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Marshfield Parks and Recreation wants to develop long-term plan, start toward making it happen

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Judy Bortel, left, and Krystle Place watch Anna Nolde as she plays in the wading pool at Heko Pool in Marshfield in 2013. / News-Herald Media file photo

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MARSHFIELD — Does Marshfield need a sledding hill? What about a lake? Or should there be more animals at the Wildwood Zoo?

The city's Parks and Recreation Department is seeking feedback from residents to understand what people would like to have at Marshfield's parks.

The department has begun the work of completing a new Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for the city park system, said Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation [director](#). The information will be used to complete a new five-year plan for the department.

"This planning process is a chance for the city of Marshfield to envision what our park system will look like in the year 2020 and to



Emmett Meissner of Chili does a flip off the board at Hefko Pool in Marshfield in 2011. The city's Park and Recreation Department hopes to develop a long-term plan for the city's facilities, including the pool. / News-Herald Media file photo

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start down the road to making it happen," Englehart said.

The city has worked to maintain and upgrade the parks and their [infrastructure](#), but some facilities need renovation, such as Hefko Pool, the city's outdoor public swimming facility.

During the years, different ideas have been proposed for Hefko Pool, which have included creating a water park, he said.

"In the past, we've identified that we should have a park in the (northwest) corner of the city. But what kind of park and where to locate it are some of the questions," Englehart said.

The northwest corner of the city is in the district of City Council member Alanna Feddick-Goodwin, who said she agrees her neighborhood needs a park.

"This area has many more children in it now. They're riding bikes up and down the street and [families](#) are pushing strollers while taking walks. A park where kids can play, children can hang out and families can meet would be nice," Feddick-Goodwin said.

Having a public meeting to understand what people in the community want to have is a good idea, she said.

The Parks and Recreation Department is doing a good job working with community organizations that [share](#) a mutual interest about recreational opportunities, said Dan Umhoefer, who is a member of the Marshfield Area Friends of the Trails, which has worked with the city to create a trail system for pedestrians and bicycles.

"I'm very pleased with the effort of the city to support the trails and the parks," said Umhoefer, adding he will be attending the meeting to advocate for additional trails.

The city is able to accomplish more for the parks when it works together with community organizations, Englehart said.

"This will bring together the staff and the public," he said. "It's an opportunity to discuss the things that are important to people."

Besides fostering [long-term planning](#), a comprehensive plan also meets the state's Department of Natural Resources criteria to be eligible for grant programs, he said.



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Marshfield Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) Survey

Click on the link below to complete the survey. Your comments will assist in preparation of the plan. The survey will be available until May 1st. If you have questions, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department 715-384-4642 or email parkrec@ci.marshfield.wi.us

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