

Outdoor Recreation Facilities Inventory

Marshfield Mini-Parks:

Grant Park (1.56 acres) is located at the intersection of Doege and Cleveland Streets. This site contains:

- picnic tables
- play equipment

To the west of the park facilities, the site also provides space for a Marshfield Utilities water tower and two cellular communication buildings.



Pickle Pond Park (1.50 acres) is located on the corner of Peach Avenue and Arnold Street. This site contains:

- open play space
- picnic tables
- a sandlot backstop
- ice skating warming house with restrooms



Northern Hills Park (0.34 acres) is located on Shawano Drive. This site serves a residential area and contains:

- picnic tables
- play equipment



Marshfield Neighborhood Parks:

Benedict Park (2.20 acres) is located adjacent to Heide Lane and Waushara Drive. This site serves the surrounding residential area and contains:

- open play space
- picnic tables
- grills
- play equipment
- basketball
- picnic shelter



Forest Ridge Park (3.13 acres) is located between Blodgett Street and Fairview Drive. This site serves a residential area and contains:

- open play space
- picnic tables
- play equipment
- a sandlot backstop
- a basketball court



Marshfield Community Parks:

Braem Park (33.34 acres) is essentially a large 40 acre parcel framed by Ives Street, Peach Avenue, Grant Street, and Cedar Avenue. This site contains:

- picnic tables
- grills
- play equipment
- nature area
- biking/walking trails
- horseshoes
- disc golf
- softball
- tennis
- skateboard area
- restrooms
- drinking fountain
- picnic shelter
- off-street parking



Griese Park (27.92 acres) is located on 29th Street.

This site contains:

- open play space
- picnic tables
- biking/walking trails
- play equipment
- soccer fields
- electronic scoreboards
- concession area
- basketball courts
- restrooms
- drinking fountain
- picnic shelter
- off-street parking



Marshfield Fairgrounds Park (47.91 acres) is located (and intersected) by several roads, most prominently 14th Street and Peach Avenue. The home of the Central Wisconsin State Fair and the World's largest Round Barn, this site also contains:

- open play space
- picnic tables
- play equipment
- softball diamonds
- press box
- electronic scoreboards
- concession area
- batting cages
- event areas
- restrooms
- educational garden display and gazebo
- drinking fountain
- off-street parking
- picnic shelters
- exhibition buildings
- animal wash racks
- sanitary dump station for travel trailers and campers
- sheltered arena/show palace
- grandstand



Steve J. Miller Recreation Area (21.32 acres) is located on Oak Avenue. This site caters to sport enthusiasts with:

- baseball fields
- electronic scoreboards
- concession area
- batting cages
- tennis courts
- picnic tables
- play equipment
- biking/walking trails
- restrooms
- drinking fountain
- picnic shelter
- off-street parking



The Oak Avenue Community Center is also located at Steve J. Miller Recreation Area.

Wildwood Park (157.56 acres) Marshfield's Flagship Park is located on 17th and Central Avenue. This site contains:

- open play space
- picnic tables
- grills
- play equipment
- nature areas
- biking/walking trails
- disc golf
- pool
- fishing areas
- drinking fountain
- picnic shelters
- Wildwood Station Building (year round meeting space)
- event areas
- zoo (core exhibit area and large pasture exhibits)
- zoo store – concessions and gifts
- zoo education pavilion
- native woodlands display area
- landscape beds
- restrooms
- off-street parking



Marshfield Nature Areas:

Connor Park (5.6 acres) is located on Blodgett Street on the east end of Marshfield and contains:

- picnic table
- biking/walking trail



Joe and Bernadine Weber's Nature Park (37.11 acres) is located on the far western part of the city off 5th Street.

This site contains:

- picnic tables
- grills
- biking/walking trails
- restrooms
- off-street parking
- picnic shelter



Hamus Nature Preserve and Recreation Area (27.94 acres) is located on the northern boundary of Marshfield on Hamus drive. This site contains:

- picnic tables
- grills
- biking/walking trails
- prairie grass area
- large landscape bed
- fishing areas
- restrooms
- drinking fountain
- picnic shelters
- off-street parking



Marshfield Special Use Parks:

Columbia Park (2.49 acres) is located in the block between Arnold Street, Blodgett Street, Chestnut Avenue, and Walnut Avenue. This contains:

- picnic tables
- grills
- band shell
- restrooms (open for events only)



Eighth and Hemlock Park (1.14 acres) A triangular park between Hemlock Avenue and 8th Street containing:

- open play space.



