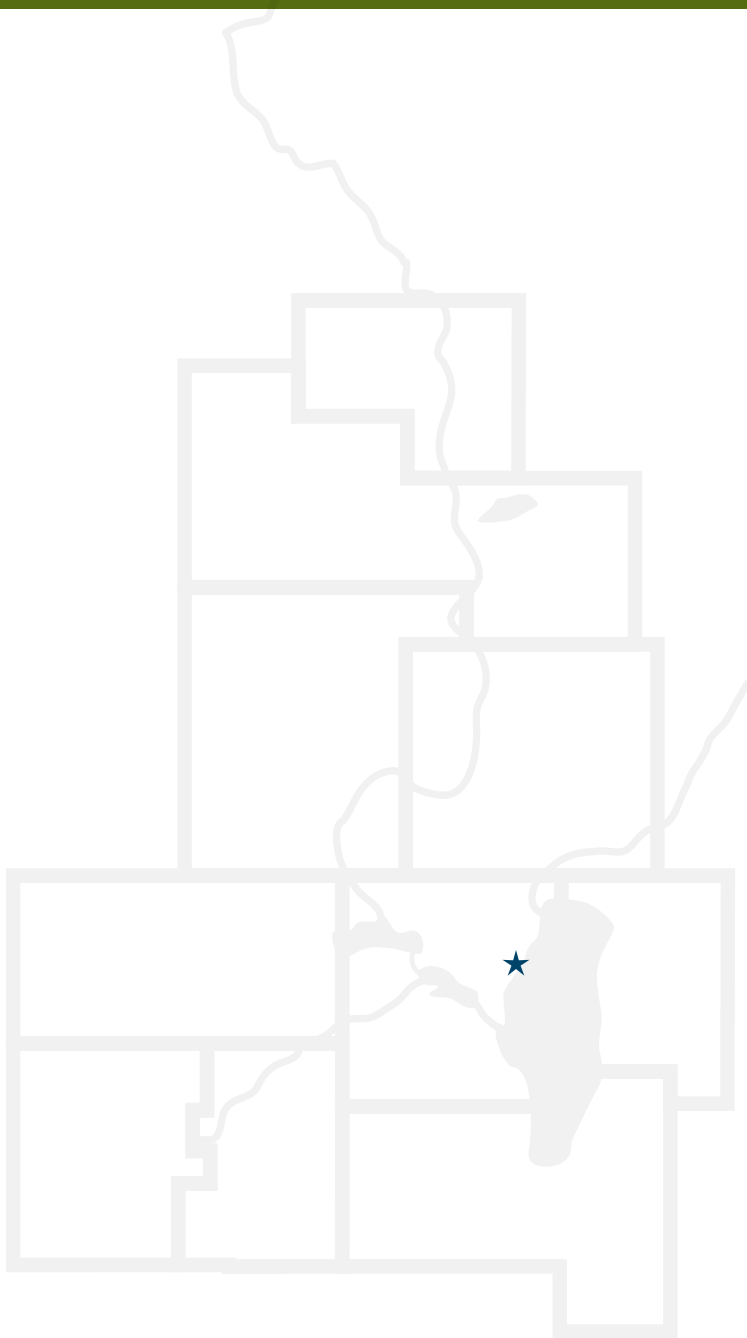


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VISION AND MISSION

The vision of The Neenah Parks and Recreation Department is to:

Create Community Through People, Parks and Programs

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1. Strengthening community image and sense of place
2. Increasing cultural unity
3. Supporting economic development
4. Protecting environmental resources
5. Strengthening safety and security
6. Facilitating community problem solving
7. Promoting health and wellness
8. Providing recreational experiences
9. Fostering human development

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The Commission is composed of nine members, appointed by the mayor, and confirmed by the Council. One of the members is a representative of the Common Council. The Commission shall have complete charge, supervision and management of all public parks, municipal swimming pool, recreational buildings and grounds upon which the same are situated or adjacent thereto, public playgrounds, public ice rinks, public centers and other similar public property and functions as shall be assigned to such Commission by the Council for the development, maintenance and operation of all public recreational facilities and activities as it shall from time to time determine are for the best interests of the City and its citizens. (Municipal Code 2-169)

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The 2015-2019 version of Neenah's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan seeks to help preserve the City'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, the adopted plan will enable the City to once again compete for matching funds available through the Department of Natural Resources' Stewardship Program if available. Funding components of this program, targets monies for parkland acquisition and development projects as well as for numerous other projects and activities that preserve, protect and enhance important land and water-based natural assets. Collectively, other grants are available through the WDNR Stewardship Program and have effectively doubled the local funding commitment for acquisition and development of parkland and other public recreational facilities.



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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

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COMMUNITY

The City of Neenah is 9.6 square miles and was incorporated on March 13, 1873. Neenah was named by Governor James Duane Doty for the Winnebago word for "water" or "running water". It was the site of a Ho-Chunk village in the late 18th-century.

The area was first designated as an industrial and agricultural mission to the Menominee Indians in 1835, and early settlement by Americans of European descent began a few years later. Proximity to the Fox River played a major role in lumber and paper production. The major paper mill Kimberly-Clark was established here in 1873.

The city of Neenah is the southwestern-most of the Fox Cities of northeast Wisconsin. It is the smaller of the two principal cities of the Oshkosh-Neenah, Wisconsin Metropolitan Statistical Area, which is included in the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah Combined Statistical Area. Its population was 25,501 at the 2010 census. Neenah is sometimes referred to as a twin city of the City of Menasha, with which it shares Doty Island.

The terrain in and around Neenah is flat to gently rolling. Elevations within the city range from 754 feet above sea level. Major developed land uses are commercial, residential and industrial.

Besides Kimberly-Clark, Neenah hosts significant paper related industries. Some of these include Neenah Paper, Bemis Company and Menasha Corp. Neenah is the headquarters of Plexus, a developer and manufacturer of electronic products, which also has engineering and manufacturing operations in the city. Manhole covers manufactured at Neenah Foundry can be found throughout the central United States and parts of Europe. Also headquartered in Neenah is Theda Clark Hospital, and Alta Resources, specializing in outsourced customer care.

Residential areas are scattered throughout the city, but most recent residential growth has occurred on its perimeter, particularly on the south side of the City near the industrial park and north of CTH G.

NATURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

The Neenah Slough runs through the City from the south end of Little Lake Butte Des Morts to CTH G. The waterway flows between Arrowhead and Herb and Dolly Smith Parks, west of Washington and Baldwin Parks where fishing exists, through the Bridgewood Golf Course and down to just east of the Carpenter Preserve. Through this area wetlands, 100-year floodplain and soils with a depth to bedrock less than 60 inches exists. Woodlot areas are also scattered throughout the undeveloped areas.

Neenah means water and is surrounded by a bountiful area of resources. Lake Winnebago is located to the east, the Fox River flows through the northern quarter and Little Lake Butte Des Morts southern tip reaches the North boundary of Arrowhead and Herb and Dolly Smith Parks. The south half of Doty Island is also located in the City making it a unique area with the channels of the Fox River dividing the land and forming the Island. The Oak St. and Commercial St. Bridges act as overpasses to connect the Cities of both Menasha and Neenah.

BENEFITS OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND TRAILS

Numerous researchers have attempted and succeeded in a number of cases presenting scientific evidence that parks and open space have a number of benefits including community benefits, individual benefits, economic benefits, and environmental benefits. Community benefits can be considered those that bring a positive result to a group of people. Individual benefits are the exact opposite providing a direct result to a single person. Economic benefits, for this report, mean effects of park and open space in attracting investment, tourism, and direct positive effects to property values. Finally, environmental benefits are those that show the economic benefits of protecting and enhancing existing natural areas. These benefits are illustrated to show citizens and property developers alike the direct impact parks and open space have to the City of Neenah Residents and the Fox Valley Region.

Community Benefits

- Green spaces build community. Research shows that residents of neighborhoods with greenery in common spaces are more likely to enjoy stronger social ties than those who live surrounded by barren concrete. (Trust For Public Land 2006)
- Communities with natural areas and open spaces are considered good places for children and offer high quality of life to all residents.
- Community recreation reduces alienation, loneliness, and anti-social behavior. Recreation facilities keep at-risk youth off the streets, give them a safe environment to interact with peers. (The At-risk Youth Recreation Project 1996)
- Recreation provides opportunities for community involvement, and shared management and ownership of resources.
- Recreation opportunities, facilities and the quality of the local environment are the foundations of community pride.

Individual Benefits

- Contributes to a resident's overall well-being and health by providing the opportunity for recreational activities.
 - People are more likely to walk 30 minutes, 5 times a week if they live near walkable destinations. (Journal of Community Health 2006)
 - Adults living within ½ mile of a park visit parks and exercise more often than those living further away. (American Journal of Public Health 2007)
- Enhances the quality of residents' lives.
 - Provides opportunities to experience and observe nature.
 - Provides opportunities for learning and living a more balanced life.
 - Provides a place for stress reduction, rest, relaxation, and revitalization through recreation.

Economic Benefits

Attracts Investment

- Parks and open space enhances the quality of life, which attracts tax-paying businesses and residents to communities. In 2005 Holiday Inn and Alta Resources noted Neenah's renovation of Shattuck Park as a primary reason for their company's re-investment in their Neenah downtown locations.
- Small company owners say recreation, parks, and open space are the highest priority in choosing a new location for their business. (Trust for Public Land, *Economic Benefits Report*, 2002)

Attracts Tourism

- Recreation and park services are often the catalyst for tourism, a growing sector of the economy. For instance, the American Hotel and Lodging Association reported that Americans spent \$150 billion on leisure related stays in 2000. That's fifty-nine percent of the total American hotel/motel industry (\$2.54 billion) for the year."

Increases Property Values

Numerous studies have indicated the positive effect of parks on property values:

- A study by Frank and Sielski on Washington County, Wisconsin parks found that for properties within 200 feet of an "active recreation park" assessed value increased \$113.00/foot. Within 2,600 feet of a "passive recreation park," assessed values increased \$4.96/foot.

Environmental Benefits

Reduces Flooding

- Natural areas reduce the rate and volume of stormwater runoff, which reduces incidents and severity of flooding. Stream flows decrease by 3.7% for every 1% increase in protected wetlands along a stream corridor. (Illinois State Water Survey, 1993)
- Trees in Neenah Parks and public right of ways intercept 2,646,510 gallons of water annually, providing a savings of \$71,726. (Analysis conducted using iTree Streets from USDA Forest Service.)

Enhances Air Quality

- Street and Park trees in Neenah capture 365 tons of atmospheric CO₂ per year. The trees remove 182 lbs. of particulate matter, 329 lbs. of ozone, 15 lbs. of sulfur dioxide and 56 lbs of nitrogen oxides, for an annual savings of \$62,127.

LOCAL LINKS TO RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Neenah is also associated with various organizations, advocacy groups, and recreational opportunities in the Fox Cities area. The City works closely with these establishments to help promote the continuation of these fore-mentioned benefits.

- *Future Neenah, Inc.* is a community driven non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the economic and cultural vitality of Neenah. Incorporated in 1983, FNI assists the City in economic development projects, facilitates community partnerships, and hosts citywide events. <http://www.neenah.org>
- *Fox Cities Greenways* – “Fox Cities Greenways, Inc. (FCGI) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 incorporated in January 1995. The organization formed in response to a growing need for trails and greenspaces in the rapidly developing Fox Cities region of Wisconsin. Their mission is to foster the development and preservation of trails and greenways in the community. <http://www.focol.org/greenways>
- *Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway* – The Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway, a 501(c)(3) organization, works with communities along the Fox and Lower Wisconsin rivers to celebrate and preserve our rich and varied river heritage while promoting vibrant and connected riverfront towns and villages.” <http://heritageparkway.org>
- *Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Association*- “Founded in 1965, the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association is a statewide voluntary organization dedicated to enriching the professional and educational opportunities available to leisure service personnel in parks, recreation, therapeutic recreation and related fields, so that they may better service the needs of their communities and or participants, and to advocate and promote the benefits of parks and leisure services to the general public. WPRA represents over 2,400 individuals delivering a broad spectrum of services in Wisconsin. Members include Park, Recreation and Therapeutic Recreation professionals in local, county, state, school district, private and agency settings.” <http://www.wpraweb.org>



CHAPTER 2

PLANNING PROCESS

CHAPTER 2: PLANNING PROCESS

Appropriate standards are utilized in conjunction with a detailed inventory of existing parks and recreational facilities. Population and physical area statistics are incorporated to provide the base for recreation space analysis and projections. Individual sites are reviewed as to utilization and potential. The need for specific facilities is based upon current use and capacities, and considered judgments of the demands of the future and is highlighted in Chapter 4, Needs Assessment.

10 GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

1. Realize that the growth of the City in population and area increases the need for open space and outdoor recreation sites.
2. Recognize that more people participate in a broader variety of recreation, particularly outdoor activities. People have a greater concern with their environment and the conservation - preservation of natural, historical and cultural resources.
3. Solicit and encourage wide citizen participation in the plans for the development of parks and recreation facilities.
4. Coordinate the City of Neenah Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan with the City of Neenah Vision 2020 Comprehensive Plan, the Regional Comprehensive 2030 Plan of the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, the plans of other City of Neenah functions, and the plans of neighboring governmental units.
5. Provide sites and facilities that meet or exceed appropriate recommended standards.
6. Recognize that the plan for a specific site should consider the unique features of the site, community interests and preferences, as well as general development standards.
7. Promote the development of appropriate multi-use facilities.
8. Consider the problems of "over-use" and "mis-use" of facilities, especially those facilities with special natural features.
9. Provide an action plan which is reasonable and reflects the community's priorities and resources.
10. Provide for periodic review and evaluation of the plan to keep it current and appropriate.

TIMELINE OF THE PLAN

Summer 2013

Initial fieldwork and inventory of existing sites was completed by the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC).

October 14, 2013

The planning process began with a kickoff meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission and ECWRPC.

November 2013 – April 2014

A public survey was initiated via the surveymonkey website.

May 22, 2014

A public workshop was held for further input into the plan and the needs of the residents.

June 2014

Survey results were analyzed and a needs assessment was performed from the public comment. First draft of plan was given to the Parks and Recreation Director for review.

October 16, 2014

Parks and Recreation Staff presents Recommendations (Chapter 6) to Parks and Recreation Commission for modifications and approval.

December 17, 2014

Preliminary recommendations were presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission, along with the 5-year Action Plan.

January 2015

The Plan was posted on the City website.

February – March 2015

Adoption of Resolution (Chapter 8) for the CORP was approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission, Public Services and Safety Committee, and the City Council.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is to provide a guide for acquisition and development of Parks and Recreation facilities, in order to meet the needs of the people of Neenah residents and visitors.

Government at all levels recognizes its responsibility to assist in making recreation opportunities available to every citizen, necessitating a plan. The City of Neenah continues to develop and periodically revise plans to provide these services for its citizens.

This report includes a review and compilation of previous plans. It provides for the development of newly acquired sites, and presents the most recent data and recommendations pertinent to Parks and Recreation planning.

With the acceptance of this report by City Officials and the State Department of Natural Resources, the City of Neenah meets its planning requirements to continue eligibility in the following programs: Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP), Urban Green Space (UGS) and Urban Rivers Grant Program (URGP).

The Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the five-year Capital Improvement Program detailed in this report are meant to serve as a guide. Yearly projects will be determined through the annual budget process.

PLANNING HISTORY

City of Neenah Park and Recreation Plans

2015	City Resolution #.....	DNR Approval to _____
2008	City Resolution #7260.....	DNR Approval to 4-1-2013
1999	City Resolution #6898.....	DNR Approval to 12-31-2004
1993	City Resolution #6681.....	DNR Approval to 12-31-1998
1987	City Resolution #6455.....	DNR Approval to 6-30-1992
1985	City Resolution #6377.....	DNR Approval to 12-31-1990
1981	City Resolution #6159.....	DNR Approval to 7-1-1986
1976	Council Approved 12-15-76	DNR Approval to 1-1-1982
1971	City Resolution #5436.....	DNR Approval to 7-1-1976
1969	Commission Adopted	

Adoption of 2015 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (Target Dates)

Parks and Recreation Commission Approval	<u>February 19, 2015</u>
Public Services and Safety Committee Approval	<u>March 10, 2015</u>
Neenah City Common Council Acceptance	<u>March 18, 2015</u>
Department of Natural Resources Approval	_____
Capital Improvement Plan UPDATES	<u>Annually</u>



CHAPTER 3

RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

CHAPTER 3: RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

INVENTORY AND EVALUATION

The City of Neenah recognizes its responsibility to provide adequate, safe, attractive and varied facilities through the Park and Recreation Department. It is, however, important to recognize the existence of other facilities in the public and private sector that help meet the needs of the citizens of Neenah.

This section contains an inventory and evaluation of existing recreation facilities, and notes facilities that should be considered for the future. Accessibility to various facilities differs based on location, jurisdictional standards, and fees. This is taken into consideration in the evaluation of the following specific facilities.

All facilities listed are **public, outdoor** based unless otherwise noted.

- Indicates parks and facilities maintained by the City of Neenah.
- ◊ Indicates facilities maintained by the Neenah Joint School District.

Archery Range – 1

The permanent range at the City Services Building was rebuilt in 2014 and includes a raised shooting platform, 6 targets and a paved access route.



Baseball / Softball Diamonds – 13

Baseball popularity has increased in recent years. Baseball diamonds are used by youth leagues through Neenah Baseball Inc. (NBI) and NPRD instructional programs. The Southview Park facilities have been developed with funding assistance from NBI and Scheels.

Softball diamond use includes NPRD, Corporate and Church recreational leagues, High School interscholastic league and neighborhood use. Facilities are currently adequate for the summer leagues and neighborhood use. However, there are conflicts in the spring when High School games are underway at the same time that adult leagues are beginning and practice times are



being sought. The pressure eases after the school season ends and summer leagues are seeking less practice time. This relatively short period of high use may not justify additional fields, although the situation should be monitored.

• Memorial	#1	Softball	260 ft	Lighted
	#2	Softball	280 ft	
	#3	Softball	260 ft	Lighted
• Washington		Softball	270 ft	Lighted
• Southview	Scheels #1	Baseball	240 ft	
	Scheels #2	Baseball	200 ft	
	Scheels #3	Baseball	200 ft	
	Pederson	Baseball	200 ft	Lighted
	Mueller	Baseball	200 ft	Lighted
◇ Neenah High School		Baseball	350 ft	
		Softball	210 ft	
◇ Shattuck Middle School		Baseball	350 ft	
		Baseball / Softball	No fence	

Basketball Courts – 10 Full, 5 Half

Most courts are on school property. Several areas of the City do not have courts.

• Baldwin Park	1 court
• Memorial Park	1 court
• Southview Park	1 court
◇ Coolidge Elementary	2 courts
◇ Hoover Elementary	1 court
◇ Horace Mann	2 - ½ courts
◇ Lakeview Elementary	2 - ½ courts
◇ Neenah High School	2 courts
◇ Roosevelt Elementary	1 court
◇ Shattuck Middle	1 court
◇ Taft Elementary	1 court
◇ Tullar Elementary	1 court
◇ Washington Elementary	1 court
◇ Wilson Elementary	½ court



Boating Facilities – 3

The boating facilities are well used. Shoreline along Doty, Riverside and Shattuck Parks provide access for both boaters and pedestrians. The Fox Valley Sailing School maintains a teaching facility at Rec Park.

The Rec Park launch is used year round for lake access, including ice boating in winter.



• Doty Park	2 launch ramps	21 car / trailer stalls	Rebuilt 2004
• Fresh Air	Ice Access		
• Herb & Dolly Smith Park	1 ADA Kayak Launch	17 car stalls	Built 2012
• Recreation Park	5 launch ramps	53 car / trailer stalls	Rebuilt 2009
• Shattuck Park	4 docks / 1 pier / ADA Kayak Launch	32 boat stalls	Rebuilt 2005

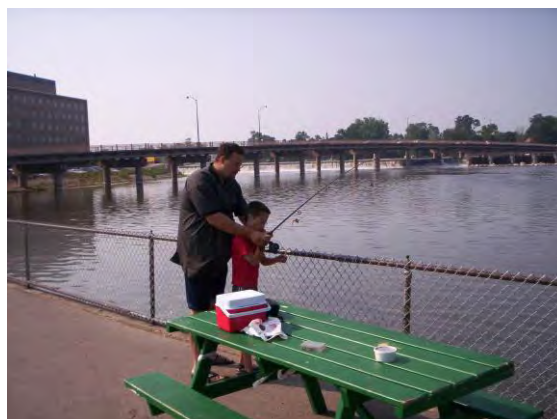


The new accessible Kayak Launch at Shattuck Park was acquired through the Department's partnership with Fox Wisconsin Heritage Parkway in 2014.

Fishing Facilities – 6

Accessible shoreline and piers are available for fishing at Doty, Herb and Dolly, Island, Kimberly Point, Recreation, Riverside and Shattuck Parks.

Unimproved shorelines can be found at Baldwin and Washington Parks.



Football Fields – 10

Facilities are adequate. Area schools have football facilities on their grounds.

◇ Neenah High School	1 full size, lighted stadium, 2 practice
◇ Shattuck Middle School	1 full size, 1 practice
◇ Horace Mann Middle School	1 full size

Ice Skating Rinks – 3

Facilities for recreational skating are adequate, and fairly well distributed throughout the City. A policy regulating the hours for hockey has been developed, in an attempt to safely accommodate hockey at the recreational rinks. The indoor Tri-County Ice Arena serves the organized hockey leagues.



• Green Park	Lights, Supervision, Warming shelter
• Memorial Park	Lights, Supervision, Warming shelter
• Washington Park	Lights, Supervision, Warming shelter

Playgrounds – 24

Playgrounds are well distributed throughout most of the City, however the Southeast neighborhood lacks a traditional park and playground. It is also important to note that while Park Playgrounds are open to the public from 4:00 AM – 10:00 PM, School playgrounds are not open to the public when school is in session.

Most playgrounds need some level of upgrading for ADA compliance and playability.

Since 1998, all new playgrounds have been “community build” projects. The Parks and Recreation Department teams up with volunteer groups to install the equipment. In some cases the volunteer groups also do fund raising for the playground.



• Baldwin Park	◇ Coolidge Elementary
• Bill Miller Park – Neighborhood 2006	◇ Hoover Elementary
• Cook Park –KC / YMCA 1998	◇ Horace Mann
• Doty Park	◇ Lakeview Elementary
• Douglas Park	◇ Roosevelt Elementary
• Great Northern – Rotary 2004	◇ Taft Elementary
• Green Park – Rotary / Lions 2000	◇ Tullar Elementary
• Kimberly Point	◇ Washington Elementary
• Laudan Park	◇ Wilson Elementary
• Memorial Park Appleblossom – Rotary 2008	
• Memorial Park Tullar	
• Quarry Park	
• Recreation Park	
• Riverside Park – Rotary 2007	
• Southview Park	
• Washington Park – KC / Rotary 1998	

Skatepark – 1

This facility is designed with ramps, berms, boxes and other obstacles for use by skateboards, in-line skates and bikes. It was built in 1998 and new equipment installed in 2002. The asphalt surface and berms should be replaced with concrete and more ramps. Planning for renovation is underway.



Ski Trails – 4

Trails are groomed for cross country skiing. Because of the local topography, the trails do not provide much challenge. However, they are often used by adults, after work on weekdays, when travel to a more extensive trails system is not practical.

• Memorial Park
• Southview Park
• Riverside Park
• Great Northern & Quarry are groomed as time permits.



Sledding Hills – 5

Sledding hills continue to be popular for sledding, tubing and snow boarding.

• Washington Park	Warming shelter
• Memorial Park	Warming shelter
• Quarry Park	
• Cook Park	
• Island Park	



Soccer Fields – 42

Permanent fields are heavily used in the summer. NPRD sponsors an instructional soccer program. The Department maintains a very successful partnership with Neenah Soccer Club (NSC). The Club runs the youth leagues, tournaments and camps utilizing the NPRD facilities. Temporary fields are added for major tournaments.

The High School Stadium Field is lighted.



• Great Northern	8 Fields	120' x 150'
	14 Fields	90' x 120'
• Memorial Park	#1 Kelderman	225' x 345'
	#2 Van Geffen	240' x 360'
	#3 Semrad	210' x 330'
	#4 Smead	240' x 360'
	#5	210' x 330'
• Southview Park	#1	210 x 330'
◇ High School	Conant East	195' x 330'
	Stadium Field	225' x 360'
◇ Lakeview School	#1	220' x 150'
	#2	220' x 150'
◇ Tullar School	#1	220' x 150'
	#2	120' x 180'
◇ Taft School	temp	90' x 150'
◇ Hoover School	#1	150' x 220'
◇ Coolidge School	#1	150' x 220'
* Mahler Park (Town)	#1	210' x 345'
	#2	210' x 320'
	#3	210' x 320'
	#4	210' x 320'
	#5	210' x 300'

Swimming Pools – 2

The Neenah Pool, in Recreation Park, is an outdoor facility, designed primarily for recreation and instruction. It features a zero depth area, a 131' flume slide, a deep well with drop slide and one meter diving board, four lap lanes, concession stand, sand play area, volleyball court, and tetherball and park pong table. The Department runs a comprehensive swim lesson program.

The High School Pool is an indoor facility designed primarily for instruction, competition and exercise.

	Surface Area	Volume	Bather Load
• Neenah Pool	11,263 sq. ft.	271,390 gals.	699 swimmers
◇ High School Pool/Indoor	5,432 sq. ft.	246,332 gals.	286 swimmers



Tennis Courts – 34

Existing courts are well used. The Park and Recreation Department runs an extensive summer instruction / tournament / league program, using both Park and School courts.

• Doty Park	5	Rebuilt 1993
• Washington Park	4	Rebuilt 1993
• Southview Park	6 Lighted	Rebuilt 1998
• Green Park	2	Rebuilt 2000
◇ Neenah High School	8 Lighted	
◇ Ivy Williams	6	



Tracks – 3

Facilities are adequate. Primary use of the hard surface tracks is through the school interscholastic program. Cross country meets are held at Riverside and Memorial Parks.

Road and trail running remains popular. NPRD manages a highly successful Summer Fun Run Series at Memorial Park.

The Fox Cities Marathon, and numerous 5k walks and runs utilize Neenah Parks, trails, and streets.

◇ Shattuck Middle School
◇ Horace Mann Middle School
◇ Neenah High School



Trails (Off-Street)

The *Neenah Access Trails System* is made up of on-street trails (Map 2) and park trails. The paved trails are designed for use by bicycles, in-line skaters, runners and walkers. These trails are also listed on the *Trails of the Fox Cities* map. (Routes below are main trails this list is non-inclusive as many more do exist, see the right of way and miscellaneous section.)

• Arrowhead / Herb & Dolly	3696' x 10'	Asphalt
• Doty Park	1654' x 6'	Asphalt
• Bill Miller Park	4600' x 8'	Asphalt
• Carpenter Preserve	2800' x 6'	Woodchip
• Great Northern Park	550' x 10'	Asphalt
• Laudan Park	200' x 8'	Asphalt
• Memorial Park	5000' x 10'	Asphalt
• Riverside Park	4000' x 10'	Asphalt
• Southview Park	4000' x 8'	Asphalt
• Washington	2100' x 8'	Asphalt
• Wilderness	300' x 10''	Asphalt
	1246' x 8'	Woodchip
• Bridgewood Golf Course	6860' x 10'	Asphalt

Off Street Trail – Rights Of Way/Miscellaneous

Island Park:

6' x 240' – parking lot to water - asphalt
 10' x 620' – along water - asphalt

Bayview Road:

10' x 2920' – Kensington to S. Park EXCLUDING Wilderness frontage - asphalt

Wilderness Park:

10' x 1050' – Park frontage - asphalt

County Road A:

10' x 3860' – Bell Street to S. Park – asphalt

Industrial Park:

10' x 3380' – Bell Street to Discovery Drive – asphalt
 10' x 1930' – Enterprise – Ind. Blvd. to Schultz – asphalt
 10' x 3790' – Schultz Drive – Enterprise to CRG – asphalt
 10' x 2950' – Dixie Rd – CRG to Muttart – asphalt

Total: 10' x 12,050'

Harrison Street:

10' x 4650' – Jewelers Drive to Fairwood Drive – asphalt

Breezewood:

10' x 2460' – Tullar to Pendleton – asphalt
12' x 1780' – Bergstrom Road to RR track overpass - concrete
12' x 1670' – RR track overpass to Gillingham – concrete
Total 10-12' x 5910'

Pendleton Road:

10' x 3,060' – Breezewood to bridge - asphalt

Whispering Pines:

10' x 815' – Pendleton to west – asphalt

County Road JJ:

10' x 4355' – AppleBees to CRCB – asphalt

Trails (On-Street Connections and Bike Lanes)

The *Neenah Access Trails System* is made up of a series of on-street connections with more recommendations in the works. The City is participating in the 2013-2014 Fox Cities Bike and Pedestrian Planning process being done through the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.


Volleyball Courts – 9

The Neenah Pool lighted court is used for NPRD summer leagues and informal play by pool patrons. Soccer Volleyball is a home grown sport that is being introduced.

