of both to be used for the provision of park facilities that serve the new neighborhood.

Wausau municipal code states: “It is found and determined that the public interest, convenience, health, welfare and safety require that nine-tenths of an acre of land be devoted to park and recreational purposes for each one hundred persons residing within the city.” Also that “every sub-divider who subdivides land shall dedicate a portion of such land, pay a fee, or do both as set forth as follows, for the purpose of providing park lands to serve future residents of such subdivision.” Details of the parkland dedication ordinance can be found in the Wausau Municipal Code Title 21, Chapter 21.16.

Usable Lands

Because the intent of parkland dedication requirements is to provide sufficient recreation lands for new residents, mini or neighborhood parks should be established within new developments. Neighborhood parks are designed to provide active and passive recreation activities and organized league recreation, as well as informal “pick up” play.

Defining the term “usable lands” is very important to ensuring the quality of the proposed dedication. To obtain credit towards meeting parkland dedication requirements, the city should utilize the following criteria in evaluating land proposed for dedication:

- Located outside of the floodplain, wetlands, surface waters, storm water basins and conveyance routes, and other areas with severe limitations for park development.
- Contains developer-finished slopes of less than 4% for active recreation areas, and slopes less than 12% for passive recreation areas and conservancy.
- Contains soils that are suitable for construction of the anticipated park facilities, such as athletic fields, parking lots, and shelters.
- At least 15% of the perimeter of the proposed parkland will be adjacent to a public street.
- Visible and accessible to the public (foot, bike, and auto access) and for effective monitoring for public safety.
- Sufficiently shaped to accommodate the anticipated facilities.
- Not presenting any sort of environmental hazard to the community, such as through soil contamination or excessive nuisance or invasive vegetation.

- Situated in a location that is consistent with this plan, that contributes to community development goals, and that adequately serves the park's service area.

4.2.2 User Groups

Wausau should coordinate with potential user groups when planning new facilities to see if cost-sharing, donation or outright purchase options exist. At a minimum, the City should involve the school district in any future discussions.

4.2.3 Planned Giving

In many communities, parkland development often occurs with the availability of land. Donations of private land for a public purpose is not uncommon, but there needs to be criteria for accepting lands, and a formal procedure for how the land will be planned and used in the best interest of the community. A planned giving program through the City would allow prospective patrons to dedicate land in a legal manner that provides a legacy for how the land will be utilized over time.

4.2.4 Grant Funding

Implementation dollars are available for acquisition and development of recreation spaces and facilities. Linear parks and trails can be funded through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) or the Department of Transportation (WDOT). The WDNR also provides monies for the acquisition of lands, the stabilization of shorelands, and the protection of environmentally sensitive areas. A complete list of grant opportunities is provided in Section 4.3.

4.3 Grant Information for Park Acquisition and Development

The state and federal government provides grants to local governments for the acquisition and development of parks. Many of these programs require that a local government submit an approved park and open space plan or master plan to the WDNR as a condition for eligibility. By adopting this Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, by ordinance, the City of Wausau will have met the eligibility requirement for these grant programs until 2021.

4.3.1 Projects that Require Grant Funding

The financial realities of our time necessitate the acquisition of outside funding to enable the development of large projects. Grant funding also provides seed money and crucial capital for leveraging additional community dollars and support. While many projects identified in this CORP would benefit from the acquisition of outside funding sources, some projects will require grant funding if they are to be realized. A brief description of each project and potential funding is provided below. Grant programs are discussed in the next section (4.3.2).

4.3.2 Grant Programs

This section provides general information and details for many of the grant programs that may be used to acquire and develop local park facilities, linear trails, or beaches. Categories, by authorization agency, include:

- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- Wisconsin Department of Administration
- Other Programs (Various Agencies)

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program: Named for two of Wisconsin's most revered conservation leaders, Governor Warren Knowles and Senator Gaylord Nelson, the Wisconsin Legislature created this innovative program in 1989 to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation.

All grant program awards cover up to 50% of eligible project costs. Projects eligible for Stewardship grant programs require that all land acquisition and development projects provide public access for “nature-based outdoor recreation” purposes. DNR decisions as to whether a particular project activity is “nature-based outdoor recreation” are made on a case-by-case basis. Please note that purchase and installation of playground equipment, and the purchase of land for recreation areas not related to nature-based outdoor recreation (dedicated sports fields, swimming pools, etc.) are not eligible.

For more information and to submit applications contact the West Central representative (listed below). All applications are due May 1.

Beth Norquist
Email: Elizabeth.Norquist@wisconsin.gov
Telephone: (715) 839-3751

The Stewardship Program includes the four funds described below (A – D).

A. Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP)

Description: Stewardship sets aside 50% of funds for projects that improve community parks and acquire land for public outdoor recreation. Applicants compete against other applicants from their region. Funds may be used for both land acquisition projects and development projects for nature-based outdoor recreation, such as fishing piers, hiking trails and picnic facilities. Funds are not available for non-nature based activities such as baseball and soccer fields. Costs associated with operation and maintenance of parks and other outdoor recreation facilities are not eligible for Stewardship funds.

Eligible Project Examples:

1. Land acquisition projects that will provide opportunities for nature-based outdoor recreation.
2. Property with frontage on rivers, streams, lakes, estuaries and reservoirs that will provide water-based outdoor recreation.
3. Property that provides special recreation opportunities, such as floodplains, wetlands and areas adjacent to scenic highways.
4. Natural areas and outstanding scenic areas where the objective is to preserve the scenic or natural values, including areas of physical or biological importance and wildlife areas. These areas shall be open to the general public for outdoor recreation use to the extent that the natural attributes of the areas will not be seriously impaired or lost.
5. Land within urban areas for day-use picnic areas.
6. Land for nature-based outdoor recreation trails.

Ineligible Project Examples:

1. Projects that are not supported by a local comprehensive outdoor recreational plan.
2. Land to be used for non-nature based outdoor recreation such as athletic facilities.
3. Acquisition and development of golf courses.

B. Urban Rivers (UR)

Description: Stewardship allocates 20% of funds annually to restore or preserve the character of urban riverways through the acquisition of land or easements adjacent to rivers. Funding will be provided for projects that are part of a plan to enhance the quality of a river corridor.

Applicants compete against other applicants statewide. The purposes of the program are:

1. To provide for economic revitalization through the restoration or preservation of urban rivers or riverfronts;
2. To improve outdoor recreational opportunities by increasing access to urban rivers for a variety of public uses, including but not limited to, fishing, wildlife observation, enjoyment of scenic beauty, canoeing, boating, hiking and bicycling;
3. To preserve or restore significant historical, cultural, or natural areas along urban rivers.

Funding Priorities: Priority is given to projects that have one or more of the following characteristics:

1. Acquires land or land rights that preserve or restore natural values, including aesthetic values, and enhance environmental quality along urban waterways.
2. Provides new or expanded diverse recreational opportunities to all segments of urban populations.
3. Provides new or expanded access to urban waterways.
4. Acquires blighted lands that will be restored to complement riverfront redevelopment activities.
5. Encourages comprehensive riverway planning within and between municipalities and other agencies.
6. Provides opportunities for increasing tourism.
7. Acquires lands that through proper management will improve or protect water quality.

C. Urban Green Space (UGS)

Description: The intent of the Urban Green Space Program (UGS) is to provide open natural space within or in proximity to urban areas; to protect from urban development areas that have scenic, ecological or other natural value and are within or in proximity to urban areas; and to provide land for noncommercial gardening for the residents of an urbanized area.

Funding Priorities: Priority is given to projects that have one or more of the following characteristics:

- a. Planning Considerations, including:
 - Specifically implementing a priority of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
 - Implementing the approved master plans of 2 or more units of government or regional planning agencies
 - Preserving land that is listed on the natural heritage inventory database
 - Implementing elements of water quality plans or initiatives
- b. Project Considerations, including:

- Serving the greatest population centers
 - Serving areas of rapidly increasing populations
 - Providing accessibility
 - Having unique natural features, threatened or endangered species, or significant ecological value
 - Providing open natural linear corridors connecting open natural areas
 - Having water frontage
 - Containing or restoring wetlands
 - Protecting sensitive wildlife habitat
 - Protecting an area threatened by development
 - Preserving a natural community or one that could be restored
 - Having regional or statewide significance
 - Relating to brownfield redevelopment
- c. Administrative considerations, including:
- Projects that are ready to be implemented and/or continue previously started projects

D. Acquisition of Development Rights

Description: The purpose of the Acquisition of Development Rights Program is to protect natural, agricultural, or forest lands that enhance nature-based outdoor recreation. "Development Rights" are the rights of a landowner to develop their property to the greatest extent allowed under state and local laws. The goals of the program are achieved through the purchase of those development rights and compensating landowners for limited future development on their land.

Funding Priorities: Priority is given to projects that have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Property with frontage on rivers, streams, lakes or estuaries
- Property that creates a buffer between land that has been permanently protected for natural resource and conservation purposes and potential or existing residential, commercial or industrial development
- Property that is within the boundaries of an acquisition project established by the DNR, a government unit or a non-profit conservation organization where the uses of the property will complement the goals of the project and the stewardship program
- Property that is within an environmental corridor that connects 2 or more established resource protection areas
- **Federal Programs Related to the Stewardship Program:** The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and Recreational Trails Act (RTA) programs fund projects that are similar to the Stewardship programs. One primary difference is that LWCF and RTA programs are not restricted to nature-based outdoor recreation projects. In these programs, nature-based outdoor recreation projects compete against projects with non-nature based recreation elements for LWCF funds. Another difference is that federal programs have additional requirements that must be satisfied – for example, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Historic Preservation Act, etc. Federal programs administered through the DNR include the two funds described below (E, F).

E. Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Description: This program was established to encourage nationwide creation and interpretation of high quality outdoor recreational opportunities. The program funds both state and local outdoor recreation activities.

Funding Priorities: Priority is given to projects that have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Relationship to the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan; activities must be in locally approved plans
- Regional or statewide in nature
- Acquires land where a plan supports need
- Provides or enhances water-based activity
- Serves the greatest populations
- Involves other local government cooperation, volunteers, local donations
- First time applicants
- Sponsor has completed past projects
- Provides multi-season, multi activity use
- Basic over elaborate facilities
- Participant over spectator facilities
- “Nature based” restriction does not apply

Eligible Project Examples:

- Land acquisition
- Development of outdoor recreation facilities, including active sports facilities

F. Recreational Trails Act (RTA)

Description: These funds are used to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail uses. RTA funds may only be used on trails which have been identified in or which further a specific goal of a local, county, or state trail plan included or referenced in a statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. 30% of funds must be used on motorized trail uses, 30% on non-motorized trail uses, and 40% on diversified (multiple) trail uses.

Funding Priorities: Priority is given to projects that have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Maintenance and restoration of existing trails.
- Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages.
- Construction of new trails (with certain restrictions on Federal lands).
- Acquisition of easement or property for trails.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation offers a variety of programs that can provide financial assistance to local governments, along with other public and private entities, to make improvements to highways, airports, harbors, bike, rail and pedestrian facilities. The use of these funds in Wausau would be most closely tied to developing trails to link to places of employment, residence, and commerce.

G. Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-U)

Description: This program allocates federal funds to complete a variety of improvements to federal-aid-eligible roads and streets in urban areas. Projects must meet federal and state requirements. Communities are eligible for funding on roads functionally classified as major collector or higher. The WisDOT requires that pedestrian and on-street bicycle accommodations be part of all STP projects within or in the vicinity of population centers, unless extraordinary circumstances can be demonstrated to WisDOT for not providing these accommodations.

Contact: Joe Benbenek, North Central Region at (715) 365-5714 or joseph.benbenek@dot.wi.gov

H. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Description: The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) allocates federal funds to transportation improvement projects that “expand travel choice, strengthen the local economy, improve the quality of life, and protect the environment.” TAP is a legislative program that was authorized in 2012 by federal transportation legislation, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The transportation alternatives program provides for the implementation of a variety of non-traditional projects, with examples ranging from the restoration of historic transportation facilities, to bike and pedestrian facilities, to landscaping and scenic beautification, and to the mitigation of water pollution from highway runoff. Examples of bicycle and pedestrian projects that TAP will likely fund include: multi-use trails, paved shoulders, bike lanes, bicycle route signage, bicycle parking, overpasses/underpasses/bridges, sidewalks, and pedestrian crossings. Local municipalities contribute 20% of the project costs. Federal regulations restrict the use of funds on trails that allow motorized users, except snowmobiles.

Contact: Tanya Iverson, State Coordinator at (608)266-2574, tanya2.iverson@dot.wi.gov or Joe Benbenek, North Central Region at (715) 365-5714 joseph.benbenek@dot.wi.gov

Deadline: the next application cycle expected to open in 2017

Wisconsin Department of Administration

I. Community Development Block Grant – Public Facilities (CDBG-PF)

Description: Available through the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA), communities receiving CDBG funds from the State may use the funds for many kinds of community development activities including, but not limited to:

- Acquisition of property for public purposes
- Construction or reconstruction of streets, water and sewer facilities, neighborhood centers, recreation facilities, and other public works
- Demolition
- Rehabilitation of public and private buildings
- Public services
- Planning activities
- Assistance to nonprofit entities for community development activities
- Assistance to private, for profit entities to carry out economic development activities (including assistance to micro-enterprises)

Contact: Tom Clippert at (608)261-7538 or tom.clippert@wisconsin.gov

Other Programs

J. KaBOOM! Grants

Description: KaBOOM! is a national non-profit partnered with businesses such as Home Depot that awards grants for playground development. KaBOOM! accepts applications for grants on a rolling basis from child serving non-profit organizations, schools and municipalities.

Applicants with the best chance of receiving grants will:

- Serve children from a low-income area, serve children with special needs or serve children in a disaster impacted area
- Demonstrate the need for a playground
- Have a space that does not currently have a playground or have a playground that needs to be replaced
- Will implement a community-build model to engage the larger community in all aspects of project planning and playground build execution

Contact: Grant applications can be filled out at the KaBOOM! website; kaboom.org

K. Purchasing Partnerships

Description: Some equipment suppliers will allow multiple municipalities to make group purchases of equipment. Details of this type of agreement vary between manufacturers, but the result will often be a reduced cost to the purchasing municipalities. Examples include Buy Board <https://www.buyboard.com/> and US Communities <http://www.uscommunities.org/>.

4.4 Capital Improvements Plan

Capital improvements to a park are the addition of labor and materials that improve the overall value and usefulness of that park. Capital improvements are designated and funded individually through segregated municipal funds. Routine maintenance, on the other hand, is considered to be the repair and upkeep of existing park facilities, such as painting a shelter building. Routine maintenance of park facilities does not appreciably increase the value or usefulness of the park, and is traditionally funded through the park department's operations budget. Non-routine maintenance of park facilities, such as upgrading a toilet facility to be barrier-free, is usually considered to be a capital improvement.

