PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA
BELOIT PARK, RECREATION & CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
Water Resources & Engineering Facility
2400 Springbrook Ct., Beloit WI 53511
6:30 PM
Wednesday, February 19, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. STATELINE DISC GOLF ASSOCIATION

   2a. Presentation by SDGA on Potential Partnership Opportunities (Josh Garcia)
   Attachment

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   3a. Consider approval of the minutes from Wednesday, January 15, 2025 Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission Meeting (Brewer)
   Attachment

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. REPORTS

   5a. Directors Report (Johann)
   Attachment

   5b. 2025 Forestry Operations / Request for Proposals (Peterson)
   Attachment

6. ACTION ITEMS

   6a. CORP Discussion (Brewer/Johann)
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   6b. Park Conditions (Johann)
   Attachment

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

8. NEXT MEETING DATE ANNOUNCEMENT

9. ADJOURNMENT

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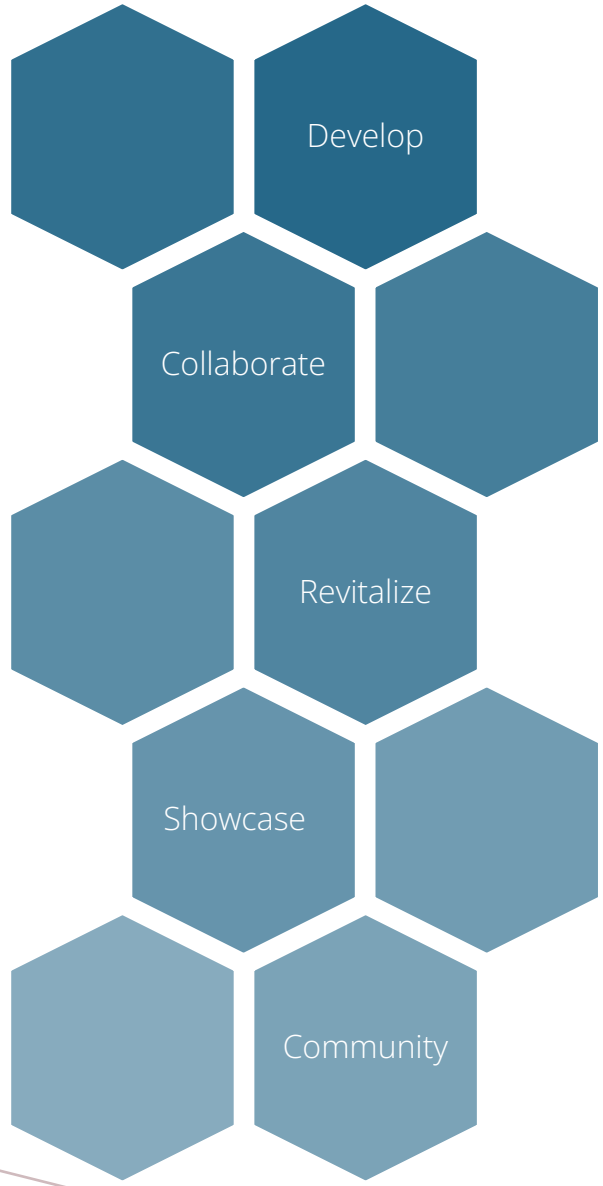


Stateline Disc Golf Association

- The Stateline Disc Golf Association is a 501(c)(3) founded in effort to grow and cultivate disc golf in our community throughout the Northern Illinois & Southern Wisconsin area.

- Our mission is to expand and cultivate disc golf across the community by organizing and running tournaments, leagues and community events in coordination with local municipalities and organizations.

- Our goal is to expand disc golf throughout the community by making it accessible to all skill levels, to foster community involvement and encourage volunteerism.





STATELINE DISC GOLF ASSOCIATION

Courses Managed

- *Rockford University* in Rockford, IL
- *Porter Park* in Roscoe, IL
- *Victoria Lake* in South Beloit, IL
- *Crooked River* in Pecatonica, IL
- *Woodlands Disc Golf Course* in Rockton, IL

Temp Course Events

- Blackhawk Park x2 (66 players)
- Twin Sister/Dahlquist Park (72 players)
- Alpine Park x2 (81 players)

Major Events 2024

- Nightmare at Porter Glow 2 Rounds, 54 players
- SDGA Open (Sanctioned) 2 Rounds, 58 players
- Flight for One More Light Fundraiser (Sanctioned) 1 round, 62 players



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Beloit offers several beautiful parks perfectly tailored for disc golf activities.

- Big Hill Park
  - Temporary Course
- Dr. George Hilliard Park
  - Revitalize Course
  - Glow Event
- Freeman Park
  - Possible intermediate level course
- Others TBD

SDGA

Stateline brings incredible expertise to offer a wide variety of events and improvements across Beloit's parks.

- Tournament and Events
  - Temp Course (single day event)
  - Glow Event
  - Monthly Leagues
  - Winter Putting Leagues
- Course Design and Improvements
- Community Outreach
- Disc Golf Clinic

BIG HILL PARK

•Design a temporary 18-hole 4,584 ft. disc golf course on approved property for a Tour de Stateline Major Tournament (1 of 7)

•Setup portable baskets for a one-day event. No ground drilling or digging

•Organize and manage enrollment for the event.

•Estimated 60-80 participants will attend.

•Bring Beloit into the disc golf community via tournaments and disc golf events - starting with Big Hill Park







HILLIARD PARK REVITALIZATION

- Review and recommend potential basket upgrades (~$400 per basket in a set of 9)
- Identify course design improvements such as layout, aesthetics, safety, and possible expansion
- Implement landscaping enhancements (mulch, additional trees, fairway maintenance, and trimming)
- Design and recommend course attraction (rebranding, advertisement, host event(s))

THANK YOU

- SCOTT WENSTRÖM
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Water Resources & Engineering Facility
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Wednesday, January 15, 2025

1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Voting Members Present: Betsy Brewer, Carl Lange, Bryce Kitzman, Dan Broekhuis, Jodi Witte, John Kalkirtz. Note: Ron Read was present after roll call took place.
Non-Voting Members Present: Brian Nichols, School District Rep.; Markese Terrell, City Council Representative
Absent: Bianca Hengeveld
Staff: Tonya Johann, Director of Parks and Recreation; Bill Frisbee, Public Works Director; Brian Peterson, Public Works Deputy Director; Jayden Johnson, Administrative Assistant

2) COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN (CORP)

2a. Plan Input/Recommendations (Johann) with Parkitecture (Blake Thiesen)
Commissioners and the public were invited to provide recommendations to the CORP plan. Director Johann reviews input received from staff, public input, and commissioners. Commissioners and staff agree to update plan with-

- Add Plan Commission and City staff to Acknowledgment page.
- Add partnerships with the Bloomin Bunch, Friends of Riverside, and Welty Environmental Center to call out recognition on Acknowledgment page.
- Remove Markese Terrell under PRCAC. He is listed under City Council.
- Revise Kevin Leavy – President to Kevin Leavy, President
- Revise Kevin Day – Vice-President to Kevin Day, Vice President
- Reorder Acknowledgement page to City Council, City Manager, PRCAC, Plan Commission, then City Staff.
- Update one of the photos to be reflective of the diversity of the community and our parks.
- Page 3, Goal 4, b – add Boys and Girls Club, Community Action, and The Lincoln Academy.
- Page 3, Goal 4, c – should be Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce and include Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation.
- Page 23 – references of 1950's should be punctuated as 1950s as it is plural and not possessive
- Page 23 – update Beloit Memorial High School to School District of Beloit
- Page 91 – update Leeson Park address to 2200 Milwaukee Road
- Page 88 & 93 – Update Tennis Court verbiage to “Replace or Remove if alternative tennis court opportunities become available”.
- Page 115 – add “Before the City of Beloit was incorporated.” in parentheses after “Dating back to 1873.”
- Page 116 – remove homeless call out. We don’t list in any other parks.
- Page 4 – Commissioners agree with public input expressed in regards to climate concerns. Add Goal#8 to the plan to incorporate climate resilience principles. Chair Brewer reiterates the importance of climate resilience and recommends incorporating more natural habitats in city parks that have empty and open space. Commissioner Read comments that he agrees with the recommendation in Goal 8 to incorporate more wildlife space in public parks.
- Page 20-23 – update and add missing trail miles.
- Page 83 – add Turtle Creek Park improvement opportunity of continuing the paved path under the Grand Avenue bridge to connect to the north.
- Page 120 – Under Turtle Creek Greenway Trail recommendations is an exploration of bridges over Turtle Creek to connect the sections. Include a cost estimate for this.
- Outline in park descriptions the kind of opportunities in each park such as shade, gatherings, playground equipment, sports, etc.
- Update plan with editorial recommendations from Commissioner Lange and Brewer outlined on page 5-6 of January 15 PRCAC packet.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3a. Moved by Commissioner Witte—seconded by Commissioner Kalkirtz to approve the December 12 meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried (7-0).

AYES: Brewer, Lange, Kitzman, Broekhuis, Witte, Kalkirtz, Read.
NAYES: None

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS

4a. No Public Comments.

5) REPORTS

5a. Director's Report (Johann)
Director Johann presents accomplishments within City parks. Director Johann addresses public concern over the condition of the Horace White Gazebo, acknowledging that the roof replacement was completed, and painting of the gazebo will be completed in 2025. She further reported Cornerstone Fence completed the installation of (3) aluminized mesh dugouts and replacement of the outfield fence at Leeson Park.

Director Peterson discusses funding allocations and staff efforts put into beautifying and updating city parks.

Director Johann announces the Senior Coordinator position at Grinnell Hall has been filled. Ashley Cooper will onboard on February 3, 2025.

Director Johann reported the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has been approved by City Council for a one-year agreement to rent (4) offices at Big Hill Center. The agreement has the option to be renewed by mutual consent of both parties on an annual basis. She also mentions Winterfest and invites commissioners to come out and enjoy the activities.

6) ACTION ITEMS

6a. Park Conditions (Johann)
Director Johann opens the agenda up to the commissioners for discussion.

Chair Brewer thanks Blake Thiesen, Commissioners, and city staff for working so hard on the CORP, and is happy that residents provided recommendations to better city parks.

7) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Witte – appreciates all the work gone into the CORP plan, and is excited for Winterfest.
Commissioner Lange – mentions Candlelight Hikes around Rock County.
Chair Brewer – invites commissioners and staff to attend the Welty Maplefest in February.
Commissioner Kalkirtz – shares about the 37th Annual Senior Fair taking place on October 7, 2025.

8) NEXT MEETING DATE ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at the Water Resources & Engineering Facility, 2400 Springbrook Court.

9) ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Kalkirtz—seconded by Commissioner Lange. Motion passes (7-0).

AYES: Brewer, Lange, Kitzman, Broekhuis, Witte, Kalkirtz, Read.
NAYES: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Betsy Brewer, Chair or Carl Lange, Vice Chair Date

Parks & Recreation Monthly Update

January 2025

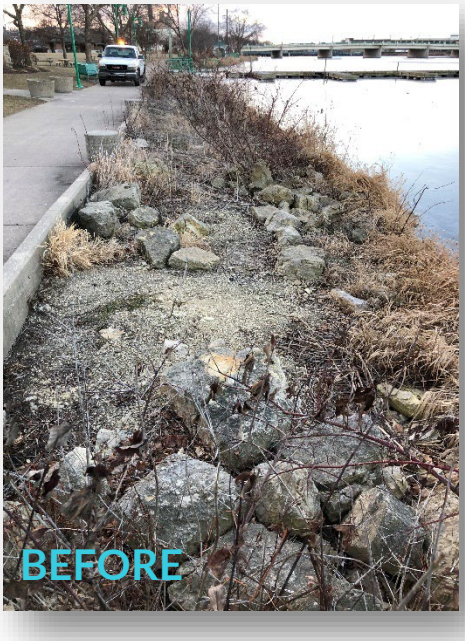
Golf/Horticulture

Golf



- Forestry work group removed a snag tree by the putting green.
- Began cleaning and re-organizing the maintenance shop.
- Took the greens reels and tee reels in for sharpening.

Horticulture





- Trees were pulled out of the rip rap at Riverside Park from the Rotary Center to the Portland Ave. Bridge.

- Staff began servicing small power equipment.
- Assisted with cleaning and organization of the golf course maintenance shop.

Cemetery

- (9) funeral services were performed.
- Frost removers employed all on all services.
- Continued with Memorial Tower Urn production.

Parks & Forestry

Parks





- The ice rink at Vernon Park was flooded and the rink at the lagoon was prepared for ice skating. Ice skating is available to the community weather permitting.
- (504) Christmas trees picked up curbside.
- (33) picnic tables rehabbed.
- Assisted with snow operations.

Forestry

- (14) trees removed.
- (41) trees trimmed.
- Holiday lights were removed and put into storage.
- Assisted with snow operations.

Recreation





- Beloit Winterfest took place on January 24-26. Unfortunately, we didn't have any participation for the open gym dodgeball at Aldrich. However, participants did have fun attending open skate and the sleigh ride, bonfire & s'more event at Big Hill.

Grinnell





- Repairs to the men's restroom urinal was completed. When the urinal was flushed there was a slow trickle to the basement caused by disintegrating and cracked pipes. Buildings and Grounds rectified the issue by breaking open the tile floor and removing the urinal and drywall. Staff replumbed a wall mounted urinal with auto flush. The auto flush will help keep the new plumbing flushed out and clean to aid in further issues.
- Ashley Cooper, Senior Center Coordinator onboards on Monday, February 3, 2025.

Administration

We are Hiring - Spread the WORD!

- Equipment Operator Forestry
- Equipment Operator Parks

Upcoming Job Posting

- Equipment Operator Golf
- Recreation Supervisor

For a full list of job opportunities visit https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/beloitwi.

Turtle Creek Park & Vernon projects

Turtle Creek Park and Vernon projects are anticipated to begin mid-June and go through September. The shelters at these locations will not be reservable at this time. The playgrounds and basketball court at Vernon are anticipated to be open throughout construction. The entrance to Turtle Creek Park off highway 51 will be closed to the park during construction.

Turtle Creek Park Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

The Turtle Creek Phase Two project was awarded by City Council on December 2, 2024 to Gilbank Construction. The project includes demolition of the bathhouse, construction of new restrooms, installation of bike racks/oasis and park signage.

The historic gateway previously planned at the entrance of the bathhouse came in at a total cost of $350,000. Due to the cost of the gateway, this will not be constructed. However, the park will still have signage within the footprint of the bathhouse paying homage to the history of the park.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25 from 4:00pm-5:00pm at Water Resources & Engineering Facility, 2400 Springbrook Ct., Beloit WI to discuss finalization of what should be included within the signage to properly memorialize the history of the park.

Big Hill Entrance





The entrance to Big Hill is partial constructed with Girl Scout engraved brick pavers. Over time, these pavers have sunk and chipped causing uneven surfaces at the entrance of the building. There are roughly (100) bricks that are engraved. The small brick walkway will be removed and replaced with concrete to rectify the uneven surfaces. Director Johann reached out to the Girl Scouts making them aware of the matter. She asked if they would be inclined to receiving the engraved bricks back, so they could place at their current location or have the ability to

return the bricks to their original donors. City staff will remove the engraved bricks and palletize for the Girl Scouts if they determine to obtain the engraved bricks.

Memorial Bench and Tree Program

Honor loved ones or recognize a special occasion such as a wedding, birthday, anniversary, or other life milestone through the sponsorship of a bench or tree in the City of Beloit. This program creates a peaceful space for celebration, remembrance, and reflection. No new requests have been received since the last meeting.

Memorial Trees (6):
Rhodes Arboretum
Big Hill Park
Leeson Park
Riverside Park (2)
Eastlawn Cemetery

Memorial Benches (7):
Riverside Park (5)
Wootton Park
Big Hill Park

Learn more at **https://www.beloitrecreation.com/memorialprogram/.**

Adopt-a Road Program

The Adopt-A-Road, Trail or Park program is a public participation program that encourages volunteer and community service opportunities for the reduction of litter and enhancement of environmental quality within the City of Beloit. No new requests have been received since the last meeting.

Adopt-A Roads (4):
Cranston Road Oakwood Avenue - White Avenue
Milwaukee Road
Vets Roll Drive

Adopt-A Trails (1):
Big Hill Park Trail Adopt

Adopt-A Parks (2):
Leeson Park
Rhodes Arboretum

Learn more at https://www.beloitwi.gov/streets.

Save the Date!

Tuesday, February 25, 4:00pm — Turtle Creek Ad-Hoc Committee meeting, Water Resources & Engineering Facility 2400 Springbrook Ct., Beloit WI 53511
Wednesday, March 12, 6:30pm — PRCAC, Water Resources & Engineering Facility, 2400 Springbrook Ct., Beloit WI 53511

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REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS TO THE PARK, RECREATION & CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Topic:	**2025 Forestry Operations / Request for Proposals**		
Date:	**February 19, 2025**		
Presenter:	**Brian Peterson, Deputy Public Works Director**	**Department:**	**Public Works**

Overview/Background Information

Deputy Director Peterson will discuss the potential of reducing the number of trees planted annually to ensure the city is able to properly maintain the urban forestry canopy. Request for Proposals will include Tree Removal, Tree Stump Removal, and Tree Planting.

Key Issues

1. The urban forestry canopy has been difficult for city staff to properly maintain to industry standards.
2. The forestry workgroup consists of (4) full-time crew members.
3. To support a healthy urban forestry canopy within the city a new request for proposal will be issued for tree removals.

Conformance with Strategic Plan

Approval of this action would conform with the stated purpose of the following strategic goal:

- [X] Goal #1 – Create and Sustain Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods
- [X] Goal #2 – Create and Sustain a High Performing Organization
- [ ] Goal #3 – Create and Sustain Economic and Residential Growth
- [X] Goal #4 – Create and Sustain a High Quality of Life
- [X] Goal #5 – Create and Sustain High Quality Infrastructure and Connectivity
- [X] Goal #6 – Create and Sustain Enhanced Communications and Community Engagement, while maintaining a Positive Image

Sustainability

If applicable, briefly comment on the environmental, economic, and/or social sustainability of this policy or program. Consider how current needs are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. **Write N/A if not applicable**

Providing a healthy urban forestry canopy plays a crucial role in the overall mitigation of environmental challenges.

Action Required/Recommendation

No Action Required.

Attachments

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CITY OF BELOIT

COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

2025 - 2030

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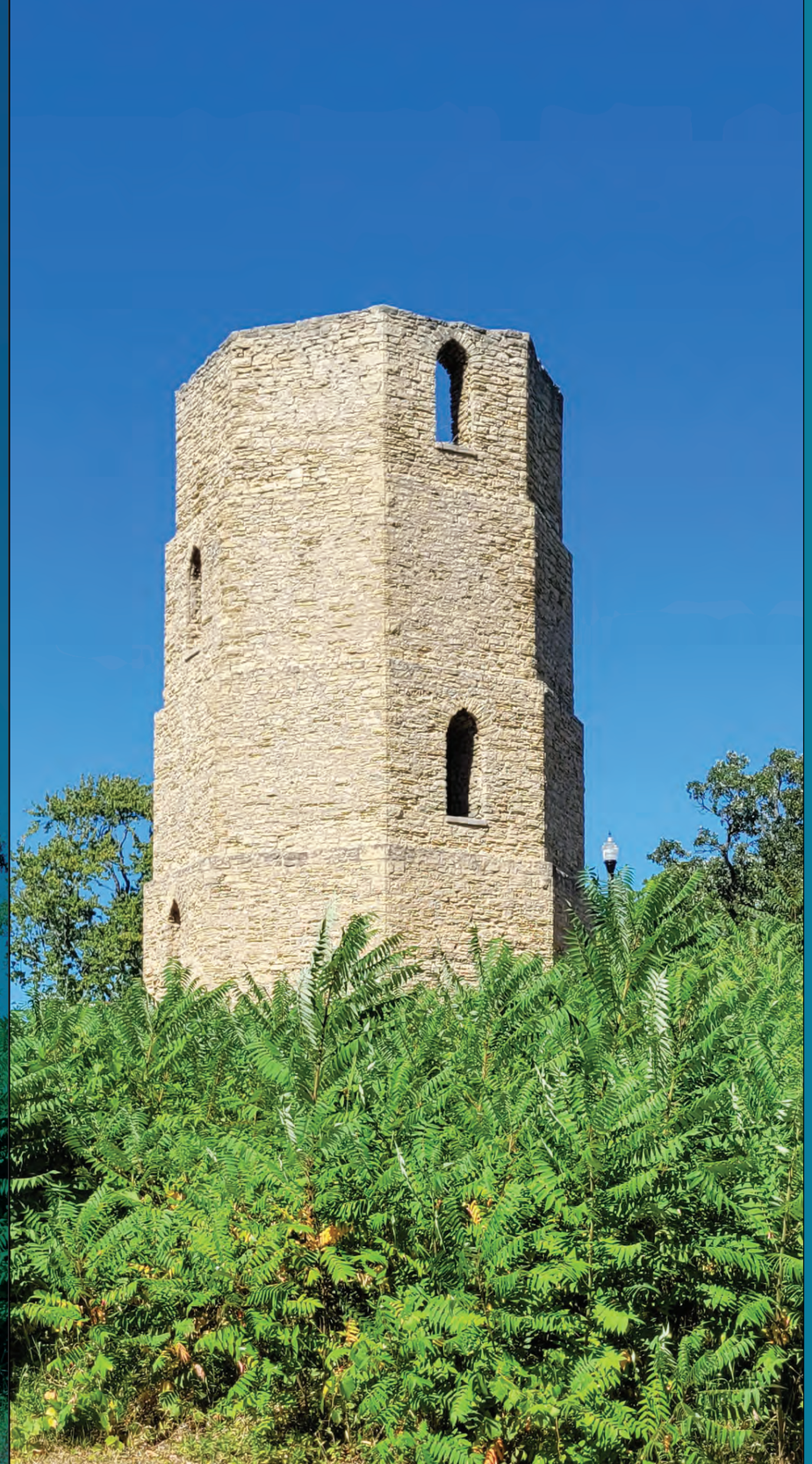
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1 INTRODUCTION



This introductory chapter provides an overview of the mission and goals for the overall community park and open space system, as well as the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) development process. The City Beloit open space system is comprised of park facilities within the City but provides service to a much larger geographical area.

Executive Summary

The Open Space Plan for the City of Beloit is an expression of the community's goals and objectives, current and future needs, and projected demands for recreational facilities. Parks and open space can serve a limited neighborhood area, a portion of the City, or the entire community or region. They provide outdoor recreation areas and facilities for both residents and visitors alike. These areas can take the form of parks, greenbelts, wetlands, and floodplains, and can also serve many functions for a community other than recreation. These additional functions include the preservation of scenic, cultural, and natural resources, flood management, protecting the area's water resources, providing animal and insect habitat, and buffering incompatible land uses.

The intent of this document is to provide an outline for park development and ongoing maintenance of the community-wide open space system. This tool should be used by both municipalities for budget planning purposes and assigning priorities for project implementation. This document should be updated on a five-year basis to keep current with recreational demand, changes in facility needs, and to maintain eligibility for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WiDNR) and other agency grant programs. Adoption and integration into the City of Beloit Comprehensive Plan is also an important step to ensuring that the recommendations and policies can be effectively carried out.

The development and continual updating of a Parks Plan, such as this, becomes an asset to a community and contributes to its present day and future stability and attractiveness.

CORP Goals and Objectives

The following section identifies goals and objectives to guide the future development or expansion of parks and recreation facilities in the City of Beloit. The goals set forth in this plan reflect City intentions to provide quality parks, recreation and open space opportunities to its residents.

GOAL NO. 1

PROVIDE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE TO OUR RESIDENTS

Objectives:

a. Develop a facility accessibility survey and include an access inventory every five years with the CORP update.
b. Investigate options for locating and securing funding for a large fully accessible play equipment structure to better serve the youth of our community.
c. All new facilities will be fully accessible to the extent reasonable.
d. Accessible pathways to playgrounds and recreational facilities should be added as necessary and as funding allows and becomes available.

GOAL NO. 2

CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BOTH NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY PARKS BY ACQUIRING AND DEVELOPING PARKLAND AS IDENTIFIED IN THE CORP AND WHEN DEVELOPMENT OCCURS OR EXISTING FACILITIES DO NOT PROVIDE THE DESIRED PARK AND OPEN SPACE

Objectives:

a. The Plan Commission, and Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission will work together to:
    - Review the existing parkland dedication ordinance to include multi-family developments such as apartment complexes, town houses and condominiums.
    - Look for future improvements to enhance/expand recreation facilities and opportunities where it serves the mission and goals of both organizations.
b. Seek opportunities to acquire land and develop a neighborhood park for the proposed residential expansions of the City neighborhood system.
c. It should be noted that the "future" park locations shown on the map are meant to be general in nature and actual locations of future parks may vary as opportunities present. Refer to the service area map for locations of future acquisition sites.

GOAL NO. 3

PROVIDE SAFE PARK FACILITIES FOR CITY RESIDENTS

Objectives:

a. Conduct playground and athletic field safety audit annually to create a punch list of necessary repairs.
b. Provide continuing education and training opportunities to park staff to look for park, playground and athletic field maintenance and other safety issues as they visit the parks. Implement a reporting and follow up system that is easy to use – i.e. online reporting for residents, etc.
c. Include maintenance funds in each year's budget for painting of shelters, crack filling on asphalt parking lots and trails, replacement of deteriorated park benches, athletic field maintenance, replacement of playground surfacing, etc.
d. Investigate options for the installation of security cameras to monitor various park areas where vandalism, inappropriate or criminal activities have been occurring.

GOAL NO. 4

PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS NOT CURRENTLY OFFERED IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHERS

Objectives:

a. Explore additional opportunities for youth and young adult programs in collaboration with local non-profits and community service organizations.
b. Partner with or pursue partnerships with the Stateline Family YMCA, School District of Beloit, Beloit College, Boys and Girls Club, Community Action, The Lincoln Academy and other private and public organizations to provide recreation and programming options for the residents of Beloit.
c. Work with Visit Beloit, the Downtown Beloit Association, Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce, Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation and other groups and organizations to provide support for festivals, wellness runs and walks, bike rides, athletic events/ tournaments, and special events by hosting events in parks and recreation facilities and providing assistance where possible with planning and coordination, staffing for setup and take-down tasks, and providing materials and equipment as the department budget and staffing levels allow.

GOAL NO. 5

STRIVE TO BE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY, OFFERING RESIDENTS A SAFE AND COMPREHENSIVE ROUTE SYSTEM SO THEY MAY TRAVEL BY NON-MOTORIZED MEANS

Objectives:

a. The city should implement the recommendations from the current State Line Area Transportation bike and pedestrian plan (SLATS - 2017).
b. Explore the potential of a local/County level bicycle route map app.
c. Fund bike facility development as funding allows (ex. off-road trail, bicycle lanes, bicycle route brochures, bike racks, information/ directional signage, etc.).
d. Work closely with the Public Works Department as they implement pavement improvements or road reconstruction to make sure the needs of bikers and walkers are considered in each project.
e. Connect the existing trails system with on and off street routes as practical and possible.

GOAL NO. 6

INCREASE THE USE OF VOLUNTEERS IN THE DELIVERY OF PARKS AND RECREATIONS SERVICES

Objectives:

a. Create a Friends of the Parks group.
b. Improve training opportunities for existing and future volunteers.
c. Secure and store maintenance equipment such as litter grabbers, carry trash bags, gloves, etc. to support individuals and groups cleaning litter in parks and trail areas.
d. Create a department volunteer manual detailing how the department recruits, utilizes, supports, trains, recognizes and manage its volunteers.

GOAL NO. 7

INCREASE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES WHERE POSSIBLE USING NEW TECHNOLOGIES, EQUIPMENT AND CHANGES IN PROCEDURES

Objectives:

a. Implement a comprehensive cloud-based solution for management of reservations, programming, and special events.
b. Replace lighting fixtures with L.E.D. lighting as funding allows.
c. Investigate and identify opportunities where solar power may be used in park applications i.e. signs, hot water, lighting, etc.

GOAL NO. 8

INCORPORATE RESILIANT DESIGN STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS WHEN ADDRESSING IMPACTS RESULTING FROM EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS, CHANGING ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS, AND LONG-TERM SHIFTS IN CLIMATE PATTERNS

Objectives:

a. Evaluate and anticipate the specific vulnerabilities of a site or project based on geographic and environmental factors.
b. Design for flood resistance through permeable surfaces and rainwater management systems.
c. Integrate natural systems like green roofs, urban forests, wetlands, and bioswales to mitigate the urban heat island effect, improve air quality, and manage stormwater.
d. Restore habitats and natural landscapes using native plant species to enhance biodiversity and ecosystem stability.
e. Ensure equitable access to resilient infrastructure, especially in vulnerable communities.
f. Meet or exceed local and international codes, standards, and guidelines related to climate adaptation and resilience.

