

## General Recommendations

The fundamental purpose of this Comprehensive Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan is to guide the city in the development of lands and facilities, both existing and future, to satisfy the outdoor recreation and open space needs of the residents and visitors of the City of Marshfield. The recommendations listed below are based on information gathered from the outdoor recreation needs assessment. This includes public input from informal meetings, citizen committees, public meetings and need assessment surveys. Need standards are often also addressed in preparing recommendations for outdoor recreation provision. These standards, however, express minimum suggestions and do not apply to the city's needs or gathered input. The standards, therefore, should not hinder the future acquisition of lands or facilities for outdoor recreation.

### **General Recommendations**

The following are general recommendations aimed at satisfying needs for acquisition, development and general program improvements.

**Park System Planning:** It is of vital importance that the City of Marshfield develop each park and facility with the Comprehensive plan in mind in order to maintain a unified approach to addressing the community's needs. Current and future parks should have a master plan that provides direction in development, maintenance, and programming. Future planning of the City's park system should keep in mind that Community and Neighborhood Parks shall take a higher priority for development and management than Mini parks. Master planning for each individual park should also be viewed as an important element of successful long term planning for the entire park system.

**Acquisition and Development of Park Land:** Research from the Rettler Corporation indicates the City has inadequate lands to meet the needs of the entire community. Although a vast majority of the City is served, there are several pockets of neighborhoods within the City which are not served by our park system. A majority of the void in "park land" is located in areas which are, for the most part, undeveloped. Due to the lack of housing development over the past 8-10 years, development of park land in these areas has not taken a high priority. The Parks and Recreation Department should work closely with the Planning and Economic Development Department and the Economic Development Board to identify potential future park and open space needs, including a community gathering space in the downtown. The City will need to investigate methods of acquiring property once housing development begins and open space needs are identified.

**Parkland Dedication Ordinance:** A read through of the relevant sections of the City's current ordinance did not bring to attention obvious deviations from current statutes related to the Payments in Lieu of Land Dedications and Land Dedications. However, we would recommend a more complete review of the ordinance keeping the following concepts in mind:

- Chapter 236 Section 45.6 allows for “a fee or other charge to fund the acquisition or initial improvement of land for public parks.” A review would ensure the City has a broad enough scope in its ordinance to allow for flexibility without unintentionally including items that do not fit that definition.
- This section states that land dedication/fee for the acquisition or initial improvement of land for a public park must bear a rational relationship to the need for the land dedication/fee and must be proportional to the need. We suggest the City review its current methodology to determine the % of land dedication and the fee in lieu of to ensure that it meets the rational relationship and proportionality requirements of the statute.
- Revise the existing parkland dedication ordinance to include multi-family developments such as apartment complexes, town houses and condominiums.

**Invasive Species:** The City should develop an invasive species management plan. This plan should include strategies and other methods of documenting and controlling invasive species. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has developed resources and policies for identifying invasive species, describing types of control mechanisms and procedures for prevention of relocation of species. Examples of invasive species that are currently present within City of Marshfield properties include buckthorn, garlic mustard, and purple loosestrife.

**Private Recreation Areas and Facilities:** The City should encourage development of specialized facilities by the private and/or non-profit sector. Specialized facilities (miniature golf, indoor athletic venues, etc...) are an important enhancement to public recreational facilities. Quality and availability for public use should be emphasized.

In addition, the City should look to develop partnership opportunities with the private and/or non-profit sectors. Through partnerships, development and acquisition opportunities may be enhanced, which could allow for the preservation of resources and the access to resources that have not been previously available to residents and visitors.

**Accessibility Guidelines:**

The City of Marshfield last audited their outdoor parks and recreational facilities for compliance with the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1997. Although new facilities developed since that time has addressed those requirements, new information and direction came forward with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) in 2010. The City should contract with a qualified firm to complete an ADA Audit of all city parks and recreation facilities to assist in identifying and prioritizing areas of non-compliance.

The City should strive to exceed all Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), and address all issues in an aggressive manner. Any park or facility constructed after 2010 must comply with the *ADA Standards for Accessible Design*, Department of Justice, September 15, 2010.

**Service Group Involvement:**

The City has done a good job of cooperating and working with local businesses, service and advocacy groups in relation to developing and maintaining parks and recreation facilities. Traditionally, service groups have played an important role in developing pedestrian/bicycle trails, beautification projects, athletic facilities, park maintenance, financial support for public free swim, and the Recreation Scholarship Program. The department should strive to enhance those relationships to obtain more formal relationships and partnerships.

**Federal and State Aid Programs:** The City should continue to take advantage of state and federal financial and technical assistance programs designed to assist the community in meeting park and recreation needs. To maintain eligibility for such programs, the City's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan should be updated every five (5) years.

**Municipal/School District Cooperation:**

The City currently has very positive working relationships with the School District of Marshfield School District and Columbus Catholic Schools. Staff should continue to work to ensure effective communication with the local schools and continue to investigate new and creative ways of partnering with schools to effectively utilize resources for the benefit of our residents and community.

**Program Consideration:** One of the fundamental objectives of the Park and Recreation Department is to provide a variety of park and recreational facilities for the community. These quality park and recreational programs encourage public use and enjoyment of city facilities, enhances leisure time through the development of individual skills and interaction of community residents, and provides opportunities for healthier lifestyles.

In order to accomplish this, a number of programming considerations should be addressed. Adequate athletic fields and open space will need to be developed within the community to accommodate the current and future program needs in addition to securing partnerships and use agreements with other facility owners.

The City should continue to conduct periodic analysis surveys and evaluations of the community's park and recreational preferences, needs and trends to ensure that programs and facilities offered are of the type and quality that residents desire and that the necessary space and facilities are acquired and developed.

**Funding Considerations/Financial Sustainability:** An essential component to implementing park and recreation projects is the ability to financially support or fund the project. There are multiple methods for financing a project such as, general revenues (taxes), user fees, general obligation bonds, special assessments, state and federal grants, park land dedication fees, donations and sponsorships. Each method should be carefully analyzed to determine the best method of making the project a reality, while considering the best interests of the community and tax payer.