Most projects can be easily identified and categorized, but some are difficult. When a project falls on the borderline between a capital improvement and maintenance, the overall cost becomes the determinant. Projects with a high cost, such as that for seal coating roads or parking lots, are categorized as capital improvements.

The capital improvements program for each park is a combination of several types of projects. These projects are ranked according to their importance and priority in the overall development of the park and the value of the project to the overall city parks system. Capital improvements for this plan are ranked in the following manner:

- a. Improvements to existing facilities that will:
 - i. Correct health and safety hazards
 - ii. Upgrade deficient facilities
 - iii. Modernize adequate but outdated facilities

- b. Installation of facilities as deemed appropriate and necessary through public demand (public meetings, park committee input, city budgeting)
- c. Development of new facilities as deemed necessary through level of service, population projection, and age cohort analyses

Generally, improvements to existing facilities rank the highest in the capital improvements program, while new facilities are usually ranked lower, according to their relative need in each park location. Improvements that correct health and safety hazards are always the highest ranking priority. Improvements that are deemed necessary through empirical analyses are usually ranked the lowest.

Parks have been divided by classifications established by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) including Mini, Neighborhood, Community, Conservancy, and Special Use parks. Improvement costs are shown by year (2017 -2021) which establishes a priority ranking – higher priority improvements would occur sooner in the schedule. In some cases a capital improvement may utilize a special fund. When this occurs, the improvement contains an identifier citing that particular funding source. Depending on the fund, it may or may not be reflected in the subtotal for each park type.

Potential costs for site master plans have not been included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) table but should be accounted for the budget planning. Depending on the level of public involvement and final deliverables, the city should anticipate a cost of \$15,000-\$25,000 for each site Master Plan. It should also be noted that if the city brings on new parklands, the required maintenance for these new facilities will also carry a long term cost implication. A basic mini-park for example will require at minimum, weekly mowing. Neighborhood and Community parks will require mowing, snow removal, playground maintenance, and potentially other monthly or annual upkeep depending on the level of facility development.

The total improvement cost by park classification and by year is assembled in Table 4. Costs associated with each park improvement option are based upon recent regional project construction costs and may be spread out over many years.

Table 4: Total Improvement Costs by Year and Park Classification

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
MINI PARKS						
Subtotal	\$6,400	\$7,000	\$11,275	\$6,825	\$0	\$31,500
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS						
Subtotal	\$118,500	\$81,500	\$117,363	\$84,000	\$96,750	\$498,113
COMMUNITY PARKS						
Subtotal	\$425,130	\$334,250	\$374,125	\$282,975	\$322,231	\$1,738,711
SPECIAL USE PARKS						
Subtotal	\$67,500	\$34,000	\$0	\$42,000	\$0	\$143,500
CONSERVANCY PARKS						
Subtotal	\$20,500	\$115,000	\$0	\$0	\$67,725	\$203,225
ALL PARKS						
Subtotal	\$638,030	\$571,750	\$502,763	\$415,800	\$486,706	\$2,615,049

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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
MINI PARKS						
City Hall Park						
Replace trash receptacle lid	\$200					
Add recycling receptacles	\$2,000					
Repair concrete step	\$1,000					
Reseed lawn near path	\$200					
Subtotals	\$3,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 3,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,400
Lincoln Neighborhood Tot Lot						
Replace benches			\$6,000			
Replace bike rack with Inverted-U style racks				\$1,500		
Replace damaged "wheel" module on play structure		\$1,000				
Remove "bucket" game and replace with new feature		\$1,000				
Remove drinking fountain and replace with ADA approved model				\$5,000		
Install recycling receptacle	\$1,000					
Seal crack in asphalt	\$500					
Subtotals	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$6,500	\$0	\$16,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,150	\$ 6,825	\$ -	\$ 16,475
Yawkey Park						
Refurbish pergola		\$5,000				
Replace utility cover	\$500					
Add recycling receptacle	\$1,000					
Replace drinking fountain with ADA approved model			\$5,000			
Subtotals	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$11,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 1,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,625
MINI PARKS						
Subtotal	\$6,400	\$7,000	\$11,275	\$6,825	\$0	\$31,500

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS						
Airport Park						
Replace equipment shed doors		\$2,500				
Replace drinking fountain with ADA approved model				\$5,000		
Install trash and recycling receptacles	\$2,000					
Install chain link fence on east side of parking lot		\$10,000				
Install bike racks on hardscape surface		\$1,500				
Subtotals	\$2,000	\$14,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$21,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 2,000	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ 5,250	\$ -	\$ 21,250
Alexander Park						
Replace drinking fountain with ADA approved model				\$5,000		
Install recycling receptacle	\$1,000					
Remove tree	\$1,500					
Seal cracks in tennis court		\$1,000				
Install bike rack on hardscape surface		\$1,500				
Replace play structure and surfacing	\$37,500					
Implement park redevelopment plan (Airport theme)		\$0				
Subtotals	\$40,000	\$2,500	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$47,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 40,000	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 5,250	\$ -	\$ 47,750
Big Bull Falls Park						
Seal cracks in asphalt and concrete	\$1,000					
Replace "You Are Here" map		\$3,000				
Install recycling receptacle	\$1,000					
Subtotals	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Forest Park						
Install drinking fountain at tennis courts				\$10,000		
Add trash and recycling receptacles at tennis courts and playground/shelter area	\$4,000					
Install asphalt path to playground and shelter		\$5,000				
Paint park sign	\$500					
Replace play structure and surfacing			\$57,250			
Subtotals	\$4,500	\$5,000	\$57,250	\$10,000	\$0	\$76,750
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 58,681	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ 78,681
Hammond Park						
Repair gazebo roof (re-shingle)		\$15,000				
Install recycling receptacles	\$2,000					
Install ADA drinking fountain				\$10,000		
Add hardscape surface at bike rack so it is accessible from both sides		\$1,500				
Subtotals	\$2,000	\$16,500	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$28,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 2,000	\$ 16,500	\$ -	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ 29,000
Reservoir Park						
Construct asphalt path from Maple Street to playground		\$5,500				
Install ADA approved drinking fountain				\$10,000		
Install trash and recycling receptacles	\$2,000					
Install bike rack on hardscape surface		\$1,500				
Treat weeds in stone walk at bench/monument	\$1,000					
Replace play structure and surfacing			\$57,250			
Subtotals	\$3,000	\$7,000	\$57,250	\$10,000	\$0	\$77,250
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 3,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 58,681	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ 79,181
River Highlands Park						
Install bike rack on hardscape surface		\$1,500				
Install ADA approved drinking fountain				\$5,000		
Install recycling receptacles	\$2,000					
Stripe three point line on basketball court		\$500				
Subtotals	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$9,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 5,250	\$ -	\$ 9,250

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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS						
Schofield Park						
Install new play structure and swings					\$90,000	
Pave gravel parking lot	\$40,000					
Install asphalt path from sidewalk on Randolph to existing path at north ball field		\$10,000				
Paint equipment shed at north ball field	\$1,500					
Replace scoreboard at south ball field	\$3,000					
Replace drinking fountain with an ADA approved model				\$5,000		
Install recycling receptacles	\$3,000					
Install bike rack on hardscape surface		\$1,500				
Repaint crosswalk on Randolph St	\$2,000					
Subtotals	\$49,500	\$11,500	\$0	\$5,000	\$90,000	\$156,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 49,500	\$ 11,500	\$ -	\$ 5,250	\$ 96,750	\$ 163,000
Tenth Street Park						
Seal cracks in basketball court, resurface and cut expansion joint between courts		\$15,000				
Replace damaged trash receptacle at basketball court, install trash receptacle at playground	\$2,000					
Install recycling receptacles at basketball court and playground	\$2,000					
Install bike rack on hardscape surface		\$1,500				
Install ADA approved drinking fountain				\$10,000		
Install asphalt path to playground and basketball courts		\$2,000				
Subtotals	\$4,000	\$18,500	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$32,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 4,000	\$ 18,500	\$ -	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ 33,000
Westview Terrace Park						
Install trash and recycling receptacles	\$2,000					
Install drinking fountain				\$10,000		
Install bike rack on hardscape surface		\$1,500				
Install safety mats under play equipment	\$5,000					
Subtotals	\$7,000	\$1,500	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$18,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ 19,000
Woodson Park						
Install trash and recycling receptacles	\$2,000					
Install drinking fountain				\$10,000		
Reseed turf near path	\$500					
Subtotals	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$12,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ 13,000
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS						
Subtotal	\$118,500	\$81,500	\$117,363	\$84,000	\$96,750	\$498,113

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
COMMUNITY PARKS						
3M Park						
GENERAL ISSUES						
Replace drinking fountain with ADA approved model				\$5,000		
New restroom building			\$150,000			
Possible disc golf location		\$15,000				
Install trash receptacles at playgrounds (2)	\$2,000					
Install recycling receptacles (4)	\$4,000					
Install safety mats at playground	\$4,000					
Install bike rack on hardscape surface		\$1,500				
Possible community garden location		\$3,000				
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELDS						
Install fence behind first base team bench at north field to restrict access to st	\$15,000					
Replace missing cable support at backstop on north field	\$500					
Reset heaving fence post footings at south field		\$5,000				
TENNIS COURTS						
Seal crack in court surface	\$1,000					
Cut an expansion joint between courts to prevent future cracking	\$1,000					
BASKETBALL COURTS						
Resurface and restripe basketball court (include three point line)		\$4,000				
Subtotals	\$27,500	\$28,500	\$150,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$211,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 27,500	\$ 28,500	\$ 153,750	\$ 5,250	\$ -	\$ 215,000
Brockmeyer Park						
GENERAL ISSUES						
Reseed areas of lawn in poor condition	\$500					
Install recycling receptacles	\$2,000					
Install bike rack on hardscape surface		\$1,500				
Construct path from parking lot to baseball field		\$18,000				
Construct path connecting park amenities and parking. Construct curb ramps.		\$14,000				
Remove cracked concrete sections at shelter. Replace with new concrete.	\$5,000					
Re-shingle roof of shelter		\$10,000				
Convert open space to fenced off-leash dog area		\$10,000				
Construct Jo Jo's Jungle (All-inclusive playground)	\$0					
Jo Jo's Jungle infrastructure improvements	\$110,000					
Stettin Drive sidewalk extension			\$20,000			
Extended walking path system		\$50,000				
BASEBALL FIELDS						
Replace fence at baseball field on 1 st base side from dugout to outfield fence		\$10,000				
Install drinking fountain				\$10,000		
Subtotals	\$117,500	\$113,500	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$261,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 117,500	\$ 113,500	\$ 20,500	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ 262,000

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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
COMMUNITY PARKS						
Memorial Park						
GENERAL ISSUES						
New restroom building					\$150,000	
Replace splitting timber column on upper shelter		\$5,000				
Install new disc golf signage		\$10,000				
Install (2) ADA approved drinking fountains	\$15,000					
Replace play structure					\$77,500	
Install (2) recycling receptacles	\$2,000					
Install (2) bike racks on hardscape surface		\$3,000				
Increase turning radius at boat launch		\$5,000				
Repave parking lots				\$60,000		
Walkway extension				\$42,500		
Replace sea wall		\$85,000				
BASEBALL FIELD						
Repaint dugouts and press box		\$1,500				
TENNIS COURTS						
Seal cracks in court surface	\$1,000					
Cut expansion joint in court surface to prevent future cracking	\$1,000					
Move basketball hoop to new area to prevent conflicts with tennis and pickleball	\$5,000					
Subtotals	\$24,000	\$109,500	\$0	\$102,500	\$227,500	\$463,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 24,000	\$ 109,500	\$ -	\$ 107,625	\$ 244,563	\$ 485,688
Oak Island Ball Park						
GENERAL ISSUES						
Fix leaky sink in men's bathroom	\$2,000					
Remove play structures. Install 2 to 5 and 5 to 12 structures.				\$127,000		
Add additional features to skate park			\$40,000			
Replace roof on shelter near skate park		\$10,000				
Install ADA drinking fountains (2)				\$15,000		
Install bike racks (2) on hardscape surface		\$3,000				
Paint north shelter		\$1,500				
BASEBALL FIELD						
Install curb ramps at crosswalk on River Drive to baseball field	\$3,000					
Construct asphalt path from River Drive crosswalk to baseball field	\$5,000					
TENNIS COURTS						
Paint ball return wall		\$2,000				
Construct path from tennis court parking lot to court entrance	\$20,000					
Stripe two courts for pickleball/tennis combo	\$1,000					
Subtotals	\$31,000	\$16,500	\$40,000	\$142,000	\$0	\$229,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 31,000	\$ 16,500	\$ 41,000	\$ 149,100	\$ -	\$ 237,600

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
COMMUNITY PARKS						
Pleasant View Park						
GENERAL ISSUES						
Replace drinking fountain with ADA approved model				\$5,000		
Install recycling receptacles at shelter and playground	\$2,000					
Install bike rack on hardscape surface		\$1,500				
Seal cracks in asphalt path	\$1,000					
TENNIS COURTS						
Seal cracks in court surface	\$1,000					
Cut expansion joints between courts to prevent future cracking	\$1,000					
Resurface tennis courts	\$10,000					
Move basketball hoop to a new area	\$5,000					
PLAYGROUND						
Cover holes on slide	\$500					
Replace play structure and surfacing		\$57,250				
Subtotals	\$20,500	\$58,750	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$84,250
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 20,500	\$ 58,750	\$ -	\$ 5,250	\$ -	\$ 84,500
Riverside Park						
GENERAL ISSUES						
Replace drinking fountain with ADA approved model				\$5,000		
Install bike rack on hardscape surface		\$1,500				
Reconfigure ADA parking at south lot to allow for a connection to the asphalt p	\$5,000					
PLAYGROUND						
Install safety mats at playground	\$4,000					
Install benches (2) on concrete pads		\$2,000				
Replace belt swing seat	\$100					
Install trash and recycling receptacles	\$2,000					
BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL COURT						
Paint lines on basketball/volleyball court		\$1,500				
Replace basketball net	\$30					
Subtotals	\$11,130	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$21,130
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 11,130	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,250	\$ -	\$ 21,380
Sylvan Hill Park						
GENERAL ISSUES						
Install asphalt path from shelter to playground		\$2,500				
Replace play structure and surfacing					\$72,250	
Repave & restripe north parking lot			\$90,000			
Install lighting at parking lot			\$50,000			
Mountain bike/BMX park	\$190,000					
Add recycling receptacles at park shelters	\$2,000					
Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500					
Reconstruct trails in wet areas between tubing runs and Jim Moore Creek			\$15,000			
Expand chalet	TBD					
Subtotals	\$193,500	\$2,500	\$155,000	\$0	\$72,250	\$423,250
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 193,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 158,875	\$ -	\$ 77,669	\$ 432,544
COMMUNITY PARKS						
Subtotal	\$425,130	\$334,250	\$374,125	\$282,975	\$322,231	\$1,738,711

