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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

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Outdoor recreation facilities and numerous natural resources provide a wide range of recreational opportunities in Shawano County. Hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, bird watching, camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and sight-seeing are just some of the more popular recreational activities. With an increasing amount of leisure time available, the demand for facilities to accommodate these and many other recreational activities has continued to increase. Not only are more recreationalists participating in a greater number of activities than their parents of a generation ago, their needs have become more specialized. They tend to place greater emphasis on having a “quality recreational experience,” however uniquely perceived. This often translates into the public’s desire for more diverse, often more elaborate, and generally better maintained recreational facilities.

In recent years, local officials have also come to realize that county parks and other recreational resources contribute to local economies as well as providing recreational opportunities. This is particularly true in counties such as Shawano, where abundant natural resources attract numerous visitors as well as seasonal residents to the area. Within the past few years, Shawano County has made significant strides in developing linear recreational facilities such as the Mountain Bay and WIOUWASH Recreational Trails. These trails not only accommodate recreational activities generally growing in popularity, they are also destination-oriented, allowing several local economies in the area to benefit from their presence in all seasons.

PAST RECREATIONAL PLANNING

Shawano County and many of its local units of government have a long history of preparing and maintaining comprehensive open space and recreation plans. These plans have served to identify and monitor changing recreation needs and provide recommendations for land acquisition and facility development. In addition to, these plans have enabled the county and local units of government to participate in the federally funded Land and Water Conservation (LAWCON) Program and the state’s Stewardship Program and other past and present funding programs administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Over the years Shawano County had been the recipient of \$681,000 from these funding sources while its municipalities and other special districts have collectively received \$1,124,000 to assist in the acquisition and development of parks and recreational facilities, preservation of natural resources and wildlife habitat, and similar projects. Since many of these programs provide matching funds, in most cases effectively doubling the local funding commitment for undertaking these projects, their contribution cannot be overestimated. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded over \$580,000 from its ISTEA Program to Shawano County for purchase of trail right-of-way for both the Mountain Bay and WIOUWASH Recreational Trails. Collectively, these sources have provided nearly \$2.4 million in outside funding (Table 1).

**TABLE 1: PAST FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR PARK ACQUISITION
 AND DEVELOPMENT TO DATE**

Jurisdiction	Federal Programs	State Programs	Total Funding
Shawano County	\$602,786	\$691,289	\$1,260,675
<u>Towns of:</u>			
Almon	---	2,359	2,359
Angelica	750	---	750
Belle Plaine	---	4,500	4,500
Grant	830	1,200	9,530
Green Valley	---	2,247	2,247
Herman	---	13,122	13,122
Navarino	---	24,000	24,000
Pella	---	19,130	19,130
Richmond	5,820	---	5,820
Washington	---	28,100	28,100
Wescott	15,531	---	15,531
<u>Villages of:</u>			
Aniwa	20,246	---	20,246
Birnamwood	9,658	2,567	12,225
Bonduel	63,739	---	63,739
Bowler	---	2,440	2,440
Cecil Eland	5,558	23,250	28,808
Gresham	---	4,490	4,490
Mattoon	35,000	14,425	49,425
Tigerton	11,250	4,240	15,490
Wittenberg	12,364	542,468	554,832
	16,021	---	16,021
City of Shawano	24,558	105,029	129,587
<u>Special Entities:</u>			
Bonduel School District	15,293	---	15,293
Loon Lake District			
Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe	---	74,325	74,325
Menominee Tribe (Middle Village)		12,100	12,100
TOTAL FOR ALL UNITS	\$846,904	\$1,537,881	\$2,384,785

THE PLANNING PROCESS

To ensure that the county's plan reflected the wishes of its residents, Shawano County has historically relied extensively on the input of a citizens' advisory committee. The county's earlier outdoor recreation plans, prepared in 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1993, 1999, and 2007 benefited from this input as existing park and recreation facilities were inventoried, countywide park and recreation needs identified, and recommendations for meeting these needs presented. Shawano County has recently completed a comprehensive plan under Wisconsin State Statutes 66.1001. This process required the input of the public and professionals in considering goals and objectives for the Agricultural, Cultural and Natural Resources Element. Focus groups on parks and recreation met to discuss issues and concerns and are scheduled to meet again during the process. The Shawano County Board appointed an Ad Hoc Committee that met regularly to inventory the current status of the county facilities and discuss long term needs. The adoption of the Comprehensive Plan for the County occurred on January 29, 2009. Implementation of that plan included the comprehensive master plans for all of Shawano County's facilities, including park and recreation areas. The Comp plan will still be utilized as a resource when updating this document.

The update to the Outdoor Recreation Plan should be completed every 5 years. This revision will keep the County's Outdoor Recreation Plan current and allow the County to apply for grants.

The purpose of preparing the *Shawano County Outdoor Recreation Plan* was to provide a working document the Highway/Park Committee, and ultimately the County Board could use to chart a realistic course of action for developing and managing Shawano County's park and recreation facilities and natural resources over the next several years.

Like its predecessors, this version of the *Shawano County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan* seeks to help preserve the county's natural environment and at the same time allow residents and visitors alike to play, learn, enjoy and live in harmony with it. In addition to setting forth new recommendations based on present needs, Shawano County's outdoor recreation plan will reestablish the county's eligibility for participation in DNR-administered state and federal funding programs for parks and recreation.

The following County Board members make up the Highway and Parks Committee:

John Ainsworth, District 16, Town of Waukechon, Ward 1 & Town of Belle Plaine, Ward 3
Kevin Conradt, District 13, Town of Lessor, Ward 1, & Town of Navarino, Ward 2
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BACKGROUND GEOGRAPHY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Shawano County is located in the northeastern part of Wisconsin, approximately 35 miles west of Green Bay and 150 miles north of Milwaukee. The county's population has grown slowly but steadily during the past three decades, increasing from 32,650 residents in 1970 to 41,949 in 2010, a 17.7 percent change in growth (Table 2). By the year 2030, it is projected that Shawano County's population will increase to 46,305 but decrease in 2040 with a change of -0.87%. The county's rate of growth between 2000 and 2030 (16.4 percent) is projected to be slightly lower than the anticipated 19.6 percent growth for the State of Wisconsin during this interval.

The City of Shawano is the largest community in the county, with a year 2010 population of 9,305. Eleven villages are located in the county, with Bonduel and Wittenberg each having over 1,000 residents and Cecil, Birnamwood, Gresham, and Tigerton having populations in excess of 500. The county is also divided into 25 towns. The more populous towns are all located in the Greater Shawano/Shawano Lake area and along the eastern tier of the county.

Shawano County's large seasonal population is an important consideration in planning for the county's open space and recreational needs. The county is within a three hours' drive to both Milwaukee and Madison and attracts a sizable number of visitors from the Chicago metropolitan area as well. In addition, the county has long been a favorite destination of the 500,000 Fox Valley residents who live within an hour's drive (Map 3) and in fact, many have second homes in the County. These facts suggest that on a typical summer weekend up to two-thirds of the County's recreationalists are visitors from outside the borders. Accommodating for this demand of adequate recreational facilities generated by both visitors, and permanent residents while ensuring that their recreational experience is a memorable one, is a major challenge of the Shawano County parks system in years to come.

TABLE 2: POPULATION TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS

JURISDICTION	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020*	2030*	2040*
Cities of:									
Shawano Marion (pt.)	6,103 0	6,488 0	7,013 0	7,598 0	8,298 1	9,305 25	9,665 30	10,330 35	10,300 40

Villages of:	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020*	2030*	2040*
Aniwa	247	233	273	249	272	260	260	260	250
Birnamwood (pt.)	568	632	688	693	785	802	825	875	865
Bonduel	876	995	1,160	1,210	1,416	1,478	1,575	1,710	1,730
Bowler	274	272	339	279	343	302	295	290	265
Cecil	357	369	445	373	466	570	610	685	710
Eland	213	229	230	247	251	202	190	175	150
Gresham	458	448	534	515	575	586	600	635	620
Mattoon	435	377	382	431	466	438	435	440	415
Pulaski (pt.)	0	0	0	0	45	218	250	295	325
Tigerton	781	742	865	812	764	741	730	725	675
Wittenberg	892	895	997	1,145	1,177	1,081	990	920	790
Towns of:	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020*	2030*	2040*
Almon	602	505	632	557	591	584	600	625	605
Angelica	1,387	1,433	1,522	1,417	1,635	1,793	1,940	2,150	2,210
Aniwa	601	598	612	601	586	541	530	525	480
Bartelme	338	399	583	618	700	819	865	955	975
Belle Plaine	1,545	1,636	1,626	1,792	1,867	1,855	1,920	2,025	1,995
Birnamwood	516	484	570	632	711	763	830	920	945
Fairbanks	581	631	608	600	687	616	610	615	575
Germania	411	389	392	410	339	332	320	315	285
Grant	957	912	976	946	974	991	1,015	1,060	1,035
Green Valley	1,027	984	1,054	984	1,024	1,089	1,150	1,240	1,245
Hartland	868	820	872	764	825	904	950	1,025	1,035
Herman	848	759	834	739	741	776	805	850	840
Hutchins	446	409	467	523	539	600	635	685	695
Lessor	900	911	955	892	1,112	1,263	1,380	1,555	1,620
Maple Grove	1,338	1,258	1,271	1,159	1,045	972	950	935	855
Morris	489	411	447	453	485	453	465	480	465
Navarino	447	440	456	439	422	446	455	475	465
Pella	731	734	788	885	877	865	895	930	910
Red Springs	506	474	524	614	981	925	980	1,065	1,075
Richmond	1,336	1,397	1,543	1,587	1,719	1,864	1,990	2,170	2,205
Seneca	576	532	525	538	567	558	570	595	575
Washington	856	974	1,374	1,620	1,903	1,895	2,005	2,145	2,145
Waukechon	912	906	874	876	928	1,021	1,135	1,275	1,330
Wescott	1,856	2,251	2,668	3,085	3,653	3,183	3,305	3,465	3,395
Wittenberg	728	723	829	877	894	833	835	850	805
County Total:	32,006	32,650	35,928	37,157	40,664	41,949	43,590	46,305	45,900

Sources: U.S. Census, 1960-2010. *2020-2040 Projections are from the Department of Administration, 2013.

In 2010, Shawano County had relatively the same percentage of its population under the age of 14, (13%), as the State of Wisconsin. At the same time, elderly residents (ages 65 and over) constituted 18.2 percent of the county's total population, significantly greater than 13.7 percent statewide. The county's median age of 43 in 2010 was slightly higher than the state's median age of 38.5. Since 1980, when the county's unincorporated rural areas had a higher percentage of younger residents and a lower percentage of elderly residents than incorporated communities, there has been a shift toward a more homogenous distribution of age cohorts within the county. In rural areas towns with a higher than average elderly component typically have extensive lakeshore development. This can be attributed to the increasingly frequent conversion of seasonal dwellings into permanent retirement homes which is still true today. (Table 3)

TABLE 3: POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY AGE GROUP, 2010

Shawano County			State of Wisconsin	
Age Group	Number	%	Number	%
Under 5	2,443	5.8	358,443	6.3
5 to 14	5,373	12.8	744,544	13.1
15 to 24	4,736	11.4	785,761	13.8
25 to 44	9,667	23.1	1,447,360	25.4
45 to 54	6,589	15.7	873,753	15.4
55 to 64	5,461	13.0	699,811	12.3
65 and Over	7,680	18.2	777,314	13.7
Totals	41,949	100.00	5,686,986	100.00

Source: American Fact Finder, Census 2010 SF-1 data.

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CHAPTER 2

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The Shawano County Highway and Parks Committee reviewed the goals and objectives. These goals and objectives are intended to serve as a guide for county officials as they improve and develop the county's park and recreational system. The goals are general statements indicating the system that the county would like to provide for local residents. Objectives are more specific statements on how the goals can be achieved.

Fundamentally, the goals address four phases: 1. Outdoor Recreation, 2. Unique Natural and Cultural Resources, 3. Public Participation, and 4. Health Factors.

GOAL 1: Develop and maintain a comprehensive system of park and recreation areas that will provide a wide variety of recreational activities for county residents and visitors alike to enjoy.

Objectives:

- Provide a planned system of park and recreation areas that offer a diversity of recreation activities in reasonable proximity to all county residents and that also accommodate the recreational needs of the county's many visitors.
- Provide recreation facilities that are identified to be lacking or in short supply.
- Provide recreational opportunities and facilities for all recreationalists, including those who are disabled and/or elderly.
- Cooperate with public and private enterprises in identifying jurisdictional responsibility for providing needed recreation areas.
- Encourage a policy of intergovernmental cooperation, particularly between communities and adjacent towns, in providing and utilizing recreational facilities, as a way of avoiding unnecessary duplication of facilities and associated costs.
- Identify and establish priorities for acquiring or developing needed recreation areas and facilities.
- Promote recreational facilities and opportunities which exist in the county. (*In particular, to increase public awareness of county wildlife areas and encourage their use for low impact recreational activities*)
- Provide facilities appropriate for the resource and to minimize conflicts between uses and facilities.

GOAL 2: Preserve and enhance areas of unique natural, historical, and cultural significance.

Objectives:

- Identify and protect unique natural resources in the county from development.
- Provide an appropriate level of access to areas unique in natural, historical or cultural resources.
- Provide adequate public access to the county's numerous lakes, rivers and streams for year-around use.
- Protect and improve existing wildlife habitat areas.
- Protect wetlands that serve as valuable wildlife habitat areas and as natural filters for the County's numerous surface waters.
- Partner with area school districts, youth groups and other organizations to achieve a high level of educational benefits from the county's unique natural, historical and cultural resources.

GOAL 3: To encourage continued involvement of County residents when planning for parks and recreational development.

Objectives:

- Encourage ongoing participation by all residents at County Highway & Parks Committee meetings.
- Explore the support of community groups, service organizations, and volunteers for ways of funding and/or for making improvements to the county parks system by increasing the amount of recreational opportunities.
- Continue to solicit comments from residents on all aspects of park and recreational programming and management via website comments, online polls, surveys, etc.

GOAL 4: Encourage to promote healthy activities throughout the county's boundaries.

Objectives

- Promote the health benefits of recreation and recreational activities by working with the different organizations in the County, i.e. Shawano Pathways.
- Provide ways for families to exercise by making available facilities for use.
- Promote events and team projects to get county residents out and moving.



CHAPTER 3

RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

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NATURAL RESOURCES & TOPOGRAPHIES

The natural resources of Shawano County offers a wide variety of outdoor recreational opportunities. Resident and visitor alike enjoy and appreciate the scenic quality and recreational value of Shawano County's extensive range of natural resources. The County's present topography and natural features are largely the result of the most recent period of glacial activity, which ended about 11,000 years ago.

Elevations range from less than 800 feet above sea level, where the Wolf and Oconto Rivers exit the County, to nearly 1500 feet in the extreme northwestern portion in the Town of Aniwa. In general, the topography can best be described as gently to moderately rolling although broad lowland areas exist primarily along the Wolf River in the Town of Navarino. The most dramatic evidence of glacial activity is found in the western part where moraines and boulder-strewn fields are common. These areas were formed by material deposited along the edges of the ice sheet during pauses in the glacier's retreat. In some areas, depressions known as "kettles" can be found, the result of ice blocks being buried in the moraine.

Soil types vary throughout the County. The eastern part is primarily pink loamy soils while the western part is gray and brown loams. The fertile loamy soils in the east are the most productive agricultural soils in the County. As a result, a high percentage of the land is in cropland or pastureland. West of the Wolf River the prime agricultural soils are interspersed among large wooded and wetland areas and the percentage of land in agricultural production decreases. Muck or peat soils are located along the many streams in this area. These soils support large swamp forest and marsh areas and provide excellent wildlife habitat.

The County's numerous natural lakes, many of which were formed by the irregular surface created by the advancing glacier, are other major features of glacial activity and similarly, the paths of present day rivers and streams have been influenced by post-glacial topography. These lakes and streams along with extensive woodlands and wetlands provide the setting for seven county parks, several wildlife and fish habitat areas, and a number of campgrounds and resorts, which offer excellent accommodations for visitors to the Shawano County area.

Surface Water

Shawano County's surface water is perhaps its most important recreational resource shown in Table 4, and Map 2. The County's 135 lakes and ponds with 595 miles of streams; including 400 miles of trout streams; provide a wide range of year round recreational opportunities. Surface water in the County totals equals to 11,536 acres, or just over 18 square miles. Total area of the County's lakes is 9,248 acres, with Shawano Lake, at 6,063 acres, one of the largest and most heavily used lakes in the state. Eight other lakes exceed 100 acres. Major streams include the Wolf, Embarrass, Red and Oconto rivers.

Twenty of Shawano County's lakes have ramp access, two have water access, five have road access and four have trail access. The remaining lakes are without known public access, including Long Lake and Big Lake, both over 50 acres. Baker Lake, Island Lake, Mission Lake

and Schoenick Lake are among other lakes presently unavailable for public use. While present publicly owned access to the Cloverleaf Lakes (Grass, Pine and Round) is limited, the level of public access may be appropriate due to the already heavy user pressure created by lakeshore residents. Recent efforts to expand parking at some of Shawano Lake's most heavily used boat landings has helped address the need for public access on this important water body.

Good public access to most of Shawano County's streams currently exists but, in some cases, is widely spaced. Access to the upper reaches of the Middle Branch of the Embarrass River and to portions of the Red River, however, is limited to road crossings.

Woodlands

Forests and woodlands, which cover about half of the County's total acreage, are important recreational and commercial resources. Extensive forestlands range from dense hardwood forests in the northwest portion of the County to vast areas of lowland hardwoods along the Wolf River. A variety of coniferous stands are common throughout the County in ecologically suitable areas. In general, major timber stands are most frequent and larger in the western half of the County. Large blocks of land are enrolled in the Forest Crop Law and Managed Forest Law Programs. These parcels by law are open to the public for hunting and fishing purposes and, in the case of Managed Forest Law lands, for hiking, cross-country skiing, and sightseeing as well.

The closure of Forest Crop Law and Managed Forest Law land for public hunting and fishing purposes was identified as an issue of concern through the Shawano County Comprehensive Planning Process. In 1993 there were approximately 55,195 acres enrolled in the Managed Forest Law, Forest Crop Law, or Woodland Tax programs. In 2000, this number substantially decreased to 44,602 acres. Perhaps more striking than the loss of enrolled land is the closure of land for public hunting and fishing purposes. In 1993 approximately 28,122.9 acres or 51% of land enrolled in Department of Natural Resources programs was open for public use. By 2000, only 11,008.7 acres or 26% of the land enrolled in the Department of Natural Resources programs was open for public use. As of 2013, only 9,505 acres are available for public use. The amount of open space for public use is definitely shrinking.

Wetlands

Wetlands constitute about one-fourth of the County's total land area or 137,775 acres. These valuable resources serve as a filtering system to purify water, maintain and stabilize the quantity of water, and provide important fish and wildlife habitat. These fragile natural areas can be quickly and permanently destroyed by infringing land use changes. Too often in the past, the benefits of protecting and preserving the state's wetlands were unrecognized and many were drained or filled. Historically, Shawano County's wetlands have not been threatened by development pressures to the extent that has occurred in some adjacent counties. With a higher percentage of its remaining wetland acreage consisting of large forested floodplain areas along lakes and streams, the potential for future protection has been enhanced through more stringent floodplain and shoreland zoning regulations.

TABLE 4: SIGNIFICANT LAKES IN SHAWANO COUNTY

MAP CODE*	LAKE NAME	LOCATION (Town)	AREA (Acres)	MAX DEPTH (Feet)	SHORE-LINE (Miles)	PUBLIC ACCESS*	LAKE MAP	LAKE TYPE*
1	Bahr Lake	Washington	6	44	0.5	W	X	SE
2	Baker Lake	Hutchins	31	19	1.2	-	X	SE
3	Beauleau Lake	Red Springs	27	22	1.0	BR	X	SE
4	Big Lake	Red Springs	57	40	1.9	-	X	SP
5	Bowler Pond	Almon	1	6	0.1	R	X	DG
6	Caroline Pond	Grant	33	10	2.3	T	X	DG
7	Cranberry Lake	Hutchins	25	9	0.9	-	X	SE
8	Deer Spring Lake	Wescott	18	2	0.8	BR		SE
9	Grass Lake	Belle Plaine	87	52	2.1	BR	X	DG
10	Hennig Lake	Almon	13	12	0.6	R	X	SP
11	Homme Pond	Wittenberg	38	13	1.9	BR	X	DG
12	Island Lake	Red Springs	34	32	1.4	-	X	SP
13	Kersten Lake	Fairbanks	16	4	0.7	-	X	SE
14	Kolpack Lake	Almon	22	19	0.8	BR	X	SE
15	Koonz Lake	Red Springs	20	38	0.9	BR	X	SE
16	Korth Lake	Washington	16	48	1.4	BR	X	SE
17	Kroening Lake	Seneca	12	19	0.7	-	X	SE
18	Leopolis Pond	Herman	3	7	0.3	R	X	DG
19	Lily Lake	Washington	27	13	1.0	-	X	SP
20	Long Lake	Belle Plaine	86	35	2.4	-	X	SP
21	Loon Lake	Wescott	305	22	3.5	BR	X	DG
22	Lower Red Lake	Herman	240	28	6.2	BR		DG
23	Lulu Lake	Wescott	34	13	1.1	BR		SP
24	Malone Lake	Red Springs	14	40	0.7	-	X	SP
25	Mission Lake	Red Springs	27	40	1.0	-	X	SE
26	Moon Lake	Red Springs	6	13	0.5	-	X	SP
27	Mud Lake	Washington	34	2	1.5	T	X	DG
28	Pautz Lake	Hartland	16	3	0.9	-	X	SE
29	Pella Pond	Pella	69	13	7.4	BR		DG
30	Pensaukee Lake	Washington	109	49	3.3	BR	X	SP
31	Pine Lake	Belle Plaine	209	35	2.1	BR		DG
32	Pleasant Lake	Aniwa	24	10	0.8	BR		SP
33	Round Lake	Belle Plaine	27	39	0.9	W	X	SP
34	Schoenick Lake	Belle Plaine	30	34	1.1	-	X	DG
35	Shawano Lake	Wescott	6,063	40	16.5	BR	X	DG
36	Smith Lake	Herman	8	19	0.9	-	X	DN
37	Sportsman's Lake	Birnamwood	2	10	1.3	T	X	SP
38	Tigerton Pond	Fairbanks	41	14	4.5	R	X	DG
39	Tilleda Pond	Seneca	29	10	1.8	R	X	DG
40	Upper Red Lake	Red Springs	188	15	3.0	BR	X	DG
41	Washington Lake	Wescott	75	18	1.4	BR		DG
42	White Lake	Lessor	190	11	2.9	BR		SE
43	White Clay Lake	Washington	234	46	3.5	BR		SP
44	Wilson Lake	Wittenberg	20	8	0.9	T		SE
45	Wolf River Pond	Richmond	305	14	4.2	BR		DG

*ACCESS: BR – Boat Ramp; R – Road Access; T – Trail Access (Walk-in); W – Water Access (from adjoining water body) LAKE TYPE: DG – Drainage Lake; SE – Seepage Lake; SP – Spring Lake; DN – Drainage Lake

SIGNIFICANT NATURAL RESOURCES AREAS

Of the numerous natural resources, the following have been identified as offering the most significant recreational and open space potential.

Wolf River Corridor

The Wolf River, which flows from north to south, is one of Wisconsin's most storied waterways. Today it is a major recreational resource, which provides excellent fishing and boating opportunities. A diverse fishery consisting of northern pike, walleye, smallmouth and largemouth bass, white bass, catfish, panfish, mooneye, and carp is found. Lake sturgeon travel upstream as far as the dam in Shawano during their spring spawning runs. Wolf River Pond, the impoundment created by the dam, and a smaller impoundment north of Shawano tame the river, which has a fairly steep gradient north of the County line.

Below Shawano, the river averages 200 feet in width, providing a range of boating opportunities. A major boat landing is available at Waukechon Riverside Park, about six miles downstream from Shawano. Land surrounding the river consists of extensive marshlands, lowland hardwood forest, agriculture and upland forest. Most of the river frontage is within the floodplain and is heavily forested, making it a very valuable scenic and recreational resource. About twelve miles of river shoreline lies within the Navarino Wildlife Area. While fishing, boating and canoeing are the most popular activities on the river, hunting, hiking, cross-country skiing and nature study are also popular along the shoreline of the Navarino Wildlife Area.

The river corridor, from the City of Shawano to Leeman in Outagamie County was identified as the most significant remaining natural river corridor within an hour's drive of the Fox Cities-Oshkosh urban area in the *Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan for East Central Wisconsin (1977)*. Concerned that some of the same types of development pressures which have destroyed the natural qualities of the river further downstream were beginning to surface in the corridor, in 1982 the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, in cooperation with Shawano, Waupaca, and Outagamie Counties, prepared a study to assess actions which could be taken to ensure the future preservation of the corridor's scenic and recreational values. The study found that, while the corridor was already afforded a high degree of protection by existing regulatory controls and actual limitation, additional measures could be taken to minimize the impact of inappropriate development and land use practices, manage the natural resources, and accommodate appropriate levels and types of recreational use on and along the river. This would be most effective through a joint effort of counties and municipalities in the corridor.

Shawano Lake Area

The Shawano Lake area, which includes Shawano, Loon, and Washington lakes, is the major tourist attraction in Shawano County. Shawano Lake is the largest lake with over 6,000 surface

acres. Loon and Washington lakes, located only a few hundred yards north of Shawano Lake, are much smaller but are still popular recreation areas.

Much of the shorelines of all three lakes are developed with seasonal and year-round homes, resorts and campgrounds. Public lands on Shawano Lake include the 33 acre Shawano County Park on the northern shore, 70 acres of DNR land on the northwestern shore, 47 acres of DNR land on the southwestern shore, and the three-acre Lakeview Park in the Village of Cecil on the eastern shore. Public boat launches and beaches are available at the County and Cecil sites. In additions, the towns of Wescott and Washington also maintain boat landings. The City of Shawano also maintains a major boat landing on the Shawano Lake outlet stream, providing access to both Shawano Lake and Wolf River Pond. Much of the area north of Shawano Lake in the Loon and Washington lakes area remains undeveloped and contains large areas of woodlands and wetlands. Development pressures in the area, however, are strong.

