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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

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1.1 PLAN PURPOSE

Parks, recreation and trails are important elements in the quality of life for all communities. Not only these elements provide a safe and healthy place to recreate, they also serve to beautify, protect the natural environment and influence the patterns of development in and around the community.

The City of Middleton realizes the importance and benefits its parks, open space and trail systems have on the City's character and quality of life and is committed to providing for the recreational needs of current and future residents. This plan intends to guide the continual improvement of the City's park, recreation and trail systems to maintain its eligibility for State and Federal park and recreation grants. This plan envisions a connected system of parks, open spaces and trails throughout Middleton, related to the City's natural resources, geography and neighborhoods.

The plan is also intended to be a support document and component of Middleton's Comprehensive Plan, as well as align Middleton with local and State initiatives to promote outdoor recreation. This plan along with the City's other long-range plans and development-related ordinances, will be used to implement and promote its parks and recreation program.

Specifically the plan provides:

- Information regarding demographic trends
- An inventory of existing park and recreational facilities,
- An analysis of parkland and recreational needs and demands,
- General policy direction regarding park, recreation, open space, bicycle, and pedestrian facility planning and maintenance,
- Recommendations for new and improving existing park, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and
- Implementation strategies.

This plan identifies conceptual locations and recommendations for different types of parks, trails, natural areas, and recreational facilities. In nearly every case, more detailed planning, engineering, study, budgeting, and discussions will be necessary before decisions are made to actually acquire land or construct recreational facilities.

CORP & GRANT FUNDING

The Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program (Stewardship) in 1989. Named for two of Wisconsin's most revered conservation leaders, Warren Knowles (Governor 1965-1971) and Gaylord Nelson (Governor 1959-1963, U.S. Senator 1964-1981), the purpose of the program is to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. The conservation and recreation goals of the Stewardship Program are achieved through the acquisition of land and easements, development of recreational facilities, and restoration of wildlife habitat.

The Stewardship grant program is the most widely used recreational grant program in the state. Eligibility for the program requires that a community maintain a local comprehensive outdoor recreation plan (CORP), updated every five years, and that the project for which grant funding is sought is described in the CORP. Many other similar state and federal recreational grant programs have similar requirements or have shown a tendency to favor those grant applications which are supported through previous community planning efforts.

1.2 PLANNING PROCESS

Recreation, bicycle, and pedestrian planning are essential components of long-range community planning in Middleton. Currently Middleton has a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) that was adopted in 2014. In 2020, the City contracted with MSA Professional Services, Inc. to assist with an update to the 2014-2019 plan.

Early in the planning process Middleton facilitated an online community survey to gather citizen feedback on desired public park, trail and recreational facilities. The process also included a public involvement meeting (PIM) which was held virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions. This meeting was held to obtain input from the public and surrounding communities on desired park and recreation improvements (Refer to Appendix A for survey results and Chapter 4 for a summary of the public involvement meeting). A public hearing was also held prior to plan adoption.

This plan was developed following the Guidelines for the Development of Local Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans of the 2019-2023 Wisconsin State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) created by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). The plan content and format have been tailored to fit the needs of Middleton.

1.3 THE ROLE OF PARKS, RECREATION & TRAILS

The benefits of parks go far beyond simply being spaces where people can recreate. Parks contribute to the physical and mental health of individuals and provide public safety, environmental, economic and social equity benefits to our communities. Recently, parks have come to the forefront of public health discussions due to COVID-19. The pandemic has put parks in the spotlight as more people seek them out as natural refuges from the virus. It is important to remember the benefits parks provide to the communities they serve, which include:

Belonging

Public parks are a unique amenity because they have the potential to be accessible to anyone in the community, regardless of age, gender, ability, socioeconomic status, race or ethnicity. Though we often find that disparities exist in the distribution and quality of parks and recreation amenities, many parks and recreation departments across the U.S. are now rethinking how to engage and provide benefits to residents who do not currently have access to parks. If parks can be more inclusive, they have the potential to function as a nucleus of neighborhood activity, where residents can gather for social events, recreational activities, and meetings about local issues, increasing social interaction and creating an overall sense of community.

PROJECT MILESTONES

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2020

- Staff Kick-Off Working Session
- Existing Conditions Review
- Park Needs Review

APRIL 2020

- Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission (PRFC) Meeting #1

MAY-JUNE 2020

- Community Survey
- Public Open House

JULY-AUGUST 2020

- Preliminary Park Needs

SEPTEMBER 2020

- PRFC Meeting #2
- Draft Plan

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2020

- Park Commission Meeting #3 - Plan Review & Recommendation
- Public Review/Comment Period

DECEMBER 2020

- Common Council Review & Plan Adoption

INTRODUCTION

Community Health

According to the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), when individuals use green spaces, they have fewer health issues, improved blood pressure and cholesterol levels, and reduced stress—which leads to a lower incidence of depression and a greater ability to face problems. According to a report by the NRPA titled “The Economic Impact of Parks,” “Diabetic individuals taking 30-minute walks in a green space experienced lower blood glucose levels than spending the same amount of time doing physical activity in other settings. Thirty minutes of walking in nature resulted in larger drops in blood glucose than three hours of cycling indoors.”

Ecological Health

While parks, forests and trails provide opportunities to improve the health of residents, they also contribute to the greater ecological health of the City. Parks are often tied together with environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands, floodplains, surface waters, or significant woodlands which can include trails. These areas provide food and shelter for local wildlife and natural stormwater retention. Individual parks can provide important “rooms” of natural resource activity; however, they become even more functional when they can be linked together by environmental corridors, or “hallways.” Wildlife, plants, and water all depend on the ability to move freely within the environment from room to room.

Economic Prosperity

Leisure time is an important component of everyone’s lifestyle and increasingly people are choosing locations to live based on quality-of-life factors such as recreational amenities. The ability to retain or attract new residents has direct economic benefits to the City. For this reason, having a great park, recreation, and trail systems contributes directly to economic development. According to a study completed by the National Recreation and Parks Association and George Mason University, 72% of the 70 communities studied use parks and recreation images in their economic development materials. The study notes that parks and recreation contribute to economic development through business attraction, business retention and expansion and talent attraction.

In addition, if a park system is designed with connections to regional destinations, it can serve to bring in additional visitors. This additional tourism can be a significant benefit to local businesses. The City’s plan will align with regional and State plans to promote outdoor recreation in the greater area.

Connections

Connecting parks and recreational facilities to each other and the general population via trails is important to encourage safe, alternative modes of transportation. These paths can provide an important alternate means of traveling for those who prefer to bike for health or environmental reasons and for those who lack other means of transportation due to age, income or disability. Shared-use paths also provide important connections to public transit. According to the National Household Travel Survey conducted by the Federal Highway Administration, 85% of transit trips begin and end with walking and nearly one in six walking trips is made for the purpose of accessing public transit.

Impact of COVID-19

With COVID-19 we are seeing increased usage of trails and parks that are forcing us to redesign common areas and improving pedestrian and bicycle flow to maintain social distancing. It is likely these shifts will impact parks into the future. Along with the design of park and recreation spaces, we are anticipating the way in which parks are funded is going to shift—there will likely be a more diverse set of funding sources and partnerships for park and recreation projects. A final anticipated impact is the fact that parks and recreation departments are going to be prioritizing health equity and social justice in parks and programming.

1. <https://www.nrpa.org/parks-recreation-magazine/2018/june/recognizing-parks-and-recreations-role-in-economic-development/>

Chapter 2

ABOUT MIDDLETON

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2.1 LOCAL & REGIONAL CONTEXT

The City of Middleton, Wisconsin is located in central Dane County. The City is bounded by the City of Madison and the Towns of Middleton, Springfield and Westport. Downtown Middleton is approximately eight miles (20 minutes) from downtown Madison.

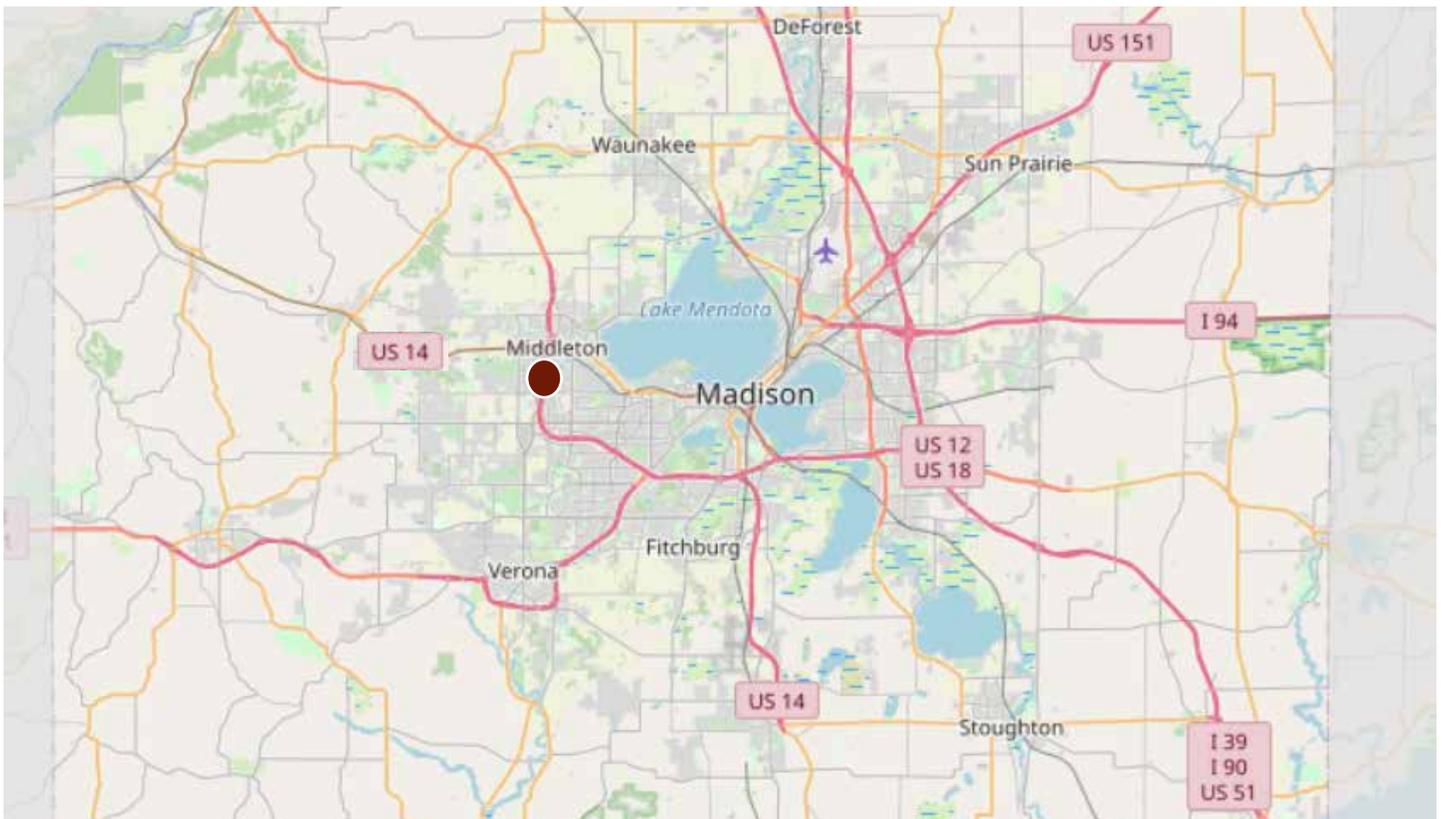
2.2 TRANSPORTATION & CIRCULATION

Two major roadways intersect within the City: USH 12 (also known as the West Beltline Highway) and USH 14. USH 12 runs north/south through Middleton and connects it to Madison and Interstate Highway 29/90 to the south and east. To the north USH 12 connects Middleton with Wisconsin Dells. USH 14 runs east/west and north/south through Middleton. The north/south section is considered part of the West Beltline Highway,

while the route connects Middleton to Cross Plains and eventually La Crosse to the west.

Pedestrian travel through the City is accommodated on sidewalks in most locations. The City requires the installation of sidewalks on new public streets. In places where streets lack sidewalks, the City generally considers including sidewalks as part of reconstruction projects. The City also has a robust off-road trail system which accommodates pedestrians and bicyclists. This off-street trail network has additional on-street sharrows and bike lanes to further connect bicyclists to different areas of the City.

The City of Middleton has contracted with Metro Transit to provide fixed-route and paratransit bus service during the weekdays. The City also operates a free trolley March through December which circulates through the City's downtown and other commercial areas.



2.3 DEMOGRAPHICS

This section describes some of the historic demographic trends for Middleton as it pertains to population, age composition, housing, and school enrollment. This includes data from the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (ACS) which is reported as a rolling average over a 5-year period. Because ACS data are only estimates and contain a margin of error, they may not always represent conditions as accurately as Census data. However, data is generally more reliable at the county and state levels. The 2020 population estimate and population projections are from the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC).

Population

The most recent population estimate for the City is 20,918 for year 2020 (WI CARPC). From year 1980 to 2020, the population of Middleton grew by 76.6%, much higher than the percentage growth in the State (24.2%) (WI DOA projections).

According to CARPC population projections, the City is expected to add an additional 5,263 residents between 2020 and 2040. This represents a 25.2% increase over a 20 year period, or 0.9% annual growth. This projection is higher than the growth projected for Dane County (12.9%) and the State (11.1%) (WI DOA projections). New park lands and facilities will be necessary to continue meeting the demands of new neighborhoods.

Age Composition

Age composition is an important consideration in park and recreational planning as needs and desires of individuals will vary based on their interests and physical abilities. The table on the right summarizes the age composition of the City’s population from 2018 (ACS). Approximately 22.2% of the population is considered youth (<20 years old) which is below the 2010 Census count (22.7%). Approximately 22.2% of the population is considered at retirement age (>60 years old), which is higher than the 2010 Census count of 18.3%. This number is projected to grow as Baby Boomers continue to age. Similar trends are being seen across the nation. The median age of the City has actually decreased from 39.8 in year 2000 to 39.2 in 2014-2018 estimates, which is below the State median (39.6).

Table 2.1 Population History & Projections

Source: US Census, 2020 CARPC Estimate and Projections

	City of Middleton	Dane County	Wisconsin
1970	8,246	290,272	4,417,821
1980	11,848	323,545	4,705,642
1990	13,785	367,085	4,891,769
2000	15,770	426,526	5,363,715
2010	17,442	488,073	5,686,986
2020 CARPC Estimate	20,918	537,328	5,843,443
Projections			
2025	22,234	555,100	6,203,850
2030	23,549	577,300	6,375,910
2035	24,865	593,440	6,476,270
2040	26,181	606,620	6,491,635
Change			
1980-2020	9,070	213,783	1,137,801
2020-2040	5,263	69,292	648,192
Percent Growth			
1980-2020	76.6%	66.1%	24.2%
2020-2040	25.2%	12.9%	11.1%

Table 2.2 Age By Range

Source: 2018 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Age	Total	Percentage
0-9	2,040	10.6%
10-19	2,224	11.6%
20-29	2,644	13.7%
30-39	2,861	14.9%
40-49	2,125	11.0%
50-59	3,067	15.9%
60-69	2,543	13.2%
70-79	1,070	5.6%
80+	661	3.4%
Median	39.2	

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Race and EthniCity

Based on 2014-2018 ACS estimates, the majority of the population in Middleton is white (86.6%, followed by black (5.9%), Asian (5.3%), some other race (3.4%), and American Indian/Alaska Native (0.9%). Approximately 4.9% of the population is Hispanic or Latino. Compared to the 2010 Census, there has been a decrease in the percentage of population that is white (90.5%), American Indian/Alaskan Native (1.1%) and Asian (7.2%). The races that have increased during this timeframe in the City include Black or African American (5.9%) and Some Other Race (3.4%).

Housing

Based on 2014-2018 ACS estimates, there are approximately 8,677 households in the City, 26.8% of which include at least one child under 18 years old. The total number of households was up 1,582 since the year 2000; however, the number of households with at least one child under 18 years old declined from 28.9% of all households in year 2000. The average household size is 2.21 individuals, the same as in the year 2000. It is possible that this number will start to decrease, following national trends (and other communities across the State) which show decreases in average household size attributed to smaller family sizes, increases in life expectancy, and increases in single parent households.

In total there were approximately 9,116 housing units in the City based on 2014-2018 estimates; 8,677 occupied housing units plus an additional 439 vacant units. Of the occupied units, 4,601 (53.0%) are owner-occupied with the remaining 4,076 (47.0%) renter-occupied.

Table 2.3 Housing Statistics

Source: 2018 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Households	
2000	7,095
2010	8,037
2014-2018 ACS	8,677
Average Household Size	
2000	2.21
2010	2.16
2014-2018 ACS	2.21
% of Households with individuals under 18	
2000	28.9%
2010	26.7%
2014-2018 ACS	26.8%

Figure 2.4 Middleton Single-Family Housing Starts, 2006-2018

Source: City of Middleton

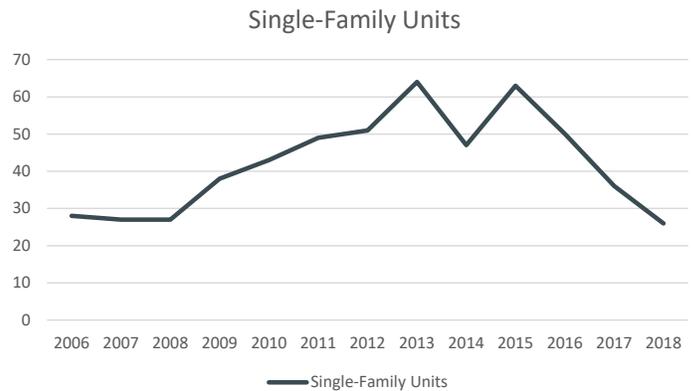
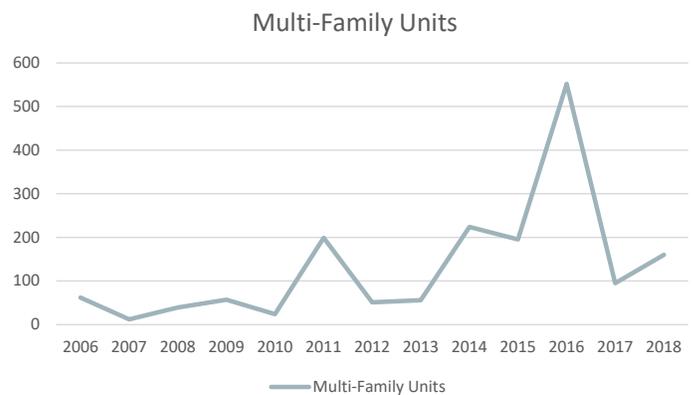


Figure 2.5 Middleton Multi-Family Housing Start, 2006-2018

Source: City of Middleton



Single-Family Housing starts picked up after the Great Recession, reached a high of 64 new units in 2014, and as of 2018 went back down to pre-recession levels. The development of multi-family units has increased from 387 units permitted between 2009 and 2013 to 1,226 between 2014 and 2018. Over the next year or so, the City expects approximately 691 units of multi-family rentals, 17 units of owner-occupied townhomes and 104 units of seniors living/memory care to be constructed. The recommendations in this CORP have taken into account the need to serve these new units with park space and facilities.

Schools Districts

The City is part of the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District. The public and private schools in Middleton are listed in Section 2.8. Total 2019-2020 enrollment for the district was 7,534, an 8% increase since the 2015-2016 school year.

2.4 PHYSICAL CHARACTER AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

Water Resources

Middleton is bounded by Lake Mendota to the east and provides water-based recreation access at several points. Lake Mendota is the largest water body in Dane County and the most heavily used lake in southern Wisconsin. The Pheasant Branch Creek is a seven-mile long stream that also bisects the City flowing east into the lake. Several branches of the Creek provide natural habitats for wildlife heading north, west and south of the City core. Many small kettle ponds are found in the City and are now protected as public resources.

Floodplains and Wetlands

The Pheasant Branch Creek Corridor is the largest natural waterway in the City and is surrounded by many areas of natural wetlands and floodway. This is of great importance to City residents as it provides not only wildlife habitat and expansive stormwater management, but has also been integrated into the public open space system. Periodic seasonal flooding has in the past caused detrimental impacts to these open spaces, but has largely been mitigated by aggressive management practices.

Topography and Soils

The terrain in Middleton is highly varied from rolling hills to lowlands and kettle ponds. These features not only provide varied interest in the housing and commercial development markets, but also contribute to the natural aesthetics of the community. Several City parks offer expansive viewsheds overlooking Lake Mendota to the east and the rolling hills/farmstead to the west and north. Much of the lowland areas in the City have been classified into conservancy lands and are now protected. Unfortunately, this variety of topography also poses challenges for development including unsuitable soils due to often saturated conditions.

Wildlife

There is a wide variety of wildlife in Dane County, particularly due to the four major lakes in the County: Lake Mendota, Lake Monona, Lake Waubesa and Lake Kegonsa. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources maintains a Natural Heritage Inventory which locates and

documents rare species and natural communities, including federally threatened and endangered species. A comprehensive list can be found through the WDNR's Natural Heritage Inventory (<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/nhi/>).

Middleton's conservancy lands are home to a diversity of wildlife that occupies the variety of habitat types within the conservancy lands system - wetlands, prairie, savanna and woodlands. For different species of wildlife, these areas serve as travel corridors, resting areas, breeding grounds, or year-round habitat. During the public outreach process for this plan, dozens of comments were received from conservancy users about how they appreciate their interaction with birds and wildlife when visiting Middleton's public lands. According to Cornell University's "e-Bird," a citizen-science database, over 235 species of birds have been identified in Pheasant Branch Conservancy. Other e-bird hotspots include Stricker Pond, Tiedeman Pond, and Graber Pond.

In 2011 the City was awarded "Bird City" status by the Bird City Wisconsin project, recognizing the City's commitment to maintaining and enhancing bird habitat. In order to become a "Bird City," a community needs to demonstrate that they have met at least seven of 22 criteria within these four categories:

1. Creation and Protection of Habitat
2. Participation in Programs Promoting Effective Community Forest Management
3. Limiting or Removing Hazards to Birds
4. Public Education

This status has been renewed annually.

2.5 EXISTING LAND USE AND ZONING

According to the United States Census Bureau, the City has a total area of just over 9 square miles of land and a population density of 1,941 inhabitants per square mile.

The City has worked to create an urban/rural edge with adjacent townships, as well as community separation and open space buffers where possible. The west urban edge of the City includes the City's purchase and preservation of the Middleton Municipal Airport—Morey Field, the Pleasant View Golf Course, and approximately 60% of the

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220 acre former Evergreen Sod farm preserved as permanent public open space.

The City has an adopted land use plan with the Town of Westport which has guided, and will continue to guide, land use decisions in the 2000 acre Middleton/Westport Joint Zoning Area. The majority of land is shown as either residential development or open space, with neighborhood commercial and office use included.

The City also has an approved Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Springfield that includes a long term boundary agreement. Approximately 650 acres is identified as the City's growth area within the Town of Springfield over the next 20 years, with an ultimate growth boundary shown beyond the 20 year projection. The predominant land use will be residential, with neighborhood commercial centers, environmental corridors, and limited office park development.

Areas identified for future potential infill, densification, and redevelopment within existing City limits include the Parmenter St. corridor, Allen Blvd. (BUILD planning process), University Ave., and the downtown.

The City has been developing, and will continue to encourage, an emphasis on provision of a range of housing opportunities, traditional neighborhood goals of mixed use, pedestrian friendly development, and a balance of land uses including open space and recreational uses.

One of the challenges the City faces in the future is continuing the balance of growth that the City has maintained while simultaneously providing permanent public open space. Currently, over 25% of the City's land area is open space.

Refer to Figure 2.6, the City's Existing Land Use Map.

2.6 FUTURE LAND USE PLANS

The future growth of the City is guided by the City of Middleton Comprehensive Plan (2020). The current plan sets forth the desired development pattern for the City over the comprehensive planning period. The plan also gives guidance to accommodate projected population, household, and employment growth; the projected land

needed to serve residential, business, and industrial uses in the City; and the City's agricultural and natural resource base. Refer to Figure 2.7.

2.7 CITY-OWNED FACILITIES & EXISTING RECREATION PROGRAMS

The following contains information about City-owned facilities, trails, and recreation programs. Privately-owned parks are not included in this analysis because they are typically only open to private neighborhoods and the City has no control over these parks.

An integral component of Middleton's park and open space system, its Conservancy Lands are also not discussed at length in the plan as the City has undergone a separate planning process and has a separate Conservancy Lands Plan which guides land stewardship activities for the City.

City-Owned Facilities

Table 2.8 contains a summary list of City parks and their acreages. Recommendations for parks are found in Chapter 5.

Mini Parks

Mini parks include specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens. Desirable size is 1 acre or less.

Baskerville Park

This 0.2 acre park is located on the corner of Century Avenue (CTH "Q") and Baskerville Avenue, approximately 3 blocks north of Lake Mendota. Baskerville Park effectively serves as a playground for the surrounding neighborhood, and is outfitted with a small area of open lawn, playground equipment, and picnic tables. Mature trees provide shade, but not a visual buffer from the adjacent residences. A sidewalk runs parallel to the park along Century Avenue, but does not provide access to the play area.

Boundary Road Park

Boundary Road Park is a 1.2 acre park located along Boundary Road near Middleton's southeast side. The park, which borders the Boundary Road Park Conservancy Area, functions as a small playground for the surrounding neighborhood. The park is equipped with benches, picnic tables,

Figure 2.6 City of Middleton Existing Land Use Map (2017)

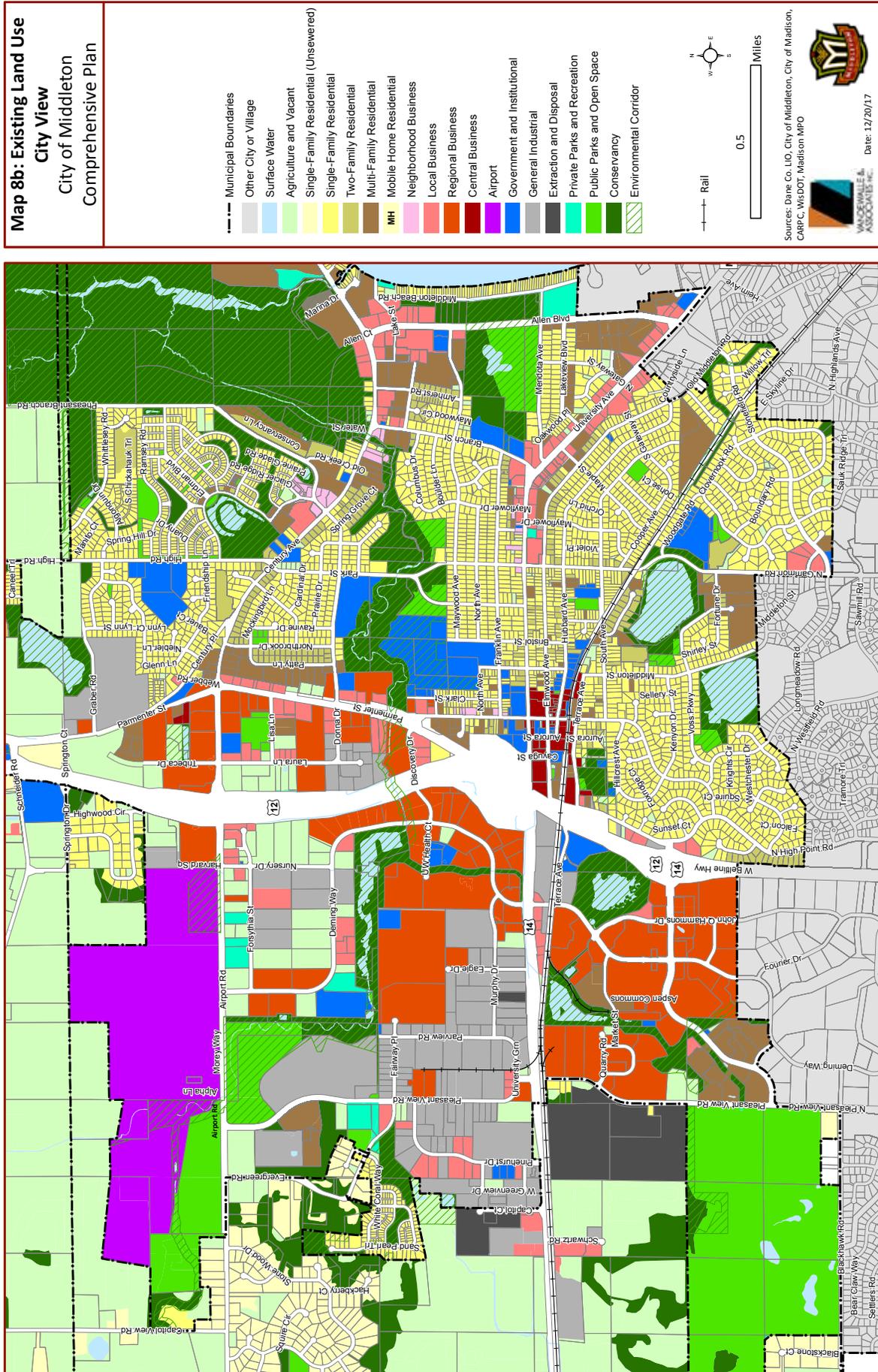
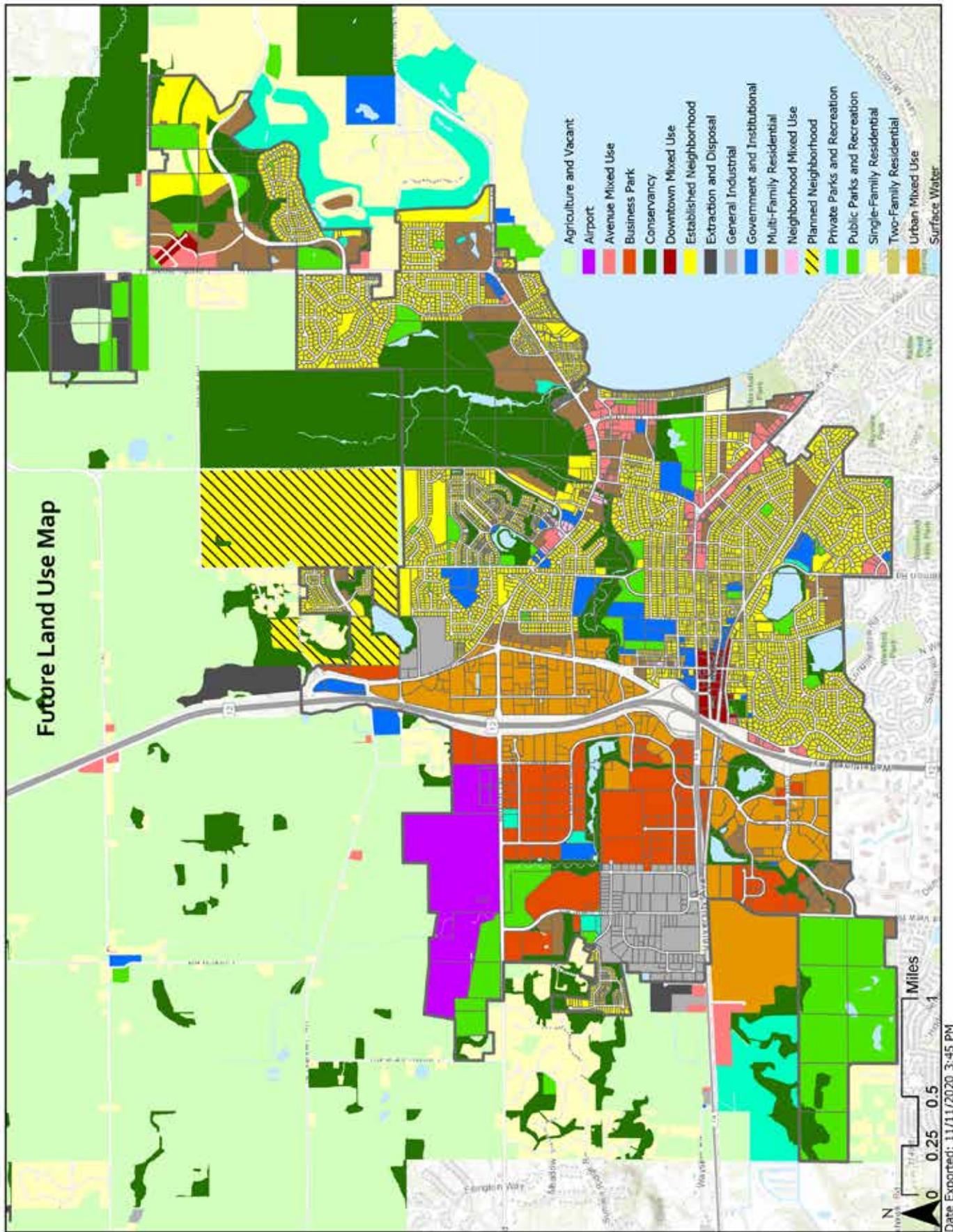


Figure 2.7 City of Middleton Future Land Use Map (2020)



and playground equipment set on a lawn panel surrounded by vegetation. The park is accessed via sidewalk from Boundary Road.

Hawkridge Park

Hawkridge Park, located just north of Middleton Hills, is 0.4 acres in size and is accessed by a serpentine sidewalk connecting Knoll Court and Companion Lane. Two distinct play areas line the path and are equipped with playground equipment, picnic tables, and benches. The park also serves as a pedestrian connection within the surrounding residential neighborhood.

Hillcrest Park

This 0.9 acre mini park is located on Hillcrest Avenue near downtown Middleton, adjacent to the Quarry Hill Conservancy Area. The park includes a ½ basketball court, playground equipment, picnic tables, and open lawn areas dotted with mature shade trees.

Hinrichs Family Farm Park

Hinrichs Family Farm Park is a 1.8 acre park located on the west side of Middleton between Airport Road and Highway 14. The park is completely surrounded by residential development with pedestrian access to the Hidden Oaks Conservancy Area to the east. The park consists of open lawn, playground equipment, bicycle parking, and bench seating.

Lakeview East Park

Lakeview East Park is a 1.9 acre park located between Allen Blvd and Middleton Beach Road, east of Lakeview Park. The park features ample open lawn, playground equipment, picnic tables, and a prairie restoration. Lake Mendota is approximately 1 block to the east, although the shoreline is not easily accessible from this location. The Lakeview Conservancy Area occupies the lands to the north and south of the park site and contains approximately 2 acres of prairie.

Middleton Ridge Park

Middleton Ridge Park is a 0.5 acre mini park located near the intersection of Belle Fontaine Blvd and High Road, on Middleton’s north side. Middleton Ridge Park consists of a lawn area, playground equipment, and seating. The park functions as a play area for the developing neighborhood surrounding it.

Table 2.8 Middleton Parks and Acreages

Mini Parks	7.3
Baskerville Park	0.1
Boundary Road Park	1.2
Hawkridge Park	0.4
Hillcrest Park	0.9
Hinrichs Family Farm Park	1.8
Lakeview East Park	1.9
Middleton Ridge Park	0.5
Pheasant Branch Ridge Park	0.6
Neighborhood Parks	32.4
Fireman's Park	3.9
Meadows Park	1.9
Middleton Hills Park - North	4.6
Middleton Hills Park - South	4.8
Middleton Station	1.8
Parisi Park	4.5
Parkside Heights Park	1.6
Stonefield Park	1.8
Stricker Park	4.3
Woodside Heights Park	3.1
Community Parks	122.7
Firefighters Memorial Park	20.8
Lakeview Park	43.8
Orchid Heights Park	14.1
Penni Klein Park	31.7
Taylor Park	12.3
Special Purpose Parks	146.6
Lake Street Boat Launch	0.4
Metropolitan Community Park/Community Dog Park	105.7
PVGC - Non-Golf Course Use	30.0
Quarry Skate Park	7.2
Walter Bauman Pool (Aquatic Center)	3.3



Hillcrest Park

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Pheasant Branch Ridge Park

This 0.6 acre park is located on Whittlesey Road between Manito Court and Algonquin Drive. The park is adjacent to the Pheasant Branch Ridge Drainageway Conservancy Area. The park borders the Pheasant Branch Ridge Drainageway, an 18.5 acre wooded area. The park is largely open space with playground equipment, and bench seating along the eastern edge.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are areas for multiple and sometimes intensive recreation activities, such as field games, court games, crafts, playground apparatus, skating, picnicking, wading pools, and the like. Desirable size is between 3 to 10 acres.

Fireman's Park

Fireman's Park is a 3.9 acre park, adjacent to Middleton High School, located between Lee Street and North Avenue. In previous CORPs this park had been classified as a community park, however due to its size and range of amenities it is more appropriately classified as a neighborhood park. The park includes playground equipment,

3 open air shelters, pathway linkages, restroom facilities, and picnic tables. Mature trees provide an attractive overhead canopy and help define the park boundaries.

Meadows Park

This 1.9 acre park is located on South Avenue between Meadowcrest Lane and South Gateway Street. The park lies within a residential neighborhood several blocks east of Downtown Middleton. The park is predominantly open lawn, but also contains a half basketball court, a free-standing batting cage, playground equipment seating, and a small shelter. A small ice rink is also maintained during winter months.

Middleton Hills Park - North

Middleton Hills Park – North is a 4.6 acre neighborhood park located along Ramsey Road between Spring Hill Drive and Associates Way. The park is surrounded by residential development and large overhead electric lines define the northern border. Middleton Hills Park – North includes a softball field with bleachers, open air shelter,



Middleton Hills Park - North

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playground equipment, picnic facilities as well as a sled hill.

Middleton Hills Park - South

Middleton Hills Park – South is a 4.8 acre park that borders the larger Middleton Hills Wetland Conservancy Area (13.6 acres). The park facilities are located near the southern end of the property and include playground facilities, soccer fields, a park shelter, sand volleyball courts, bicycle parking, and picnic tables. The park is surrounded by residential development on three sides with a commercial corridor defining the southern boundary.

Middleton Station Park*

Located adjacent to the Middleton-Cross Plains School District Administrative Center, this park occupies 1.8 acres on South Avenue between Henry Street and Park Street. A park shelter and playground are located at the north end of the park and a softball field occupies much of the remaining space. The park can be accessed from South Avenue and Hubbard Avenue via a bicycle and pedestrian path.

Parisi Park*

This 4.5 acre neighborhood park features a softball field, playground equipment, shelter and restroom facilities, playground equipment, a basketball court, and a parking area. Parisi Park shares its northern border with the 63.5 acre Pheasant Branch Creek

Corridor and can be accessed via Park Street north of Maywood Avenue.

Parkside Heights Park

Parkside Heights Park is a 1.6 acre park that occupies the northern third of the block between Northbrook Drive and Ravine Drive along Mockingbird Lane. The park is ringed with mature trees and features a basketball court, playground facilities, an internal path system and a large area of open space that functions as open lawn during the warmer months and can be flooded and maintained for ice skating in the winter months.

Stonefield Park

Stonefield Park is a 1.8 acre park located at the corner of Clovernook Road and Rooster Run. The park is adjacent to Elm Lawn Elementary School and bordered by a residential neighborhood to the north, south and east. Stonefield Park contains two soft court tennis courts with a separate warm-up wall, a sand volleyball court, a restroom and storage building, playground equipment/tot lot and picnic tables.

Stricker Park

Stricker Park is located on the western edge of Stricker Pond and adjoins the 24.5 acre Stricker Pond Conservancy Area. This 4.3 acre park contains two tennis courts, two half court tennis courts, a sandlot baseball backstop, playground equipment, bicycle parking, flexible open space and a trail network complete with overlook platform and interpretive signage.

Woodside Heights Park

Located along the western edge of Tiedeman Pond, Woodside Heights Park covers 3.1 acres and features playground equipment, a basketball court, bicycle parking and picnic tables. A one mile loop trail system connects the park to the surrounding residential neighborhood and circles the adjacent Tiedeman Pond Conservancy Area (28.2 acres).

Community Parks

Community parks are areas of diverse environmental quality and may include areas suited for intense recreational facilities, such as athletic complexes and large swimming pools. Desirable size is at least 10 acres.



Stricker Park

*Indicates parks owned by the Middleton Cross Plains School District and City has a 50-year lease of the site.

Firefighters Memorial Park (FFMP)

Firefighters Memorial Park (20.8 acres) abuts the 31.7 acre Penni Klein Park to the north as well as the 70 acre North Fork of the Pheasant Branch Creek Corridor to the east. The park is accessed off of Pleasant View Road south of Airport Road on Middleton's west side as well as the regional trail system. Firefighters Memorial Park features four youth baseball/softball fields complete with lighting, scoreboards and dugouts as well as batting cages, a restroom/concessions building, a championship soccer field (with lights, press box, 500 seat bleachers, scoreboard and covered benches), parking, a path system and storage facilities.

Lakeview Park

This 43.8 acre community park is located on Allen Boulevard between Maywood Avenue and Mendota Court. The park is approximately two blocks from Lake Mendota and abuts the Lakeview Park Conservancy Area as well as Lakeview Park East. The northern and western areas of the park are primarily wooded while the southern and eastern areas host a wide range of recreational amenities.

Lakeview Park offers a range of recreational opportunities. Recreational features include a splashpad, 3 playground systems, a path system and picnic tables. For park users interested in more intense active recreation, the park also features tennis courts, a baseball field (with bleachers, dugouts, scoreboard and bullpens), horseshoe pits, and Life Trail exercise stations. A large fishing pond contains several accessible fishing piers/platforms. Restroom facilities, shade kites, an open air gazebo and picnic shelters compliment the park's programming and provide shade for picnic areas.

Orchid Heights Park

Orchid Heights Park is a 14.1 acre park located on Valley Ridge Road, adjacent to both the Orchid Heights Conservancy (4.6 acres) and the Pheasant Branch Conservancy (328 acres). The park includes restroom facilities, a lighted softball field, soccer fields (2), an ice skating rink, a basketball court, two tennis courts, playground equipment, bicycle parking and a pond.

Penni Klein Park*

This 31.7 acre park is located east of the Middleton Municipal Airport along Airport Road on Middleton's west side. Penni Klein Park adjoins Firefighters Memorial Park to the south and the Tallard Conservancy (8 acres) to the west. Penni Klein Park is equipped with a baseball field and batting cage, bleachers, soccer fields, a dog exercise area, multi-use trails and parking.

Taylor Park

This 12.3 acre park is located on the corner of Highway Q and Bishops Bay Parkway. Amenities at the park include playground equipment, basketball court, pickleball courts (8), football/lacrosse fields (3), a sand play area, walking trails, shelter/restroom/concession stand and bleachers.

Special Use Parks

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

Lake Street Boat Launch

The Lake Street Boat Launch is a 0.4 acre space at the terminus of Lake Street near the intersection of Century Avenue and Allen Boulevard. The boat launch is a paved surface and is accompanied by two ADA piers/boarding docks, 40' concrete approach ramps, educational signage and a donation box.



Lakeview Park

*Indicates parks owned by the Middleton Cross Plains School District and City has a 50-year lease of the site.

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Metropolitan Park/Community Dog Park

This 105.7 acre park is located on Highway Q north of Oncken Road. The park features a 20 acre fenced dog exercise area with an agility course, separate small dog area, a shade structure, picnic tables, benches and a 40 car parking area. This park also contains four soccer fields, parking facilities, and a shelter.

Pleasant View Golf Course-Non-Golf Course Use

Pleasant View Gold Course is a 249.8 acre, 27 hole public golf course located on the west side of Middleton. Of this, 30 acres of non-golf course area are included in this CORP. Recreational facilities in this area include a bike skills park, mountain bike trails, and cross country ski trails.

Quarry Skate Park

The Quarry Skate Park is a 7.2 acre park adjacent to the Quarry Hill Conservancy Area (5.5 acres) on Terrace Avenue. The park features a 10,000 sq. ft. skate park facilities (ramps, rails, stairs, etc.), bicycle parking, lighting and a portable restroom.

Walter Bauman Pool

The Walter Bauman Pool is a 3.3 acre outdoor facility located adjacent to Middleton High School and Pheasant Branch Trail Corridor near downtown Middleton. The facility includes a zero-depth pool entrance, an eight lane competition pool as well as a diving area. Waterslides, interactive play equipment, shade shelters, sand play and a concessions/restroom building complement the pool facilities.

For more detailed information on City-owned facilities and their amenities, see Figure 2.13.

Trails

Figure 2.9 also provides an overview of existing trails in the City. In total there are 29.2 miles of City-owned/maintained trails in Middleton. Recommendations for trails are found in Chapter 5.

Recreation Programming

The Middleton Public Lands, Recreation & Forestry Department oversees all parks and facilities within the City of Middleton. The Department is responsible for all reservations, planning, maintenance and yearly improvements on the land within its jurisdiction. The department offers a wide variety of programming throughout the

year for youth, adults and seniors. Programming includes swim and diving lessons; baking and cooking classes; dance classes; drama classes; youth and adult sports, such as soccer, tennis, volleyball and flag football; yoga; crafts; day trips; games and movies at the Senior Center. For current offerings visit: <https://Cityofmiddleton.us/DocumentCenter/View/7171/Middleton-Summer-Guide>.

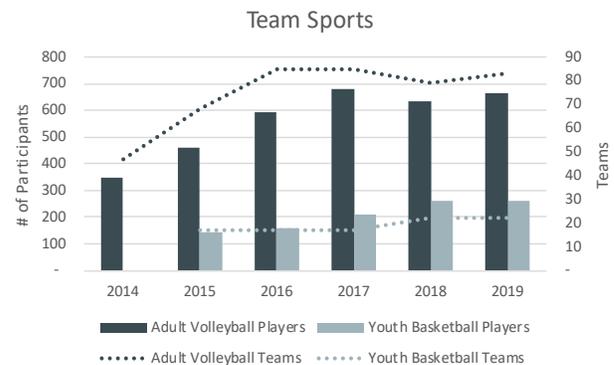
Figures 2.10 through 2.12 display participation rates for select recreation offerings, special events and pass sales.

Figure 2.10 Recreation Programming Participation Rates



As you can see from Figure 2.10, with the exception of 2015, participation rates in recreation programming have been steadily increasing over the last 5 years. From 2014 to 2019, annual participation increased by 79%, from 1,400 to 2,500 participants.

Figure 2.11 Participation in Team Sports



Participation in team sports has also been increasing. Figure 2.11 shows the number of

participants and the number of teams from 2014 to 2019. Number of adult volleyball players increased from 348 to 664, an increase of 91%. Youth basketball is a relatively new sport as of 2015, but even so, the number of players increased from 144 to 263 in those four years, an increase of 83%.

Figure 2.12 Hubbard Activity Center and Youth Center Participation

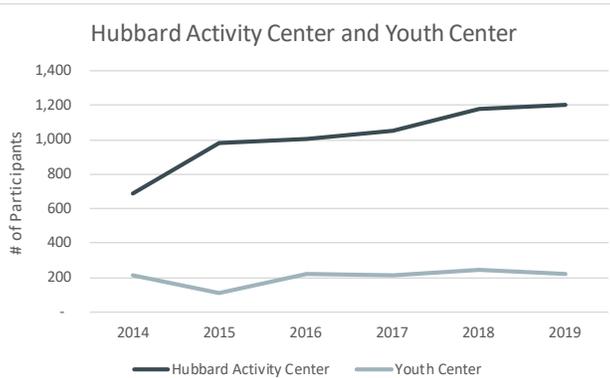


Figure 2.12 shows participation rates at the Hubbard Activity Center and the Youth Center. Participation at the Hubbard Activity center increased by 75% between 2014 and 2019, which follows the trend of overall recreation programming participation. The youth center, on the other hand, saw virtually no increase in participation rates.

2.8 SCHOOL FACILITIES

Schools can also fulfill local park needs in communities as they provide many of the same facilities found in neighborhood parks, such as playground equipment and athletic fields.

The Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District operates six elementary schools, two middle schools, a high school and a charter high school. The size of the district is about 68 square miles and it has a population of 28,300. The district enrolled 7,450 students in the 2018-2019 school year.

Six of the district schools are located within Middleton’s borders. The City currently has joint use agreements with the school district to allow the City to utilize seven district schools for its recreation programming. These agreements include the operation of a youth center at Kromrey Middle School and at Clark Street Community School.

Facilities

The following schools are all within Middleton’s borders:

Northside Elementary School

Northside Elementary is located on the northwest side of Middleton on High Rd. In the 2018-2019 school year, it enrolled 449 students.

Sauk Trail Elementary School

Sauk Trail Elementary is located on Branch St. near Lakeview Park. In 2018-2019, 369 students were enrolled.

Elm Lawn Elementary

Elm Lawn Elementary is located on Woodgate Rd. just off of N. Gammon Rd. next to Stonefield Park. It enrolled 470 students in 2018-2019 school year.

Kromrey Middle School

Kromrey Middle School is located on the corner of Donna Dr. and Park St. near the Pheasant Branch Conservancy. 1,208 students were enrolled in 2018-2019.

Clark Street Community School

Clark Street Community School is a public charter school located on Clark St. near the Pheasant Branch Conservancy. The mission of Clark Street Community School is “to democratically cultivate a community of engaged learners, serve as a resource for educators, and a catalyst for reform in education throughout our region and our nation” (www.clarkstreetcommunityschool.com). The school is open to students in 9th through 12th grade. In 2018-2019, 97 students were enrolled.

Middleton High School

Middleton High School is located on Briston St. and has a pool and a performing arts center. 2,157 students were enrolled in the 2018-2019 school year.

2.9 DANE COUNTY FACILITIES

Dane County is in the eastern portion of the WI DNR’s South Central Region and is well-served by regional parks and open spaces. There are several park and recreational facilities within close proximity to Middleton in public ownership. The following list provides the most significant facilities within the region that residents most likely would

Figure 2.13 City of Middleton Park Amenities (highlight indicates lighted facility)

Park/Facility	Location	Acres	Swimming	Spashpad	Bathhouse	Fishing Pier	Playground Equipment	Swings Only	Slide Only	Spring Riders	Teeter Totter	Batting Cages	Indoor Batting Facility	Baseball/Softball Diamond	Basketball Court	Tennis Court	Pickleball Court	Volleyball Court	Soccer Field	Football/La Crose Field	Sand Play Area	Ice Skating/Hockey	Skate Park	BMX Trails	Dog Exercise Area	Fitness Trails	Bike/Walking Trail	Frisbee/Disc Golf Course	Open-Air Shelter	Enclosed Shelter	Restroom	Concession Stand	Grills	Drinking Water	Bleachers	Picnic Tables	Benches	Parking Lot			
Mini Parks		7.4																																							
Baskerville Park	Century Ave and Baskerville Ave	0.2							4	2	✓										✓																				
Boundary Road Park	Boundary Rd	1.2					✓	4																																	
Hawkridge Park	Knoll Ct cul-de-sac	0.4					✓	4													✓																				
Hillcrest Park	Hillcrest Ave	0.9					✓	6	2																																
Hinrichs Family Farm Park	Sun Pearl Trl and Black Open Ave	1.8					✓	3																																	
Lakeview East Park	Middleton Beach Rd	1.9					✓	4	✓																																
Middleton Ridge Park	Belle Fontaine Blvd	0.5					✓	4																																	
Pheasant Branch Ridge Park	Whittlesy Rd	0.6					✓	5																																	
Neighborhood Parks		32.4																																							
Fireman's Park	North Ave adjacent to Middleton H.S.	3.9					✓	6	2	2											✓																				
Meadows Park	South Ave	1.9					✓	2	✓	2												✓																			
Middleton Hills Park - North	Ramsay Rd	4.6					✓	4																																	
Middleton Hills Park - South	High Rd and Frank Lloyd Wright Ave	4.8					✓	4																																	
Middleton Station	South Ave	1.8					✓	4																																	
Parisi Park	Maywood Ave	4.5					✓	4																																	
Parkside Heights Park	Northbrook Dr and Mockingbird Ln	1.6					✓	4																																	
Stonemfield Park	Cloverbrook Rd and Rooster Run	1.8					✓	4																																	
Stricker Park	Voss Pkwy	4.3					✓	3	2	2																															
Woodsie Heights Park	Middleton St	3.1					✓	4																																	
Community Parks		122.7																																							
Firefighters Memorial Park	Airport Rd and North Pleasant View Rd	20.8					✓	✓	✓	✓																															
Lakeview Park	Allen Blvd	43.8					✓	2																																	
Orchid Heights Park	Valley Ridge Rd	14.1					✓	✓	2																																
Pammi Klein Park	Airport Rd	31.7					✓	✓	✓	3-5																															
Taylor Park	Bishops Bay Pkwy	12.3					✓																																		
Special Purpose Parks		146.6																																							
Lake Street Boat Launch	Lake St	0.4																																							
Metropolitan Community Park	County Highway Q	105.7																																							
PVGC - Non-Golf Course Use	Pleasant View Rd	30.0																																							
Quarry Skate Park	Terrace Ave	7.2																																							
Walter Bauman Pool	Park Lawn Pl	3.3					✓																																		

use. It is not an exhaustive list, but provides a variety of recreational activities.

Mendota County Park

Mendota County Park is a 20-acre park located along the north shore of Lake Mendota in the Town of Westport. The park has a 30-unit campground as well as a 5-unit boat camping area with restrooms, shower facilities and a dump station. Additional park amenities include park shelters, a swimming area.

Indian Lake County Park

At 483 acres, Indian Lake County Park is one of Dane County's largest parks. The park's main entrance is located in the town of Berry on State Highway 19, approximately 2 miles west of US Highway 12. A trail system circles Indian Lake and provides miles of cross country ski and hiking trails and other park facilities include a boat launch, log cabin warming house and a pet exercise area.

Festge County Park

This park consists of 126 acres of wooded parkland offering views of the Black Earth Creek Valley in the Town of Berry. Park features include three picnic shelters, a softball field, playground equipment, shaded picnic areas and hiking trails. The entrance is located on Scherbel Road, approximately 1.5 miles west of the Village of Cross Plains.

Yahara Heights County Park/Cherokee Marsh Natural Resource Site

The Yahara Heights/Cherokee Marsh Natural Resource Site is a 385 acre property containing the largest remaining wetland in Dane County and the major wetland in Lake Mendota's Watershed. Over 3,000 feet of water frontage provide wildlife habitat, fish spawning grounds and a sedimentation area for Lake Mendota. Recreational opportunities include a 20 acre pet exercise area and a canoe and kayak launch. The site can be accessed off of River Road near the on the intersection of STH 113 and CTH "M".



Indian Lake Park

Source: Travel Wisconsin

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Pheasant Branch Creek Conservancy (North)

This 160-acre site is located approximately 1.5 miles north of Century Avenue on Pheasant Branch Road and adjoins the 328-acre Pheasant Branch Conservancy owned by the City of Middleton. Pheasant Branch Creek Conservancy North's diverse topography and natural features offer panoramic views as well as opportunities for activities such as hiking and bird watching. The Conservancy has been designated as one of Wisconsin's 100 Wetland Gems and an Important Bird Area.

Black Earth Creek Sunnyside Unit Wildlife Area

The Black Earth Creek Wildlife Area – Sunnyside Unit is a 292 acre property that lies along the western edge of the Wisconsin glacial advance in the Town of Middleton. The Wildlife Area lies within the Black Earth Creek Natural Resource Area, which mirrors the boundary of the Black Earth Creek watershed, and the creek itself is well known for its trout fishing and excellent water quality. The land remains open to the public for low impact recreational uses including hunting, hiking and bird watching. This site is also of importance to the Good Neighbor Trail connecting communities along the Highway 14 corridor.

Dorn Creek Fishery and Wildlife Area

The Dorn Creek Wildlife area is a 287 acre area, located in the Town of Westport, which is owned and managed by the Wisconsin DNR and Dane County Parks. The Fishery and Wildlife Area surrounds the Dorn Creek and lies between County Highway "Q" and County Highway "M", where it abuts Governor Nelson State Park. The land is open to public hunting and fishing and offers opportunity for other nature-based recreation activities.

Pope Farm Conservancy

Pope Farm Conservancy is 105 acres that sits on top of three recessional moraines in the Town of Middleton, Wisconsin, where three different watersheds come together. A 360 degree panoramic view of Lake Mendota, the Capitol and Madison's west side can be seen to the east, the Black Earth Creek valley to the North, and the terminal moraine to the South and West.

Tallard Conservancy

The Town of Middleton owns this 20 acre conservancy area situated adjacent to the City-owned Penni Klein Soccer Complex. This property is used for passive recreation and is a former Christmas tree farm.

2.10 REGIONAL PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Governor Nelson State Park

Governor Nelson State Park is a day use park, located on Lake Mendota, that offers a sand beach, boat launch, fishing facilities, picnic areas, playground equipment as well as an extensive trail network and prairie restorations. This park is a major destination for hiking, swimming, boating and fishing. Primary access to the park is located on the southeast side of County Highway M, about 2 miles west of State Highway 113 and 5 miles east of U.S. Highway 12.

Good Neighbor Trail

The Good Neighbor Trail, a 15-mile multi-use regional trail will extend from the City of Middleton westerly to the Village of Mazomanie. It will be within a 2-mile wide corridor that straddles HWY 14/Black Earth Creek. This corridor is within an area of exceptional natural and recreational resources including the Black Earth Creek, Festge County Park, Salmo Pond, the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation's Anderson Preserve, DNR owned Black Earth Creek Fishery Areas and several local municipally-owned park and conservancy lands.

Ice Age National Scenic Trail

The Ice Age Trail is a National Scenic Trail located entirely within Wisconsin and is one of the 42 designated Wisconsin state trails. The trail, which is primarily an off-road hiking and backpacking trail, winds for more than 1,000 miles through some of Wisconsin's most scenic landscapes. The trail creates important connections between several County Parks and can be picked up just west of Middleton.



Chapter 3

GOALS & STRATEGIES

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This purpose of this plan is to guide development of subsequent parks, recreation, open space and bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Middleton. Goals are presented here as desired outcomes. Strategies include both actions and policy rules—they are the methods proposed to achieve the stated goals.

3.1 GOALS & STRATEGIES

Goal 1 - Every resident has safe access to quality park and recreation facilities and programming regardless of income, age, race, ability or geographic location.