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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
SPECIAL USE PARKS						
The 400 Block Park						
Re-seed/re-sod worn lawn areas	\$500					
Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500					
Install sign/kiosk with 400 Block event calendar and posters	DONOR					
Subtotals	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Athletic Park						
Install safety mats at playground	\$4,000					
Subtotals	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000
Boileau Park						
Move bike rack to a hardscape surface	\$1,500					
Install recycling receptacle	\$1,000					
Replace drinking fountain with an ADA approved model				\$5,000		
Subtotals	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$7,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,250	\$ -	\$ 7,750
Kaiser Pool						
None						
Subtotals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Schulenburg Pool						
Repave/restripe parking lot		\$34,000				
Install ADA approved drinking fountain				\$10,000		
Move one bike rack to an alternate hardscape location	\$1,500					
Subtotals	\$1,500	\$34,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$45,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 1,500	\$ 34,000	\$ -	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ 46,000
Stewart Park						
Seal gaps caused by cracked concrete and loose stone work in walls and	\$2,000					
Repair columns	\$50,000					
Install recycling receptacles	\$2,000					
Install bike rack on hardscape surface	\$1,500					
Subtotals	\$55,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 55,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,500
White Water Park						
Connect path	\$2,000					
Review private development plans	TBD					
Replace railroad tie seating				\$25,000		
Subtotals	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$27,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,250	\$ -	\$ 28,250
SPECIAL USE PARKS						
Subtotal	\$67,500	\$34,000	\$0	\$42,000	\$0	\$143,500

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
CONSERVANCY AREAS/NATURAL AREAS/UNDEVELOPED PARKS						
Barker-Stewart Island Park						
Replace missing, damaged or worn interpretive signage	\$5,000					
Seal cracks in concrete pad for bench	\$500					
Install lighting along trails		\$100,000				
Subtotals	\$5,500	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$105,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 5,500	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,500
Gilbert Park						
Replace boat dock	\$15,000					
Subtotals	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
Eau Claire River Conservancy						
Develop master plan with cost estimates		\$15,000				
Subtotals	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
Horgen Park						
None						
Subtotals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Isle of Ferns Park						
Trail surfacing and directional signage					\$43,000	
Subtotals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,000	\$43,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,225	\$ 46,225
Paff Woods Preserve						
Add interpretive signage					TBD	
Subtotals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rib River Park						
None						
Subtotals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Swiderski Park						
Construct connector trail between Indian Ct and Jade Ave					\$20,000	
Subtotals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,500	\$ 21,500
CY AREAS/NATURAL AREAS/UNDEVELOPED PARKS						
Subtotal	\$20,500	\$115,000	\$0	\$0	\$67,725	\$203,225

Appendix A:

Facilities Matrix

Appendix B:

Maps

Appendix C:

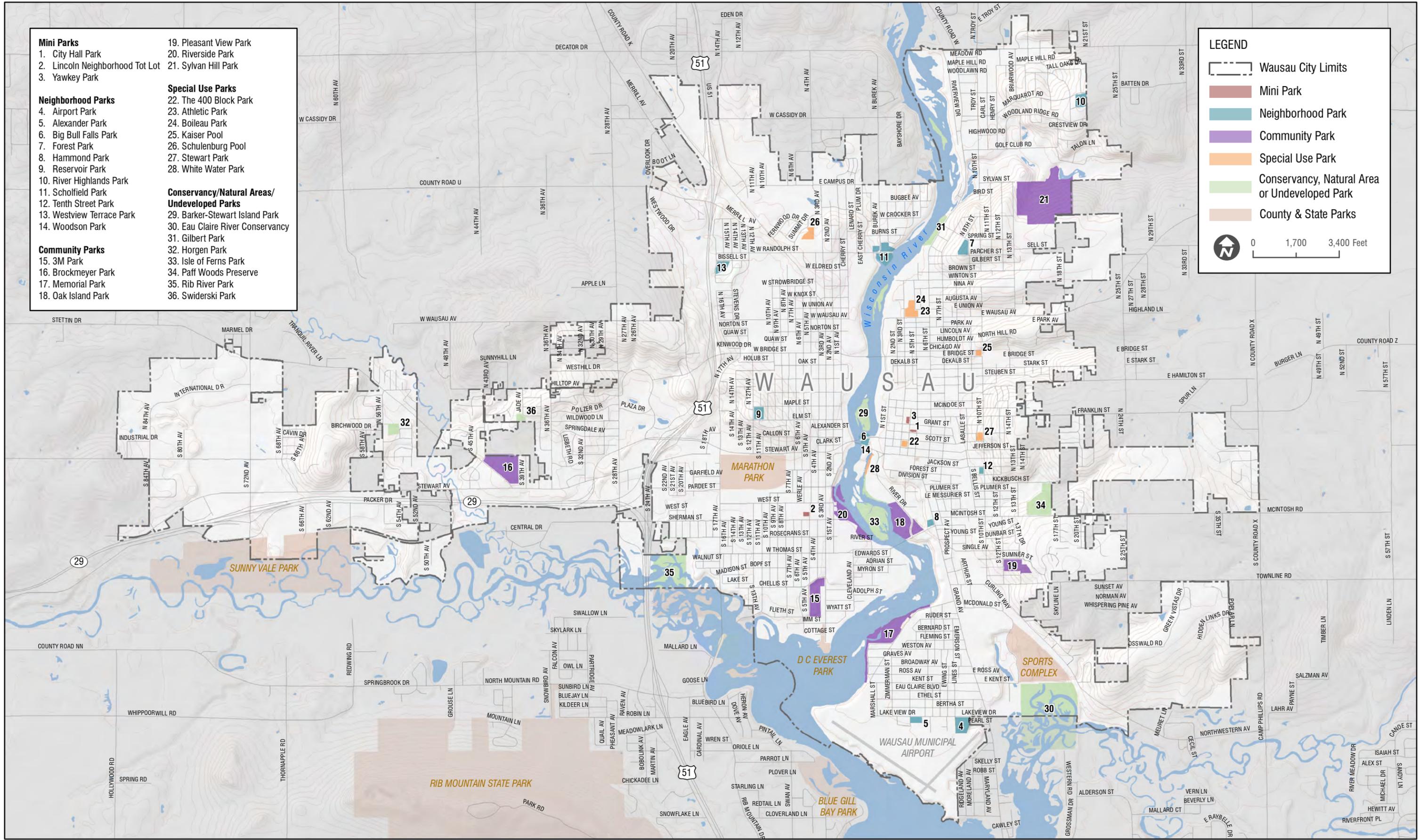
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- Wausau City Limits
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- County & State Parks

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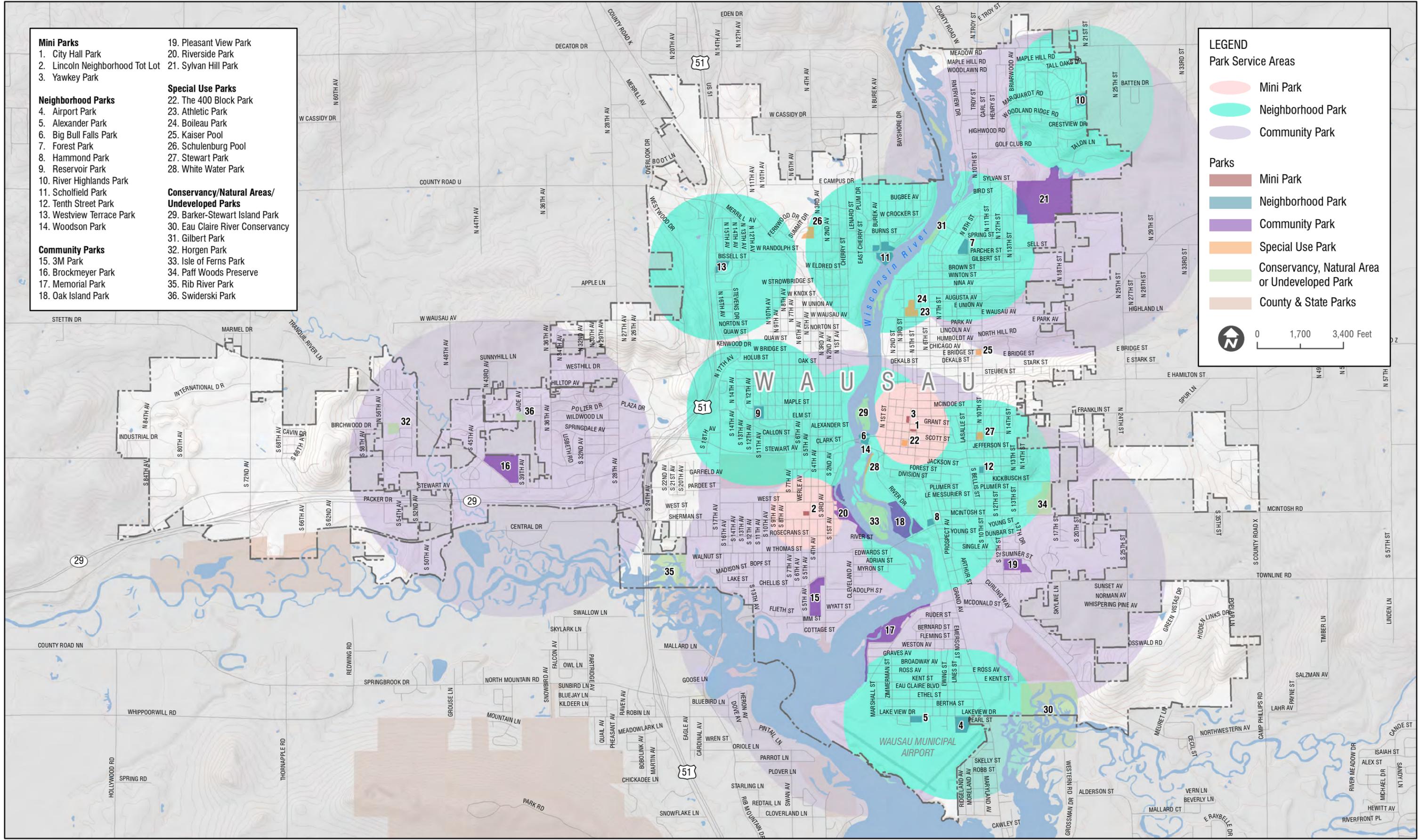
Park Service Areas

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- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park

Parks

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- County & State Parks

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Existing Facilities

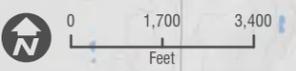
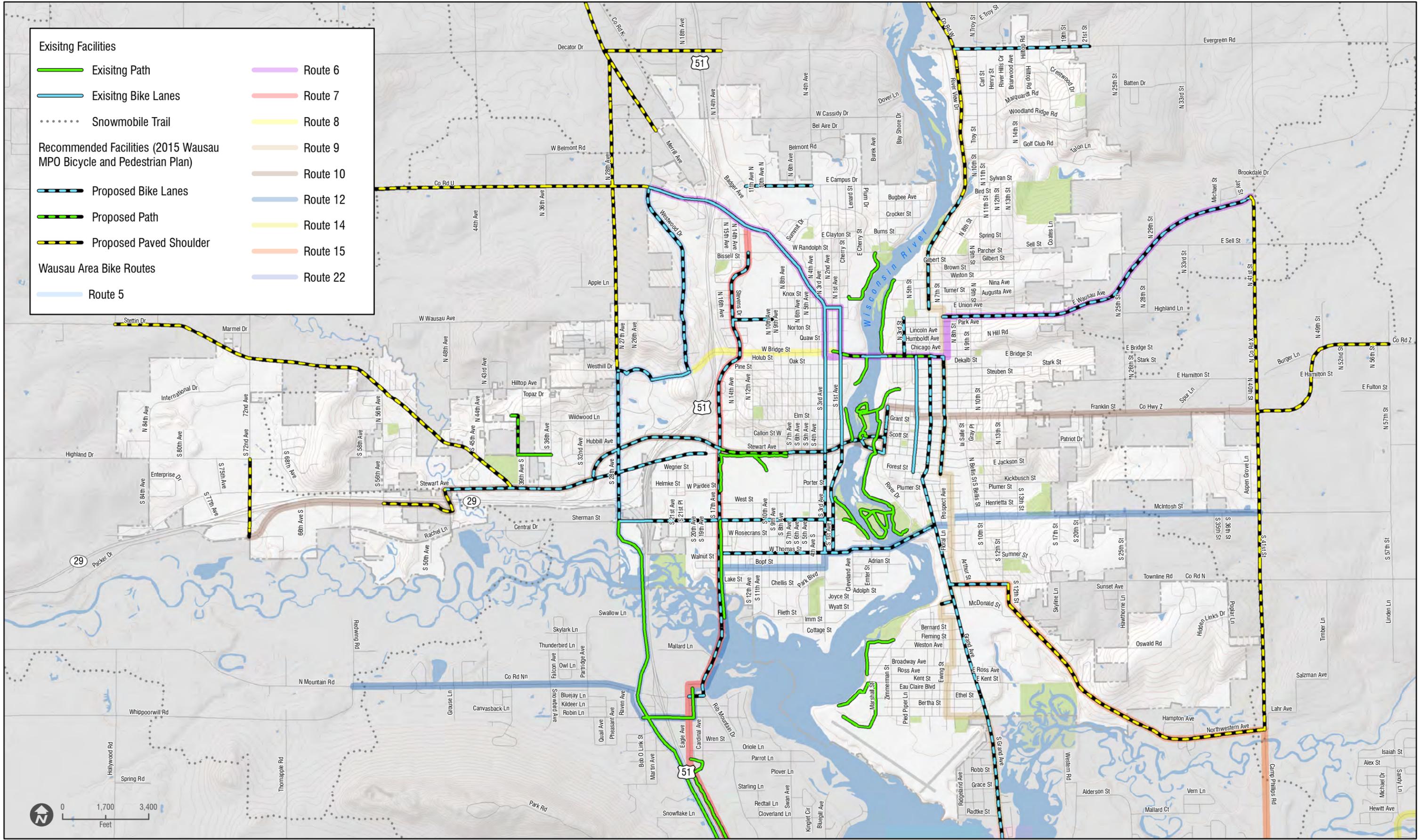
- Existing Path
- Existing Bike Lanes
- Snowmobile Trail