Summary of Past Planning Documents (Local, Regional & State)

1

CITY OF BELOIT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2045 (2024)

The city's Comprehensive Plan is the community's master plan, guide and framework for the future growth and development of the City. Wisconsin State Statues requires that all programs and actions of the City that affect land use be guided by, and consistent with, the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Key Findings From Plan Related to Parks and Recreation:

- Continue to implement the recommendations of the City's Open Space and Recreation Plan and update the plan every 5 years to remain eligible for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grants.
- Ensure all residents are within adequate walking distances of a park or recreational amenity, as described in the City's Open Space and Recreation Plan.
- Protect natural resources and provide access to parks, recreation, and trails.
- Expand connections between the riverfront and downtown through paths, trails, and riverwalk spaces with wayfinding signage for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.
- Integrate Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) wherever possible to mitigate the negative impacts stormwater runoff.
- Plan for interconnected road, trail, and open space networks within and between new, existing, and future neighborhoods. Require new parks and open space facilities within new planned neighborhoods.
- Design future neighborhoods around and with prioritized pedestrian access to environmental corridors and parks without negatively affecting the environmental health of these areas.
- Improve continuity and quality of bicycle and pedestrian connections between neighborhoods, parks, and schools.
- Leverage these land uses to further connect and enhance natural features with recreation and education opportunities.
- Consider creating a Parks and Recreation Zoning District to address the different site attributes of passive versus active recreation and multi-modal transportation connections.
- Continue to partner with civic and service organizations to help defray the cost and maintenance of facilities such as parks, trails, open spaces, transit stops, public art, etc.

2

CITY OF BELOIT 2018-2023 OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN (2018)

The 2018-2023 City of Beloit Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan was an update to a previous version of the plan written in 2013. The primary focus of the plan was capital improvements, recreation programming, and partnerships with the local school district. Other goals included improving budgetary operations, project prioritization and branding to improve awareness.

Implemented Recommendations Since Plan Adoption Include:

- Playground replacements in various City parks
- Additional on-street and off-street multi-modal transportation improvements
- Completed master planning efforts for several Community and Neighborhood scale park properties in preparation for redevelopment.

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STATELINE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (SLATS) PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE (2017)

The Stateline Area Transportation Study (SLATS) established in 1974, is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Beloit urbanized area. This plan creates a road map for a more connected Greater Beloit region and provides a vision for cities and towns that are connected by bicycling and walking facilities throughout the area. Recommendations focus on regional connections, with projects to be constructed by local agencies that make up the region.

Goals and Objectives Include:

- Creating an integrated, connected, and accessible network of transportation infrastructure built to the best practices in bicycle and pedestrian design
- Providing direction to cities and towns in the region for educational programming and activities for people of all ages.
- Identifying priority improvement areas based on roadway safety and crash data analysis, walking and bicycling demand analysis, equity analysis, and community engagement activities.
- Improving east-west connectivity and connections near the state line between Illinois and Wisconsin.
- Recommendations to upgrade existing signed bicycle routes to provide visual or physical separation from automobile traffic, with the objective of improving the routes' accessibility for people of all ages and bicycling experience.
- Focusing on residential streets as priority areas for neighborhood greenways as alternatives to streets with higher traffic.

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2020-2025: ROCK COUNTY PARKS, OUTDOOR RECREATION, & OPEN SPACE PLAN (2020)

The purpose of this Plan is to proactively account for Rock County's future park and recreation needs. The recommendations presented will guide the acquisition, preservation, and development of land for parks, recreation trails, and other open spaces in the County to meet the needs of a dynamic population. Such recommendations will also serve to protect and enhance the community's natural resource base into the future.

Identifies and makes recommendations for:

- Improving the awareness, planning, and overall usability of the Rock County Park and Trail System.
- Increase the number of people using the Rock County Park and Trail System through expanded events, increased programming, and collaborative partnerships.
- Enhancing the infrastructure within park and trail facilities.

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WISCONSIN STATE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN (2024-2028) (DRAFT)

The Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Plan (SPOSPs) is used to set forth ideas about recreation's future role in the state and serves as a blueprint by providing broad guidance to governments at all levels, communities, businesses and organizations on recreation needs and opportunities. States are required to complete SPOSPs to be eligible for participation in the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State Assistance Program.

Goals for Recreation Include:

1. Boost participation in outdoor recreation
2. Grow partnerships
3. Provide high-quality experiences
4. Improve data to enhance visitor experiences and benefits
5. Enhance funding and financial stability



Summary of the Planning Process

MEETINGS AND INPUT OPPORTUNITIES:

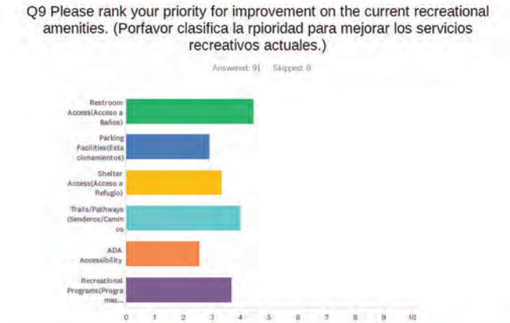
The process for updating a CORP typically takes several months and up to a year for development and completion of the necessary steps. The 2025 CORP began in earnest in early summer of 2024 and was concluded in December of 2024. A field review and assessment of all City owned public lands took place during the summer months when the parks are most active and being utilized. The audits were conducted by staff from Parkitecture + Planning. Several review meetings were held with City staff to review progress and draft plans during the months of September, October, and November. The preliminary draft plan was presented to the City Park, Recreation, & Conservation Advisory Commission in December 2024, and the final draft plan was completed for adoption. The final plan was submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to maintain eligibility for certain grant programs and funding assistance.

Public Input was solicited during the planning process using the City website and digital survey tool. The on-line survey was distributed in dual languages during the months of September/ October and yielded a response of more than 90 community members. The following includes a brief summary of the survey results, the full data results can be found in the Appendix D. In general respondents were satisfied with the overall City Park system but indicated that many of the existing facilities are in need of repair or replacement. Existing shelters, restroom facilities, and playgrounds were the most frequently cited elements in need of upgrades. Community aquatics also ranked very high in terms of facility types in need of improvement. This comment applies to the Krueger Pool and both splashpads. In terms of quantity assessment, community aquatics again ranked #1 in terms of demand for more facility access, followed by a need for more picnic areas, playgrounds and walking/biking trails/pathways.

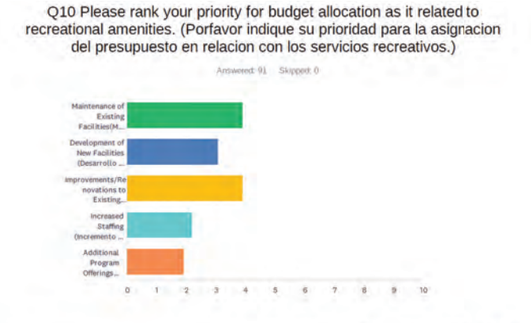
Respondents also indicated that the age group within the city that is least served by recreational amenities is the age 13-18 category. This is a common response and echoes not only trends in Wisconsin communities, but across the Country. The "tween" and teen age groups desire flexible spaces to congregate with friends, socialize, and play pickup games in sports such as basketball, kickball, and ultimate Frisbee. Basketball courts, skateparks/pump tracks, and pickleball are also popular with this age group. The most commonly requested expenditure of funding was aimed at maintenance/improvement of existing facilities over acquisition and development of new park lands. This comment must be weighed against any expansion of residential areas on the edges of the city boundaries to ensure adequate access to park facilities is provided to new city residents in these areas.

A public informational meeting was held on October 30th, 2024 and was attended by approximately 20 residents. The meeting consisted of a brief presentation of the project goals, process, and initial analysis of the physical condition of each park facility. Meeting attendees were able to ask general questions to the planning team and City staff, submit written comments via a standardized form, interact with the display boards, and hold one on one discussions with the consultant.

PUBLIC SURVEY QUESTION EXAMPLES:

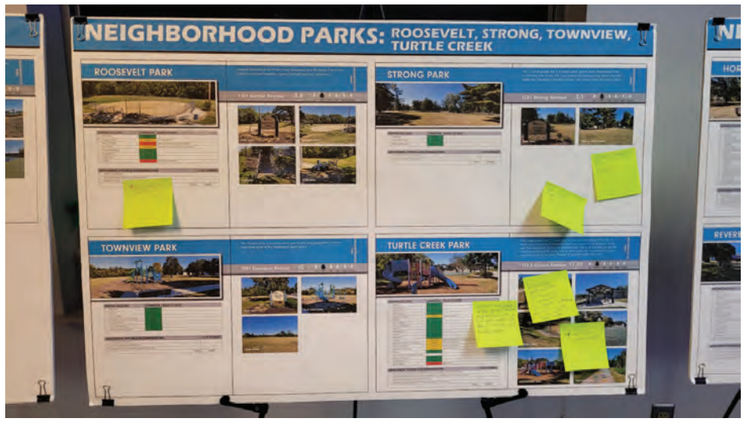


	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
Restroom Access(Acceso a Baños)	29.67% 27	25.27% 23	19.78% 18	15.38% 14	5.49% 5	4.40% 4	91	4.45
Parking Facilities(Estacionamientos)	6.59% 6	17.58% 16	15.38% 14	14.29% 13	14.29% 13	31.87% 29	91	2.92
Shelter Access(Acceso a Refugio)	4.40% 4	15.38% 14	24.18% 22	25.27% 23	27.47% 25	3.30% 3	91	3.34
Trails/Pathways (Senderos/Caminos	26.37% 24	17.58% 16	14.29% 13	21.98% 20	12.09% 11	7.69% 7	91	4.01
ADA Accessibility	5.49% 5	5.49% 5	16.48% 15	16.48% 15	26.37% 24	29.67% 27	91	2.58
Recreational Programs(Programas Recreativos)	27.47% 25	18.68% 17	9.89% 9	6.59% 6	14.29% 13	23.08% 21	91	3.69



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Maintenance of Existing Facilities(Mantenimiento de Instalaciones Existentes	37.36% 34	30.77% 28	20.88% 19	7.69% 7	3.30% 3	91	3.91
Development of New Facilities (Desarrollo de Nuevas Instalaciones)	24.18% 22	16.48% 15	26.37% 24	8.79% 8	24.18% 22	91	3.08
Improvements/Renovations to Existing Facilities (Mejoras/Renovaciones de Instalaciones Actuales)	29.67% 27	41.76% 38	18.68% 17	8.79% 8	1.10% 1	91	3.90
Increased Staffing (Incremento de Personal)	2.20% 2	3.30% 3	26.37% 24	47.25% 43	20.88% 19	91	2.19
Additional Program Offerings (Oferta de Programas Adicionales)	6.59% 6	7.69% 7	7.69% 7	27.47% 25	50.55% 46	91	1.92

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING:



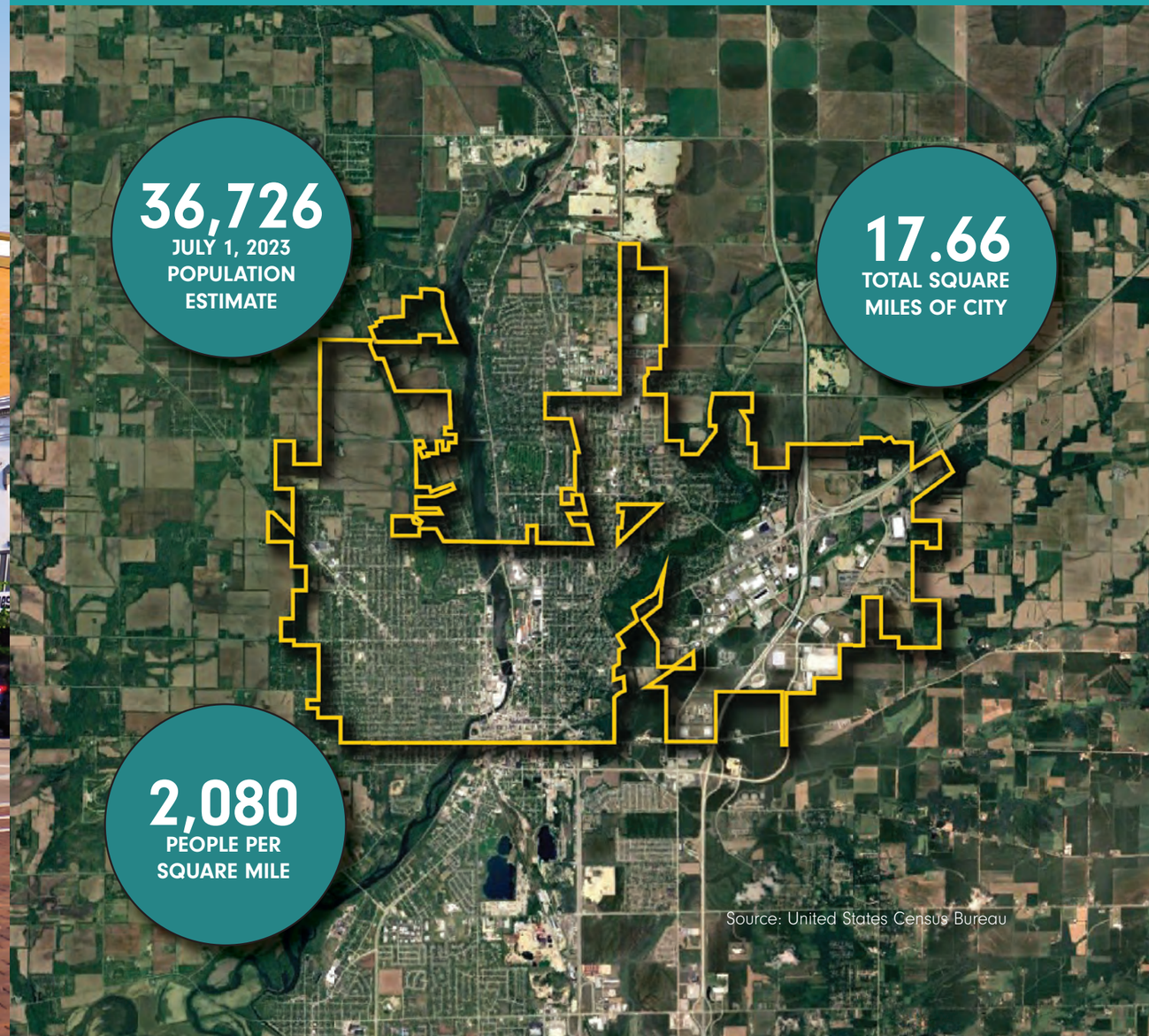


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Image source: Visit Beloit

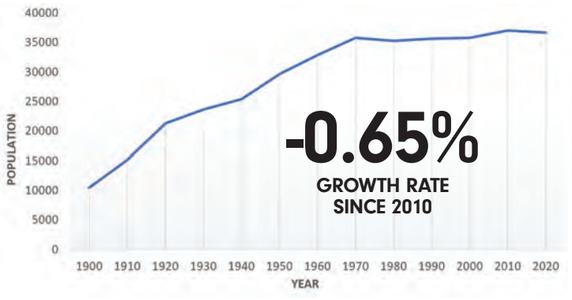
Understanding the demographics and physical characteristics of a community is an important baseline for the analysis and development of recommendations for the system-wide open spaces. There is a direct relationship between population and the need for parks and recreational space. Predicting how the population might grow in the future provides valuable information about the amount of new parkland and recreational facilities that will be needed to serve the new population. This chapter provides data related to existing and projected growth patterns within the CORP study area.



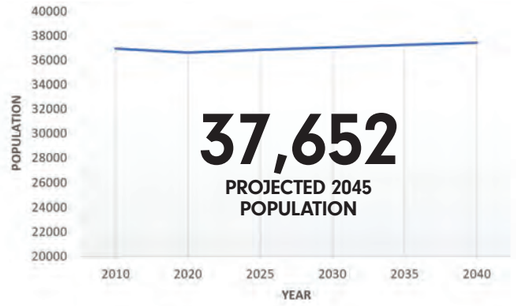
Source: United States Census Bureau

Beloit Social Characteristics

Population Trends and Projections



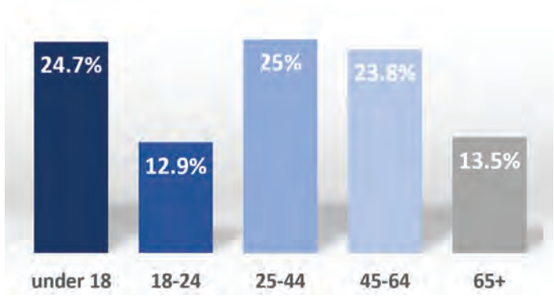
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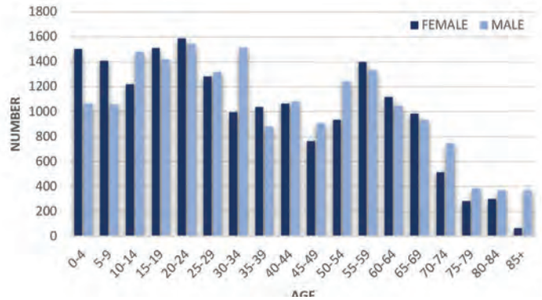
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990-2020 Census

Beloit Demographics

Age & Gender Distribution



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census ACS 2022 5-Year Estimates

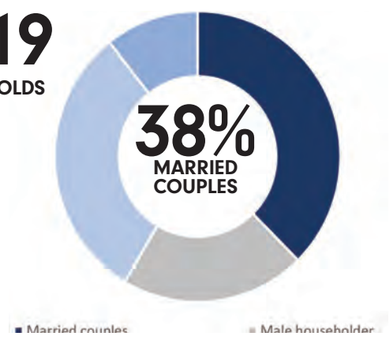


Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census ACS 2022 5-Year Estimates

Households

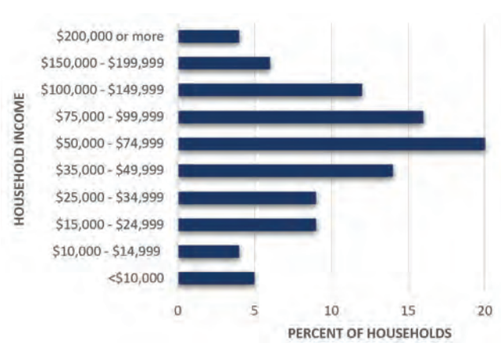
13,919
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS

2.51
PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD



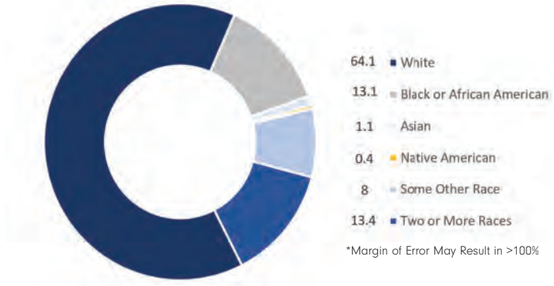
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Household Income



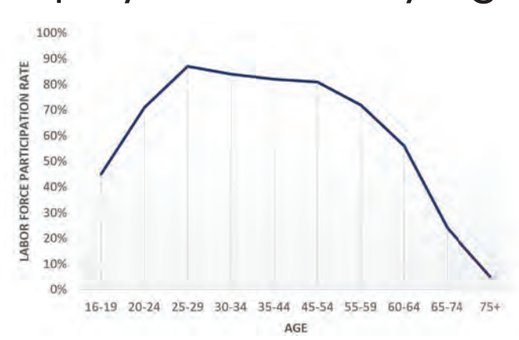
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Race & Ethnicity



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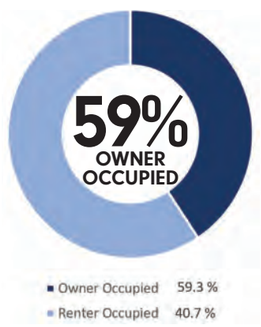
Employment Rate by Age



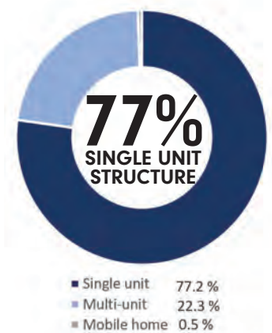
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Housing

14,815
NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS

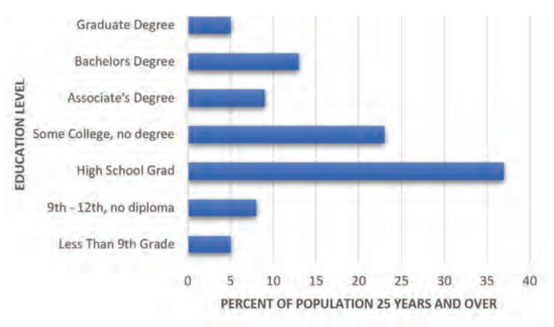


95%
LIVING IN SAME HOUSE AS 1 YEAR AGO



Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2021)

Educational Attainment



87%
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR HIGHER

18%
BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census ACS 2022 5-Year Estimates

Physical Characteristics

This section presents physical factors in the community and region that are important to understanding Beloit's recreational potential. The physical geography of an area must be considered in land use, transportation, and utility and community facility planning and development, and for its contribution to the natural beauty and overall quality of life in an area. The following language mirrors data from the City of Beloit 2024 Comprehensive Plan.



LANDFORMS AND TOPOGRAPHY

The City of Beloit is situated along the banks of the Rock River. The central portion of the City is generally flat with the eastern and western portions gently rolling. Steep slopes exceeding 12 percent in grade are found along the western bank of the Rock River through the Town of Beloit up to Big Hill Park, as well as other small pockets in the City. Slopes that have between 12 percent and 20 percent grade present challenges for building site development, and slopes that exceed a 20 percent grade are not recommended for any disturbance or development.



SOILS

Soil suitability is a key factor in determining the best and most cost-effective locations for new development. Problems that limit development on certain soils include slumping, poor drainage, erosion, steep slopes, and high-water tables. In general, the soils in the central and northern portions of the City of Beloit are porous and present some challenges for the use of on-site wastewater treatment systems, but does not present challenges for sewered development, which is required in the City. The soils on the far west side of the City present challenges for on-site wastewater treatment systems as well as sewered development. There are no limitations on soils on the far eastern portion of the City east of the Interstate for either on-site wastewater treatment systems or sewered development.



DRAINAGE BASINS

Straddling the Rock River, the City is almost entirely within the Lower Rock River drainage basin, with small portions to the west located in the Sugar-Pecatonica drainage basin. The City is further divided into four smaller watersheds: the Lower Sugar River, Bass Creek, Blackhawk Creek, and Turtle Creek. Originating just north of the Horicon Marsh, the Rock River collects water from eleven Wisconsin counties before entering Illinois on its way to the Mississippi River. In addition to the Rock River, there are smaller water bodies in the City including Turtle Creek, Lenigan Creek, and Springbrook Creek.



WETLANDS

Wetland habitats comprise some lands within the City today. These ecosystems play significant roles in maintaining the quality of groundwater and surface water and provide valuable habitats for fish, birds, and other wildlife. The City's wetlands have been identified and mapped by the WI DNR through its Wisconsin Wetlands Inventory.



FLOODPLAINS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplain areas. These are areas predicted to be inundated with flood waters in the 100-year storm event (e.g., a storm that has a 1% chance of happening in any given year). The State requires local regulation of development in floodplains. Development is strongly discouraged in floodplains to avoid both on-site and up- and downstream property damage. In the City of Beloit, floodplains are mainly located along Turtle Creek and Rock River.



GROUNDWATER

Groundwater is comprised of the portion of rainfall that does not run off to streams or rivers and that does not evaporate or transpire from plants. This water percolates down through the soil until it reaches the saturated zone of an aquifer. Groundwater supplies all of the water for domestic, commercial and industrial uses in the City. The quality of groundwater in Beloit is generally good. However, groundwater contamination is of concern in many parts of south-central Wisconsin as a result of the varied characteristics of the bedrock and surficial geology. Areas with sandy soils, thin soils, or fractured bedrock are the most susceptible to contamination from specific urban and rural land uses. Specifically, the soils on the far western side of the City are part of the Edmund-Rockton-Whalan association, as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture, which are not suitable for septic tank filter fields. In rural areas, the most common groundwater contaminant is nitrate-nitrogen, which can come from improperly functioning on-site wastewater systems, animal feedlots, livestock waste facilities, sludge and septage application, lawn and agricultural fertilizers, and decaying plant debris.



ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS

Environmental corridors are continuous linear systems of open space in urban and urbanizing areas. These corridors include environmentally sensitive lands, natural resources requiring protection from disturbance and development, and lands needed for open space and recreational use. In Beloit, this consists of Wisconsin DNR-identified wetlands, FEMA designated floodplains and floodways, waterways and drainageway buffers, and slopes of 20 percent

or greater. These areas are used for protection of environmentally sensitive features, stormwater management, habitat preservation, natural open spaces, and surface waters, and passive recreational amenities.

Beloit's environmental corridors mainly reflect surface waterways and drainage ways along the Rock River, Turtle Creek, Springbrook Creek, Bass Creek, and Lenigan Creek. The Turtle Creek Greenway is the largest protected and contiguous environmental corridor in Beloit.

WILDLIFE HABITAT AND RARE SPECIES OCCURRENCE

Species of wildlife that are common to the southeastern Wisconsin region are rabbits, squirrels, woodchucks, raccoons, muskrats, and beavers. Larger mammals such as white-tailed deer, coyotes, and foxes also inhabit the region. Common bird species include: pheasants, cardinals, robins, wood thrushes, great blue herons, geese, ducks, turkeys and killdeer.

LAND LEGACY PLACES

In the Wisconsin Land Legacy Report, the DNR identified those key places around the state that are critical to meeting Wisconsin's conservation and outdoor recreation needs over the next 50 years. One of the places in Rock County is the Lower Rock River north of the City of Beloit. The Lower Rock River and its tributaries flow through some of the most productive farmland in Wisconsin. The river and its major tributaries slowly wind through relatively flat terrain with reasonably long stretches of undeveloped shoreline, much of which is forested or open wetland. The Yahara River and Turtle Creek, major tributaries to the Lower Rock, both support rich and diverse mussel and fish populations.



3 ANALYSIS



The health of a community is often exhibited in the park and open space system. This chapter provides an overview of the existing conditions and a comparison to national standards in terms of acreage, service area, and standard of care. It inventories and classifies the park system based on national standards established by the National Recreation and Park Association (NAPA). In addition, this chapter documents the nearby county and state outdoor recreation supply available to area residents.

City of Beloit Parks and Open Space Facilities

MINI PARKS

Description: Specialized facilities that serve a concentrated population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens.
Size and Service Area: 1-acre or less in size serving area of less than 1/4 mile radius.

BELOIT MINI PARKS:

- Brooks Street Park
- Brown-Hatchett Park
- Field Park
- Hope Park
- Lee Lane Park
- Luety Park
- Merrill Park
- Ritsher Park
- Schellenger Park
- The Landing
- Tremont Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Description: Areas for multiple and sometimes intensive recreational activities. Facilities may include athletic fields, sports courts, playgrounds, restroom buildings, skate parks, trails, picnic areas and splashpads.
Size and Service Area: Between 2-10 acres in size, serving 1/4 to 1/2 mile radius.

BELOIT NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS:

- Christilla Park
- Dr. George W. Hilliard Park
- Eagles Ridge Park
- Hinckley Park
- Horace White Park
- Regina Dunkin Park
- Rev. U.S. Pride Park
- Riverside Park West
- Roosevelt Park
- Strong Park
- Townview Park
- Turtle Creek Park
- Vernon Park
- Wootton Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Description: Areas of diverse recreational activity and may include amenities such as athletic complexes, trails and large swimming pools.
Size and Service Area: 10 acres or larger, serving 1-2 mile radius.

BELOIT COMMUNITY PARKS:

- Krueger Park
- Leeson Park
- Riverside Park
- Telfer Park

REGIONAL PARKS

Description: A larger park that may include both active and passive uses and often contain unique facilities such as indoor athletic facilities, aquatic facilities and special event areas.
Size and Service Area: 100 acres or larger, serving several communities.