• Neenah Pool	1	Sand, Lighted
• Southview Park Soccer Volleyball	1	Grass
• Memorial Park	1	Sand
◇ Neenah High School	4	Sand

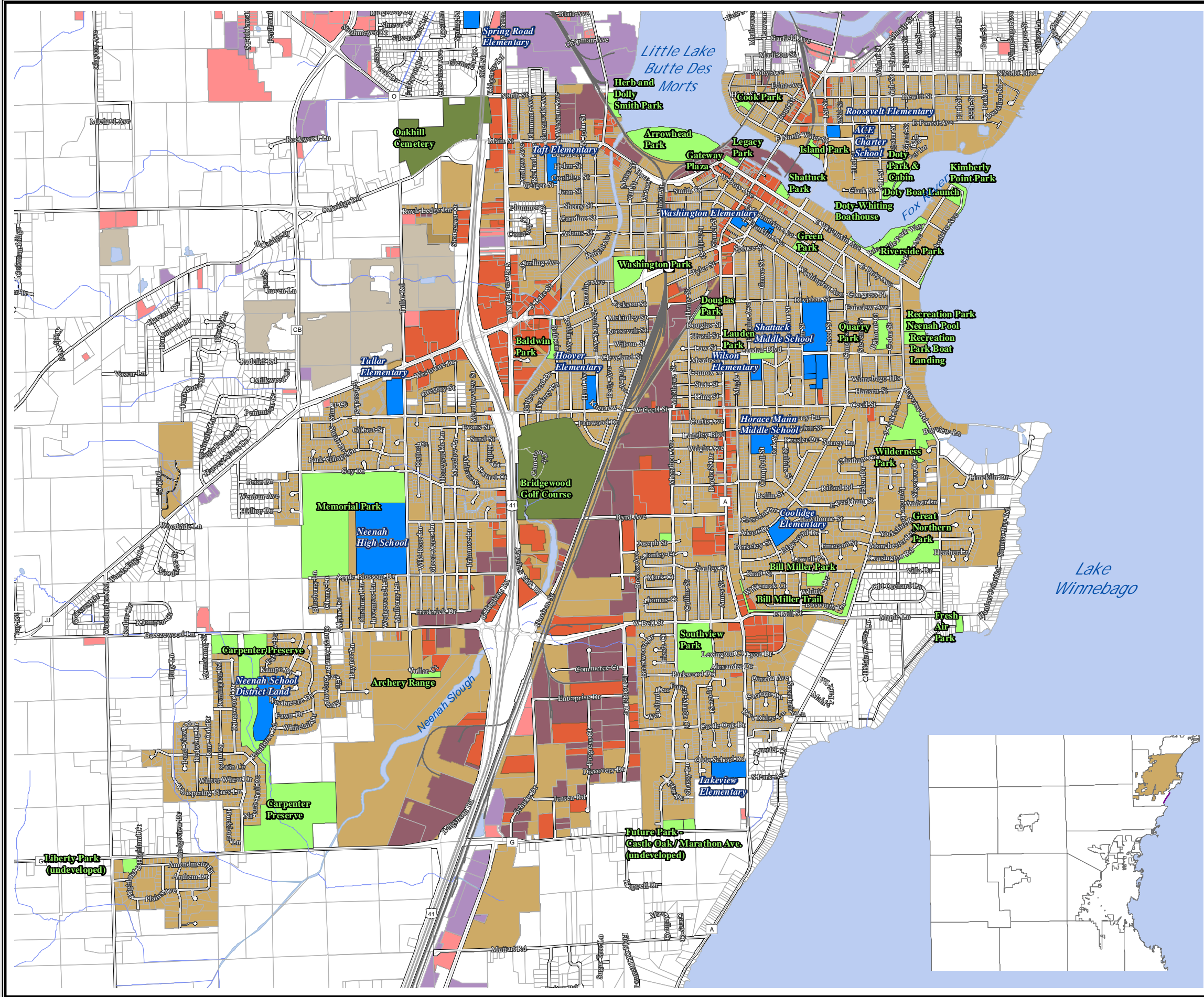


Table 1: Existing Park and Recreation Acreage

				Park and Recreation Facilities																		
	DATE ESTABLISHED	ACRES	FEET OF SHORELINE	SHELTER	PUBLIC RESTROOMS	PICNICTABLES	GRILLS	FLOWER BEDS	PAVED TRAILS	WOODS/NATURE AREA	OPEN SPACE	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	BALL DIAMONDS	SOCCER FIELDS	TENNIS COURTS	VOLLEYBALL COURTS	BASKETBALL COURTS	ICERINKS	SLEDDING HILLS	BOAT LAUNCH	BOAT STALLS	FISHING DECK
 Neenah Parks & Recreation® 211 Walnut Street, 886-6060																						
ARROWHEAD-355 Millview Dr.	1975	26.65	2400	Currently under development																		
BALDWIN-855 Baldwin St.	1974	2.90	830			X					X	X					1					
BILL MILLER-345 Kraft St.	1993	6.22		X		X			X		X	X										
CARPENTER-1590 Breezewood Ln.	1996	102.13								X												
CASTLE OAK - 2696 Marathon Ave.	2007	3.00		Currently under development																		
COOK-425 W. N. Water St.	1941	1.80		X	X	X		X			X	X										
DOTY-701 Lincoln St.	1922	9.25	1200	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			5					X		X
~~~~~Doty Cabin				Historic home of Governor James Duane Doty - Junethru Labor Day Noon-4PM																		
~~~~~Whiting Boathouse-98 Fifth St.	1956	0.50	85	X			X	X														
DOUGLAS-121 Douglas St.	1949	4.30		X	X	X					X	X										
FRESH AIR-495 Maple Ln.	1921	1.68	180			X					X											
GREAT NORTHERN-735 Kensington Rd.	2001	10.50		X	X	X		X	X		X	X		11								
The GREEN-337 Columbian Ave.	1843	1.60		X	X	X		X			X	X			2			1				
ISLAND-200 First St.	1931	2.50	563		X				X		X							1				X
KIMBERLY PT.-290 Lakeshore Ave.	1929	3.50	830		X	X	X				X	X										X
LAUDAN-225 Laudan Blvd.	1856	2.00							X		X	X										
LIBERTY-1801 Highland Dr.	2005	2.65		Undeveloped																		
MEMORIAL-1131 Tullar Rd.	1962	105.00		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	3	5		1	1	1	1			
QUARRY-655 Cedar St.	1973	5.00									X	X						1				
RECREATION-600 S. Park Ave.	1939	8.33	650		X	X		X				X								X		
~~~~~Neenah Pool				Water Slides, Concession Area, Sand Volleyball Court 886-6080																		
RIVERSIDE-500 E. Wisconsin Ave.	1872	19.85	2050	X	X	X	X	X	X			X										X
SHATTUCK-210 E. Wisconsin Ave.	1915	1.60	400	X	X	X		X	X		X										X	X
SKATE PARK-2121 Marathon Ave.	1996	1.50		Skate Boarding, Biking, & In Line Skating																		
SOUTHVIEW-200 W. Bell St.	1965	27.40		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	4	1	6	1	1					
WASHINGTON-631 W. Winneconne Ave.	1931	11.50		X	X	X		X	X		X	X	1		4			1	1			
WILDERNESS-940 S. Park Ave.	1971	19.45								X	X											
HERB & DOLLY SMITH- 167 N. Lake St.	2006	2.50	900	Currently under development																		

**383 Total Acres, 10,088 Feet of Shoreline**

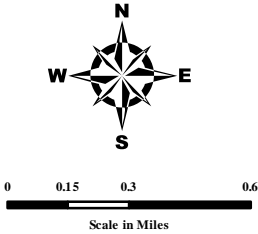
# City of Neenah Winnebago County, Wisconsin Existing Parks & Recreation Map 1



- Legend**
- Railroad
  - Streams
  - City Park
  - Other Rec Areas
  - Area Schools
  - Parcels
  - Water
  - Commercial Properties
  - Industrial Areas
  - Quarries
  - City of Neenah

Source: Winnebago County WINGS departement, 2013.  
Trails data provided by ECWRPC.

*National Recreation Water Trail,  
Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway, June, 2013.

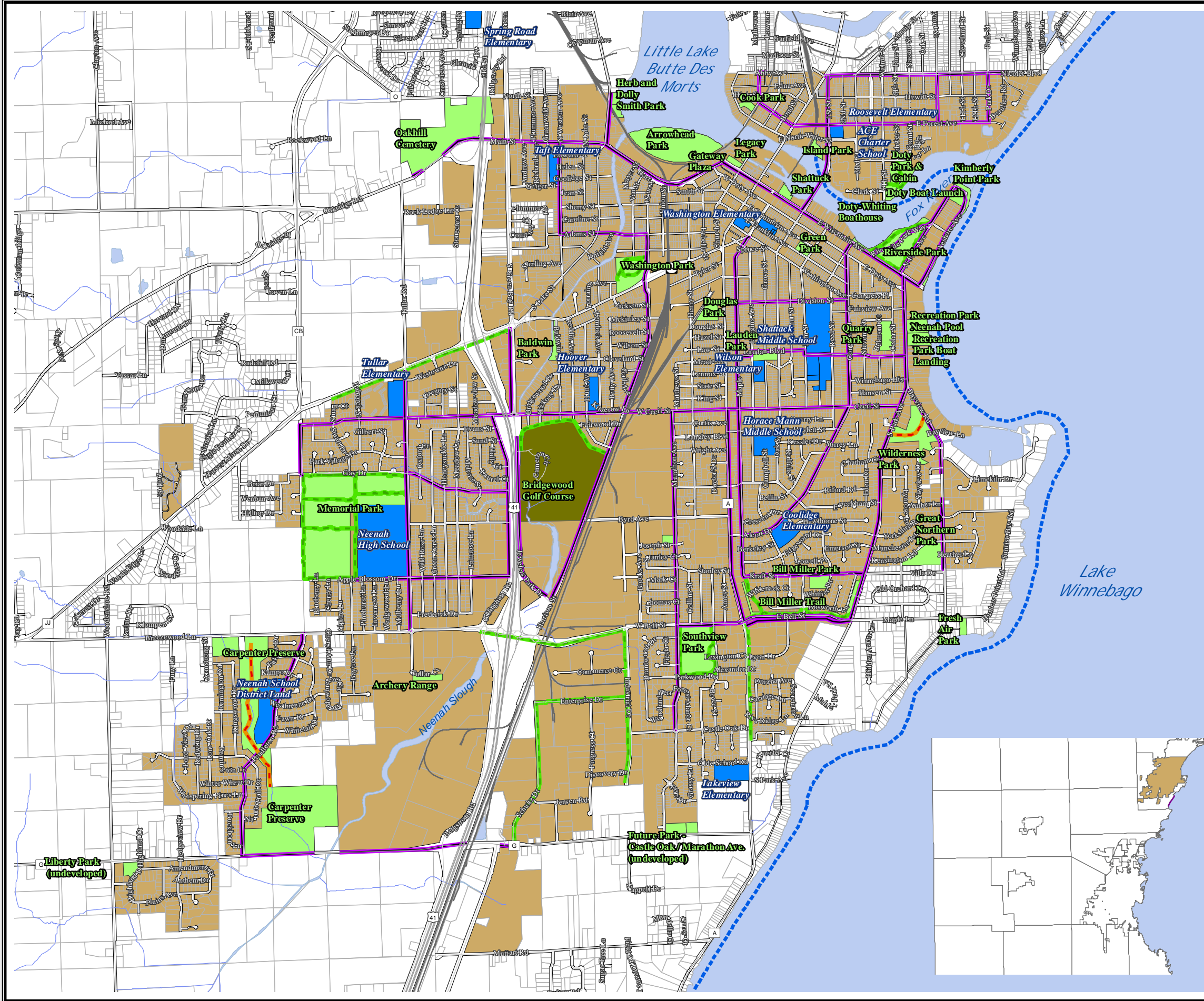


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# City of Neenah Winnebago County, Wisconsin Existing Trails Map 2



## Legend

- Off Road Trails
- Off Road Paved Trails
- On Street Bike - Neenah Access Trails
- River Trail*
- Railroad
- Streams
- Neenah Parks
- Other Rec Areas
- Area Schools
- Parcels
- Water
- City of Neenah

Source: Winnebago County WINGS departement, 2013.  
Trails data provided by ECWRPC. 47.71 miles of trails currently.  
Includes on-street, off-street, and sidewalk connections.

*National Recreation Water Trail,  
Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway, June, 2013.



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Scale in Miles

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## PARK CLASSIFICATIONS AND LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS

The following classifications are derived from *the 2011-2016 Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan*– Appendix E, and the *Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Guidelines* – A project of the National Recreation and Parks Association and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration. They have been modified to fit local conditions.

**Table 2: Park Service Areas by Type***

Classification / Acres	Description	Location/Service Area	Size
<b>Neighborhood Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baldwin 2.9</li> <li>Bill Miller 6.2</li> <li>Castle Oak 3.0</li> <li>Cook 2.0</li> <li>Douglas 4.3</li> <li>Doty 9.3</li> <li>Great Northern 10.5</li> <li>Green 1.6</li> <li>Laudan 2.0</li> <li>Liberty 2.7</li> <li>Quarry 5.0</li> </ul>	The basic unit of the park system. A neighborhood park, by size, program, and location, provides space and recreation activities for the immediate neighborhood in which it is located.	Serves a neighborhood within a 1/4 to 1/2 mile radius, uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	1 - 20 acres
<b>Community Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Riverside 20</li> <li>Southview 27.4</li> <li>Washington 11.7</li> <li>Memorial 105</li> </ul>	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Serves multiple neighborhoods within a 2 to 3 mile radius, or when offering unique features, serves the entire City. Located adjacent to collector streets providing easy vehicular access.	20 acres or more.
<b>Natural Resource Areas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrowhead 19.5</li> <li>Carpenter Preserve 109</li> <li>Fresh Air 1.7</li> <li>Herb &amp; Dolly 2.5</li> <li>Island 3.0</li> <li>Wilderness 19.5</li> </ul>	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics.	Resource availability and opportunity. Variable* service areas and may serve both City residents and other nearby communities.	Variable
<b>Special Use Parks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Archery Range</li> <li>Doty Park Boat Launch</li> <li>Kimberly Point 3.5</li> <li>Shattuck 1.6</li> <li>Skatepark 1.5</li> <li>Rec Park Boat Launch &amp; Swim Pool 8.3</li> </ul>	Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use.	Variable* - dependent on specific use. May serve both City residents and other nearby communities.	Variable

*For this assessment, a service area of 1.5 miles was used for special use parks, and 2.5 miles for natural resource areas as a reference point to surrounding neighborhoods and communities, Map 3.

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**City of Neenah  
Winnebago County, Wisconsin  
Level of Service and  
Residential Density  
Map 3**

**Legend**

- Off Road Trails
- Off Road Paved Trails
- On Street Bike - Neenah Access Trails
- Railroad
- Major Highway, Road Barrier
- Neenah Parks
- Schools
- Neighborhood Park 1/2 Mile Service Area
- Residential Areas
- Special Use Park 1.5 Mile Service Area
- Community Park 2 Mile Service Area
- Natural Resource Area 2.5 Mile Service Area
- City of Neenah

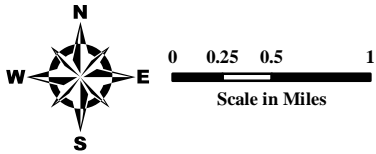
**Population Served by Parks & Rec:*

*Neighborhood Parks serve 9,282  
(36.7% of Neenah's population)  
Community Parks serve 38,811  
Special Use Pars serve 32,647  
Natural Area Parks serve 49,266*

*Estimated 2013 population: 25,259 for City of Neenah*

Source: Winnebago County WINGS department, 2013.  
Trails and LOS data provided by ECWRPC.

**Level of Service standards from NRPA. These are distances from the center of park areas. Population data from the American Community Survey (ACS 5 Year estimates 2008-2013).*

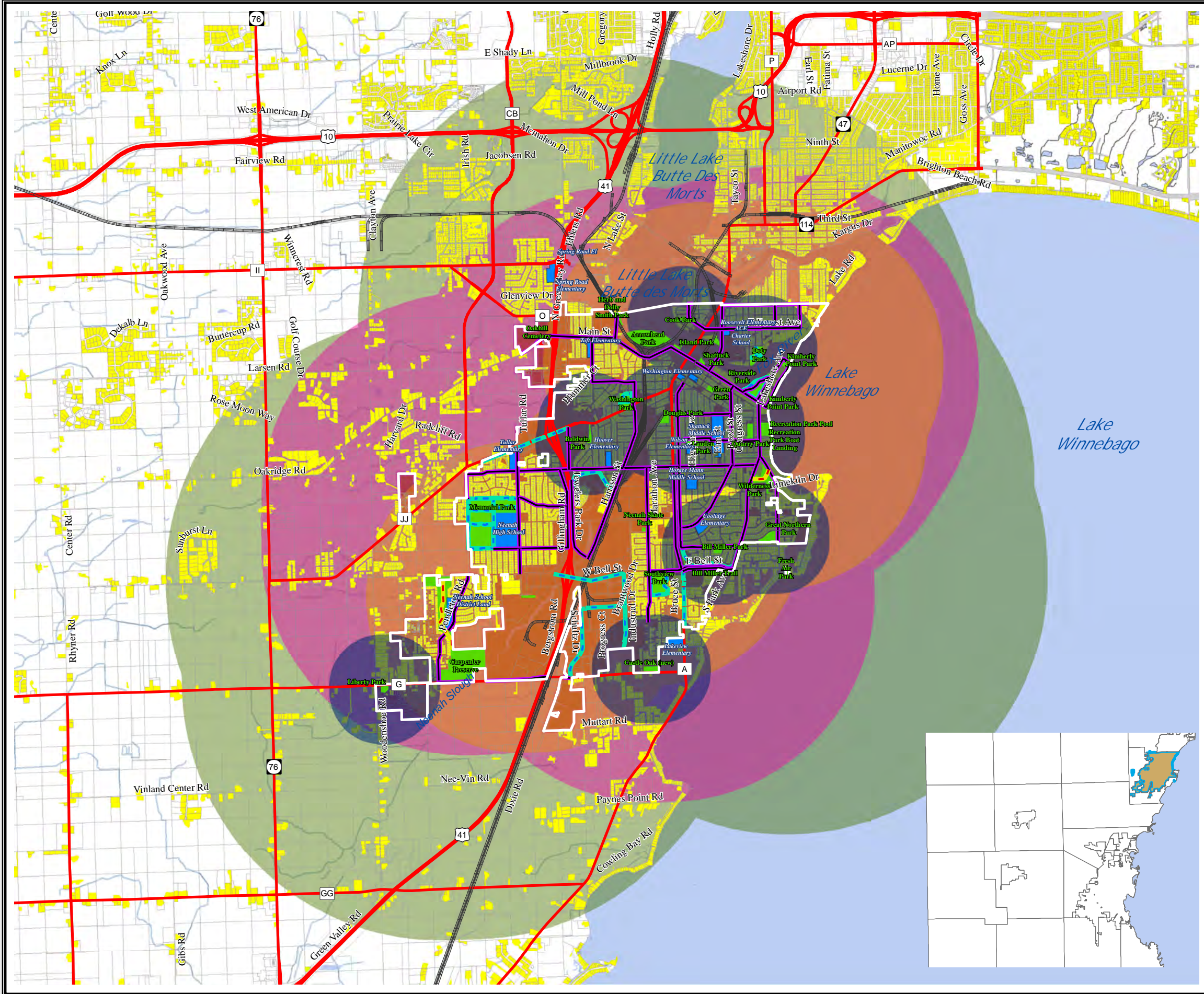


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## **CHAPTER 4**

# RECREATIONAL NEEDS



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### RECREATIONAL NEEDS

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Standards:

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC), as part of its *Long-Range Transportation/Land Use Plan for the Fox Cities, Oshkosh, and Fond du Lac Urban Areas* (October 2010), has identified a level of service standard for parks, which is 10 acres for every 1,000 residents. ECWRPC created residential standards based on density for various services such as sanitary sewer, water supply, street network, and parks. The high density category is defined as 3 or more residential units per acre.

As a policy, Parks and Recreation programs should have a five-year cycle update for the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (CORP). This will make the City eligible to compete for Stewardship funding if so needed.

Parks and Recreation needs may include the need for additional park land to accommodate new facilities, the need for additional parks in areas where new residential growth is occurring, or the request for new or improved park facilities and equipment. Generally, recreation standards are used to identify these demands as well as citizen input when identifying park and recreation needs.

Although Neenah currently has enough land set aside for recreational use to accommodate its population, some recreation facilities are in short supply or are simply not available in all portions of the community. In addition, many existing facilities are in need of refurbishing if they are to continue providing quality recreational opportunities. To more accurately assess the needs as they relate to the City of Neenah, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Director conducted a thorough analysis of its parks and recreational facilities. The needs they identified focused on specific recreational facilities currently not available, in limited supply, or in need of additional improvement or expansion. They determined that adding or upgrading these facilities will help achieve the city's goal of providing residents with a wide variety of recreational opportunities. These are listed in Chapter 6 under recommendations desired for each park.

### POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Neenah's 2010 population of 25,501 reflected a 4 percent increase over its 2000 population of 24,507 (Table 3). Based on DOA estimates, the City was home to 25,750 residents in 2013. Neenah's population has fluctuated within a fairly narrow range for several decades now and likely will continue to do so in the future. Projections indicate that its population will continue its steady growth from current levels, reaching 28,970 by 2040. During this timeframe, both the State of Wisconsin and Winnebago County are expected to experience modest population gains. (Table 5)

**Table 3: Population Trends and Projections, 1980-2040  
 City of Neenah**

Year	Population	% Change
1980	22,432	---
1990	23,219	3.5%
2000	24,507	<b>5.5%</b>
2010	25,501	4.0%
2011	25,612	4.1%
2013*	25,750	0.5%
2015*	26,010	1.0%
2020*	26,990	3.8%
2025*	27,810	3.0%
2030*	28,520	2.5%
2035*	28,870	1.2%
2040*	28,970	0.3%

Sources: Census 2010 Data, and  
 Department of Administration projections  
 2013*.

## LAND NEEDS

Land demand standards of 10 acres of publicly owned open space for every 1,000 residents provides a useful barometer for determining whether a community has adequate parkland to meet the recreational needs of its residents. There are 25,501 residents within the City's boundaries according to the 2010 Census. Neenah therefore needs to provide 255 acres of recreational space for its current residents. 383.31 acres is currently available with Memorial Park and Carpenter Preserve constituting most of this acreage at 105 and 102.13 prospectively. The southwest neighborhood will need another developed park soon based on growth and road barriers to a recreational destination. Level of service dictates a park should be within a ½ mile walking distance of a neighborhood, Map 3.

Based on the 10 acre /1,000 capita standard, Neenah's park and recreation acreage need for today is adequate for its population base with a current surplus of **123.31 acres**. In the future, a surplus of **93.61 acres** would still exist by 2040 if the City does nothing to acquire any land between now and then, (Table 4). Looking solely at the total recreational acreage currently owned by the City, there is no need for additional park land acquisition in the foreseeable future unless there is a significant increase in demand for major types of active recreational facilities. Maintaining, developing, and improving the parks the City currently owns should be its number one priority in accommodating its residents.

**Table 4: Neenah Outdoor Recreation Demand, 2000-2040  
Public Population Demand Projection Surplus**

Year	City Parks	Population Projection	Demand Projection (10 acres/1,000 pop.)	Surplus (in acres)
2000	383.31	24,507	245.07	<b>138.24</b>
2010	383.31	25,501	255.01	<b>128.30</b>
2015	383.31	26,010	260.1	<b>123.21</b>
2020	383.31	26,990	269.9	<b>113.41</b>
2025	383.31	27,810	278.1	<b>105.21</b>
2035	383.31	28,520	285.2	<b>98.11</b>
2030	383.31	28,870	288.7	<b>94.61</b>
2040	383.31	28,970	289.7	<b>93.61</b>

## LOCATIONAL NEEDS

It is desirable that recreational opportunities be within convenient walking distance of each of a community's residents, (Maps 4 & 5). With its compact development pattern and distribution of existing parks and schools, virtually all Neenah residents live within a few minutes' walk of an existing recreation facility. When residents are separated from the nearest park or school by natural barriers such as streams or man-made barriers such as busy streets, they are considered to be less adequately served because these features hinder a direct or safe walk within ½ mile. This is a particular concern for children and disabled or elderly residents. Looking at the Neighborhood and Community Parks in Neenah, excluding natural areas, the neighborhoods southwest of USH 41 / Breezewood Lane and south of CTH G fall within this category along with the northwest and northeast corners of the City boundary of being somewhat underserved. Capacity or growth, quality and condition, & location and access all affect service in these areas, (Map 4). School Parks offer some amenities but these are not always accessible during a specific timeframe.

### Survey Comment from Neenah Resident:

*"We live in the Nature Trail subdivision off of Pendleton Road. We do not have any parks on our side of Breezewood Ln. We REALLY need a park with playground equipment on this side of Breezewood Ln. Our neighborhood continues to grow and we need to provide a safe place for kids to play. Crossing Breezewood Ln on bikes is not safe for young children. Walking to our closest park, which is Memorial, is not feasible for young children. PLEASE reconsider this decision that was vetoed last year!"*

## FACILITY NEEDS

The composition of a community's population can provide insight into the need for emphasizing specific types of recreational opportunities. Neenah's population distribution by age group compares closely with that of Winnebago County (Table 5). However, in 2010, Neenah had proportionally more residents aged 24-44(27.5%), than the county and state (22.9%, 25.4%). The City's population shows a "young, middle-aged" based community which the facilities should be structured around with family oriented activities.

**Table 5: Population Distribution by Age Group, 2010**

	Neenah		Winnebago Co.		State of Wis.	
Age	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
0-4	1,940	7.6	9,866	5.6	358,443	6.3
5-14	3,625	14.2	19,916	12.6	744,544	13.1
15-24	2,910	11.4	26,220	11.1	785,761	13.8
<b>25-44</b>	<b>7,020</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>43,349</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>1,447,360</b>	<b>25.4</b>
45-54	3,805	14.9	25,560	16.5	873,753	15.4
55-64	3,089	12.1	19,747	13.4	699,811	12.3
65+	3,140	12.3	22,336	18.0	777,314	13.8
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>25,529*</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>166,994</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5,686,986</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: 2010 Census Summary File 1, Tables P12, P13, and PCT12.




*25,529 estimated population by age total ACS 5-yr 2008-2013

Currently, the Community Parks service area boundary (2 miles) serves 100% of the City residents and beyond, 32.4% are served by the Neighborhood Parks (1/2 mile), 100% of the population is served by the special use parks (1.5 miles) and the natural resource areas (2.5 miles) within the municipal area. There is an overlap of these service areas (Map 4) reiterating the fact the City has adequate parks and recreational facilities to support its residents within the City limits and beyond to the boarding communities. With population numbers increasing by 2040, there will still be a 93acre surplus available but voids for a ½ mile walking distance are still shown in the southwest part of the City for a neighborhood park in the Nature Trails Subdivision and in Liberty Heights with the undeveloped Liberty Park, in the northeastern tip of the City on Doty Island, and the northwest corner near Herb and Dolly Smith Park (Map 4). These are underserved neighborhoods lacking a ½ mile walking distance to a park **with family oriented** amenities.

## TRENDS

To effectively provide the right type of recreational activities and facilities, the City should monitor and consider the broader recreational trends. Table 6 is taken from the 2011-2016 Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and identifies trends in outdoor recreational preferences on a state-wide basis while Table 7 gives a City perspective compared to the Nation and State.

**Table 6: Wisconsin Recreation Trends**

<p>Increasing Demand</p> 	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
<p>Stable Demand</p> 	Walk for Pleasure	Market saturation
	Running or jogging	GenY replacing baby boomers
	Waterparks	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 20yearsofgrowth
	Trail running	Stable niche with Gen Y
	View wildlife	Activity spans generations
	Bicycle	Popular with easy access
	Snowshoeing	After large growth, this has stabilized
<p>Decreasing Demand</p> 	Hunting	Generational loss and private access
	Inline skating	6yearsofdecreasing 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.

**Table 7: City Preference Perspective**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>SURVEY*</b>	<b>CITY PARK</b>	<b>NATIONAL ESRI LIFESTYLES**</b>	<b>WISCONSIN STATE PARK &amp; REC PLAN (SCORP)</b>
archery	<b>needed now</b>	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
badminton	needed	possible	not mentioned	not mentioned
baseball	needed	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
<b>basketball</b>	<b>needed now</b>	<b>available</b>	popular	not mentioned
bicycling (bmx)	needed	unavailable	not mentioned	<b>growing</b>
<b>bicycling (general)</b>	<b>needed now</b>	<b>available</b>	popular	stable
bicycling (mountain)	needed	unavailable	popular	<b>growing</b>
boating (power boat)	not mentioned	available	<b>very popular</b>	stable
bocce	not mentioned	possible	not mentioned	not mentioned
canoeing	needed	available	<b>very popular</b>	not mentioned
cricket	not mentioned	possible	not mentioned	not mentioned
disc golf	needed	possible elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
education (agricultural)	needed	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
education (historical)	needed	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
education (nature)	needed	offered elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
fishing	needed	available	<b>very popular</b>	not mentioned
fishing (ice)	needed	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
fitness exercise	needed	possible	<b>very popular</b>	not mentioned
fitness or vita course	not mentioned	unavailable	popular	not mentioned
football	needed	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	available	not mentioned	<b>growing</b>
gathering food	not mentioned	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
geocaching	needed	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
golf	needed	offered elsewhere	<b>very popular</b>	stable
golf (miniature)	not mentioned	unavailable elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
handball	not mentioned	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
<b>hiking</b>	<b>needed now</b>	<b>available</b>	popular	stable