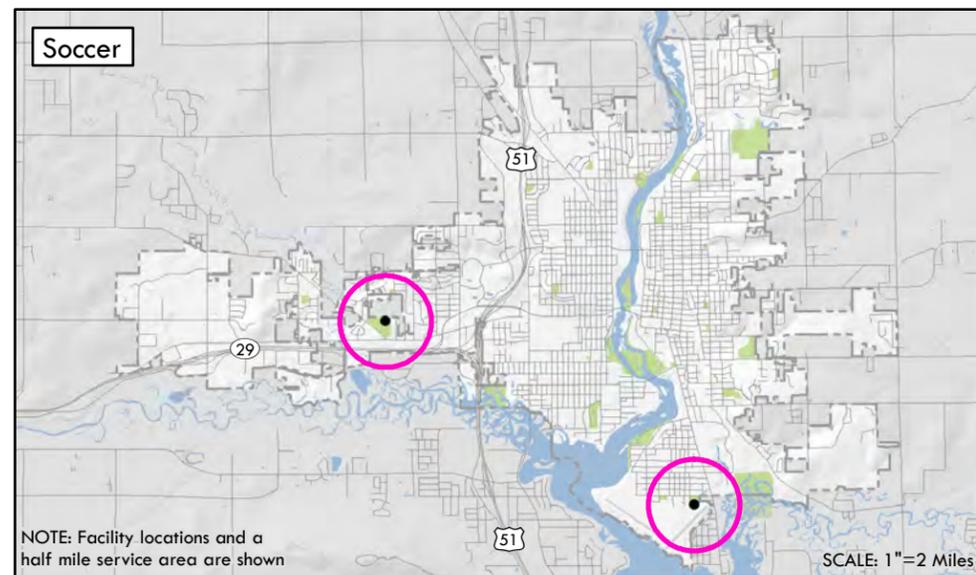
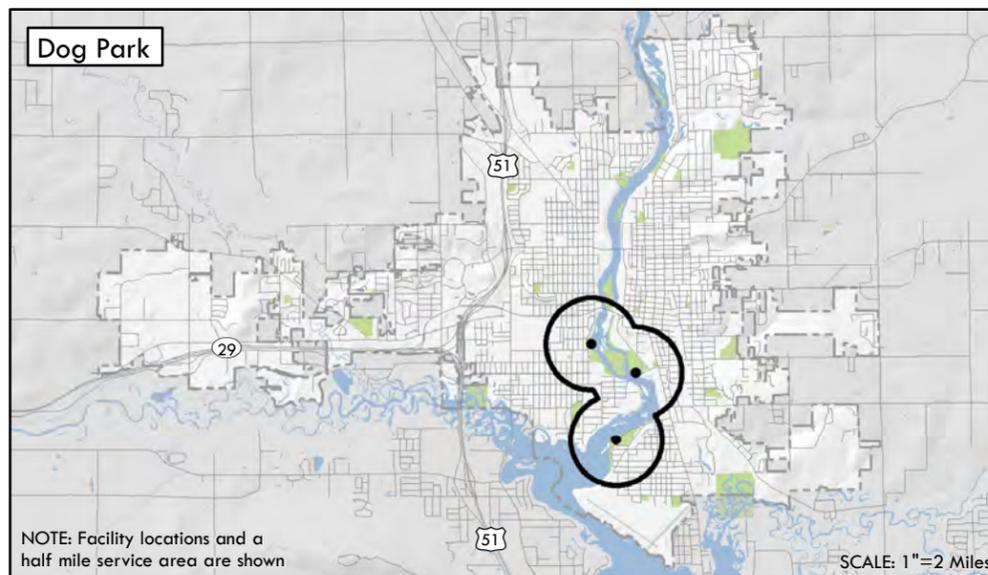
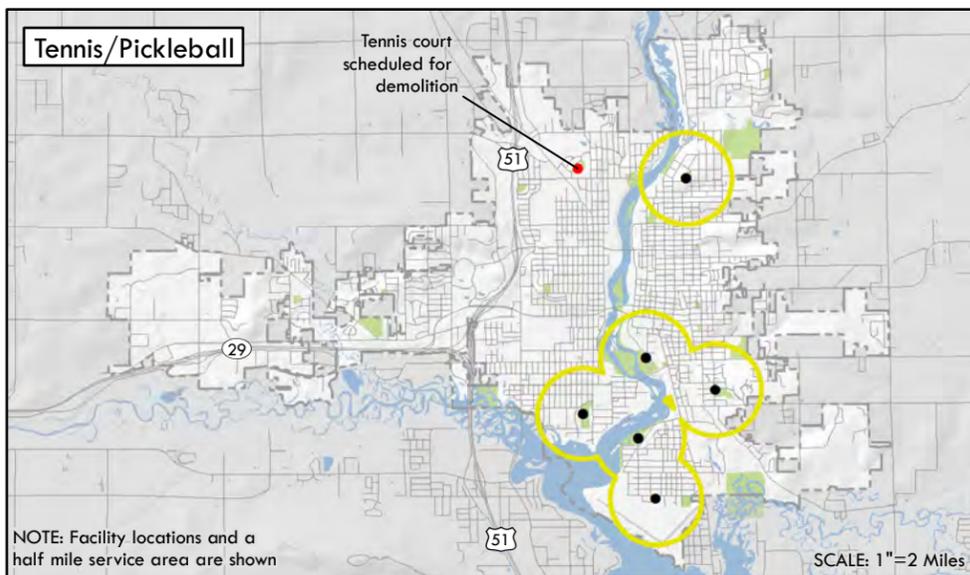
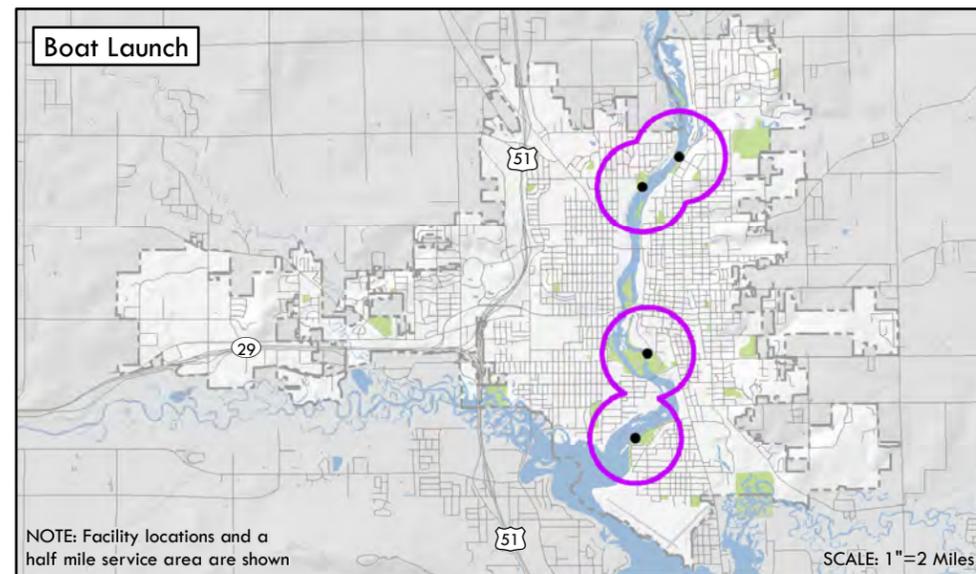
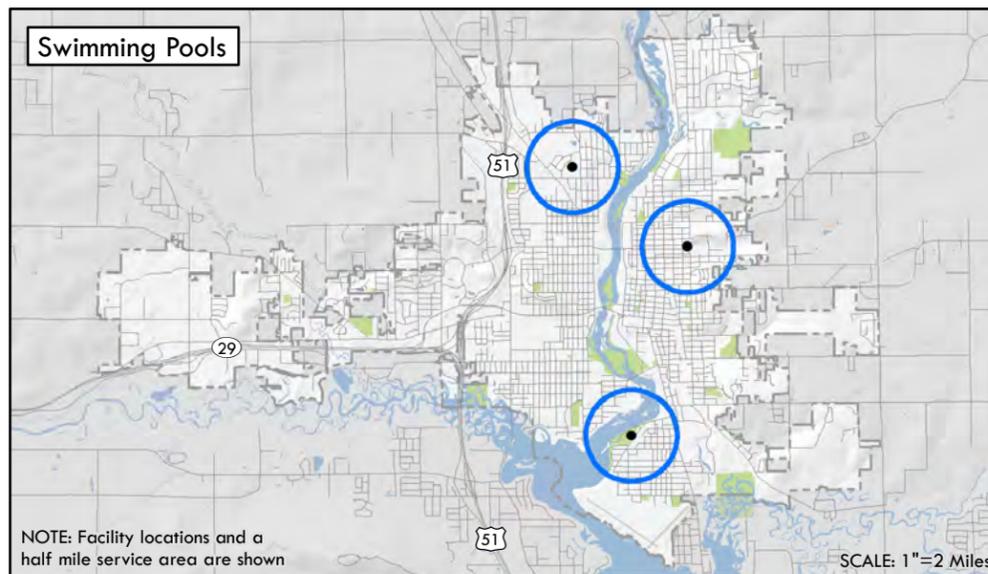
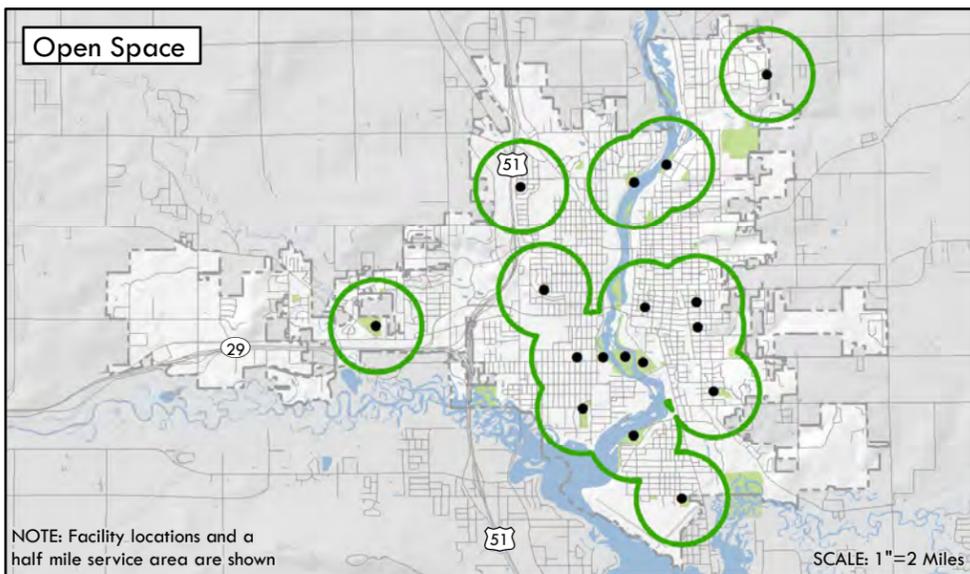
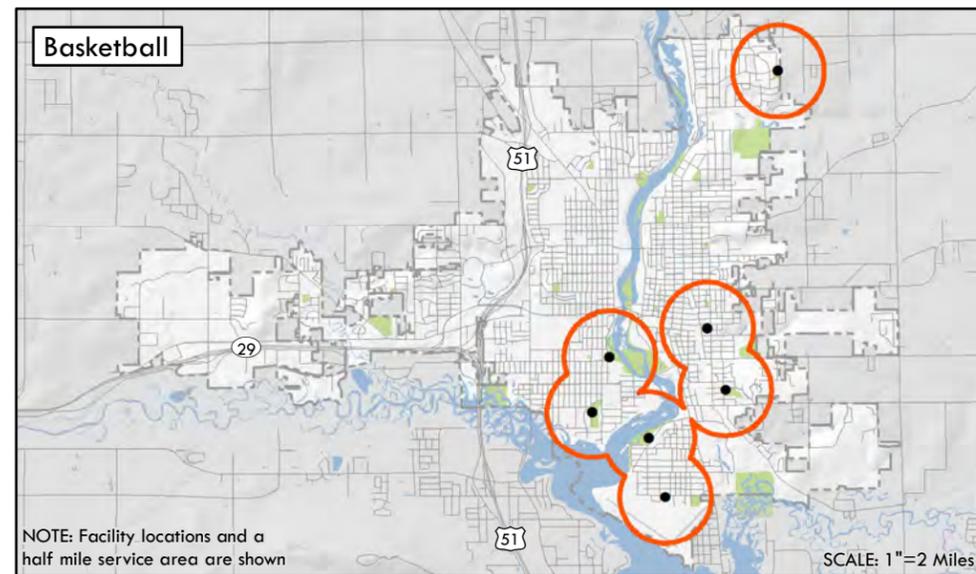
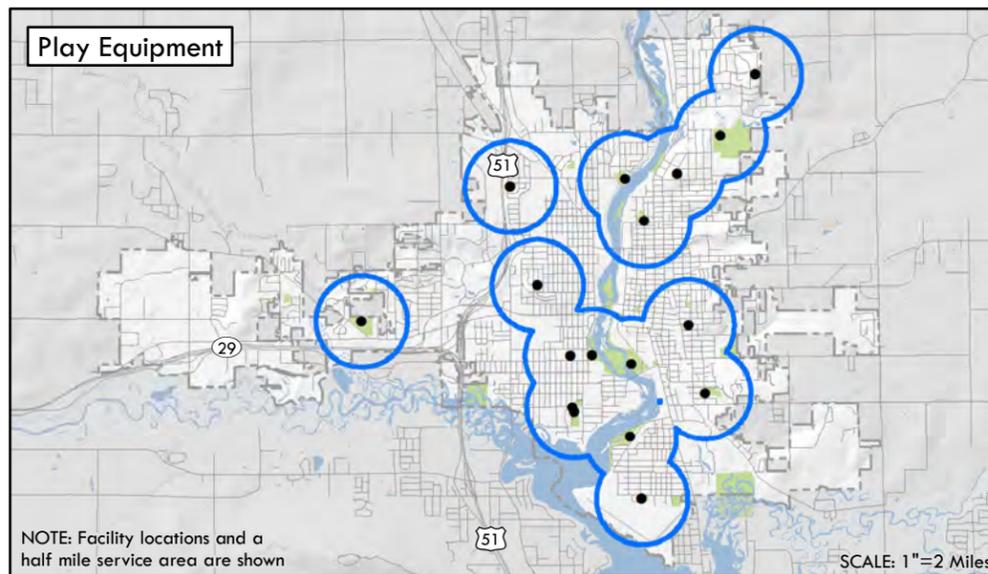
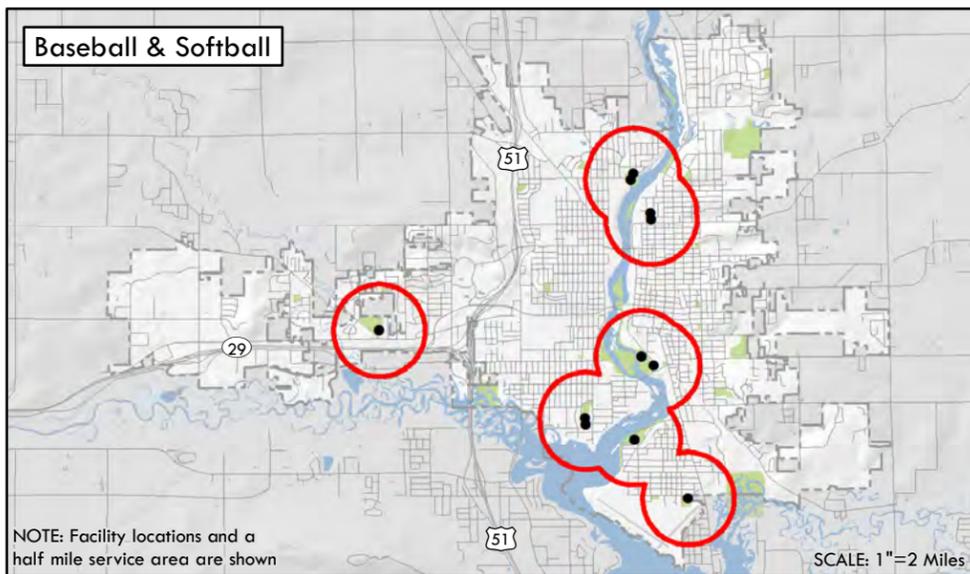
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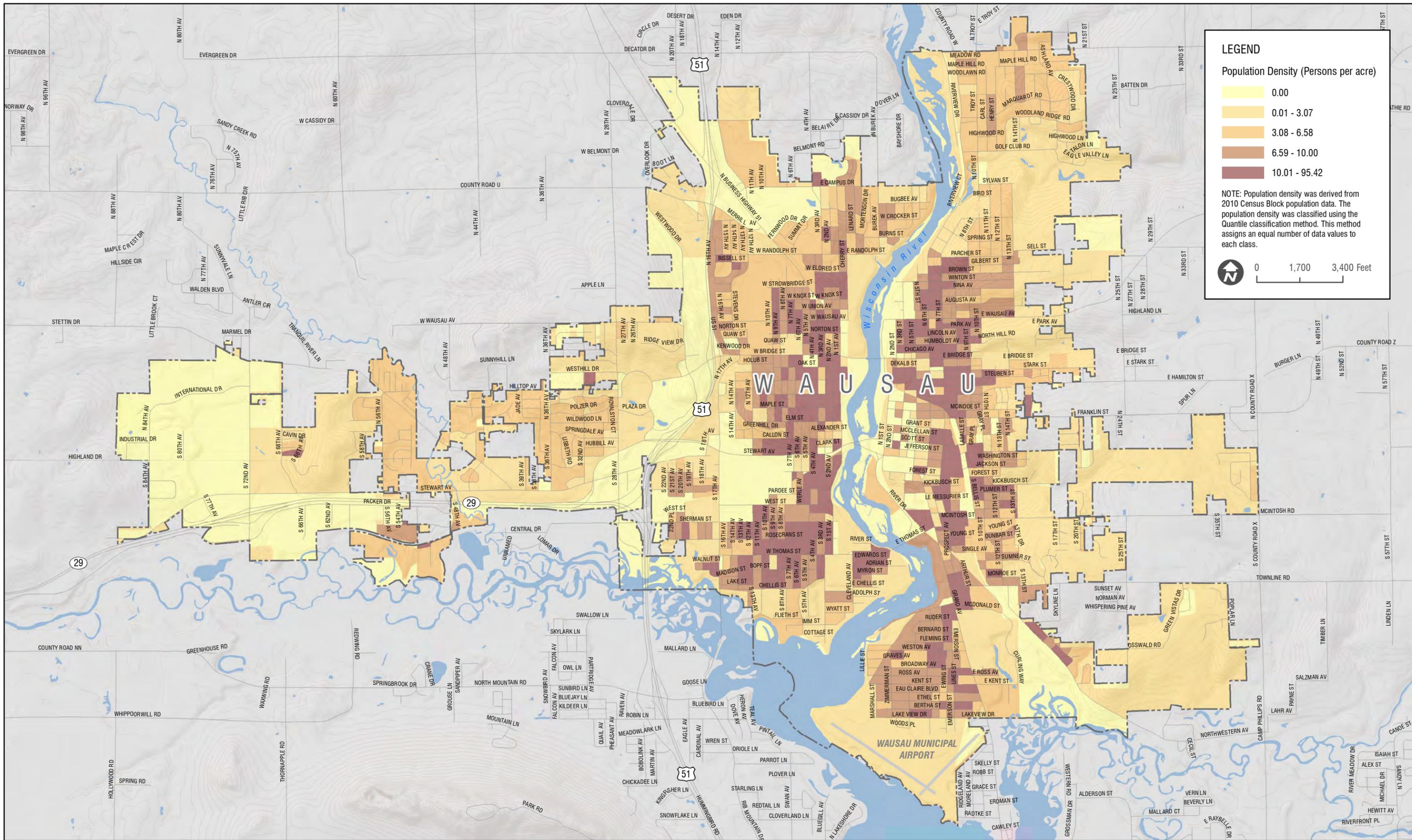
- Proposed Bike Lanes
- Proposed Path
- Proposed Paved Shoulder