All three lakes are popular fishing spots for both residents and visitors, with dominant game fish including northern pike, walleye, bass and panfish. Water skiing and pleasure boating are also popular activities on the lakes. Heavy use of the lakes for a variety of recreational activities does create some use conflicts.

Oconto River Corridor

Although less than five miles of the Oconto River passes through the northeastern portion of Shawano County in the Pulcifer area, it is one of the most attractive streams. The river upstream from Pulcifer is generally considered a trout stream while areas downstream contain a variety of sport and game fish. Species include brown, brook, and rainbow trout, northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, and panfish. The river, which averages over 150 feet in width in the county, is used for canoeing and tubing. Access is available at Oconto River County Park.

Navarino Wildlife Area

The Navarino State Wildlife Area occupies over 14,000 acres of land in southeastern Shawano and northeastern Waupaca counties. The site is the largest publicly owned wetland area in the northeastern portion of the state. Over 13,000 acres is located in Shawano County, primarily in the Town of Navarino. The wildlife area is managed as a highly diversified habitat area which supports diverse and abundant wildlife and waterfowl populations. Approximately 55 percent of the area is upland and lowland forest, 10 percent grass and abandoned farm fields, and 35 percent wetlands. An 8.4 mile portion of the Shioc River flows through the eastern part of the wildlife area and a nine mile section of the Wolf River through or along the western part. The northernmost extension of the southern lowland forest is common along the Wolf River and is the most unique vegetation type on the property.

Forest management in the area emphasizes clear cutting and selective logging as a means of improving habitat quality. As a result of logging operations, 35 miles of trails were established and are now maintained as hiking trails. Approximately 15 miles of the trails are available for cross-country skiing. The trails provide access to nearly all parts of the property. Wetlands management has concentrated on increasing waterfowl habitat. A number of flowages, flooding 1,400 acres of cattail, sedge and lowland brush, have been constructed.

Proper habitat management has created a highly diversified wildlife population in the Navarino Area. Important game species include deer, ruffed grouse, gray squirrels, waterfowl, woodcock, and rabbits. Sightings of sandhill crane and bald eagle have also been made on the property. Hunting and trapping are the most popular activities. The site is also accessible for mobility-impaired hunters. Hunting pressure is high, especially during the opening weekend of the deer and waterfowl seasons. Other popular activities include blueberry and blackberry picking, hiking, cross-county skiing, and canoeing.

The privately funded Navarino Nature Center is located on a leased 20-acre tract near the southern boundary of the wildlife area. The center has access to the extensive trail system in the wildlife area and serves as the trailhead for hiking and cross-country skiing. Over 35 miles of trail are maintained for hunting, skiing, hiking and nature study. Management of the Navarino Wildlife Area continues to emphasize hunting as the primary activity while encouraging use of non-hunting activities and restricting motorized activity. Efforts continue to acquire good habitat areas adjacent to the wildlife area as they become available and funding permits.

Mud Lake Wildlife Area

The Mud Lake Wildlife Area occupies 321 acres located directly southeast of the Village of Cecil. Most of the area is wetland and managed for its excellent waterfowl habitat. Pickerel Creek, which flows through the center of the wildlife area, drains into Shawano Lake approximately one-half mile to the northwest. The creek and surrounding marshlands are important spawning areas for northern pike from Shawano Lake.

White Clay Lake is located approximately one mile east of the Mud Lake Wildlife Area. Pickerel Creek connects these two areas. Much of the area around White Clay Lake and along Pickerel Creek is wetlands or woodlands and provides excellent habitat for waterfowl and upland game. The entire area between the wildlife area and White Clay Lake is privately owned.

Embarrass River System

Located in western Shawano County, eastern Marathon County, and southern Langlade County, the Embarrass River and its extensive system of tributaries provide nearly 300 miles of Class I and II trout streams. These waters offer some of the best trout fishing opportunities in Shawano County. Lands adjoining these streams, which include large areas of woodlands and wetlands, also provide habitat for a wide variety of waterfowl and upland game. Portions of the system provide excellent canoeing and kayaking opportunities.

Nearly all of the lands along the streams within the Embarrass River system are privately owned. A number of small community parks are located on the system, including sites in Wittenberg, Tigerton, Bowler, Caroline, Leopolis, Pella, and the Town of Morris. Other public lands are limited to Hayman Falls County Park; 85 acres (3,000 feet of frontage) on Wilson Creek in the Town of Wittenberg; 60 acres (3,000 feet of frontage) on the North Branch of the Embarrass River in the Town of Almon; and 35 acres of county land (3,000 feet of frontage) on the North Branch in the Town of Bartelme. The state also owns 2,000 feet of frontage on

the Middle Branch of the Embarrass in the Town of Aniwa. The DNR also provides public access along streams in the Embarrass system by leasing small portions of the stream banks. Several trout habitat improvement projects have been completed along those portions of streams flowing through the publicly owned lands. Providing additional and adequate public access to streams within the system remains a priority with DNR.

Several segments of the Embarrass River system which are considered to have particularly high or unique natural qualities include the South Branch of the Embarrass between Wittenberg and Tigerton, Tiger Creek, and the Pony Creek area.

Red River System

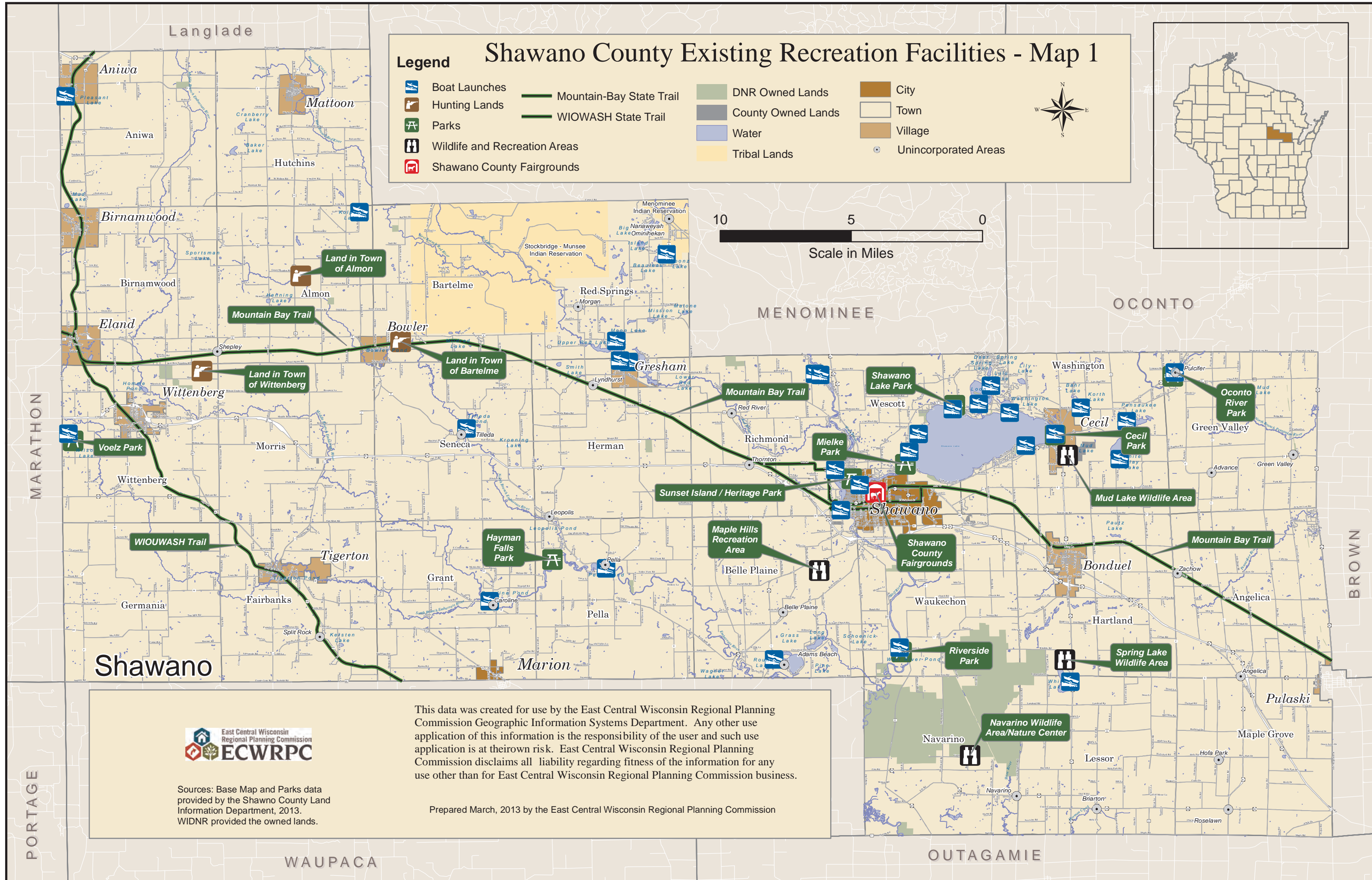
The Red River system, with headwaters in Langlade and northwestern Shawano counties, lies to the north of the Embarrass River watershed. With its numerous rapids and small falls and adjoining upland and lowland hardwoods, the river is widely considered to be one of the more challenging and attractive canoeing streams in northeastern Wisconsin. Upper and Lower Red Lakes, located in the Gresham area, are impoundments on the stream and contain a variety of sport and game fish. Higher quality trout water exists above the impoundments. Below Lower Red Lake dam dominant fish species include brown trout, bass, northern pike and bluegill. Boat landings are present on each lake. Stream access is available at Sportsmen's Park in Mattoon; below the Lower Red Lake dam; on a 60-acre parcel owned by the Town of Richmond; and at several road crossings. The Town of Richmond site lies along one of the most scenic portions of the streams. Long standing plans to further develop the recreational potential of this parcel have gone largely unfulfilled.

Tigerton Dells

The Tigerton Dells area is located directly east of Tigerton and north of CTH "M". A one-half mile section of the South Branch of the Embarrass River flows through the area. This portion of the river is located within a deep gorge, known as the Dells, with rocky ledges and outcroppings extending as high as 50 to 60 feet on either side of some areas. The river also provides trout fishing and excellent whitewater canoeing and kayaking during the spring and early summer months. Much of the entire Dells area is heavily wooded and very scenic. In the mid 1990's, the Village of Tigerton has taken over ownership of adjoining lands and developed an ATV park on a portion of the site.

Split Rock Area

The Split Rock area is located approximately two miles east of Split Rock both north and south of STH 45. The North Branch of the Pigeon River and South Branch of the Embarrass flow through the area and are excellent trout streams. Wooded hillsides, agricultural valleys, and lowland forest are common in area and provide excellent wildlife habitat.



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Langlade

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- Floodplain
- Floodway
- Wetland

- DNR Owned Lands
- County Owned Lands
- Water
- Tribal Lands

- City
- Town
- Village
- Unincorporated Areas
- Trails

- Boat Launches
- Hunting Lands
- Parks
- Wildlife and Recreation Areas
- Shawano County Fairgrounds

Shawano County Environmental Features - Map 2



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MARATHON

BROWN

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Sources: Base Map data provided by the Shawano County Land Information Department, 2013. WIDNR provided the owned lands, and wetlands. FEMA for the Floodplains, and NRCS Soils data for slopes.

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TABLE 6: COUNTY OWNED LAND 2013

County Parks	302	
Shawano Lake County Park	30	Primarily active recreation
Mielke County Park	32	Primarily cultural, Theatre
Hayman Falls County Park	54	Active/passive recreation
Voelz Memorial County Park	110	Active/passive recreation
Waukechon County Park	68	Boat landing/shore fishing
Oconto River Park (Pulcifer)	6	Picnicking/active/passive recreation
Heritage Park/ Sunset Island	2	Historical / Picnicking/passive
Other County Recreational Land	1162	
Maple Hills Recreational Area	646	Primarily passive recreation
Mud Lake Wildlife Area	321	Passive recreation
Land in Town of Wittenberg	85	Passive recreation
Land in Town of Almon	60	Passive recreation
Land in Town of Bartelme	35	Passive recreation
Spring Lake Wildlife Area	15	Passive recreation
Other County Properties	100	
Shawano County Fairgrounds	60	Special events
Klein Property	40	Undeveloped
TOTALS	1564	

COUNTY PARKS

The seven parks in the Shawano County park system include Shawano County Park, Mielke Park, Hayman Falls Park, Voelz Memorial Park, Waukechon Riverside Park, Sunset Island Park, and Oconto River (Pulcifer) Park. Ownership of Krakow Park, which had previously been part of the Shawano County Park System, has been transferred since the last plan was prepared. However, in 2002 the County acquired approximately 70 additional acres for the Voelz Park property.

Shawano Lake County Park

Shawano Lake County Park, located in the northeastern portion of the County on the northern shore of Shawano Lake, is the most heavily used of the County's park facilities. The 30-acre site includes about 800 feet of shoreline on the lake. The entire site is used for intensive recreation, divided between general park area and a campground. An ongoing landscaping program utilizing both coniferous and deciduous species has been undertaken to replace the park's mature oaks, which continue to be decimated by oak wilt.

The centerpiece of the general park area is the swimming beach, which attracts users from throughout the area. Support facilities include picnic tables, grills, play equipment, sitting benches, a tennis court, basketball hoop, restrooms, shelter, volleyball court, backstop, and a boat launch. Since 2009, several improvements have been undertaken in the park. A patio connected to the pavilion for weddings, a renovated office for intern living space, water hookups added to all campsites, new boat slips that hold 18 boats, 3 swings, 3 picnic tables on the beach with umbrellas, new fire pits to the camping sites, hundreds of trees, boat cleaning station to stop invasive species, edging for both playgrounds to keep wood chips in, extended beach out to bullhead (25') added beachfront, changed game room to snack shop, upgraded vehicles, tractor, lawn tractors, purchased a beach cleaner, paddle boats, and canoes for rentals. The parks department also purchased an old storage trailer for moving of the tables and chairs from the pavilion, renovated the old shower house, converted wood fireplace to gas and installed new lighting and patio door for the pavilion.



The campground area occupies over half the site and is located to the east of the general park area. Facilities include 90 campsites with electrical hookups, picnic tables, and campfire grills. Restrooms and showers are available in the campground.

In 2006, Shawano County adopted a master plan for the Shawano County Lake Park. Implementation of this plan has included development of new basketball and volleyball courts, reorientation of the baseball field and construction of additional parking areas and camping spaces.

Mielke Park

Occupying 32 acres, Mielke Park is located northeast of the City of Shawano at the intersection of CTH "H" and "HHH". Shawano Lake is only about a quarter-mile to the east. Approximately 25 acres of the site was donated to Shawano County in 1972 by Dr. Mielke, with the remainder donated in 1976. Most of the park is wooded.

In 1975, the Mielke Theater was constructed at the park. The 250-seat Theater is owned by Shawano County and operated by the Shawano County Arts Council. The theater was recently remodeled, expanded and made compliant with the Americans with Disability Act. Numerous plays and other civic activities are held at the Theater throughout the year. The Old Time Music and Crafts Festival and the Shawano County Arts and Crafts Fair are two major annual events held in the park.

The northern portion of the park is maintained as a small picnic area and includes several picnic tables and grills, a swing set and slide, a parking lot, and a small pond. A fishing deck on

the pond provides fishing opportunities for youth under the age of 14. A walking bridge over the pond inlet provides access to the remainder of the park, which includes the Theater, restrooms, an outdoor amphitheater, another parking lot, and a large wooded area. An interpretive walking trail through the wooded area provides access between facilities. Although the walkway from the primary parking lot to the Theater was recently resurfaced, the parking areas and some of the remaining paths need to be upgraded. The new restroom/shelter house was constructed in 2013.

Hayman Falls Park

Highly scenic Hayman Falls Park is located on the Embarrass River approximately 13 miles southwest of the City of Shawano. The park occupies approximately 54 acres.

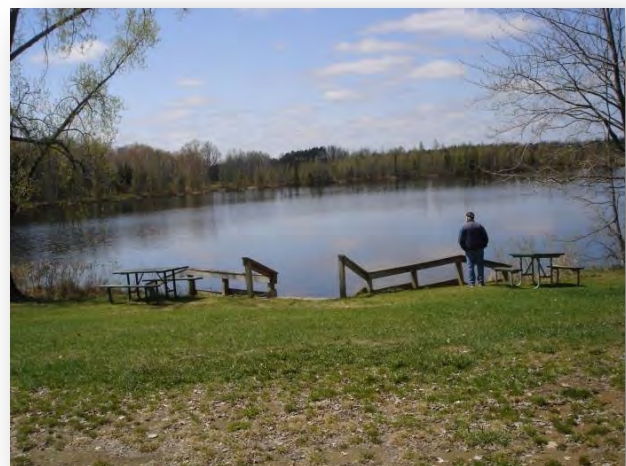
In the mid 1990's, the Hayman Falls dam and abandoned power plant have been removed. The dam was in poor condition and its removal has reestablished the upstream river channel and restored the falls. From the old dam site downstream, the river rushes wildly over large rocks, offering park visitors close-up views of the onrushing water. Highlighted by a small walking bridge, trails wind through the wooded areas adjacent to the stream bank, providing easy and attractive access for hikers. Unimproved hiking trails also follow the steep banks upstream from the removed dam. Updated facilities at the park now include new grills and picnic tables, sitting benches along the river, added snow shoe trails, and construction of a new parking area near the shelter.



Voelz Memorial / Wilson Lake Park

Voelz Memorial Park, also known as Wilson Lake County Park, is located on Wilson Lake about two miles west of Wittenberg and a half-mile south of STH 29. The park entrance is on Oak Road, a short distance west of its intersection with Nightingale Road. Signs direct the visitor to the park.

Although recorded as 110 acres, about one-third of the site lies under Wilson Lake. The remaining acreage contains an interesting mix of vegetation and topography, including a wetland along the lake, a mature maple forest, and a pine plantation. The forest understory



comes alive with wildflowers during spring. A farm to the west of the park adds to the beauty of the site.

Facilities include a picnic area with tables and grills, a large shelter, new grills and picnic tables, recently installed play equipment, a small beach area with diving raft, an updated restroom building with changing areas, a newly constructed fishing pier, and a trail system. A small retaining wall/steps area adjacent to the beach helps reduce beach erosion. A large paved parking lot with security light is located adjacent to the picnic area. Placement of large boulders along the perimeter of the parking area has proven to be effective in keeping vehicles off the grassed and wooded portions of the park. These measures have helped increase family use while discouraging vandalism, which historically has been an ongoing problem at this park.

Waukechon Riverside Park

Waukechon Riverside Park is a 68 acre wooded site at the intersection of CTH “K” and “CCC”, approximately six miles south of Shawano. The entire western boundary of the tract fronts on the Wolf River. With the exception of shoreline areas in the northwestern portion of the park, the entire site is wooded. Much of the site is lowlands, providing excellent habitat for wildlife. Facilities include a large paved boat launch with parking for about 16 cars with boat trailers, a launching pier, two floating fishing piers, two picnic tables, a grill, a permanent bench, and a gravel trail, which follows the river’s edge, and rip-rap along portions of the shoreline. A pay station for collecting launching fees is located near the boat landing.

Sunset Island Park

Sunset Island Park, commonly known as Monkey Park or Monkey Island, is a 1.6-acre island on the Shawano Lake Outlet in the City of Shawano. A small footbridge provides access to the island. Facilities include a small shelter, about a dozen picnic tables, and three grills. The site is adjacent to the Shawano County Historical Society grounds. The grounds provide a fishing pier and a restroom building, which are available for park users. A heavy algae growth clogs the channel which separates the island from the shore as summer progresses.

Oconto River Park

The Oconto River Park, commonly known as Pulcifer Park, is an approximately 6 acre facility, located on the south side of Highway 22 along the Oconto River in the Town of Green Valley community of Pulcifer. Its strategic location and scenic attributes make this an important recreational site of potentially county-wide importance. Facilities include play equipment, picnic facilities, and a small shelter. Removal of the former dam in recent years has reestablished the natural flow of the river in this location and makes the park a logical put-in or take-out point for canoeing and



tubing. Park facilities that were upgraded since 2009 include a new shelter with restrooms, new walking paths, a drinking fountain, a new landscaped entrance with paved roads, as well as a new boat launch area.

COUNTY RECREATIONAL LAND

In addition to the seven county parks, Shawano County owns 1,162 acres of land that are undeveloped and available to the public for such activities as hunting, fishing, and hiking. Some of these areas also have excellent potential for expanded recreational use, such as cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and other low impact recreational activities.

Maple Hills Recreation Area

Formerly known as the County Farm property, Maple Hills is located south of Shawano on STH 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine. Although a small portion of the 646-acre site is developed as the Maple Lane Health Care Center, over 600 acres are potentially available for outdoor recreational activities. With its diverse landscape features, the undeveloped land is considered by many to provide an exceptional opportunity for expanded recreation in the south central portion of the county. Present facilities consist of over three miles of groomed cross-country ski, hiking, and biking trails and a small lighted sledding hill. Recent improvements include increased parking facilities and an area for radio controlled plane use.



Mud Lake Wildlife Area

Located southeast of Cecil, the 321-acre Mud Lake Wildlife Area is managed for waterfowl habitat and is a popular duck hunting area. A parking area is provided along Highway 117. Most of the site is wetland. Mud Lake and Pickerel Creek are located in the area. Pickerel Creek and adjoining marshlands are valuable northern pike spawning grounds. An upland area near Highway 117, which has been viewed by the Village of Cecil as a potential village park site for the past fifteen years, is considered essential to the management of the wildlife area for waterfowl habitat.

Land in Town of Wittenberg

The County owns an 85-acre parcel in Section 1, Town of Wittenberg, located about three miles northeast of the village. The Mountain Bay Trail passes about one-quarter mile to the north and, during winter, a snowmobile/ATV trail runs through the site. Wilson Creek, a Class I

trout stream, flows through the property. The site includes lowland areas of cedar swamp and tag alder and upland hardwoods. Trout habitat improvements have been made along portions of the stream by DNR. With its proximity to the Mountain-Bay Trail, the committee believes this parcel may have excellent potential for a campground.

Land in Town of Almon

County ownership of a 60-acre tract in Section 15, Town of Almon, provides stream bank access to the North Branch of the Embarrass River about three miles northeast of Bowler. Trout habitat improvement has been undertaken along the river, which is classified as a Class I trout stream. The site is more open than the Town of Wittenberg parcel and walk-in access to the stream edge is relatively easy. Residents of the area would like to see expanded recreational opportunities made available at this location.

Land in Town of Bartelme

The County owns a 35-acre parcel about a half-mile east of Bowler in Sections 31 and 32, Town of Bartelme, on the North Branch of the Embarrass. This portion of the stream is considered Class II trout water. The vegetation consists of cedar swamp and open fields. With its location on the Mountain Bay Trail, which runs along the south edge of the property, the site has excellent potential to provide complementary facilities for trail users.

Spring Lake Wildlife Area

A small 15-acre parcel located in Section 32, Town of Hartland, about three and a half miles south of Bonduel, the Spring Lake Wildlife Area surrounds a small wilderness lake. Walk-in access is available from Highway 47. Additional protection for the site is considered in the long range plans for the Navarino Wildlife Area.

OTHER PROPERTIES

The Shawano County Fairgrounds, and Heritage Park, are two other county-owned properties with existing or potential recreational value. The County also owns other parcels which may have potential for recreational use. In addition, there are a number of parks in unincorporated rural communities and outlying rural areas maintained by local governments and private organizations. These include sites in Pella, Leopolis, Green Valley, Navarino and the towns of Almon, Richmond, Wescott, Belle Plaine and Morris.

Shawano County Fairgrounds

Occupying approximately 60 acres, the fairgrounds are located on Green Bay Street in the City of Shawano. The site is owned by the County but operated and maintained by the Shawano County Agricultural Society and the City of Shawano. Facilities include several livestock and exposition buildings, a number of concession stands, and a race track. The Shawano County Fair is held at the grounds over Labor Day weekend, and stock car races are held every Saturday at the race track during the summer. A flea

market is a major weekend even from mid-April to early November. Numerous other activities and special events are held at the fairgrounds throughout the summer.

Heritage Park

Heritage Park (the Shawano County Historical Society Grounds) occupies 2.6 acres along the south bank of the Shawano Lake Outlet east of Sunset Island Park. The site contains the J.D. Kast residence, constructed in 1871, which houses antiques and museum pieces; a gazebo, once used at the County Fairgrounds; a dairy display; and a log cabin, which was prototypically erected on the site. A reception center is a new addition to the park. It provides an excellent source of photographs and other memorabilia from the County's and city's past.

Shawano Airport

The Shawano Airport serves as the gateway to Shawano County for visitors arriving by plane. In addition, although not included in the acreage of available recreational land, portions of the 253-acre airport site are occupied by wetlands, which provide valuable wildlife habitat.

Klein Property

Shawano County acquired 40 acres on the southwest portion of Shawano Lake in the Town of Wescott, referred to as the "Klein Property." The Shawano City/County Airport has expressed interest in extending runway and taxi area on this property.

STATE RECREATIONAL TRAILS

Acquisition of abandoned railroad rights-of-way by DNR and conversion to regionally significant multi-use recreational trails has provided new opportunities for linear recreation in Shawano County as well as elsewhere throughout the state. Although ownership of the right-of-way is retained by DNR, under a Letter of Agreement, Shawano County maintains the two state-designated recreational trails which pass through the County. Permitted users on the Shawano County trail segments include hikers, bicyclists, motorized wheel chairs, equestrians, horse drawn vehicles and, during the winter snowmobiles.