hockey (ice)	needed	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
hockey (roller)	not mentioned	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
horseback riding	not mentioned	unavailable	popular	decreasing
horseshoes	not mentioned	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
hunting (bird)	not needed	unavailable elsewhere	popular	decreasing
hunting (small game)	not needed	unavailable elsewhere	popular	decreasing
kayaking	needed	available	popular	<b>growing</b>
kickball	not mentioned	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
orienteering	needed	possible elsewhere	not mentioned	not mentioned
paddle boarding	not mentioned	possible	not mentioned	<b>growing</b>
paintball	not mentioned	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
parkour	not mentioned	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
<b>pet exercise</b>	<b>needed now</b>	<b>unavailable</b>	<b>not mentioned</b>	<b>growing</b>
photography	not mentioned	available	popular	not mentioned
pickleball	needed	available	not mentioned	not mentioned

picnicking	needed	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
<b>playgrounds</b>	<b>needed now</b>	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
racquetball	not mentioned	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
rock climbing	not mentioned	unavailable	not mentioned	<b>growing</b>
rowing	not mentioned	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
rugby	not mentioned	possible	not mentioned	not mentioned
<b>running</b>	<b>needed now</b>	<b>available</b>	<b>very popular</b>	stable
shooting (target)	not mentioned	unavailable elsewhere	popular	not mentioned
shuffleboard	not mentioned	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
skateboarding	needed	upgrade	not mentioned	decreasing
skating (ice)	not needed	available	popular	not mentioned
skating (inline)	not mentioned	available	not mentioned	decreasing
skiing (cross-country)	needed	available	popular	not mentioned
skiing (roller)	not mentioned	available	popular	not mentioned
skiing (water)	needed	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
sledding	needed	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
snowmobiling	not mentioned	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
snowshoeing	needed	available	not mentioned	stable
soccer	needed	available	not mentioned	<b>growing</b>
softball	needed	available	popular	decreasing
<b>swimming (lake)</b>	<b>needed now</b>	<b>available elsewhere</b>	<b>very popular</b>	not mentioned
<b>swimming (pool)</b>	<b>expansion needed</b>	<b>available</b>	<b>very popular</b>	not mentioned
tennis	not needed	available	popular	not mentioned
viewing (arts)	not mentioned	unavailable	popular	not mentioned



viewing (bird)	not mentioned	available	popular	not mentioned
viewing (sports)	not mentioned	available	<b>very popular</b>	not mentioned
viewing (wildlife)	needed	available	not mentioned	stable
volleyball (beach)	needed	available	not mentioned	not mentioned
volleyball (court)	needed	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
volleyball (grass)	not mentioned	possible	not mentioned	not mentioned
wakeboarding	not mentioned	unavailable	not mentioned	not mentioned
<b>walking</b>	<b>needed now</b>	<b>available</b>	<b>very popular</b>	stable

* Neenah City-wide parks and rec survey, 2013-2014. Items bolded above are those activity/facility types listed as the top 5 that was ranked #1. (See Chapter 6 for further analysis and Appendix A for detailed results.)

**ESRI's Tapestry Segmentation system divides U.S. residential areas into 65 distinctive segments based on socioeconomic and demographic characteristics to provide an accurate, detailed description of U.S. neighborhoods. For more information on profiles, please visit the ESRI website: [http://www.esri.com/data/esri_data/tapestry](http://www.esri.com/data/esri_data/tapestry)

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City of Neenah  
Winnebago County, Wisconsin  
Level of Service and  
Underserved Neighborhoods*  
Map 4

Legend

- Off Road Trails
- Off Road Paved Trails
- On Street Bike - Neenah Access Trails
- Railroad
- Major Highway, Road Barrier
- Neenah Parks
- Schools
- Underserved Neighborhoods
- 1/2 Mile Buffer from Parks**
- City of Neenah

**Underserved Neighborhoods are subdivisions that lack a park with facilities.*  
*** 1/2 mile park buffer exclude natural areas. These are family amenity parks with in walking distance of a neighborhood.*

Source: Winnebago County WINGS department, 2013.  
Trails and LOS data provided by ECWRPC.

**Level of Service standards from NRPA. These are distances from the center of park areas. Population data from the American Community Survey (ACS 5 Year estimates 2008-2013).*

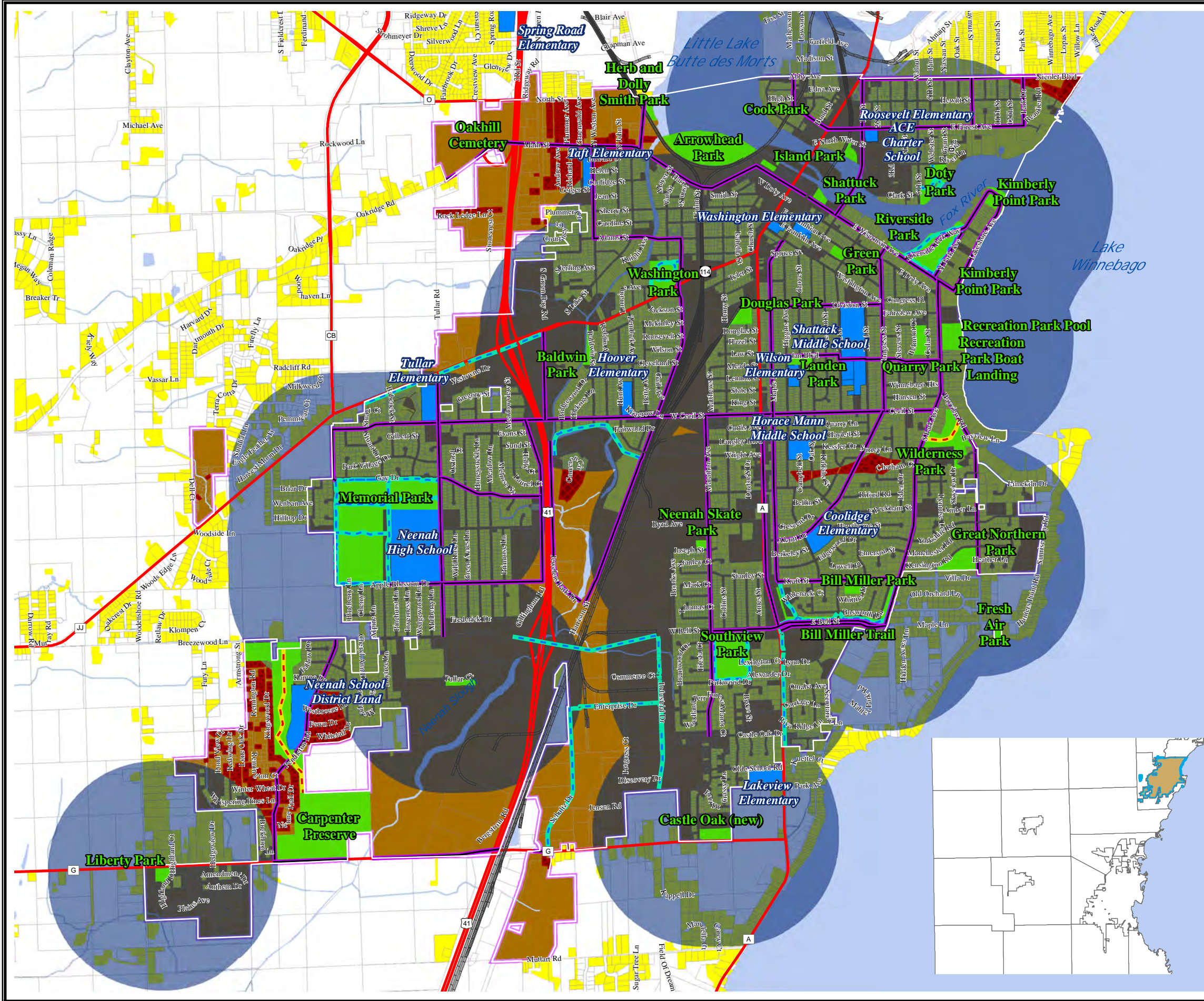


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# City of Neenah Winnebago County, Wisconsin Level of Service and Walkability Map 5*

## Legend

- City of Neenah
- Neenah Parks
- Schools
- Neighborhood Park 1/2 Mile Service Area
- Special Use Park 1.5 Mile Service Area
- Community Park 2 Mile Service Area
- Major Highway, Road Barrier
- Residential Areas
- Natural Resource Area 2.5 Mile Service Area

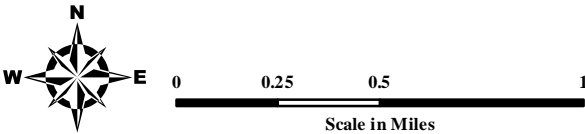
## Walkable Distance

- 100 Feet
- 500 Feet
- 1/4 Mile
- 1/2 Mile
- 1 Mile and over - underserved

**Utilizing National Park and Rec standard benchmark for Level of Service. Walkable Distance incorporates local roads with sidewalks to get to an existing park destination.*

Source: Winnebago County WINGS department, 2013.  
LOS data provided by ECWRPC.

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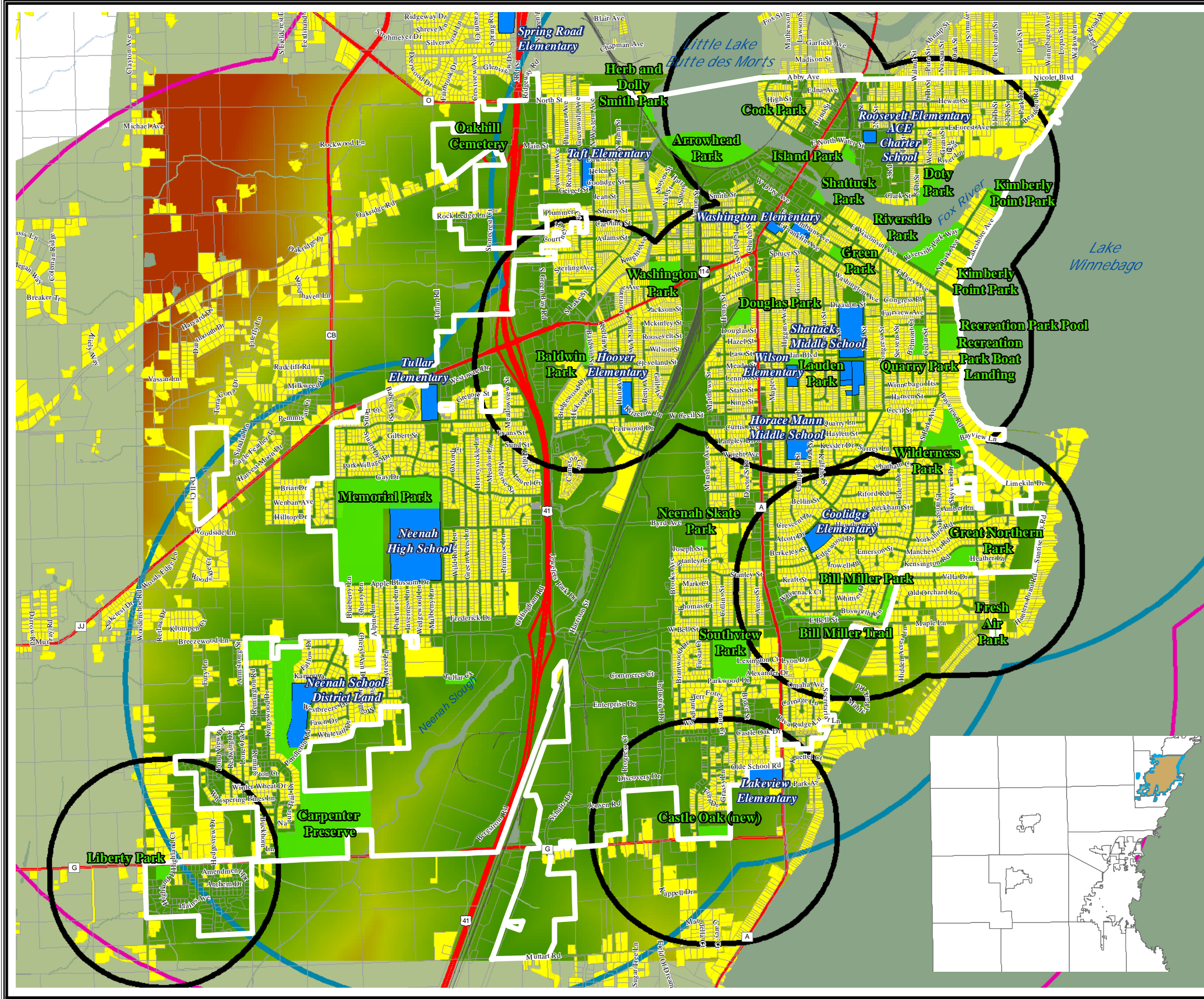


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## **CHAPTER 5**

# HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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### COUNTY HEALTH COMPONENTS AND STATISTICS

With obesity rates on the rise, Neenah's need to promote active communities should be a priority. From the 2014 Winnebago County Health Rankings*, (with 1 being the best), Winnebago County is rated 39 overall out of 72 for health outcomes and 17 out of 72 for health factors, up from 2013. 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 Neenah through Winnebago 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. For example, In Winnebago County, the group "re:Th!nk Winnebago" is one such group who has started this process in working with the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) on health in planning initiatives.

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. ECWRPC has developed a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the Fox Cities 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 Neenah to be physically active, a strengthening of the support and funding for the City's Park and Recreation Department's facilities, and recreational programming should be considered. "Park Prescriptions" could be written so to speak to encourage active use and enjoyment of what the City has to offer. Improvements that would positively benefit public health and recreation are creating a City Bike and Pedestrian plan that will connect the parks and places as well as a Way-finding system that Navigate Neenah is currently working on. The mostly used Community Parks such as Riverside & Memorial need constant care as well as maintained play equipment to Neighborhood parks, of Washington, Quarry, and Douglas. Careful attention should be given to areas of people with lesser means so they have an equal level of opportunity for physical activity. All new facilities need to be ADA accessible according to Title III. 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, water corridors and industry). Barriers in Neenah include, USH 41 which splits the City in half north/south while STH 114 runs east/west creating "quadrant neighborhoods".

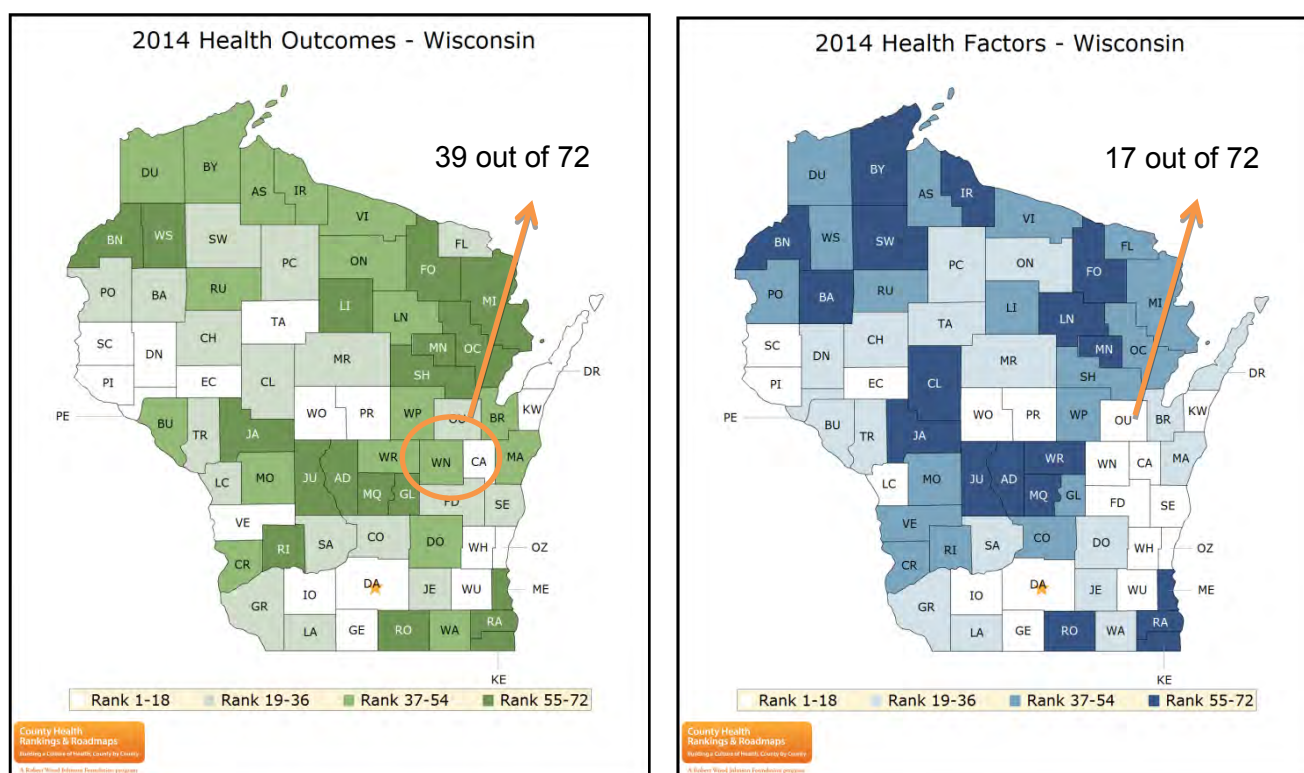
Continued support with community partnerships such as sport clubs, organizations, non-profits, citizen groups, companies, and other interested parties to develop, fund and operate recreation programs, leagues, and events are keys to success. These partnerships are invaluable to help provide the opportunities 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 rec 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.

Below are 2 maps that demonstrate where the County stands in the state as compared to the other 72 counties with 1 being the healthiest. 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:



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 Neenah 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 Neenah. Safe Routes to School programs can assist communities and encourage children to walk and bike to school.

Lastly, according to a publication from the Trust for Public Land, there are 8 ways that parks can improve your overall health:

1. Parks increase exercise. People who live closer to parks are shown to exercise more as the opportunity is there and people who regularly use parks get more exercise than people who don't.
2. Most moderate exercise takes place in parks, approximately 12%. Parks are where people get the kind of exercise their bodies need most.
3. Parks reduce stress and clear the mind. Outdoor areas boost focus and promote relaxation as the term being one with nature implies.
4. A park makeover with aesthetically pleasing spaces encourages use and promotes public health habits.
5. A variety of amenities can attract different users, i.e. skateparks, basketball & tennis courts, baseball, paths, and therefore encourage fun activities.
6. Dedicated fitness zone exercise areas encourage exercise and increase park use. The Town of Menasha just put in workout benches at Fritsch Park where parents can get in reps while watching their kids play on the playground. Body fitness stations are becoming popular to encourage adults to workout.
7. Supervised activities and programming maximize a park's public health benefit. Getting people out and moving in a fun active setting is the best medicine.
8. Exercise is one of the cheapest ways to stay healthy. By promoting healthy habits, parks can help reduce health care costs.



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## **CHAPTER 6**

# RECOMMENDATIONS

## CHAPTER 6: RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations proposed in this plan are intended to serve as a guide for the future development of park and recreation areas in the city. Although some of the proposals may not be feasible in the near future, they represent courses of action that should be taken if the opportunity or need arises. Proposals that are feasible for implementation within the next few years are included in the City's five-year action program, Chapter 7, Table 8. Plan proposals should be reviewed annually by the general public to accommodate changing needs.

The following recommendations are made for specific sites, based on present and projected needs, and the physical parameters of each site.

The CIP designation indicates items included in the 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program proposal. Deferred projects are re-prioritized in Chapter 7 of the Action Plan, Table 8.

The timing and feasibility of these projects depends on the following three conditions:

- Knowledge available to accomplish the task.
- Funding opportunities.
- Public interest and support.

### NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS – 11

#### Baldwin Park

1. **Playground:** Evaluate equipment for upgrades and ADA compliance.
2. **Shelter:** Consider shade canopy.

#### Bill Miller Park

1. **Amenities:** Add Benches.
2. **Playground:** Evaluate equipment for upgrades and ADA compliance.
3. **Signage:** Add wayfinding signs to the Bill Miller Trail connection.



#### Castle Oak Park

1. **Playground:** Install playground equipment. (CIP 2016)
2. **Shelter:** Install shade canopy. (CIP 2016)
3. **Signage:** Install signage.

### **Cook Park**

1. **Acquisition:** Consider adding parcels at 202 River St. and 401, 405, 409, 415 E N Water St.
2. **Shelter:** Replace existing shelter to provide restrooms and shade.
3. **Playground:** Evaluate equipment for upgrades and ADA compliance.

### **Doty Park**

1. **Shoreline:** Continue to restore and protect, east 225' with filter fabric and rip rap.
2. **Shelter:** Enhance reservation shelter with addition of outside patio / arbor. Upgrade rest rooms.
3. **Tennis:** Crack seal and recoat. Investigate rubber surface. Consider redesign for pickleball and other multi-purpose uses. Address accessibility. (CIP 2016)
4. **Cabin:** Replace chinking and reseal logs. Clean and treat roof. (CIP 2015)
5. **Playground:** Evaluate equipment for upgrades and ADA compliance.

### **Douglas Park**

1. **Survey:** Perform a certified survey to establish property lines.
2. **Acquisition:** Consider 8 parcels at 125,129,133,137,141,145,149,153 Douglas St.
3. **Parking:** Explore parking options.
4. **Signage:** Update the park sign to be consistent with the rest in the City and add a park sign at entrance from Douglas and Henry Streets.
5. **Trail:** Add a paved trail to shelter and playground once parking lot goes in.
6. **Playground:** Evaluate equipment for upgrades and ADA compliance.

### **Great Northern Park**

No projects

### **Green Park**

1. **Shelter:** Address accessibility and aesthetics.
2. **Playground:** Evaluate equipment for upgrades and ADA compliance.
3. **Tennis:** Address accessibility.

### **Laudan Park**

1. **Playground:** Evaluate equipment for upgrades and ADA compliance.
2. **Shelter:** Install shade canopy.

### **Liberty Park**

1. **Landscape:** Grade and seed open space. (CIP 2017)
2. **Playground:** Install playground equipment. (CIP 2017)

3. **Shelter:** Install shade canopy. (CIP 2017)
4. **Signage:** Install signage.

#### Quarry Park

1. **Playground:** Evaluate equipment for upgrades and ADA compliance.

### COMMUNITY PARKS – 4

#### Memorial Park

1. **Landscape:** Continue removal of invasive plants in natural areas.
2. **Playground:** Evaluate equipment for upgrades and ADA compliance.
3. **Trails:** Add ¼ mile and ½ mile markers on paved trail. Add markers for trail in woods.



#### Riverside Park

1. **Playground:** Consider adding tot play equipment.
2. **Lighting:** Evaluate and improve park lighting.

#### Southview Park

1. **Shelter:** Construct new pavilion with funding from Neenah Baseball. (CIP 2019)
2. **Parking:** Construct new parking lot. (CIP 2019)
3. **Playground:** Evaluate equipment for upgrades and ADA compliance.

#### Washington Park

1. **Park Plan:** A Master Plan for this park is in progress.

### NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS – 6

#### Arrowhead Park

1. **Park Plan:** Some elements of the 2008 Master Plan have been implemented, including the main shoreline trail, and general landscaping and parking in the east section. The steam plant that divides the east and west sections of the park is being removed in 2015. A new planning process is recommended to guide further development. Amenities should include an interior trail system and park shelter. Funds are available for the shelter through the Alice Jean Smith Fund.
2. **Trail:** Explore a trestle bridge to connect the east end of the park to Doty Island. (CIP

2016)

3. **Signage:** Work with the Navigate Neenah group to add way-finding and history
  - a. signage.
4. **Amenities:** Add Fitness Equipment.

### Carpenter Preserve

1. **Trail:** Build trail from CTH G through to Breezewood. Engineering and permitting. (CIP 2016)
2. **Trail:** Build boardwalk through south wetland with parking area off Cty G. (CIP 2018)
3. **Trail:** Build crushed stone trail and bridge crossings in north woodland.



### Fresh Air Park

1. **Parking:** Rebuild road and lot.

### Herb & Dolly Smith Park

1. **Signage:** Add park signage

### Island Park

1. **Master Plan:** Improve as a continuation of the Riverwalk development. (Shattuck Park, the Towers, North Riverwalk, Island Park)
2. **Signage:** Incorporate way-finding and history signage in conjunction with Navigate Neenah.

### Wilderness Park

1. **Restoration Plan:** Continue removal of invasive plants. Restore native vegetation.
2. **Signage:** Add trail markers and sign off Bayview Rd.



## SPECIAL USE PARKS – 6

### Archery Range

1. **Trail:** Add a concrete path area to shooting platform.



### **Doty Boat Launch**

1. **Amenities:** Install a wash station to control invasive species.
2. **Doty Boat Launch**

### **Kimberly Point Park**

1. **Playground:** Evaluate equipment for upgrades and ADA compliance.
2. **Lighthouse:** Upgrade to protect structure and function.
3. **Restrooms:** Update the restroom facilities.

### **Rec Park Boat Launch**

1. **Amenities:** Install a wash station to control invasive species.

### **Rec Park Pool**

1. **Amenities:** Add chair lift and railing for accessibility. (CIP 2015)
2. **Amenities:** Add second water slide. Internal piping is in place.
3. **Maintenance:** Replace boilers. Refurbish basin to extend life. (CIP 2016)

### **Shattuck Park**

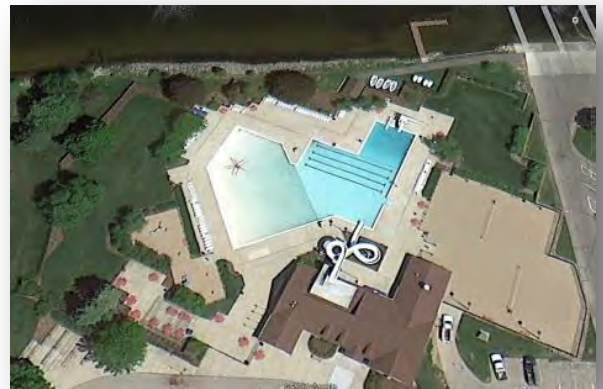
1. **Shelter:** Concrete repair and treatment (CIP 2015)
2. **Shoreline:** Replace light bollards with more substantial fixtures.

### **Skatepark**

1. **Redesign and Renovate:** In progress (CIP 2014)

### **Whiting Boat House**

1. **Maintenance:** Repair pillars and paint exterior. Replace storm and sanitary sewers. (CIP 2015)



### **OTHER / GENERAL**

- Consider acquiring land/vacant building for a community center (long-term).
- Continue to support Regional Dog Park Initiative. Look for opportunities for a Dog Exercise Area, work with the County and adjacent Communities.
- A playground is needed in the Nature Trails / Eagle Crest neighborhood. The closest playground is Memorial Park, more than ½ mile away and requires crossing a major

road at Breezewood. The proposed new playground at Liberty Park will also be more than ½ mile away and would require crossing County Road G.

## PARKLAND ACQUISITION

### Additions to Existing Sites

If the private property adjacent to the following parks becomes available, acquisition should be explored, if that acquisition would enhance or improve the park.

1. **Cook:** Parcels at 202 River St. And 401, 405, 409, 415 E. N. Water St.
2. **Douglas:** Parcels at 125, 129, 133, 137, 141, 145, 149, 153 Douglas St.
3. **Washington:** Parcels adjacent along the slough.

## NEW PARK LAND

New parkland will be necessary as the City grows. The Park and Recreation Commission's parkland acquisition strategy is reflected in the Neenah 2020 Land Use Plan. The areas of greatest interest are in the Southwest, Southeast and Northeast. Approximately 290 acres are needed by 2040. The City currently has over 300 acres available but location and barriers may inhibit safe passage to most city parks from the outlying neighborhoods.

The Commission believes the best acquisition strategy is to target areas where residential growth is most likely, and to explore parkland acquisition before development occurs. This allows for the most economical purchase as well as for appropriate planning and implementation of park development.

1. Look for opportunities for a **Dog Exercise Area**, work with the County and adjacent Communities to make this happen. Pet friendly areas are in high demand by residents as the survey depicts.

## LINEAR RECREATION – NEENAH TRAILS SYSTEM

The Neenah Trails Task Force produced a report in 1997 with recommendations for on-street bike lanes and off-street trails. The City has been making efforts to implement and update the plan since its adoption. The City of Neenah currently has close to 9 miles of marked bike lanes, and 18 miles of off-street trails.

The Parks and Recreation department recognizes that a well-connected trail system contributes to Community Health, Transportation and Recreation.

The City participated in the planning process for the 2014 East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning



Commission's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and is an active member of the consortium that produces The Trails of the Fox Cities map.⁹⁰

Areas being considered for future trails include:

- West Bell Street;
- Breezewood Lane;
- Harrison Street; and
- the extension of Arrowhead Trail connecting to the Friendship trestle.



## PUBLIC SURVEY SUMMARY & ANALYSIS

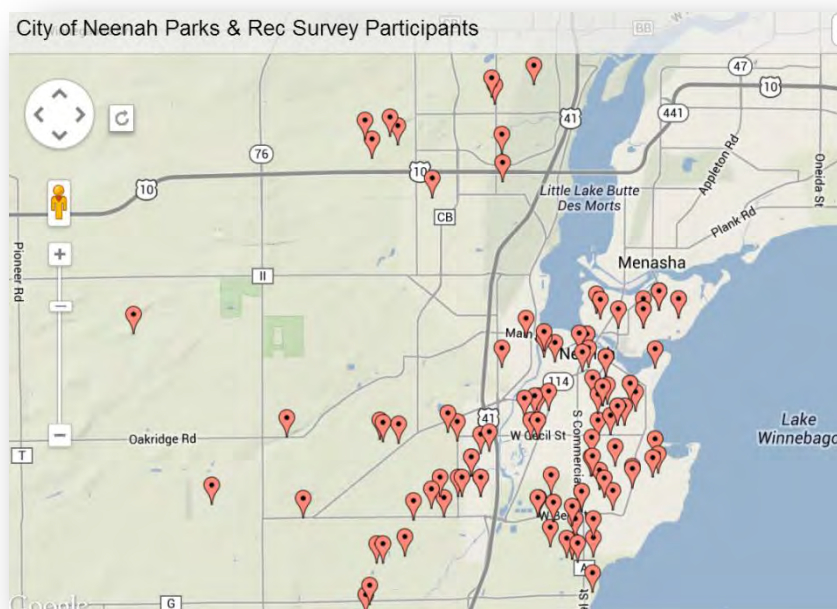