Wausau Area Bike Routes

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- Route 6
- Route 7
- Route 8
- Route 9
- Route 10
- Route 12
- Route 14
- Route 15
- Route 22







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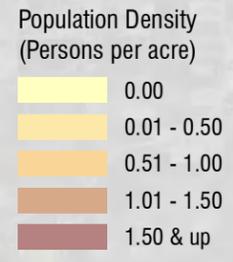
Population Density (Persons per acre)

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- 0.01 - 3.07
- 3.08 - 6.58
- 6.59 - 10.00
- 10.01 - 95.42

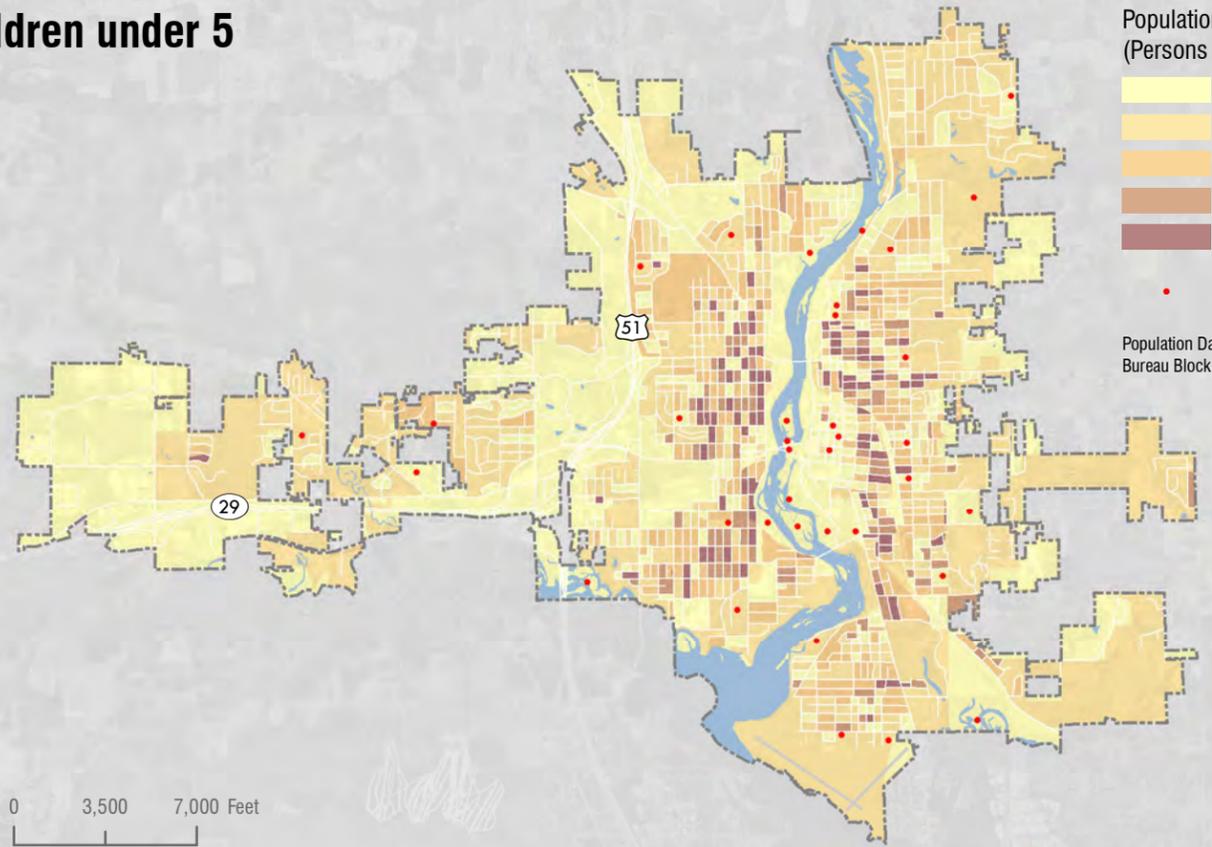
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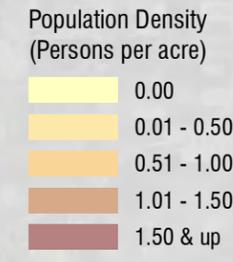
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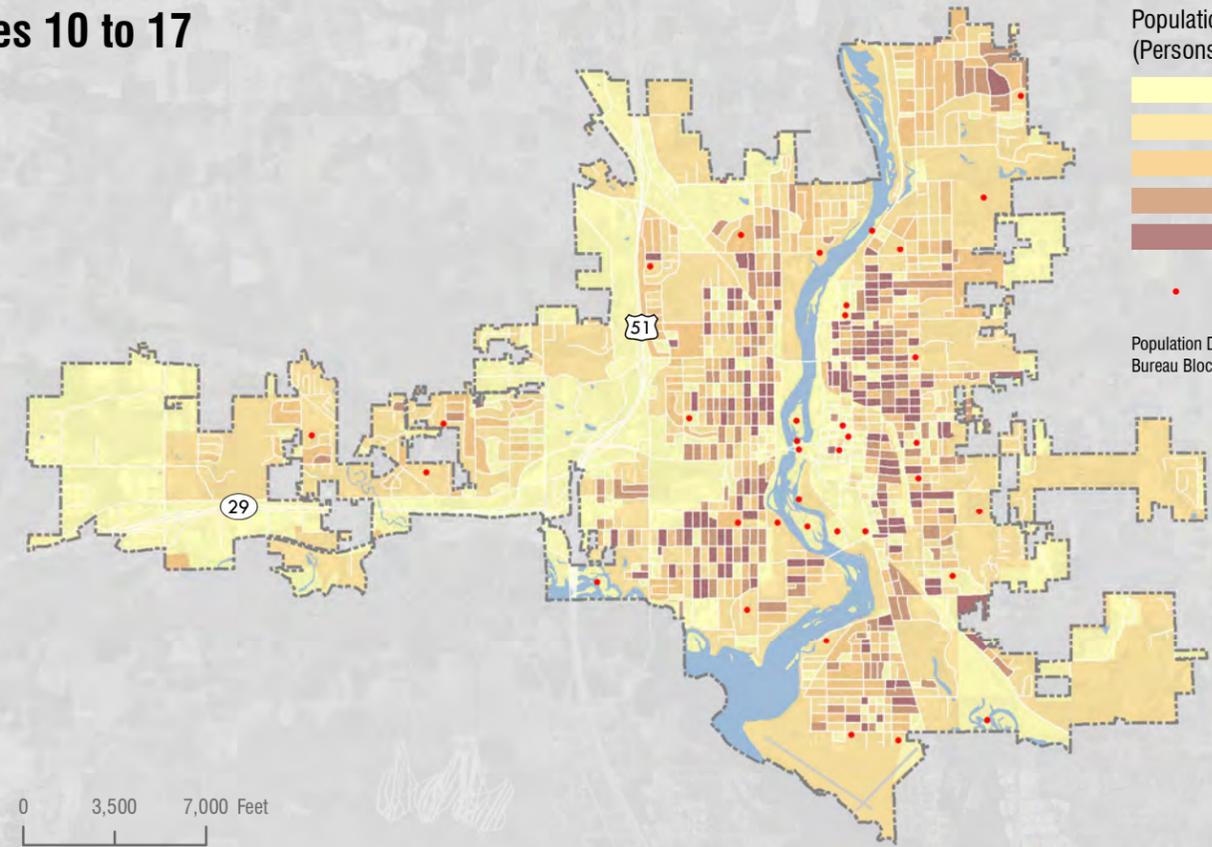
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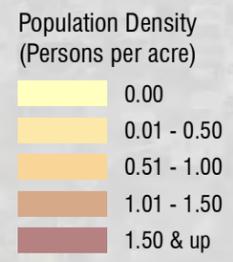
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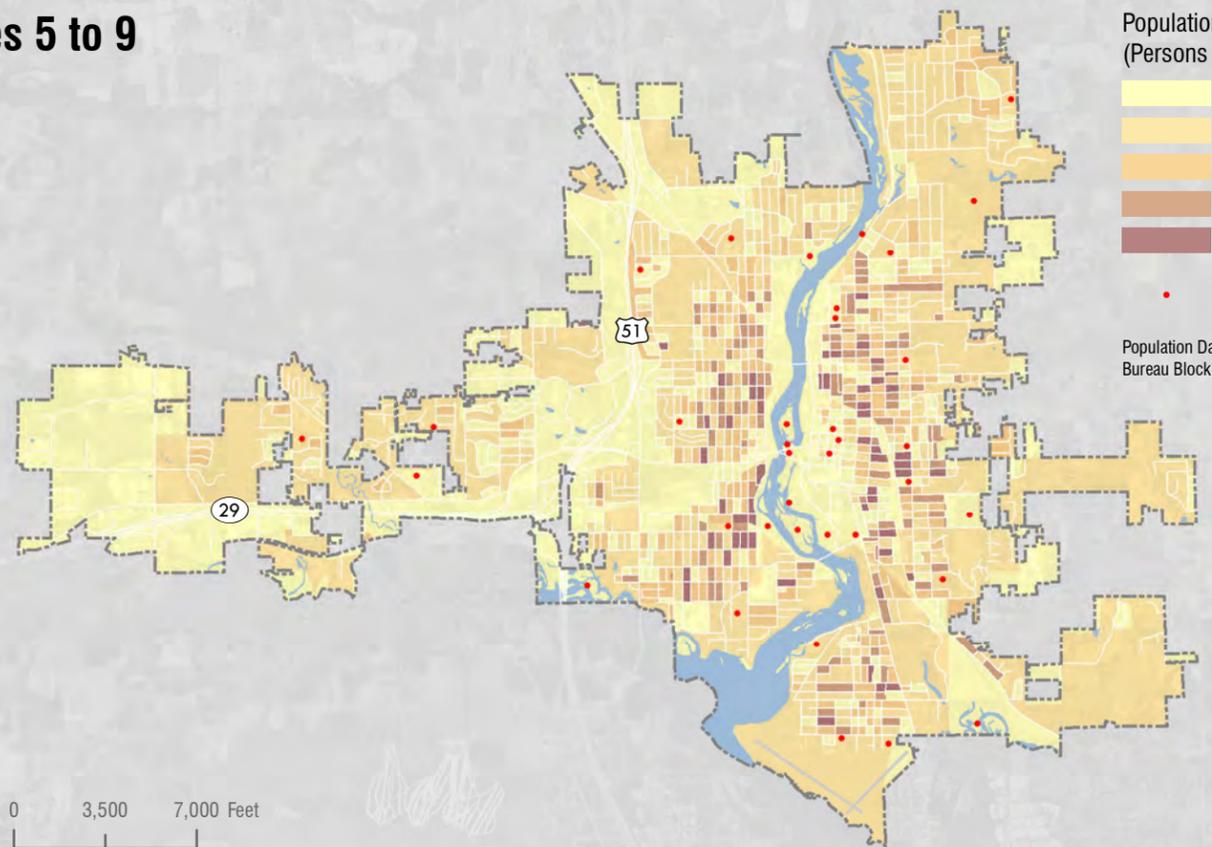
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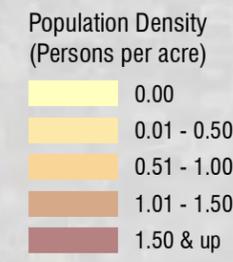
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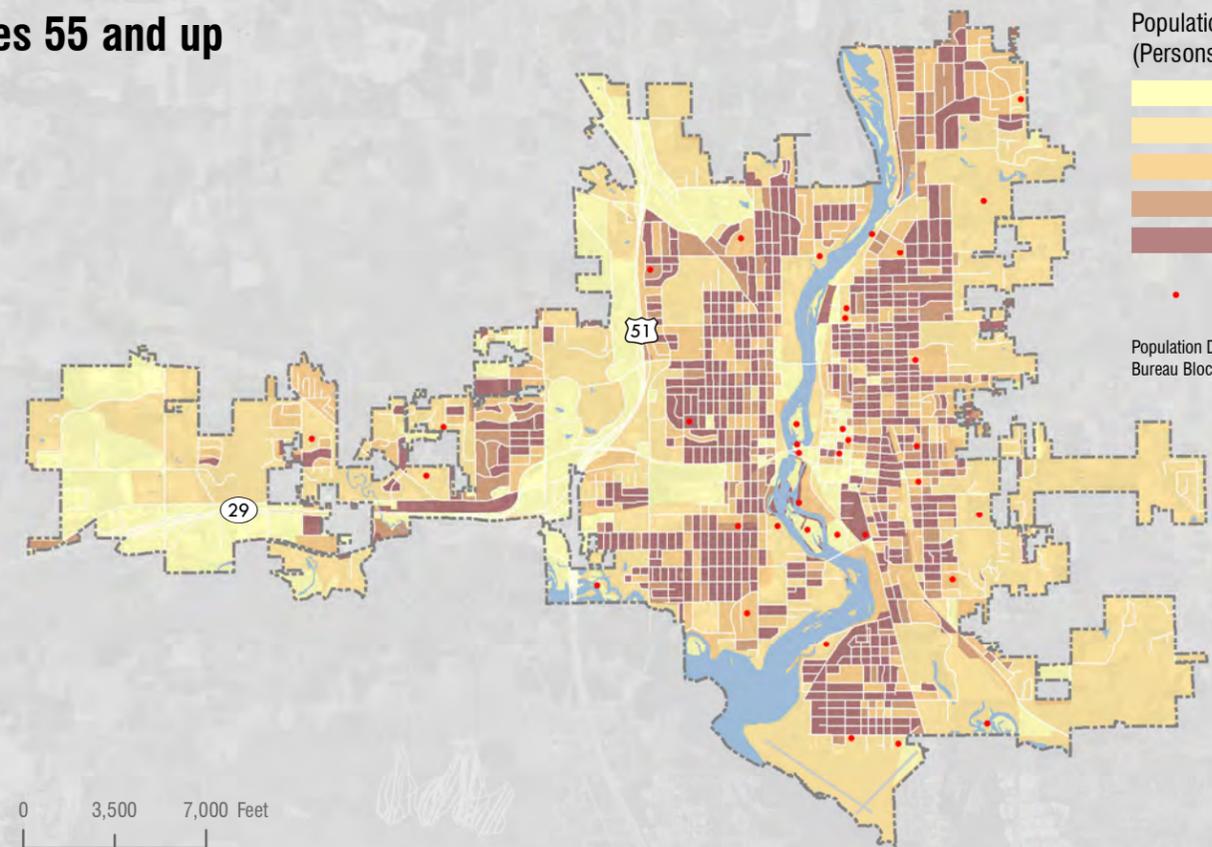
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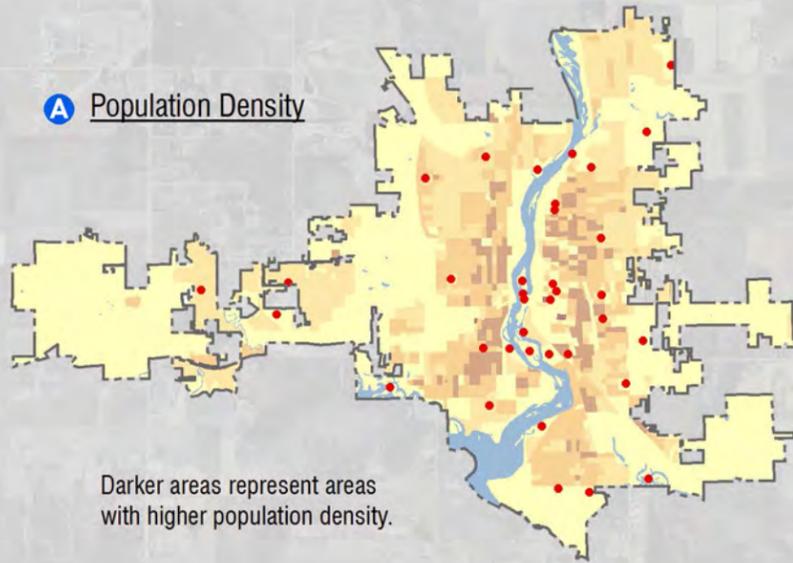
Ages 55 and up