BELOIT REGIONAL PARKS:

- Big Hill Park

SPECIAL USE PARKS

Description: Areas for specialized or single purpose recreational activities such as golf courses, campgrounds, nature centers and skate parks. They may also be used to designate areas that are primarily used as event space, general gathering areas, expanded trail corridors or plaza space.
Size and Service Area: Variable

BELOIT SPECIAL USE PARKS:

- Dog Park
- John Rose Canoe & Kayak Launch
- Krueger Golf Course
- Krueger Pool
- Mechanics Green Park
- Water Tower Park

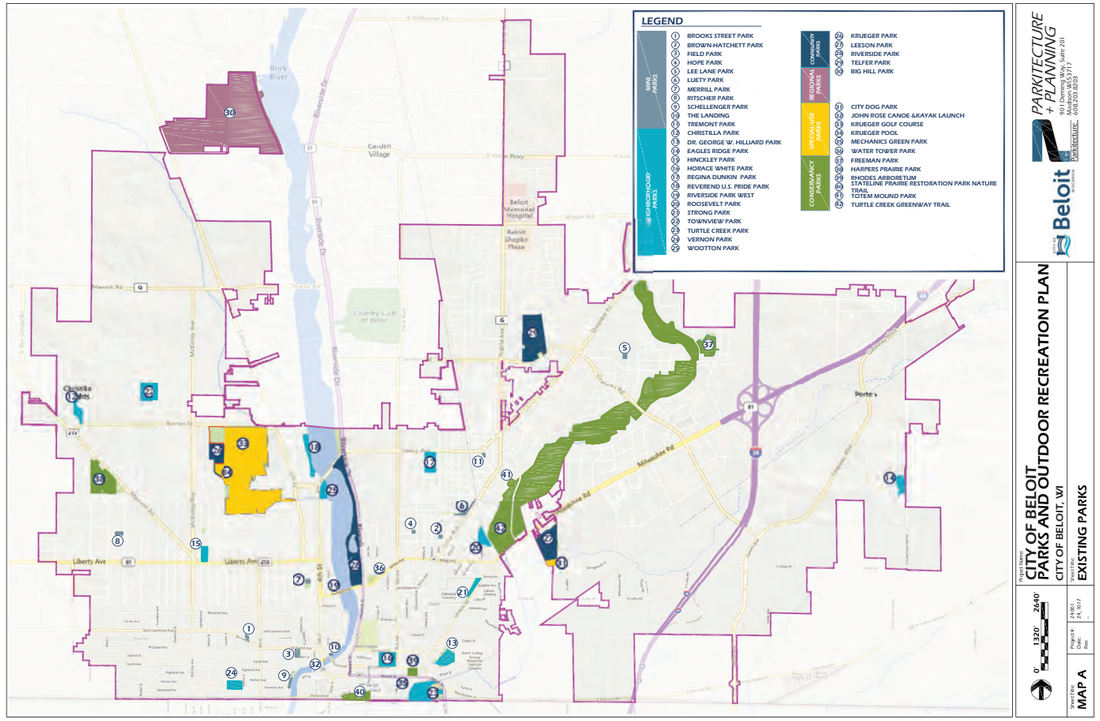
CONSERVANCY PARKS

Description: Areas established for protection and management of the natural or cultural environment with recreational facilities as a secondary objective.
Size and Service Area: Variable

BELOIT CONSERVANCY PARKS:

- Freeman Park
- Harpers Prairie Park
- Rhodes Arboretum
- Stateline Prairie Restoration Park Nature Trail
- Totem Mound Park
- Turtle Creek Greenway Trail

City of Beloit Park System Map



Bicycle and Pedestrian System

Non-motorized recreation trails and transportation facilities are vital to a healthy community. They provide a means to enhance physical and mental health and connect with nature, enhance mobility for kids and seniors, reduce traffic congestion and air pollution, and provide an alternate way to get to nearby places.

The use of wheeled devices such as bicycles (including e-bikes), skateboards, scooters, etc. has increased exponentially in the last decade. With the global pandemic that began in 2020, retailers experienced heavily increased demand for bicycles. Local streets, sidewalks, park pathways, and trail systems also experienced a large increase in walkers, runners, and other users as a result of the stay-at-home orders and isolation recommendations. These trends have continued post-pandemic, with bike sales and bike infrastructure continuing to see increased sales and usage respectively.

Beloit recognizes that a community that is walkable and has access to bicycle and pedestrian facilities is critical in the development of a healthy and active community. The 2017 Stateline Area Transportation Study (SLATS) Pedestrian and Bicycle System Plan Update serves as the City of Beloit's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The plan identified a lack of east-west connectivity

and a desire to improve north-south connections into downtown and the riverfront. It also identified a resident preference for places to walk and bike that are separated from traffic and scenic in nature. Additionally, Beloit currently has an average ranking of a 42 Walk Score and a 48 Bike Score according to WalkScore.com.

ON STREET BIKE LANES AND ROUTES

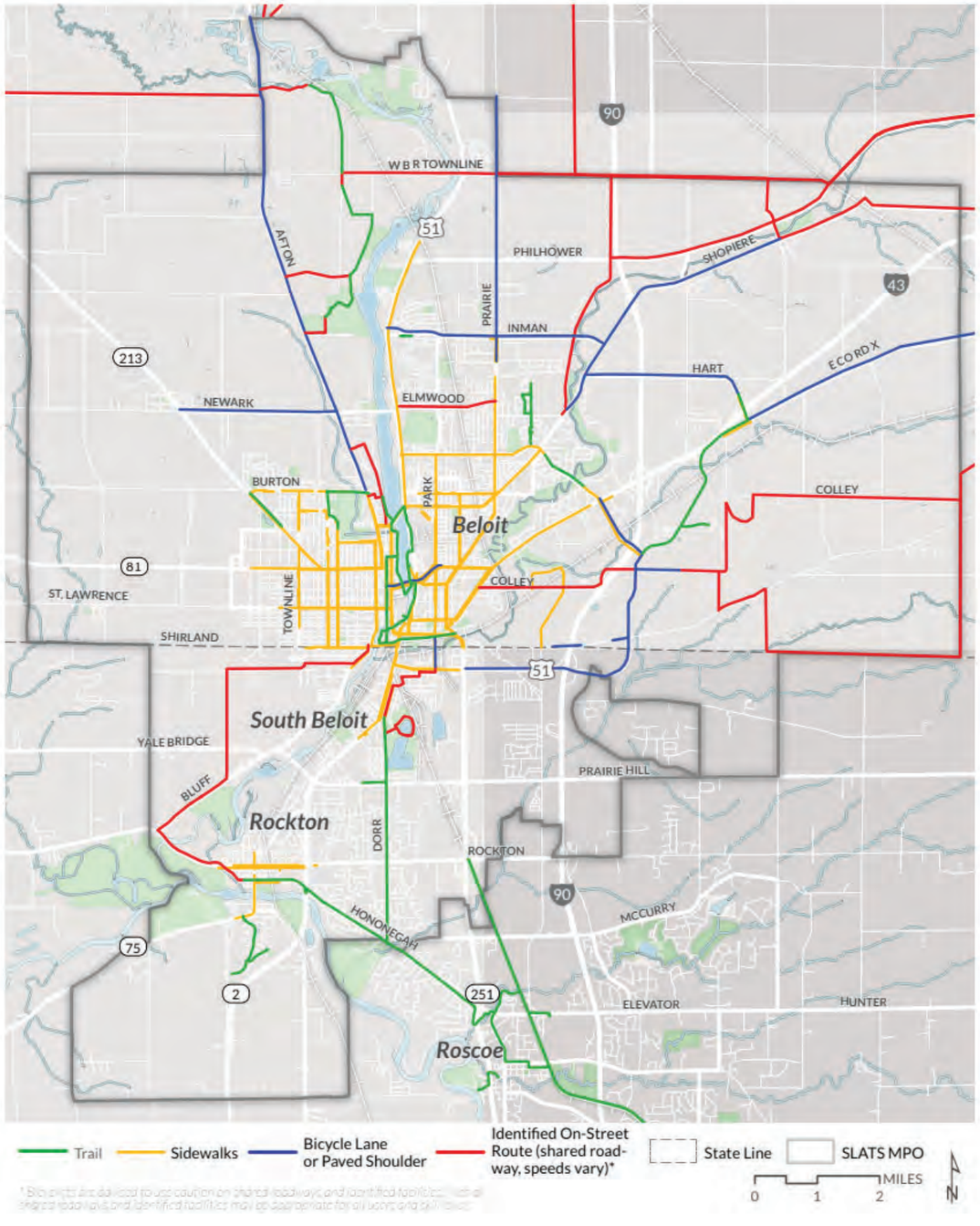
Beloit's on-street bicycle network includes portions of Prairie Avenue, Park Avenue, Shopiere Road, Henry Avenue, Cranston Road. These roadways include either on-street bicycle lanes or sharrows that serve to connect the community's off-road trail system and local amenities and destinations. A shared road, bike route, or sharrow differs from a bike lane in that there is not a painted lane specifically for bikes.

OFF ROAD TRAIL SYSTEM

There are currently several off-road trails in Beloit including the Peace Trail in the northwest corner of the community, the Riverside Corridor along the Rock River in and around downtown, Turtle Creek Greenway Trail along the Turtle Creek Greenway, along Milwaukee Road and Gateway Boulevard, along Prairie Avenue, within the Parkmeadow residential neighborhood, through Turtle Creek Park, and through Krueger Park. In total, there are approximately 28.5 miles of trails within the City of Beloit. The trails are open for pedestrians, bicyclists, wheelchairs, in-line skaters or roller bladers, skateboarders, non-motorized scooters, cross-country skiers, and other non-motorized transportation uses such as strollers or hand-pulled wagons (unless otherwise stated).

Trail Name	Description
Peace Trail	The 1.3-mile unpaved trail runs parallel to the Rock River and South County Road D in Afton. It connects to the Ice Age Trail running through Janesville, in addition to Big Hill Park in Beloit. Permitted trail users include walkers, runners, bikers, dog walkers, and other similar uses.
Turtle Creek Greenway Trails	7.4-miles of unpaved trails run through the Turtle Creek Greenway. Trailheads are located off of Milwaukee Road and Moccasin Trail.
Riverside Corridor Trail	The 8.7-mile paved trail runs on the east and west sides of the Rock River between the Henry Avenue bridge and the Wisconsin-Illinois stateline. Includes the 5th St bike path and the path along Shore Dr.
Milwaukee Road, Gateway Boulevard, Cranston Road	A 5.64 mile multi-use trail includes Milwaukee Rd from Lee Lane to E Hart Rd roundabout, Cranston Rd from Bootmaker Dr down to the new Lee Lane path to Milwaukee Rd, Gateway Blvd from Cranston Rd to Milwaukee Rd, and Eagles Ridge from Gateway to the water tower.
Prairie Avenue	A .99 mile multi-use trail parallels Prairie Avenue from West Hart Road to Cranston Road providing a connection to the Town of Beloit and access to amenities along this commercial corridor.
Park Meadow	A 1.33 mile multi-use trail runs through the Parkmeadow residential development from Cranston Road up to Northfield Lane and Jerry Thomas Parkway providing an amenity for residents of the neighborhood.
Turtle Creek Park	On the far east side of Turtle Creek Park near Broad Street, a 0.8 mile multi-use trail connection runs west paralleling the railroad tracks to State Street. This trail provides access to downtown Beloit and Turtle Creek Park.
Krueger Park	Adjacent to Krueger-Haskell Golf Course, a .94 mile multi-use trail runs along Hackett Street and Moorse Street connecting amenities within the park.

Existing Bicycling and Walking Facilities Map



Existing Bicycling and Walking Facilities in Stateline Area Transportation Study (SLATS) boundary.
Source: SLATS

PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

Beloit has a relatively strong network of sidewalks that are available for pedestrian use. Most areas of the city that were developed pre-1950's have a strong network of sidewalks and provide good connectivity between residential neighborhoods and commercial areas and key community features. The majority of the older neighborhoods have a grid street network and these areas tend to provide the best experience for pedestrians because they provide shorter routes, increase the number of route options, and can better disperse automobile traffic. Newer residential developments located near the outskirts of the city limits are less likely to have sidewalks provided and are generally located further from commercial developments. Most new developments also do not have a grid street network, or the network is not as extensive as pre-1950s development.

Other Area Park and Recreational Facilities

Area School Recreation Spaces

Although not maintained by the City, school facilities offer outdoor recreation activities to community residents, such as play equipment, open space and athletic fields. This plan will not offer recommendations for improvements in these school facilities as they are not owned by the City, but they should be considered when analyzing areas available to the community. The Beloit Area School District maintains the recreation areas of 10 schools in Beloit with facilities open for public use. See map on page 26 (and Appendix C) for detail.

Existing Elementary Schools	Existing Middle Schools
Converse Elementary	Aldrich Middle School
Gaston Elementary	Fruzen Middle School
Hackett Elementary	**Existing High Schools**
Merrill Elementary	Beloit Learning Academy
Robinson Elementary	School District of Beloit
Todd Elementary	

Local Recreation Spaces Outside Beloit

TOWN OF BELOIT PARKS

The Town of Beloit is located directly north of the City of Beloit and offers additional park and recreational opportunities. This includes 13 parks totaling 211 areas. There are also approximately 45 acres of outdoor recreational spaces within the Town's three school sites and 35 acres of State Natural Area at Rock River Prairie.

STATE PARKS

There are several Wisconsin State Natural Areas located to the north, east, and west of the City of Beloit. These areas offer passive recreational opportunities and function to preserve key natural resources in the area. The closest State Parks include Lake Kegonsa State Park, which is located approximately 45 miles north of the city on the northeastern shores of Lake Kegonsa and Big Foot Beach State Park, which is located approximately 34 miles east of the city near Geneva Lake.

ROCK COUNTY PARKS

Rock County Parks are regional destinations that attract visitors from nearby communities. County Parks located near Beloit include Beckman Mill, Schollmeyer Park, Sugar River Park, and Sweet-Allyn Park. Beckman Mill is the largest of these nearby parks and includes picnic shelters, restrooms, educational museums, water pump, old machinery, gardens, native prairie, oak savanna, water access, trails, parking, pond, dam, wetlands, lights, boardwalk, playground, and overlooks. For all Rock County parks and trails see the 2020 Rock County Parks, Outdoor Recreation, & Open Space Plan.



Image source: Visit Beloit

Park Service Area Requirements

Evaluating the open space system service area within a community is an important tool in establishing equitable access and distribution for residents. A service area is defined as the distance around a park or open space that patrons could be expected to travel to for regular use. As a park size increases, so does the expectation of a larger service area. In a practical sense, this measurement is intended to ensure that an entire community's population has easy access to some sort of recreation space.

This is especially important to consider when a community is faced with new developments both residential and commercial in nature. Just because a potential residential neighborhood is within the service area of a Community Park, there may be a need for a Mini Park or small Neighborhood Park within the development to satisfy age-appropriate recreational demands and provided park space within walking distance. In an ideal scenario, all residents would fall within the service areas for each type of park and have overlapping opportunity and access.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) provides a guideline for this distribution in the form of radial service areas around each park within the three "active use" classifications. Mini Parks being the smallest provide a service area of ¼ mile. Neighborhood Parks have an increased service area of ½ mile. Community Parks as expected have the largest service area of 1 mile. While schoolyards, athletic fields, and playgrounds provide community members with recreational facility access, these facilities are not traditionally included in a service area calculation.

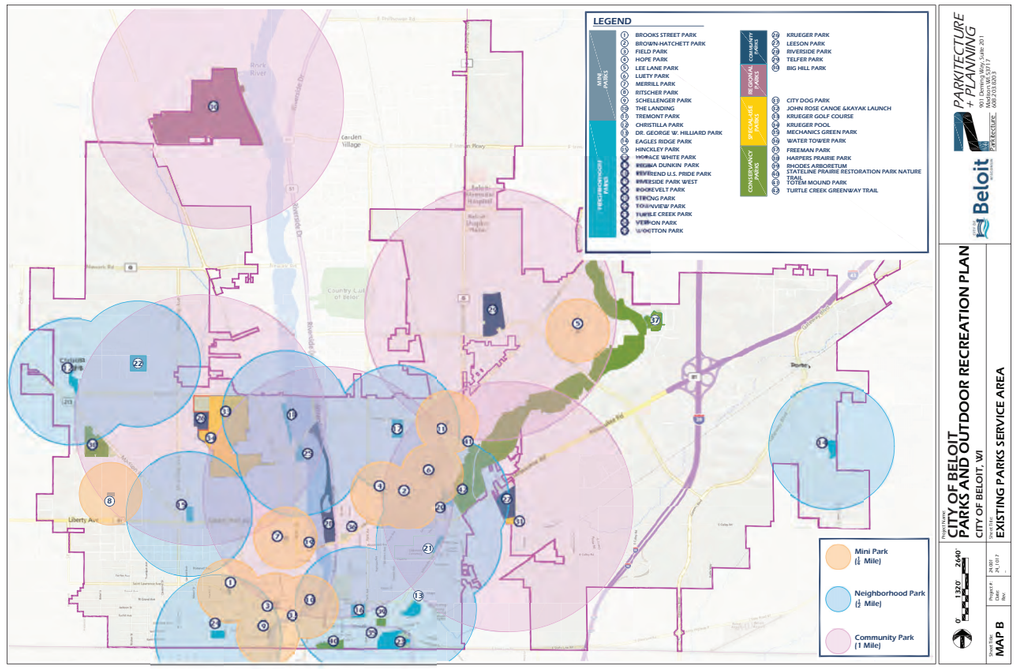
The map inset (see page 26) depicts the community service areas by classification. The radial service area shows much of the City of Beloit is well served by parks reflecting the service areas noted above. Key gaps within these service areas include:

- Far southwest side near the border of Wisconsin and Illinois
- Far northwest side between Big Hill Park and Townview Park (undeveloped area)
- Far north central portion of the City along the west side of Prairie Avenue
- Far east and southeast side around the Milwaukee Road, Interstate, and Gateway Business Park

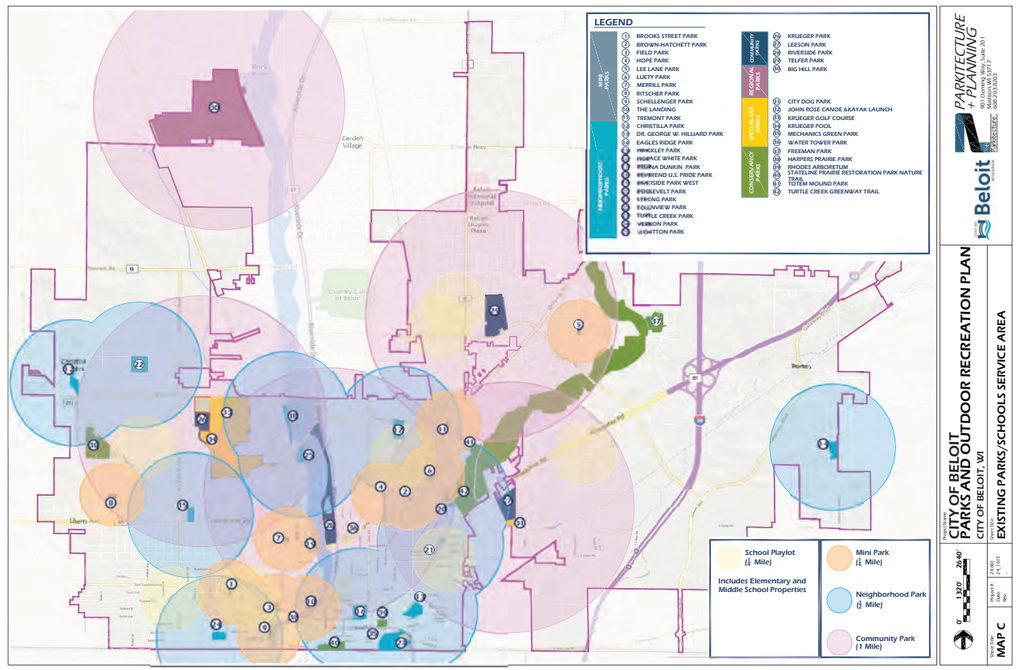
While these areas are under-served in terms of this analysis, several are either underdeveloped or primarily commercial and employment areas. The primary gap within the service areas today where the land use is predominantly residential includes the far southwest side of the City.

Overall, each of these areas should be evaluated for potential expansion of the existing conservancy parks, or acquisition of a small parcel of land suitable for development of a new mini park. See Appendix Exhibit B for a detailed map of existing service areas. Exhibit C also depicts this same gap analysis with the addition of Elementary and Middle School play yards. While these facilities help to bridge a void, the South-west corner of the existing City boundaries still appear lacking public open space.

Existing Parks Service Area Map



Existing Parks Service Area With Schools Map



Park & Recreation Land Dedications

The City of Beloit has developer exactions for parkland acquisition, maintenance, and development. These exactions are designed to finance the capital costs of acquiring, establishing, upgrading, expanding, and constructing public park facilities necessary to accommodate new developments in the City. As residents move into a new subdivision, apartment building, or condominium development, they place additional stress on and are often distant from existing park facilities. Developer exactions, often established during the subdivision review and approval period, provide land, cash, or a combination of both to be used for the provision and improvement of park facilities that serve the new residential development.

Per the City of Beloit Municipal Ordinance, park impact fees are charged at $308.74 per new residential dwelling unit, land dedication requirements include 1,175 square feet per new residential dwelling unit, and monies in lieu of land dedication requirements include $141 per residential unit permitted by right under the proposed subdivision and zoning.

Analysis of City-Owned and Operated Park and Recreational System

One tool to measure the allocation of parkland within a community is in terms of parkland acres to population. The NRPA historically recommended a median amount of 10.6 acres of public park space for every 1,000 persons. This metric still holds relevance, however the NRPA recognizes that each community is unique and has differing needs based on size and need. With a population of 36,726 in the City of Beloit, by this standard, the City should have at a minimum 385.62 overall acres allocated to active park use. As of 2024, the total for active park acreage in the City was approximately 190.15 acres, not including special use parks and conservation parks. Compared to standards set forth by the NRPA, the City of Beloit is well short of the minimum acreage recommended based on the population by over 195 acres. Further, when viewed with the NRPA lens of acreage to park type, the result shows that Beloit is providing sufficient Neighborhood Park lands (+4 acre over standards), but falls short in terms of Mini (-12 acres under standards) and Community Park (-187 acres under standards) lands.

Park Type Classification	NRPA Recommended park acres per 1000 residents	Total City of Beloit 2024 Population	NRPA Minimum acreage recommended based on Population	Existing Park Acreage in City of Beloit	
Mini Park	0.5	36,726	18.363	5.75	-12.613
Neighborhood Park	2	36,726	73.452	78.2	4.748
Community Park	8	36,726	293.808	106.2	-187.608
Total	10.6	36,726	385.623	190.15	-195.473

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

This chapter analyzes the parks and open space system in the City of Beloit and provides basic recommendations for improvements. The information for this section was gathered from site visits conducted by Parkitecture & Planning, discussion with City staff and review of past planning documents.

General Recommendations

A Park and Open Space Plan should serve as a planning tool for both general and specific improvements. While individual park recommendations are important to consider fulfilling immediate and or/near term safety needs or deficiencies, general recommendations provide broad sweeping improvement concepts that should be implemented over longer periods of time.

These are often framed around best management practices to protect water quality, policies to enhance natural resources, solving commonly occurring issues, or altering regular/historical maintenance and development procedures. When establishing priorities for these recommendations, safety considerations should always take precedence over functional, aesthetic, and general replacement of outdated facility improvements.

COVID-19 Implications and Relationship to Park Use

Park systems across the state, region, country, and world were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in many ways. Parks, trails, and sidewalks became platforms for social interaction, stress relief, and a coping mechanism. The Wisconsin State Park system experienced record numbers of visitors despite offering limited or no support facilities or amenities. Online sales of recreational equipment skyrocketed, and local bicycle retailers could not keep up with demand.

While the COVID-19 federal health emergency is now officially over, the lessons learned from this extraordinary event will prevail. COVID-19 has reiterated the importance of human interactions in the outdoor realm and the need for easy access to parks and other public gathering spaces. The pandemic also reminded communities about the positive value of parks to our physical and mental health and well-being.

Moving forward, these lessons can translate to emerging design trends and a reinterpretation of how parks are used. Park spaces must be flexible and able to accommodate a variety of uses and demands, without sacrificing the natural beauty they provide. Parks must be centered around well-being with increased connectivity to the natural environment through the use of nature, space, place and conditions. And lastly, parks must be equitable, inclusive and foundations for community building, as they are what the community turns to in times of stress.

Policy and Practice Best Practices

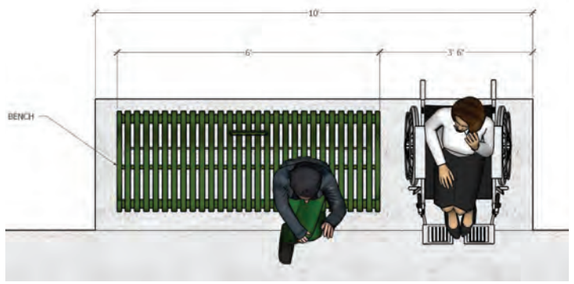
BARRIER FREE ACCESS	Continue efforts to retrofit parks and other facilities for barrier free access. This should include restrooms, playgrounds, trails, and other gathering spaces.
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ROUTE SYSTEM	Work towards completion of the community-wide multi-modal off-road trails and on road bicycle route system.
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS	Allocate sufficient funds for planning, development, programming, and maintenance of park and open space facilities.
COMMUNITY FUNDING	Continue to foster a positive approach towards community funding assistance, donations, and planned giving. This strategy has been used successfully in similar communities.
PLANNING PROCESS	Prior to facility development, complete a conceptual site plan or park master plan process to establish the highest and best use of the proposed space.
COMMUNITY GROWTH	Follow adopted guidelines for land acquisition and park development as it relates to new infill developments within the community.
AGE SPECIFIC NEEDS	Evaluate solutions to fill age specific deficiencies and recreational demand across the community.
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	Continue to provide public outreach and input opportunities via websites, email blasts, social media outlets, and other methods.
FEE ADJUSTMENTS	Evaluate current fees and program rates with comparable facilities in Rock County. Provide services commensurate with adjusted rates.
SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES	Practice environmentally responsible practices whenever possible including managing invasive species, integrating storm water management best practices, and reducing fossil fuel reliance for operations.

Infrastructure and Facility Best Practices

PLAYGROUND SAFETY	Ensure all playgrounds are checked on a regular basis for safety issues, consistent depth resilient surfacing, and conformance with the National Playground Safety Institute. Refer to the current edition of the NPSI Handbook for recommended materials and depths.
PLAYGROUND SURFACING	Install poured-in-place (PIP) rubber surfacing on all playground installs at community or larger park level rather than engineered wood fiber (EWF). Remove sand play areas throughout all parks.
BICYCLE RACKS	Install sufficient bicycle and other wheeled device parking racks on concrete or asphalt surfacing at all parks, other public institutional facilities, and commercial service and retail developments.
ADEQUATE LIGHTING	Install adequate lighting to aid in security, facility ambiance, and proper lighting of flagpoles, and other landscape features. All lighting should be LED technology and utilize auto dimmers, occupant or motion sensors, and other energy saving measures.
MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS	Conduct regular maintenance inspections in each park for broken equipment.
WAYFINDING AND SIGNAGE	Continue to enhance wayfinding and park monument signage by installing consistent and standardized signs. This may include colors, logos, font styles, and other community specific elements.
RESTROOM SECURITY	Continue to install auto-locking door handles in all restroom facilities. This technology allows for enhanced facility security and reduces daily staffing efforts. Place wood screens around all portable toilets.
TURF REDUCTION	Implement turf reduction where appropriate. The practice of removing specific areas from general turf mowing can enhance the aesthetics, flow and feel, define use areas, and improve wildlife habitat in park spaces.
TREE PROTECTION	Ensure the health, safety and longevity of park and open space trees through adequate mulching, pruning and watering.
SITE AMENITIES	Place site furnishings (benches, trash cans, picnic tables) on concrete or asphalt pads. Pads should accommodate space for wheelchair access (see detail below).

EXPANDED USE BENCH PAD DETAIL:

Additional infrastructure and facility recommendations include creating accessible areas for all future bench pad locations. Typically, bench pad areas do not consider accommodations for wheelchair, strollers or other needs, thus forcing these uses into the sidewalk or pathway area. These needs are addressed simply by pouring the pad to a size that accommodates both a bench and an area for additional use.



PARK SIGN IMPROVEMENTS:

All City Park monument signs should be replaced over time to include the new city branding and logo. Park signs have been maintained with various levels of landscape care over the years, and this should be standardized as the new signs are replaced.





Image source: Visit Beloit

Playground Improvement Funding Considerations (2024-28)

The City is continuing into a time period where many playgrounds are reaching or exceeding the 30 year old mark. This is typically the benchmark for a playground in reaching its life expectancy. It is being highly recommended that an aggressive replacement plan is implemented (within the Capital Improvement Plan) for playgrounds to ensure playgrounds are safe and will not begin to cost the City large amount of money in repairs. Playgrounds should be sized to the type of park they are located in. As a general rule, Mini Parks should have smaller playgrounds and Community Parks have the largest playgrounds. Larger playgrounds should use poured-in-place surfacing, and smaller playgrounds can use hardwood mulch surfacing. While improving playgrounds, the City should ensure accessible pathways are constructed to each location playground meets all National Playground Safety standards as well as ADA accessible guidelines.