While actively pursuing the development or renovation projects, the Department needs to weigh its ability to financially sustain its infrastructure. The more parks and facilities are created, the more strain it puts on the department staff and its ability to financially maintain its infrastructure. The Department and City need to obtain a delicate balance between advancing park and facility development, with its ability to financially support its long term maintenance. As more facilities are created, renovated, and/or improved, the City will need to determine how to fund these projects and its ability to maintain its infrastructure. Either an increase in staffing or increase in contractual services may be required if the City wants to maintain clean, healthy, aesthetically pleasing, and safe facilities.

**Preservation/Conservation:** In addition to providing space and facilities for leisure activities, park systems should include conservation and preservation measures. The preservation of natural resources and the prudent management of the environment are goals that every community should strive to achieve. Policies discouraging the development of wetlands, floodplains, areas of steep slopes and other environmentally sensitive areas should be established or where already enacted, should be strictly enforced. The Parks and Recreation Department should work cooperatively with the City of Marshfield's Sustainable Marshfield Committee to help identify and implement successful conservation practices.

**Playground Improvements:**

The City is beginning to enter a time period where many playgrounds will be reaching the 20 year old mark. This is typically the benchmark for a playground in reaching its life expectancy. Staff should begin to implement a replacement plan (within the Capital Improvement Plan) for playgrounds to ensure playgrounds are safe and will not begin to cost the City large sums 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. While improving playgrounds, the department shall ensure accessible routes to each site and the playground meets all National Playground Safety standards as well as ADAAG.

**Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail Development:**

The City developed a connectivity plan for trails and bike paths many years ago. The City Bicycle Transportation Plan was last updated in 2010 and has been updated for this document. It is recommended the department continues to work cooperatively with the Public Works Department and the Planning and Economic Development Department to maintain a current up to date plan that focuses on bicycle and pedestrian trail connectivity throughout the City and beyond. It is also recommended that the lead department in the planning and development of City bicycle and pedestrian trails be transferred from the Parks and Recreation Department to the Public Works Department. These facilities serve as non-motorized transportation opportunities for the community and would fit better with the mission of the Public Works Department. It is also recommended that the City establish a Master Pedestrian Plan that would focus on pedestrian routes within the community and complement the existing Bike

Transportation Plan. Planning is crucial so that as development occurs, opportunities are not lost to expand and connect current trail systems. The City should take additional action in planning and better designating bicycle routes within Marshfield with signage on trails and roadways, brochures, and maps. The City should also work closely with neighboring communities in enhance and connect community based trail systems.

**Water Access:**

The City of Marshfield is one of the largest communities in the state of Wisconsin that is not directly served by a lake or large river within its corporate boundaries. It is important that the City maximizes, maintains, and takes advantage of what water access it does have. Currently, the City has two ponds at Wildwood Park that previously served as cooling ponds for the now demolished coal power plant. There are also small ponds at both the Hamus Nature Preserve and Recreation Area and the Joe and Bernadine Weber Nature Park. A branch of the Yellow River also runs through and forms the southern boundary of the Joe and Bernadine Weber Nature Park. The City should make sure decisions are made to not negatively impact these areas and to begin planning and investigation as to how the two ponds in Wildwood Park can be improved to offer increased recreational opportunities for the community.

**Swimming Pools:**

Marshfield has one municipal swimming pool. The Hefko Swimming Pool was built in 1933 and a major renovation occurred in 1974 that added the diving well and a new bath house. No significant improvements have been made since that time. In 2000, a pool study was conducted and recommended the construction of new family aquatic center with slides and many other amenities. It was estimated to cost approximately \$3.2 million at that time. It is now estimated to cost over \$5 million dollars for a similar facility. The Parks and Recreation Department has been able to keep the current Hefko Swimming Pool open to the public with relatively minor expenses over the past fifteen years; however, it is unknown how long this can be done without being confronted with a major expenditure to continue operation. To date the City has failed to identify a preferred solution or allocate the necessary dollars to address the problem. The latest concept to be discussed in the capital improvement program is the development of a splash pad at the current Hefko Pool site and the partnering of City with an expanded indoor swimming pool at the YMCA as part of a larger expansion and collaboration of other youth service providers at the YMCA. The funding for this concept has not yet been identified nor has a final decision been made to move ahead with the collaboration concept. Hefko Swimming Pool continues to be a popular place with families and young adults during the summer months even without any amenities. Comments in the recent community survey for the CORP would indicate that although there was support for the cooperative effort to expand the indoor pool at the YMCA many comments expressed concern with the plan regarding both the splash pad appeal to middle school age children and the desire to have an outdoor pool in Marshfield. The City needs to work towards a plan to address the future loss or replacement of Hefko Swimming Pool. The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee strongly support the replacement of Hefko

Swimming Pool with a new outdoor community swimming pool located at Wildwood Park.

**Community Center:**

The City of Marshfield has budgeted \$3 million dollars and supported private fund raising that is currently underway for construction of a new library and the remodeling of the existing library into a community center that will provide activities and space for the existing senior community center activities but also space for other community service providers, a Marshfield History Museum, storage space for library, program and meeting room opportunities, and possible space to relocate the Parks and Recreation Department from City Hall. The new community center will help to address the need to make necessary repairs and improvements to the current Senior Community Center, which is scheduled to be demolished in the current plan, plus help to position the community for the future in having a facility that will more easily be able to adapt to the unknown needs of both more active older adults but also provide a gathering space for all ages and physical abilities in a public setting. Should the City not be able to successfully raise the necessary funding for the project it should make plans to fund and address the current Senior Community Center infrastructure needs and determine what role it will play in the service needs of the growing older adult population in the City of Marshfield.

**Fees and Charges:**

The Parks and Recreation Department has traditionally charged fees for many of its programs and activities. In the past fifteen years user fees for facility rentals has become a significant revenue source for the department. Currently the department collects revenues that help to offset between 18% to 20% of its total operational expenses. Fees and charges serve not only to help offset the tax dollars necessary to maintain the programs, services, and facilities but also help to manage the use and consumption of these services. The Parks and Recreation Department needs to continually monitor the level of its fees to ensure that they are not prohibitive to the city residents and work in concert with the City in the funding of tax dollars necessary to maintain and/or replace existing facilities and programs. New facilities and programs should consider the implementation of user fees to avoid negatively impacting other department services.