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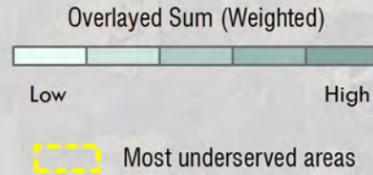
A Population Density



Darker areas represent areas with higher population density.

Potentially Underserved Areas

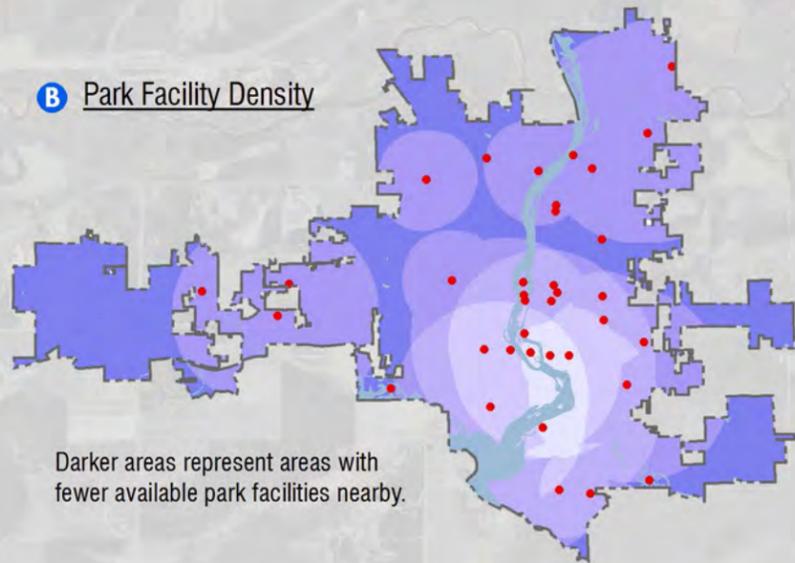
This map is an overlay of maps **A** & **B** and represents areas that are potentially underserved in terms of access to park facilities. Darker areas are areas that are both highly populated and without park facilities nearby.



What is the purpose of this map?

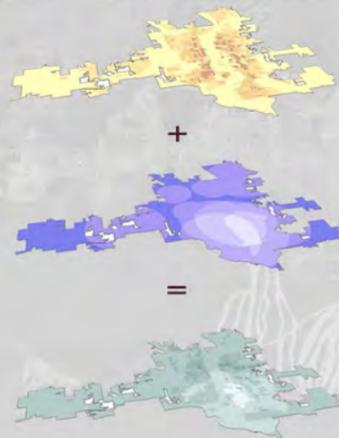
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B Park Facility Density

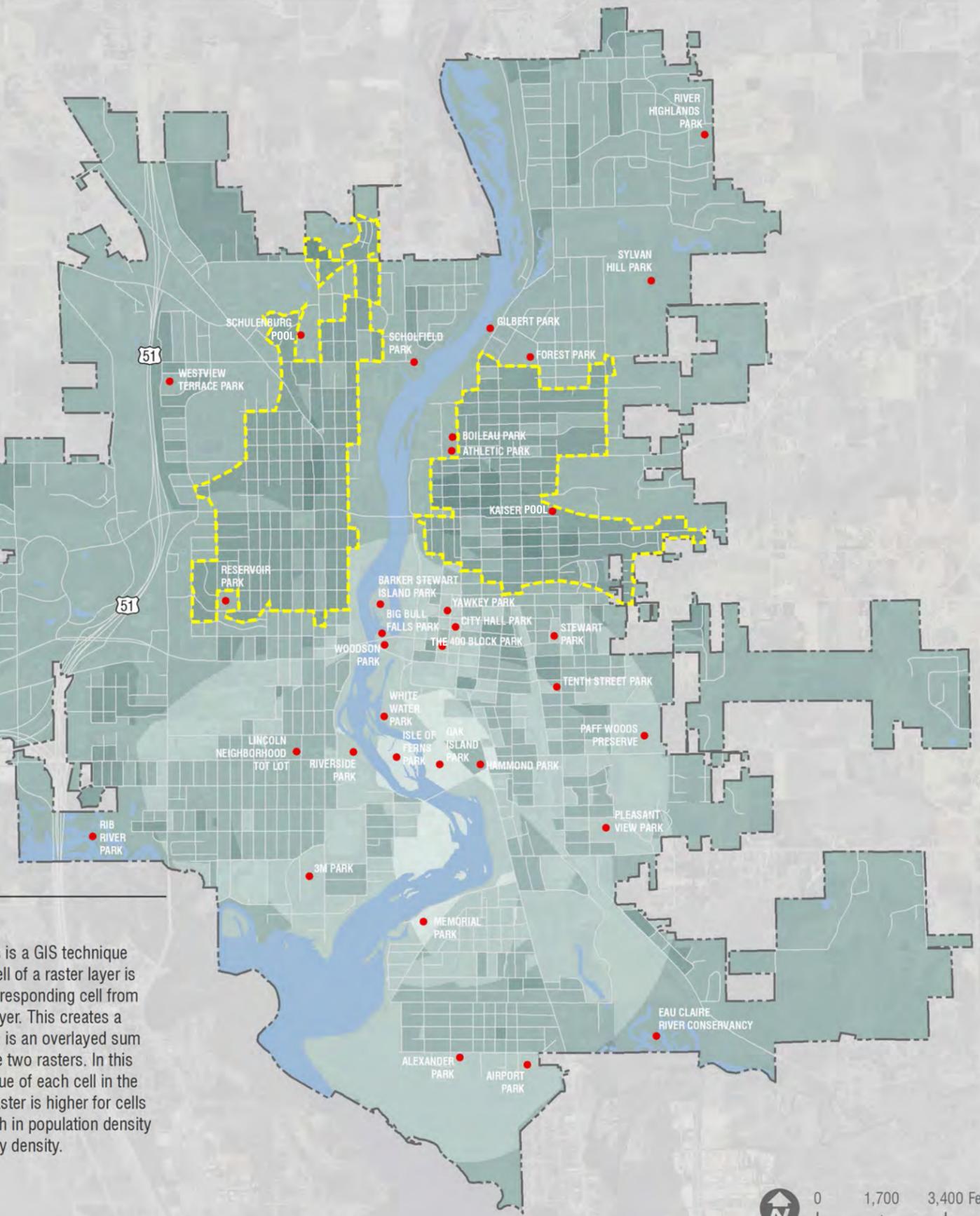


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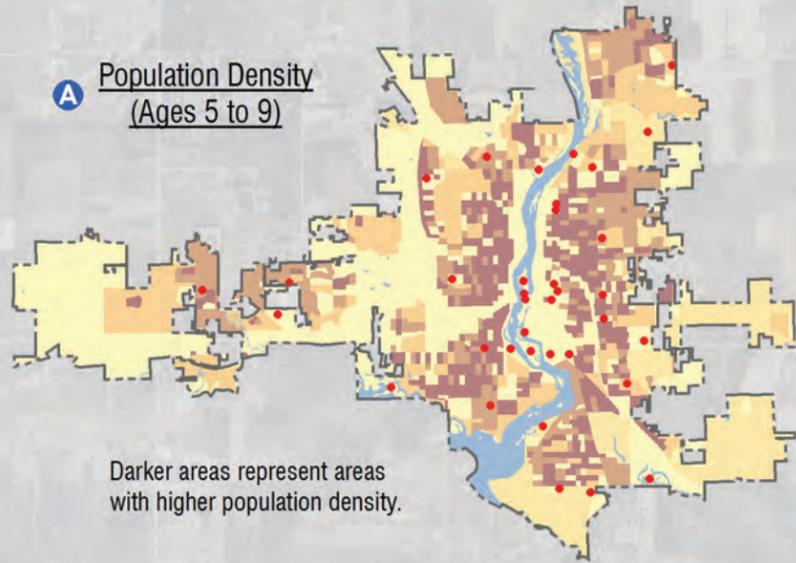


Priority areas for installation of playground equipment for children ages 5 to 9

This map is an overlay of maps **A** & **B**. Darker areas indicate less availability of playground equipment designed for children ages 5 to 9 and at the same time a high population density of children ages 5 to 9.

* Examples of equipment included - Standard swings, climbing structures, teeter totters, standard slides, merry-go-rounds and monkey bars.