The following playgrounds are regarded as a priority for directing the park system in the City of Beloit towards the overall goals outlined within this CORP due to their present condition. It is recommended that budgetary considerations be given to these projects over the next several years:

PARK SITE	MANUFACTURER	VENDOR	Installed	Budget	Replacement	ADA Compliance	Comments
Riverside (Turtle Island)	Custom Design/Built	SAA Design Group	2009	$700,000	2023	maybe	2025
Turtle Creek	Landscape Structures	Gerber Leisure Products	2003	$75,000	2023	no	Phase 5 of Master Plan
Telfer	Game Time	MN/WI Playgrounds	2005	$100,000	2024	no	Feasibility Study
Hilliard	BCI Burke	Miller & Associates	2005	$75,000	2025	no	
Merrill	Little Tikes Commerical	Flannagan Sales	2008	$50,000	2026	maybe	
Field	Playworld Systems	Lee Recreation	2010	$50,000	2026	no AR	
Lee Lane	BCI Burke	Miller & Associates	2010	$50,000	2027	no AR	
Ritsher	Playcraft	Play Focused Solutions	2010	$50,000	2028	no	
Eagles Ridge	BCI Burke	Miller & Associates	2010	$75,000	2029	maybe	
Tremont	Playworld Systems	Lee Recreation	2011	$50,000	2030	no	
Big Hill (Lower Level)	Playworld Systems	Lee Recreation	2012	$50,000	2031		
Big Hill (Upper Level)	Playworld Systems	Lee Recreation	2013	$75,000	2032		
Summit	Playworld Systems	Lee Recreation	2013	$75,000	2033	maybe	
Hinckley	Playworld Systems	Lee Recreation	2014	$75,000	2034	maybe	
Townview	BCI Burke	Miller & Associates	2014	$75,000	2035	maybe	
Vernon	Game Time	MN/WI Playgrounds	2016	$75,000	2036	maybe	
Leeson	Game Time	MN/WI Playgrounds	2017	$125,000	2037	no	
Krueger	Playworld Systems	Lee Recreation	2018	$125,000	2038	maybe	
Hope	Playworld Systems	Lee Recreation	2019	$50,000	2039	maybe	
Rev U.S. Pride	Landscape Structures	Gerber Leisure Products	2024	$75,000	2040	no	
Brown Hatchett	Landscape Structures	Gerber Leisure Products	2024	$50,000	2041	no	
Horace White	Landscape Structures	Gerber Leisure Products	2024	$75,000	2042	no	
Christilla	Game Time	MN/WI Playgrounds	2024	$50,000	2043	no	

Destination	$700,000	AR= accessible route
Community	$100,000-125,000	
Neighborhood	$75,000	
Pocket/Mini	$50,000	

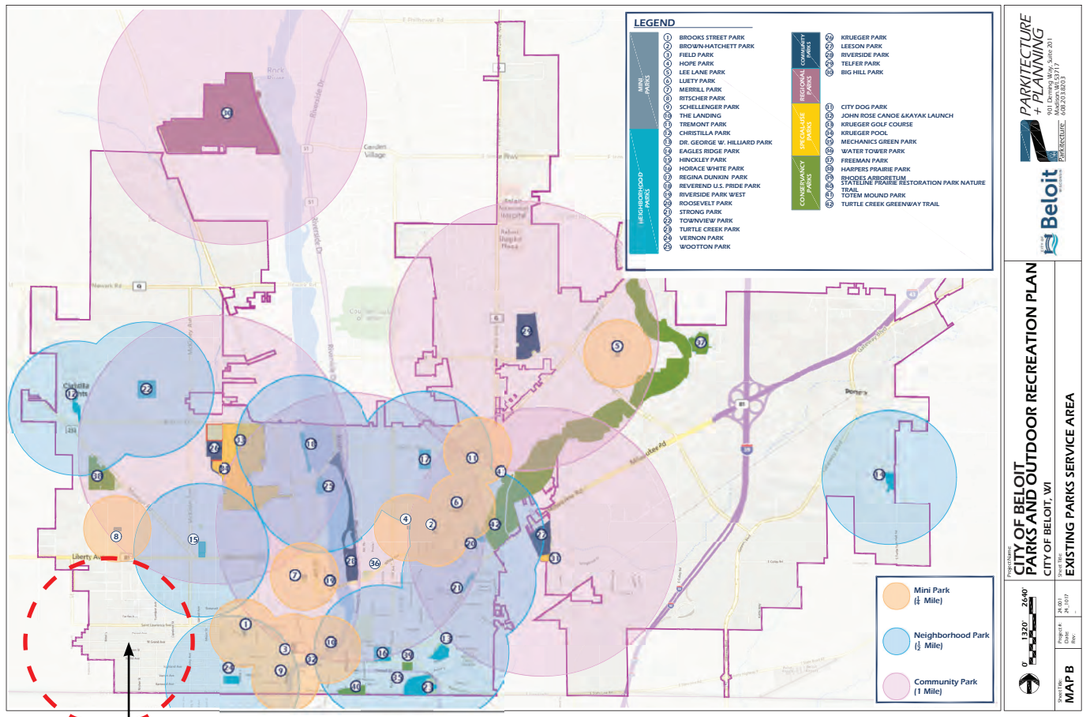
Addressing Park Service Area Deficiencies

As the community continues to evolve, new parks and amenities will be required to satisfy recreational demand. Park level of service analysis in Chapter 3 revealed that the City of Beloit is well short of the minimum acreage recommended based on the population by over 195 acres. The analysis also revealed a deficiency in the quantity of mini and community parks.

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While the table above indicates a deficiency overall in community park acreage, the inclusion of Big Hill Park (189.4 acres) as a regionals park compensates for this shortfall.

Additionally, the service area analysis map below (see Appendix Exhibit B for detail) shows the south-western portion of the city to be under-served by park and recreation systems.



Addressing this deficiency in park acreage can be accomplished either by adding additional mini parks and community parks to the park system, or by adding amenities to existing park and open space areas. Several areas of new housing development have been proposed on the edges of the City boundaries. These new areas will supplement the density of residential housing thus increasing the demand for new open space within these new neighborhood districts. The city should work with the developers to allocate sufficient lands and funding to provide new open space amenities for these new residents. These areas include the proposed expansion in the south-east region of the City near the Eagles Ridge Neighborhood, and the Elmwood Commons Plat 2 located on the north side of Elmwood Avenue located west of Robinson Drive.



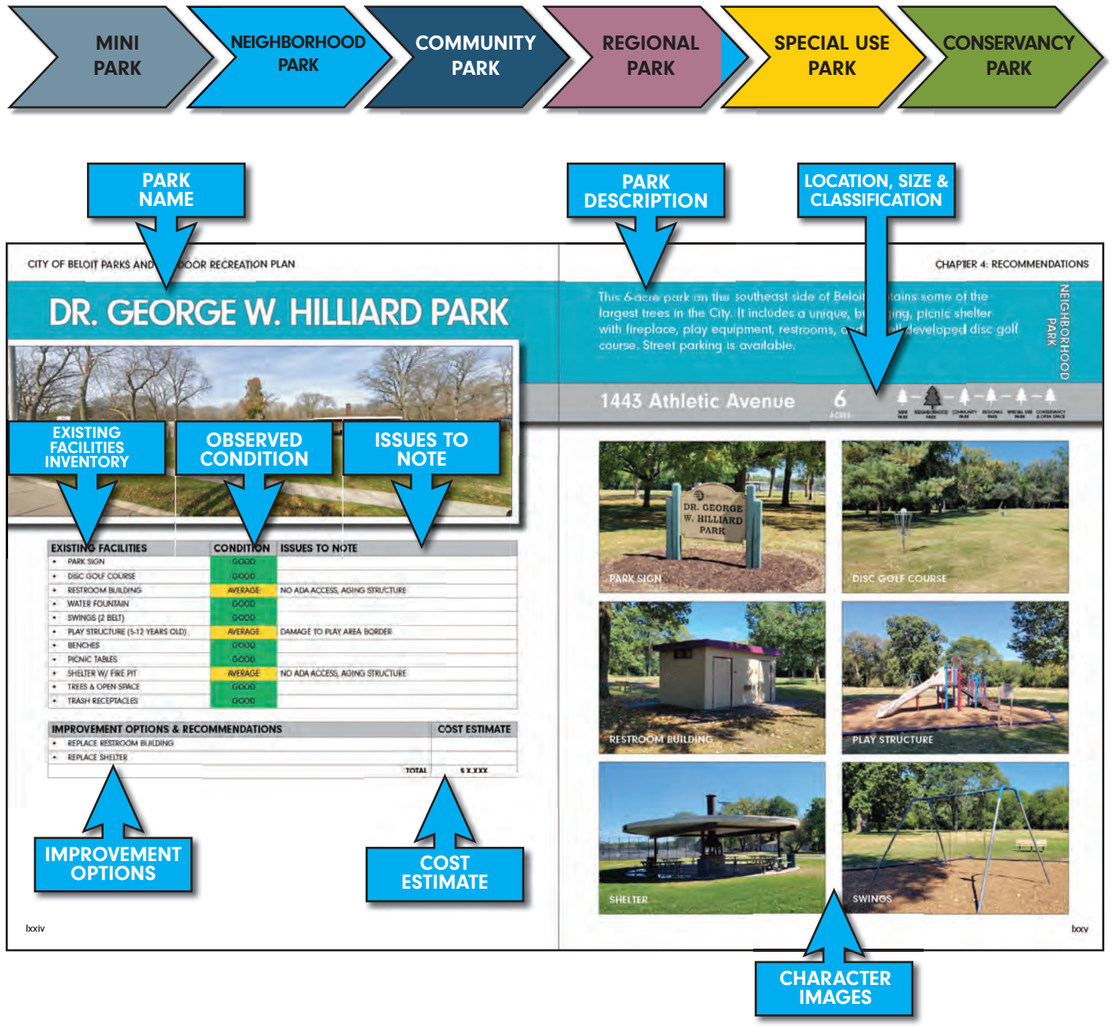
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Individual Park Recommendations

To maintain a safe and enjoyable park system, inspections and recommendations are made with each iteration of the CORP for every park in the area. The conclusions for each park are based on site visits, communications with residents and meetings with City officials.

These conclusions are communicated in the following inventory sheets and include contextual information about each park. Conditions of concern are highlighted in a varied degree of severity ranging from "GOOD" to "POOR," with corresponding cost estimates related to each park. Budget estimates are assumed in 2024 dollars and should be escalated on an annual basis.

Park use and size are arranged in the following colors:



MINI PARK

Description: Specialized facilities that serve a concentrated population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens.
Size and Service Area: 1-acre or less in size serving area of less than 1/4 mile radius.

BELOIT MINI PARKS:

- Brooks Street Park
- Brown-Hatchett Park
- Field Park
- Hope Park
- Lee Lane Park
- Luety Park
- Merrill Park
- Ritsher Park
- Schellenger Park
- The Landing
- Tremont Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Description: Areas for multiple and sometimes intensive recreational activities. Facilities may include athletic fields, sports courts, playgrounds, restroom buildings, skate parks, trails, picnic areas and splashpads.
Size and Service Area: Between 2-10 acres in size, serving 1/4 to 1/2 mile radius.

BELOIT NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS:

- Christilla Park
- Dr. George W. Hilliard Park
- Eagles Ridge Park
- Hinckley Park
- Horace White Park
- Regina Dunkin Park
- Rev. U.S. Pride Park
- Riverside Park West
- Roosevelt Park
- Strong Park
- Townview Park
- Turtle Creek Park
- Vernon Park
- Wootton Park

COMMUNITY PARK

Description: Areas of diverse recreational activity and may include amenities such as athletic complexes, trails and large swimming pools.
Size and Service Area: 10 acres or larger, serving 1-2 mile radius.

BELOIT COMMUNITY PARKS:

- Krueger Park
- Leeson Park
- Riverside Park
- Telfer Park

REGIONAL PARK

Description: A larger park that may include both active and passive uses and often contain unique facilities such as indoor athletic facilities, aquatic facilities and special event areas.
Size and Service Area: 100 acres or larger, serving several communities.

BELOIT REGIONAL PARKS:

- Big Hill Park

SPECIAL USE PARK

Description: Areas for specialized or single purpose recreational activities such as golf courses, campgrounds, nature centers and skate parks. They may also be used to designate areas that are primarily used as event space, general gathering areas, expanded trail corridors or plaza space.
Size and Service Area: Variable

BELOIT SPECIAL USE PARKS:

- Dog Park
- John Rose Canoe & Kayak Launch
- Krueger Golf Course
- Krueger Pool
- Mechanics Green Park
- Water Tower Park

CONSERVANCY PARK

Description: Areas established for protection and management of the natural or cultural environment with recreational facilities as a secondary objective.
Size and Service Area: Variable

BELOIT CONSERVANCY PARKS:

- Freeman Park
- Harpers Prairie Park
- Rhodes Arboretum
- Stateline Prairie Restoration Park Nature Trail
- Totem Mound Park
- Turtle Creek Greenway Trail

BROOKS STREET PARK



This quarter-acre mini-park currently has no amenities. The site is fenced and there is security lighting. Street parking is available.

MINI PARK

757 Brooks Street

.28 ACRES

MINI PARK — NEIGHBORHOOD PARK — COMMUNITY PARK — REGIONAL PARK — **SPECIAL USE PARK** — CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE



PARK SIGN


SIDEWALK

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• OPEN SPACE	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• EVALUATE EITHER LAND SALE TO LOCAL COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOCIATION OR INSTALL PLAYGROUND	TBD
• INSTALL BIKE RACK	$2,500
• IMPROVE LANDSCAPING AROUND FENCE LINE	$5,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000

BROWN-HATCHETT PARK



This newly renovated mini park exists on the east side of town across from the Merrill Community Gardens. Amenities include play equipment and benches. Street parking is available.

MINI PARK

1315 Porter Avenue

.19 ACRES

MINI PARK — NEIGHBORHOOD PARK — COMMUNITY PARK — REGIONAL PARK — **SPECIAL USE PARK** — CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEAR OLD)	GOOD	
• SWINGS (2 BELT, 1 BUCKET, 1 INCLUSIVE)	GOOD	
• BENCH	GOOD	
• SIT SPINNER	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• TREES	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• INSTALL BIKE RACK	$2,500
• INSTALL LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


PLAY STRUCTURE


SWINGS


BENCH


SIT SPINNER


TRASH RECEPTACLE

FIELD PARK



This 1.2-acre west side park provides open space and a playground in the downtown area. Historical elements also exist in the park. Street parking is available.

MINI PARK

260 W Grand Avenue

1.26 ACRES

MINI PARK – NEIGHBORHOOD PARK – COMMUNITY PARK – REGIONAL PARK – **SPECIAL USE PARK** – CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEAR OLD)	GOOD	
• SWINGS (2 BELT)	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• WALKING PATH	GOOD	
• LIGHTING	GOOD	
• LITTLE FREE LIBRARY	POOR	DAMAGED
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	
• HISTORIC DISTRICT SIGN	GOOD	
• FOUNTAIN MEMORIAL	AVERAGE	NOT WORKING
• TIME CAPSULE	AVERAGE	AGING

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• REPAIR LITTLE FREE LIBRARY	$500
• PLACE PICNIC TABLES ON CONCRETE PADS TO REDUCE MAINTENANCE	$2,500
• CLEAN FOUNTAIN AND ADD LANDSCAPING	$2,500
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


PLAY STRUCTURE


SWINGS


FOUNTAIN MEMORIAL


LIGHTS & PATHWAY


TIME CAPSULE

HOPE PARK



This 0.3-acre mini park in east central Beloit features play equipment and a small open space area. Street parking is available.

MINI PARK

1025 Bellevue Place

.28 ACRES

MINI PARK | NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | COMMUNITY PARK | REGIONAL PARK | **SPECIAL USE PARK** | CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	AVERAGE	OBSTRUCTED BY VEGETATION GROWTH
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEAR OLD)	AVERAGE	VEGETATION OVERGROWTH ON PERIPHERY
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• SWINGS (2 BELT, 2 BUCKET)	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	AVERAGE	SOME TREES IN DECLINE

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• ADDRESS TREE CONCERNS	$6,000
• REMOVE VEGETATION OVERGROWTH ALONG FENCE LINE	$500
• REMOVE OLD WOOD FENCE	$500
• REPLACE BENCHES	$2,500
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


PLAY STRUCTURE


SWINGS


BENCH

LEE LANE PARK



This 0.66-acre mini park on the east side of Beloit includes an informal ball field with backstop and play equipment. Street parking is available.

MINI PARK

2208 Lee Lane N

.66 ACRES

MINI PARK – NEIGHBORHOOD PARK – COMMUNITY PARK – REGIONAL PARK – **SPECIAL USE PARK** – CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	
• BENCH	GOOD	
• SWINGS (2 BELT, 2 BUCKET)	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE	AVERAGE	AGING PLAY STRUCTURE
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• BACKSTOP	AVERAGE	AGING

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• ADD TREE PLANTINGS AS AVAILABLE	$1,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• PROVIDE ADA ACCESS TO PLAYGROUND	$5,000
• INSTALL BIKE RACK	$2,500
• ADD PICNIC TABLES	$2,500
• UPDATE SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


PLAY STRUCTURE


SWINGS


BACKSTOP


BENCH

LUETY PARK



Luety Park is a small strip park along the railroad corridor on the east side of town. Few amenities exist.

MINI PARK

1510 Prairie Avenue

1.0 ACRES

MINI PARK – NEIGHBORHOOD PARK – COMMUNITY PARK – REGIONAL PARK – **SPECIAL USE PARK** – CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• ADD TREE PLANTINGS AS AVAILABLE	$1,000
• UPDATE SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000
• ELECTOSTATICALLY PAINT BENCHES AND TRASH CAN	$2,500
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500



PARK SIGN


OPEN SPACE


BENCHES

MERRILL PARK



At the corner of Merrill and Fifth Street, along the 5th Street Trail, this 0.5 acre mini-park has an open grass area and play equipment.

MINI PARK

950 5th Street

.53 ACRES

MINI PARK | NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | COMMUNITY PARK | REGIONAL PARK | **SPECIAL USE PARK** | CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (2-5 YEAR OLD)	AVERAGE	AGING EQUIPMENT
• SWINGS (2 BELT)	GOOD	
• BALANCE SPINNER	POOR	STONE RETAINING WALL MAY BE IN FALL ZONE
• PICNIC TABLE	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	
• WOODEN LEAN-TO STRUCTURE	AVERAGE	UNKNOWN USE FOR PARK
• WATER SPIGOT	AVERAGE	UNKNOWN USE FOR PARK

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• REPAIR STONE RETAINING WALL	$5,000
• INSTALL BIKE RACK	$2,500
• REPLACE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	$50,000
• REMOVE WOODEN LEAN-TO STRUCTURE	$1,500
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000
• IMPROVE LANDSCAPING ALONG FENCE LINE	$1,500



PARK SIGN


SWINGS


PLAY STRUCTURE


LOG ROLLER


PICNIC TABLE

RITSHER PARK



This 0.87-acre mini park is located on the west side of the City. Facilities include play equipment and open space. Parking is available along Ritsher Street.

MINI PARK

1320 Ritsher Street

.87 ACRES

MINI PARK – NEIGHBORHOOD PARK – COMMUNITY PARK – REGIONAL PARK – **SPECIAL USE PARK** – CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEAR OLD)	GOOD	
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• SWINGS (2 BELT, 2 BUCKET)	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	POOR	HAZARDOUS TREE

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• INSTALL ADA ACCESS TO PLAY AREA	$6,000
• INSTALL BIKE RACK	$2,500
• ADDRESS HAZARD TREE	$1,500
• PLACE TABLES AND BENCHES ON CONCRETE PAD TO REDUCE MAINTENANCE	$1,500
• UPDATE SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500



PARK SIGN


SWINGS


PLAY STRUCTURE


TREES & OPEN SPACE

SCHELLENGER PARK

Located on the west bank of the Rock River, this .73-acre strip park provides open space along Bluff Street.

MINI PARK



215 Bluff Street

.73 ACRES

MINI PARK | NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | COMMUNITY PARK | REGIONAL PARK | **SPECIAL USE PARK** | CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• BENCH	GOOD	
• INTERPRETIVE SIGN	GOOD	
• STONE STAIRWAY	POOR	OVERGROWN AND ABANDONED

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• DEMOLISH AND REMOVE STAIRWAY	$6,000
• REMOVE UNDESIRABLE VEGETATION & UNDERGROWTH TO CREATE OPEN VISTAS TO THE ROCK RIVER	$2,500
• ADD TREE PLANTINGS AS AVAILABLE	$1,500
• ADD SWINGING BENCH	$7,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


BENCH



INTERPRETIVE SIGN


TREES & OPEN SPACE

THE LANDING



This mini park site is located downtown along the Rock River. It features a dramatic metal sculpture commemorating the location where the original inhabitants landed and founded Beloit. It also features floral beds, a plaza space and information about the history of Beloit. Street parking is available along Grand Avenue.

MINI PARK

115 W Grand Avenue **.18** ACRES

MINI PARK – NEIGHBORHOOD PARK – COMMUNITY PARK – REGIONAL PARK – **SPECIAL USE PARK** – CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• SCULPTURES	GOOD	
• LIGHTING	GOOD	
• BENCHES	AVERAGE	BRICKWORK NEAR BENCHES SINKING / MISSING IN PLACES
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• HISTORICAL MARKERS	GOOD	
• STAIRWAY	GOOD	MINOR PAINT PEELING ON RAILING
• TREES	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• REPAIR BRICKWORK	$8,500
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND SCULPTURE	$1,500
• PAINT RAILING, BENCHES, TRASH CAN, LIGHTING	$6,500
• UPDATE SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000
• IMPROVE LANDSCAPING ON SHORE EDGE	$4,500
• ADD PICNIC TABLES	$3,500



PARK SIGN


BENCHES


SCULPTURE


HISTORICAL MARKER


STAIRWAY

TREMONT PARK



This centrally located 0.27-acre mini park includes play equipment and small open space area.

MINI PARK

1775 Tremont Drive

.27 ACRES

MINI PARK – NEIGHBORHOOD PARK – COMMUNITY PARK – REGIONAL PARK – **SPECIAL USE PARK** – CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	AVERAGE	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (2-5 YEAR OLD)	AVERAGE	DAMAGE TO EDGING, NO ADA ACCESS
• SWINGS (2 BUCKET)	GOOD	
• TEETER TOTTER	GOOD	
• BENCH	AVERAGE	NOT ON CONCRETE PADS, PEELING PAINT
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• LITTLE FREE LIBRARY	AVERAGE	NOT IN USE
• SPLIT RAIL FENCE	AVERAGE	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	AVERAGE	SOME TREES REQUIRE PRUNING

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• PLACE TABLES AND BENCHES ON CONCRETE PAD TO REDUCE MAINTENANCE	$1,500
• PRUNE TREES	$1,500
• REPLACE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY	$500
• IMPROVE ADA ACCESS TO PLAY AREA	$3,500
• INSTALL BIKE RACK	$2,500
• REPLACE DAMAGED PLAYGROUND EDGING	$8,000
• REPAIR OLD WOODEN FENCE	$3,500
• REPAINT BENCH	$800
• ADD ADDITIONAL BELT SWING TO SWING SET	$2,500
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• ADD PICNIC TABLES	$3,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


PLAY STRUCTURE


TEETER TOTTER


SWINGS


BENCH & LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

CHRISTILLA PARK

Located on the west side, this 4-acre neighborhood park offers unstructured lawn space, an informal ball field with backstop, and newly installed play equipment.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

2020 Christilla Drive

4 ACRES

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EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	
• SWINGS (2 BELT, 3 BUCKET, 1 INCLUSIVE)	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES (2)	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (2-5 YEAR OLD)	GOOD	
• SWINGS (3 BELT, 1 BUCKET, 1 INCLUSIVE)	GOOD	
• SIT SPINNER	GOOD	
• TEETER TOTTER	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• INSTALL CONCRETE PATHWAY TO PLAY AREA	$20,000
• INSTALL BIKE RACK	$2,500
• ADD TREE PLANTINGS AS AVAILABLE	$1,500
• IMPROVE PUBLIC ACCESS (OFF-STREET PARKING LOT AND INTERNAL PATHWAY SYSTEM)	$60,000
• INSTALL BASKETBALL COURT	$35,000
• INSTALL OPEN AIR PAVILION	$30,000
• EXPAND PLAYGROUND AREA WITH ADDITIONAL FEATURES	$12,000
• DEVELOP CONCEPTUAL SITE MASTER PLAN	$10,000
• INSTALL SOCCER GOALS	$2,200 ea
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


SWINGS


PLAY STRUCTURE


PICNIC TABLE


OPEN SPACE

DR. GEORGE W. HILLIARD PARK



This 6-acre park on the southeast side of Beloit contains some of the largest trees in the City. It includes a unique, but aging, picnic shelter with fireplace, play equipment, restrooms, and a well-developed disc golf course. Street parking is available.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

1443 Athletic Avenue

6 ACRES

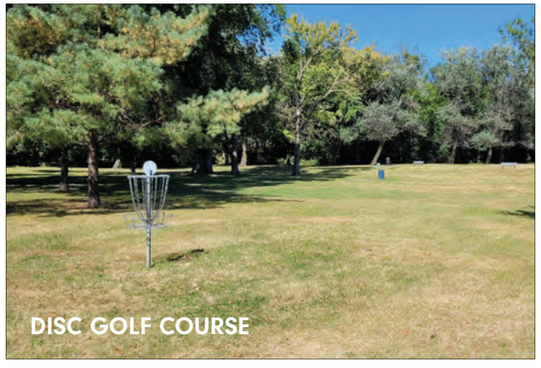
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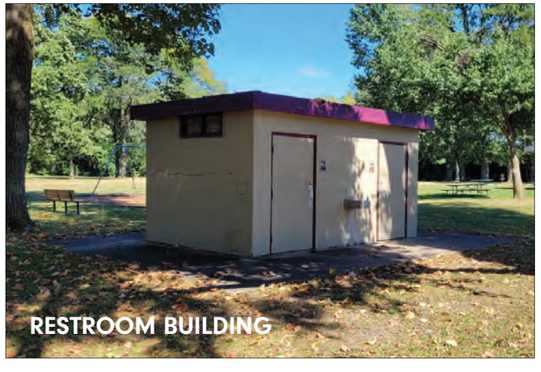
EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• DISC GOLF COURSE	GOOD	
• RESTROOM BUILDING	AVERAGE	NO ADA ACCESS, AGING STRUCTURE
• WATER FOUNTAIN	GOOD	
• SWINGS (2 BELT)	AVERAGE	AGING
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEARS OLD)	AVERAGE	DAMAGE TO PLAY AREA BORDER
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• SHELTER W/ FIRE PIT	AVERAGE	NO ADA ACCESS, AGING STRUCTURE
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLES	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• REPLACE RESTROOM BUILDING	$300,000
• REPLACE SHELTER	$100,000
• ADD ADA SIDEWALKS/PATH TO NEW SHELTER AND RESTROOM FACILITIES	$20,000
• REPLACE DISC GOLF BASKETS, SIGNS, AND BASKET NUMBERS	$9,000
• ADD LANDSCAPING TO PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


DISC GOLF COURSE


RESTROOM BUILDING


PLAY STRUCTURE


SHELTER


SWINGS

EAGLES RIDGE PARK

This 4.4-acre park is located in the Eagles Ridge subdivision and features play equipment, a shelter, open space, and a paved surface walking loop.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

3731 Golden Eagle Drive **4.36 ACRES**

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EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• TRACK SLIDER	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEAR OLD)	GOOD	
• SWINGS (2 BELT, 2 BUCKET)	GOOD	
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• SPRING RIDERS (2)	GOOD	
• MERRY-GO-ROUND	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (2-5 YEAR OLD)	GOOD	
• SHELTER	POOR	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• INSTALL BIKE RACK	$2,500
• ADD SOCCER GOALS	$2,200 ea
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• ADD TREE PLANTINGS AS AVAILABLE	$1,500
• UPDATE SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


SHELTER


TRACK SLIDER


2-5 YEAR OLD PLAY AREA


PLAY STRUCTURE


SWINGS

HINCKLEY PARK



This 3.4-acre park is a grassy open space on the west side of Beloit Amenities include an informal ball fields with backstops, and play equipment. Street parking is available.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

1311 Liberty Avenue

3.4 ACRES

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EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	
• BACKSTOP (2)	POOR	NE BACKSTOP HAS DAMAGED & BROKEN FENCING
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEAR OLD)	AVERAGE	ACCESS RAMP ON WRONG SIDE
• SWINGS (2 BELT, 2 BUCKET)	GOOD	
• ZIP LINE (2)	AVERAGE	CHAINED AND NOT WORKING
• TRASH RECEPTACLES	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• REMOVE / REPLACE NE BACKSTOP	$20,000
• INSTALL PICNIC SHELTER	$30,000
• REFURBISH PLAYER BENCHES AT NORTHEAST FIELD	$4,000
• ADD SOCCER GOALS	$2,200 ea
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