WIOUWASH Trail

The WIOUWASH Trail, which will ultimately extend from Oshkosh northward through Langlade County, enters Shawano County near Split Rock and passes through the villages of Tigerton, Wittenberg, Eland, and Birnamwood near the county's western border. Convenient restrooms and other support facilities are available in local parks in each of these communities. Although several gaps remain before a continuous trail is in place (including the segment from Birnamwood north through Aniwa to the Langlade County line), ongoing efforts are being made to acquire right-of-way or obtain the necessary easements to complete the trail. Once completed, the Shawano County portion of the WIOUWASH Trail will be approximately 30 miles in length.

Mountain Bay Trail

The Mountain Bay Trail, which connects the Green Bay and Wausau areas, passes through Shawano County in an east-west direction. Restrooms and other support facilities are generally available in local parks along the trail in the communities of Pulaski, Bonduel, Shawano, Bowler and Eland. Eland, where the Mountain Bay and WIOUWASH Trails intersect, has already begun to take advantage of its rich railroad heritage to establish itself as a trailhead. In addition, the Village of Pulaski has recently requested that Shawano County extend its trail maintenance obligations into Brown County. Since horses are not permitted on the Brown County portion of the trail, this extension would provide access to a logical eastern terminus or trailhead for horsemen.

Although nearly Shawano County's entire 58-mile segment of the Mountain Bay Trail is presently in place, a notable gap exists from the east side of the City of Shawano to areas west of the Wolf River. Finding a suitable way to enable trail users to safely cross the Wolf River is a major concern. The County is also concerned that the formula which distributes trail user fees* among itself and Marathon and Brown counties unfairly disregards its more extensive trail mileage and subsequently higher trail maintenance costs.

ATV & SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

About 333 miles of public snowmobile trails and 437 miles of public ATV trails are maintained in Shawano County. Other than the Mountain Bay Trail, the trails generally are located on privately owned land with verbal agreements for seasonal easements obtained from each landowner. Public trails are well distributed throughout. Each snowmobile trail is approved annually by DNR, enabling it to receive \$250 per mile for annual trail maintenance. ATV trails are funded at an annual rate of \$60 per mile. Eligible trail maintenance activities include grooming, signing, brushing, excavating/bulldozing to improve or reroute trail segments, dragging plowed fields, and bridge and other trail-related repairs.

Then Shawano County Trails Association, comprised of 20 member clubs, maintains the trails throughout the winter. The snowmobile clubs also maintain numerous miles of non-funded private trails, which connect to the public trail system. These trails, along with the public trails, provide snowmobile access to most areas of the County and connect with trails of Marathon, Langlade, Waupaca, Outagamie, Brown and Oconto Counties.

Without the local snowmobile clubs, there wouldn't be a trail system in Shawano County. These clubs volunteer numerous hours to put the trail system together. Non-funded club trails are maintained solely through volunteer fund-raising efforts such as raffles and trail dances. It is very important to support and belong to your local snowmobile club if you are a snowmobiler.

The following clubs are members of the Shawano County Trails Association: 4-Dams, Acres for Recreation, Birnamwood Trail Riders, Bonduel Bears, Bowler Snow Travelers, Cecil Moonlite Riders, Clover Bears, Krakow High Noon Riders, Lund's Snow Birds, Marion Winter

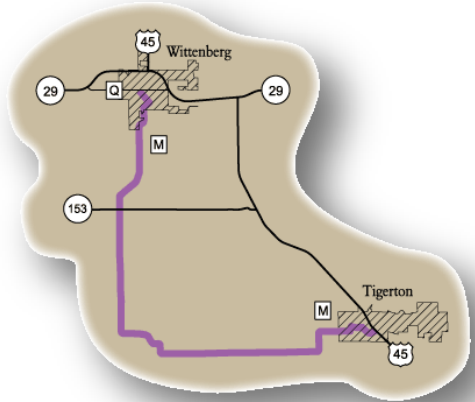
* (Daily Trail Pass: \$4.00 - Annual Trail Pass: \$20.00)

Wanders, Mattoon Sno- Runners, Navarino Knight Riders, Pulcifer Riverside Riders, Shawano Lake Sno-Blasters, Thornton Trail Riders, Tiger Snowmobile Club, Tilleda Snow Riders, Tri County Snowmobile Club, White Clay Lake Snow Drifters and Wittenberg Trail Blazers.

With declining snow levels, snowmobile use has become less frequent and there has been a greater demand for ATV trails. Development of the Soo Line Track, which runs north of the Mountain Bay Trail through Gresham to Menominee County, into a dedicated ATV trail, has been identified as one way to accommodate this recreational need.

RUSTIC ROADS

CTH “M” between Tigerton and Wittenberg is enrolled in the state’s Rustic Road Program. This program was created to preserve scenic lightly traveled country roads for the leisurely enjoyment of hikers, bikers, and motorists. Roads such as CTH “M” offer excellent opportunities to travel through an attractive rustic area by car, bicycle, or foot. The road’s scenic qualities are protected by agreement with bordering property owners and by controlling roadside maintenance practices so that wildflowers and other native flora area a re allowed to extend to the edge of the pavement. The 1999 committee members have expressed concern that inadequate enforcement of the highway’s 45 mph speed limit (another program requirement) had rendered the roadway unsafe for bicyclists and pedestrians. Development of a pathway along the road way would provide a safer option for pedestrians and cyclists interested in enjoying the beauty of this rustic road. There are a number of other roads in the County with potential to become officially designated Rustic Roads.



STATE RECREATIONAL LANDS

Department of Natural Resources Land

Including the two state-designated recreational trails, DNR owns 17399.40 acres and leases an additional 72 acres of land available for public outdoor recreation use in Shawano County, (Table 7). These include the Navarino Wildlife Area, Jung Hemlock-Beech Forest State Natural Area, and five other sites providing fish and/or wildlife habitat (Table 8).

Waysides

Several waysides and historical markers are located along state trunk highways in Shawano County. These provide attractive picnicking and relaxation areas for travelers and are maintained by the county under contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. In addition, there are a number of small local parks adjacent to roadways, which also serve the motorist.

Quasi-Public Facilities

Quasi-public facilities are privately owned recreation areas that are available for public use. In Shawano County, these private lands total well over 25,000 acres. Most of this land is in the Forest Crop Law and Managed Forest Law Programs. In addition 1,319 acres is enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. Other major quasi-public facilities include the Navarino Hills Ski Area, four golf courses, Navarino Nature Center, and a number of campgrounds and resorts. In addition to Heritage Park, there are several other small museums open to the public in the Shawano County area. Ownership of the Gresham Radio Tower Station is in the process of being transferred to the County.

The nature center provides educational programming for school groups, families, adults, and special needs individuals throughout the year. In 1999 the Navarino Nature Center Inc. constructed a nature center building containing a classroom and display space, an office, kitchen facilities, restrooms, and storage area. This facility has greatly expanded the ability of the nature center to serve visitors and expand programming opportunities. The NNC also employs a full time Director/Naturalist.

Historical Museums

Several small historical museums are located in the immediate Shawano County area. In addition to Heritage Park in Shawano, museums are located on the Stockbridge-Munsee and Menominee reservations, in Wittenberg, Tigerton, Gresham, Bonduel, Eland, Marion, and Clintonville. Collective promotion of these and other historic resources through enrollment of these attractions in the state's Heritage Tourism Program ("From the *Pineries* to the Present" Heritage Area) has fostered greater awareness of these sites and has brought visitors into the area.

RECREATIONAL GROUPS

Recently, the City of Shawano applied for a Transform Wisconsin Grant to help promote healthy lifestyles. There are many groups that are involved with this process. These can all be sources of funding for the County and to partner with.

Shawano Pathways
Shawano Chamber of Commerce,
The BID,
Optimists Club,
Rotary,
Lions,
Women's Club,
Shawano Lake Association,

Antithetic Boosters
Mason's
Red River Riders
Farm Bureau, (young farmers)
St. James,
Snowmobile Club,
American Legion,
VFW



CHAPTER 4

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To determine how much land is needed to meet recreational demand, it is necessary to identify surpluses and deficiencies in open-space acreage for both active and passive recreational activities and to determine how well various public and private providers are fulfilling their responsibilities in providing recreation land. The location of parks is also important when determining how well each area of the county is served. Finally, an analysis of specific recreation facilities available in the county is needed to determine which facilities are not available or in short supply. Based on this analysis, needs for any new county parks or additional recreation facilities can be identified.

Various recreation standards are used as a basis for determining recreation needs. Acreage and service area standards help identify park land needs, while specific activity standards help identify facility needs. It should be noted, however, that in addition to activity standards, emphasis is placed on what local residents feel are recreation facility needs in the county. In other words, local citizen participation is an important part of the needs analysis.

RECREATION LAND NEEDS

To provide a generalized determination of the overall need for park and recreation land, the following standards are used:

To meet *COUNTY/REGIONAL* open space needs, 100 acres of park and recreation land should be provided for every 1,000 residents. This acreage should be comprised of:

- 70 acres of passive recreational open space per 1,000 capita

(This includes national, state, county, and school forests, state wildlife and fisheries areas, state natural areas, etc.)

- 30 acres of active recreational open space per 1,000 capita

(This includes state and county parks, public golf courses, campgrounds, swimming areas, etc.)

To meet *LOCAL* needs, 10 acres of park and recreation land should be provided for every 1,000 residents.

(This includes city, village, and town parks and school grounds.)

Applying these standards to Shawano County's resident and seasonal population estimates indicated a peak demand for 5,349 acres of recreation land 3,744 for passive use and 1,605 for active use in 2010. When applied to the county's population projections, land demand increases to 5,699 acres by the year 2030 (Table 7) a total of 714 to support the growing population base.

TABLE 7: RECREATIONAL LAND DEMAND

Year	Population			Demand (in acres)		
	Resident	Seasonal	Total	Passive	Active	Total
2000	40,664	9,186*	49,850	3,490	1,496	4,985
2010	43,631	9,856**	53,487	3,744	1,605	5,349
2020	43,590	10,330**	53,920	3,774	1,618	5,392
2030	46,305	10,688**	56,993	3,989	1,710	5,699

*Seasonal population was calculated by multiplying the total number of seasonal housing units by the average household size. This number is doubled to reflect persons in temporary accommodations such as motels and camping facilities.

**Seasonal population growth was anticipated to be at the same rate as the overall Shawano County population growth rate. Sources: U.S. Census, 1990-2010; DOA Population Projections, 2013.

Comparing demand with existing supply of recreation open space indicates Shawano County currently has a surplus of passive recreational land and active recreation areas (Table 8). By 2020, Shawano County is projected to have a deficit of active recreation land by 34 acres. The location of the Navarino Wildlife Area in Shawano County is responsible for the significant surplus in passive recreation areas. In addition to its recreational land, Shawano County contains another 11,536 acres of surface water, nearly all of which is available to the public for outdoor recreational use and activities. By 2030 however, another 58 acres of active recreational land will be needed.

TABLE 8: RECREATION LAND NEEDS (Acres)

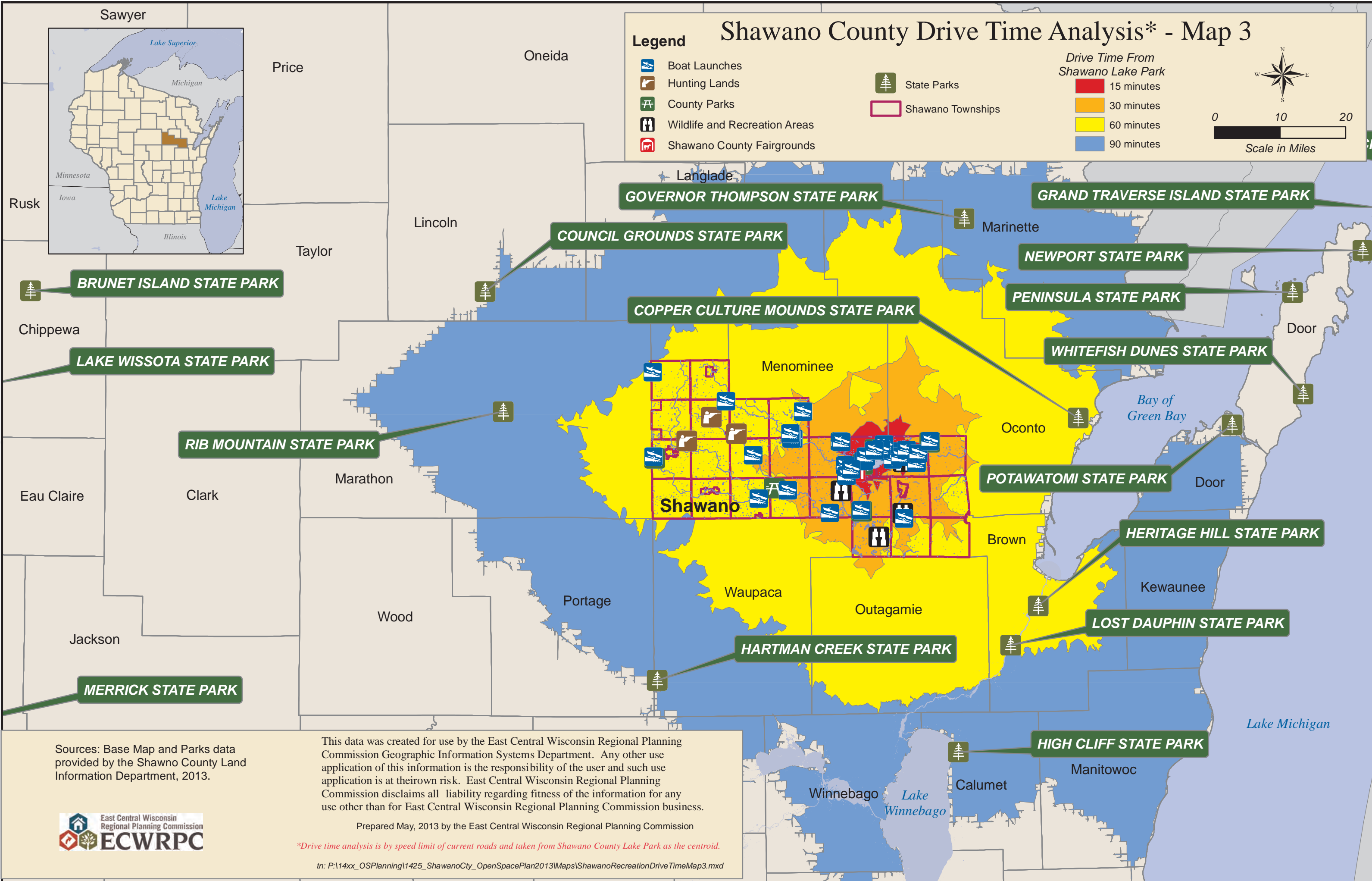
Year	Demand			Supply			Surplus or Deficiency		
	Passive	Active	Total	Passive	Active	Total	Passive	Active	Total
2000	3,490	1,496	4,985	15,131	1,652	16,347	+11,642	+157	+11,798
2010	3,744	1,605	5,349	15,131	1,652	16,347	+11,387	+47	+11,434
2020	3,774	1,618	5,392	15,131	1,652	16,347	+11,357	-34	+11,323
2030	3,989	1,710	5,699	15,131	1,652	16,347	+11,142	-58	+11,084

Source: ECWRPC and Shawano County, 2013.

JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEETING LAND NEEDS

Jurisdictional standards have been developed to help determine which levels of government are responsible for providing county and regional outdoor recreation facilities. The responsibility is divided into three levels – the state, county and private entities. The standards suggest that the state is responsible for providing 80 acres per thousand residents; while the County is at 15 acres; and the private sector, 5 acres.

Based on these standards, in 2010 the state, county and private recreation establishments each exceeded this standard for the provision of recreational land (Table 9), delivering a surplus.



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TABLE 9: LAND NEEDS BY JURISDICTION (2000-2030)

Jurisdiction	Existing Number of Acres Provided	Recommended Number of Acres Provided				Surplus or Deficiency			
		2000	2010	2020	2030	2000	2010	2020	2030
State/Fed	14,838	3,988	4,279	4,485	4,641	10,850	10,559	10,352	10,197
County *	1,567	748	802	841	870	819	765	726	696
Private **	10,553	249	267	280	290	10,304	10,286	10,273	10,263
TOTAL	26,958	4,985	5,349	5,606	5,801	+21,973	+21,609	+21,352	+21,157

*Includes undeveloped town owned land and school forests.

** Estimate; includes Forest Crop Land, Open Managed Forest Land, Leased DNR holdings, private providers

LOCATIONAL NEEDS

Where parks are located also determines how well they serve residents and visitors in different portions of Shawano County. The main concern is that parks are accessible to a majority of residents so that recreational opportunities are equitably distributed.

To identify areas that are not adequately served by existing parks, both regional and county parks are identified and analyzed according to the recommended service area of each. Generally, regional parks have a service radius of 50 miles or one hour driving time, while county parks have a service area of 15 miles or one-half hour driving time (Map 3).

- **Regional Parks.** Regional Parks are year-round recreation areas predominately used for passive recreational pursuits such as nature study, hiking, bicycling, picnicking, boating and camping. They are usually located in an area of unique environmental quality, such as a river basin, lake or unusual topographical feature.

While no regional parks are located in Shawano County, virtually the entire county is located within a 50-mile radius of one or more regional or state park, (Map 3). Rib Mountain State Park southwest of Wausau in Marathon County serves much of the western half of Shawano County. Hartman Creek State Park, located west of Waupaca in Waupaca County, serves residents in the county's southwest portion, while NEW Zoo and Bay Beach Park and Wildlife Sanctuary in the Green Bay area are both within 50 miles of residents living in the eastern half of Shawano County. Boulder Lake Park, located 30 miles north of Shawano in the Nicolet National Forest, serves a large portion of central Shawano County. (Map 3)

- **County Parks.** Ideally, county parks should contain from 50 to 500 acres and provide a wide variety of passive and active recreational opportunities such as hiking trails, picnic areas swimming, boating access and play equipment. They are considered to serve residents within 15 miles or 30 minutes driving times.

While only one of Shawano County's parks exceeds the desirable 50-acre minimum, a number of other parks presently offer, or are capable of delivering the types of recreational opportunities typically associated with county parks. Shawano Lake, Hayman Falls and Voelz Memorial county parks, to name a few because of their unique characteristics. These parks presently have adequate development to provide a desirable range of recreational activity. At present, over 80 percent of the County's population is within the service area of one or more of these three parks. Mielke Park, highlighted by the theater in the woods, serves primarily as a specialized county park. Although relatively large, Waukechon Riverside Park has inadequate developable area to provide significantly greater recreational opportunities than at present. Sunset Island Park is generally too small to serve as a major county park site.

Shawano Lake and Hayman Falls county parks serve central Shawano County while western Shawano County residents are convenient to Voelz Memorial Park and Eau Claire Dalles Park in adjacent Marathon County. Much of southeastern Shawano County is presently without convenient access to an adequately developed county park while some residents of the towns of Hutchins, Almon, Bartelme, and Red Springs are also outside the service radius of an existing county facility.

Maple Hills Recreation Area and other county holdings in the towns of Almon, Angelica, Bartelme, and Wittenberg provide opportunities for additional expanded recreational activities.

GENERAL FACILITY NEEDS

Shawano County leaders have historically maintained that the role of the county's park system should be to provide a relatively basic range of recreational opportunities. On the other hand, the provision of more elaborate and/or unique forms of recreation or support facilities has traditionally been considered the realm of the private sector. As a general rule, the committee feels that this approach continues to be viable and should be used to guide the recommendations developed to meet general and site-specific needs. This approach would enable the county to continue to focus on providing and promoting basic recreational facilities with the expectation that these in turn could stimulate private investment in nearby complementary recreational development. For example, a public hiking trail such as the Mountain Bay Trail could provide the stimulus for a private investment.

The identification of facility needs was segregated into general facilities and site-specific facilities. Among general facility needs identified were opportunities to create bicycle and hiking trail linkages to the Mountain Bay and WIOUWASH Trails from population centers throughout the county, expand the county's cross-country ski trail mileage, provide additional lake and stream access points for canoeing/boating and shoreline fishing, and utilize the recreational potential of large undeveloped tracks owned by the county.

In determining site-specific needs, the committee felt that, as a policy, the overall role of the county park system should be, as much as possible, to provide facilities which accommodate those types of active and passive outdoor recreational opportunities families can enjoy in a setting which promotes an appreciation, enjoyment and understanding of a natural or semi-natural environment. The committee determined, therefore, that the level and type of use appropriate for each park, given its natural and physical features and their sensitivity to detrimental modification from development and use, was a key element in identifying site-specific facility needs. Those needs which were subsequently identified not only complement and expand the range of recreational opportunities available within the park but also are

tailored to be compatible with the site's natural qualities. Of the major county park sites, only Shawano Lake County Park has been intensively developed to accommodate a large number of users. In general, perhaps because of the heavy use the park received, the site is relatively tolerant to high user volumes. The other parks – Voelz Memorial, Hayman Falls, and Waukechon Riverside parks in particular – are presently less intensively developed, less heavily used, and more environmentally sensitive than Shawano Lake County Park. While none accommodates the level of use received by Shawano Lake County Park, recent improvements have expanded recreational opportunities available at each, thus providing a better distribution of recreational opportunities throughout the county. In addition, the increased diversity of activities available for park users has encouraged greater use of these parks, especially for family-oriented outings, and, to some extent, has helped alleviate some of the heavy user pressure at Shawano Lake County Park. Additionally, the increased activity has served as a deterrent for vandalism, a long identified concern at some sites. The committee believes that, with careful design and placement of site-compatible facilities, additional facilities can be provided at these and other county-owned parcels without negatively impacting on the natural settings these sites presently enjoy.

FACILITY NEEDS IDENTIFIED BY RESIDENTS

The survey identified the following recreation facilities as those which are unavailable, in short supply, or potential opportunities which could be accommodated in Shawano County. It is not necessarily inferred that these would all be provided in the county park system. Please see Appendix A for the detailed survey results and analysis.

- Additional bicycling routes and hiking trails
- Additional cross-country ski trails
- Expanded bridle trail network
- Additional shoreline fishing access
- Water sports such as additional canoe/boat access points and launch facilities
- Winter sports such as additional toboggan/sledding hills, snow shoeing and ice skating areas
- Off-road bicycle course or BMX park
- Educational opportunities that include programs for kids and teens
- Additional camping facilities
- Additional playground facilities
- Pet Friendly Parks

Bicycle Routes/Trails. Development of the WIOUWASH and Mountain Bay Recreational Trails as multi-use facilities has had both recreational and economic benefits for the county. While the two state-designated trails represent a good start in providing facilities for bicyclists, hikers, and other trail users, other designated bicycle routes are needed to link these trails with the county's population centers and other points of interest, such as county parks, historical sites, and natural features. The county has hundreds of miles of highly scenic lightly traveled rural roads which potentially could serve as designated routes.

Work is also needed to make the Nicolet Recreational Trail a reality in Shawano County. The County has taken the first step and has developed a Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan that will address some of these trail connections and concerns. Even though this is a 20-year vision, some short-term projects should be implemented within the next 5 years.

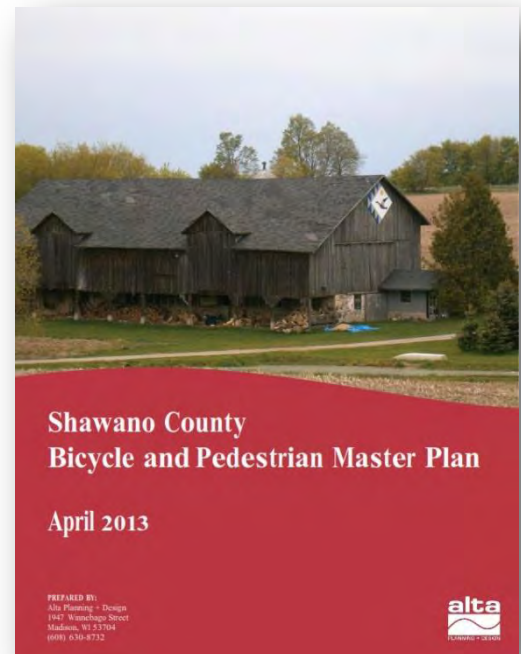
Hiking Trails. Off-road trails suitable for bicycling generally can serve the needs of hikers as well. At present, the two state-designated trails, trails maintained for cross-county skiing in the Navarino State Wildlife Area and Maple Hills Recreational Area, as well as old logging roads provided extensive opportunities for hiking in the county. Opportunities to create linkage should be pursued; in particular, attempts should be made to work with Marathon County to connect the Ice Age Trail to trails in Shawano County.

ATV Trails. ATV use is currently not permitted on the Mountain Bay Trail. The WDNR, with County assistance, should pursue the development of the Soo Rail Line, which runs north of the Mountain Bay Trail, through Gresham into Menominee County into a dedicated ATV trail once the rail is abandoned.

Bridle Trails. Much of the trail mileage of the state-designated trails is open for use by horses and horse drawn vehicles. These trails have helped address the relative lack of off-road bridle trails in east central and northeastern Wisconsin. The trails need to be monitored by the county on a regular basis to assess potential environmental damage from horses' hooves and/or identify other use conflicts. There may also be an opportunity to use old logging roads and abandoned logging railroad grades for horseback riding. Because these are generally located on private property, a program of easement acquisition would be needed for this type of trail system to be developed.

Cross-Country Ski Trails. There are a need for additional groomed cross-country ski trails, particularly in the western portion of the county where supply is limited. Existing county and state hunting and fishing areas in this part of the county have excellent potential for this activity if a program of trail grooming can be established. Even un-groomed, there are excellent cross-country skiing and snowshoeing opportunities on these sites for those who enjoy solitude and natural beauty. There is also a need for continued development and promotion of the public cross-country ski trails available in the Navarino Wildlife Area. The scale of this trail network is large enough to attract users from throughout northeastern Wisconsin.

Shoreline Fishing Access. Increased walk-in access too many rivers and streams is needed. The lack of such access, especially along streams in the Embarrass River Fishery, has been identified as a problem. There are opportunities to make walk-in access more convenient to streams flowing through the county and state hunting and fishing areas, particularly if done in



conjunction with the development of cross- county ski and/or hiking trails.