Praschak Wayside Park (6.78 acres) is located just east of Wildwood Park and Zoo between Central Avenue and Maple Avenue. It contains

- picnic tables
- nature area
- off-street parking

Strohman Park (0.18 acres) is a tiny park on the corner of Central Avenue and 6th Street. This park serves as a local firefighter memorial and contains:

- picnic tables
- landscape beds
- off-street parking



Veterans Memorial Park (1.96 acres) is located on the corner of 4th and Park Streets. This site contains:

- picnic tables
- bench swing
- war memorials



Other Recreation Facilities:

Marshfield Curling Club (0.43 acres) Located at the Marshfield Fairgrounds Park, the Marshfield Curling Club building is the home to the Marshfield Curling Club. The building is owned by the Marshfield Curling Club but is located on property owned by the City of Marshfield. A long term lease is in place between the City and the Marshfield Curling Club. The Marshfield Curling Club conducts leagues and events and is open to the public.



Henry Praschak Memorial (0.15 acres) The Henry Praschak Memorial is a private park located within Praschak Wayside Park. The park was acquired from the City of Marshfield in 1998 and is maintained and operated by the Henry Praschak Memorial Fund.

UW Athletic Fields (27.60 acres) is located off 8th Street and includes:

- open play space
- soccer fields
- sandlot backstops
- tennis courts
- off-street parking

