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This report describes existing conditions, projects future growth, and offers recommendations to guide the future growth and development of recreational facilities in Winnebago County. Its intent is to be used as a benchmark and vision for promoting healthy lifestyles and safe recreational opportunities. A 5-year action plan is provided as a vision for the County to follow. Recommendations are budget dependent as with any new upgrade or maintenance project.

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INTRODUCTION

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Winnebago County's natural resources and outdoor recreational facilities provide a wide range of active and passive recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. Some popular activities include picnicking, swimming, boating, hunting, fishing, and camping. The County provides its residents with many multi-purpose recreational trails for outdoor lovers to hike, bike, cross-country ski, and snowmobile. In Winnebago County the primary responsibility for accommodating recreational demand has traditionally rested with the County and local units of government and private recreational businesses.

With increasing amounts of leisure time available, the demand for many types of recreational activities has grown during the past three decades. In most parts of Wisconsin the availability of recreational opportunities and facilities helps attract tourism dollars into the local economy. For smaller rural areas like Winnebago County, recreational resources and facilities, both public and private, are vital to their economic health and often make tourism the area's most important industry.

Scenic waterways cover almost one quarter of the county, making the area a boating and fishing paradise. Popular fish species including walleye, bass, catfish, perch and musky inhabit the waters. There are numerous birds, including several species of waterfowl, and a variety of other wildlife, that nest and feed within the area.

Recreational attractions at the Sunnyview Exposition Center provide endless entertainment offerings throughout the year. The County's Community Park offers baseball, soccer, rugby, disc golf, archery, horseshoe, a dog park and fishing ponds. Some of the more unique offerings within the county parks system include a BMX track, cross-country trails, dog exercise areas and an historic archaeological site (Lasley Point). The Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) grounds are also located in the County on the south side of the City of Oshkosh which attracts global visitors along with Ford Park which houses seasonal concerts and events.

Winnebago County officials have come to recognize the value of the county's natural resources and recreational facilities in attracting visitors to the area. Accommodating the recreational needs of both resident and visitor is an ongoing commitment the County has made to maintain and upgrade its park system.

To ensure needed recreation facilities continue to be provided in a coordinated fashion, Winnebago County, with the assistance of its Park and Recreation Committee, has used earlier plans prepared in 1975, 1988, and 1993 as a basis for this plan update. Like its predecessors, this version of the plan reaffirms longstanding goals and objectives, inventories existing park and recreational facilities, identifies countywide park and recreation needs and opportunities, and presents recommendations and an action program for addressing the system's growth and development.

While protecting its natural resources is essential to maintaining the county's attraction as a tourism destination, Winnebago County is in an excellent position to attract additional visitor dollars by building upon its unique combination of "up north" atmosphere within easy driving distance of major population concentrations. It continues to be to the advantage of the County, its municipalities, and private enterprise to work together to increase the economic impact of

tourism through appropriate recreational development and promotion. In recent years, county residents have come to recognize that linear recreational facilities such as the State Friendship/Trestle Trail, Mascoutin Valley State Trail, the USH 10 Trail, and WIOUWASH Trail can make an important contribution in providing more diverse recreational opportunities for local residents and in attracting tourism dollars. Not only do these linear facilities accommodate recreational activities generally growing in popularity, they are destination-oriented, allowing several local economies to benefit from their presence.

The attractiveness of the Winnebago County landscape suggests that, in addition to planning for new and expanded recreational opportunities, the plan also needs to address undesirable land use changes, unwise land management practices, and other potential environmental problems.

Development pressures, some emanating from the presence of the county's resources themselves, are being felt. An attractive place to live as well as visit, Winnebago County's population in many outlying rural areas is steadily growing. This growth has resulted in more intensive development of areas once enjoyed by the whole county. Lakeshores and woodlands continue to be subdivided and developed for residential use.

In recent years, the demand for the county's rural land for home sites and recreational properties has extended to agricultural lands. More urban sprawl has been seen west of the USH 41 corridor in recent years. This has caused raw land prices, still relatively low compared to many areas of the state, to escalate. Combined with the downturn in the agricultural economy, these higher land prices have made the sale of some or all of their farmland for these purposes an attractive option for many farmers. For those farmers seeking to maintain viability through expansion, the higher prices commanded by these other types of land use makes the acquisition of additional acreage cost-prohibitive. As a result, perhaps the most important threat facing Winnebago County today is the continued loss of its farms and productive farmland.

Additionally, some past agricultural practices were not always protective of the county's two most precious nonrenewable resources, its soil and water. Drainage of marshlands, as has occurred in many areas of the county, takes away their natural ability to filter nutrients from surface runoff while the conversion to agricultural land further adds to nutrient loads. This practice also reduces wildlife habitat.

PURPOSE

The 2013-2017 version of the *Winnebago County Outdoor Recreation Plan* seeks to help preserve the county's natural environment and at the same time allow residents and visitors alike to play, learn, enjoy and live in harmony with it. In addition to setting forth new recommendations based on present needs, the adopted plan will enable Winnebago County to once again compete for **matching funds available through the Department of Natural Resources' Stewardship Program** if available. Funding components of this program, target 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, grants available through the Stewardship Program, its predecessors, and the inactive federally funded Land and Water Conservation (LAWCON) Program have effectively doubled the local funding commitment for acquisition and development of parkland and other public recreational facilities.

Although many County and local recreation needs have been met during the past three decades, some still exist, others have changed and, in some cases, new needs and opportunities have arisen. The purpose of this plan is to identify these changing recreational needs and to present recommendations to ensure that Winnebago County will continue to provide a wide variety of recreational facilities for residents and visitors to enjoy. Selected local sites in unincorporated **communities have also been included in the County's plan as these outlying parks and recreational** areas augment facilities and recreational opportunities found in the county park system. (Map 3) Following local, County and state approval, the plan will allow the County and participating communities to retain or reestablish eligibility for the Stewardship Program if applicable.

This version of the *Winnebago County Outdoor Recreation Plan* draws upon the goals and objectives of the County's previous plans. While these remain virtually intact, the planning committee recognizes that not only have the scope and priorities of recreational needs changed in the past thirty years, so too has the responsibility for meeting some of these needs. In addition, there is increased awareness of environmental problems as well as the need for accommodating disabled and elderly recreationalists who may wish to use park facilities.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY GEOGRAPHY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Winnebago County is located in the east central part of Wisconsin, approximately 75 miles north of Madison and 110 and 200 miles northwest of Milwaukee and Chicago respectively. Square to rectangular in shape, the county is approximately 24 miles from east to west and 24 miles from north to south with USH 41, USH 10 to the north leading to the Fox Valley on the east and Waupaca County to the north, a four-lane divided freeway paralleling the county's eastern boundary, and STH 21, an east-west route across its south central portion, are its three major traffic arteries. USH 45, and STH 26, and 44 are other important through routes.

Municipalities in Winnebago County include five cities, one village (Winneconne), and 16 towns. The City of Oshkosh is the county's retail hub and county seat, has the highest population base (66,083). The Town of Menasha has the highest population base of all the townships in the County, (ECWRPC Trends, 2010; Table 1), the 1970 census.

Between 1970 and 2010, the county's population increased from 129,946 after a half century of a slow declining trend, to 166,994, a 28.51% change. Growth was particularly high in the urbanized outlying areas of Algoma, Town of Menasha, and Town of Clayton which more than doubled in population during that 40-year interval. The Town of Oshkosh lost population due to annexations from the City of Oshkosh. The Town of Nepeuskun also had a negative growth factor as more people are moving into the urbanized areas.

A common characteristic of Winnebago **County's most rapidly growing towns is that they** are close to the Fox Valley and new subdivision development spurred on the outskirts. During the past few decades, much of this growth has corresponded within the Fox Cities and Oshkosh urbanized areas but urban sprawl west of USH 41 has increased considerably. The towns like Menasha, Algoma, Oshkosh, and Neenah have been prime areas for new development as well as scattered rural subdivisions and individual home sites.

Table 1
WINNEBAGO COUNTY POPULATION TRENDS, 1970 – 2010

Jurisdiction	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	% Change 1970-2010
T Algoma	3,158	3,249	3,442	5,702	6,822	116.02
T Black Wolf	2,127	2,318	2,154	2,330	2,410	13.30
T Clayton	1,771	2,353	2,264	2,974	3,951	123.09
T Menasha	8,682	12,307	13,975	15,858	18,498	113.06
T Neenah	2,942	2,864	2,691	2,657	3,237	10.03
T Nekimi	1,193	1,516	1,475	1,419	1,429	19.78
T Nepeuskun	743	682	647	689	710	-4.44
T Omro	1,444	1,684	1,616	1,875	2,116	46.54
T Oshkosh	4,943	4,420	4,655	3,234	2,475	-49.93
T Poygan	734	898	824	1,037	1,301	77.25
T Rushford	1,415	1,420	1,361	1,471	1,561	10.32
T Utica	1,029	1,038	1,046	1,168	1,299	26.24
T Vinland	1,472	1,632	1,688	1,849	1,765	19.90
T Winchester	1,209	1,261	1,433	1,676	1,763	45.82
T Winneconne	1,408	1,595	1,761	2,145	2,350	66.90
T Wolf River	904	1,052	1,037	1,223	1,189	31.53
V Winneconne	1,611	1,935	2,059	2,401	2,383	47.92
C Appleton (Part)	0	5	443	812	1,490	-
C Menasha (Part)	14,836	14,728	14,638	15,643	15,144	2.08
C Neenah	22,902	22,432	23,219	24,507	25,501	11.35
C Omro	2,341	2,763	2,836	3,177	3,517	50.23
C Oshkosh	53,082	49,620	55,006	62,916	66,083	24.49
Winnebago County	129,946	131,772	140,320	156,763	166,994	28.51

Source: U.S. Census: 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2010.

Winnebago County's recent history of significant population gains has caused state demographers to adjust their projections upward (Table 2). As a result, the county's population is projected to grow by about 20.0 percent between 2000 and 2030, increasing by nearly 31,000 residents (from 156,763 to 188,086).*

Table 2
POPULATION PROJECTIONS, 2000 - 2030
Winnebago County

MCD Type & Name	Census 2000	2005 Estimate	2010 Projection	2015 Projection	2020 Projection	2025 Projection	2030 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
City of Appleton(part)	812	950	1,075	1,207	1,340	1,472	1,598	786	96.8%
City of Menasha(part)	15,643	15,804	15,943	16,179	16,447	16,689	16,876	1,233	7.9%
City of Neenah	954	960	977	998	1020	1039	1054	4,135	16.9%
City of Omro	1119	1237	1315	1405	1494	1575	1641	842	26.5%
City of Oshkosh	623	657	689	722	756	787	815	17,451	27.7%
Village of Winneconne	2145	2270	2396	2535	2680	2820	2950	689	28.7%
Town of Algoma	640	726	794	865	938	1008	1070	3,652	64.0%
Town of Black wolf	1130	1151	1189	1237	1287	1333	1372	398	17.1%
Town of Clayton	1768	1738	1668	1602	1537	1466	1389	2,171	73.0%
Town of Menasha	682	697	733	774	813	849	879	5,822	36.7%
Town of Neenah	70087	72053	74260	77005	79817	82421	84683	202	7.6%
Town of Nekimi	7085	7205	7280	7406	7524	7606	7634	22	1.6%
Town of Nepeuskun	1631	1688	1728	1769	1811	1851	1883	101	14.7%
Town of Omro	724	758	799	849	898	942	977	852	45.4%
Town of Oshkosh	1187	1227	1254	1285	1316	1344	1365	-889	-27.5%
Town of Poygan	3048	3353	3351	3351	3350	3336	3308	625	60.3%
Town of Rushford	752	812	860	913	967	1016	1056	348	23.7%
Town of Utica	858	958	1015	1081	1144	1197	1238	321	27.5%
Town of Vinland	3341	3548	3677	3830	3980	4112	4218	394	21.3%
Town of Winchester	1037	1172	1265	1365	1467	1567	1662	503	30.0%
Town of Winneconne	1223	1243	1276	1317	1360	1401	1437	805	37.5%
Town of Wolf River	7801	7966	8077	8171	8249	8293	8287	214	17.5%
County Total	156,763	157,189	162,630	169,037	175,788	182,242	188,086	31,323	20.0%

**Source: Wisconsin Department of Administration, 2008 population projections.*

In addition to the county's base population, its seasonal and visiting population is also an important consideration in planning for the county's open space and recreational needs. It is estimated that as many as four-fifths of all recreationalists found in Winnebago County on a typical summer weekend day live outside the county. Most of these visitors are within a 1 hour driving radius, such as the Fox Valley, Madison, and the Stevens Point area (Map 3).

Additionally, a number of large seasonally occupied campgrounds also exist in the county and the immediate vicinity. **The county's proximity to larger urban centers also attracts numerous day-visitors.** Since the demand placed on recreational facilities and open space as well as many other types of services is similar to that generated by a population of 100,000 or more, it is easy to see that providing adequate recreational facilities to accommodate the demand will continue to be a major challenge of the Winnebago County parks system in the coming years.

Another factor that must be considered when evaluating existing and future recreational needs in Winnebago County is the distribution of its population by age group (Table 3). This information suggests the likely demand for certain types of recreational opportunities and facilities. Proportionally, Winnebago **County's population is comprised of a high number (26%) of middle age residents, 25-44 age group.** This is just a slight **higher than the State's average for this age group at 25.4%.**

The county's 2010 median age of 37.9 is close to the state's median age of 38.5 years. Additionally, towns generally have a lower median age than incorporated communities. Providing recreational opportunities for this segment of the population, (Young Couples and Couples with Kids) should be a priority as most would have an overall desire to maintain an active lifestyle. Activities such as picnicking, camping, bicycling, hiking, and cross-country skiing are becoming increasingly popular among families.

Table 3
POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY AGE GROUP
Winnebago County

	Winnebago County		State of Wisconsin	
Age Group	Number	%	Number	%
Under 5	9,866	6.0	358,443	6.3
5 to 14	19,916	12.0	744,544	13.1
15 to 24	26,220	15.7	785,761	13.8
25 to 44	43,349	26.0	1,447,360	25.4
45 to 54	25,560	15.3	873,753	15.4
55 to 64	19,747	11.8	699,811	12.3
65 and Over	22,336	13.2	777,314	13.7
Totals	166,994	100.00	5,686,986	100.00

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

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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VISION STATEMENT: *"Winnebago County is committed to providing equitable and high quality open spaces to its residents by emphasizing the distribution of recreation within the urban areas as well as giving consideration to the rural places."*

The following goals and objectives are designed to serve as a guide for Winnebago County officials as they set about to improve and develop the county's park and recreation system. These goals and objectives provide a basis for establishing public policy regarding the acquisition, development and management of park and recreation lands and other important resource areas in Winnebago County. They address the two components of a park and recreation system, the provision of recreational opportunities, and the preservation of unique natural and cultural resources as well as public participation. The goals are general statements indicating the type of park and recreation system the County would like to provide for local residents and visitors. Objectives are more specific statements of how the goals can be achieved.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Goal 1: Provide throughout the county a planned system of parks and recreation areas that will enable county residents and visitors alike to participate in and enjoy a diversity of recreational activities.

Objectives:

- Use sound planning principles in the design and development of all parks and park facilities by ensuring cost-effective measures in initial design and future maintenance.
- Acquire and develop recreation lands needed to meet the demand for high quality recreational facilities for the residents of Winnebago County.
- Cooperate with other public and private entities in identifying jurisdictional responsibility for providing needed recreational areas.
- Encourage maximum and appropriate use of all public recreation lands within the county. *As part of this objective, encourage a policy of intergovernmental cooperation, particularly between communities and adjacent towns, in providing and utilizing recreational facilities, as a way of avoiding unnecessary duplication of facilities and associated costs.*
- Preserve, obtain, and develop an appropriate level of public access to rivers, lakes, and streams to maximize their potential as recreational resources.
- Link major county and community recreation areas by utilizing natural watercourses, geologic features, and transportation or utility rights-of-way.
- Encourage a high standard of maintenance in the county park system as a way of promoting the county's park and recreation facilities.

- Promote linkages to trails on-street and off where appropriate, to provide a county network.
- Create ADA compliant trails and boat landings to accommodate individuals who are physically challenged by providing a safe recreational activity making it accessible to all.
- Encourage a partnership with the re:Th!nk Winnebago group on health issues related to recreational resources and planning.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Goal 2: Preserve scarce and valuable resources important to the ecological, sociological, and economic life of the county.

Objectives:

- Encourage the preservation and enhancement of the county's natural features and protect them from encroachment by all man-made and intensive development.
- Protect and preserve the **intrinsic value of the county's wildlife and fishery resources.**
- Work with the Land Conservation Department to conserve trees and other vegetation needed to prevent erosion, siltation and floods, and to protect air and water quality.
- Maintain the quality of **the county's lakes, including the means to prevent or minimize the** introduction of invasive species. Work with the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for the Region.
- Conserve lands with soils and terrain highly suitable for agricultural activity.
- Preserve wetlands necessary for continued fisheries and wildlife habitat and for groundwater recharge purposes.
- Use Winnebago **County's Geographic Information System (WINGS)** to identify all recreational and cultural sites in the county, including cemeteries.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Objectives:

- Encourage ongoing participation by all residents at County Parks Committee meetings.
- Continue to keep good relationships with surrounding property owners adjacent to County owned parks and facilities.

- Keep in contact with local municipalities within the County and use the resources they offer as a support network.
- Explore the support of community groups, service organizations, clubs, and volunteers for ways of funding and/or for making improvements to the county parks system by increasing the amount of recreational opportunities, i.e. re:Th!nk Winnebago, WPRO, NEWPRO, and the like.
- Continue to solicit comments from residents on all aspects of park and recreational programming and management via website comments, online polls, surveys, etc.
- **Encourage residents to promote the Sesquicentennial “Memorial Tree Grove” and other benches/stones along trails and in parks through donations.**
- **Outreach to the Chamber of Commerce’s and Visitor’s Centers on what the County has to offer in terms of marketing brochures and website links.**

PLANNING PROCESS

In 2012, Winnebago County was awarded a Technical Assistance Award through the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) to help with the update of the **County’s Park and Recreation Plan. The award program utilized tax levy dollars paid in by the member county/municipal and used to fund these type of projects.**

The initial process of the plan began in the summer months of 2012 to gather input and information **on the County’s parks and facilities.** ECWRPC staff looked at the current conditions of the recreational facilities and developed recommendations for improvement. Pictures and inventory assessments were completed and provided a basis for the plan document.