PLAY STRUCTURE


SWINGS


ZIP LINE


BACKSTOP


OPEN SPACE

HORACE WHITE PARK



This 8-acre historic downtown park is a classic city square, with crossing stone pathways, a Victorian gazebo, a canopy of mature trees, and a noteworthy monument. Other amenities include a play lot, picnic shelter, and a pergola seating area. Parking is available along Bushnell Street.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

825 Grand Avenue

8 ACRES

MINI PARK | **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK** | COMMUNITY PARK | REGIONAL PARK | **SPECIAL USE PARK** | CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEAR OLD)*	GOOD	
• SPINNER*	GOOD	
• TEETER TOTTER*	GOOD	
• SWINGS (2 BELT, 1 BUCKET, 1 INCLUSIVE)*	GOOD	
• LIGHTING	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• PORTABLE RESTROOM	GOOD	
• FLAG POLE	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLES	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	AVERAGE	SOME DEAD BRANCHES IN MATURE TREES
• GAZEBO	AVERAGE	PEELING PAINT
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• PERGOLA SEATING AREA	AVERAGE	NO ADA ACCESS
• LITTLE FREE LIBRARY (2)	GOOD	
• PIONEER MONUMENT	GOOD	
• WALKING PATHS	AVERAGE	OVERGROWN PATH, SURFACE IS IN DISREPAIR
• ELECTRIC PANEL	AVERAGE	OUTLETS MISSING COVERS
• BUTTERFLY GARDEN	POOR	OVERGROWN
* UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT TIME OF INSPECTION		

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• PRUNE TREES	$6,500
• PLACE TABLES AND BENCHES ON CONCRETE PADS TO REDUCE MAINTENANCE	$3,500
• INSTALL WEATHER PROOF LOCKABLE POWER CENTER ON ELECTRIC PANEL	$2,000
• INSTALL ADA ACCESS TO PERGOLA	$6,000
• REPLACE ALL WALKWAYS	TBD
• IMPROVE BUTTERFLY GARDEN PLANTINGS	$2,500
• IMPROVE LANDSCAPING AT MONUMENT	$2,500
• REPAIR AND PAINT GAZEBO	$6,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN & PERGOLA	$2,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


PLAY AREA


GAZEBO


PERGOLA SEATING AREA


MONUMENT


WALKING PATHS

REGINA DUNKIN PARK



This 7-acre park is a popular destination along Henry Avenue. The park features basketball courts, an informal soccer field, an informal ball field with backstop, a picnic shelter, restrooms, small splash pad and play equipment. Street parking is available along Dewey Ave.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

1218 Henry Avenue

7 ACRES

MINI PARK — **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK** — COMMUNITY PARK — REGIONAL PARK — **SPECIAL USE PARK** — CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• BIKE RACK	GOOD	
• BASKETBALL COURTS	GOOD	
• SPLASH PAD	GOOD	
• SHELTER & RESTROOM BUILDING*	POOR	AGING STRUCTURE
• LIGHTING	GOOD	
• SWINGS (2 BELT, 2 BUCKET, 1 INCLUSIVE)	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEAR OLD)	GOOD	
• PICNIC SHELTER	AVERAGE	AGING STRUCTURE
• BACKSTOP	POOR	AGING AND IN DISREPAIR
• SOCCER FIELD	GOOD	
• LEARNING TRAIL	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	
• COMMUNITY GRILL	AVERAGE	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• ADD TREE PLANTINGS AS AVAILABLE	$1,500
• REPLACE RESTROOM AND SHELTER BUILDING PER CONCEPT PLANS	$670,000
• INSTALL SIDEWALK CONNECTION FROM SUMMIT AVE TO SPLASHPAD	$30,000
• AERATE & OVERSEED SOCCER FIELD	$4,500
• REPLACE BASKETBALL HOOPS	$6,000
• PAINT SPLASHPAD CONCRETE	$4,000
• REPAIR OR REMOVE GRILL	$5,000



PARK SIGN


PLAY STRUCTURE


RESTROOM BUILDING


PICNIC SHELTER


SOCCER FIELD


BASKETBALL COURT

REVEREND U.S. PRIDE PARK



This 3-acre park is located on the west side of the Rock River on the north side of Beloit. Existing facilities include a small picnic shelter, restrooms, and a basketball court. New play equipment is scheduled to be installed in 2024. The park serves as a trailhead for the Riverside Corridor Bike/ Walking Trail. Street parking is available.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

1765 Shore Drive

3 ACRES

MINI PARK | **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK** | COMMUNITY PARK | REGIONAL PARK | SPECIAL USE PARK | CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• MULTI-USE TRAIL	GOOD	
• LIGHTING	GOOD	
• SHELTER & RESTROOM BUILDING	AVERAGE	AGING STRUCTURE
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• WATER FOUNTAIN	POOR	DRAIN NOT CONNECTED
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• BASKETBALL COURT	POOR	HOOPS AND POSTS ARE AGING
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• SWINGS (1 BELT, 1 INCLUSIVE)*	GOOD	
• TIRE SWING*	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE*	GOOD	
• TEETER TOTTER*	GOOD	
• SIT SPINNER*	GOOD	
• BALANCE BAR*	GOOD	
* TO BE INSTALLED BY END OF 2024		

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• INSTALL ADA ACCESS TO RESTROOM BUILDING FROM BIKE PATH	$7,000
• INSTALL SIDEWALK CONNECTION FROM CARPENTER STREET TO BIKE PATH	$7,000
• INSTALL BIKE RACK BY PLAYGROUND	$2,500
• INSTALL HARDSCAPE CONNECTION TO BASKETBALL COURT	$7,000
• REPLACE BASKETBALL HOOPS	$6,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500



PARK SIGN


SHELTER & RESTROOM BUILDING


BASKETBALL COURT


TRAIL ACCESS


NEW PLAYGROUND


NEW PLAYGROUND

RIVERSIDE PARK WEST



Riverside Park West exists along the Rock River, just south of Beloit Memorial High School. The Riverside Corridor Bike/Walking Trail runs through the park, otherwise few amenities exist currently.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

923 Second Street

1.96 ACRES

MINI PARK | **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK** | COMMUNITY PARK | REGIONAL PARK | **SPECIAL USE PARK** | CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• LIGHTING	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	
• BENCHES	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• ADD TREE PLANTINGS AS AVAILABLE	$1,500
• ADD SWINGING BENCHES ALONG RIVERWALK PATH	$7,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000
• ADD PICNIC TABLES	$3,500



PARK SIGN


TRAIL


TRAIL AREA

ROOSEVELT PARK

Located adjacent to the Turtle Creek Greenway and the Rising Tide Center, this 3.5-acre park includes a lighted softball field and bleachers.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

1701 Keeler Avenue

3.8 ACRES

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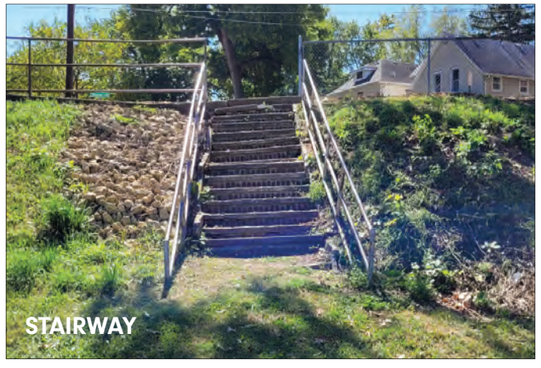
EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• BASEBALL FIELD	AVERAGE	NO ADA ACCESS
• FIELD LIGHTING	POOR	WIRING BOX EXPOSED ON BACKSTOP
• BLEACHERS	AVERAGE	NO SAFETY RAILING FROM TOP BENCHES
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• SOCCER FIELD	GOOD	
• TRASH CAN	GOOD	
• STAIRS	POOR	UNEVEN, DEGRADING

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• REPAIR ELECTRIC BOX	$1,000
• REPLACE STAIRWAY (SCHEDULED FOR 2025)	$100,000
• INSTALL BIKE RACK	$2,500
• ADD ADA SEATING NODE ON HILLTOP	$7,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


BASEBALL FIELD


STAIRWAY


BLEACHERS

STRONG PARK



This 3.1 acre grassy site is a linear open space along Milwaukee Road on the east side of the City. Four previously unrecognized totem mounds, called the Oakwood Cemetery Group, are located near the park's fence.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

1221 Strong Avenue

3.1 ACRES

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PARK SIGN



TREES & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• ADD TREE PLANTINGS AS AVAILABLE	$1,500
• POTENTIAL CEMETERY EXPANSION	TBD
• REDUCE TURF AREAS AND CONVERT TO NO MOW ZONES	TBD
• ADD POLLINATOR GARDENS	$5,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000

TOWNVIEW PARK



This 10-acre park is primarily open space with play equipment. Informal trails exist north of the maintained open space.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

1931 Townview Avenue

10 ACRES

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EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEAR OLD)	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	
• NATURAL SURFACE TRAILS	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• INSTALL PICNIC SHELTER	$40,000
• ADD TREE PLANTINGS AS AVAILABLE	$1,500
• ESTABLISH YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMMING AT PARK	TBD
• ADD SOCCER GOALS	$2,200 EA
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


PLAY STRUCTURE


OPEN SPACE

TURTLE CREEK PARK



Turtle Creek bisects this 11+-acre park on the southeast edge of the City. A vacant bath house and a basketball court are located at the entrance of the park. Play equipment, a practice baseball field, and a bicycle trail occupy the remaining portions of the park north of Turtle Creek. An inaccessible forested area exists south of the creek. Parking is available within the park.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

1312 E Grand Avenue 11.39 ACRES

MINI PARK | **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK** | COMMUNITY PARK | REGIONAL PARK | **SPECIAL USE PARK** | CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• MULTI-USE TRAIL	GOOD	
• BASEBALL FIELD	GOOD	
• PARKING AREAS	GOOD	
• BASKETBALL COURT	AVERAGE	CRACKS IN COURT
• SHELTER	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLES	GOOD	
• LIGHTING	GOOD	
• PORTABLE TOILET	GOOD	
• BIKE RACK	GOOD	
• BLEACHERS	GOOD	
• BENCHES	AVERAGE	SOME BENCHES NOT ON CONCRETE PADS
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEAR OLD)	AVERAGE	AGING STRUCTURE
• SWINGS (2 BUCKET)	AVERAGE	MISSING 2 SWINGS
• CLIMBING STRUCTURE	AVERAGE	AGING STRUCTURE
• SPINNER	GOOD	
• BATH HOUSE (PERMANENTLY CLOSED)		
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	
• LEARNING TRAIL	GOOD	
• ACCESS ROAD	POOR	DEGRADED

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• IMPLEMENT PARK MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS (RESTROOMS, PLAYGROUND ETC)	$1,000,000
• ADDRESS VEGETATION GROWTH ALONG 3RD BASE LINE OF BASEBALL FIELD TO ALLOW ACCESS	$1,500
• IMPROVE ACCESS AND VIEWS OF TURTLE CREEK	$6,000
• INSTALL WALKING PATHS AND WETLAND RESTORATION ON PARKLAND SOUTH OF TURTLE CREEK	$10,000
• REMOVE EAST ENTRANCE ROAD AND FENCING	$15,000
• EXPLORE BRIDGE ACROSS CREEK TO SOUTH PROPERTY	TBD
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000
• EVALUATE PATH CROSSING OPTIONS AT GRAND AVENUE BRIDGE	TBD



PARK SIGN


SHELTER


BASEBALL FIELD


BASKETBALL COURT


PLAYGROUND AREA


MULTI-USE PATH

VERNON PARK



This 4-acre park is located on the City's southwest side. It contains two informal ball fields with backstops, soccer fields, play equipment, splash pad, and a picnic shelter/restroom building.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

934 Vernon Avenue

4 ACRES

MINI PARK | **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK** | COMMUNITY PARK | REGIONAL PARK | SPECIAL USE PARK | CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• SOCCER FIELD	GOOD	
• BACKSTOP (2)	GOOD	
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEAR OLD)	GOOD	
• SWINGS (2 BUCKET, 2 BELT)	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLES	GOOD	
• SHELTER & RESTROOM BUILDING	POOR	AGED, SIGNS OF WEAR
• SPLASH PAD	GOOD	
• BASKETBALL COURT	GOOD	
• OPEN SPACE	POOR	ELECTRICAL BOX DAMAGED ON LIGHT POLE

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• REPLACE RESTROOM AND SHELTER PER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS	$700,000
• ELECTRICAL REPAIR ON LIGHT POLE	$1,000
• ESTABLISH YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMMING AT PARK	TBD
• ADD PARK SIGN ON ADAMS STREET	$4,000
• PAINT SPLASHPAD CONCRETE	$6,000
• REMOVE FENCING	$5,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


ICE RINK AREA


PLAY STRUCTURE


SHELTER & RESTROOM BUILDING


SOCCER FIELD


SPLASH PAD

WOOTTON PARK



This 3-acre park is located on the west side of the river north of the Beloit Memorial High School and includes a boat launch, parking lot, and 10 lighted pickleball courts.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

1451 4th Street

3 ACRES

MINI PARK — **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK** — COMMUNITY PARK — REGIONAL PARK — **SPECIAL USE PARK** — CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH	AVERAGE	VEGETATION OVERGROWTH ON SHORELINE
• PARKING AREA	GOOD	
• PIERS	AVERAGE	WARPING ON PIERS
• INFORMATION KIOSK	GOOD	
• PICKLEBALL COURTS (LIGHTED)	AVERAGE	NO ADA ACCESS FROM PARKING AREA
• BLEACHERS	GOOD	
• PORTABLE RESTROOM	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• INSTALL ADA ACCESSIBLE SIDEWALK TO PICKLEBALL COURTS	$7,000
• INSTALL DRINKING FOUNTAIN	$10,000
• INSTALL BIKE RACK	$2,500
• ADDRESS WARPING ON BOARDING PIERS	$5,000
• SPRAY RIP-RAP AND REMOVE VEGETATION	$500
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH


PIERS


PICKLEBALL COURTS


PICKLEBALL COURTS PARKING AREA

KRUEGER PARK

Krueger recreation park is a large park located on the northwest side of Beloit. The park contains many amenities including a shelter and restroom building, a playground, baseball field, basketball court and multi-use trail. A large parking area is available off street.

COMMUNITY PARK

1611 Hackett Street | **11.9 ACRES**

MINI PARK | NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | **COMMUNITY PARK** | REGIONAL PARK | SPECIAL USE PARK | CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE



EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• SHELTER & RESTROOM BUILDING	AVERAGE	AGING STRUCTURE
• BIKE RACK	GOOD	
• MULTI-USE TRAIL	GOOD	
• PORTABLE RESTROOM	GOOD	
• BASEBALL FIELD	GOOD	
• BLEACHERS	GOOD	
• PET WASTE STATION	GOOD	
• LIGHTING	GOOD	
• TENNIS COURTS	POOR	DEGRADED SURFACE, NO NETS, WEED GROWTH
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEAR OLD)	GOOD	
• SWINGS (2 BELT, 2 BUCKET)	GOOD	
• MERRY-GO-BOUNCE	GOOD	
• COZY COCOON	GOOD	
• PARKING LOT	AVERAGE	STRIPING IS FADED
• BASKETBALL COURT	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLES	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• REPLACE SHELTER AND RESTROOM	$700,000
• REPLACE OR REMOVE TENNIS COURT IF ALTERNATIVE TENNIS COURT OPPORTUNITIES BECOME AVAILABLE	$300,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


SHELTER & RESTROOM BUILDING


PLAY STRUCTURE


TENNIS COURTS


MULTI-USE TRAIL


BASEBALL FIELD (LANNING FIELD)

LEESON PARK



Located on the east side of the City, this 18-acre community park contains two lighted baseball fields, concessions, restrooms, play equipment, picnic shelters, a sledding hill, and open space. The Springbrook Creek also winds through the park. Parking is available in the park and access exits to the Beloit Dog Park.

COMMUNITY PARK

2200 Milwaukee Road

18 ACRES

MINI PARK | NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | **COMMUNITY PARK** | REGIONAL PARK | SPECIAL USE PARK | CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• PARKING AREAS	AVERAGE	NO STRIPING
• BASEBALL FIELDS (2)	POOR	DUGOUTS NOT ADA ACCESSIBLE, POOR SIDING ON OUTBUILDING
• BLEACHERS	AVERAGE	NOT ADA ACCESSIBLE, NOT ON CONCRETE
• LIGHTING	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	AVERAGE	SOME TREES BY PLAY AREA REQUIRE PRUNING
• CONCESSION BUILDING	POOR	AGING STRUCTURE
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• WALKING PATHS	GOOD	
• BAGS GAME	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• SHELTER & RESTROOM BUILDING	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEAR OLD)	GOOD	
• SWINGS (2 BELT, 2 BUCKET)	GOOD	
• SAND DIGGER	GOOD	
• LION BENCH	GOOD	
• SHELTER	GOOD	
• PORTABLE TOILET	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLES	GOOD	
• DOG WASTE STATION	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• PRUNE TREES BY PLAY AREA	$1,500
• STRIPE PARKING AREA	$2,500
• IMPROVE ADA ACCESS THROUGHOUT	TBD
• REPLACE CONCESSION BUILDING	$250,000
• INSTALL CONCRETE PAD FOR BLEACHERS	$2,500
• RENOVATE RESTROOM AND SCOREKEEPER BUILDINGS	$75,000
• INSTALL 9-HOLE DISC GOLF COURSE	$9,000
• REPLACE FENCING AT DIAMOND	$30,000
• IMPROVE BASEBALL FACILITIES - DUGOUTS, FIELD, MOUND	$25,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000
• REPLACE BENCHES	$6,000


PARK SIGN


CONCESSION BUILDING


SHELTER


PLAY STRUCTURE


SHELTER & RESTROOM BUILDING


OPEN SPACE

RIVERSIDE PARK



This scenic 28-acre park sits along the Rock River and is home to Turtle Island Playground, the Beloit River Walk—a 3.5 mile paved walk-bike path around the Rock River, the Harry C. Moore Pavilion, and the Rotary River Center. Paddle boats, fishing poles, and tandem bicycles are available for rent as well. The park also features fishing on the lagoon, two picnic shelters, play equipment, lighted tennis courts, concessions and restrooms. Several parking areas exist along Riverside Drive.

COMMUNITY PARK

1160 Riverside Drive

28.1 ACRES

MINI PARK | NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | **COMMUNITY PARK** | REGIONAL PARK | **SPECIAL USE PARK** | CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• MEMORIAL MULTI-USE TRAIL	GOOD	
• SCULPTURE	GOOD	
• BIKE RACKS	GOOD	
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLES	GOOD	
• PARKING AREAS	GOOD	
• SHELTER & RESTROOM BUILDING	GOOD	
• DRINKING FOUNTAINS	GOOD	
• PERGOLA	GOOD	
• MIDLAWN SHELTER	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• BAGS GAMES	GOOD	
• TENNIS COURTS	POOR	AGING
• ROTARY RIVER CENTER	GOOD	
• LITTLE FREE LIBRARY	GOOD	
• PIERS	GOOD	
• KAYAK RENTAL STATION	GOOD	
• HARRY C. MOORE PAVILION	GOOD	
• JONES PAVILION	GOOD	
• TURTLE ISLAND PLAYGROUND*		CURRENTLY CLOSED FOR RECONSTRUCTION
• TRASH RECEPTACLES	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• LIGHTING	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	
*PLAYGROUND TO BE REPLACED IN 2025		

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• ADD TREE PLANTINGS WHEN AVAILABLE	$1,500
• REPLACE OR REMOVE TENNIS COURT IF ALTERNATIVE TENNIS COURT OPPORTUNITIES BECOME AVAILABLE	$300,000
• INSTALL SHORELINE STABILIZATION AROUND TURTLE ISLAND	$25,000
• REPAIR IRRIGATION SYSTEM	TBD
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000
• INSTALL NEW SIGN ON WHITE AVE.	$6,000
• CONTINUE LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENTS THROUGHOUT PARK (PLANTER AREAS, PAVERS ETC)	TBD


MIDLAWN SHELTER


SCULPTURE



PARK SIGN


MOORE PAVILION


ROTARY RIVER CENTER


TURTLE ISLAND PLAYGROUND RENDERING

TELFER PARK



This 30.6-acre community park on the northeast side of the City is home to Harry C. Pohlman Field, where minor league baseball games where held until 2021. The park also houses the Edwards Sports and Activity Center which has an indoor ice rink. In summer the rink is transformed into the Edwards Pavilion, available for reservation. Telfer Park also has one lighted softball field, a skate park, play area, and a large parking lot.

COMMUNITY PARK

2101 Cranston Road

30.6 ACRES

MINI PARK | NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | **COMMUNITY PARK** | REGIONAL PARK | **SPECIAL USE PARK** | CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• BASEBALL FIELD (POHLMAN FIELD)	AVERAGE	AGING STRUCTURE, VEGETATION OVERGROWTH
• BASEBALL FIELD	GOOD	
• SOCCER FIELD	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEAR OLD)	AVERAGE	AGING STRUCTURE
• SWINGS (2 BELT, 2 BUCKET)	GOOD	
• BALANCE BOARD	POOR	AGING
• PARKING AREAS	AVERAGE	LACKS STRIPING
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	
• SKATE PARK	GOOD	
• DRINKING FOUNTAIN	POOR	NOT OPERABLE
• PORTABLE TOILET	GOOD	
• EDWARDS ACTIVITY & SPORT CENTER	GOOD	
• EDWARDS ICE ARENA	GOOD	
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLES	GOOD	
• SHELTER & RESTROOM BUILDING	POOR	
• OUTDOOR ICE RINK AREA	GOOD	
• WOODED AREA	GOOD	

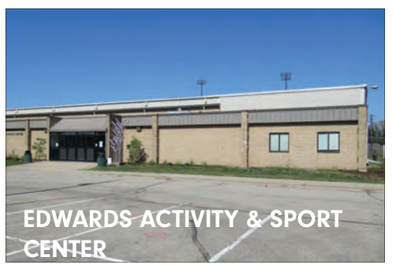
IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• ADD TREE PLANTINGS WHEN AVAILABLE	$1,500
• REPLACE PLAYGROUND BORDER MATERIALS	$3,500
• EXPLORE POTENTIAL BICYCLE PUMP TRACK	$150,000
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000
• AERATE & OVERSEED SOCCER FIELD	$4,500
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• POHLMAN FIELD: REDO PARKING ISLANDS AND CRACK SEAL PARKING LOT	$10,000
• POHLMAN FIELD: IMPROVE AREAS IMPACTED BY DECK REMOVAL	$15,000



PARK SIGN


POHLMAN FIELD


SKATE PARK


EDWARDS ACTIVITY & SPORT CENTER


PLAY STRUCTURE


SOCCER FIELD

BIG HILL PARK



Big Hill Park is located on the bluffs of the Rock River in norther Beloit. This 190-acre park features nature and hiking trails, an environmental education center, sheltered picnic areas, restrooms, two playground areas, cross-country ski trails, softball, sand volleyball and a scenic overlook.

REGIONAL PARK

1201 W Big Hill Road **189.4 ACRES**

MINI PARK | NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | COMMUNITY PARK | **REGIONAL PARK** | SPECIAL USE PARK | CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• WELTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER	GOOD	
• PAVILIONS	AVERAGE	AGING
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE	GOOD	
• SWINGS (4 BELT, 4 BUCKET, 1 INCLUSIVE)	GOOD	
• PLAY STRUCTURE (5-12 YEAR OLD) (2)	GOOD	
• BAG TOSS GAME	GOOD	
• RESTROOM BUILDING (2)	GOOD	
• SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT	GOOD	
• BACKSTOP	GOOD	
• PICNIC AREAS WITH FIRE PLACES	GOOD	
• OVERLOOK	GOOD	
• NATURE TRAILS	GOOD	
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• MULTI-USE TRAIL (PEACE TRAIL)	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	
• ROPES COURSE	GOOD	

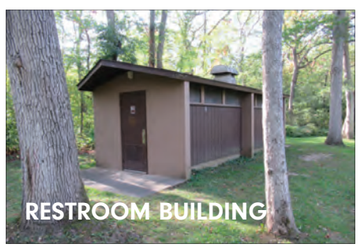
IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• CONNECT PEACE TRAIL TO AFTON ROAD (CTY HWY D)	TBD
• REPLACE ROOF AT BIG HILL CENTER	TBD
• PRUNE TREES AT PLAYGROUND	$1,500
• ENHANCE NATURE TRAILS WITH IMPROVED SURFACING	$15,000
• EXPLORE POTENTIAL OF SMALL RUSTIC CAMPGROUND FACILITY	TBD
• REPAIR BACKSTOP FRAME	$6,500
• REPLACE OVERLOOK RAILINGS	$10,000
• REPLACE RESTROOM ROOF (SCHEDULED FOR 2025)	TBD
• REMOVE STAIRS AT LOWER LEVEL OF NORTHER PARK SECTION, CONVERT TO MULCH SURFACING	TBD
• REPAIR SIDING	TBD
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500


SHELTER


BIG HILL CENTER & WELTY ENV. CENTER



PARK SIGN


RESTROOM BUILDING


PICNIC AREA


PLAY STRUCTURE

DOG PARK



The City of Beloit Dog Park is approximately 2.5 fenced-in acres and is divided into two separate areas: one for small breed dogs, and another for large breed dogs. Users are required to either pay the daily fee or they can purchase an Annual Dog Tag. The park is open year-round from dawn to dusk. Off street parking is available in Leeson park.

SPECIAL USE PARK

2425 Springbrook Court **2.5 ACRES**

MINI PARK — NEIGHBORHOOD PARK — COMMUNITY PARK — REGIONAL PARK — **SPECIAL USE PARK** — CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• IMPROVE PARKING AND ACCESS	$25,000
• EXPLORE ADDING A WATER SOURCE FOR DOG WATER	$15,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000
• ADD PLAY STRUCTURES FOR DOGS	$10,000



PARK SIGN



GATE


ENTRANCE GATE AREA

JOHN ROSE CANOE & KAYAK LAUNCH



Located in downtown Beloit, this river front canoe / kayak launch allows access to the Federally recognized Rock River National Water Trail. The site has a small, landscaped river walk, a rental kiosk for boats and life jackets, and a bench. Parking is available in the Chester Square Public Parking Lot.

SPECIAL USE PARK

534 4th Street

.4 ACRES

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EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• RENTAL KIOSK	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLES	GOOD	
• WATER LAUNCH	AVERAGE	EXPOSED LANDSCAPE FABRIC FROM EROSION ON BANKS, BRICKS ARE SLUMPING
• BENCHES	POOR	BENCH IS INACCESSIBLE
• PARKING AREA	GOOD	
• PORTABLE RESTROOM	GOOD	
• ACCESS PATH	AVERAGE	VEGETATION OVERGROWTH, PEELING PAINT ON RAILING

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• REPAIR SHORELINE BANKS AND ACCESS PATH	$10,000
• RELOCATE BENCH TO MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE	$1,500
• CUT BACK VEGETATION OVERGROWTH ON ACCESS PATH	$1,500
• IMPROVE LANDSCAPING THROUGHOUT	$5,000



SIGNAGE AND TRASH RECEPTACLE



RENTAL KIOSK



STAIRWAY ACCESS



BENCH

KRUEGER-HASKELL GOLF COURSE

This 18-hole municipal golf course is situated on 117 acres adjacent to the Krueger Recreation Area. The course opened in 1927. Facilities include a clubhouse, practice green, hitting cages, maintenance garage, golf cart shed, and several small shelters.

SPECIAL USE PARK



1611 Hackett Street

117 ACRES

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CLUBHOUSE



SIGN

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• PARKING AREA	GOOD	
• 18-HOLE COURSE	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• REPAIR BUNKERS	TBD
• REPLACE CLUBHOUSE PATH	TBD
• REPLACE CART PATH	TBD
• REPLACE ROOF ON MAINTENANCE BUILDING	TBD
• ADD TREE PLANTINGS WHEN AVAILABLE	$7,500
• ADD CURRENT CITY LOGO TO SIGN	$4,000

KRUEGER POOL



Krueger pool is located in an old stone quarry on the west side of Beloit. The facility was historically known as the Beloit Natatorium and was built in 1937. This is the City's only municipal pool and is open during the summer months.