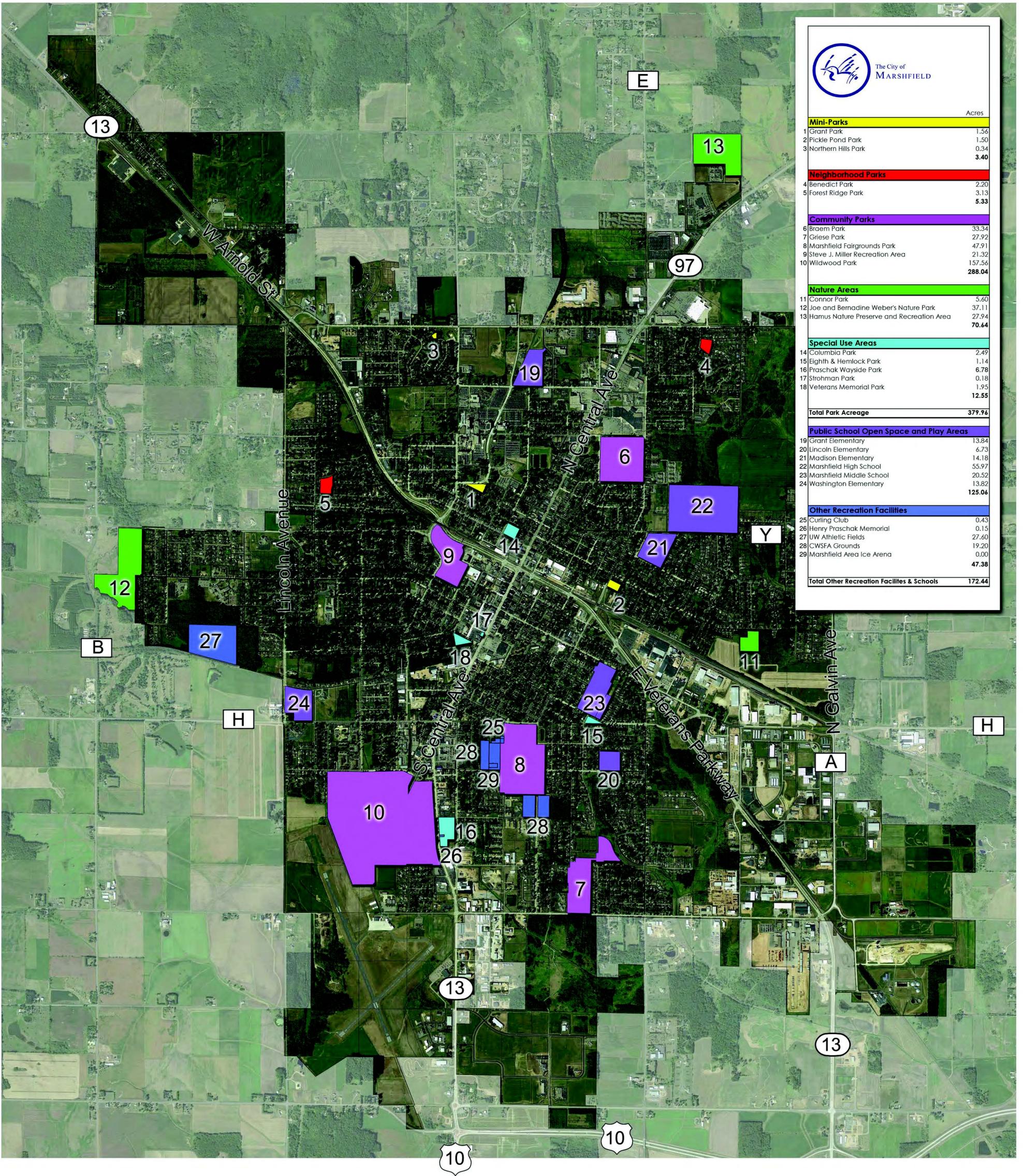


Central Wisconsin State Fair Association Property (19.20 acres) is land adjacent to the Marshfield Fairgrounds Park on the west and the south. This site is owned and managed by the Central Wisconsin State Fair Association who work closely with the City of Marshfield and the Fair Commission to combine their land and resources with the city owned Marshfield Fairgrounds Park to provide large land areas and facilities for hosting large national and state events. The Marshfield Ice Arena is also located on this property and is operated and maintained through an agreement between the Marshfield Youth Hockey Association and the Central Wisconsin State Fair Association. This site contains:

- event area
- off-street parking,
- camping
- indoor ice hockey rink with seating, concessions, and restrooms
- horse barns
- animal wash rack
- lighted horse arena with seating and announcer booth
- dog park
- practice soccer field areas

Public School Open Space and Play Areas:

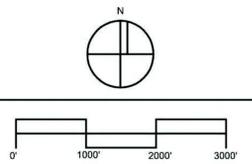
Grant Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Madison Elementary, Marshfield High School, Marshfield Middle School, Washington Elementary



The City of
MARSHFIELD

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Nature Areas	
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12 Joe and Bernadine Weber's Nature Park	37.11
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	70.64
Special Use Areas	
14 Columbia Park	2.49
15 Eighth & Hemlock Park	1.14
16 Praszak Wayside Park	6.78
17 Strohm Park	0.18
18 Veterans Memorial Park	1.95
	12.55
Total Park Acreage	379.94
Public School Open Space and Play Areas	
19 Grant Elementary	13.84
20 Lincoln Elementary	6.73
21 Madison Elementary	14.18
22 Marshfield High School	55.97
23 Marshfield Middle School	20.52
24 Washington Elementary	13.82
	125.06
Other Recreation Facilities	
25 Curling Club	0.43
26 Henry Praszak Memorial	0.15
27 UW Athletic Fields	27.60
28 CWSFA Grounds	19.20
29 Marshfield Area Ice Arena	0.00
	47.38
Total Other Recreation Facilities & Schools	172.44

CITY OF MARSHFIELD PARK LOCATION MAP



Current Conditions

There are 18 park sites in Marshfield with 11 additional outdoor recreational facilities. The parks are distributed throughout the community based on land use and development changes directly influenced by city growth.

Determining if community open space needs are being met can often be a challenging task. The process is often not methodical and depends heavily on input from community residents, officials, and staff. The best guide available for use in this plan update includes standards from the National Park and Recreation Association. These standards represent minimum goals and are not applicable to all locations universally. It is also important to understand each community has unique social, cultural, economic, and geographic factors that may limit the legitimacy of the standards being applied.

Recreation Standards

Jurisdictional Standards

- Recreational Lands Provided by the State-----70 acres/1,000
- Recreational Lands Provided by the County-----15 acres/1,000
- Recreational Lands Provided by the Local Community-10 acres/1,000
- Recreational Lands Provided by the Private Sector----- 5 acres/1,000

Local communities should provide between 7 and 10.5 acres per 1,000 persons.

- As of the 2010 census, the City of Marshfield currently provides 19.87 acres of park, recreation, and open space lands per 1,000 residents.

Marshfield Comparison to NRPA Specific Standards

Park Type	Acres per 1,000 residents	Marshfield Park Acreage per 1,000 residents
Community Parks	5 - 8 acres	15.07 acres
Neighborhood Parks	1 - 2 acres	0.28 acres
Mini-Parks	0.25 – 0.5 acres	0.18 acres

Regional Green Space Comparison

Neighboring communities were contacted for actual populations and green spaces.