In October of 2012, ECWRPC held a kickoff meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss current goals and objectives for the plan. Public survey questions were also reviewed for additional input. The initial parks inventory list was shown as well as mapping for the plan. The final meetings were special arrangements by the Committee for discussion of the needs assessment, preliminary recommendations, and survey finalization.

Three Public Informational Meetings were held around the County early in 2013 to provide additional feedback on what **residents’** desire. The survey was also deployed from December 2012 to April 2013 via the web to get additional recommendations on County facilities. The final meeting with the Committee on April 4th, 2013 looked at the 5-year action plan and capital improvement plan as well as final recommendations. A 2-month review period followed with the final Committee adoption on **September 5, 2013** and County Board resolution on **September 17, 2013.** The entire planning process took approximately 1 year to complete.

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RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

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NATURAL RESOURCES

The character of the Winnebago County landscape reflects the legacy of past glacial activity. Most of the county's landforms, water bodies, and other natural features are examples of glacial deposits. All but the southwestern part of the county was covered by the glacier. This area has a reddish clay while brownish loamy till covers the rest of the county. The topography is nearly level with a 6% slope or less over 90% of the terrain.

Surface Water

Winnebago County is entirely within the Fox-Wolf Basin and contains approximately 84,000 acres of surface water. The lakes, rivers, and streams make up the major portion which is known as the **"Winnebago System."** (*Map 2, Table 5*) The system includes the pool lakes of Lake Winnebago, Poygan, Winneconne, and Lake Butte des Morts along with the main tributary waters of the Upper Fox and Lower Wolf Rivers. Two lakes that are not located in the pool are Rush Lake and Little Lake Butte des Morts. **The "Winnebago System" is one of Wisconsin's most significant water resources. It comprises 17% of the state's surface water acreage. Lake Winnebago, at 137,700 acres is the State's largest inland lake.** The system receives heavy recreational use by boaters, anglers, swimmers, hunters, and trappers. There is also an active commercial setline fishery for catfish. There are a total of 58 public and private boat launch sites in the County. Winnebago County maintains 7 of these sites, (*Table 4, Map 2*) adjacent to park facilities.

Wetland and Wildlife Resources

There are approximately 51,400 acres of wetlands in the County. Most are located in the western and northern areas which include, Lake Poygan, Rush Lake, Rush/Waukau Creek, and the Fox, Rat, and Wolf Rivers. These wetland areas provide habitat for fish, waterfowl, and other wildlife species and are important for the recharge of the aquifers and groundwater protection. The State Wildlife Areas of the Deppe Marsh (434.40 acres), Poygan Marsh (127.77 acres), the Wolf River (2012.52 acres) and Rat River (4602.10) are owned by the WDNR as well as the waterfowl areas of Ecktein (195.40) and Uihlein (1935.25). (Table 6)

Wetlands have come to be recognized as valuable resources that serve as a filtering system to purify water, maintain and stabilize the quantity of water, and provide important fish and wildlife habitat. Unfortunately, infringing land use changes can quickly and permanently destroy these fragile natural areas. Too often in the past, the benefits of protecting the state's wetlands were unrecognized and many were drained or filled. Although wetlands have come under the protection of increasingly stringent regulations, the loss of additional wetland acreage remains a threat, particularly in areas where development infringes.

The lakes, marshes, rivers, and adjacent uplands in Winnebago County have provided prime waterfowl habitat for centuries. Sharp declines in waterfowl populations during the 1970's and 80's coincided with the loss of important aquatic food sources, such as wild rice and celery. In

recent years, DNR, LWCD and local sporting clubs have been working cooperatively to restore these plants in Lake Poygan and Rush Lake Waterfowl hunting, as always, remains an important recreational activity in the county. Other important wildlife providing hunting opportunities include deer, pheasant, rabbits, turkey and fur bearing animals.

Because Winnebago County is located in what was formerly one of the best regions of the state for duck and pheasant production, the Department of Natural Resources initiated the Glacial Habitat Restoration Area (GHRA) project in the southwestern part of the county. This project is designed to restore wetlands and grasslands on private and public lands to benefit waterfowl, pheasants, and grassland songbirds. Winnebago County also has the State Acres For wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) program in designated townships within the GHRA that allows landowners to enroll blocks of cropland in a USDA, CRP contract to provide grassland habitat.

Table 4
Boat Launches in Winnebago County

Map ID	Name	Municipality	Type	Class*	Surface
1	24th Avenue	City of Oshkosh	Public	Primary	Pavement
2	Asylum Point	Town of Oshkosh	Public	Primary	Pavement
3	Bay Lane	Town of Wolf River	Unknown	Road Access - Fire Lane	Pavement
4	Boom Bay Resort	Town of Wolf River	Private	Secondary	Pavement
5	Butte des Morts County Park	Town of Omro	Public	Primary	Pavement
6	Butte Des Morts Landing	Town of Winneconne	Unknown	Secondary	Pavement
7	Captain's Cove Landing	Town of Poygan	Private	Secondary	Pavement
8	Chico's Landing	Town of Wolf River	Private	Primary	Unknown
9	Doty Park	City of Neenah	Public	Primary	Pavement
10	East Fisk Ave.	Town of Black Wolf	Public	Road Access - Fire Lane	Stone/Gravel
11	Edgewood Lane	Town of Oshkosh	Unknown	Road Access - Fire Lane	Pavement
12	Eureka Boat Landing	Town of Rushford	Public	Unknown	Unknown
13	Fox & Hounds Park	City of Omro	Public	Secondary	Pavement
14	Fresh Air Park	City of Neenah	Public	Secondary	Pavement
15	Fritse Park Boat Launch	Town of Menasha	Public	Primary	Pavement
16	Fugleberg	City of Oshkosh	Public	Primary	Pavement
17	Gala Resort	Town of Wolf River	Private	Secondary	Pavement
18	Grundman Park / Osh-O-Nee Landing	Town of Vinland	Public	Primary	Pavement
19	Hahn-A-Lula's - Private/Public	Town of Wolf River	Private	Secondary	Pavement
20	Hidden Habor Marina	Village of Winneconne	Private	Secondary	Unknown
21	Indian Point Sport Fishing Club	Town of Wolf River	Private	Secondary	Pavement
22	Indian Shore Road	Town of Winneconne	Unknown	Road Access - Fire Lane	Unknown
23	Jefferson Park	City of Menasha	Public	Primary	Pavement
24	Kamrath Road	Town of Winneconne	Unknown	Road Access - Fire Lane	Stone/Gravel
25	Kiesow's Landing	Town of Wolf River	Private	Primary	Pavement

26	Kalbus County Harbor Campground	Town of Black Wolf	Public	Secondary	Pavement
27	Lake Poygan Landing	Town of Poygan	Public	Primary	Pavement
28	Lake Poygan Road (Old Duck Inn)	Town of Wolf River	Public	Primary	Pavement
29	Lake Winneconne Park	Village of Winneconne	Public	Primary	Pavement
30	Langs Landing	Village of Winneconne	Private	Secondary	Unknown
31	Manitowoc Street	City of Menasha	Public	Secondary	Pavement
32	Menominee Park	City of Oshkosh	Public	Primary	Pavement
33	Mill Street	City of Oshkosh	Public	Secondary	Pavement
34	Miller Park	City of Omro	Public	Primary	Pavement
35	Black Wolf Boat Landing /Nagy Park	Town of Black Wolf	Public	Primary	Pavement
36	Nicolet Street	City of Oshkosh	Public	Road Access - Fire Lane	Sand
37	Ninth Street	City of Menasha	Public	Primary	Pavement
38	North First Street (Fin N Feather)	Village of Winneconne	Public	Primary	Pavement
39	Oakwood Drive	Town of Algoma	Unknown	Road Access - Fire Lane	Pavement
40	Otter Street	City of Oshkosh	Public	Road Access - Fire Lane	Stone/Gravel
41	Party Doll	Town of Wolf River	Private	Secondary	Unknown
42	Pioneer Marina	City of Oshkosh	Public	Secondary	Unknown
43	Rainbow Park	City of Oshkosh	Public	Primary	Pavement
44	Rivermoor Road	Town of Winneconne	Unknown	Road Access - Fire Lane	Stone/Gravel
45	Sandpit Road	Town of Omro	Unknown	Road Access - Fire Lane	Stone/Gravel
46	Sherley Ct.	Town of Poygan	Private	Road Access - Fire Lane	Unknown
47	Skipper Buds	City of Oshkosh	Private	Secondary	Unknown
48	South Park	City of Neenah	Public	Primary	Pavement
49	Southside Ice Yacht Club	City of Oshkosh	Private	Secondary	Unknown
50	Spruce Lane	Town of Poygan	Unknown	Road Access - Fire Lane	Stone/Gravel
51	Stearns Park - C. Omro	City of Omro	Public	Primary	Unknown
52	Triangle Campground	Town of Wolf River	Private	Secondary	Pavement
53	Waugoo Street	City of Oshkosh	Public	Road Access - Fire Lane	Sand
54	Waverly Beach	City of Menasha	Private	Road Access - Fire Lane	Sand
55	William Steiger Park	City of Oshkosh	Public	Secondary	Pavement
56	Wind Pointe Harbor	Village of Winneconne	Private	Secondary	Unknown
57	Winneconne Lakeland Resort	Village of Winneconne	Private	Secondary	Pavement
58	Wisconsin Avenue	City of Neenah	Public	Road Access - Fire Lane	Sand

See Map 2 for locations.

**Primary are launches that have paved landings, and other facilities like bathrooms or shelters. Secondary launches are paved landings, but do not have other facilities or are not ones that are used heavily. Fire lanes or road access - Winnebago and the Pool Lakes have several roads that lead right to the lake where there is an access point. Some of these are used as a boat landing and most of them are utilized as winter access points.*

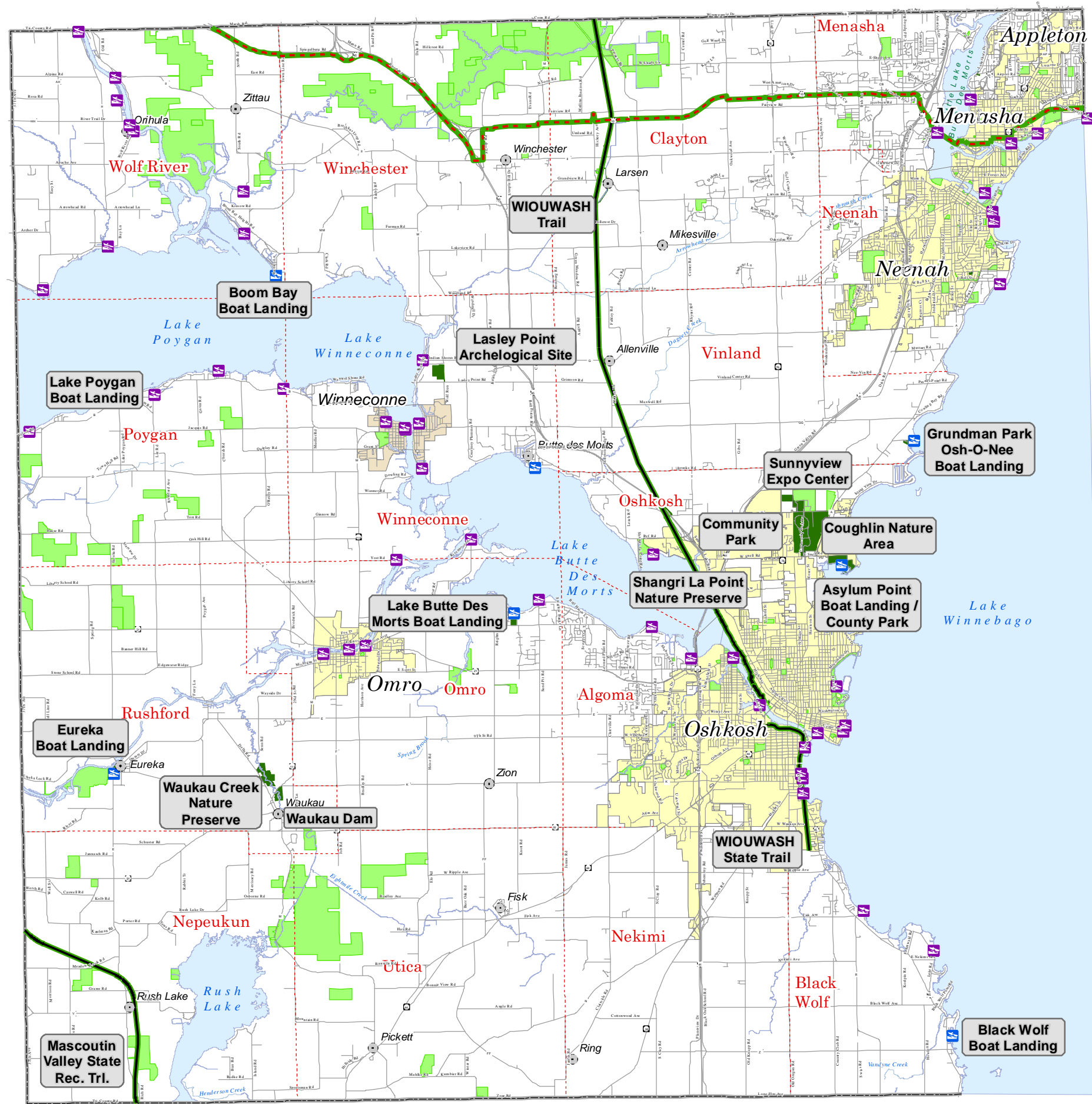


Table 5
SIGNIFICANT WATER FEATURES IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Map* Code	Water Body	Area (Sq. Miles)	Length (Miles)
A	Arrowhead River		5.7
B	Fox River		23.2
C	Rat River		9.9
D	Wolf River		7.1
E	Daggets Creek		7.8
F	Pumpkinseed Creek		2.4
G	Sawyer Creek		9.8
H	Waukau Creek		8.7
I	Lake Butte des Morts	13.7	
J	Little Lake Butte des Morts	2.5	
K	Lake Poygan	18.6	
L	Lake Winnebago*	137,700.0	
M	Lake Winneconne	7.2	
N	Rush Lake	4.2	
Totals:		137,746.20	74.6

*(Approximate GIS Sq. Miles and Miles, see Map 2, Lake Winnebago is full lake body).





MAP 1

EXISTING RECREATIONAL SITES

Winnebago County, Wisconsin

- Other Boat Launches
- County Launches
- Unincorporated Areas
- Other Trails
- County Maintained State Trails
- Streams
- Open Water
- Other Recreational Areas
- County Owned/Maintained Facilities
- Cities
- Villages



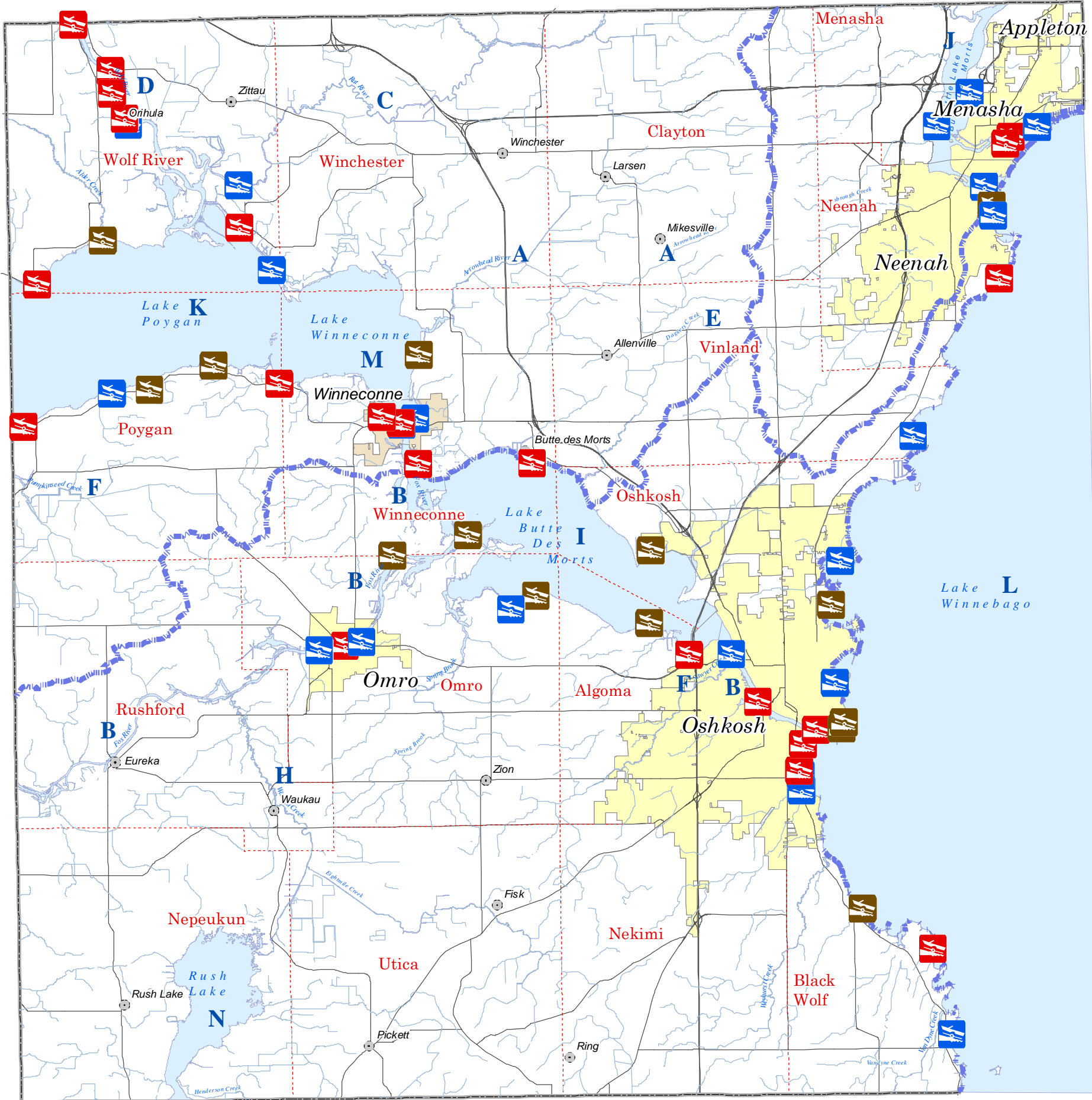
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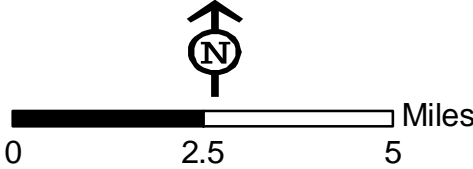
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MAP 2 EXISTING WATER RESOURCES* Winnebago County, Wisconsin



- Primary Launch
- Road Access - Firelane
- Secondary Launch
- Unincorporated Areas
- Stream/River
- Watershed Line
- Water
- Cities
- Villages

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Capital letters reflect Table 5 in the plan document.
Table 4 contains the numbered launches.