SPECIAL USE PARK

1700 Hackett Street | **5.13 ACRES**

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EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• POOLS (2)	UNKNOWN	NOT ASSESSED
• DIVING BOARD	UNKNOWN	NOT ASSESSED
• SLIDE	UNKNOWN	NOT ASSESSED
• SPLASH PAD	GOOD	
• PARKING AREA	GOOD	
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• CONDUCT FACILITY STUDY FOR FUTURE MASTER PLAN	$25,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• REPAIR LIMESTONE WALLS	TBD
• REMOVE DIVING BOARD AND SLIDE DUE TO POOR CONDITIONS	$10,000
• REPAIR ELECTRIC SIGN	$5,000


POOL AREA


SEATING AREA



SIGN


SPLASHPAD



ENTRANCE AREA


STAIRWAY AREA

MECHANICS GREEN PARK



Mechanics Green Park is located just south of Rhodes Arboretum on the east side of Beloit. The park offers open space, but no formal facilities exist.

SPECIAL USE PARK

1012 Broad Street

1.15 ACRES

MINI PARK | NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | COMMUNITY PARK | REGIONAL PARK | **SPECIAL USE PARK** | CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE



PARK SIGN

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PICNIC TABLES (3)	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	AVERAGE	SOME DEAD BRANCHES IN MATURE TREES

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• PRUNE TREES	$4,500
• INSTALL AMENITIES	TBD
• IMPROVE ACCESS AND PARKING	TBD
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000

WATER TOWER PARK



This .89-acre site is located near the intersection of Riverside Drive and White Avenue. The stone water tower in the park was constructed in 1885 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

SPECIAL USE PARK

1002 White Avenue

.89 ACRES

MINI PARK — NEIGHBORHOOD PARK — COMMUNITY PARK — REGIONAL PARK — **SPECIAL USE PARK** — CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	
• LIGHTING	GOOD	
• HISTORICAL WATER TOWER	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• ADD TREE PLANTINGS WHEN AVAILABLE	$2,500
• PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FROM VISIT BELOIT PARKING LOT	$10,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


PATHWAYS, BENCH AND LIGHTING


PICNIC SHELTER AND TRASH RECEPTACLE


INSIDE TOWER

FREEMAN PARK

This 9.2-acre park is located adjacent to Turtle Creek Greenway and is undeveloped.

CONSERVANCY PARK



2243 Canterbury Drive

9.2 ACRES

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PARK SIGN


GATE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• ACCESS GATE	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• REMOVE INVASIVE VEGETATION	$7,500
• INSTALL PICNIC SHELTER	$30,000
• CREATE OPEN SPACE PLAY AREA	$30,000
• EXPLORE DISC GOLF COURSE AND SMALL OFF STREET PARKING AREA	$35,000
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000

HARPERS PRAIRIE PARK



This 19.8-acre natural area is located on the City's west side on Madison Road across from McNeel Middle School. The site includes a packed limestone path surrounding a pond, which also serves stormwater management purposes. No facilities exist at the park.

CONSERVANCY PARK

2201 Whipple Street **19.8 ACRES**

MINI PARK – NEIGHBORHOOD PARK – COMMUNITY PARK – REGIONAL PARK – SPECIAL USE PARK – **CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE**

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLE	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• NATURAL SURFACE WALKING PATH	AVERAGE	LIMESTONE SURFACE OVERGROWN IN PLACES
• POND	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• ADD TREE PLANTINGS WHEN AVAILABLE	$4,500
• IMPROVE PARKING AND ACCESS	$15,000
• REFURBISH LIMESTONE TRAIL	$10,000
• ADD BENCH SEATING ALONG PATH SYSTEM	$7,500
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


WALKING PATH


MILE MARKER POST


PATH & OPEN SPACE

RHODES ARBORETUM



Rhodes Arboretum on the east side of Beloit is one of the oldest parks in the city, dating back to 1837 (before Beloit was incorporated). After 1837 the land was donated by Dr. Horace White to be used by mechanics in the village for a playground. Today over 50 species of mature trees exist in the park. Street parking is available.

CONSERVANCY PARK

1012 E Grand Avenue

2 ACRES

MINI PARK | NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | COMMUNITY PARK | REGIONAL PARK | SPECIAL USE PARK | **CONSERVANCY & OPEN SPACE**

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	AVERAGE	SOME DEAD BRANCHES IN MATURE TREES
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• BENCHES	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• TREE IDENTIFICATION PLAQUES	GOOD	
• CONCRETE WALKWAYS	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• PRUNE DEAD BRANCHES	$8,000
• INSTALL CONCRETE PADS FOR BENCHES AND TABLES TO REDUCE MAINTENANCE	$5,000
• INSTALL MISSING IDENTIFICATION PLAQUES FOR TREE SPECIES	$1,500
• INSTALL INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE FEATURING HISTORY OF PARK AND ARBORETUM SIGNIFICANCE	$2,500
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


WALKING PATH



PARK SIGN


WALKING PATH

STATELINE PRAIRIE RESTORATION PARK NATURE TRAIL



Stateline Prairie Restoration Park exists on Beloit's southeast side directly along the border with Illinois. The site once housed industry, but is now home to a prairie restoration. Natural surface trails lead throughout the prairie and a parking lot is available at the park for parking.

CONSERVANCY PARK

540 Colby Street

6.7 ACRES

MINI PARK — NEIGHBORHOOD PARK — COMMUNITY PARK — SPECIAL USE PARK — **CONSERVANCY PARK**

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• PARKING AREA	AVERAGE	NO STRIPING
• BIKE RACK	AVERAGE	NO RAMP TO BIKE RACK
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• NATURAL SURFACE TRAILS	AVERAGE	TRASH IN TRAIL AREAS

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• CLEAN UP TRASH FROM NATURAL AREA AND PARKING LOT	$2,500
• RESTORE PRAIRIE TRAIL SYSTEM	$10,000
• STRIPE PARKING LOT	$3,500
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000



PARK SIGN


PARKING AREA


BIKE RACK & TRASH RECEPTACLE


WALKING PATH

TOTEM MOUND PARK



Totem Mound Park exists on Beloit's east side and abuts the Turtle Creek Greenway. The park is notable for its two well-preserved effigy mounds. The park has several picnic tables and access to the Moccasin Trail. Street parking is available.

CONSERVANCY PARK

1955 Totem Road

1.15 ACRES

MINI PARK | NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | COMMUNITY PARK | SPECIAL USE PARK | **CONSERVANCY PARK**



PARK SIGN


MOUNDS & OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLES	GOOD	
• MOUNDS	GOOD	
• TRAIL ACCESS	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• IMPROVE PARKING AND ACCESS	$15,000
• ADD NEW FENCING	$10,000
• PRUNE TREES	$3,500
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000

TURTLE CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL



The Turtle Creek Greenway Trail runs along Turtle Creek on Beloit's east side. The system offers four different unpaved surface loops - Chatsworth Trail (.91 miles), Deerfield Estates Trail (2.6 miles), Milwaukee Road Trail (2.6 miles), and Moccasin Trail (1.29 miles). All trails are groomed in the winter for cross country skiing. The Milwaukee Road trailhead includes a parking lot, otherwise street parking is available at the other trailheads. No other facilities are provided.

CONSERVANCY PARK

Multiple Trailheads **587** ACRES

MINI PARK | NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | COMMUNITY PARK | SPECIAL USE PARK | **CONSERVANCY PARK**

EXISTING FACILITIES	CONDITION	ISSUES TO NOTE
• PARK SIGN	GOOD	
• PARKING AREA - NATURAL SURFACE	AVERAGE	TIGHT ADA STALL WITH BOULDERS NEARBY
• INFORMATION KIOSK	GOOD	
• TRASH RECEPTACLE	GOOD	
• DOG WASTE STATION	GOOD	
• NATURAL SURFACE TRAILS	GOOD	
• TREES & OPEN SPACE	GOOD	
• PICNIC TABLE	GOOD	
• OTHER TRAILHEADS IN SYSTEM	AVERAGE	SOME SIGNAGE HARD TO IDENTIFY

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS & SUGGESTIONS	COST ESTIMATE
• INSTALL PORTABLE TOILET AT ANY OF THE TRAILHEADS	$1,500
• IMPROVE PARKING LOT AND ADA STALL	$10,000
• IMPROVE CREEK ROAD TRAILHEAD	$10,000
• INSTALL MAP AND INFORMATION KIOSK AT ALL TRAILHEADS	$1,500 EA
• REPLACE BRIDGES	TBD
• EXPLORE ADDITIONAL BRIDGE CONNECTIONS ACROSS CREEK TO CONNECT VARIOUS TRAIL LOCATIONS	TBD
• EVALUATE BEST METHOD FOR CREEK BANK STABILIZATION	TBD
• RENOVATE LANDSCAPING AROUND PARK SIGN	$1,500
• UPDATE PARK SIGN WITH CURRENT CITY LOGO	$4,000





PARK SIGN


KIOSK


DEERFIELD TRAILHEAD


MOCCASIN TRAILHEAD


PARKING AREA


WALKING PATH

5 IMPLEMENTATION



Implementation of a plan takes time and perseverance. This chapter outlines the steps required to adopt, amend, and enact the recommendations in Chapter 4. Various funding strategies need to be explored to supplement annual municipal budgets for large capital projects while many of the smaller upkeep and regular maintenance projects can be completed by in-house crews, volunteer groups, or service club labor efforts.

Plan Adoption and Need

A successful plan serves as a tool for daily, weekly, monthly, and annual review and use in application. Considerable time and energy go into the development of a 5-year plan and continued effort is needed to implement the recommendations. Upon completion of the planning process, a thorough review by municipal bodies, programming staff, maintenance staff, and the Recreation Commission should vet the proposed recommendations and associated budget projections.

Adoption of a CORP serves as confirmation and commitment to move methodically forward towards completion and fulfillment of the plan. Many communities adopt a CORP as part of the Comprehensive Plan which helps to give teeth to the recommendations, specifically when needed for negotiations regarding development project efforts. A current adopted CORP also provides eligibility for certain grant programs.

Planning should be re-visited every five years to keep current with trends, demographic changes, climactic changes, and in response to unforeseen events such as the COVID-19 global pandemic which began in 2020. Should events require a dramatic shift in funding, staffing, or management of the community open space system, a CORP may be amended prior to the sunset of the five-year window.

Funding

This Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan serves as a valuable tool for forecasting capital and maintenance requirements, as well as for setting long-range goals. Implementing the recommendations outlined in this document will require significant funding, often exceeding the capacity of a typical municipal budget. The development of a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is an essential annual process for most municipalities, establishing budget priorities for the upcoming year. A CORP can help guide the allocation of funds within the parks and open space system. Chapter 4 of this document provides proposed recommendations and associated cost estimates.

To supplement annual CIP budgets for park development, the City should explore additional funding mechanisms, including partnerships with non-profit groups, sponsorship opportunities, and planned giving.

NON-PROFIT GROUPS

Non-profit organizations, such as the Friends of RiverFront, play a vital role in fundraising for park projects and initiatives. These groups not only help secure donations for specific developments but also work toward establishing endowments to support future park growth and maintenance. Partnering with non-profits provides a sustainable way to fund capital improvements and enhance the park system while fostering community engagement and support.

SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorships offer an excellent opportunity for local businesses to contribute to parks, programs, and projects. Sponsorship opportunities can extend to capital projects, offering businesses naming rights and the chance to associate their brand with park facilities. Creating a sponsorship program to include these opportunities could provide a significant source of funding while strengthening ties between the business community and the park system.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving is another crucial funding mechanism that can take the form of real estate gifts, bequests, and endowments. Donations of real estate, such as personal residences, farms, or undeveloped land, can benefit both donors and the City. Donors may qualify for tax deductions and minimized capital gains, incentivizing such contributions. Planned giving can also include monetary bequests.

GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Grants are an excellent source of supplemental capital for park development projects. There are a host of potential programs ranging from local service clubs to private industry (T-Mobile, etc.), to State infrastructure programs (WisDOT and WiDNR), to federal aid programs (LWCF, etc.). Each of these categories have different cycles and requirements for eligibility. A few of the most commonly used grant sources for Wisconsin park development and acquisition are included in the following table.

AGENCY	NAME	TYPE	CONTACT
Wisconsin DNR	Acquisition & Development (ADLP)	Nature Based Recreation Projects	Aid | Wisconsin DNR (http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/aid)
Wisconsin DNR	Urban Rivers (UR)	Stream & River Restoration	Aid | Wisconsin DNR (http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/aid)
Wisconsin DNR	Urban Green Space (UGS)	Preservation of Ecologically Sensitive Lands and Urban Gardens	Aid | Wisconsin DNR (http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/aid)
Wisconsin DNR	Acquisition of Development Rights	Land Purchase and Protection	Aid | Wisconsin DNR (http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/aid)
Federal Govt./ Wisconsin DNR	Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	Acquisition and Development of Active Use Park Projects	Aid | Wisconsin DNR (http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/aid)
Federal Govt./ Wisconsin DNR	Recreational Trails Act	Off-road Trail & Pathway Development Projects	Aid | Wisconsin DNR (http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/aid)
Wisconsin DOT	Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	Multi-modal Transportation Development Projects	Wisconsin Department of Transportation Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) (wisconsindot.gov)
Wisconsin Dept. of Administration	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Acquisition and Development of Public Infrastructure and Park Projects	DOA Community Development Programs (wi.gov)
NRPA	Various	Various Grant Programs for Development and Programming of Parks	Grant Opportunities, Fundraising Resources, Funding | National Recreation and Park Association (nrpa.org)
Wisconsin Department of Revenue	Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) / Tax Incremental District (TID)	Municipal	Tax Incremental Financing – Wisconsin Department of Revenue
T-Mobile	Hometown Grants	Project funding for technology upgrades, outdoor spaces, the arts and community centers	T-Mobile Hometown Grants (t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants)
National Endowment for the Arts	Our Town	Creative placemaking through arts, culture, and design	National Endowment for the Arts (arts.gov/grants/our-town)
United States Tennis Association	Facility Service Grant Program	Court improvements & Facility Funding	United States Tennis Association (usta.com)
Wisconsin Economic Development	Community Development Grant for Placemaking Projects	Vacant / underutilized space redevelopment	Wisconsin Economic Development (wedc.org/programs)

By leveraging these funding sources in conjunction with traditional municipal budgeting processes, the City can enhance its ability to achieve the recommendations outlined in this CORP, fostering a well-maintained and thriving park system for the community.

Partnerships

Partnerships play a crucial role in implementing the recommendations outlined in this Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP). By collaborating with various community organizations, public-private entities, and other stakeholders, the City of Beloit can leverage additional resources, expertise, and community support to enhance park development, maintenance, and programming.

EXISTING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The establishment of a park foundation, Friends of the Parks, or equivalent is a very important tool and should be implemented as soon as possible. The organizational mechanism will allow for volunteer efforts to be organized and managed effectively, donor funding to be collected and expanded properly, and will provide a support leg to the City staff efforts. A well run Friends Group should not be underestimated in terms of the power and leverage that can be provided to a municipal park system.

PUBLIC - PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Public-private partnerships provide another critical avenue for advancing park projects and enhancing the overall park system. Collaborations with local businesses, non-profit organizations, and regional entities have already resulted in significant improvements to Beloit's parks and recreational facilities. These partnerships often yield benefits such as improved trails, enhanced sporting facilities, and expanded educational opportunities.

Examples of existing partnerships and their effectiveness in helping the city manage its parks include the Welty Environmental Center and the Frinds of Riverside and its Bloomin' Bunch.

LOOKING AHEAD

Expanding and nurturing partnerships will be critical for achieving the ambitious goals outlined in this CORP. Identifying new opportunities for collaboration with local and regional organizations will provide additional resources and expertise to address challenges and capitalize on opportunities.

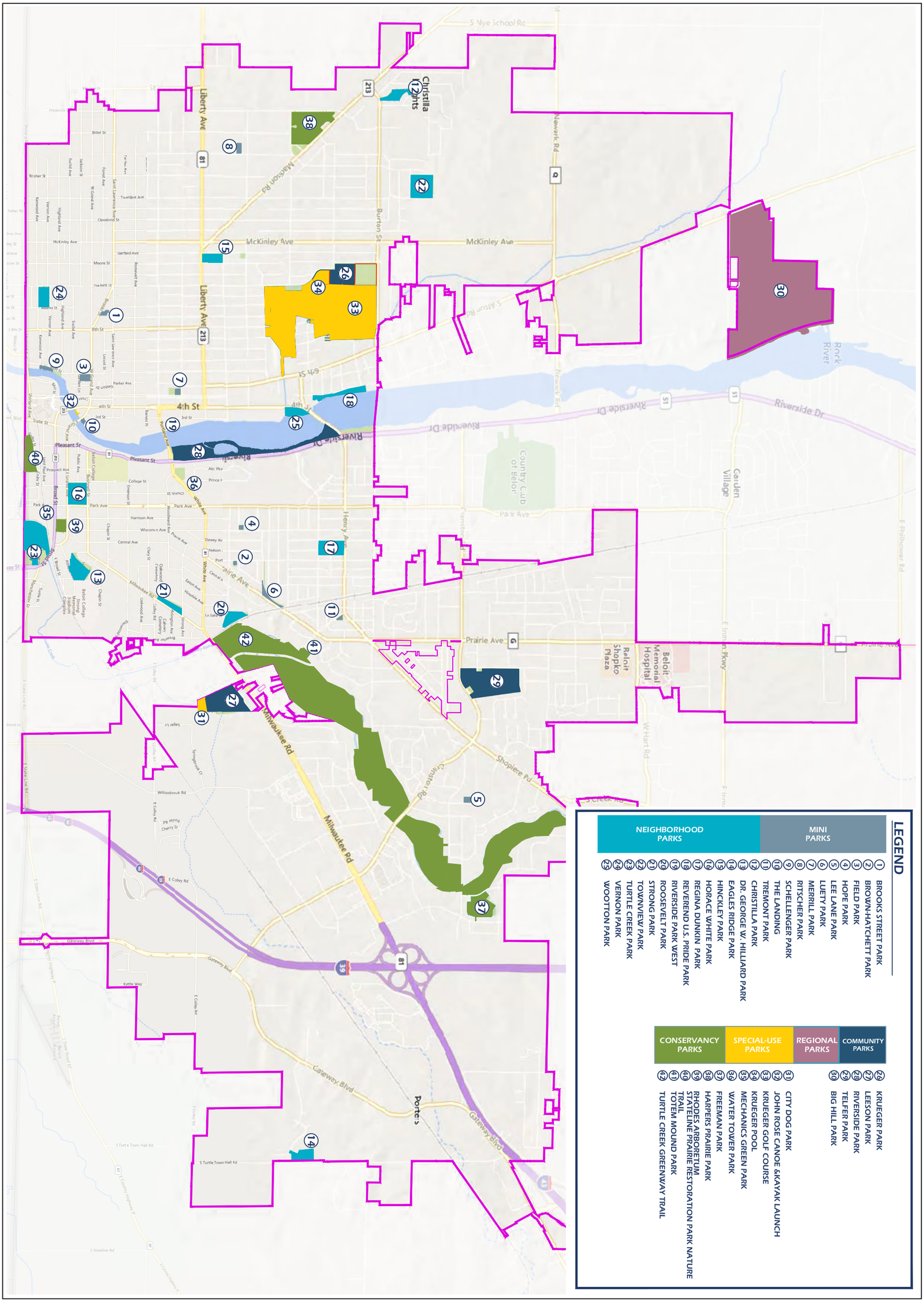
By fostering strong partnerships, aligning with mission-driven organizations, and working collaboratively with existing community groups, the City can build a resilient and thriving park system that reflects the needs and aspirations of the Beloit community.

6 APPENDIX



Exhibit A - Existing Parks Map
Exhibit B - Existing Parks Service Area Map
Exhibit C - Existing Parks Service Area With Schools Map
Exhibit D - Public Survey Results

Exhibit A - Existing Parks Map



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CITY OF BELOIT PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN
CITY OF BELOIT, WI

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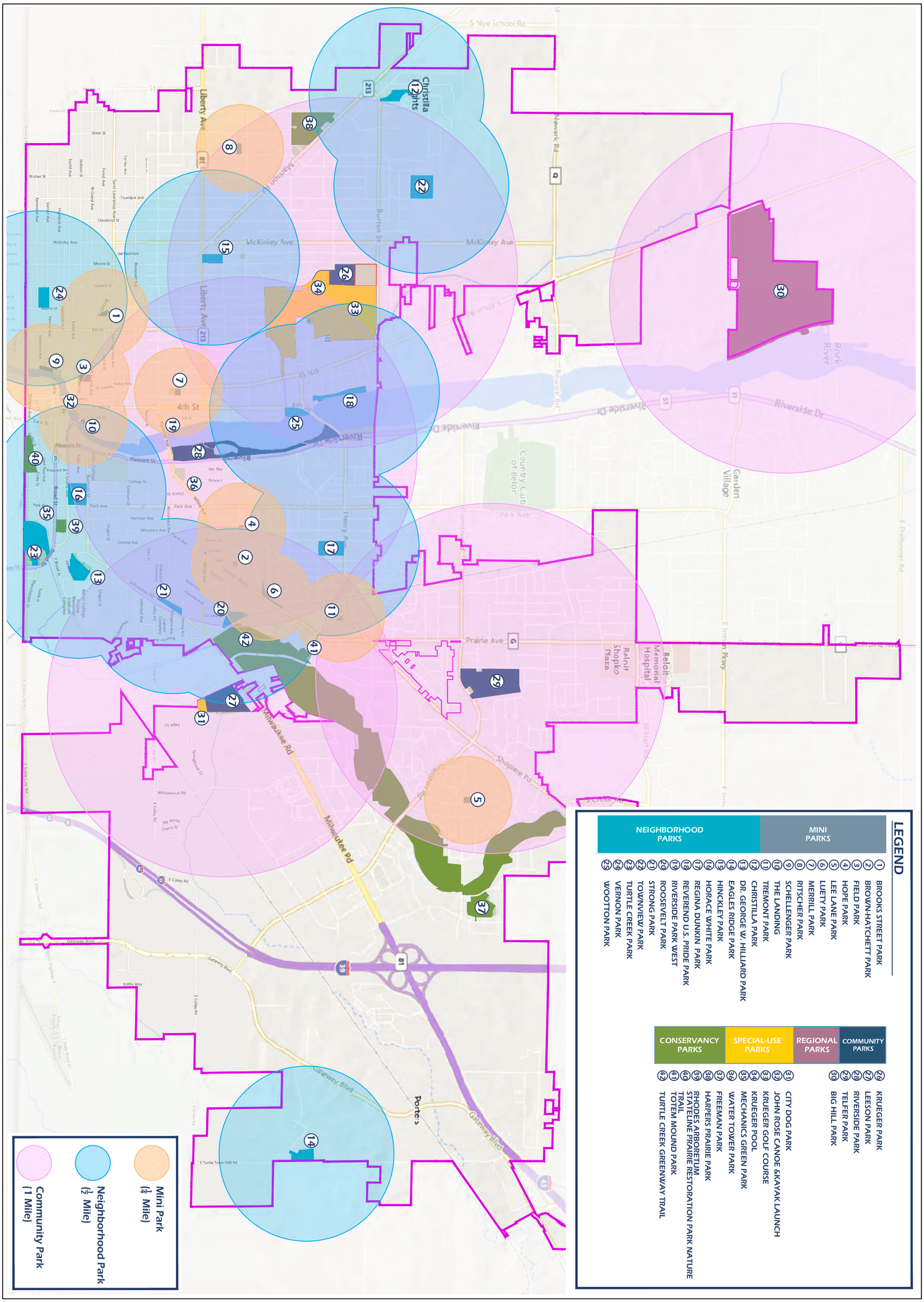
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Exhibit B - Existing Parks Service Area Map



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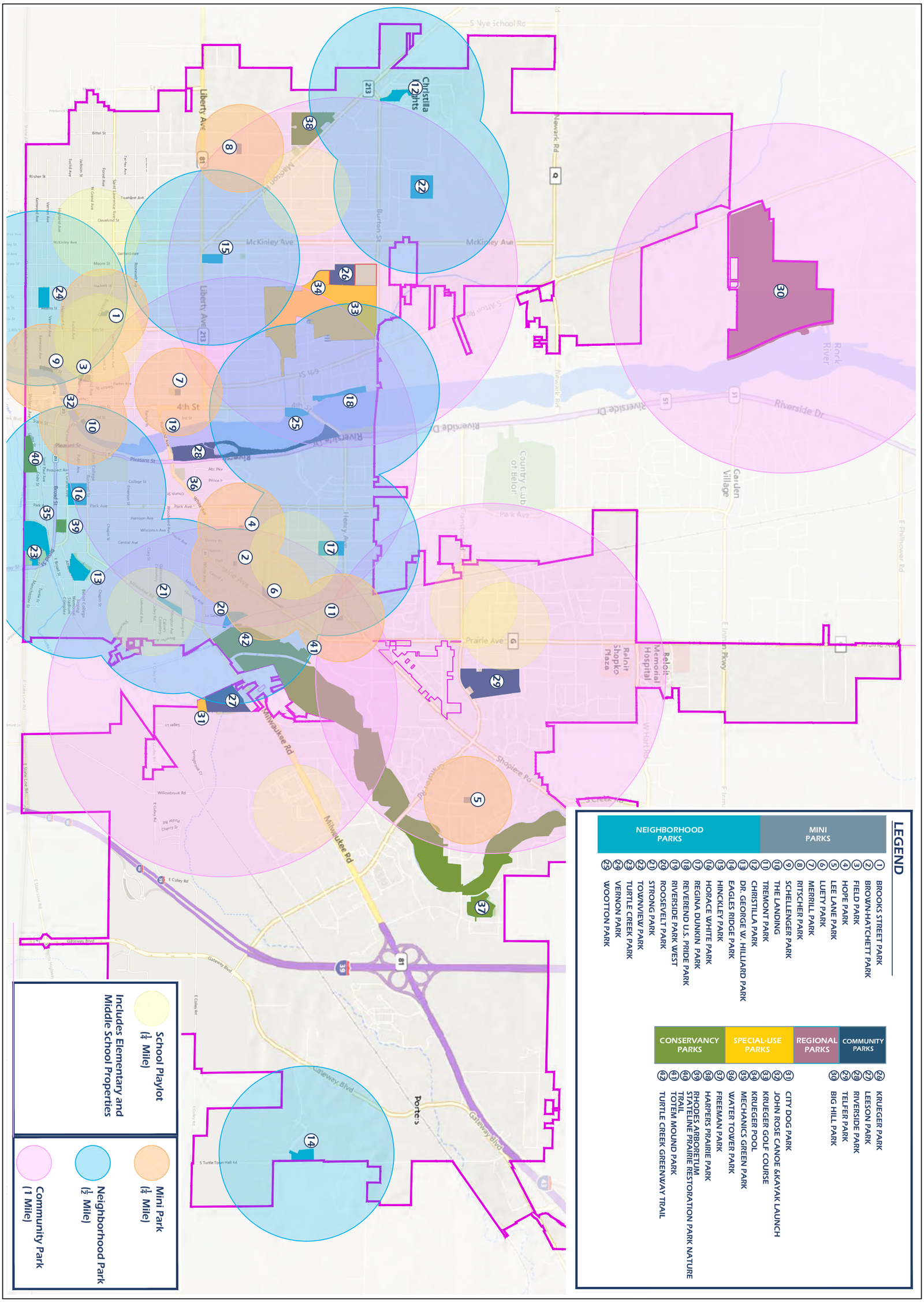
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Exhibit C - Existing Parks Service Area with Schools Map



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EXISTING PARKS/SCHOOLS SERVICE AREA

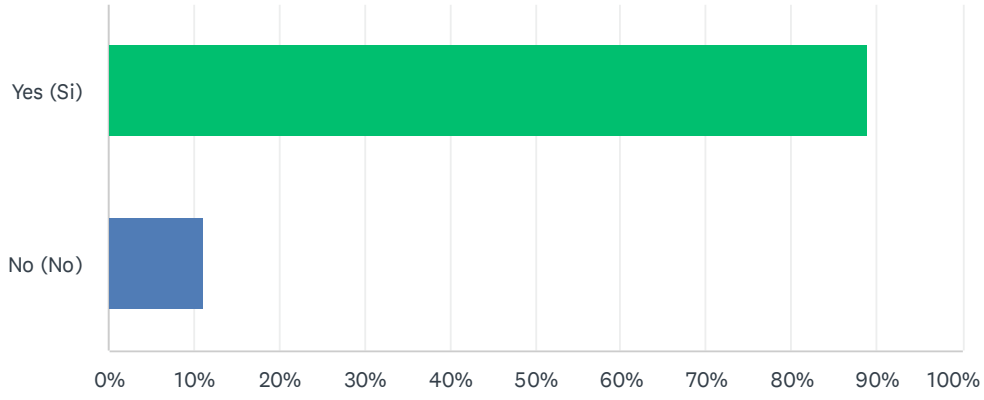
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Exhibit D - Public Survey Results

Q1 Are you a resident of the City of Beloit? (Eres un residente de la ciudad de Beloit?)