A public survey was conducted in the beginning of 2014 and asked questions conducive to residential satisfaction, needs and wants, and overall amenity use. Safety concerns in walking and biking were also included as well as a questions on renting shelters and favorite parks visited. Below is a summary of the findings. For detailed results of the survey, please see Appendix A.

**Survey Response rate - 272 residents participated, 82% completed the survey**

### Common Answers

#### **Part 1 - Demographics / Info**

- ✓ **Age Group:** 50% of participants were under the age of 21, the 31-60 age group made up approximately **36%** of the participants.
- ✓ **Household:** Families of 4 made up **over 29%** of family size in the City according to survey participants.
- ✓ **Information Obtained:** City Newsletter: **52%** Activity Guide: **49%**, City Website **34%**
- ✓ **Map of Survey Distribution – Resident Participants who are using Neenah Parks**



## Part 2 - Use

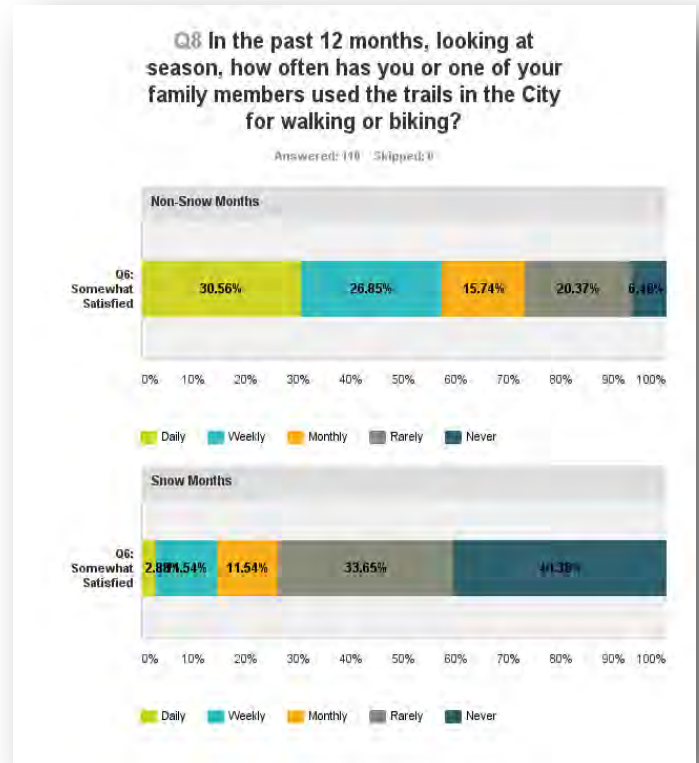
### **Favorite Park, Top 5 (Most Responses):**

1. Riverside or "rocket park" 186
2. Shattuck Park 116
3. Memorial Park 115
4. Kimberly Point 107
5. Doty Park 100

### **Favorite Activity, Top 5 (Most Responses):**

1. Hiking / Walking 103
2. Swimming Pool 103
3. Bicycling 87
4. Playgrounds 80
5. Sledding Hills 68

Since these parks and activities are rated high and get the most use, park maintenance crews should look at resources available for upkeep.

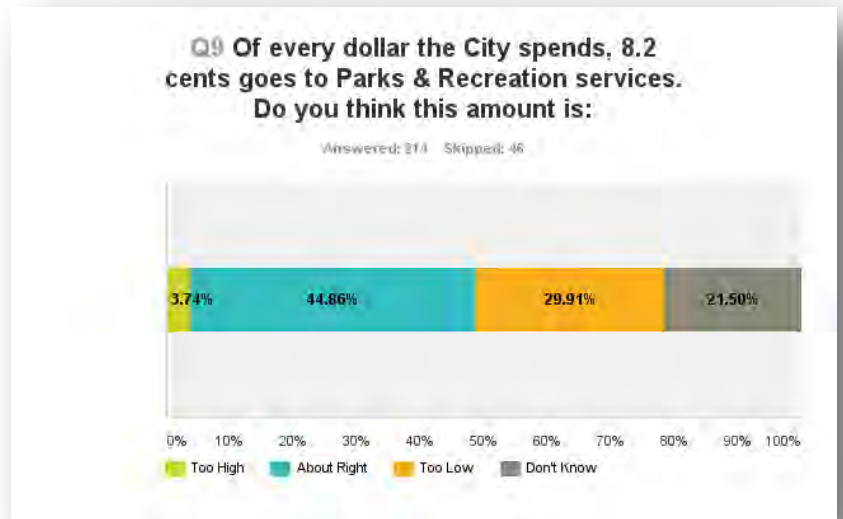


## Part 3 - Satisfaction

### **Maintenance Priorities:**

1. Restrooms
2. Amenities (playgrounds, picnic tables, trails)
3. Facilities (shelters, sports fields, pool)

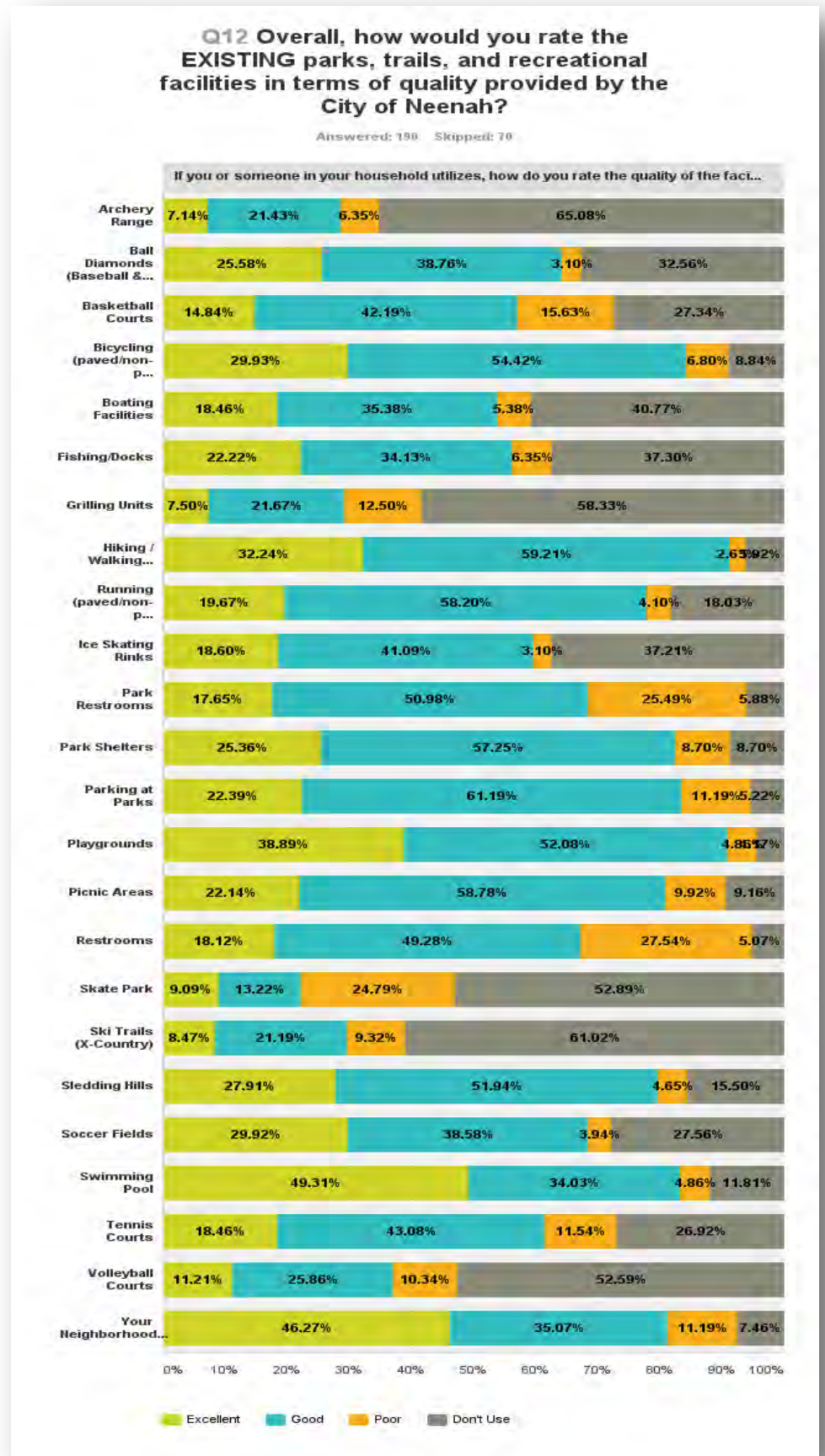
- ✓ **Somewhat Satisfied** was the common response at 52%. 40% were very satisfied.
- ✓ Most residents thought that the City is spending the right amount for parks and recreation but almost 30% thought the 8.2 cents was too low.
- ✓ Of the **35 residents who rented** shelters in the parks of Bill Miller, Doty Gazebo/Shelter, Douglas, Green, Great Northern, Memorial Open/Tullar/Apple Blossom, Riverside, Shattuck, Southview, Washington, and the Whiting Boat House were somewhat satisfied except 1 with the Doty Shelter who was dissatisfied with the rental. Comments showed alcohol should be allowed other than just at Whiting Boat House.





### Quality of Amenities:

The Neenah Pool, Playgrounds, and Trails came in with high quality rankings of those residents who utilized the facility. Overall, Neenah Park & Rec staff is doing a great job at maintaining the facilities.



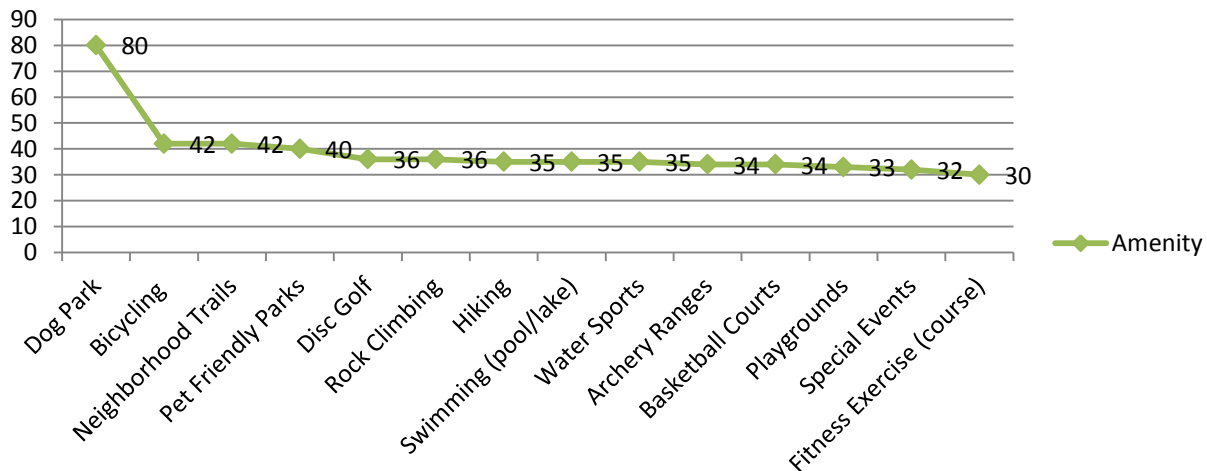


### **Activities/Amenities Needed Today (Q13):**

Of the total number of correspondents (30 and higher), the #1 ranked activities/amenities listed to be added or expanded are:

1. Dog Park, 80
2. More Biking Trails – Paved & Non-paved , 42
3. More Neighborhood Trails, 42
4. Pet Friendly Parks, 40
5. Disc Golf Courses, 36
6. Rock Climbing Areas, 36
7. Swimming (pool/lake), 35
8. Hiking Trails, 35
9. Archery Range, 34
10. Basketball Courts, 34
11. Playgrounds, 33
12. Special Events (concerts, brat frys, etc.), 32
13. Fitness Exercise Course, 30

### **Top amenities residents would like to see ADDED OR EXPANDED**



Here is what residents had to say:

*"I believe that a dog park would be wonderful for many residents. This could be in conjunction with Menasha or the towns of N/M. Many people in Neenah walk their dogs and would enjoy sharing the space with other dog lovers. The "Drool in the Pool" event in the summer is great."*

*"I believe the city is doing a good job with the parks and paths. It is a friendly place to live. We could use a dog park close in to the city. The one in Oshkosh is good and so is the Appleton location. Ours need not be very large. I think the old Neenah Foundry on Winneconne may never be used for anything due to its contamination. Parking would need to be worked out. But anywhere would place it between to two*

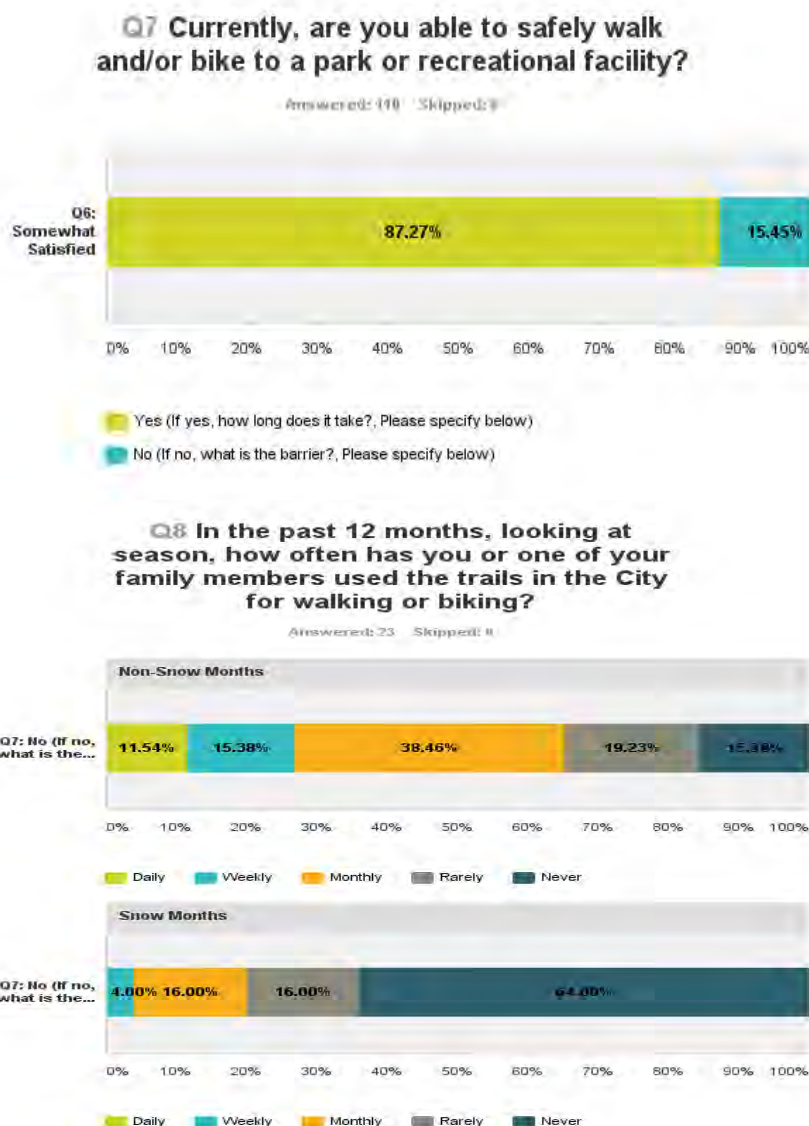
existing locations. An extra fee would be ok to help pay for it, or some other method to collect money. I believe volunteers would help clean it and maintain it if that is possible.”

“We have a huge population of runners, walkers, and bikers in Neenah, and there are very few safe places to do this. Because the bike lanes on South Park allow parking, they are nearly useless for these activities. We need paved, off road trails connecting the parks.”

#### Part 4 - Biking / Walking Safety

- ✓ Of those Somewhat Satisfied users, 87% could safely walk or bike to a park. Barriers listed were Breezewood/Bell and USH 41. (1st chart)
- ✓ Of those residents that felt unsafe using the trails, the amount of usage within the daily/week/monthly during non-snow months was at 65%. (2nd chart)

Neenah is considered a safe biking/walking community for the most part. Areas that are highly traffic oriented such as the downtown should include a designated bike route. Currently many bicyclists are using sidewalks to get around because of the angled parking and visibility issues.





## **CHAPTER 7**

### **ACTION PROGRAM**

## CHAPTER 7: ACTION PROGRAM

### 5 YEAR ACTION PLAN & STRATEGY 2015-2019

The projects listed in the following Table, comprise the action program set forth by the Neenah Parks and Recreation Commission, for Council consideration during the next 5 years, as part of the City of Neenah's Capital Improvement Program. Other projects listed in Chapter 6 Recommendations, may be addressed through the annual operating budget.



This plan works to develop and manage a working system of park and recreational facilities for the City of Neenah. It has been prepared to respond to expressed desires of residents and to address maintenance needs of existing facilities. This action program is based on priority level by year. It does not commit the Commission or the Council to all projects. Only the projects listed as Council Approved have been authorized with funding.

This will also assist service clubs and organizations as they consider potential park improvement projects to support.

Some of the projects identified in the action program are potential candidates for receiving cost sharing funds available through the WDNR. Others could be developed through the efforts and/or monetary support of volunteers and community organizations.

In conclusion, there are many projects that are of current need in the parks and recreation department. Realizing this priority list is a guide for the future, not all projects listed can be completed within this 5-year span. Some may go beyond the year 2019. Cost analysis and estimates should be looked at annually and adjusted accordingly. A list of funding resources is located in Appendix C that the City may be eligible to apply for to offset the costs. This action plan offers a vision and course of action for Neenah to be able to provide quality parks and recreation for years to come.



**Table 8: City of Neenah  
 2015 - 2019 Capital Improvements Program Budget  
 Detail Project Schedule**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PROGRAM COMMENTS	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	COUNCIL APPROVED
<b><u>2015 FACILITIES</u></b>		
<b><u>Parks and Recreation</u></b>		
<b><u>Capital Projects Fund</u></b> (Borrowing)		
1. Pool Accessibility. Add chair lift. Install railing on existing stairs. These items are necessary for ADA compliance.	\$9,000	\$9,000
2. Pool. Replace pool gutter grates.	\$15,000	\$15,000
3. Various Parks. Upgrade playground equipment and surfacing for ADA compliance.	\$20,000	\$15,000
4. Various Parks (Laudan, Riverside, Southview, Memorial, Skatepark). Replace drinking fountains.	\$10,000	\$5,000 <u>Extend into 2016</u>
5. Whiting Boat House. Repair pillars. Repair & paint exterior. Replace storm and sanitary sewer.	\$18,000	\$18,000
6. Doty Cabin. Replace logs & chinking. Apply Velvit Oil. Clean and treat roof.	\$15,000	\$15,000
7. Shattuck Park. Repair building deck and treat concrete for water infiltration	\$20,000	\$0 <u>Defer to 2016</u>
<b><u>Total 2015 Parks and Recreation</u></b>	<b><u>\$107,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$77,000</u></b>

<b><u>2016 FACILITIES</u></b>	
<b><u>Parks and Recreation</u></b>	
<b><u>Capital Projects Fund</u></b> (Borrowing)	
1. Pool. Refurbish basin to extend life.	\$24,000
2. Various Parks. Upgrade playground equipment and surfacing for ADA compliance.	\$25,000
3. Castle Oak Park. Build open shelter and playground.	\$80,000
4. Doty Park. Resurface tennis courts. Investigate rubber surface system.	\$60,000
5. Carpenter Preserve. Engineering and permitting. This work should be done in advance of DNR grant applications and in conjunction with Nature Trails subdivision trails planning.	\$20,000
6. Arrowhead Park: Build trestle bridges to complete the pedestrian / bicycle trail around Little Lake Butte des Morts. This project would be done with the City of Menasha. Total cost estimate is \$3.2 million. (Apply for 50%DNR Stewardship funds \$1,600,000. Fundraise \$1,000,000 through partnership with Future Neenah. Cities each borrow \$300,000.)	\$300,000
7. Various Parks (Laudan, Riverside, Southview, Memorial, Skatepark). Replace drinking fountains.	\$5,000
8. Shattuck Park. Repair building deck and treat concrete for water infiltration. Repair fountain.	\$20,000
<b><u>Total 2016 Parks and Recreation</u></b>	<b><u>\$534,000</u></b>
<b><u>2017 FACILITIES</u></b>	
<b><u>Parks and Recreation</u></b>	
<b><u>Capital Projects Fund</u></b> (Borrowing)	
1. Various Parks. Upgrade playground equipment and surfacing for ADA compliance.	\$25,000



2. Liberty Park. Grade, topsoil and seed.	\$50,000
3. Liberty Park. Build playground.	\$60,000
4. Washington Park. Replace tennis courts and/or other amenities per Master Plan.	\$90,000
<b>Total 2017 Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>
<b><u>2018 FACILITIES</u></b>	
<b><u>Parks and Recreation</u></b>	
<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> (Borrowing)	
1. Carpenter Preserve. Phase 1 of 2: Boardwalk trail in south wetland with parking lot off Highway G. (Apply for 50% DNR funds.)	\$210,000
2. Various Parks. Upgrade playground equipment and surfacing for ADA compliance.	\$25,000
<b>Total 2018 Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>\$235,000</b>
<b><u>2019 FACILITIES</u></b>	
<b><u>Parks and Recreation</u></b>	
<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> (Borrowing)	
1. Carpenter Preserve. Phase 2 of 2: Crushed stone trail and boardwalk in north woodland with parking lot off Breezewood. (Apply for 50% DNR funds.)	\$200,000
2. Various Parks. Upgrade playground equipment and surfacing for ADA compliance.	\$25,000
3. Southview Park - Reconstruct parking lot and utilities for new pavilion. (Pavilion funded by Neenah Baseball.)	\$100,000
<b>Total 2019 Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>\$325,000</b>

### 5 Year Summary

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	5 Yr. Total Needed
\$107,000.00	\$534,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$235,000.00	\$325,000.00	\$ 1,426,000.00



## **CHAPTER 8**

### **RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**



**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-14**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE  
COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Neenah, Wisconsin has prepared and adopted an updated Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan dated March 2015; and

WHEREAS, such a plan is required to maintain eligibility to participate in the following grant programs: Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP), Urban Green Space Grants (UGS) and Urban Rivers Grant Program (URGP).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEENAH, WISCONSIN this 18th day of March 2015, that the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is hereby adopted.


Recommended by: PUBLIC SERVICES  
AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Moved: Ald. Hillstrom/Kunz

Passed: March 18, 2015

**CITY OF NEENAH, WISCONSIN**

  
Dean R. Kaufert, Mayor

  
Patricia A. Sturn, City Clerk





## **APPENDICES**



## **APPENDIX A**

### DETAILED SURVEY RESULTS



## Q1 What street do you live on? (Please provide N,S,E,W in your street address)

Answered: 272 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	park	8/11/2014 4:18 PM
2	Washington Avenue	7/27/2014 7:14 PM
3	Cambridge Ct	7/13/2014 10:24 PM
4	Redwing Dr	7/1/2014 11:58 AM
5	smith st	6/30/2014 7:58 AM
6	sundial lane	6/28/2014 9:14 AM
7	Congress St.	6/26/2014 2:15 PM
8	Collins Street	6/24/2014 7:02 AM
9	Marathon ave	6/12/2014 9:40 AM
10	Kerwin Rd.	6/10/2014 11:44 AM
11	W Bell St	6/5/2014 11:13 AM
12	Elm St	6/3/2014 12:07 PM
13	Redtail Dr.	5/24/2014 9:23 PM
14	Kingswood Drive	5/19/2014 1:05 PM
15	Kingswood Dr	5/19/2014 11:39 AM
16	fiesta ct	5/16/2014 5:07 PM
17	N. PARK AVE.	5/16/2014 4:51 PM
18	Parkwood drive	5/14/2014 2:53 PM
19	Parkwood Dr	5/14/2014 6:35 AM
20	Ashbrooke Place	5/13/2014 10:23 PM
21	2438 Woodland Terrace	5/13/2014 8:14 PM
22	2420 Marathon Ave	5/12/2014 8:29 PM
23	2420 Marathon Ave	5/11/2014 8:17 PM
24	Nature Trail Drive	5/10/2014 1:01 PM
25	Whittier Dr	5/10/2014 12:36 PM
26	Green Acres Lane	5/10/2014 8:28 AM
27	Hewitt St	5/10/2014 6:43 AM
28	1215 Glenayre Drive	5/10/2014 6:32 AM
29	Depere st	5/10/2014 5:03 AM
30	Belmont Court	5/2/2014 9:45 PM
31	north street	4/28/2014 2:06 PM
32	Fifth Street	4/23/2014 10:26 PM

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33	N. Park Ave.	4/22/2014 6:55 PM
34	adams st	4/19/2014 7:30 AM
35	Edna Avenue	4/15/2014 10:58 PM
36	Ridgeway Drive	4/14/2014 3:44 PM
37	Belmont Ct.	4/14/2014 11:17 AM
38	Maple Grove Drive	4/9/2014 5:08 PM
39	Fort dr	4/7/2014 4:02 PM
40	Bellin	4/7/2014 9:59 AM
41	Andrew Avenue	4/6/2014 6:33 PM
42	Cherrywood Ct	4/5/2014 12:07 PM
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50	740 YORKSHIRE RD	4/1/2014 1:03 PM
51	sterling	4/1/2014 12:23 PM
52	East Manchester Road	4/1/2014 11:40 AM
53	Shootingstar Dr	4/1/2014 10:06 AM
54	Skyview Drive	4/1/2014 8:45 AM
55	Hawthorne	4/1/2014 7:26 AM
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57	Chestnut st.	3/27/2014 1:08 PM
58	Hansen Street	3/27/2014 10:00 AM
59	Chestnut St	3/27/2014 8:50 AM
60	Bosworth Court	3/25/2014 10:31 AM
61	Remington ct	3/25/2014 8:17 AM
62	Village of Kimberly	3/24/2014 10:49 PM
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64	W Cecil street.	3/24/2014 3:33 PM
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66	fort dr	3/22/2014 2:03 PM
67	Alpine Lane	3/21/2014 11:43 AM
68	Broad ST.	3/20/2014 9:28 AM
69	S. Park Ave.	3/18/2014 5:11 PM
70	Brantwood Ct.	3/18/2014 10:48 AM

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88	Oak street	1/24/2014 2:55 PM
89	Third Street	1/24/2014 2:54 PM
90	229 Bosworth Ln	1/24/2014 2:54 PM
91	Bayview	1/24/2014 2:54 PM
92	N Green Bay rd	1/24/2014 2:54 PM
93	Adams Street	1/24/2014 2:54 PM
94	N Forest Dr	1/24/2014 2:53 PM
95	Elk Trail Dr.	1/24/2014 2:53 PM
96	South Oakwood ave	1/24/2014 2:53 PM
97	Meadow In	1/24/2014 2:53 PM
98	1582 Whirlaway ct N	1/24/2014 2:53 PM
99	Bosworth Lane	1/24/2014 2:53 PM
100	Meadow highs circle	1/24/2014 2:53 PM
101	Kay kt	1/24/2014 2:53 PM
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121	Chestnut	1/24/2014 1:55 PM
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124	Ravenswood ct.	1/24/2014 1:54 PM
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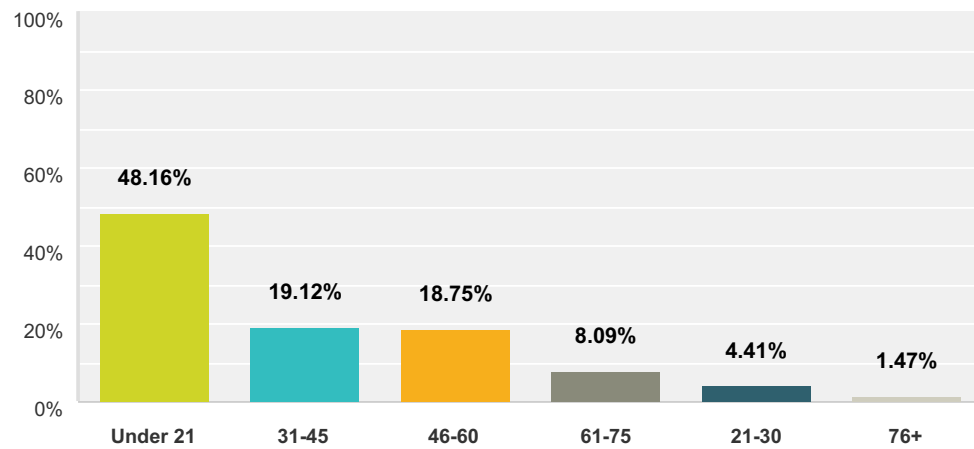
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265	Quarry Lane	12/30/2013 9:41 PM
266	Crescent Drive	12/29/2013 9:14 AM
267	N9128 Noe RD 54915	12/29/2013 7:59 AM
268	Pendleton Road	12/28/2013 4:01 PM
269	Inverness lane	12/28/2013 3:38 PM
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## Q2 How old is the person filling out this survey?

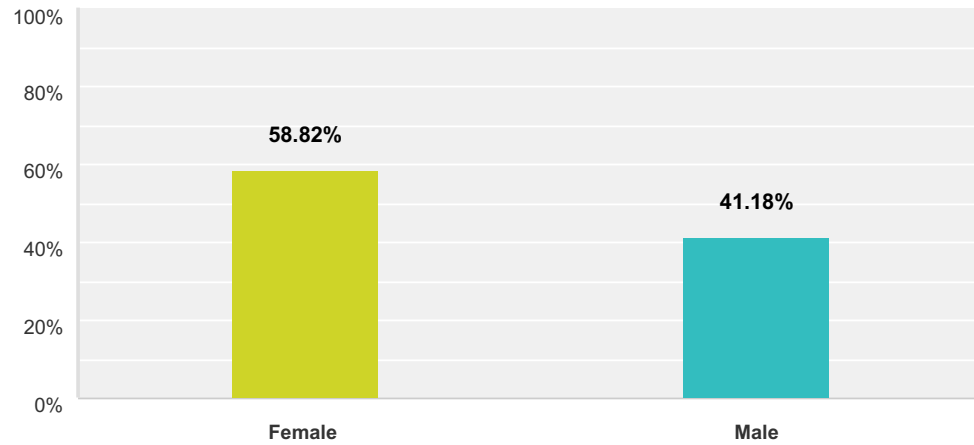
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Under 21	48.16%	131
31-45	19.12%	52
46-60	18.75%	51
61-75	8.09%	22
21-30	4.41%	12
76+	1.47%	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>272</b>

### Q3 Are you male or female?

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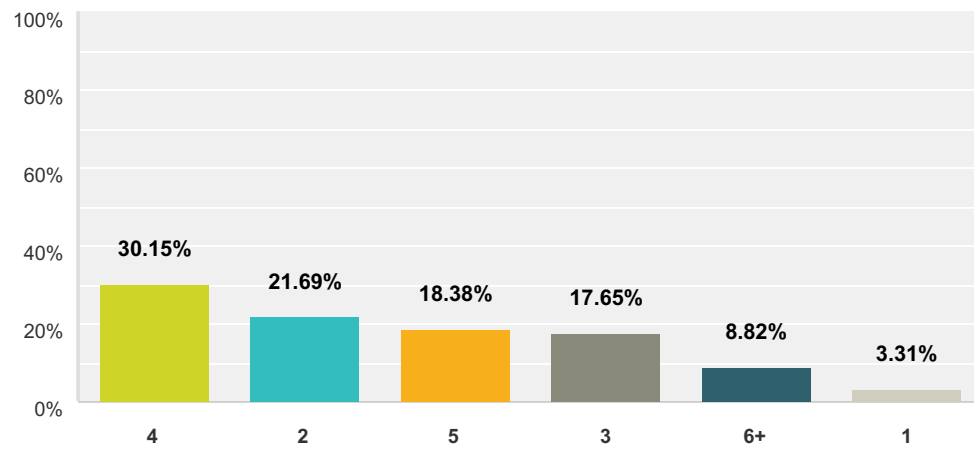


Answer Choices	Responses	
Female	58.82%	160
Male	41.18%	112
<b>Total</b>		<b>272</b>



## Q4 How many people reside in your household?

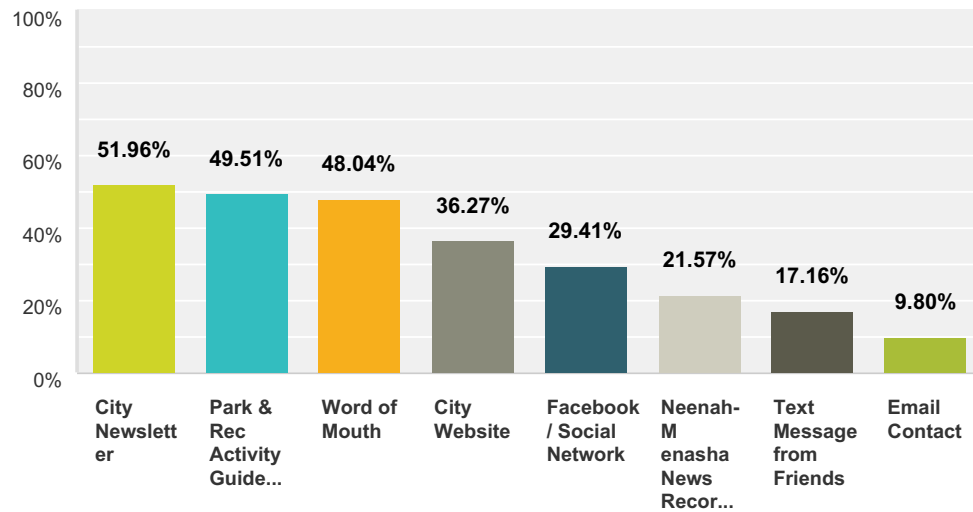
Answered: 272 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
4	30.15%	82
2	21.69%	59
5	18.38%	50
3	17.65%	48
6+	8.82%	24
1	3.31%	9
<b>Total</b>		<b>272</b>

### Q5 How do you get information about city parks and recreation programs or activities? (Please check all that apply.)

Answered: 204 Skipped: 68



Answer Choices	Responses
City Newsletter	51.96% 106
Park & Rec Activity Guide (Leisure Connections)	49.51% 101
Word of Mouth	48.04% 98
City Website	36.27% 74
Facebook / Social Network	29.41% 60
Neenah-Menasha News Record (newspaper)	21.57% 44
Text Message from Friends	17.16% 35
Email Contact	9.80% 20
<b>Total Respondents: 204</b>	

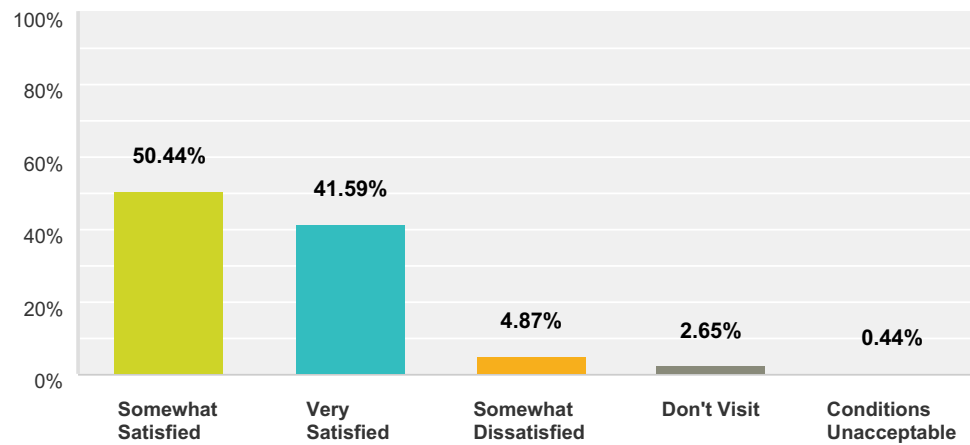
#	Other / Comments	Date
1	wish there was a mailing	6/28/2014 9:23 AM
2	School flyers	6/24/2014 7:13 AM
3	Do NOT LIKE the Purple Port-o-Potty in Southview park. It is an eye sore. The color can be beige, green, brown...and located not near the road	5/13/2014 8:21 PM
4	voter booth	4/19/2014 7:38 AM
5	Postcard ad	4/15/2014 11:02 PM
6	City website only rarely. The paper is pretty worthless as a source of local news and information, even though the N-R is supposed to be "news." How about a sign, similar to the one that used to be on the Bergstrom Mill? Only on that is electronic and can easily be changed? But not so bright that you can use it for a reading lamp.	3/18/2014 5:23 PM
7	Neenah Library	3/3/2014 10:48 AM

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8	When I pay my water bill, I stop by the display in city hall	2/10/2014 11:23 PM
9	No were	1/24/2014 3:00 PM
10	I don't live in neenah	1/24/2014 3:00 PM
11	Teacher	1/24/2014 2:57 PM
12	Teacher	1/24/2014 2:08 PM
13	Teacher	1/24/2014 2:06 PM
14	My teacher	1/24/2014 2:04 PM
15	Teacher	1/24/2014 2:04 PM
16	Teacher	1/24/2014 2:01 PM
17	Teacher	1/24/2014 2:01 PM
18	Teacher	1/24/2014 2:01 PM
19	Teacher	1/24/2014 2:00 PM
20	Mr. Kiel my teacher	1/24/2014 11:47 AM
21	Teacher	1/24/2014 11:47 AM
22	Sports	1/24/2014 11:46 AM
23	My teacher	1/24/2014 11:45 AM
24	My teacher	1/24/2014 11:45 AM
25	My teacher, Mr.Kiel	1/24/2014 11:45 AM
26	Neenah joint school district website	1/24/2014 11:43 AM
27	News on tv	1/24/2014 11:43 AM
28	Mr kiel	1/24/2014 11:42 AM
29	Mr. Kiel	1/24/2014 11:41 AM
30	My teacher	1/24/2014 11:40 AM
31	Teacher	1/24/2014 10:54 AM
32	Teacher	1/23/2014 12:55 PM
33	School social studies class	1/23/2014 9:34 AM
34	Schools or on TV news	1/21/2014 6:51 AM
35	Post-Crescent Media	1/20/2014 9:47 AM

## Q6 What is your overall satisfaction with the condition of the parks you visit?

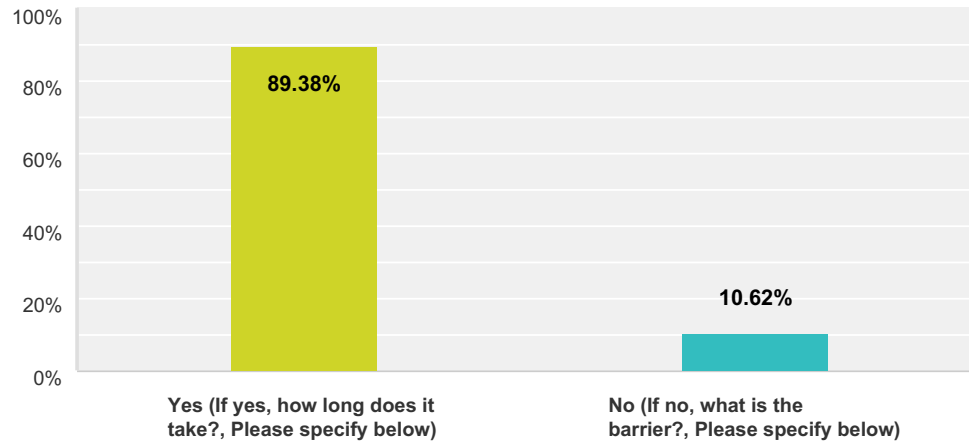
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Somewhat Satisfied	50.44%	114
Very Satisfied	41.59%	94
Somewhat Dissatisfied	4.87%	11
Don't Visit	2.65%	6
Conditions Unacceptable	0.44%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>226</b>

### Q7 Currently, are you able to safely walk and/or bike to a park or recreational facility?

Answered: 226 Skipped: 46



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes (If yes, how long does it take?, Please specify below)	89.38% 202
No (If no, what is the barrier?, Please specify below)	10.62% 24
<b>Total</b>	<b>226</b>

#	Time / Barrier?	Date
1	5 minutes	7/27/2014 7:17 PM
2	10 minutes biking	7/13/2014 10:36 PM
3	10 minutes biking; 30 minutes walking	7/1/2014 12:04 PM
4	less than 10 min	6/30/2014 8:08 AM
5	i can but for my kid -- too many dang busy roads to navigate. need more bike paths.	6/28/2014 9:23 AM
6	Ten Minutes	6/26/2014 2:20 PM
7	live almost right across from Southview Park	6/24/2014 7:13 AM
8	Under ten minutes by foot	6/12/2014 9:48 AM
9	2 minutes, just across the back yard	6/5/2014 3:31 PM
10	less than 5 minutes to Green, Shattuck or Riverside	6/3/2014 12:18 PM
11	5-10min.	5/19/2014 11:54 AM
12	2 MINS.	5/16/2014 4:51 PM
13	Right across the street	5/14/2014 6:44 AM
14	3 min	5/12/2014 8:34 PM
15	Barrier is Breezeewood Lane	5/10/2014 1:05 PM
16	Bridges oak and commercial st	5/10/2014 6:48 AM
17	5 minutes by bicycle.	5/10/2014 6:38 AM



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18	Live in another city.could bike to some though.	5/10/2014 5:15 AM
19	seconds, as we are right across the street from Quarry Park.	5/2/2014 9:51 PM
20	10 minutes	4/19/2014 7:38 AM
21	5 minutes	4/15/2014 11:02 PM
22	5 minutes	4/9/2014 5:14 PM
23	10-15min	4/7/2014 4:15 PM
24	10-15 minutes	4/7/2014 10:06 AM