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Woodlands

According to the 2012 forest land use inventory analysis by East Central WI RPC, Winnebago County has a total of approximately 31,047 acres (Map 3) of forested land which is about 10 percent of all of the land in Winnebago County. Nearly all of this land is held by private landowners and is widely distributed across the county.

Programs such as the Conservation Reserve Program and the Wisconsin Forest Land Owner Grant Program have provided some financial incentives for tree planting. In addition to these programs the Managed Forest Law (MFL) program provides a tax break for landowners to manage their land for timber products. Currently 5,435 acres are enrolled in the MFL program.

Future trends in forest lands continue to show problems with increasing amounts of parcelization, large deer populations and problems with invasive species. Parcelization makes forest management difficult because of the small size of each unit. Overpopulation of deer and invasive species has made regeneration of many forest types very difficult. Oak/hickory types are extremely hard hit because of the slower growth rates of the seedlings. As this cover type ages the understory is being replaced by faster growing and less palatable tree species and/or invasive plants such as buckthorn.

A relatively new invasive insect in Wisconsin is the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). This pest arrived from China via Michigan. Since that time it has devastated large areas of ash in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Ontario. It has been found in several areas in Wisconsin. Because EAB bores into the trunk of a tree it is extremely difficult to find and control. This insect has the potential to devastate the ash stands in Winnebago County.

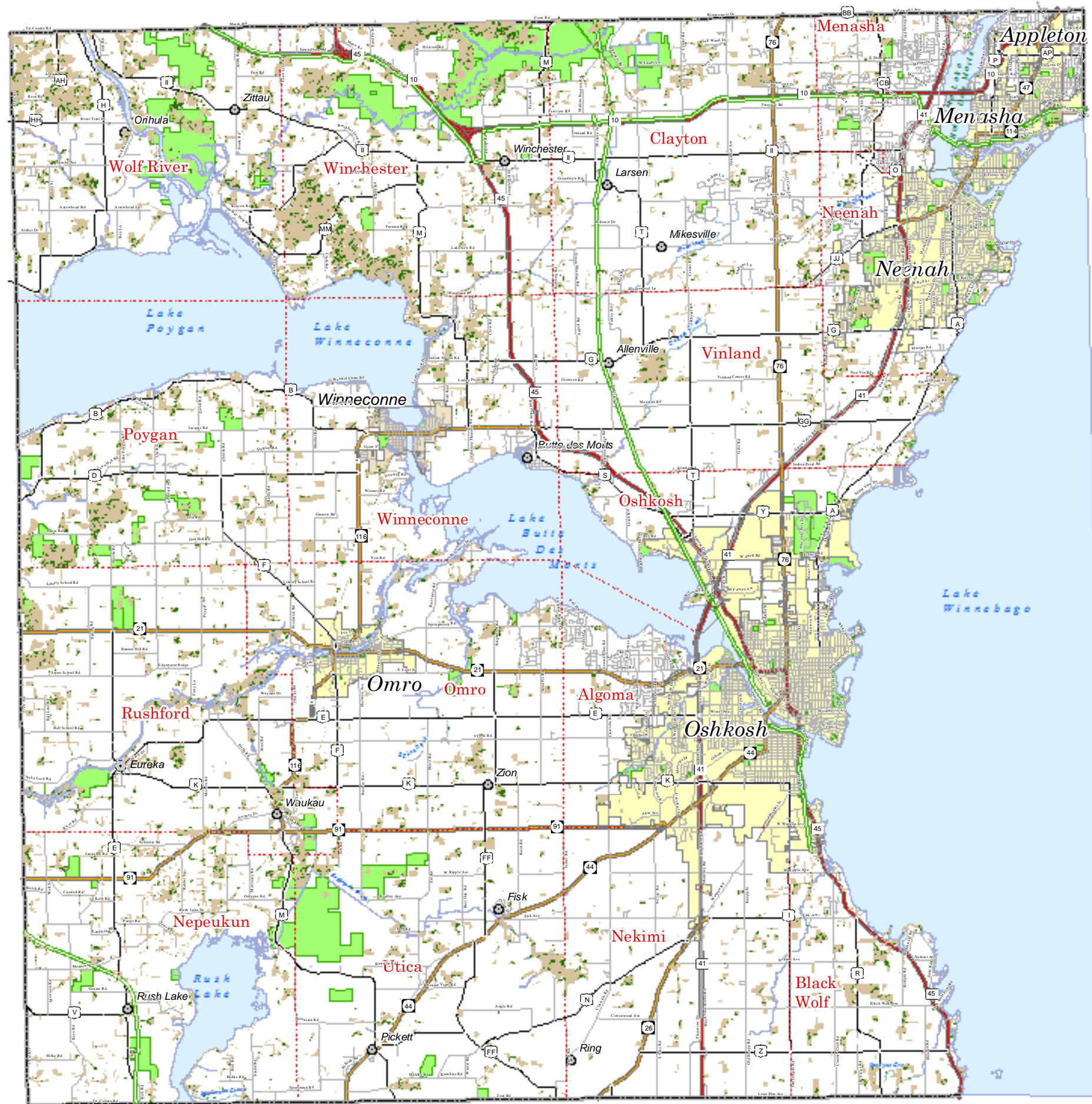
Continuation of forest assistance and incentive programs to encourage the planting of new trees and proper management of existing forests are critical to the future of these forested lands.

Fishery Resources

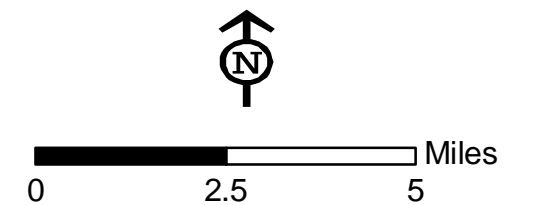
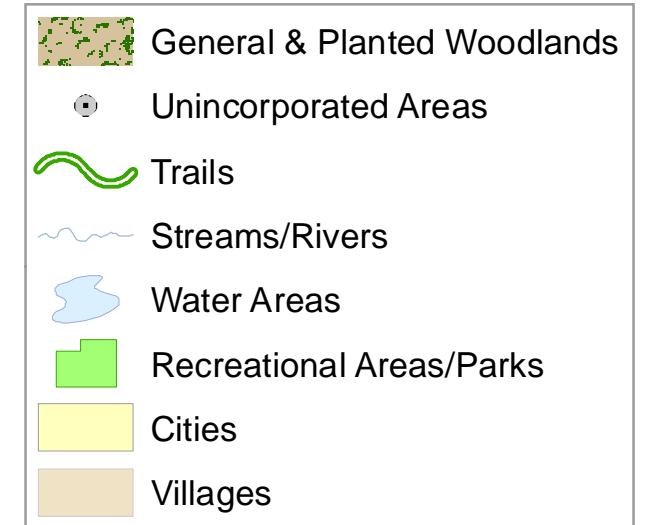
The Winnebago System continues to be known throughout the Midwest as a great fishing opportunity for walleye, white bass, and sturgeon. The County accounts for 513 acres of State Fishery Areas (Table 6) within its boundaries.

The lower 125 miles of the Wolf River and 37 miles of the upper Fox River contain the spawning and nursery grounds for the Winnebago Pool sturgeon and walleye populations. In addition to lake sturgeon, walleye, northern pike and white bass, the major species of the Winnebago Pool fisheries community include freshwater drum, sauger, yellow perch, largemouth and smallmouth bass, panfish, trout, perch, and emerald shiner. The recreational fishing opportunities supported by this diverse fishery provided over one million angler hours and \$234 million to the local economy annually based on a 2007 Winnebago County UWEX study entitled: **"The Lake Winnebago System sustains a recreational fishery that annually contributes \$234 million to the local economy of its five surrounding counties"**.

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MAP 3 EXISTING WOODLAND RESOURCES Winnebago County, Wisconsin



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Natural and Cultural Sites



Appreciation of the unique ecological, geological, historical, and archeological heritage of Winnebago County is a significant educational aspect of public outdoor recreation. Many of the historic sites provide evidence of past Native American cultures. Among the most important sites are those near Winneconne is the Lasley Point Archeological Site but, for the most part, specific locations are kept from the general public to prevent their destruction by an “unthinking” or inconsiderate public. The present status of other sites is unknown; many may no longer exist. An up-to-date inventory that would both ascertain the status and significance of presently known sites and identify other sites would be valuable.

State Owned Lands

Land owned by DNR in Winnebago County totals approximately 14,000 plus acres (Table 6). Nearly 11,500 acres are designated as State Wildlife Areas while an additional 2,000 acres are waterfowl production areas. The largest contiguous block is the Rat River State Wildlife Area at just over 4,600 acres.

Table 6
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAND
Winnebago County

	Acres*
State Wildlife Areas	13,536
Natural Areas	402
State Parks	2
State Fishery Areas	513
Other DNR Owned Lands	126
TOTAL DNR OWNED LANDS	14,264

*Source: DNR, 2012, 2011-2016 SCORP.

Among the county's municipalities, DNR holdings are most extensive in the Towns of Wolf River and Winchester where the Rat River flows. The DNR's holdings generally are considered to provide passive recreational opportunities.

EXISTING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Over 20,000 acres of public land and an additional 3,537 acres of private land are available for outdoor recreational activities in Winnebago County (Table 7). Public open space comprises 4.8 percent of the county's total land area, a figure that compares favorably with surrounding counties. **The state's DNR is the largest public landowner in Winnebago County, controlling 11,159 acres (Table 6).** The county park system makes up 815 acres of publicly owned open space.

COUNTY PARKS AND PUBLIC BOAT LANDINGS

Definition of a County Park: *"A county park provides sufficient park and recreation area to meet the needs of county residents. County parks consist of land that is specifically set aside for active and passive recreation uses, and that accommodates large gatherings, special events, and individual users. County parks offer a wide variety of compatible outdoor recreation activities, and may provide areas that do not primarily serve a recreational purpose such as protected natural areas, historic areas, and special use areas."*

Source: Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan • 2011–2016

Winnebago County's park system is comprised of 15 sites, 7 of which are public boat landings (Map 1 and Table 7) and 2 linear state trail systems, the WIOUWASH and the Mascoutin Valley. Upgrading existing facilities to make them more attractive and maintenance-free has been a priority in recent years. Consistency in signing, painting, and standards of maintenance should be continued to increase awareness of the county's park system by park visitors.

Table 7
COUNTY LAND AND PUBLIC FACILITIES, 2012

Park/Recreational Site		Acres*	Miles*
1	Asylum Point Park/Boat Landing	79.1**	
2	Eureka Boat Landing	6.3	
3	Black Wolf Boat Landing (Nagy Park)	3.3	
4	Boom Bay Boat Landing	0.8	
5	Lake Poygan Boat Landing	1.5	
6	Grundman Park / Osh-O-Nee Boat Landing	12.1	
7	Lake Butte Des Morts Boat Landing	1.6	
8	Lasley Point Archeological Site	47.7	
9	WIOUWASH State Recreation Trail		21.8
10	Mascoutin Valley State Recreation Trail		5.3
11	Waukau Creek Nature Preserve and Waukau Dam	65.4	
12	Coughlin Nature Area	35.1	
13	Sunnyview Expo Center	154.7	
14	Shangri La Point Nature Preserve	55	
15	Winnebago County Community Park	365.5	
	Total Acres/Miles:	828.1	27.1

* Sources: Acres and miles taken from approximate 2012 County Park GIS data calculations and county information. Parcel and land use polygon calculated per ownership. **17 acres are leased from the WDNR.

Winnebago County Community Park

Located on CTH Y, Winnebago County Community Park composes over 365 acres of the parkland in the county park system. The park offers an extensive variety of active and passive recreational

activities including baseball, soccer, rugby, disc golf, archery, horseshoes, a dog park, and catch/release fishing ponds. **It is definitely one of the County's most used parks** and its facilities are rented and used considerably.

Sunnyview Exposition Center

There are about 154 acres of recreational land available at the Sunnyview Exposition Center including the Expo Center and Covered Areana Racetrack in Oshkosh. The facilities include the typical complement of livestock, exhibition, and concession buildings. The grandstand, with its upgraded seating, fronts a 1/3-mile dirt track, for stock car racing. Other facilities available at the facility include picnic tables, restrooms, and drinking water. Among the more recent improvement include an upgrade of the electrical system and lighting. Attractions at the Sunnyview Exposition Center provide endless entertainment offerings throughout the year and also camping during events.

Speedzone Race Track

The Oshkosh SpeedZone Raceway is home to the Summer of Thunder IMCA Modifieds, Grand Nationals, Street Stocks, Sport Modifieds and Dirt Devils race cars. Races run from April to around Labor Day in September in the evenings on Tuesdays and Fridays. The WinnebagoLand BMX Club also holds racing events at this venue July-October. Prizes are awarded to the Kid Kart Club teams with the most points at the end of the season.



Asylum Point County Park and Boat Landing

This 80-acre plus county park lies about a quarter mile west of CTH A in the southwest corner of the City of Oshkosh. Recreational facilities include portable toilet (seasonal), boat ramp, picnic facilities, a lighthouse, a variety of parking space and opportunities for wildlife viewing. Unfortunately, **swimming isn't** recommended per the possible water contamination with E Coli in Lake Winnebago. **The County's Health Department monitors water quality throughout the area** and the shoreline contains high levels of E Coli units > 235 is considered a risk factor. The water inland is currently at 290.9.

Black Wolf Boat Landing at Nagy Park

This park and boat landing is located in the Town of Black Wolf off the southwest shores of Lake Winnebago. It has ample parking, a public boat launch, restrooms, and a picnic area.

Boom Bay Boat Landing

This landing derives its name from the rafts of logs or "booms" that logging companies once secured in a section of the bay north of the current launch area. The current landing opens onto the east side of Lake Poygan. The site hosts a portable toilet (seasonal), parking, and a public boat landing.

Eureka Boat Landing

A huge fishing site, this landing is especially popular in the spring, during the walleye and bass runs on the Fox River. Anglers also pursue catfish from a wharf along the shoreline or from boats, which can be launched from three ramps at the landing. From Omro, take Hwy. 21 west to City. K Turn south and continue to Eureka. The landing is off Hwy. K on the Fox River. Picnic tables, picnic shelter, portable toilet (seasonal), and boat landing.

Osh-O-Nee Boat Landing at Grundman Park

Anglers and boaters can access this Lake Winnebago from this park, which offers three launch ramps and two docks. The landing provides access to some of the better walleye and perch spots on the lake. The shoreline also creates a scenic picnic spot. From Oshkosh, take CTH A north 3 1/2 miles past the unincorporated site of Winnebago. The park and landing is located on the eastside of Grundman Lane. The landing hosts picnic tables, an event kiosk, and a portable toilet (seasonal).

Lake Butte des Morts Boat Landing

Popular for its fishing and boating access onto Lake Butte Des Morts, this landing provides an ADA fishing pier, harbor and boat launch. From Oshkosh take Hwy. 21 west to Sandpit Road. Turn north and go one mile to Leonard Point Road. Turn west and go 1/2 mile to the landing. The landing hosts picnic tables, a picnic shelter, and a portable toilet (seasonal).

Lake Poygan Boat Landing

This landing provides access to the south shore of Lake Poygan, which offers excellent fishing year-round. From Winneconne, take Hwy. B west eight miles. A picnic table and a portable toilet (seasonal) are on site.

NATURAL AREAS

Waukau Creek Nature Preserve and Waukau Pond/Dam

This 65 acre preserve features Waukau Creek, formerly known as Rush Creek the only flowing stream in the County, is found north of the Village of Waukau on Delhi Road off of CTH K. Densely wooded ravine slopes, provide a beautiful setting for a picnic or hike. Wildflowers are abundant and change with the seasons to offer a unique color experience. Self-guided nature trails with interpretive signs teach hikers of all ages about the site. The trails are rustic and spur

self-guided x-country skiing or snow-shoeing opportunities in the winter. Picnic tables, portable toilet (seasonal), and a rough fish holding pond with many fish species are among the other amenities. The WDNR holds regulation devices on the pond that control water levels and diverts the flow into the creek. Wildlife viewing of many birds can also be seen including kingfishers, green herons, and mallards.



The Waukau

Dam located in the incorporated Village of Waukau was the site of an early day sawmill, which was later replaced by a woolen mill. The mill purchased its raw wool from local sheep herders, and provided employment for many women through the community. The grassy meadows and sparkling creek were often the location of church picnics and Sunday outings. The Waukau Baptist Church and local Baptist Church used the waters of the creek for baptismal ceremonies. The creek cuts through glacial till (glacier deposited

soil) resulting in a steep walled ravine and broad floodplain. Because of its unique history, Waukau Creek Nature Preserve offers a wide variety of trees, wildflowers, wildlife and scenic beauty.

Natural Areas Preservation, Inc., a local conversation organization dedicated this area to Winnebago County on May 18, 1974. There are no dogs allowed on the site. The pond has an ADA accessible fishing pier and rough fish in the holding ponds. Perch, Bluegill, White bass, and Northern can be caught in this pond. Regulation devices are in place that control water level and divert the flow of the creek. The site is located on State Highway 116.



Coughlin Community Natural Area



Located off of CTH Y next to the Winnebago County Community Park, the Coughlin Nature Area offers one mile of walking paths. Along the paths are trail signs educating the public about the area and its plants. During the winter months, the paths become excellent cross-country ski and snow shoe trails. Also located in the nature area is the Memorial Tree Grove. The Memorial Tree Grove was dedicated in October of 1998. Donations and memorials are currently

being accepted in the county parks office located in the James P. Coughlin Building.

The land was once used by Native Americans because of its proximity to Lake Winnebago and its natural resources like hardwood forests, oak savanna, wetlands, and prairie. The prairie today was once used as farmland by European settlers.