Canoe/Boat Access Points and Launch Facilities. Additional canoe and boat access points are needed along the county's many rivers, lakes, and streams, especially along those water bodies with high recreational demand. Larger lakes which presently do not have public access include Long Lake and Big Lake. Additional river access is needed along high quality streams such as the Red River and Embarrass River system. In addition to, existing access points on the county's canoe streams, in particular, need to be better promoted.

Toboggan/Sledding Facilities. Publicly owned areas which afford tobogganing and sledding opportunities are generally lacking in the county. Recent development of a small sledding hill at Maple Hills has proven to be very popular with central Shawano County residents. In addition, a sledding hill in the Village of Gresham helps meet the demand in that portion of the county. As a whole, however, most areas of the county do not have convenient access to such a facility.

All-Terrain Vehicle Course. Acquisition and development of the former Tigerton Dells area by the Village of Tigerton as the Embarrass River ATV Park, where all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) are welcome, has provided county and residents of the entire region an opportunity to participate in a growing recreational activity. This facility has been designed to address safety and environmental concerns the general public often has regarding the use of these vehicles and a variety of support facilities have been developed to provide complementary recreation opportunities.

Camping Facilities. With the exception of Shawano Lake County Park, no campsites are presently available on county owned land. Although the need for additional camping facilities can be equally addressed by private enterprise, there may be opportunities to provide camping opportunities on some of the other county's land holdings, particularly those with good access to the WIOUWASH and Mountain Bay Trails. These could be primitive and offer a carry in carry out policy. Wilson Lake Park could potentially offer this seclusion as an easement already exists. Expanding out the Shawano Lake Campground would be a good goal when property would become available across the street or buying the mobile home park adjacent to the park.

SITE-SPECIFIC FACILITY NEEDS

Recreational facility needs for specific parks were identified as:

- Address existing environmental problems, inappropriate site use, and user conflicts;
- Enhance and complement existing facilities and recreational opportunities; and
- Expand recreational opportunities appropriate to the character of the site.

In addition to new facilities, a number of improvements are needed to existing facilities. These needs are identified and addressed in the context of recommendations in the next section, along with considerations for providing other new facilities. Particular attention should be given to accommodating disabled and elderly users, who may be limited in their ability to use a number of the present facilities. Site specific facility needs are addressed in the recommendations section of the plan below.

2011-2016 STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL PLAN (SCORP)

The 2011-2016 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) examines and assesses current and future recreational needs within the state.

To better manage the planning process, the SCORP divides the state into eight planning regions based on a collection of natural resources and tourism assets (Figure 4). Shawano County is part of the Lake Winnebago Waters region. The SCORP identified the following recreation supply shortages based on an analysis of WDNR's inventory of existing resources compared to population and demand:

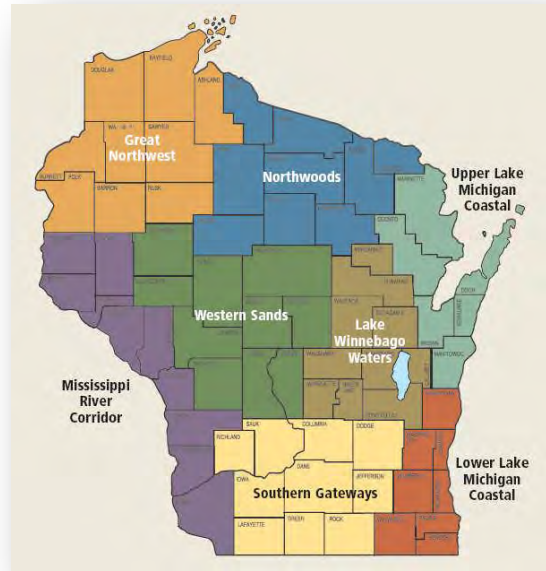


Figure 4 SCORP Planning Regions Map

Nature Based: Boat launches (carry-in), campgrounds, trails (cross-country ski, mountain biking, snowmobile)

Developed Settings: ATV parks, basketball courts (outdoor), dog parks, golf- courses (9-hole), horseback riding stables, trails (bicycle), and ski hills.

The above needs were identified using an empirical method which combines recreation demand survey results, population and area-based recreation supply analyses, a review of local park plans, and anecdotal public comment.

The plan also included the following public perspectives on issues and needs for the region:

Issues

- Conflicts between silent sport and motorized user groups
- Overcrowding
- Poor water quality impairing recreation

Needs

- Better maps/signage for trails
- Four wheel drive off-highway vehicle (OHV) parks
- More camping opportunities
- More geocaching sites on public lands
- More hiking trails
- More horse trails
- More hunting opportunities
- More kayaking opportunities
- More mountain biking opportunities

The above two lists demonstrate that there can be differences between public opinion and a more empirical needs analysis. And since the needs analysis within the SCORP covers a ten-county region, the county's outdoor recreation plan may also identify very different needs and issues than those of its region.

While by no means is the SCORP a complete analysis, these issues shall foster future discussions between recreation providers about how to better serve various recreation interests. By identifying issues of statewide and regional significance, county and local outdoor recreation providers can better identify individual roles for providing high quality recreation resources, and for continually improving the recreational opportunities offered to our citizens now and in the future. Below is a comparison of trends in the state today and how these relate to Shawano County.

Table 10: Preference Perspective


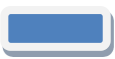

ACTIVITY	SURVEY	COUNTY-OWNED FACILITIES	LIFESTYLES / ESRI TAPESTRY	WISCONSIN CORP 2011-2016
archery	needed	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
badminton	not mentioned	possible	not mentioned	not mentioned
baseball	needed now	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
basketball	needed now	available	popular	not mentioned
bicycling (bmx)	needed now	unavailable	not mentioned	growing
bicycling (general)	needed now	available	popular	stable
bicycling (mountain)	needed now	unavailable	popular	growing
boating (power boat)	needed now	unavailable	very popular	stable
bocce	not popular	possible	not mentioned	not mentioned
canoeing	needed	unavailable	very popular	not mentioned
cricket	not mentioned	possible	not mentioned	not mentioned
disc golf	needed	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
education (agricultural)	needed now	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
education (historical)	needed now	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
education (nature)	needed now	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
fishing	needed	available	very popular	not mentioned
fishing (ice)	needed now	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
fitness exercise	needed now	possible	very popular	not mentioned
fitness or vita course	not mentioned	unavailable	popular	not mentioned
football	not popular	possible	not mentioned	not mentioned
ga-ga	not mentioned	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
games (blacktop)	not mentioned	possible	not mentioned	not mentioned
games (lawn)	not mentioned	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
gardening	needed	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	growing
gathering food	not mentioned	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
geocaching	needed	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
golf	not popular	offered elsewhere	very popular	stable
golf (miniature)	not mentioned	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
handball	not mentioned	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned

hiking	needed now	available	popular	stable
hockey (ice)	needed now	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
hockey (roller)	not mentioned	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
horseback riding	not mentioned	available	popular	decreasing
horseshoes	not popular	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
hunting (bird)	needed	available	popular	decreasing
hunting (small game)	needed	available	popular	decreasing
kayaking	needed	unavailable	popular	growing
kickball	not mentioned	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
orienteering	needed	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
paddle boarding	needed	unavailable	not mentioned	growing
paintball	not mentioned	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
parkour	not mentioned	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
pet exercise	needed now	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	growing
photography	needed	available	popular	not mentioned
pickleball	needed	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
picnicking	needed	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
racquetball	needed	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
rock climbing	not mentioned	unavailable	not mentioned	growing
rowing	needed	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
running	needed now	available	very popular	stable
shooting (target)	not mentioned	offered elsewhere	popular	not mentioned
shuffleboard	not popular	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
skateboarding	not mentioned	possible	not mentioned	decreasing
skating (ice)	needed now	available	popular	not mentioned
skating (inline)	not mentioned	available	not mentioned	decreasing
skiing (cross-country)	needed now	possible	popular	not mentioned
skiing (roller)	not mentioned	available	popular	not mentioned
skiing (water)	needed now	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
sledding	needed now	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
snowmobiling	needed now	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
snowshoeing	needed now	possible	not mentioned	stable
soccer	not mentioned	available	not mentioned	growing
softball	not mentioned	available	popular	decreasing
swimming (lake)	needed now	available	very popular	not mentioned
swimming (pool)	needed now	unavailable	very popular	not mentioned
tennis	needed	available	popular	not mentioned
using playgrounds	needed	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
viewing (arts)	not mentioned	unavailable	popular	not mentioned
viewing (bird)	needed	available	popular	not mentioned
viewing (sports)	not mentioned	available	very popular	not mentioned
viewing (wildlife)	needed now	available	not mentioned	stable
volleyball (beach)	needed	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
volleyball (court)	needed	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
volleyball (grass)	needed	possible	not mentioned	not mentioned
wakeboarding	needed	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
walking	needed now	available	very popular	stable

Other Items **not** meeting the needs of Shawano County Residents:

- **RV/Camping** was not mentioned but was included in the comments as a growing activity. **73.8%** said from the survey that the current Shawano Lake campground is not meeting the needs of its residents. More sites and space for this activity is needed.
- **Amphi-Theater (Mielke Park)** – **59.4%** said the facility needs an upgrade.
- **ATV** trails – residents said they need more opportunities - **62.5%**
- Trails for **equestrian** use came in at **94.3%**
- **Water Launches** for canoe and kayaks came in at **68.3%**.

Table 11: Wisconsin Recreation Trends

Increasing Demand 	Adventure racing	Both as individual and group activity
	Driving for pleasure	Easy activity for aging baby boomers
	Developed/RV camping	Baby boomers continue to drive demand
	Kayaking	Participants attracted by cheap entry
	Visit a dog park	Urban residents driving demand
	Soccer outdoors	Urban youth driving demand
	BMX biking	X Games popularity may be driving force
	Climbing	Indoor climbing leading to outdoor climbing
	Stand up paddling	Popularity is sweeping the country
	Triathlon	Varying distances allowed for growth
	Off-road vehicle driving	Post-recession growth continues
	Gardening/landscaping	"Grow Local" concept taking hold
Stable Demand 	Walk for Pleasure	Market saturation
	Running or jogging	Gen Y replacing baby boomers
	Water parks	Recession caused growth to slow
	Motor boating	Easy access to resources
	Day hiking	Popular with many generations
	Golf	Time constraints does not allow for growth
	Tent camping	Stable, but growth is illusive
	Snowboarding	May have peaked after 20 years of growth
	Trail running	Stable niche with Gen Y
	View wildlife	Activity spans generations
	Bicycle	Popular with easy access
	Snowshoeing	After large growth, this has stabilized
Decreasing Demand 	Hunting	Generational loss and private access
	Inline skating	6 years of decreasing participation
	Skateboard parks	Youth are free-skating with longboards
	Horseback riding	Recession impact caused decrease
	Softball	Baby boomers leaving the sport
	Downhill skiing	Baby boom generation not being replaced

Source: 2011-2016 Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, August 2012.



CHAPTER 5

HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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COUNTY HEALTH COMPONENTS AND STATISTICS

With obesity rates on the rise, Shawano County's need to promote active communities throughout its boundaries should be a priority. From the 2013 county health rankings*, Shawano is rated 63 overall out of 72 for health outcomes and 52 out of 72 for health factors, (see maps below) down from 60 for (outcomes) and up a little for health factors, (54) from last year when compared to the other counties in the state. These County Health Rankings illustrate what we know when it comes to what's making people sick or healthy, but understanding Shawano County's rankings is only one component of improving the community's health. The "Roadmaps to Health" Action Center provides tools to help groups work together to create healthier places to live, learn, work and play. Shawano Pathways is one such group who has started this process in working with the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission by obtaining a Transform Wisconsin grant.

Improving community health requires people from multiple fields to work collaboratively on an ongoing cycle of activities. Communities may be at different points in this process. Still within the recommendations for active living, the County has started the development of a bicycle and pedestrian plan to help guide this process. A plan of this nature will help fill in those voided connections residents are asking for while still planning for future active communities.

To enable and encourage the citizens of Shawano County to be physically active, a strengthening of the support and funding for the County's Parks Department's facilities; and recreational programming should be looked at.

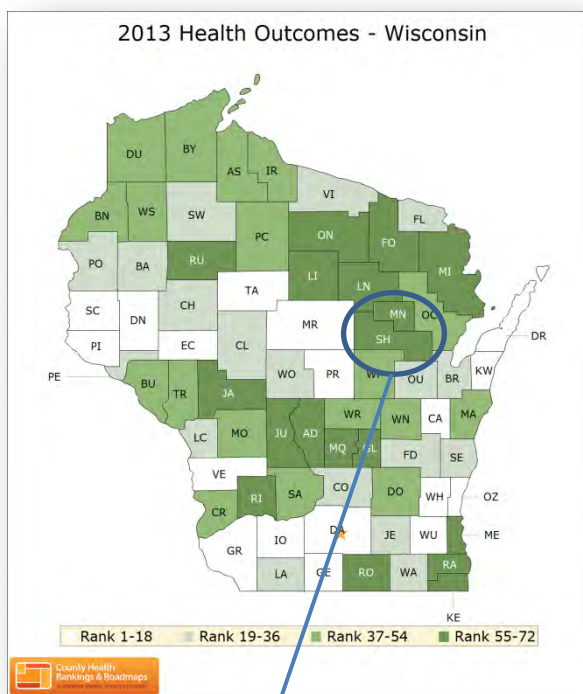
Improvements that would positively benefit public health and recreation are updating Oconto River Park, adding permanent trails to Hayman Falls, and more multi-use trail connections in general. The department should look at a joint recreation program guide with the City of Shawano which would list numerous fitness offerings for children, adults, seniors and the disabled. Careful attention should be given to areas of people with lesser means so they have at least an equal level of opportunity for physical activity. This goes back to the goal of making the facilities ADA accessible. In many large cities, low income neighborhoods can often lack quality recreational programs, playgrounds and parks. They can also be hindered in accessing nearby facilities by physical and land use barriers (i.e. transportation corridors and industry). Continued support with community partnerships such as sport clubs, organizations, non-profits, citizen groups, companies, and other interested parties to develop, fund and operate recreation programs, leagues, and events like those listed in above section is key. These partnerships are invaluable to help provide the opportunities for people to be physically active.

Parks, playgrounds, and open spaces provide opportunities for physical activity. However, the presence of facilities is not enough to make sure they are being used for the greatest benefit of all. Factors such as location, accessibility, programming, connectivity, safety and aesthetics all play a role in the use of public facilities. By incorporating natural and design elements that have

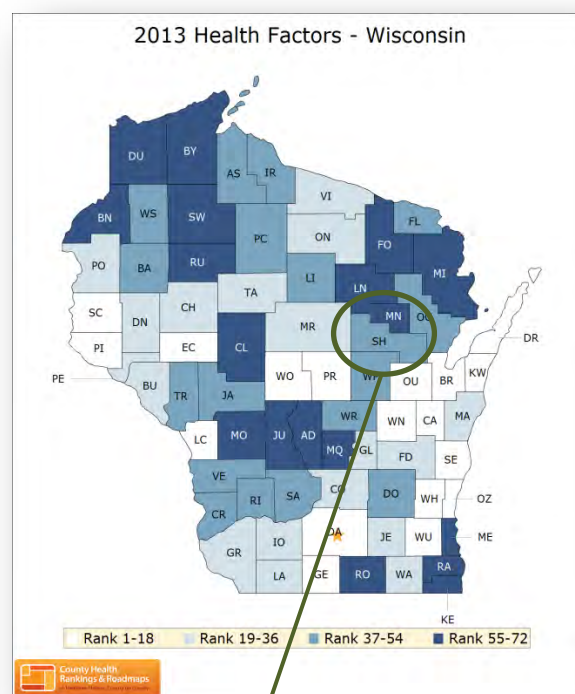


cultural or homeland meaning, will also help represent minority populations. Investing in consistent/uniform signage that aids people in identifying trails, places to be active, and other recreation opportunities, should be considered. Promoting and marketing concepts should be developed along with the funding resources identified such as studies done through the Transform Wisconsin grant program.

As stated above, below are 2 maps that demonstrate where Shawano County stands in the state as compared to the other 72 counties. Factors such as smoking, obesity rates, drinking excessively, STD's and motor vehicle crashes make up the first map while outcomes such as premature death, poor to fair health, poor physical days, low birth weight, and poor mental days are shown on the second map. The rankings comparing the rest of the state are as follows:



63 out of 72



52 out of 72

Multi-modal transportation such as walking, biking, and public transportation can also help enhance the health and overall physical activity of all residents, by improving air quality and the environment, and reducing overall traffic congestion. Numerous Shawano County residents choose to walk, bike, and/or utilize public transportation as a primary means of transportation due to cost of vehicle ownership and maintenance, environmental choice, healthy lifestyle choice, etc. These types of initiatives are recognized at the state, national, and international-level to create safe, convenient, affordable, and fun opportunities for residents to walk, bike, and/or utilize public transportation as a primary means of transportation. Health and safety should be a priority concern to the citizens of Shawano County. Safe Routes to School programs are currently in place to help encourage children to walk and bike to school. (Appendix D)



CHAPTER 6

RECOMMENDATIONS

CHAPTER 6: RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for improving Shawano County's recreational system are intended to serve as a guide/vision for the future growth and development of park and recreation land as well as recreational opportunities for the next 5 years. Consistent with the goals and objectives outlined earlier in this document, they are designed to meet the present and future recreational needs of Shawano County residents and visitors while conserving, protecting and enhancing the environmental, historical and cultural resources of the County.

While the Planning Committee would like to see Shawano County provide additional recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike, if funding choices need to be made, it favors a policy of providing fewer well maintained and accessible facilities than a greater number of parks and facilities in which maintenance suffers. In addition, when new facilities are installed or existing facilities are improved, it encourages the County to continue its policy of using designs and materials which minimize the need for ongoing long-term maintenance.

Most of the Committee's recommendations pertaining to existing parks address facility inadequacies rather than the creation of new recreational opportunities. The committee has also identified other actions the County can take either to expand the range of recreational opportunities presently available or to increase the public's awareness of those which currently exist. While some of these proposals can be accommodated on existing County parkland, others would require other County-owned sites to be utilized. Along with private investment in recreational facilities such as golf courses and campgrounds, the range of basic recreational opportunities ultimately recommended for Shawano County's park system can be an important ingredient of the County's overall recreational system and help attract visitor dollars into the local economy.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

The numerous natural and cultural resources of Shawano County make it a popular recreation area and an attractive area in which to live. Natural resources offer a wide variety of passive recreational opportunities that require a minimum amount of development while cultural resources provide insight into the County's past which, if lost, are irreplaceable. Therefore, an active role in preserving and enhancing these unique resources should be accomplished by:

Encourage future development patterns which will have minimal adverse impacts on the County's resources, such as wetlands, lakeshores, river corridors, prime agricultural lands, and other areas of natural or cultural significance. Along with ongoing and adopted land use plans for many of Shawano County's municipalities, the County's Long Range Resource Conservation Program, Farmland Preservation Plan, and Wolf River Corridor Plan are other documents which provide a good basis for wise resource use.

Protect and preserve those highly aesthetic areas along the County's many lakes, rivers and streams through the use of such implementation tools as zoning, acquisition, lease agreements, or scenic easements. Although the Wolf River Corridor Plan suggested measures which could be taken to preserve the scenic corridor of the Wolf River, no actions other than regulations in effect at the time of the study have been taken by the County. The special provisions outlined in the White Lake Preservation Zone provide an example of an

effective measure which can be taken at the town level with County support. Implementation efforts of recommendations cited in a number of the town land use plans are other measures which can be taken to restrict development of environmentally sensitive areas.

Continue efforts to educate farmers on the importance of implementing good agricultural practices, particularly those which control erosion and protect groundwater. Poor agricultural management practices continue to be the major contributor to pollution problems in most rural areas.

Continue to cooperate with WDNR and other state agencies in providing multiple use facilities for such activities as hiking, nature study, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, hunting, and fishing on county and state-owned lands where multiple use of the land is appropriate and environmentally sound. Development of the WIOUWASH and Mountain Bay Trails and the use of the extensive trail system in the Navarino Wildlife Area for hiking and cross-country skiing are good examples of the opportunities available on large state- owned tracts.

Encourage the formation of land management districts as a way of providing “self-help” for property owners on lakes with water quality problems.

Provide educational assistance and help lake management districts to obtain financial assistance for identifying and correcting water quality problems. Utilize the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other mechanisms to address water quality problems on a comprehensive basis.

Take an active role in working with DNR, LCS, NRCS, UW-Extension and other government agencies to educate local officials and the public on millponds and dam maintenance problems and options for corrective action. The County has numerous small to medium sized millponds that have silted in over the years, limiting their recreational potential. These ponds also increase water temperature below the dam, reducing the fishery value downstream. Many of the dams forming these impoundments serve no other function and have experienced deterioration. Removal of the Hayman Falls Dam and re-establishment of the old river channel is one example which has proven to be successful in restoring old shoreline areas. The committee recommends that other potential opportunities to remove obsolete dams be reviewed on their individual merits with input from soil specialists, fish managers, and interested local citizens. Project costs, estimated life of millpond restoration, disposal considerations, impacts on fish and wildlife and plant communities, and the identification of potential recreational and economic benefits are among the aspects that should be considered.

Work with local historical museums to collectively promote their selection as a state designated heritage tourism project. The efforts of local historical societies to preserve the logging and timber heritage of the area has resulted in the creation of “From the Pineries to the Present”, one of only eight state designated heritage tourism projects recognized by the State Historical Society. The group has done an excellent job in creating a museum tour of sites throughout Shawano and Menominee Counties, encouraging auto tours and visits to area shops and recreational facilities. County leaders should continue to support the efforts of these groups to attract visitors to the area.

Work with local historical societies to collectively undertake an up-to-date inventory of historic and archeological sites in the County. These sites should be kept on a county-wide database. The County should also encourage the nomination of significant sites for enrollment on the Natural Register of Historic Places.

Encourage nonprofit conservation organizations to take advantage of funding programs now available to them through the Stewardship Program. Organizations such as the Nature Conservancy and the Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust should be encouraged to consider the acquisition of private lands. One potential parcel is the land across the Red River from the Town of Richmond's park site east of the Alexan Brothers Novitiate.

Explore options for creating a higher and more consistent level of funding to acquire, expand, and maintain County parklands and facilities. The County park system not only provides recreational opportunities for County residents and visitors, it also has economic benefits for the County and its communities. The County should explore avenues for securing an adequate level of funding to maintain and improve its parks. Possible options include a mandatory parkland dedication fee for all new development, a County sales tax, or a room tax. In all cases, only a portion of these revenues would be targeted specifically for County-maintained facilities.

GENERAL LINEAR FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Several recreation facilities can be part of a County's park and recreation system that are not provided within the park areas. Recommendations for providing these facilities in Shawano County include:

Expand the number of roads in the Rustic Roads Program. The Committee encourages the County to seek out new candidates for inclusion in the Rustic Roads Program. As another option, the County should investigate the potential for creating a County-sanctioned Scenic Highway designation, which would not be subject to the Rustic Road Program's 45 mph speed limit. A technical advisory committee should be set up to identify potential candidates.

Work with Marathon and Brown Counties to achieve a more equitable allocation of user fees for maintaining the Shawano County segment of the Mountain Bay Trail. Although Shawano County must maintain more than half the total mileage of the Mountain Bay Trail, it receives far less than this total in revenue because of the present revenue-sharing arrangement. A primary reason for this disparity is that the bulk of the user fees are collected at the trail ends (Marathon and Brown Counties). Shawano County should request that DNR lend its support in rectifying this inequity.

Encourage intergovernmental cooperation Waupaca and Outagamie Counties to make a strong commitment to extending the WIOUWASH Trail southward so that it ultimately links Shawano County with Marion, Clintonville, Bear Creek and New London. Once completed, this multi-County trail will ultimately link Oshkosh with Monico in Oneida County. The County should work closely with other trail counties, private landowners, trail user groups, and communities along the trail to encourage their active involvement in developing new trail segments and in the common promotion of the trail.

Continue efforts to acquire and develop the Shawano County segment of the Nicolet Trail, which utilizes the abandoned rail corridor paralleling the County's eastern border.

This trail would provide recreational and economic benefits for communities through which it passes. The County should work closely with the WDNR, connecting counties, private landowners, trail user groups, and communities along the trail to encourage the trail's acquisition and development.

Implement a bicycle route system utilizing the recommendations in the newly adopted County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Increased promotion of the opportunities for bike touring which thrive in Shawano County would attract additional visitors to the County. The proposed barn quilt routes will link the WIOUWASH, Mountain-Bay, and eventual Nicolet Trails with population centers, recreation areas and other points of interest. The routes should also be coordinated with routes in adjacent counties. Existing and potential Rustic Roads and, if created, Scenic Highways should be incorporated into the route system. These bike routes should be included on the County's promotional brochure and map. If the County chooses to mark these routes, consistent signing generally would be adequate; however, for more heavily traveled highways, such as CTH "H" along the north Shore of Shawano Lake, the committee should work with the County highway committee to develop bike lanes by providing striped and paved shoulders when these roads are upgraded. Documentation of this route is already included in the Shawano County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Investigate the potential for developing and promoting a network of "ridge top" hiking trails on private lands in the highly scenic south central and southwestern portions of the County.

The trail would cross private lands through the use of easements similar to the public snowmobile trail system. Vast holdings of land enrolled in the Forest Crop Land Program, already open to the public, are likely candidates for inclusion in the trail network. These trails should also be considered for cross-country skiing during the winter months. Steps should be taken to tie these trails in with the WIOUWASH and Mountain Bay Trails as well as the existing Ice Age Trail in adjacent Marathon County. Trail linkage to Dells of the Eau Claire County Park, located in Marathon County a few miles west of Aniwa, is also desirable. The potential for utilizing portions of selective trail segments for horseback riding should be explored.

Continue to maintain the County's present public snowmobile trail network. The County's present trail system serves all areas of the County and, while minor changes in routes are inevitable from year to year, the scope of the network should remain intact.

Provide adequate funding to upgrade and groom existing County maintained cross-country ski trails and encourage the establishment and maintenance of additional trails. The County should take steps to promote the availability of public land for cross-country skiing.