Community	Population (Approx.)	Total Park Acreage	Acres Per 1,000 Population (7-10.5 Acres Per 1,000 NPRA Standard)
Black River Falls	3,652	87	23.82
Chippewa Falls	13,676	451	32.94
Eau Claire	66,966	363	5.42
Marshfield	23,419	443	18.92
Merrill	9,483	854	90.06
Neillsville	2,463	84	34.10
Nekoosa	2,850	25	8.77
Stevens Point	26,748	700	26.17
Tomah	9,093	200	21.99
Waupaca	6,048	236	39.02
Wausau	39,106	337	8.62
Wisconsin Dells	2,701	25	9.26
Wisconsin Rapids	18,367	160	8.71

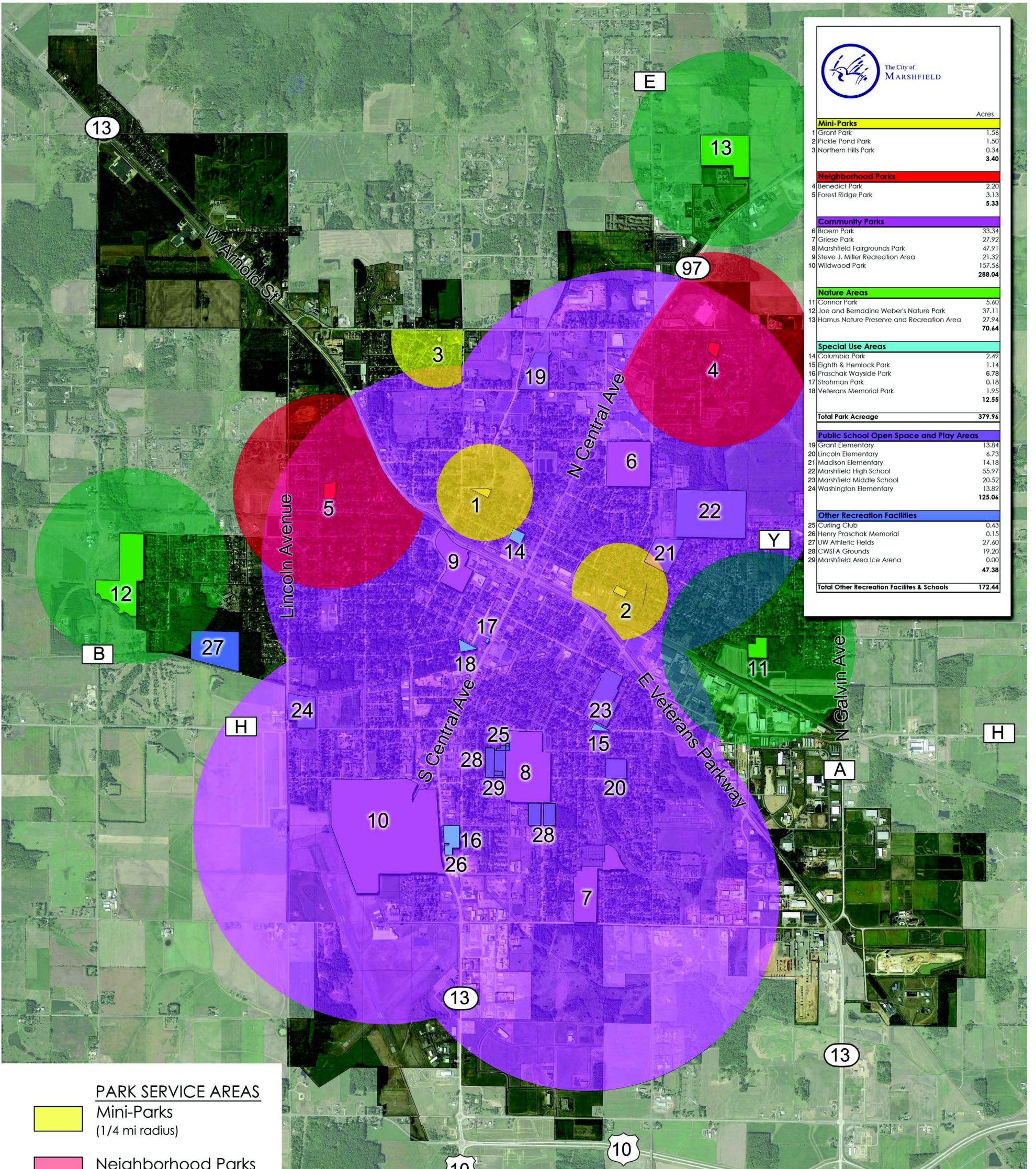
Regional Average

25.74 Acres per 1,000 residents

Service Area Evaluation

While demographics, the density of population, and specific park uses may dictate the actual service and use of a specific park, service areas can also be measured by park classification. The following service area map provides service area radii for each existing park type. Park service radii have been utilized per the NRPA standards. The following Park Service Map represents that adequate coverage for a majority of the residential areas exists within the City.