Lasley Point Archeological Site

As well as boat landings, parks and trails, the Winnebago County parks system boasts an additional unique site. The wilds of the Lasley Point Archaeological Site mark the spot where a Native American village once thrived. Between 1200 and 1500 AD its 47.7 acres supported an Oneota Indian village. In the early 1940s, numerous archaeological digs took place in the area uncovering broken bone tools, shells, human bones, copper flakes, charcoal and pottery. The sites of early garden beds and cache pits were also discovered. No additional excavating has been done since the 1940s. However, the area was nominated and accepted for inclusion in the listing of the National Register of Historic Places late in 1979. This unique site was purchased two years later from the Winnebago County Historical Society. The site currently supports beautiful woods of oak, hickory, basswood, and ash with dense shrubbery underneath. Trails with informational signs weave through the woods offering glimpses of the numerous varieties of wildflowers. Camping is prohibited and no dogs are allowed on the site! In the winter months, the site hosts self-guided cross-country ski trails.



The archeological site also supports sizable populations of small game, songbirds and mammals. The park is located about 2-miles north of Winneconne, west of County Highway M. A small parking area is located off Lasley Point Road.

LINEAR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Forms of recreation in which participants can travel great distances before reaching their destination or returning to their point of origin have become increasingly popular during the past two decades. Pleasure driving, touring, and snowmobiling have been joined by bicycling, hiking/backpacking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing as activities pursued by growing numbers of people. To varying extents, opportunities exist to partake in these activities in Winnebago County.

Mascoutin Valley State Recreational Trail

The Mascoutin Valley State Trail is 5.3 miles long and has beautiful scenery for all activities such as walking, hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding in the summer months. In the



winter months it allows for cross country skiing and snowmobiling.

The trail base is crushed limestone. Rush Lake Marsh area offers wildlife viewing opportunities. It runs through the southwest corner of Winnebago County and continues on into both Green Lake and Fond du Lac Counties. One trail head is located at the junction of Locust Road and Old C&NW Line north east of Ripon in Fond du Lac County. The trail passes through the Eldorado Marsh and west of the Rush Lake Marsh. It continues north into Winnebago County and west into Green Lake County then ends in Berlin.

WIOUWASH State Recreational Trail



The WIOUWASH trail runs on an abandoned 21.8 mile railroad corridor and is named for the 4 counties it crosses through, Winnebago, Outagamie, Waupaca, and Shawano. The flat base is very good for walkers, hikers, bikers, horseback riders (summer) and snowmobilers. The Winnebago County portion of the trail runs from Oshkosh north through Winnebago and Outagamie counties and halts in the Village of Hortonville.

The trail which will ultimately extend from Oshkosh northward through Langlade County, enters Shawano County near Split Rock and passes through the Villages of Tigerton, Wittenberg, Eland, and Birnamwood near the County's western border. Several gaps remain before a continuous trail is in place (including the segment from Birnamwood north through Aniwa to the Langlade County line). Ongoing efforts are underway to acquire right-of-way or obtain the necessary easements to complete the trail. Once completed, the Shawano County portion of the WIOUWASH Trail will be approximately 30 miles in length.

Snowmobile Trails

There is a 200-mile network of snowmobile trails in Winnebago County with 133.5 miles designated as state 'funded' trails. The remaining 80 miles of trails are club trails, which mean local clubs install and maintain these trails through fundraisers and membership dues. Snowmobile trails are open to all REGISTERED snowmobilers. Snowmobile Trails in Winnebago County are interconnecting with all of the surrounding counties.

If you snowmobile on any trail in Wisconsin, chances are the trails were made possible by the local snowmobile club. These clubs provide the trails for public use through volunteer efforts of club members.

By belonging to a snowmobile club, you are helping the sport stay strong by providing good trails. You share the fun and fellowship of snowmobiling with others.

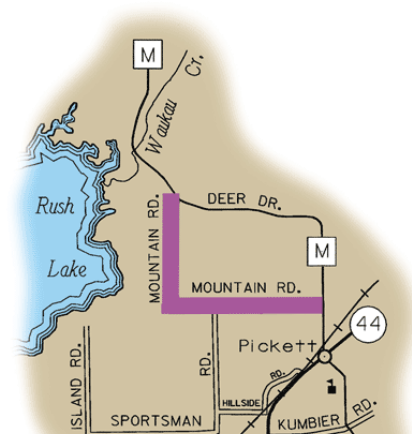
Snowmobile clubs have instructors who teach the DNR Snowmobile Safety Course. The course is required for all snowmobilers between the ages of 12 and 16 who wish to operate alone. Contact the DNR, your local club, or county association for safety class information.

Bicycle Routes

Over 1,000 miles of highly scenic low volume rural roads provide abundant opportunities for bicycling and bike touring in Winnebago County. Attempts have been made at the state level to identify those roads most suitable for biking in the county and, although Winnebago County has developed bicycle routes throughout, no formal action has been taken by the County to officially designate bicycle routes. The State would like each county to ultimately develop a county bike plan. A component of the plan would be the development of a bike route network that could be integrated into a statewide system, providing the same opportunities for bicyclists that snowmobilers currently enjoy. Once again, the economic spin-offs to the individual counties are obvious. *(See Appendix C for a map from the DOT of current conditions).*

More information for biking conditions and routes will be apparent once East Central WI RPC completes their Fox Cities / Oshkosh Urbanized Area Bike and Pedestrian Plan. This will show connections from major cities and hopefully address barriers that exist.

Rustic Roads



Source: Wisconsin DOT, Travel Information.

The Rustic Roads System was created by the state legislature in 1973 to help citizens and local units of government preserve scenic lightly traveled country roads for the leisurely enjoyment of bicyclists, hikers and motorists. They offer excellent opportunities to travel through an attractive rustic area by car, bicycle, or by foot. The scenic qualities of these roads are protected by agreement with bordering property owners and by controlling roadside maintenance practices so that wildflowers and other native flora are allowed to extend to the edge of the pavement.

Rustic Road 72 in Winnebago County is located on Mountain Road, beginning and ending with County M. The road is 3.1 miles in length and is paved and gravel. The road offers great wildlife and wildflower viewing in a serene setting. Mountain Road passes through the middle of 270 acres owned by the Nature Conservancy. It is home to many birds including Sandhill cranes, Short-eared owls, Northern bobwhite, quail and pheasants. The traveler will encounter an abundance of wildflowers bordering the roadway including May apple, trillium, Canada anemone, wild geraniums, Solomon's seal, wild roses and goldenrod.

To the west of the WIOUWASH State Trail, near lakes Butte des Morts and Winneconne, lies the Wolf Wilderness Recreation Trail. This is a scenic pedestrian, bike, and snowmobile trail along the perimeter of a constructed body of water that also allows access by lightly traveled roadways to the community of Butte des Morts, the Village of Winneconne, and the WIOUWASH Trail. A pleasant 1.5 mile route that takes walkers and bikers around the replacement wetlands created at the intersection of Highway 116 and GG. The trail can be accessed off of Kolb Road, where a parking area exists for trail users or at the Park and Ride and County S. Wolf Wilderness Trail accesses the larger WIOUWASH Trail in Winnebago County.

In 2004, The Village of Winneconne, in conjunction with the Winnebago County Health Department, initiated the designation of a number of different walking paths throughout the village. With as many as four routes offering distances of one to three miles, these paths provide walkers, roller bladers and even cyclists a chance to enjoy the great outdoors and some invigorating exercise in a measurable and safe manner. Various routes are color coded, and sponsorships have helped to pay for the painting, benches, and signage along path routes.

OTHER RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS

Surrounding Parks

Within an hour drive from Winnebago County's **Community Park** and Sunnyview Expo Center, there are 4 state park facilities (Map 4). As you get 90 minutes away, more state parks are located along the shores of Lake Michigan making Winnebago County a central destination to recreational opportunities. As you get beyond the 90 minutes, Madison and the Dells are just under 2 hours away and also offer exceptional camping, hiking, boating, fishing, and tourism prospects.

Community and Backyard Gardens

Gardening has become one of the most popular recreation activities and provides many benefits in community building as well as health related benefits. Residents get a real sense of satisfaction growing their own produce and also while doing so, increase their physical activity as well. With the recent economy pushing increased prices for foods and grocery, many families and communities are taking matters into their own hands, literally, by creating and producing their own fresh food. A recent state survey suggests that almost 70% of Wisconsin adults **participate in gardening or landscape for pleasure**. Winnebago's current projected acreage for backyard gardens is currently at 23,486 while there are 6-12 acres of Community Gardens.*



The County is currently part of the Fox Cities Community Garden Partnership and has approximately 5-6 gardens in the program located throughout the area:

1. Clearwater Community Garden, 2111 Marathon Ave., Neenah;
2. Goodwill Community Garden, 1800 Appleton Road, Menasha;
3. Mosaic / UW Fox Valley Garden, 1475 Midway Road, Menasha;
4. St. Joseph Food Program Pilot Garden, Opportunity Way, Menasha;
5. UW-Oshkosh Community Garden (self-sustaining), 663 3rd Ave., Oshkosh

**Source Wisconsin State Outdoor Recreation Plan 2011-2016, Foster , 2011.*

Winnebago County Master Gardener Association



This organization is made up of individuals who are passionate about horticulture and want to give back to their community. They **don't know** everything about gardening but are eager for opportunities to learn more and to help others in the community better understand horticulture and their environment.

Their mission is to provide research based horticulture education, community service and environmental stewardship to our community in affiliation with the University of Wisconsin-Cooperative Extension which provides the 36 hours of initial general horticultural training required for certification as a Master Gardener. Twenty-four (24) hours of community service is also required annually. <http://www.winnebagomastergardeners.org/>

Fox Cities Greenways

The Fox Cities Greenways is an active component of parks and **recreational opportunity and planning within Winnebago County's** boundaries. Trailways, open space, and recreation activities gear the non-profit's **goals and efforts within** the Fox Cities. Winnebago County should work closely with this group on trail issues and additional park space as needed.



The goal of establishing a network of pedestrian and bicycle trails connecting communities throughout Wisconsin is shared by many organizations. FCGI's goal is to link the places people live, work, and play in the Fox Cities by supporting like-minded organizations and businesses, and promoting dialogue between the various local governments. <http://www.focol.org/greenways/>

re:Th!nk Winnebago



re:TH!NK, Winnebago's Healthy Living Partnership, is a coalition of volunteers, organizations and agencies throughout Winnebago County. It is a project developed by the Winnebago County Health Department, and provides prevention education, outreach programs and resources to the community. The group re:Th!nk develops and promotes local and state policies in an effort to increase the health of the residents of Winnebago County and positively impact the community environment.

Over 200 partners, from over 50 groups and organizations, are actively involved with re:TH!NK. We encourage you to get involved because together we can improve the health of ourselves, our families, and our communities.

A Transform Wisconsin Grant was obtained in July of 2012 for Winnebago County through the re:Th!nk program. **This will focus on health issues and “transform” the County to be more active.** This grant will hopefully get residents “re:TH!NKing” **what healthy looks** like by helping Winnebago County residents lead a healthier, more active lifestyle. The \$460,000 grant will invest in promoting physical activity, healthy food systems, and tobacco-free living over the next two-and-a-half years. <http://www.rethinkwinnebago.org/>

Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks



Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks, Inc. (FWCDP) is a non-profit 501(c) 3 tax-exempt charitable organization dedicated to maintaining, improving, and establishing off-leash dog parks in Winnebago County, Wisconsin. **The group’s** goal is to serve the community’s need for public areas where responsible pet owners may safely exercise their socialized canine **citizen’s** off-leash and in accordance with applicable laws and ordinances. This includes lending support to the maintenance and improvement of the Best Friends Dog Park in Oshkosh, as well as the establishment of additional off-leash dog parks in Winnebago County. FWCDP encourages community **involvement and welcomes new members!**

Currently, the Best Friends Dog Park in Oshkosh is the only public area for dogs to be off leash with their owners in Winnebago County. There are plans to give dogs and owners in Northern Winnebago County a dog park closer to their homes. The group has begun searching for a suitable piece of land (10 acres) in the Neenah and Menasha area. <http://winnebagoountydogparks.com/>

Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway

The proposed linear parkway slices diagonally across Wisconsin through parts of fifteen counties following the Fox River from Green Bay to Portage and the Wisconsin River from Portage to the Mississippi River. It marks the route taken in 1673 by explorers Father Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet. The Parkway currently is at legislation waiting to get passed by the Senate and the House to designate it as a National Parkway. Recently, the water trail was designated as a state corridor trail system and is eligible for funding. The County is located on the Lower Fox River in the **northern half of the corridor.”** www.fwhp.org



Fox River Navigational Systems Authority

The Fox River Navigational System Authority was created in 2001 to oversee the navigational system on the Fox River following the transfer of the system from the federal government to the state, which occurred on September 17, 2004. As outlined in Chapter 237, Wisconsin Statutes, the authority's primary responsibility is to repair, rehabilitate, replace, operate and maintain the navigational system. To meet this responsibility, the authority must develop and implement a plan to manage monies received from the federal government and the state to ensure that sufficient funds are available for repair and rehabilitation of the system. The authority will also partner with local organizations to provide funding required to match the federal and state monies received.



The authority is governed by a nine-member board of directors, six of whom are appointed by the Governor. The other board members consist of the secretaries of the Departments of Natural Resources and Transportation, and the director of the State Historical Society." <http://www.doa.state.wi.us/debf/docview0709.asp.budid.22>

Friends of the Fox



The Friends of the Fox is an organization which is an advocate for the Upper and Lower Fox River System of Wisconsin. The Upper Fox flows northeastward from just outside of Portage into Lake Winnebago at Oshkosh, and the Lower Fox begins at the north end of Lake Winnebago and flows north to the Bay of Green Bay. There are urban stretches of the river surrounded by housing, recreation, and industry as well as rural stretches of the river surrounded by agriculture and woodlands. The Friends of the Fox look at the complete picture of the river and the people who live and work on its banks. They strive to advocate for responsible use, responsible re-development, preservation of both culture and natural resources ... but most of all to bring the many individuals along the system together to form one community, **a community of Fox River advocates.**" <http://www.friendsofthefox.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 1,600 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. WPRA also represents public Park and Recreation Boards and Commissions, students, commercial firms and Emeritus (retired) members." <http://www.wpraweb.org/>

Green Lake Greenways Trails Group

This group manages the Mascoutin Valley State trail and is based out of Green Lake County. As the trail does cut across a portion of Winnebago County, it is important to work with this entity on trail maintenance and needs. There has been some new resurfacing of trail sections in the Green Lake County portion. (Willard Rd east to the County Line with CTH F to Quarry Rd is the next section up for paving.)

The mission of the group is "to facilitate the development of a regional network of trails and greenways that preserve the natural beauty of our area and provide safe recreation and transportation opportunities for the people throughout the Green Lake Region." For more information of the group and current events please visit: <http://www.greenlakegreenways.org/>



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RECREATIONAL NEEDS

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Three factors are assessed to determine how well the recreational needs of Winnebago County residents are being met: 1. the amount of recreational land available, 2. its location, and 3. the supply of existing recreational facilities. As a first step, surpluses and deficiencies in open space acreage for both active and passive recreational activities are identified and a determination is made of how well various public and private agencies are fulfilling their responsibilities in providing recreation land. The location of parks is then assessed to determine how well each area of the county is served. Finally, an analysis of specific recreation facilities existing in the county is made to determine which facilities are not available or in short supply. Based on this analysis, needs for new county parks or additional recreation facilities can be identified.

Various recreation standards are used as a basis for determining recreation needs. Those adopted by the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission are listed below and are used as indicators of recreational need in Winnebago County. While these acreage and service area standards help identify park land needs, the county's recreation facility needs are best identified by local citizen participation. To identify some of these needs, a short survey was sent out via the web through the Survey Monkey service to help recognize those concerns and to provide some insight on what the public is looking for. (See Appendices A-1 and A-2) Publications such as a county's newsletter or program guide can also be used as a parameter to measure needs of residents.

In order for Winnebago County to develop its recommendations and a relevant 5-year action plan for parks and recreation, the county first must determine what its outdoor recreational demands and needs are. Looking below at what the state recreational requirements are will also give us a basis of where Winnebago County falls in comparison to its other 71 counterparts.

2011-2016 STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL PLAN (SCORP)

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

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

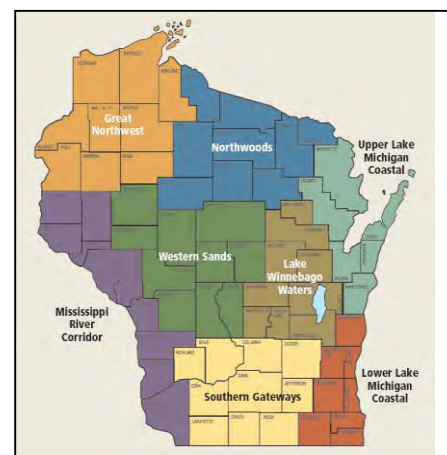


Figure 4
SCORP Planning Regions Map

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

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

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

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

Issues

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

Needs

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

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

While by no means is the SCORP a complete analysis, these issues should foster future discussion between recreation providers about how to better serve various recreation interests. By identifying issues of statewide and regional significance, county and local outdoor recreation providers can better identify individual roles for providing high quality recreation resources, and for continually improving the recreational opportunities offered to our citizens, now and into the future.

RECREATIONAL LAND NEEDS

To determine the overall need for park and recreational land in Winnebago County, the standard utilized for a County is that a minimum of 100 acres of open space or outdoor recreational land should be available for every 1,000 persons. Total county population for 2010 is 166,994 bringing total acres required to approximately 16,700. This area should be comprised of a 70/30 split (per person/1000 capita):

- 70 acres of passive recreational open space. This acreage includes national, state, and county forests, wildlife areas, hunting preserves, and other lands which have development limited to that needed to accommodate extensive recreational activities such as hiking, nature study, cross-country skiing, hunting and fishing.
- 30 acres of active recreational open space. This acreage includes portions of state and other regional parks and county parks designed to accommodate intensive recreational activities such as picnic areas, campgrounds, swimming beaches, ball fields, and play areas. Also included are privately operated facilities such as campgrounds and golf courses that are open to the general public.

As a second standard, a minimum of 10 additional acres of land should be available for every 1,000 residents to meet local day-to-day needs. This land, which includes local parks and school sites, is not counted when assessing the adequacy of the county's supply of outdoor recreational land. Applying these standards to Winnebago County's future population estimates (188,086) indicated a peak demand in 2030 of 18,809 acres of recreation land 13,166 for passive use and 5,643 for active use. When applied to the county's population projections, land needs will increase from 2010 to 2030 by 1,477 for passive acres and 633 active (Table 8).