Developing selected hiking trails in County parks and other County-owned lands in a manner which enables them to be used for skiing would be one way of doing this. The County should continue to play an active role in coordinating and promoting cross-country skiing on the extensive trail system in the Navarino Wildlife Area. Trail grooming activity on public lands by cross-country ski groups also should be encouraged. Skate skiing, where a groomed trail is unnecessary, has increased in popularity and should be encouraged on those public tracts where grooming is not undertaken.

Develop an exclusive ATV Trail. In order to minimize trail user conflicts and provide opportunities for ATV use, Shawano County, working with the DNR, should pursue the development of a dedicated trail for ATV use.

WATER-BASED ACTIVITIES

Continue to cooperate with DNR and support the efforts of organizations such as Trout Unlimited in providing additional and improved walk-in access to the numerous miles of trout streams located in the County. The lack of walk-in type access to trout streams has been identified as a problem. For example, of the more than 300 miles of streams in the Embarrass River system, only a small proportion of frontage is accessible through County or state owned or leased land. The DNR's Embarrass River Fishery Plan emphasizes improved access along Strassburg Creek and the North Branch of the Embarrass River.

Design future dam improvement projects to minimize adverse impacts on downstream fisheries. Engineering practices such as bottom draws and aeration enhancement through spillway design should be encouraged.

Provide additional canoe and boat access points along the County's streams and lakes, especially those areas that do not currently have public access. While many public boat launches are available, some lakes and streams continue to lack boat access. As a policy, the committee recommends that the level of access developed should be appropriate for the size and other physical and environmental characteristics of the water body. The potential impact of public access users on shoreland property users also should be weighed in determining the amount of public access which should be provided.

The committee recommends that opportunities for providing public access be explored on lakes in the County that presently have no access. Long Lake and Big Lake are the only two lakes in the County over 50 acres without access and would be prime candidates for public access sites. Steps should also be taken to expand parking areas at several other boat ramps to accommodate day use activities.

Many of the excellent canoeing streams in the County also lack adequate canoe access points. One area where canoe access facilities could be improved is along the Red River, particularly in the community of Red River where many canoeists currently debark. Obtaining an easement in this area is considered a high priority by the committee.

Initiate a program to clean up the County's canoe streams. The planning committee, recognizing that Shawano County's streams offer potentially many miles of excellent canoeing, and acknowledge that overhanging and fallen trees and debris restrict canoeing activity in some areas. Upper reaches of the Embarrass and Red river systems may have stretches which would benefit significantly from a concerted stream clean-up program. The committee recommends that the County take the lead in verifying and coordinating stream clean-up activities on these and other canoe waters, considering the interests of anglers and private landowners in selecting candidates for clean-up. The committee also recommends that stream clean-up activities coincide with County efforts to obtain more access sites along these waterways.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXISTING COUNTY PARKS

Recommendations for existing Shawano County parks focus on promoting additional family oriented use of these areas. These recommendations are designated to upgrade or replace facilities which have reached significant degrees of deterioration, obsolescence and/or inadequacy; meet ADA requirements for handicapped accessibility; enhance present activities by developing additional compatible facilities; and showcase each site's natural attributes by careful design and placement of walking trails and other appropriate development.

General Recommendations

- Maintain and upgrade consistent signage throughout the parks system, develop a way-finding system.
- Look at developing a lighting plan for safety at night, campground, boat launch areas, trails, etc.
- Work with the Land Conservation Department on a tree growth and maintenance plan.
- Add boat wash stations at all launches.
- Make sure ADA Compliancy for all new development meet Title III requirements.
- Create a dog park with help from the City on location. Murray Creek Conservancy Area may be an ideal location.
- Update webpage, social marketing and program info on a routine basis.
- Add landscaping, aesthetics, and memory benches where possible.
- Maintain shelter and picnic areas.

Shawano Lake County Park

Because this park is already heavily used, proposed improvements are designed to enhance present recreational opportunities by creating more usable facilities and by minimizing user conflicts which currently add to the park's congestion. The following improvements are recommended for Shawano Lake County Park:



- Consider looking at expanding the park with either the 22 acre wooded property across the street or the mobile home park as seasonal campsites.
- Add a historical component to the park, when established (1921) sign/kiosk, story, etc.
- Continue to update and phase out old playground equipment.
- Consider adding a maintenance cart to offer ease of support to the campground.
- Look at removing rocks near road by park office and add in fencing for ease of mowing maintenance and to avoid drive-throughs.
- Add more arrows and signage directing traffic through the park, confusing to first time user coming into parking lot.
- Finish the fencing for the tennis court, (contact USTA for grants),

- Consider adding a new fish station closer to the beach.
- Adjust signage from Lake Dr., add arrow across street pointing into the park/campground.

Voelz Memorial Park (Wilson Lake)

The following recommendations are proposed for Wilson Lake:

- Remove abandoned restroom facilities
- Consider primitive camping along shore, use easement through farm.
- Consider purchasing farm if the opportunity would arise again for expanded hunting land.
- Review current easement status to add in trails and access
- Repave and strip the parking lot area.
- Add signage for hiking / XC ski trails.
- Expand the beach area and fishing dock (gentle slope to water, remove stairs) add erosion control along shoreline.



Hayman Falls County Park

With its outstanding natural setting, Hayman Falls County Park remains an underutilizing jewel capable of diverting user pressure away from Shawano Lake County Park. Potential improvements recommended include:

- Additional play equipment should be provided in the future.
- A sand volleyball court, bocce ball court, or tennis court should be developed to encourage additional group activities and events at this park based on trends.
- Opportunities for improved shoreline fishing should be created along the old riverbed in areas above the former dam.
- Indications are that vandalism, a historical problem at this site, has been reduced as this park gains in popularity for family and group outings. Attempts should be made to provide additional facilities to further encourage use by these groups.
- Resolve access road and parking area ownership and repave areas.
- Upgrade/Add selected trails to improve accessibility with add signage and maps showing miles with calories burned.
- During timber harvest, designate and clear new trails, lots of fallen logs.
- Pave park road to the park (3.1 miles).



- Remove backstop from baseball practice field, consider a possible disc golf course in this area (long-term).

Mielke Park & Theatre

Improvements proposed for exterior portions of this site are intended to upgrade present recreational opportunities. These include:

- Continue resurfacing program of existing paved areas, pave and stripe parking lot.
- Re-establish interpretive signage along walking trail.
- Develop a park management agreement between Shawano County and the Arts Council; work on cooperative long-range plan for developing and utilizing the site. (Maintain current walkways for safety concerns, create a maintenance plan.)
- Add lighting to lot next door.
- Consider updating signage for park and theatre.



Waukechon Riverside Park

Recommendations for Waukechon Riverside Park focus on expanding the existing trail system into portions of the site away from the river's edge. Because the vast majority of the site is lowland, there is little likelihood that the range of recreational opportunities at this park can be greatly increased.

- Expand trail system into the heart of site; upgrade selected trails to improve accessibility.
- Install toilet facilities and picnic shelter.
- Repave the parking lot
- Add signage from County Road CCC.
- Install a boat wash station at the boat launch.



Maple Hills Recreation Area

- Develop a master plan
- Market the area for great recreational escape

- Add new trails to accommodate hikers with interpretative signs and markers

Sunset Island / Heritage County Park

The following recommendations address the future development of Sunset Island Park:

- Site improvements should be designed to complement the adjacent Shawano County Historical Society grounds.
- Additional landscaping should be undertaken. Emphasis should be on developing floral display areas.
- Boat slips should be provided on the upstream side of the island to provide access for boaters wishing to picnic on the island, visit the museum, or conduct courthouse business. Construct short-term mooring pier for boaters
- Create a park management agreement with the Historical Society to more collaboratively plan for developing, utilizing, and managing the site. Develop a long-range plan to close off the streets and expand the facilities.
- Add a possible" adult" fitness course and playground.
- Address remedial site for soil contamination cleanup (potential health hazard).
- Pave and stripe the parking lot
- Add an educational kiosk for both sites.
- Work with the City on development of the church and the soon to be adjacent vacant hospital site on connecting trails to Wolf River Park.



Oconto River Park (Pulcifer Park)

The following improvements are recommended at the Oconto River Park to upgrade and expand recreational opportunities:

- Develop possible hiking trails through wetland area (long-term as boardwalks would need to be installed)
- Upgrade current playground equipment to meet ADA & safety standards (contact Ho-Chunk as a possible resource).
- Continue with a tree maintenance plan
- Opportunities for developing trails and other compatible recreational facilities on the opposite bank of the Oconto River, where no development presently exists, should be investigated. Hazards associated with allowing park users to use the CTH "C" bridge to cross the Oconto River to reach the opposite shoreline should be assessed.



Mountain-Bay State Trail

- Grading in the low areas of the trail should be addressed.
- Have an on-going maintenance plan from year to year to address surface issues.
- Adding segments that are missing should be a long-term priority, i.e. portions through the City west of the Wolf River.



OTHER POTENTIAL SITES FOR RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Land in Town of Almon

The County should consider developing the frontage along CTH "D" as a small picnic area with parking for about a dozen cars. Other appropriate development would include a small shelter, restrooms, and trail development. The County should work with DNR to ensure that the trail system is designed to provide an appropriate level of stream bank access to the North Branch of the Embarrass River. Consideration should be given to grooming the trails to accommodate cross-County skiing during the winter months. The modest development proposed for this site would provide a nice complement to the more intensively developed Almon Bellfield, which is located a short distance to the south.



Land in the Town of Bartelme.

The County should consider developing a campground on this parcel, which is located along the Mountain Bay Trail right-of-way directly east of Bowler. The County should work with the village and DNR to ensure that the site's development is coordinated with any plans the village or DNR may have for accommodating trail users.



Land in Town of Wittenberg

The County should consider providing a limited number of basic campsites on a portion of its land in the Town of Wittenberg, which is located within a quarter-mile of the Mountain Bay Trail. These campsites would be available to trail users throughout the year as well as trout fishermen, who fish Wilson Creek.



POSSIBLE NEW PROPERTIES – Long Term Projects:

Alexan Brothers Novitiate, Village of Gresham

If this property ever becomes available for a reasonable price and structure and tax issues surrounding the property can be satisfactorily resolved, the County should thoroughly investigate the potential of this site for development of a new major County park facility. Frontage on the most scenic portion of the Red River and a location adjacent to 60 acres of land owned by the Town of Richmond present an opportunity for creating a unique recreational facility. A master plan of the site which identifies development opportunities should be prepared prior to acquisitions to assist the decision-making process.

Red River Park

Should the Town of Richmond not have the resources to develop its 60-acre site on the Red River, the County should consider integrating this park into the County park system. The scenic quality of this site and its potential for high quality recreation earmark in this area could be one of countywide significance.

Potential Shawano Lake Park Site

Despite its size and importance as a recreational resource, little of the Shawano Lake shoreline is in public ownership. Both major park sites (Shawano Lake County Park and Lakeview Park in Cecil) are heavily utilized and often congested. While the availability of shoreline frontage is limited, the County should be poised to evaluate opportunities to acquire any significant holding which may come upon the market.

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CHAPTER 7

ACTION PROGRAM

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5 YEAR ACTION PROGRAM, 2014-2018

Priorities for improving park and recreational facilities in Shawano County for the next five years and beyond form the basis for the action program. Estimated costs for each recommendation can be found in the County's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget. Since prices change from year to year, recent cost estimates based on project type will need to be researched at the time of installment.

The Highway and Parks Committee recommends a multi-faceted approach to improving parks and recreational facilities in Shawano County. In addition to improvements identified for existing county parks, the committee is also calling the initial phases of development on a number of other county-owned lands. Recognizing that opportunities to acquire abandoned railroad right-of-way cannot be anticipated in the action program, the committee also is calling for the county to place top priority on efforts to acquire and develop missing segments of the two state recreational trails (WIOUWASH and Mountain Bay) when opportunities arise. The committee also believes the county should implement efforts geared from the newly adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan when developing hiking and bicycling trail linkages between the state recreational trails and local communities as well as other points of interest. Trails are high on the list of resident wants when looking at active uses.

Another major recommendation is that the county itself, acquire and develop another county park on at least one of several key large parcels, each high in resource value, as the opportunity would become available for purchase. Failure to acquire a site such as this when the parks departments has the chance will result in the likelihood of forever losing the opportunity to provide a recreational site of such quality and potential. To ensure this does not happen, it is recommended that the county's general fund be accessible to enable one of these sites to be purchased for the benefit of all county residents.

Table 12 below shows the park projects by year based on priority level that was recommended by the Highway and Parks Committee. **The County has effectively utilized other funding sources to assist in past-park and other recreation-related acquisition development projects and should continue to seek out grant opportunities where available.** It is anticipated that the future availability of these outside funds can have a significant impact on enabling the County to make major strides in implementing the action program outlined below.

Priority levels are based on present and projected needs from the public survey, taking into account obtainable funding, labor, public support, and feasibility. Timing of each is also based on availability and physical parameters of each site. All items listed are important and need to be assessed annually through the 5 year program cycle as priorities may change from year to year.

TABLE 12: FIVE YEAR ACTION PROGRAM 2014- 2018
Shawano County Parks System

<i>PL = Priority Level H = High 2014-2015, M = Medium 2016-2017, L = Low 2018, LT = Long Term 2018 and beyond</i>	<i>PL</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>LT</i>
COUNTY PARKS							
Shawano County Lake Park							
Add land and additional seasonal campsites*	H	X					
Add a historical kiosk	M			X			
Update and phase out all old playground equipment	H		X				
Purchase maintenance cart for the campground	H	X					
Remove rocks near road by park office, add fence to prevent drive throughs	H	X					
Add better signage directing traffic through the parking area	M			X			
Finish the fencing for the tennis court	M			X			
Add a new fish cleaning station closer to the beach	M			X			
Average Subtotal of Priorities: # of X's		3	1	4			
Voelz Memorial Park (Wilson Lake)							
Remove abandoned restroom facilities	H		X				
Add primitive camping along shore	H	X					
Consider purchasing farm, expand hunting land	L						X
Review current easement status, access trails (Maple Hills)	L					X	
Repave and strip the parking lot area	M			X			
Add signage for the hiking and x-country ski trails	H	X					
Upgrade beach area - erosion protection	H		X				
Average Subtotal of Priorities: # of X's		2	2	1		1	1
Hayman Falls County Park							
Add play equipment	M				X		
Develop sand volleyball, bocce ball or tennis courts (based on trends)	M				X		
Improved shoreline fishing	L						X
Reduce vandalism, add group activities	M			X			
Resolve access road ownership and parking areas, repave	M				X		
	PL	14	15	16	17	18	LT

Upgrade/Add selected trails improve accessibility and add signage with miles and maps	H	X					
Clear fallen logs /brush in wooded areas	M			X			
Install a new roof on the open shelter	H		X				
Pave park road to the park (3.1 miles)	M				X		
Remove backstop from baseball practice field, add a disc golf course	L					X	
Average Subtotal of Priorities: # of X's		1	1	2	4	1	1
Mielke Park and Theatre							
Resurfacing program of existing paved areas, pave and strip parking lot (ADA accessible)*	H	X					
Re-establish interpretive signage along walking trail	M			X			
Develop a park management agreement between Shawano County and Arts Council; work on a cooperative long-range plan	H		X				X
Add lighting to parking lot next door	M			X			
Update signage for park and theatre	L				X		
Average Subtotal of Priorities: # of X's		1	1	2	1		1
Waukechon Riverside Park							
Expand trail system; upgrade for accessibility*	H	X					
Install toilet facilities and picnic shelter	M				X		
Repave the parking lot	L						X
Add signage from County Road CCC.	L					X	
Install a boat wash station near launch.	M			X			
Average Subtotal of Priorities: # of X's		1		1	1	1	1
Sunset Island / Heritage County Park							
Site improvements should be designed to complement the adjacent Shawano County Historical Society grounds.	M			X			
Add landscaping with emphasis in developing floral display areas.	M				X		
Add boat slips for visitors to the site.	M			X			
Create a park management agreement with the Historical Society.	H		X				
Add a possible" adult" fitness course.*	L					X	
Address remedial site for brownfield (health hazard), grants	M			X			
Pave and stripe the parking lot	L						X
Add an educational kiosk for both sites	H		X				
Work with the City on adjacent development ideas	L						X
Average Subtotal of Priorities: # of X's			2	3	1	1	2

Oconto River Park (Pulcifer Park)							
	PL	14	15	16	17	18	LT
Develop possible hiking trails through wetland area – boardwalks*	H		X				
Upgrade current playground equipment to meet ADA & safety standards (contact Ho-Chunk as a possible resource).	M			X			
Continue you with a tree maintenance plan	L						X
Develop trails for connections TO the park*	H	X					
Average Subtotal of Priorities: # of X's		1	1	1			1
Mountain-Bay State Trail							
Re-grade portions of the trail	H	X					
Develop a maintenance plan	M			X			
Complete missing segments when possible	L						X
Average Subtotal of Priorities: # of X's		1		1			1
OTHER POTENTIAL SITES							
Maple Hills Recreation Area							
Develop a Master Plan	L					X	
Market the land and area as such	M			X			
Add new trails to accommodate hikers with interpretative markers*	H	X					
Add opportunities for bird watching and wildlife viewing							X
Average Subtotal of Priorities: # of X's		1		1		1	1
Land in Town of Wittenberg							
Create some primitive campsites	L						X
Keep land open for public use	L						X
Develop trail connections with the Mountain-Bay Trail	M			X			
Average Subtotal of Priorities: # of X's				1			2
Land in Town of Almon							
Develop frontage along CTH D	L						X
Picnic area with small shelter	M			X			
Add in a restroom facility	M				X		
Develop a parking lot for 12-20 cars	L					X	
Work with the DNR on trail development*	H		X				
Groom trails from XC skiing	H		X				
Average Subtotal of Priorities: # of X's			2	1	1	1	1

Land in Town of Bartelme	PL	14	15	16	17	18	LT
Develop a campground - work with Village of Bowler							X
Create trail connections to Mountain Bay Trail				X			
Average Subtotal of Priorities: # of X's				1			1
GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS							
ALL PARKS AND FACILITIES							
Update Signage - Wayfinding System*				X			
ADA Compliancy - new facilities - schedule in CIP			X				
Tree Program - Work with Land Conservation							X
Landscaping, Aesthetics, Benches	H	X					
Boat Wash Stations at all Launches*	M				X		
Vandalism Control - lights, dummy cameras	H		X				
Shelter Maintenance	M				X		
Creation of a new dog park*	L					X	
Maintain Restrooms, consider flush at some locations*	H		X				
Update Webpage, increase marketing, program info*	H		X				
Average Subtotal of Priorities: # of X's		1	4	1	2	1	
ALL TRAILS							
Implement a bicycle route system per the County Bike and Pedestrian Plan	H	X					
Develop an exclusive ATV Trail*	H		X				
Maintain XC ski trails	M			X			
Provide additional canoe and kayak access points (water trail)*	M			X			
Average Subtotal of Priorities: # of X's		1	1	2			
*Recommendations from Survey and Public Info Meeting	Yr.	14	15	16	17	18	LT
TOTALS:		13	15	22	10	7	13

Total number of projects by year:

High	2014	13	
High	2015	15	28 High Priority
Medium	2016	22	
Medium	2017	10	32 Medium Priority
Low	2018	7	
Low	Long-Term	13	21 Long Term

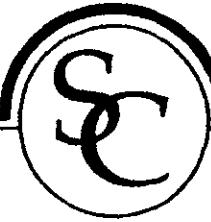
Total number of all projects for the 2014-2018 cycle = 81

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CHAPTER 8

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION



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**STATE OF WISCONSIN }
COUNTY OF SHAWANO }**

I, Pamela Schmidt, Deputy County Clerk, in and for the County of Shawano, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following copy of Resolution No. 16-14 is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution No. 16-14 duly adopted by the Shawano County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on March 26, 2014.

Given under my hand and official seal, at the Shawano County Courthouse, in the City of Shawano, this 21st day of April, 2014

Pamela Schmidt
Deputy County Clerk
Shawano County



**RESOLUTION NO. 16-14
TO ADOPT THE 2014-2018 SHAWANO COUNTY
OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Shawano County intends to provide its residents and visitors with adequate park and recreational opportunities and protect its unique natural and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, Shawano County has been working with East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission in updating its Outdoor Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the plan and its recommendations, which address the county's recreational development and resource protection needs over the next five years and beyond, were accepted by the Shawano County Highway & Parks Committee on March 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, key recommendations include encouraging educational efforts with farmers, the DNR, and lake owners on wise resource use and land management practices, as well as protecting those areas with high aesthetic value while minimizing impacts on significant environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, the plan also recommends maintaining connections for the Mountain-Bay and WIOUWASH trails while looking for new connections and possibilities for "ridge top" hiking trails as well as the current snowmobile and cross country ski trails network, and addressing public water access points for canoe take ins/outs along with clean-up programs; and

WHEREAS, the plan also recommends developing a tree maintenance program and strategy, continuing to work with health groups such as Pathways of Shawano, maintaining fishing piers and docking areas and developing the waterfront areas, updating facilities to comply with ADA Title III rules and having consistent signage throughout the parks, and installing boat wash stations for aquatic invasive species control; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Shawano County Outdoor Recreation Plan is an update to the 2007 County Outdoor Recreation Plan (Resolution No. 41-07) and the 1999 County Outdoor Recreation Plan (Resolution No. 94-99); and

WHEREAS, County adoption of said plan is required for Shawano County to become eligible for cost sharing aid programs administered by the State of Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SHAWANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS in session this 26th day of March, 2014, that the Shawano County Outdoor Recreation Plan (2014-2018) on file at the County Clerk's Office be adopted as the approved recreation plan for the County.

Submitted by, Richard Giese
 Steve Gueths
 Kevin Conradt
 John Ainsworth
 Thomas Kautza
HIGHWAY & PARKS COMMITTEE

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APPENDIX A

SURVEY RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

SHAWANO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

2013-201

SURVEY RESULTS &
ANALYSIS

Summary



Total Started Survey: 101

Total Finished Survey: 92

91.1% Completion Rate

February 18, 2014



COUNTY Maintained Facilities are the following:

Shawano Lake Park
Mielke Park
Sunset Island & Heritage Park
Oconto River Park (Pulcifer)
Hayman Falls Park
Voelz Memorial Park/Wilson Lake
Waukechon Riverside Park
Maple Hills Recreation Area
Mountain Bay Trail
WIOUWASH Trail
Mud Lake and Spring Lake Wildlife Areas
County Hunting Lands in the
Towns of Almon, Bartleme, & Wittenberg

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ShawanoCoParks>



Assistance provided by the East Central
Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

SHAWANO COUNTY PARKS AND REC SURVEY Common Answers

Info/Demographics

What municipality do you live in?
(City, Town, Village)

34% lived in the City of Shawano,
Towns of Wescott, 22%, and
Richmond, 16%

How old are you?

15-30 31-45 46-60 60-75 75+

32.7% 35.6%

Are you male or female?

Male 55% Female 45%

How many people reside in your household?

1 2 3 4 5 6+

How do you get information about County
parks and recreation programs, rentals, or
activities? Please check all that apply.

☒ County Website (www.co.shawano.wi.us)
40.4%

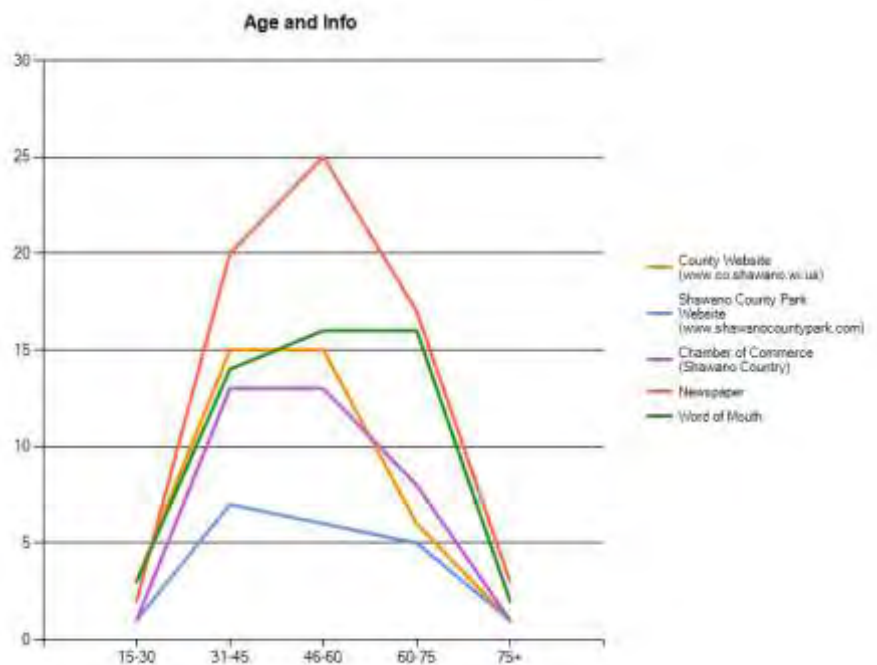
☐ Shawano County Park Website
(www.shawanocountypark.com)

☒ Chamber of Commerce (Shawano
Country) 36.4%

☐ Convention and Visitors Bureaus

☐ Newsletter

☒ Word of Mouth 51.5%



☐ School District

☐ Park Dept. Phone Line (715-526-5216)

☐ Parks Facebook Page
(www.facebook.com/shawano.parks)

☐ Parks Twitter Account
(<https://twitter.com/ShawanoCoParks>)

☐ Program Guide

☒ Newspaper 67.7%

Use:

What COUNTY park/facilities have you visited in the past 12 months?