Strategies

1. Using the prioritized timeline in the Playground Replacement Plan, prepare a site Master Plan one year prior to improvement of each park to assure the highest and best use of existing City resources. Prepare a site Master Plan for all proposed new parks before development. Engage neighborhood residents in master planning process.
2. Provide ADA compliant barrier-free access in all new or improved park facility construction, play areas, and sports field areas in accordance with adopted regulations and recommendations set forth in the 2012 RAC report.
3. Achieve 33% compliance with ADA access recommendations in all existing facilities by 2023.
4. Encourage participation and accommodation



Firefighters Memorial Park

of all interested participants at park and recreational meetings, in recreational programs, and park facilities.

5. The type of park and open space amenities provided should be scaled to the needs of the area and population served, both present and future.
6. All parks should have multiple ADA-compliant access points from surrounding neighborhoods.

Goal 2 - Provide sufficient park land and amenities to meet current and future recreational needs.

Strategies

1. Continue to acquire parkland to maintain a ratio of 15.0 acres of total parkland per 1,000 residents at a minimum.
2. Ensure all residents are within ½ mile of a City park.
3. In high infill development growth areas in the City (currently downtown and University and Parmenter corridors) focus on maximizing opportunities for recreation at existing parks by including a wide variety of amenities aimed to include a large spectrum of user groups.
4. Evaluate and update the parkland dedication subdivision ordinance at intervals consistent with the regular five year updates of this document so that it adequately addresses the recreational needs of residents.
5. Codify minimum standards or expectations for parklands that are dedicated through the land development approval process.
6. Utilize NRPA's Agency Performance Review to set benchmarks and improve operations.
7. Communicate and plan for the importance of dynamic, multi-purpose parks and outdoor recreational facilities as a component of the City's regional draw, tourism, business, and economic development.
8. Incorporate recreational opportunities customized to Middleton changing demographics (e.g. park amenities and programming dedicated to older adults – trails, exercise classes, arts and crafts, opportunities to mentor, work and volunteer)
9. Create a menu of outdoor recreational programs for each season to identify gaps in the calendar where programs are deficient.

10. Focus on providing winter programs, indoor and outdoor, to maximize the outdoor recreation opportunity of Middleton as a year-round destination.
11. Promote and support seasonal festivals in cooperation with local business and organizations. Examples include Good Neighbor Fest, National Trails Day, Arbor Day, and Forestry Field Day.
12. Annually complete NRPA's Agency Performance Survey.

Goal 3 - Develop, improve and operate the City's parks and recreation programs in a cost effective manner.

Strategies

1. Continually pursue county, state, and federal funding programs, which can aid in the purchase and/or development of desired park system improvements.
2. Nurture the existing positive relationships with public and private organizations for donations and volunteer help to aid in park system development, maintenance, and staffing.
3. Update the City's Comprehensive Park and Open Space Plan every five years to maintain grant eligibility.
4. 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 (ie. private for profit concession agreements, sport facility use agreements, and fee/permit systems with a regular evaluation and renewal process.
5. Develop a non-lapsing endowment fund for parks donations to be used for park facility enhancements or land acquisition.
6. Integrate new online maintenance management program to document improvements made annually.
7. Establish new methods for maintaining funding such as non-lapsing park funds, or Foundation funding to be used as a match.
8. Utilize customer survey results to improve existing facilities and budgets to ensure demands are being met.

COMPLYING WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The ADA, enacted in 1990, clearly states the right of equal access for persons to local government services, including parks. On September 15, 2010 the Department of Justice published revised final regulations implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act. The 2010 Standards included new provisions for accessible design for recreational facilities such as playgrounds, swimming pools, fishing and golf facilities. Similar to when the original 1991 ADA Standards were adopted for public buildings, a community is required to complete a self-evaluation of their recreational facilities for ADA compliance by March 15, 2012. Those communities with 50 or more full or part-time employees are also required to develop a Transition Plan, which identifies what corrective work will be completed, when it will be completed, and the individual responsible for the corrective work. Any new recreational facilities designed, constructed, or shaped after March 15, 2012 are subject to the 2010 Standards. Any alteration (not simple maintenance, but something that changes the way the site is used) must make the element altered accessible and must create an accessible path of travel through the site or facility to that element.

There are some fundamental differences in how accessibility in the outdoors is accommodated compared to indoors or the built environment. While restrooms, shelters, interpretive centers, and parking lots, for example, need to follow detailed ADA guidelines, other improvements such as trails or swimming beach areas, for example, do not necessarily need to follow indoor or built environment ramp grades or surfacing requirements. A good rule of thumb for the City to follow is that anything constructed must not make the outdoor experience anymore difficult than what occurs naturally. Mother Nature does not have to comply with ADA, but the City does.

The New England ADA Center is a good resource to use and offers checklists to evaluate accessibility at existing park facilities. The fillable checklist forms can be found here: <http://www.adachecklist.org/checklist.html#rec>

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Goal 4 - Coordinate park development efforts with other City departments, other units of government, the City of Middleton/Cross Plains School District, and sporting organizations.

Strategies

1. The Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission (PRFC) and Plan Commission must consult and incorporate the needs identified in the Comprehensive Park and Open Space Plan before subdivision plats are approved.
2. 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. Such lands should be considered for incorporation into the City-wide Conservancy Land areas.
3. Preserve any proposed local and regional trail corridors in review of all new developments.
4. Coordinate planning efforts of new alternate transportation corridors to ensure proper consideration of local and regional trail connection development, and adequate green space protection.
5. Coordinate park planning efforts with surrounding communities and partner to provide park and recreation amenities then benefit all involved.
6. Coordinate the public use and programming efforts of indoor and outdoor school recreation facilities on City lands.
7. Encourage cooperative public/private/City/School/Sports Association development projects to help improve and expand outdoor recreational opportunities throughout the community in a cost-effective manner.
8. Develop formal use/revenue/maintenance agreements between the City, school district, and community/volunteer organizations to help fund, operate and maintain public outdoor recreation facilities in the City. Agreements must be reviewed and renewed every three to five years by PRFC and Common Council.
9. Participate in regional planning of parks and outdoor recreational needs, including the Dane County Parks Department, WisDOT, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Goal 5 - Provide residents with safe and reliable recreation equipment throughout the City park system.

Strategies

1. Develop bi-annual inspections and inventory of existing parks facilities to maintain an active log of facilities improvement.
2. 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.

Goal 6 - Provide a seamless network of trails that provide safe and comfortable access.

Strategies

1. Improve local trail connectivity throughout the Middleton area to parks, conservancy areas, schools, all regional trails, neighborhoods, public spaces and commercial areas.
2. Establish wayfinding signage to allow new residents or visitors to effectively travel throughout the City on foot or bicycle or other means (skateboard, rollerblades, etc.).
3. Inventory, standardize, and improve the availability and accessibility of bicycle parking.
4. Provide input to Public Works and Bike/Ped committee for development of on-street linkages (such as bike lanes) between trail segments and park facilities.
5. Request Pedestrian, Bicycle & Transit Committee provide input on how trail funds are spent.
6. Coordinate planning and development efforts with adjacent municipal bodies to complete larger regional networks (municipal, county, and state).

Goal 7 - Provide adequate management and staffing levels to oversee the maintenance of park and open space lands and facilities.

Strategies

1. Continually evaluate the amount of lands to be managed by City Staff with consideration to keeping expenditures balanced with expected levels of service and maintenance and invest funds to implement full-time (FT) park crewman positions.
2. Invest funds for a FT Forestry/Conservancy Lands Crewman to assist with forestry operations.
3. Complete investment in office administration staffing by creating a FT Operations/Office Manager and one FT Recreation Assistant. This would revise the current ¾ time status of these positions.
4. Invest funds to implement a FT Planner/Supervisor/Foreman to prepare grant applications, prepare master plans, and

supervise park maintenance staff. Position should have strong background in both active and passive recreation fields to compliment the City-wide system of open space.

5. Invest funds to restore the limited term employment (LTE) staffing positions to a level commensurate with the public demand for facility upkeep.

Goal 8 - Parks and open spaces will be designed to be as aesthetically pleasing as possible.

Strategies

1. Develop and follow landscape guidelines for park and open space lands that will enhance the sensory impact, moderate the microclimate, provide visual and audio buffers and minimize the removal of mature native species. Guidelines must be approved by PRFC and Council for effective enforcement.
2. Any new tree plantings must be submitted and approved by City forester prior to installation in public spaces.



Penni Klein Park

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Chapter 4

ANALYSIS OF NEEDS AND DEMANDS

ANALYSIS OF NEEDS & DEMANDS

This chapter presents an analysis of how well the City’s existing park and recreation facilities satisfy current needs. The adequacy of the City’s existing park and recreation systems are evaluated using the following methods:

- **Quantitative Analysis** - a comparison of existing parkland acreage and population projections versus park and recreational agencies across the US, including a review of the amount of parkland available to City residents.
- **Geographic Analysis** - an analysis of the geographic distribution of park facilities within the City.
- **Qualitative Analysis** - a summary of public input regarding City parks and recreational facilities gathered through the community survey, public involvement meeting and feedback from community organizations that use the City’s parks.
- **Regional & State Insights** - a summary of the demand trends in recreational amenities at the regional and state level.

4.1 QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

An analysis of existing recreational land area is provided to determine if the recreational needs of residents are being met. This analysis is limited to an evaluation of City-owned park land, and does not include off-road trails not located in parks.

Park Acreage Level of Service

The City has previously (2014 CORP) set a goal of providing 15 acres of total parkland per 1,000 residents. The table below calculates the anticipated parkland demand for Middleton, based on these metrics.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) developed a set of standards over two decades ago for the amount of parkland a community should strive to achieve. Recently, NRPA

Table 4.1 Park Acreage Surplus/Deficit (15.0 ac./1,000 residents)

Total Park Acreage Surplus/Deficit (in acres)					
Year	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Population	20,918	22,234	23,549	24,865	26,181
Total Supply (acres)	309.0	309.0	309.0	309.0	309.0
Demand (15.0 acres/1,000)	313.8	333.5	353.2	373.0	392.7
Surplus (15.0 acres/1,000)	-4.7	-24.5	-44.2	-63.9	-83.7

has shifted away from the use of park standards because there is no single set of standards that takes into account the uniqueness found in every community across the country. Instead, NRPA now collects information from Park and Recreation Departments across the US such as residents per park, budgets, staffing, park amenities. This data is organized by jurisdiction size so that communities of similar size across the US can see metrics typical of its peers.

The table below shows park demand and surplus for Middleton based on the median acres of parkland per 1,000 residents for it’s peer communities (population of 20,000 to 49,999), 9.6 acres. For agencies with similar populations, the lower quartile is 5.4 and the upper quartile is 15.0 for acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. Middleton’s goal of 15.0 acres is at the top of this range.

Taking both the NRPA target and City-identified targets into account, Middleton is currently providing 309 acres of parkland, not counting school facilities, county facilities (~355 acres) or private facilities. Table 4.1 and 4.2 summarize the current and projected supply and demand for total parkland acreage based on City population and service levels of 15.0 acres per 1,000 residents and 9.6 acres per 1,000 residents, respectively. The City is currently providing 15 acres per 1,000 residents. If no new parkland is added, by 2040 the City will be providing 12 acres per 1,000 residents. This analysis suggests that the City need to acquire additional park land through the year 2040 to maintain a standard of 15 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. The geographic, qualitative and regional and state analysis in the following sections will provide additional guidance on this need.

Outdoor Facilities

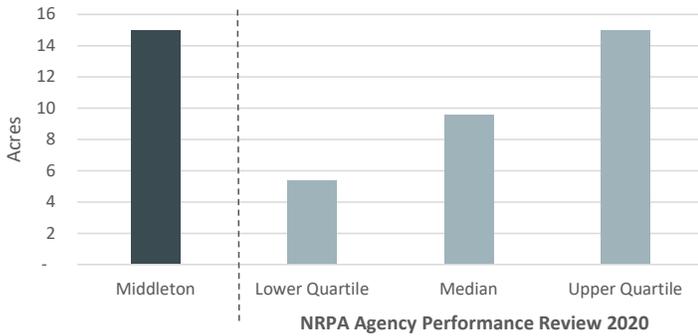
Figure 4.4 is from the 2020 NRPA Agency Performance Review and shows the national summary of outdoor park and recreation facilities by population per facility based on the number of residents per square mile. Middleton falls into the 1,501-2,500 residents per square mile category

Table 4.2 Park Acreage Surplus/Deficit (9.6 ac./1,000 residents)

Total Park Acreage Surplus/Deficit (in acres)					
Year	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Population	20,918	22,234	23,549	24,865	26,181
Total Supply (acres)	309.0	309.0	309.0	309.0	309.0
Demand (9.6 acres/1,000)	200.8	213.4	226.1	238.7	251.3
Surplus (9.6 acres/1,000)	108.2	95.6	83.0	70.3	57.7

Figure 4.3 Acres of Parkland per 1,000 Residents (jurisdiction pop. of 20,000 - 49,999)

Source: NRPA Agency Performance Review 2020



with an estimated 2,141 residents per square mile. Based on these metrics, Middleton’s largest gaps are in the following facilities: playgrounds, soccer fields, and tennis courts.

Trails

The City manages or maintains 29 miles of multi-use trails. As compared to its peers in the 2020 NRPA Agency Performance Review, the median miles of trails maintained is 8.5 miles. The lower quartile is 3.4 and the upper quartile is 15.0. Middleton’s residents are also well-served by trails compared to peer communities.

Indoor Recreation Facility Level of Service

Opportunities for indoor recreation are as important as outdoor recreation. This is particularly true considering Wisconsin’s winter months when it can be challenging or less desirable for people to go to local parks and trails. Currently the City operates a Senior Center that also provides studio space for recreation programming (all ages), located in an old 2-story bank building at 7448 Hubbard Avenue. Data from the 2020 NRPA Agency Performance Review shows that for similar sized communities (20,000 to 49,999 residents), 42% have senior centers, 62% have community centers and 52% have recreation centers. Middleton is currently planning for a community center which it has determined is a great need.

4.2 GEOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

The location of parks in relation to Middleton’s residents is an important indicator of how well existing facilities are dispersed throughout the community. The National Recreation and Park Association advocates that all residents should live within a 1/4 to 1/2 mile of some type of public park or open space. The Park Service Areas map in Appendix C indicates areas of the City that are not currently served by a City park. The map also illustrates service areas based on park type,

Table 4.4 Park and Recreation Facilities - Population Per Facility (jurisdiction pop. of 20,000 - 49,999)

Source: NRPA Agency Performance Review 2020

National Recreation and Park Association Metrics				
Outdoor Park and Recreation Facilities - Population Per Facility				
	Median Number of Residents Per Facility (1,501-2,500 residents per square mile*)	Number Suggested Based on Population of 19,235 (2018 ACS Estimate)	Existing Public Facilities	Gap (Extra)
Tennis Courts (outdoor only)	4,296	4.5	18.0	(13.5)
Rectangular Fields: Lacrosse Field	23,500	0.8	3.0	(2.2)
Rectangular Fields: Football Field	25,320	0.8	3.0	(2.2)
Community Gardens	34,170	0.6	-	0.6
Rectangular Fields: Cricket Field	126,945	0.2	-	0.2
Totlots	14,000	1.4	2.0	(0.6)
Swimming Pools (outdoor only)	34,035	0.6	1.0	(0.4)
Skate Park	44,000	0.4	1.0	(0.6)
Dog Park	47,000	0.4	2.0	(1.6)
Ice Rink (outdoor only)	16,989	1.1	7.0	(5.9)
Diamond Fields: Baseball - Adult	20,033	1.0	10.0	(9.0)
Diamond Fields: Baseball - Youth	6,597	2.9	10.0	(7.1)
Basketball Courts	5,971	3.2	10.0	(6.8)
Diamond Fields: Softball - Adult	12,527	1.5	10.0	(8.5)
Diamond Fields: Softball - Youth	11,917	1.6	10.0	(8.4)
Rectangular Fields: Soccer Field - Adult	13,173	1.5	16.0	(14.5)
Playgrounds	3,163	6.1	25.0	(18.9)
Rectangular Fields: Soccer Field - Youth	7,000	2.7	16.0	(13.3)

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including 1.5-miles for community parks, 0.5 miles for neighborhood parks and 0.25 miles for mini parks. Areas currently zoned for residential uses that fall outside these service areas are also highlighted.

The map shows several deficiencies in the location of parkland in Middleton:

- Brownpoint Reserve apartments, located in the southwest of Middleton, adjacent to the golf course, are underserved by all park types.
- A residential area in the southwest area of the City, along Greenway Boulevard, is underserved by all park types with the exception of community parks.
- Two small residential areas in the west area of the City, one along Pleasant View Road (Whispering Pine Condominiums) and the other off of Airport Road, are underserved by all park types with the exception of community parks.
- Two small residential areas in north Middleton, both along Parmenter Street, are underserved by all park types with the exception of community parks.
- A large residential area in the northeast area of the City is underserved by all park types, with the exception of community parks. This area is served by community parks that also provide amenities typically found in neighborhood parks, such as Taylor Park and Orchid Heights Park. This area is also located between Pheasant Branch Conservancy, a 550-acre conservancy with extensive nature trails, and Governor Nelson State Park. This area includes the Bishop Bay residential development which is currently on-hold until it is determined cost feasible to extend utilities to this area. The developer has planned for 84 acres of public park in Middleton including both neighborhood and community parks (see conceptual layout in Figure 4.6).
- Two residential areas on the east side of the City, off of Century Avenue, are underserved by all park types with the exception of community parks.
- Two residential areas in the southeast area of the City, one off of Willow Trail and the other apartments on Allen Boulevard are underserved by all park types, with the exception of community parks. The apartments on Allen Boulevard area adjacent to Marshall Park.

In conclusion, almost all City residents are well-served by at least a community park. There are gaps in mini parks and neighborhood parks, particularly in the northeast and southwest areas of the City.

An analysis of the distribution of specific amenities within the parks was also performed. The Park Facilities Distribution Map (Figure 4.7) shows that the greatest number of City parks and amenities are located east of USH 12 due to fewer residences being located west of the highway. Other highlights from the map include:

- The Hidden Oaks subdivision is only served by playground equipment and picnic tables.
- Middleton Ridge & Misty Valley subdivisions are only served by playground equipment, benches and picnic tables.
- The Baskerville Neighborhood is served by limited playground equipment and picnic tables.

Table 4.8 shows the profile of the population within the park service areas of each park. The mini park with the largest group of prospective park users is Hillcrest Park (716). The neighborhood park with the largest group of prospective park users is Meadows Park (3,448). The community park with the largest group of prospective park users is Lakeview Park (18,760).

Based on ESRI Business Analyst population projections, the mini park with the greatest projected increase in population between 2020 and 2024 is Hawkridge Park (68). The neighborhood park with the greatest projected increase in population during this timeframe is Parkside Heights (237). The community park with the greatest projected increase is Lakeview Park (1,115).

For Hinrichs Family Farm, Pheasant Branch Ridge, Middleton Hills (north and south), Penni Klein and Firefighters Memorial Parks over 25% of the prospective user population is youth (under the age of 20). Pheasant Branch Ridge is highest at 32% of the population considered youth.

Figure 4.6 Bishop's Bay Planned Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas
 Source: Bishop's Bay Master Development Plan



Map 6: Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas

--- Anticipated City of Middleton/Town of Westport Boundary

City of Middleton

Public Park & Open Space	Approx. Area
4. Woodland Adventure Park	50 acres
5. Community Park	14 acres
6. North Neighborhood Park	4 acres
7a. School Site North	10 acres
8. West Neighborhood Park	1 acre
9. Farm Neighborhood Park	5 acres

TOTAL PUBLIC (CITY): 84 acres (count 77)

Private Park & Open Space	Approx. Area
1. Town Center Park	2 acres
2. Lake Park	9 acres
3. Village Green	5 acres
7b. School Site South	6 acres

TOTAL PRIVATE (CITY): 22 acres
TOTAL CITY: 106 acres (count 99)

Town of Westport

Public Park & Open Space	Approx. Area
A. Farm Neighborhood Park	2 acres
J. Savanna Neighborhood Park	9 acres

TOTAL PUBLIC (TOWN): 11 acres

Private Park & Open Space	Approx. Area
B. Community Garden	4 acres
C. Farm Field	2 acres
D. Linear Parkway*	14 acres
E. Farm Field	6 acres
F. Linear Parkway*	6 acres
G. Prairie Restoration	12 acres
H. Orchard	6 acres
I. Orchard	6 acres
K. Linear Parkway*	3 acres
L. Prairie Restoration	3 acres
M. Linear Parkway*	2 acres
N. Prairie Restoration	10 acres

TOTAL PRIVATE (TOWN): 74 acres
TOTAL TOWN: 85 acres

TOTAL PLANNING AREA: 191 ACRES

Adjacent Park & Open Space

Dorn Creek Natural Area	250 acres
Governor Nelson State Park	420 acres
Holy Wisdom Prairie Restoration	95 acres
Bishop's Bay Country Club	104 acres

TOTAL ADJACENT PARK & OPEN SPACE: 869 ACRES

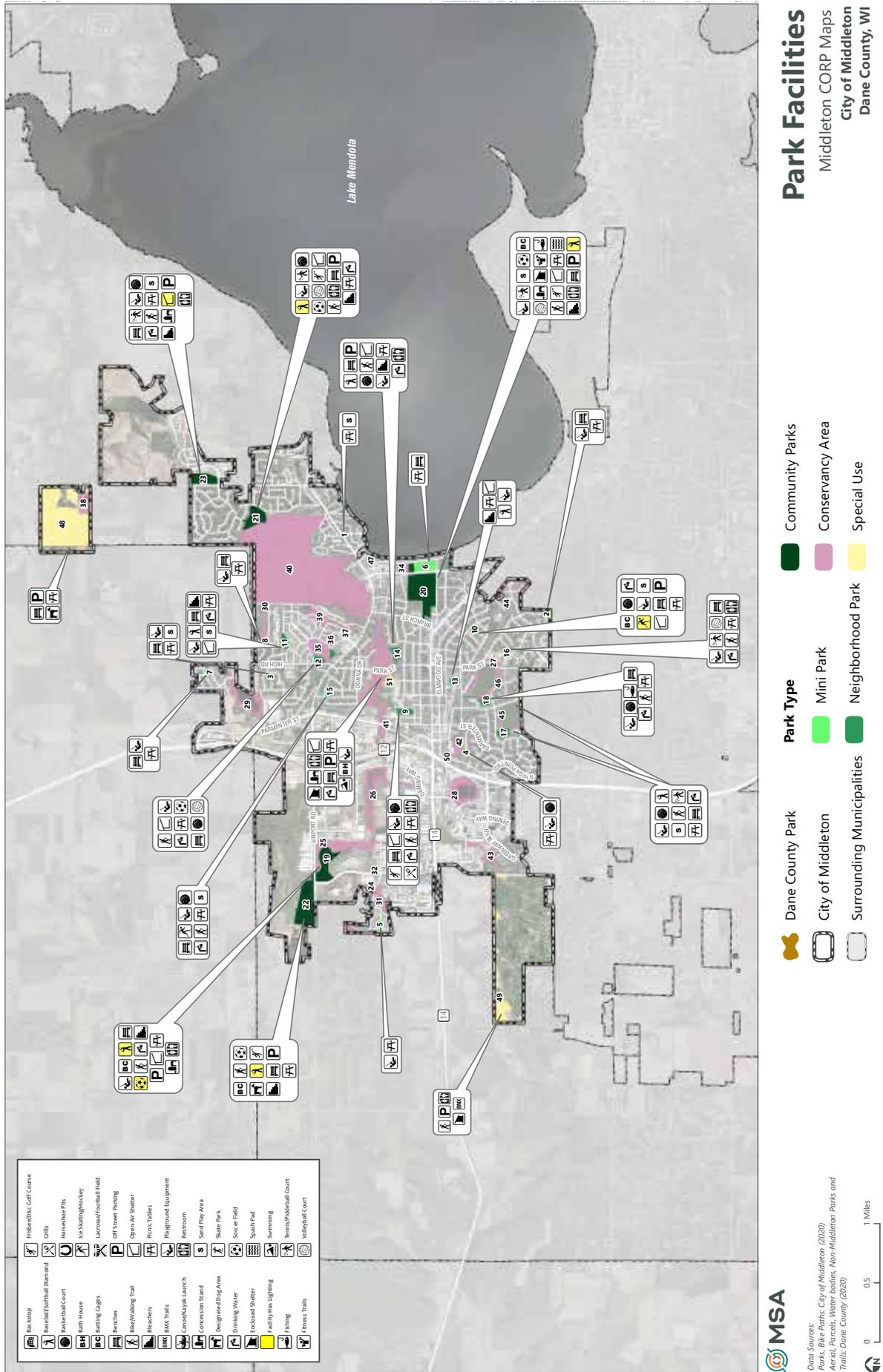
NOTE: Specific park locations and areas are approximate and subject to change. Public dedication will be made as part of final platting and regulatory approval.
 * Portions of these parks will be dedicated to the town to satisfy parkland dedication requirements.



Bishop's Bay Public Parks Planned in Middleton:

- **Woodland Adventure Park** (~50 ac.): Potential amenities to include a playground, lookout tower, hiking trails, disc golf, picnicking, mountain biking and a dog park.
- **Community Park** (~14 acres): Potential amenities to include large open fields for soccer, baseball, softball and football, park shelter, playground equipment, and courts for sports like basketball, tennis and volleyball.
- **North Neighborhood Park** (~4 acres): Potential amenities to include play equipment, trails, and open spaces for sports fields.
- **West Neighborhood Park** (~1 acre): Potential amenities to include playground equipment, tennis, basketball, volleyball and other activities typically found in smaller neighborhood parks.
- **Farm Park** (~7 acres in Middleton and Town of Westport): Potential amenities to include walking paths, shelter, and hardcourt facilities for tennis.

Figure 4.7 Park Amenity Distribution



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Table 4.8 Profile of Prospective Park Users

Source: ESRI Business Analyst Online

Parks	Profile of Prospective Park Users								
	2019 Population	2024 Projected Population	Projected Population Increase (2019-2024)	2019 Percentage Non-White Population	2024 Projected Percentage Non-White Population	Projected Non-White Population Increase (2019-2024)	2019 Percentage Youth (< age 20)	2019 Percentage Retirees (age 65+)	2019 Median Income
Mini Parks (0.25 mile radius)									
Baskerville Park (0.09 acres)	691	722	31	26.00%	29.70%	3.70%	17.00%	20.20%	\$58,510
Boundary Road Park (1.16 acres)	388	406	18	16.10%	18.70%	2.60%	19.30%	21.90%	\$120,610
Hawkridge Park (0.37 acres)	473	541	68	19.80%	22.80%	3.00%	22.00%	18.70%	\$95,080
Hillcrest Park (0.86 acres)	716	749	33	16.00%	18.20%	2.20%	17.70%	22.80%	\$100,906
Hinrichs Family Farm Park (1.76 acres)	342	384	42	8.50%	9.90%	1.40%	29.30%	13.50%	\$135,857
Lakeview East (9.43 acres)	185	194	9	48.10%	53.40%	5.30%	21.10%	11.40%	\$48,562
Middleton Ridge Park (0.5 acres)	431	496	65	20.10%	23.40%	3.30%	20.40%	19.00%	\$91,840
Middleton Station (1.84 acres)	1,039	1,100	61	13.20%	15.40%	2.20%	18.30%	23.10%	\$87,846
Pheasant Branch Ridge Park (0.64 acres)	480	517	37	15.40%	18.20%	2.80%	32.10%	16.10%	\$147,932
Neighborhood Parks (0.5 mile radius)									
Fireman's Park (3.95 acres)	2,451	2,648	197	16.50%	18.50%	2.00%	21.30%	18.30%	\$70,609
Meadows Park (1.92 acres)	3,448	3,651	203	22.40%	25.30%	2.90%	19.60%	19.60%	\$69,729
Middleton Hills Park - North (4.65 acres)	2,421	2,638	217	17.20%	20.10%	2.90%	28.20%	17.00%	\$119,762
Middleton Hills Park - South (4.80 acres)	3,029	3,256	227	21.20%	24.50%	3.30%	26.80%	15.80%	\$95,923
Parisi Park (4.46 acres)	2,681	2,875	194	21.00%	23.60%	2.60%	21.30%	17.70%	\$66,525
Parkside Heights (1.56 acres)	2,662	2,899	237	22.90%	25.80%	2.90%	24.00%	15.80%	\$84,589
Stonefield Park (1.82 acres)	2,967	3,116	149	15.30%	17.40%	2.10%	19.30%	22.00%	\$104,567
Stricker Park (4.26 acres)	3,324	3,449	125	18.60%	21.40%	2.80%	19.60%	21.30%	\$109,717
Woodside Heights Park (3.13 acres)	2,747	2,880	133	15.60%	18.00%	2.40%	18.70%	22.30%	\$101,749
Community Parks (1.5 mile radius)									
Firefighters Memorial Park (20.77 acres)	3,864	4,323	459	13.30%	15.50%	2.20%	25.70%	15.10%	\$107,438
Lakeview Park (43.75 acres)	18,760	19,875	1,115	22.30%	25.30%	3.00%	20.50%	18.60%	\$79,699
Orchid Heights Park (14.14 acres)	10,197	10,877	680	23.40%	26.40%	3.00%	22.70%	17.50%	\$79,667
Penni Klein Park (31.70 acres)	1,692	1,877	185	7.70%	8.90%	1.20%	27.00%	14.90%	\$118,855
Taylor Park (12.29 acres)	6,312	6,663	351	20.50%	23.30%	2.80%	22.00%	18.50%	\$78,645

4.3 QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS

Survey

As part of the planning process, a survey was distributed to gauge resident preferences, opinions, and feedback on the City's park facilities and recreational programs. In total, the survey received 489 responses. This is a key component of analyzing recreational needs and demands in the City, and the following is a summary of responses and findings.

Importance and Satisfaction

Residents of the City strongly believe that parks and open space are important to overall quality of life – all but one survey respondent said they believe green space contributes to better mental health and wellbeing. 100% of survey respondents noted they have visited a City of Middleton Park at least once per year, while 41% of respondents use City parks three or more times per week. Proximity to parks was something respondents noted as reasons they visit certain parks which is not surprising as 90% of respondents noted the nearest park or trail is within reasonable biking or walking distance.

For those who don't use parks/recreational amenities in Middleton, the top reason was being too busy (30%). The next most common reasons were not being interested (19%) and overcrowding (16%).

Safety and Accessibility

Eighty-five percent of survey respondents indicated they do not have safety or accessibility concerns in any of Middleton's parks. For the 15% who did have concerns, common concerns included a need for more lighting, insufficient parking, busy roads, unleashed dogs and trails being too narrow. Other respondents shared a need for more ADA accessibility features. Comments about ADA accessibility focused on recommendations for trails and connections between park amenities.

When asked for specific locations in Middleton that need to be improved for bicycle or pedestrian safety, common responses included:

- Century Ave.
- University Ave.
- Pleasant View Rd.
- Allen Blvd.
- Old Sauk Rd.

General Use - Parks

The park most respondents chose as their favorite park in Middleton was Lakeview Park (25%). The next most favorited parks were Orchid Heights Park (13%) and Pheasant Branch Ridge Park (10%). These parks were chosen as favorites because they are closest to where people live, their size, variety of amenities, and the presence of trails, nature/green space, and wildlife/birding areas.

The parks receiving the lowest number of respondents citing them as favorite parks include Boundary Road Park and Metropolitan Community Park/Community Dog Park (0 responses). Other parks with one respondent selecting it as a favorite park include Baskerville Park, Hillcrest Park, Lake Street Boat Launch, Quarry Skate Park and Penni Klein (Quisling) Park.

The most common activities or facilities respondents are participating in at City parks include walking (87%), biking (76%), playground equipment (56%) and swimming (50%). Activities few respondents participate in include BMX (3%), skate park (5%), volleyball (7%), fitness stations (7%), disc golf (8%) and pickleball (8%). When asked what amenities respondents would like added to parks, top responses included off-road walking/biking trails (38%), canoe/kayak facilities (23%), off-road mountain biking trails (22%), and restrooms and sledding hill (both 21%).

Recreation Programming

Over half (52%) of respondents indicated they or someone in their household participated in City-sponsored recreation programs in the past year. When asked if the City's current variety of recreational programs and classes meet the needs of their households, 61% of respondents indicated yes, while 13% indicated no and 26% indicated they are not sure. For those who indicated programs and classes do not meet their needs, reasons included that there were not enough programs for children with disabilities, that there were not enough programs for adults and that the timing of the programs didn't work well.

When asked what new type of recreation programming the City should consider offering, common responses included mountain biking classes, a community center, pump track, gardening classes, summer day camps for kids, foreign language classes, guided nature walks and programs for kids with disabilities.

Respondents also noted if they were active in other sports/recreation organizations within the community. Forty percent (40%) of respondents noted they participate in leagues at Keva Sports Center, 27% go to the Pleasant View Golf Course, 27% are members of Harbor Athletic/Running Club and 25% are members of the Blackhawk Ski Club. For respondents who belong to non-City-sponsored sports organizations in the community, 26% noted they spend over \$1,000 on membership fees, 25% spend between \$100 and \$500 and 17% spend between \$500 and \$1,000. Only 19% of respondents indicated they do not belong to any groups/organizations offering recreation programming.

Funding

If given opportunity to direct funding, 57% of survey respondents would spend more on bicycle facilities/trails and 42% on parkland acquisition. Only 8% would spend more on special events. The vast majority of respondents would continue the same amount of spending or increase spending in most areas.

When asked specifically about what City-sponsored recreation programs the City should subsidize, 43% indicated funding should be allocated to the Middleton Youth Center and youth enrichment (e.g. STEM, art). Another 36% indicated youth sports should be subsidized.

The full survey results are available in Appendix A.

Public Open House

In addition to survey responses, we received input at a public open house held on June 29, 2020. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions and was recorded so residents could watch the presentation and participate in the activities at a time that would be more convenient to them if they chose. In total there were two members of the public at the live online meeting and 23 people watched the full recording of the public meeting in the week following. When asked what improvements attendees desired in Middleton's parks and trails, the following were suggested:

- Dedicated area to throw balls for dogs
- A network of bike paths that connects to surrounding town and county paths
- Maximize restoration in conservancy areas

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- Embrace bee-friendly areas
- Raise the walking path on the side closes to Stricker's Pond so the field doesn't flood when it rains
- At the Pheasant Branch Conservancy consider removing the center third of anti-skid strips to allow a bike lane in multi-use trail
- Add a new ball diamond complex in the northern part of the City, north of Graber Rd.

Sports Organization Focus Group

To better understand the needs of private sports organizations within the community, Middleton hosted a stakeholder focus group. The following organizations attended: Middleton Youth Baseball and Softball (MBSC), KEVA Sports, Middleton High School Volleyball, International Mountain Bike Association, Middleton High School Baseball, Middleton United, Central Cross Country Skiing and the Middleton Gators Swim and Dive Team. The group agreed all of Middleton's park and recreation facilities are well-maintained compared to other communities they have been in and overall the variety of park offerings are fantastic for youth. Many of the organizations are continuing to see participation in their respective sports increasing, especially soccer, baseball, softball, diving and swimming. Recommendations from the group included:

- Flood prevention needed on Stricker Park fields
- ADA compliance needed at Firefighter's Memorial Park (fields, restrooms, concession stand)
- Add restroom and concession stand to Penni Klein Park
- Add ultimate frisbee, mountain biking and youth golf recreational programming
- Update amenities in Parisi Park and install year-round restrooms
- Add more fields with turf so teams can continue to play when it is raining (new park)
- Add language in agreements to simplify the process of canceling games if they are canceled due to weather or other events.

4.4 REGIONAL & STATE INSIGHTS

Insights from the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), 2019-2023

The recently updated Wisconsin SCORP features a Recreation Opportunities Analysis (ROA). The ROA examines existing outdoor-recreation opportunities compared to future opportunities in eight regions throughout Wisconsin. Dane County is located in the Southern Gateways region.

The Southern Gateways region contains a variety of environments - rolling hills in the south, the centrally-located Wisconsin River, and large marshes in the east - the combination of which provides a wide array of recreational opportunities. The region also has a number of important geologic features, including Devil's Lake - one of Wisconsin's most popular recreation destinations. The rapid development around Madison has also increased demand for urban-based recreation opportunities such as dog parks, bicycle trails and developed sports facilities.

The ROA found that residents of the Southern Gateways region participate in the following activities at higher rates than the State average.

- ATV/UTV riding
- Bicycling on surfaced trails, mountain biking and single track
- Tent camping
- Canoeing/kayaking
- Cross-country skiing/snowshoeing
- Fishing from shore, boat, canoe and kayak
- Hiking, walking and running on trails
- Big game hunting (deer, bear)
- Swimming
- Snowmobiling

The most popular places to go in the region are Devil's Lake State Park, Governor Dodge State Park, Blue Mound State Park, the Ice Age Trail, Glacial Drumlin State Trail and Military Ridge State Trail.

Of the people who participated in the ROA, the majority (65%) selected the quality of trails as the

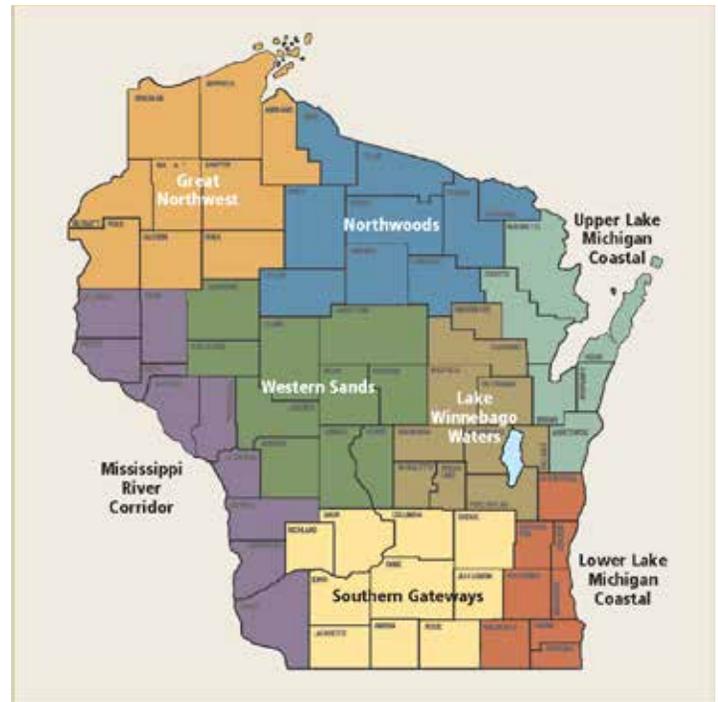
most important factor in determining their favorite property to visit. The three next most important factors are the desire to be in a quiet place, good maps, signage or information about properties and quality of habitat.

The following recreation activities are identified in the SCORP as high priority needs in the Southern Gateways region:

- ATV/UTV riding
- Bicycling - bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking
- Bird or wildlife watching
- Camping - developed and primitive
- Canoeing or kayaking
- Fishing
- Gather mushrooms, berries, etc.
- Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking
- Motor boating (inc. waterski/tubing, personal watercraft)
- Picnicking
- Snowshoeing
- Swimming in lakes and rivers

Figure 4.7 Statewide Outdoor Comprehensive Recreation Plan Planning Areas

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources



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Chapter 5

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS

The quantitative, qualitative, and geographic analysis discussed in Chapter 4 reveals the need for improvements to existing facilities, as well as the acquisition and development of new sites for future recreational use. It should be noted that some of the recommendations may require considerable cooperation with others, including the citizens of Middleton, local civic and business associations, and State agencies. In nearly every case, more detailed planning, engineering, study, budgeting, and/or discussion will be necessary before decisions are made to actually acquire land or construct recreational facilities.

The recommendations of this plan are divided into four major sections: (1) existing park facilities (2) new or expanded park facilities; (3) trail improvements; (4) miscellaneous improvements. **For recommendations related to conservancy lands please review the latest version of the Conservancy Lands Plan here: <https://www.Cityofmiddleton.us/171/Conservancy-Lands-Trails>**

The timeline for completion of recommendations is noted within each table of recommendations. High priority items should occur in the next 1-3 years (2023), Medium priority items should occur over the next three to five years (2025) and low priority items may not be completed within the next five years; however, initial planning activities may occur to bring these items closer to completion. Cost estimates for Medium and Low priority items include inflation; a 7.1% cumulative price increase for 2023 (Medium) an 11.5% cumulative price increase for 2025 (Low). Items included in Middleton’s Playground Improvement Plan will be noted in the table (PIP). Due to budgetary constraints it is unlikely that all of the recommendations within this chapter will be implemented in the next five years. Maintenance and improvement projects will be prioritized on an annual basis by City staff in conjunction with Middleton’s Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission as part of the City’s annual budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Many of the recommendations regarding locating new park or trail facilities will be coordinated with the sale or donation of land by other parties; therefore, the timing is much more variable. Acquisition projects will be implemented through

donation, dedication, purchase, or a combination thereof.

5.1 EXISTING PARK FACILITIES

The following pages contain two-page spreads dedicated to each existing park in Middleton. Each spread includes general information, facilities (and approximate install dates), and recommendations for improvements to existing parks. Some of the recommendations identified within this section are carried forward from the 2014 Middleton CORP or identified in the Playground Improvement Plan. Other recommendations are drawn from the City’s Capital Improvement Plan which was approved prior to completing this plan. The remaining recommendations reflect staff, commission, public and consultant feedback obtained during the planning process.



Middleton Station Park

MINI PARKS



BASKERVILLE PARK

Park Address: 5801 Century Avenue

Park Size: 0.2 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Slide		
TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Spring Riders (2)		
Swings (4)		
Teeter Totter		
Picnic Tables (3)		
Sand Play Area		Sand scattered around, litter in sand



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Add 10' accessible route (120 LF, asphalt)*	HIGH	\$4,500
Upgrade play equipment (2033 PIP)	LOW	\$49,500
Sandbox-add new frame and replace sand	HIGH	\$3,500
Remove tree so slide and picnic table are out of fall zone	HIGH	\$2,500-\$4,000

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 PIP = Playground Improvement Plan

SITE PHOTOS



SLIDE



SAND PLAY



SPRING RIDERS



SWINGS/PICNIC TABLE



BOUNDARY ROAD PARK

Park Address: 1343 Boundary Road

Park Size: 1.2 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
Swings (4)		
TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Benches (2)		
Picnic Tables (2)		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Install bike rack (4) on concrete pad*	LOW	\$1,000
Replace two picnic tables and benches	HIGH	\$3,000
Replace play equipment (2030 PIP)	LOW	\$46,000
Install accessible route to picnic table (50 LF @ 5' wide)	HIGH	\$2,000

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SITE PHOTOS





HAWKRIDGE PARK

Park Address: 7004 Companion Lane

Park Size: 0.4 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
Swings (4)		
Benches (3)		
Picnic Tables (2)		
Sand Play Area		
Walking Path		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Add bike rack on existing concrete slab	HIGH	\$1,000
Locate accessible picnic table and relocate trash receptacle along accessible route (assumes new pad for table)*	HIGH	\$2,000
Sandbox - clean and level sand	HIGH	\$2,000
Add mulch and level play area	MED	\$1,500
Replace wood picnic table	HIGH	\$1,000
Level concrete slab and fix cracks	MED	\$3,000
Replace play equipment (2024 PIP)	MED	\$38,000

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SITE PHOTOS



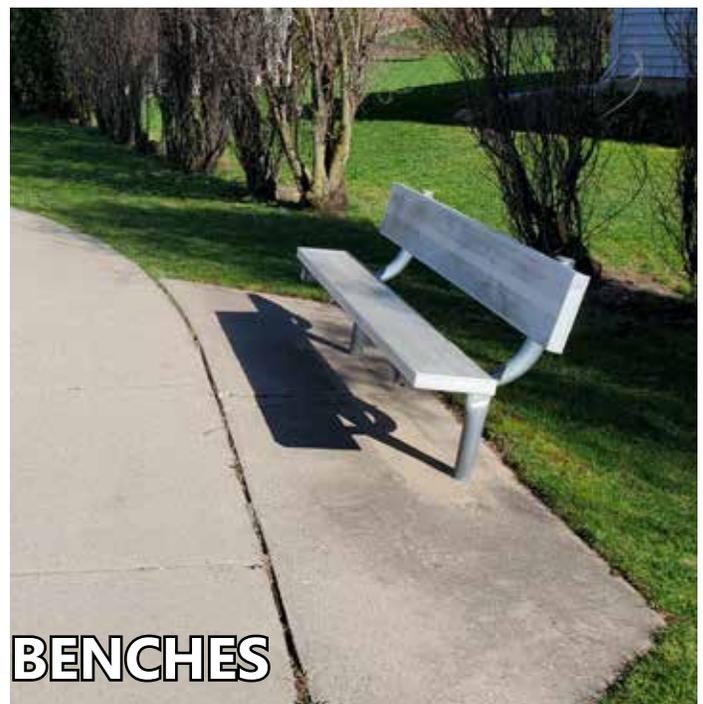
SAND PLAY



PLAYGROUND



SWINGS



BENCHES



HILLCREST PARK

Park Address: 7716 Hillcrest Avenue

Park Size: 0.9 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Spring Riders (2)		
Swings (6)		
Basketball Court (1 hoop)		
Picnic Tables (2)		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Replace play equipment (2027 PIP)	LOW	\$41,000
Sandbox-clean and level sand	MED	\$2,000
Replace picnic tables (3)	HIGH	\$2,500
Add accessible table and accessible path to table	MED	\$2,500
Replace concrete approach to play area	LOW	\$1,000

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SITE PHOTOS





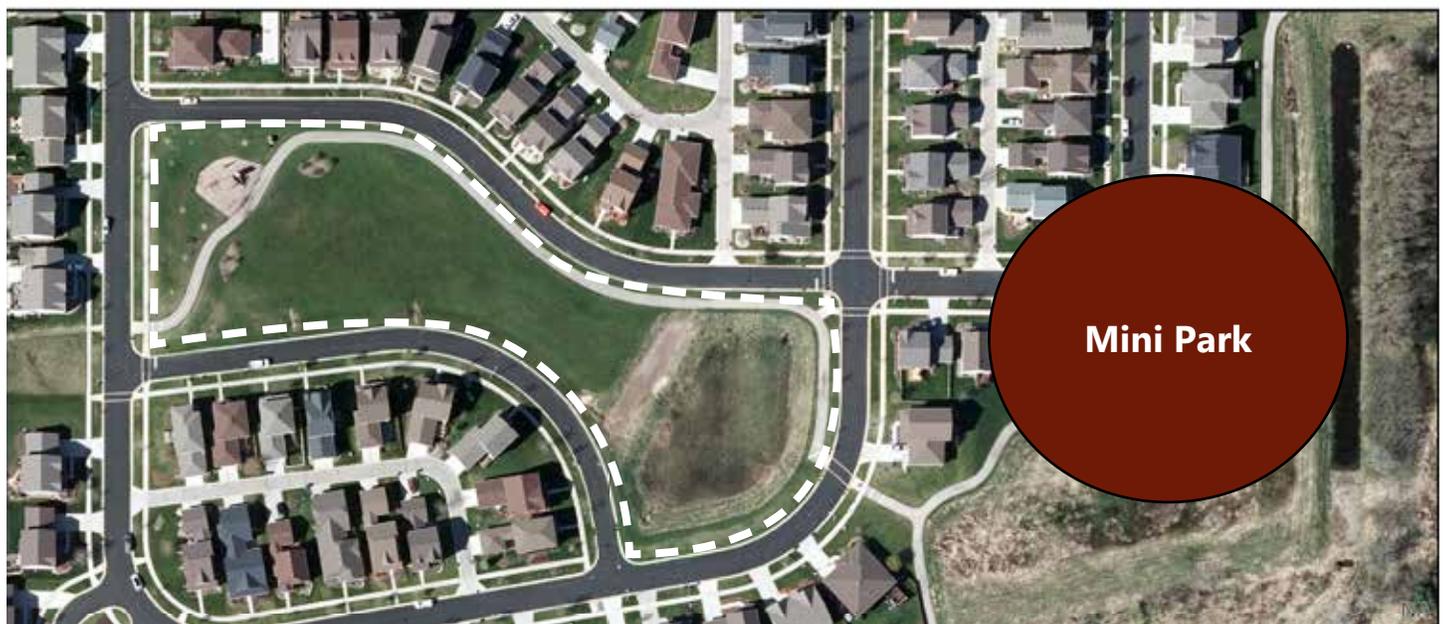
HINRICH'S FAMILY FARM PARK

Park Address: 8959 Red Beryl Drive

Park Size: 1.8 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
Swings (2)		
Teeter Totter		
Picnic Tables (1)		
Benches (2)		
Multi-Use Path		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Execute Master Plan (shelter, concrete pad for shelter and bike rack, basketball court)	MED	\$96,500
Create accessible route from parking or sidewalk to multi-use field (100 LF)*	HIGH	\$3,500
Relocate trash receptacle, mutt mitt and accessible picnic table along accessible route*	HIGH	\$500

* = recommendation carried forward from the City's 2014 CORP

SITE PHOTOS



SWINGS



PLAYGROUND



OPEN PLAY



BIKE PATH



LAKEVIEW EAST PARK

Park Address: 2400 Middleton Beach Road

Park Size: 1.9 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Slide		
Swings (4)		
Picnic Tables (2)		
TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Benches (1)		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Finalize park naming	HIGH	N/A
Develop Master Plan	HIGH	\$12,000-\$20,000
Implementation of Master Plan, could include the following recommendations from this planning process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create accessible route to picnic table, horseshoes, benches (\$5,500) • install paved bench pads (3) (\$1,500) • install accessible picnic tables (\$2,000) • replace benches (3) • upgrade existing play area (2032 PIP) (\$48,500) • install community gardens (\$10,500) • install shade structure or plant shade trees (\$10,000) • add small pergola for tables (\$16,500) • install bike rack (\$1,000) 	MED	\$99,500

SITE PHOTOS





MIDDLETON RIDGE PARK

Park Address: 7100 Belle Fontaine Boulevard

Park Size: 0.5 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
Swings (4)		
Picnic Tables (2)		
Benches (2)		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Plant shade trees or install shade structures	HIGH	\$500-\$10,000
Add benches (2) and picnic tables (3) (1 of each accessible)	HIGH	\$6,000
Create accessible entry to playground from path (200 SF)	MED	\$1,500

SITE PHOTOS





PHEASANT BRANCH RIDGE PARK

Park Address: 6810 Whittlesey Road

Park Size: 0.6 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Slide		
Spring Riders (2)		
Swings (5)		
Picnic Tables (3)		
Benches (2)		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Upgrade playground equipment (2029 PIP)	LOW	\$40,264
Plant shade trees	MED	\$500 EA

PIP = Playground Improvement Plan

SITE PHOTOS



NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS



FIREMAN'S PARK

Park Address: 7400 Lee Street

Park Size: 3.9 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
Spring Riders (2)		
Swings (6)		
Basketball Court (1 Hoop)		
Open Air Shelters (3)		
Restroom		
Picnic Tables (27)		
Benches (1)		
Grills (2)		
Disc Golf (3 holes)		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Install bike parking (8 bikes)*	MED	\$2,000
Install accessible drinking fountain*	HIGH	\$7,500
Add park shelter (2024 CIP)	LOW	\$1,200,000
Expand basketball court to a full-court with upgraded hoops and color surface (2024 CIP)	LOW	\$30,000
Execute Master Plan Recommendations (move swings to create green space, expand playground site, add path to North Ave (285 LF))	MED	\$29,000
Replace play equipment (2028 PIP)	LOW	\$146,000

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SITE PHOTOS





MEADOWS PARK

Park Address: 6415 South Avenue

Park Size: 1.9 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
Slide		
Spring Riders (2)		
Swings (4)		
Sand Play Area		
Batting cage		
Picnic Tables (3)		
Open Air Shelter (1)		
Basketball Court (2 Hoops)		
Ice Rink Area		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Remove/relocate batting cage closer to ball diamond*	LOW	\$1,500
Install bike rack (6 bikes) with concrete pad*	MED	\$1,500
Replace existing table (1) and benches (3)	MED	\$4,500
Sandbox - new clean sand	MED	\$2,000
Replace playground equipment (2021 CIP)	HIGH	\$33,000

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SITE PHOTOS



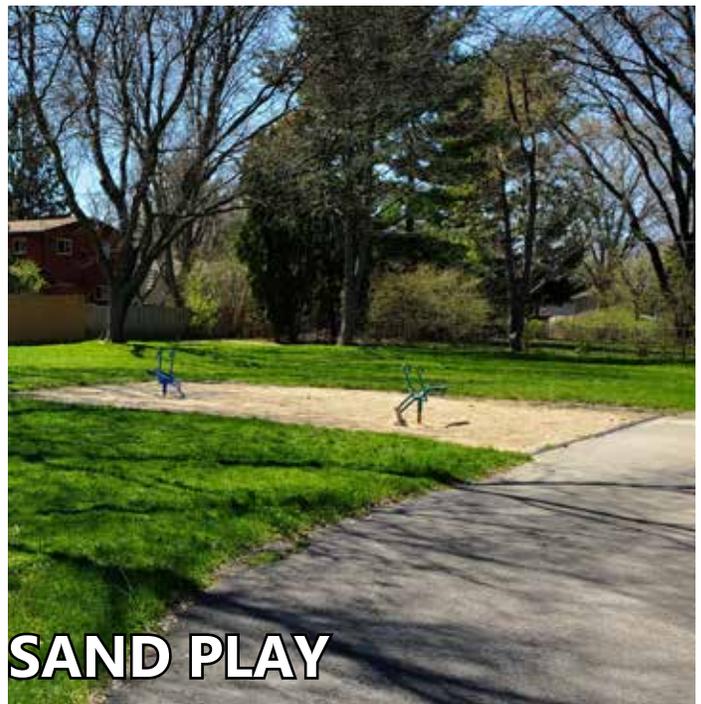
PLAYGROUND



ICE RINK AREA



BASKETBALL COURT



SAND PLAY



MIDDLETON HILLS PARK - NORTH

Park Address: 6840 Ramsey Road

Park Size: 4.6 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

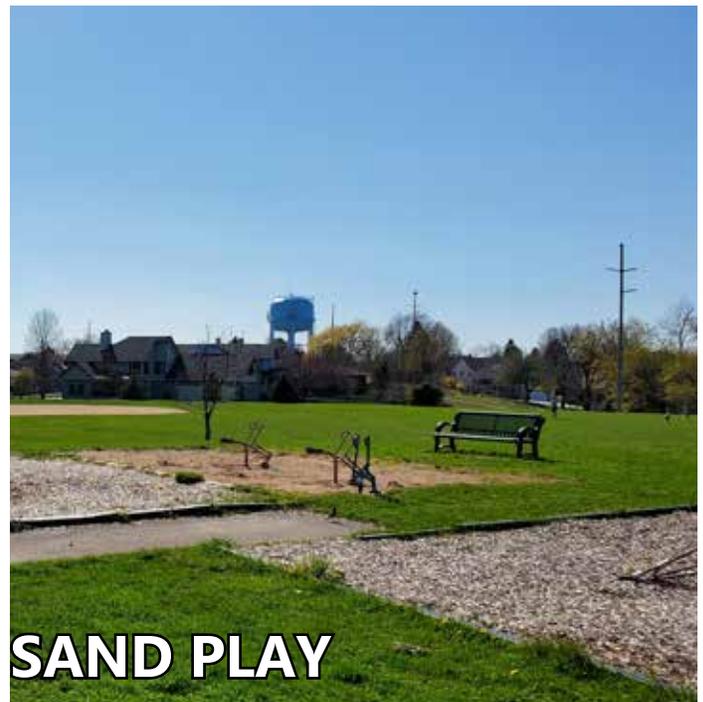
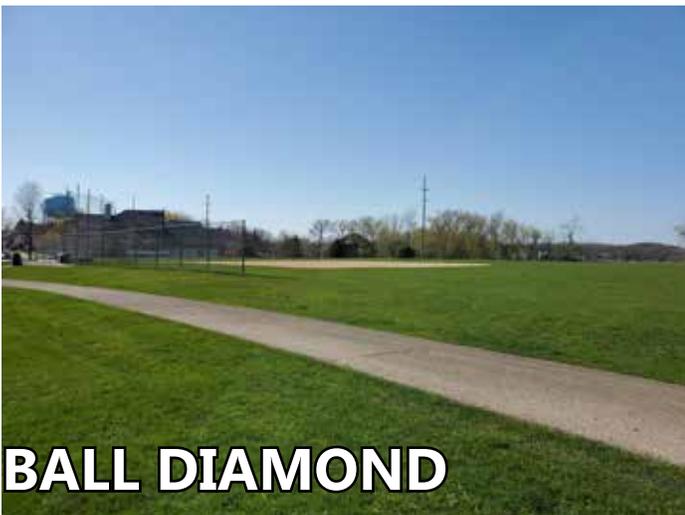
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Playground		
TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Swings (4)		
Sand Play Area		
Ball Diamond		
Bike/Walking Trail		
Picnic Tables (4)		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Install restrooms	HIGH	\$150,000
Add solar lighting along multi-use path (5)	MED	\$25,000-\$35,000

SITE PHOTOS





MIDDLETON HILLS PARK - SOUTH

Park Address: 6805 Frank Llyod Wright Avenue

Park Size: 4.8 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground (2)		
Swings (4)		
Teeter Totter		
Open Air Shelter		
Basketball Court		needs resurfacing and repainting
Volleyball Court		
Soccer Fields		
Picnic Tables (5)		
Benches (3)		damaged bench
Bike/Walking Trails		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Resurface basketball court* (2023 CIP)	HIGH	\$20,000
Remove trail roundabout*	LOW	\$1,500
Install concrete "bag toss" near volleyball court*	LOW	\$2,500
Clean/paint pergola	MED	\$2,500-\$5,500
Replace damaged metal bench	HIGH	\$1,500
Replace playground equipment (2023 PIP)	HIGH	\$52,000

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SITE PHOTOS



OUTDOOR SHELTER



PLAYGROUND



VOLLEYBALL COURT



SOCCER FIELD



MIDDLETON STATION

Park Address: 7100 South Avenue

Park Size: 1.8 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Swings (4)		
Ball Diamond		
Open Air Shelter		
Picnic Tables (4)		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Add bike rack with concrete pad	HIGH	\$2,000
Replace playground equipment (2026 PIP)	MED	\$40,000