A Population Density (Ages 5 to 9)

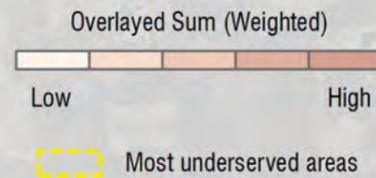
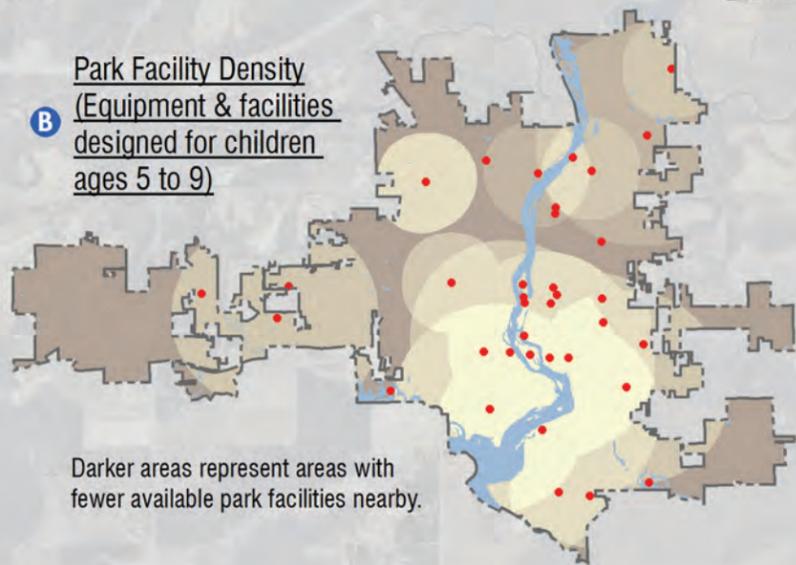


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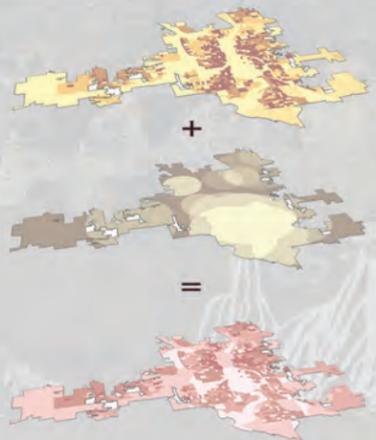
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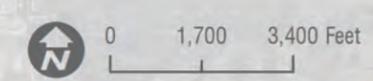
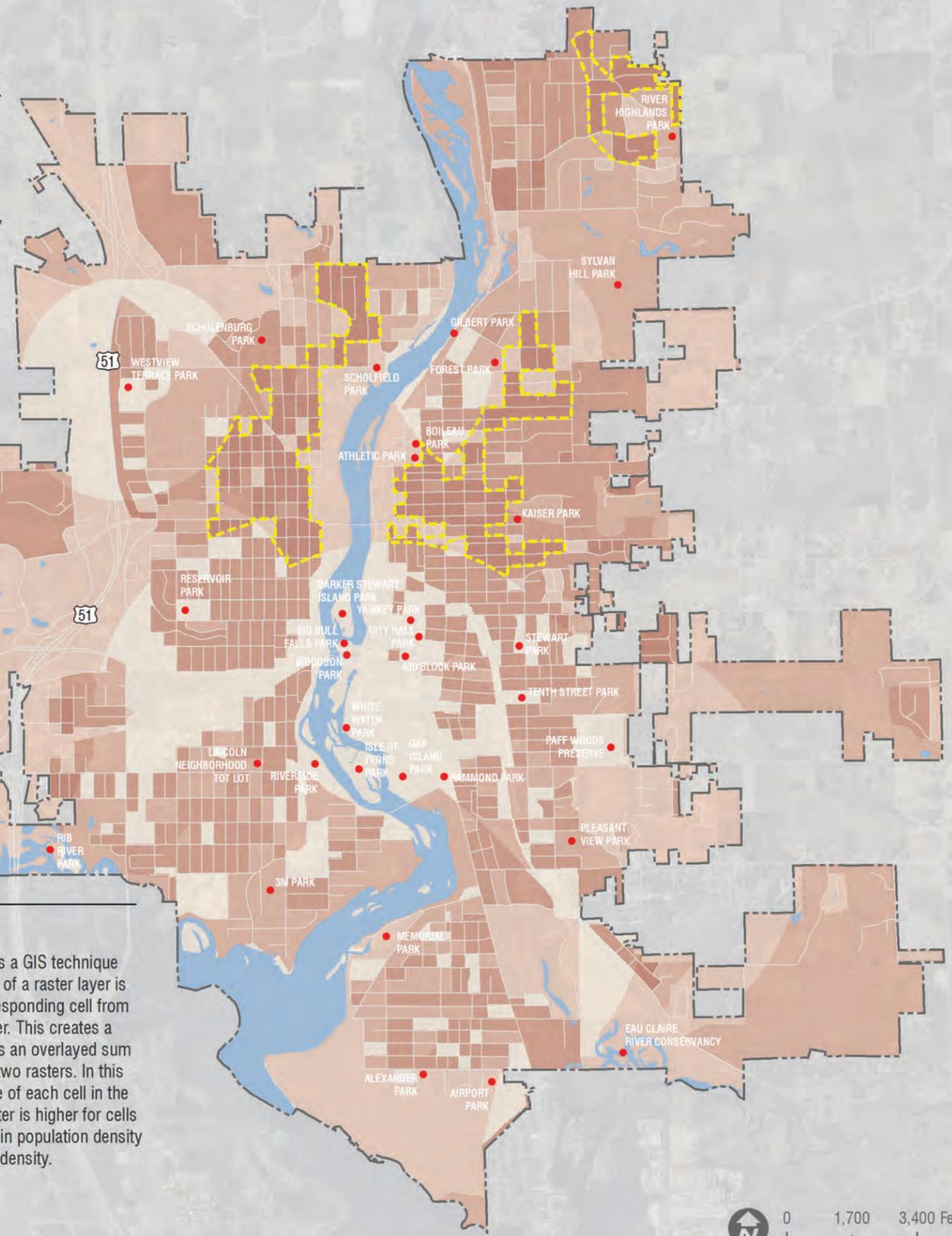
B Park Facility Density (Equipment & facilities designed for children ages 5 to 9)



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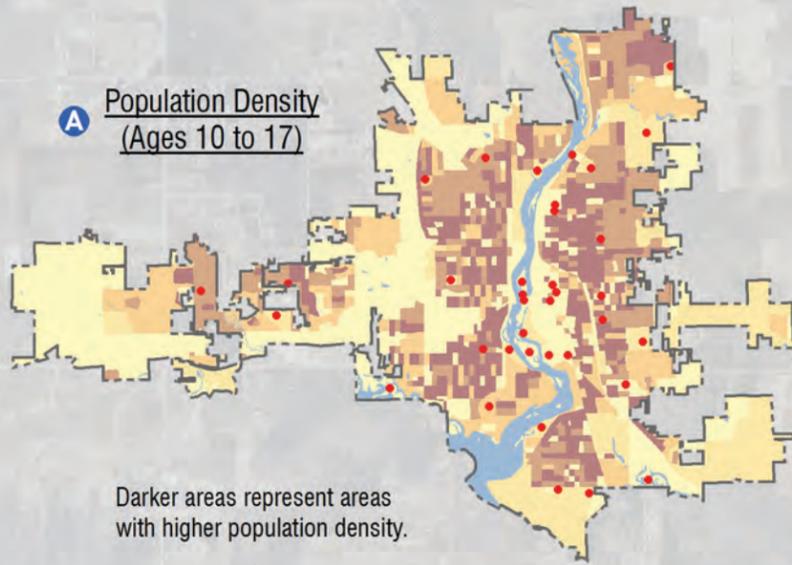


Priority areas for installation of park facilities for ages 10 to 17

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* Examples of facilities included - Baseball/softball fields, sand volleyball courts, skate parks, ice rinks and tennis courts.

A Population Density (Ages 10 to 17)



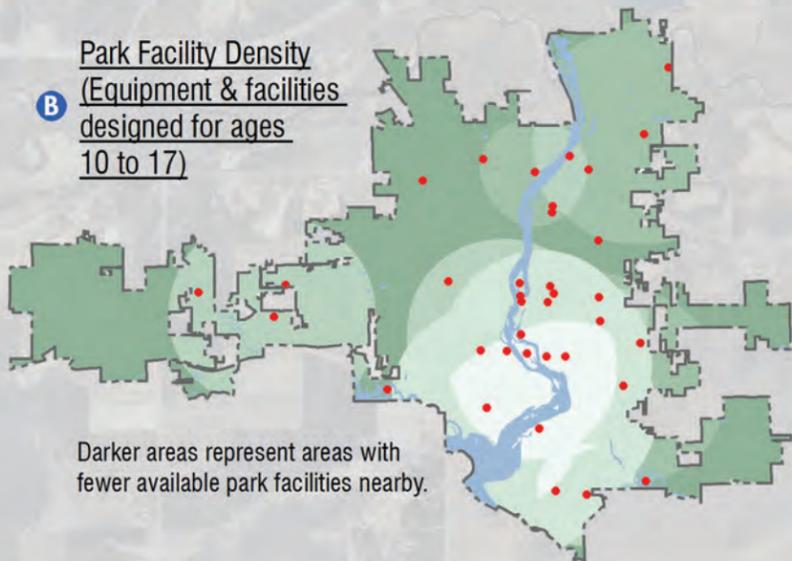
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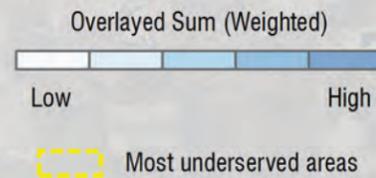
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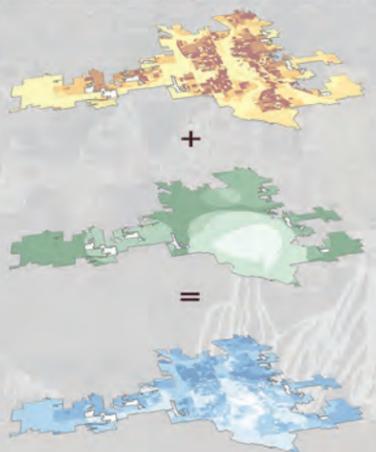
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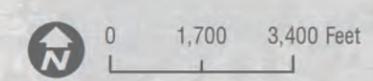
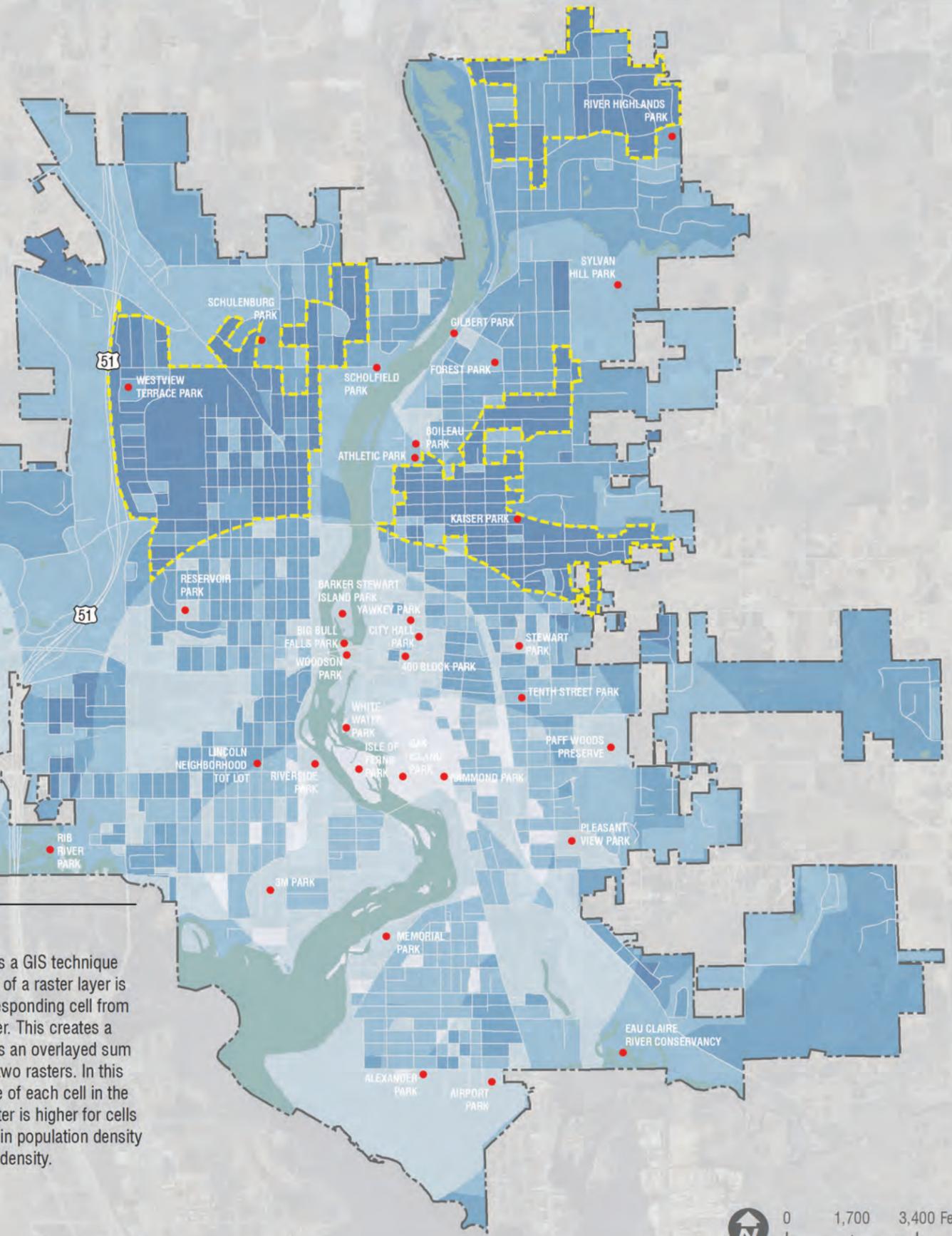
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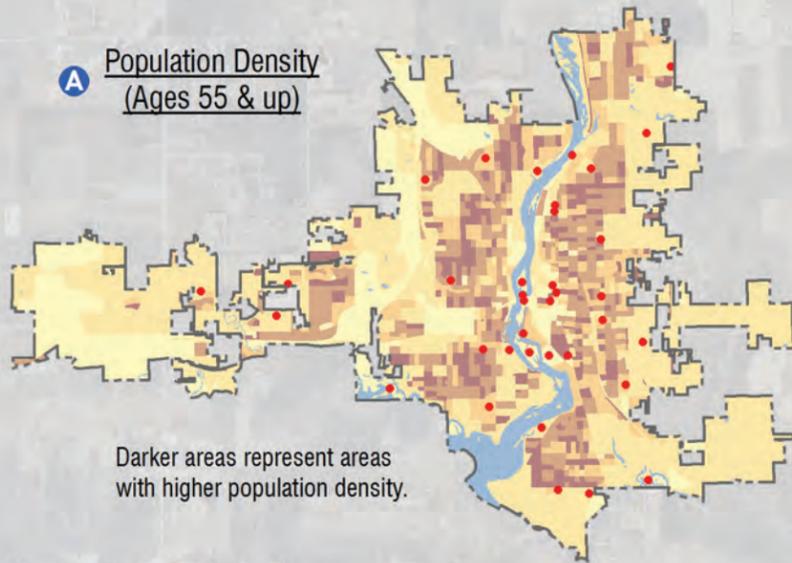


Priority areas for installation of park facilities for ages 55 & up

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* Examples of facilities included - Pedestrian trails, picnic areas, shelters, dog parks, boat launches and fishing piers.