The establishment of a Parks and Recreation Support Fund at the Marshfield Area Community Foundation should be considered to allow for private funding to be donated for both future operational and capital project needs. Currently funds (i.e. Russ Wenzel Fund, Friends of the Trails Fund, Griese Park Fund, Hackman Field Fund, Steve J. Miller Fund) exist at the Marshfield Area Community Foundation to assist with capital improvement projects; however, needs for operational assistance may be needed in the future to maintain the current level of services.

### **Wildwood Park Activity Levels and Compatibilities:**

A review of the facility rentals and documented events including Wildwood Zoo and Zoological Society activities held at Wildwood Park was completed and questions were included in the community survey regarding the large number of events and activities held at the park and the impact on other park users. Although the main area of the park is heavily used at times and additional picnic shelter development is not recommended specifically in this area it does not appear that is the case in the overall park. The compatibility of the uses seems to be complementary of each other and successful in the integration of the uses. The core zoo is an example of this and serves as a complementary service to the many family and school gatherings that occur at Wildwood Park. New zoo improvements planned for within the limits of the core zoo appear to be compatible with the zoo operations and should enhance both the zoo operations and the care of the animals. It is important that both the zoo staff and department staff are directly involved in the approval and scheduling of any activities or events planned for in or near the core zoo to help identify any animal concerns or issues. The upper pond area appears to be an area where additional development could occur, i.e. new shelter, playground, and restrooms coupled with improvements to the water quality and fishery of the upper pond could provide increased recreational opportunities for the park users. As improvements are made in the upper pond area additional parking and vehicle entrance and exit should be examined. Pedestrian access ways in the entire park need to be examined. Currently, pedestrians share park roads with vehicles creating at times unsafe situations. Another consideration would be to exam the pedestrian routes that individuals from the main park area access the zoo and improve those routes to provide A.D.A compliant routes to and through the zoo.

The Hefko Swimming Pool site seems to work well with the existing nine hole disc golf course; however, some of the holes of the disc golf course do create a conflict with the Marshfield Utilities electric sub-station. Depending on decisions regarding the future of Hefko Swimming Pool this area, similar to the upper pond area, should be looked at closer for any future development and whether or not the existing disc golf course is compatible with its current location. The disc golf course is very popular and well used.

The Wildwood “forested area” is a unique resource and one that should be preserved and maintained as a wooded natural area. Actions need to be taken to continue to monitor and eliminate invasive species in this area and avoid any encroachments to this area.

The Praschak Wayside area should be included in any overall study or planning for Wildwood Park.

## **Specific Proposals**

The following specific proposals have been developed based on input from the needs assessment as well as direction from City Staff and the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee. Parks not identified in the following list do not have immediate needs and/or recommendations at this time.

The proposals include estimated costs for each individual component. Typically these costs include furnishing and installation as well as appropriate allowances for demolition, mobilization, permits, and any other specific associated costs.

The strategies are intended to provide guidance to decision makers responsible for implementing the plan. They are organized into a park and trail improvement matrix of short-, mid- and long-term strategies that are based on time increments of 1-5 years, 6-10 years and 10 years and beyond.

The schedule of the improvements for each facility will be determined at a later date as presented and approved by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee.

**Individual Park Recommendations and Concepts**

**Grant Park**

Mini Park – 1.56 acres

Grant Park is a Mini-Park with a picnic table and play equipment located at the intersection of Doege and Cleveland Streets. See Map SM-1 in the References section.

- Provide energy efficient site lighting
- Replace existing 5’ wide city concrete sidewalk on Cleveland Street.
- Replace play equipment
- Provide poured-in-place surface in play area (about 3,000 S.F.)
- Provide perimeter walk with drainage at play area
- Create ADA accessible route to play equipment
- Forestry Plan Allowance – removals and plantings
- Vacate old Oak Avenue Street right of way.

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Grant Park	Accessible Route to Play Equipment	\$1,900.00	Short
	Cleveland Sidewalk	\$15,750.00	Short
	Forestry Plan Allowance	\$5,000.00	Medium
	Play Equipment	\$35,000.00	Medium
	Poured-in-Place Surface	\$25,000.00	Medium
	Concrete Walk Perimeter with Drainage	\$12,000.00	Long Term
	Energy Efficient Site Lighting	\$2,500.00	Long Term
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$97,150.00</b>	

**Pickle Pond Park**

Mini Park – 1.50 acres

Pickle Pond Park is located on the corner of Peach Avenue and Arnold Street. It contains open play space, picnic tables, a sandlot backstop and a winter ice skating facility. See Map SM-2 in the References section.

- Provide energy efficient ice rink lighting
- Convert LP to natural gas heating
- Pave Service Drive (80'x26')
- Forestry Plan Allowance

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Pickle Pond Park	LP to Natural Gas Heating	\$7,500.00	Short
	Ice Rink Lighting	\$13,000.00	Medium
	Pave Service Drive	\$7,550.00	Long Term
	Forestry Plan Allowance	\$3,500.00	Long Term
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,550.00</b>	

**Northern Hills Park**

Mini Park – 0.34 acres

Northern Hills Park is a small park containing picnic tables and play equipment located on Shawano Drive. See Map SM-3 in the References section.

- Install energy efficient site lighting
- Replace play equipment and poured-in-place surface in play area (about 4,500 S.F.)
- Provide perimeter walk with drainage at play area
- Create ADA accessible route to play equipment
- Forestry Plan Allowance

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Northern Hills Park	Accessible Route to Play Equipment	\$1,900.00	Short
	Play Equipment	\$35,000.00	Medium
	Poured-in-Place Surface	\$25,000.00	Medium
	Concrete Walk Perimeter with Drainage	\$12,000.00	Long Term
	Energy Efficient Site Lighting	\$2,500.00	Long Term
	Forestry Plan Allowance	\$2,500.00	Long Term
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$78,900.00</b>	