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SITE PHOTOS





PARISI PARK

Park Address: 2400 Park Street

Park Size: 4.5 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
Slide		
Swings (4)		
Open Air Shelter		
Restroom		
Ball Diamond		
Basketball Court		
Bike/Walking Trail		
Picnic Tables (4)		
Benches (2)		

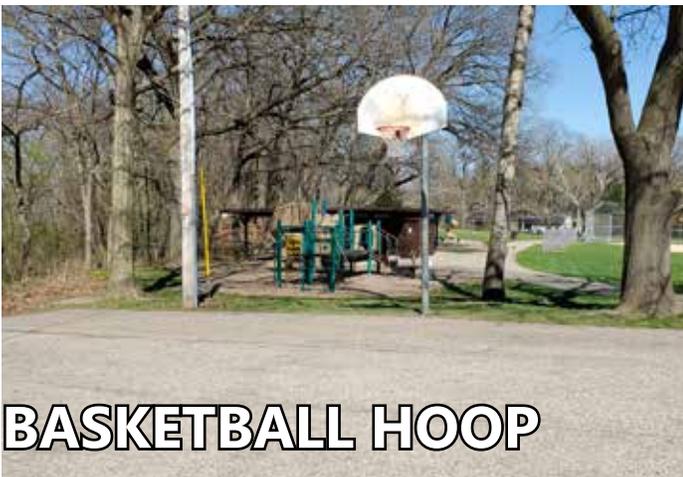


RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Create Master Plan. This should be done in coordination with the Pheasant Branch Creek Corridor Master Plan planned for 2021 in the 2018-2023 Conservancy Lands Plan.	HIGH	\$20,000-\$35,000
Implementation of Master Plan, could include the following recommendations from this planning process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • correct slopes along shelter accessible route* (\$5,000) • correct accessibility issues with drinking fountain and informational signage (\$9,500) • create accessible route from parking or sidewalk to bench (\$9,000) • replace existing shelter with more modernized facilities, including year-round restroom facilities (2022 CIP) (\$550,000) 	HIGH	\$573,500
Resurface basketball court (2022 CIP)	HIGH	\$20,000

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SITE PHOTOS





PARKSIDE HEIGHTS PARK

Park Address: 3201 Northbrook Drive

Park Size: 1.6 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Swings (4)		
Sand Play Area (2)		dirty sand
Ice Rink Area		
Basketball Court		
Bike/Walking Trail		
Picnic Tables (2)		
Benches (3)		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Install accessible route to ADA transfer mat (83 LF)*	HIGH	\$3,000
Install bike rack (8 bikes) on concrete pad*	MED	\$2,000
Upgrade drinking fountain to meet ADA standards*	HIGH	\$4,000
Sandbox - new clean sand	MED	\$2,000
Replace picnic tables (2) and benches (3) (1 accessible bench)	MED	\$5,500
Replace/remove metal climbing tower	MED	\$16,000
Replace play equipment (2031 PIP)	LOW	\$48,500
Install accessible route to ADA picnic table	HIGH	\$2,000
Repave 477 lineal feet of path (2023 CIP)	HIGH	\$43,000

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SITE PHOTOS





STONEFIELD PARK

Park Address: 6524 Clovernook Road

Park Size: 1.8 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
Swings (4)		
Tennis Courts (2)		
Restroom		
Volleyball Court		maintenance and new sand needed
Bike/Walking Trail		
Picnic Tables (6)		bases need to be repaired or replaced
Benches (4)		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
New tennis courts (2) (including nets) - consider striping for pickleball	LOW	\$133,000-\$167,500
Clean weeds, grade and add new sand to volleyball court	MED	\$2,000
Remove tennis practice wall	MED	\$8,000
Repair/replace base for tables in picnic area (2,600 SF)	MED	\$8,500
Replace playground equipment (2022 PIP)	HIGH	\$34,000

PIP = Playground Improvement Plan

SITE PHOTOS





STRICKER PARK

Park Address: 7605 Voss Parkway

Park Size: 4.3 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Swings (3)		
Spring Riders (2)		
Tennis Courts (2)	2019	
Basketball Courts (2 Hoops)		
Ball Field/Soccer Field		flooding issues
Bike/Walking Trail		flooding issues
Picnic Tables (2)		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Upgrade drinking fountain to meet ADA standards*	HIGH	\$5,000
Repair asphalt path*	HIGH	\$9,000
Create accessible route from parking or sidewalk to backstop (75 LF)*	HIGH	\$1,500
Upgrade playground equipment (2025 PIP)	MED	\$58,000
Improve drainage to remedy flooding of path and soccer field (56,000 SF)	LOW	\$40,000-\$60,000
Resurface basketball court (2025 CIP)	MED	\$20,000

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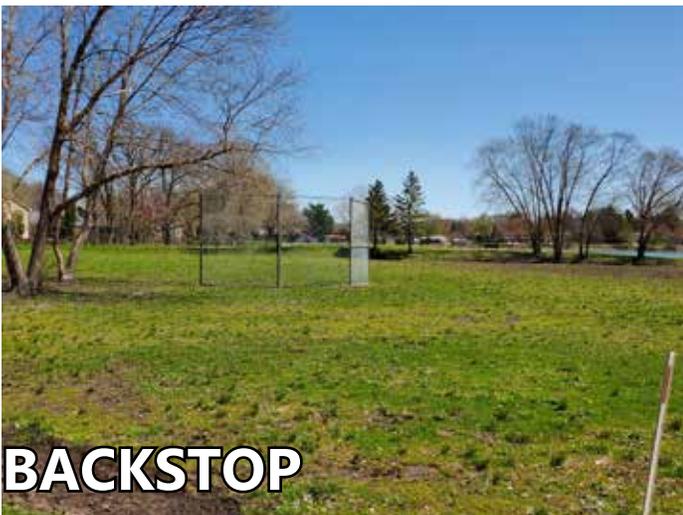
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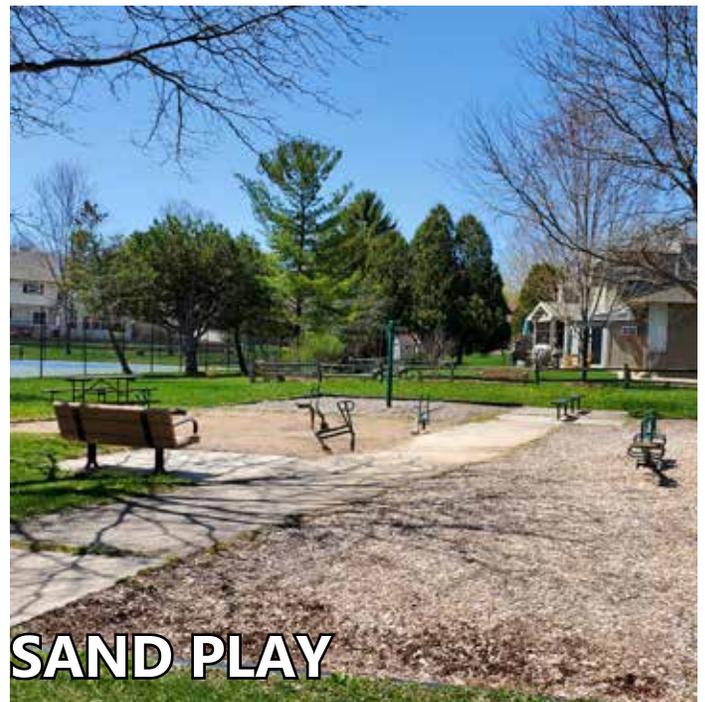
COURTS



PLAYGROUND



BACKSTOP



SAND PLAY



WOODSIDE HEIGHTS PARK

Park Address: 7202 Voss Parkway

Park Size: 3.1 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
Swings (4)		
TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Basketball Court (2 Hoops)		needs resurfacing and repainting, flooding issues
Fishing Pier		
Bike/Walking Trail		flooding issues
Picnic Tables (2)		
Benches (5)		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Resurface basketball court and upgrade hoops and color surface (2021 CIP)	MED	\$20,000

CIP = Capital Improvement Plan

SITE PHOTOS



COMMUNITY PARKS



FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL PARK

Park Address: 3101 N Pleasant View Road

Park Size: 20.8 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
Soccer Field		No ADA accessible routes
Indoor Batting Facility		
Ball Diamonds (4)		
Batting Cages		
Shelter Complex		
Bike/Walking Path		
Parking Lot		
Picnic Tables/ Benches		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Create accessible routes to athletic fields*	HIGH	\$300,000
Install solar lights in parking lot	MED	\$20,000-\$35,000
Add shelter (rental opportunity) (partnership with school district)	MED	\$45,000-\$60,000
Install shade trees (10) on south side	HIGH	\$5,000
Install bike racks (18 bikes)	MED	\$2,000
Install shade structure over play area	LOW	\$22,500
Put ADA stalls by drop off area and add direct route to trail	HIGH	\$3,500
Add accessible seating around play structure (2)	HIGH	\$4,000
Make bathrooms and concession stand accessible	HIGH	\$20,000-\$80,000
Make ADA improvements to baseball fields	HIGH	\$5,000-\$15,000

* = recommendation carried forward from the City's 2014 CORP

SITE PHOTOS



4-DIAMOND COMPLEX



SOCCER FIELD



BATTING FACILITY



PATH/PLAYGROUND



LAKEVIEW PARK

Park Address: 6300 Mendota Avenue

Park Size: 43.8 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playgrounds (3)		
Splash Pad		
Shelter Complex		
Ball Diamond		
TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Tennis Courts		flooding issues
Bike/Walking/Exercise Path		
Soccer Fields		
Volleyball Court		
Disc Golf Course		
Parking Lot		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Have engineer do analysis of tennis courts to rule out underlying issues with cracking	HIGH	\$1,500
If no underlying issues are found with tennis courts, install tile system over courts- consider striping for pickleball	MED	\$70,000-\$175,000
Lower tennis court landscaping to allow surface water to drain off the courts	MED	\$5,000
Add shaded structures around splash pad	HIGH	\$30,000
Install accessible route from splash pad to playground (115 LF)	HIGH	\$4,500
Install bike rack (18 bikes)	HIGH	\$2,500
Improve drainage near playgrounds (6,500 SF)	HIGH	\$9,500
Splashpad improvement project (2021 CIP)	HIGH	\$200,000+
Install sledding hill in park or off back of Sauk Trail Elementary	MED	\$20,000-\$80,000+

CIP = Capital Improvement Plan

SITE PHOTOS





ORCHID HEIGHTS PARK

Park Address: 3960 Valley Ridge Road

Park Size: 14.1 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Shelter/Restroom		
Ball Diamond		
Tennis Courts		
Basketball Court		
Volleyball Court		
Soccer Fields		
Disc Golf Holes (3)		
Parking Lot		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Upgrade drinking fountain to ADA standards*	HIGH	\$5,000
Install concrete pads for bleachers (550 SF)*	MED	\$4,000
Path maintenance - cracks and vegetation	HIGH	\$5,000-\$20,000
Resurface basketball court (2021 CIP)	MED	\$10,000
Complete architectural/HVAC study to determine feasibility of conversion of restroom to year round use. If possible, complete conversion.	LOW	\$40,000-\$60,000
Repaving 3,515 lineal feet of path (2022 CIP)	HIGH	\$316,350

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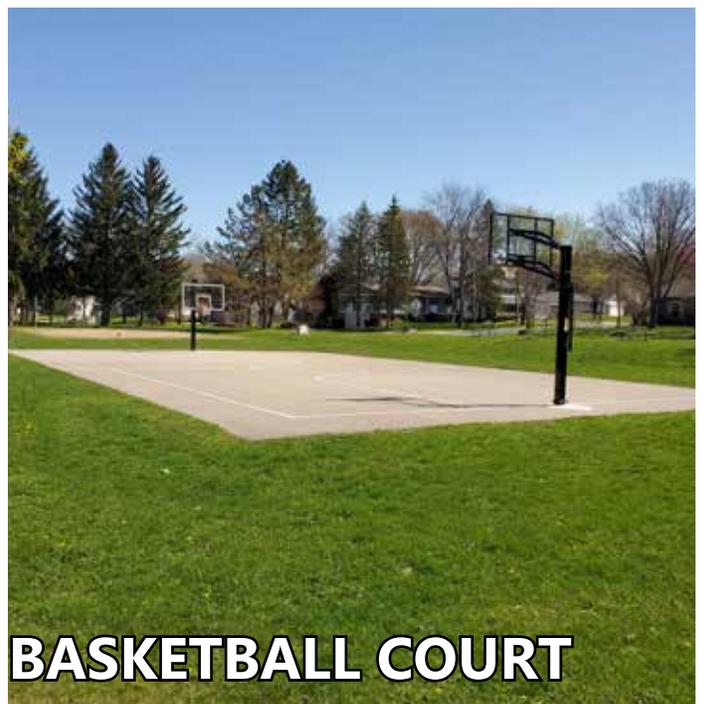
SHELTER



PLAYGROUND



SOFTBALL DIAMOND



BASKETBALL COURT



PENNI KLEIN PARK

Park Address: 1343 Boundary Road

Park Size: 31.7 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
Soccer Fields (8)		
TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Ball Diamond		
Dog Play Area		
Bike/Walking Path		
Disc Golf Holes (3)		
Parking Lot		
Picnic Tables/Benches		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Install bike rack (18 bikes)*	MED	\$2,000
Acquisition and development of the parcel adjacent to the western boundary to provide an additional 2-3 soccer fields*	LOW	\$133,000 plus acquisition costs
Install solar lights in parking lot	MED	\$65,000-\$85,000
Create accessible routes to athletic fields (1,300 LF)	HIGH	\$31,500
Install picnic tables (10)	HIGH	\$7,500
Install universal play equipment	HIGH	\$80,000-\$120,000
Install restrooms and concessions (partnership with school)	HIGH	\$250,000-\$1,000,000+

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SITE PHOTOS



BASEBALL DIAMOND



SOCCER FIELDS



DOG PLAY AREA



PATHS AND BENCHES



TAYLOR PARK

Park Address: 5280 Bishops Bay Parkway

Park Size: 12.3 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Playground		
Football Field		
Basketball Court		
Soccer/Practice Fields (2)		
Pickleball Courts (8)		
Shelter/Restrooms		
Bike/Walking Path		
Parking Lot		
Picnic Tables/Benches		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Expansion of parking lot and re-do porous asphalt	LOW	\$70,000-\$85,000

SITE PHOTOS



PICNIC TABLE



PLAYGROUND



PICKLEBALL



FOOTBALL FIELD

SPECIAL USE PARKS



LAKE STREET BOAT LAUNCH

Park Address: 5900 Lake Street

Park Size: 0.4 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Boat Launch		
Pay/Information Kiosk		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Pier bumpers (Rhino type) needed for temporary parking and van loading spaces*	MED	\$50/EA
Develop Master Plan	HIGH	\$8,000-\$10,000
Implementation of Master Plan, could include the following recommendations from this planning process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • install canoe/kayak launch (\$50,000-\$67,000) • install ADA path from Harbor Athletic Club lot to boat launch (675 LF asphalt) (\$18,000) 	LOW	\$68,000-\$85,000

* = recommendation carried forward from the City's 2014 CORP

SITE PHOTOS



INFO SIGN/PAY KIOSK



PIER



Metropolitan Community Dog Park

Park Address: 5200 County Hwy Q

Park Size: 105.7 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Dog Play Area		
TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Parking Lot		
Picnic Tables/Benches		



RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Add exterior accessible route, relocate amenities along route (3,600 LF at 8' wide asphalt)*	HIGH	\$86,500
Add concrete pads under bleachers, tables*	MED	\$10,500
Separate entrance and exit for trash area to relieve congestion	HIGH	\$3,500
Implement 2014 Master Plan (expansion of parking, additional soccer fields, improvements to dog park, trail system)	LOW	\$1,362,000
Incorporate dedicated area to play fetch with dogs	MED	\$13,000-\$19,500
Install solar lighting (12) at dog park	HIGH	\$60,000

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PICNIC TABLE



SMALL DOG PLAY



BENCH



SHADE SHELTER



PVGC–Non-Golf Course Use

Park Address: 1322 Pleasant View Road

Park Size: 30.0 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
BMX Trails		
Cross Country Ski Trails		
Bike/Walking Trail		
Parking Lot		

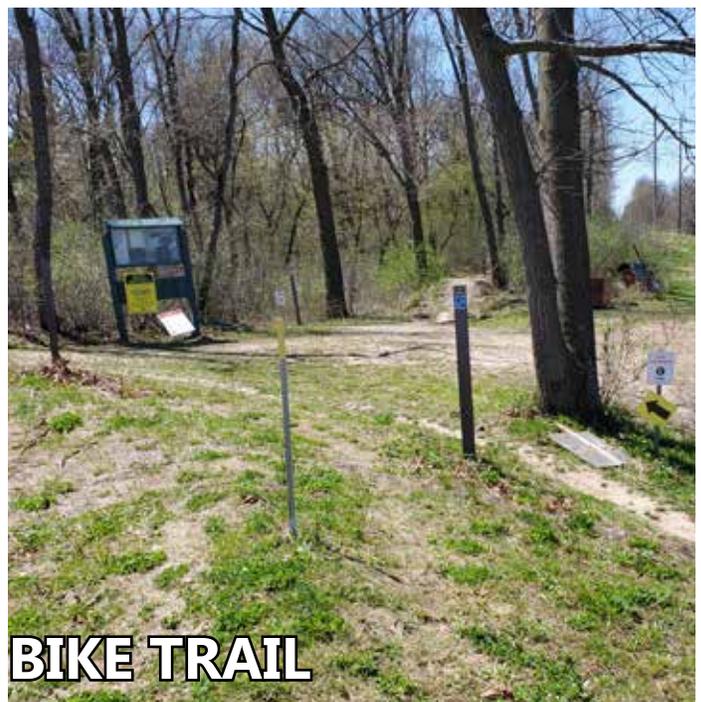
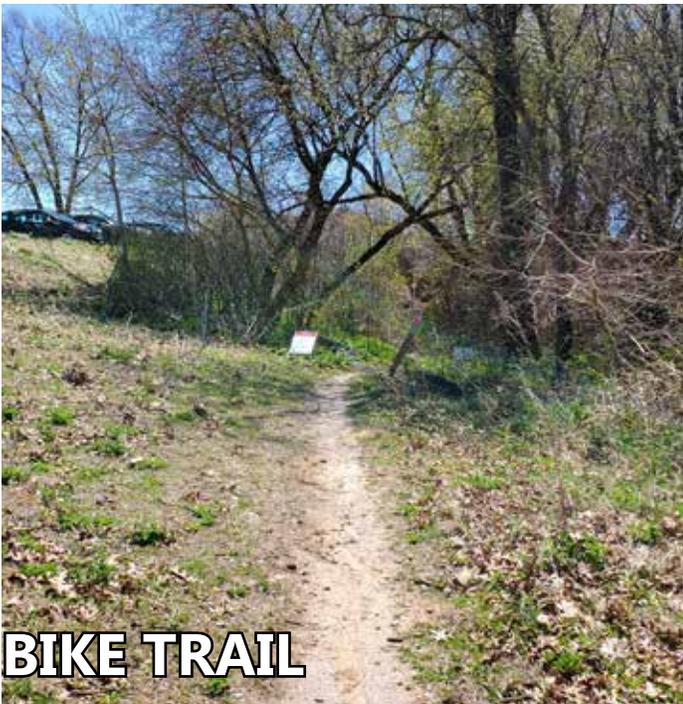


RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Add more one-way trails to reduce chance of head-on collisions	LOW	\$8-\$10/LF
Finalize park naming	HIGH	N/A
Implementation of IMBA Bike Park Master Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• install asphalt pump track (\$150,000)• install trailhead (\$10,000)• install slope course (\$30,000)	LOW	\$190,000

CIP = Capital Improvement Plan

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QUARRY SKATE PARK

Park Address: 7701 Terrace Avenue

Park Size: 0.5 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Skate Park Facility		
Bike Racks		
TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Benches		
Spring Riders (2)		
Bottle Filler/Drinking Fountain		



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IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Install shade structure*	LOW	\$16,500

* = recommendation carried forward from the City's 2014 CORP

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WALTER BAUMAN AQUATIC CENTER

Park Address: 2400 Park Lawn Place

Park Size: 3.3 Acres

EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YR	ISSUES
Water Slides		
Diving Well		
Lane Pool		
Playground		
Outdoor Shelters		
Shelter Complex/Restrooms		
Benches/Picnic Tables		



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IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)	COST ESTIMATE
Install security system*	LOW	\$33,500
Annual pool maintenance (CIP)	HIGH	\$250,000 (\$50,000/YR through 2025)
Pool renovation	MED	\$6,274,000+
Create a plan for the future of the aquatic center. The future aquatic center plan should include a connection to the Pheasant Branch Trail Corridor (2023 CIP)	HIGH	\$35,000-\$65,000

* = recommendation carried forward from the City's 2014 CORP

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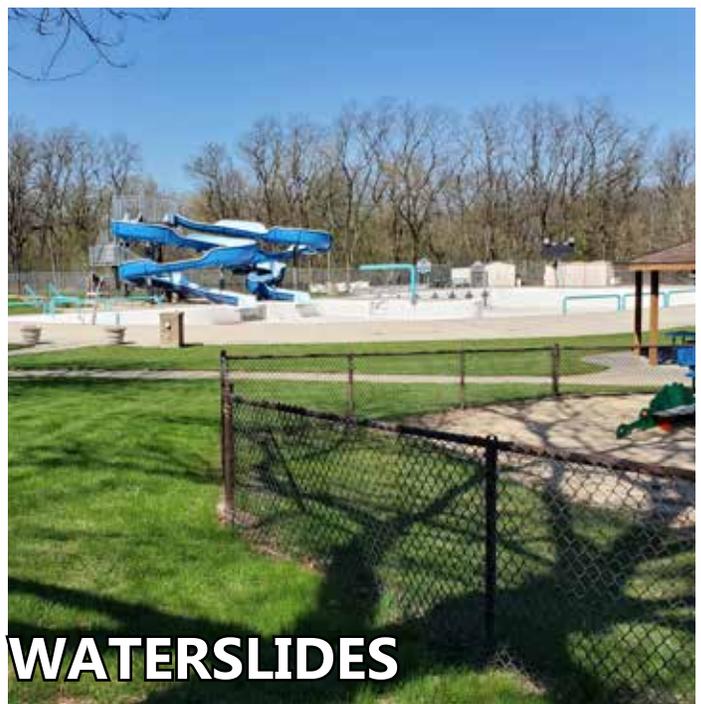
DIVING WELL



PLAYGROUND AREA



OUTDOOR SHELTER



WATERSLIDES

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5.2 NEW AND EXPANDED PARK FACILITIES

New Park Facilities

The City should develop new parks in areas that are underserved by existing facilities and areas where future residential expansion is expected to occur. There should be a focus on the acquisition of park and open space which will advance the goals and policies of this plan or the Middleton Comprehensive Plan.

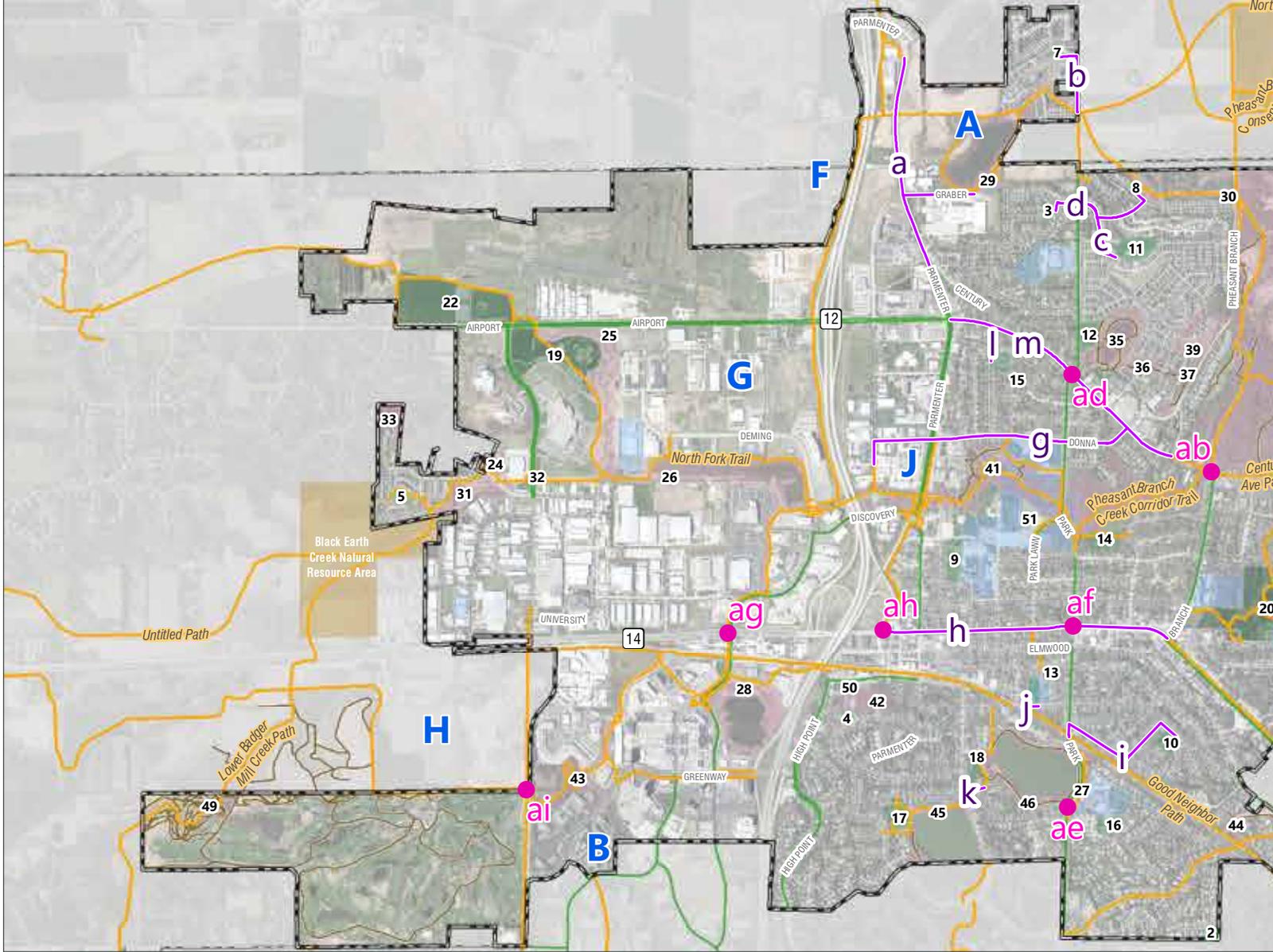
The New Parks & Trails Recommendations Map in Appendix C (Figure 5.1) identifies the location for potential new facilities based in part on Middleton's future land use plan (see Section 2.6) areas potentially underserved by parks (Figure 5.2), public engagement processes that identified general community priority and need, and growth projections for the City.

- A. Land to the west of Graber Pond should be prioritized for new park development due to the future development projected in this area. This land is currently in the Town of Springfield and could be a potential partnership with the Town. The parcel for consideration includes #080835490012. This park could serve as a Community Park offering a variety of amenities for a wide range of users. Tennis/pickleball courts and a ball diamond complex and turf fields should be considered for possible inclusion. A park adjacent to Graber Pond should include stormwater management best practices to alleviate stormwater issues in this area. This park would also serve the potential 20-year annexation area east of High Rd. per the Town/City Intergovernmental Agreement.
- B. Site B is an area with several apartment complexes that are underserved by all park types with the exception of community parks. This area is recommended for a pocket park or mini park between the apartments and South Trail Corridor. The parcels for consideration include #070815124751 and #070815105022. A trail could also be considered as an addition to the South Trail Corridor.
- C. Site C is the unused portion of the right-of-way on Century Ave and Hedden Rd, adjacent to Overlook Pointe. This area has a high population density and is underserved by all park types with the exception of community parks. Due to the small area available for amenities, a pocket park or mini park is recommended here to serve the apartments. Nearby residents should be polled to see what type of amenities they would like to see in the park.
- D. Site D in the Arbor Hills area is a City-owned parcel in an area with a high population density that is underserved by all park types (see Figure 5.2), with the exception of community parks. The parcel for consideration is #070906127933. This parcel is appropriate for a neighborhood park. Nearby residents should be polled to see what type of amenities they would like to see in the park.
- E. Site E is in the North Lake neighborhood. This is another area with high population density and limited access to parks, with the exception of community parks. The parcel for consideration is #080931329265 and is currently owned by the Northlake Neighborhood Association. This would be an opportunity for the City to work with the neighborhood association on a planning process to identify what amenities are desired to serve the neighborhood.
- F. Site F is an opportunity to partner with the Town of Middleton and the Highwood Homeowners Association for additional sports fields (ultimate frisbee, lacrosse, baseball, soccer, cricket). The parcels for consideration include #070802222420, #070802222530 and #070802222640. Parcel #070802222420 is owned by the Town and has playground equipment installed already.
- G. Site G represents the Middleton Corporate Center which has several vacant parcels currently. The City could consider temporarily using these vacant parcels for sports fields (soccer, ultimate frisbee, cricket or lacrosse) until the properties are sold.
- H. Site H is an area in the Town of Middleton that is currently a point of potential cooperation between the City and Town. Central Cross Country Ski Association is involved in planning for the site. The site is planned to be a regional, potentially nation, destination for winter recreation. Plans so far include facilities for cross country skiing with a training center, ice

Figure 5.1: New Park and Trail Recommendations

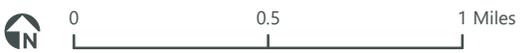
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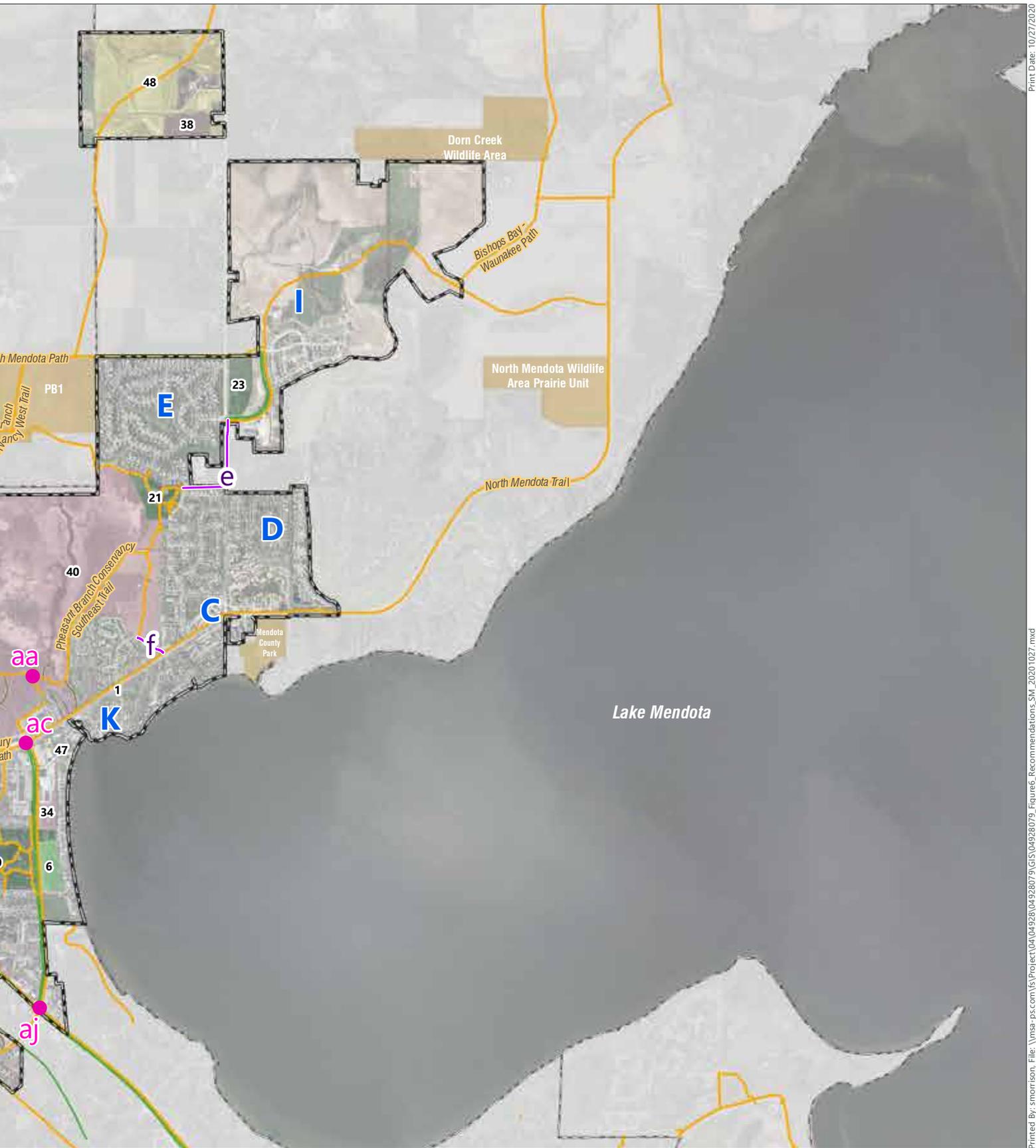
Mini Parks		Community Parks		Conservancy Areas Cont.	
Baskerville Park	1	Firefighters Memorial Park	19	Middleton Hills Pond & Conservancy	37
Boundary Road Park	2	Lakeview Park	20	MRD - Rush Fields	38
Hawkridge Park	3	Orchid Heights Park	21	Outlot 63/64	39
Hillcrest Park	4	Penni Klein Park	22	Pheasant Branch Conservancy	40
Hinrichs Family Farm Park	5	Taylor Park	23	Pheasant Branch Creek Corridor	41
Lakeview East	6			Quarry Hill Conservancy Area	42
Middleton Ridge Park	7			South Trail Corridor	43
Pheasant Branch Ridge Park	8			Stonefield Drainage	44
				Stricker Pond	45
				Tiedeman Pond	46
Neighborhood Parks		Conservancy Areas		Special Use Parks	
Fireman's Park	9	Capitol Ice berms	24	Lake Street Boat Launch	47
Meadows Park	10	Conservancy Area - FFMP	25	Metropolitan Community Park/Community Dog Park	48
Middleton Hills Park - North	11	Deming Confluence Pond	26	PVGC - Non Golf Area	49
Middleton Hills Park - South	12	Elm Lawn Oak Woodland	27	Quarry Hill Skate Park	50
Middleton Station	13	Esser Pond	28	Walter Baumann Aquatic Center	51
Parisi Park	14	Graber Pond	29		
Parkside Heights	15	Graber Pond to PBC Connector	30		
Stonefield Park	16	Hidden Oaks Entry	31		
Stricker Park	17	Hidden Oaks Trail Corridor	32		
Woodside Heights Park	18	Hidden Oaks Woodland	33		
		Jacobsen Wetland Conservancy Area	34		
		Middleton Hills Confluence Ponds	35		
		Middleton Hills Oak Savanna	36		



Data Sources:
 Parks, Bike Paths: City of Middleton (2020)
 Aerial, Parcels, Water bodies, Non-Middleton
 Parks and Trails: Dane County (2020)

- A Proposed Park Location
- Intersection Improvement
- ~ Trail Connection Recommendation





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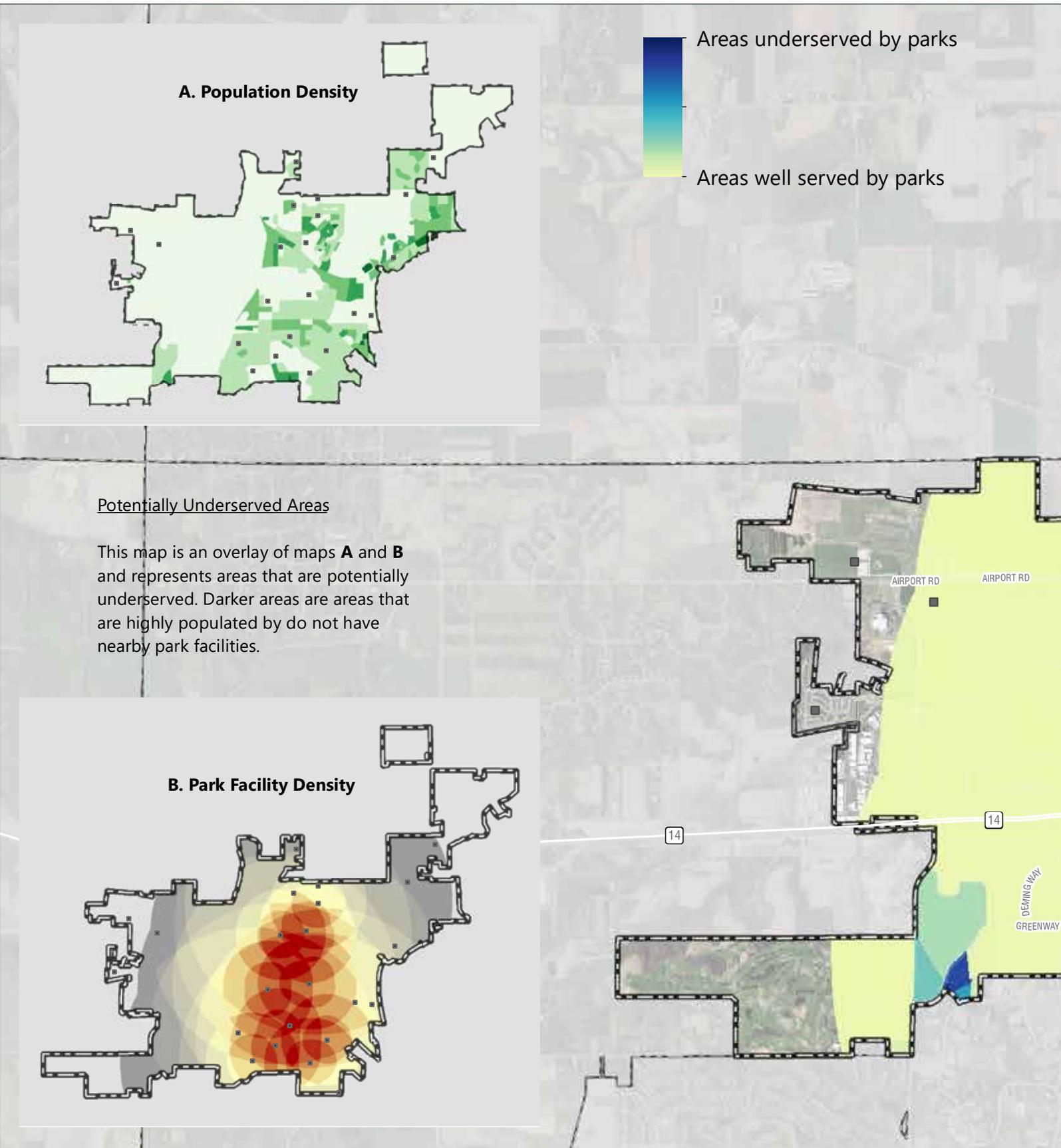
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New Park and Trail Recommendation Map

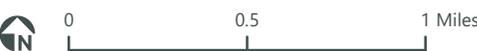
Middleton CORP Maps
City of Middleton
Dane County, WI

Figure 5.2: Potentially Underserved Park Areas

Source: MSA

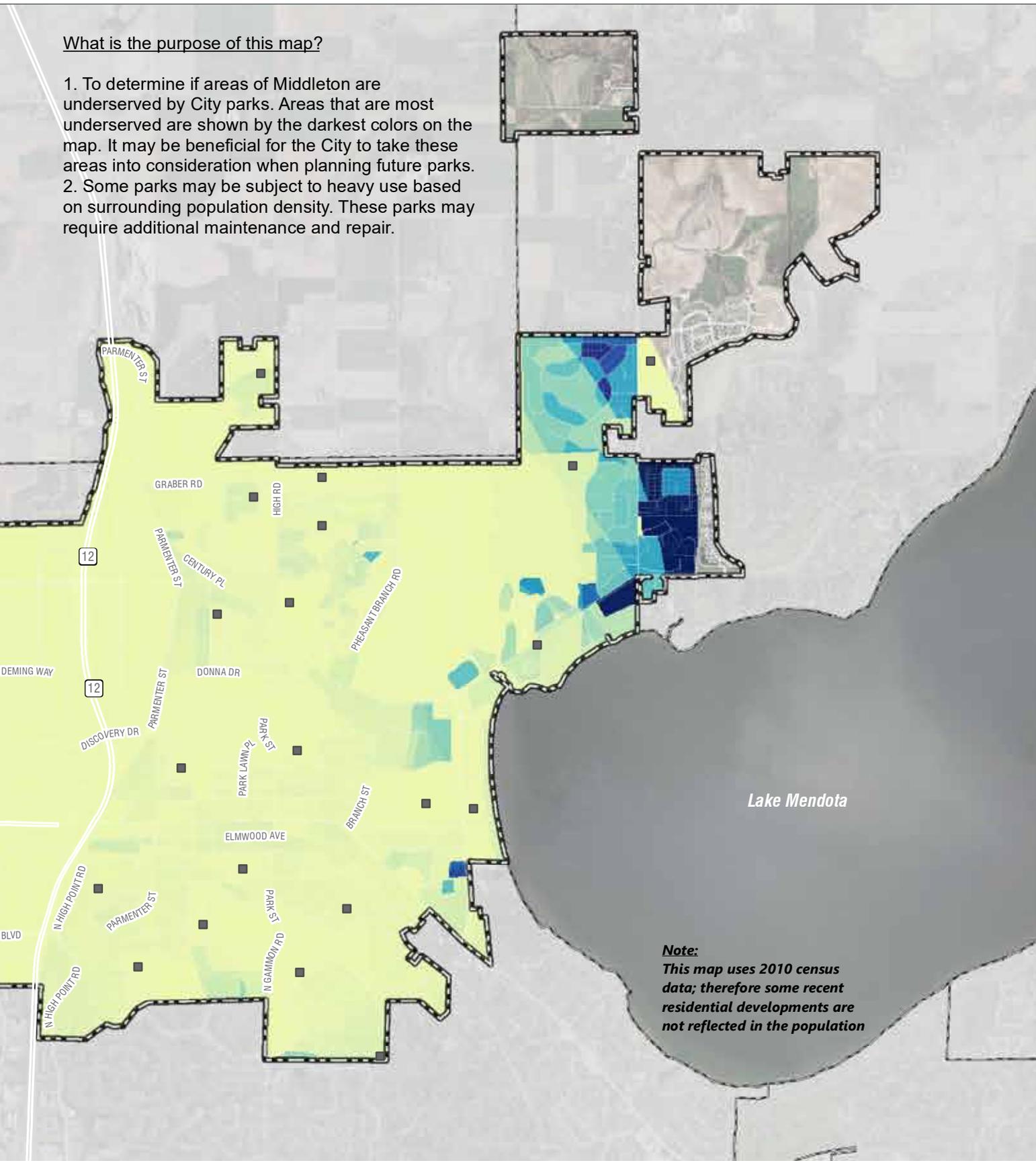


Data Sources:
Parks, Bike Paths: City of Middleton (2020)
Population Data: US Census (2010)
Aerial, Parcels, Water bodies, Non-Middleton Parks and Trails: Dane County (2020)



What is the purpose of this map?

1. To determine if areas of Middleton are underserved by City parks. Areas that are most underserved are shown by the darkest colors on the map. It may be beneficial for the City to take these areas into consideration when planning future parks.
2. Some parks may be subject to heavy use based on surrounding population density. These parks may require additional maintenance and repair.



Potentially Underserved Areas

Middleton CORP Maps
City of Middleton
Dane County, WI

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skating, and possibly the relocated site for the Madison Curling Club.

- I. Site I is parcel #080931164252 which is part of the Bishop's Bay development. This 7.7-acre parcel is the first portion of a potentially 50-acre community park to be dedicated to the City which the development plan calls the "Woodland Adventure Park". Potential amenities include a playground, lookout tower, hiking trails, disc golf, picnicking, mountain biking and a dog park. When looking at the entire Bishop's Bay subdivision, there is an estimated 76 acres that will be dedicated as public park land.
- J. Site J is a an approximately 1.5-acre park, including portions from parcel #070811280107 and #070811280303, planned as part of the City's Parmenter Redevelopment Vision Plan (currently in draft form). This park will serve adjacent planned multi-family developments and serve as a connection to the Pheasant Branch Trail corridor. As surrounding properties are developed in this area there is the potential for additional land to be dedicated as park land. Park amenities should include those found in a neighborhood park and should include places to play, relax, and eat/socialize.
- K. Site K is a 0.1-acre site that is located at the end of Baskerville Avenue. A park at this site would give the City a second access point to Lake Mendota and should include amenities such as a fishing pier, picnic areas, and possibly a canoe/kayak launch. The City should work closely with the neighborhood on visioning for the site. Creating mini-parks within neighborhoods that have lake access is similar to the approach other communities are using in the Madison Area.

As new park lands are acquired by the City, individual master plans should be developed in order to guide development. All individual master plans should be adopted as appendices to this plan in order to maintain eligibility for state and federal park and recreational grants.

Meeting the Needs of Urban Infill

Urban infill development is becoming increasingly common in Middleton as land available for new development is limited and access to transit and

retail prioritized. Infill development often includes housing which increases population density, but often there isn't additional land available for developers to dedicate as parkland for these new residents. This is becoming a common issue that many communities are faced with. As part of the CORP process, we did a review of communities across the US who are facing similar issues to find out what solutions they are attempting. Based on findings from this review, there are several options Middleton could use to address this challenge.

1) Convert unused, abandoned or vacant sites to parkland

Currently vacant parcels are one option for new community or neighborhood parks. See figure on right for currently vacant parcels in the City. Another option the City should consider is using leftover, unused spaces on parcels for conversion to pocket parks. Pocket parks should aim to accommodate as many different users as possible, prioritizing the needs of surrounding neighborhood residents. Pocket parks are typically no more than 1/4 acre and should be accessible to people of all ages and abilities, allow people to engage in activities, and be comfortable, social places. The suggested new park at site C (Figure 5.1) is an example of this.

2) Create an on-site open space requirement for multi-family development.

This on-site open space requirement could be based on the number of people anticipated to live in the development (e.g. Johnston, Iowa requires developers to dedicate 75 SF of park space on-site per person). This requirement could only apply to multi-family building with more than 50 units. Simple guidelines about location, design and makeup of the facilities should be provided (e.g. units geared toward families should provide playground equipment, units for seniors should provide walking paths). This approach will be more difficult to achieve on redevelopment sites and should take into consideration proximity to existing parks and open space.

3) Create "High Inclusion Parks" in areas projected to experience future infill development.

With few opportunities to create new park land in redevelopment areas, the City should look

Figure 5.3: Vacant Parcels in Middleton
Source: MSA

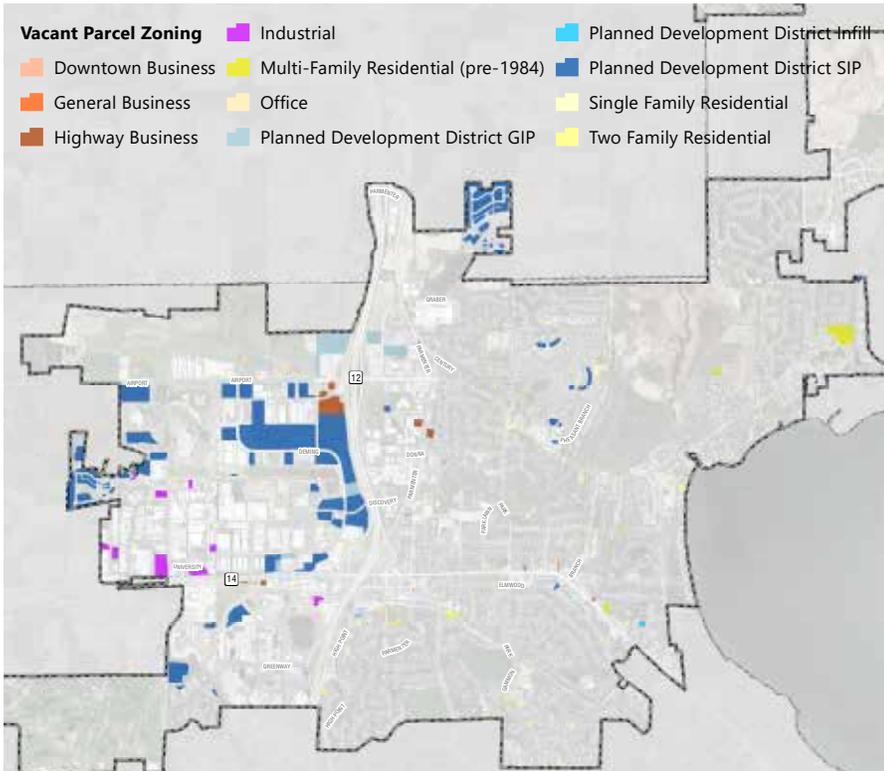


Figure 5.4: Proposed Middleton Market
Source: MSA



to expand experiences offered at existing parks. Enhancement of facilities should consider the following needs in the surrounding neighborhood, especially including infill development residents:

- Places to play
- Places to relax
- Places to eat and socialize
- Places to exercise

The goals of focusing on existing parks are: 1) expand the number of options for active and passive recreation, and 2) through the expanded options, expand the pool of potential users in terms of age, ability, socioeconomic status, etc.

Two areas in Middleton with current and continuing infill development are the University Avenue and North Parmerter Street corridors.

University Avenue Corridor

The first priority for conversion to a High Inclusion Park is Lakeview Park. Lakeview Park is a Community Park that currently has the largest pool of prospective park users, which is expected to grow by 5.9% by 2024 (an addition of 1,115 potential users). The adjacent 1.9 acre Lakeview East Park should be included in this transition as it currently contains few park amenities. A visioning exercise should be conducted with community residents to identify amenities that would make these spaces even more inclusive. Surrounding neighborhood residents should be part of conversation about changes that should occur with an emphasis on outreach to identify the needs of new infill housing residents. If the City does decide to go this route, the park-specific recommendations in section 5.1 will need to be re-evaluated.

Parmerter Street Corridor

The North Parmerter Street Corridor is another area experiencing infill development, but it has few existing

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parcs to expand upon. In 2021 the Middleton Market (The Aviary Apartments) will be developed on the Lisa Ln. site shown in Figure 5.4. The site will feature 262 apartment units, an outdoor plaza space and food hall/public market. The plaza will be used for holiday markets, large yard games/activities for kids and a dog park. The Middleton Market will be become a gathering place for residents. The City should look for opportunities acquire adjacent or nearby parcels to expand park

space here and engage nearby residents about what experiences should be included—places to play relax, socialize or exercise.

5.3 TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

The City should develop a local system of trails that link to regional trails and trail systems in adjacent communities. A map of the proposed routes and trail improvements can be found on page 104-

Route	Description
Trail Connections	
a	continue on-street bike path along Parmenter to Graber Pond
b	on-street or off-street multi-use path connection to Middleton Ridge Park via High St
c	on-street connection to Pheasant Branch Ridge via Algonquin Dr and to Middleton Hills-North via Spring Hill Dr
d	on-street connection to Hawkridge Park via Spring Hill Dr
e	off-street connection from Orchid Heights to Taylor Park via CTH Q
f	on-street connection from Pheasant Branch Conservancy to Century Ave Path via Highland Way
g	on-street connection of Centry Ave Path to Parmenter St via Donna Dr
h	continuation of on-street trail along University Ave
i	on-street connection of Meadow Park to the Good Neighbor Trail via South Ave, Meadowcrest Ln, Cooper Ave, and Park St.
j	on-street connection from Middleton Station to the Good Neighbor Trail via South Ave
k	on-street connection from Woodside Heights to Stricker Park
l	on-street connection from Parkside Heights to Century Ave via Northbrook Dr
m	on-street connection from Century Ave Path to Parmenter St via Century Ave

Route	Description
Other Trail Recommendations	
aa	remove anti-skid strips from center third of trail to allow for bikes
ab	improve safety for bikers and pedestrians on Pheasant Branch Trail crossing Century Ave
ac	improve safety for pedestrians crossing at Allen & Century
ad	improve safety for bikers crossing at Century Ave and Park St
ae	improve safety for pedestrians crossing Gammon Rd/Park Street near Elm Lawn Elementary
af	improve safety for pedestrians crossing University Ave at Park St
ag	improve safety for bikers and pedestrians crossing University Ave at Deming Way
ah	improve safety for bikers and pedestrians crossing University Ave at Parmenter St
ai	improve safety for bicyclists along Pleasant View Dr
aj	improve safety for bikers and pedestrians on the right turn lane from University Ave onto Allen Blvd

105 and in Appendix C. Descriptions of the trail recommendations are shown in the table below.

5.4 PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS

The City should continually re-evaluate its recreation programming plan and review annual outcomes of the Park, Recreation and Forestry Division's objectives. A survey to assess youth recreation programming needs was recently completed (YEAR?). In total there were 681 respondents (439 parents and 242 middle and high school students). Results of the survey showed interested in the following programming activities for each age group. Opportunities to expand these programs should be considered:

- **Pre-K:** Parents are interested in arts, crafts, music or dance classes for children with a preference for morning programming. Current barriers to participation are the hours they are offered. Top program time preferences include weekend mornings followed by weekday mornings and after-school hours.
- **Elementary School:** Parents are interested in swimming, Summer Recreation Programming, and art, music or dance classes. Current barriers to participation in these programs are the hours they are offered. Parents generally prefer to participate in these programs weekdays after school or on weekend mornings.
- **Middle School:** Parents and students are most interested in Summer Recreation Programming, and art, music or dance classes. Current barriers to participating in these programs are the hours they are offered and people don't know what programming is offered. The top time preference for this type of programming is weekdays after-school hours.
- **High School:** Parents and students are most interested in opportunities for volunteer work, part-time jobs, art, music or dance classes, ACT/SAT prep, and internships. Current barriers to participation include not knowing what programming is offered and the time programming is offered. Students prefer programming weekdays after-school hours.

To address the issue of people not knowing what programming is offered, the City should increase

it's marketing efforts. According to the survey, the top three ways people learn about programming are through email, the Rec guide, and fliers from school. Social media is another outlet that could be useful in reaching residents.

Other common programming recommendations from community members that came out of the community survey completed for this plan included:

- Mountain biking classes
- Gardening classes
- Summer day camps
- Foreign language classes
- Guided nature walks
- Programming for youth with disabilities

Survey respondents supported the City allocating additional funding on youth enrichment (43% of respondents), the Middleton Youth Center (43% of respondents) and youth sports (36%).

5.5 OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

General Parks

- Add new mulch and level play areas, at least twice per year
- Implement ADA Transition Plan (CIP, \$35,000 annual allocation for implementation)
- Identify park to install inclusive playground equipment
- When updating amenities at parks, consider recreation amenities for a variety of age groups
- Ensure adequate benches are available at parks with playgrounds for caregivers to watch children
- Explore possibility of turf fields and pickleball courts in public parks planned for Bishop's Bay

Partnerships

- Undergo an athletic field feasibility study with the Middleton-Cross Plains School District to evaluate the feasibility of turf complex on the northwest side of Middleton
- Explore possibility of using the greenspace behind the Gateway Community Church for soccer, ultimate frisbee, cricket or lacrosse fields. The City could offer to maintain the greenspace for the church.

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- Explore partnership with Town of Middleton to install 18-hole disc golf course at Ed Tallard Conservancy
- Partner with the Towns of Middleton, Springfield and Westport for parks that can benefit each community. The City should especially search for areas where sports fields could be developed (ultimate frisbee, lacrosse, baseball, soccer, cricket).
- If sports fields are developed in surrounding communities, the City of Middleton should consider working with the organizations it has use agreements with and explore moving some of the organizations' games to new fields in surrounding communities to allow the City more opportunities to use its fields for its own recreational programming. Doing this would give additional opportunities for participation in baseball or soccer programs for Middleton youth who aren't financially able to participate in private sports organizations.
- Ensure sports organizations are making specific field reservations instead of blanket reservations to open up availability for City programming and general community use.
- Reach out to the Village of Waunakee/Town of Westport and Village of Cross Plains to discuss potential partnerships for creation of a regional pool.
- Partner with the Middleton-Cross Plains School District to explore feasibility of creating a sledding hill behind Sauk Trail Elementary School.

Administrative

- Coordinate the next update of the CORP and the Conservancy Lands Plan. With scarce land available within the City for new parks, Conservancy lands can provide opportunities for some park amenities and trails. Coordination of both plans will also further the City's goal of having a connected network of trails and open space.
- Officially change the naming of the "Middleton Public Lands, Recreation and Forestry Department" to the "Middleton Park and Recreation Department" to better reflect the services it provides and to align with industry naming standards.

Chapter 6

IMPLEMENTATION

IMPLEMENTATION

This chapter summarizes tools and mechanisms that the City can use to fund implementation of the park, trail, and open space recommendations discussed in Chapter 5. This chapter also outlines the process for plan adoption and plan amendments.

6.1 TOOLS AND MECHANISMS TO FUND IMPLEMENTATION

Maintenance and operational expenses of the Middleton Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department are generally funded through property taxes and user fees. As the park system grows, the need to increase funding to meet the basic maintenance and operational costs also grows. Often there are insufficient funds to undertake major capital improvement projects. There are a wide variety of potential funding sources to assist with up-front capital costs, including acquisition of land and the development of new recreational facilities.

Grant Programs

An important source of funding is grant programs offered by state and federal agencies, especially the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Table 6.1 provides a summary of common state and federal park and recreation grant programs. The table is not an exhaustive list of grant programs, rather those that are typically used by jurisdictions to supplement acquisition and development of park and recreation areas. Other grant programs may exist and information regarding funding details shown in Table 6.1 should be verified prior to seeking grant funding.

Community Fundraising & Volunteer Groups

Community groups and civic organizations are sometimes willing to organize fundraising efforts to assist with costs, programming, and upkeep. "Friends of (name of park)" organizations can support specific parks on an ongoing basis. They may also be able to organize volunteer labor to assist with small development projects such as trail creation, maintenance, or playground installations. Local business and corporate support should also be sought. Both non-profit and for-profit organizations can be rewarded for their support with acknowledgment on a plaque or sign at the site.