25	5 min	4/5/2014 12:13 PM
26	wife has to use a walker,so we drive	4/2/2014 6:41 PM
27	5 minutes	4/2/2014 1:34 PM
28	15 minutes	4/1/2014 8:36 PM
29	10 to 15 minutes	4/1/2014 4:10 PM
30	5 minutes	4/1/2014 11:45 AM
31	Hwy 41 is a major barrier	4/1/2014 10:18 AM
32	Less than 5 minutes	4/1/2014 8:53 AM
33	3 minutes	3/30/2014 1:01 PM
34	5 minutes	3/27/2014 1:20 PM
35	5-10 minutes walking	3/27/2014 8:59 AM
36	Too far away with young kids not to drive	3/24/2014 10:58 PM
37	5 minutes	3/24/2014 8:32 PM
38	5 min.	3/24/2014 3:44 PM
39	10-15min	3/22/2014 2:17 PM
40	5 minutes	3/21/2014 11:52 AM
41	i could if I wanted to, but i come from Menasha	3/20/2014 9:50 AM
42	Almost no time to about 20 min. for biking; depends on which park.	3/18/2014 5:23 PM
43	5 minutes	3/18/2014 10:56 AM
44	The closest park is about two blocks away. There are lots that we go to throughout the year though.	3/16/2014 5:05 PM
45	2 minutes	3/12/2014 9:00 AM
46	20 minutes	3/3/2014 10:48 AM
47	5 min to walk, 2 min to bike	2/24/2014 8:21 AM
48	Walk less than 30 min, bike less than 10	2/10/2014 11:23 PM
49	10 minutes to walk	2/7/2014 4:06 PM
50	10-15 Min. Bike to Memorial Park	2/5/2014 3:10 PM
51	3 minutes	1/27/2014 2:59 PM
52	7 minutes	1/27/2014 1:02 PM
53	I don't bike but depending on how long the trail is 30-40 minutes	1/24/2014 3:02 PM
54	2min	1/24/2014 3:02 PM
55	it takes at least 5 minutes to get to the nearest park	1/24/2014 3:01 PM

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56	10 min	1/24/2014 3:01 PM
57	Biking 3 minutes	1/24/2014 3:01 PM
58	About 30 minutes	1/24/2014 3:01 PM
59	5 minute walk	1/24/2014 3:00 PM
60	2 minutes	1/24/2014 3:00 PM
61	25 min by car because I don't live in neenah	1/24/2014 3:00 PM
62	About a 15 minute drive	1/24/2014 2:59 PM
63	2 minutes	1/24/2014 2:59 PM
64	4miles	1/24/2014 2:58 PM
65	3 min.	1/24/2014 2:57 PM
66	No side walk	1/24/2014 2:57 PM
67	5 minutes	1/24/2014 2:28 PM
68	They have small cracks which doesn't damage the bike	1/24/2014 2:10 PM
69	10min	1/24/2014 2:08 PM
70	5 minutes to 10 minutes	1/24/2014 2:06 PM
71	15-20 minutes on a bike	1/24/2014 2:06 PM
72	15 minutes	1/24/2014 2:06 PM
73	Between 5-10 minutes	1/24/2014 2:05 PM
74	It takes 5 minutes	1/24/2014 2:05 PM
75	A few miles	1/24/2014 2:04 PM
76	5 mins	1/24/2014 2:04 PM
77	10 minutes	1/24/2014 2:03 PM
78	20 min	1/24/2014 2:03 PM
79	5 minutes	1/24/2014 2:01 PM
80	1 minute	1/24/2014 2:01 PM
81	About 2-3 blocks to Quarry Park	1/24/2014 2:01 PM
82	2 min	1/24/2014 2:01 PM
83	5 minutes	1/24/2014 2:00 PM
84	10-20 min.	1/24/2014 2:00 PM
85	I live to far away to go to a park. So I would like a new park made over in my area.	1/24/2014 1:59 PM
86	The closest one is about 15 minutes or more away.	1/24/2014 1:52 PM
87	2 minutes	1/24/2014 11:47 AM
88	3 minutes	1/24/2014 11:46 AM
89	1-2 minute	1/24/2014 11:45 AM
90	About 5 minutes	1/24/2014 11:45 AM
91	5-10 minutes	1/24/2014 11:45 AM
92	Only if it's under 3 hours	1/24/2014 11:45 AM
93	3 minutes	1/24/2014 11:44 AM

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94	1 min	1/24/2014 11:43 AM
95	10 min	1/24/2014 11:42 AM
96	Well it's a block away so maybe 2 minutes	1/24/2014 11:42 AM
97	30 min	1/24/2014 11:42 AM
98	Five minutes for the nearest park by my house	1/24/2014 11:41 AM
99	15 min	1/24/2014 11:40 AM
100	10-15 min	1/24/2014 11:39 AM
101	2 minutes	1/24/2014 11:05 AM
102	30min	1/24/2014 10:53 AM
103	2 min I think	1/24/2014 10:51 AM
104	5 min.	1/24/2014 10:51 AM
105	I live by the state park and I'm sick of going there to practice my scabording skills for the teams in April and when I go there people are doing drugs smoking and drinking it is stupid how I spend my time there just listing and watching them do the bad stuff it Mack's me sick I mean little kids go there then they have to leave because and wow there right by a police officers are right next door we want security and cameras and better equiptment	1/24/2014 10:51 AM
106	10 min	1/24/2014 10:49 AM
107	5 min.	1/24/2014 10:47 AM
108	15 minutes	1/24/2014 8:56 AM
109	We live too far away	1/24/2014 8:54 AM
110	3 minutes	1/24/2014 8:53 AM
111	10 min	1/24/2014 8:51 AM
112	I live a block away from Cook Park, so it only takes a minute	1/24/2014 8:51 AM
113	5 minutes	1/24/2014 8:50 AM
114	5 mins to bike	1/24/2014 8:50 AM
115	Under one minute	1/24/2014 8:50 AM
116	1 minute	1/24/2014 8:47 AM
117	5 min	1/24/2014 8:47 AM
118	2minutes	1/24/2014 8:46 AM
119	5 min	1/24/2014 8:45 AM
120	It takes about a mile	1/23/2014 12:58 PM
121	5 min	1/23/2014 12:55 PM
122	8 minute walk	1/23/2014 12:54 PM
123	5 minutes	1/23/2014 12:53 PM
124	I was biking and I was being followed.	1/23/2014 12:50 PM
125	Maybe 15 or 20 min	1/23/2014 12:47 PM
126	30 minutes to 60	1/23/2014 12:45 PM
127	I have a ten to fifteen minute drive to get to one.	1/23/2014 9:53 AM
128	Takes about 5 minutes	1/23/2014 9:34 AM
129	5 minutes	1/22/2014 6:23 PM

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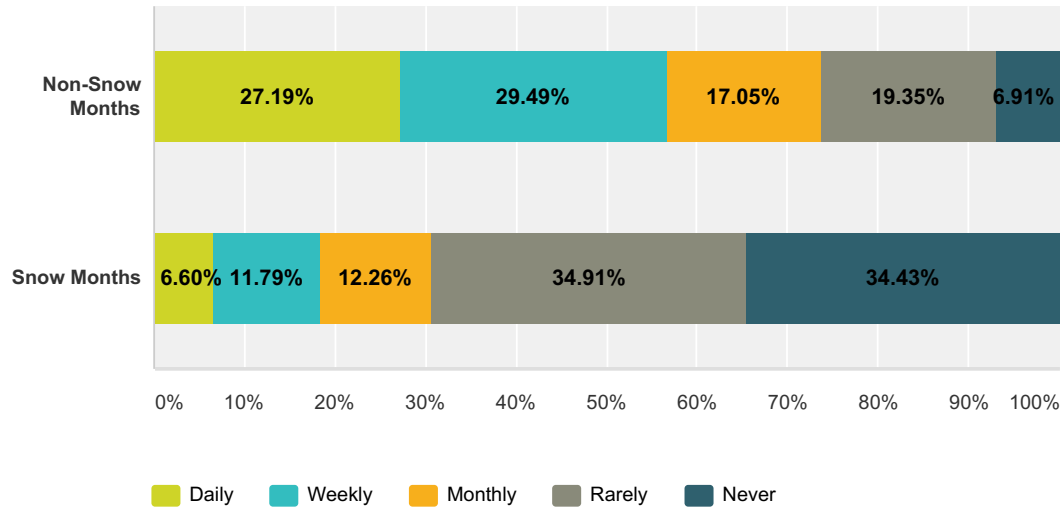
130	5 min	1/22/2014 3:25 PM
131	15 minutes	1/22/2014 1:00 PM
132	10 minutes	1/22/2014 9:10 AM
133	3	1/21/2014 10:32 PM
134	I have a 17 year old wheelchair-confined son, and the curb cuts are often not cleared after the city plows which is after the trails have been cleared.	1/21/2014 3:36 PM
135	Any park? Two minutes. My preferred park? Five minutes.	1/21/2014 1:31 PM
136	5-10 minutes	1/21/2014 11:49 AM
137	5(run), 10(walk), 3-5(bike)	1/21/2014 6:51 AM
138	5 minutes	1/20/2014 5:22 PM
139	quickly	1/20/2014 2:39 PM
140	5 min	1/20/2014 1:32 PM
141	5 minutes	1/20/2014 12:33 PM
142	15-30 mins	1/20/2014 9:50 AM
143	1 minute	1/20/2014 9:47 AM
144	3 minutes, walking	1/20/2014 6:04 AM
145	5 minutes	1/19/2014 10:14 PM
146	3 minutes	1/19/2014 10:10 PM
147	1-2 minutes	1/19/2014 9:24 PM
148	30 minute walk	1/19/2014 8:23 PM
149	5min	1/19/2014 7:27 PM
150	5 minutes	1/18/2014 9:15 AM
151	5 minutes	1/18/2014 8:48 AM
152	5 minutes	1/18/2014 7:35 AM
153	Walking 5-10 minutes	1/16/2014 6:59 PM
154	3 - 5 minutes	1/16/2014 12:57 PM
155	5 minutes	1/16/2014 9:24 AM
156	2 minutes?	1/15/2014 10:33 PM
157	5 minutes	1/15/2014 2:42 AM
158	few min.	1/12/2014 3:58 PM
159	can bike in 15 minutes	1/9/2014 11:21 AM
160	Busy Hwy G. Closest park is miles away.	1/7/2014 8:25 PM
161	3 minutes	1/7/2014 1:54 PM
162	5 mins	1/7/2014 9:53 AM
163	5 minutes	1/7/2014 8:54 AM
164	10 minutes	1/7/2014 8:13 AM
165	We r south west of county road G no sidewalk and it is like a 2 mile walk one way.	1/4/2014 2:28 PM
166	distance	1/3/2014 2:23 PM

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167	Walk- 5-15 minutes bike- 5-10 minutes	12/31/2013 2:53 PM
168	5 minutes	12/30/2013 9:57 PM
169	5 minutes	12/28/2013 4:07 PM
170	A few minutes	12/28/2013 3:46 PM
171	too far and no bike	12/26/2013 11:23 AM
172	2 minutes. Longest wait is at the lights on the corner of Marathon/Bell. Something was changed with them in the past year and the wait can be very long to cross Bell.	12/26/2013 9:45 AM

**Q8 In the past 12 months, looking at season, how often has you or one of your family members used the trails in the City for walking or biking?**

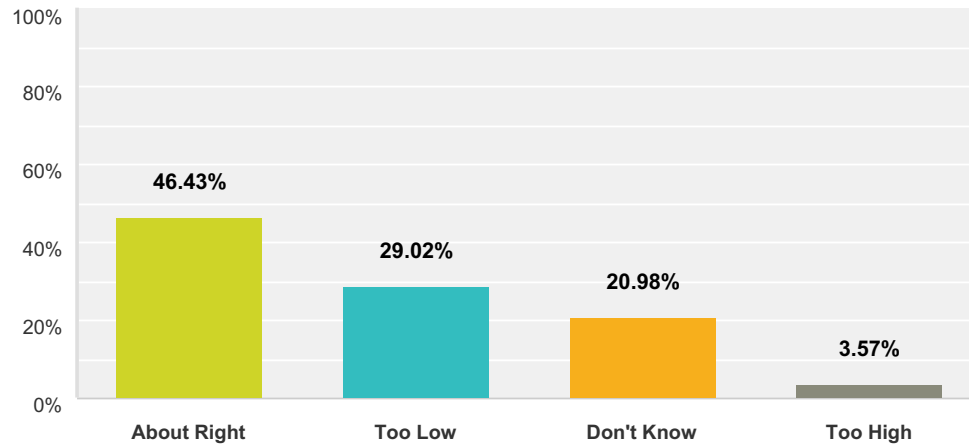
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	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely	Never	Total
Non-Snow Months	27.19% 59	29.49% 64	17.05% 37	19.35% 42	6.91% 15	217
Snow Months	6.60% 14	11.79% 25	12.26% 26	34.91% 74	34.43% 73	212

**Q9 Of every dollar the City spends, 8.2 cents goes to Parks & Recreation services.  
Do you think this amount is:**

Answered: 224 Skipped: 48



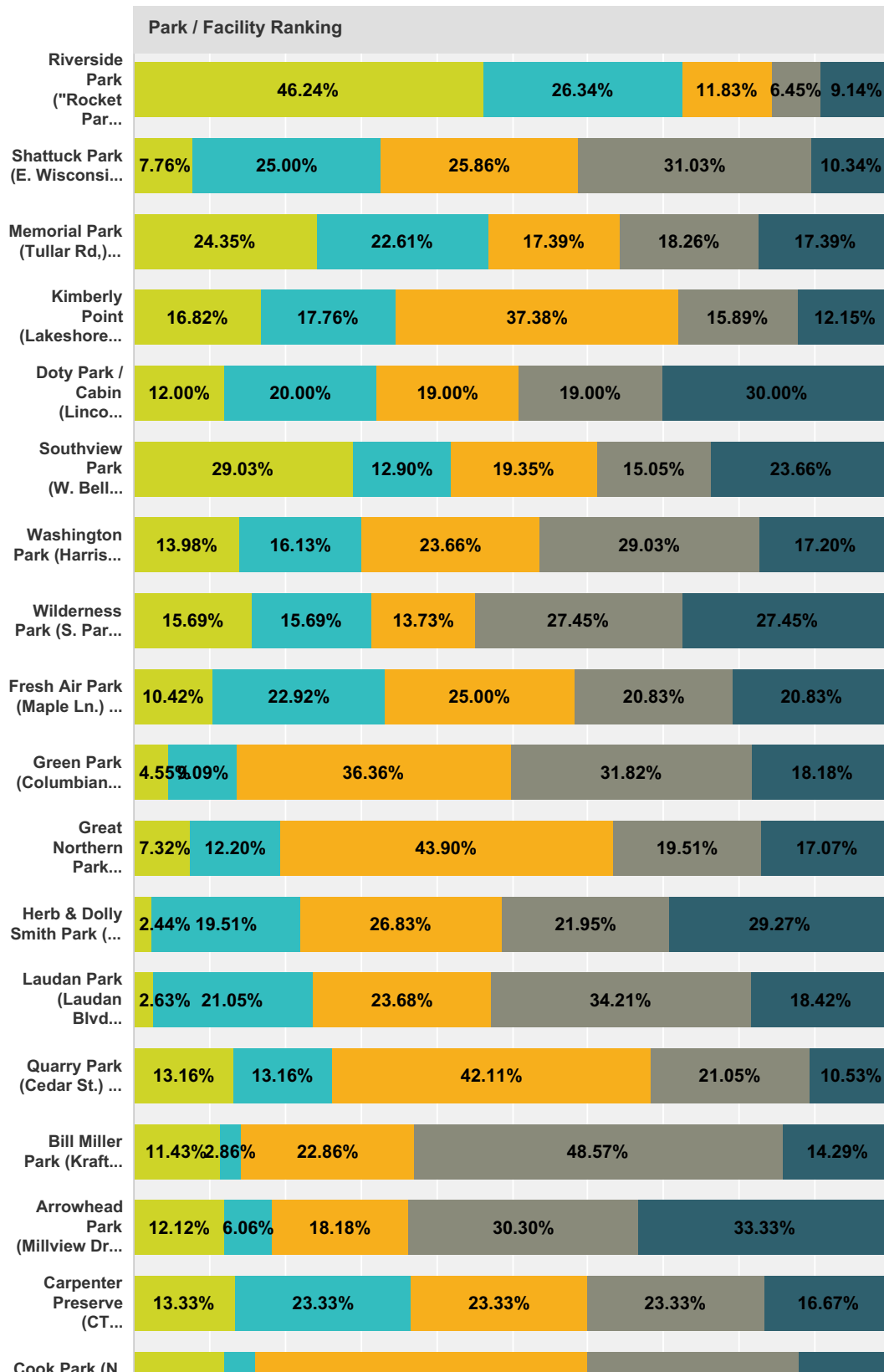
Answer Choices	Responses	
About Right	46.43%	104
Too Low	29.02%	65
Don't Know	20.98%	47
Too High	3.57%	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>224</b>

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	would be nice to see and understand where it goes and what is needed etc...	6/28/2014 9:23 AM
2	Given the City's overall expenditures, this may be about as much as it can be.	3/18/2014 5:23 PM
3	For the safety and satisfaction of kids, parks deserve more than less of 10 cents	1/24/2014 3:01 PM
4	Depends on other problems/issues with the city such as road conditions.	1/24/2014 2:06 PM
5	It should be 10.	1/24/2014 1:59 PM
6	Just right	1/24/2014 11:43 AM
7	Sounds low, but I do not know what is a good price.	1/7/2014 8:54 AM

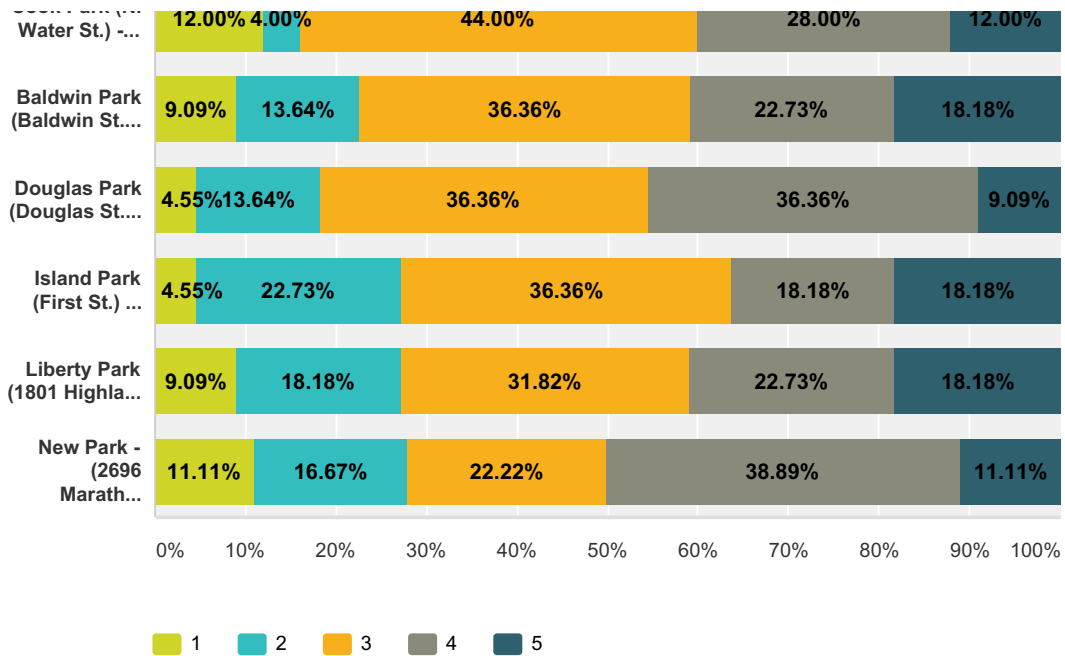


### Q10 What are your top 5 favorite parks in the City? Rank from 1 to 5, with 1 being your top choice.

Answered: 220 Skipped: 52



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Park / Facility Ranking						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Riverside Park ("Rocket Park" - E. Wisconsin Ave.) - Shelter/Picnic Areas with Restrooms, Playground,	46.24% 86	26.34% 49	11.83% 22	6.45% 12	9.14% 17	186
Shattuck Park (E. Wisconsin Ave.) - Shelter/Picnic Area with Restrooms. Open Space, Boat Stalls, Fishing Deck	7.76% 9	25.00% 29	25.86% 30	31.03% 36	10.34% 12	116
Memorial Park (Tullar Rd.) - Indoor/Outdoor Shelter/Picnic Area with Restrooms, Sledding Hill, Soccer, Ball Diamonds	24.35% 28	22.61% 26	17.39% 20	18.26% 21	17.39% 20	115
Kimberly Point (Lakeshore Ave.) - Lighthouse, Playground, Fishing Deck, Grills, Shelter/Picnic Area with Restrooms	16.82% 18	17.76% 19	37.38% 40	15.89% 17	12.15% 13	107
Doty Park / Cabin (Lincoln St.) - Playground, Shelter/Picnic Area with Restrooms, Tennis, Trails, Grills	12.00% 12	20.00% 20	19.00% 19	19.00% 19	30.00% 30	100
Southview Park (W. Bell St./Marathon St.) - Ball Diamonds, Tennis, Soccer, Shelter/Picnic Area with Restrooms, Playground, Paved Trails, Open Space, Wooded Area, Basketball Court	29.03% 27	12.90% 12	19.35% 18	15.05% 14	23.66% 22	93
Washington Park (Harrison St. / W. Winneconne Ave.) - Indoor Warming Shelter/Picnic Area with Restrooms, Tennis, Ice Rink, Sledding Hill, Ball Diamond, Playground, Paved Trails	13.98% 13	16.13% 15	23.66% 22	29.03% 27	17.20% 16	93
Wilderness Park (S. Park Ave. / Bayview Rd.) -Open/Wooded Area, Wood-chipped Trails	15.69% 8	15.69% 8	13.73% 7	27.45% 14	27.45% 14	51
Fresh Air Park (Maple Ln.) - Picnic Tables, Shoreline access	10.42% 5	22.92% 11	25.00% 12	20.83% 10	20.83% 10	48
Green Park (Columbian Ave.) - Playground, Open Space, Shelter/Picnic Area with Restrooms	4.55% 2	9.09% 4	36.36% 16	31.82% 14	18.18% 8	44
Great Northern Park (Kensington Rd.) - Soccer, Playground, Open Space, Shelter/Picnic Area with Restrooms	7.32% 3	12.20% 5	43.90% 18	19.51% 8	17.07% 7	41
Herb & Dolly Smith Park (N. Lake St.) - Shelter/Picnic Area with Restrooms, Fishing Dock, Open Space	2.44% 1	19.51% 8	26.83% 11	21.95% 9	29.27% 12	41
Laudan Park (Laudan Blvd. & Oak St.) - Paved Trails, Playground, Open Space	2.63% 1	21.05% 8	23.68% 9	34.21% 13	18.42% 7	38

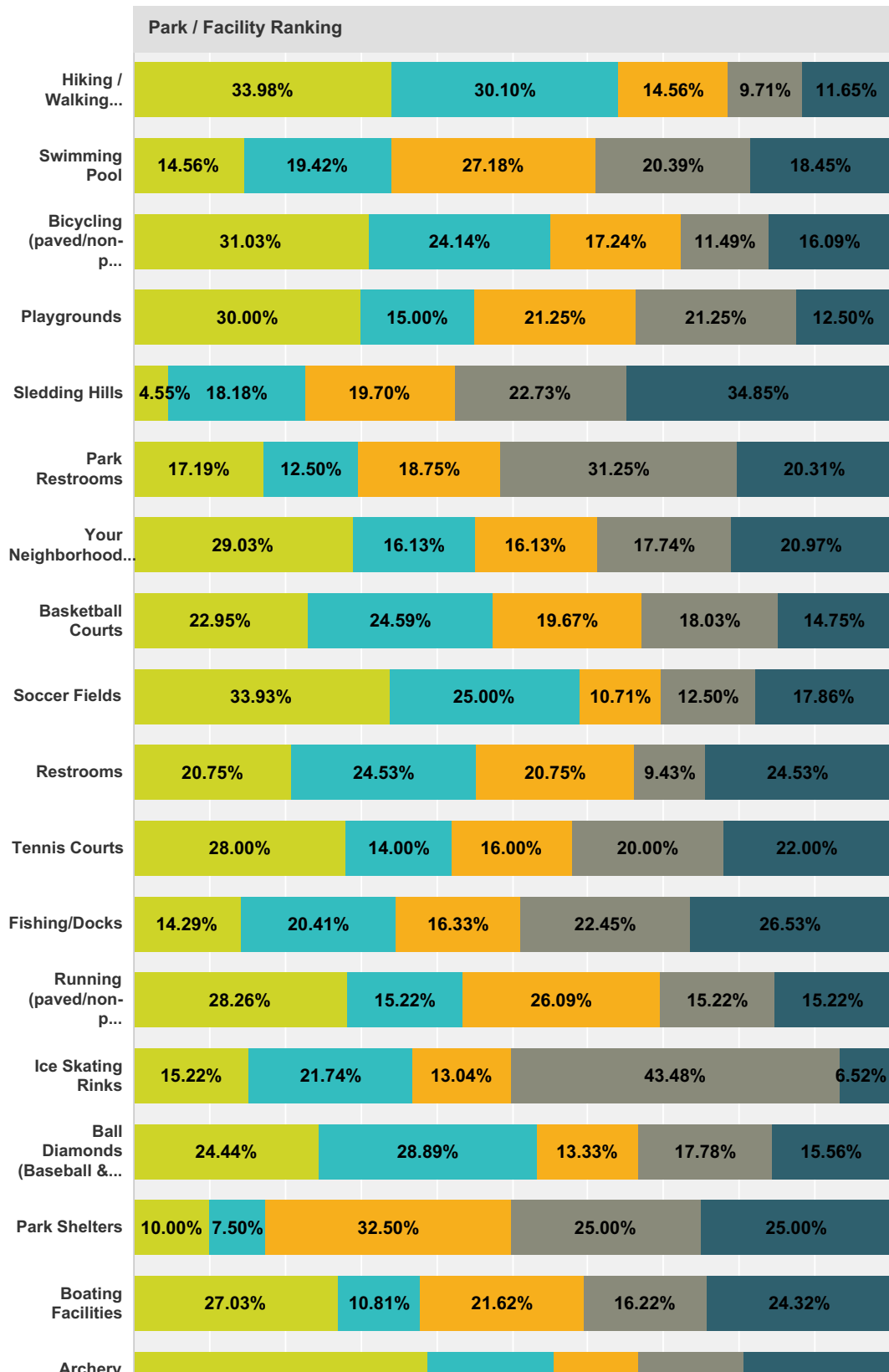
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Quarry Park (Cedar St.) - Playground, Open Space	13.16% 5	13.16% 5	42.11% 16	21.05% 8	10.53% 4	38
Bill Miller Park (Kraft St.) - Open Shelter, Picnic Tables, Playground	11.43% 4	2.86% 1	22.86% 8	48.57% 17	14.29% 5	35
Arrowhead Park (Millview Dr.) - Being Developed (behind Plexus downtown)	12.12% 4	6.06% 2	18.18% 6	30.30% 10	33.33% 11	33
Carpenter Preserve (CTH G/Pendleton/Breezewood Lane) - Trails, Wooded / Open Area	13.33% 4	23.33% 7	23.33% 7	23.33% 7	16.67% 5	30
Cook Park (N. Water St.) - Playground, Shelter/Picnic Area with Restrooms	12.00% 3	4.00% 1	44.00% 11	28.00% 7	12.00% 3	25
Baldwin Park (Baldwin St.) - Picnic Area, Fishing, Playground	9.09% 2	13.64% 3	36.36% 8	22.73% 5	18.18% 4	22
Douglas Park (Douglas St.) - Playground, Shelter/Picnic Area with Restrooms, Open Space	4.55% 1	13.64% 3	36.36% 8	36.36% 8	9.09% 2	22
Island Park (First St.) - Public Restrooms, Fishing Deck, Open Space, Sledding Hill	4.55% 1	22.73% 5	36.36% 8	18.18% 4	18.18% 4	22
Liberty Park (1801 Highland Dr.) - Liberty Heights Subvision, Undeveloped, Open Space	9.09% 2	18.18% 4	31.82% 7	22.73% 5	18.18% 4	22
New Park - (2696 Marathon Ave.) Undeveloped Park, Open Space	11.11% 2	16.67% 3	22.22% 4	38.89% 7	11.11% 2	18

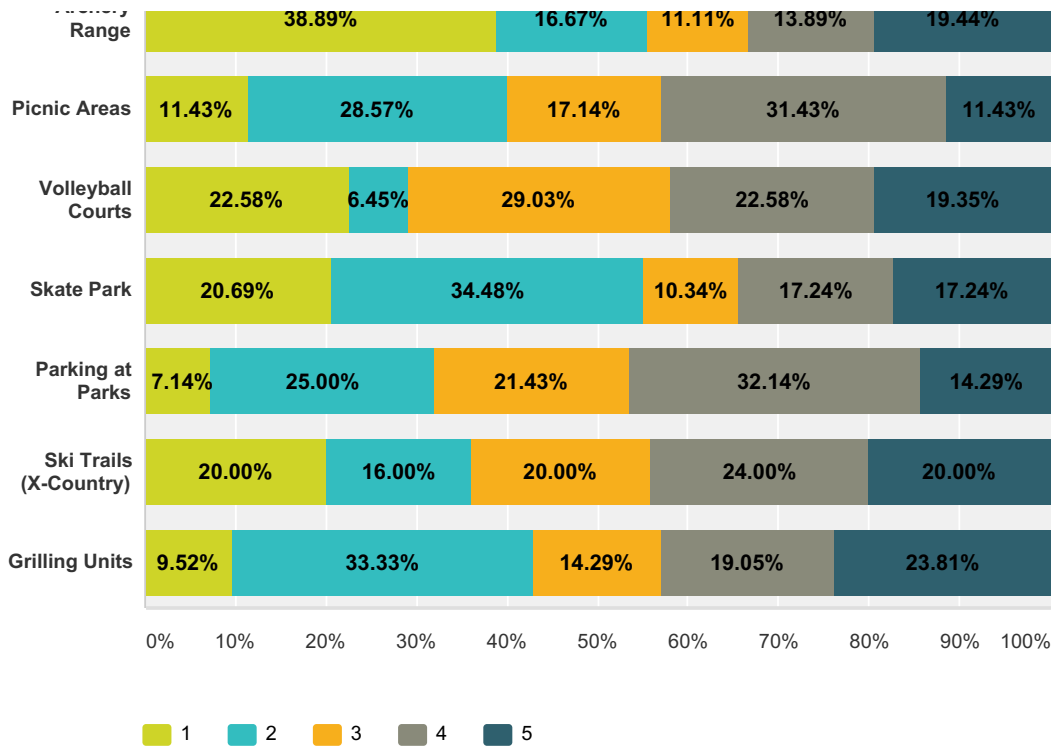
#	Other (please specify and rank)	Date
1	Neenah Pool	6/5/2014 3:31 PM
2	Mahler 4	5/10/2014 6:38 AM
3	Whiting Boathouse	4/9/2014 5:14 PM
4	Fritse Park #1, pond/trail next to lakeview elem #2	4/7/2014 4:15 PM
5	fritse #1	3/22/2014 2:17 PM
6	Think a park should be named after the CoFounder of Neenah-- Elma Gibson	3/3/2014 10:48 AM
7	O houser park rank 3	1/24/2014 3:00 PM
8	Fritse 1	1/24/2014 2:58 PM
9	Shildt park rank-3	1/24/2014 11:47 AM
10	Frieze park 1	1/24/2014 11:45 AM
11	Skate Park 1	1/24/2014 11:44 AM
12	I want more pools!	1/24/2014 11:43 AM
13	Fritzi park 1	1/24/2014 8:56 AM
14	Fritze park, 2. Rainbow beach, 3.	1/23/2014 12:54 PM
15	There are so many great parks it was hard to choose five.	1/7/2014 8:54 AM

**Q11 What are your top 5 recreational facilities in the City? Rank from 1-5, with 1 being your top choice.**

Answered: 215 Skipped: 57



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Park / Facility Ranking						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Hiking / Walking (paved/non-paved trails)	33.98% 35	30.10% 31	14.56% 15	9.71% 10	11.65% 12	103
Swimming Pool	14.56% 15	19.42% 20	27.18% 28	20.39% 21	18.45% 19	103
Bicycling (paved/non-paved trails/on-street)	31.03% 27	24.14% 21	17.24% 15	11.49% 10	16.09% 14	87
Playgrounds	30.00% 24	15.00% 12	21.25% 17	21.25% 17	12.50% 10	80
Sledding Hills	4.55% 3	18.18% 12	19.70% 13	22.73% 15	34.85% 23	66
Park Restrooms	17.19% 11	12.50% 8	18.75% 12	31.25% 20	20.31% 13	64
Your Neighborhood's access to park facilities	29.03% 18	16.13% 10	16.13% 10	17.74% 11	20.97% 13	62
Basketball Courts	22.95% 14	24.59% 15	19.67% 12	18.03% 11	14.75% 9	61
Soccer Fields	33.93% 19	25.00% 14	10.71% 6	12.50% 7	17.86% 10	56
Restrooms	20.75% 11	24.53% 13	20.75% 11	9.43% 5	24.53% 13	53
Tennis Courts	28.00% 14	14.00% 7	16.00% 8	20.00% 10	22.00% 11	50
Fishing/Docks	14.29% 7	20.41% 10	16.33% 8	22.45% 11	26.53% 13	49

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Running (paved/non-paved trails)	<b>28.26%</b> 13	<b>15.22%</b> 7	<b>26.09%</b> 12	<b>15.22%</b> 7	<b>15.22%</b> 7	46
Ice Skating Rinks	<b>15.22%</b> 7	<b>21.74%</b> 10	<b>13.04%</b> 6	<b>43.48%</b> 20	<b>6.52%</b> 3	46
Ball Diamonds (Baseball & Softball)	<b>24.44%</b> 11	<b>28.89%</b> 13	<b>13.33%</b> 6	<b>17.78%</b> 8	<b>15.56%</b> 7	45
Park Shelters	<b>10.00%</b> 4	<b>7.50%</b> 3	<b>32.50%</b> 13	<b>25.00%</b> 10	<b>25.00%</b> 10	40
Boating Facilities	<b>27.03%</b> 10	<b>10.81%</b> 4	<b>21.62%</b> 8	<b>16.22%</b> 6	<b>24.32%</b> 9	37
Archery Range	<b>38.89%</b> 14	<b>16.67%</b> 6	<b>11.11%</b> 4	<b>13.89%</b> 5	<b>19.44%</b> 7	36
Picnic Areas	<b>11.43%</b> 4	<b>28.57%</b> 10	<b>17.14%</b> 6	<b>31.43%</b> 11	<b>11.43%</b> 4	35
Volleyball Courts	<b>22.58%</b> 7	<b>6.45%</b> 2	<b>29.03%</b> 9	<b>22.58%</b> 7	<b>19.35%</b> 6	31
Skate Park	<b>20.69%</b> 6	<b>34.48%</b> 10	<b>10.34%</b> 3	<b>17.24%</b> 5	<b>17.24%</b> 5	29
Parking at Parks	<b>7.14%</b> 2	<b>25.00%</b> 7	<b>21.43%</b> 6	<b>32.14%</b> 9	<b>14.29%</b> 4	28
Ski Trails (X-Country)	<b>20.00%</b> 5	<b>16.00%</b> 4	<b>20.00%</b> 5	<b>24.00%</b> 6	<b>20.00%</b> 5	25
Grilling Units	<b>9.52%</b> 2	<b>33.33%</b> 7	<b>14.29%</b> 3	<b>19.05%</b> 4	<b>23.81%</b> 5	21

#	Other (please specify and rank)	Date
1	water fountains and bathroom access year round	6/28/2014 9:23 AM
2	Farmers Market -1	6/3/2014 12:18 PM
3	Fritse park playground and walking bridge #1, have not found a good area to bike in near our house, but the circle near lakeview school pond is perfect for our kids	4/7/2014 4:15 PM
4	Planned activities bring us to the city!	3/24/2014 10:58 PM
5	There are many that I don't use (but we NEED them in our City); we don't USE many of the parks in the sense of picnics or formal activities; we walk through many of them and we USE them in the sense that we love driving past them and we enjoy looking at them. We appreciate them as green space and as access to the water. A can probably never have too many parks.	3/18/2014 5:23 PM
6	Fishing/Sailing/Golf/Curling, also think we should prepare our children to become USA Winter Olympians	3/3/2014 10:48 AM
7	bubblers at parks on running route - please add to Great Northern Park pavilion - 5	2/24/2014 8:21 AM
8	the boat dock could use an outhouse	1/27/2014 2:59 PM
9	I want more swimming pools or one closer to my house	1/24/2014 11:47 AM
10	Fields 3	1/24/2014 11:45 AM
11	I want swimming pools and slides that are fun!!	1/24/2014 11:43 AM
12	Fishing 1,000,000,000.....	1/24/2014 11:43 AM
13	Soccer fields 1	1/24/2014 10:47 AM
14	More volleyball courts (sand) 1	1/24/2014 8:56 AM
15	boat launch probably my favorite. Ski boat and kayak. Doty and Shattuck Park.	1/15/2014 10:33 PM

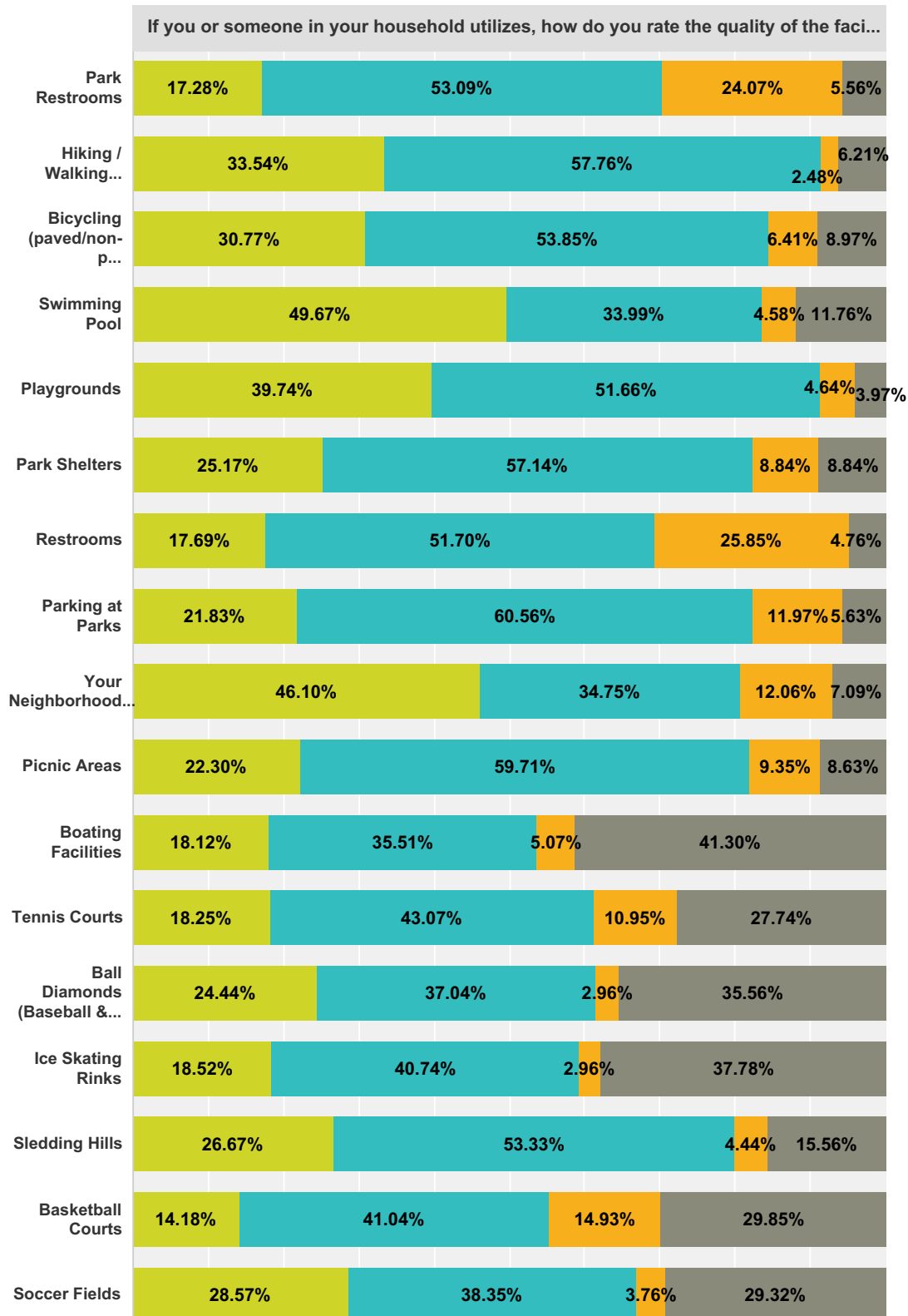
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16	ability to bring my dog to the park (number 5)	1/9/2014 11:21 AM
17	disc golf	12/29/2013 8:12 AM

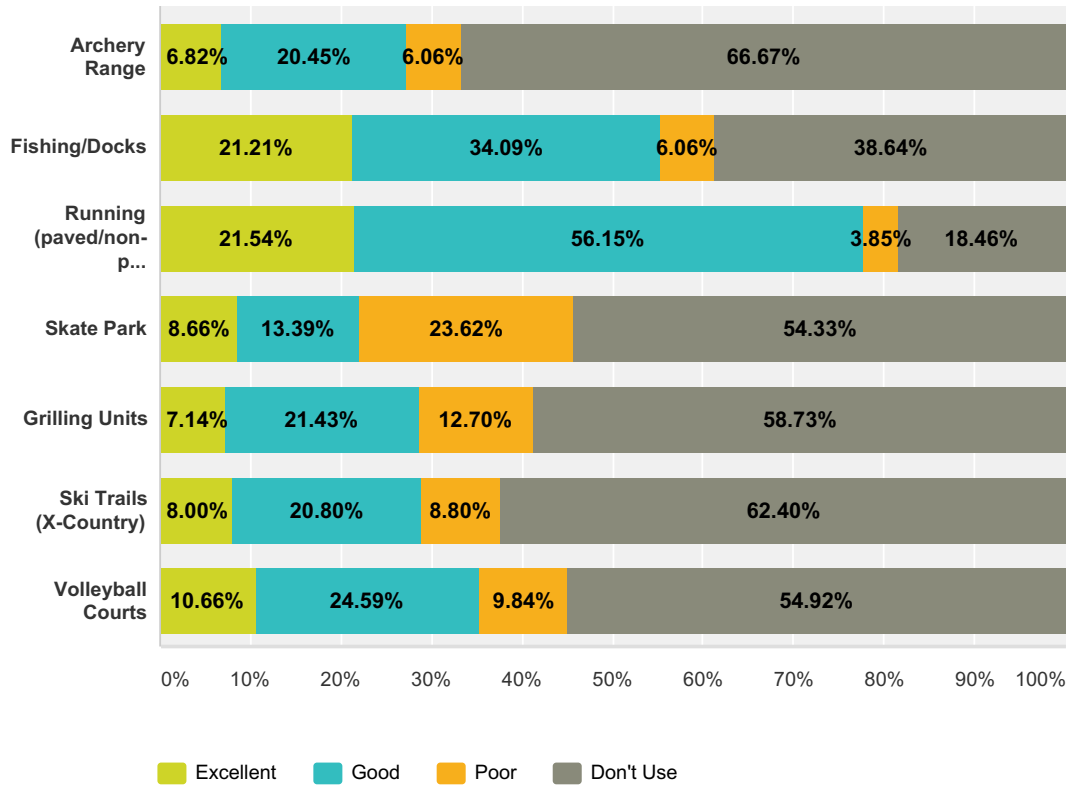


**Q12 Overall, how would you rate the  
EXISTING parks, trails, and recreational  
facilities in terms of quality provided by the  
City of Neenah?**

Answered: 199 Skipped: 73



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If you or someone in your household utilizes, how do you rate the quality of the facility?					
	Excellent	Good	Poor	Don't Use	Total
Park Restrooms	17.28% 28	53.09% 86	24.07% 39	5.56% 9	162
Hiking / Walking (paved/non-paved trails)	33.54% 54	57.76% 93	2.48% 4	6.21% 10	161
Bicycling (paved/non-paved trails/on-street)	30.77% 48	53.85% 84	6.41% 10	8.97% 14	156
Swimming Pool	49.67% 76	33.99% 52	4.58% 7	11.76% 18	153
Playgrounds	39.74% 60	51.66% 78	4.64% 7	3.97% 6	151
Park Shelters	25.17% 37	57.14% 84	8.84% 13	8.84% 13	147
Restrooms	17.69% 26	51.70% 76	25.85% 38	4.76% 7	147
Parking at Parks	21.83% 31	60.56% 86	11.97% 17	5.63% 8	142
Your Neighborhood's access to park facilities	46.10% 65	34.75% 49	12.06% 17	7.09% 10	141
Picnic Areas	22.30% 31	59.71% 83	9.35% 13	8.63% 12	139
Boating Facilities	18.12% 25	35.51% 49	5.07% 7	41.30% 57	138
Tennis Courts	18.25% 25	43.07% 59	10.95% 15	27.74% 38	137

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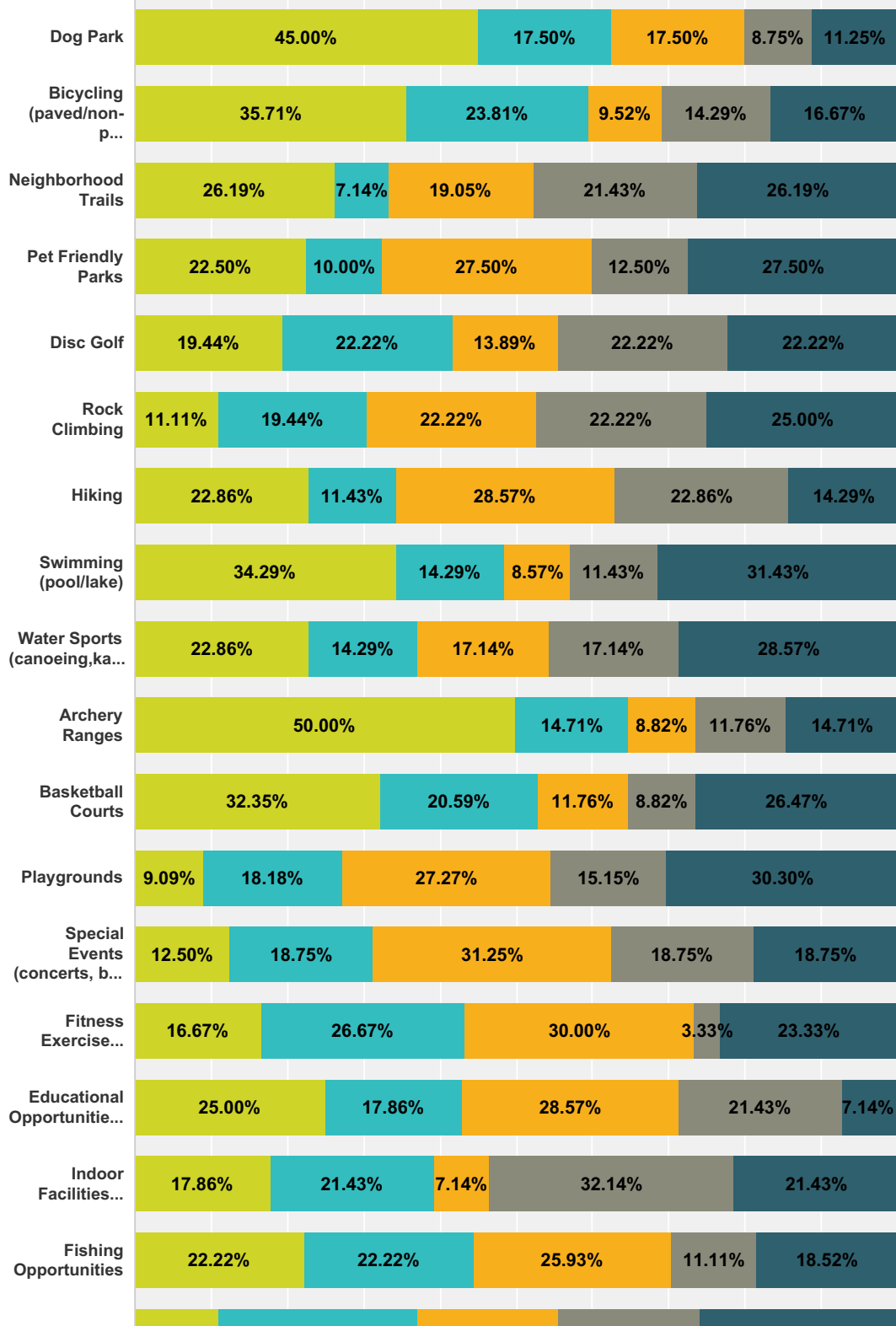
Ball Diamonds (Baseball & Softball)	<b>24.44%</b> 33	<b>37.04%</b> 50	<b>2.96%</b> 4	<b>35.56%</b> 48	135
Ice Skating Rinks	<b>18.52%</b> 25	<b>40.74%</b> 55	<b>2.96%</b> 4	<b>37.78%</b> 51	135
Sledding Hills	<b>26.67%</b> 36	<b>53.33%</b> 72	<b>4.44%</b> 6	<b>15.56%</b> 21	135
Basketball Courts	<b>14.18%</b> 19	<b>41.04%</b> 55	<b>14.93%</b> 20	<b>29.85%</b> 40	134
Soccer Fields	<b>28.57%</b> 38	<b>38.35%</b> 51	<b>3.76%</b> 5	<b>29.32%</b> 39	133
Archery Range	<b>6.82%</b> 9	<b>20.45%</b> 27	<b>6.06%</b> 8	<b>66.67%</b> 88	132
Fishing/Docks	<b>21.21%</b> 28	<b>34.09%</b> 45	<b>6.06%</b> 8	<b>38.64%</b> 51	132
Running (paved/non-paved trails)	<b>21.54%</b> 28	<b>56.15%</b> 73	<b>3.85%</b> 5	<b>18.46%</b> 24	130
Skate Park	<b>8.66%</b> 11	<b>13.39%</b> 17	<b>23.62%</b> 30	<b>54.33%</b> 69	127
Grilling Units	<b>7.14%</b> 9	<b>21.43%</b> 27	<b>12.70%</b> 16	<b>58.73%</b> 74	126
Ski Trails (X-Country)	<b>8.00%</b> 10	<b>20.80%</b> 26	<b>8.80%</b> 11	<b>62.40%</b> 78	125
Volleyball Courts	<b>10.66%</b> 13	<b>24.59%</b> 30	<b>9.84%</b> 12	<b>54.92%</b> 67	122

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Southview Park could use their playground equipment updated	6/24/2014 7:13 AM
2	I want swimming pools close to my house	1/24/2014 11:47 AM
3	The slide could be improved. Made longer and more entertaining for people.	1/24/2014 11:47 AM
4	Need better swimming pools(larger). And bigger playgrounds	1/24/2014 11:45 AM

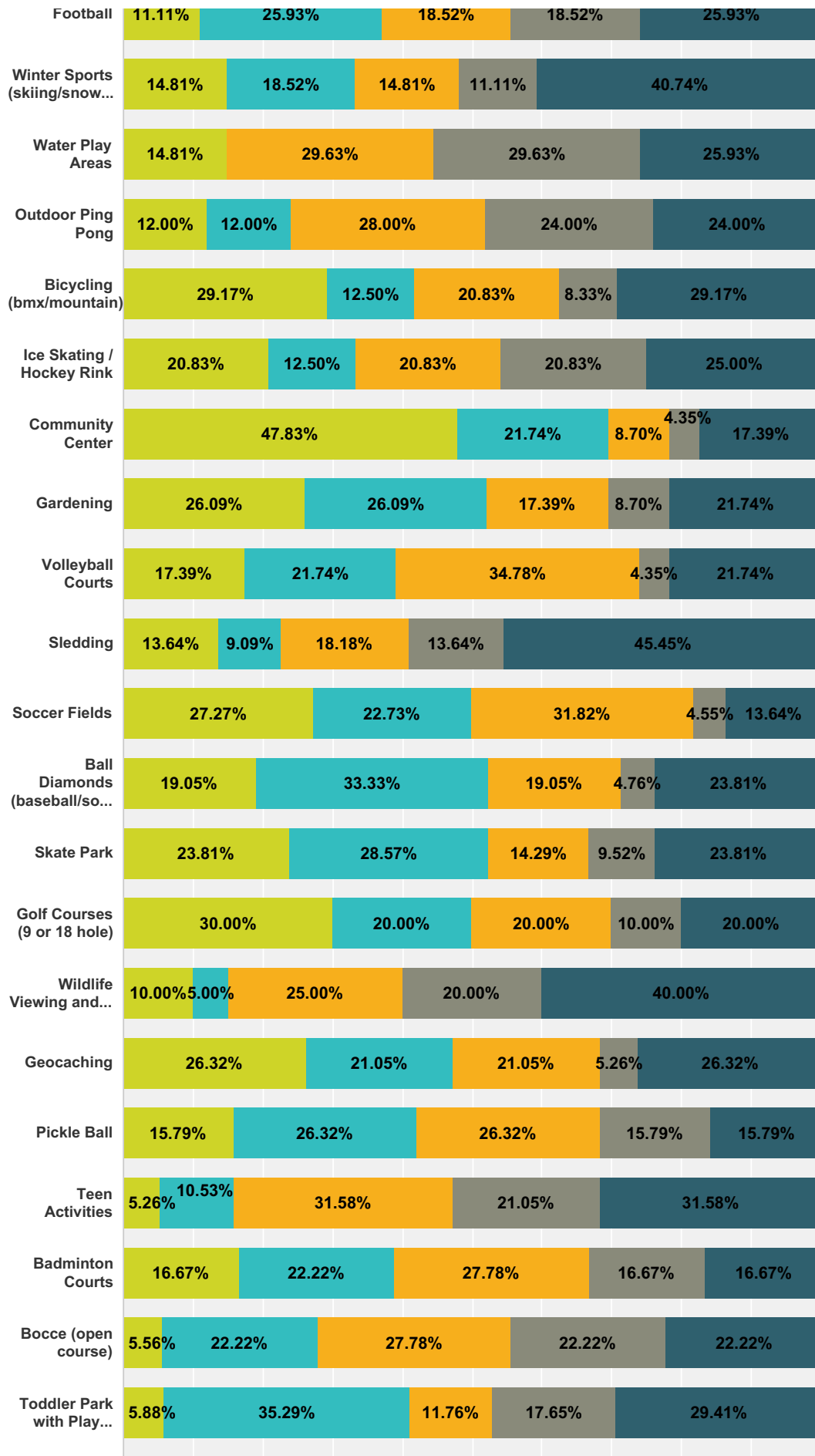
**Q13 Please rank your top 5 you would like to see ADDED or EXPANDED to the City's recreational system.**

Answered: 209 Skipped: 63

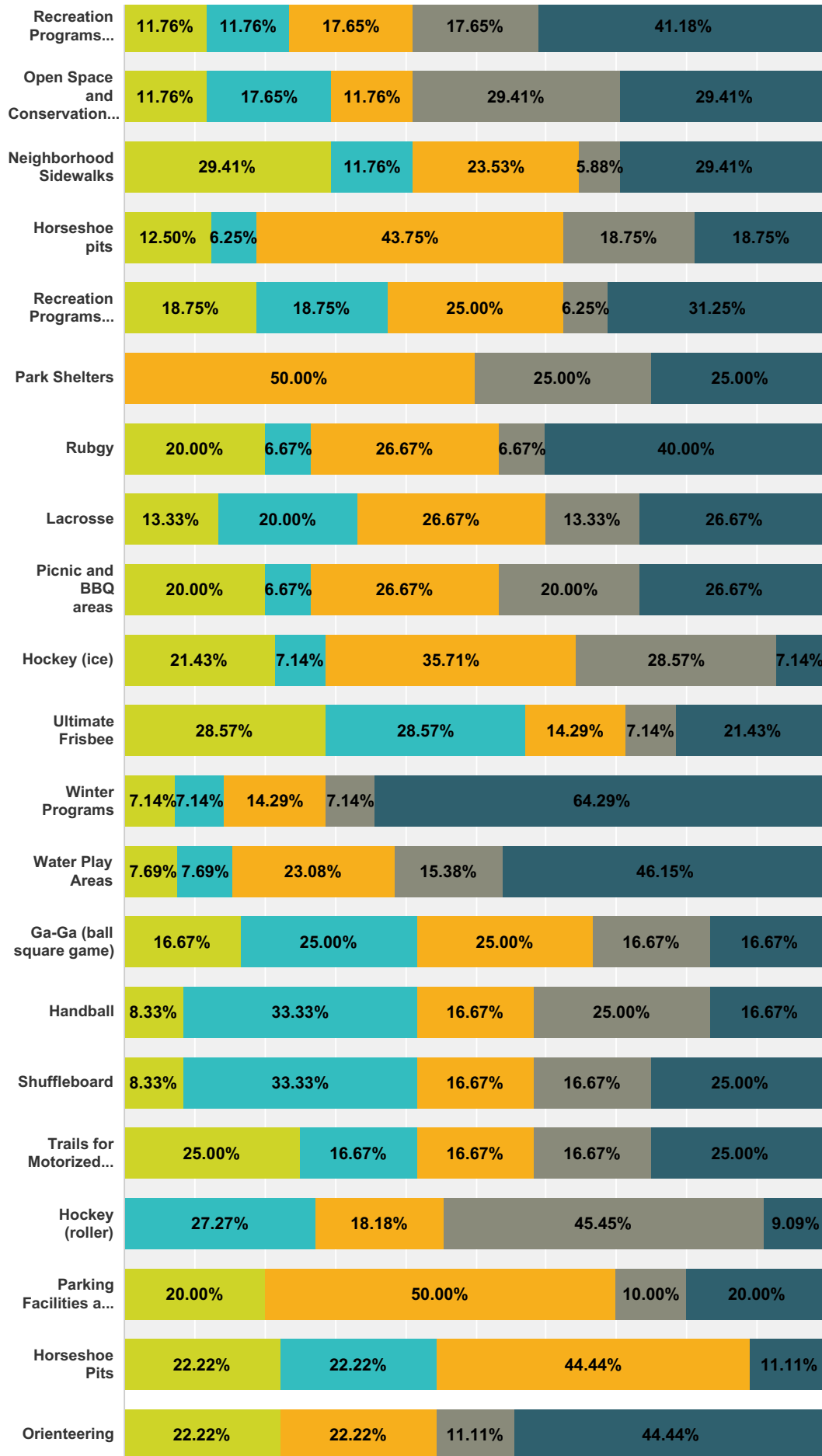
Rank what is needed in your neighborhood?



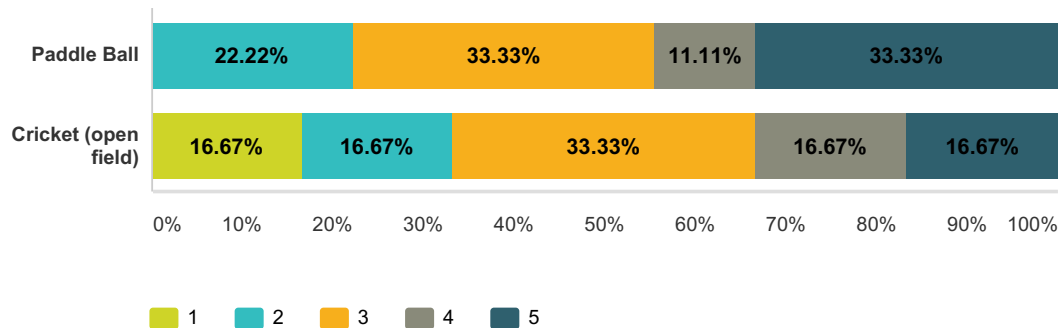
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### Rank what is needed in your neighborhood?

	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Dog Park	45.00% 36	17.50% 14	17.50% 14	8.75% 7	11.25% 9	80
Bicycling (paved/non-paved trails/on-street)	35.71% 15	23.81% 10	9.52% 4	14.29% 6	16.67% 7	42
Neighborhood Trails	26.19% 11	7.14% 3	19.05% 8	21.43% 9	26.19% 11	42
Pet Friendly Parks	22.50% 9	10.00% 4	27.50% 11	12.50% 5	27.50% 11	40
Disc Golf	19.44% 7	22.22% 8	13.89% 5	22.22% 8	22.22% 8	36
Rock Climbing	11.11% 4	19.44% 7	22.22% 8	22.22% 8	25.00% 9	36
Hiking	22.86% 8	11.43% 4	28.57% 10	22.86% 8	14.29% 5	35
Swimming (pool/lake)	34.29% 12	14.29% 5	8.57% 3	11.43% 4	31.43% 11	35
Water Sports (canoeing,kayaking,paddle boarding)	22.86% 8	14.29% 5	17.14% 6	17.14% 6	28.57% 10	35
Archery Ranges	50.00% 17	14.71% 5	8.82% 3	11.76% 4	14.71% 5	34