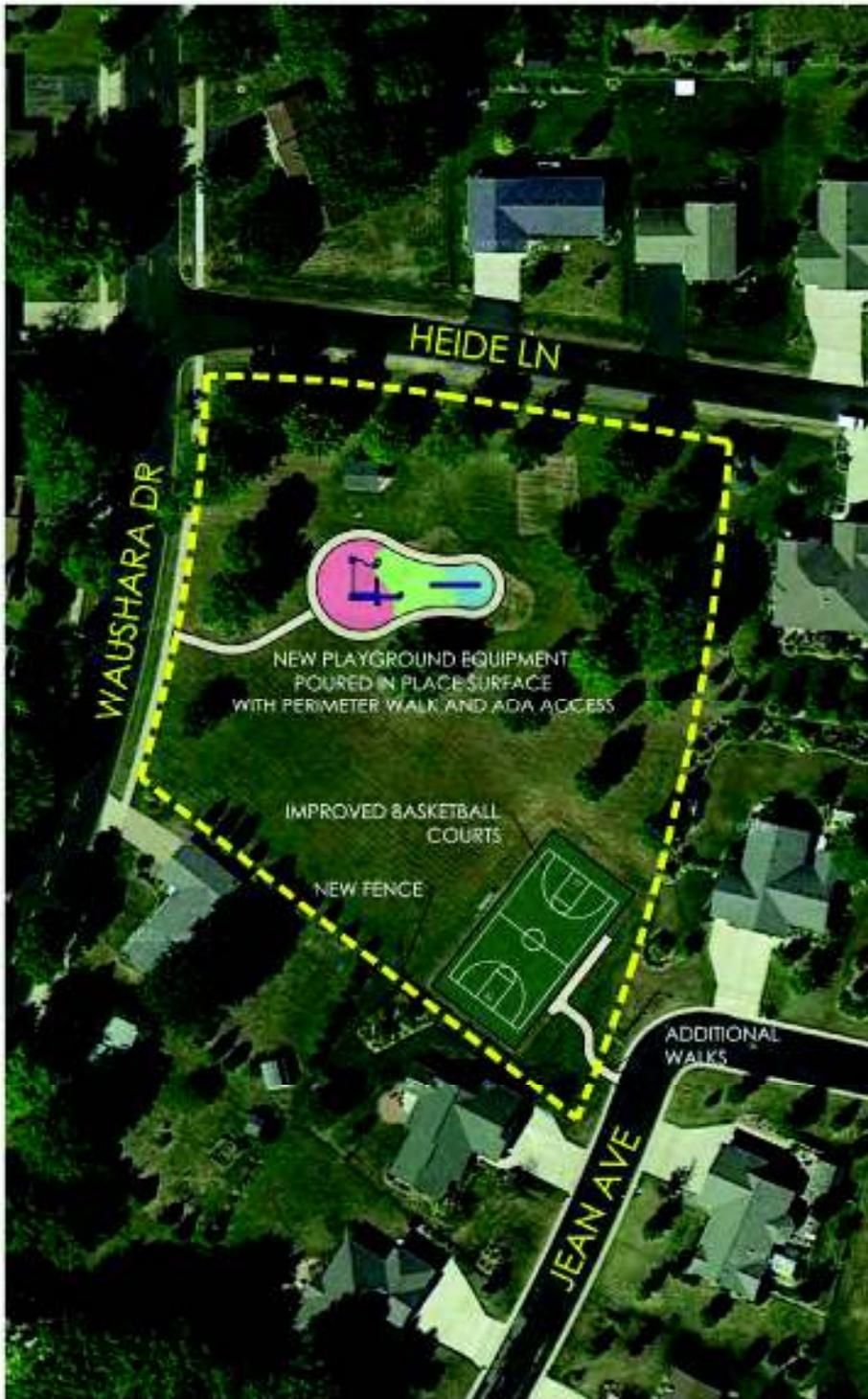
**Benedict Park**

Neighborhood Park – 2.20 acres

Benedict Park is located adjacent to Heide Lane and Waushara Drive and contains open play space, picnic tables, grills, play equipment, basketball, and picnic shelter. See Map SM-4 in the References section.

- Install energy efficient site lighting
- Provide perimeter walk with drainage at play area
- Replace play equipment and provide poured-in-place surface in play area (about 3,400 S.F.)
- Create ADA accessible route to play equipment (240 feet x 6' width)
- Improve basketball court with new surface overlay and basketball standards
- Perimeter Fence at basketball property line (160' lineal feet x 6' height vinyl coated)
- Forestry Plan Allowance

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Benedict Park	Accessible Route to Play Equipment	\$1,900.00	Short
	Additional Walks	\$19,500.00	Medium
	Basketball Courts	\$25,000.00	Medium
	Play Equipment	\$35,000.00	Medium
	Poured-in-Place play surface	\$25,000.00	Medium
	Energy Efficient Site Lighting	\$2,500.00	Long Term
	Forestry Plan Allowance	\$2,000.00	Long Term
	Perimeter Fence	\$5,920.00	Long Term
	Perimeter Walk with Drainage	\$12,000.00	Long Term
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$128,820.00</b>	



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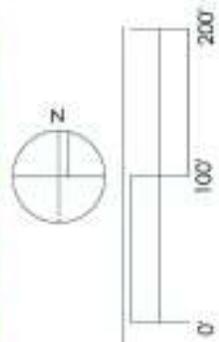
**Forest Ridge Park**

Neighborhood Park – 3.13 acres

Forest Ridge Park is located between Blodgett Street and Fairview Drive. See Map SM-5 in the References section.

- Install energy efficient site lighting
- Provide perimeter walk with drainage at play area
- Replace play equipment and provide poured-in-place surface in play area (about 4,400 S.F.)
- Create ADA accessible route to play equipment
- Create practice soccer fields, including grading, irrigation, new seeded field(s)
- Improve basketball court with new surface overlay and basketball standards
- Remove existing backstop
- Forestry Plan Allowance
- Park Sign Allowance

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Forest Ridge Park	Accessible Route to Play Equipment	\$1,900.00	Short
	Practice Soccer Field	\$10,000.00	Short
	Remove Backstop	\$750.00	Short
	Basketball Courts Renovation	\$25,000.00	Medium
	Play Equipment	\$35,000.00	Medium
	Poured-in-Place Play Surface	\$25,000.00	Medium
	Energy Efficient Site Lighting	\$2,500.00	Long Term
	Forestry Allowance	\$2,500.00	Long Term
	Park Sign Allowance	\$3,500.00	Long Term
	Perimeter Walk with Drainage	\$12,000.00	Long Term
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$118,150.00</b>	



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### **Braem Park**

Community Park – 33.34 acres

Braem Park 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 water, and a picnic shelter. See Map SM-6 in the References section.