501(c)3 Foundation

The City can set up an endowment fund as an additional means of providing continual financial support for park acquisition and development. An endowment fund is a self-sustaining account in which assets are invested. The annual disbursement amount of the fund is a set percent of assets, generally smaller than the accrued interest amount, which allows the value of the fund and assets to grow over time. A park endowment fund can provide a means for residents to provide ongoing donations to the City's park system with the certainty that the money donated will only be used for the advancement of recreation in the community. Gifts to an endowment fund are tax deductible under federal and state law. The PRFC has considered this approach in the past and should discuss again if this is an appropriate option for the City.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

As part of a broader plan to redevelop an area, the City can use tax increment financing to assist with parkland/trail acquisition and development. There are some limitations to what revenues from a TIF district can be used to pay for (e.g., generally the costs of constructing public buildings cannot be funded with TIF).

The City currently has two active TIF Districts-TIDs #3 and #5. Tax Increment Districts are generally created for the purpose of stimulating redevelopment and new public and private investments. Tax increment can however be used for land acquisition and site development, but could not be used for construction of park shelters.

Under state statute 66.1105 a municipality can use tax increment to complete public improvements within a 0.5-mile radius of the TID, so long as the use of the funds supports and benefits the TID and is identified as allowable in the TID project plan. Therefore, it may be possible for the City to use TIF increment to pay for trail improvement projects near TIDs or if it were to create any TIDs in the future.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Middleton should work with Greater Madison MPO and WisDOT to include recommendations of this Plan and/or future committees in annual updates of the Transportation Improvement Program, to facilitate access to federal and state funding support. In particular, the community

Table 6.1 Park and Recreation Grant Funding Programs

Funding Programs By Category	Maximum Award	Application Due Date	Granting Agency
Natural Heritage Land Trust (NHLT)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A non-profit conservation organization that buys land and holds conservation easements. Conservation easements are voluntary agreements between a landowner and an easement holder (NHLT) to protect land by restricting certain uses. Conservation easements are voluntary and permanent. 			
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This fund is used to implement projects that are identified by both the local and the state Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. In general, land acquisition, development, and renovation projects for public outdoor recreation purposes are eligible LWCF projects. LWCF does not include the "nature-based outdoor recreation" restriction that the Stewardship Local Assistance Programs do. 	50% local match required	1-May	DNR
Recreational Trails Program Grant			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible projects include: maintenance and restoration of existing trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages, construction of new trails, and acquisition of easement or property for trails. 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 reference in a statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan required by the federal LAWCON. 	Up to 50% of the total project costs of a recreational trail project. Payments are reimbursements on costs incurred after project approval.	1-May	DNR
Urban Forestry			
<p>Provides technical service and financial assistance to communities for developing urban forestry programs. Priorities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Communities needing to develop an urban forestry plan; Communities needing worker training; and Communities needing to conduct a street tree inventory. <p>Eligible projects include 1) Undertaking street tree inventories; 2) Training for Village tree workers; 3) Developing urban open space programs; 4) Developing urban forestry plans; 5) Developing a tree ordinance; 6) Developing a public awareness program; and, 7) Tree planting and maintenance</p>	50% local match required. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$25,000.	1-Oct	DNR
Lake Protection and Classification Grants			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed to assist lake users, lake communities and local governments as they undertake projects to protect and restore lakes and their ecosystems. Eligible projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase of property or a conservation easement Restoration of wetlands Development of local regulations or ordinances Lake classification projects that allow counties to design and implement local land and water management programs that are tailored to specific classes of lakes in response to various development and recreational use pressures (these grants are limited to \$50,000). Lake protection projects recommended in a DNR-approved plan including watershed management, lake restoration, diagnostic feasibility studies, or any other projects that will protect or improve lakes. 	25% local match required. \$200,000 maximum per project.	1-May	DNR
Recreational Boating Facilities Grant			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of capital improvements to provide safe recreational boating facilities and for feasibility studies related to the development of safe recreational facilities. Also includes purchase of navigation aids, dredging of channels of waterways, and chemically treating Eurasian water milfoil. 	50% local match required	Established quarterly	DNR

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Funding Programs By Category	Maximum Award	Application Due Date	Granting Agency
Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program			
The Stewardship Program was established in 1989 to preserve Wisconsin’s most significant land and water resources for future generations and to provide the land base and recreational facilities needed for quality outdoor experiences.	50% local match required	1-May	DNR

These goals are achieved by acquiring land and easements for conservation and recreation purposes, developing and improving recreational facilities, and restoring wildlife habitat.

This is an umbrella program that funds the following grants:

Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP)

- Helps to buy land or easements and develop or renovate local park and recreation area facilities for nature-based outdoor recreation purposed (e.g., trails, fishing access, and park support facilities).

Urban Green Space (UGS)

- Helps to buy land or easements in urban or urbanizing area to preserve the scenic and ecological values of natural open spaces for nature-based outdoor recreation, including non-commercial gardening.

Urban Rivers (UR)

- Helps to buy land on or adjacent to river flowing through urban or urbanizing areas to preserve or restore the scenic and environmental values of riverways for nature-based outdoor recreation.

Acquisition of Development Rights Grants (ADR)

- Helps to buy development rights (easements) for the protection of natural, agricultural, or forestry values, that would enhance nature-based outdoor recreation.

should request that “high priority” trail projects get included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Parkland Dedication

The City’s Municipal Code includes regulations regarding parkland dedication requirements. Section 19.03(5)(a) and 19.06(3)(k)(3) of the City’s Subdivision ordinance requires any proposed park or trail (as designated in the CORP, Comprehensive Plan or Official Map) be dedicated to the City as part of a plat approval, otherwise parkland dedication of at least 1,450 square feet per residential unit.

The Middleton Comprehensive Plan (2020) estimates that the number of residents in Middleton will increase by 2,631 between 2020 and 2030. Using the average persons per household value of 2.21 from 2014-2018 American Community Survey (ACS) data and assuming the City maintains a standard of 15 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, the City would need to require approximately 1,444 square feet of park space be dedicated per residential unit. Based on this finding, Middleton’s current parkland dedication requirement is appropriate.

Fees in Lieu

If parkland dedication is not possible or preferred due to the land configuration or proximity to planned or existing parks, a subdivider may satisfy the requirement for provisions of such park, recreation and general open space by payment of a fee in lieu of land. The fees are based on either “fair market value” of the amount of land which would otherwise be dedicated, or the amounts in the City of Middleton’s Fee Schedule, whichever is greater. The City of Middleton’s fee schedule currently includes a fee in lieu of \$2,901 for single- and (2+ bedroom) multi-family units. Studio or one bedrooms pay \$1,741 per unit.

We surveyed available for-sale properties that are undeveloped and found the average cost per acre of that land to be approximately \$115,000. Using this and the assumption that the City needs to acquire 39 acres to meet the needs of new residents through 2030, we assume that the City needs to collect \$5,024,606 total in fee-in-lieu between 2020 and 2030. If divided evenly between the 1,191 new dwelling units anticipated between 2020 and 2030, this is \$4,220 per dwelling unit. However, the City prefers to charge a reduced fee-in-lieu for multi-family units with one bedroom or less. Currently 18.8% of units in Middleton are multi-family with one-bedroom or less. If we

maintain the current ratio of charging multi-family units with one bedroom or less 60% of the total fee in lieu, the totals become:

- **\$2,676 for multi-family units with one bedroom or less**
- **\$4,460 for all other unit types**

This calculation still gives the City a total fee in lieu of approximately \$5,024,606 between 2020 and 2030 for new parkland.

Park Development Fees

While the parkland dedication or fees in lieu ensure sufficient parkland available to meet the needs of

new residents, park development fees fund park amenities for new residents. State statutes allow park development fees to be collected based on maintaining, not increasing current park service levels. These fees must be used within eight years or returned to the developer, with interest.

The City is currently providing 15 acres of developed parkland per 1,000 persons so the park development fee calculation maintains this assumption. A total of \$4,908,125 in fee, or \$4,123 per additional dwelling unit constructed over the next 10 years would ensure the City's ability to provide park facilities for new residents. Because the City prefers to charge a reduced park

Table 6.2 Calculation of Middleton's Land Dedication and Fee in Lieu

Land Dedication and Fee in Lieu Calculations	
A. Projected Population Increase from 2020 to 2030	2,631
B. Projected DU Increase from 2020 to 2030 (based on current avg. HH size of 2.21) (A/2.21)	1,191
C. Additional Acres Needed at 15 ac/1,000 residents (current City standard) [(A/1,000)*15]	39
D. Land Dedication Requirement: Acres per Household (C/B)	0.033
E. Land Dedication per Household in Square Feet (D*43,560)	1,444
F. Land Cost per Acre Estimate (average cost of undeveloped land)	\$ 115,729
G. Projected Cost of Land Acquisition (C*F)	\$ 4,567,824
H. Legal, Engineering, and Design Costs (G*10%)	\$ 456,782
I. Total Land Acquisition Cost (G+H)	\$ 5,024,606
J. Calculated Fee-in-Lieu of Land Dedication per HH (I/B)	\$ 4,220

Table 6.3 Calculation of Middleton's Park Development Fee

Park Improvement Costs			
Typical Neighborhood Park	Price	Typical Community Park	Price
Playground Equipment (1)	\$35,000	Playground Equipment (1)	\$80,000
Baseball/Softball (1 unlit)	\$200,000	Batting Cage (1)	\$25,000
Basketball Court (1)	\$50,000	Baseball/Softball (1 lit)	\$350,000
Tennis Court/Pickleball (2)	\$110,000	Tennis Court/Pickleball (4)	\$200,000
Bike/Walking Trail (1,200 LF)	\$30,000	Soccer Field (2)	\$90,000
Open-Air Shelter w/ Picnic Tables (1)	\$30,000	Bike/Walking Trail (3,600 LF)	\$90,000
Soccer Field (1)	\$60,000	Open-Air Shelter w/ Picnic Tables (1)	\$45,000
Signage	\$5,000	Enclosed Shelter w/ Restroom (1)	\$400,000
Landscaping & Lighting	\$45,000	Bleachers (2)	\$30,000
Turf/Site Work	\$60,000	Parking Lot (100 stalls)	\$120,000
Engineering - 10%	\$70,000	Signage	\$7,500
		Landscaping & Lighting	\$60,000
		Turf/Site Work	\$140,000
		Engineering - 10%	\$160,000
A. Total Park Improvement Costs	\$695,000		\$1,797,500
B. Typical Park Size in Acres (based on current City parks)	3		25
C. Total Park Improvement Costs Per Acre (A/B)	\$231,667		\$71,900
D. Adjacent Road and Utility Improvement Cost Per Acre (assumption of \$350/LF based on City estimates)	\$42,175		\$14,610
E. Average Improvement Cost/Acre (C+D)	\$273,841		\$86,510
F. Current Percent of Total Acres per 1,000 Residents	21%		79%
G. Average Improvement Cost Per Acre [(Neighborhood Parks E*F)+(Community Parks E*F)]			\$125,849

Projected Development Fee	
H. Projected Population Increase from 2020 to 2030	2,631
I. Projected Additional Dwelling Units Increase from 2020 to 2030	1,190
J. Additional Acres of Parkland Needed	39
K. Average Improvement Cost Per Acre	\$125,849
L. Projected Cost of all Improvements (J*K)	\$4,908,125
M. Improvement Cost Per Dwelling Unit (L/I)	\$4,123

Table 6.4 Summary of Land Dedication Requirements and Budgets in Peer Communities

	City of Middleton	City of Sun Prairie	City of Fitchburg	City of Verona	City of Monona
Park Impact Fees	Multi-family housing units with one bedroom or less = \$746 per unit All other dwelling types = \$1,244	Single-family and multifamily dwelling units = \$480.00 Assisted living dwelling units = \$190.00	\$670 per dwelling unit	\$300 per bedroom	none
Land Dedication Requirements	1,450 sq. ft. per dwelling unit	1 acre for every 23 dwelling units	2,900 sq. ft. per dwelling unit	1,800 sq. ft. per single-family and duplex unit; 1,250 sq. ft. per multifamily unit; 4% of the total acreage intended for commercial or industrial purposes.	2,000 sq. ft. per dwelling unit
Fees in Lieu of Land Dedication	Multi-family housing units with one bedroom or less = \$1,741.00 All other dwelling types = \$2,901.00	\$2,646 per dwelling units (\$990 playground improvement fee per building permit. If land is dedicated still collect \$990)	\$4,330 per dwelling unit	\$2,450.00 per single-family or duplex parcel; \$1,700.00 per unit for multifamily.	\$1,181 per dwelling unit
Capital Park Department Budget (2020)	\$287,000	\$916,300	\$329,000	unknown	\$1,570,000
Operational Park Department Budget (2020)	\$1,343,221	\$1,059,400	\$1,122,884	\$1,262,284	\$1,020,506
Operational Expenses per Capita	\$65	\$30	\$38	\$101	\$130
FTE & PTE Parks & Recreation Employees	• FTE: 6 • PTE: 8	• FTE: 9 • PTE: 2	• FTE: 5.5 • PTE: unknown	• FTE: 2 • PTE: unknown	• FTE: 6 • PTE: unknown
Total Number of Parks	29	41	52	31	24
Total Park Acreage	309	267	740	177	350
2019 WI DOA Population Estimate	20,713	34,926	29,177	12,442	7,871

development fee for multi-family units with one bedroom or less, these fees can be shifted so that multi-family units with one bedroom or less are charged 60% of the total fee. Using this breakdown the fees become:

- **\$2,736 for multi-family units with one bedroom or less**
- **\$4,560 for all other unit types**

This calculation still gives the City a parkland development fee of approximately \$4,908,125 between 2020 and 2030 to develop parkland for new residents.

State statutes allow an exemption for housing that meets the needs of lower-income residents. The City is committed to providing housing that is considered affordable (a household pays no more than 30% of its gross income towards housing costs), and “encouraging compact development and a mixed-income and diverse community where people in Middleton are able to afford to live in Middleton”. Therefore, the City may choose to waive fees to support affordability initiatives. If fees are waived they should be made up elsewhere (e.g. general fund or park fees) as the City needs to collect a total fee-in-lieu of \$5,024,606 and a total park improvement fee of \$4,908,125 between 2020 and 2030 to create new parks and amenities for new residents.

Comparable communities

Table 6.4 compares Middleton’s land dedication requirement (1,444 sq. ft. per unit) to peer communities in the region. Middleton’s land dedication requirement is lower than all of the communities but is most similar to Sun Prairie (about 1,893 sq. ft. per unit) and Verona (1,800 sq. ft. per single-family and duplex unit; 1,250 sq. ft. per multifamily unit; 4% of the total acreage intended for commercial or industrial purposes). Fitchburg has the highest land dedication requirement at 2,900 sq. ft. per dwelling unit.

When comparing Middleton’s fee in lieu of land dedication to communities in the region it is one of the higher ones; Fitchburg’s fees in lieu of land dedication is \$4,330. Middleton does charge a reduced fee of \$1,741 for multi-family housing units with one bedroom or less. This reduced rate is relatively low in the region.

Middleton’s park development fee of \$1,244 per dwelling unit is higher than all peer communities. Fitchburg’s park development fee is the next highest at \$670 per dwelling unit. Middleton does also offer a reduced fee of \$746 for multifamily units with one bedroom or less.

When comparing the operational budgets of peer communities to Middleton, Middleton spends \$65 per capita, which is the median of the communities. Monona spends the most at \$130 per capita and Sun Prairie spends the least at \$30 per capita.

6.2 SYSTEM STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

Realizing the desire of residents for improved and expanded programming and operation of the park and recreation system, as well as recommendations of this plan, staffing will remain a key consideration in continued maintenance and operations. Operations staffing levels have not increased in the City since 1995 despite public lands acreage nearly doubling during that time. The City currently has six full-time staff and eight part-time staff (total FTE of 10). According to NRPA’s 2020 Agency Review, communities of similar size (population of 20,000 to 49,999) offer a median of 8.9 FTEs per 10,000 residents; with a lower quartile of 5 and an upper quartile of 15.6. Middleton is currently providing 4.8 FTEs per 10,000 residents. If looking at FTEs by the total acres of parks maintained by agencies, Middleton falls into the 251 to 1,000 acres category which has a lower quartile of 19.1 FTEs, median of 41.5 FTEs and upper quartile of 101 FTEs.

When looking at Middleton’s peer communities (based on total population) in Wisconsin, Middleton is providing a higher than average FTE count in its Park Staff (10 FTE vs average of 7 FTE). While Middleton does appear higher than average in Wisconsin, it is important to remember that each community maintains different facilities, provides different programming, and experiences population growth to different degrees.

Middleton’s current staff responsibilities include:

- Maintain parks to meet current and future demands
- Ensure parks and facilities are barrier-free and meet special needs of residents
- Maintain 29.2 linear miles of trails

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- Coordinate subdivision review with other City departments to ensure suitable land is dedicated as parkland
- Coordinate development, use and maintenance with other outdoor recreation agencies
- Plan, direct and evaluate recreational programming
- Operate Aquatic Center and Youth Center
- Recruit and manage seasonal employees
- Coordinate recreation programming with School District
- Protect and enhance environmentally sensitive /Conservancy lands
- Protect and restore wildlife and plants in Conservancy areas
- Control exotic and invasive species
- Coordinate land conservation with neighboring communities and non-profit entities

Middleton’s conservancies, parks, forest and trails make up 27% of its land use and are a critical component of the high quality of life offered in the City, which attracts and retains businesses and residents. As the parks and recreation system expands and the population of the City continues to increase, it should be a high priority of the City to continue to provide park and recreation offerings that meet the needs of residents and help to attract people to the City.

In order to continue to provide consistent levels of service under increased park planning, acquisition, and existing park development needs, more full-time staff will be required. In addition to expansion, the Department has a continued need to respond to current system needs in facilities and programs.

6.3 EXISTING AGREEMENTS

The City has existing agreements with private sports organizations and the school district for use of its facilities. These agreements are summarized in Figure 6.6. As part of the CORP process, these agreements were reviewed to ensure that the City and the sports organizations are both having their needs met by the agreements. One concern that has come up during the planning process is that because the City has a limited number of ballfields, most are under use agreements with other organizations, and there are few areas in the City where new facility creation are possible, the City faces challenges finding field space for public programming coordinated by the City.

Due to its desire to improve equity in access to youth sports programming, the City should partner with the organizations it has agreements with to ensure equitable use of the City’s playfields. The City should work with the youth sports organizations to make the following changes:

Table 6.5 Comparison of Park Staffing in Wisconsin Communities
Source: Grand Chute Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department

Municipality	Population	Total Park Acreage	Full-time staff	Part-time staff	Total FTE (assumes part-time is 0.5 FTE)
Onalaska	18,711	300	2	1	3
Grand Chute	23,227	67	3	1	4
Germantown	20,590	400	4	0	4
Fitchburg	28,136	318	6	0	6
Fox Crossing	19,084	261	4	4	6
De Pere	24,970	400	5	3	7
Middleton	20,400	309	6	8	10
Marshfield	19,000	172	9	3	11
Neenah	28,000	367	7	7	11
Stevens Point	29,161	480	11	0	11
Average			5.65	2.7	7

- **Detailed Reservations:** For field use the City should require all organizations to provide specific dates and times they will need fields. This process should have deadlines that enable the City to establish schedules for its own programming in a timely way.
- **Hourly Rates:** The City should consider charging all organizations an hourly rate for field use. This way organizations only pay for what they use and the City receives sufficient funds for field maintenance.
- **Reservation System:** Consider a new online reservation system. Other communities, including Madison, have found success with Findspotz.com, which also improves the ability of private organizations to select and confirm their full schedule of field use.

will work towards requiring detailed reservations and charging hourly rates for existing and future private sports organizations it has agreements with.

6.4 PLAN ADOPTION & AMENDMENTS

This plan is adopted as a complement to the City's Comprehensive Plan. As such, procedures for adoption of this plan, and future amendments follow similar Commission Recommendation and Common Council approvals highlighted below:

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission Recommendation

Middleton's Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission (PRFC) shall meet to review the plan and pass a motion to recommend approval of the plan or plan amendment.

It should be noted that these are not changes that will occur overnight, but something the City will work toward in the spirit of improving equitable access to youth sports programming. The City

Table 6.6 Summary of Use Agreements with City of Middleton Parks, Recreation and Forestry

Entities	Key Points Related to Use	Timeframe
Middleton Baseball and Softball Commission <i>(Initial agreement-2007, Amendment 1(2008), Amendment 2(2011), Amendment 3(2014), Amendment 4 (2015), Amendment 5 (2016))</i>	+ MBSC has exclusive scheduling rights at Firefighter's Memorial Park +MBSC responsible for 100% of operating costs +School District is a party to agreements and has priority during high school baseball and softball seasons, practice times are 4-6:30 pm and until 1 pm on Saturday +Maintenance split between City, School District and MBSC	Automatic renewal every five years unless 60 days written notice is provided
Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District Land Use Agreements (2008)	+lease of 15 different parcels for City-owned programming +50 year leases, run with the land	2058
Cardinal Youth Football & Middleton Lacrosse (2016)	+Cardinal Youth Football has exclusive use of fields at Taylor Park August-October, Monday-Friday 5-8 pm and Saturday 8 am-5 pm +Middleton Lacrosse has exclusive use of fields at Taylor Park March-June, Monday-Friday 5-7:30 pm, Saturday 8 am-4 pm and Sunday 8 am-4 pm +City must get permission for use during exclusive use time	Automatic renewal every five years unless 60 days written notice is provided
Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District Rec Programming (2018 & 2019)	+7 district schools can be used for City rec programming +City can operate Youth Center at Kromrey Middle School and Clark Street Community School Monday-Friday during school year from 4-6 pm and Monday-Thursday 1:30-5:30 pm during the summer	2018-2023
Middleton Gators (2020)	+Use of City pool, restrooms and lockers during specified times to be approved by Parks Director +Preseason practice-no earlier than 3 pm +Regular season morning practices from 6 am to 11 am +Dive team from 6-8 pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday	January-December 2020
Metropolitan Refuse District, Village of Shorewood Hills, Village of Waunakee, and Middleton Yahara Soccer Club (MYSC) (2014)	+MYSC given permission to construct improvements related to soccer fields, nothing noted on use of soccer fields	Automatic renewal every 15 years unless one year written notice is provided

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Planning Commission Recommendation

Middleton's Planning Commission shall meet to review the plan and pass a motion to recommend approval of the plan or plan amendment.

Public Hearing

Prior to adopting this plan, or plan amendment, Middleton may, but is not required to, hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed plan or plan amendment. A notice should be published up to 30 days before a public hearing that contains, at minimum, the following:

- The date, time and location of the hearing.
- A summary of the proposed plan or plan amendment.
- The local government staff who may be contacted for additional information.
- Where to inspect and how to obtain a copy of the proposed plan or amendment before the hearing.

The notice should also provide a method for submitting written comments, and those comments should be read or summarized at the public hearing. The public hearing may be held by either the Plan Commission or Common Council. Public Hearings for this plan are considered to be best practice, but are not a requirement of the WDNR.

Plan Adoption

This plan and any future amendments become official City policy when the Common Council passes, by a majority vote, a resolution to adopt. The Common Council may choose to revise the plan after it has been recommended by the PRFC and Planning Commission, and after any potential public hearing (optional).

Plan Amendment vs. Plan Update

Amendments can be made at any time, but the City should not amend the plan more than once per year. A common recommended approach is to establish a consistent annual schedule for consideration of minor plan amendments.

This plan should be updated every five years in order to maintain eligibility for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Stewardship Funding. Unlike an amendment, a plan update would revisit the entirety of the plan content and include more robust opportunities for public participation.

6.5 ACTION PLAN

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission has prioritized certain recommendations for each existing park in Middleton. These are explored park by park in Chapter 5. Table 6.7 lists these improvements in a singular list to provide easy access to desired improvements by park. Table 6.8 lists only the high-priority improvements, which are generally improvements with implementation schedules over the next three years (2021-2023).

Several of the parks include recommendations for solar lighting to increase efficiency and reduce operation costs to the City. Figure 6.8 includes an example of a type of solar lighting fixture the City might consider.

Table 6.7 Park Improvements

Mini Parks			
Park Name	Priority	Improvement	Estimated Cost
Baskerville Park Overall Estimate: \$60,000+	HIGH	Add 10' accessible route (120 LF, asphalt)*	\$4,500
	LOW	Upgrade play quipment (2033 PIP)	\$49,500
	HIGH	Remove tree so slide and picnic table are out of fall zone	\$2,500 - \$4,000
	HIGH	Sandbox-add new frame and replace sand	\$3,500
Boundary Road Park Overall Estimate: \$52,000	LOW	Install bike rack (4 bikes) on concrete pad*	\$1,000
	HIGH	Replace two picnic tables and benches	\$3,000
	LOW	Replace play equipment (2030 PIP)	\$46,000
	HIGH	Install accessible route to picnic table (50 LF @ 5' wide)	\$2,000
Hawkridge Park Overall Estimate: \$48,500	HIGH	Add bike rack on existing concrete slab	\$1,000
	HIGH	Locate accessible picnic table and relocate trash receptacle along accessible route (assumes new pad for table)*	\$2,000
	HIGH	Sandbox - clean and level sand	\$2,000
	MED	Add mulch and level play area	\$1,500
	HIGH	Replace wood picnic table	\$1,000
	MED	Level concrete slab and fix cracks	\$3,000
	MED	Replace play equipment (2024 PIP)	\$38,000
Hillcrest Park Overall Estimate: \$49,000	LOW	Replace play equipment (2027 PIP)	\$41,000
	MED	Sandbox-clean and level sand	\$2,000
	HIGH	Replace picnic tables (3)	\$2,500
	MED	Add accessible table and accessible path to table	\$2,500
	LOW	Replace concrete approach to play area	\$1,000
Hinrichs Family Farm Park Overall Estimate: \$100,500	MED	Execute Master Plan (24' shelter, concrete pad for shelter and bike rack, basketball court)	\$96,500
	HIGH	Create accessible route from parking or sidewalk to multi-use field (100 LF)*	\$3,500
	HIGH	Relocate trash receptacle, mutt mitt and accessible picnic table along accessible route*	\$500
Lakeview East Park Overall Estimate: \$111,500+	HIGH	Finalize park naming	N/A
	HIGH	Develop Master Plan	\$12,000 - \$20,000
	MED	Implementation of Master Plan, could include the following recommendations from this planning process: -create accessible route to picnic table, horseshoes, benches (\$5,500) -install paved bench pads (3) (\$1,500) -install accessible picnic tables (\$2,000) -replace benches (3) -upgrade existing play area (2032 PIP) (\$48,500) -install community gardens (\$10,500) -install shade structure or plant shade trees (\$10,000) -add small pergola for tables (\$16,500) -install bike rack (\$1,000)	\$99,500
Middleton Ridge Park Overall Estimate: \$8,000+	HIGH	Plant shade trees or install shade structures	\$500 - \$10,000
	HIGH	Add benches (2) and picnic tables (3) (1 of each accessible)	\$6,000
	MED	Create accessible entry to playground from path (200 SF)	\$1,500
Pheasant Branch Ridge Park Overall Estimate: \$45,000+	LOW	Upgrade playground equipment (2029 Playground Improvement)	\$45,000
	MED	Plant shade trees	\$500 each

* = recommendation carried forward from the City's 2014 CORP

PIP = Playground Improvement Plan

CIP = Capital Improvement Plan

Table 6.7 Park Improvements

Neighborhood Parks			
Park Name	Priority	Improvement	Estimated Cost
Fireman's Park Overall Estimate: \$1,414,500	MED	Install bike parking (8 bikes)*	\$2,000
	HIGH	Install accessible drinking fountain*	\$7,500
	LOW	Add park shelter (2024 CIP)	\$1,200,000
	LOW	Expand basketball court to a full-court with upgraded hoops and color surface (2024 CIP)	\$30,000
	MED	Execute Master Plan Recommendations (move swings to create green space, expand playground site, add path to North Ave (285 LF))	\$29,000
	LOW	Replace play equipment (2028 Playground Improvement)	\$146,000
Meadows Park Overall Estimate: \$42,500	LOW	Remove/relocate batting cage closer to ball diamond*	\$1,500
	MED	Install bike rack (6 bikes) with concrete pad*	\$1,500
	MED	Replace existing table (1) and benches (3)	\$4,500
	MED	Sandbox - new clean sand	\$2,000
	HIGH	Replace playground equipment (2021 CIP)	\$33,000
Middleton Hills Park-North Overall Estimate: \$175,000+	HIGH	Install restrooms	\$150,000
	MED	Add solar lighting along multi-use path (5)	\$25,000 - \$35,000
Middleton Hills Park-South Overall Estimate: \$80,000+	HIGH	Resurface basketball court* (2023 CIP)	\$20,000
	LOW	Remove trail roundabout*	\$1,500
	LOW	Install concrete "bag toss" near volleyball court*	\$2,500
	MED	Clean/paint pergola	\$2,500 - \$5,500
	HIGH	Replace damaged metal bench	\$1,500
	HIGH	Replace playground equipment (2023 PIP)	\$52,000
Middleton Station Park Overall Estimate: \$42,000	HIGH	Add bike rack with concrete pad	\$2,000
	MED	Replace playground equipment (2026 PIP)	\$40,000
Parisi Park Overall Estimate: \$613,500+	HIGH	Create Master Plan. This should be done in coordination with the Pheasant Branch Creek Corridor Master Plan planned for 2021 in the 2018-2023 Conservancy Lands Plan.	\$20,000 - \$35,000
	HIGH	Implementation of Master Plan, could include the following recommendations from this planning process: -correct slopes along shelter accessible route* (\$5,000) -correct accessibility issues with drinking fountain and informational signage (\$9,500) -create accessible route from parking or sidewalk to bench (\$9,000) -replace existing shelter with more modernized facilities, including year-round restroom facilities (2022 CIP) (\$550,000)	\$573,500
	HIGH	Resurface basketball court (2022 CIP)	\$20,000

* = recommendation carried forward from the City's 2014 CORP

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Table 6.7 Park Improvements

Neighborhood Parks			
Park Name	Priority	Improvement	Estimated Cost
Parkside Heights Park Overall Estimate: \$118,532	HIGH	Install accessible route to ADA transfer mat (83 LF)*	\$3,000
	MED	Install bike rack (8 bikes) on concrete pad*	\$2,000
	HIGH	Upgrade drinking fountain to meet ADA standards*	\$4,000
	MED	Sandbox - new clean sand	\$2,000
	MED	Replace picnic tables (2) and benches (3) (1 accessible bench)	\$5,500
	MED	Replace/remove metal climbing tower	\$16,000
	LOW	Replace play equipment (2031 playground replacement)	\$48,500
	HIGH	Install accessible route to ADA picnic table	\$2,000
	HIGH	Repave 477 lineal feet of 8 foot wide path (2023 CIP)	\$43,000
Stonefield Park Overall Estimate: \$185,500+	LOW	New tennis courts (2) (including nets) - consider striping for pickleball	\$133,000-\$167,500
	MED	Clean weeds, grade and add new sand to volleyball court	\$2,000
	MED	Remove tennis practice wall	\$8,000
	MED	Repair/replace base for tables in picnic area (2,600 SF)	\$8,500
	HIGH	Replace playground equipment (2022 PIP)	\$34,000
Stricker Park Overall Estimate: \$133,500+	HIGH	Upgrade drinking fountain to meet ADA standards*	\$5,000
	HIGH	Repair asphalt path*	\$9,000
	HIGH	Create accessible route from parking or sidewalk to backstop (75 LF)*	\$1,500
	MED	Upgrade playground equipment (2025 PIP)	\$58,000
	LOW	Improve drainage to remedy flooding of path and soccer field (56,000 SF)	\$40,000 - \$60,000
	MED	Resurface basketball court (2025 CIP)	\$20,000
Woodside Heights Park Overall Estimate: \$20,000	MED	Resurface basketball court and upgrade hoops and color surface (2021 CIP)	\$20,000

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Table 6.7 Park Improvements

Community Parks			
Park Name	Priority	Improvement	Estimated Cost
Firefighters Memorial Park Overall Estimate: \$427,000+	HIGH	Create accessible routes to athletic fields*	\$300,000
	MED	Install solar lights in parking lot	\$20,000 - \$35,000
	MED	Add shelter (rental opportunity) (partnership with school district)	\$45,000 - \$60,000
	HIGH	Install shade trees (10) on south side	\$5,000
	MED	Install bike racks (18 bikes)	\$2,000
	LOW	Install shade structure over play area	\$22,500
	HIGH	Put ADA stalls by drop off area and add direct route to trail	\$3,500
	HIGH	Add accessible seating around play structure (2)	\$4,000
	HIGH	Make bathrooms and concession stand accessible	\$20,000 - \$80,000
HIGH	Make ADA improvements to baseball fields	\$5,000 - \$15,000	
Lakeview Park Overall Estimate: \$343,000+	HIGH	Have engineer do analysis of tennis courts to rule out underlying issues with cracking	\$1,500
	MED	If no underlying issues are found with tennis courts, install tile system over courts- consider striping for pickleball	\$70,000 - \$175,000
	MED	Lower tennis court landscaping to allow surface water to drain off the courts	\$5,000
	HIGH	Add shaded structures around splash pad	\$30,000
	HIGH	Install accessible route from splash pad to playground (115 LF)	\$4,500
	HIGH	Install bike rack (18 bikes)	\$2,500
	HIGH	Improve drainage near playgrounds (6,500 SF)	\$9,500
	MED	Install sledding hill in park or off the back of Sauk Trail Elementary School	\$20,000 - \$80,000+
	HIGH	Splashpad improvement project (2021 CIP)	\$200,000 +
Orchid Heights Park Overall Estimate: \$380,000+	HIGH	Upgrade drinking fountain to ADA standards*	\$5,000
	MED	Install concrete pads for bleachers (550 SF)*	\$4,000
	HIGH	Path maintenance - cracks and vegetation	\$5,000 - \$20,000
	MED	Resurface basketball court (2021 CIP)	\$10,000
	LOW	Complete architectural/HVAC study to determine feasibility of conversion of restroom to year round use. If possible, complete conversion.	\$40,000-\$60,000
	HIGH	Repaving 3,515 lineal feet of 10 foot wide path (2022 CIP)	\$316,500
Penni Klein Park Overall Estimate: \$569,000+	MED	Install bike rack (18 bikes)*	\$2,000
	LOW	Acquisition and development of the parcel adjacent to the western boundary to provide an additional 2-3 soccer fields*	\$133,000 plus acquisition costs
	MED	Install solar lights in parking lot	\$65,000 - \$85,000
	HIGH	Create accessible routes to athletic fields (1,300 LF)	\$31,500
	HIGH	Install picnic tables (10)	\$7,500
	HIGH	Install universal play equipment	\$80,000 - \$120,000
	HIGH	Install restrooms and concessions (partnership with school)	\$250,000 - \$1,000,000 +
Taylor Park Overall Estimate: \$70,000+	LOW	Expansion of parking lot and re-do porous asphalt	\$70,000 - \$85,000

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Table 6.7 Park Improvements

Special Use Parks			
Park Name	Priority	Improvement	Estimated Cost
Lake Street Boat Launch Overall Estimate: \$76,000+	MED	Pier bumpers (Rhino type) needed for temporary parking and van loading spaces*	\$50/EA
	HIGH	Develop Master Plan	\$8,000 - \$10,000
	LOW	Implementation of Master Plan, could include the following recommendations from this planning process: -install canoe/kayak launch (\$50,000-\$67,000) -install ADA path from Harbor Athletic Club lot to boat launch (675 LF asphalt) (\$18,000)	\$68,000-\$85,000
Metropolitan Community Park/Community Dog Park Overall Estimate: \$1,535,500	HIGH	Add exterior accessible route, relocate amenities along route (3,600 LF at 8' wide asphalt)*	\$86,500
	MED	Add concrete pads under bleachers, tables*	\$10,500
	HIGH	Separate entrance and exit for trash area to relieve congestion	\$3,500
	LOW	Implement 2014 Master Plan (expansion of parking, additional soccer fields, improvements to dog park, trail system)	\$1,362,000
	MED	Incorporate dedicated area to play fetch with dogs	\$13,000 - \$19,500
	HIGH	Install solar lighting (12) at dog park	\$60,000
Middleton Bike Park Overall Estimate: \$190,000+	LOW	Add more one-way bike trails	\$8 - 10 LF
	HIGH	Finalize park naming	N/A
	LOW	Implementation of IMBA Bike Park Master Plan: -install asphalt pump track (\$150,000) -install trailhead (\$10,000) -install slope course (\$30,000)	\$190,000
Quarry Skate Park Overall Estimate: \$12,000	LOW	Install shade structure*	\$16,500
Walter Bauman Pool (Aquatic Center) Overall Estimate: \$6,172,878	LOW	Install security system*	\$33,500
	HIGH	Annual pool maintenance (CIP)	\$250,000 (\$50,000/year for 2021-2025)
	MED	Pool renovation	\$6,274,000
	HIGH	Create a plan for the future of the aquatic center. The future aquatic center plan should include a connection to the Pheasant Branch Trail Corridor.	\$35,000-\$65,000

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Table 6.8 High Priority Park Improvements (2021-2023)

Mini Parks		
Park Name	Improvement	Estimated Cost
Baskerville Park	Add 10' accessible route (120 LF, asphalt)*	\$4,500
	Remove tree so slide and picnic table are out of fall zone	\$2,500-\$4,000
	Sandbox-add new frame and replace sand	\$3,500
Boundary Road Park	Replace two picnic tables and benches	\$3,000
	Install accessible route to picnic table (50 LF @ 5' wide)	\$2,000
Hawkridge Park	Add bike rack on existing concrete slab	\$1,000
	Locate accessible picnic table and relocate trash receptacle along accessible route (assumes new pad for table)*	\$2,000
	Sandbox - clean and level sand	\$2,000
	Replace wood picnic table	\$1,000
Hillcrest Park	Replace picnic tables (3)	\$2,500
Hinrichs Family Farm Park	Create accessible route from parking or sidewalk to multi-use field (100 LF)*	\$3,500
	Relocate trash receptacle, mutt mitt and accessible picnic table along accessible route*	\$500
Lakeview East Park	Finalize park naming	N/A
	Have engineer do analysis of tennis courts to rule out underlying issues with cracking	\$1,500
	Develop Master Plan	\$12,000-\$20,000
Middleton Ridge Park	Plant shade trees or install shade structures	\$500 - \$10,000
	Add benches (2) or picnic tables (3)	\$6,000
Neighborhood Parks		
Park Name	Improvement	Estimated Cost
Fireman's Park	Install accessible drinking fountain*	\$7,500
Meadows Park	Replace playground equipment (2021 CIP)	\$33,000
Middleton Hills Park-North	Install restrooms	\$150,000
Middleton Hills Park-South	Resurface basketball court* (2023 CIP)	\$20,000
	Replace damaged metal bench	\$1,500
	Replace playground equipment (2023 PIP)	\$52,000
Middleton Station Park	Add bike rack with concrete pad	\$2,000
Parisi Park	Create Master Plan	\$20,000-\$35,000
	Implementation of Master Plan, including items from planning process	\$573,500
	Resurface basketball court (2022 CIP)	\$20,000
Parkside Heights Park	Install accessible route to ADA transfer mat (83 LF)*	\$3,000
	Upgrade drinking fountain to meet ADA standards*	\$4,000
	Install accessible route to ADA picnic table	\$2,000
	Repave 477 lineal feet of path (2023 CIP)	\$43,000
Stonefield Park	Replace playground equipment (2022 PIP)	\$34,000
Stricker Park	Upgrade drinking fountain to meet ADA standards*	\$5,000
	Repair asphalt path*	\$9,000
	Create accessible route from parking or sidewalk to backstop (75 LF)*	\$1,500

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	Put ADA stalls by drop off area and add direct route to trail	\$3,500
	Add accessible seating around play structure (2)	\$4,000
	Make bathrooms and concession stand accessible	\$20,000 - \$80,000
	Make ADA improvements to baseball fields	\$5,000 - \$15,000
Lakeview Park	Add shaded structures around splash pad	\$30,000
	Install accessible route from splash pad to playground (115 LF)	\$4,500
	Install bike rack (18 bikes)	\$2,500
	Improve drainage near playgrounds (6,500 SF)	\$9,500
	Splashpad improvement project (2021 CIP)	\$200,000 +
Orchid Heights Park	Upgrade drinking fountain to ADA standards*	\$5,000
	Path maintenance - cracks and vegetation	\$5,000 - \$20,000
	Repaving 3,515 lineal feet of path (2022 CIP)	\$316,500
Penni Klein Park	Create accessible routes to athletic fields (1,300 LF)	\$31,500
	Install picnic tables (10)	\$7,500
	Install universal play equipment	\$80,000-\$120,000
	Install restrooms and concessions (partnership with school)	\$250,000 - \$1,000,000 +
Special Use Parks		
Park Name	Improvement	Estimated Cost
Lake Street Boat Launch	Develop Master Plan	\$8,000-\$10,000
Metropolitan Community Park/Community Dog Park	Add exterior accessible route, relocate amenities along route (3,600 LF at 8' wide asphalt)*	\$86,500
	Separate entrance and exit for trash area to relieve congestion	\$3,500
	Install solar lighting (12) at dog park	\$60,000
Middleton Bike Park	Finalize park naming	N/A
Walter Bauman Pool (Aquatic Center)	Annual pool maintenance (CIP)	\$250,000 (\$50,000/year for 2021-2025)
	Create a plan for the future of the aquatic center	\$35,000-\$65,000

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Figure 6.8 Example of Solar Lighting the City Might Consider for Parks
Source: Sundial Solar



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Advanced Solar Lighting

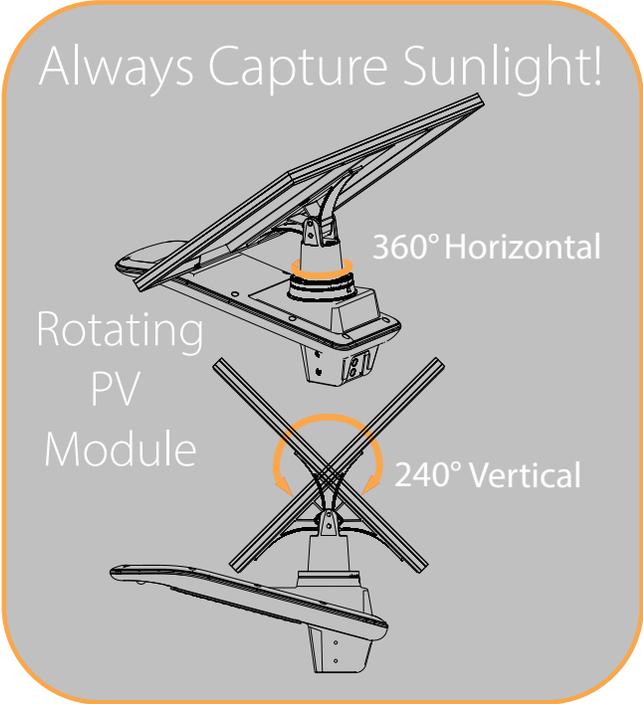
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APPENDIX A: SURVEY RESULTS



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COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

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To encourage public involvement in the City of Middleton Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the City created an online public opinion survey. The survey was available May 1 through June 1, 2020 and hosted on Survey Monkey.

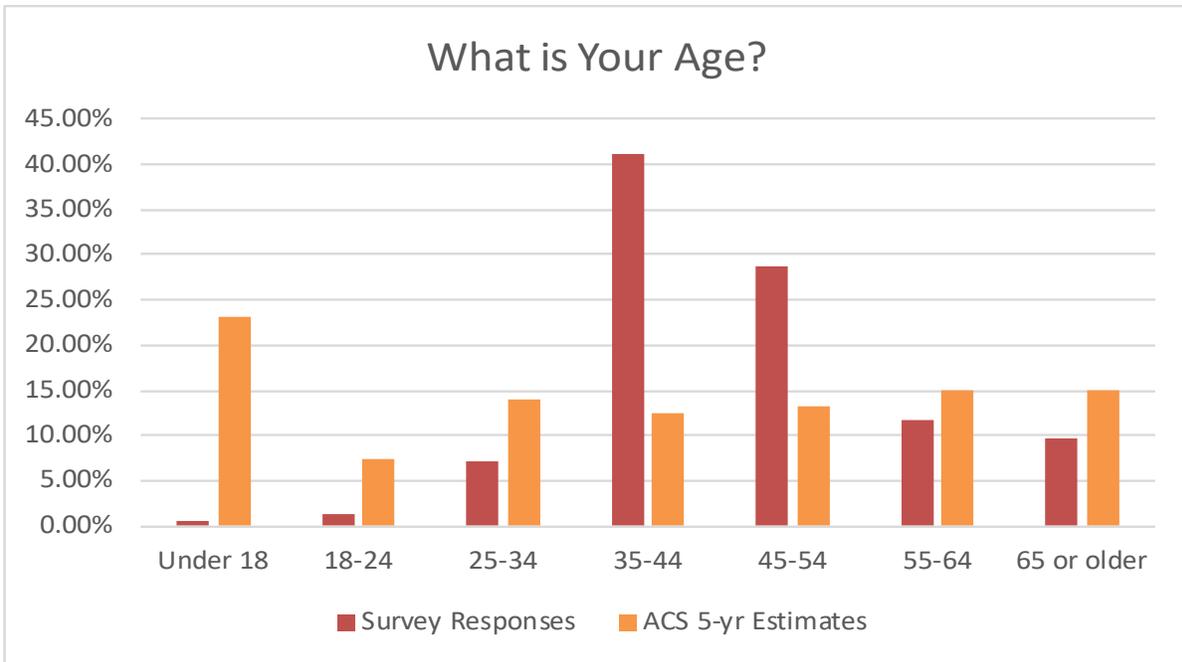
In total, 489 individuals took the survey. Approximately 65% of those who took the survey live in Middleton and the additional live in neighboring municipalities. Most respondents who are not Middleton residents are from either the Town of Middleton, at 11%, or the City of Madison, also at 11%. The remaining respondents were distributed between other cities, villages and towns near Middleton. Refer to Q3 on page A-4 for more information.

The survey represents a diverse group demographically, though certain groups were under- and over-represented. Generally younger members of the community were under-represented and those categorized as middle-age were over-represented. For instance, those 18 and under represented 0.4% of survey respondents but make up 22% of Middleton residents. Those age 35-54 represented 70% of survey respondents but only make up 26% of the population of the City. The figure depicting respondents' answers to their corresponding age group compared to 2014-2018 American Community Survey Estimates is shown under Q1 page A-3.

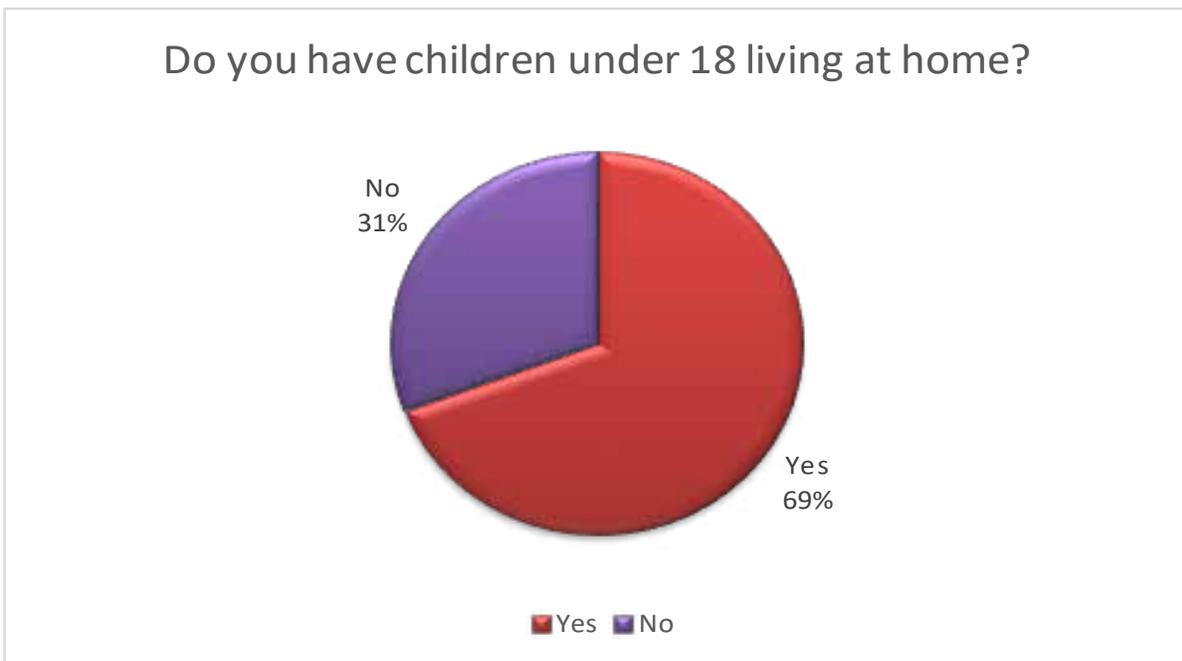
Responses in this summary include responses for all survey respondents no matter their place of residence, and include comments. For questions where there was a significant difference between all responses and only city resident responses, those differences are noted.

Questions with asterisks indicate that there are open ended responses that are included at the end of this Appendix. The number in parentheses after the question indicates the number of people who answered the question.

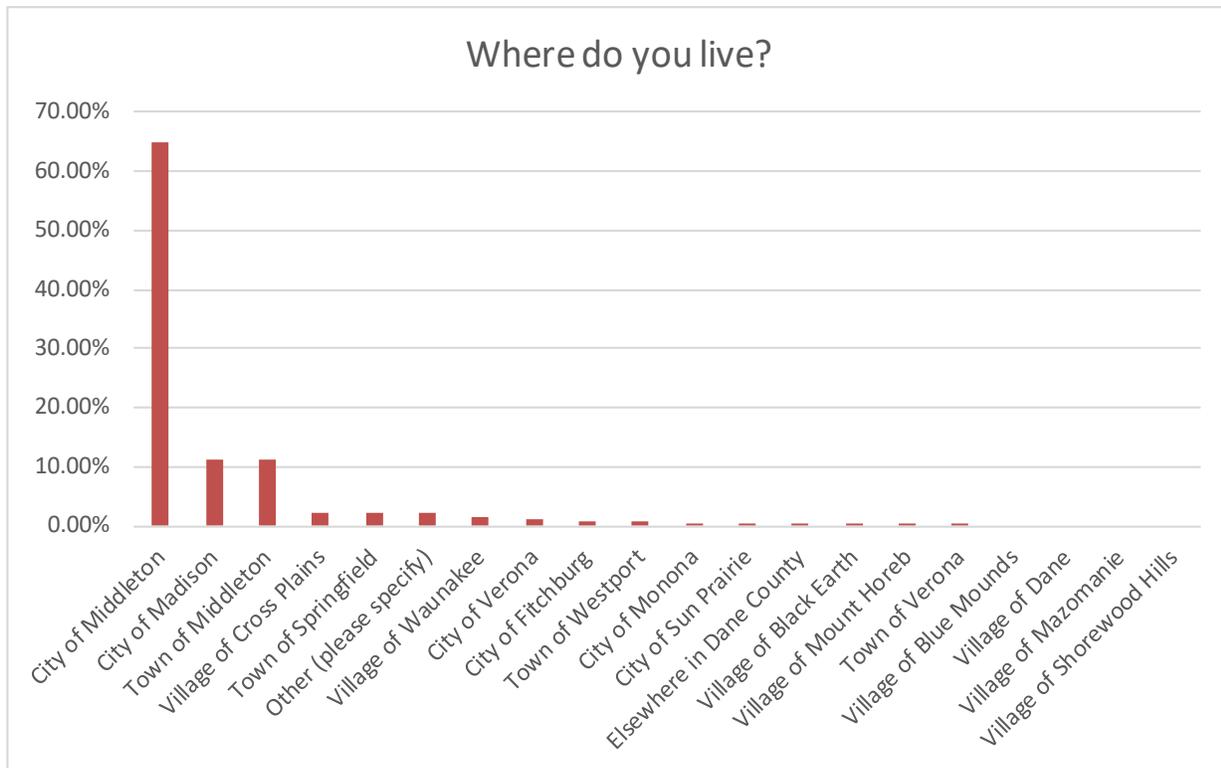
Q1 WHAT IS YOUR AGE? (487)



Q2 DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME WHO ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 18? (485)

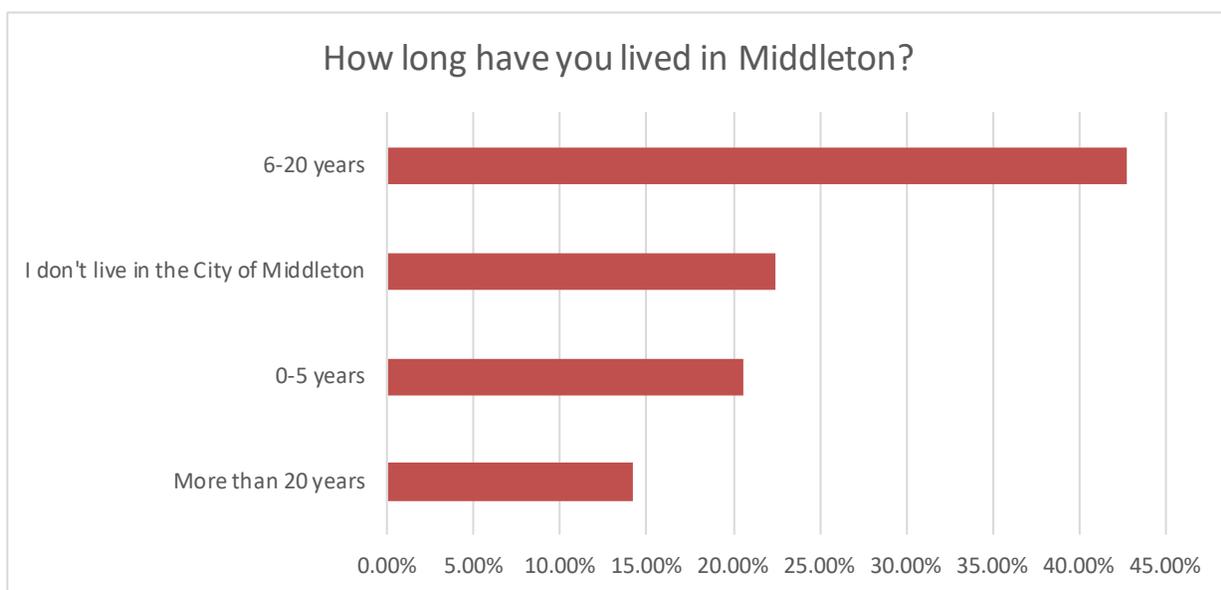


Q3 WHERE DO YOU LIVE? (485)*



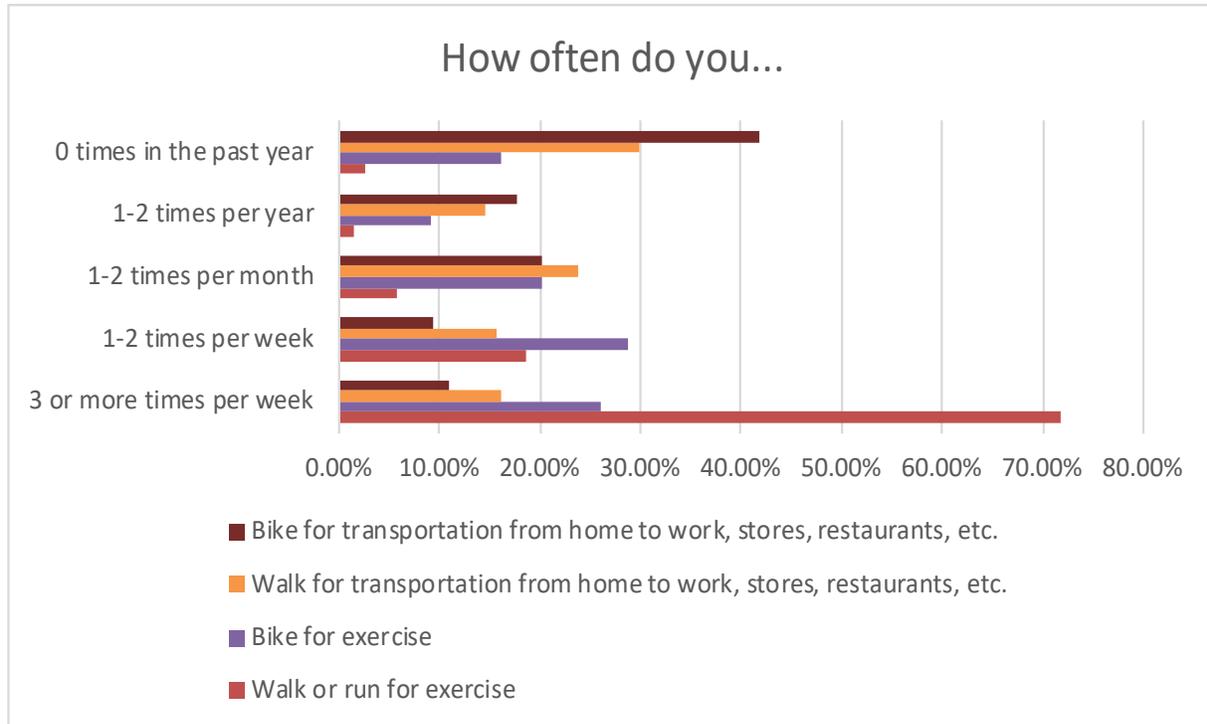
65% of respondents were from the City of Middleton, followed by the City of Madison and the Town of Middleton, both at 11% each.

Q4 HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN THE CITY OF MIDDLETON? (486)



Overall, 22% of respondents answered that they did not live in the City. Of those who were Middleton residents, 43% have lived in the City for 6-20 years.

Q5 HOW OFTEN DO YOU...? (437)



The activity that 70% of respondents did most often was walking or running for exercise 3 or more times per week, followed by 29% of respondents who answered biking for exercise 1-2 times per week. Contrast this with the large percentage of people, 30% and 42% respectively, who answered that they did not walk or bike at all for transportation. This indicates that walking/running and biking are done as leisure activities more than as a way to get places perhaps due to insufficient connectivity between homes and workplaces.