The proposed Future Park Acquisition Areas map on the next page represents where future park facilities may be required. As of now residential growth is fairly stable; however, as parcels become available and growth and/or recreational needs are identified, planners can utilize this information to assist in choosing future park and green space sites.

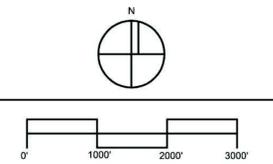


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- PARK SERVICE AREAS**
- Mini-Parks
(1/4 mi radius)
 - Neighborhood Parks
(1/2 mi radius)
 - Community Parks
(1 mi radius)
 - NATURE AREAS
(1/2 mi radius)

RETTLER
corporation
3317 BUSINESS PARK DRIVE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54482
PROJECT #: 13.058
DATE: 3-26-2014

CITY OF MARSHFIELD PARK SERVICE AREA MAP



Future Park Lands

As the City of Marshfield grows, parklands should be acquired to complement this growth. While the City’s population has been stable for several years, planning documents encourage municipalities and planners to forecast and anticipate growth and community needs so that the municipality will be ready when the need for future park and recreation space arises. NRPA guidelines below are helpful in suggesting what type of parks may be warranted, however actual user group requirements, city needs, and population density usually determine the actual park type and specific park amenity.

Population Projection and Parkland Projection Analysis

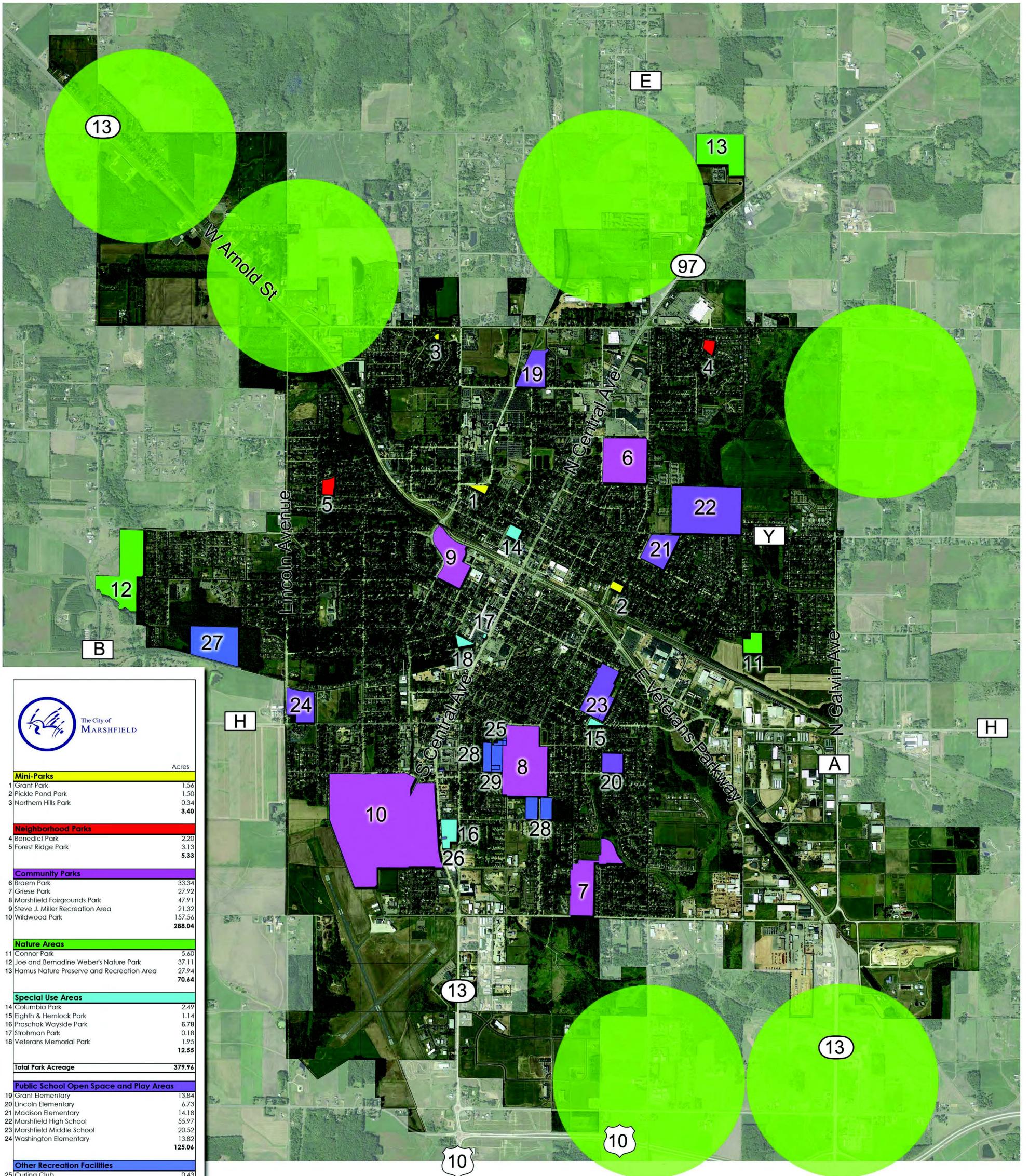
Mini Parks											
Year	Population Projection	÷	1,000	=	NRPA Standard Benchmark/1,000	=	Acreage Needed	-	Existing Acreage	=	Acreage Required
2010	19,118	÷	1,000	=	19.1 x .5	=	9.6	-	3.4	=	6.2
2020	18,975	÷	1,000	=	19.0 x .5	=	9.5	-	3.4	=	6.1
2030	18,785	÷	1,000	=	18.8 x .5	=	9.4	-	3.4	=	6.0