A Population Density (Ages 55 & up)

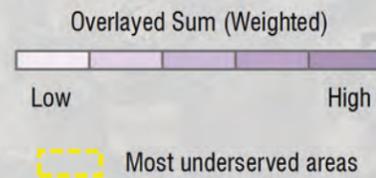
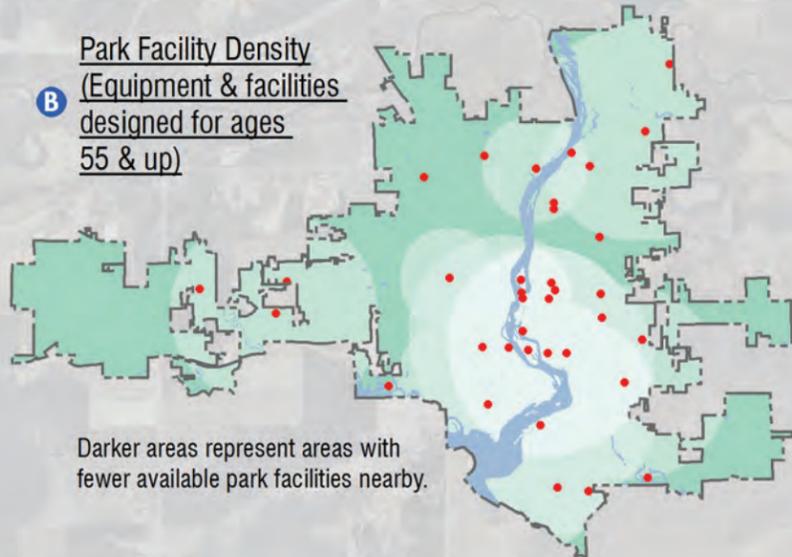


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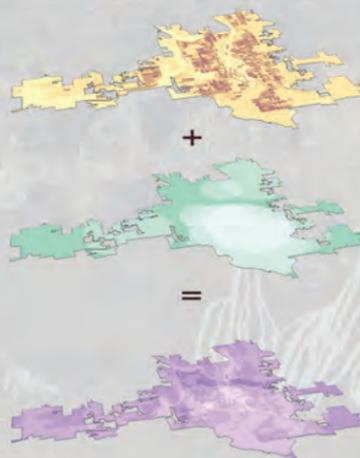
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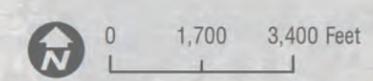
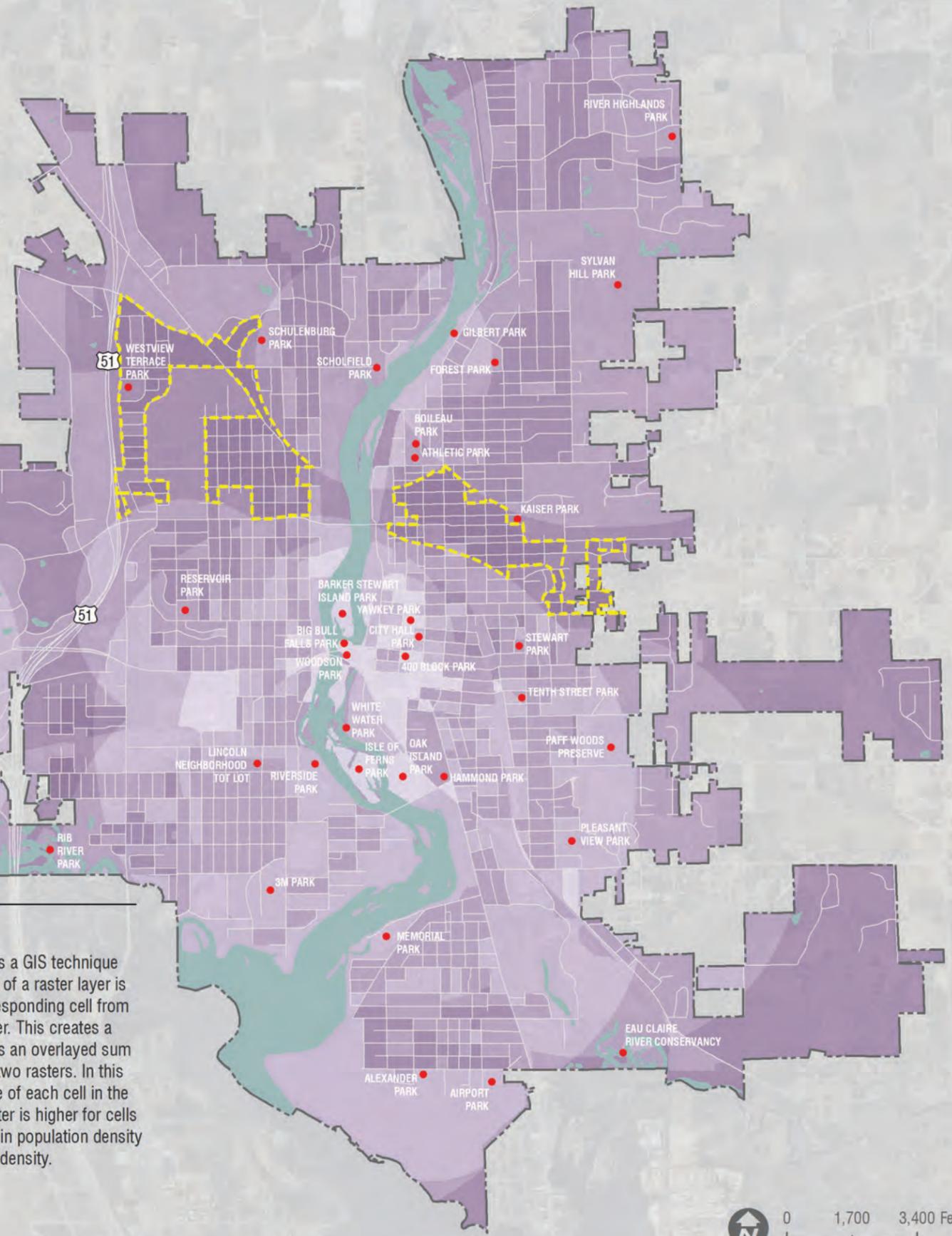
B Park Facility Density (Equipment & facilities designed for ages 55 & up)



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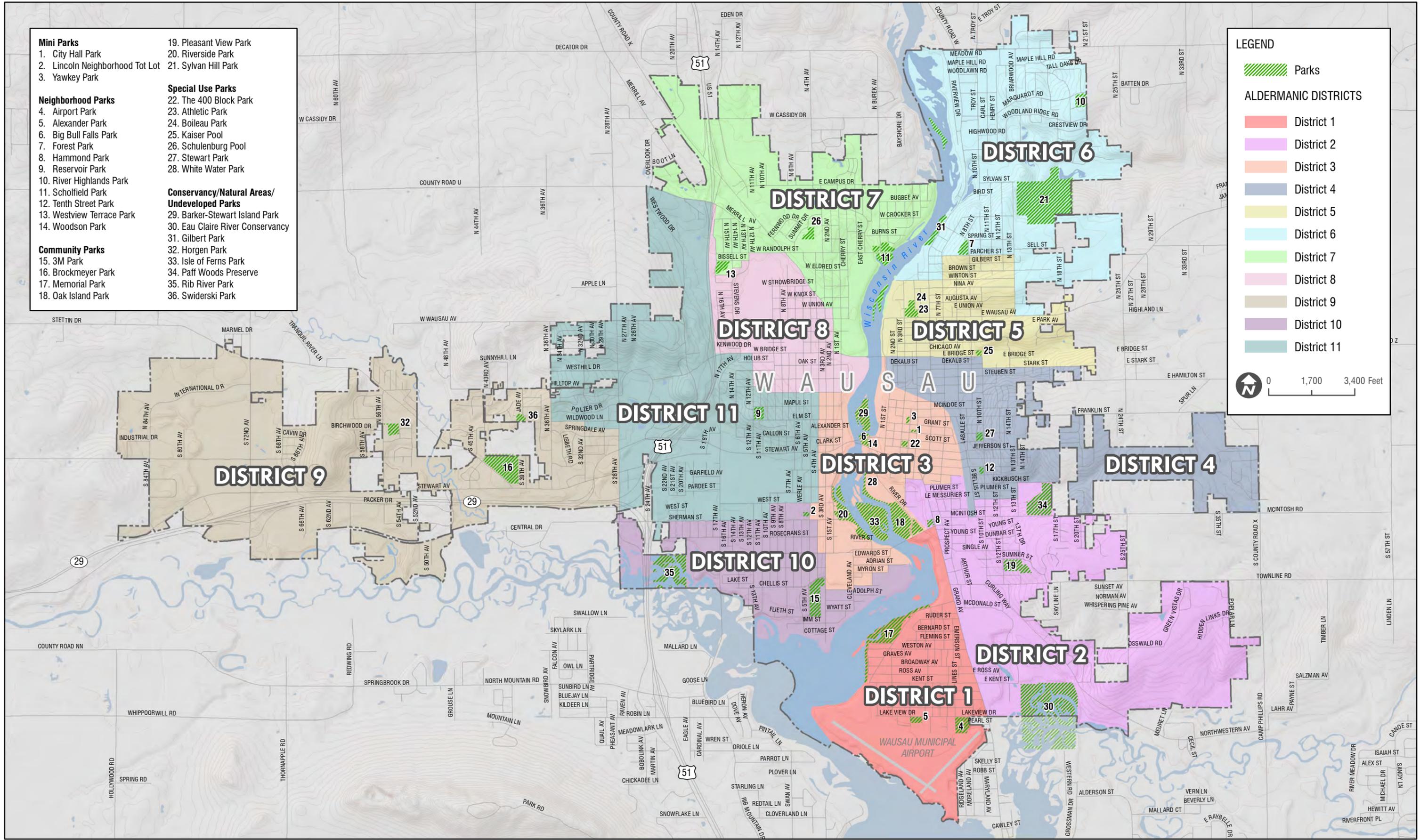
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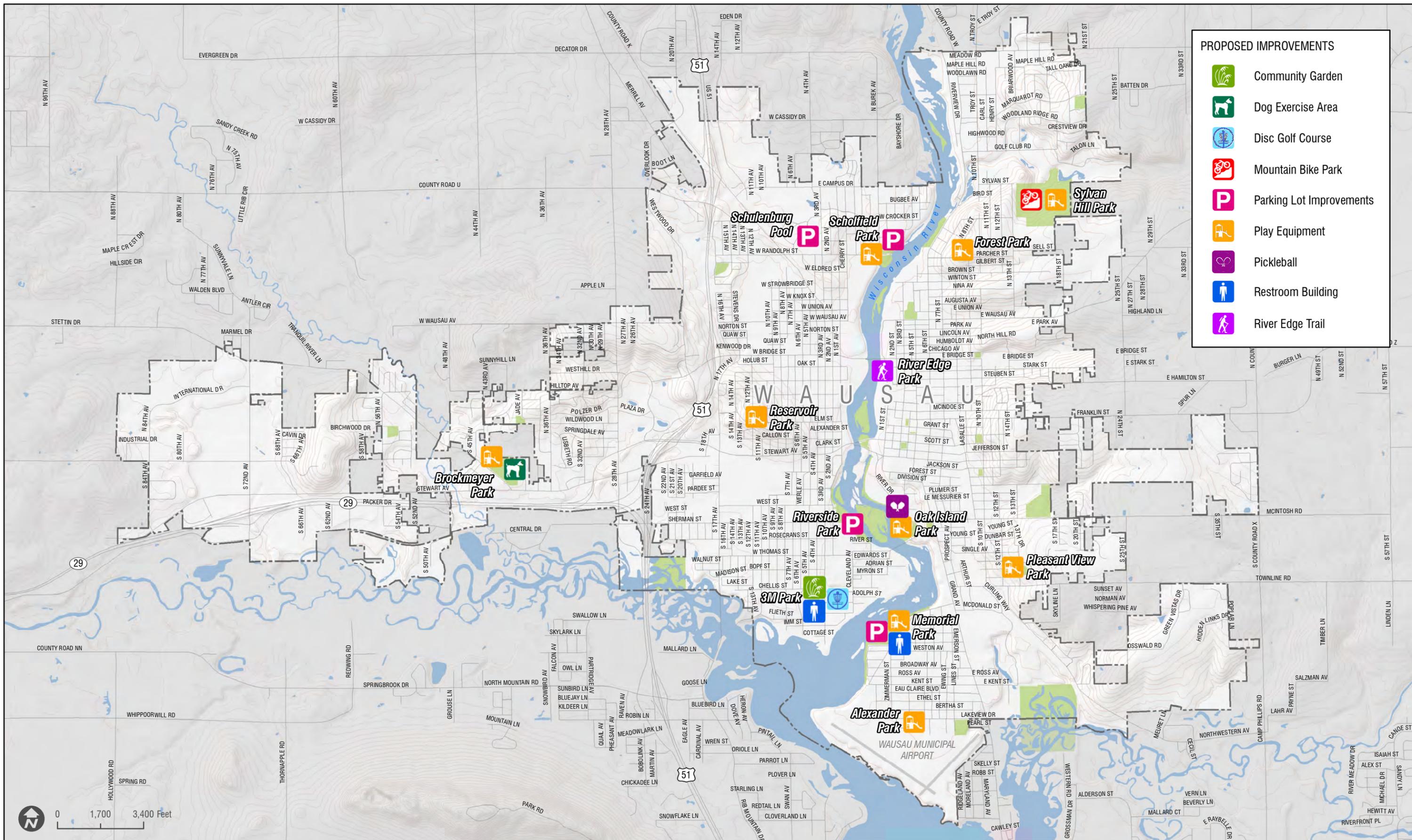
Parks

ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- District 6
- District 7
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- District 9
- District 10
- District 11

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- PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**
-  Community Garden
 -  Dog Exercise Area
 -  Disc Golf Course
 -  Mountain Bike Park
 -  Parking Lot Improvements
 -  Play Equipment
 -  Pickleball
 -  Restroom Building
 -  River Edge Trail