Table 8

WINNEBAGO COUNTY OPEN SPACE DEMAND

	County Residents	Demand (in acres per 100)		
Year	Total Population	Passive 70%	Active 30%	Total Acres needed
2000	156,763	10,973	4,703	15,676
2010	166,994	11,689	5,010	16,699
2020*	175,788	12,305	5,274	17,579
2030*	188,086	13,166	5,643	18,809

Sources: Census 2010, *DOA Population Projections, 2008, ECWRPC demand calculations 2012.

Comparing existing and projected demand with the existing supply of outdoor recreational land, data suggests that Winnebago County presently has an overall surplus of land available (Table 9). DNR holdings account for nearly three-quarters of the total acreage. Nearly all of this land is considered to provide passive recreational opportunities; however, the result is a substantial surplus in the amount of passive open space acreage in the county. For 2030, the projected need from 2000 has increased to about *(12,083-10,771)* 1,312 acres for additional land which suggests

that the County would still have adequate open space available for both passive and active recreational activities.

Table 9
WINNEBAGO COUNTY OPEN SPACE NEEDS
(Acres)

	DEMAND (10A/100)			SUPPLY			SURPLUS OR DEFICIENCY +/-		
Year	Passive	Active	Total	Passive	Active	Total	Passive	Active	Total
2000	10,973	4,703	15,676	9,556	4,095	13,651	+8,458	+3,625	+12,083
2010	11,689	5,010	16,699	9,556	4,095	13,651	+8,389	+3,595	+11,984
2020	12,305	5,274	17,579	9,556	4,095	13,651	+8,325	+3,568	+11,893
2030	13,166	5,643	18,809	9,556	4,095	13,651	+7,240	+3,531	+10,771

Source: ECWRPC, 2012.

JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEETING LAND NEEDS

Standards have also been developed to help gauge how well various levels of government as well as the private sector are doing in meeting their responsibility of providing outdoor recreational facilities. These guidelines suggest that, of the total 100 acres of open space that should be available for each 1,000 residents, federal and state governments are responsible for providing 80 acres; the County and local jurisdictions, 15 acres; and the private sector, 5 acres. Based on these guidelines, the State and private sectors are fulfilling their obligation in providing recreational land. (Table 10) There is no current deficiency, however by 2030 based on population projections there will be a slight need of approximately 783 acres of state and federal lands and 329 for County/Local acreages to support the growing population base with an overall need of 648 acres for all categories.

Table 10
WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND NEEDS BY JURISDICTION (2000-2030)

	Existing Acres*	Recommended Acres Needed per 1,000 Population by year				Surplus or Deficiency (+,-)			
<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Provided</u>	<u>2000</u> <u>156,763</u>	<u>2010</u> <u>166,994</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>175,788</u>	<u>2030</u> <u>188,086</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2030</u>
State/Federal (80A)	14,264	12,541	13,359	14,063	15,047	+1,723	+905	+201	-783
County/Local (15A)	2,492	2,351	2,505	2,637	2,821	+141	-13	-145	-329
Private Sector (5A)	1,404	783	835	879	940	+621	+569	+525	+464
(100A) Totals:	17,104	15,675	16,699	17,579	18,808	+2,485	+1,461	+581	-648

**Sources: State/Federal acres total taken from State DNR Outdoor Park and Recreation plan SCORP 2011-2016. County/Local acres and 5% Private acres are estimated from ECWRPC current land use breakdowns (Table 11).*

Table 11**WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND USE BY RECREATIONAL TYPE**

Current 2012 Land Use Acreages for Recreation*		
NAICS	Land Use Type	Acres
	71 Sports and Rec, hunting/fishing	135
	7112 Spectator Sports	81
	712 Museums and Historical Sites	128
	713 Amusement Parks	347
	71391 Golf Courses (public/private)	1348
	71393 Marinas	240
	7212 RV Parks / Campgrounds	32
	93 General Recreation Facilities	2788
	931 General Parks	1874
	932 Fairgrounds / Expo Center	154
Total Acres:		4,627

*ECWRPC 2012 County Land Use inventory, private and public facilities taken from the NAICS coding schema based on employee data.

LOCATIONAL NEEDS

The location of various parks and other available open space is analyzed to determine how well existing parks and recreational land serve residents and visitors in different portions of the county. The main concern is that these facilities are accessible to a majority of residents so that recreational opportunities are equitably distributed.

To determine if there are areas in Winnebago County that may not be adequately served by existing parks, both regional and county parks were identified and analyzed according to each recommended service area. Regional parks are considered to have a service radius of 50 miles or one hour driving time, while county parks serve an area of 15 miles or one-half hour driving time. (See Map 4, Drive Time Analysis)

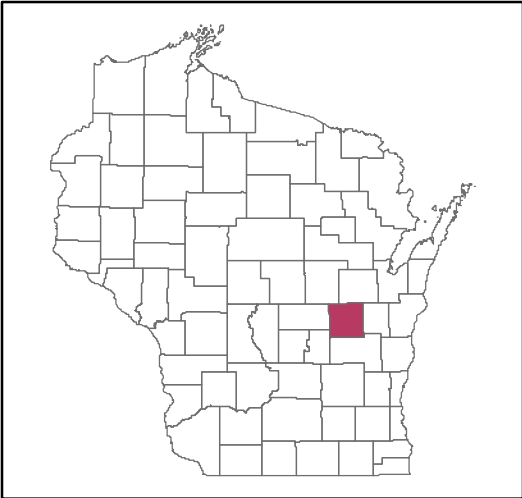
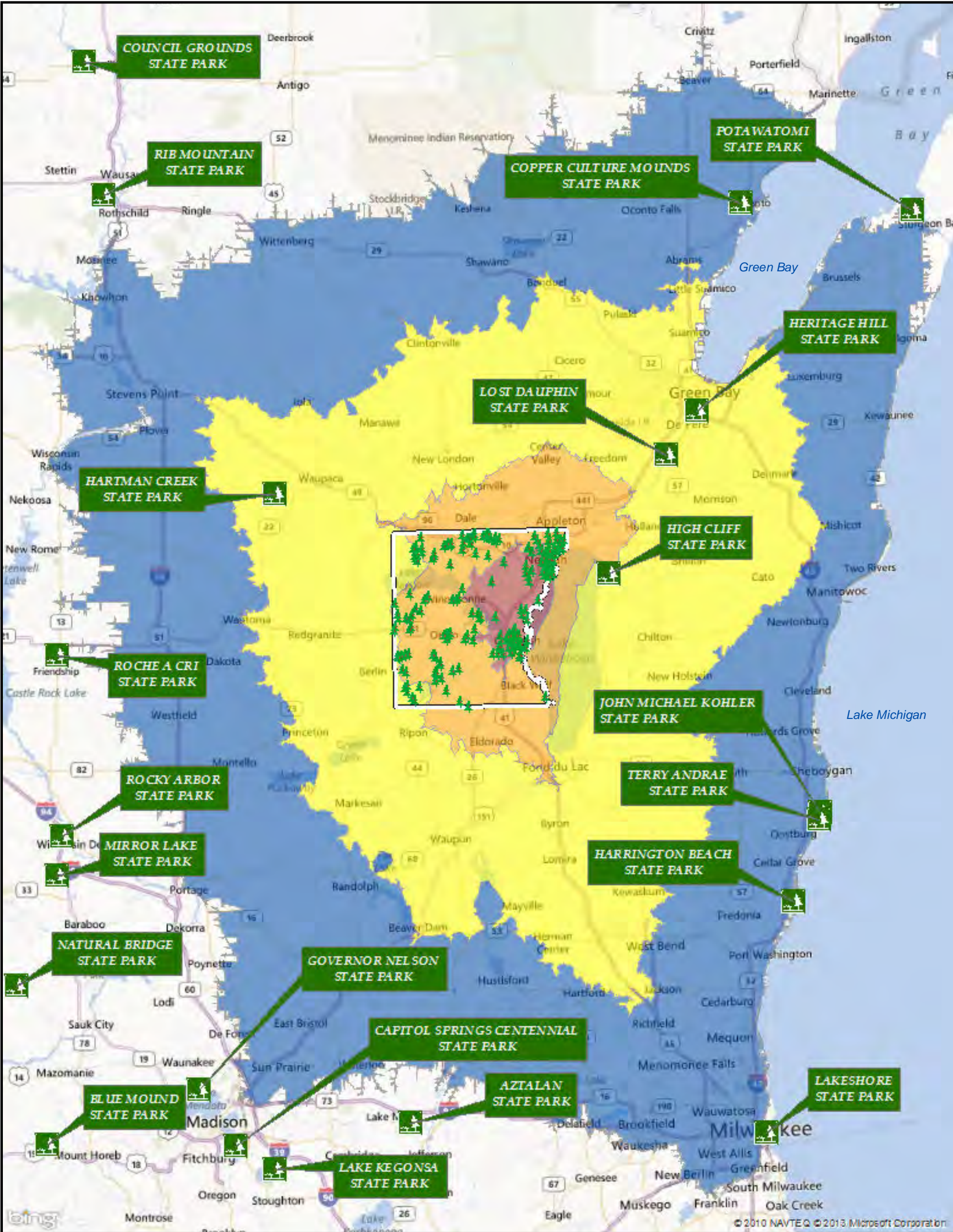
State Parks

State parks are year-round recreation areas predominantly used for recreational pursuits such as nature study, hiking, bicycling, picnicking, boating and camping. They are usually located in an area of unique environmental quality, such as a river basin, lake or unusual topography. While no state parks exist in Winnebago County, Hartman Creek State Park, located a few miles west of the county line in adjacent Waupaca County, lies within an hour's drive of virtually the entire county. Roche a Cri and High Cliff State Parks are other recreational opportunities within an hour's drive of the county seat. (See Map 4)

County Parks

Ideally, county parks should contain from 50 to 500 acres and provide a wide variety of passive and active recreational opportunities such as hiking trails, picnic areas, swimming, boating access and play equipment. Like many counties, some of Winnebago **County's county parks are truly too** small to provide more than a limited range of recreational opportunities.

While there are a number of reasons why specific sites were developed as county parks in Winnebago County, the end result is that, despite their tendency to be concentrated in the eastern part of the county, one or more county parks are convenient to most areas in the county.





MAP 4


PARK DRIVE TIME ANALYSIS Winnebago County, Wisconsin

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Sources: Base Data Winnebago County GIS (WINGS) 2012,
Bing Maps - Navteq/Microsoft Corp. 2013.
Boat Launch Data provided by WI DNR and ECWRPC.
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State Parks and Rec Facilities


County Facilities


County Boundary


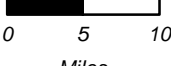
Drive Time from Fairgrounds


15 minutes

30 minutes

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90 minutes



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FACILITY NEEDS

The committee segregated the identification of facility needs into general facilities and site-specific facilities. In assessing general facility needs, the committee determined that certain types of recreational opportunities presently are not available or are in limited supply in the county. These general needs are not necessarily intended to be provided in the county park system nor is their provision necessarily the sole responsibility of the County or other governmental unit. Among general facility needs identified were:

- The ongoing commitment to meeting ADA compliance in all county parks and facilities needs to continue. The Winnebago County Parks Department has been responsive in its efforts to retrofit existing facilities and develop new facilities that accommodate the needs of disabled and elderly recreationalists. This is following the Title III ruling for all new facilities and updates that the County would make.
- **There is a need to provide recreational opportunities for the county's aging residents** also. Designing facilities that can easily be used by this segment of the population is one way to address this need.
- The level of facility maintenance in the County's park system needs to be maintained or increased.
- Improved boat launching opportunities, and primarily parking lot maintenance, are needed on many sites in the county.
- Additional swimming opportunities are needed throughout the county.
- **There is a need for more active uses (i.e., rustic/primitive camping) in the County's park system.**
- Continuation of stepped-up law enforcement is needed throughout the park system.
- Species diversification is needed as re-landscaping and landscaping of county park sites is undertaken.
- Additional and improved shoreline fishing opportunities are needed.

In determining site-specific needs, the committee feels that the overall range of recreational facilities that exist in the county park system is generally adequate for the role Winnebago County's parks play in meeting the current recreational needs of its residents and visitors to the county. At the same time, the committee recognizes that present sites do not adequately serve future populations of the county and that acquisition of additional park acreage needs consideration.

For most existing parks, the committee believes that cost-effective improvements that can prolong the useful life of existing facilities and conditions are generally preferable to extensive development of new facilities, particularly if funding levels necessitate a choice.

2013 PARKS SURVEY RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

A survey was conducted from December 2012 to March of 2013 to give residents time to respond and identify their recreational needs. Out of the **161** who finished the survey from **168**, 73% said that bike/pedestrian trail expansion was a number 1 priority on their list of needs with a better website for information and water wash stations at the boat launches at 31.8 % and 30% respectively. The bike/pedestrian trail need falls in line with what the State of Wisconsin discovered in their plan.

The park most county residents are using is Community Park (70.1%). The WIOUWASH trail came in a close second at 59% along with the Sunnyview Expo Center at (50.4%) and the Asylum Point Park and Boat Launch at (39.3%). Many of the comments received had residents asking for upgrades/expansion to the existing dog park in Community Park or the creation of a new one.

Overall, residents seem to be satisfied with the current parks and facilities. More should be done to market the opportunities in the County with a new web page and marketing material. The current acreage and variety of facilities is adequate at this time but the County should look at expanding its resources in the future.

The common theme and comments throughout the survey from residents was that they would like pet friendly trails and parks with a possible creation of a new dog park in the County and/or expansion of the existing one in Community Park. The Parks department is currently working with the Friends of the Winnebago County Dog Parks, Inc. on possible site locations.

For a detailed view of the statistics and findings, please see Appendix C at the end of this document.

COUNTY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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COUNTY HEALTH COMPONENTS AND STATISTICS

With obesity rates on the rise, Winnebago County's need to promote active communities throughout its boundaries should be a priority. From the 2013 county health rankings, Winnebago is rated 37 overall out of 72 for health outcomes and 15 out of 72 for health factors, (see maps below) down from 27 (outcomes) and 2 (factors) from last year when compared to the other counties in the state. These County Health Rankings illustrate what we know when it comes to **what's making people sick or healthy, but understanding 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. **re:Th!nk** Winnebago is one such group that has started this process.**

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



To enable and encourage the citizens of Winnebago County to be physically active, a strengthening of the support and funding for the County's park and recreation, facilities should be looked at. Improvements that would positively benefit public health and recreation are updating Community Park, Coughlin Nature Center trails, Waukau and Lasley Point trails, and more multi-use trail connections in general. The department should look at a new semiannual recreation program guide which would list numerous fitness offerings for children, adults, seniors and the disabled. Careful attention should be given to areas of people with lesser means so they have at least an equal level of opportunity for physical activity and goes back to the goal of making the facilities ADA accessible. In many large cities, low income neighborhoods can often lack quality recreational programs, playgrounds and parks. They can also be hindered in accessing nearby facilities by physical and land use barriers (i.e. transportation corridors and industry).

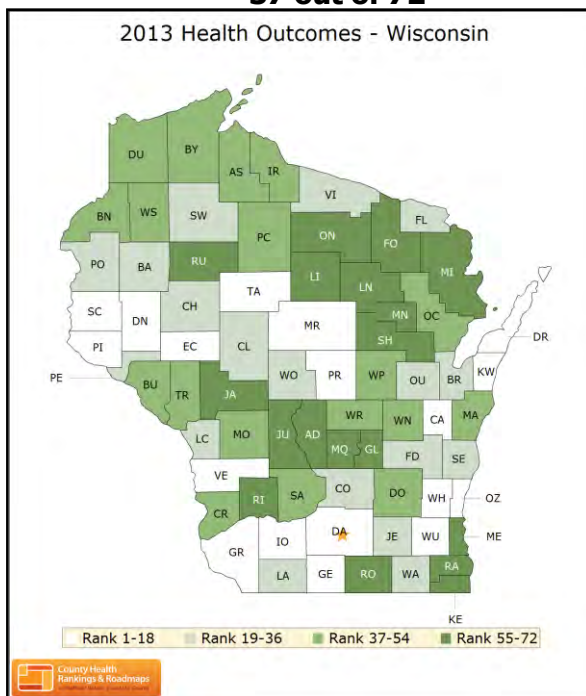
Continued support from community partnerships such as sport clubs, organizations, non-profits, citizen groups, companies, and other interested parties to develop, fund and operate recreation programs, leagues, and events is key. These partnerships are invaluable to help provide the opportunities for people to be physically active.

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

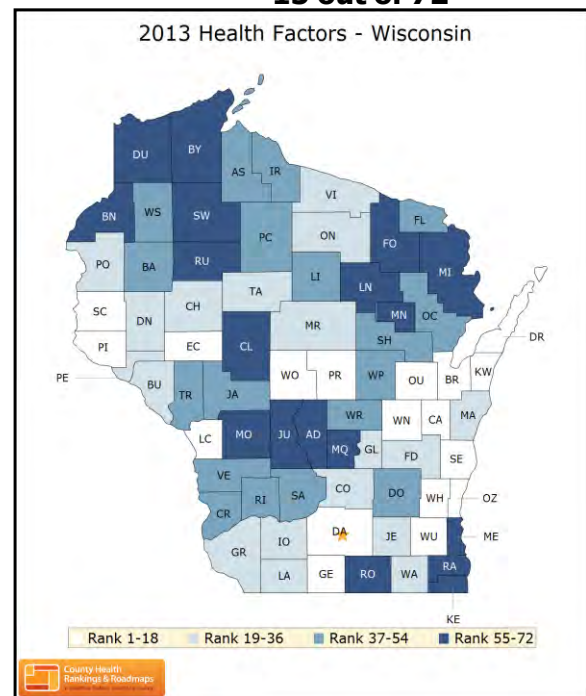
consistent/uniform signage that aids people in identifying trails, places to be active, and other recreational opportunities, should be considered. Promoting and marketing concepts should be developed along with the funding resources identified such as studies done through the Transform Wisconsin grant program.