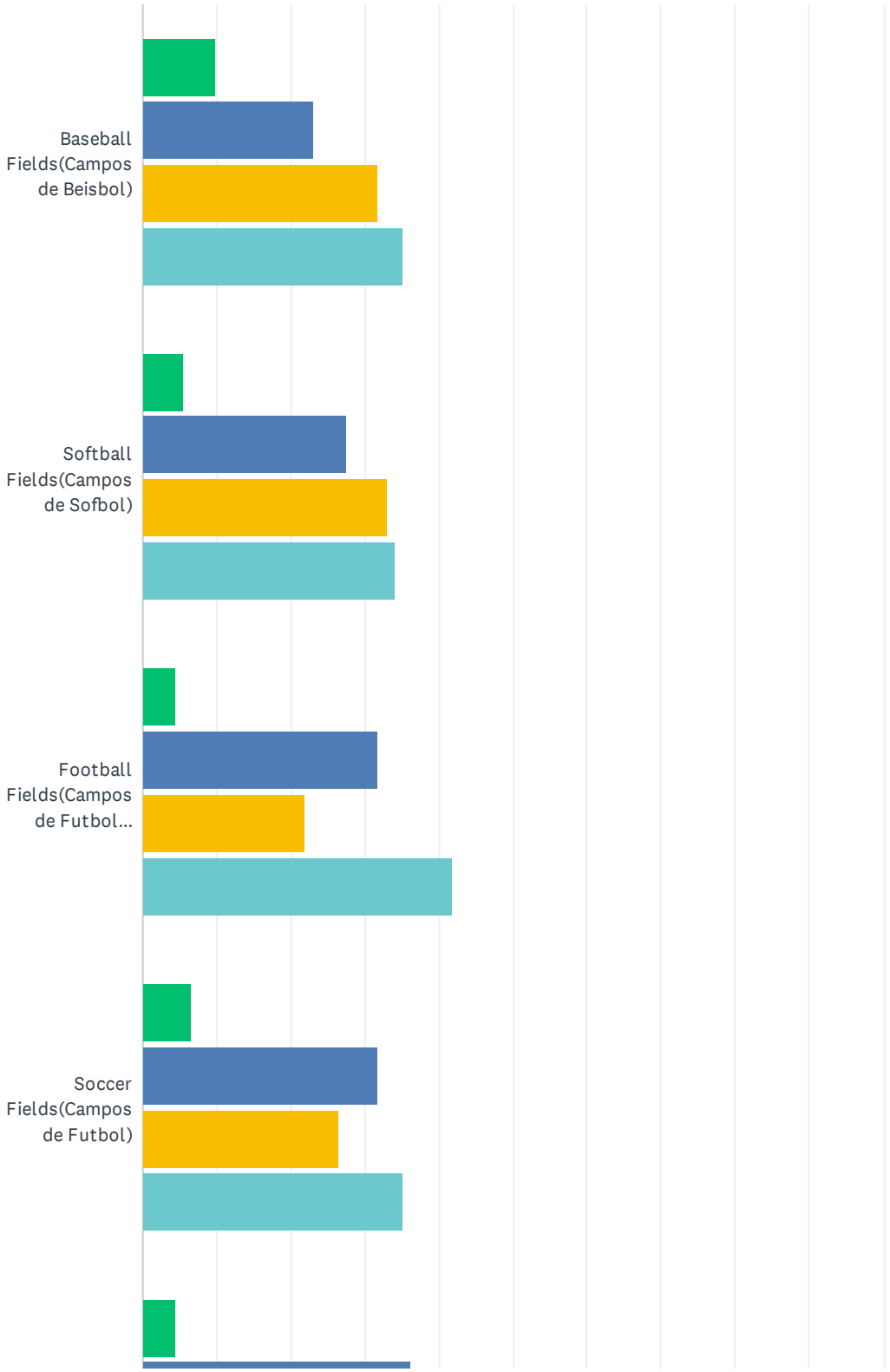
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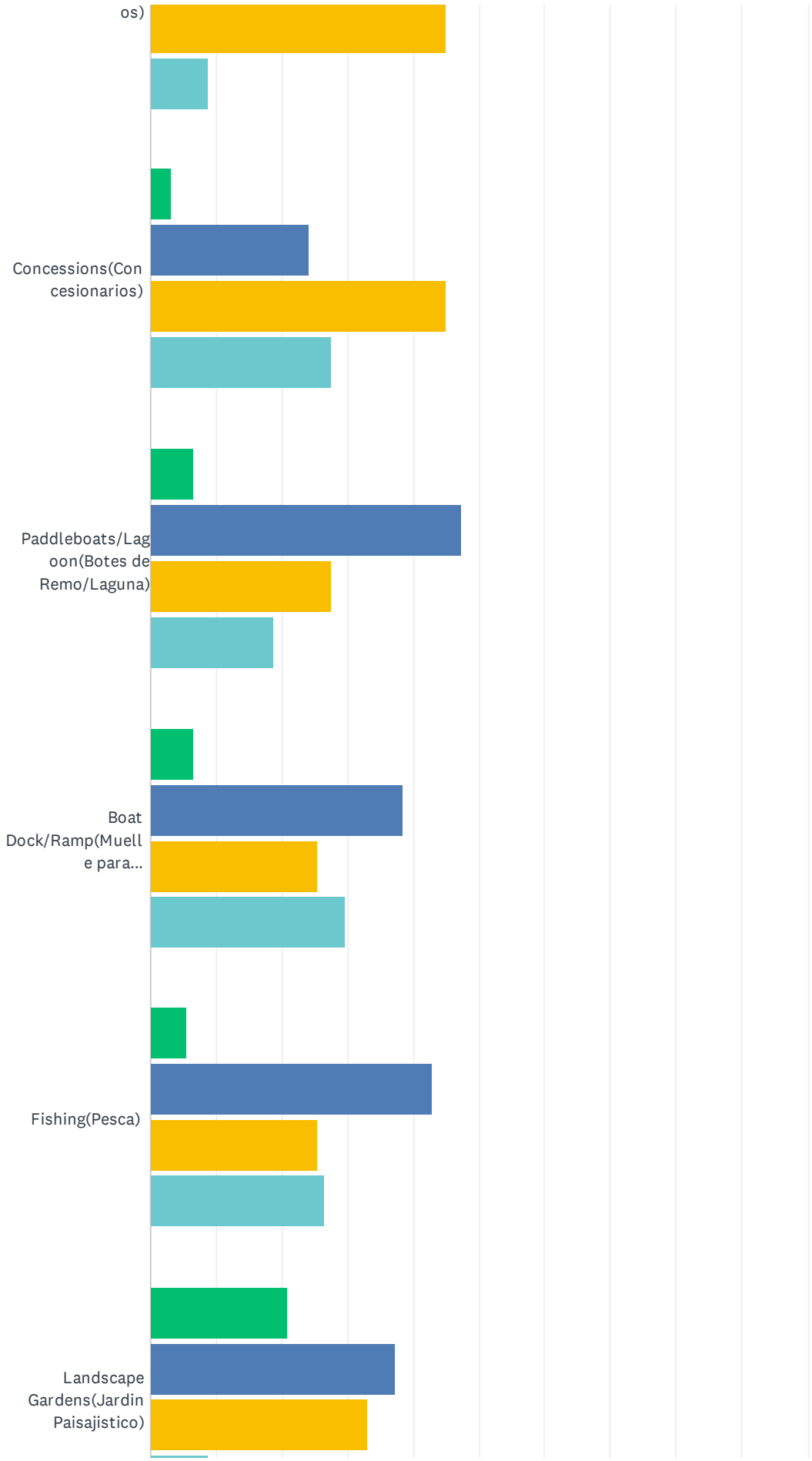
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes (Si)	89.01%	81
No (No)	10.99%	10
TOTAL		91

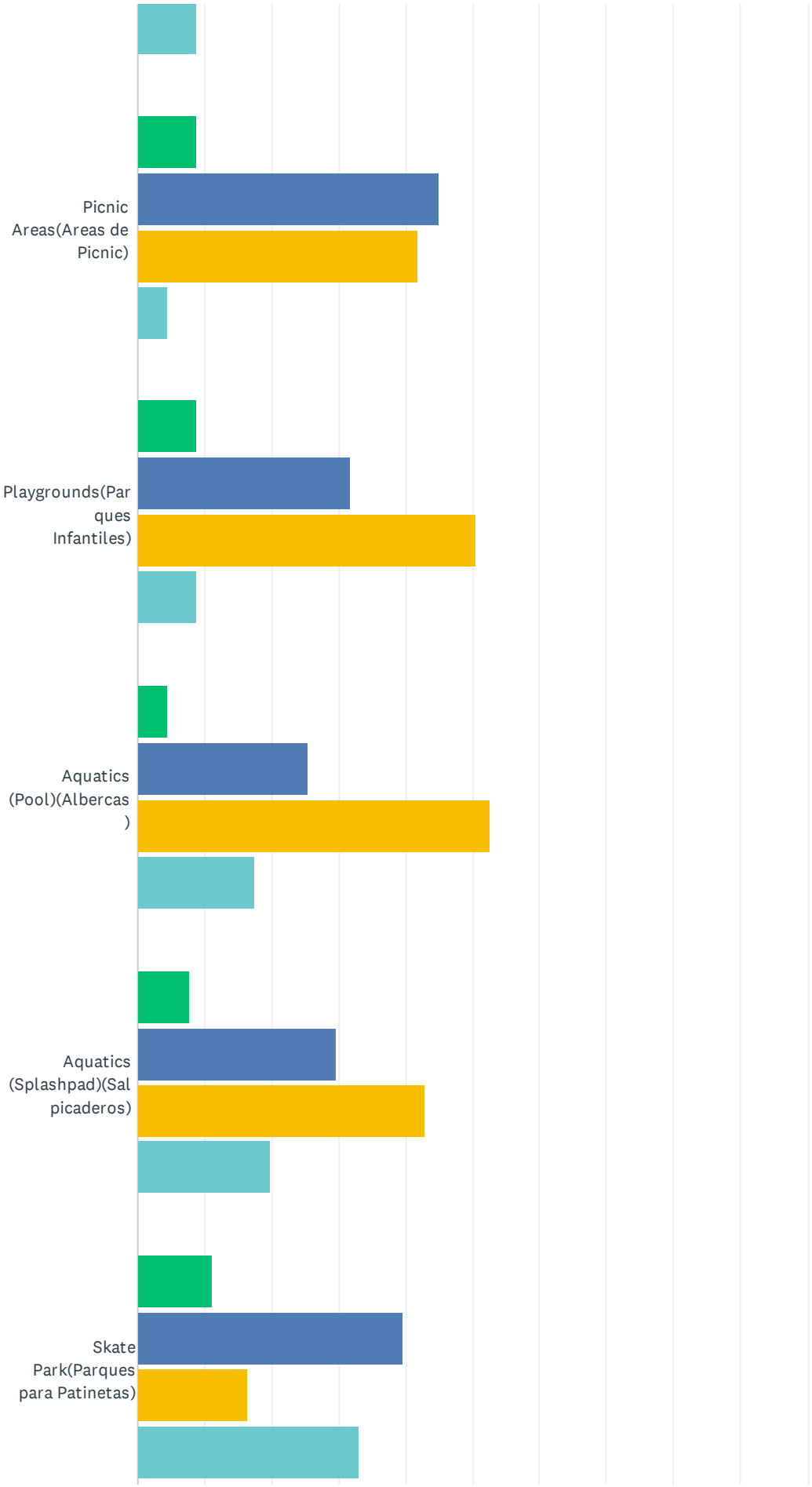
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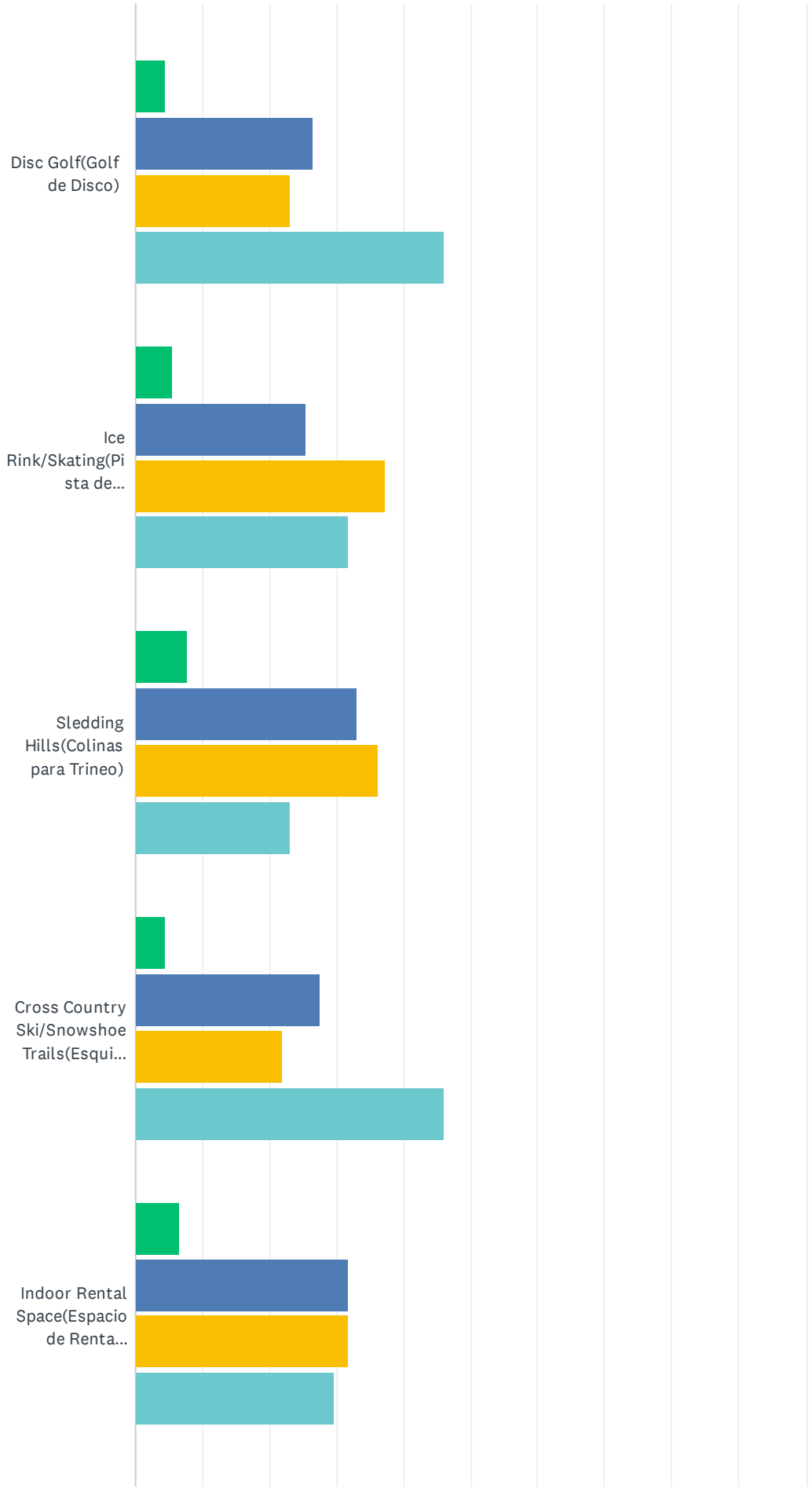
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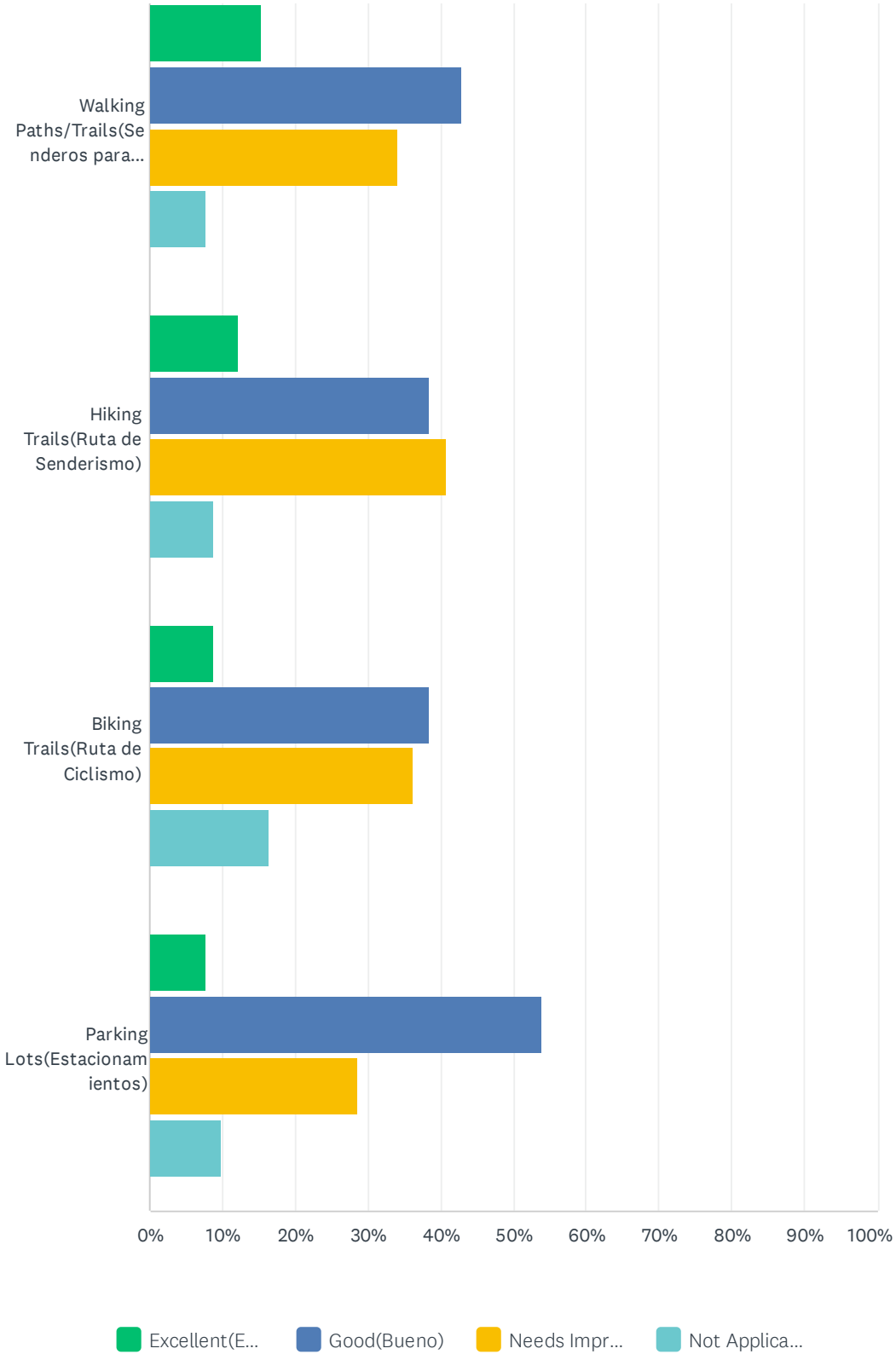



Multi-use Fields(Campos Multiuso)
Tennis Courts(Canchas de Tenis
Pickleball Courts(Canchas de Pickleball)
Basketball Courts(Canchas de Basquetbol)
Volleyball Courts(Canchas de Voleibol)
Shelters(Refugi


os)
Concessions(Concesionarios)
Paddleboats/Lagoon(Botes de Remo/Laguna)
Boat Dock/Ramp(Muelle para...
Fishing(Pesca)
Landscape Gardens(Jardin Paisajistico)


Picnic Areas(Areas de Picnic)
Playgrounds(Parques Infantiles)
Aquatics (Pool)(Albercas)
Aquatics (Splashpad)(Salpicaderos)
Skate Park(Parques para Patinetas)


Disc Golf(Golf de Disco)
Ice Rink/Skating(Pista de...
Sledding Hills(Colinas para Trineo)
Cross Country Ski/Snowshoe Trails(Esqui...
Indoor Rental Space(Espacio de Renta...


Walking Paths/Trails(Senderos para...
Hiking Trails(Ruta de Senderismo)
Biking Trails(Ruta de Ciclismo)
Parking Lots(Estacionamientos)
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%
Excellent(E...
Good(Bueno)
Needs Impr...
Not Applica...

	EXCELLENT(EXCELENTE)	GOOD(BUENO)	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT(NECESITA MEJORAR)	NOT APPLICABLE(NO APLICA)	
Baseball Fields(Campos de Beisbol)	9.89% 9	23.08% 21	31.87% 29	35.16% 32	
Softball Fields(Campos de Sofbol)	5.49% 5	27.47% 25	32.97% 30	34.07% 31	
Football Fields(Campos de Futbol Americano)	4.40% 4	31.87% 29	21.98% 20	41.76% 38	
Soccer Fields(Campos de Futbol)	6.59% 6	31.87% 29	26.37% 24	35.16% 32	
Multi-use Fields(Campos Multiuso)	4.40% 4	36.26% 33	23.08% 21	36.26% 33	
Tennis Courts(Canchas de Tenis	9.89% 9	38.46% 35	32.97% 30	18.68% 17	
Pickleball Courts(Canchas de Pickleball)	21.98% 20	35.16% 32	13.19% 12	29.67% 27	
Basketball Courts(Canchas de Basquetbol)	4.40% 4	26.37% 24	38.46% 35	30.77% 28	
Volleyball Courts(Canchas de Voleibol)	2.20% 2	26.37% 24	29.67% 27	41.76% 38	
Shelters(Refugios)	4.40% 4	41.76% 38	45.05% 41	8.79% 8	
Concessions(Concesionarios)	3.30% 3	24.18% 22	45.05% 41	27.47% 25	
Paddleboats/Lagoon(Botes de Remo/Laguna)	6.59% 6	47.25% 43	27.47% 25	18.68% 17	
Boat Dock/Ramp(Muelle para Barco/Rampa)	6.59% 6	38.46% 35	25.27% 23	29.67% 27	
Fishing(Pesca)	5.49% 5	42.86% 39	25.27% 23	26.37% 24	
Landscape Gardens(Jardin Paisajistico)	20.88% 19	37.36% 34	32.97% 30	8.79% 8	
Picnic Areas(Areas de Picnic)	8.79% 8	45.05% 41	41.76% 38	4.40% 4	
Playgrounds(Parques Infantiles)	8.79% 8	31.87% 29	50.55% 46	8.79% 8	
Aquatics (Pool)(Albercas)	4.40% 4	25.27% 23	52.75% 48	17.58% 16	
Aquatics (Splashpad) (Salpicaderos)	7.69% 7	29.67% 27	42.86% 39	19.78% 18	
Skate Park(Parques para Patinetas)	10.99% 10	39.56% 36	16.48% 15	32.97% 30	
Disc Golf(Golf de Disco)	4.40% 4	26.37% 24	23.08% 21	46.15% 42	
Ice Rink/Skating(Pista de Hielo/Patinaje)	5.49% 5	25.27% 23	37.36% 34	31.87% 29	
Sledding Hills(Colinas para	7.69%	32.97%	36.26%	23.08%	

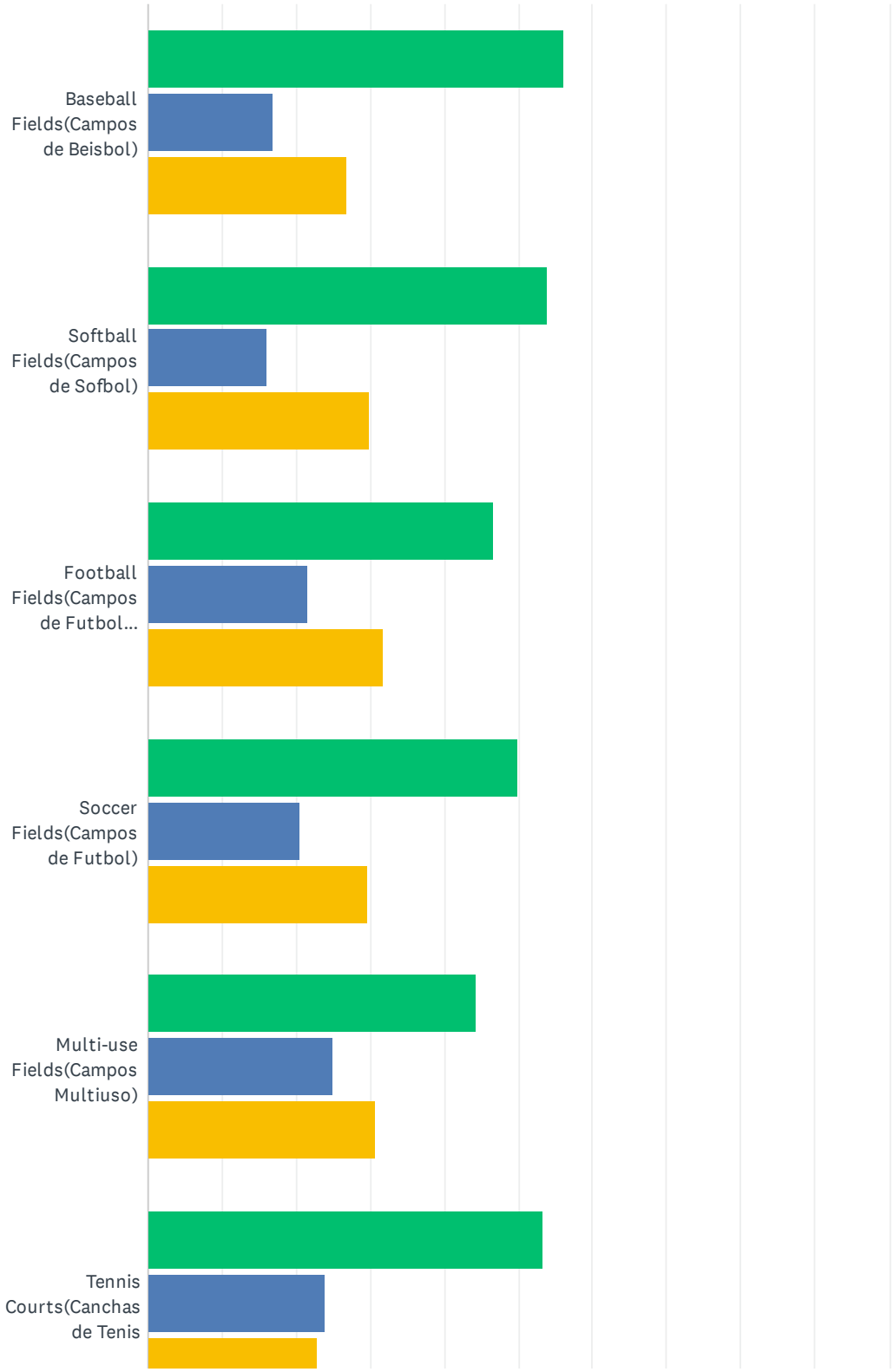
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Cross Country Ski/Snowshoe Trails(Esqui de Fondo	4.40% 4	27.47% 25	21.98% 20	46.15% 42
Indoor Rental Space(Espacio de Renta Interior)	6.59% 6	31.87% 29	31.87% 29	29.67% 27
Walking Paths/Trails(Senderos para Caminar)	15.38% 14	42.86% 39	34.07% 31	7.69% 7
Hiking Trails(Ruta de Senderismo)	12.09% 11	38.46% 35	40.66% 37	8.79% 8
Biking Trails(Ruta de Ciclismo)	8.79% 8	38.46% 35	36.26% 33	16.48% 15
Parking Lots(Estacionamientos)	7.69% 7	53.85% 49	28.57% 26	9.89% 9

