

## Executive Summary

A Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) is a formal document designed to assist communities in developing parks and open space that will satisfy the needs of their citizens. The CORP provides a means of identifying, analyzing, promoting, and responding to changes in society, both present and future. The document is also needed as a prerequisite for participation in outdoor recreation grant programs.

This document is an update of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan adopted by the City of Marshfield in 2006.

The report begins by establishing the City of Marshfield's goals and objectives. It then provides important information about the social and physical characteristics of the City. These demographics, when combined with guidelines set by National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), provide a basis for determining open space and recreational needs in Marshfield. Because NRPA guidelines represent minimum goals for outdoor recreation space and facilities, they cannot be used as definitive evidence that the actual needs for open space and recreation in any particular city are being fully met. To better reflect the city of Marshfield, a current needs assessment was conducted based on input from city staff and officials as well as comments received from a survey sent to the park users. Based on this information, a list of recommendations has been prepared for various park facilities throughout Marshfield. These recommendations are then integrated into a seven year Capital Improvements Action Plan in which each project is described and given a date for completion. A list of funding programs, both existing and potential, is identified for implementation purposes.

The approval of this plan by the Common Council and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) will enable the City of Marshfield to pursue various sources of Federal and State funding such as the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LAWCON), the State Acquisition and Development of Local Parks Program (ADLP), the Urban Greenspace Program, as well as other state grant-in-aid programs for the next five years.