As stated above, below are 2 maps that demonstrate where Winnebago County stands in the state as compared to the other 72 counties. Rankings show 1 being the worst possible and 72 the best in the state. 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:

37 out of 72



15 out of 72



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

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programs

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programs throughout the County are also provide opportunities to get children and the community active. SRTS programs encourage children

grades K-8 to walk and bike to school by creating safer walking and biking routes. These programs were funded through the revised federal transportation act [SAFETEA-LU](#) which was signed into law on August 10, 2005. The new Map-21 law provides Transportation Alternatives Funding to state departments of transportation to create and implement SRTS programs and activities

Within the span of one generation, the percentage of children walking or bicycling to school has dropped precipitously, from approximately 50% in 1969 to just 13% in 2009. While distance to school is the most commonly reported barrier to walking and bicycling, private vehicles still account for half of school trips between 1/4 and 1/2 mile—a distance easily covered on foot or bike. SRTS programs improve walking and biking travel options, promote healthier lifestyles in children at an early age and decrease auto-related emissions near schools.

East Central WI Regional Planning Commission is a leader in this program by promoting bike rodeos, walk/bike to school days, walk/bike audit studies, and bike safety classes within the school districts through their Regional Safe Routes to School Program. The Regional Safe Routes to School Program was developed in 2009 with the goal of providing local schools and communities the resources and support to make it easy for them to develop their own local SRTS Program. The purpose of the SRTS program is to provide safe pedestrian and bicycle facilities that encourage healthier lifestyles. Local SRTS programs focus on projects within two miles of an elementary or middle **school and address the 5 E's: Engineering, Enforcement, Education, Encouragement, and Evaluation.** The vision of the Regional Safe Routes to School Program is to Omro Middle School was awarded the 2012 James L. Oberstar Safe Routes to School Award, a national award, for their SRTS program.

Safe Routes to School Programs in Winnebago County

School districts within Winnebago County have been implementing safe routes to school initiatives since 2008. Safe Routes to School activities that have been implemented include activities associated with International Walk to School Day and Bike to School Day. The Oshkosh Area School District and the Omro School District have implemented Walking School Bus Programs at a few of their schools. The Walking School Bus is one way to encourages students to walk to school. A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with one or more adults. The Neenah Area School District has developed a Walking Wednesday Program at Spring Road Elementary School. East Central SRTS Staff and school administrators within the Neenah Area School District have also coordinated efforts with the City of Neenah Parks Department to conduct bicycle safety assemblies as well as bicycle rodeos.

Omro Middle School is a nationally recognized school as it was awarded the James L. Oberstar Safe Routes to School Award in 2012. Omro Middle School has developed a bicycling culture at their school through their bicycle shoppe and bicycle fleet, young mechanics program, and Their bicycle shop and young mechanics program. Omro Middle School has developed a cycling program utilizing a fleet of over 25 bicycles which are available for students to use during Physical Education classes, noon hour and special events and trips. The bicycle fleet is **maintained by "young mechanics" (high school and middle school students) in a fully tooled Bike Shoppe.** Students are able to come in after school and work on their bikes or bikes from the Bike Fleet. All of the bikes have been acquired through donations or from the Omro police department.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES (General)

Winnebago County's numerous natural and cultural resources make it a popular recreation area and an attractive area in which to live. The county's natural resources offer a wide variety of passive recreational opportunities that require a minimum amount of development while its cultural resources provide insight into the county's past which, if lost, are irreplaceable. The County, therefore, should take an active role in preserving and enhancing these unique resources. To do this, the County should:




- **Continue to work with local municipalities to encourage changes/updates to adopted local land use plans, which can be used to provide insight into the outdoor recreation county-wide plan.** These plans have enabled the County and local units of government to make more informed and effective decisions on future land use proposals.
- **Encourage innovative development proposals that protect important resources, such as wetlands, lakeshores, river corridors, prime agricultural lands, and other areas of natural or cultural significance.** Strategies that stimulate this type of development should be encouraged in all local land use plans and, if necessary, appropriate language added to County-administered zoning and subdivision ordinances. The County's Solid Waste Management Plan, Farmland Preservation Plan, and the Land and Water Resources Management Plan are three existing documents that also provide a sound basis for wise resource use.
- **Continue to encourage farmers to implement good agricultural practices, particularly those that control erosion and protect groundwater as well as run-off of phosphorus and nitrates through the County's Conservation Management Plan.**
- **Continue to support efforts by the DNR and other public and private entities to ensure the long-term protection of the county's high quality wildlife and fishery resources.** These resources not only have intrinsic values that support the quality of life enjoyed by county residents, they also provide recreational opportunities and contribute to local economies.
- **Continue to work with the DNR, other state agencies, and the private sector in providing multiple-use facilities for activities such as hiking, nature study,**






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- **Cross-country skiing, hunting, and fishing on county and state-owned lands where multiple-use of the land is appropriate and environmentally sound.**
 - **Make educational and technical assistance available to the Winnebago Lakes Council, other non-profits, lake districts, and lake property owners associations that wish to address water quality, invasive species, and other related environmental issues, as well as use conflicts.** Addressing these types of concern not only helps protect and maintain an important county resource, it also serves to create a more enjoyable environment for recreationalists as well as lakeshore property owners. As an example, the County could work with UW-Extension to coordinate a shoreline vegetation demonstration project on Lake Poygan or Lake Winnebago similar to what Waushara County is doing with a project on Lake Alpine.
 - **Make use of the County's Geographic Information System (GIS) (WINGS) to identify all archeological and historical sites in the county, including cemeteries.** As a component of this activity, encourage local historical societies to work closely with the County to collectively undertake an up-to-date inventory of these sites. Steps should be taken to have significant sites enrolled on the National Register of Historic Places where pertinent. Additional promotion of important historic sites should also be considered.
 - **Maintain efforts to identify prioritize, survey, and clearly mark existing county park boundaries.** Marked boundary lines are important not only for park users and maintenance personnel, but also for adjacent property owners to designate areas to the amount of acreage the County has available.
 - **Continue to work with health groups such as re:Th!nk Winnebago and the Active Communities sectors to promote healthy lifestyles and active recreation opportunities throughout the county as well as the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program leaders.**
 - **Continue to coordinate with local SRTS Program leaders to implement active transportation options for students.**
 - **Work with SRTS Leaders and local parks departments to develop a summer bicycle safety course for students.**






2. PARK AND RECREATION MAINTENANCE

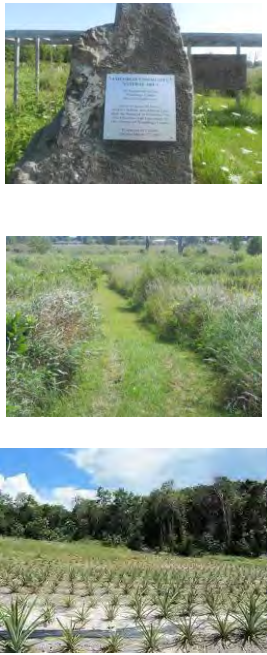


The recommendations proposed are to be used as a guide for implementing the County's 5-year action program. Among the highlights are placing emphasis on making existing and new facilities comply with ADA requirements for handicapped-accessibility, upgrading restrooms and other ancillary facilities, and maintaining existing recreational opportunities through an adequate maintenance program. These improvements will **make the county's parks more user-friendly** and make them more attractive for group outings. The committee has also made recommendations to address those recreational opportunities that are not necessarily dependent on publicly owned land. These opportunities, too, are an important ingredient of the county's overall recreational system and can help attract visitor dollars into the economy.




3. EXISTING COUNTY PARKS AND FACILITIES:


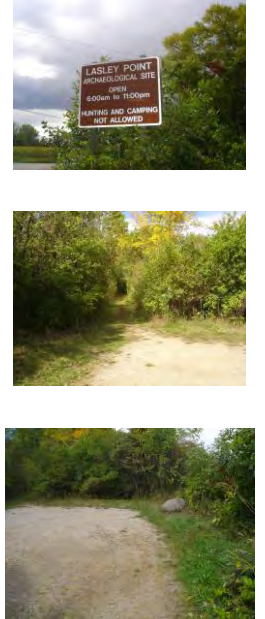

PLACE	PHOTO(S)	LOCATION	ACRES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Asylum Point Park / Boat Landing	 	3400 Sherman Rd Oshkosh	79.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain fishing piers, possibly add side rails for safety and additional benches for fishing. Review safety standards for ADA compliancy. • Trim willow trees annually as to not deter obstruction of the view to the lake or parking area. • Consider adding docking hooks to middle dock area for boat launching and safety. A surveillance camera would help with theft. • Maintain the wildlife preserve and habitat area. Continue to work with the WDNR and review lease on annual basis. • Work with the DNR in adding a fishing dock/pier to the Picnic Point area.
Black Wolf Boat Landing (Nagy Park)		6850 Fond du Lac Road, Oshkosh	3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General maintenance of the launch and piers should be done, i.e. boat striping of launch area and parking lot. • Add lighting for safety.






Boom Bay Boat Landing		7499 Richter Lane, Larsen	0.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parking area should be paved and striped.
Community Park	   	501 East County Road Y, Oshkosh	365.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration should be given to the installation of LED lighting to accommodate evening cross-country skiing and snow shoeing. This should be evaluated throughout the park for safety and added use at night. Maintain the existing trails with consideration given to creating a future bicycle and pedestrian plan for the Park. Consideration should be given to adding bike trails in the Park to get from activity fields where feasible, i.e. soccer to the ball diamonds. (Outer trail circles/rings with interconnections - master park plan.) This entails a shared path concept that will allow for ADA compliancy. (See Map 5) Maintain basketball courts as budget allows. A new court was just added in the year 2013.





Community Park	   	501 East County Road Y, Oshkosh	365.5	<p>(continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the increase of archery and rugby activities, additional land should be dedicated to accommodate the use. • Signage should be added to mark the new trails that are being developed. Better signage should be added also to direct the flow of traffic to the different sporting use areas. • Nuisance wildlife should be controlled, such as seagulls, and geese, during certain times of the year. The WDNR has Urban Wildlife Damage Abatement and Control grants that could assist with this. The gulls may be a little harder to control as they are protected. • A trail head should be located in the park to accommodate the regional and county bike system connections.
Coughlin Nature Area		625 East County Road Y, Oshkosh	65.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sign should be replaced as the letters are faded and worn. Should be consistent with others.

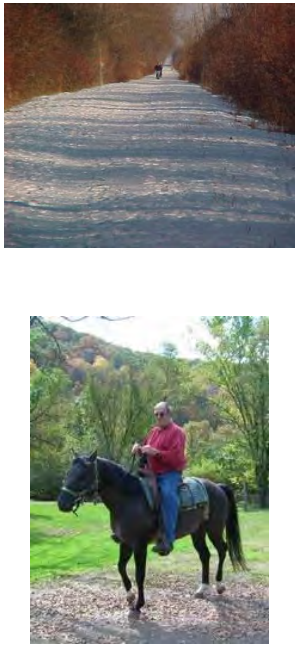

<p>Coughlin Nature Area (continued)</p>		<p>625 East County Road Y, Oshkosh</p>	<p>35.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trails should be maintained and brush cleared on a routine basis. • Invasive Species Control should be looked at and a program initiated. Work with the WDNR on prescribed burns and rotate areas from year to year. • Continue to promote the site to schools for education and as a resource, work with UW-Extension.
<p>Eureka Boat Landing and Picnic Area</p>		<p>3103 Liberty St. Eureka</p>	<p>6.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional effort should be committed to improving the shoreline area and addressing any erosion problems. • Maintain the playground equipment and picnic areas.
<p>Grundman Park & Osh-O-Nee Boat Landing</p>		<p>1801 Grundman Lane, Oshkosh</p>	<p>12.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider adding play equipment in the picnic area. • Clear out vegetation growth near the lake. • Consider adding a fishing pier or dock. (The causeway development in 2013 may take care of this.)

<p>Grundman Park & Osh-O-Nee Boat Landing</p>		<p>1801 Grundman Lane, Oshkosh</p>	<p>12.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain information kiosk. • Increase the size of the sign from CTH A pointing into the landing. • Add a new sign in the park.
<p>Lake Butte des Morts Boat Landing</p>		<p>5316 Leonard Point Road, Omro</p>	<p>1.6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration should be given to updating the grilling units in the park. • Remove the older, out- dated swings for safety concerns and liability. • Additional lighting near the boat ramp should be considered for safety. • Consider improving the restrooms, compost toilets would be cost effective but may not prove feasible. Permanent structures should be looked at.
<p>Lake Poygan Boat Landing</p>		<p>8816 Poygan Shores Rd., Winneconne</p>	<p>1.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider constructing a shelter for the picnic area.

<p>Lake Poygan Boat Landing (continued)</p>		<p>8816 Poygan Shores Rd., Winneconne</p>	<p>1.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve and resurface the current parking lot, add lighting for safety. • Consider improving the restrooms, compost toilets would be cost effective but may not prove feasible. Permanent structures should be looked at.
<p>Lasley Point Archeological Site</p>		<p>5900 Lasley Point Road, Winneconne</p>	<p>47.7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain an ADA accessible trail. There are exceptions as the site is protected by the State. Use video and QR codes to show trails and routes as an alternative to hiking the trails. Continue to use hand labor from corrections when and where feasible. • Maintain the parking area. (Site is hidden from road, i.e. brush growth near sign and parking area). • Work with the Historical Society on an informational kiosk and requirements for site improvements.
<p>Shangri La Point Nature Preserve</p>		<p>Shangri La Point Road, Oshkosh</p>	<p>55</p>	<p>This site is recommended to be left as a natural area and open space for wildlife. No development is planned for at this time.</p>

<p>Sunnyview Expo Center</p>	  	<p>500 East County Road Y, Oshkosh</p>	<p>154.7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain parking areas and buildings for events. • Follow 10-year plan from 2012 in adding hookups to the County Camping area for events and year-around access. (w/e) • The County should have a master plan created for the Center and its area. • Follow the 10-year plan from 2012 for the warm and cold storage units for additional use by Parks, UW-Extension and the County Fair groups.
<p>Waukau Creek/Pond Nature Preserve and Dam</p>	 	<p>2987 Delhi Road, Waukau</p>	<p>65.4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of the trails should be done on a routine basis, i.e. grooming of the vegetation. (<i>hiking, snowshoe, and cross-country ski trails</i>) • Resurfacing of the parking area should be considered. • Education kiosk to serve the trail would be helpful. The Audubon Society uses the trails as a teaching tool currently.

<p>Waukau Creek/Pond Nature Preserve and Dam (continued)</p>	   	<p>2987 Delhi Road, Waukau</p>	<p>65.4</p>	<p>(continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic rustic campsites to accommodate overnight camping for trail users should be considered. This would be a carry in / carry out. No water currently available on site. • A small shelter with limited picnic facilities and restrooms should be considered. • An invasive species control program should be initiated. • The site should be maintained - parking area is over grown. • Consider adding an additional railing to the dock. Review standards on safety for ADA compliancy. • Consider adding benches to the dock for fishing and observation.
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<p>Mascoutin Valley Trail</p>		<p>Southwest corner of Winnebago County and continues on into both Green Lake and Fond du Lac Counties</p>	<p>5.3 Miles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate additional off-street parking along the trail. • Necessary repairs to trail surface should be made and maintained. (State may handle, report needed maintenance.) • Trail segments allowing horses should be cleared of horse waste. (April-November)
<p>WIOWASH Trail</p>		<p>West Wind Rd to the South in Oshkosh and runs north to Medina Junction Rd</p>	<p>21.8 Miles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain parking along the trail. • Necessary repairs to trail surface should be made and maintained. (State may handle, report needed maintenance.) • Trail segments allowing horses should be cleared of horse waste. (April-November)

4. General recommendations for all park facilities:

- The County should work on updating all signs for facilities and have them look consistent throughout. A way-finding system should be created to get people from one facility to the next. Upgrade all signs so residents and visitors know they are at a County property.
- Make sure new and current facilities are ADA accessible and comply with the new Title III regulations. The County should consider adopting a separate plan for compliancy by the 2015 due date. Scheduling updates into the Capital Improvement on a yearly basis should be considered.

- Update, remove, and/or maintain older playground equipment to comply with safety standards. (See above bullet on ADA)
- Create a tree program and maintain current tree growth, work with Land Conservation Department.
- Consider adding benches and landscaping for aesthetic value to County sites.
- Consider adding to all the boat launches available boat wash stations or broom brushes for removal of aquatic invasive species.
- Because of the amount of acreage and remote locations of the parks, the County should consider additional surveillance cameras, **real or "dummy" to reduce vandalism** on properties.
- Maintain existing shelters, painting and the like.
- ATV trails/park development should be considered on landfill sites being shut down due to meeting their maximum state requirements. This will also add recreational land for future generations. These sites could be used for snowmobile, cross-country skiing, and sledding as well but no facility fields such as soccer or baseball as the topography would not allow. **Keep the area "nature based" for less maintenance.** A mountain bike trail or a multi-use park like the one Grand Chute is planning would be a good choice.
- Creating a dog park facility in the northern area of the County should be researched.
- The parks department should look at updating their website and increase marketing with an e-newsletter to inform residents of upcoming events and the use of current facilities.
- Maintain current restrooms. Consider adding compost toilets at remote boat landings instead of portable toilets for cost effectiveness. Permanent structures would be ideal in some locations if the budget would allow.

5. General Linear Facilities Recommendations:

- Consider a possible trail connection between Community Park and the Landfill. Consider developing the area into an ATV or multi-use facility. **The County's easement** should be used if possible for the connection.
- Look at additional trail development within Community Park. Keep bike trails next to current pavement for ease of maintenance, shared use path construction as well as the regional trailhead for the system. (currently seeking with Master Plan)
- Look at possible trail connections from the WIOWASH off of Osborn Street in the City of Oshkosh to the Mauscoutin Valley and Wild Goose Trails. There is a challenge with the

current barrier of USH 41 on the west side of the City. Round-a-bouts may help “funnel” the connection.

- The group should work with Fox Cities Greenways on possible interconnections for the **Paper Trail. Rural “feeders” could link the** County trails to urban park facilities.
- The County should work with trail groups in Calumet, Fond du Lac, and Outagamie Counties on getting a trail connection around Lake Winnebago. Currently, the Fox Cities eastern portion has been looked at with High Cliff Park intending to pursue land to the south to expand their trails as part of the link. Also landowners are allowing people to make the trek further south until catching STH 55 to finish part of the stretch towards Fond du Lac.
- Work with the City of Neenah and the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission on possibly getting a connection along CTH A to connect Oshkosh to Neenah.
- The County should create its own Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

6. Other General Recommendations:

Rustic Roads Program: The County should work with the Highway Department to seek out new candidates for inclusion in the Rustic Roads Program. It should look at the adopted comprehensive land use plan on what roads should be considered as potential candidates.