Neighborhood Parks											
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Community Parks											
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2010	19,118	÷	1,000	=	19.1 x 7	=	133.8	-	288.04	=	0
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The tables above support population growth and parkland growth occurring simultaneously. The acreage represented in the table should be used as a guide, however upon reviewing the park service area map and the future land use plans there is evidence that parkland acquisition is required in the southeast and northwest portions of the community.

The following plan represents possible future park locations and park type classifications to be considered.



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 **NON-SERVICED / POSSIBLE ACQUISITION AREAS**
(Type and Size to be Determined)
(1/2 mi radius)

Proposed Park Types

Exact acreage and location of undetermined proposed facilities should be on a specific case by case basis. However, as lands become available and residential and/or commercial growth continues to move into these areas, park and open space should be secured by the City.

Planning future facilities is very important because of satisfying projected community needs, parcel acquisition costs, and park development costs. Developing a park Master Plan should include a comprehensive approach and the City should use the assistance of a Landscape Architect for park planning. The Master Plan process will include a review of the existing conditions for a specific project site and the evaluation and identification of proposed needs. Plan layout options and accurate cost estimating will provide the City a tool for future development.

Park Examples

The following park classification types are proposed for future development. These conceptual site plans are to be utilized for planning purposes. Site specific design and site plans will be required for each park project.

Mini-Parks



Sample Plan
Not to Scale

Mini-Parks

- Used to address limited or isolated recreational needs.
- Is the smallest park classification.
- Provides unique recreational opportunities.

Location:

Demographics and population play a role in location, but the Mini-Park often services a specific recreational need or takes advantage of unique opportunities. In a residential setting, the service area is usually 1/4 mile or less in radius. Accessibility is by way of interconnecting trails, sidewalks, or low volume residential streets.

Size:

Usually between 2500 sq. ft. and 2 acres

Neighborhood Parks



Neighborhood Parks

- Remains the basic unit of the park system, which serves as the recreational / social focus of the neighborhood.

Location:

Service Area is between 1/4 and 1/2 mile in distance and should not be interrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.

Size:

Usually 2 - 10 acres.

Community Parks



Community Parks

Community parks should provide multiple neighborhoods pedestrian and vehicular access, and can contain active / passive recreation opportunities and areas for larger activities.

- Broader service than Neighborhood Park. Focus is on meeting the community based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.

Location:

Usually serves two or more neighborhoods at about a 1-mile distance.

Size:

As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 10 and 50 acres.