- Install energy efficient site lighting
- Parking lot improvements: resurface parking lot (pulverize, add base course, fine grade, and overlay new bituminous paving)
- Tennis court redevelopment: redevelop tennis courts (pulverize, add base course, fine grade, and overlay new bituminous paving), add youth court and pickleball lining, and replace tennis lighting
- Softball field improvements: remove warning track, improve/replace backstop and fencing, add LED scoreboard, upgrade lighting, and improve skinned infield
- Remove or replace mature landscape beds
- Add lighting to flag pole, refinish or replace the pole
- Skate park allowance
- Shelter renovation with restrooms
- Horseshoes improvements: perimeter fencing and lighting
- Provide perimeter walk with drainage at play area
- Replace play equipment and provide poured-in-place surface in play area (about 3,000 S.F.)
- Create ADA accessible route to play equipment
- Forestry Plan Allowance
- Upgrade Granite Trails
- Develop Master Plan for the park
- Invasive species monitoring & removal

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Braem Park	Accessible Route to Play Equipment	\$4,700.00	Short
	Energy Efficient Site Lighting	\$5,000.00	Short
	Forestry Allowance	\$15,750.00	Short
	Granite Trails upgrade (2" overlay)	\$10,000.00	Short
	Horseshoes: lighting	\$5,000.00	Short
	Horseshoes: perimeter fencing	\$10,000.00	Short
	Master Plan	\$17,500.00	Short
	Parking Lot Improvements	\$100,000.00	Short
	Tennis Court Lighting	\$75,000.00	Short
	Tennis Court Redevelopment to include Pickle Ball Courts	\$215,000.00	Short
	Flag Pole and Lighting	\$6,500.00	Medium
	Invasive species Monitoring & Removal	\$20,000.00	Medium
	Play Equipment	\$35,000.00	Medium
	Poured-in-Place Play Surface	\$25,000.00	Medium
	Skate Park Improvements	\$50,000.00	Medium
	Softball Field Improvements	\$210,000.00	Medium
	Landscape Bed Improvements	\$25,000.00	Long Term
	Shelter Replacement	\$205,000.00	Long Term
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,034,450.00</b>	



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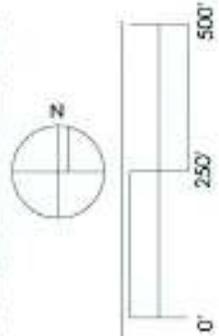
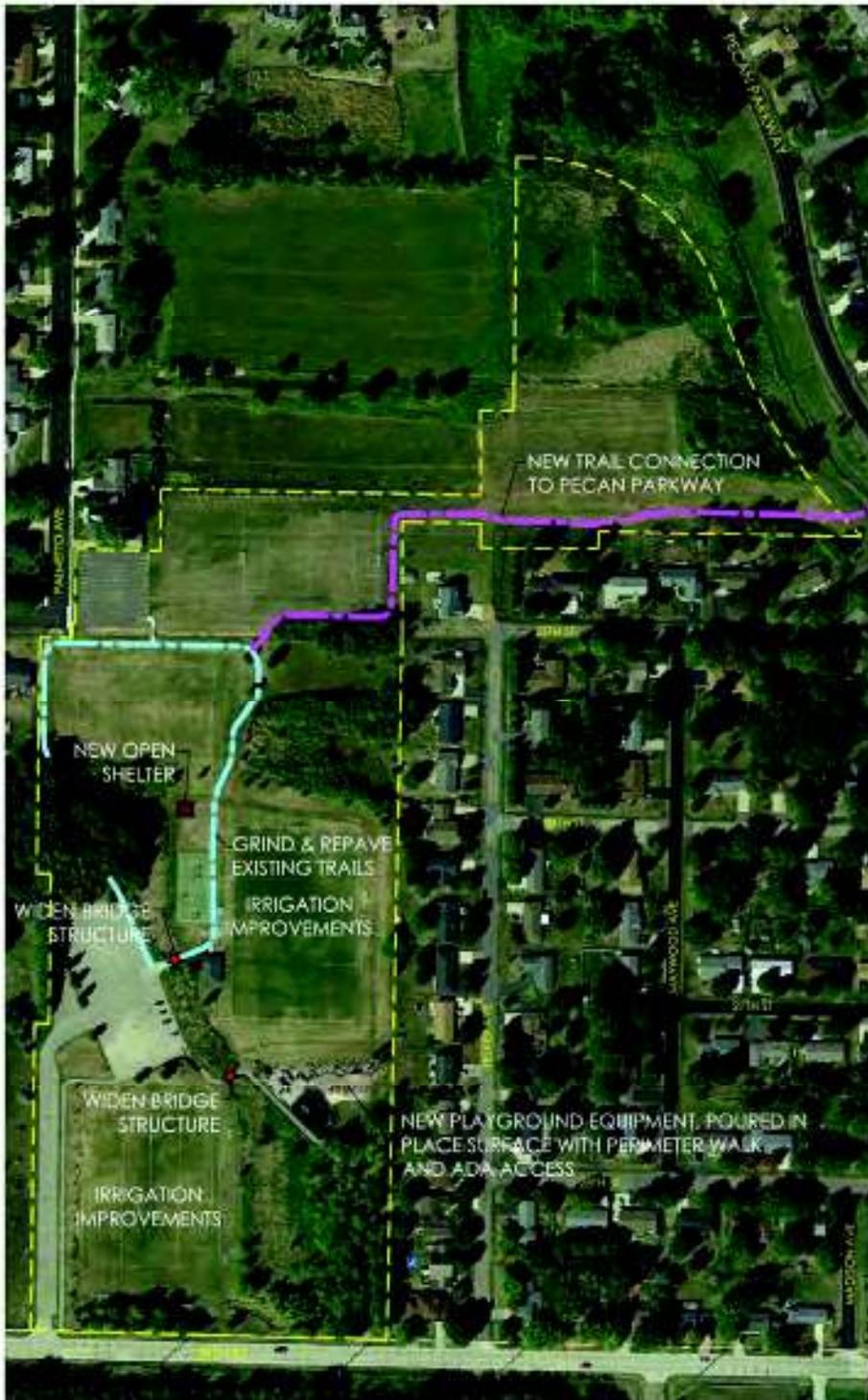
### **Griese Park**

Community Park – 27.92 acres

Griese Park is located 29th Street. This site contains open play space, picnic tables, biking/walking trails, play equipment, soccer fields, basketball courts, restrooms, drinking water, and a picnic shelter. See Map SM-7 in the References section.