Designated County Bike Routes: *(See Appendix D for DOT map of routes.)* Opportunities exist for bike touring around and about in Winnebago County. Additional promotion of this activity would attract visitors to the county.

The County should look into doing an overall bike and pedestrian plan to further designate desirable routes. As a next step, the planning committee recommends that the route system be expanded and a Bicycle and Pedestrian plan be created and adopted to provide regional connectivity between trails as well as link population centers with recreation areas, other points of interest, and routes in adjacent counties.

Existing rustic roads, as well as the WIOUWASH and Mascoutin Trails, should be incorporated into the route system where feasible. These bike routes should be included in an updated promotional brochure and map. Most town roads presently are capable of safely accommodating bicyclists with no special improvements required. For more heavily traveled highways, however, the Parks Committee should work with the County’s Highway Committee to ensure that, as these roads are upgraded, improvements to accommodate safe bicycling, such as striped and paved shoulders, are undertaken. Although striped and paved shoulders are generally not required when daily traffic volumes are less than 1,000 vehicles, they should be considered in areas of concentrated **development, such as around the county’s lakes, where on-road use by pedestrians and bicyclists** is high. To encourage these improvements on local town roads, the County should offer to cost-share with towns where these upgrades are desirable.

PARK SYSTEM PROGRAMS, FUNDING SOURCES, AND MANAGEMENT

Opportunities for Augmenting Park Funding / Volunteers

There are a number of avenues that may be available to provide additional funding to the Winnebago County Parks Department, local entities, and support groups to develop existing sites and facilities, perform needed improvements, and address other management issues. Each of the examples cited below should be explored in more detail in the near future.

- User fees, such as requiring a fee to launch a boat are another source of funding. Use of collection boxes where voluntary contributions can be solicited help provide a revenue stream, particularly if the boxes specify what and where the funds are targeted. For example, boxes at boat launches that solicit funds for the eradication of invasive species, which are often introduced by trailered boats, could be expected to draw some interest, particularly by recreationalists that are concerned about the problem the funds are targeted to address. However, fees to use certain trail segments could also deter recreationalists and should be avoided if possible.
- The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin could possibly be another source of funding or volunteer work for conservation in the County. Since 1960, it has protected more than 162,000 acres of forests, wetlands, prairies, lakes and streams for current and future generations to enjoy. The Conservancy currently is working with farmers and other partners to take a targeted approach to improving water quality.
- The Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust is another potential source as it works with landowners to create voluntary conservation agreements that protect special places and specialize in permanent conservation agreements that keep land in private ownership and prevent or limit future development

Park System Management

The Parks Committee recommends that the following opportunities for controlling operational costs be explored:

- Local service clubs, youth groups, betterment organizations and recreational interests should be encouraged to provide or assist with funding for facility development in the county park system. They should be made aware that, for most types of development, their contributions can constitute the local share of funding programs available through DNR, effectively doubling the value of their assistance. Opportunities for utilizing these groups as a source of manpower also should not be overlooked. Assistance with the maintenance of the WIOUWASH and Mascoutin Valley Trails and river/stream clean-up efforts are two examples where this approach could be effectively utilized.
- The Parks Department should work closely with UW-Extension, DNR and groups such as the Wisconsin Family Forest Organization and the Winnebago County Lakes Council to conduct periodic education programs to familiarize park personnel and the public at large

with the identification of and effective eradication techniques available for curtailing the spread of exotic/evasive species.

- The Parks Department and other action groups should continue to pursue potential funding sources that may be available through the **WDNR's Aquatic Invasive Species** program for controlling exotic/invasive species.
- As much as possible, the County should incorporate recommendations and implementation strategies that relate to the preservation of open space and the provision of outdoor recreational facilities found in the various local land management plans and **the County's** comprehensive plan recently adopted. These reports confirm that **resident's** through-out **the county place a high priority in protecting the county's natural resources and value** them as recreational and aesthetic assets. They are concerned, however, that overuse and user conflicts can diminish their enjoyment of these resources whether they are a participating recreationalist or a nearby landowner. For the most part, these plans suggest that rural residents are heavily dependent on the state, County and nearby communities for meeting their recreational needs.
- The Parks Department should develop an e-newsletter to keep in touch with its residents as well as maintain its Facebook and update of the parks **webpage on the County's** website.
- The County should work with the Cities, Towns, and Villages web masters to make sure **their webpages link back to the County's page and the parks link.**

Recreational Programming

Although the Parks Department presently is not adequately staffed to assume a recreational programming function it may be possible for the County Parks Department to assume a more expanded role either directly or indirectly in countywide recreational programming activities in the future. Offering certain programs at the county level, with its broader population base, may increase viability. An example of an indirect role may be to provide a clearinghouse or coordinative function for programs offered by local communities and other public and private providers. Volunteers from local communities and groups could also assist in projects; i.e. Eagle Scouts, the Winnebago Health Department, reTh!nk Winnebago, and the Winnebago County Dog Parks Group etc.

LOCAL PARK PROJECTS

As part of this Outdoor Recreation Plan update, local communities were contacted throughout the county to determine if there were specific projects in development. The following is a list of new recreational facilities and updates:

City of Neenah:

Herb and Dolly Smith Park and Arrowhead Park: A donation of \$600k in 2010 was made by Alice Jean Smith in honor of her parents Herb and Dolly, to develop a 3-acre park on Little Lake Butte des Mort. The Park, built in 2012, has a picnic shelter with restrooms, a canoe and kayak launch, as well as bike and nature trails. A 390 foot trestle bridge connects Herb & Dolly Smith Park to Arrowhead Park in downtown Neenah. Arrowhead is scheduled for park and trail development in 2014. This project also connects to the popular Fox Cities Trestle - Friendship Trail in the Town of Menasha, via the North Lake Street trail. (See Appendix F for Site Map)

City of Menasha

The City recently received a Stewardship grant to purchase 5 acres of additional park space for the creation of a neighborhood park in the vicinity of Lake Park Road and Manitowoc Road. Another 1.0 acres of land along the Fox River, site of the old Gilbert Paper Mill is yet to be developed. The City will submit another Stewardship grant for this important project that will aid in the redevelopment recovery of Menasha's downtown. Development plans include offering canoe/ kayaking access, fishing, trails (both water and land connections) picnicking and shoreline/habitat restoration.

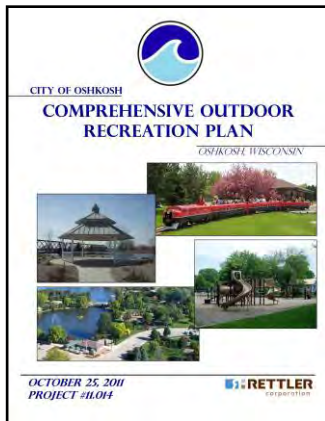
The US Army Reserve buildings in Jefferson Park will also be looked at as the removal process has been presented to the federal government for approval. The City will consider its options for this **vacated parcel of park land. The site was leased to the Federal government in the 1950's.** Currently the buildings are not being used and maintenance has ceased leaving 2.5 acres of land unused. A master plan for Jefferson Park and the surrounding neighborhood will be undertaken in the near future. Along with this planning process, the City will complete an analysis of the condition of its swimming pool located in Jefferson Park. The pool was last renovated in 1990. Options for a new or rehabilitated pool will be developed.

Town of Menasha

A 10 foot pedestrian trail will be constructed along the east side of the road, which will connect the popular trestle trail from Fritse Park to the new Herb & Dolly Smith Park in the City of Neenah. Work began April, 2012 and was completed in October, 2012 resulting in a paved asphalt trailway along Lake St. Residents will now be able to get to and from the City of Neenah from the Town of Menasha by bicycle or walking with this connection.

**City of Oshkosh**

The City of Oshkosh just recently updated and adopted their Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan in October 2011. The plan promotes the desire for recreation and open space **by the city's residents and looks at how to accommodate these needs based on future growth patterns.**

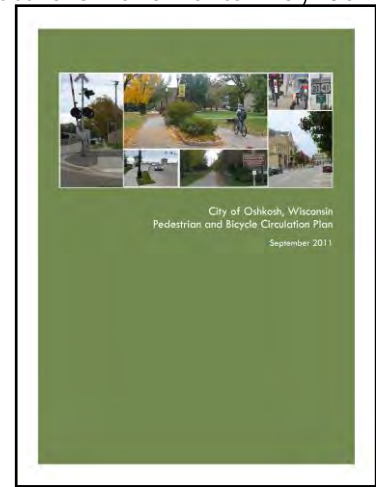


It utilizes the planning principals as well as promoting health, welfare, and safety of the community. Future amendments may be needed as the City moves forward with new developments and grant opportunities.

The City also developed the Oshkosh Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation Plan which was also recently adopted in 2011.

This plan recommends a multi-use trail to be developed linking the STH 21 Causeway along Lake Butte des Morts,

Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course and Rainbow Park. Planned routes throughout the City have also been suggested as the future of reaching a bikeable community continues and barriers are overcome.



Town of Oshkosh

Picnic Point Fishery Area in the Town of Oshkosh plans to get a dock to offer more fishing opportunity in the County. The Fishery Area includes 58 acres of agricultural fields and 53 acres of brush/wooded habitat. There is over 3700 feet of pristine Lake Winnebago shoreline. The upland habitat has historically been used for agricultural production but is being converted to tall-grass prairie, short-grass prairie, and oak savanna.

The Picnic Point Advisory Committee developed a management plan for the Picnic Point property in conjunction with the DNR that included public comment. There was general agreement that the property should be kept in a natural state for the benefit of wildlife, fish, and public enjoyment through nature based recreation. The committee believed the primary purpose of the property is to function as fish and wildlife habitat, to preserve the local archeological sites, and to provide an area for the public to enjoy Lake Winnebago and the surrounding shoreline through non-motorized, nature based recreation.

Village of Winneconne

Coughlin Park:

Located in the southwest quadrant of the Village at the southeast corner of the intersection of Washington Street and Grant Street, Coughlin Park is a 3 acres +/- green space situated between Alliant Energy substation and an unnamed channel that flows to the Wolf River. Coughlin Park is being developed into an Americans with Disabilities Assistance (ADA) fully handicap accessible park with fishing piers, walking path, canoe launch, park signage, and parking area. The trail will be "looped" with access to the fishing piers, the canoe launch, the parking area, and Marble Park via a crosswalk at Grant Street and entry to the southeast corner

of Marble Park. Village placed seasonal porta-potties in this park to provide proper services. Recently, 15 new trees were planted in this park for future needs. The renovation project, scheduled for Spring of 2013, is being assisted by an ADA grant through the WDNR.

Marble Park:

Located at the western edge of the Village and bounded on the north by State Highway 116 (West Main Street), the south by Grant Street, the east by South 6th Street, and the west by an unnamed tributary of the Wolf River, Marble Park is the largest Village Park at approximately 40 acres +/- . Marble Park contains 2 shelters, 4 regulation ball diamonds, a pool, playground, over a mile of hiking paths, and 3,000 feet of channel shoreline for fishing. Recently, the Village received over \$100,000 in donations from the Keller Foundation and local ball clubs to renovate and/or construct 3 of the ball diamonds including: new fencing, re-grading, new sod, new infields, drainage corrections, a batting practice facility. In addition, the Village reconstructed the parking lot at a cost of \$250,000.

Grant Street Trail:

Located in the southwest quadrant of the Village adjacent to Grant Street, the Grant Street Trail will traverse 1,600 feet and connect Marble Park to the Country View Subdivision, a 100 lot development located at the far west end of the Village. This trail will consist of an 8 foot wide walking path with a limestone screening surface and provides a safety buffer from industrial traffic and resident travelling to the park. This trail also provides a "safe route" to schools, downtown, and the east business district for pedestrians via the trail system at Marble Park. Funding for this trail was provided by several private donations and will be constructed in spring of 2013.

Lake Winneconne Park (LWP):



Located in the northeast quadrant of the Village at the northern termini of North 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Avenues, this park was formerly owned by Winnebago County. Situated on the southern shore of Lake Winneconne where it meets the Wolf River, this park is approximately 10 acres +/- with the main uses of boat launching, incredi-ball diamonds, 3 shelters, bathroom, large parking area(s), and bathrooms. LWP has over 700 feet of easily accessible shoreline and 900 feet of wood retaining wall abutting a channel.

Recently, we added 20 trees to this park, repaired several of the shelters, placed a chip seal on the 60 stall parking area, and have plans to clear brush, debris, and damaged trees from the adjacent island area.

North 1st Street Boat Landing:

Located in the northwest quadrant of the Village on the shore of the Wolf River just south of Lake Winneconne, this small facility has the main purpose of River access boat launching with parking. There is a small green space located along the river which provides limited opportunity for fishing. This boat launch is one of the first to have ice-out in spring and is the main "jump-off" for early spring river fishing. Village re-surfaced the parking lot this past year and will be replacing the sub-frame and deck surface of the docks located south of the launch during winter 2012/2013.

ACTION PLAN

ACTION PLAN

The Five-Year Action Program (Table 12) outlines the level of priority for implementing the recommendations identified in this plan. Priorities for improving park and recreational facilities in Winnebago County for the next five years and beyond were ranked 1-5 (with 5 being the highest) by the Committee Members and an average was taken to prioritize the recommendations by year. These were then averaged out by number received and shaded in by year. Ranking scores greater than 4.1 got immediate priority need (2013-2014), 4-3 intermediate need (2015-2016), less than 3 received the long-term 5 yrs. or more designation (2017 – future year) based on the overall average scores of Committee members considerations.

These are projects that the County deemed as important but are only to be used as a guideline for planning. Budget funds and time of staff may vary from year to year to allow these improvements to occur. Presently, the parks department employs 16 seasonal, 2 seasonal rangers, 1 GIS staff member, 2 part-time, and 2 full-time year-around staff. Budget dollar feasibility will have to be adjusted within the Capital Improvement Program if a project is needed in that budget year. This is **just a guide** for establishing a recreation strategy. The action program should be reviewed annually. **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.

Most of the projects identified in the Action Program would be eligible to receive matching funds through a component of WDNR's Stewardship Program. **Local tax dollars can be further maximized** by using private donations of funds or land to augment the local share. In addition, the Action Program identifies a budget appropriation for several other projects that could be cost-effectively accomplished using Park Department crews.

Table 12
FIVE YEAR ACTION PROGRAM
(2013-2017)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Future Year
<i>Need Rankings</i>	5	4	3	2	1	>1
COUNTY PARKS / CENTERS						
COMMUNITY PARK						
Add Lighting for XC Skiing, Add LED lights for all of park for safety and increased use at night						
Maintain Existing Trails / Develop new shared path routes throughout the park making it user friendly						
Create and follow Master Park Plan – Map 5						

Resurface the Basketball Courts						
Designate more land for archery and/or rugby						
Control Geese Population where feasible						
SUNNYVIEW EXPO CENTER	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Future Year
Maintain parking areas and building for events						
Add hookups to campground for year-around use (10 yr. plan)						
Master Plan for Center and surrounding area						
Additional storage units / replace old (10 yr. plan)						
COUGHLIN NATURE CENTER						
Replace Sign						
Maintain Trails						
Invasive Species control - prescribed burns						
Education - Work with UW-Extension						
COUNTY NATURAL AREAS						
SHANGRI LA POINT						
Leave as is - open space for wildlife						
LASELY POINT - ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE						
Maintain an ADA accessible trail (brush growth)						
Maintain the parking area - update (brush growth)						
Work with the Historical Society informational kiosk						
WAUKAU CREEK POND AND PRESERVE						
Maintenance of the trails						
Resurfacing of the parking area						
Education kiosk						
Basic rustic campsites						
New Shelter/Picnic area, restroom upgrade						
WAUKAU DAM						
Invasive Species Control Program						
Maintain parking area						
Add benches for fishing and observation						
Add railing to dock for safety						

COUNTY BOAT LAUNCHES						
ASYLUM POINT PARK						
Maintain fishing piers (ADA)						
Promote "In Memory of" benches						
Trim willow trees						
Add hooks/benches to dock - safety						
Move fee box						
Maintain wildlife preserve						
Add a fishing dock to Picnic Point – work with (DNR)						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Future Year
BLACK WOLF BOAT LANDING						
Maintain fishing piers						
Maintain parking lot - striping						
Add Lighting for safety						
BOOM BAY BOAT LANDING						
Parking area should be repaved and striped						
Develop picnic area near shore						
Add a small shelter						
EUREKA BOAT LANDING						
Improve the beach area - erosion						
Maintain the playground equipment and picnic areas						
GRUNDMAN BOAT LANDING						
Maintain the grilling units						
Consider adding play equipment in the picnic area						
Clear out vegetation growth near the lake						
Consider adding a fishing pier or dock						
Maintain the information kiosk						
Increase the size of the sign from CTH A						
LAKE BUTTE DES MORTS BOAT LANDING						
Update the grilling units						
Remove the older, out- dated swings						
Improve Restrooms						
Add lighting for safety						

LAKE POYGAN BOAT LANDING						
Update the grilling units						
Add lighting for safety						
TRAILS						
MASCOUTIN VALLEY TRAIL						
Investigate additional off-street parking						
Repair trail surface - maintenance schedule						
Clear horse waste schedule (Apr-Nov)						
WIOUWASH TRAIL						
Maintain parking along the trail						
Repair trail surface – maintenance schedule						
Clear horse waste - schedule (Apr-Nov)						
Keep trail plowed in urban areas (work with City)						

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Future Year
GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS						
ALL PARKS AND FACILITIES						
Update Signage, Consistency - Wayfinding System*						
ADA Compliancy - new facilities - schedule in CIP						
Tree Program - Work with Land Conservation						
Landscaping, Aesthetics, Benches						
Boat Wash Stations at all Launches*						
Vandalism Control - lights, dummy cameras – Increase Safety						
Shelter Maintenance						
Research of ATV park at old Landfill site						
Creation of a new dog park*						
Maintain Restrooms, consider flush at some locations*						
Update Webpage, increase marketing, program info*						

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS						
ALL TRAILS						
Add a trail connection Community Park to Landfill (once developed)						
Develop new routes in Community Park*						
Look at State Trail connections (WIOWASH, Mascoutin)						
Work with Fox Cities Greenways on Urban connectors						
Work with trail groups - trail around Lake Winnebago						
Consider working on getting a CTH A Neenah to Oshkosh Connection*						
Create a county bicycle and pedestrian plan to create regional connections to and from the County						

**Recommendations from Survey and Public Info Meetings*

Ranking scores greater than 4.1 got immediate priority need (2013-2014), 4-3 intermediate need (2015-2016), less than 3, 5 yrs. or more out (2017 – future year) based on overall average scores of Committee members considerations.