Hayman Falls Park

☐ Hunting Lands Town of Almon

☐ Hunting Lands Town of Bartelme

☐ Hunting Lands Town of Wittenberg



Maple Hills Recreation Area



Mielke Park and Theatre

☐ Mountain Bay Trail

☐ Mud Lake Wildlife Area

☐ Oconto River Park (Pulcifer Park)



Shawano Lake Park & Campground

☐ Spring Lake Wildlife Area



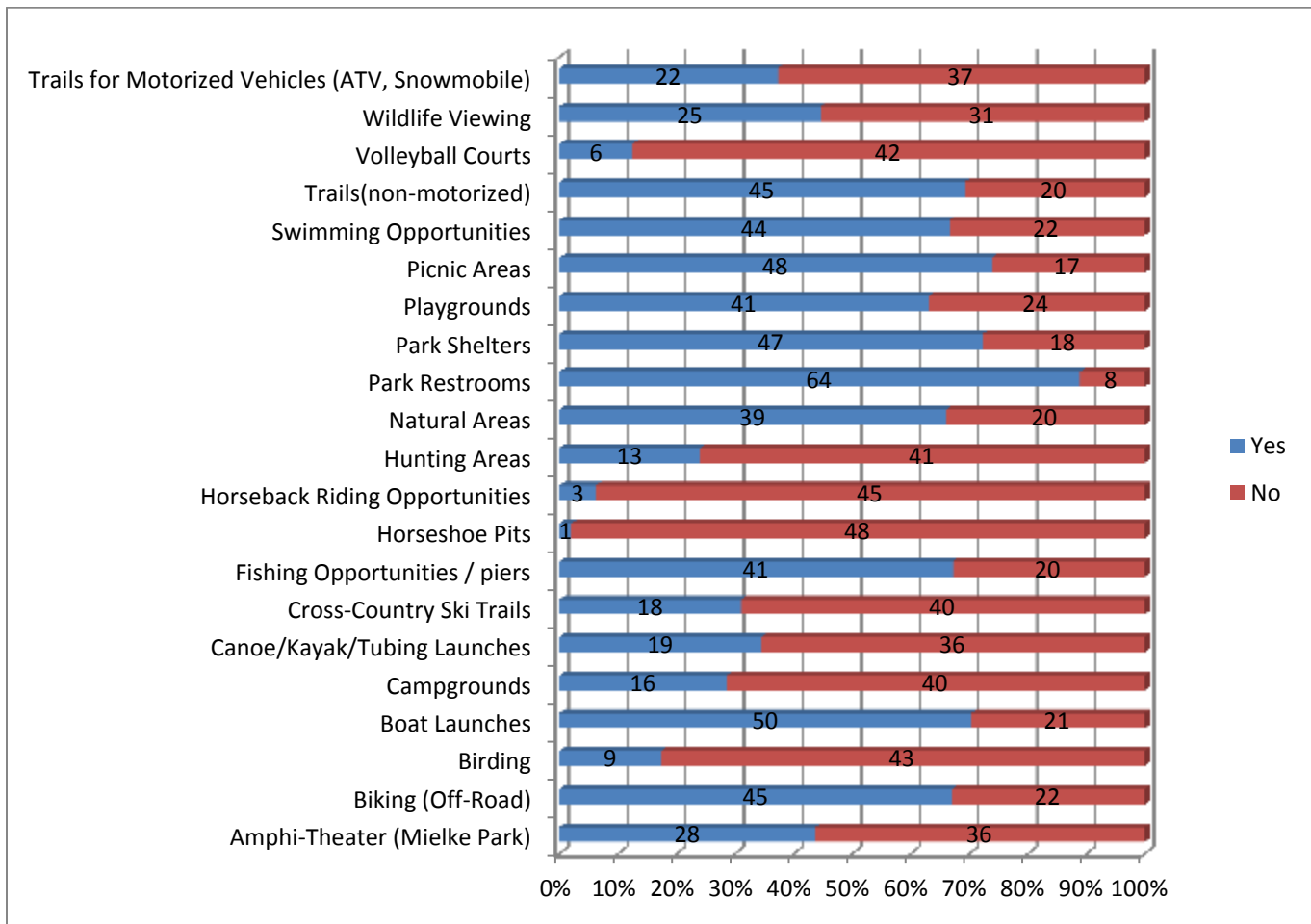
Sunset Island & Heritage Park (in City)

☐ Voelz Memorial Park (Wilson Lake)

☐ Waukechon Riverside Park

☐ WIOUWASH Trail

Activities County Residents are utilizing in the top 5 parks:

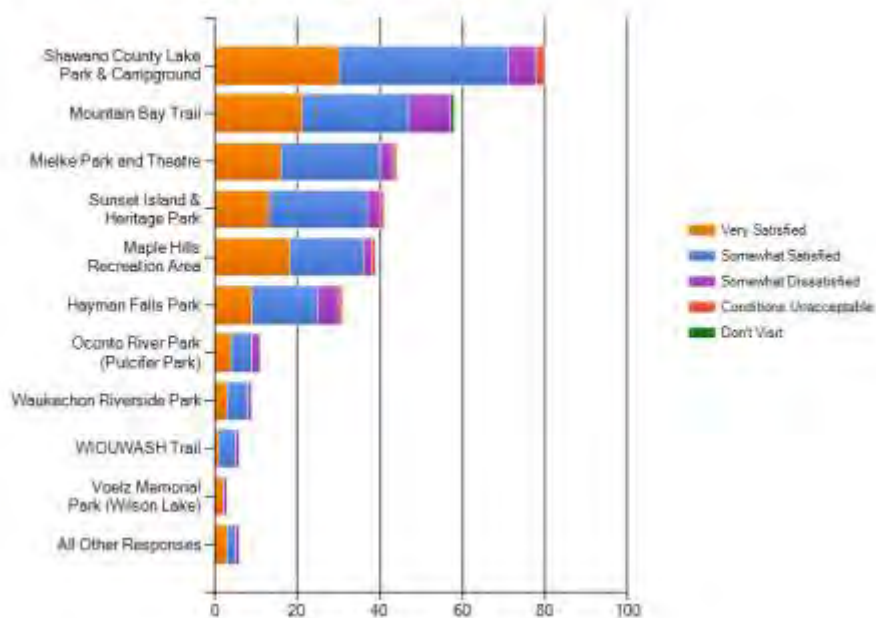


Satisfaction

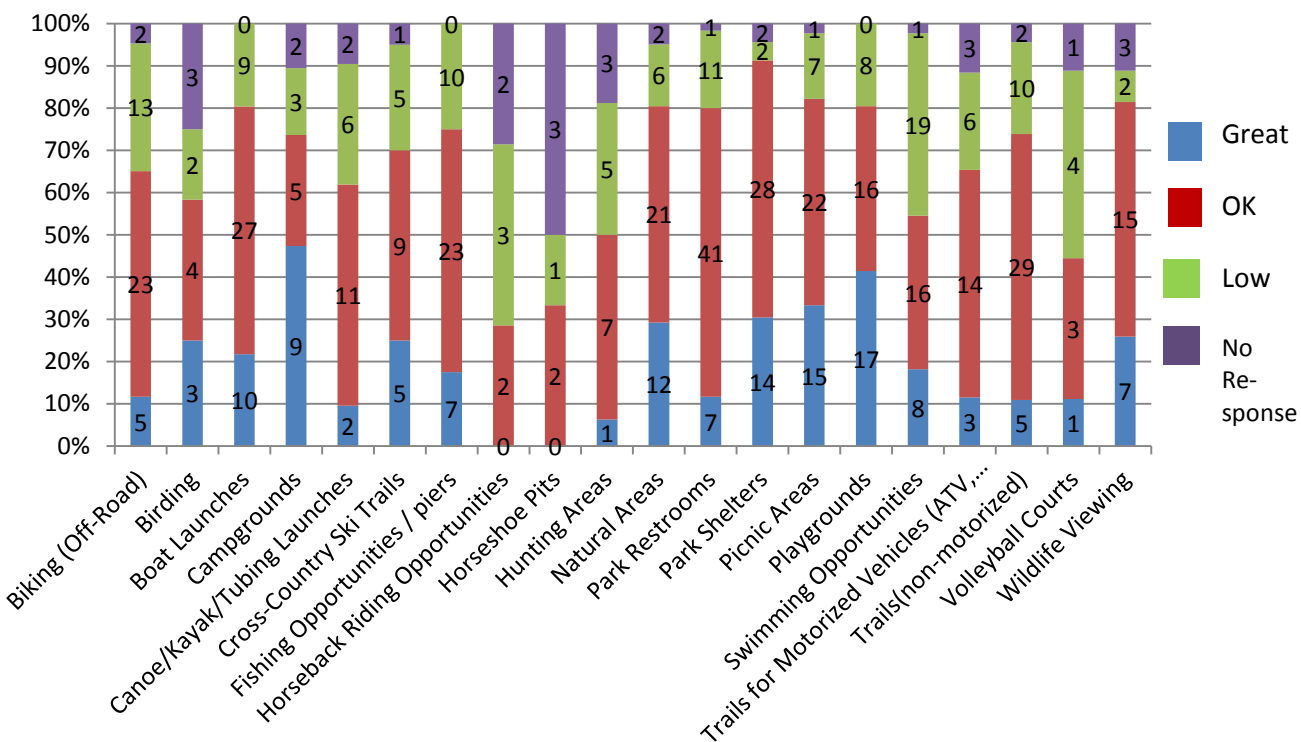
What is your overall satisfaction with the condition of the parks you visit?

- ☐ Very Satisfied
- ☒ Somewhat Satisfied 46.5%
- ☐ Somewhat Dissatisfied
- ☐ Conditions Unacceptable
- ☐ Don't Visit 3.0%

What COUNTY parks/facilities have you visited in the past 12 months? (Please mark all that apply)



Quality of Facility



Safety & Active Lifestyles

How would you rate the ability to bike in the County?

☐ Excellent

☒ Good 39.6%

☐ Fair/Ok

☐ Needs Improvement 16.7%

If the COUNTY would assist in adding more biking / walking trails connecting its communities and facilities would you:

☒ Bike / Walk more frequently 61%

☐ Bike / Walk about the same

☐ Not Use

Overall in terms of activity, how would you rate your level of fitness?

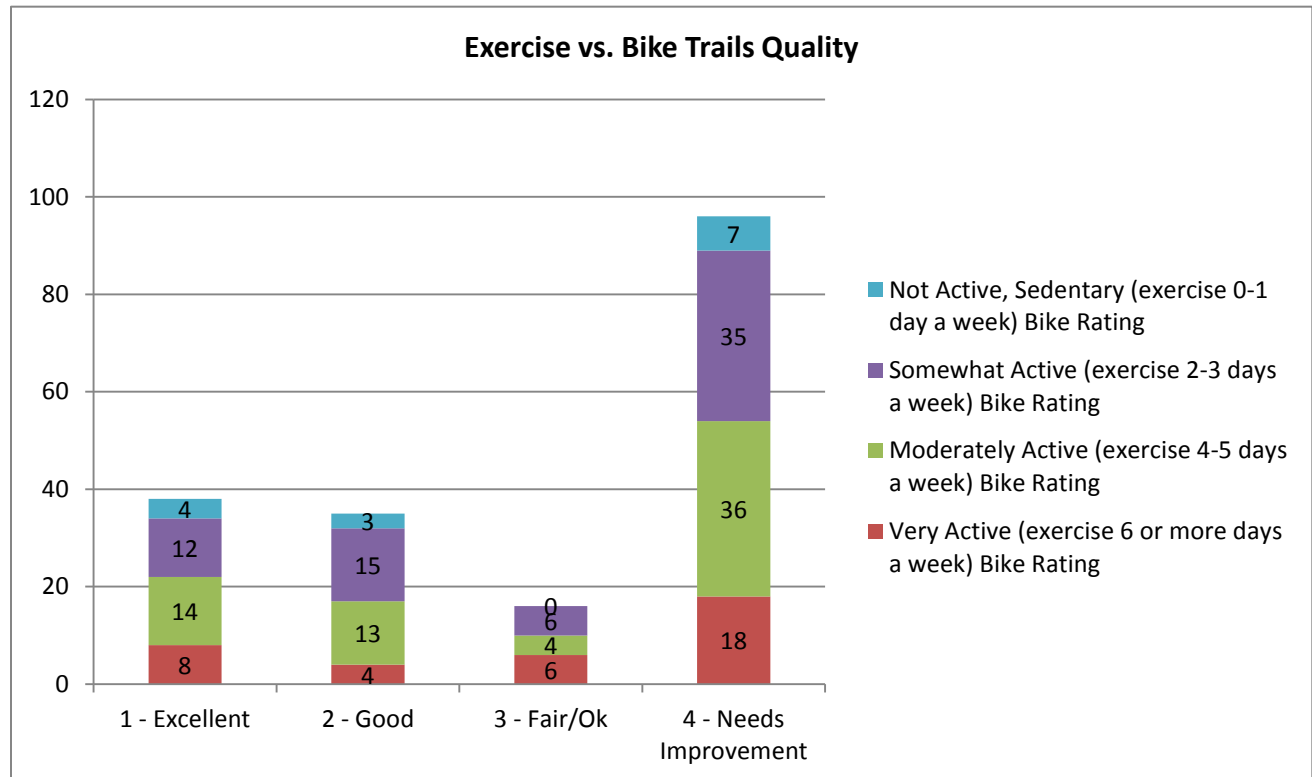
☐ Very Active (6+ days a week)

☒ Moderately Active (4-5 days a week)

☒ Somewhat Active (2-3 days a week)

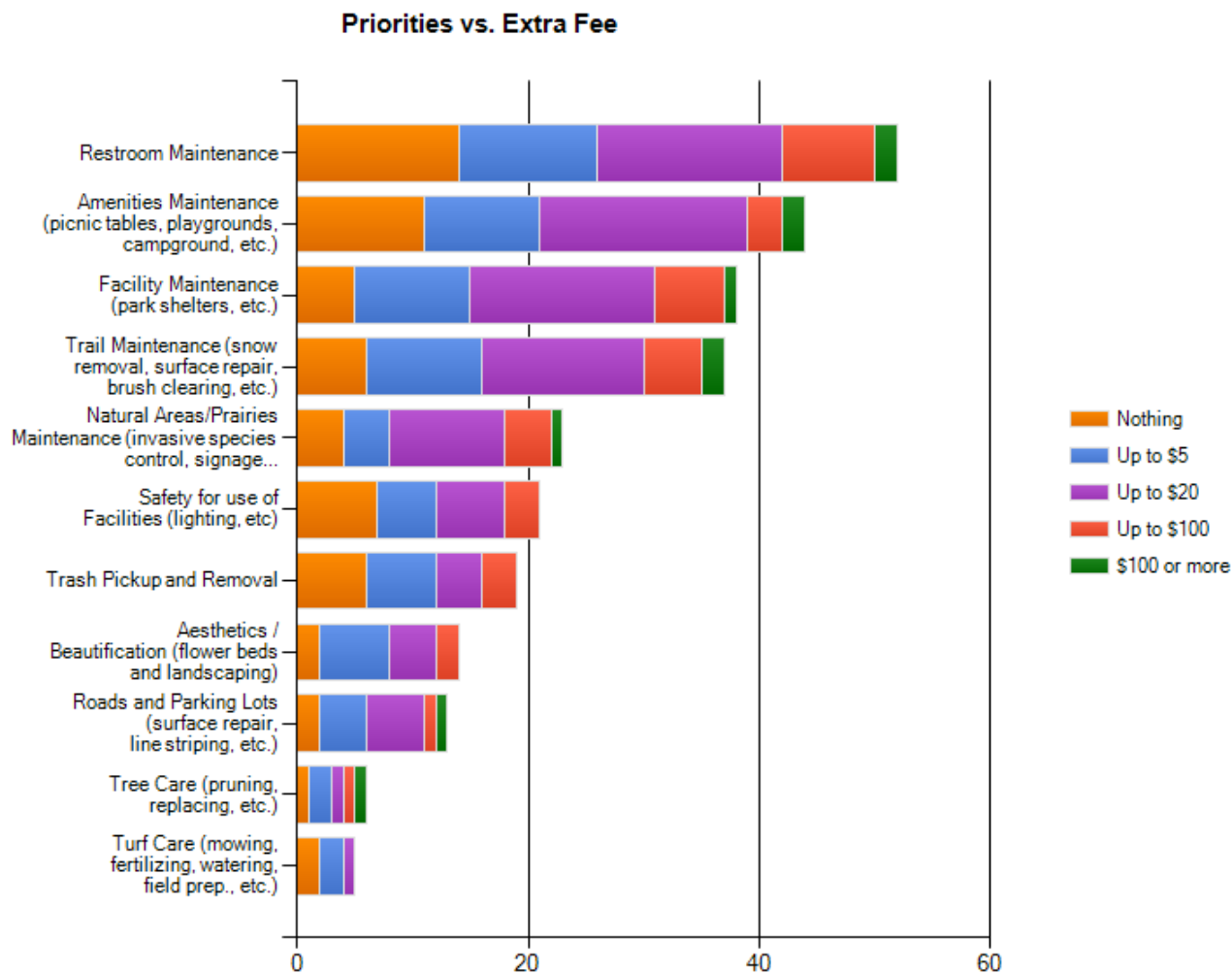
☐ Not Active, sedentary (0-1 days a week)

When talking safety for use of facilities (lighting, etc.) in listing top 3 priorities, 22.7% said this was one of their preferences.



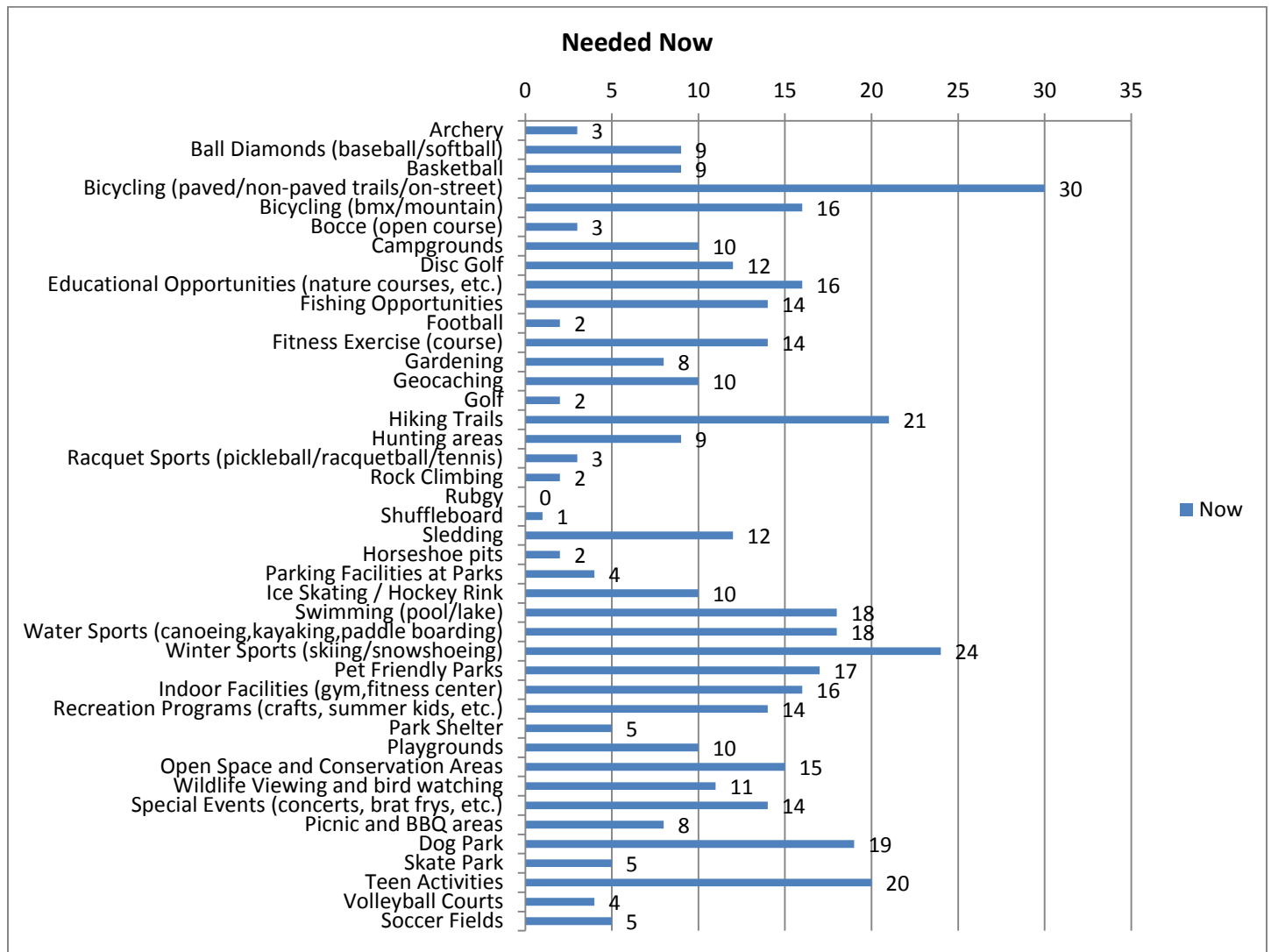
Need & Preferences

Of the top three priorities for park, athletic field, and trail maintenance, residents were willing to pay annually (in user fees or property taxes) to support parks and recreation facilities and programs:



★ Up to \$20 most common response.

What facilities are needed now in the County?

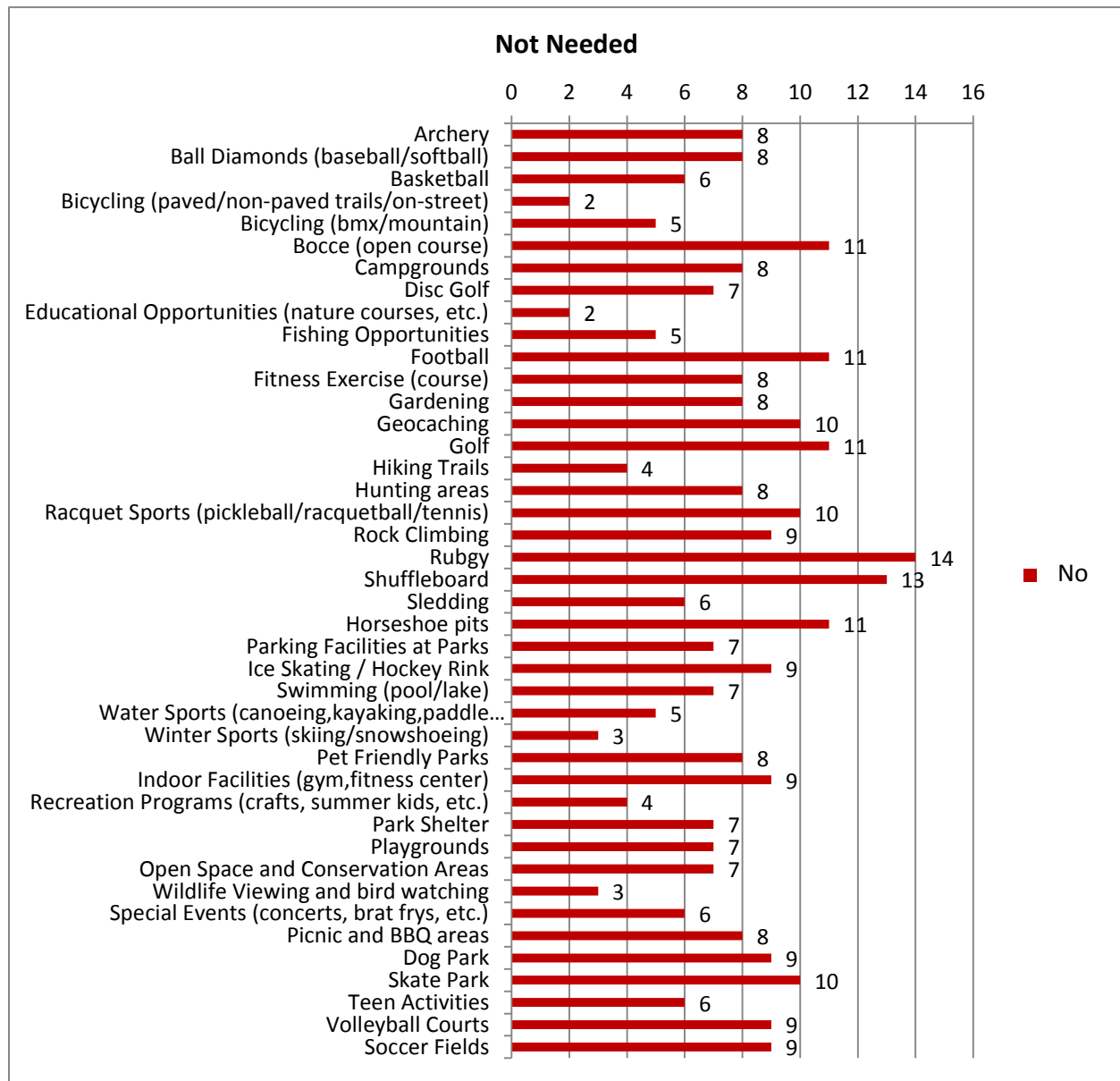


10 people wrote a response in the other category. Those commonly listed were:

- Splash Park or outdoor pool,
- Promoting the Waterways
- ATV Trails
- Roller Skating rink or facilities

What facilities are not needed in the County?

Very minimal responses occurred but rugby and shuffleboard came in first followed by bocce, football, horseshoe pits and golf. These items are also based on trends which are explained in the next section when doing a comparison with the rest of the state. Even though these facilities are not popular in Shawano currently, they may development popularity in the future.





