Marshfield Pedestrian/Bicycle Trails

Marshfield's pedestrian and bicycle trails are very important to both the City and residents. In a recent online survey, 83% of the 464 respondents indicated that they currently use the city bicycle and pedestrian trails to bike, walk, or run. Marshfield's youth aren't far behind as nearly 70% of the 236 high school and middle school students who took part in a teen survey indicated that they also use the Marshfield trail system.

The Marshfield Area Friends of the Trails is a local organization that has been integral in the planning and development of pedestrian and bicycle accommodations and facilities in the Marshfield area. Their mission is to promote a fully integrated, non-motorized trail system, which supports improving health and providing recreation and commutability within Marshfield and neighboring communities. The organization has a fund at the Marshfield Area Community Foundation to assist with securing donations and funding of pedestrian/bicycle facilities and information guides.

The Marshfield Bike Transportation Plan is included as part of this document. The plan identifies existing bicycle facilities and indicates proposed improvements that will enhance and improve safe bicycle transportation routes through and around the City of Marshfield and provide linkages to adjacent communities and other bicycle routes. It should be noted that the Marshfield Bike Transportation Plan map is meant to be general in nature and the actual locations of future trail routes may vary as opportunities are identified. The Bike Transportation Plan map can be referenced on the following page.

Wood County has indicated a desire to update its bicycle transportation plan in the near future and this will assist in identifying connection opportunities to county roads that have been determined to be preferred travel routes for bicycles.

Following are the existing pedestrian/bicycle trails that serve Marshfield.

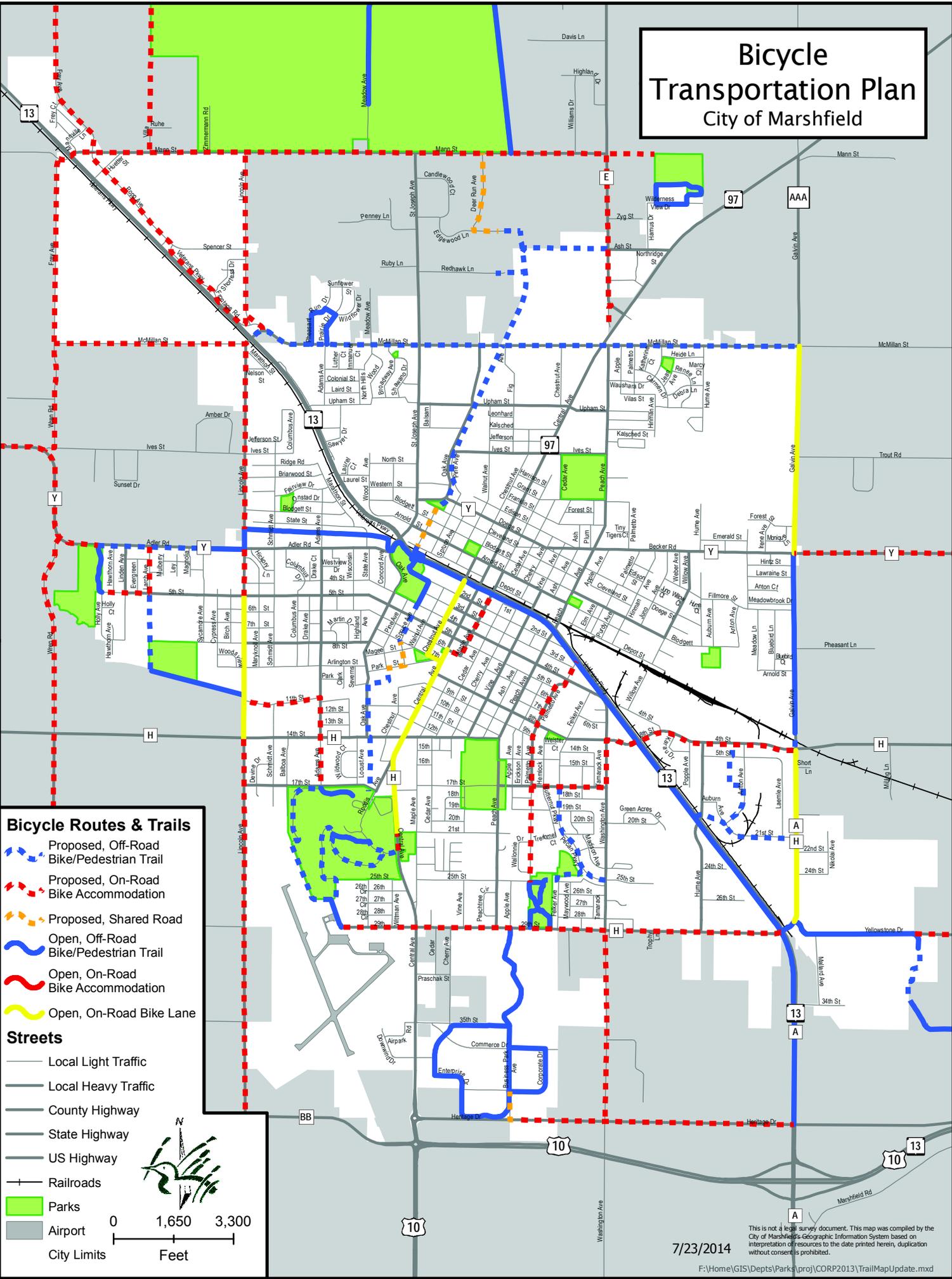
- **Airport Connector Trail:** A 10' wide asphalt trail connecting 29th Street to the Wildwood Park road near the south pasture.
- **Galvin Avenue Trail:** A 10' wide, one-mile asphalt trail located between Becker Road and 4th Street.
- **Griese Park Trail:** Located at Griese Park, 1001 E. 29th Street, the trail is 3/4-mile long, 8' wide, asphalt surface.
- **Hamus Nature Preserve Trail:** Located at 210 Wilderness View Drive, just north of V&H Ford on the city's north side. It includes over one mile of asphalt trails plus over two miles of natural surface trails.
- **McMillan Marsh Trail:** Located north of Marshfield off Mann road at the McMillan Marsh Wildlife Area, this trail boasts a distance of 6.25 miles, with a