- Install energy efficient site lighting
- Provide perimeter walk with drainage at play area
- Replace upgraded play equipment and provide poured-in-place surface in play area (about 16,575 SF)
- Create ADA accessible route to play equipment
- Improve site furnishings
- Grind and repave trails
- Connect park trails to Pecan Parkway
- Build open shelter/shade structure with electrical
- Widen two bridges on existing structures
- Develop Master Plan for the park
- Improve basketball court with new surface overlay and basketball standards
- Convert scoreboards to LED lighting
- Irrigation improvements to two fields
- Forestry Plan Allowance

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Griese Park	Energy Efficient Site Lighting	\$7,500.00	Short
	Irrigation Improvements (2 fields)	\$60,000.00	Short
	LED Scoreboard Upgrades	\$45,000.00	Short
	Basketball Court Improvements	\$25,000.00	Medium
	Grind and Repave Trails	\$40,000.00	Medium
	Open Park Shelter	\$50,000.00	Medium
	Play Equipment Upgrade	\$100,000.00	Medium
	Poured-in-Place play Surface	\$50,000.00	Medium
	Widen Bridge on Existing Structure (2)	\$12,500.00	Medium
	Forestry Allowance	\$8,500.00	Long Term
	Park Trails to Pecan Parkway	\$65,000.00	Long Term
	Park Master Plan	\$16,500.00	Long Term
	Site Furnishings	\$5,500.00	Long Term
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$485,500.00</b>	



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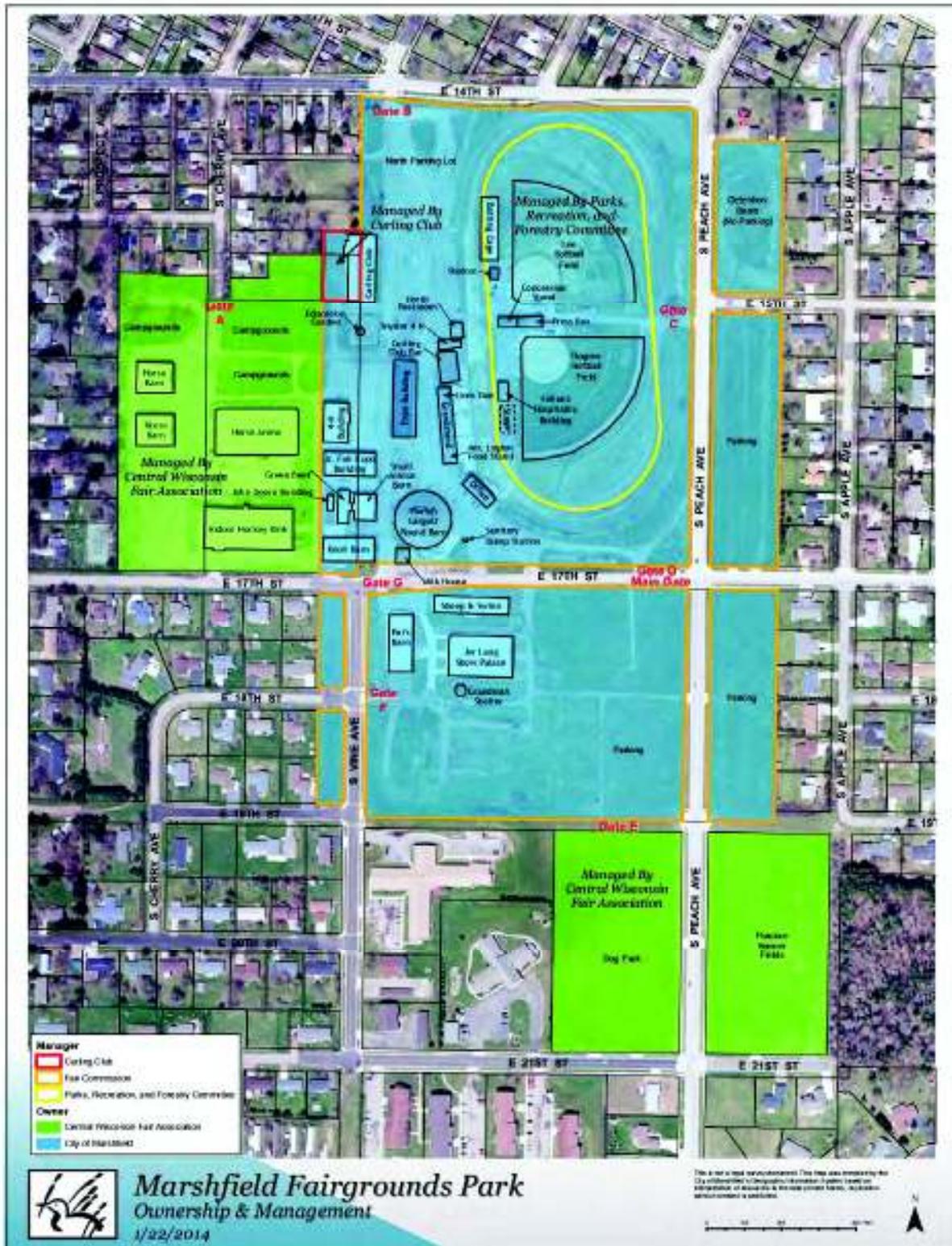
**Marshfield Fairgrounds Park**

Community Park – 47.91 acres

Marshfield Fairgrounds Park is located on (and intersected by) several roads, most prominently 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Peach Avenue. The home of the Central Wisconsin State Fair, this site contains open play space, picnic tables, play equipment, softball, batting cages, event areas, restrooms, drinking water, off-street parking, and shelters. See Map SM-8 in the References section.