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Shawano County Parks and Recreation 2013 Survey



1. What municipality do you live in?

		Response Percent	Response Count
CITY OF SHAWANO		34.0%	34
TOWN OF ALMON		0.0%	0
TOWN OF ANGELICA		1.0%	1
TOWN OF ANIWA		0.0%	0
TOWN OF BARTELME		1.0%	1
TOWN OF BELLE PLAINE		4.0%	4
TOWN OF BIRNAMWOOD		0.0%	0
TOWN OF FAIRBANKS		0.0%	0
TOWN OF GERMANIA		0.0%	0
TOWN OF GRANT		1.0%	1
TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY		1.0%	1
TOWN OF HARTLAND		0.0%	0
TOWN OF HERMAN		1.0%	1
TOWN OF HUTCHINS		0.0%	0




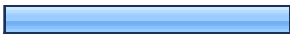

TOWN OF LESSOR		0.0%	0
TOWN OF MAPLE GROVE		1.0%	1
TOWN OF MORRIS		0.0%	0
TOWN OF NAVARINO		1.0%	1
TOWN OF PELLA		3.0%	3
TOWN OF RED SPRINGS		0.0%	0
TOWN OF RICHMOND		16.0%	16
TOWN OF SENECA		1.0%	1
TOWN OF WASHINGTON		4.0%	4
TOWN OF WAUKECHON		3.0%	3
TOWN OF WESCOTT		22.0%	22
TOWN OF WITTENBERG		1.0%	1
VILLAGE OF ANIWA		0.0%	0
VILLAGE OF BIRNAMWOOD		0.0%	0
VILLAGE OF BONDUEL		2.0%	2
VILLAGE OF BOWLER		0.0%	0
VILLAGE OF CECIL		0.0%	0
VILLAGE OF ELAND		0.0%	0
VILLAGE OF GRESHAM		3.0%	3

VILLAGE OF MATTOON	0.0%	0
VILLAGE OF PULASKI	0.0%	0
VILLAGE OF TIGERTON	0.0%	0
VILLAGE OF WITTENBERG	0.0%	0



Other (please specify) 1

answered question	100
skipped question	1







2. How old are you?

		Response Percent	Response Count
15-30		4.0%	4
31-45		32.7%	33
46-60		35.6%	36
60-75		24.8%	25
75+		3.0%	3
answered question			101
skipped question			0












3. Is the person filling out this survey:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Male		55.0%	55
Female		45.0%	45
answered question			100
skipped question			1

4. How many people reside in your household?

		Response Percent	Response Count
1		5.9%	6
2		42.6%	43
3		17.8%	18
4		21.8%	22
5		6.9%	7
6+		5.0%	5
answered question			101
skipped question			0











5. How do you obtain information about County Park & Recreation programs, events, & facility rentals? (Please mark all that apply).




		Response Percent	Response Count
County Website (www.co.shawano.wi.us)		40.4%	40
Shawano County Park Website (www.shawanocountypark.com)		20.2%	20
Chamber of Commerce (Shawano Country)		36.4%	36
Convention and Visitors Bureaus		5.1%	5
School District		18.2%	18
Park Department Phone Line (715-526-5216)		5.1%	5
Parks Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/shawano.parks)		9.1%	9
Parks Twitter Account (https://twitter.com/ShawanoCoParks)		0.0%	0
Program Guide		5.1%	5
Newspaper		67.7%	67
Newsletter		6.1%	6
Word of Mouth		51.5%	51

Other (please specify) 8

answered question	99
skipped question	2

6. What COUNTY parks/facilities have you visited in the past 12 months? (Please mark all that apply)



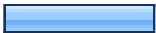


		Response Percent	Response Count
Shawano County Lake Park & Campground		82.8%	82
Mielke Park and Theatre		44.4%	44
Sunset Island & Heritage Park		42.4%	42
Oconto River Park (Pulcifer Park)		11.1%	11
Hayman Falls Park		32.3%	32
Voelz Memorial Park (Wilson Lake)		3.0%	3
Hunting Lands Town of Almon		0.0%	0
Hunting LandsTown of Bartleme		2.0%	2
Hunting Lands Town of Wittenberg		0.0%	0
WIOUWASH Trail		6.1%	6
Waukechon Riverside Park		9.1%	9
Maple Hills Recreation Area		41.4%	41

Mountain Bay Trail		58.6%	58
Mud Lake Wildlife Area		3.0%	3
Spring Lake Wildlife Area		1.0%	1

Don't Visit / Other (please specify) 2

answered question	99
skipped question	2

7. What is your overall satisfaction with the condition of the COUNTY facilities you visit?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Satisfied		35.6%	36
Somewhat Satisfied		46.5%	47
Somewhat Dissatisfied		12.9%	13
Conditions Unacceptable		2.0%	2
Don't Visit		3.0%	3
answered question			101
skipped question			0

8. How would you rate the ability to bike in the COUNTY?




	1 - Excellent	2 - Good	3 - Fair/Ok	4 - Needs Improvement	Rating Count
Bike Rating	7.3% (7)	39.6% (38)	36.5% (35)	16.7% (16)	96

Other / Comments (please specify) 22

answered question 96

skipped question 5

9. If the COUNTY would assist in adding biking / walking trails connecting its communities and facilities would you:





		Response Percent	Response Count
Bike / Walk more frequently.		61.0%	61
Bike / Walk about the same.		21.0%	21
Not Use		18.0%	18

Comments? 17





answered question 100

skipped question 1




10. Overall, in terms of activity, how would you rate your level of fitness?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Active (exercise 6 or more days a week)		18.8%	19
Moderately Active (exercise 4-5 days a week)		36.6%	37
Somewhat Active (exercise 2-3 days a week)		37.6%	38
Not Active, Sedentary (exercise 0-1 day a week)		6.9%	7
		answered question	101
		skipped question	0




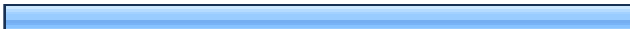







11. In the past 12 months, how often have you or has one of your family members used the Mountain Bay Trail?

		Response Percent	Response Count
0 times		23.8%	24
1-3 times		38.6%	39
4-9 times		9.9%	10
10 or more		27.7%	28
answered question			101
skipped question			0

12. In the past 12 months, how often have you or has one of your family members used the WIOUWASH Trail?

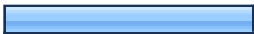


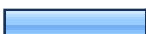

		Response Percent	Response Count
0 times		92.0%	92
1-3 times		6.0%	6
4-9 times		0.0%	0
10 or more		2.0%	2
answered question			100
skipped question			1

13. Please choose your top 3 priorities for park, athletic field, and trail maintenance. (County Facilities Only, See Q2) (Please mark only 3)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Amenities Maintenance (picnic tables, playgrounds, campground, etc.)		45.4%	44
Aesthetics / Beautification (flower beds and landscaping)		14.4%	14
Facility Maintenance (park shelters, etc.)		39.2%	38
Restroom Maintenance		54.6%	53
Roads and Parking Lots (surface repair, line striping, etc.)		13.4%	13
Safety for use of Facilities (lighting, etc.)		22.7%	22
Trash Pickup and Removal		19.6%	19
Trail Maintenance (snow removal, surface repair, brush clearing, etc.)		38.1%	37
Tree Care (pruning, replacing, etc.)		6.2%	6
Turf Care (mowing, fertilizing, watering, field prep., etc.)		5.2%	5
Natural Areas/Prairies Maintenance (invasive species control, signage, etc.)		23.7%	23

Other (please specify)	10
answered question	97
skipped question	4



14. How much more would you pay annually in (user fees or property taxes) to support county parks and recreation facilities and/programs?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Nothing		21.4%	21
Up to \$5		27.6%	27
Up to \$20		35.7%	35
Up to \$100		12.2%	12
\$100 or more		3.1%	3





Other Amount (please specify) 6

answered question	98
skipped question	3

15. Have you reserved/rented a facility, or attended an event at one of the COUNTY facilities in the past 12 months? (If no, skip to question 18).

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		41.0%	41
No		59.0%	59
answered question			100
skipped question			1

16. If yes, what kind of event did you attend, rent, or reserve for? (Please mark all that apply).

		Response Percent	Response Count
Family Event		47.1%	16
Birthday Party		17.6%	6
Work Function		29.4%	10
Wedding		29.4%	10
Other (please specify)			17
answered question			34
skipped question			67

17. If yes, how would you rate the following?

	Excellent	Good	Fair/Ok	Needs Improvement	Rating Count
Ease of the reservation process?	40.0% (12)	53.3% (16)	6.7% (2)	0.0% (0)	30
Quality of the facility and it's cleanliness?	41.0% (16)	43.6% (17)	7.7% (3)	7.7% (3)	39
Cost of the rental?	43.3% (13)	36.7% (11)	13.3% (4)	6.7% (2)	30
Overall experience with the facility rental?	43.8% (14)	37.5% (12)	15.6% (5)	3.1% (1)	32
If it was not up to your standards, what can we do to enhance your experience?					11
answered question					41
skipped question					60

18. Overall, how well do you think the current parks, trails, recreational facilities and programs provided by Shawano County are currently MEETING THE NEEDS of its residents? (County Facilities Only see Q2.)

Does someone in your household use this facility?

	Yes	No	Response Count
Amphi-Theater (Mielke Park)	40.6% (28)	59.4% (41)	69
Biking (Off-Road)	68.5% (50)	31.5% (23)	73
Birding	17.5% (10)	82.5% (47)	57
Boat Launches	68.4% (52)	31.6% (24)	76
Campgrounds	26.2% (16)	73.8% (45)	61
Canoe/Kayak/Tubing Launches	31.7% (19)	68.3% (41)	60
Cross-Country Ski Trails	31.7% (20)	68.3% (43)	63
Fishing Opportunities / piers	62.1% (41)	37.9% (25)	66
Horseshoe Pits	1.9% (1)	98.1% (53)	54
Horseback Riding Opportunities	5.7% (3)	94.3% (50)	53
Hunting Areas	27.1% (16)	72.9% (43)	59
Natural Areas	64.6% (42)	35.4% (23)	65
Park Restrooms	88.3% (68)	11.7% (9)	77
Park Shelters	72.9% (51)	27.1% (19)	70

Playgrounds	60.0% (42)	40.0% (28)	70
Picnic Areas	71.4% (50)	28.6% (20)	70
Swimming Opportunities	64.8% (46)	35.2% (25)	71
Trails(non-motorized)	67.6% (48)	32.4% (23)	71
Volleyball Courts	11.3% (6)	88.7% (47)	53
Wildlife Viewing	44.3% (27)	55.7% (34)	61
Trails for Motorized Vehicles (ATV, Snowmobile)	37.5% (24)	62.5% (40)	64

If Yes, how do you rate the quality of the facility?

	Great	Ok	Low / Needs Improvement	N/A	Response Count
Amphi-Theater (Mielke Park)	13.3% (4)	63.3% (19)	10.0% (3)	13.3% (4)	30
Biking (Off-Road)	10.4% (5)	54.2% (26)	31.3% (15)	4.2% (2)	48
Birding	20.0% (3)	26.7% (4)	20.0% (3)	33.3% (5)	15
Boat Launches	20.0% (10)	58.0% (29)	18.0% (9)	4.0% (2)	50
Campgrounds	42.9% (9)	23.8% (5)	14.3% (3)	19.0% (4)	21
Canoe/Kayak/Tubing Launches	8.7% (2)	47.8% (11)	26.1% (6)	17.4% (4)	23
Cross-Country Ski Trails	21.7% (5)	43.5% (10)	26.1% (6)	8.7% (2)	23
Fishing Opportunities / piers	16.7% (7)	54.8% (23)	23.8% (10)	4.8% (2)	42
Horseshoe Pits	0.0% (0)	25.0% (2)	12.5% (1)	62.5% (5)	8

Horseback Riding Opportunities	0.0% (0)	22.2% (2)	33.3% (3)	44.4% (4)	9
Hunting Areas	10.0% (2)	40.0% (8)	30.0% (6)	20.0% (4)	20
Natural Areas	28.9% (13)	46.7% (21)	17.8% (8)	6.7% (3)	45
Park Restrooms	10.8% (7)	66.2% (43)	20.0% (13)	3.1% (2)	65
Park Shelters	27.5% (14)	60.8% (31)	5.9% (3)	5.9% (3)	51
Playgrounds	39.5% (17)	37.2% (16)	20.9% (9)	2.3% (1)	43
Picnic Areas	30.6% (15)	46.9% (23)	18.4% (9)	4.1% (2)	49
Swimming Opportunities	17.0% (8)	36.2% (17)	42.6% (20)	4.3% (2)	47
Trails(non-motorized)	10.0% (5)	60.0% (30)	24.0% (12)	6.0% (3)	50
Volleyball Courts	9.1% (1)	27.3% (3)	36.4% (4)	27.3% (3)	11
Wildlife Viewing	23.3% (7)	53.3% (16)	10.0% (3)	13.3% (4)	30
Trails for Motorized Vehicles (ATV, Snowmobile)	10.3% (3)	51.7% (15)	24.1% (7)	13.8% (4)	29

Comments?	19
answered question	90
skipped question	11

19. Overall, in your opinion, how would you rate the following amenities (existing or potential) in terms of need priority?

What facilities are needed in your neighborhood?

	Now	1-5 Years	5 Years or more	Never	Response Count
Archery	11.8% (4)	11.8% (4)	11.8% (4)	64.7% (22)	34
Ball Diamonds (baseball/softball)	29.4% (10)	11.8% (4)	2.9% (1)	55.9% (19)	34
Basketball	32.3% (10)	9.7% (3)	3.2% (1)	54.8% (17)	31
Bicycling (paved/non-paved trails/on-street)	68.4% (39)	14.0% (8)	1.8% (1)	15.8% (9)	57
Bicycling (bmx/mountain)	39.5% (17)	18.6% (8)	7.0% (3)	34.9% (15)	43
Bocce (open course)	5.9% (2)	17.6% (6)	8.8% (3)	67.6% (23)	34
Campgrounds	10.0% (3)	23.3% (7)	3.3% (1)	63.3% (19)	30
Disc Golf	34.2% (13)	26.3% (10)	2.6% (1)	36.8% (14)	38
Educational Opportunities (nature courses, etc.)	39.5% (15)	26.3% (10)	7.9% (3)	26.3% (10)	38
Fishing Opportunities	50.0% (18)	19.4% (7)	2.8% (1)	27.8% (10)	36
Football	17.9% (5)	14.3% (4)	0.0% (0)	67.9% (19)	28
Fitness Exercise (course)	45.9% (17)	18.9% (7)	5.4% (2)	29.7% (11)	37
Gardening	24.1% (7)	34.5% (10)	6.9% (2)	34.5% (10)	29
Geocaching	32.4% (11)	14.7% (5)	5.9% (2)	47.1% (16)	34

Golf	10.7% (3)	3.6% (1)	7.1% (2)	78.6% (22)	28
Hiking Trails	55.8% (24)	18.6% (8)	2.3% (1)	23.3% (10)	43
Hunting areas	22.6% (7)	12.9% (4)	6.5% (2)	58.1% (18)	31
Racquet Sports (pickleball/racquetball/tennis)	17.9% (5)	10.7% (3)	17.9% (5)	53.6% (15)	28
Rock Climbing	10.3% (3)	20.7% (6)	13.8% (4)	55.2% (16)	29
Rugby	3.8% (1)	7.7% (2)	7.7% (2)	80.8% (21)	26
Shuffleboard	3.8% (1)	7.7% (2)	11.5% (3)	76.9% (20)	26
Sledding	46.9% (15)	25.0% (8)	6.3% (2)	21.9% (7)	32
Horseshoe pits	17.2% (5)	27.6% (8)	6.9% (2)	48.3% (14)	29
Parking Facilities at Parks	27.6% (8)	27.6% (8)	13.8% (4)	31.0% (9)	29
Ice Skating / Hockey Rink	30.0% (9)	6.7% (2)	10.0% (3)	53.3% (16)	30
Swimming (pool/lake)	64.7% (22)	5.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	29.4% (10)	34
Water Sports (canoeing,kayaking,paddle boarding)	66.7% (22)	12.1% (4)	6.1% (2)	15.2% (5)	33
Winter Sports (skiing/snowshoeing)	55.3% (21)	15.8% (6)	2.6% (1)	26.3% (10)	38
Pet Friendly Parks	54.1% (20)	8.1% (3)	5.4% (2)	32.4% (12)	37
Indoor Facilities (gym,fitness center)	47.1% (16)	14.7% (5)	2.9% (1)	35.3% (12)	34

Recreation Programs (crafts, summer kids, etc.)	51.6% (16)	16.1% (5)	3.2% (1)	29.0% (9)	31
Park Shelter	32.1% (9)	21.4% (6)	14.3% (4)	32.1% (9)	28
Playgrounds	46.7% (14)	13.3% (4)	6.7% (2)	33.3% (10)	30
Open Space and Conservation Areas	48.4% (15)	9.7% (3)	6.5% (2)	35.5% (11)	31
Wildlife Viewing and bird watching	50.0% (14)	7.1% (2)	14.3% (4)	28.6% (8)	28
Special Events (concerts, brat frys, etc.)	57.6% (19)	9.1% (3)	3.0% (1)	30.3% (10)	33
Picnic and BBQ areas	38.7% (12)	25.8% (8)	6.5% (2)	29.0% (9)	31
Dog Park	53.7% (22)	9.8% (4)	2.4% (1)	34.1% (14)	41
Skate Park	19.2% (5)	7.7% (2)	15.4% (4)	57.7% (15)	26
Teen Activities	62.2% (23)	5.4% (2)	8.1% (3)	24.3% (9)	37
Volleyball Courts	18.5% (5)	18.5% (5)	11.1% (3)	51.9% (14)	27
Soccer Fields	14.3% (4)	14.3% (4)	10.7% (3)	60.7% (17)	28

What facilities are needed in our County?

	Now	1-5 Years	5 Years or more	Never	Response Count
Archery	11.1% (3)	37.0% (10)	22.2% (6)	29.6% (8)	27
Ball Diamonds (baseball/softball)	42.9% (9)	9.5% (2)	9.5% (2)	38.1% (8)	21
Basketball	45.0% (9)	5.0% (1)	20.0% (4)	30.0% (6)	20

Bicycling (paved/non-paved trails/on-street)	68.2% (30)	20.5% (9)	6.8% (3)	4.5% (2)	44
Bicycling (bmx/mountain)	53.3% (16)	13.3% (4)	16.7% (5)	16.7% (5)	30
Bocce (open course)	13.6% (3)	27.3% (6)	9.1% (2)	50.0% (11)	22
Campgrounds	41.7% (10)	16.7% (4)	8.3% (2)	33.3% (8)	24
Disc Golf	44.4% (12)	14.8% (4)	14.8% (4)	25.9% (7)	27
Educational Opportunities (nature courses, etc.)	55.2% (16)	27.6% (8)	10.3% (3)	6.9% (2)	29
Fishing Opportunities	53.8% (14)	19.2% (5)	7.7% (2)	19.2% (5)	26
Football	10.5% (2)	21.1% (4)	10.5% (2)	57.9% (11)	19
Fitness Exercise (course)	45.2% (14)	25.8% (8)	3.2% (1)	25.8% (8)	31
Gardening	34.8% (8)	26.1% (6)	4.3% (1)	34.8% (8)	23
Geocaching	35.7% (10)	21.4% (6)	7.1% (2)	35.7% (10)	28
Golf	10.5% (2)	10.5% (2)	21.1% (4)	57.9% (11)	19
Hiking Trails	55.3% (21)	26.3% (10)	7.9% (3)	10.5% (4)	38
Hunting areas	36.0% (9)	12.0% (3)	20.0% (5)	32.0% (8)	25
Racquet Sports (pickleball/racquetball/tennis)	14.3% (3)	14.3% (3)	23.8% (5)	47.6% (10)	21
Rock Climbing	9.1% (2)	27.3% (6)	22.7% (5)	40.9% (9)	22
Rugby	0.0% (0)	10.5% (2)	15.8% (3)	73.7% (14)	19

Shuffleboard	4.8% (1)	19.0% (4)	14.3% (3)	61.9% (13)	21
Sledding	48.0% (12)	20.0% (5)	8.0% (2)	24.0% (6)	25
Horseshoe pits	9.5% (2)	23.8% (5)	14.3% (3)	52.4% (11)	21
Parking Facilities at Parks	18.2% (4)	31.8% (7)	18.2% (4)	31.8% (7)	22
Ice Skating / Hockey Rink	41.7% (10)	8.3% (2)	12.5% (3)	37.5% (9)	24
Swimming (pool/lake)	62.1% (18)	6.9% (2)	6.9% (2)	24.1% (7)	29
Water Sports (canoeing,kayaking,paddle boarding)	66.7% (18)	3.7% (1)	11.1% (3)	18.5% (5)	27
Winter Sports (skiing/snowshoeing)	70.6% (24)	14.7% (5)	5.9% (2)	8.8% (3)	34
Pet Friendly Parks	60.7% (17)	3.6% (1)	7.1% (2)	28.6% (8)	28
Indoor Facilities (gym,fitness center)	55.2% (16)	10.3% (3)	3.4% (1)	31.0% (9)	29
Recreation Programs (crafts, summer kids, etc.)	56.0% (14)	20.0% (5)	8.0% (2)	16.0% (4)	25
Park Shelter	23.8% (5)	23.8% (5)	19.0% (4)	33.3% (7)	21
Playgrounds	43.5% (10)	13.0% (3)	13.0% (3)	30.4% (7)	23
Open Space and Conservation Areas	60.0% (15)	8.0% (2)	4.0% (1)	28.0% (7)	25
Wildlife Viewing and bird watching	45.8% (11)	25.0% (6)	16.7% (4)	12.5% (3)	24
Special Events (concerts, brat frys, etc.)	56.0% (14)	16.0% (4)	4.0% (1)	24.0% (6)	25

Picnic and BBQ areas	34.8% (8)	21.7% (5)	8.7% (2)	34.8% (8)	23
Dog Park	54.3% (19)	14.3% (5)	5.7% (2)	25.7% (9)	35
Skate Park	25.0% (5)	10.0% (2)	15.0% (3)	50.0% (10)	20
Teen Activities	69.0% (20)	6.9% (2)	3.4% (1)	20.7% (6)	29
Volleyball Courts	19.0% (4)	23.8% (5)	14.3% (3)	42.9% (9)	21
Soccer Fields	22.7% (5)	18.2% (4)	18.2% (4)	40.9% (9)	22

Other (please specify) / Comments 10










answered question	81
skipped question	20

20. Please provide any other comments to help us to improve the COUNTY parks and recreational services within Shawano County.

Response Count
34

answered question	34
skipped question	67

21. If you would like more information about Shawano County Parks Facilities please provide your contact information below:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Name:		86.7%	13
Company:		33.3%	5
Address:		86.7%	13
Address 2:		6.7%	1
City/Town:		86.7%	13
State:		86.7%	13
ZIP:		93.3%	14
Email Address:		93.3%	14
Phone Number:		46.7%	7
		answered question	15
		skipped question	86

Page 2, Q1. What municipality do you live in?

1	Originally from Shawano now living in Michigan	Jan 21, 2014 9:54 AM
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Page 2, Q5. How do you obtain information about County Park & Recreation programs, events, & facility rentals? (Please mark all that apply).

1	Radio	Jan 22, 2014 9:20 AM
2	go to the park	Jan 20, 2014 11:24 AM
3	WTCH Shawano Radio Station	Jan 20, 2014 6:46 AM
4	Shawano Shopper	Jan 19, 2014 6:57 AM
5	Shopper	Jan 19, 2014 6:23 AM
6	Realy not much available info wise in any meaningful way	Jan 18, 2014 2:37 PM
7	4H Club Meetings	Jan 18, 2014 1:42 PM
8	market messenger	Jan 16, 2014 3:57 PM

Page 2, Q6. What COUNTY parks/facilities have you visited in the past 12 months? (Please mark all that apply)

1	Crawford Center - Hockey	Jan 21, 2014 2:55 PM
2	walking and biking on Co.HHH and Co H	Jan 19, 2014 6:23 AM

Page 2, Q8. How would you rate the ability to bike in the COUNTY?

1	Add trail around Shawano Lake	Jan 31, 2014 4:18 PM
2	Trails need to be taken off of 55-mph highways or marked along the sides of those highways. It's dangerous to ride on the section of the Mountain Bay that's on high-speed roads.	Jan 27, 2014 8:58 AM
3	Trails from the County Park to Mountain Bay would be cool	Jan 21, 2014 9:54 AM
4	don't bike	Jan 21, 2014 7:06 AM
5	need bike lanes on streets	Jan 21, 2014 6:52 AM
6	Open up to ATV	Jan 20, 2014 5:30 PM
7	Significant lack of mountain biking trails compared to neighboring counties	Jan 20, 2014 8:04 AM
8	trails are hobbible very bumpy and weedy	Jan 20, 2014 7:54 AM
9	The Mountain Bay Trail needs to be completed on the west side of Shawano. The limestone base also needs to be improved on parts of the trail. The trail needs to be checked and cleared of fallen trees and branches quicker than it has been.	Jan 20, 2014 6:22 AM
10	need need marked bike path on roads	Jan 20, 2014 4:38 AM
11	The current trail (MB) is ok in the city buy needs to be better maintained outside city limits. Also, city streets adjacent to the trail need to be improved and made more safe.	Jan 19, 2014 11:09 AM
12	Lake Drive between Perkins and Spinning Wheel is horrendous. I did it once and will never do it again in it's current state - I value my life.	Jan 19, 2014 10:16 AM
13	Don't bike	Jan 19, 2014 7:17 AM
14	Co H and Co HHH need bike and walking lanes marked on both sided of the road	Jan 19, 2014 6:23 AM
15	I would like to bike from Herman to Shawano City on pavement, instead of gravel	Jan 18, 2014 1:42 PM
16	A connection of the Bay trail on the west side of Shawano would be greatly appreciated.	Jan 18, 2014 11:54 AM
17	n/a	Jan 18, 2014 11:26 AM

Page 2, Q8. How would you rate the ability to bike in the COUNTY?