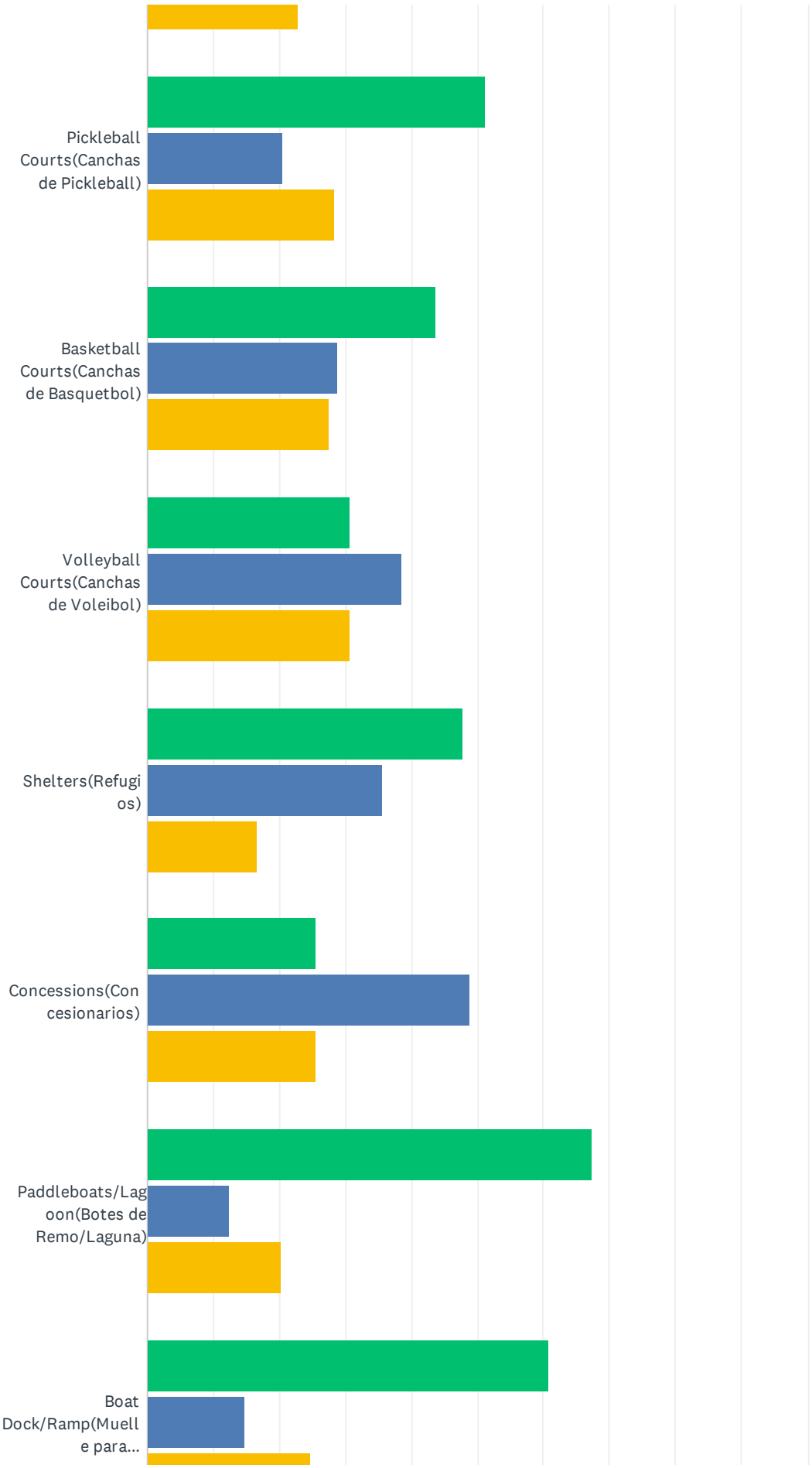
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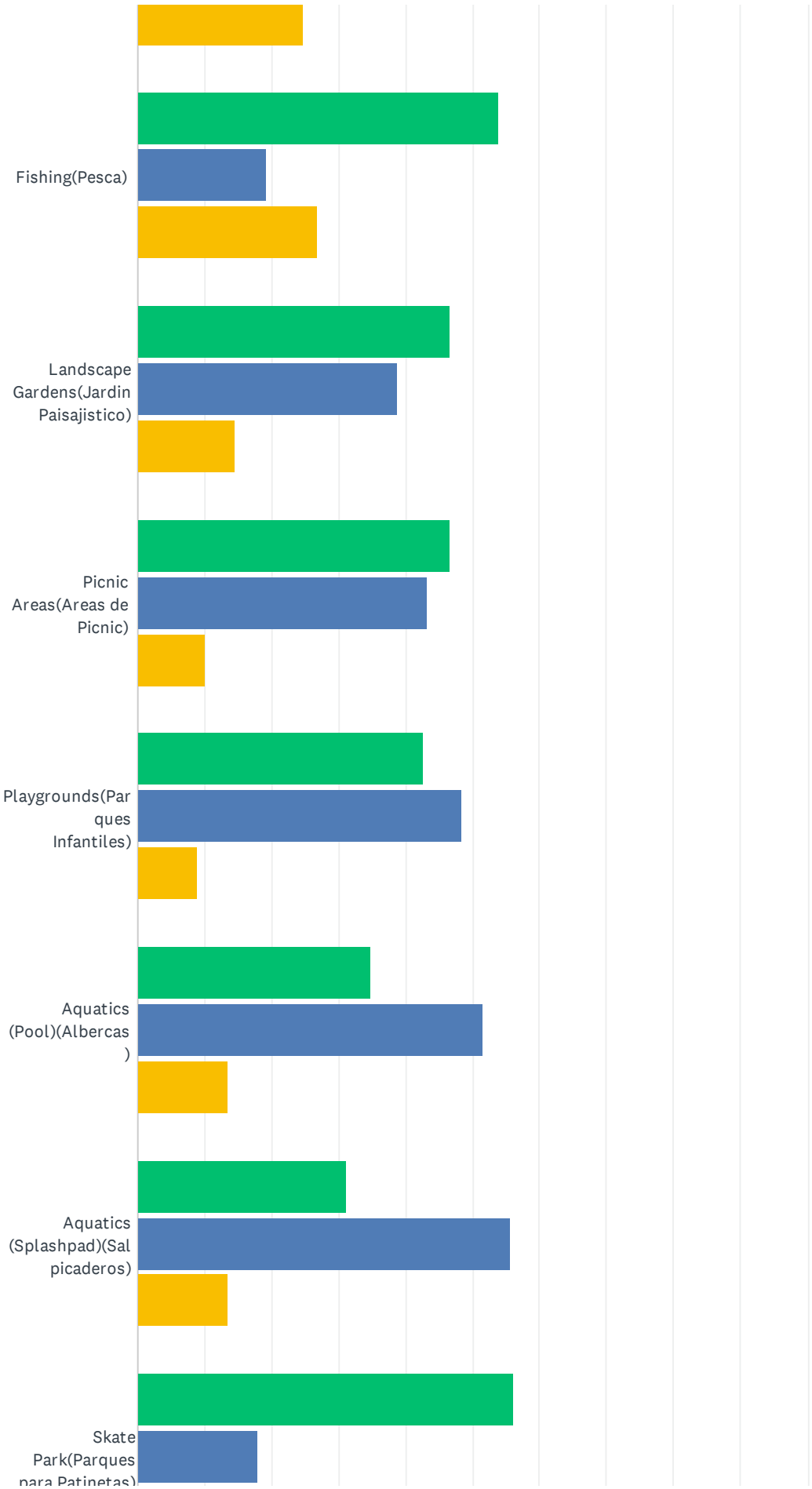
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Q4 Please indicate if the quantity of each type of recreational amenity in the community meets the demand. (Por favor indique si la cantidad de cada tipo de los servicios recreativos satisface la demanda.)

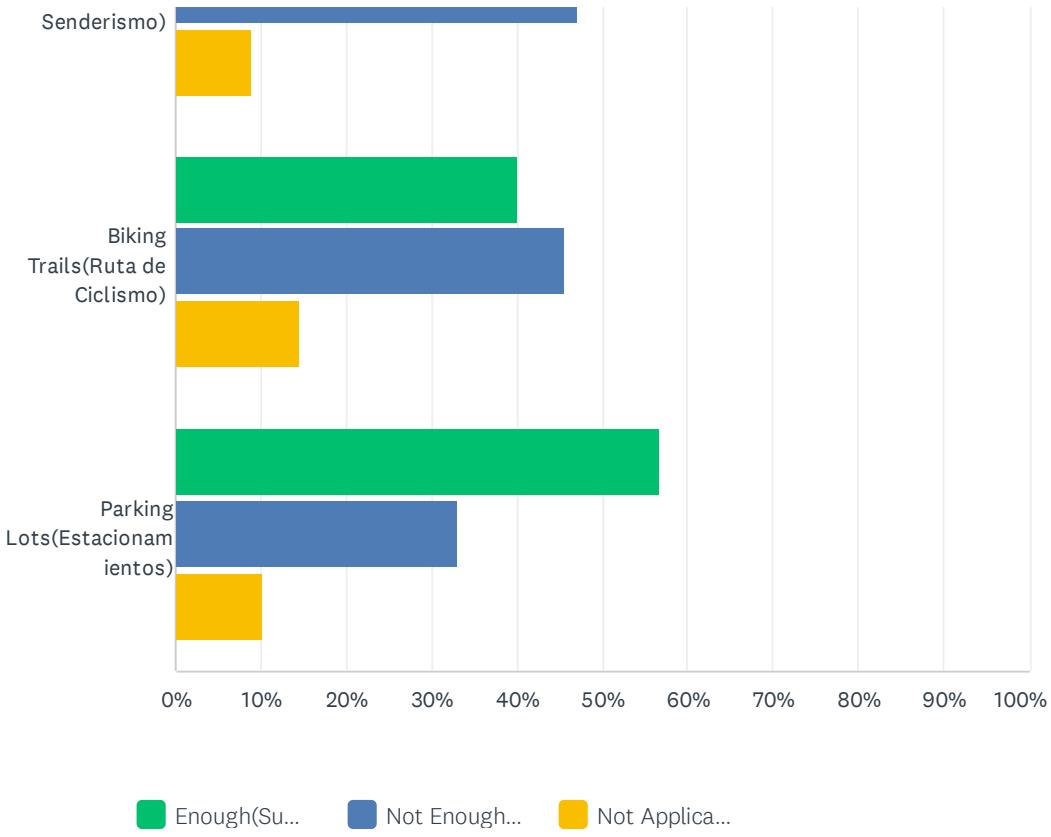
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Pickleball Courts(Canchas de Pickleball)
Basketball Courts(Canchas de Basquetbol)
Volleyball Courts(Canchas de Voleibol)
Shelters(Refugios)
Concessions(Concesionarios)
Paddleboats/Lagoon(Botes de Remo/Laguna)
Boat Dock/Ramp(Muelle para...


Fishing(Pesca)
Landscape Gardens(Jardin Paisajistico)
Picnic Areas(Areas de Picnic)
Playgrounds(Parques Infantiles)
Aquatics (Pool)(Albercas)
Aquatics (Splashpad)(Salpicaderos)
Skate Park(Parques para Patinetas)


Disc Golf(Golf de Disco)
Ice Rink/Skating(Pista de...
Sledding Hills(Colinas para Trineo)
Cross Country Ski/Snowshoe Trails(Esqui...
Indoor Rental Space(Espacio de Renta...
Walking Paths/Trails(Senderos para...
Hiking Trails(Ruta de


Senderismo)
Biking Trails(Ruta de Ciclismo)
Parking Lots(Estacionamientos)
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	ENOUGH(SUFICIENTE)	NOT ENOUGH(NO SUFICIENTE)	NOT APPLICABLE(NO APLICA)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Baseball Fields(Campos de Beisbol)	56.18% 50	16.85% 15	26.97% 24	89	1.77
Softball Fields(Campos de Sofbol)	54.02% 47	16.09% 14	29.89% 26	87	1.77
Football Fields(Campos de Futbol Americano)	46.59% 41	21.59% 19	31.82% 28	88	1.68
Soccer Fields(Campos de Futbol)	50.00% 44	20.45% 18	29.55% 26	88	1.71
Multi-use Fields(Campos Multiuso)	44.32% 39	25.00% 22	30.68% 27	88	1.64
Tennis Courts(Canchas de Tenis	53.41% 47	23.86% 21	22.73% 20	88	1.69
Pickleball Courts(Canchas de Pickleball)	51.14% 45	20.45% 18	28.41% 25	88	1.71
Basketball Courts(Canchas de Basquetbol)	43.68% 38	28.74% 25	27.59% 24	87	1.60
Volleyball Courts(Canchas de Voleibol)	30.68% 27	38.64% 34	30.68% 27	88	1.44
Shelters(Refugios)	47.78% 43	35.56% 32	16.67% 15	90	1.57
Concessions(Concesionarios)	25.56% 23	48.89% 44	25.56% 23	90	1.34
Paddleboats/Lagoon(Botes de Remo/Laguna)	67.42% 60	12.36% 11	20.22% 18	89	1.85
Boat Dock/Ramp(Muelle para Barco/Rampa)	60.67% 54	14.61% 13	24.72% 22	89	1.81
Fishing(Pesca)	53.93% 48	19.10% 17	26.97% 24	89	1.74
Landscape Gardens(Jardin Paisajistico)	46.67% 42	38.89% 35	14.44% 13	90	1.55
Picnic Areas(Areas de Picnic)	46.67% 42	43.33% 39	10.00% 9	90	1.52
Playgrounds(Parques Infantiles)	42.70% 38	48.31% 43	8.99% 8	89	1.47
Aquatics (Pool)(Albercas)	34.83% 31	51.69% 46	13.48% 12	89	1.40
Aquatics (Splashpad) (Salpicaderos)	31.11% 28	55.56% 50	13.33% 12	90	1.36
Skate Park(Parques para Patinetas)	56.18% 50	17.98% 16	25.84% 23	89	1.76
Disc Golf(Golf de Disco)	41.57% 37	25.84% 23	32.58% 29	89	1.62
Ice Rink/Skating(Pista de Hielo/Patinaje)	41.11% 37	35.56% 32	23.33% 21	90	1.54
Sledding Hills(Colinas para Trineo)	40.45%	39.33%	20.22%		

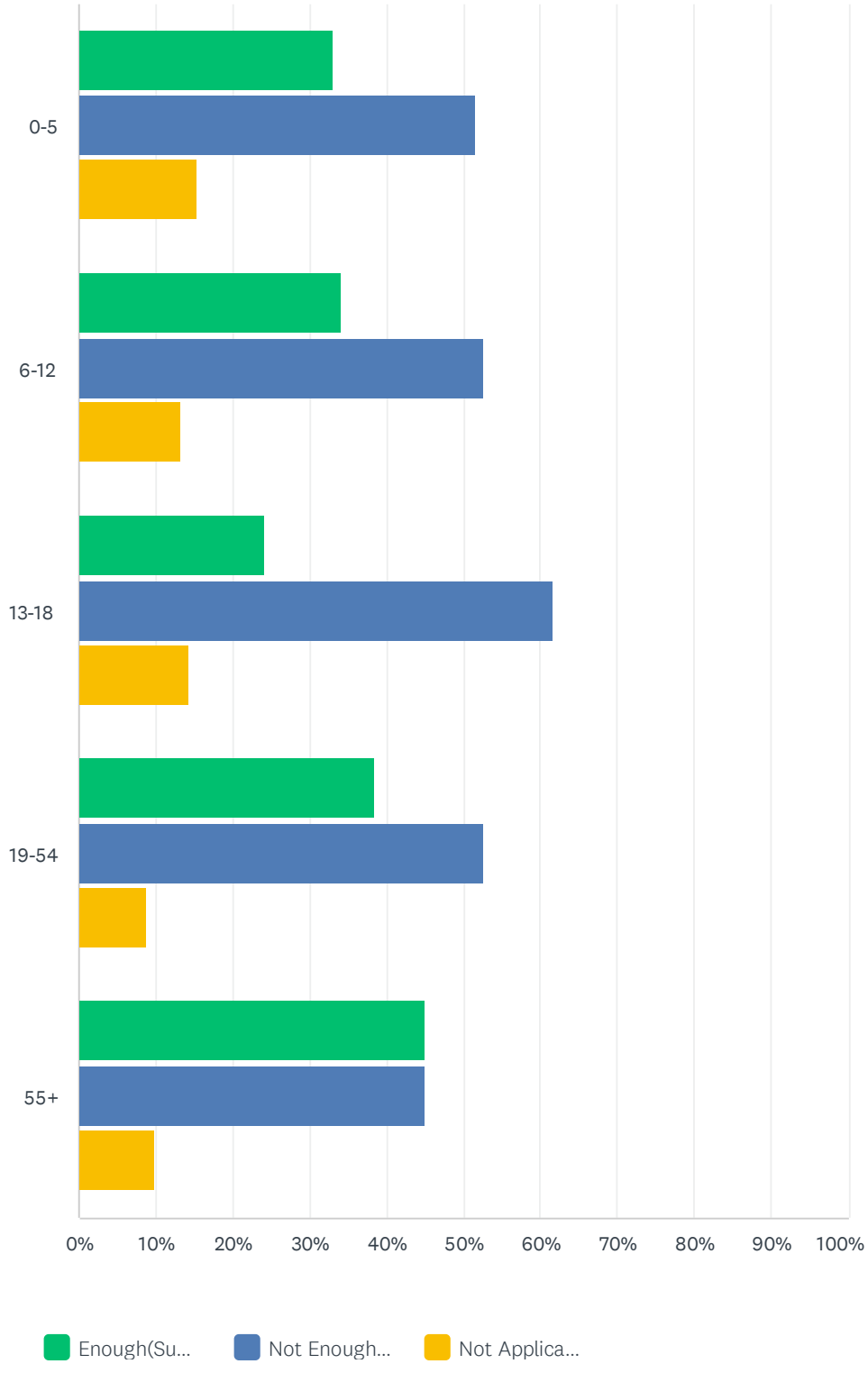
	36	35	18	89	1.51
Cross Country Ski/Snowshoe Trails(Esqui de Fondo	37.50% 33	23.86% 21	38.64% 34	88	1.61
Indoor Rental Space(Espacio de Renta Interior)	38.46% 35	36.26% 33	25.27% 23	91	1.51
Walking Paths/Trails(Senderos para Caminar)	49.45% 45	43.96% 40	6.59% 6	91	1.53
Hiking Trails(Ruta de Senderismo)	43.82% 39	47.19% 42	8.99% 8	89	1.48
Biking Trails(Ruta de Ciclismo)	40.00% 36	45.56% 41	14.44% 13	90	1.47
Parking Lots(Estacionamientos)	56.82% 50	32.95% 29	10.23% 9	88	1.63

Q5 If indicated "not enough" above, what would you recommend for improvement? (Si indico "no suficiente" que es lo que recomendaria para mejorar?)

Answered: 52 Skipped: 39

Q6 Please indicate if each of the following age groups are adequately served within the community. (Porfavor indique si cada uno de los grupos de edades son atendidos adecuadamente en la comunidad.)

Answered: 91 Skipped: 0



	ENOUGH(SUFICIENTE)	NOT ENOUGH(NO SUFICIENTE)	NOT APPLICABLE(NO APLICABLE)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
0-5	32.97% 30	51.65% 47	15.38% 14	91	1.39
6-12	34.07% 31	52.75% 48	13.19% 12	91	1.39
13-18	24.18% 22	61.54% 56	14.29% 13	91	1.28
19-54	38.46% 35	52.75% 48	8.79% 8	91	1.42
55+	45.05% 41	45.05% 41	9.89% 9	91	1.50

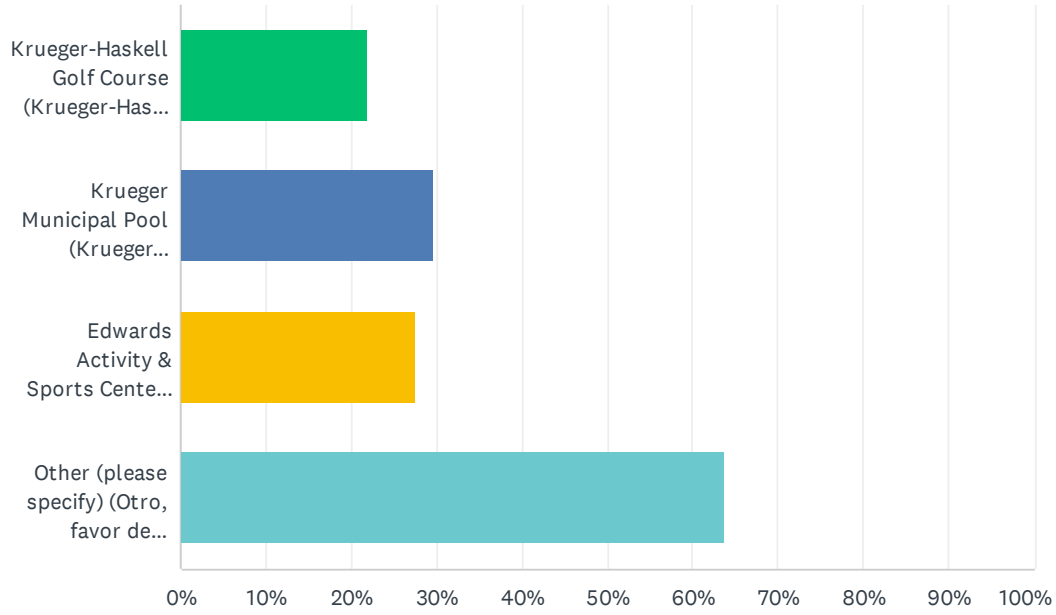
Q7 What two other recreational amenities have you experienced in other communities that you would like to see in the City of Beloit? (Que otros dos servicios recreativos has experimentado en otras comunidades que le gustaria ver en la Ciudad de Beloit?)

Answered: 91 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
#1	100.00%	91
#2	80.22%	73

Q8 What two amenities do you utilize the most in the City? (Cuales son los dos servicios recreativos que mas utiliza en la ciudad?)

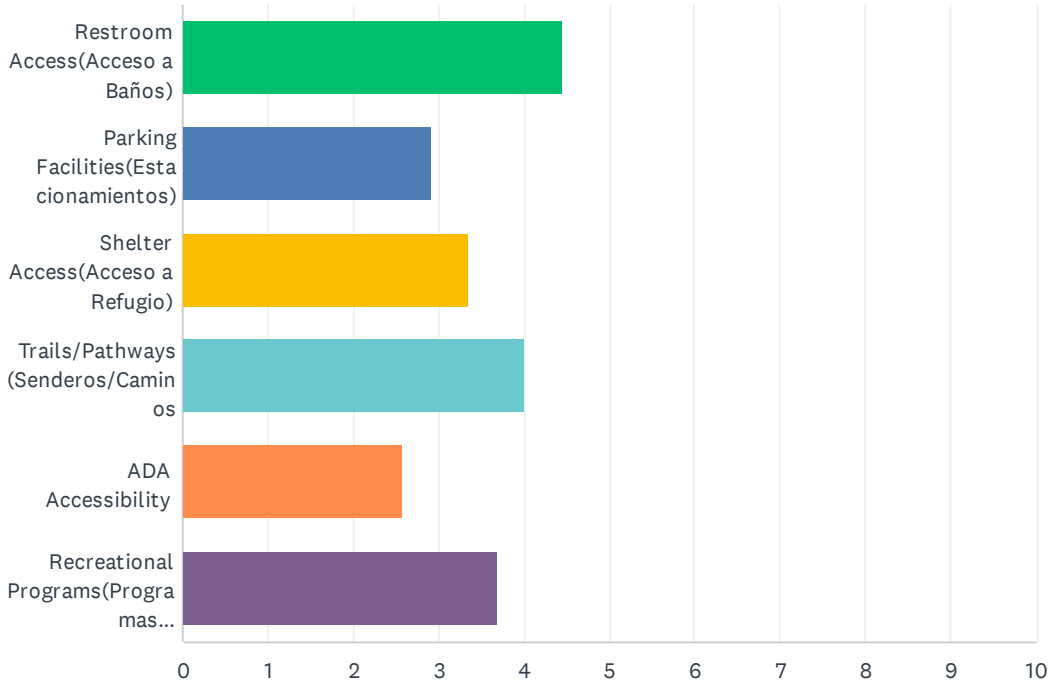
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Krueger-Haskell Golf Course (Krueger-Haskell Curso de Golf)	21.98%	20
Krueger Municipal Pool (Krueger Municipal Pool)	29.67%	27
Edwards Activity & Sports Center (Edward Centro de Actividades y Deportes)	27.47%	25
Other (please specify) (Otro, favor de especificar)	63.74%	58
Total Respondents: 91		

Q9 Please rank your priority for improvement on the current recreational amenities. (Porfavor clasifica la rpioridad para mejorar los servicios recreativos actuales.)

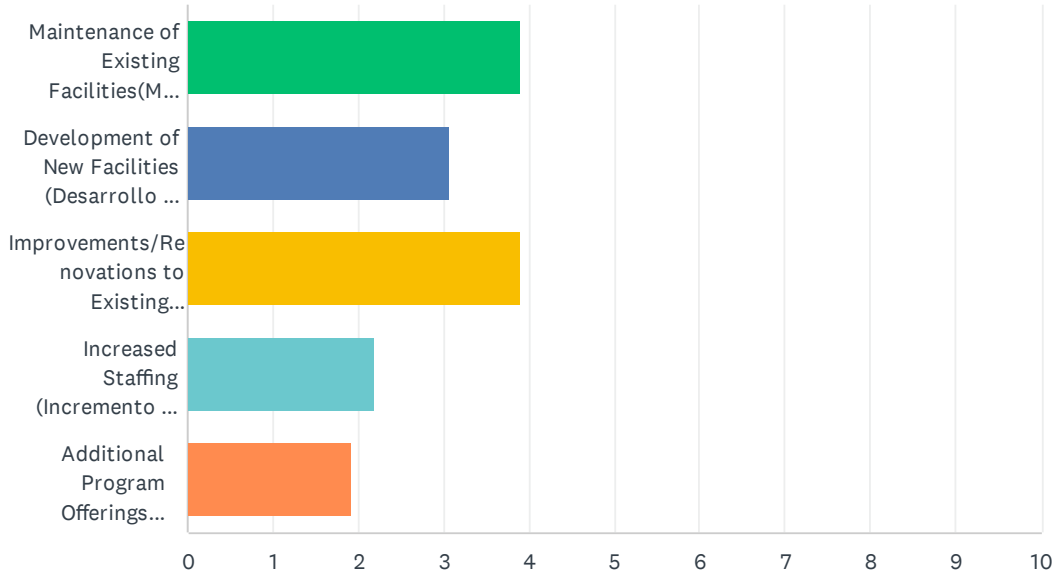
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
Restroom Access(Acceso a Baños)	29.67% 27	25.27% 23	19.78% 18	15.38% 14	5.49% 5	4.40% 4	91	4.45
Parking Facilities(Estacionamientos)	6.59% 6	17.58% 16	15.38% 14	14.29% 13	14.29% 13	31.87% 29	91	2.92
Shelter Access(Acceso a Refugio)	4.40% 4	15.38% 14	24.18% 22	25.27% 23	27.47% 25	3.30% 3	91	3.34
Trails/Pathways (Senderos/Caminos	26.37% 24	17.58% 16	14.29% 13	21.98% 20	12.09% 11	7.69% 7	91	4.01
ADA Accessibility	5.49% 5	5.49% 5	16.48% 15	16.48% 15	26.37% 24	29.67% 27	91	2.58
Recreational Programs(Programas Recreativos)	27.47% 25	18.68% 17	9.89% 9	6.59% 6	14.29% 13	23.08% 21	91	3.69

Q10 Please rank your priority for budget allocation as it related to recreational amenities. (Porfavor indique su prioridad para la asignacion del presupuesto en relacion con los servicios recreativos.)

Answered: 91 Skipped: 0



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Maintenance of Existing Facilities(Mantenimiento de Instalaciones Existentes	37.36% 34	30.77% 28	20.88% 19	7.69% 7	3.30% 3	91	3.91
Development of New Facilities (Desarrollo de Nuevas Instalaciones)	24.18% 22	16.48% 15	26.37% 24	8.79% 8	24.18% 22	91	3.08
Improvements/Renovations to Existing Facilities (Mejoras/Renovaciones de Instalaciones Actuales)	29.67% 27	41.76% 38	18.68% 17	8.79% 8	1.10% 1	91	3.90
Increased Staffing (Incremento de Personal)	2.20% 2	3.30% 3	26.37% 24	47.25% 43	20.88% 19	91	2.19
Additional Program Offerings (Oferta de Programas Adicionales)	6.59% 6	7.69% 7	7.69% 7	27.47% 25	50.55% 46	91	1.92

CITY OF BELOIT

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS TO THE PARK, RECREATION & CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Topic:	**Park Conditions**		
Date:	**February 19, 2025**		
Presenter:	**Tonya Johann, Director of Parks and Recreation**	**Department:**	**Public Works**

Overview/Background Information

Park conditions is a recurring agenda item for the Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission to discuss and/or make recommendations for deferred maintenance or overall conditions of the City of Beloit park system.

Key Issues

1. Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission engagement in the park system will demonstrate a commitment to provide quality recreational opportunities in the community.
2. Cityworks is being utilized to appropriately track deferred maintenance items.

Conformance with Strategic Plan

Approval of this action would conform with the stated purpose of the following strategic goal:

- [X] Goal #1 – Create and Sustain Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods
- [X] Goal #2 – Create and Sustain a High Performing Organization
- [ ] Goal #3 – Create and Sustain Economic and Residential Growth
- [X] Goal #4 – Create and Sustain a High Quality of Life
- [X] Goal #5 – Create and Sustain High Quality Infrastructure and Connectivity
- [X] Goal #6 – Create and Sustain Enhanced Communications and Community Engagement, while maintaining a Positive Image

Sustainability

If applicable, briefly comment on the environmental, economic, and/or social sustainability of this policy or program. Consider how current needs are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. **Write N/A if not applicable**

N/A

Action Required/Recommendation

Staff is seeking recommendations for deferred maintenance or overall conditions for the City of Beloit Park system

Attachments

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