- Install energy efficient LED site lighting on grass parking lot
- Replace play equipment and provide poured-in-place surface in play area
- Create ADA accessible route to play equipment
- Develop Master Plan for the park
- Improve softball field fencing and gates
- Add backstop netting to Rogers Field
- Concrete base and turf matting for future batting cages
- Blacktop roads and gravel parking lots to eliminate dust and erosion problems
- Replace windscreen with tree plantings or privacy hedge
- Replace lighting in 4-H and small animal barn with LED or fluorescent lighting
- Install wash rack on south side of 17<sup>th</sup> Street
- Replace fair office and make ADA Accessible
- Forestry Plan Allowance
- Tree Planting in Parking Areas

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Marshfield Fairgrounds Park	ADA accessible connecting walks	\$1,800.00	Short
	Backstop Netting on Rodgers Field	\$6,500.00	Short
	Concrete Batting Cage Base w/ Turf Matting	\$10,000.00	Short
	Energy Efficient Site Lighting	\$50,000.00	Short
	Forestry Allowance	\$25,000.00	Short
	Lighting in 4H Bldg	\$4,000.00	Short
	Park Master Plan	\$25,000.00	Short
	Poured-in-Place Play Surface	\$25,000.00	Short
	Vegetation Windscreen	\$10,000.00	Short
	Play equipment	\$40,000.00	Medium
	Wash Rack on South Side of 7th	\$30,000.00	Medium
	New Fair Office	\$350,000.00	Long Term
	Pave Gravel Parking Lot	\$155,000.00	Long Term
	Softball Fencing Allowance	\$125,000.00	Long Term
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$857,300.00</b>	



### **Steve J. Miller Recreation Area**

Community Park – 21.32 acres

Steve J. Miller Recreation Area is located on Oak Avenue. This site caters to sport enthusiasts with baseball fields, batting cages, tennis courts, picnic tables, play equipment, biking/walking trails, restrooms, drinking water, and shelters. See Map SM-9 in the References section.

- Replace play equipment and provide poured-in-place surface in play area
- Create ADA accessible route to play equipment
- Build shade structure between GP Olson east field and GP Olson west field
- Tennis court redevelopment: resurface courts, install youth tennis court line and possibly pickleball courts
- Renovate shelter to improve storage and restrooms
- GP Olson west: convert scoreboard to LED lighting
- GP Olson west: install synthetic turf mound
- GP Olson east: install synthetic turf mound
- Jack Hackman Field: install synthetic turf mound
- Jack Hackman Field: build storage/maintenance building
- Jack Hackman Field: convert wire gauge fence backstop to netted backstop
- OACC: remove and possibly replace landscaping
- 10' Trail (Spruce to 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Forestry Plan Allowance
- Install 10' wide asphalt path between NW corner of main parking lot to trail to north.
- Vacate unnecessary street right of ways.

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Steve J. Miller Recreation Area	Connection trail to main parking lot	\$10,000.00	Short
	Jack Hackman: Storage and Maintenance Bldg	\$50,000.00	Short
	Jack Hackman: Synthetic Mound	\$5,500.00	Short
	GP Olson East: Synthetic Mound	\$3,500.00	Short
	GP Olson West: LED Scoreboard	\$8,000.00	Short
	GP Olson West: Synthetic Mound	\$3,500.00	Short
	Open Park Shelter @GP Olson East and GP Olson West	\$50,000.00	Short
	Tennis Court Color Coating	\$15,000.00	Short
	Forestry Allowance	\$15,000.00	Medium
	OACC – Landscape Improvements	\$10,000.00	Medium
	Jack Hackman: masonry wall and netting backstop	\$95,000.00	Long Term
	Play equipment	\$50,000.00	Long Term
	Poured-in-Place Play Surface	\$40,000.00	Long Term
	Renovate Shelter	\$50,000.00	Long Term
	<b>Total</b>	<b>405,500.00</b>	



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### **Wildwood Park**

Community Park – 157.56 acres

Wildwood Park (Marshfield's flagship park) is located on 17<sup>th</sup> and Central Avenue. This site contains open play space, picnic tables, grills, play equipment, nature areas, biking/walking trails, disc golf, a pool, fishing areas, event areas, a zoo, restrooms, drinking water, and shelters. See Map SM-10 in the References section.

### **Wildwood Park Proposals**

- Site lighting allowance
- Construct barrier free playground with poured-in-place surface in play area and ADA accessible route to play equipment
- Upper Pond: develop plan to improve pond quality; investigate improvements to fishing and possible recreation boating
- Upper Pond: construct restroom / shelter building by pond with lighting and playground
- Park road upgrades and restoration
- Complete Pool Study
- New Hefko Swimming Pool Construction
- Widen sidewalk on south side of Wildwood Station Building to improve access for loading and unloading
- Replace lighting under the overhangs of the Wildwood Station Building and Wildwood Shelters 1 and 2 with LED lighting
- Upgrade 2442 Steam Locomotive Display
- Signage allowance
- Site furnishings allowance
- Forestry Plan Allowance
- Invasive species monitoring & removal

### **Wildwood Zoo Proposals**

- Zoo: Update master plan
- Zoo: Build new grizzly bear exhibit
- Zoo: Build new maintenance building
- Zoo: Build a Zoo Welcome/Education Center with restrooms
- Zoo: Finish building Raptor Row
- Zoo: Build new small mammal exhibit by current fox exhibit
- Zoo: Create petting zoo area by hay barn
- Zoo: Increase staffing levels
- Zoo: Ludwig Building maintenance
- Zoo: Core Zoo Hard surface repair

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Wildwood Park	2442 Steam Locomotive Display Enhancements	\$15,000.00	Short
	Energy Efficient Site Lighting	\$6,500.00	Short
	Hefko Pool Study	\$10,000	Short
	Hefko Swimming Pool Construction (new)	\$5,000,000.00	Short
	Invasive Species Monitoring and Removal Allowance	To Be Determined	Short
	Replace/upgrade Wildwood Station and Shelters Lighting	\$4,400.00	Short
	Signage Allowance	\$10,000.00	Short
	Upper Pond: Develop Water Quality Plan	\$50,000.00	Short
	ADA accessible route to Barrier Free Playground	\$2,800.00	Medium
	Barrier Free Playground with Poured-in-Place Surfacing	\$350,000.00	Medium
	Forestry Allowance	\$10,500.00	Medium
	Park Roads Upgrades	\$125,000.00	Medium
	Site Furnishings Allowance	\$8,500.00	Medium
	ADA accessible route to Barrier Free Playground	\$2,800.00	Long
	Upper Pond: Barrier Free Playground with Poured-in-Place Surfacing	\$90,000.00	Long
	Upper Pond: Restroom/Shelter Building with Lighting	\$172,000.00	Long
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,857,500,000</b>	