surface combination of crushed lime and gravel. The McMillan Marsh trail is open May 1 until September 1.

- **Mill Creek Trail:** Located on the south side of Marshfield in the Mill Creek Business Park. The preferred access to the trail is at 29th Street and Apple Avenue, but you can also access the business park from Cherry Avenue, Commerce Drive, and Heritage Drive. This trail has a 10' wide asphalt surface, 2.6 miles long.
- **Prairie Run Trail:** Located at the intersection of Adams Avenue and McMillan Street, this is a 10' wide asphalt trail link to the Prairie Run addition.
- **UW Arboretum Trail:** Located at the west end of 8th Street, this trail is approximately 2 miles long and has a granite surface. Bicycles are not allowed.
- **UW Arboretum Connector Trail:** Located at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and 11th Street near Washington Elementary School, this trail is a .5 mile gravel surface trail that connects to the UW Arboretum Trail.
- **Veterans Parkway Trail:** Located along the south side of Veterans Parkway between Oak Avenue and 29th Street. The trail has a 10' wide asphalt surface and is 3 miles long.
- **Weber Park Trail:** This 37-acre city park can be accessed at the corner of Holly Avenue and the end of West 5th Street. The park includes a blacktopped parking lot, blacktopped trail for two blocks between 5th Street and Adler Road, and a .2-acre nature pond. Other natural surface trails wind throughout the park.
- **Wildwood Park Trail:** Over 3 miles of asphalt and granite trails and park roads at Wildwood Park and Zoo, 1800 S. Roddis Avenue.
- **Wildwood Station Trail:** One mile of 10' wide asphalt trail between Sycamore and Oak Avenues. It connects to Steve J. Miller Recreation Area & Veterans Parkway Trail. Plans call for the trail to eventually be extended south to Wildwood Park, north to McMillan Marsh Trail, and west to Weber Park trail.

Bicycle Transportation Plan

City of Marshfield

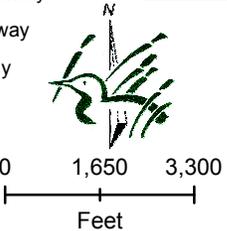


Bicycle Routes & Trails

- Proposed, Off-Road Bike/Pedestrian Trail
- Proposed, On-Road Bike Accommodation
- Proposed, Shared Road
- Open, Off-Road Bike/Pedestrian Trail
- Open, On-Road Bike Accommodation
- Open, On-Road Bike Lane

Streets

- Local Light Traffic
- Local Heavy Traffic
- County Highway
- State Highway
- US Highway
- Railroads
- Parks
- Airport
- City Limits



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