Q6 IS THERE A SPECIFIC LOCATION OR DESTINATION IN THE CITY OF MIDDLETON THAT NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED FOR BICYCLE OR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY? (237)*

There were many different responses to this question. The most common are listed here:

- ◇ Century Ave. - mentioned 61 times
- ◇ University Ave. - mentioned 45 times
- ◇ Pleasant View Rd. - mentioned 26 times
- ◇ Allen Blvd. - mentioned 19 times
- ◇ Old Sauk Rd. - mentioned 13 times

A list of all the answers can be found at the end of this summary.

Q7 WHERE WOULD YOU PRIORITIZE THE LOCATION OF NEW BIKE FACILITIES, ROUTES, OR TRAILS? (204)*

Common answers to this question included:

- ◇ Century Ave. is mentioned 32 times as needing bike lanes or bike paths.
- ◇ Needing more connections into downtown Middleton was mentioned 19 times.
- ◇ University Ave. is mentioned 16 times in the context of connections across it and also connections along it to downtown Madison and campus.
- ◇ Connections to Cross Plains were mentioned 8 times.
- ◇ Connections to Waunakee were mentioned 6 times.

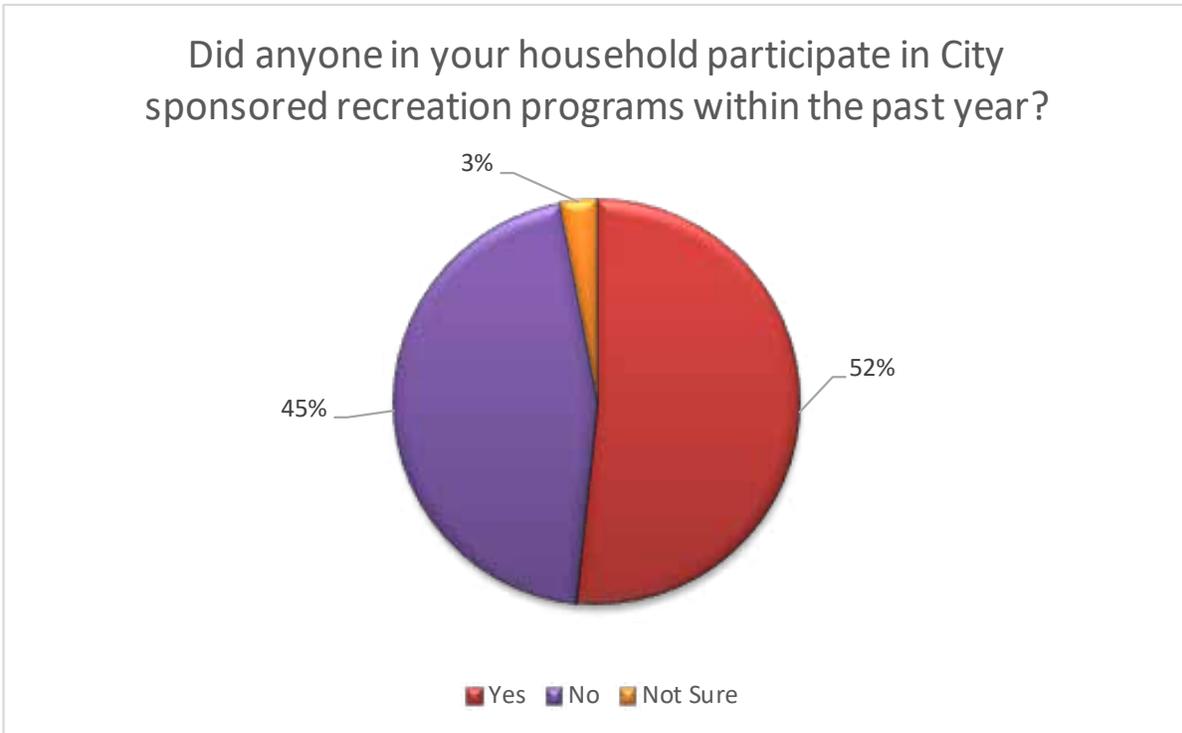
A comprehensive list of responses is included at the end.

Q8 HOW CLOSE IS THE NEAREST PARK OR TRAIL TO YOUR HOME? (433)



A majority, 81% of all respondents, said a park is within reasonable walking or biking distance. When looking at only City of Middleton resident responses, that percentage increases to 93%.

Q9 DID ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATE IN CITY OF MIDDLETON SPONSORED RECREATION PROGRAMS IN THE PAST YEAR (418)

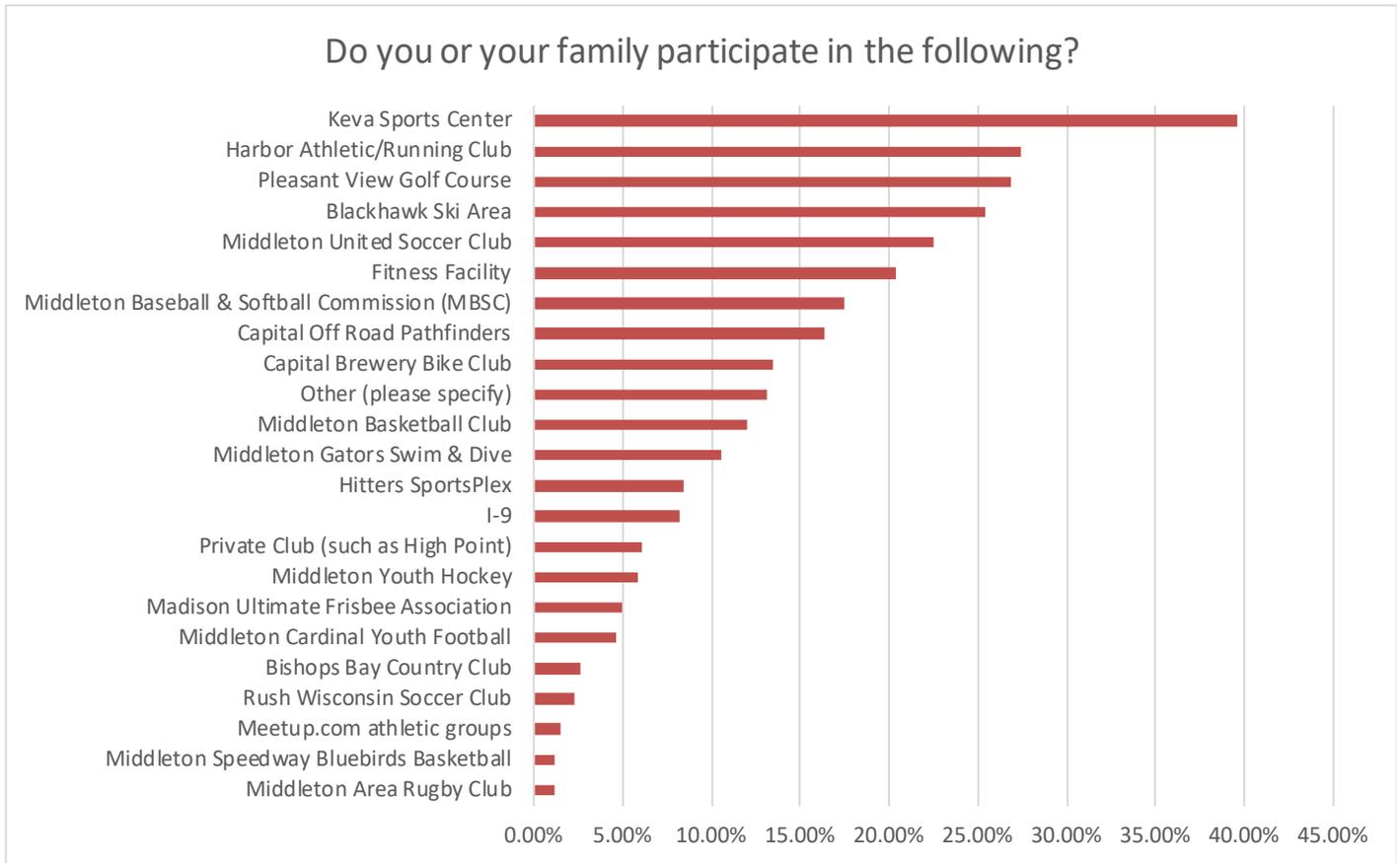


Q10 DOES THE CITY'S CURRENT VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND CLASSES MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD? IF NO, EXPLAIN. (418)*



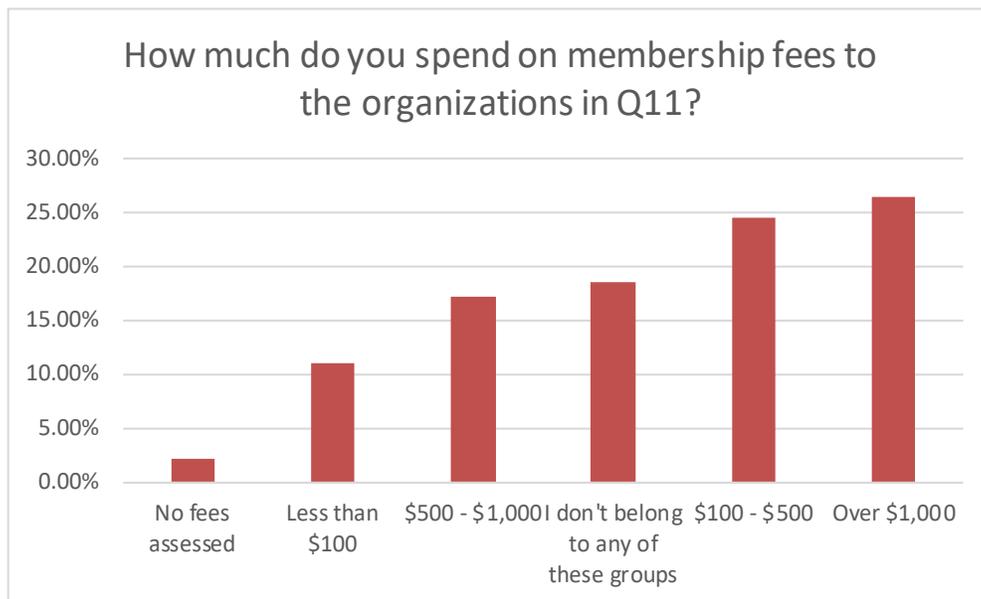
Among those who answered “no,” some of the reasons included that there were not enough programs for children with disabilities, that there were not enough programs for adults and that the timing of programs didn’t work well.

Q11 DO YOU (OR A FAMILY MEMBER) PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS/ ORGANIZATIONS? (343)*

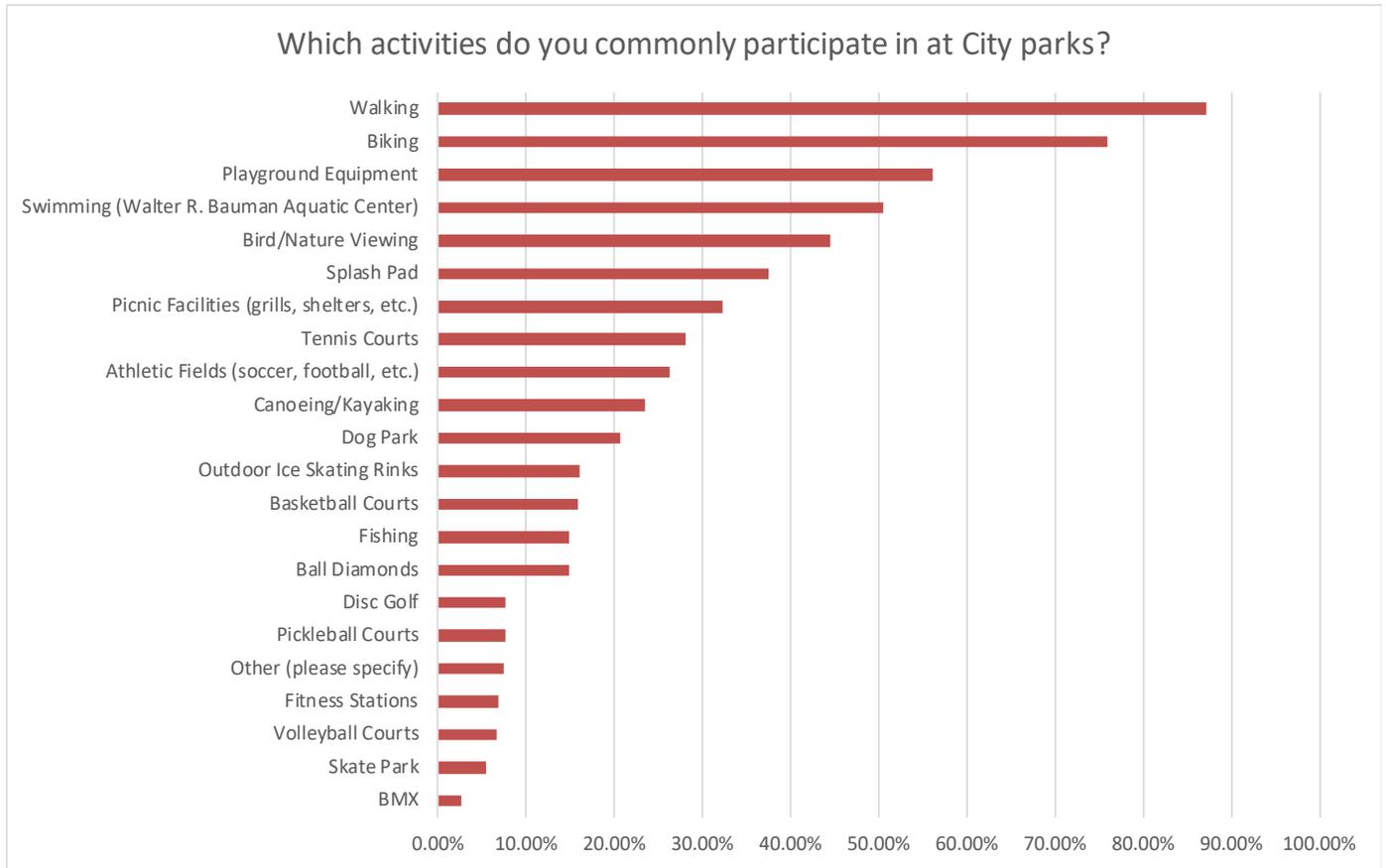


Among those who answered “other,” responses included Boy Scouts, the YMCA and private gyms/fitness/ yoga classes

Q12 ANNUALLY, HOW MUCH DO YOU SPEND ON MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE GROUPS/ ORGANIZATIONS LISTED IN THE PREVIOUS QUESTION? (416)



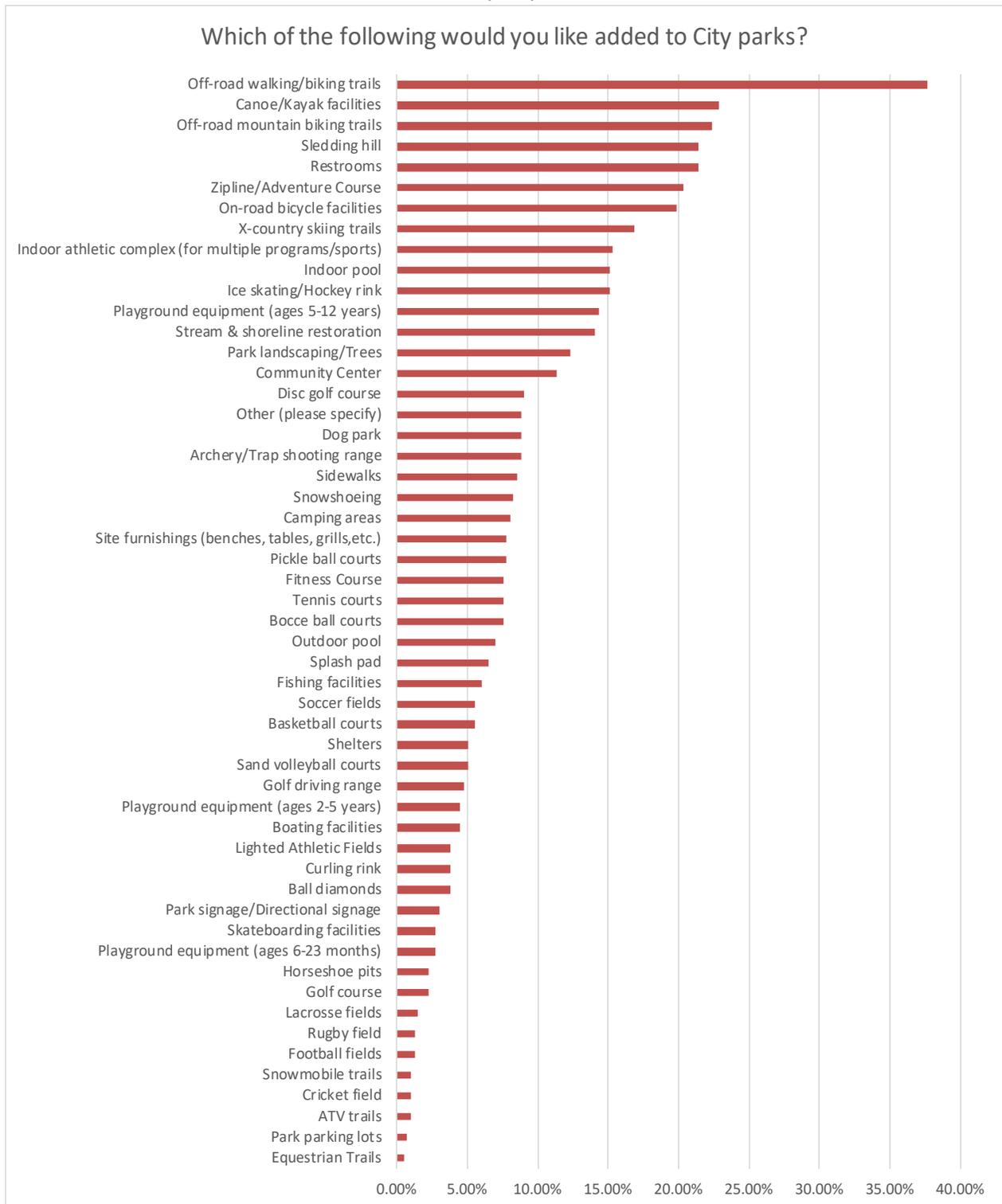
Q13 WHEN VISITING CITY PARKS, WHICH ACTIVITIES OR FACILITIES DO YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD MOST COMMONLY PARTICIPATE IN OR USE? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY. (393)*



Answers from the category of “other” included:

- ◇ Mountain/off-road biking (mentioned the most - 10 times out of 30 responses)
- ◇ Cross-country skiing
- ◇ Hiking
- ◇ Running

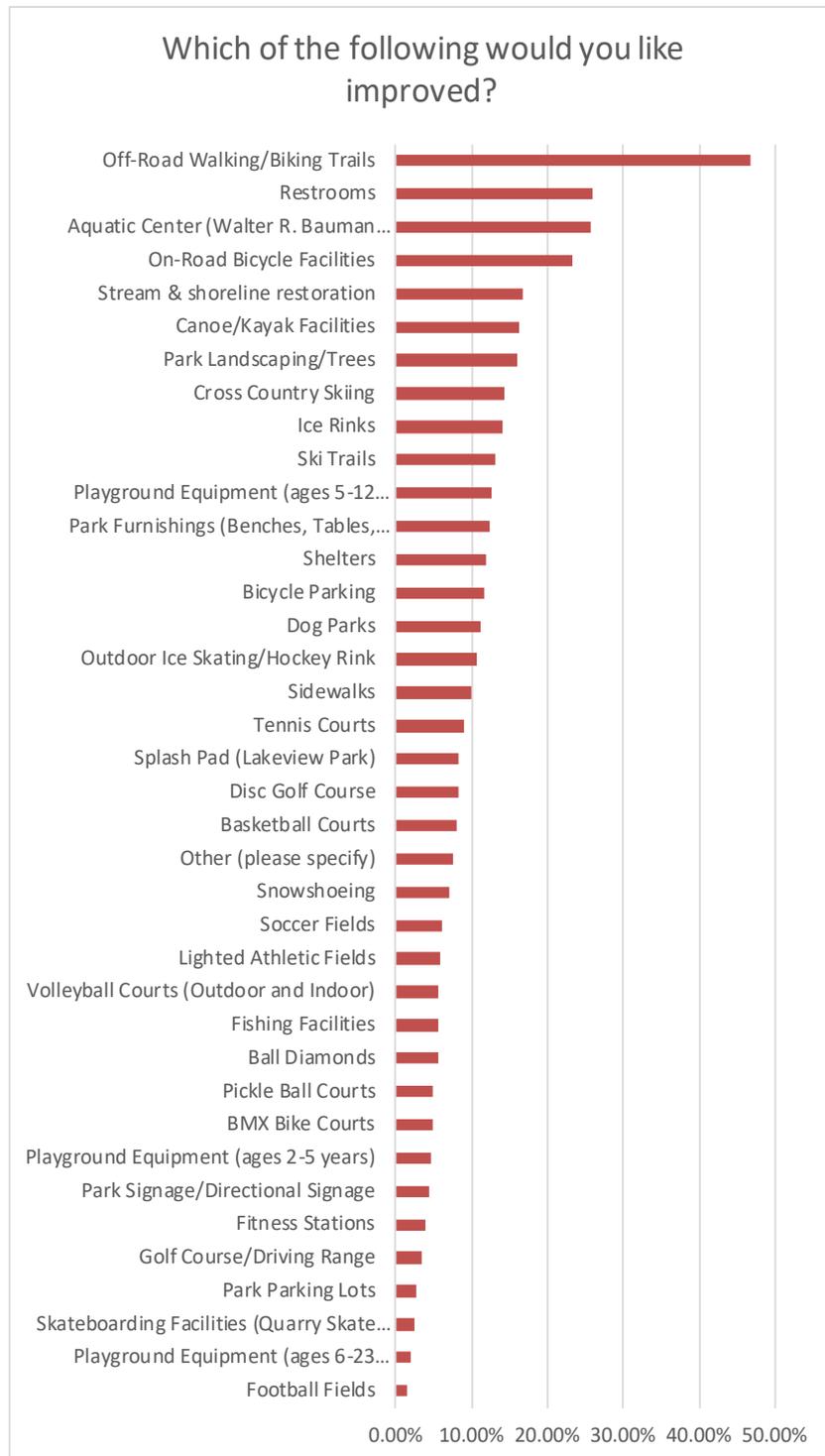
Q14 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ADDED EITHER BY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITIES? MARK UP TO 6 PREFERENCES. (398)*



Responses shown above are from all respondents, which for the most part correspond with city resident responses, with one main difference: off-road mountain biking. It is shown above to be the third most common response, at over 22%; but for city residents, this came in as 12th most common response at a little under 15%.

“Other” responses are included at the end of this appendix.

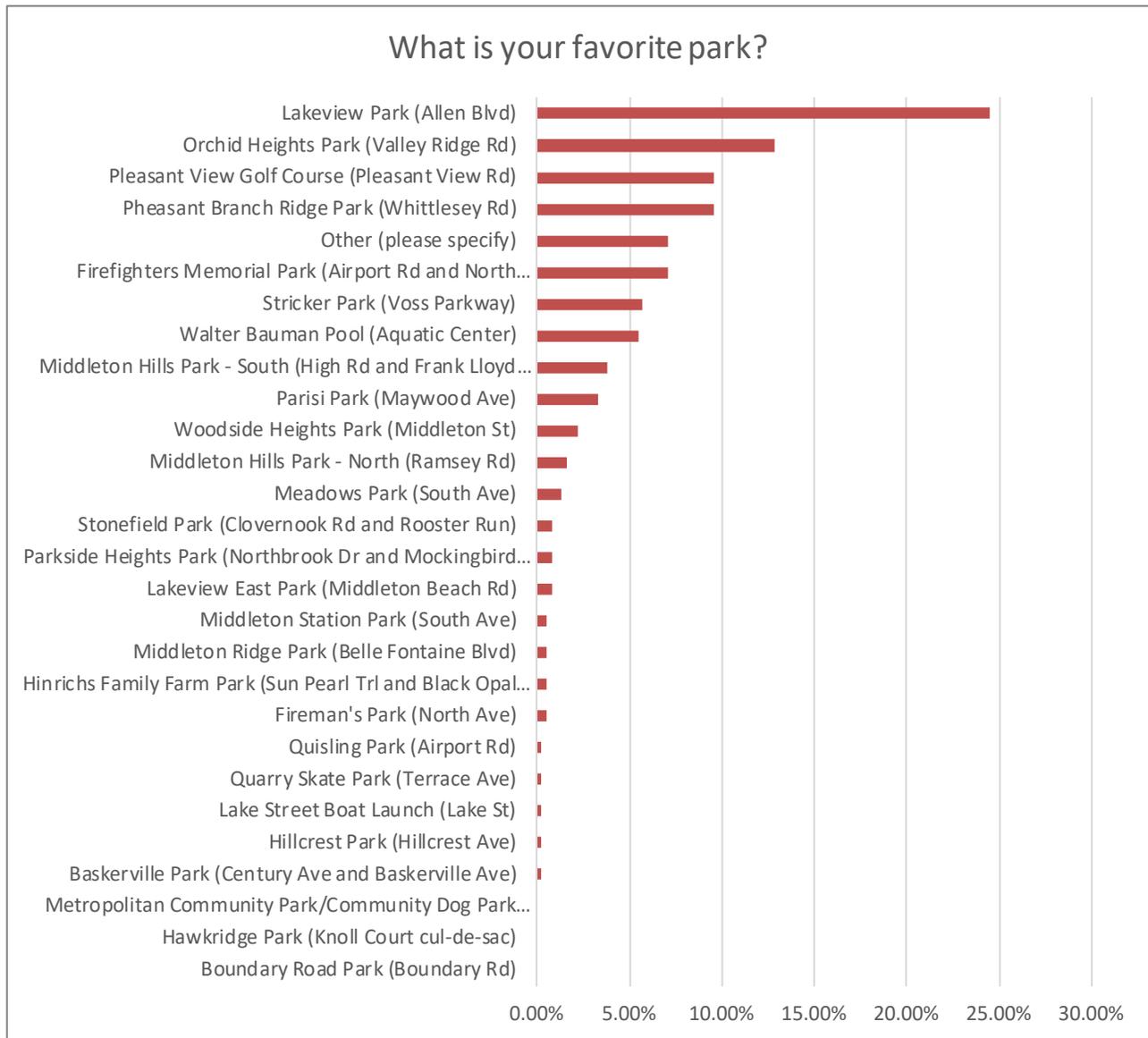
Q15 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IMPROVED OR EXPANDED BY THE CITY? MARK UP TO 6 PREFERENCES. (365)*



Common responses for “other” included:

- ◇ Improve/expand mountain biking trails (of note is that this is mentioned 9 times out of 27 responses)
- ◇ Improve the dog park
- ◇ Keep restrooms open year-round
- ◇ Restore native landscaping
- ◇ Install more benches
- ◇ Make parks more accessible to people of all abilities

Q16 WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARK TO VISIT IN THE CITY OF MIDDLETON? (367)*



Lakeview Park was the most popular park with survey respondents, with 25% marking that as their favorite.

The most popular “other” responses were Pheasant Branch Conservancy and Pleasant View bike trails.

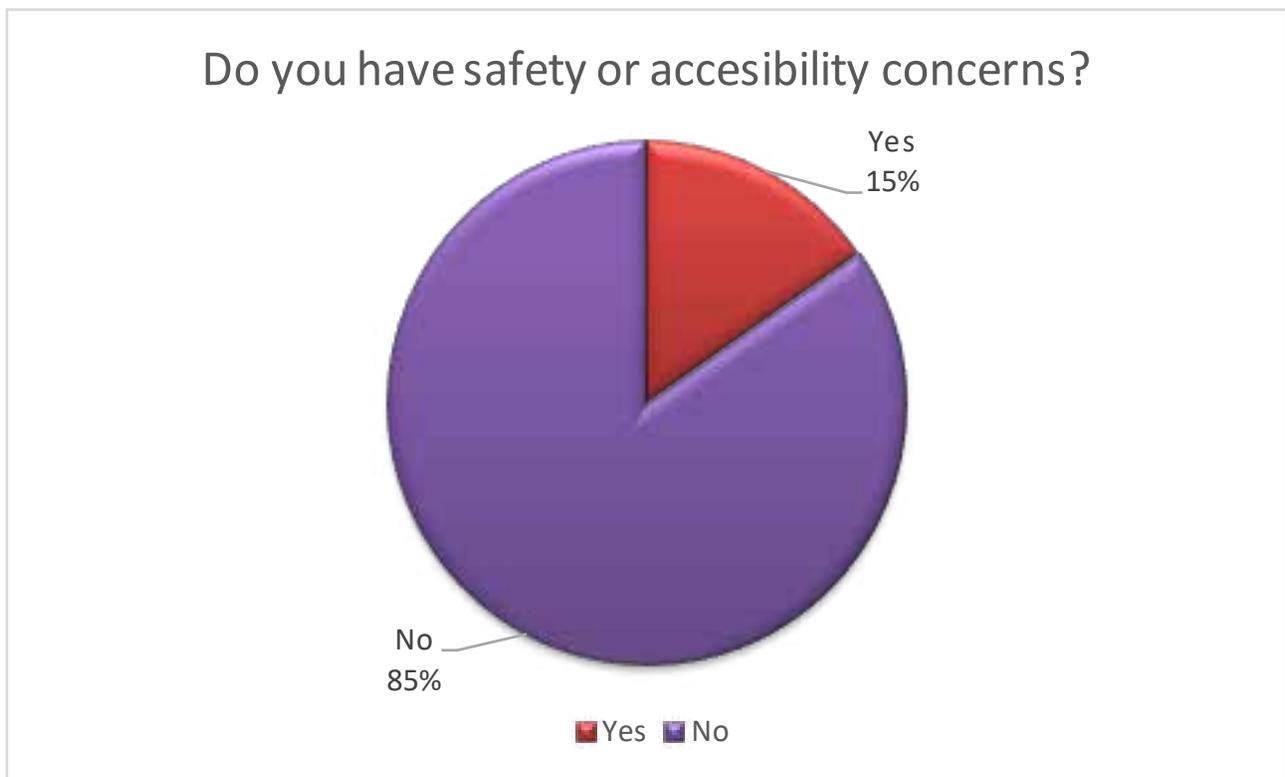
Q17 WHY IS THIS PARK YOUR FAVORITE PARK TO VISIT IN THE CITY OF MIDDLETON? (325)*

Common responses to this question included:

- ◇ Close to home
- ◇ Mountain biking trails
- ◇ Hiking/walking trails
- ◇ Nature/natural beauty/green space
- ◇ Wildlife/bird watching
- ◇ Large size
- ◇ Good variety of activities
- ◇ Nice shelter

All responses are included at the end of this summary.

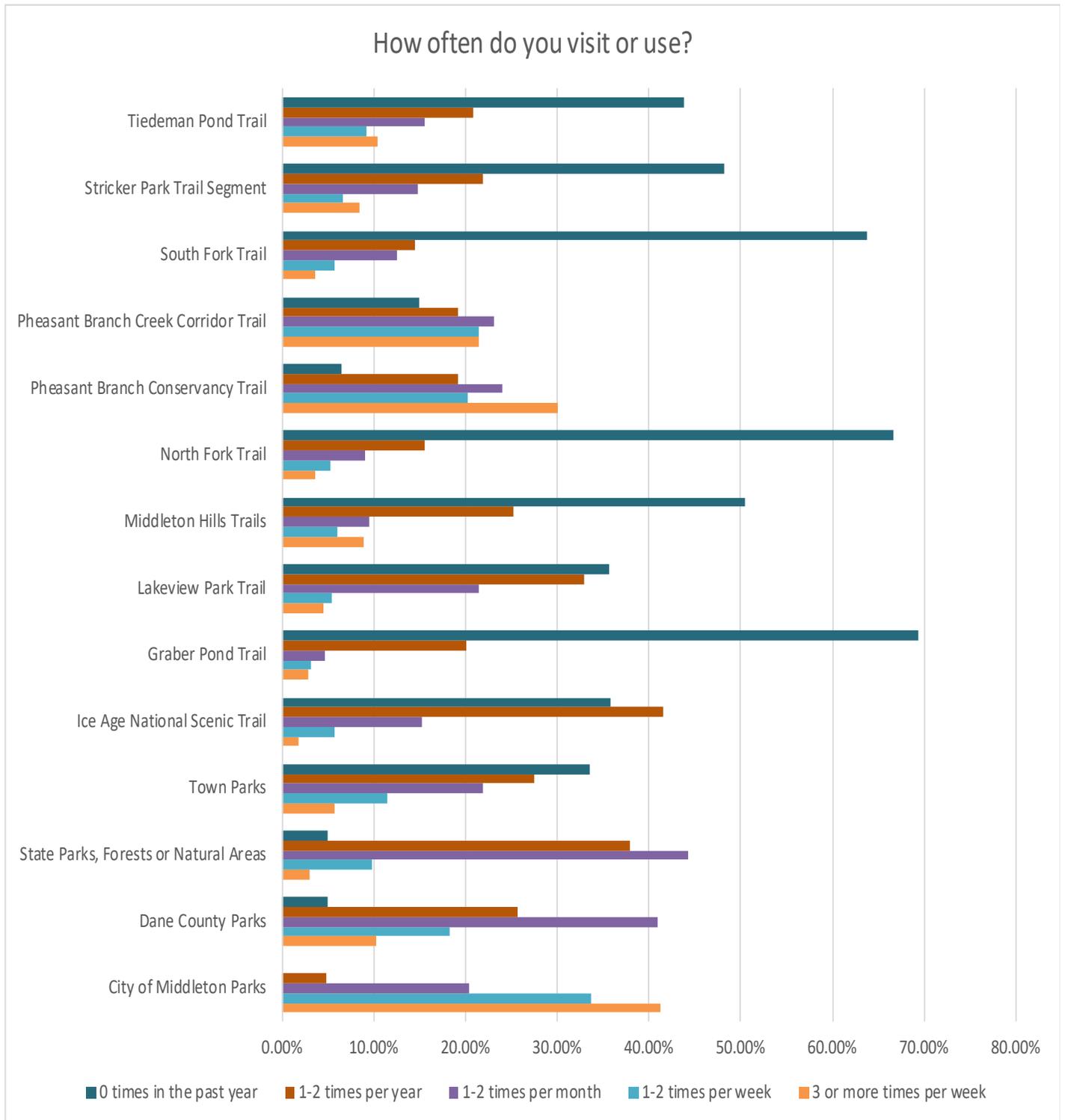
Q18 DO YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT SAFETY OR ACCESSIBILITY IN ANY OF OUR PARKS? IF YES, EXPLAIN. (380)*



Common explanations from those with safety/eccessibility concerns included:

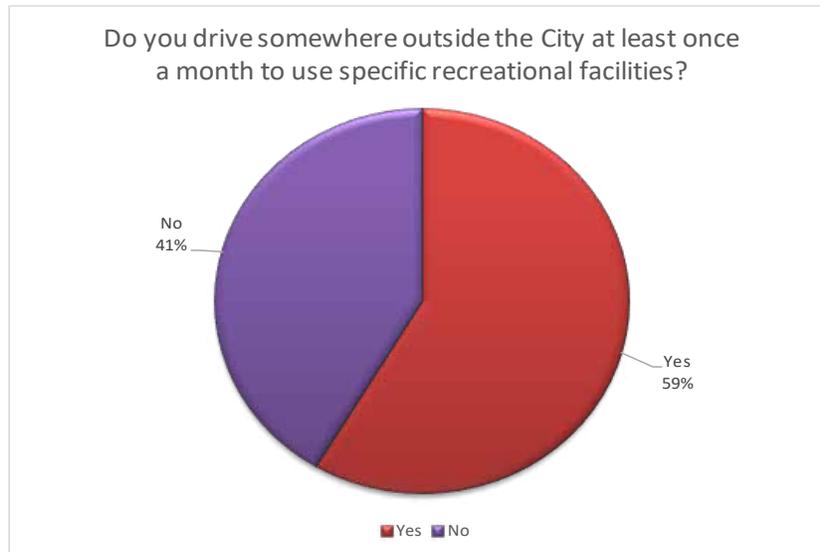
- ◇ ADA accessibility issues
- ◇ Need more lighting
- ◇ Not enough parking
- ◇ Busy roads
- ◇ Loose dogs
- ◇ Trails are not wide enough to accomodate walkers and bikers

Q19 EXCLUDING WINTER MONTHS, ON AVERAGE HOW OFTEN DO YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD VISIT OR USE...? (381)



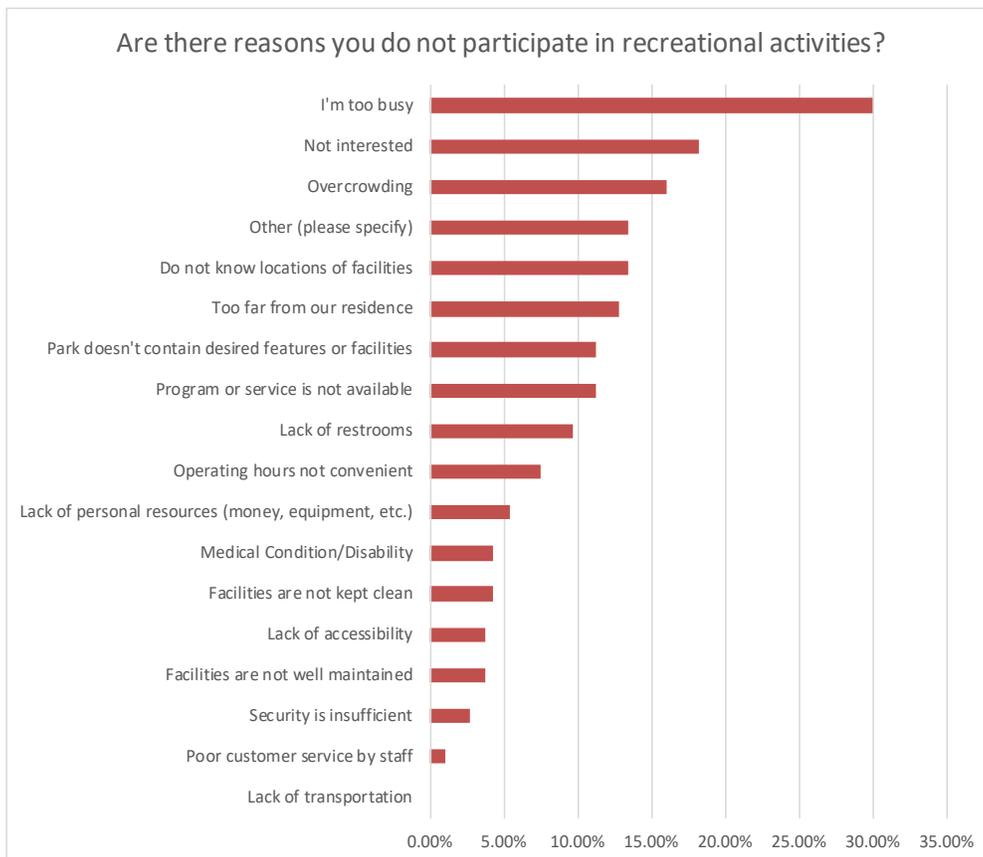
Facilities used by respondents the most were City of Middleton Parks - 41% of respondents used City parks 3 or more times per week. Pheasant Branch Conservancy trail came in second, with 30% utilizing it 3 or more times per week. The least utilized facility was Graber Pond trail, with 69% of respondents not utilizing it at all.

Q20 DO YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD COMMONLY (AN AVERAGE OF AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH) DRIVE SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETON TO USE SPECIFIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES? IF YES, PLEASE SPECIFY. (375)*



For those who responded “yes,” common answers included State and County Parks, Ice Age Trail, parks/trails/mountain biking in Madison/Fitchburg, Dream Parks in Monona/Fitchburg, dog parks in Verona/Madison/Waunakee. A slightly lower percentage of city residents, 52%, said that they travel outside of Middleton.

Q21 ARE THERE ANY REASONS THAT YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES? IF YES, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY. (187)*

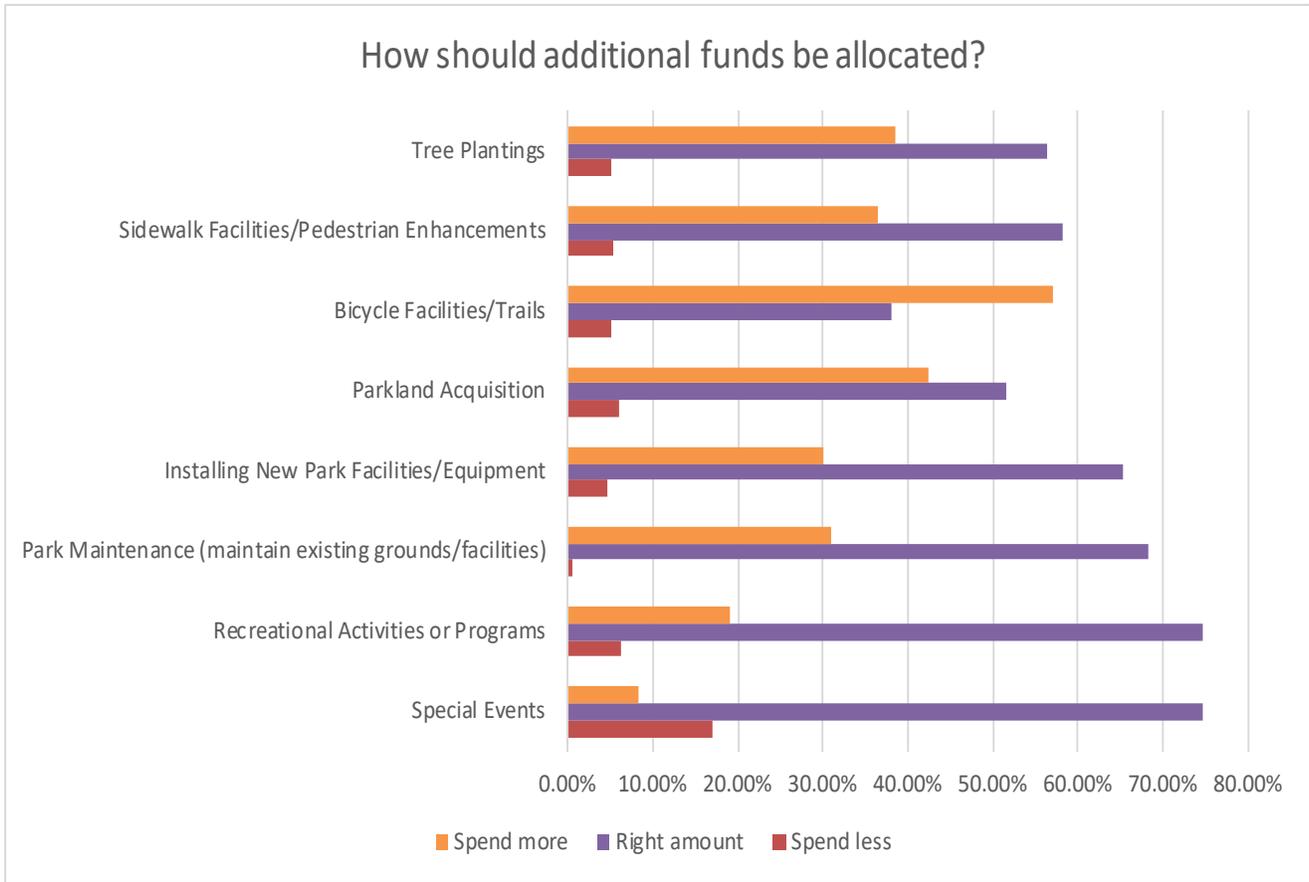


A majority, 30%, of respondents indicated that they are too busy.

Common “other” responses included:

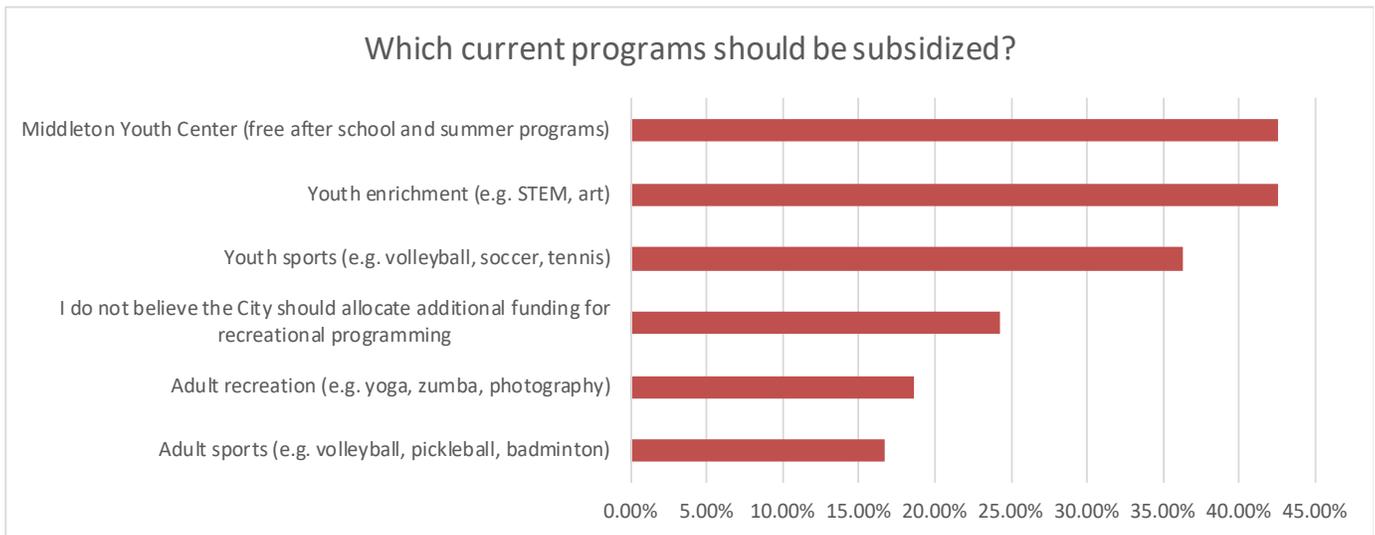
- ◊ Cost
- ◊ Unfamiliar with programs
- ◊ Days and times don't work

Q22 SHOULD YOUR COMMUNITY ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO BE SPENT ON? (363)



Overall, respondents felt that Middleton was spending the “right amount” on the activities on the list. The only exception to this was on bicycle facilities and trails - 57% of respondents believed Middleton should be spending more on these facilities. Bike and pedestrian facilities in general, and mountain biking in particular, seemed to be a theme for respondents throughout the survey.

Q23 IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE CITY TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING, WHICH PROGRAMS SHOULD BE SUBSIDIZED? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY) (317)



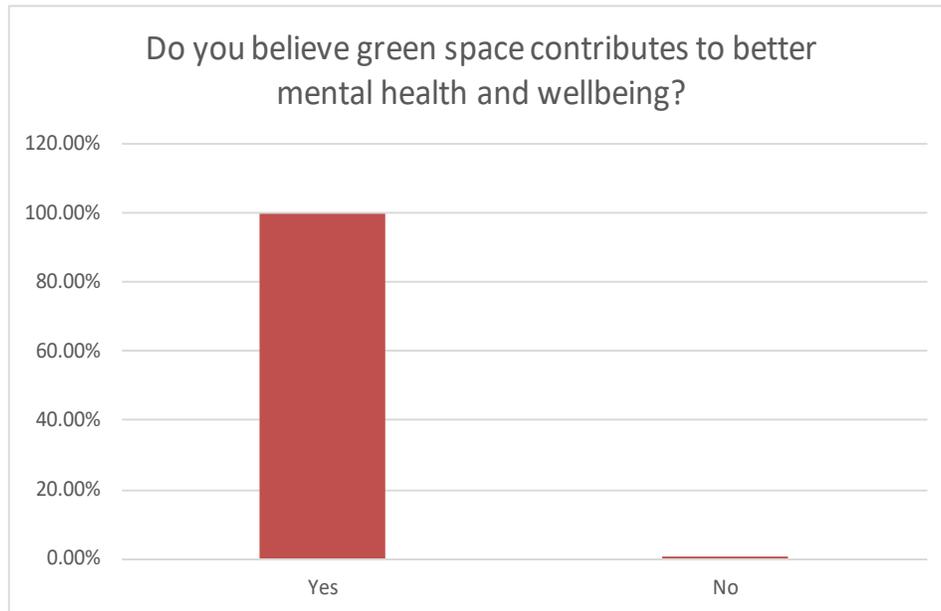
Respondents were the most supportive of subsidizing youth programs - the Youth Center, youth sports and youth enrichment - and less supportive of subsidizing adult programs.

Q24 PLEASE USE THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW TO IDENTIFY A TYPE OF NEW RECREATION PROGRAM OR SERVICE THAT THE CITY SHOULD CONSIDER OFFERING. (OPEN ENDED) (91)*

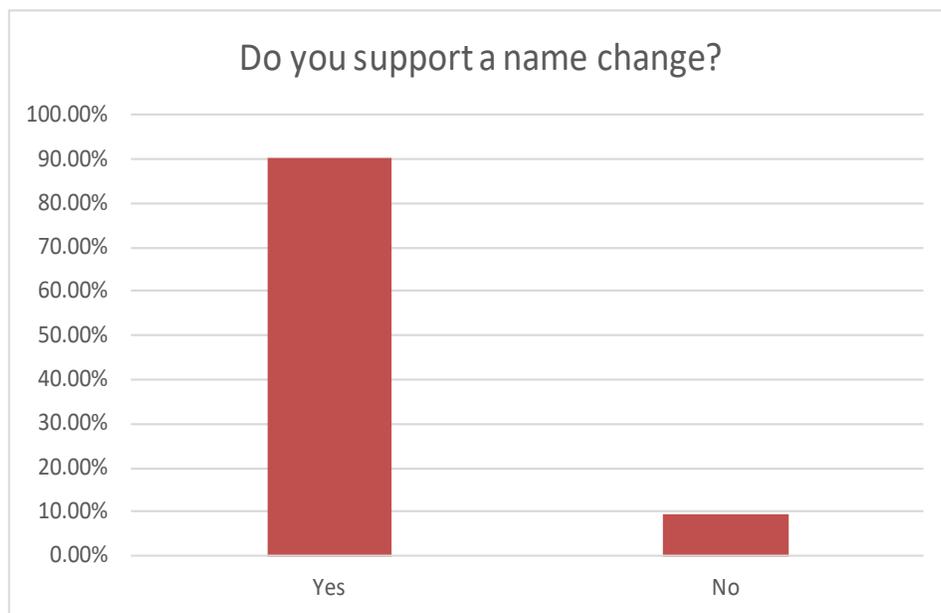
Common Responses:

- ◇ Mountain biking (classes)
- ◇ Community Center
- ◇ Pump track
- ◇ Gardening classes
- ◇ Summer day camps for kids
- ◇ Foreign language classes
- ◇ Guided nature walks
- ◇ Programs for kids with disabilities

Q25 DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GREEN SPACE CONTRIBUTES TO BETTER MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING?
(396)



Q26 DO YOU SUPPORT THE 'MIDDLETON PUBLIC LANDS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT' CHANGING ITS NAME TO THE 'MIDDLETON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT' TO BETTER REFLECT THE SERVICES IT PROVIDES AND TO ALIGN WITH INDUSTRY NAMING STANDARDS? (363)



Q27 PLEASE USE THIS SPACE TO PROVIDE ANY OTHER COMMENTS RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE, PARK AND RECREATION SERVICES OR FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF MIDDLETON. (OPEN ENDED) (106)*

Common Responses:

- ◇ More paved bike trails/lanes/paths
- ◇ More mountain biking trails
- ◇ Pheasant Branch Conservancy trails is appreciated
- ◇ More open space in new developments
- ◇ More equitable/accessible parks
- ◇ Wish open swim hours could be extended/splash pad hours extended

All open ended responses are at the end of this document.

OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Q3 Where do you live? Other, please specify.

- ◊ Denver now, former Madison
- ◊ Town of Dunn
- ◊ Sauk City
- ◊ Town of Madison
- ◊ Town of Madison
- ◊ Village of McFarland but I work in Middleton
- ◊ Town of Berry near Cross Plains
- ◊ Town of Berry
- ◊ MCPASD
- ◊ Town of Lodi

Q6 Is there a specific location or destination in the City of Middleton that needs to be improved for bicycle or pedestrian safety?

- ◊ Timberlane, Old Sauk, Pioneer
- ◊ Pleasant View
- ◊ Crossing university Ave at Deming biking or walking
- ◊ University Avenue
- ◊ “The city has wonderful bicycle lanes throughout the city and yet Middleton is not bicycle friendly. To ride my bike across the city north to south, I go through five traffic lights before I am riding on country roads. I stay in bike lanes and stop for the traffic lights on the spot for cyclists marked on the pavement. None of these five lights will turn green for me. None! All traffic signals are operated to change when a car or motorcycle hits the sensor. There are only two choices: I have to either break the law or wait indefinitely for a car to hit the sensor. These are two bad choices for cyclists. With so few people driving these past months, it has been harrowing to ride across town. Likewise, the traffic circles (on Parmenter and near Greenway station) have lanes for cyclists to drive outside of the traffic circle. They are not well-marked and in the case of Greenway station, they are dangerous for cyclists
- ◊ I'm disappointed that cars have remained “king” in Middleton with stay at home orders. We lost an opportunity for making improving non-car mobility in our community during the stay at home orders. Middleton residents have been outside walking and

cycling. I've been in “traffic jams caused solely by pedestrians and cyclists converging on the same places. It's really amazing that so many are outside. And yet the roads have spaces where pedestrians and cyclists are ultimately not welcome.