Basketball Courts	32.35% 11	20.59% 7	11.76% 4	8.82% 3	26.47% 9	34
Playgrounds	9.09% 3	18.18% 6	27.27% 9	15.15% 5	30.30% 10	33
Special Events (concerts, brat frys, etc.)	12.50% 4	18.75% 6	31.25% 10	18.75% 6	18.75% 6	32
Fitness Exercise (course)	16.67% 5	26.67% 8	30.00% 9	3.33% 1	23.33% 7	30
Educational Opportunities (nature courses, etc.)	25.00% 7	17.86% 5	28.57% 8	21.43% 6	7.14% 2	28
Indoor Facilities (gym,fitness center)	17.86% 5	21.43% 6	7.14% 2	32.14% 9	21.43% 6	28
Fishing Opportunities	22.22% 6	22.22% 6	25.93% 7	11.11% 3	18.52% 5	27



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Football	11.11%	25.93%	18.52%	18.52%	25.93%	27
	3	7	5	5	7	
Winter Sports (skiing/snowshoeing)	14.81%	18.52%	14.81%	11.11%	40.74%	27
	4	5	4	3	11	
Water Play Areas	14.81%	0.00%	29.63%	29.63%	25.93%	27
	4	0	8	8	7	
Outdoor Ping Pong	12.00%	12.00%	28.00%	24.00%	24.00%	25
	3	3	7	6	6	
Bicycling (bmx/mountain)	29.17%	12.50%	20.83%	8.33%	29.17%	24
	7	3	5	2	7	
Ice Skating / Hockey Rink	20.83%	12.50%	20.83%	20.83%	25.00%	24
	5	3	5	5	6	
Community Center	47.83%	21.74%	8.70%	4.35%	17.39%	23
	11	5	2	1	4	
Gardening	26.09%	26.09%	17.39%	8.70%	21.74%	23
	6	6	4	2	5	
Volleyball Courts	17.39%	21.74%	34.78%	4.35%	21.74%	23
	4	5	8	1	5	
Sledding	13.64%	9.09%	18.18%	13.64%	45.45%	22
	3	2	4	3	10	
Soccer Fields	27.27%	22.73%	31.82%	4.55%	13.64%	22
	6	5	7	1	3	
Ball Diamonds (baseball/softball)	19.05%	33.33%	19.05%	4.76%	23.81%	21
	4	7	4	1	5	
Skate Park	23.81%	28.57%	14.29%	9.52%	23.81%	21
	5	6	3	2	5	
Golf Courses (9 or 18 hole)	30.00%	20.00%	20.00%	10.00%	20.00%	20
	6	4	4	2	4	
Wildlife Viewing and bird watching	10.00%	5.00%	25.00%	20.00%	40.00%	20
	2	1	5	4	8	
Geocaching	26.32%	21.05%	21.05%	5.26%	26.32%	19
	5	4	4	1	5	
Pickle Ball	15.79%	26.32%	26.32%	15.79%	15.79%	19
	3	5	5	3	3	
Teen Activities	5.26%	10.53%	31.58%	21.05%	31.58%	19
	1	2	6	4	6	
Badminton Courts	16.67%	22.22%	27.78%	16.67%	16.67%	18
	3	4	5	3	3	
Bocce (open course)	5.56%	22.22%	27.78%	22.22%	22.22%	18
	1	4	5	4	4	
Toddler Park with Play Equipment	5.88%	35.29%	11.76%	17.65%	29.41%	17
	1	6	2	3	5	
Recreation Programs (Youth)	11.76%	11.76%	17.65%	17.65%	41.18%	17
	2	2	3	3	7	
Open Space and Conservation Areas	11.76%	17.65%	11.76%	29.41%	29.41%	17
	2	3	2	5	5	
Neighborhood Sidewalks	29.41%	11.76%	23.53%	5.88%	29.41%	17
	5	2	4	1	5	

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Horseshoe pits	12.50%	6.25%	43.75%	18.75%	18.75%	
	2	1	7	3	3	16
Recreation Programs (Adult)	18.75%	18.75%	25.00%	6.25%	31.25%	
	3	3	4	1	5	16
Park Shelters	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	25.00%	25.00%	
	0	0	8	4	4	16
Rubgy	20.00%	6.67%	26.67%	6.67%	40.00%	
	3	1	4	1	6	15
Lacrosse	13.33%	20.00%	26.67%	13.33%	26.67%	
	2	3	4	2	4	15
Picnic and BBQ areas	20.00%	6.67%	26.67%	20.00%	26.67%	
	3	1	4	3	4	15
Hockey (ice)	21.43%	7.14%	35.71%	28.57%	7.14%	
	3	1	5	4	1	14
Ultimate Frisbee	28.57%	28.57%	14.29%	7.14%	21.43%	
	4	4	2	1	3	14
Winter Programs	7.14%	7.14%	14.29%	7.14%	64.29%	
	1	1	2	1	9	14
Water Play Areas	7.69%	7.69%	23.08%	15.38%	46.15%	
	1	1	3	2	6	13
Ga-Ga (ball square game)	16.67%	25.00%	25.00%	16.67%	16.67%	
	2	3	3	2	2	12
Handball	8.33%	33.33%	16.67%	25.00%	16.67%	
	1	4	2	3	2	12
Shuffleboard	8.33%	33.33%	16.67%	16.67%	25.00%	
	1	4	2	2	3	12
Trails for Motorized Vehicles	25.00%	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	25.00%	
	3	2	2	2	3	12
Hockey (roller)	0.00%	27.27%	18.18%	45.45%	9.09%	
	0	3	2	5	1	11
Parking Facilities at Parks	20.00%	0.00%	50.00%	10.00%	20.00%	
	2	0	5	1	2	10
Horseshoe Pits	22.22%	22.22%	44.44%	0.00%	11.11%	
	2	2	4	0	1	9
Orienteering	22.22%	0.00%	22.22%	11.11%	44.44%	
	2	0	2	1	4	9
Paddle Ball	0.00%	22.22%	33.33%	11.11%	33.33%	
	0	2	3	1	3	9
Cricket (open field)	16.67%	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	16.67%	
	1	1	2	1	1	6

#	Other (please specify) / Comments	Date
1	year round access to bathrooms/water	6/28/2014 9:23 AM
2	Southview Park could use a new pavilion that could offer classes there year round for both youth and adults	6/24/2014 7:13 AM
3	Living within minutes of 4+ parks I was surprised when my son asked me where he could play basketball nearby and I had no idea. Same with volleyball. The pool seems a bit small/dated as the kids get older.	6/3/2014 12:18 PM
4	SMOKE FREE PARKS	4/22/2014 7:06 PM

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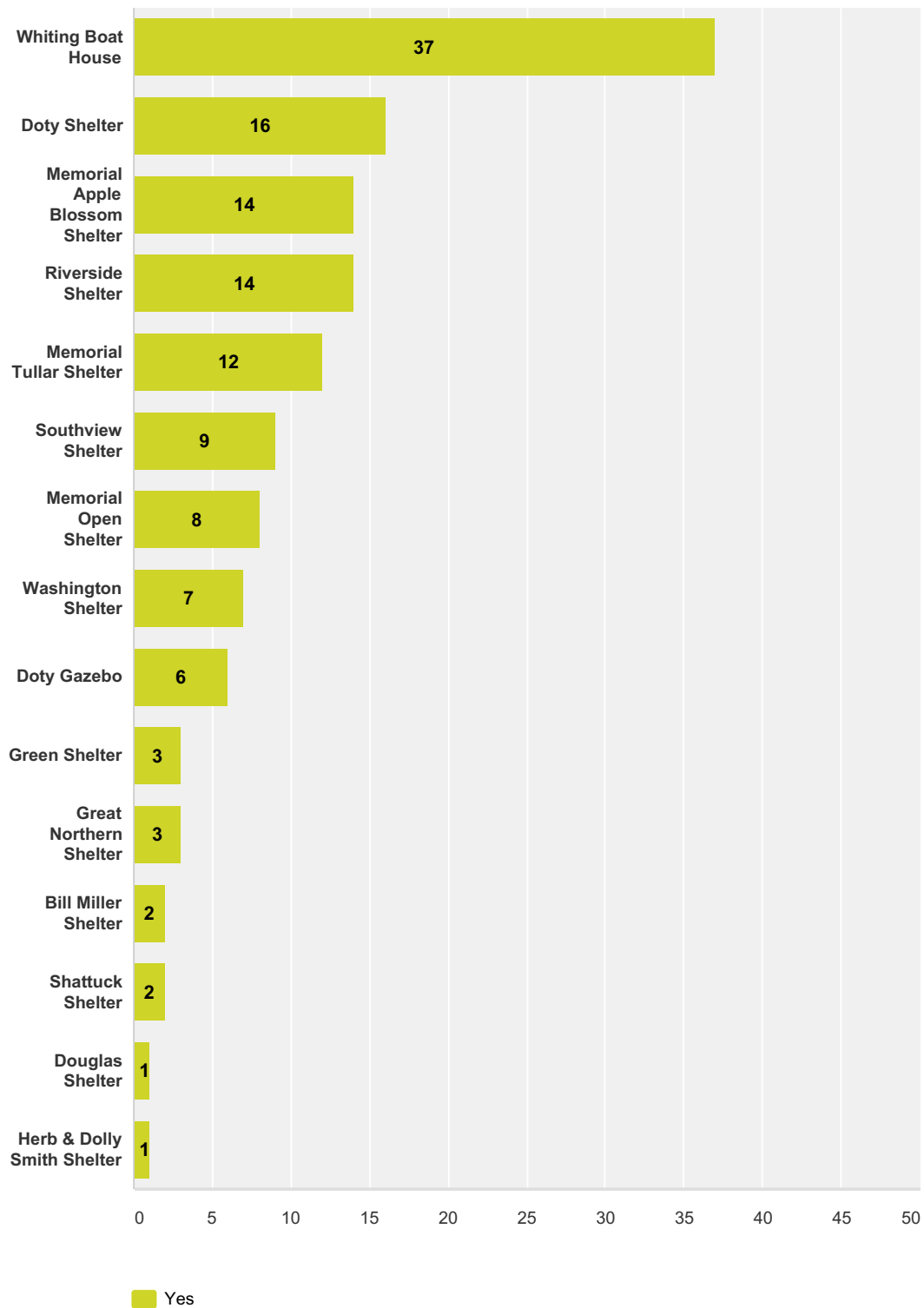
5	winter programs for 2-3 year olds, non secular playgroups, tumbling courses	4/7/2014 4:15 PM
6	I think in certain areas (TrestleTrail) biking trail access in Neenah is excellent, however, in town, it is difficult to see letting my children ride their bikes around.	4/2/2014 1:34 PM
7	Improve/Expand the Tennis Courts. Very interesting that you did not have this on your list.	4/1/2014 8:53 AM
8	Running, walking, and biking lanes in which parking is not allowed! Safe places to run and bike.	4/1/2014 7:32 AM
9	less sports parks, more park development near natural beauty with trails, we are on a lake right?	3/22/2014 2:17 PM
10	Tennis, Curling, Sailing, (horse back riding -- we had that as a child in Neenah at Breezewood Golf Course)	3/3/2014 10:48 AM
11	Please add a labyrinth for meditative walking to the Arrowhead Park. There is plenty of space to lay down a fieldstone path that requires very little maintenance and can be mowed over.	2/24/2014 8:21 AM
12	When I read the leisure magazine, I noticed that cross country skiing is actually available. Would love to try that out more often or see more info about it.	2/10/2014 11:23 PM
13	boat trailer parking by rec.	1/27/2014 2:59 PM
14	The skating park is bad because of the people that hang around there.	1/24/2014 3:01 PM
15	Put in Horseback Riding!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Please	1/24/2014 11:45 AM
16	More basketball courts and more swimming pools	1/24/2014 11:43 AM
17	The neenah pool should be bigger. The skate park NEEDS to be updated	1/23/2014 9:34 AM

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18	<p>Overall the parks are awesome! We use almost all of them regularly. The comments I am providing are really knit picky, but please know that it is just to point these things out in case you didn't notice them and provide suggestions for improvement. We still absolutely love the Neenah parks. Would like to see basketball courts at Great Northern. Also, it looks like swings may be added to the Great Northern playground which would be great. There are a considerable amount of soccer games at Great Northern, which is great to see the kids being active. However, there is not enough playground equipment to handle the number of kids playing on the toys during those times, making it dangerous for the little children. I have a toddler , and work during the days (many other people in the neighborhood with children also work) so the time we have to take our kids out to play in the park is often in the evening when the soccer games are going. Ideally we would be able to use the park closest to our house, but we often have to go to another park for safety reasons. The parents are watching the kids play soccer, not their kids playing on the toys and it gets really rough, every single time. I think more playground equipment would alleviate this problem since there would be more space for the kids to spread out, making it less dangerous for the little ones, or consider adding a set of toddler appropriate toys. This last year Menasha schools used the soccer fields as well. Great to share with the neighboring city, but then more nights were overfilled with kids meaning we really couldn't use our neighborhood park or playground equipment. A note about city park programs. As a city resident I do not appreciate it that non-city residents are offered the same rate for many city park programs. I live next to the town, and the town neighbors pay much less in taxes but often get the benefits of City of Neenah residents. At the same time the town residents do not have to follow the city rules with burning, etc. Sometimes Great Northern is so smoky from the Villa and Bayview town residents burning leaves that we cannot use the Great Northern or the path along there. Please ask the city to work with the town so that Neenah residents can enjoy clean air when they are in the parks or want to do recreational activities within the city of Neenah. The need for some regional planning to work out these border issues is important. Same goes for the other parks that border the town. Fresh Air park is such a gem. Would like to see a few more picnic tables there, and a swing set in the middle part away from the water would be nice. This park has people that sometimes get a little out of hand during the summer. They sit there all day with mean, pit pull type dogs (not always on leashes) smoking cigarettes using raised voices with lots of swear words. We love the natural scenery, but if a fighter dog is off a leash running around, making it dangerous to go swimming, we have to turn around and just go home. I think making sure the Neenah police knows to watch for this or even gets out of their car to walk around and enforce the dog, or other ordinances at this park would make a big difference. Again, it is beautiful to have property on the water for the entire community to enjoy. The Neenah Pool is great. Would like it if on the weekends the pool would open in the morning. Most kids under age 5 nap in the afternoons, so unless you sign up for lessons there is not a time during the morning that toddlers can swim. It is nice to go in the evening, but it also gets cold after dinner hours. Doty tennis courts are getting old, and tree stuff often falls on the courts, otherwise that is a great park. We had a goal to hit all the playgrounds in the city last summer. It was great, but each one seemed to have 1 piece of toy equipment that was broken (probably due to vandalism or old equipment). Wondering if there is someone who goes around during the summer to inspect the equipment. Love Riverside. Neenah Rocket is great for older kids, but not much for the little kids to do in the park beyond a picnic. A small toddler playground would be nice. Bill Miller Park. We use this one too. If you are wondering who broke the tube slide. It was a wild bunch of kids from a YMCA program on a field trip. We were there one day last summer and then the next day, and the slide was broken. The neighbor kids told us who did this. I guess big kids were walking on top of and jumping on the slide. Anyway, to see the vandalism ruin expensive equipment is sad. I think the Neenah Park and Rec summer staff know this, but if there are programs such as the YMCA summer programs using the parks with groups of kids it would be good to be clear with them about the supervision and the cost of the damage. Southview, thanks for the lighted tennis courts!</p>	1/22/2014 3:25 PM
19	Snowboarding	1/21/2014 6:51 AM
20	Next time Washington Park gets an upgrade, it is in serious need of another downward pointing spotlight near the entrance for the skaters from the shelter. Dogs are a serious part of everyone's lives and drinking fountain upgrades should have the dog bowl attachment. Other than that, our parks are far superior to any other city I have lived in.	1/15/2014 10:33 PM
21	go carts	1/9/2014 11:21 AM
22	This category should have been top ten instead of five. When I say youth, I mean teens.	1/7/2014 8:54 AM
23	Memorial Park playground (the one on Tullar) needs swings, please!	1/2/2014 7:22 PM
24	Disc Golf	12/29/2013 8:12 AM

**Q14 Have you ever rented one of the following? (If none, skip to question 15).**

Answered: 76 Skipped: 196



Yes

Total Respondents

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Whiting Boat House	<b>100.00%</b> 37	37
Doty Shelter	<b>100.00%</b> 16	16
Memorial Apple Blossom Shelter	<b>100.00%</b> 14	14
Riverside Shelter	<b>100.00%</b> 14	14
Memorial Tullar Shelter	<b>100.00%</b> 12	12
Southview Shelter	<b>100.00%</b> 9	9
Memorial Open Shelter	<b>100.00%</b> 8	8
Washington Shelter	<b>100.00%</b> 7	7
Doty Gazebo	<b>100.00%</b> 6	6
Green Shelter	<b>100.00%</b> 3	3
Great Northern Shelter	<b>100.00%</b> 3	3
Bill Miller Shelter	<b>100.00%</b> 2	2
Shattuck Shelter	<b>100.00%</b> 2	2
Douglas Shelter	<b>100.00%</b> 1	1
Herb & Dolly Smith Shelter	<b>100.00%</b> 1	1

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### Q15 Please provide any other comments to help us improve the parks and recreational services for the City of Neenah.

Answered: 123   Skipped: 149

#	Responses	Date
1	Would love to see some canoe/kayak rental program through the rec dept. Existing bike trails are great, but would love to see more.	7/13/2014 10:39 PM
2	connect bike/walking trails so that it's safe to access east/west side of town and connect up into Appleton. Put in some round-about on CB/Oakridge and CB/Winneconne to make traffic a little safer for both drivers and pedestrians/bike riders. Overall, it's a great place to live - great jobs peeps!	6/28/2014 9:26 AM
3	Again, Southview Park could use a new pavilion to accomodate not only Neenah baseball but the community. The park has Neenah baseball there that takes up a large amount of the space during their season then there isn't as much activity that goes on there besides soccer and tennis. A space that could have multiple functions would be a great addition to the city and make use of all that beautiful space at Southview by offering activities using the surrounding space. A nice pavilion that is convenient for the neighborhood to attend classes at would be a great addition to the city.	6/24/2014 7:20 AM
4	I wanted to rent a park facility was but surprised that all shelter have a no alcohol policy except the Boat House. And, of course, the Boat House was booked on the date I wanted so I rented a room at a bar instead. We've also rented shelters in Grand Chute instead of Neenah because of this.	6/3/2014 12:22 PM
5	The southwest side of Neenah is becoming increasingly population dense with many small children. Our nearest city park is Memorial Park. Two large vacant lots on the corner of Nature Trail and Remington would make a wonderful small park with play equipment for young children.	5/19/2014 1:11 PM
6	I think the addition of the kayak / canoe launch is great, but I wonder if the location planned (near the library) will allow enough space for loading, unloading, and parking.	5/19/2014 12:01 PM
7	We have a top notch park with all the amenities anyone could want the park lacks is parking. Riverside park does NOT allow parking in the park WE have fishing ,grills, picnic tables, The most important thing is to get my picnic items to the river and enjoy the view ,lunch and a cool refreshment. I sure wish my car could be closer so I wouldn't have to carry it across the park.	5/16/2014 6:30 PM
8	Southview could use new play equipment and there is always lots of garbage left around there after baseball games. Southview could also use more youth activities in the summer	5/14/2014 3:01 PM
9	Fresh Air Park is a forgotten gem. Would like to see it maintained/ rehabilitated a bit-pavement especially. It is great as a biking destination to sit by the lake.	5/12/2014 8:35 PM
10	We live in the Nature Trail subdivision off of Pendleton Road. We do not have any parks on our side of Breezewood Ln. We REALLY need a park with playground equipment on this side of Breezewood Ln. Our neighborhood continues to grow and we need to provide a safe place for kids to play. Crossing Breezewood Ln on bikes is not safe for young children. Walking to our closest park, which is Memorial, is not feasible for young children. PLEASE reconsider this decision that was vetoed last year!	5/10/2014 1:09 PM
11	I would like to be able to enjoy a beer at a Neenah park. Also sell beer at the downtown concerts to raise money for a cause. I think Neenah is a very responsible city and people wouldn't drink too much.	5/10/2014 6:40 AM
12	I believe that a dog park would be wonderful for many residence. This could be in conjunction with Menasha or the towns of N/M. Many people in Neenah walk their dogs and would enjoy sharing the space with other dog lovers. The "Drool in the Pool" event in the summer is great.	5/2/2014 9:53 PM



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13	<p>We (my wife and I) believe that Neenah has some of the most wonderful park facilities in our area. Overall they are truly an asset to the city. For example, the Shepherd park is a true focal point for the downtown community and a welcome gathering spot for many activities. The new Arrowhead improvements will also be a good connection with many other parks and wonderful features. The Kimberly Point Lighthouse is probably one of the most popular focal points in the city and also one that is remembered by out of town visitors. It provides many features e.g. picnicing, fishing, boating, lake viewing etc. Unfortunately the restroom facilities in the lighthouse are simply worn out. We would suggest either rebuilding them to the quality standards of the other parks or closing the bottom of the lighthouse and creating another multipurpose building with restrooms in the immediate area. We hope this is given serious consideration because it is a needed part of the cities continued investment in what makes Neenah a top notch city. Please contact me for further discussion. I hope to see this in near future plans in the Park/Rec budget.</p>	4/15/2014 11:10 PM
14	<p>I believe the city is doing a good job with the parks and paths. It is a friendly place to live. We could use a dog park close in to the city. the one in Oshkosh is good and so is the Appleton location. Ours need not be very large. I think the old Neenah Foundry on Winneconne may never be used for anything due to its contamination. Parking would need to be worked out. But anywhere would place it between to two existing locations. An extra fee with the Lic. fee would be ok to help pay for it. OR some other method to collect money. I believe volunteers would help clean it and maintain it if that is possible.</p>	4/14/2014 11:31 AM
15	<p>I really enjoy taking yoga classes through the Park &amp; Rec - that's my favorite activity.</p>	4/9/2014 5:15 PM
16	<p>Would like to see more trees, gardening, ponds and trails in parks, especially next to natural water. No gardening plots left near my house.</p>	4/7/2014 4:22 PM
17	<p>The baseball diamonds and other open spaces were built at Southview Park, this is nice, however a neighborhood can't use the park on many given weekends or evenings. I thought our tax money went to parks for the community. NOT FOR HIRE !! Why is Riverside Park still called Riverside PARK when you can't PARK in the PARK ? It is a burden for park users to carry all picnic supplies to an area in the park for a family gathering. Then, you have to go find a picnic table and carry it to your area. What happened to all the picnic tables that used to be placed around the park ? This beautiful park was meant for all the community. It doesn't seem so anymore.</p>	4/5/2014 12:43 PM
18	<p>I think the Park &amp; Rec Dept does an excellent job with our parks. The city can truly be proud of what we already have.</p>	4/4/2014 10:05 AM
19	<p>Overall, the number of parks and open spaces are excellent and my family with two young children frequently visit the 3 that are close to our house. I would love to see more and safer access for biking within town but understand the difficulties.</p>	4/2/2014 1:36 PM
20	<p>We tend to rent Mahler Park in the Town of Neenah for obvious reasons. Neenah needs to be more realistic about the alcohol ban in parks for family oriented celebrations.</p>	4/1/2014 8:39 PM
21	<p>I would really like to see refuse containers added to the walking/biking trails year-round. Also, I notice that some refuse containers are removed during the winter (Fresh Aire for example) and there is still a need for them. I walk my dogs year round and I see the need for them + possibly plastic bag dispensers (to be voluntarily monitored by citizens, not purchased) for people walking their dogs.</p>	4/1/2014 11:48 AM