Wildwood Zoo	Cougar Exhibit Expansion	\$45,000.00	Short
	Grizzly Bear Exhibit	\$1,100,000.00	Short
	Increase Staffing Levels	To Be Determined	Short
	Ludwig Building Restoration	\$30,000.00	Short
	Maintenance Building	\$375,000.00	Short
	New Mountain Sheep Exhibit	\$6,000.00	Short
	Petting Zoo Area	\$10,000.00	Short

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	Raptor Row Allowance	\$10,000.00	Short
	Core Zoo Sidewalk and Driveway Repair	\$100,000.00	Medium
	Develop New Small Mammal Exhibit	\$25,000.00	Medium
	Master Plan	\$25,000.00	Medium
	New Welcome/Education Center	\$350,000.00	Long
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,076,000.00</b>	



**Connor Park**

Nature Area – 5.60 acres

Connor Park is located on Blodgett Street on the east end of Marshfield and contains picnic tables, biking/walking trails, and a nature area. See Map SM-11 in the References section.

- Upgrade/maintain trails
- Forestry Plan Allowance
- Invasive species monitoring & removal

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Connor Park	Invasive Species Monitoring & Removal	To Be Determined	Short
	Upgrade/Maintain Trails	\$10,000.00	Short
	Forestry Allowance	\$10,000.00	Medium
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	

**Joe and Bernadine Weber’s Nature Park**

Nature Area – 37.11 acres

Joe and Bernadine Weber’s Nature Park is located on the far western part of the city off 5<sup>th</sup> Street. This site contains many amenities such as picnic tables, grills, biking/walking areas, a nature area, restrooms, drinking water, off-street parking, and a picnic shelter. See Map SM-12 in the References section.

- Acquire approximately 0.7 acres between west property line and existing fence line
- Forestry Plan Allowance
- Invasive species monitoring & removal

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Joe and Bernadine Weber’s Nature Park	Forestry Allowance	\$5,000.00	Short
	Invasive Species Monitoring & Removal	To Be Determined	Short
	Land Acquisition	To Be Determined	Medium
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	

**Hamus Nature Preserve and Recreation Area**

Nature Area – 27.94 acres

Hamus Nature Preserve and Recreation Area is located on the northern boundary of Marshfield on Hamus drive. This site contains: picnic tables, grills, nature area, biking/walking trails, fishing areas, restrooms, drinking water, and shelters. See Map SM-13 in the References section.

- Additional accessible pier
- Erosion control and storm water management on trails
- Forestry Plan Allowance
- Invasive species monitoring & removal

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Hamus Nature Preserve and Recreation Area	2 <sup>nd</sup> Accessible Fishing Pier	\$15,000.00	Short
	Erosion Control on Trails	\$20,000.00	Short
	Forestry Allowance	\$10,000.00	Short
	Invasive Species Monitoring & Removal	To Be Determined	Short
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,000.00</b>	

**Columbia Park**

Special Use Area – 2.49 acres

Columbia Park is located in the block between Arnold Street, Blodgett Street, Chestnut Avenue, and Walnut Avenue. This contains picnic tables, grills, band shell, and restrooms. See Map SM-14 in the References section.

- Install energy efficient LED site lighting
- Replace winter cover for Band Shell
- Forestry Plan Allowance

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Columbia Park	Band Shell Cover	\$3,000.00	Short
	Energy Efficient Site Lighting	\$8,500.00	Short
	Forestry Allowance	\$10,000.00	Short
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,500.00</b>	

**Eighth & Hemlock Park**

Special Use Area – 1.14 acres

Eighth & Hemlock Park is a triangular park between Hemlock Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street containing open play space. See Map SM-15 in the References section.

- Sell property
- Remove / demolish building

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Eighth & Hemlock Park	Remove/Demolish Building	\$8,000.00	Short
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	

**Praschak Wayside Park**

Special Use Area – 6.78 acres

Praschak Wayside Park is located just east of Wildwood Zoo between Central Avenue and Maple Avenue. It contains picnic tables and a nature area. See Map SM-16 in the References section.

- Rebuild and widen Praschak Wayside Road with parking on side
- Forestry Plan Allowance

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Praschak Wayside Park	Forestry Allowance	\$10,000.00	Medium
	Rebuild and widen Hard Surface Roadway	\$127,500.00	Medium
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$137,500.00</b>	

**Strohman Park**

Special Use Area – 0.18 acres

Strohman Park is a tiny park on the corner of Central Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. This site contains picnic tables and off-street parking. See Map SM-17 in the References section.

- Install energy efficient site lighting (replace two poles and building lights)
- Continue to work with FD on improvements and memorials
- Site Furnishings Allowance
- Forestry Plan Allowance

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Strohman Park	Forestry Allowance	\$5,000.00	Short
	Site Furnishings Allowance	\$8,000.00	Short
	Energy Efficient Site Lighting	\$5,000.00	Medium
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>	

**Veterans Memorial Park**

Special Use Area – 1.95 acres

Veterans Memorial Park is located on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Park Streets. This site contains picnic tables and memorials. See Map SM-18 in the References section.

- Work with Veterans group to improve current memorials and add new ones
- Replace / widen sidewalks to 5' width
- Forestry Plan Allowance

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Veterans Memorial Park	Replace/Widen Sidewalks	\$20,000.00	Short
	Forestry Plan Allowance	\$10,000.00	Medium
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	

**UW Athletic Fields**

Other Recreation Facility – 27.60 acres

The UW Athletic Fields are located off of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. See Map SM-27 in the References Section.

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
UW Athletic Fields	Master Plan	\$18,000.00	Short
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>	

**Parks and Recreation Department Maintenance Shop**

The Parks and Recreation Maintenance Shop is located at 512 East 25<sup>th</sup> Street and was formerly part of the old Waste Water Treatment plant. The building and site has served as the Parks and Recreation Department maintenance building since 2004.

- Build a cold storage shed for equipment, fleet attachments, sport panels, wood, etc
- Investigate options to use basement more efficiently

Site Name	Proposed Development	Development Cost	Priority
Parks Maintenance Shop	Construct cold storage building in back of building	\$50,000.00	Medium
	Create vehicle access entry to basement	To Be Determined	Medium
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	