- ◊ I have two suggestions:
- ◊ (1) Operate some traffic lights on a timer so cyclists can follow the laws, and install traffic signal sensors that detect cyclists (this is the law in California). The latter can be done at very low cost if the new sensors are installed when the sensors are scheduled to be upgraded next.
- ◊ (2) The Greenway station traffic circle on Deming is dangerous for cyclists. The bike lane to go around the traffic circle requires merging with pedestrians on the sidewalk and then taking a sharp 90-degree turn, which is impossible when on a bike. None of this is well-marked.
- ◊ Ultimately, our community should envision what we want for pedestrians and bicycles, and then work the safety issues into that bigger plan. This is the time to dream big.”
- ◊ Access to the downtown area.
- ◊ The bike crossing into pleasant view golf course across pleasant view road. There is poor visibility and the button is on the wrong side.
- ◊ Unknown
- ◊ The segment of paved bike path that crosses the entrance to Costco
- ◊ Crossing Pleasantview to get to the mountain bike trails.
- ◊ Off-road mountain biking trails near Pleasant View.
- ◊ It would be great if the sidewalk on Blackhawk Road was continuous all the way from Pleasant View to Pope Farm but I'm not sure if that's Middleton or Madison
- ◊ University avenue or need a different corridor
- ◊ Old Sauk West of pleasant view for biking
- ◊ Pleasant View/Middleton MTB Park. Need new parking location and updated pump track.
- ◊ Adding more 1-way trails at pleasant view so the 2-way trails can be changed to 1-way. this will reduce the chance of head-on bike collisions.
- ◊ Top of Greenbriar road at the unfinished sidewalk to Misty Valley Road

- ◊ Downtown
- ◊ please repair the pheasant branch greenway path.
- ◊ Pleasant view road
- ◊ Highway M and Highway Q connecting Middleton to Waunakee
- ◊ Pleasant View MTB Trails. With the increase in trail usage the most 2 way trails at Pleasant View can get crowded and dangerous when you meet another rider coming in the opposite direction. New one way trails would improve safety and experience
- ◊ Century Avenue
- ◊ Pleasant view road
- ◊ Pleasantview
- ◊ “Bike park needs to be replaced at Pleasant view
- ◊ Also need bike lane along Old Sauk road to the new Pope Farm school “
- ◊ Pleasant View mountain bike trails
- ◊ Crossing Park St.
- ◊ No
- ◊ “Century ave
- ◊ pleasant view road north of old Sauk “
- ◊ Everywhere in Middleton where I bike seems pretty safe, but I also avoid busy roads like University.
- ◊ I am concerned about the break in the Pheasant Branch trail at Century Avenue. While there is the stoplight, the sidewalk on the south side can often be crowded and cars drive very fast through that space.
- ◊ masks should be required in the Pheasant Branch Conservancy
- ◊ Graber pond boardwalk. High Road.
- ◊ I'm sure there are, but I bike and walk in Northlake Neighborhood and the areas there are fine.
- ◊ Walking path in back of Kromrey to the back of the Police Station and level off bridges with the ground in the conservancy.
- ◊ Century Ave, east of Allen Blvd
- ◊ Century Avenue
- ◊ Yes, please provide a safe and protected overpass or underpass for University Ave to connect the north/south sides of Middleton!
- ◊ Century Avenue
- ◊ Riding along Hwy M and Century Ave.
- ◊ Crossing university ave
- ◊ Pheasant Branch Road
- ◊ None
- ◊ From the Blackhawk neighborhood to the opposite side of University Avenue. It would be great if our kids could bike to Keva,

- the baseball fields and soccer fields on airport road without having to go through Greenway Station and cross at the busy intersection at Deming Way.
- ◊ “Parameter street between M & Schneider Road.
- ◊ Anything along Century Ave.
- ◊ Junction Road
- ◊ unknown
- ◊ Graber Pond
- ◊ 1) Pleasant view Road (between Mineral Point Road and Hwy 14.
- ◊ 2) Kromery Middle School has had issues with kids crossing roads before/after school and not being seen by cars.”
- ◊ I'm sure there are some, but the city has done a great job improving this.
- ◊ Fixing connectivity between destinations/infrastructure important.
- ◊ Old Sauk Rd needs a bike lane all the way from Timber Lane to The Beltline! It's better, but it needs to go through the narrowest part of the road too...between Pope Farm and Cricket Ln
- ◊ The corner of Allen Blvd. and University Ave. --specifically the right turn lane from University onto Allen (by the Imperial Garden gas station)
- ◊ Parmenter going towards play n Wisconsin from Century Ave. needs sidewalks.
- ◊ “University Avenue between Parmenter and City of Madison line
- ◊ Pleasant View Rd between Old Sauk and Hwy 14”
- ◊ It would be great to have the bike trail continue alongside the belt line. It would make exits accessible to bikers- not just cars.
- ◊ no
- ◊ Parmenter street from Century Ave to bike path at end of Parmenter/Hwy 12, needs a dedicated bike path all the way and better road surface
- ◊ You can't get bikes across University, even with the lights.
- ◊ Century Avenue. There's no bike lane and it is dangerous.
- ◊ Lanes on or around pleasant view road between Hwy 14 and Old Sauk
- ◊ Parmenter in front of Springs is terrible road. Quagmire crossing at Allen & Century for pedestrians. Century Ave and Park/Gammon for bikes is a death trap waiting to happen - would avoid that at all costs. Would be nice to have a trail that connects Graber Pond path on high road to path behind Whittlesley. I bike a lot and road quality is the bigger

- concern - Elmwood, N. Parmenter. It can be dicey on Deming Way in front of Costco, trying to get to 14, and across.
- ◊ Unsure
- ◊ I bike to work every day all year round including winter. I have been disappointed every time it snows that the bike path on Allen Blvd. is not cleared until the next day. I see a lot of bike and foot traffic in the snow on the bike path that has not been plowed so I know I am not the only person using the bike path. As soon as I get to the Madison portion of the bike path it is perfectly clear. Even after the bike path is plowed by the city only half of the bike path ever gets cleared off. In addition the part that is clear usually has ice on it and is not completely cleared. I feel the city can do a much better job at Clearing the path for commuters like myself.
- ◊ Deming way area
- ◊ Crossing Park Street
- ◊ Century Ave, University Ave.
- ◊ Pave over the gravel parts of the bike/walking Pheasant Branch Trail on the west & east side of Parmenter.
- ◊ none that come to mind. Maybe park street
- ◊ "Continued work in Pheasant branch trails
- ◊ And the train tracks in the downtown Middleton area."
- ◊ No
- ◊ not that i can think of
- ◊ Middleton Ridge (North Middleton - High Road) into downtown
- ◊ North of Century on Parmenter. There are no walkways or bike paths to connect both sides of the highway if you are biking from Pheasant Branch through Garner.
- ◊ Greenway blvd between High Point and Deming Way is pretty bad or bicycle safety. Also Pleasant View Dr
- ◊ Bike lanes along Old Sauk Road out to the Town of Middleton would be fantastic and much appreciated.
- ◊ downtown by the library - with on street parking it feels really dicey biking and pulling out.
- ◊ Not that I've noticed
- ◊ I would appreciate the avenue along Mineral Point Road west to be improved for cyclists and less dangerous with perhaps a bike path farther away from cars.
- ◊ Century Avenue needs bike paths!
- ◊ Many
- ◊ The stretch of University Ave. from Cayuga to Branch Street needs bicycle lanes and the speed limit reduced to 25 mph.
- ◊ Along Century Ave
- ◊ University Ave
- ◊ intersection of Allen Blvd and Century. If one wants to go from Allen Blvd to Pheasant Branch you have to cross in a complicated way. In general the crossing of Century should be improved. It almost makes you not want to go to Pheasant Branch b/c of how hard it is to cross on bike, but also crossing on foot is not so easy.
- ◊ Century Road
- ◊ I can't speak for others, but I feel pretty safe riding/ walking through the city.
- ◊ Crossing Century Avenue near Pheasant Branch trails
- ◊ intersection of Evergreen and White Coral Way: bike/trail path, school bus stop, etc. People fly down Evergreen!
- ◊ The bicycle path at the base of the hill north of the path has pea gravel on it that is dangerous. Pea gravel and bicycle do not mix well. (South of the spring on a curve)
- ◊ we live in middleton hills. have concerns about the bikers on pheasant branch road and the cars parking along the side of the street because the lots are full at entrance of conservancy.
- ◊ Downtown Middleton. Too many cars parked on the streets obstructing the view for both pedestrian and bicycle.
- ◊ Pheasant Branch Rd. walking path access along the east side of PB Rd. just from Old Creek Rd. near Middleton Glen to connect a walking-only path into Conservancy Condos and the Conservancy path.
- ◊ Unsure
- ◊ University avenue
- ◊ Sometimes along the bike path along University Avenue between Madison to Middleton vehicles do not seem to pay attention to bicycles when the vehicles are turning right to enter driveways of businesses.
- ◊ the bike path still does not seem to have been recovered from the summer storm @ 2 years ago.
- ◊ We are all very concerned about soil erosion behind Kromrey school where the creek flows. If that continues, it will cost taxpayers a lot to repair and it may harm the trail (which is less of a concern)
- ◊ Century, parmenter, especially at intersections
- ◊ Crossing Gammon Rd/Park Street (near Elm Lawn), crossing Century Ave (intersection/entrance to Pheasant Branch)
- ◊ none that I am aware of
- ◊ Connecting the bike route on Old Middleton to the North side of University via Parmenter (especially the traffic circle) is difficult and not at all family friendly.
- ◊ Century Avenue
- ◊ Na
- ◊ Century Avenue is terrible. Crossing University is difficult, even at the signals because left-turning vehicles don't always stop for pedestrians. Park Street is difficult to cross.
- ◊ Not that I'm aware of
- ◊ Park St and all University Ave crossings
- ◊ Airport Rd.
- ◊ Century/Allen; Century/ Branch streets-crossing all of these
- ◊ University Ave and Century Ave.
- ◊ Out airport road west of the airport
- ◊ No
- ◊ "pheasant branch road
- ◊ century ave
- ◊ old creek road"
- ◊ Unsure
- ◊ Yes! There needs to be a sidewalk on Old Sauk Rd for people to walk and/or ride bikes
- ◊ "Pheasant Branch, And extend bike path by Capital Cece arena"
- ◊ Pheasant branch road near the conservancy
- ◊ Century Avenue, good for pedestrians, not so much for biking. Also, pedestrians crossing Hwy Q near Century Ave, from the apartments to the gas station and new dollar store may be at risk--they would have to go out of their way to cross at the crosswalk, I feel there is some risk here.
- ◊ Bike lanes or off road paths on Century Ave.
- ◊ from Culver's on Parmenter to bike paths alongside University Ave towards Madison
- ◊ Century Ave.
- ◊ Bikes crossing Parmenter at the turning circle (with the exiting traffic from highway 12 and Discovery Drive) encounter autos focused on entering the circle and thus ignoring bikes. I've seen a couple of near-accidents.
- ◊ Many spots but in particular the corridor at century avenue and allen blvd. for bikes AND pedestrians is not safe.
- ◊ i live by kromrey and there is not good path to get to downtown middleton other than parmenter which is busy
- ◊ Pretty much all of Century Blvd. But especially between Branch Street and Hwy Q.
- ◊ "Overall, the city is safe.
- ◊ 1) We could use more share the road signs, although the lines painted on the roads are a big improvement.
- ◊ 2) It's strange to me that there are signs on University asking pedestrians and cyclists to be alert or face death (in haiku form) but we do not ask drivers to be safe on the road. This sends the wrong message. Distracted car driving is a lot more dangerous, and we should make drivers to be accountable for their dangerous behaviors.
- ◊ 3) Cyclists should not have to go on the sidewalk to press the button for pedestrians to get the light to change. This is dangerous for both cyclists and pedestrians."
- ◊ Old Sauk desperately needs a bike lane. It is a safety hazard.
- ◊ University Ave and the cross streets need to be improved as well as streets in the downtown where there are a lot of pedestrians and bikers.
- ◊ Century Avenue between Hwy Q and Allen Blvd.
- ◊ Century Ave
- ◊ Pheasant Branch Road
- ◊ Yes! The university Avenue/ Park Trent intersection. Also, the crossing is Stonefield road at Gammon—we walk daily up Stonefield Road and then cross over Gammon to walk down to the pond and crossing Gammon at Stonefield is treacherous! Please put in lights or ped lights.
- ◊ Old Sauk Road!
- ◊ A bicycle lane on Century Ave would improve safety a lot, specifically between Donna Drive and Baskerville Ave.
- ◊ Parmenter Road from city garage to intersection by Goben Cars. And nasty drop-off / hole next to underpass bridge behind Fiskars.
- ◊ "Improve road crossing and access to Teidman Pond on Park St near railroad.
- ◊ Improve sidewalk width / bike utilization between Pheasant

- ◊ Branch corridor and stop light in front of Common Ground.”
- ◊ Pheasant branch creek is quite crowded.
- ◊ Park Street
- ◊ Lakeview Park walking path - to level it out. Too many ruts.
- ◊ University Avenue
- ◊ Allen Blvd
- ◊ University Avenue, Century Avenue.
- ◊ Century Avenue between Donna and Baskerville Ave
- ◊ Elderberry Rd.
- ◊ Downtown
- ◊ Not that I can think of at this time.
- ◊ Crossing University on Deming Way
- ◊ “Pheasant Branch bike trail at Century Ave crossing (at Branch Street). This is a busy pedestrian / biker thoroughfare and I've seen several “near misses”.
- ◊ Also, some streets are notoriously dark. For instance, I'm always shocked at how dark Donna Drive is east of Kromrey middle school.”
- ◊ “Intersection between Deming Way and University Avenue. Going north (and to some extent south) on a bike, crossing Univ. Ave. 1) Not really a good (safe) place to position yourself when going straight (or to the left, for that matter), whether the light is green or red.
- ◊ 2) The oncoming drivers, turning left (east) onto Univ. Ave., are largely oblivious/don't care about bikes crossing Univ. Ave. Many times they are unable/unwilling to handle driving with one hand, paying attention to their phone conversation, and even noticing bike riders. Legion are the number of times I have had to extricate myself from potentially lethal situations just by crossing at a green light. It is the otherwise best place to cross, coming from the westside of Middleton and accessing the bike trail system. (The intersection between Pleasant View Road and Univ. Ave. has a traffic light, but riding a bike on Pleasant View is a whole other horror story.)”
- ◊ N side of university between Allen and Branch needs bike lane
- ◊ Parmenter/Terrace. ALOT of bikes from Capital Brewery who do not feel have to obey stop signs.
- ◊ Century Avenue
- ◊ Century Ave. sidewalk is impossible for bikers and walkers. Dangerous for both.
- ◊ “From Q through Century and down Allen to get to University, there should be a bike path
- ◊ Wood Road is close to the elementary school and has no sidewalks. I would really love to get sidewalks (or a path separate from the road) on Wood Road.
- ◊ century road
- ◊ Century Ave is in need of a bike lane. It is a major artery to Pheasant Branch and Airport Rd, which are heavily utilized roads out of town for cyclists. I love walking in the Conservancy, and as a cyclist, avoid it out of respect for all others. I would like to see slow roll signs- there is no reason for people to be using the Conservancy for serious road cycling (I really wish it hadn't gotten paved years ago). If the new farm purchase on Pheasant Branch had a mountain bike trail, that would be AWESOME. Keep the MTB away from the pedestrians and the roads bikes on the roads.
- ◊ Pleasantview Rd
- ◊ Intersection of Parmenter and University. Trying to cross anywhere on University, actually.
- ◊ I don't know that it needs to be improved, University Ave is the only place I avoid walking or biking because it's busy.
- ◊ Pheasant Branch Road! Cars go way too fast, and there is no shoulder for bikers here
- ◊ The Conservancy
- ◊ Unknown
- ◊ University is terrible for biking and for crossing when walking.
- ◊ By kromery (parementer) lots of kids biking and walking, sometimes there isn't enough room so they end up in the road.
- ◊ “Allen Blvd has a section with no walkway. This creates risk for people who want to walk along Allen Blvd.
- ◊ Near pipefarm conservancy and the new elementary school
- ◊ Elmwood and Parmenter... needs better lighting. And Parmenter and Hubbard needs solid lines on the pavement to know there is a STOP sign
- ◊ Pleasant View Rd. near the golf course. Blackhawk Rd. Greenway under the beltline. Century Ave.
- ◊ Crossing M to get to Lucille Taylor Park
- ◊ Better bike lanes and sidewalks down main roads
- ◊ Crossing University Avenue at any place, especially Univ. and Park Street.
- ◊ Century Avenue towards Bishops Bay around the lake, both directions!
- ◊ Old Sauk road
- ◊ Pheasant branch conservancy off parameter, heading north (what used to be Highway 12).
- ◊ along airport rd somehow!
- ◊ Crossing Highway 14. Main crossing route at the “Costco” intersection is very busy and dangerous. Visibility seems poor there and it is a long crossing.
- ◊ “intersection of Frank Lloyd Wright and Pheasant Branch
- ◊ Because of safer at home, intersection has been OK
- ◊ Under normal traffic, speeding noted on Pheasant Branch primarily as cars approach intersection.
- ◊ Older walkers report to cars don't always stop for intersection”
- ◊ Yes, the Graber Pond path.
- ◊ Greenbrier road into Middleton. There are numerous bikers and runners that use it, but virtually no shoulder. Oncoming traffic can't see them on the hill. Speeding is also a problem. It is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt. We try to use the ditch as I don't feel the shoulder is safe, but it is riddled with poison ivy and also is full of gullies from washouts.
- ◊ Century Ave
- ◊ Around Fox Ridge and Stonefield
- ◊ Timber Lane, lots of bike traffic and cars buzzing by
- ◊ Along university road toward downtown, for both biking and walking. The side streets are lined with cars, making biking challenging, and cars can be quite reckless on university, making crossing side streets (Branch, Park, Bristol) hazardous.
- ◊ Park near eagle trace community
- ◊ High Road / Century Avenue intersection
- ◊ Would like to see the path leading out of Middleton along hwy 12 connect to the sauk area
- ◊ I live on the west side of Middleton (Cherrywood area). I would love to be able to bike to the stores and restaurants on Watts and Junction Road.
- ◊ There are many multi-use paths in Middleton. I think we need some “pedestrian only” paths for those seeking to focus on the surrounding plants and wildlife rather than being on alert for bicycles.
- ◊ university avenue, downtown area
- ◊ Area around Kromery and Century Ave and High Rd
- ◊ “Parmenter south of University (lack of sidewalk on both sides of street means needing to cross in places that are not safe or convenient for pedestrians, lack of shoulder and visibility for cyclists).
- ◊ Intersection of South Ave & Parmenter (blind pedestrian crossing, many near misses w/traffic while crossing; not comfortable with kids going to assigned bus stop due to danger crossing at this intersection).
- ◊ Elm Lawn school crossing at Park St & South Ave (many cars ignore crossing guard, ignore flashing walk light and pedestrian right of way at other times).
- ◊ Main school walking path to Elm Lawn on Park St. (north of Woodgate) is not cleared of ice and snow prior to AM walk to school. Unsafe conditions for children biking and walking.
- ◊ Getting across Univ and/or Century
- ◊ Crossing Univ Ave to get to Library, Snr Center
- ◊ “Yes. 4 way stop signs should be placed on streets surrounding Parkside Heights and speed bumps on Northbrook drive alongside Parkside heights Park. Cars drive very fast down that street and there are lots of young children that play at that park! Very worrisome.
- ◊ Bike lanes on university on University between Allen and Parmenter.”
- ◊ N/A
- ◊ No
- ◊ The Park Street area and intersections throughout the City need better / clearer bicycle lane markings
- ◊ Crossing University Ave, especially near Willy St coop strip mall. Also, no good place to cross University in the stretch between Branch and Park. Crossing at Mayflower is suicidal.
- ◊ Bikers passing through the conservancy need to slow way down. There are many elderly walking, and young children on bikes. It's terribly

- ◊ dangerous for cyclist to keep up their speeds through those path ways.
 - ◊ High Road past Northside to Greenbriar Road intersection
 - ◊ “Traversing NE to NW and/or NE to SW across Middleton is very sketchy. Pheasant Branch trail is a solution and a hindrance depending on how you are traveling and where you are traversing.
 - ◊ In general, the Cty M/Century Ave traverse is where I feel the least safe but am still compelled to ride my bike.”
 - ◊ From Pheasant Branch path to downtown area and Greenway Station.
 - ◊ Century Ave.
 - ◊ The downtown roads are not in good condition. I worry about getting my tire stuck in one of the large cracks. I also find myself distracted as I ride my bike through downtown because I’m constantly looking at the ground trying to avoid cracks so that I don’t wipe out.
 - ◊ “The city needs better (wider) shoulders for cyclists on Park Street south of University, and Century Avenue east of Allen Blvd.
 - ◊ In the absence of safe shoulders, cyclists use paths meant for pedestrians, putting both at risk and damaging crushed limestone trails. Small signs on pedestrian cannot be read by cyclists; map apps often show these trails are open to cyclists. “
 - ◊ Park Street south of University, Parmenter Street entirely, High Point Road.
 - ◊ In general, traffic on every street needs to be slowed down to improve pedestrian safety. There needs to be sidewalks along Parmenter north of Century. Century Avenue is a disaster for pedestrians and bicyclists.
 - ◊ University Ave, downtown, Century Ave
 - ◊ Sidewalks on Century Avenue between Allen Boulevard and Highway Q
 - ◊ “The entire downtown Middleton area. Now that there is parking available, street parking should be minimized and bike lanes should be added. It’s extremely unsafe to navigate. Elmwood and Hubbard Ave both have a ton of daytime traffic, many parked cars (sometimes not parked well), plus pedestrians and bikers. The addition of the second stop sign helped recently on Parmenter at Hubbard, but it should be above the road, just like at Elmwood and Parmenter.
 - ◊ It would also be great to have better bike access in Pheasant Branch Conservancy. More benches for sitting down to change or put shoes on. Bike racks with rentable bikes at the entrances, etc. “
 - ◊ Century Avenue/Highway M east of Middleton
 - ◊ n/a
 - ◊ “Crossing Park street at any intersection south of University Ave.
 - ◊ Crossing University Avenue at crosswalks that do not have lights.
 - ◊ Multiuse trails in the Creek Corridor and in PBC north of Century Ave.”
 - ◊ University Ave
 - ◊ Century Road (County Rd. M) is very difficult for bicyclists.
 - ◊ Pleasant View Road!
 - ◊ Probably the two parks on Allen Blvd (the one where the boat launch is and then across the street is the splash pad). Cars move very quickly up and down that road.
 - ◊ Century Avenue, University Avenue, Gammon Road, Park Street, Parmenter Street. There are sidewalks but with some imagination all could be bike friendly too.
 - ◊ Middleton Beach Rd. Daily we roll our ankles or trip on the multiple holes. The road does not have curb and gutters so everyone is walking in the road. The roads are so bad that it is very hard for our kids to ride, skate or play. Multiple people have been hurt due to the conditions. Now that trails and paths are more crowded, our road has become more popular for walkers and runners. The patches that have been done help a little, but there needs to be many more. In fact the whole road should be re-done for safety.
 - ◊ Century Avenue, especially east of Branch
 - ◊ Century Ave East of Allen Blvd
 - ◊ Would nice to have bridge or tunnel over or under Airport rd connection pheasant branch.
 - ◊ Having a lane or route that follows Pleasant View Rd and connects to the golf course would allow our kids to walk there to play, believe this will be addressed with the road expansion project.
 - ◊ Park st at University, also bike lanes on University. When biking into Middleton from Madison on University you’re just thrown into traffic at Allen Blvd. M is bad for bikes too
 - ◊ Elmwood Ave. right before it becomes N. High Point Rd. It narrows and the bike lane disappears, very dangerous for riders with all the car traffic there.
 - ◊ People need not to use bike lanes to drive in or as turn lanes.
 - ◊ Mineral Point Rd, Old Sauk and Pleasant View Rd. are hard to navigate and feel unsafe to bike along.
 - ◊ All Century Ave crossings.
 - ◊ Airport Rd. And crossing Airport Road west of Pleasant View Road.
 - ◊ It would be great to address the speed of bikes on all trails. With no responsibility for hitting someone, it was been an issue.
 - ◊ The area below the Beltline overpass. Nothing urgent however. Highway 14 out to Cross Plains.
 - ◊ Elm wood for biking
 - ◊ No
- Q7 Where would you prioritize the location of new bike facilities, routes or trails?**
- ◊ Pleasant view, Blackhawk area for trails.
 - ◊ Separate from roads.
 - ◊ Pleasant View
 - ◊ Pleasant View
 - ◊ “I have two specific recommendations:
 - ◊ (1) We should have several outdoor tracks that are accessible to the public. I lived in another community that had a 1/8 or 1/4 mile running track made of crushed rocks behind all elementary and middle schools. These tracks were open to the public and were often used by walkers and runners (in addition to PE classes and recesses at school).
 - ◊ (2) I propose a bike trail or route that safely goes around Greenway station. When I ride there, I ride straight through the shopping center because that is the safest route to the country roads south of Middleton, and I always notice several other serious cyclists doing the same. It’s not ideal. I wonder if there is a way to create a bike lane to Blackhawk Dr. using existing roads to the west of the shopping center.”
 - ◊ Downtown.
 - ◊ The new Pump Track would be a great addition.
 - ◊ Anywhere except Pheasant Branch
 - ◊ Mountain bike parking and Trail Head at Pleasant View
 - ◊ A trail head and skills area are needed for the Pleasantview mountain bike trails ASAP. Adding intermixed short, mountain bike specific trails to Pheasant Branch would be great!
 - ◊ Off-road mountain biking trails near Pleasant View.
 - ◊ extending bike lanes on Pleasant View from Junction Road north
 - ◊ Blackhawk ski club and surrounding area.
 - ◊ Pleasant View Bike Park
 - ◊ Pleasant View/Middleton MTB Park
 - ◊ Would love to see more Mountain biking trails, and improvements on existing ones!
 - ◊ “more trails at pleasant view.
 - ◊ N. Parmenter needs repair by Springs Window.”
 - ◊ The proposed trail out to Mazomanie
 - ◊ Highly - I think supporting creating more bike routes makes a city more attractive to live in, and creates a larger sense of community.
 - ◊ Pleasant view
 - ◊ Highway M
 - ◊ It would be ideal if the trail system linked to downtown Middleton.
 - ◊ Pleasant View
 - ◊ All streets should be safe to bike and walk for all level of users in a large age range
 - ◊ Increase the number of single track mountain bike trails
 - ◊ Pleasantview
 - ◊ Blackhawk
 - ◊ Old Sauk road , Pleasant View, continue bike path out to Sunset Ridge school
 - ◊ Pleasant View mountain bike trails. Wherever one-way trails don’t exist there, and eroded trails.
 - ◊ Pleasant View bike park.
 - ◊ The acquiring of new land that can be utilized by all outdoor enthusiasts. Non-motorized means of enjoyment.
 - ◊ Any place that can hold trails would be great!
 - ◊ New pump track at pleasant view
 - ◊ Connecting downtown Middleton to the proposed Lake Mendota trail would be ideal.
 - ◊ Move bikers from Pheasant Branch Rd. to High St.
 - ◊ I don’t have a specific location but anywhere the city plans to expand its footprint makes sense.

- ◊ I think we should fix the roads and not prioritize more trails at least at this time.
- ◊ Century Ave east of Allen Blvd
- ◊ Across University!
- ◊ See above and also in downtown Middleton
- ◊ Connecting neighborhoods west of HighRoad to Pheasant Branch Conservancy.
- ◊ Bike lanes in some close to town center , residential areas
- ◊ Connector routes to other trails
- ◊ To/from downtown Middleton and the surrounding residential neighborhoods
- ◊ From the Blackhawk neighborhood to the opposite side of University Avenue. It would be great if our kids could bike to Keva, the baseball fields and soccer fields on airport road without having to go through Greenway Station and cross at the busy intersection at Deming Way.
- ◊ A route that would enable one to connect from Costco to trails to the south of Airport Road without having to ride on Deming way
- ◊ Fram walk
- ◊ Century Avenue. Access from Middleton to UW Campus and Downtown Madison
- ◊ off of streets or sidewalks
- ◊ Consider extending trail around Graber Pond into a loop around the pond, pending environmental impacts
- ◊ Please connect the Middleton bike trails to the Madison bike trails, and add a bike trail along pleasant view road.
- ◊ “- University Ave from Madison path to DT Middleton
- ◊ - gaps in Allen Blvd to PBC.
- ◊ - off-street or separated path on Century **with safe, efficient intersection to ALLEN infrastructure and Creek Corridor trail.”
- ◊ Out highway 14 toward Cross Plains
- ◊ Unknown
- ◊ As above. It would also make it easier to access Eriks bike or Trek bike- both are very close to the beltline exits. Another park-and-ride would be great.
- ◊ ?
- ◊ making a path to get from downtown area/elm lawn area to hook up to UW bike path on Old Middleton / Segoe Rd intersection
- ◊ Connecting Pheasant Branch trails with Governor Nelson State Park
- ◊ ?
- ◊ Lanes on or around pleasant view road between Hwy 14 and Old Sauk
- ◊ Dedicated bike path - porous asphalt that connects Hwy 12 path to Governor Nelson, that would alleviate people taking Balzer and high road - very dangerous. I think a path mirroring Gammon would be welcome. Out Airport road to Cross Plains - I know that is not the city totally. Last would be for Dane County to complete the full path to get from Middleton to Sauk City.
- ◊ Connecting new neighborhoods to nearby parks and stores, restaurants, etc.
- ◊ Connecting bike paths to other bike paths in the state would be great.
- ◊ near schools or stores
- ◊ Hook up to downtown Middleton
- ◊ Everywhere. Middleton is not pedestrian or bike friendly. Too many cars too much reckless driving by motorists.
- ◊ No ideas at this time.
- ◊ I don't know. The more biking paths and lanes the better.
- ◊ Black hawk
- ◊ connector to Waunakee would be nice
- ◊ High Road
- ◊ Extending routes that are near Costco
- ◊ connecting schools, shopping, grocery
- ◊ More bike trails always help when biking with little kids.
- ◊ I live in the Town of Middleton, not far from West Middleton Elementary School. I would like to see more bike trails that would allow us to bike to downtown Middleton
- ◊ Century Avenue needs bike paths
- ◊ Century Avenue
- ◊ I'd love to see the BMX/ bike pump track rebuilt somewhere. Otherwise, Pheasant Branch expansion is going better than expected with the addition of land.
- ◊ I think some connection of the path along Allen and the paths in Pheasant branch need to be added. right now it's difficult.
- ◊ I guess we need more bike lanes and trails in Middleton
- ◊ “I would love to see movement on what was previously referred to as the Good Neighbor Trail as it would be incredible to have a regional trail run through the city.
- ◊ <https://www.cityofmadison.com/bikemadison/documents/GoodNeighborFinal.pdf>”
- ◊ Not sure
- ◊ dedicated bike trails connecting middleton to verona to connect with military ridge, trail to cross plains. development of new farm land obtained in conservancy.
- ◊ Not sure
- ◊ Avoid along Pheasant Branch Rd. for biking, it is too narrow and too steep on both sides for proper access.
- ◊ Unsure
- ◊ Not sure
- ◊ within pheasant branch in the newly acquired land.
- ◊ I would prioritize making trails from Middleton to connect to existing regional and state bike trails in Madison.
- ◊ In low traffic areas.
- ◊ new parts of pheasant branch, out to black earth off of the road, to lake mendota via gov nelson, to waunakee and westport
- ◊ downtown Middleton, Kromrey, High School
- ◊ The community would greatly benefit from a safer route connecting downtown Middleton to communities to the West as well as downtown Madison. Have the cities/towns considered negotiating purchase of the Watco/WSOR railway between Madison and Mazomanie? A commuter bike route/pedestrian path in place of the railway would directly and positively connect Western towns and cities and improve safety for walkers and bikers commuting or traveling to downtowns on the bike route (improving access!).
- ◊ Partially following Highland way along the upper part of Pheasant Branch conservancy
- ◊ Na
- ◊ Century Avenue.
- ◊ Town of Middleton
- ◊ commuter routes
- ◊ Middleton town roads. So many bikes on the road, it is dangerous. Especially with the number of young people driving to school and jobs in the town of middleton. I almost always hit a biker on Airport Road
- ◊ I would cleaning up the Pheasant Branch
- ◊ Conservancy paths would be super, making them wider, not so much loose gravel. More benches. Or even picnic areas; could have one down by Branch Street area.
- ◊ I don't know because I don't know what the options are.
- ◊ Trails to connect the Town of Middleton to the City of Middleton
- ◊ Bike Route that connects Cross Plains to Middleton
- ◊ “century ave pheasant branch road”
- ◊ Neighborhoods - connecting neighborhoods to nearby parks (example: The Willows neighborhood to Pioneer Park/Sauk Heights Park, etc)
- ◊ Old Sauk Rd
- ◊ Near capital ice.
- ◊ Pheasant branch to Costco
- ◊ commuter routes to/from work
- ◊ Anything to relieve congestion along Pheasant Branch would be welcome.
- ◊ Airport road area.
- ◊ Why are pedestrians and cyclists relegated to sidewalks and trails given that driving is down? Why not reclaim some of our roads for pedestrians and bikes. Can you temporarily (or permanently) make four lane roads usable for pedestrians and cyclists by altering the lines painted on the roads? It would make a lot of sense and would make our communities more livable and would be a helpful reminder to cars to share the road.
- ◊ Twofold: 1. Regional, out to nearby towns like Waunakee and Cross Plains. 2. Radially to/from downtown to promote riding to downtown.
- ◊ Linking to ice age trail
- ◊ Same.
- ◊ Downtown Middleton
- ◊ Century Ave between Hwy Q and Allen Blvd
- ◊ Finish the Good Neighbor Trail - would love to have greater access and options to areas west of Middleton; Areas around Bishops Bay
- ◊ In the city.
- ◊ Timber Lane specifically between mineral point and midtown!!!! I live on Noll valley and it is a nightmare. Bikers take up entire lanes of traffic and sometimes I won't see them until I crest a hill. And there are so many hills and so many bikers. I am surprised no one has gotten seriously hurt.
- ◊ Century Ave

- ◊ Wider paths for social distancing. More cleaning and better cleaning of toilets on bike routes.
- ◊ Turn the railroad into a bike path!
- ◊ Very high
- ◊ Park street/ along and across rail track
- ◊ University Avenue
- ◊ More trails that connect to existing ones would be great, to maximize connections between off-road trails
- ◊ University Avenue, Century Avenue
- ◊ Century Avenue needs either bike lanes or an expanded path so they don't nearly run over pedestrians using the sidewalk
- ◊ "Routes leading to downtown
- ◊ Maybe more access between Middleton and Madison (especially west Madison). And between downtown Middleton and Cross Plains.
- ◊ Connections to Verona and Waunakee are difficult and require utilizing busy streets. I'd prioritize making these bike trail connections (I look forward to connections to Waunakee at Hwy K. Madison connection is ok as long as you're coming from Lakeview Park area.
- ◊ Connecting Waunakee to Middleton via Q. The road bike lane is too narrow and dangerous. An off road bike path would be better.
- ◊ "Bicycle lanes on all the roads (no, I have lived in such places, it's eminently doable).
- ◊ Bike/walking paths near me (Pheasant Branch) are above average. No opinion otherwise.
- ◊ Perhaps something along University Avenue to Campus? Maybe it's already there and I don't know.
- ◊ Century Avenue
- ◊ Along Century Ave to get to the Hwy 12 bike path
- ◊ From Q through Century and down Allen to get to University, there should be a bike path.
- ◊ A bike path (separate from the road) on Franklin Ave leading from Lakeview Park to downtown shops would be helpful.
- ◊ MTB trails at Pleasant View are outstanding, absolutely amazing. If the new farm purchased on Pleasant View could host a similar trail, that would be idea. Road biking groups need bike lanes on Pleasant View and Century Ave.
- ◊ North South corridor on
- Pleasantview rd
- ◊ Airport Road
- ◊ "It would be awesome if there was a bike trail to connect downtown Middleton with downtown Madison. As it is there's not a great route. I would love the option to bike instead of driving downtown.
- ◊ I live near the high school and work on Deming way. My bike route to work usually has me on Elmwood (to avoid University Ave) and then past Easier Pond and up Deming from there. The area around Deming / John Q Hammond, as well as the areas near downtown (between branch Street and the beltline) would be awesome for separate bike paths, though admittedly I don't know where they would go and they're navigable as is. But since we're dreaming :)"
- ◊ Along Pheasant Branch Road
- ◊ Unknown
- ◊ Down century
- ◊ Biking should be safer on the main streets that connect to Madison.
- ◊ relative to what? Certainly fixing the roads in this town are very high...then building a parking garage downtown... then who know, I'd need to see a list of the goals of improvements to prioritize biking needs/wants.
- ◊ All along Century and other busy roads to have dedicated bike lanes
- ◊ Towards Verona
- ◊ Excited to see trail work by the new bishop bay neighborhood
- ◊ connecting neighborhoods along airport rd to the city of middleton
- ◊ How do you get from the trails across Hwy 14 and headed south? That would be great to connect trails or make that a reality.
- ◊ Throughout the city.
- ◊ Along Century Avenue especially from Q to beltline.
- ◊ Not sure
- ◊ I would recommend a bike lane or T least a widening of the road on Greenbrier to connect high road with Parmenter.
- ◊ Near Conservancy, but easy/safe to get to from surrounding neighborhoods (Fox Ridge, Stone Field, etc)
- ◊ Old Sauk Road and Timber Lane
- ◊ Park near eagle trace community
- ◊ path leading out of Middleton along hwy 12
- connect to the sauk area
- ◊ Since we are on the far west side it would be nice to have good bike lanes or bike/ walking trails into town.
- ◊ If they are commuter routes, I think proximity to transportation corridors is important.
- ◊ university avenue & parmenter street area
- ◊ Century Ave corridor
- ◊ First priority: improve safety conditions on existing streets and intersections. See above notes. Stop signs and other mechanisms for reducing motorist speed / increasing awareness, along with timely AM city clearance of snow and ice on major school walking routes, and law enforcement presence at busy times would be a major improvement. Bike trails are great, but this is a lower priority.
- ◊ Have them continue to connect to the trail system. Its a great system.
- ◊ Along CTH Q and CTH M ?
- ◊ Out Pheasant Branch Road, continuously from Century Ave.
- ◊ "On university avenue between Allen Blvd and Parmenter. Century avenue between Parmenter and Allen Blvd .
- ◊ 4 way stop signs need to be placed on streets surrounding Parkside Heights park and sped bumps need to be placed on Northbrook in Middleton near Parkside heights park. Cars drive too fast down that street and it's right in front of the park where lots of little children play!"
- ◊ Parmenter street, century Ave, another bike station on the west side of town
- ◊ "I complete Lake mendota loop
- ◊ 2 develop a paved commuter trail from back side bishops bay to down but around not through Pheasant Branch Conservancy trails
- ◊ 3 connect to the bike trail out by Black earth creek, wis heights school and mazomanie. "
- ◊ It would be great to have a path along Century Ave. to connect to the State park and other areas
- ◊ Century Avenue from county road Q to Parmenter
- ◊ "Cty M/Century Ave corridor.
- ◊ After that, Cty Q from Cty M north to Balzer road."
- ◊ I would like to see a better
- North / South trail from Middleton to Verona. Pleasant View is a death trap for cyclists.
- ◊ I would prioritize bike lanes on arterial streets, as they are upgraded.
- ◊ Very high, it's important to provide better access to support riding as opposed to driving.
- ◊ Northeast section of city: east of Allen, and Century Ave going northeast with connections to Baskerville, Orchid Heights, Northlake, etc.
- ◊ Near schools, along University and Century.
- ◊ Pheasant Branch, Old Sauk Road West, Airport Road - bike lanes and along Valley View Road and Mid Town Road.
- ◊ West of Middleton
- ◊ n/a
- ◊ "An off road path from Graber Pond to the Route 12 bike path.
- ◊ An off road path on Century Ave east of Allen Blvd."
- ◊ University Ave
- ◊ Make Hubbard Ave. a bike friendly route when reconstructed next year. Lots of commuters use it.
- ◊ Century Road (County Rd. M)
- ◊ "1) fix and pave the Pheasant Branch trails
- ◊ 2) bike trails along busy highways - University Ave, Century Ave, Pleasant View Rd., etc. - to give bikes safe access along those routes. "
- ◊ It would be awesome if there was a trail connecting Cross Plains and Middleton.
- ◊ Century Avenue and University Avenue.
- ◊ A priority would be a stop sign for bikers along Allen Blvd at Mendota Ave. (east side, Middleton Beach Rd entrance). Bikers come flying across there and the cars entering Allen need to pull far enough forward to see oncoming traffic. Bikers need to slow down there and have a stop sign before someone gets hurt or worse.
- ◊ The university Ave corridor, toward Waunakee and toward Governor Nelson
- ◊ Century Avenue, especially east of Branch
- ◊ Connect Tiedman pond to downtown along the railroad. Path along the railroad. Connect downtown to pheasant branch path as it goes under Parmenter.
- ◊ Highway M
- ◊ Along the RR tracks! Repair the entire Pheasant Branch

- ◊ trail.
 - ◊ Regional connections
 - ◊ West of Pleasant View and south of Airport Road, north of Hwy 14
 - ◊ No
 - ◊ I dedicated bike path from Middleton to Cross Plains.
 - ◊ Safer crossing at University Ave near High School and at Deming.
 - ◊ Connecting to Governor Nelson State Park and to Middleton's new bike park on the Erdman property.
- Q10 Does the City's current variety of recreational programs and classes meet the needs of your household? If no, please explain.**
- ◊ Indoor open recreation/ open gym times in the winter... different times for age groups... parent volunteers.
 - ◊ No outlet for recreational or training hang gliding areas (fields)
 - ◊ "Strength for women over 50 class
 - ◊ Water aerobics summer evenings for adults "
 - ◊ Mountain biking should be added.
 - ◊ Not applicable to me.
 - ◊ More swim lessons, masters swim in the summer, and youth volleyball
 - ◊ Our 2 year old knows how to swim but we have been having a difficulty finding an appropriate pool
 - ◊ No support from the high school for the local Mountain Bike team
 - ◊ The school district is not support the NICA scholastic bike league.
 - ◊ I would love there to be a recreational volleyball option for adults...though with the current state of social distancing that may not be realistic.
 - ◊ Would like more summer/ after school programs for middle schoolers that aren't sports.
 - ◊ Husband has used the motorized wheelchair due to an injury and it was greatly appreciated.
 - ◊ Hopefully there will be senior pickle ball classes .
 - ◊ I wish there was a general kids Summer Rec camp like there is in other cities. For school aged kids. I would like a full day or half day option. For working parents, summer camps can be expensive and I wish the city offered a reasonably priced rec camp.
 - ◊ Would like more activities for special needs children
 - ◊ I wish there were more for toddlers.
 - ◊ As an adult, I would love to join some recreational sports, but it has been impossible to access those unless you already have a team. The time for the classes is almost never right for our household. For example tennis classes for kids, recreational volleyball for adults, or water aerobics.
 - ◊ The programs seem to be mainly towards grade school children.
 - ◊ My 17 year old is on the autism spectrum and we've struggled to have a positive experience in him participating in sporting activities
 - ◊ flag football filled up; would have been nice if there was more space.
 - ◊ The yoga class that I signed up for was cancelled. More lap swim times for adults would be nice.
 - ◊ Would like additional children's programming for gymnastics and children's swimming
 - ◊ It would be nice if there were options for children during the summer that would last several hours/day rather than 1 hour/day.
 - ◊ Look at Waunakee's Park & rec.
 - ◊ We wish there were more recreational softball teams for girls over age 8. We like convenience of not having to travel too far for games such as the West Middleton fields, but there is not a team offered for 9 year olds or above.
 - ◊ "I'd like to see more activities for adults.
 - ◊ The variety is excellent, the classes are affordable and well-run. It can be difficult to make the times work for my family. We work full-time so only weekend or evening classes work for us.
 - ◊ There isn't enough for teenagers to do over 14 yrs. old particularly for kids who aren't sports-minded, like one of my sons who has a developmental disability.
 - ◊ More adult activities
 - ◊ "More variety for 50+
 - ◊ Also, there should be summer swim classes a pool that support working parents. Archaic model being used"
 - ◊ I have a disabled child with multiple amputations legs, fingers, and sensory sensitivity. He wears prosthetic legs and uses a wheelchair. There is no adaptive play equipment at any of the Middleton parks for any physically challenged children, no wheelchair swing no climbing equipment etc. nothing for sensory sensitive children. I'm sure my child isn't the only child that would benefit from this. Why is adaptive equipment not considered and installed when developing public/ community parks for the disabled. Other communities are making more parks and playgrounds accessible to/ for all abilities. I would like to see Middleton do this. Does this go against the Americans With Disabilities Act? You also don't have any recreational programs for the physically disabled, this would be good for adults and children. Making trails accessible for wheelchairs, walkers, strollers would also be beneficial. If there were more accessibility my family would use and participate often.
 - ◊ We would like to see more activities for older elementary children and expand on those for teenagers.
 - ◊ More variety for kids and different ages
 - ◊ Pickleball leagues/classes in an indoor facility like a community center
 - ◊ Adult leagues for tennis and golf -- expanded.
 - ◊ A few more classes/camps would be great
 - ◊ Need warming shelters for ice-skating
 - ◊ Pickle Ball lessons?
 - ◊ I stopped taking Yoga classes when it was moved to 7:30, that's too late. A 6:00, 6:30 pm class would be good. Maybe a 5:45am Yoga class?
 - ◊ We would love to have an indoor walking option in the winter. I am currently using Fitchburg Senior Center's free walking program at an indoor soccer facility. Could something similar be worked out with Keva? Or another indoor track?
 - ◊ I think more programs should be offered on nights and weekends for working families.
 - ◊ We have two kids under 4 years old, and not much of the programming is for children that young. In our last town (Glen Ellyn, IL) there were more offerings for toddlers.
 - ◊ We cycling almost every day of the year, so not interested in rec programs outside of cycling.
 - ◊ Most of the programs are during the week when I have work. I'd appreciate more programs on the weekends.
 - ◊ I would like more swim times/ options available for kids in the summer
 - ◊ Yogi is cost prohibitive for me and not much flexibility. Instead of having to go to four classes per month why not just be able to buy 4 passes and attend classes when you can.
 - ◊ I wish indoor youth volleyball was also offered in the winter and that more tennis lessons and youth pickleball were available
 - ◊ There are a lot of options, although we've been unimpressed with the courses for children. Often, the children find them dull and their interest wanes as the courses progress.
 - ◊ I guess it does, but would like more information on adult softball and baseball leagues.
 - ◊ Summer programs in the evening for children whose parents work
 - ◊ More art programs
 - ◊ I joined a gym instead - unfortunately now closed.
 - ◊ the times have never worked out for us.
 - ◊ Locations, day, and time not great
 - ◊ There isn't much programming for teens.
 - ◊ More things for middle school aged girls would be fun
 - ◊ I would like to see martial arts/self defense, dance and more CPR offerings for adults. There are too many kids programs and not enough adult ones. Tennis would be nice, too.
 - ◊ Offer flag football and basketball for younger ages like the surrounding cities/ towns
 - ◊ I haven't noticed a lot of programs for people over 65. The senior center has some resources, but it would be good to have more choices for active seniors.
 - ◊ We tend to be more involved in club sports and school sponsored activities, but do appreciate the rec options. Recommend summer options that would be full or half days for working parents. Would like more drama/ theater options.
 - ◊ "Too many children in the soccer and basketball leagues. Need smaller sizes. Have chosen to switch to Madison's programs for this reason.
 - ◊ We like the tennis and T ball."

- ◊ Archery course?
- ◊ None of the offerings are of interest.
- ◊ No because of the ages of our kids, who mostly participate in recreation/sports through the high school.
- ◊ "Had planned to use HS pool and outdoor pool more this year...but not now, due to Covid.
- ◊ Bike trails in Pheasant Branch are too narrow for physical distance spacing with many people on them."
- ◊ I wish there were more adult leagues
- ◊ most are not focused on active senior citizens
- ◊ There is practically nothing for adults.
- ◊ Some of the one time classes - cooking for kids, crafts - are really expensive

Q11 Do you (or a family member) participate in any of the following groups/organizations? Other, please specify.

- ◊ Whitewater hang gliding club, hoofers sailing
- ◊ Cyclocross
- ◊ Does the boat house count or is that technically Madison?
- ◊ Pickle ball
- ◊ Scouts
- ◊ Noon time yoga through middleton rec.
- ◊ Kids swimming
- ◊ Blackhawk Mountain Bike Club
- ◊ BAC club swimming practices in Middleton as well and we are a part of that.
- ◊ Dad is an assistant basketball coach at MHS. Kids will be participating in the near future. Age is the current limitation.
- ◊ Inner Fire Yoga
- ◊ YMCA
- ◊ Badger Betties
- ◊ We moved in right before the pandemic! These are some groups we'd like to participate in.
- ◊ Cascade Mountain ski
- ◊ Madison Nordic Ski Club
- ◊ Taking Autism To The Sky (TATTS)
- ◊ Blackhawk Mountain bike team
- ◊ Boy Scout Troops 40 and 140
- ◊ Middleton High School Pool - but lap swim times for adults are too limited
- ◊ Stags lacrosse
- ◊ Lacrosse
- ◊ Middleton Club Lacrosse
- ◊ Burn boot camp
- ◊ Scouts BSA
- ◊ Boy Scouts
- ◊ Middleton High school swim lessons

- ◊ Powless Tennis Club
- ◊ John Powless Tennis; Spotlight Dance; Infinity Karate
- ◊ Princeton Club Express
- ◊ Yoga class at St. Luke's Church
- ◊ We mostly use Middleton Parks and Rec programs. We have tried others, but always come back to park and rec
- ◊ Middleton youth basketball
- ◊ Middleton Area Wrestling Club
- ◊ SwimWest
- ◊ Elite volleyball club, Madison 56ers soccer club, Badger Aquatics Club
- ◊ Nakoma Golf Club
- ◊ BAC, Cascade ski team, USA swim team (Madison Aquatic Club); Girl Scouts, Girls on the Run
- ◊ Middleton Aquatic Center water aerobics
- ◊ Middleton rec adult yoga
- ◊ Madison 56ers Soccer Club
- ◊ Madcity Aquastars Synchronized Swimming
- ◊ Need more public access to golf course - skiing, walking, etc. Non-golfers could co-exist with golfers if walking paths were properly designed. You could get funds by having a walking / skiing permit.
- ◊ Bishop bay swimming pool

Q13 When visiting City parks, which activities or facilities do you or members of your household most commonly participate in or use? Other, please specify.

- ◊ Mountain biking
- ◊ Mountain Biking
- ◊ Off-road mountain biking trails near Pleasant View.
- ◊ Off road mountain bike trails
- ◊ MTB biking
- ◊ Mountain bike trails and cross country skiing at Pleasant View.
- ◊ Mtb trails
- ◊ Mountain bike trails, XC skiing, snow shoeing
- ◊ Mountain Biking
- ◊ Wasn't able to ice skate this past year
- ◊ Running
- ◊ Access to bathrooms near playgrounds and biking trails is important as we have 3 young children and even though potty trained need a restrooms unexpectedly.
- ◊ Running
- ◊ Pheasant Branch
- ◊ XC Skiing
- ◊ running
- ◊ we use green space for playing catch
- ◊ cross country ski

- ◊ golf
- ◊ It was sad that the ice skating rink hasn't been at town of Middleton city hall for several years.
- ◊ Mountain Biking (pleasant view)
- ◊ Where are Pickle Ball courts?
- ◊ Boardwalk (thanks for replacing the one in Middleton Hills!)
- ◊ restrooms
- ◊ Hiking
- ◊ splash pad and playground when grandchildren visit
- ◊ Cross-country skiing at Pleasant View
- ◊ Shelters, ice rinks and basketball courts
- ◊ Kayaking in Lake Mendota, and up PB creek.

Q14 Which of the following amenities would you like to be added either by public or private entities? Other, please specify.

- ◊ Open fields or hills for hang gliding
- ◊ 1/4 mile outdoor running tracks
- ◊ All weather pump track
- ◊ nothing
- ◊ planting more trees
- ◊ None extra needed!
- ◊ fenced in off leash dog parks
- ◊ Sailing
- ◊ Amphitheater - outdoor community space for music, Build a new hockey rink - Cap Ice is poorly run and a safety hazard.
- ◊ Outdoor/indoor running track
- ◊ Drinking Fountains at trail heads
- ◊ another public pool would be great. the high school pool isn't open for a long enough season.
- ◊ Bocce Ball
- ◊ Drone flying like what we do with TATTS
- ◊ Lighted tennis courts, and public access to high school track
- ◊ It would be nice to have a small Dog park dedicated for puppies as it's not good for them to go to mix with adult dogs.
- ◊ Existing dog parks are awful for humans and not much better for animals. Muddy, wet, unkept. Need areas for small young dogs (puppies) only.
- ◊ Bike/walking path connecting Western communities to Middleton and into downtown Madison
- ◊ additional dog waste receptacles
- ◊ A pool and splash pad as well as other educational

- activities specifically for the town of Middleton so we don't have to drive 20 minutes / 2 downtown Middleton or further to access any activities.
- ◊ Track field
- ◊ YMCA
- ◊ Shade trees or other shade over play areas
- ◊ An artificial turf soccer complex
- ◊ None
- ◊ All private, please
- ◊ No preference
- ◊ Year-round restrooms
- ◊ On road biking lanes
- ◊ Please improve off-leash dog area at P. Klein park. The grounds need improvement, but no buildings.
- ◊ It's important not to play favorites and rugby players have to travel too far for a home field. Not wanting them to ruin the grass is absurd. Play is what parks are for!
- ◊ Access to high school or other track (for running training)
- ◊ Restored native vegetation, less mowed lawns; rain gardens
- ◊ n/a
- ◊ Tobaggon slide, like the ice runs Madison used to have. Wonderful, safe fun for families!

Q15 Which of the following amenities would you like to be improved or expanded by the City? Other, please specify.

- ◊ Off-road mountain biking trails
- ◊ Mountain bike washing station
- ◊ All weather pump track
- ◊ Off road bike trails
- ◊ Off-road mountain biking trails (why is this not an option for this question, but is for #14?)
- ◊ Off road mountain biking
- ◊ MTB bike trails
- ◊ Off-road mountain biking trails
- ◊ Restore the destroyed bike park.
- ◊ It would be awesome if park restrooms were open for more of the year.
- ◊ better signage for bike trails
- ◊ nothing
- ◊ Airport road dog park is great addition and use of otherwise unusable land but would be nice to add more raised walkways to handle the marshy areas. Is very unusable during spring/wet seasons.
- ◊ keep restrooms open in

- ◊ winter
 - ◊ No more property tax increases!
 - ◊ Indoor walking
 - ◊ bike trails along airport rd
 - ◊ None. All additions should be privately held
 - ◊ No preference
 - ◊ Year-round restrooms
 - ◊ Handicapped parking stalls (there is a terrible shortage downtown but also at other city locations, which greatly limits accessibility). Adaptive and more inclusive athletic programming and facilities for those with physical disabilities. There are programs geared to those with intellectual disabilities/autism, but needs for those with normal intellectual function/maturity but physical impairments not available.
 - ◊ If Middleton's outdoor pool could be improved, addition of swimming lanes would be lovely.
 - ◊ Greater investment in greenspace in developments, for protection during flooding.
 - ◊ more restrooms near conservancy trails, including trash cans
 - ◊ Rain gardens everywhere possible
 - ◊ Please stop cutting trees and other vegetation. Begin an aggressive planting and wilderness restoration program. There is too much clearing going on to build housing and recreational amenities. Each generation will renege the development urge, and eventually preservation will be irretrievably lost. It is seriously impaired as it is.
 - ◊ benches along trails and in parks
- Q16 What is your favorite park to visit in the City of Middleton? Other, please specify.**
- ◊ Pleasant View Bike trails
 - ◊ Middleton Off-road Biking Trails
 - ◊ Pleasant View mountain bike trails
 - ◊ Pleasant View bike trails
 - ◊ Pleasant View Bike Park
 - ◊ Middleton/Pleasant View Mountain Bike Park
 - ◊ Pleasant view mtb trails
 - ◊ Pleasant view bike trails
 - ◊ Pleasant View bike trails.
 - ◊ Graber Pond
 - ◊ Pioneer
 - ◊ Marshall Park
 - ◊ Taylor Park on Hwy Q by Communities of Bishops Bay
 - ◊ Graber Pond - quiet gem that
- ◊ is underappreciated
 - ◊ ...
 - ◊ Conservancy.
 - ◊ Pheasant Branch Conservancy from Parisi Park to Orchard heights. Trail is awesome for running/walking/birdwatchers and I am very appreciate of the City's restoration efforts after the storms of 2018. Nicely done.
 - ◊ Ed Tallard Nature Conservancy
 - ◊ Pioneer Park because we can walk to it
 - ◊ Pheasant Branch Conservancy
 - ◊ Teidman Pond
 - ◊ Don't know many, if at all of these places. :-/
 - ◊ Spruce Hollow Park
 - ◊ Cross Plains State Park
 - ◊ Middleton portion of PBC.
 - ◊ Pheasant Branch Trail
- Q17 Why is this park your favorite park to visit in the City of Middleton?**
- ◊ Blackhawk for mountain biking
 - ◊ It's large and has a pond, stream, a shelter, restrooms, nice pathways, open fields...
 - ◊ Off-road mountain biking trails
 - ◊ Mountain biking
 - ◊ Mountain biking trails
 - ◊ To walk around the pond.
 - ◊ Mountain bike trails
 - ◊ The mountain bike trails.
 - ◊ Because the Bike Trails are there.
 - ◊ In my immediate neighborhood but needs a picnic shelter for the families
 - ◊ They are the closest (3mi) off road trails to my house
 - ◊ Mountain biking trails.
 - ◊ Because of the extremely limited facilities for off-road biking trails in the area, and because what is currently there is a lot of fun, but there is a lot of room for improvement and expansion.
 - ◊ one of only a few places to mountain bike in Middleton
 - ◊ I like to mountain bike there
 - ◊ It's huge and beautiful. It offers a really wonderful variety of activities.
 - ◊ Walking and biking Live single track trails
 - ◊ The mountain bike trail motivates me to exercise 5-6 times a week
 - ◊ Mountain biking trails are present
 - ◊ Off-road mountain bike trails, including connection to Blackhawk trails
 - ◊ MTB trails.
 - ◊ Great nature, awesome paths. Good exploration value
 - ◊ Some of the best mountain
- ◊ bike trails within riding distance from my home.
 - ◊ Great mountain biking!
 - ◊ I ride the mountain bike trails at pleasant view
 - ◊ The mountain bike trails all year round, and the ski trails in winter.
 - ◊ Awesome mtb trails. Please make more.
 - ◊ MTB trails!
 - ◊ Size and proximity to the conservancy
 - ◊ Closest
 - ◊ love the variety, pond, trails, playground, ball park, shelter and splash pad, this one has it all
 - ◊ Large, variety of uses and users, a lot of fun to bike even given the space
 - ◊ Dedicated mountain bike trails
 - ◊ The MTB trails are typically maintained extremely well
 - ◊ Only place to mountain bike
 - ◊ Easiest place to go for a long(wish) walk with the dog and family.
 - ◊ Bike trail
 - ◊ Mountain biking.
 - ◊ Beautiful place and terrain, good attitude from the others who go there.
 - ◊ It's a great place to take my family swimming. The entire place is clean. The staff do a great job of keeping it a place we look forward to spending time at.
 - ◊ Mountain bike trails are great.
 - ◊ I can enjoy it year round for both cross country skiing and off road biking!
 - ◊ It has mountain biking trails.
 - ◊ Mountain biking
 - ◊ Big open green space to play sports. Restrooms and shelter are close.
 - ◊ Near our house and lots to do there.
 - ◊ Great nature path around the pond. Tennis courts are repaired, and nice playground. However, the soccer field needs serious repair from flooding.
 - ◊ It's a beautiful and challenging golf course.
 - ◊ Close to home.
 - ◊ location
 - ◊ Location to the Pheasant Branch loop. Plus offers basketball court, volleyball and tennis.
 - ◊ I was a youth and varsity softball coach for many years.
 - ◊ Natural beauty
 - ◊ My kids love the elevator on the play structure
 - ◊ Swim team!!!
 - ◊ Closest to my house
 - ◊ We like the splash pad and the path around the lagoon
 - ◊ the variety there: park shelter facilities, open field, pond,
- ◊ splash pad, playground, trails, parking
 - ◊ live nearby and connects to the conservancy
 - ◊ Access to trail and park shelter
 - ◊ Natural Wetlands
 - ◊ playground for grandchildren
 - ◊ pond, nature/walking trails, wooded feel, bird watching, sanctuary
 - ◊ Lots to do from park structures to fishing.
 - ◊ Location, variety of amenities
 - ◊ My kids use it all the time for sports.
 - ◊ Closest to our house
 - ◊ Splash pad, playground, fishing pond (however getting over fished in recent years). One improvement would be to see about getting additional restrooms with "family restroom" option for parents with multiple kids.
 - ◊ Close to where I live
 - ◊ Baseball
 - ◊ Facilities and water
 - ◊ 6 year old likes to swim and water slide
 - ◊ We enjoy the pool
 - ◊ within walking distance, quiet, play ground equipment for young children only, no unsightly or noisy ball sports fences or pavement, no noisy sporting events, pretty green space
 - ◊ Within walking distance
 - ◊ It has a lot of beautiful natural areas, and a variety of landscapes. It is also a great spot for birdwatching and admiring natural prairie flowers.
 - ◊ Attached to the conservancy. Nice shelter, tennis courts, playgrounds. Accessible on foot, bike, car.
 - ◊ PBC!
 - ◊ Close to home
 - ◊ Great tennis courts, lots of space and choices. Great new playground equipment
 - ◊ My kids like the playground and the splash pad
 - ◊ splash pad for the kids, trails
 - ◊ It's closest to my house and it has abundant wildlife and nature all year round.
 - ◊ Splash pad, tennis courts
 - ◊ Fun fishing pond, and splash pad.
 - ◊ variety of options to enjoy-pond, walking, multiple playgrounds, splash pad
 - ◊ "Close to home
 - ◊ Large green space, ball diamond, shelter and play structure"
 - ◊ Pheasant Branch- great trails, shade in the summer, water features, availability
 - ◊ Tennis
 - ◊ Lake, shoreline, grass, trees, green space
 - ◊ close to home, pond