22	<p>There is a large open space on Pendleton that I think is part of the Carpenter Preserve. This would be an excellent area for a dog park. Many residents already bring their dogs to run around and play. I know there are signs posted requiring dogs to be on leashes, but it's such a great open space and its a perfect play place. A small parking lot could be installed and a fenced-in area for the dog park would be a terrific asset to the City. Carpenter Preserve could also have paved biking/hiking paths installed. Many residents use the small footpaths through the area and having those paved in addition to new ones put in would make it much more accessible to a larger population. For example, there is a small footpath that goes along the stream in the preserve. The path is small and narrow, with many hazards such as rocks and tree roots. It is not accessible to everyone, yet it's a wonderful area to hike. I think more residents should be able to enjoy this property and in its current condition, the area is just not usable by some groups of residents. Ice hockey facility: since you asked about this on the survey, it's pretty obvious to anyone in this area who has ever been to Tri County Ice Arena that the Neenah-Menasha area needs a new rink. I know about all the issues surrounding the arena and that the county, not the City owns it, but if a comprehensive master plan for Neenah's recreational needs could be drawn up I would like to see this issue addressed. The local hockey and figure skating groups simply do not have an alternative facility to use. The Appleton and Oshkosh rinks are already at capacity for ice during the season. Our group and the others have no where else to go to find ice. Thank you for providing this opportunity to voice my opinions. We are new to the area and look forward to exploring all the parks in the City now that spring is finally here. I</p>	4/1/2014 10:50 AM
23	<p>We have a huge population of runners, walkers, and bikers in Neenah, and there are very few safe places to do this. Because the bike lanes on South Park allow parking, they are nearly useless for these activities. We need paved, off road trails connecting the parks.</p>	4/1/2014 7:35 AM

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24	You've done a great job with our park system. We love living in Neenah!	3/30/2014 1:03 PM
25	I've been a resident for almost 25 years and have seen Park and Rec groundskeepers at work, year -round. They do an outstanding job of maintaining the quality and cleanliness of our public areas. I try never to take that for granted! Thank you to all who contribute in that effort.	3/27/2014 10:05 AM
26	Having lived in other WI communities, we have been very impressed with the quality of the Neenah parks over the 15 years we have lived here. Both the Shattuck Park & the "Rocket Park" were significant improvements. Looking forward to the Herb & Dolly Smith trail extension & making the waterfront over by Main St into a park area.	3/27/2014 9:03 AM
27	The bathrooms at Shattuck Park doors need to be fixed so that the stall doors close. I would like to see the planned Trail on Kimberly Point completed.	3/25/2014 10:37 AM
28	Love love love neenah parks! However, we desperately need a neighborhood park in the vicinity of the nature trails subdivision. The tax base in these neighborhoods is huge. We deserve a neighborhood park that children can access without crossing a major road such as Breezewood Lane.	3/25/2014 8:26 AM
29	We are new to the Neenah area as of Dec 2013. Prior to Neenah, we rented a home in Appleton and prior to that we lived in Virginia. We really seem to enjoy Neenah and I know once the weather improves we will be able to explore even more. I do have to make a comment about the parks in the city neighborhoods. I am really shocked for such a family orientated area that the parks are so outdated. Lots of really old equipment that is not as safe as some of the newer types out there. It would be nice to be able to walk to a local park verses drive to a nicer park. We are used to Derks Park in Appleton which is top notch and filled with tons of kids. Prior to moving to Neenah we did visit the area a bit and were pretty shocked that the parks in the city are not used very much. I would bet that if the parks were updated more families would visit.	3/24/2014 8:35 PM
30	Improve softball diamonds. And allow drinking in certain parks. Run softball tournaments and allow drinking to make money for the parks. And sell food during these tournaments to also make money for the parks. Softball tournaments can bring in good money for the city.	3/24/2014 3:50 PM
31	Have not found any non secular activities for preschool age. Was looking forward to having my children participate in rec center classes, but moved here last year and found out there are no resources for preschoolers. Cannot find any trails near the river or lake to enjoy the natural resources the area has to offer. I am not enjoying walking in endless subdivisions that look the same. I miss Milwaukee. Sorry neenah. The farmers market and library is nice.	3/22/2014 3:13 PM
32	I would just like to make one comment. I am happy to see that the city plowed the trail around Memorial Park and High School. Last year it wasn't. I use that trail almost everyday, all year around. I feel that Neenah does a very good job in the Park and Rec area.	3/21/2014 11:53 AM
33	Make sure NPRD never loses Eileen - she is a community treasure.	3/20/2014 9:50 AM
34	I really, really appreciate our parks, even though we don't use them in the ways that many families do. One of Neenah's selling points for us when we moved here was Riverside Park, which was then covered with blooming spring beauty. (And, the lake flies were not out — if they had been, who knows what would have happened. I wish there were more direct access to the water, but that's not possible, given the fact that homes are built along the lake. (Minneapolis has wonderful access to its lakes and Minnehaha Creek and the Mississippi River.) We back up on Wilderness Park, so you probably know who I am, but that's OK. As the population continues to age, we may need more "handicapped" access areas and equipment. Suggestion: Increase the "giving opportunities" on the Park & Rec section of the City's website and use the City's newsletter to include lists of ways people can contribute our parks. And, if you don't already, recognize those gifts in the City's newsletter and website. Thank you ALL for keeping our parks so clean and accessible! And especially, thank you for getting Riverside cleaned up soooooo promptly after every single Fourth of July celebration.	3/18/2014 5:29 PM
35	I know this is well after anything can be changed, but I feel it was a huge mistake to pave the road in Riverside Park. Someone in our family uses that road or the park on almost every day of the year for over 30 years and since it has been paved we feel that the road is much more dangerous than before the curb and gutter was put in. If a biker or walker or runner is suddenly in your path in a car, there is no where to safely get out of the way. When there was no curb, you could move your car onto the grass to avoid anyone. Now there is no option. And there is definitely more ice clogging up the road than there was in the past. I don't remember any notice of a public hearing at the time for citizens to give their opinion on the project either. If there was any notice it certainly isn't enough for most people to be made aware. Lights on the pathway in Southview Park would also be helpful. It gets very dark in the wooded area and doesn't really feel safe to walk there at night. A lot of teens hang out there after dark which makes the situation worse.	3/18/2014 11:05 AM

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36	I think that we have a great system. Lauden park needs a little more to it. We go to Rocket park a lot during the warm months. A dog park would be great!!!!!! Disc golf would be neat. I appreciate all that the park and rec does and offers our community!!!!!! Keep it up! I value it.	3/16/2014 5:10 PM
37	A) Think we should be working more diligently so that our children would have a chance to be a USA Olympian. As I watched Sochi, felt Neenah could promote winter sports more. As a child in Neenah, we definitely enjoyed the park shelters and liked to ice skate. Think children are now missing a lot of that fun opportunity! B) Think we could be promoting more fishing, pram(sailing for children), golf/tennis, curling. C) Like that we are offering free concerts by the library in the Shaddock Park. D) Like what we are doing with Dolly/Herb Park and promoting the Historical 4th Ward. Think we could then recognize the Neenah Co-Founders Home on Main Street -- Elma Gibson Schulz. E) Think that Elma Gibson Schulz should be recognized somewhere in Neenah as the Co-Founder of Neenah...perhaps through the park system. F) Think that we are loosing the history of Neenah. A perfect example is the fire at the Raveno. No one will ever know the celebrities/trolley cars/etc and significance of historical sites like that. No one even knows where the first two farms were that started Neenah. The two farms were from Neenah to Oshkosh.	3/3/2014 11:04 AM
38	You are doing a wonderful job. Continue to add walking trails, bike lanes and trails, and make it easier for pedestrians to move through the city. Please add a walking labyrinth (not a maze, but a circular labyrinth to enter the outside, walk through, attain the center, and then return out). This can be used for meditative walking which lowers stress and improves inner calm.	2/24/2014 8:23 AM
39	i'd like to see the city of neenah reverse the allowance of dogs in city parks. what i've seen in many parks is people using the parks as their own personal dog park, letting dogs run loose, not picking up dog mess. i've been in neenah city parks where i've avoided certain areas because people are letting their dogs run loose. also, lots of garbage left by people fishing/picnicing in doty, riverside, kimberly point. the theory being that people will take out trash they bring in, so no garbage cans. don't really think this is working. i realize that people dump all sorts of stuff in those cans, however, there should be some type of solution.	2/11/2014 10:01 AM
40	Neenah parks are so great. I enjoy getting away from work and the day, and biking or running to one of the many parks in Neenah. I did the treasure hunt last year, and found it very interesting how many parks I didn't know we had! I haven't tried the ice rinks yet, due to the fact I haven't researched if I can rent skates or if someone is available to help at first (I've never skated). Great parks, looking forward to the warmer weather and events this year to enjoy them even more!	2/10/2014 11:26 PM
41	We are lucky to have beautiful parks in Neenah!	2/8/2014 7:39 PM
42	Cut the dandelions for the first Summer Fun Run. Otherwise you all do a fantastic job!	2/7/2014 4:07 PM
43	Neenah has an absolutly beautiful park system. In years past I traveled all over the state to soccer tournaments and other events. Very few facilitys compare to Neenah. My husband and I have a boat stall at Shattuck Park. We have had quests from around the state and from other parts of the country to enjoy the lake with us. The one comment we always hear is how clean and well maintained our parks and facilitys are. Most are shocked that clean restrooms are available and not vandalized. Anyone having the opportunity to use Riverside, Shattuck, Memorial or any of the other parks in Neenah should be very proud. I hope as citizens we never take this for granted. Our City & Parks Dept should be applauded for the job they do. They help Neenah be what it is! We look like a PROUD community, and we are. Debe Kreuter	2/6/2014 10:35 AM
44	I think the City of Neenah Parks are top notch.	2/5/2014 3:10 PM
45	You all are doing a very good job. the Fresh air park could use more attention on the landscaping / fill the holes in the lawn.the driveway.	1/27/2014 2:59 PM
46	The bathrooms at all of the parks are either always locked or don't work. When they do work then the locks on the stalls don't work or are broken. The city needs to put more work into the bathrooms. Also I would like to go to the skate park but the people there are mean, it is behind the police department so I think that there should be a car era or two or even a police officer patrolling making sure nothing is going on. Lastly the park equipment née dis to be updated really soon!	1/24/2014 3:05 PM
47	Tennis courts should have some work • many streets by south oakwood have growing families so with any spare money you could add another small park much like Baldwin	1/24/2014 3:04 PM
48	I really want them to improve their bathrooms and make them cleaner. Also I want them to redo the tennis courts at Southview park. I also think that they should clean the drinking fountains and put better water in them, and make the water colder.	1/24/2014 3:04 PM
49	I think that there should be a park over by us because of how many kids live over there. Please take that in to consideration.	1/24/2014 3:03 PM

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50	I think that the restrooms and water fountains should be upgraded or improved. Also, I think that bullies and mean people should not be let to rule the parks.	1/24/2014 3:02 PM
51	Just make sure that there are still a lot of open space;)	1/24/2014 3:02 PM
52	I think that there should be more nice ball diamonds other than at southview.	1/24/2014 3:01 PM
53	More basketball courts.	1/24/2014 3:01 PM
54	Better soccer fields and don't have all those bad people in the skate park. I need a professional soccer volleyball field all year round.	1/24/2014 3:01 PM
55	I think that the bathrooms need to be fixed a lot. The bubblers also need to be changed because they taste weird, and are very dirty.	1/24/2014 2:59 PM
56	Add a little bit more skate parks	1/24/2014 2:58 PM
57	NO	1/24/2014 2:58 PM
58	I love neenah ♥☐	1/24/2014 2:57 PM
59	I have only been here for 2 years	1/24/2014 2:57 PM
60	Need more groomed cross country ski trails in riverside park. More fishing dock at riverside park also.	1/24/2014 2:09 PM
61	We need more lacrosse things available and stop locking the bathrooms even though there is pee and cigarettes on the floor I still would like to relief myself. Thank you for your consideration.	1/24/2014 2:08 PM
62	I would like someone at the skate park paths in between the top of skate park ramps bigger pool. And better restrooms	1/24/2014 2:07 PM
63	KEEP COPS AT THE SKATE PARK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	1/24/2014 2:07 PM
64	I think you guys should help fix the tennis courts floor. Just because	1/24/2014 2:04 PM
65	I never have tried skateboarding because my mom never introduced the skate park to me. I think this is because the scatter park is in terrible condition. It is old and they need police officers there because there are bad kids there that scare younger ones. Also I think there should be more equipment at Quarry park	1/24/2014 2:04 PM
66	Please improve Bathrooms!!! also try to add safer bike trails so kids can bike to the parks!! Also, add some basketball courts!! Please because theres not a lot of parks with basketball courts!!	1/24/2014 2:03 PM
67	Perhaps better supervision around the parks and better job of cleaning and maintaining certain parks.	1/24/2014 2:02 PM
68	Improve the skating parks they are really bad	1/24/2014 2:02 PM
69	Spend time fixing cook park	1/24/2014 2:02 PM
70	Need Better sand volleyball courts. We need better sledding hills. We need more activities like disc golf for teenagers	1/24/2014 2:01 PM
71	More activities at one park. I would like to see more volleyball courts.	1/24/2014 2:01 PM
72	More parks near Town of Menasha!! And better tennis courts. A new pool. More Volleyball courts and better care of lawn.	1/24/2014 2:00 PM
73	I love soccer and it's a shame that, in Neenah, we only have one really good park with lots of fields. I mean, some places have two or three but still. And you don't see too many basketball courts anymore...	1/24/2014 1:55 PM
74	I want there to be more slides at the pool	1/24/2014 11:48 AM
75	Improve the tennis courts at Southview Park	1/24/2014 11:48 AM
76	You should fix the basketball courts and make more like in south view and make more football things	1/24/2014 11:48 AM
77	Mow the soccer fields at great northern. Get more basketball courts, and or fix up the basketball court at south view.	1/24/2014 11:48 AM
78	If you could please add horseback riding, maybe some pools, and better playgrounds	1/24/2014 11:48 AM

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79	For the park Cook Park, I want more equipment because it's boring, and sorta un-safe. In the kids area there's a animal rocking thing a stunk, cataplear (sorry for my spelling errors) it's by the sand pit, it's boring and you don't do anything! And a lot of kids play grounders and in the play ground , I played it once and I fell and almost choked.	1/24/2014 11:47 AM
80	I love parks! I love to play on playgrounds. And wish there were more water things like sprinkles pools when it warm in the summer time. More bubblers so when I get thirsty. And when there are soccer field MOW THEM please and thank you. And mr Kiel is the best teacher ever	1/24/2014 11:45 AM
81	Build additional or convert existing space to more full-length basketball courts.	1/24/2014 11:44 AM
82	I would really want to see the Skate park get better ramps and equipment. And we should do more stuff about the people that smoke and do drugs and a lot of bad things. And mabey some new slides at swimming pool.	1/24/2014 11:44 AM
83	The city of neenah really needs more basketball courts and more swimming pools.	1/24/2014 11:44 AM
84	Add better spots for fishing and and more fishing space by riverside lake the lighthouse.	1/24/2014 11:44 AM
85	Expand, upgrade, and get new woodward jumps.	1/24/2014 11:44 AM
86	Snacks should be sold at some of the parks... When we go to hang out on the fields or play a few games, we often forget snacks, so vending machines for snacks and drinks should be offered. Or, at least install some more water fountains! Thank you!	1/24/2014 11:43 AM
87	I really love the parks on the Neenah area.	1/24/2014 11:06 AM
88	Like I siad before the scare park Needs supervision and extra secretly because there's bad people there that whant to hurt us	1/24/2014 10:53 AM
89	I think neenah parks should have more soccer fields and archery ranges would be really fun!	1/24/2014 10:52 AM
90	Add more to the skatepark Add more volleyball courts	1/24/2014 8:57 AM
91	Like to see the slu a little bit cleaner.	1/24/2014 8:57 AM
92	Improvement on skate park would be nice...docks for fishing should be improved...add more biking trails and running trails... ADD MORE BASKETBALL COURTS...take away some tennis courts... Add more outdoor volleyball courts	1/24/2014 8:52 AM
93	I would like to see new/improved basketball courts. There are too many tennis courts!	1/24/2014 8:51 AM
94	I think that there needs to be more basketball courts in the parks.	1/24/2014 8:49 AM
95	More soccer fields. More open area.	1/24/2014 8:48 AM
96	I would recommend adding more taller, and shade giving trees because it gets really hot in the summer. Also some of the trees could be big, sturdy, and strong enough to climb on. I love to claim trees, and I used to all the time, but now I can not find a good enough tree to climb on.	1/23/2014 12:56 PM
97	Make safer trails. I once was being followed by a person with a flash light. And it' was scary.	1/23/2014 12:51 PM
98	I think that you should add a section of roller skating to the skate parks.	1/23/2014 12:46 PM
99	Keep up the good work!!	1/23/2014 9:53 AM
100	connecting trails would be great. Also, some sort of trail to the lighthouse in Neenah would be good. Very glad that Neenah is developing more park area by Plexis. Looking forward to it. It would nice to see the planned updates on the park website, so we know what exciting changes and projects to look forward to.	1/22/2014 3:56 PM
101	I know many of the surrounding municipalities are looking to, or already have, removed their tennis courts. I encourage Neenah to continue to keep their facilities, lessons taught by great instructors and great maintenance. (well...minus the Shattuck school courts).	1/21/2014 2:09 PM
102	I absolutely LOVE the Neenah Park system. It is amazing how many parks there are if you just go exploring. As a mom of a 3 and 5 year old we go to a park almost everyday in from April through October and often more than once a day. We had a amazing time last summer exploring all the parks in Neenah. Thank you, thank you, thank you for keeping outdoor recreation on the top of the community list in this day in age when technology seems to overtake everything.	1/21/2014 1:43 PM
103	With some of the parks I think we should get some more opportunities to have a garbage around by the playground so people don't have to be lazy and can throw their garbage away	1/21/2014 6:53 AM

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104	Would love to see an annual trail festival or other event(s) to raise awareness and utilization of local walking, biking, and running trails and parks.	1/20/2014 5:24 PM