18	There are no bike lanes on roads.	Jan 18, 2014 6:53 AM
19	Good trails but could use some improvements	Jan 17, 2014 8:56 AM
20	There is a ways to go especially on the Mt Bay Trail. The horse dropping and holes are a problem.	Jan 2, 2014 5:25 PM
21	I don't bike, so can't rate it	Jul 5, 2013 2:19 PM
22	Like the additional room on County Road G on the right side of the white line	Jun 24, 2013 4:37 AM

Page 2, Q9. If the COUNTY would assist in adding biking / walking trails connecting its communities and facilities would you:

1	It would be great to have biking around Shawano Lake area	Jan 31, 2014 4:18 PM
2	More money wasted, I think. Please put a sidewalk by Hillcrest school along Waukechon street before you throw money away on more bike trails.	Jan 31, 2014 12:32 PM
3	I do not think we should invest any more tax payer dollars into more trails. It is not only the purchase but then have to pay to maintain them. Maybe add some width to the side roads in order to have safer areas to ride bikes and walk. It is still an extra cost but seems more feasible due to maintaining road ways anyways.	Jan 22, 2014 7:17 PM
4	This county needs to get on board with better bike and pedestrian trails and safer roadways with special bike/pedestrian lanes.	Jan 22, 2014 8:23 AM
5	there are no loops that I am aware of, linear bike trails mean biking one way, going back the same way.	Jan 22, 2014 7:36 AM
6	I would bike mostly but access from the lake area is poor to get to the mountain bay trail. No shoulder for bikes and dangerous with auto showing little respect to bicycles.	Jan 21, 2014 7:49 AM
7	It always helps with biking trails if you make a loop that people can follow so they don't have to backtrack	Jan 21, 2014 7:44 AM
8	I don't bike to the west because the trail ends and you have to bike on country roads. Too dangerous. Poorly marked for visitors.	Jan 20, 2014 6:22 AM
9	definitely need to improve trails to encourage more walking/biking and get healthier	Jan 20, 2014 4:38 AM
10	biking, walking and swimming are great exercise programs in the city and need to be enhanced/promoted.	Jan 19, 2014 11:09 AM
11	Get ATV Trails if you want people to use the trails and bring business to Shawano County	Jan 19, 2014 7:17 AM
12	I live near Co H, but there is limited bike/foot access to Mt. Bay Trail except to go on Hwy HHH over the channel which seems dangerously narrow with traffic, etc.	Jan 19, 2014 6:57 AM
13	Many people including kids and us retirees would use the trails and roadways if they were safe and available	Jan 19, 2014 6:23 AM
14	Especially interested in a trail that goes around the lake	Jan 18, 2014 10:21 AM
15	I ride country roads.	Jan 15, 2014 4:44 PM
16	This is a great idea. Please make Hwy H wider on one side.	Jan 6, 2014 9:27 AM

Page 2, Q9. If the COUNTY would assist in adding biking / walking trails connecting its communities and facilities would you:

17	Complete Streets needs to be adopted if it hasn't been.	Jan 2, 2014 5:25 PM
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Page 2, Q13. Please choose your top 3 priorities for park, athletic field, and trail maintenance. (County Facilities Only, See Q2) (Please mark only 3)

1	We would like more accessibility for horseback riding at different parks	Jan 22, 2014 9:20 AM
2	Extra lanes on roadways to provide safer biking/walking/running	Jan 22, 2014 8:23 AM
3	don't understand the question	Jan 21, 2014 7:44 AM
4	ATV Trail	Jan 20, 2014 5:30 PM
5	Signage on Mountain Bay Trail -both directional and mile markers for exercise.	Jan 20, 2014 6:22 AM
6	Open Mountain Bay Trail to ATV use	Jan 19, 2014 7:17 AM
7	establish walking and biking trails	Jan 19, 2014 6:23 AM
8	Suggestion: Ask 4H clubs to be assigned areas to clean (pick up garbage). 715-526-6136 to coordinate and put in newsletter	Jan 18, 2014 1:42 PM
9	cross country ski trail grooming	Jan 15, 2014 4:44 PM
10	ski trail grooming	Jan 2, 2014 3:26 PM

Page 2, Q14. How much more would you pay annually in (user fees or property taxes) to support county parks and recreation facilities and/programs?

1	varies	Jan 20, 2014 5:30 PM
2	If my fee goes towards Mountain Bay	Jan 20, 2014 6:22 AM
3	Depends on if it's open to ATV	Jan 19, 2014 7:17 AM
4	There are enough dollares there now...Just do onot wast them on useless stuff	Jan 18, 2014 2:37 PM
5	Property Tax Prefered, no user fees	Jan 18, 2014 1:42 PM
6	Depends on program	Jan 17, 2014 8:56 AM

Page 2, Q16. If yes, what kind of event did you attend, rent, or reserve for? (Please mark all that apply).

1	Fudnraiser	Jan 22, 2014 9:20 AM
2	Annual Mtg, Funeral memorial, church picnic	Jan 22, 2014 8:23 AM
3	Funderaiser/benefit	Jan 21, 2014 2:55 PM
4	We camp at the County Park annually	Jan 21, 2014 9:54 AM
5	Church Function and fundraiser for cancer victim	Jan 21, 2014 7:44 AM
6	scouting event	Jan 21, 2014 6:52 AM
7	pathways meeting, benefit	Jan 19, 2014 5:11 PM
8	car show , ngo meeting	Jan 19, 2014 11:09 AM
9	benefit fund raiser	Jan 19, 2014 6:23 AM
10	benefits	Jan 18, 2014 5:19 PM
11	Charity Fundraiser	Jan 18, 2014 2:31 PM
12	Meeting.	Jan 18, 2014 11:46 AM
13	Reunion	Jan 18, 2014 10:21 AM
14	Benefit for a fund raiser - Cancer Victim	Jan 17, 2014 9:08 AM
15	club event	Jan 2, 2014 1:39 PM
16	Graduation Party	Aug 9, 2013 12:22 PM
17	worked as volunteer at the Mielke Park Arts Center	Jul 5, 2013 2:19 PM

Page 2, Q17. If yes, how would you rate the following?

1	Only attended events, was not part of making reservations.	Jan 21, 2014 2:55 PM
2	update bathrooms at Heritage Park/Sunset Island	Jan 21, 2014 12:32 PM
3	Shawano County Park has really been updated nicely!	Jan 21, 2014 7:44 AM
4	should be hosed down before and after each use	Jan 21, 2014 7:06 AM
5	restrooms need improvement. kuckuck park needs more circuit breakers	Jan 21, 2014 6:52 AM
6	We should of had it at the county park,, Because they are doing a much better job.. Keeeping the place a lot cleaner than before...	Jan 20, 2014 11:24 AM
7	Was unaware of the process	Jan 20, 2014 8:03 AM
8	parking,parking,parking	Jan 20, 2014 7:02 AM
9	The county park pavilion could use a food preparation area with adequate electrical power for roasters, etc.	Jan 20, 2014 6:13 AM
10	county golf course needs cart path blacktopping, ball cleaners on the holes need cleaning and clothes regularly, toilet on the course needs regular daily cleaning, drinking water containers need to be refreshed and placed on various holes	Jan 19, 2014 6:23 AM
11	questions do not apply to the Mielke Arts Center regarding renting	Jul 5, 2013 2:19 PM

Page 2, Q18. Overall, how well do you think the current parks, trails, recreational facilities and programs provided by Shawano County are currently MEETING THE NEEDS of its residents? (County Facilities Only see Q2.)

1	We have so many wonderful options in this county, that many times we take these things for granted. Everything we do is always good and clean and safe for my children. We have never run into a problem with boating, fishing off the bridge, walking, playing at the parks, etc... The list is long and we are so fortunate to have this here.	Jan 31, 2014 12:32 PM
2	I have lived in Waukesha County and their park system is awesome! In Shawano County the greatest place for a park was turned into a ATV park, Unforgivable! Tigerton Dells is a sensitive biological and geological area and is being totally abused and misused! There are very few outdoor recreational opportunities for Shawano County, and I mostly go to Marathon or Waupaca or Portage for outdoor recreation. From what I can see, 90% of Shawano County outdoor recreation is owning a boat and drinking on sandbars on Shawano Lake,	Jan 22, 2014 7:36 AM
3	Need more atv trails throughout the county connecting with neighboring counties. Would be so nice to atv or ride dirtbikes on trails that connect with gas stations and parks etc. There are many atv/dirtbike riders in the county, possibly even more than snowmobilers, yet only snowmobilers have trails around the county and even in town. Off roaders need to be treated the same as snowmobilers, it's more of a year round thing that would attract outsiders to the county. And "outsiders" means more outside revenue for the county and it's businesses.	Jan 21, 2014 2:24 PM
4	The County park is a jewel of the county. I believe you should open up your survey to include those camping at the county park. I am no longer a resident of the county but stay at the Shawano County Park annually and make a point of reserving a site for the next year while we are here. You've done an excellent job with the County Park!	Jan 21, 2014 9:54 AM
5	I think the Athletic field should scrap the kiddie pool and put in a splash pad -- more people of all ages could use it - the running joke is the kiddie pool is a pee pool. you wouldn't need a lifeguard and could have the water on a push button and timer so it would only be used when people are there. they are fun and would bring people into town.	Jan 21, 2014 7:44 AM
6	The swimming facilities in this town are terrible. The rec center has not changed since I was a child. My family is spending a lot of time outside of Shawano to do both indoor and outdoor swimming activities. I know many young families that enjoy swimming facilities outside of Shawano. We often go to the Clintonville Rec Center and the Wittenberg Aquatic Center. In the summer we love to go to the Resch Aquatic Center in Green Bay. We spend a lot of money at these facilities and would rather spend our money at a local facility. I also know many young families that would love to have a YMCA. Some families are traveling to near by towns and are members of the YMCA there. It is a great place for kids to be involved in activities. And also the adults to be able to work out and do activities.	Jan 20, 2014 10:51 AM
7	Open the Bay trail for ATV's	Jan 20, 2014 6:13 AM
8	Keith Marquardt is doing excellent with xc trail grooming! It is difficult to keep the trails .groomed with the wind at the golf course.	Jan 19, 2014 5:11 PM

Page 2, Q18. Overall, how well do you think the current parks, trails, recreational facilities and programs provided by Shawano County are currently MEETING THE NEEDS of its residents? (County Facilities Only see Q2.)

9	We do not use the trails except in the winter, should be open to ATV use during late spring/summer/fall	Jan 19, 2014 7:17 AM
10	there are no walking or biking lanes on Co H or HHH nor any trails to access for all of us who live north of the channel in tn of Wescott	Jan 19, 2014 6:23 AM
11	Need more summer atv trails	Jan 18, 2014 6:13 PM
12	Really really really appreciate the xc ski trail at the County Park and especially the golf course - grooming continues to improve. Please please please keep this up!! Also finish/continue the bike lane/bike trail around the lake. I road bike so don't much care for the Mtn Bay. Need paved trails!	Jan 18, 2014 2:31 PM
13	Could not find this survey on Shawano Co website.....could be made easier. Shawano Co needs more ATV trails....businesses are being hurt by the limited trails here. Do NOT put condos/apartments where the current hospital is....that would be grossly unfair to the residents of Shawano who deserve to share in the beauty and use of the Wolf River.	Jan 18, 2014 11:26 AM
14	If the county is going to advertise the cross country ski trails, they should be groomed more frequently. Many such facilities have a drop box where user fees can be deposited.	Jan 15, 2014 4:44 PM
15	The loon Lake boat access is not marked; consistent signage is important for our tourist area. One color for boat landings is important.	Jan 6, 2014 9:27 AM
16	The available areas to xc ski could be improved and it would a good idea to consider volunteers to run the grooming equipment, there are plenty of skiers in Shawano that would like to ski here instead of going to green bay or wausau.	Jan 2, 2014 3:26 PM
17	Shawano lake beach needs drastic improvement. Water itch every time doesn't matter if you jump immediately in te shower after.	Aug 21, 2013 8:04 PM
18	Access to parks is great.	Jul 3, 2013 5:54 AM
19	Do many of these activities but not usually in a county park	Jun 24, 2013 4:37 AM

Page 2, Q19. Overall, in your opinion, how would you rate the following amenities (existing or potential) in terms of need priority?

1	We have so much of this already in place. I only found 3 things that could be worked on or brought in sometime soon.	Jan 31, 2014 12:32 PM
2	Splash Park/ outdoor pool/franklin lot	Jan 22, 2014 12:18 PM
3	Some things like sledding are dependent on "where is the hill?"	Jan 22, 2014 7:36 AM
4	atv trails	Jan 21, 2014 2:24 PM
5	Roller skating rink	Jan 19, 2014 1:26 PM
6	The County ignores it biggest asset..The waterways	Jan 18, 2014 2:37 PM
7	ATV trails	Jan 18, 2014 11:26 AM
8	A lot of these are nice for the future but I have no priority.	Jan 6, 2014 9:27 AM
9	live in rural area and have 200 acres of my own to use for many of these activities	Jun 24, 2013 4:37 AM
10	I personally cannot remember the county spending any money (besides the Mountain Bay) in the Gresham area.	Jun 12, 2013 11:41 AM

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1	It would be really nice to have a bike trail around the lake. More places and things for kids to do, more sledding hills, more swimming areas.	Jan 31, 2014 4:20 PM
2	Shawano County is so beautiful and is so lucky with being on a lake and a river. More must be concentrated on giving people a place to stop while out on the water. The county park is a great place for kids, but beside The Lighthouse & Sparky's there is no other fun, summer bar/restaurant to stop at. And The Lighthouse has the problem of parking. This is a tourist pleasing must! Many other lakes have more options like Cloverleaf Lakes for example has two great places (Micksters & Buzz and Mac's) to stop and it's a small lake. Otherwise county wise, I can't really think of anything else they can do besides keeping up the places that are already in place.	Jan 31, 2014 12:39 PM
3	The Mountain Bay Trail in Shawano County could be improved, compared to it's neighboring Brown county. Safer roadways for biking/walking are paramount for pedestrians, bikers and tourists.	Jan 22, 2014 8:26 AM
4	Use GIS to identify the land that has the greatest diversity in topography, water features and land features, etc, and BUY that land and then make quality parks. And it seems to me that ATV and motorized people seem to be happy with any old constructed course of obstacles and jumps and allowing them to trash the ,pst ecological sensitive areas of the county is insane!	Jan 22, 2014 7:42 AM
5	Love the Crawford Center for the hockey league, Shawano is lucky to have such a great facility. The hockey league brings many visitors to Shawano, that helps the hotels, restaurants and local stores.	Jan 21, 2014 2:58 PM
6	Kids/youth need atv park and or trails.	Jan 21, 2014 2:25 PM
7	I can't say enough about it. You have a crown jewel in the Shawano County Park. Everything there is 1st rate and the staff there is awesome! Please keep up the good work. We make reservations for the County Park every year for 2 weeks and we do it for the following year while we are there. Too bad you can't make the park larger. I have noticed with each passing year the campground is getting harder and harder to reserve a site. Must be the word is getting out. Keep up the good work and we'll see you this coming Summer!	Jan 21, 2014 10:03 AM
8	The Mountain Bay and WIOUWASH trails are amazing resources that could drive tourism economics within the county. In part I don't understand why these particular resources are under-utilized during the spring/summer/fall times of the year. Just in terms of miles of trail Shawano County dwarfs other trail systems around the state. On top of that the quality of these two trails is outstanding. (This is an observation based on traffic encountered while riding on the trails. Perhaps some data could provide a more complete view of trail usage in Shawano County) Part of any planning process should include developing promotional plans and goals to increase trail use not only by local residents but by visitors as well.	Jan 21, 2014 7:46 AM
9	Please consider a splash pad -- it just makes sense!	Jan 21, 2014 7:45 AM

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10	creating a plan for the old franklin school property should be a high priority. I know the thinking is that we have a lot of parks, why add more. But the reality is that this is a wonderful opportunity to create a downtown square that could accommodate and grow with the Farmer's Market. A nice small domed amphitheather added to this space would also be great. Music and summer movies within walking distance of downtown might help persuade families to come out of their homes and partake in community. Wausau's downtown square for concerts and their farmer's market is something to look at. Snow sculpture contest, ice carving, Christmas carolers, etc. So much could be done to revitalize downtown Shawano.	Jan 21, 2014 7:02 AM
11	When is the county going to open up an ATV trail/route???	Jan 20, 2014 5:31 PM
12	Like to just say we go out to the lake and enjoy just sitting at the table by the water .. Walk around the park , and just enjoy the day.. even in the winter but it been too cold so far this winter have not been out there lately.. As for it park in town we have too many we don t need 28 parks,,, Sell some look at a sunday in the summer how many are being used,, Too much up keep cutting the grass for all the parks and NOT being used enough...	Jan 20, 2014 11:31 AM
13	Really want to stress the need of a much better indoor swimming facility or an outdoor swimming facility. My family uses the Clintonville Rec Center and Wittenberg Aquatic Center a lot and the Resch Aquatic Center in Green Bay. Would be awesome not to have to travel to these facilities.	Jan 20, 2014 10:54 AM
14	Compared to surrounding counties, there are a few things that Shawano County Parks are lacking. Those are Disc Golf, Mountain Biking and Dog Parks. All or some of these uses could be satisfied at Maple Lane, Hayman Falls and Wilson Lake.	Jan 20, 2014 8:11 AM
15	the county needs overall improvement for families. we need a new rec center that offers more opportunities	Jan 20, 2014 7:55 AM
16	sunset island (monkey island) has so much potential but is a disaster. trees need to be trimmed,shoreline is over grown and adequate parking isnot available. this park is very visible when entering the city from the north and does not leave a good first impression. shoreline should be cleaned up and rip rapped,fallen trees removed,and small fishing docks provided. this picnic area has a lot of use from people brown bagging during their lunch break and is also very accessable for folks living in town. what an ideal spot to have special events and summer concerts. electrical outlets could also be a possibility. improvement of this area should be a top priority.	Jan 20, 2014 7:21 AM
17	I was disappointed when the county board used the transmission line money for fire number signs instead of for recreational activities that it was meant for. The Mountain Bay Trail could of been completed with that money. My wife and I travel all over Wisconsin and Minnesota to ride bike trails. We do not promote or maintain our trails the way other communities do.	Jan 20, 2014 6:27 AM
18	My kid loves to roller skate. Only have ice skating rink around here. I have to drive all the way to Green Bay for roller skating.	Jan 19, 2014 1:29 PM

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19	My wife and I live in Shawano 7 months of the year and winter down south, so my activities revolve around summer. I enjoy the bike trails and swimming pool, so keeping those areas up are high priority for me. Also, I like the tennis courts and suggest there get some needed attention. On a personal basis, we moved to Shawano 7 years ago and still do not feel a part of the community because i just don't see the networks there for retiree activities. I think you have a potentially great retirement community, but no one there seems to coordinate senior activities. I guess it's just natural in a small town to think everyone knows everyone else, so why bother seeking out new members, but i for one, would love to know where to go to get more information on senior activities. While in Florida, we have lots of recreational activities going on all the time and people are so much more open to making new friends. Making Shawano an "active adult retirement community" / "blue zone" may not be such a bad idea to help spur economic development? How about setting up a senior recreational activity board to help coordinate group activities?	Jan 19, 2014 11:27 AM
20	Take a look at Oconto, Forest, Marinette, Langlade and other counties. Winter is for snowmobiles, no ATV's should be allowed anywhere except to access the lake, in the late spring, summer and fall the trails should be open, including accessing the Oconto Co. trails through Wescott and Washington for ATV use. This will bring more people into Shawano Co. and it's local merchants.	Jan 19, 2014 7:19 AM
21	Keep up, add to the xc ski trails since Acres closed - keep the snowmobiles off them (and the snowshoes - you don't need my packed and groomed skate lane if you have friggin snowshoes on!) Finish/add to the bike lane or bike trails (paved) near and around the lake. Keith has done an absolutely FABULOUS job with the County Park - it has never been CLEANER and the pavilion is a wonderful venue.	Jan 18, 2014 2:37 PM
22	In the newspaper, please list all the addresses of the parks on a regular basis, I don't even know where several of these parks are located. Sunset Island Oconto River(Parkifer) Voelz Memorial Park/Wilson Lake Waukechon Riverside Park Mountain Bay Trail WIOUWASH Trail Mud Lake and Spring Lake Wildlife Areas County Hunting Lands in the Towns of Almon, Bartleme, & Wittenberg I have been to these parks. Shawano Lake Park - Like swimming, like the community education educations and crafts Mielke Park - Plays and Musical, great entertainment. Heritage Park *Enjoyed the school trip, with my child. Hayman Falls Park (It would be nice to know the hours of operation and when the parks are closed, before driving there Voelz Memorial Park/Wilson Lake (Is this tank park or another one?) Picnic and community activities Waukechon Riverside Park - Picnic for family outings Maple Hills Recreation - Area Nice sledding hill Mountain Bay Trail - Enjoy biking, we load the bikes in the car and unload in Shawano. We like biking to shop at the local restaurants to stop for breaks.	Jan 18, 2014 1:57 PM
23	A hiking/biking trail is needed around Shawano Lake. This would. of course, necessitate the use of land and possibly roads not owned by Shawano County.	Jan 18, 2014 11:49 AM
24	Shawano County Parks Department is doing an EXCELLENT job! County Board Supervisors should support their work more.	Jan 17, 2014 9:10 AM

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25	We have a great opportunity to make this a biking "wanna come to area." The Mt Bay and WIOWASH trails area a start. Money for tourism, healthier lifestyles, and beautiful scenery.	Jan 17, 2014 8:57 AM
26	Mielke Park - Safer paved walking paths and woods trail improvements (ADA compliant) Widen the south gravel access road for additional event parking (low cost), improve existing parking lots, work with the Art Council Sunset Island/Heritage Park - Move toward long-range plan to close off streets and develop additional facilities. (work with the Shawano County Historical Society on the effort. Bike Trails - Develop a path through the County-owned clay borrow site near the sewage plant to complete a parks to parks walking//bike trail.	Jan 17, 2014 8:49 AM
27	Maple Hills area need to be monitored more frequently. Especially during the hunting seasons ans sledding hill season. Its just a matter oh time before someone is seriously injured.	Jan 16, 2014 4:03 PM
28	See my comments about signage. should have one theme and mark all boat landings.	Jan 6, 2014 9:28 AM
29	The county board needs to make an effort to educate themselves on the benefits (both economic and health) associated with improved recreational facilities. If the leaders in NYC and Oklahoma City can see this, why is it that with all of our natural resources our leaders seem oblivious? Right now there are 2 programs on TED where their leaders are bragging about their accomplishments in this area while here they refuse to acknowledge the value.	Jan 2, 2014 5:32 PM
30	more frequent grooming of the existing cross country ski trails (maple hills/golf course) and development of other ski trails.	Jan 2, 2014 4:28 PM
31	The available xc ski areas with regular grooming is severely lacking in the Shawano area. The trails that do exist are not adequate for anyone even partially serious about skiing. There would be opportunities to involve volunteer help to increase the trail length and keep them groomed on a regular basis.	Jan 2, 2014 3:29 PM
32	tax payer money should not be used for recreational purposes	Jun 21, 2013 1:24 PM
33	We need to insure invasive plants in our lakes are taken care of and that grant money is available to do this. We at Cloverleaf Lakes have done fairly well but the battle is ongoing. Perhaps this should be included in the rec plan that this has an affect on property values and tourism.	Jun 18, 2013 5:11 AM
34	I personally think the county is missing in our community and area. We have a top rated kayaking river, great fishing, ATV access from here to the U.P.. I see or recall no money or attention spent in our area by the county. An unused rail bed crosses right thru Gresham. There are no county exercise programs offered here. The only program offered is thru NWTC and will be ending due to the price increases and the schools movement away from non-credit courses. Gresham would be more than willing to partner in improving and offering recreational opportunities. Hayman Falls is a great example of spending money in an area minimal use. It has a great building and amenities but the bang for the buck is not there. Take	Jun 12, 2013 12:24 PM

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a look at the use numbers from the Gresham Weed Dam swimming and kayaking site. The potential for a recreational trail from Cherry Road thru Gresham would be fantastic for hiking, biking, and snowmobiling. I realize that it is my job to promote Gresham but as a citizen I don't know of any assistance by the Parks dept. in our community.

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APPENDIX B

LETTER TO COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES



East Central Wisconsin
Regional Planning Commission

ECWRPC

Calumet • Menominee • Outagamie • Shawano • Waupaca • Waushara • Winnebago

June 11, 2013

Dear Shawano County Official,

The County has recently started the process, per the Parks and Highway Committee, to update its Five-Year (2013-2017) Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP). The purpose of the plan is to establish a vision, an action program for parkland acquisition, and possible development during the next five years (2013-2017). This will also enable Shawano County to participate in the DNR's Stewardship Program, which provides matching funds for identified projects. The plan is expected to be ready for adoption in early fall/winter of this year, 2013.

As the Principal Recreational Planner for ECWRPC assigned to this project, I am writing to each Shawano County Representative to extend the opportunity to offer recommendations and comments to be included within the county's plan. I have also, with the committee's input put together a short survey for county residents to comment and give feedback on. Correspondingly, along with this letter, is a paper copy to be placed at your municipal offices for residents to fill out and return back to the Parks Office. A link is also available on the County's website, Parks website and Facebook page, if citizens wish to fill out the survey online. Please feel free to complete the survey on your own via the web link below or by paper. The County may be hosting public informational meetings in conjunction with the City of Shawano who is also updating their CORP to gather further information for the plan.

Additionally, if your city, town or village has a project that involves purchasing or developing parkland for recreational facilities in the near future we want to know. Including your project(s) in this document will also satisfy the DNR's requirement for an adopted comprehensive open space plan. This may eliminate the need for your municipality to prepare a stand-alone plan, should you attempt to apply for these grants during the next five years as they become more competitive. Please note that some communities could require a more detailed document if a particular project is in question and would still need to develop a plan on their own.

Send any additional comments/recommendations/questions regarding the County's plan by July 31, 2013 to:

Trish Nau, Principal Recreation Planner,
Email: tnau@ecwrpc.org Phone: 920-751-4770 ext. 6814

(over please)

Or you may contact:

*Keith Marquardt the County Parks Director,
Email: keith.marquardt@co.shawano.wi.us Phone: 715-526-5216*

The On-Line Survey link can be found at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ShawanoCoParks>

HTML Code for your own websites:

`Click here to take
survey`

The survey will be open until the end of August or later based on response rate.
Please include within your summer newsletters if applicable and forward onto
interested parties. Return finished surveys to the parks department or mail back
to myself for analysis.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Trish Nau, Principal Recreation Planner

Cc:
*Shawano County Officials
Shawano County Parks and Highway Committee*

Attachment: Parks and Recreation Survey