- ◊ We have young kids and they enjoy the splash pad and play ground equipment.
- ◊ I can see it from my house - full of "nature" - has come a long way; boardwalk needs to be addressed again.
- ◊ Great playground, pickle ball courts, nice playing fields, great parking, nice shelter and walking distance from my house.
- ◊ Scenery, walking paths, shelter, splash pad, playground, pond, fishing, parking
- ◊ Range of activity
- ◊ Close to where we live.
- ◊ It's very close to our house
- ◊ My kids all played or play sports at this park
- ◊ ponds, trails, playground, field, tennis courts. Lots to do.
- ◊ The walking trails are good and the atmosphere is very welcoming. Great picnic facilities for family gatherings.
- ◊ Nice natural area.
- ◊ Close to home
- ◊ I like to hike.
- ◊ close to home
- ◊ beautiful, big, can be walked or biked
- ◊ Proximity to my house, green space, basketball court and play equipment
- ◊ Great running loop.
- ◊ Good parking all in one activities
- ◊ Proximity to our house
- ◊ Wildlife, Nature
- ◊ It has both playground equipment and a walking path with boardwalk.
- ◊ Because it is a large natural area, it provides shade in the summer and open areas in the winter. Trails are nice and long enough to walk or bike undisturbed and away from traffic. The wooded area is beautiful and the water places are great. Bridges and decks are great. The only limitation with the park is that when snow starts to melt, walking and biking is difficult as it becomes too muddy or icy.
- ◊ Good activity for all ages
- ◊ boardwalks and wildlife
- ◊ Baseball
- ◊ Beautiful trails
- ◊ We like to golf and it has beautiful views
- ◊ It is within walking distance closest to our foxridge home
- ◊ Space and playground
- ◊ It's tough to name a favorite because we visit a lot of parks with our kids. Parisi is probably our favorite because due to proximity to Pheasant Branch. We go on lots of hikes and bike rides and stop off at the park to play. We also like that it is wooded.
- ◊ Aquatic- swimming, water slides, and diving
- ◊ It has everything
- ◊ It is closest to our house, has a great playground and the splash pad.
- ◊ Love to golf. Good activity for my son with autism
- ◊ Close to my home
- ◊ Wildlife, running trails, solitude
- ◊ nearby and has a lot of space to walk around
- ◊ It is the closest. We like walking there and viewing the natural features- plants and animals.
- ◊ My kids love the playground there and it's rarely overcrowded.
- ◊ Vast green area, excellent for waling/running/biking, soccer fields, shelter, and many other amenities
- ◊ Proximity to my house
- ◊ Something for everyone
- ◊ It's a nature preserve within walking distance of my house and is mostly quiet. This park needs to be preserved.
- ◊ love the pond, access to soccer field, walkable neighborhood
- ◊ Closest to house and on the trail path. Also like the turf grass.
- ◊ It has multiple things for my grand kids to participate in.
- ◊ variety of activities
- ◊ Close to our home, love the playground and the sand pit is fun.
- ◊ Splash park, play ground, shelters, restrooms, fitness, walking path
- ◊ It is the most natural.
- ◊ Splash pad and walking path
- ◊ Closest to our house
- ◊ Lots to do - playground, splash pad, fishing, close to food and coffee shops
- ◊ It has a playground structure for younger kids, older kids, the marsh area to walk, a shelter for shade, swingset, basketball court, volleyball court and some green space. ***Note, the volleyball and basketball courts are in disrepair.
- ◊ Kids LOVE the new play structure. Easy to access through the bike path.
- ◊ We are able to enjoy our soccer games as well as the playground and Pheasant Branch trails. Please help to improve the soccer fields throughout Middleton!!!
- ◊ Great softball diamonds
- ◊ Lots to offer. Large with many activities available.
- ◊ It is in our neighborhood and it is very child friendly and safe for our grandchildren.
- ◊ in neighborhood, also use pool and sport fields at other areas heavily
- ◊ Close to home.
- ◊ Next to Conservancy and walk dog through Parisi Park all year around.
- ◊ Location - near home
- ◊ The kids love the new climbing structures, there are great soccer fields, often balls available at the basketball courts, restroom facilities, and a beautiful view (and walking access) into Pheasant branch Conservancy!
- ◊ Nice playground and like the wetland area
- ◊ Closest to my home. :)
- ◊ "It has a lot of trees, splash pad, fun playgrounds, shelters, tennis courts.
- ◊ Please start using Krommery's football field for freshman or club to practice on. I hate paying taxes on something that is not being used "
- ◊ It has everything - pond, shelter, walking paths, playground equipment for all ages, splash pad, fields, plenty of parking.
- ◊ Good location, lots of options for play for kids of various ages and a splash pad
- ◊ It's in our neighborhood and shady
- ◊ Love the pool, but wish it was much BIGGER! more seating, bigger pool area, more slides, food stand to offer more choices and seating
- ◊ I really like the beautiful pond that has fishing facilities, the gazebo, the flower & prairie plantings, looking at wildlife, being able to spread out from other people, the shelter and walking my dog. There is a lot to do there! I wish we could ice skate there, however. I wish there was a warming shelter for that as well.
- ◊ Soccer and baseball
- ◊ Variety of things to do, large size, established trees
- ◊ My whole family can golf there, we love the par 3.
- ◊ It's closest to my house.
- ◊ Walking trails and boardwalks
- ◊ Because it's practically in my back yard, but also the walking/biking trails are beautiful, well maintained, care is given towards wildlife.
- ◊ Close by to take grandchildren
- ◊ We can walk to it
- ◊ Swimming when it's hot
- ◊ Nice walking trail
- ◊ The walk path is very nice with a beautiful view.
- ◊ Great running trails
- ◊ The splash pad is accesible to people of all abilities including wheelchairs
- ◊ Closet to home
- ◊ walking on north side of Century Ave. / biking from Town of Middleton into City of Middleton on south side of Century Ave.
- ◊ Closest location has the most amenities
- ◊ Good exercise and social fun for the whole family. Although, honestly, we spend more time in the Pheasant Branch Conservancy and Creek Corridor, but they aren't on the list of parks.
- ◊ It is nearby and has a variety of amenities (splash pad, walking path, pond, bathrooths)
- ◊ Proximity
- ◊ Love watching my girls play softball
- ◊ Close to my home and Pheasant Branch Conservancy
- ◊ It is a nice park to walk to and we like the layout of the open field, ball park, shelter, and playground.
- ◊ Love the atmosphere!! The manager does a great job!!
- ◊ Walking trail for conservancy
- ◊ vicinity, path, features
- ◊ It's close-ish to our home
- ◊ It's a great open space and has everything you need, except a tennis court. Also love the ice skating rink. It's close to me.
- ◊ I played a Tunes on Tuesday at this park and also had a photo shoot in and around the park. It is a wonderful spot!
- ◊ Swimming
- ◊ Splash pad and good playground for older kids.
- ◊ Combination of nature - the pond - with the playground and splash park fir the grandkids
- ◊ Closest, lots of wildlife, boardwalk and playground
- ◊ Easy access
- ◊ Nice shelter, good parking lot. Big and open.
- ◊ Lots to do
- ◊ On my regular running and biking routes and has restrooms and water.
- ◊ Nice shelter next to the park with bathrooms on the Pheasant Branch loop trail
- ◊ Hiking trails
- ◊ It's the only public swimming pool in the area and is great

- ◊ for kids of all ages.
- ◊ It is closest to my house
- ◊ It's the most beautiful landscape.
- ◊ Splash pad and playground equipment
- ◊ It is where I held my wedding reception. Such wonderful memories.
- ◊ Promote youth baseball and softball
- ◊ A lot of amenities
- ◊ Proximity to my home.
- ◊ It's close to our house and shares the beauty of the Conservancy. Walter Bauman Aquatic Center is a close second for us since we're a long-term swim team family.
- ◊ Park shelter, restrooms, multiple amenities for various ages (tennis, pond, splash pad, etc.)
- ◊ Taking our grandkids to the splash pad
- ◊ Close to home, Splash pad, play structures, nice walking/ biking paths, disc golf course, and easy access to Lakeview park East (2nd favorite)
- ◊ Biggest, nicest facilities
- ◊ The biking trails
- ◊ "Proximity to house
- ◊ Sand box with construction equipment + green space + sledding hill + baseball diamond + proximity to home (but wish it had bathrooms)
- ◊ Location
- ◊ I love the walking paths around the pond and all the trees and the creek nearby. (The walking paths get flooded, please raise the path in the spots that flood!)
- ◊ This park has it all: a beautiful pond, tennis courts, play ground, splash pad, shelter.
- ◊ It is walking distance from our house and it has the pond and nature walk nearby.
- ◊ The long trails, and the feeling of totally being immersed in nature, pretty views, well-kempt
- ◊ close and many activities
- ◊ The combination of board walk around the ponds, playground and closeness to a coffee shop.
- ◊ Ball diamonds, walking path,
- ◊ big open space, lots of activities, bike path around it, just a nice mix of fun things going on.
- ◊ New and wide variety of activities that a wide variety of ages can do.
- ◊ Swim lessons, free swim and waterslides, play equipment, sandbox are things we love. We also enjoy the snack bar.
- ◊ The open field, restrooms and baseball field
- ◊ It has a country-like setting, great playground equipment, and varied activities to partake in.
- ◊ A lot of variety and nice hiking trails.
- ◊ I like the pond, it's nearby my house
- ◊ Its proximity to my house
- ◊ "Nearby
- ◊ I like to golf and the greens are very well maintained for a city or other course. 2nd would be the Allen splash park for my son.
- ◊ Lots to do
- ◊ It has shelter, grills, tables, benches, playgrounds, open space and a splash pad. It's a perfect place for families to come and enjoy.
- ◊ Lots of variety of things to do. My boys like to fish there. Big open space with nice shelter house.
- ◊ Closest to home.
- ◊ Closest
- ◊ Near Pheasant Branch conservancy and has a brand new awesome play structure and nice tennis courts
- ◊ It's is the closest one to home
- ◊ Nice walking trail
- ◊ Walking path around pond
- ◊ Playground and splash pad
- ◊ Close to my home
- ◊ great playground
- ◊ close to home
- ◊ Location
- ◊ I like this park best because of the boardwalk through the wetlands and the variety of wildlife my spouse and I see.
- ◊ baseball, playground, splashpad
- ◊ It is beautiful, has diverse landscape and is not overpopulated
- ◊ good size. Well sheltered.
- ◊ Close to home
- ◊ Variety of amenities
- ◊ It is right next to my apartment building so it is easy to access and it is well maintained and clean.
- ◊ We can walk to it. Would Love backboards in the refreshed tennis courts!
- ◊ Live in Northlake subdivision
- ◊ In our neighborhood
- ◊ The large play structure for older kids, although miss the smaller, second structure. Also enjoy the pond and easy fishing. Too crowded when multiple daycare camps visit it in summer. Needs to be limited or give them another option to visit.
- ◊ It connects to the trails making for a great stop to rest and use the bathroom
- ◊ Live close by
- ◊ Walking distance, boardwalk
- ◊ The unique slide down pole and access to bike path
- ◊ think this is the right one...
- ◊ huge splashpad, play area with walking and fitness spots.. little bit of everything
- ◊ peaceful
- ◊ It's the only skate park but could use some improvements. The spacing is so wide that you lose momentum between transitions
- ◊ Great facility
- ◊ Downtown
- ◊ We enjoy walking around the pond and observing wildlife
- ◊ Lots to do
- ◊ There are lots of things to do, the splash pad is great!, the pond is lovely - and there's such a diversity of park users. It's a happy place!
- ◊ Great playground and we can bike and walk on the trails!
- ◊ Fun family activity
- ◊ by the lake
- ◊ It has unique equipment options and is a lot more fun for older kids (5+) than most playgrounds in the area
- ◊ I love the diversity of activities and the ability for young, old and racially/ethnically diverse populations to co-mingle in community.
- ◊ Such fun and unique equipment! We also love the trail!
- ◊ Close to home, trail, playground.
- ◊ Big enough to be a destination, centrally located
- ◊ Splash park and lots of fun fitness equipment
- ◊ variety of activities including climbing equipment on the playground
- ◊ connection to trails and natural areas
- ◊ "We live right next to it and have met great families with young children. We use it daily.
- ◊ We have hosted our own candy cane and Easter egg hunts, have thrown pizza parties for the neighborhood kids, etc.
- ◊ We feel this park is neglected by the city of Middleton. Every other park in Middleton received new signage 2 years ago and we have yet to receive it. The picnic tables have been destroyed with profanities. Often the grass does not get cut in a timely matter. Nevertheless we enjoy the time we spend there!"
- ◊ Undeveloped
- ◊ It's in our backyard!
- ◊ The variety of playground equipment and open space
- ◊ Nice trail and pond. Nice plantings and natural setting attracts redwing blackbirds.
- ◊ We live very close. It's always filled with children. It's a nice place to gather with friends. It needs work and updates. The picnic tables are old. The equipment is old. But it seems to be well maintained.
- ◊ Big baseball family and worried about its long term viability with recent flood damage/wetlands.
- ◊ Location and variety of activities. We have rented the facility, we use the playground equipment, our kids fish the pond, and we walk the trails.
- ◊ We love to swim. Good place to meet friends in the summer. Gators swim team.
- ◊ Playground equipment and boardwalk
- ◊ Close to my house and the trail around the pond is great. Lots of wildlife and easy to get to.
- ◊ It is the least "improved".
- ◊ fewer people
- ◊ Baseball
- ◊ This is my neighborhood park and we're there nearly daily (non-pandemic days) year round. It's where my kids play with other kids and I get to socialize with neighbors.
- ◊ Nice Playground equipment and trails
- ◊ It has a little bit of everything. Walking and bike path, a few different playground options, which could easily be expanded, the splash pad and a large shelter for parties and rentals, plus better bigger bathrooms.
- ◊ A good place to walk; good size; nice landscaping.
- ◊ Closest to home. Offers a walking-only wooded path that is a tiny haven and is amazing habitat for migrating birds.
- ◊ close to home
- ◊ Bicycling there is lovely - a huge asset to the City. Many friends meet to ride safely there, and then to visit local restaurants together.
- ◊ Quiet. Disc golf practice baskets.
- ◊ Nice facilities
- ◊ Proximity
- ◊ Within walking distance of home, beautiful walk around beautiful pond, lots of birds and other animals around the pond.
- ◊ Great facilities and equipment, adjacent to the Conservancy and all that it offers.
- ◊ Not much has changed since the 1970s though there should be more planting and less paving.
- ◊ Close, playground for

- ◊ grandchildren, shelter
 - ◊ I love the picnic tables and the view. I also like that I can rent a canoe in the summer.
 - ◊ near pheasant branch and great playground
 - ◊ We love the pool, but it's freezing!! And too many times the kids' swimming lessons have been canceled because the pool is too cold... In the summer even!!
 - ◊ Closest to our house and in walking distance. Great playground equipment and walking path around the pond.
 - ◊ Nearby
 - ◊ Because the kids and I like to golf and it is very close to our house
 - ◊ No vehicles, quiet, variety, nice walking/biking paths, "out in the country" atmosphere, benches.
 - ◊ We can walk there and there are a variety of things for our little kids to do
 - ◊ It has everything!
 - ◊ Closest to home
 - ◊ On conservancy trail, multiple use park, shelter
 - ◊ Grandkid's love the splash pad
 - ◊ Accessible. Very beautiful.
 - ◊ My kids love to fish
- Q18 Do you have any concerns about safety or accessibility in any of our parks? If yes, describe.**
- ◊ Golf course attendees drive like it's a race track.
 - ◊ Crossing previously mentioned
 - ◊ There is currently no trail head or skills area for the mountain bike trails at Pleasantview. This inhibits exposure to the sport.
 - ◊ Head-on bike collisions on the 2-way mountain bike trails at pleasant view.
 - ◊ "Replace the trail head with pump track please.
 - ◊ Y'all tore down the pump track and trail head we built by hand for a parking lot for golfers. When are we getting our trail back? You should've waited to tear down our trails until you had a solution in place.
 - ◊ Parking to bike pleasant view. Summer and winter
 - ◊ As much as I LOVE biking I really think that the Pheasant Branch should be a walking trail only- especially during the days of Covid 19. There are just so many more people out there walking these days that biking doesn't seem safe. Under normal conditions biking is fine.
 - ◊ Pleasant View trails would be safer if one-way.
 - ◊ Disability / Wheelchair Access
 - ◊ know older people who have been harassed on the trails by young boys.
 - ◊ Accessibility and affordability for youth group to utilize park shelter in the summer(scouts)
 - ◊ Graber Pond boardwalk periodically sinks under water
 - ◊ The paths at Lakeview park are often flooded with water, and since the water tends to sit on the path, the paths grow algae and become very slippery to walk/job on.
 - ◊ Because of the traffic and lack of shoulder, biking is always a concern
 - ◊ Lakeview East/Marshall Park and boat launch... I do not feel safe there. There are always weird people hanging around. I think that park and beach has so much potential and could be really nice if redone and cleaned up.
 - ◊ Lakeview is hard to find parking for.
 - ◊ Need to raise the level of the boardwalk at Graber Pond. I don't think the water level will subside.
 - ◊ Too many dogs in the parks. People let their dogs off leash and don't control their dogs. They don't clean up after their dogs. Dogs should be banned from Middleton parks.
 - ◊ I would like to see some slow walking circle trails implemented for those with mild cognitive impairment or dementia so that they can safely spend time outside in nature and in the community
 - ◊ The concrete at Firefighters Memorial park has shifted due to ground freeze and presents significant safety concerns in both the area around the concessions and also in and around the dugouts.
 - ◊ Make sure lighting works at shelters.
 - ◊ Parisi Park is so secluded. I am fearful there as a woman if I am alone.
 - ◊ Ed Tallard Conservancy - Concerns about loose dogs and low flying planes
 - ◊ Dog parks are unsafe for small-young dogs and puppies at times, and occasionally less safe for humans if larger dogs run in packs.
 - ◊ I'd love for the gravel to be replaced by pavement in sections of the phesant branch bike path.
 - ◊ "As mentioned earlier, the soil is eroding behind Kromery School. The sooner we start to work on it, the less costly the fix will be.
 - ◊ Parisi Park feels unsafe because it's not visible on all sides. I have heard that kids are doing things that they shouldn't in the woods lining the north side of it.
 - ◊ The splash pad is too small to many kids running around and they don't watch out for younger children or disabled people. Someone is going to get hurt. Although it is a fun, nice park.
 - ◊ We would go to other parks if there was a safe road or sidewalk
 - ◊ pheasant branch trails could use a couple of restrooms and security stations
 - ◊ Marshall Park. Sometimes I wonder what is going on in the parking lot at odd times.
 - ◊ With the pandemic there are lots of people who don't social distance on the trails. I'd like wider trails or areas where you can easily step off the trail away from groups of walkers.
 - ◊ Handicap accessibility of areas. Even if "accessible," the area may be hard to use, like the walk between the parking lot and the shelter at Lakeview Park. Hopefully that is being fixed.
 - ◊ Currently the lack of enforcement in regards to dogs being off lead in the conservancy. There are regular offenders that are training their gun dogs to hunt the protected birds.
 - ◊ Lakeview park-Paths are dark at dusk, especially near Sauk Trail elementary
 - ◊ Gang symbols tagged around the city, not cool!
 - ◊ The walking paths (especially in Lakeview Park) get flooded and VERY slippery. Please raise the path on the parts that regularly flood.
 - ◊ I wish there was better lighting in the parking lots at FFMP.
 - ◊ "Have safety concerns about the trail to western edge of Pheasant Branch Conservancy through the condos on Pheasant Branch Road.
 - ◊ I live in Middleton Glen and am 79yrs old. Cars speed on Pheasant Branch road and the pedestrian crossing on Pheasant Branch Road doesn't have speed bumps on road or speed warning flashing to protect pedestrians.
 - ◊ The shoulders of road in this area are narrow
 - ◊ The trail has set of stairs that are uncomfortable for safe walking "
 - ◊ Better lighting needed and bathrooms need to be individual to feel safe in bathroom, example Parisi Park, when I am alone and need a bathroom or to be able to lock the door.
 - ◊ Graber pond trail. We love the boardwalk, but being that it has washed out 2x, I think it may need a different kind of fix to assure it doesn't keep happening.
 - ◊ Only slightly. I'd like to see more solar-lighted areas throughout our parks. I'm not troubled by more lighting, just so it's not intense.
 - ◊ Parks would benefit from greater accessibility for children and adults with physical disabilities. See prior note about handicapped parking availability as well. For all of the wonderful things about Middleton and city services, Middleton is very inaccessible in many ways for those with physical disabilities, and this has been a major disappointment for our family. In addition, I have concerns about pedestrian and bicycle safety noted previously, and this applies to accessing parks and trails.
 - ◊ "Parkside Heights Park.
 - ◊ Park often victim of graffiti. Once to playground equipment with sexually graphic images, and our picnic tables are in bad shape and have profanities written on them. We have complained about these matters and suggested better lighting and police monitoring.
 - ◊ Cars drive very fast down northbrook drive. Either speedbumps need to be installed or a 4 way stop sign. Or both.
 - ◊ We feel the park is neglected by Middleton. Nearly 2 years ago every park in Middleton including that tiny park that looks like someone's side yard off Century received new signage. Parkside Heights has yet to receive new signage.
 - ◊ Lots of young children play at this park. We need to keep it safe and appropriate for them. "
 - ◊ Pheasant Branch Road is very busy for park locations, and narrow.
 - ◊ Tornado or lightning events
 - ◊ There are no parks for children that cannot walk/

- use a walker or wheelchair. Having an enclosed park would be nice as well for kids that are runners.
 - ◊ City of Middleton needs to invest in more accessible/universal design playground equipment. Look at the installations at Brittingham Park and Elver Park in Madison as an example.
 - ◊ In general trails and paths need to be ADA accessible without tripping hazards, unevenness.
 - ◊ I am concerned about rapidly accelerated development near the PB Conservancy and how it threatens the safety of the biome.
 - ◊ "At Parkside Heights park the picnic tables are in need of repair, there could be more seating near play areas and elsewhere, the drinking fountain gets clogged with sand immediately after being turned on, and the largest slide seems wobbly. The neighborhood is seeing more families with children move in, middle school students come after school and the equipment doesn't seem to meet the needs of multiple age groups or the amount of people using the facilities at a given time.
 - ◊ The splash pad at Lakeview Park could use fencing to keep kids from leaving the area easily. Kids often run over to the playground and could be injured if they're climbing while wet. It's also concerning because if you've briefly lost sight of a child, the pond is a nearby risk/ worry. I appreciate the Fitchburg splashpad design because the splashpad is fenced, shaded, has flush toilets on the splashpad site, and it is situated far enough away from the playground that kids don't take off for it."
 - ◊ We like the trail system starting at Penny Klein but it is hard to get all the way there from our neighborhood, Whispering Winds, and crossing Airport Road
 - ◊ So many bikes are not announcing themselves an fly by walkers. On the trails. It is a very scary process.
- Q20 Do you or members of your household commonly (an average of at least once per month) drive somewhere outside of the City of Middleton to use specific recreational facilities? If yes, please specify.**
- ◊ State and county parks to hike, swim, bike, camp...
 - ◊ "Whitewater, WI for hang gliding
 - ◊ Cambridge and Fitchburg for mountain biking
 - ◊ Lake Monona for sailing and paddle boarding"
 - ◊ Cross Plains mountain bike trails.
 - ◊ Mountain Biking
 - ◊ "Blue Mound State Park - Hiking and Mountain Biking
 - ◊ Camrock County Park - Mountain Biking"
 - ◊ Blue Mound State Park for off-road biking.
 - ◊ Camrock mountain bike trails, Quarry Ridge mountain bike trails
 - ◊ The lake and other parks
 - ◊ Ice age trails, and MTB trails
 - ◊ Camrock and Bluemounds and less often southern kettle moraine
 - ◊ "For mountain biking at: Quarry Ridge
 - ◊ Camrock
 - ◊ Blue Mounds
 - ◊ Pleasant View
 - ◊ Blackhawk ski club
 - ◊ Off-road mountain biking at Quarry Ridge in Fitchburg and Camrock in Cambridge.
 - ◊ Mountain biking around Dane county
 - ◊ Varies, with no consistent pick, e.g., Badger Prairie Park, Devil's Lake, Indian Lake, Ice Age Segments, etc. for biking or hiking
 - ◊ Mountain Biking trails
 - ◊ Blue Mound State Park mountain bike trails.
 - ◊ Indian Lake, Madison Parks, Madison pools (more Masters swim options)
 - ◊ Cam rock
 - ◊ usually to county or state park
 - ◊ Devils Lake
 - ◊ "Fitchburg - Quarry Ridge MTB trails
 - ◊ Cambridge - Camrock MTB Trails"
 - ◊ Fitchburg-soccer and gymnastics
 - ◊ Military ridge trail, blue mounds, devils lake
 - ◊ Mountain Bike trails at Quarry Ridge, Blue Mound State Park, Camrock, Seminole, Levis Mound.
 - ◊ Camrock
 - ◊ mountain biking at Quarry Ridge, Camrock, Cross Plains, Kettle Moraine
 - ◊ Blue Mound State Park for trail use.
 - ◊ Quarry Ridge & Seminole mountain bike trails.
 - ◊ I haven't done this since the pandemic started, but I usually drive around the state to different mountain biking trails.
 - ◊ Governor Nelson State Park,
 - ◊ Devils Lake (in summer), other state parks.
 - ◊ Walks along the Ice Age Trail
 - ◊ Cam rock for mountain biking trails
 - ◊ We like to visit different state parks. We are new-ish to WI and are getting to know the area.
 - ◊ Governor Nelson State Park for the trails (walk, run, ski, snowshoe)
 - ◊ Indian Lake, Devil's Lake, Owen Conservancy, Governor Dodge, Ice Age Trail (West)
 - ◊ State parks
 - ◊ Reddan soccer park. Playing MUFA league frisbee on various Madison parks. We use the parks in the Blackhawk neighborhood.
 - ◊ Mckee Park splash pad, Verona Bike trails (most off road but paved for pulling kids trailer, and safer with a 5 yr old on a bike).
 - ◊ Drive to Middleton dog park
 - ◊ Madison parks, Devil's lake state park
 - ◊ The SEA in Verona for basketball
 - ◊ We drive to different parks and wildlife areas around the state for hiking or mountain biking.
 - ◊ Swimming pools in Madison, Pleasant Praire, Milwaukee area. Tennis courts in Madison area.
 - ◊ County Parks
 - ◊ Verona or Madison mainly
 - ◊ Governor Nelson State Park
 - ◊ Devils Lake, Blue Mounds
 - ◊ Dane County parks- Stewart Lake, Indian Lake, etc.
 - ◊ Ice Age trail, SAUK pass, county parks
 - ◊ Nielsen Tennis Center. John Powless Tennis Center. Tennis.
 - ◊ Devils Lake/Parfrey's Glen, SW Commuter bike Trail, Capital City Trail, Badger State Trail, Cam Rock mountain bike park
 - ◊ Try out other playgrounds - love the DreamPark in Fitchburg
 - ◊ Indian Lake, Mirror Lake, Devils Lake
 - ◊ state parks
 - ◊ Outdoor running tracks at Sauk Prairie and Demetral Field.
 - ◊ "Gov Nelson
 - ◊ Indian Lake
 - ◊ Arboretum"
 - ◊ I hike the ice age trail with the Badger Betties. We also hike at State Parks. I kayak the Yahara River, Bad Fish Creek, The Sugar River, The Pine River in Richland County.
 - ◊ mountain biking to Cambridge and also Kettle Moraine parks
 - ◊ Cross plains Ice Age Complex off Old Sauk pass. Pope Farm.
 - ◊ Hunting west of Middleton (private land). Biking in CamRock. Hiking in various parks.
 - ◊ Devil's Lake, Cascade Mountain, Wisconsin Dells, Mississippi river
 - ◊ Devil's Lake
 - ◊ Yes, we use the lakeshore path in Madison 2+ times per week.
 - ◊ The Dream Parks in Monona or Fitchburg; they're so great!
 - ◊ Mountain bike trails - Fitchburg
 - ◊ State parks
 - ◊ horseback riding in Brooklin
 - ◊ SwimWest Madison
 - ◊ For biking in different locations, and once a year for camping in state parks
 - ◊ Waunakee
 - ◊ Lake Wingra, Indian Lake - kayaking
 - ◊ Indian Lake, Military Ridge trail
 - ◊ "state parks
 - ◊ athletic facility"
 - ◊ Lake Wingra, Picnic point, and Tenney Park for Ice Skating.
 - ◊ Devil's lake, Indian Lake, Festke park
 - ◊ Indian Lake in season (not much in winter)
 - ◊ During winter we have gone to a couple Madison area parks for ice skating. We have also visited Madison libraries in addition to the Middleton library.
 - ◊ XC skiing
 - ◊ Youth soccer, baseball
 - ◊ Visit Devil's Lake, Ferry Bluff, Indian Lake, Lake Delton, Wisconsin Dells river park, and many others.
 - ◊ indoor tennis in winter
 - ◊ fishing, black earth, lodi, token creek, lake mendota fishing
 - ◊ Other dog parks in Verona, Madison and Waunakee
 - ◊ Dog park in Verona
 - ◊ Our kids love the Dream Parks in Fitchburg and Monona.
 - ◊ Governor Dodge for swimming, the Arboretum in Madison for hiking.
 - ◊ Hiking and biking on state trails and parks all over WI.
 - ◊ Elver Park for ice skating and/or cross country skiing, or just playing at the play ground or splash pad.
 - ◊ skiing, hiking
 - ◊ We leave to go swimming in lakes
 - ◊ Hockey rinks
 - ◊ Madison private club for golf, tennis and swimming
 - ◊ the bike trails are not long enough except up the high

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> way which is unpleasant to bike along ◊ Usually to Sauk City to swim at a hotel that is handicap accessible and the water is nice and warm. The parks are easily accessible. The Dells, there's a lot to do for all people and abilities. ◊ We drive to other facilities during basketball season ◊ Lake Monona bike trail ◊ Various hiking trails ◊ Dreampark in Monona ◊ Various ice skating rinks ◊ Parks and natural areas in the surrounding area (and further). Madison Parks, the regional bike trails and rail trails (run and/or bike), Ice Age Trail (run, hike, backpacking), state parks (camping and day use), Indian Lake County Park, etc. ◊ Monona ◊ Mountain Biking at John Muir Trails ◊ Two months spent/year at national parks and national forests. There we hike, mountain bike, and camp. Also visit many state parks in the southwestern US as well. In Wisconsin we often drive to hike at Black Earth Creek Trail it other county forest land. We go to Indian Lake to hike a couple times/year. Also go to Waunakee's Community Center. ◊ Picnic Point for running. ◊ Hiking Devils lake and camping. ◊ We go every Friday to a trail within a one hour drive of Middleton to walk / hike. Sometimes its a 10 minute drive. ◊ Cross Plains pool/parks ◊ Verona for everything. Splash pad, beach and ice skating. It is a lot closer than all the way over to Middleton. ◊ County and state parks for walking ◊ Ice age trail, dog parks ◊ Military Ridge Trail for running. ◊ Devils lake, mirror lake, Indian lake, kettle moraine for hiking ◊ County and state parks. Hiking. ◊ Indian Lakes dog park; Governor Nelson state park for hiking ◊ For basketball ◊ Powless Tennis Club ◊ Pope farm and Indian Lake park ◊ State parks a couple weekends per month, UW Madison Arboretum maybe one or two times a month. ◊ We frequent indoor pools in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the city of Madison for our kids' swim practices. ◊ Fitchburg for indoor walking, UW arboretum, Pope Farm, all area bike trails, Dane Co parks, Upper and Lower Yahara trails, Gov. Nelson state park ◊ State parks and campgrounds ◊ ATV trails around WI. ◊ The boardwalks in McFarland. Madison to go to the Princeton Club (West). ◊ YMCA Madison West for swimming. ◊ CamRock MTB park in Cambridge. ◊ State parks for hiking, kayaking or fishing. ◊ Prairie moraine dog park ◊ All over to parks, campgrounds, etc. ◊ soccer fields in madison ◊ Picnic point, other public parks throughout city and state ◊ Indian Lake - hiking (sledding in winter) ◊ We will go and visit different parks that offer some variety. ◊ Not commonly but occasionally. Usually for a change of pace. ◊ Indoor pools ◊ Indian Lake ◊ Camping. Various state parks ◊ Reddan Park, Madison Boats Facilities at Marshall or Wingra, Boat launches ◊ state or county parks for hiking ◊ Military ridge trail ◊ MSCR and Princeton Club ◊ Wi River ◊ Governor Dodger ◊ High Point Pool ◊ Lodi for the Ice Age trail, Arboretum in Madison for their 10k loop for running ◊ Devil's Lake-hiking ◊ Devil's Lake, Parfrey's Glen, hiking ◊ Monona Bank RiverRink in Monona! ◊ Fitchburg Splash Pad (much better than Middleton's) ◊ sauk city - new bike path ◊ Sometimes to Baraboo to hike ◊ Prairie Moraine Dog Park ◊ Cascade, skiing ◊ We enjoy the playground downtown madison on the lake (can't remember the name but tons of "ninja warrior" type climbing options) ◊ Indian Lake County Park (hiking), Blackhawk ski club (XC ski, downhill ski), Blue Mound St Park (XC ski, hike), UW Arboretum (XC ski, hike), Elver Park (XC ski), Governor Nelson State Park (XC ski, hike). ◊ Indian Lake or Devils Lake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for hiking ◊ County parks or mountain bike facilities ◊ Picnic point in madison ◊ State parks ◊ Devil's Lake State Park or other State Parks ◊ X-country skiing at Elver when there's no natural snow. Skiing at Odana and Governor Nelson. ◊ Indian Lake. Hiking. Sledding. ◊ Indian Lake park for hiking. Devil's Head for climbing. Port Washington for fishing. State and Dane county parks for hiking and mountain biking. ◊ We travel to various county parks to access quiet nature trails. We travel to streams & ponds outside of Middleton for fishing. We drive to a couple different city of Madison parks because of their accessible playground equipment. ◊ Too many to name ◊ State parks, county parks, national parks. ◊ Governor Dodge park for camping; Devil's Lake park for hiking ◊ Indian Lake or Cross Plains ◊ Ice Age Trail ◊ Soccer facilities in City of Madison/Fitchburg for games, tournaments, practice. ◊ UW Arboretum, areas around the zoo ◊ Governor Nelson State Park -- cross country skiing, walking, canoeing ◊ Middleton United's fields in Verona ◊ "Bicycling on trails and in parks - all the trails in Madison and Dane Co. ◊ Kayaking on many rivers and streams within one hour drive. " ◊ Various Ice Age Trail segments. Westport and Walnut Grove park for pickleball. ◊ Various Dane County and other parks ◊ Cross Plains and Mazomanie. Cross Plains for hiking trails and Mazomanie for Indian Lake Park. ◊ Devils Lake and other State Parks ◊ Move out Loud, dance ◊ State Parks for camping ◊ hiking and biking ◊ State parks to hike. ◊ Walking trails - various location in the state ◊ Table Bluff - hiking. 	<p>activities? Other, please specify.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Pheasant Branch Conservancy is too busy and unsafe with runners during pandemic ◊ In regards to parks & rec activities we do get involved in what we are interested in. Generally I have found that some parks/trails in the area, specifically Pheasant Branch, can be very crowded on nice days. I love the path, but don't always want the people (or mosquitos!) ◊ We don't have enough pool access with Gators. ◊ Unfamiliarity ◊ We avoid Lakeviee because the ground is always wet and muddy, especially around the playground ◊ Too many dogs. ◊ Our kids are now out of High School ◊ Open swimming times for pools often don't work for our schedule. ◊ pools should be open later into fall, and longer hours in day ◊ We love to hike. ◊ None ◊ This question seems strangely worded. Do you mean if we didn't participate in rec. activities? ◊ on furlough, I'm using the parks and trails as much as possible, thanks! ◊ need to be more for younger kids ◊ Would like a community center like Waunakee's for winter pickle ball and inexpensive admission ◊ Not familiar with other parks ◊ This is starting to be an issue on Pheasant Branch trails ◊ cost ◊ Most of the time it's too cold to get outside. ◊ Im 70 yrs old and live in Retirement Community that provides exercise and a great variety of activities ◊ sometimes the day programs of offered does not work for me ◊ Devils Lake is very overcrowded. ◊ Just older ◊ Some kids summer activities are Expensive but otherwise there's quite a lot available:) ◊ Bikes <p>Q24 Please use the space provided below to identify a type of new recreation program or service that the City should consider offering.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Hang gliding practice hill
<p>Q21 Are there any reasons that you or members of your household do not participate in recreational</p>			

- ◊ Body weight training age 50+
- ◊ Bike park and bike pump track (to replace the one the golf course eliminated)
- ◊ Mountain biking
- ◊ Mountain bike classes for kids
- ◊ Don't have a specific idea.
- ◊ Mountain biking!
- ◊ All weather biking facilities
- ◊ Replace the bike park out at pleasant view
- ◊ Cycling for kids
- ◊ Bring back the Tuesday organized bike riding at Pleasant View pump track.
- ◊ Curling
- ◊ Kickball
- ◊ Sewing classes
- ◊ guided programs ie medicinal or edible plants, astronomy, history
- ◊ I wish we offered warming space and good ice rink in our community instead of having to use Madison parks
- ◊ Cricket fields/leagues is underserved. People play in parks not equipped for it.
- ◊ Improved bike trails and access
- ◊ skating and hockey
- ◊ Yes I would love to see a summer rec camp for school aged kids! Half day and full day options.
- ◊ Financially affordable summer inclusion programs specifically for children with special needs and their siblings.
- ◊ bocce ball, archery or shooting range, bike trail to connect to Madison Trails (univ ave)
- ◊ Community center that is multi use - like in Waunakee - can provides space for community offerings. Rather than the city have to drive programs make space available for groups, and to support youth initiatives.
- ◊ NA
- ◊ More weekly toddler classes
- ◊ more space for community games for all ages eg bocce ball
- ◊ not applicable per my previous answers
- ◊ The city should designate more streets as pedestrian and bicycle only. The city should ban dogs from all city parks.
- ◊ I don't know.
- ◊ A day camp for school aged children in the summers on a weekly basis - also to include students with special needs and peer support if needed.
- ◊ Not sure
- ◊ Ice rink
- ◊ BMX pump track
- ◊ Support groups like TATTS - alternative programming for people who struggle to participate in traditional activities
- ◊ need to get more kids involved in youth sports; i think cost is prohibitive for many family. also some kind of carpooling to help kids get to sports activities would be a great help
- ◊ evening water classes and lap swim accessible to working adults
- ◊ excited about developing a park area in downtown Middleton near Village Green.
- ◊ Outdoor dog training options.
- ◊ Can't think of any new program needed.
- ◊ unsure
- ◊ more fishing opportunities, more woodland and open space bike and ped trails
- ◊ I already described making non athletic classes for older kids.
- ◊ archery
- ◊ Adaptive sports & parks
- ◊ indoor adventure / skateboard /obstacle fitness course
- ◊ Day camps
- ◊ Fitness Classes with TRX
- ◊ A community center would be wonderful! Use Waunakee's model.
- ◊ Craft and variety of sports kids of all ages. Examples... knitting for teens.
- ◊ when finances are so tight due to pandemic, recreation funds should be reallocated to more critical functions. Make sure city employees are safe and well compensated for being essential.
- ◊ Zipline or ropes course
- ◊ More summer camp programs
- ◊ Have outdoor boot camp classes
- ◊ Indoor community center
- ◊ Week-long ultimate frisbee camp to be attended Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. not once per week for a few weeks
- ◊ I think the city should plan (economy permitting) for a community center at its Civic Campus site that will allow flexible, all-ages use.
- ◊ Winter indoor walking for seniors
- ◊ dont know. Perhaps more outdoor winter activities?
- ◊ "- living history museum / farm (e.g., <https://www.dupageforest.org/kline-creek-farm>)
- ◊ - toddler music classes
- ◊ - adult night hikes (e.g., valentine's day lantern-lit path)"
- ◊ Foreign language classes in German, French, Italian, or Japanese
- ◊ Similar to Elver park (which is far away), it would be great to have some type of public cross country setting with snow production
- ◊ full disc golf course; outdoor tai chi; outdoor ice skating rink; snow shoeing
- ◊ Urban mountain biking!
- ◊ making your own beer or wine
- ◊ NA
- ◊ Language lessons
- ◊ Evening nature walks for all ages
- ◊ Gardening, soap making, book binding, paper making, print making
- ◊ water aerobics classes in a warm pool
- ◊ "Ice Skating Arena Hockey & learn to skate"
- ◊ Not sure
- ◊ Table tennis, Cricket
- ◊ More youth dance classes in spring, fall and winter
- ◊ Guided walks through public lands
- ◊ "Adaptive sports and inclusive programing for children with physical disabilities.
- ◊ Adult tennis league.
- ◊ Programs or services that become evident as we emerge from the Covid 19 pandemic. We don't know yet but it odds sure to affect collective recreational and outdoor/open space demands.
- ◊ Bicycle centered classes for youth (maintainence, safety, group rides, mountain bike courses, etc). For the youngest kids, a bike track/ loop to ride their smaller and slower bikes on without traffic concerns.
- ◊ More enrichment programs for grades 5-8...most programs are geared to preschoolers or elementary school ages
- ◊ A winter sledding hill would be awesome, along with ice rinks,etc. Options for bike rentals would also be great in the Pheasant Branch area, downtown Middleton and near Allen Blvd.
- ◊ Winter toboggan slide - like Madison used to have in Hoyt and Olbrich Parks. Had an elevated tilt table and ice block run. Rental toboggans made it accessible to all. One employee ran the tilt table and ensured safety when it was open. Small fee could make it affordable and accessible for all. It was a huge hit in winter. Could be done at golf course easily.
- ◊ Youth pickleball
- ◊ n/a
- ◊ A community center similar to Waunakee's.
- ◊ The City should have their OWN ice rink (not owned or in control of a single family and/or sport team) for the public, Middleton Youth Hockey and the Middleton Cardinal high school team to be able to utilize more and not be held back and given limited hours. The public should have more public skating time and other lessons.
- ◊ Bird watching
- ◊ group walking program for seniors, naturalist program for use in existing areas
- ◊ Parks with Parkees for the kids?
- ◊ Please try to provide more safely. Maybe bikes patrols for the trails.
- ◊ Let Madison ultimate Frisbee use fields during summer
- ◊ Tree tours, tree/plant identification

Q27 Please use this space to provide any other comments relating to pedestrian, bicycle, park and recreation services or facilities in the City of Middleton.

- ◊ More bike trails and parks similar to what Bentonville, Arkansas has developed over the past 10 years
- ◊ When are you going to replace the bike pump track you tore down and said you were going to rebuild?
- ◊ Pleases replace the bicycle pump track and add funds for a bike park and new trailhead at pleasant view. More bike lanes and overall bicycle commuting in the city.
- ◊ I support adding a pump track and parking area for the off road trails
- ◊ I think the golf course at Pleasant View is an extremely poor use of the land and should be converted into a city park as restored Oak Savanna and/or used for the dozens of other recreational opportunities that could exist there instead.
- ◊ Century avenue is very scary to bike on. If I need to go there I take the car or don't go at all
- ◊ A paved bicycle pump track would be amazing for everyone. It would be great for: all ages, all abilities, and year round use. If built properly it will draw people in from other parts of the state as well.
- ◊ Trails have been one of

- the recreational facilities that have been easiest for the public to use during the Covid pandemic while maintaining distancing.
- ◊ Please finish the mtb trail head ASAP. I'm so disappointed you guys paved over the trail to put up a parking lot. Also, please hire COMPETENT trail builders next time. Corp is not a good judge of this. The last builder hired did a horrible job and left the trail in worse shape than it was. All the berms and rollers were built too small and have eroded. Don't hire backyard trails again.
- ◊ People of all ages walk and bike and do it alone to with their family for recreation and transportation being able to walk and bike safely is a huge asset to the community
- ◊ Please build more mountain bike trails :)
- ◊ The city tore down the old pump track and put in a larger parking lot. There was a new road and pump track that was promised, but so farthing has happened.
- ◊ Thank you, Middleton!
- ◊ Please bring back the pump track and skills area.
- ◊ I think the city has been lax in monitoring the number of people using the Pheasant Branch Conservancy during the pandemic.
- ◊ I love Middletons parks and think they are important but I think we will be under a budget crunch in the next few years. Take care of the conservancy.
- ◊ Thank you for all you do. Please consider expanding protected bike & pedestrian corridors to connect north & south of University Ave!
- ◊ Many services for young people, not much for older adults who pay taxes!!!
- ◊ "Please maintain accessibility to youth groups for park shelter with minimal to no fees.
- ◊ Consider adding ice warming and skate rental or other winter activity for our community "
- ◊ When I grew up in fox ridge the parks provided great places to play. Currently both fields are absolutely trash and have not been fixed. Where are kids supposed to play in a big field in this neighborhood. Please fix these fields.
- ◊ I feel there are plenty of "ball game" spaces. I would like to focus on beatifying peaceful and quiet green spaces and plantings
- ◊ Thank you for making Middleton such a great place to live and for giving us lots of healthy, outside options!
- ◊ Our main local park is Strickers Park and we would love to see some improvements there, like a better drinking fountain, and new/upgraded playground. We would love a zip line at a park somewhere in Middleton!
- ◊ "1. This is not specifically related to parks, but affects recreation: better/more frequent road maintenance would make biking safer in the city. Potholes and loose roadbeds in some areas are truly hazardous for bikes (I'm looking at you, Stonefield Road). This should be a priority for Middleton.
- ◊ 2. The aquatic center is a wonderful facility and it should be maintained. I know it needs new pumps, which would be a good investment. I do not believe that it should be expanded. It's a good facility and needs new mechanicals.
- ◊ 3. Also re: aquatic center: Last summer's programs to provide swim lessons to kids through the youth center was excellent. Swim lessons should be available to all kids in the city -- at low or no cost if necessary. I don't know if there is a fund for this, but it would be worthwhile.
- ◊ Thanks!!"
- ◊ It would be beneficial to have more covered/shaded areas by the splash pads.
- ◊ We love downtown Middleton. Seeing people enjoy the green space near the Village Green shows how the open space brings a sense of community and relaxation. Would love for that space and the the space near the library to remain as simple and "green" as possible.
- ◊ I dislike the divided lines that were added to the paths.
- ◊ bike lanes when redesigning/repairing roads, bike trail along railroad tracks that go thru city
- ◊ The Pheasant Branch Conservancy is an absolute gem in the city. Kudos to the volunteers who helped restore it after the flooding. This should be the center piece of the city as it distinguishes us. Protect lands adjacent to parks and green spaces - example Graber Pond from additional development. Cultivate Middleton's identity as "the" local community that is committed and invests in it's parks and green spaces for public use and enjoyment. Not a parks issue - but get rid of the building blight on University Avenue. We don't need more crappy and ugly buildings. Invest in sustainability for our children and grandchildren to enjoy and appreciate. Thanks for asking.
- ◊ I would like to see more attention paid to the bike paths especially on Allen Boulevard for commuters during the winter. I can't tell you how disappointed I am with the lack of attention to detail this has gotten. There are a lot of commuters that use this path in the winter to get to work. This is literally the only complaint I have for the city of Middleton otherwise I love living here. Thank you
- ◊ We live next to Middleton Hills North Park. There are dog owners constantly treating it like a dog park. Letting their dogs off leash, letting the dogs defecate on the ground and not cleaning it up. The city never seems to supervise or conduct any kind of enforcement in the park.
- ◊ I have enjoyed seeing your programs grow and especially appreciate the addition of the summer youth baseball and softball programs in both the City and the Town of Middleton parks. Have always appreciated the aquatic center and the natural green space that the City has to offer.
- ◊ None
- ◊ I think we should spend less on bike lanes, trails and facilities as Madison is already well ahead of the rest of the state when it comes to being bike friendly. Instead, lets allocate some of that money to creating more outdoor recreational spaces and fields for our youth to play soccer, football, etc. We have a shortage of fields to use for youth sports, especially soccer. And money that we do have are in poor shape due to constant flooding.
- ◊ More dedicated bike path would be great as street markings may not always be safe for the whole family.
- ◊ The xc skiing trails at Pleasant View used to be a point of pride for our city. They have gone down hill over the last 2 years...
- way down. I didn't even get a chance to get out and use them this past winter because of the lack of grooming. Even though there was snow on the ground there was never a weekend (window of opportunity for most working folks) when they were properly groomed. If you want to see more feed back see if you can get a copy of the 'Trail Conditions' comments from the Madnorski.org site. I think you'll be shocked at how poorly this is being managed, especially given how great it was only a couple of years ago.
- ◊ Love what we have and proud of the work you do!
- ◊ keep bathrooms open all year; fix the crossing at Allen & Century; keep pool open beyond labor day (it's still hot into Oct, sometimes June is cold)
- ◊ "In addition to the Good Neighbor Trail that I mentioned in a previous question, I'd love to see the expansion of a east-west bike trail on the newly acquired property to the north of Pheasant Branch.
- ◊ Also, I'd love to see the Erdman Park/Olympic Training Center get built.
- ◊ And perhaps host a cyclocross race in the city. I feel that Verona and Fitchburg are both becoming more bike-friendly than Middleton is..."
- ◊ Please preserve the Ed Tallard Conservancy. More Conservancy Land should be considered.
- ◊ Balance what may be helpful to what is already available. Better to maintain/upkeep current status than stretch budget or other resources.
- ◊ Thank you for all the hard work restoring and preserving the trail and boardwalk around Tiedeman's Pond. This nature spot has been vital for my daughter as she grows up.
- ◊ I would like to see the splash pad hours extended to 8 pm during the months of operation. Many times there are still kids wanting to play at 7 pm and two more hours of day light left. I think 8 pm is reasonable.
- ◊ thank you for the opportunity to comment.
- ◊ "The volleyball and basketball courts at middleton hills park south appears in disrepair.
- ◊ It would be great to have bathroom facilities at all of

- the small parks - even a port a potty with hand sanitizer is helpful (when there is no covid).”
- ◊ Mosquitos are horrendous during the summer at some parks which make them nearly unusable. It would be great if the parks could get sprayed for mosquitos.
- ◊ Some of the parks were funded to preserve the natural beauty of Middleton. Not everything needs to be made into recreational tennis courts or athletic fields. Some of it is for the enjoyment of future residents of Middleton.
- ◊ I think Middleton has done good job with its parks and trails. I think repairing the damage done from flooding should be a priority at this time
- ◊ unsure
- ◊ I'm afraid the suggested name change may short-shrift the Forestry part of the part of overall goal statement. I am very much in favor of maintaining semi-natural areas as much as possible.
- ◊ dogs on short leash, clenod up after, have residents keep cats inside, educate folks on trail etiquette, ear plugs, out stay on right, pay attention and be courteous, more outdoor bike locations, doesnt need to have jumps, just more woodsy.
- ◊ We'd love a better Western access Trail that would connect the city of Middleton to Western communities and extend through Middleton East to downtown Madison (in place of the WSOR railway).
- ◊ I think there should be more sidewalks.
- ◊ Family outdoor movie night at a park (people can bring a blanket or chairs), Art in the park for kids(maybe they can paint rocks or a large mural to put up, fun for all ages). Concerts or DJ night at a park adults and kids would like. Old car shows, Find a theater guild to put on a play, A scavenger hunt where you walk trails with a map and items to find(maybe at the conservancy)These could be free or charge a reasonable fee to attend.
- ◊ Keep up the great work. One of the reasons we chose Middleton when moving here was for the parks, lifestyle, schools and “feel” of area.
- ◊ If not done already, then the city should study using land to grow trees from seed to later transplant into terraces and parks. It would seem that this would likely be cheaper than purchasing trees from companies to transplant and would accelerate city tree planting.
- ◊ I'd be happy if you spent all my tax dollars on road maintenance and park land acquisition! :-)
- ◊ I appreciate having the bike stations on the trails. Definitely encourages one to get out and not be afraid of breaking down on the trail. Thanks
- ◊ Social media for Parks & Rec seems to focus more on rec and less on parks. Lots of children and not so much senior citizen. Better balance would be appreciated.
- ◊ More paved bike trails!
- ◊ I love living in Middleton and the availability of trails and bike paths.
- ◊ Middleton Parks should try to not be the sole or main source of activities to use the facilities. There should be a balance with outside organizations. That can provide for funding outside of the City along with diversity of activities.
- ◊ Really work to turn railroad into a bike path. I know the railroad is against it, but it would benefit property values and quality immensely, and honestly all they are hauling is coal to the power plant. Maybe for the right price? Also, planting trees and expanding the Middleton dog park would be awesome!
- ◊ Thank you for fixing pheasant branch so quickly after the flooding. Please monitor “social distancing “ practices... many do not move to side to maintain 6feet spacing - 3 or 4 across and taking up entire path.
- ◊ I hope they solve the flooding problem at Strickers Park. The field has been unusable for 2 years now and it flooded before the big flood as well. It has become an eyesore.
- ◊ Please put sidewalks on the sides of Elderberry Rd. between Pleasant View and Burnt Sienna.
- ◊ There needs to be more awareness raised as to when and where bikes can be ridden. I've had way too many near misses because riders are taking their vehicles on sidewalks at speeds that are not safe and give a pedestrian no time to react.
- ◊ I would love to see safer bike/pedestrian paths along University and Century Ave similar to what is along Allen Blvd. Also safer pedestrian/bike access along University/14 west of the Beltline would be helpful.
- ◊ Thank you
- ◊ City of Middleton does a fantastic job with parks, and is one of the many reasons why this community is so great. I love how interconnected the city is via the trail system (great for kids, bikers, pedestrians, etc.). Keep up the great work!
- ◊ We moved to Middleton so that we could be within walking distance of Lakeview Park and the Pheasant Branch Corridor. We LOVE being able to walk in nature on a paved path (with a stroller). As sidewalks get replaced, it would be nice if they were wider. Also, especially for kids, we prefer bike and walking paths that are separate from the street. Middleton parks are awesome!
- ◊ Thank you for asking. Have a good summer.
- ◊ Life wouldn't be worth living without the PB Conservancy trails!!!
- ◊ I wish the area behind Hitters -- the storm water area -- could be managed to also be prettier, e.g. put trees back! also fishing opportunities.
- ◊ Cycling is an activity that nearly everyone can enjoy, all abilities and ages. It is wonderful to see the families and kids out at Blackhawk. I hope that the new land near the Conservancy can accomplish that same sense of community.
- ◊ My spouse and I feel lucky to live in Middleton. There is so much beautiful well maintained green space... you can never have too much green space. It feeds the soul and reduces stress and strife. I worry about all the apartments being built without green space around them.
- ◊ I appreciate the push-button lights addition to cross Park St via Hubbard St...I am sure there is a need for more of those around the city, but I would not know where exactly...but better lighting Parmenter/Elmwood cars dont want to stop...
- ◊ You're doing great, thank you!
- ◊ Middleton Parks are one of my favorite things about the city!
- ◊ Please address the swampy conditions of the play fields at Tiedeman and Stricker - the community needs these grassy, open green spaces restored.
- ◊ I would like to be able to know more about species of birds, fish, plants and trees I see in Middleton in parks
- ◊ Removing the water features in the sand play area was the biggest mistake ever made at the outdoor pool. What an opportunity for endless open ended imaginative play for all ages, Now gone for highly limited, specific activity for a small subset of very young children. Bring it back or put it somewhere else. Outside of swimming lessons, we no longer swim at Middleton pool with its overcrowding and frigid waters. Time For an additional pool with more to offer.
- ◊ Don't have any.
- ◊ In favor of anything to improve biker safety
- ◊ Work on equitable park maintenance. We often see Parkside heights over grown and Middleton Hills parks always seem better maintained
- ◊ We live across from Parkside heights park. We absolutely love it and it is heavily used in nice weather. I think because it is used by so many families it could use some updated equipment. The basketball court is used daily and it would be great to have a refresh. We could also use more picnic tables and/or benches and possibly a bike rack. The sand area is a bit of a wasted space and would probably be better utilized with something else (tether ball?). If the sand stays, it would be great to have a different water fountain because it gets clogged with sand from kids using it to play.
- ◊ The open space and public lands concept should not be supplanted nor diminished by the parks and recreation missions. Passive recreation and existential value of outdoors is also key to health and happiness here in our good neighbor city. That said, you folks do a fabulous job!
- ◊ We would love to see the Parkside Heights park updates in the near future. It's a great park and would be even better with newer equipment. New and a few more picnic tables. And maybe a few more benches. Thank you!

- ◊ Need a plan for tree succession in the Pheasant Branch Conservancy. Maybe there is a plan, but if not, we need one to keep it good for future generations.
 - ◊ It would be nice to have a playground closer to the downtown area
 - ◊ Use simpler, larger signs that cyclists can (and possibly will) read.
 - ◊ Thanks for all you do!
 - ◊ I am concerned at the clear cutting of so many trees in the conservancy lately. It is feeling more like a highway in there at times than a retreat.
 - ◊ If we want to make it safe and convenient for more people to bike for transportation (not just recreation), we need to create facilities that are physically separated from cars. Not everyone feels comfortable biking in traffic.
 - ◊ Keep up the great work, we're fortunate to live in such a wonderful community.
 - ◊ Please spend funds on bicycling and walking and skiing options - things that everyone can access. Have reasonable fees, like Trail passes help pay for trails and public access to winter golf course use.
 - ◊ "Continue to make our city as bike and pedestrian friendly and safe as possible.
 - ◊ Make parks carry in/carry out to reduce costs and encourage sustainability.
 - ◊ Mow less and plant more native vegetation.
 - ◊ Install more rain gardens.
 - ◊ Stop putting playing fields in wetland/vadose zone areas of the ponds. Return those areas to native vegetation."
 - ◊ spend less - save more
 - ◊ Build open space into any new developments. Look at the city of boulder, co for inspiration. Their open spaces keep development possible while still maintaining the feeling of their current environment.
 - ◊ I love all of the green spaces already in Middleton. Keep supporting and maintaining our parks. Thank you!
 - ◊ I am disappointed in the cutting, paving, clearing and developing that has been happening. We are losing what we are trying to preserve. Too many encroachments on pheasant Branch. Old trees cut at Century Avenue/Branch Street entrance. Very large trees. Clearing now at Parmenter entrance... Airport
- Road developments defy minimalism in destructive ways. At what point do the planners decide enough is enough? Clean, green, serene and rarely seen... Remember?
- ◊ I think it is more of a City public works thing, but the city needs to be better about finishing projects that they start. Take Allen Blvd for example, there are many trees that were cut down and left, or the area left messy. There are many already downed trees in the woods there that need to be cleaned up. Seems projects get started and not finished all the way.
 - ◊ I have been impressed with the city forestry department in regard to street trees
 - ◊ We'd love more or added in paved trails for biking, walking, running, or scootering!!
 - ◊ "Open swim hours at the Baumann center are too limited. Why does so much of the morning time (before the sun is dangerous) given over to closed/limited use? And why doesn't it stay open later?"
 - ◊ And, please connect the bike paths we have to other paths in the area off-road! Thanks for all you do."
 - ◊ Trails are beautiful, well maintained. Please work on the safety of them



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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING RESULTS

APRIL 30, 2019 PIM RESULTS

To encourage public involvement in the Marathon County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the County also hosted a public involvement meeting on April 30, 2019. The involvement meeting took place in three parts:

First, attendees were given the opportunity to review maps of parks, forest units, and trails adding comments coded to specific locations within the County park and forest system. These comments were classified by three different questions, allowing participants to categorize their type of comment by location. Categories included General or Specific Improvements within Existing Parks and Forest Units, Areas where New Parks or Forest Units are Desired, and Areas where New Trails or Paved Shoulders are Desired. Participants were also invited to share their Big Ideas for Parks, Recreation, and Forestry via the comment form.