105	I would like more paved trails to ride bikes, skate boards, long boards, roller blades, ect.	1/20/2014 2:41 PM
106	Winter activity for the 3-5 year old that involves more exercise in winter months. Tumbling, mats, balance beams. Something similar to the summer Fit and Tumble program but in the winter months. Possibly a couple times of week as open gym or organized program. Swimming pool is great but was disappointed in the teacher to student ratio in the beginning classes. Didn't seem like the teenagers running the class had any idea of 4 year old safety. A lot of 'left behind kids'. Overall happy with the programs and really like the instructors in the park and rec programs. Have had many great classes and look forward to more.	1/20/2014 12:39 PM
107	How about food venders to Shattuck park evening concert series?	1/20/2014 12:24 PM
108	Many opportunities are currently available. Keep up the good work!	1/18/2014 9:17 AM
109	I have to say this. We sell annually as vendors at the Communityfest in Neenah at Riverside. It has by far been our favorite day for selling. Last year I took the Historical walking tour and for the first time realized that Riverside is a dry park. I think that even without knowing it, I realized the difference in the more family/safe/fun/enjoyable atmosphere. I believe the difference at the events we've attended was the dry park vs. alcohol in the hands of the people. THANK YOU for keeping the commitment that began long ago for Riverside!	1/18/2014 8:26 AM
110	Updating the Skate Park and involving the biking and skating population in that process is a positive development.	1/18/2014 7:37 AM
111	More work need to be done on softball fields to make them safer. Restrooms need to be updated in spots. Bike trails need to be expanded for recreation as well as safety. I'm sure money is an issue, careful planning is required. Better to fix an area than to spread money thinnly among many areas.	1/16/2014 10:18 AM
112	Not much to improve on!	1/15/2014 10:34 PM
113	Love the park & rec programs for kids. Miss ice skating at Doty Park.	1/15/2014 2:46 AM
114	You do a great job. I like the idea of those fitness stations that you can exercise along the way. Maybe you could consider that for Southview Park and a few other parks? Thanks.	1/12/2014 3:59 PM
115	There are a great many dogs in the city. Add a few dollars to the price of a license and use it to pay for the upkeep of a dog park. it doesn't have to be large like the county one.	1/10/2014 1:09 PM
116	I'm disappointed that nothing has been done on the Liberty Heights property - I realize our subdivision is quiet and not fully populated, but a park here would support both our subdivision and the Nature Trail subdivision, both of which are a part of the City of Neenah that have no walking options for a neighborhood park for our children.	1/7/2014 9:44 PM
117	As a mother of young children, I would have to say that some of the parks have great playgrounds and others (like Laudan Park, which is nearest my house) really needs to be updated with a more modern play center. I think it would be great if Neenah expanded the "Playtime" program. The classes fill up within hours, which makes me think there is a great need and that additional classes could be considered. I would love to see a public Splash Pad for small children to play in the water. I have heard that many cities have them and they are very popular. Neenah has our two water fountains, but the kids aren't supposed to play in them. Those things being said, I really, really love Neenah and our parks! I always brag to people that I can walk to 5 or 6 different parks very easily and therefore have no need to own my own playset! :)	1/7/2014 2:01 PM
118	Keep the headstones out of the break line on Lake Winnebago - On the shoreline where the erosion preventative concrete leftovers. There is a broken headstone facing up for everyone to read. Within a couple hundred feet South of the lighthouse @ Kimberly Point....	1/7/2014 9:55 AM
119	I love the City of Neenah and all it has to offer. I would not choose to live any where else in Wisconsin. Thank you for all you do.	1/7/2014 8:56 AM
120	Swings at memorial park on the Tullar Rd side and more paved biking paths at local parks	1/2/2014 7:23 PM
121	The acoustics at the Whiting Boat House makes conversation and speakers difficult to hear. There needs to have some absorbing material like flags or banners to be hung. This would be a inexpensive solution to a very annoying problem.	12/29/2013 9:28 AM
122	I	12/28/2013 3:46 PM

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As a dog owner, I love that dogs are allowed in the city parks and we walk our dog in the parks - on leash at all times. What I don't like is that people don't follow the rules and keep their dogs on leash - they think the rules do NOT apply to them. They let their dogs run all over and perhaps they are under control, perhaps not. Neenah does not have a control law, they have a leash law. These people are going to ruin it for the rest that do follow the rules. I would love to see more signs posted that dogs MUST be on a leash at all times - no exceptions and violators will be fined. Perhaps a non-emergency text number that could be used to report violators. Everyone carries cell phones, one photo and text sent. No one should be afraid to go to the park because a dog is not being walked on leash. There are children who are afraid of dogs and there are dogs who like their space. Thank you

12/26/2013 9:50 AM



**APPENDIX B**  
WALKSCORES



Park / Facility Name	Score out of 100	Walkability (Based on Overall Amenity Score)	Next Closest City Park	Miles	Bike Min.	Avg. Dist. in Miles to all parks
<b>City Maintained Parks</b>						
<b>Arrowhead Park</b>	78	Very Walkable	Herb & Dolly	0.34	2	1.17
<b>Baldwin Park</b>	69	Somewhat Walkable	Washington	0.47	4	1.46
<b>Bill Miller Park</b>	58	Somewhat Walkable	Great Northern	0.17	5	2.20
<b>Carpenter Preserve</b>	3	Car Dependent	Liberty	1.18	9	2.30
<b>Cook Park</b>	75	Very Walkable	Island	0.42	4	1.16
<b>Doty Park &amp; Cabin</b>	65	Somewhat Walkable	Island	0.33	3	1.06
<b>Doty-Whiting Boathouse</b>	55	Somewhat Walkable	Island	0.28	3	0.99
<b>Douglas Park</b>	55	Somewhat Walkable	Laudan	0.23	2	1.06
<b>Fresh Air Park</b>	6	Car Dependent	Great Northern	0.6	3	1.77
<b>Great Northern Park</b>	22	Car Dependent	Bill Miller	0.41	4	1.55
<b>The Green</b>	75	Very Walkable	Shattack	0.2	2	0.98
<b>Herb &amp; Dolly Smith Park</b>	49	Car Dependent	Arrow Head	0.34	2	1.46
<b>Island Park</b>	78	Very Walkable	Shattack	0.31	3	1.10
<b>Kimberly Point</b>	32	Car Dependent	Riverside	0.4	2	1.22
<b>Laudan Park</b>	52	Somewhat Walkable	Douglas	0.23	2	1.03
<b>Liberty Park (not developed)</b>	3	Car Dependent	Carpenter Preserve	1.18	10	2.43
<b>Marathon Ave Park (not developed)</b>	35	Car Dependent	Southview	0.5	3	2.05
<b>Memorial Park</b>	40	Car Dependent	Carpenter Preserve	1.45	6	2.30
<b>Quarry Park</b>	28	Car Dependent	Rec Park - Pool	0.2	2	0.89
<b>Recreation Boat Launch</b>	32	Car Dependent	Quarry	0.28	2	0.85
<b>Recreation Park / Neenah Pool</b>	32	Car Dependent	Quarry	0.28	2	0.85
<b>Riverside Park</b>	55	Somewhat Walkable	The Green	0.4	2	0.63
<b>Shattack Park</b>	85	Very Walkable	The Green	0.26	2	1.03
<b>Skate Park</b>	52	Somewhat Walkable	Southview	0.5	3	1.55
<b>Southview Park</b>	60	Somewhat Walkable	Skatepark	0.5	3	1.71
<b>Washington Park</b>	65	Somewhat Walkable	Baldwin	0.5	3	1.19
<b>Wilderness Park</b>	23	Car Dependent	Quarry	0.37	2	1.15
<b>Schools</b>						
<b>Neenah High School</b>	34	Car Dependent	Memorial	0.1	1	2.03
<b>Shattack Middle School</b>	58	Somewhat Walkable	Laudan	0.25	1	0.86
<b>Horace Mann Middle School</b>	51	Somewhat Walkable	Laudan	0.5	3	1.13
<b>Clayton Elementary (Town)</b>	8	Car Dependent	Arrow Head	4.15	29	5.01
<b>Coolidge Elementary</b>	55	Somewhat Walkable	Bill Miller	0.4	2	1.23
<b>Hoover Elementary</b>	58	Somewhat Walkable	Baldwin	0.6	3	1.27
<b>Lakeview Elementary</b>	32	Car Dependent	Southview	0.7	3	2.13
<b>Roosevelt Elementary</b>	77	Very Walkable	Island	0.1	1	1.15
<b>Spring Road Elementary (Town)</b>	26	Car Dependent	Arrow Head	1.5	8	2.20
<b>Taft Elementary</b>	42	Car Dependent	Herb & Dolly	0.3	2	1.56

<b>Tullar Elementary</b>	52	Somewhat Walkable	Baldwin	0.9	5	2.05
<b>Wilson Elementary</b>	52	Somewhat Walkable	Laudan	0.01	0	1.04
<b>Trails***</b>						
<b>Bill Miller Trail</b>			Bill Miller Park			
<b>Neenah Access Trails (on Street)</b>			City-Wide			
<b>Neenah Access Trails (off Street)</b>			City-Wide			
<p>***The Walk Score algorithm awards points based on the distance to the closest amenity in each category. If the closest amenity in a category is within .25 miles (or .4 km), we assign the maximum number of points. The number of points declines as the distance approaches 1 mile (or 1.6 km)—no points are awarded for amenities further than 1 mile. Each category is weighted equally and the points are summed and normalized to yield a score from 0–100. The number of nearby amenities is the leading predictor of whether people walk.” Relevant amenities include “businesses, parks, theaters, schools and other common destinations.” Ratings factor includes all amenities listed above.</p>						
<p>**Amenity Outdoor places refers to other park facilities in the City. Avg. Miles are to these locations (park to park).</p>						
<p>***Trails scores not included.</p>						



## **APPENDIX C**

### **FUNDING RESOURCES**

## APPENDIX C: FUNDING RESOURCES

<b>Program</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Deadlines</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>Wisconsin Stewardship Programs</b>						
Acquisition of Development Rights	Acquire development rights for nature-based outdoor recreation areas and activities	\$1.6 M available per year  50% local match	May 1	Funds available for areas where restrictions on residential, commercial & industrial development  May include enhancements of outdoor recreation	WDNR	Chris Halbur, Northeast District 920-662-5121
Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP)	Acquire or develop public, nature-based outdoor recreation areas and facilities	\$4 M available per year 50% local match	May 1	A comprehensive outdoor recreation plan is required  Priority for land acquisition Projects must comply with ADA	WDNR	Chris Halbur, Northeast District 920-662-5121
Urban Greenspace Program (UGP)	Acquire land to provide natural space within or near urban areas, or to protect scenic or ecological features	\$1.6 M available per year 50% local match	May 1	A comprehensive outdoor recreation plan is required.  Projects must comply with ADA	WDNR	Chris Halbur, Northeast District 920-662-5121
Urban Rivers Grant Program (URGP)	Acquire land, or rights in lands, adjacent to urban rivers for the purpose of preserving or restoring them for economic revitalization or nature-based outdoor recreation activities	\$800,000 available per year 50% local match	May 1	A comprehensive outdoor recreation plan is required.  Projects must comply with ADA	WDNR	Chris Halbur, Northeast District 920-662-5121
Land & Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON)	Acquire or develop public outdoor recreation areas and facilities	50% local match per project	May 1	A comprehensive outdoor recreation plan is required	WDNR	Chris Halbur, Northeast District 920-662-5121
Recreational Trails Act (RTA)	Provide funds for maintenance, development, rehabilitation, and acquisition of non-motorized multi-trails	50% local match per project	May 1	Funds may only be used on trails identified in or that further a goal of a local, county or state plan Funds may be used on trails that are in SCORP a state park plan -	WDNR	Chris Halbur, Northeast District 920-662-5121

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Wisconsin Main Street Community Program	Comprehensive downtown revitalization program, which includes Streetscape improvements	Wisc. Dept. of Commerce	No Date	General downtown Program.  May benefit trail enhancements through streetscaping	National Main Street Center	Bureau of Downtown Development 608-266-7531
Surface Transportation Environment Cooperative Research Program	Evaluate transportation control measures. Improve understanding of transportation demand factors. Develop performance indicators that will facilitate the analysis of transportation alternatives	20% local match per project	No Date	Money available for: development of national bicycle safety education curriculum grants to a national not-for-profit organization engages in promoting bicycle and pedestrian safety study of the safety issues attendant to the transportation of children to and from school by various transportation	FHWA	US Dept. of Transportation 202-366-4000
Urban Forestry Grants	Assistance for tree maintenance, planting, and public awareness	\$1,000 to \$25,00 of grants awarded with a 50% local match	October 1	Funding is prioritized for communities needing to develop an urban forestry plan, needing worker training, and needing to conduct a street tree inventory	WDNR Urban Forestry	<b>Tracy Salisbury</b> 2984 Shawano Ave Green Bay, WI 54313-6727 <b>Phone:</b> 920-662-5450 <b>Fax:</b> 920-662-5159 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Tracy.Salisbury@Wisconsin.gov">Tracy.Salisbury@Wisconsin.gov</a>

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<b>Transportation Grants</b>						
<b>Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)</b>	Provide facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists. Provides funding for rehabilitating and operating historic transportation buildings and structures as well as "Main Streets"	Funded with TE-Map 21  20% required match	February	Not a grant program. 80% of funds are reimbursed if all federal guidelines are met. Project must relate to surface transportation.  Construction projects must be over \$100,000  Non-construction projects must be over \$25,000	WisDOT	Tressie Kamp  608-266-3973  <a href="http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21">http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21</a>
Surface Discretionary Grant Program (STP-D)	Provides flexible funds that can be spent on a wide variety of projects, including roadway, bridges, transit facilities, and bike and pedestrian facilities	Funded with TE-Map 21  20% match required	February	Any project that fosters alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle trips  Facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists  System-wide bicycle planning  Construction projects must be over \$100,000  Non-construction projects must be over \$25,000	WisDOT	Tressie Kamp  608-266-3973
Safe Routes to School Grant Program (SRTS)	Intended to combat childhood obesity and reestablish walking and biking to school	Funded with TE-Map 21	December	Funding for bicycle and pedestrian facilities  Funding for pedestrian and bicycle safety and programs	WisDOT	Renee Callaway  608-266-3973
Section 5309 (old Section 3 discretionary funds)	Transit capital projects; included intermodal facilities such as bicycle racks on buses and bicycle parking at transit stations;	20% local match per project	Early Spring	Funding for this program is allocated on a discretionary basis  Congress reserves money each year  Administration can pick the projects	WisDOT Bureau of Transit	Ron Morse  608-266-1650

**Community Grants:**

Wisconsin Community Fund: These are for non-profits groups.

<http://www.forwardci.org/wisconsin-community-fund>

<http://www.cffoxvalley.org/page.aspx?pid=873>

**Sports Field Grants:**

<https://www.responsiblesports.com/programs/grants/rules>

<http://www.hksportsfields.com/sports-complex-financing/>

**Playground Grants:**

<http://www.bciburke.com/grants.html>

<http://www.miracle-recreation.com/purchase-options/playground-grants.html>

<http://www.playlsi.com/Research-Plan/Playground-Planning/Financing/Playground-Grants/Pages/Playground-Grants.aspx>

<http://korkatblog.com/playground-grants/>

<http://www.letsplay.com/get-involved/about-playground-grants?gclid=CJzZ2N792bgCFZA-Mgod6AsA6Q>

**Educational:** (Could use for landscaping also)

<http://eeinwisconsin.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.0.2209&tid=85010>

**National:** The National Parks and Recreation Association has fundraising ideas and resources along with grants for parks.

<http://www.nrpa.org/fundraising-resources/>



## **APPENDIX D**

### **S.W.O.T. ANALYSIS RESULTS**



## **City of Neenah Parks and Recreation Commission & Staff**

### Appendix D: S.W.O.T. Analysis Worksheet Results

<p><b>Strengths</b></p> <p>What unique recreational resources does the City have?          What do others see as your City's recreational strengths?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of parks and the equitable distribution across the city</li> <li>• All parks a beautiful asset ... unique to Neenah are Riverside, Doty, Shattuck, the pool, Whiting Boathouse. The common "theme" with all of these is the use of the waterfront.</li> <li>• Good program opportunities at affordable prices             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Creative programming; i.e. drool in the pool</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Community Fest</li> <li>• Experienced, professional staff</li> <li>• Good relations w/ "sport organizations" ... i.e. Neenah Baseball, Paper Valley Soccer, tennis, sailing club</li> <li>• Assets w/in the parks (shelters, play things, artwork, etc.)</li> <li>• Many parks along water, great sports facilities, and trails.</li> <li>• Our swimming pool is well used and our tennis and summer fun run programs are a big success.</li> <li>• There are many other recreational opportunities for all ages.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Weaknesses</b></p> <p>What could the City improve its parks, rec facilities, etc.?          Where do you have fewer facilities than others?          What are residents likely to see as recreational weaknesses?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No dog park</li> <li>• Concern that some activities may appear to have less access (or appear elitist) for the general public (sailing, perhaps tennis, etc.)</li> <li>• Do we charge a "fair" price for the use of public assets by "private organizations" (e.g. baseball, soccer, sailing)? Could also be listed under "opportunities."</li> <li>• No bathrooms in the winter</li> <li>• Skatepark needs to be updated</li> <li>• How do you get more people using what is already offered or find what might get them using a program?</li> <li>• You can always want more and newer playground equipment.</li> </ul>

## Opportunities

What recreational opportunities does the City promote?  
 What recreational trends could you take advantage of?  
 How can you turn your rec strengths into opportunities?

- CommunityFest, Wednesday evening concerts, Community Band, Boat Show. We also support many runs and walks.
- Walking or increasing number of trails or biking.
- Enhance use of the water; promote water activities; rent products to take advantage of the water
  - Paddle boarding
  - Kayaking
  - Canoeing
- Better use/promotion of bike paths
  - Emphasis of connecting parks by bike
- Rent-a-bike program
- Have the P&R organize “neighborhood pool parties;” Invite different neighborhoods to the pool (use the regions for leaf collection or voting wards, etc.)
  - Meet P&R staff
  - Promote park programming; including free swim that evening
  - Register for programs
  - Build community
  - Invite food trucks to offer healthy meal options

## Threats

What threats are harming the City’s recreational areas?  
 What is your competition doing better, i.e. Town of Neenah, Town and City of Menasha in their parks?  
 How are the City’s weaknesses being a threat to the parks and rec department?

- Vandalism
- Other communities allow alcohol in parks during festivals (Note that I did not put this as a “weakness,” but the Jazz Festival is an example of this “issue.”)
- Funding pressures
- Maintenance challenges
- Quality of the lake water (include the slough)
- Invasive species (land and water)
- The Town of Menasha does a better job of maintenance on their trails. They invest in seal coating them.
- Compared to many cities I think the City of Neenah has continued to invest in its parks and Park Department.
- I also think our Park Department has looked and found areas where they can continue to get more out of what they have available.

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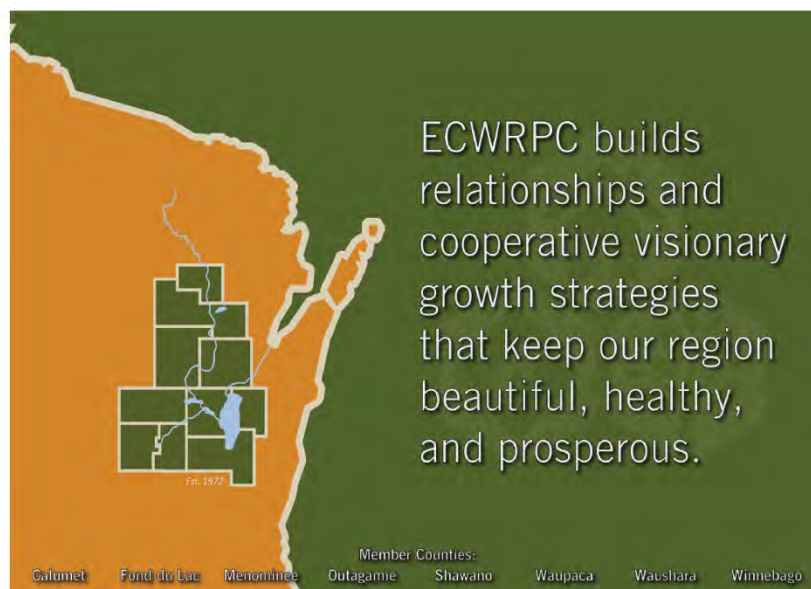
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