The second section of the involvement meeting allowed for participants to mark on a trail map desired connections, additions, and/or extensions of trails within the County system.

Finally, attendees participated in a spending activity that allowed choice of where they would personally spend money within the park, forest, and trail system based on category of use or improvement. If desired, they also had the opportunity to further categorize investment by writing directly specific activities, locations, or uses the “money” would go towards within that category.

Responses and analysis in this summary include responses from all PIM attendees.

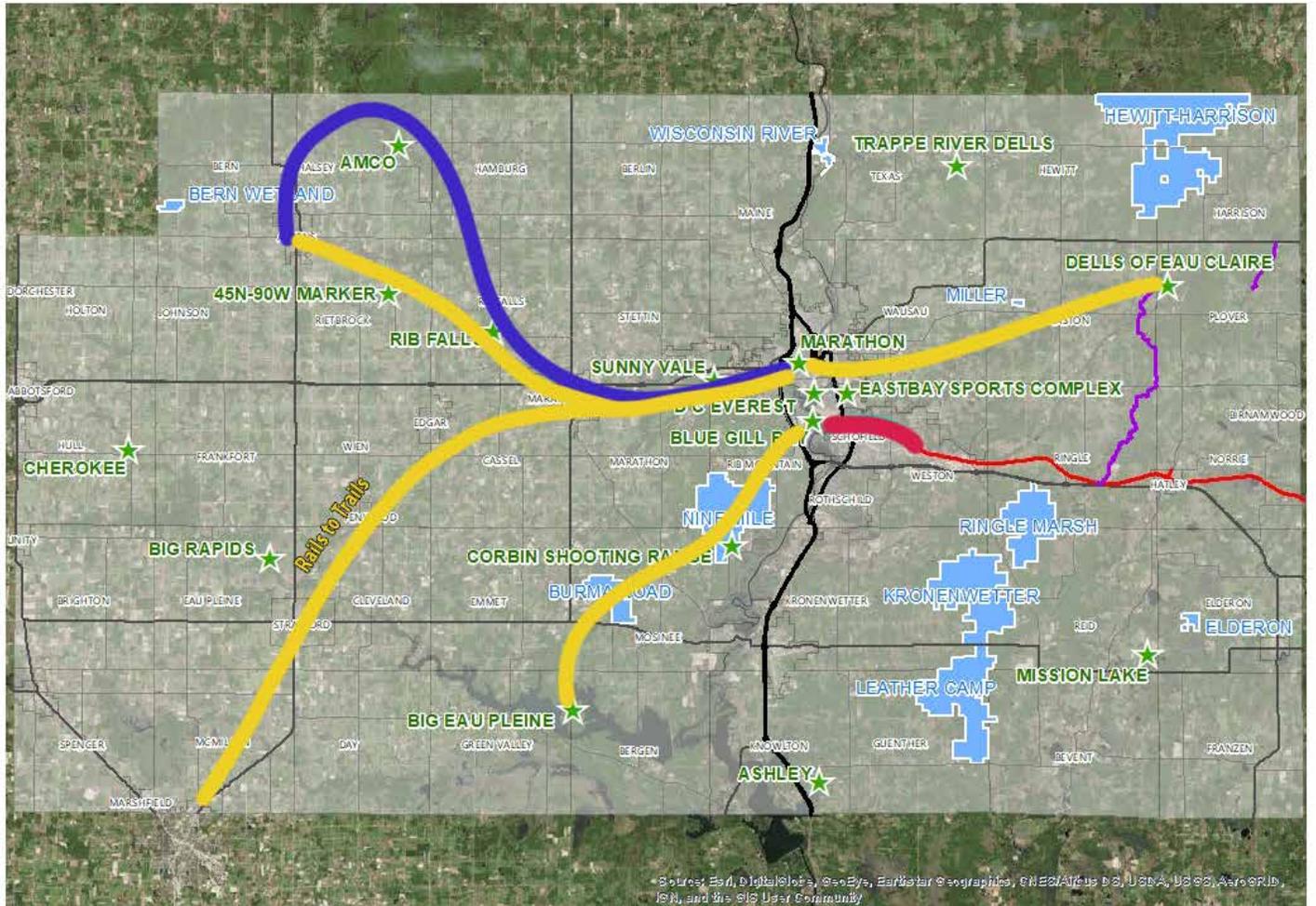
RESULTS OF COMMENTS, BY PARK, FOREST UNIT, OR TRAIL (72 COMMENTS)

Comment	Park
Kayak Launch	Amco
Ashley Park - how to find it? Some semblance of trails would be nice.	Ashley Park
Campsites need to be leveled, all slope to the bank-side.	
Big Eau Pleine is very populated with deer leading to forest & habitat degradation. Open it to hunting to decrease deer numbers	Big Eau Pleine
Eau Pleine is set up very nicely	
Blue Gill is overrun with deer and all native plants are degraded. Buckthorn has taken over the aspen. Herd reduction - please!	Blue Gill Bay
Develop Brokaw for Mtn biking	
Add a sign at the parking lot in Brokaw. Develop mountain biking trails in the Brokaw Hills (former cross-country ski area)	Brokaw
Mathey construction land north of Brokaw - new park / mountain biking?	
Burma hiking/snowshoe trails/fat tire	Burma Road
More campsites and amenities	
Add large fire ring, water pump in group campground	Dells of Eau Claire
Improve maps	
More Trails	
Add Parking area	
Link via bike-ped path the conservancy area to an easement heading east.	
Just off the map is a brownfield - could this be redeveloped into fields or parking or artificial turf fields somehow connected to Eastbay?	Eastbay Sports Complex
Could redevelop this area into soccer/sports fields and/or parking to support Eastbay complex	
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Promote sections of ice age trail better	Ice Age Trail
Improve trails for Mtn biking	Kronenwetter
Improve trails for Mtn biking	Leather Camp

Add 6 pickleball courts	
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Ice arena updates - and focus on booking more "family" events	
Special concert events - hire an agency to book concerts to maximize the investment made here	
Enlarge dog park space in Marathon County.	
More pickleball courts	Marathon Park
Pave parking lot	
Update road signage highlighting events	
Raise the pedestrian paths so they aren't underwater in spring.	
Trails connect, but still lack a complete loop. All the area under the tree canopy should be a loop, not just small western loop.	
Marathon Park needs more pickleball courts. Add 6 courts ASAP.	
Develop biking trails at Mission Lake if not there already	Mission Lake
Allow fat tire biking at Nine Mile in the winter. Extend fall mountain biking, add snowmaking to a limited portion of the trails.	
Need to allow fat tire biking in winter along with the skiers	
Connector from Nine Mile to Rib Mountain S.P. - on snowmobile easement? Matt Block may have concept	
Make Nine Mile an economic draw/destination. Andy is a good first step - notch up the chalet.	
Remove the chains and allow parking here!! (near foxglove)	
More mtb trails / allow mtb during winter	
Make Nine Mile a special use area - make it a park - take it out of enterprise zone so \$ can be put into it.	Nine Mile
Add 4-season event shelter at Nine Mile to better program events and serve users.	
Mosinee Hill easements for trails	
Easement connect Nine Mile to school forest to Trillium Trail to avoid Hwy KK	
Connect Laurel to HWY KK at Nine Mile	
Expand opportunities for use	
Incredible trails, but grooming needs to be improved	
Kayak Launch	Rib Falls Park

Canoe/kayak landing	
Old fat tire trails should be used as snowshoe trails	
Develop biking trails through the woods	
Sunny Vale - develop hiking/biking trails along Rib River utilizing the old railroad & bridge to Marathon City.	
Bike Link from Sunny Vale to Rib Mountain	Sunny Vale
Sunny Vale - RR bridge repaired/improved to tie in with north and south areas for biking and snowmobiling	
Continue trails at Sunny Vale along Rib River to Rib Mountain park trails	
Increase access to Rib River	
Extend Ryan Street to Hwy X	
Athens to Marathon offroad bike trail for a "Marathon Route"	
Trails in Eau Claire River Conservancy should connect to Schofield & Weston	
Trail connecting to NN across Black Bridge	
Extend Municipal St to Hwy X in Weston	
Extend Mountain Bay trail to Kent Street	Trail Connections
Increase length of railroad grade from Fenwood to Edgar	
More trail connections	
Designated bike routes on trails from metro area to Dells, Nine Mile, Burma, Big Eau Pleine	
New multi-use trail on abandoned railway. Could be ATV, bike, and walk.	
Pave shoulders of County Roads	
Establish access to Trappe River Dells via footpath, at least.	Trappe River Dells
Have never heard of Trappe River Dells. How do I access it?	
Canoe/boat landing?	Wisconsin River

DESIRED TRAIL CONNECTIONS WITHIN THE SYSTEM



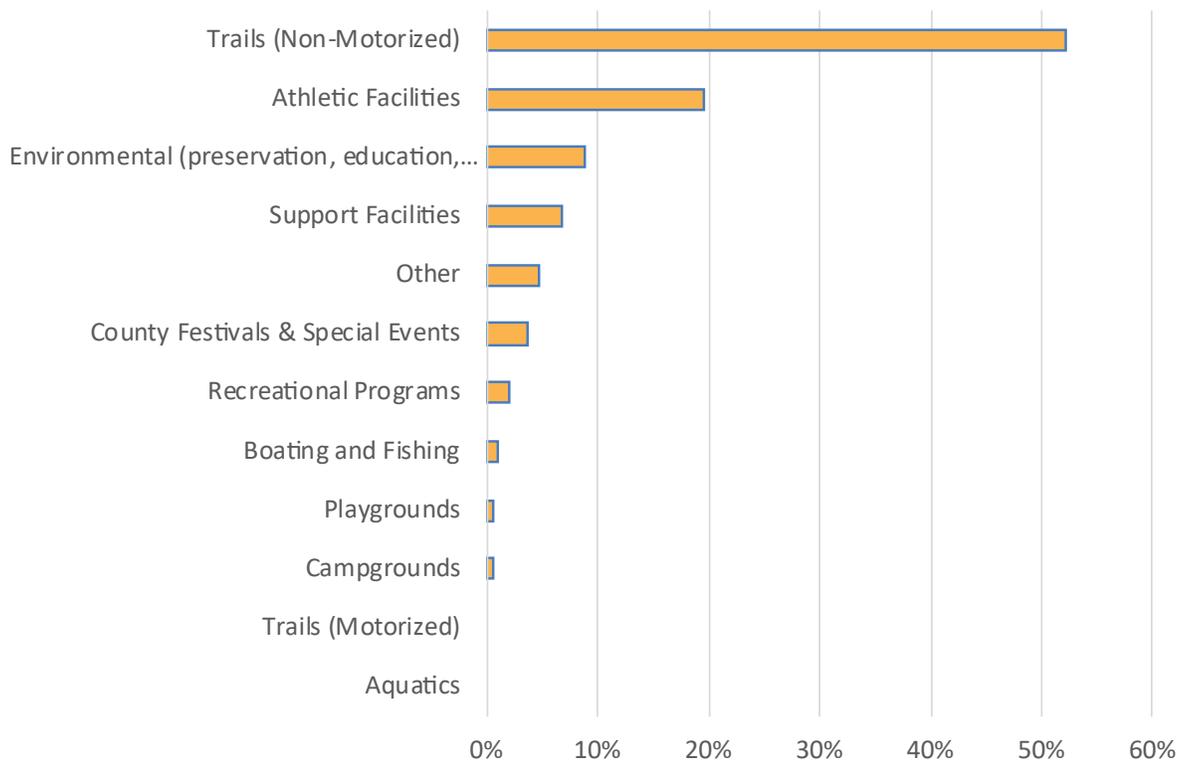
★ County Parks ■ County Forest Units □ Communities — Ice Age Trail — Mountain Bay Trail

Use the map to draw your own future trails or park locations.

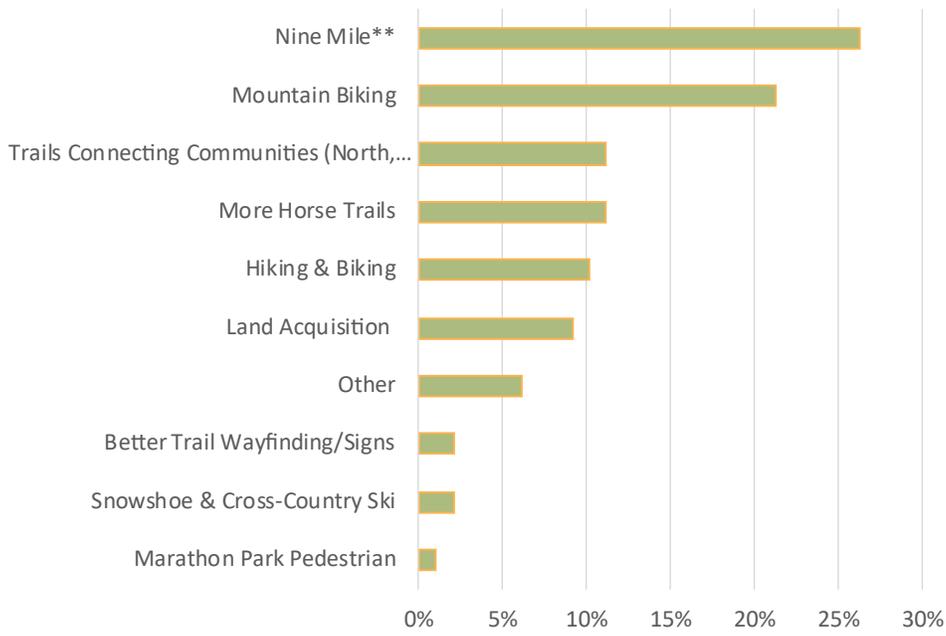
PARKS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS SPENDING ACTIVITY

Meeting participants were provided 10 \$1,000 bills and were given the opportunity to place any combination of the \$10,000 into 12 categories. The majority of participants favored investments in non-motorized trails, followed by athletic facilities, environmental preservation, and support facilities.

PIM Poll Results		
Where would you spend your money?		
Categories	Number	Percent of Total
Athletic Facilities	37	19%
Aquatics	0	0%
Boating and Fishing	2	1%
Campgrounds	1	1%
County Festivals & Special Events	7	4%
Environmental (preservation, education, restoration, etc.)	17	9%
Playgrounds	1	1%
Recreational Programs	4	2%
Support Facilities	13	7%
Trails (Motorized)	0	0%
Trails (Non-Motorized)	99	52%
Other	9	5%
Total	190	100%

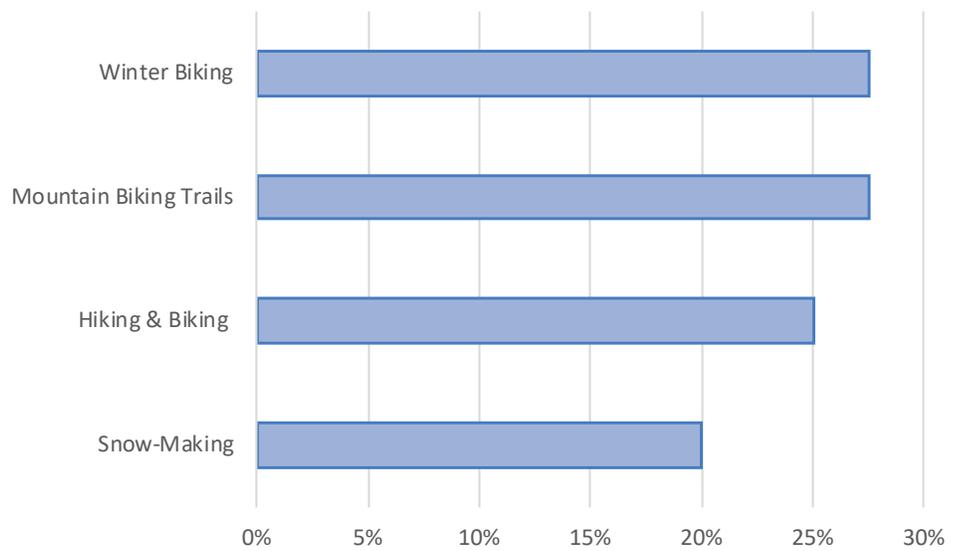


PARKS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS SPENDING ACTIVITY - NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS

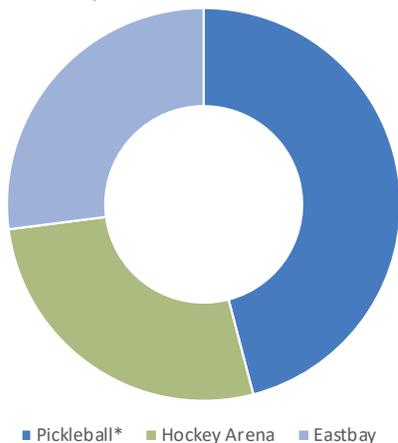


Mentions of Nine Mile were common, and are broken out directly below for specific actions and ideas for recreation improvements at that specific County Forest.

**PARKS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS SPENDING ACTIVITY - ALL MENTIONS OF NINE MILE



PARKS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS SPENDING ACTIVITY - ATHLETIC FACILITIES



* Marathon Park specifically named in 6 responses for increased Pickleball courts

PARKS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS SPENDING ACTIVITY - FULL SUB-CATEGORY RESULTS

PIM Poll Results		
Categories within "Athletic Facilities"		
Sub-Categories	Number	Percent of Total
Pickleball*	17	46%
Hockey Arena	10	27%
Eastbay	10	27%
Total	37	100%

* Marathon Park named in 6 responses

PIM Poll Results		
Categories within "County Festivals & Special Events"		
Sub-Categories	Number	Percent of Total
Bike Festival	3	43%
More Events	1	14%
Other / General Festivals & Events	3	43%
Total	7	100%

PIM Poll Results		
Categories within "Recreational Programs"		
Sub-Categories	Number	Percent of Total
Senior Programs	2	50%
Youth Programs	1	25%
Nature-Focused Programming	1	25%
Total	4	100%

PIM Poll Results		
Categories within "Support Facilities"		
Sub-Categories	Number	Percent of Total
Nine Mile	3	23%
Restrooms	2	15%
Other / General Support Facilities	8	62%
Total	13	100%

PIM Poll Results		
Categories within "Non-Motorized Trails"		
Sub-Categories	Number	Percent of Total
Nine Mile	26	26%
Mountain Biking	21	21%
More Horse Trails	11	11%
Trails Connecting Communities (North, South, & West of Wausau)	11	11%
Hiking & Biking	10	10%
Snowshoe & Cross-Country Ski	2	2%
Better Trail Wayfinding/Signs	2	2%
Marathon Park Pedestrian	1	1%
Land Acquisition	9	9%
Other	6	6%
Total	99	100%

PIM Poll Results		
Specific Activity Mentions at Nine Mile		
Sub-Categories	Number	Percent of Total
Hiking & Biking	10	25%
Mountain Biking Trails	11	28%
Snow-Making	8	20%
Winter Biking	11	28%
Total	40	100%

APPENDIX B:
PARK & OPEN SPACE
CLASSIFICATIONS



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PARK & OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATIONS

Park & Open Space Classifications are used in this CORP to classify the existing parks and recreation system and to guide plans for its future development. Definitions for the classification of parks and facilities are generally based upon National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) guidelines.

B.1 PARK & OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATIONS

Mini-Park

Also sometimes referred to as a “Tot Lot” or “Pocket Park” typically located on a small lot, generally a ¼ acre or less, within a residential neighborhood or commercial business district. Often these sites were originally intended for residential use, but due to various factors (e.g. poor lot design, environmental concerns, etc.), have been converted to a park. Mini-parks generally lack any active recreational facilities and may be limited to gardens, benches, gazebos, fountains, or other small social gathering facilities. Mini-parks typically do not have off-street parking or restroom facilities. Over time they may develop into neighborhood playgrounds.

Desirable size: 1.5 acres or less
Service Area: 1/4 mile radius

Neighborhood Parks

A neighborhood park mainly serves the active recreational needs of children from 5 to 15 years of age, and it may offer passive recreation opportunities to adults. Neighborhood parks typically consist of one or more playground apparatus, small green space/general purpose fields, shelter facilities, grills, basketball courts, ball diamonds and associated benches. Neighborhood playgrounds typically do not have permanent restroom facilities.

Desirable size: 3 to 10 acres
Service Area: 1/2 mile radius

Community Parks

The community park is intended to serve the active and passive recreational needs of a number of neighborhoods or a medium-sized municipality. It provides more unique facilities than a neighborhood park. Examples include parks designed specifically for court games (tennis,

basketball, pickleball, etc.), field games (soccer, football, ultimate frisbee) or ball games (softball, baseball). However, community parks usually also offer areas for passive recreation use such as wood areas and walking trails, scenic lookouts, botanical gardens, multiple shelters, grills, and picnic areas. Unique active use facilities may include band shells and aquatic facilities. Off-street parking areas for vehicles and bicycles, permanent restroom facilities, shower facilities, and lighting are common.

Desirable size: 25 or more acres
Service Area: 1.5 mile radius

Special Use Parks

A special use park is often designed as a revenue-generating enterprise created to satisfy demand for a particular sport, recreational activity, or special event. A special use park may also be a sports park combined with enterprise activities and administered as a community recreation resource. Certain recreational facilities such as disc golf courses, golf courses, race tracks, municipal pools and waterparks, fishing areas and marinas might be considered special purpose parks. Less active uses may include community gardens or veteran memorials. Special use parks may be combined with community parks. Supporting facilities (off-street parking, restrooms, etc.) will vary based on the user needs.

Desirable size: Varies - depends on function
Service Area: Varies - depends on function

Nature Preserves

Nature preserves may be established to conserve forest lands, marshlands, floodplains, prairies, wildlife habitats, and other areas having cultural, scenic, or natural values. Such areas are usually provided by county, state, or federal governments and have the primary function of wildlife and resource protection. Nature preserves usually include large tracts of land that are undeveloped or have limited development, although some improvements may be provided which are incidental to the enjoyment of the property. Improvements are usually located in one section on the property so that the area remains largely undeveloped. Improvements may include parking areas, interpretive centers, and restrooms. Hunting may be a primary recreational activity in such areas. Other recreational uses might include backpacking, camping, trail use, picnicking, and bird watching.

Desirable size: Varies - depends on function
Service Area: Varies - depends on function

Greenbelts

The greenbelt has basically the same characteristics and functions as the reservation or preserve; however, a greenbelt may be used to shape urban development. It may be a buffer between an urban area and surrounding rural areas and may connect parks within an urban area.

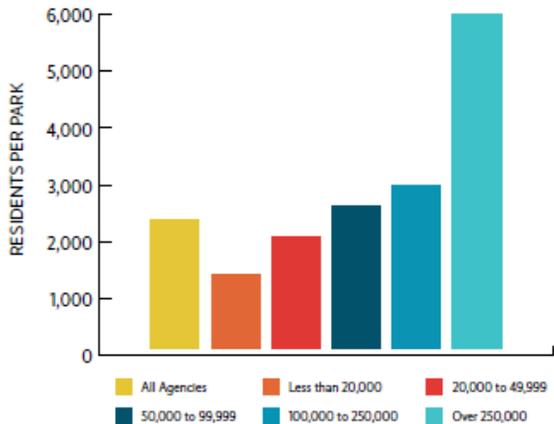
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B.2 PARK FACILITY METRICS

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) recently released the 2020 NRPA Agency Performance Review. This report summarizes data found in NRPA Park Metrics, the organization's tool that provide a comprehensive collection of park and recreation benchmarks and insights from park and recreation agencies across the United States. The data in this report is intended to be used for management and planning of recreational resources. The NRPA no longer provides national standards because no two park and recreation agencies are the same.

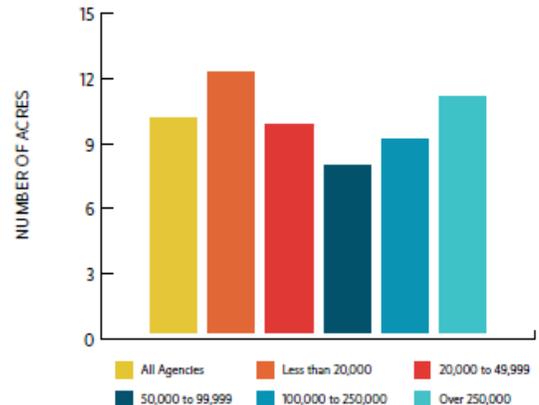
The information on the following page is useful to determine where our park agency stands as compared to other organizations across the United States. The report contains data from 1,053 park and recreation agencies across the United States as reported between 2017 and 2019.

FIGURE 1: RESIDENTS PER PARK (BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)



	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	Over 250,000
Median	2,281	1,300	1,963	2,523	2,889	5,908
Lower Quartile	1,316	908	1,233	1,560	1,914	2,818
Upper Quartile	4,140	2,037	3,140	4,518	5,135	15,286

FIGURE 2: ACRES OF PARKLAND PER 1,000 RESIDENTS (BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)

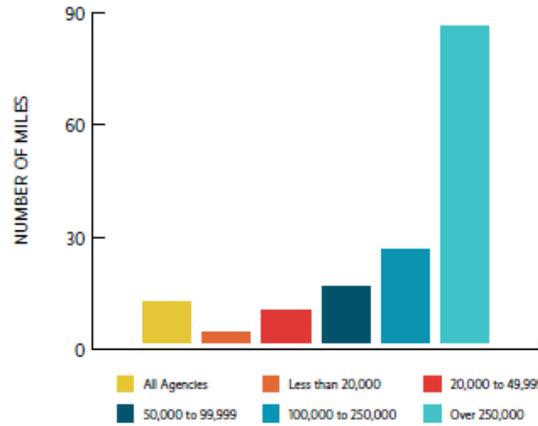


	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	Over 250,000
Median	9.9	12.0	9.6	7.7	8.9	10.9
Lower Quartile	5.1	5.2	5.4	4.7	5.0	5.3
Upper Quartile	17.1	20.8	15.0	17.1	14.9	17.9

FIGURE 3: OUTDOOR PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES — POPULATION PER FACILITY (BY PREVALENCE AND POPULATION PER FACILITY)

Types of Facilities	Percent of Agencies	Median Number of Residents per Facility					
		All Agencies	Population of Jurisdiction				
			Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	Over 250,000
Playgrounds	93.9%	3,750	2,523	3,157	3,859	4,623	8,291
Basketball courts	86.5	7,400	4,090	7,067	8,557	8,792	11,468
Tennis courts (outdoor only)	81.1	5,004	2,922	4,347	6,242	5,589	9,224
Diamond fields: baseball - youth	78.3	6,779	3,396	5,132	7,222	12,293	19,286
Diamond fields: softball fields - adult	64.8	13,510	5,072	10,849	15,500	26,714	30,511
Rectangular fields: multi-purpose	64.5	8,150	4,683	7,297	10,467	13,233	15,527
Dog parks	62.9	45,899	10,000	28,132	58,000	99,707	135,457
Diamond fields: softball fields - youth	59.0	11,511	5,691	9,785	12,000	23,220	44,398
Diamond fields: baseball - adult	52.8	19,518	7,804	17,185	22,876	47,754	46,196
Swimming pools (outdoor only)	50.9	35,837	8,023	25,107	45,825	64,250	84,884
Tot lots	47.6	11,173	6,998	10,900	11,200	20,715	27,284
Community gardens	47.2	29,273	7,914	22,562	50,000	66,645	102,625
Rectangular fields: soccer field - youth	46.9	7,325	3,294	4,833	9,085	12,875	29,559
Multiuse courts - basketball, volleyball	43.1	19,814	7,866	20,040	22,250	34,565	66,967
Rectangular fields: soccer field - adult	40.7	12,446	7,665	10,576	16,644	20,478	22,485
Skate parks	38.2	49,500	10,118	29,491	62,567	107,773	232,297
Rectangular fields: football field	37.2	26,771	7,500	16,971	32,420	44,580	114,831
Multi-purpose synthetic fields	19.4	49,493	8,530	22,000	51,110	61,250	118,791
Ice rinks (outdoor only)	17.4	18,526	9,860	13,542	29,830	122,902	422,692
Rectangular fields: lacrosse field	11.4	27,500	6,690	14,605	29,046	60,155	144,398
Rectangular fields: cricket field	11.0	133,045	ISD	29,228	59,227	105,715	389,255
Overlay fields	8.0	14,887	3,771	8,468	9,774	36,348	104,684
Rectangular fields: field hockey field	3.4	27,418	ISD	19,135	39,514	91,941	316,067

**FIGURE 4: MILES OF TRAIL
(BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)**

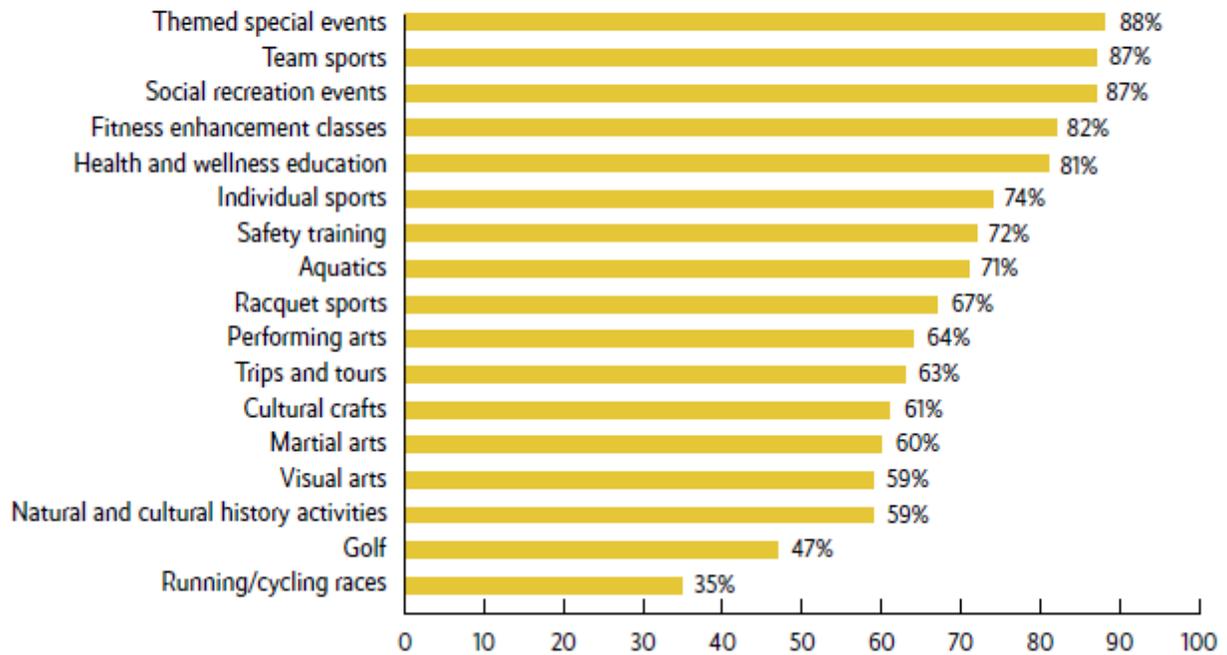


	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	Over 250,000
Median	11.0	3.0	8.5	15.0	25.0	84.5
Lower Quartile	3.0	1.5	3.4	4.1	11.0	38.0
Upper Quartile	32.0	6.8	15.0	28.5	47.0	158.2

**FIGURE 5: INDOOR PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES – POPULATION PER FACILITY
(BY PREVALENCE AND POPULATION PER FACILITY)**

Types of Facilities	Median Number of Residents per Facility						
	Percent of Agencies	Population of Jurisdiction					
All Agencies		Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	Over 250,000	
Recreation centers	61.0%	31,141	8,916	25,716	40,898	49,999	64,392
Community centers	59.7	28,939	9,601	26,280	42,491	54,042	93,302
Senior centers	40.9	60,513	12,209	32,639	68,701	123,988	318,255
Performance amphitheaters	35.0	62,475	10,812	30,577	57,304	112,611	385,525
Nature centers	29.3	109,796	10,816	35,854	65,000	125,000	381,434
Stadiums	17.9	66,972	8,625	24,910	59,074	134,557	321,434
Ice rinks	14.8	53,000	9,028	26,500	56,847	100,867	310,925
Teen centers	13.8	64,000	13,622	28,400	60,268	138,101	390,918
Arenas	7.5	57,711	8,148	24,736	61,556	110,168	405,201

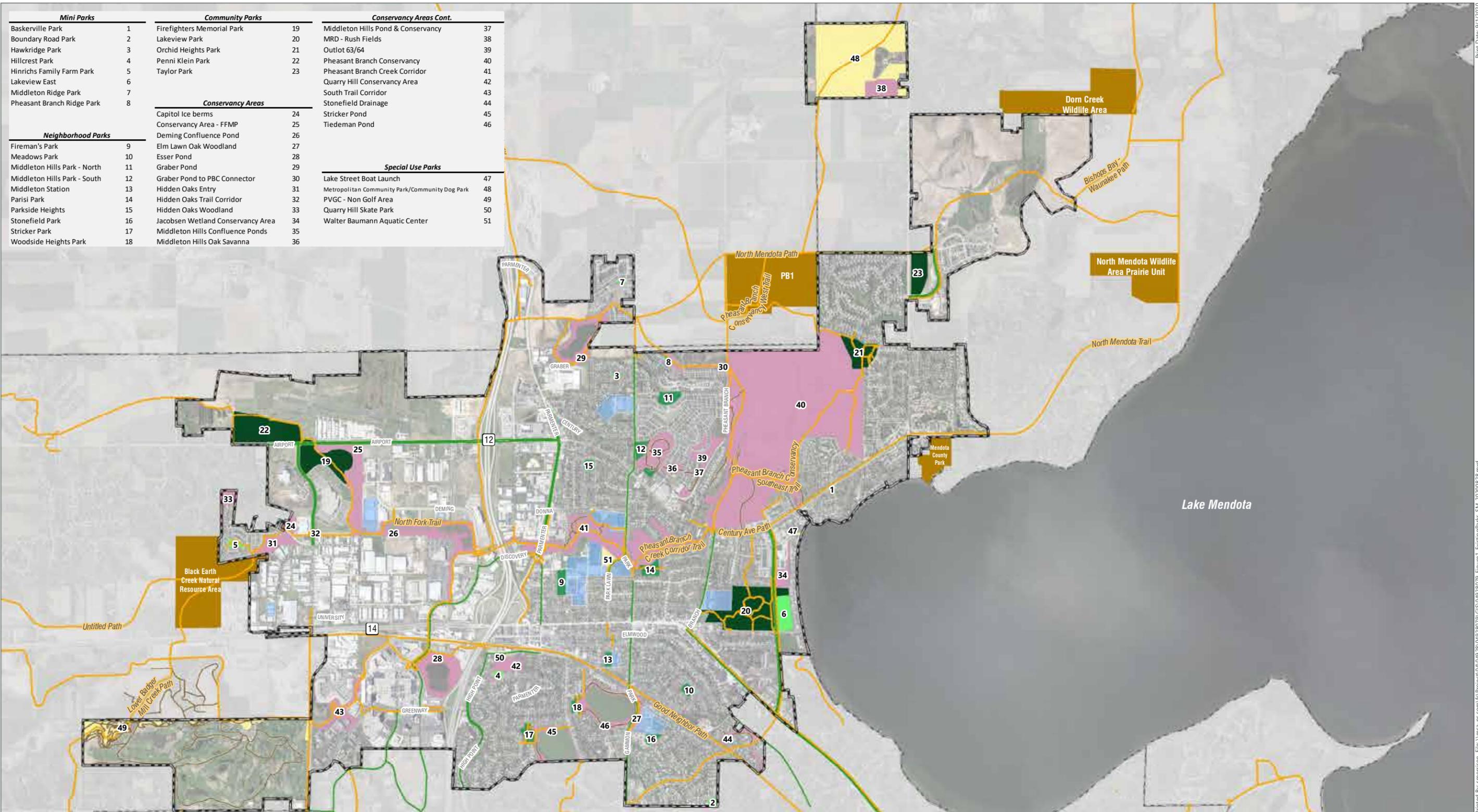
**FIGURE 6: PROGRAMMING OFFERED BY PARK AND RECREATION AGENCIES
(PERCENT OF AGENCIES)**



APPENDIX C: PARKS & RECREATION MAPS



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Mini Parks		Community Parks		Conservancy Areas Cont.	
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Hinrichs Family Farm Park	5	Taylor Park	23	Pheasant Branch Creek Corridor	41
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Middleton Ridge Park	7			South Trail Corridor	43
Pheasant Branch Ridge Park	8			Stonefield Drainage	44
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				Tiedeman Pond	46
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Meadows Park	10	Conservancy Area - FFMP	25	Metropolitan Community Park/Community Dog Park	48
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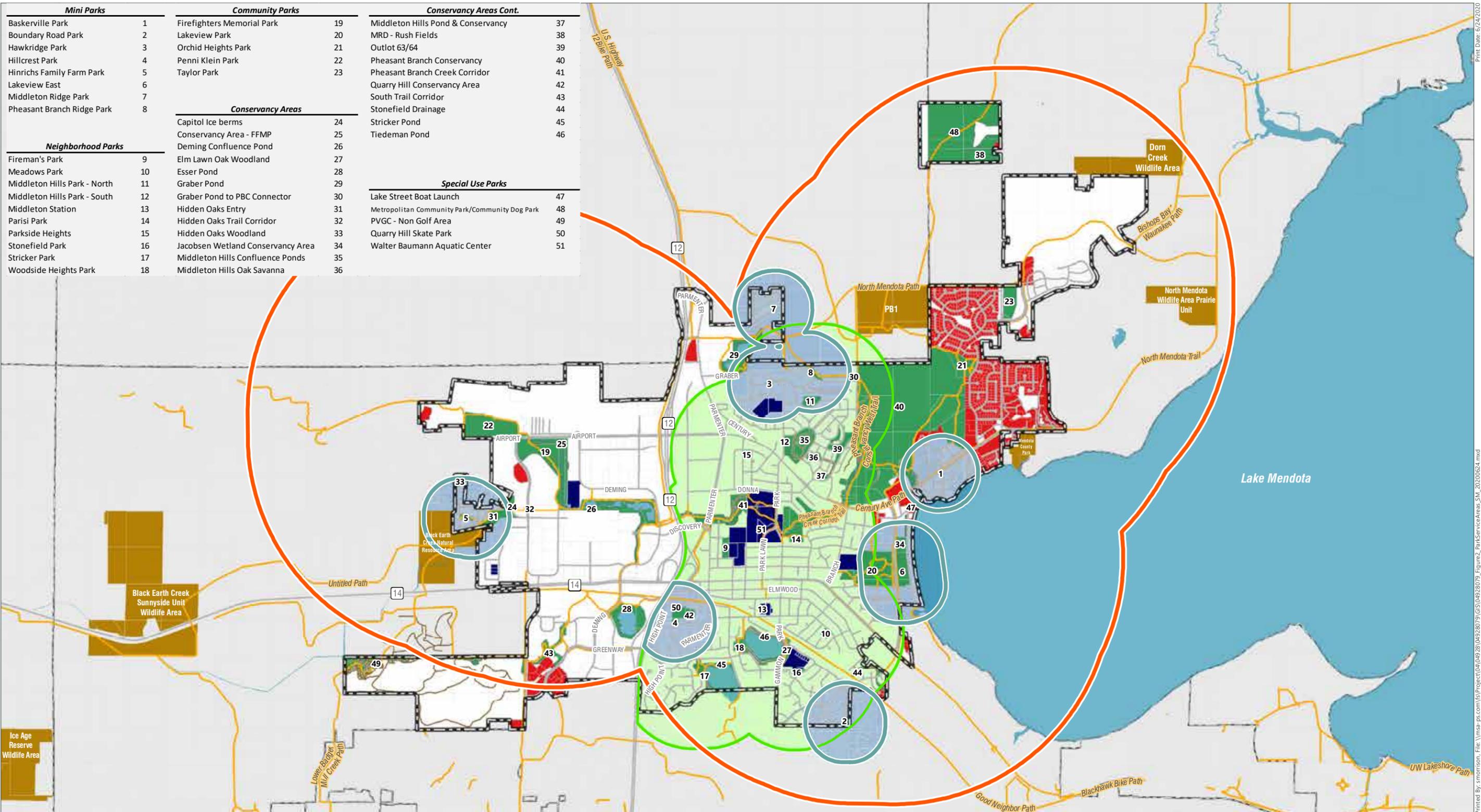
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 ~ Dane County Bike Path □ Surrounding Municipalities
 ~ On-Street Bike Facilities □ School Owned Properties
 ■ Dane County Park

Park Type
 ■ Mini Park
 ■ Neighborhood Park
 ■ Community Park
 ■ Conservancy Area
 ■ Special Use Park

Existing Parks

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Baskerville Park	1
Boundary Road Park	2
Hawkridge Park	3
Hillcrest Park	4
Hinrichs Family Farm Park	5
Lakeview East	6
Middleton Ridge Park	7
Pheasant Branch Ridge Park	8

Community Parks	
Firefighters Memorial Park	19
Lakeview Park	20
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Conservancy Areas	
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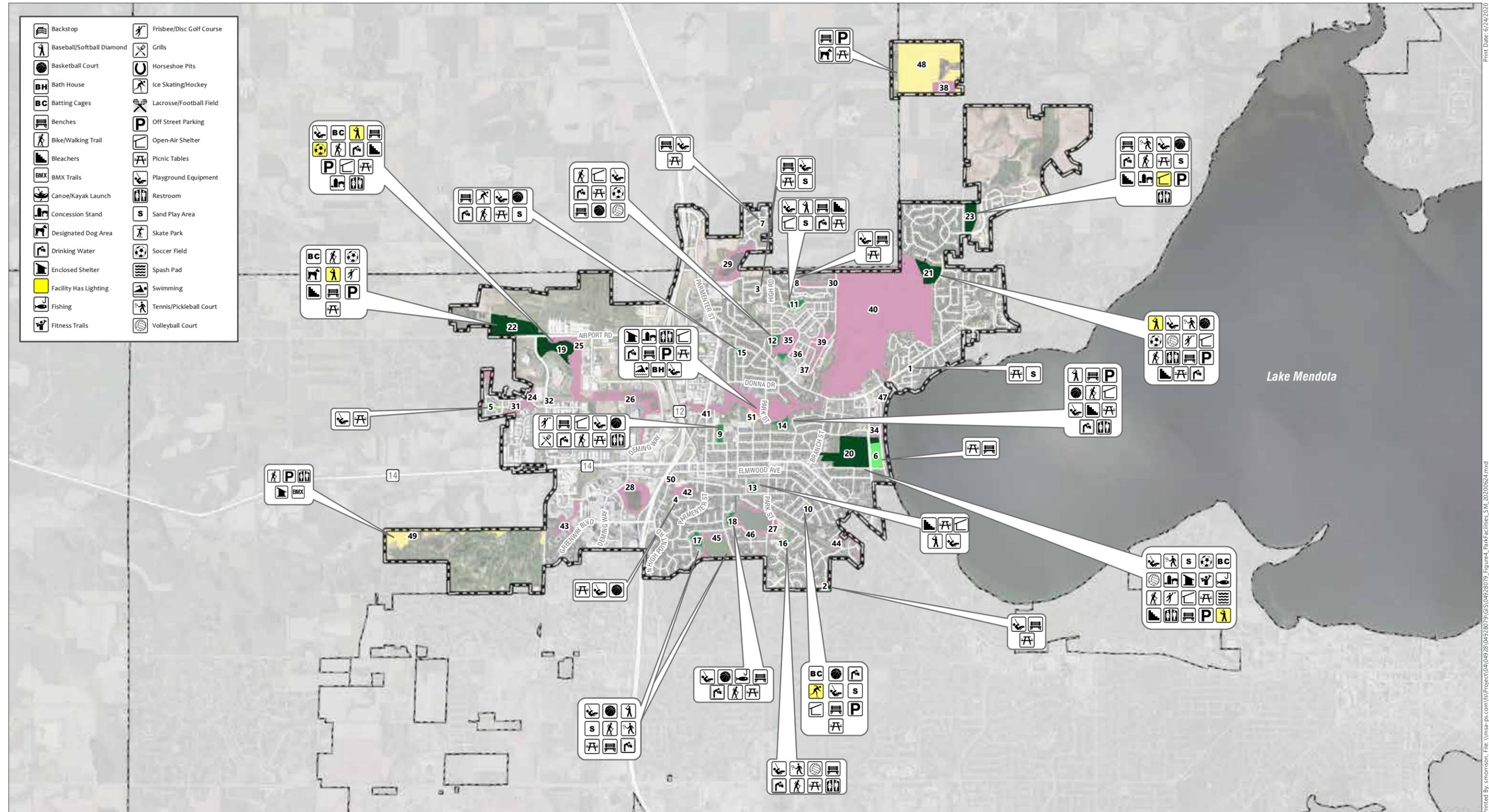
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- Park Service Area (Neighborhood Park - 0.5 miles)
- Park Service Area (Community Park - 1.5 miles)

Park Service Areas

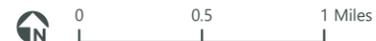
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| Backstop | Frisbee/Disc Golf Course |
| Baseball/Softball Diamond | Grills |
| Basketball Court | Horseshoe Pits |
| Bath House | Ice Skating/Hockey |
| Batting Cages | Lacrosse/Football Field |
| Benches | Off Street Parking |
| Bike/Walking Trail | Open-Air Shelter |
| Bleachers | Picnic Tables |
| BMX Trails | Playground Equipment |
| Canoe/Kayak Launch | Restroom |
| Concession Stand | Sand Play Area |
| Designated Dog Area | Skate Park |
| Drinking Water | Soccer Field |
| Enclosed Shelter | Splash Pad |
| Facility Has Lighting | Swimming |
| Fishing | Tennis/Pickleball Court |
| Fitness Trails | Volleyball Court |



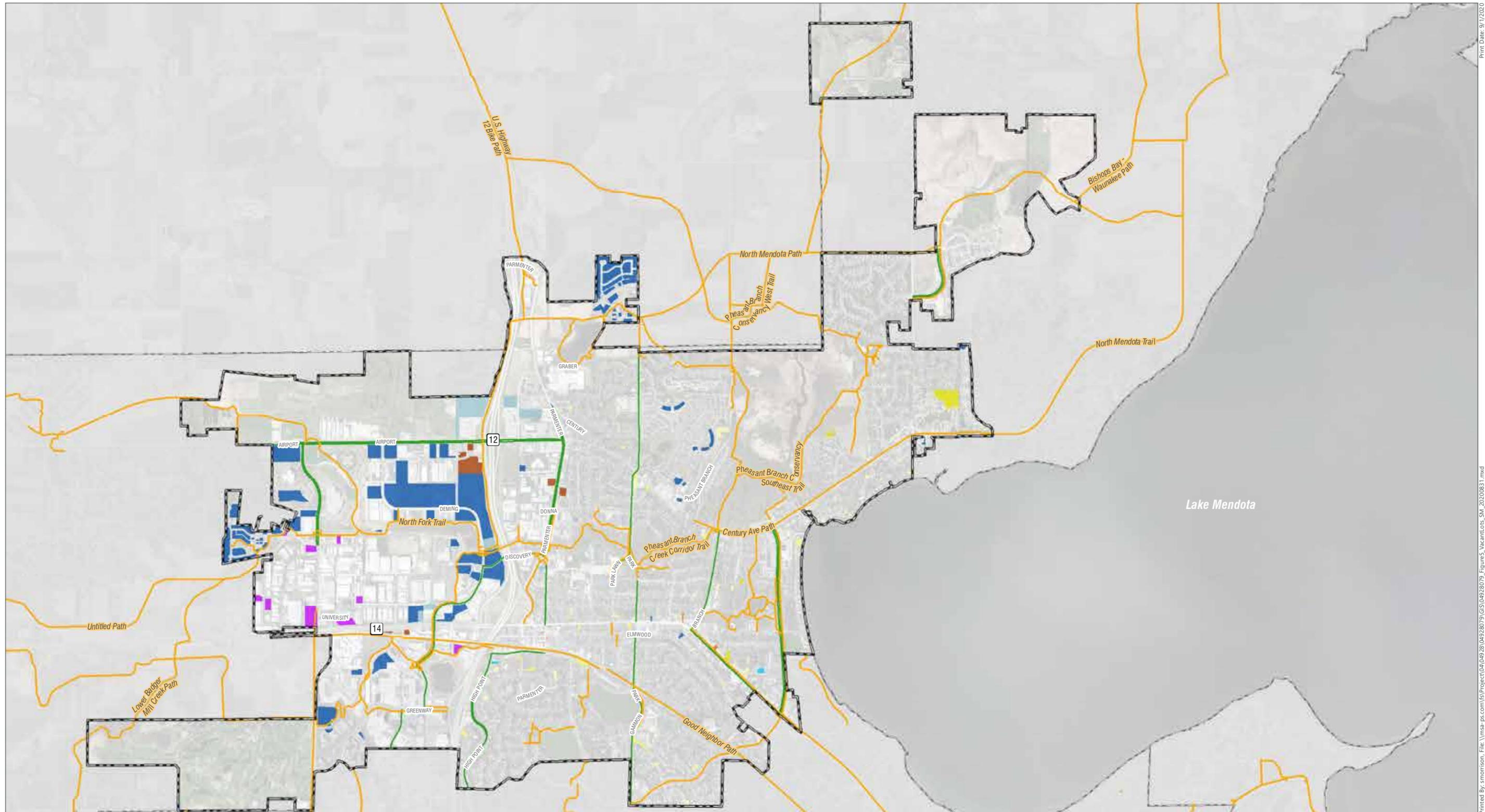
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| City of Middleton | Mini Park | Conservancy Area |
| Surrounding Municipalities | Neighborhood Park | Special Use |

Park Facilities

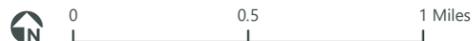
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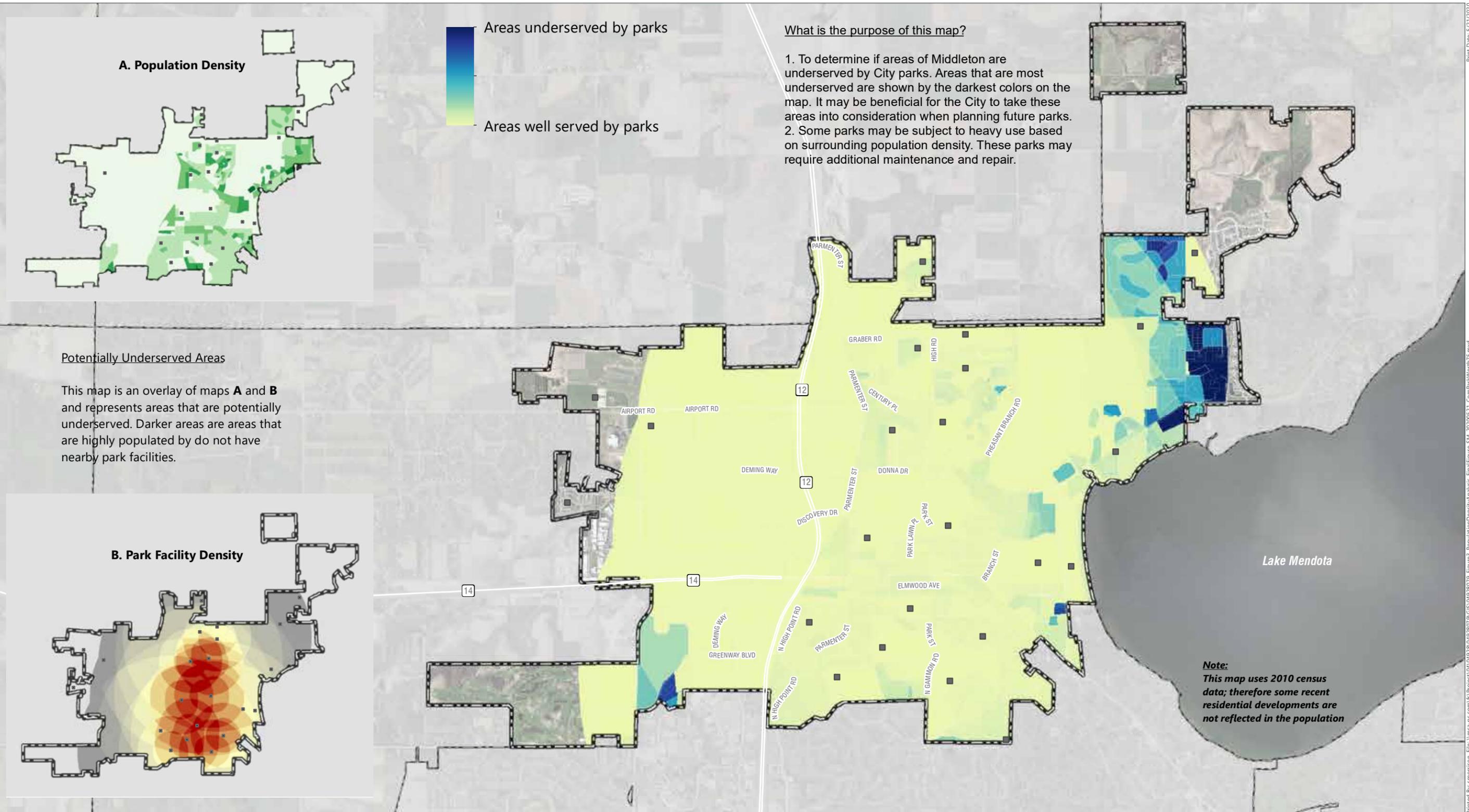
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| On-Street Bike Facilities | Vacant Parcel Zoning | Industrial | Planned Development District Infill |
| Dane County Bike Path | Downtown Business | Multi-Family Residential (pre-1984) | Planned Development District SIP |
| City of Middleton | General Business | Office | Single Family Residential |
| Surrounding Municipalities | Highway Business | Planned Development District GIP | Two Family Residential |

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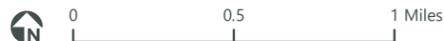
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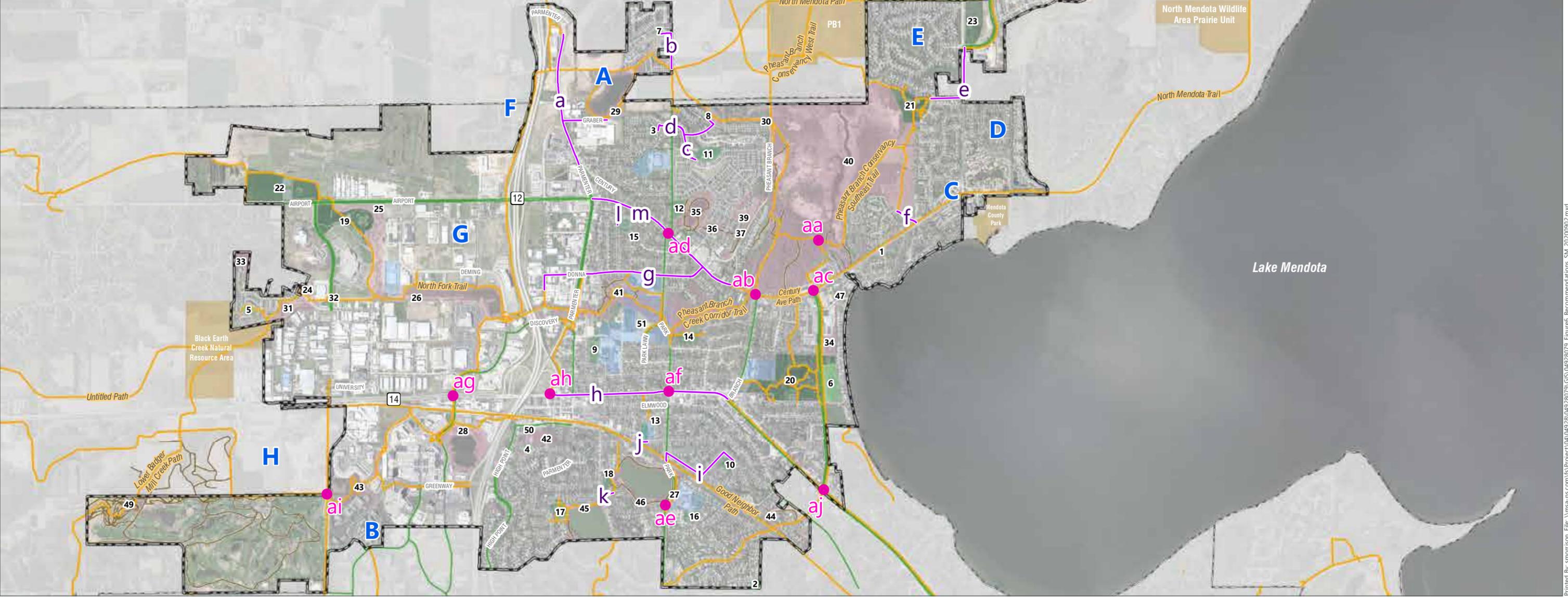
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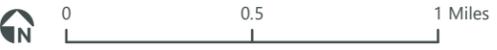
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- A Proposed Park Location
- Intersection Improvement
- ~ Trail Connection Recommendation
- City of Middleton
- Surrounding Municipalities

New Park and Trail Recommendation Map

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