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RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE
WINNEBAGO COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN (2013-2017)**

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, Winnebago County is interested in providing quality park and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of Winnebago County and protecting its unique natural and cultural resources; and,

WHEREAS, Winnebago County has requested assistance from the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission in updating its outdoor recreation plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee comprised of county board members, was made available to assist East Central Planning, along with public input from recreation and resource specialists, and interested private citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the plan and its recommendations, which address the county's recreational development and resource protection needs over the next five years and beyond was compiled; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board, that the *Winnebago County Outdoor Recreation Plan (2013-2017)* be adopted as the approved recreation plan for the County.

Submitted by: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Jerold Finch

Donald Miller

Michael Norton

Thomas Konetzke

Harold Singstock

Committee Vote:

Vote Requirement for passage: Three-Fourths of Membership

Approved by Winnebago County Executive this 17 day of September, 2013.

Winnebago County Executive

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A - LETTERS OF REQUEST



EAST CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

400 Ahnaip Street, Suite 100 Menasha Wisconsin 54952 (920) 751-4770 Fax (920) 751-4771
Website: www.eastcentralrpc.org Email: staff@eastcentralrpc.org

Celebrating 40 Years of Fostering Regional Collaboration!

December 3, 2012

Dear Winnebago County Official,

The County has recently started the process, per the Parks and Recreation Committee, to update its Five-Year (2013-2017) Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. This Committee is comprised of 5 County Board members and the Parks Director. The purpose of the plan is to establish an action program for parkland acquisition and development during the next five years (2013-2017). This will also enable Winnebago County to participate in the DNR's Stewardship Program, which provides matching funds for identified projects. The plan is expected to be ready for adoption in early winter/spring of next year, 2013.

As the recreational planner for ECWRPC assigned to this project, I am writing to each Winnebago County Representative to extend the opportunity to offer recommendations and comments to be included within the county's plan. I have, with the committee's input put together a short survey for county residents to comment and give feedback on. Correspondingly, along with this letter, is a paper copy to be placed at your municipal offices for residents to fill out. A link is also available on the County's website if citizens wish to fill out the survey online. Please feel free to complete the survey on your own via the web link below or by paper. The County will be hosting 3-4 public informational meetings during January/February to gather further information for the plan.

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

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

*Trish Nau, GIS Coordinator/Recreation Planner,
ECWRPC,
400 Ahnaip Street, Suite 100,
Menasha, WI 54952.
Email: Phone: 920-751-4770 ext. 6814*

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The On-Line Survey link can be found at: (Please include within your January newsletters if applicable and forward onto interested parties.)

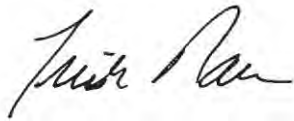
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WinnebagoParks>

HTML Code for your own websites:

`Click here to take survey`

The survey will be open until the end of February or later based on response rate. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trish Nau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Trish" and last name "Nau" clearly distinguishable.

Trish Nau, GIS Coordinator/Recreation Planner

Cc:

Winnebago County Officials

Winnebago County Outdoor Parks and Recreation Committee

Attachment: Parks and Recreation Survey

Five – YEAR (2013 – 2017) COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN –
ON – LINE SURVEY

Dear Winnebago County Resident,

The Winnebago County Parks Department has recently started the process of updating its Five-Year (2013 – 2017) Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. The purpose of the plan is to establish an action program for parkland acquisition and development during the next five years (2013-2017). This will also enable Winnebago County to participate in the DNR's Stewardship Program which provides matching funds for identified projects. The plan is expected to be ready for adoption in early winter/spring 2013.

As a citizen of Winnebago County and user of leisure based facilities made available through the resources of the County Parks Department, individuals are encouraged to take this opportunity to offer recommendations and comments to be included within the county's plan. This feedback will be invaluable in helping shape the direction of the department's future programming and assist in setting priorities that are in step with the community's needs and expectations. To take advantage of this opportunity county residents are asked to complete a short survey via the on-line web link below.

*The on-line survey can be found by holding down the CONTROL key and then proceeding to click on the following link: www.surveymonkey.com/s/WinnebagoParks .

The survey will be open until the end of February or later based on response rate. In conjunction with the survey the County Parks Department will be hosting 3 public hearings during January/February to gather further information for the plan. The dates and locations of the hearings will be announced after the first week in January via the County Parks webpage at www.co.winnebago.wi.us/parks and the Parks Information Phone Line at (920) 232-1960.

Respectfully,



Robert Way
Winnebago County Parks Director

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APPENDIX B - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THREE PUBLIC MEETINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED TO SOLICIT COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY THAT WILL ASSIST IN PREPARATION OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY (2013 - 2017) COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN.

EACH OF THESE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 7:30P.M. AND ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

Monday, January 21st – Village of Winneconne Municipal Center, 30 South 1st St., Village of Winneconne;

Monday, February 4th – Town of Menasha Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Drive, Town of Menasha; and

Monday, February 18th – J.P. Coughlin Bldg., Oshkosh.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT

APPENDIX C - SURVEY RESULTS



2013 Parks and Rec Survey Results

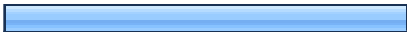








Survey conducted
From December, 2012 – May 2013

Total Completed Total Started Survey: 168
Survey: Total Finished Survey: 161 (95.8%)

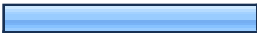
















Winnebago County Parks and Recreation 2012-2013 Survey



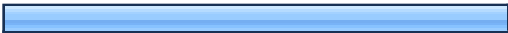



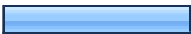





1. How do you obtain information about County Park & Recreation programs, events, & facility rentals? (Please mark all that apply).

		Response Percent	Response Count
County Website		60.7%	91
Chamber of Commerce		6.7%	10
Convention and Visitors Bureaus		6.7%	10
School District		7.3%	11
Park Department Phone Line		4.7%	7
Program Guide		8.7%	13
Newspaper		34.7%	52
Newsletter		9.3%	14
Word of Mouth		50.0%	75
Other (please specify)			31
answered question			150
skipped question			18





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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Asylum Point Park/Boat Landing		38.1%	59
Black Wolf Boat Landing		10.3%	16
Boom Bay Boat Landing		6.5%	10
Butte des Morts Boat Landing		24.5%	38
Coughlin Nature Area		17.4%	27
Eureka Boat Landing		11.0%	17
Grundman Boat Landing		7.1%	11
Sunnyview Exposition Center		50.3%	78
Shangri La Point Nature Area		2.6%	4
Lasley Point Archeological Site		1.9%	3
Community Park		59.4%	92
Waukau Creek Nature Preserve		20.6%	32
Waukau Dam		11.6%	18
Shangri La Point Nature Preserve		1.9%	3
Poygan Boat Landing		7.1%	11
Mascoutin Valley State Trail		7.1%	11
WIOUWASH State Trail		61.3%	95
answered question			155
skipped question			13

3. Should Winnebago County explore / investigate possibilities of any or all of these COUNTY-OWNED facilities or items in the future? (Please mark all that apply):

		Response Percent	Response Count
Bike / Pedestrian Trail expansion		75.7%	109
Amusement Park		11.8%	17
County Campground with Hookups		21.5%	31
More Athletic Fields		9.0%	13
Water Stations at Boat Launches (Invasive Species control)		27.8%	40
Better Web Page for Parks Department		30.6%	44
Flush Restrooms/Shelters at Boat Landings		28.5%	41
Playground Structures		16.0%	23
Increase Number of Fishing Piers		13.2%	19
More Disc Golf Facilities		7.6%	11
	Other (please specify)		43
answered question			144
skipped question			24

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Satisfied		28.0%	46
Somewhat Satisfied		56.7%	93
Somewhat Dissatisfied		11.0%	18
Conditions Unacceptable		0.0%	0
Don't Visit		4.3%	7

Other (please comment) 14

answered question 164

skipped question 4

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

	1 - Excellent	2 - Good	3 - Fair/Ok	4 - Needs Improvement	Rating Count
Bike Rating	5.4% (8)	36.1% (53)	39.5% (58)	19.0% (28)	147

Other / Comments (please specify) 27

answered question 147

skipped question 21

6. If the County would assist in adding biking / walking trails connecting its communities would you:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Bike / Walk more frequently.	<div></div>	72.8%	118
Bike / Walk about the same.	<div></div>	17.3%	28
Not Use	<div></div>	9.9%	16
Comments?			25
answered question			162
skipped question			6

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

	1 - Completely	2 - Somewhat	3 - Not At All	4 - Don't know N/A	Rating Count
Archery	4.6% (7)	15.7% (24)	7.8% (12)	71.9% (110)	153
Ball Diamonds	29.9% (46)	22.1% (34)	0.6% (1)	47.4% (73)	154
Basketball Courts	18.3% (28)	19.0% (29)	7.2% (11)	55.6% (85)	153
Biking (Off-Road)	7.1% (11)	42.9% (66)	15.6% (24)	34.4% (53)	154
Birding	13.4% (20)	28.2% (42)	3.4% (5)	55.0% (82)	149
Boat Launches	39.0% (60)	29.2% (45)	0.0% (0)	31.8% (49)	154
Camping during events	18.0% (27)	21.3% (32)	8.7% (13)	52.0% (78)	150
Canoe/Kayak Launches	12.6% (19)	29.1% (44)	6.6% (10)	51.7% (78)	151
Expo Center	47.7% (73)	28.8% (44)	1.3% (2)	22.2% (34)	153
Cross-Country Ski Trails	5.9% (9)	20.4% (31)	21.1% (32)	52.6% (80)	152
Disc Golf	18.7% (28)	30.0% (45)	3.3% (5)	48.0% (72)	150
Dog Park	19.0% (30)	45.6% (72)	8.2% (13)	27.2% (43)	158
Fishing Opportunities	42.5% (65)	26.8% (41)	0.7% (1)	30.1% (46)	153
Horseshoe Pits	6.5% (10)	14.4% (22)	6.5% (10)	72.5% (111)	153
Horseback Riding Opportunities	7.2% (11)	9.2% (14)	14.5% (22)	69.1% (105)	152
Natural Areas	16.9% (25)	53.4% (79)	5.4% (8)	24.3% (36)	148
Tennis Courts	16.0% (24)	24.7% (37)	13.3% (20)	46.0% (69)	150
Park Restrooms	9.8% (15)	55.6% (85)	11.8% (18)	22.9% (35)	153
Park Shelters	14.4% (22)	57.5% (88)	5.9% (9)	22.2% (34)	153
Playgrounds	25.2% (38)	40.4% (61)	4.0% (6)	30.5% (46)	151
Picnic Areas	23.2% (35)	47.7% (72)	4.0% (6)	25.2% (38)	151

Pickle Ball Courts	4.7% (7)	2.7% (4)	10.1% (15)	82.6% (123)	149
Soccer Fields	41.1% (62)	18.5% (28)	2.6% (4)	37.7% (57)	151
Trails(in general)	14.5% (22)	54.6% (83)	11.8% (18)	19.1% (29)	152
Volleyball Courts	7.9% (12)	21.2% (32)	6.6% (10)	64.2% (97)	151
Wildlife Viewing	19.9% (30)	35.8% (54)	9.3% (14)	35.1% (53)	151
answered question					162
skipped question					6











8. Please let us know if you or one of your family members participate in the following activities and if there is a need for expansions, improvements, and/or additions to better accommodate use. (Please mark all that apply based on County Owned Facilities Only - See Q2.)

	I or one of my household members use this service	This service needs expansion/improvement	This service needs to be added	No Comment / Don't Know	Rating Count
Adult Athletic / Group Leagues	13.7% (18)	7.6% (10)	0.8% (1)	80.2% (105)	131
Bicycle Connections (CTH A from Neenah to Oshkosh)	24.3% (34)	39.3% (55)	16.4% (23)	42.1% (59)	140
Boat Launches and Fishing Activities	50.4% (70)	15.8% (22)	0.7% (1)	44.6% (62)	139
Disc Golf Course (Community Park)	20.0% (26)	10.0% (13)	3.1% (4)	73.8% (96)	130
Golf Courses	22.4% (30)	5.2% (7)	3.0% (4)	73.1% (98)	134
Horseshoe pits	2.3% (3)	5.4% (7)	3.1% (4)	89.1% (115)	129
Horseback Riding Opportunities	5.3% (7)	12.1% (16)	8.3% (11)	78.0% (103)	132
Ice Skating Rink	9.0% (12)	11.3% (15)	24.1% (32)	61.7% (82)	133
Individual Activities (biking, hiking, etc.)	48.3% (69)	39.9% (57)	11.9% (17)	25.9% (37)	143
Special Events (concerts, tournaments, etc.)	50.0% (69)	15.2% (21)	2.9% (4)	42.0% (58)	138
Senior Activities	11.6% (15)	11.6% (15)	3.1% (4)	76.0% (98)	129
Sledding Hill	18.8% (25)	14.3% (19)	15.8% (21)	57.9% (77)	133
Skate Park	7.8% (10)	7.0% (9)	6.3% (8)	82.8% (106)	128
Soccer Fields	17.3% (22)	11.8% (15)	2.4% (3)	71.7% (91)	127
Teen Activities	4.6% (6)	9.2% (12)	7.7% (10)	80.8% (105)	130
Tennis Courts	11.5% (15)	8.5% (11)	6.9% (9)	76.2% (99)	130

Pickle Ball Courts	0.8% (1)	2.4% (3)	7.1% (9)	91.3% (116)	127
Volleyball Courts	4.8% (6)	6.5% (8)	6.5% (8)	84.7% (105)	124
Other (please specify) / Comments					33





answered question	154
skipped question	14

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





		Response Percent	Response Count
Amenities Maintenance (picnic tables, playgrounds, etc.)		36.1%	57
Facility Maintenance (park shelters, etc.)		30.4%	48
Restroom Maintenance		46.2%	73
Roads and Parking Lots (surface repair, line striping, etc.)		19.6%	31
Safety for use of Facilities (lighting, etc.)		22.8%	36
Trash Pickup and Removal		28.5%	45
Trail Maintenance (snow removal, surface repair, brush clearing, etc.)		38.0%	60
Tree Care (pruning, replacing, etc.)		11.4%	18
Turf Care (mowing, fertilizing, watering, field prep., etc.)		18.4%	29
Natural Areas/Prairies Maintenance (invasive species control, signage, etc.)		38.0%	60
Other (please specify)			8

answered question	158
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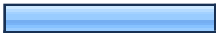

10. In the past 12 months, how often have you or has one of your family members used the WIOUWASH trail?

		Response Percent	Response Count
0 times		26.4%	43
1-3 times		35.0%	57
4-9 times		16.0%	26
10 or more		22.7%	37
answered question			163
skipped question			5


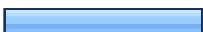





11. In the past 12 months, how often have you or has one of your family members used the Mascoutin Valley trail?

		Response Percent	Response Count
0 times		83.3%	135
1-3 times		13.0%	21
4-9 times		3.1%	5
10 or more		0.6%	1
answered question			162
skipped question			6

12. Have you reserved/rented a facility, or attended an event at one of the COUNTY facilities in the past 12 months? (If no, skip to question 16).

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		31.3%	50
No		68.8%	110
answered question			160
skipped question			8

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Athletic Event		25.5%	13
Family Event		29.4%	15
Birthday Party		7.8%	4
Work Function		19.6%	10
Sports Practice /Game		31.4%	16
Wedding		3.9%	2
Sunnyview Expo Event (Please Specify Event Below)		56.9%	29
Other (please specify)			22
answered question			51
skipped question			117

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



	Excellent	Good	Fair/Ok	Needs Improvement	Rating Count
Ease of the reservation process?	23.8% (10)	64.3% (27)	7.1% (3)	4.8% (2)	42
Quality of the facility and it's cleanliness?	24.5% (12)	63.3% (31)	12.2% (6)	0.0% (0)	49
Cost of the rental?	16.7% (7)	57.1% (24)	26.2% (11)	0.0% (0)	42
Overall experience with the facility rental?	22.7% (10)	63.6% (28)	13.6% (6)	0.0% (0)	44

If it was not up to your standards, what can we do to enhance your experience?

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answered question	50
skipped question	118

15. Based on your experience with the facility, would you hold a future event with us?




















		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		96.2%	51
No		3.8%	2

Why or Why not?

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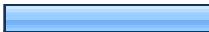



answered question	53
skipped question	115

16. What municipality do you live in?


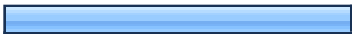
		Response Percent	Response Count
CITY OF APPLETON		3.2%	5
CITY OF MENASHA		4.4%	7
CITY OF NEENAH		5.1%	8
CITY OF OMRO		2.5%	4
CITY OF OSHKOSH		43.0%	68
TOWN OF ALGOMA		12.0%	19
TOWN OF BLACK WOLF		3.8%	6
TOWN OF CLAYTON		0.6%	1
TOWN OF MENASHA		4.4%	7
TOWN OF NEENAH		2.5%	4
TOWN OF NEKIMI		1.3%	2
TOWN OF NEPEUSKUN		0.0%	0
TOWN OF OMRO		1.9%	3
TOWN OF OSHKOSH		5.1%	8
TOWN OF POYGAN		0.6%	1
TOWN OF RUSHFORD		3.2%	5
TOWN OF UTICA		0.0%	0
TOWN OF VINLAND		1.9%	3
TOWN OF WINCHESTER		1.3%	2
TOWN OF WINNECONNE		1.3%	2
TOWN OF WOLF RIVER		1.9%	3
VILLAGE OF WINNECONNE		0.0%	0

answered question	158
skipped question	10

17. How old is the person filling out this survey?

		Response Percent	Response Count
15-30		13.8%	22
31-45		30.6%	49
46-60		33.8%	54
60-75		20.0%	32
75+		1.9%	3
answered question			160
skipped question			8




18. Is the person filling out this survey:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Male		48.1%	76
Female		51.9%	82
answered question			158
skipped question			10

19. Please provide any other comments to help us to improve the COUNTY-OWNED parks and recreational services within Winnebago County.

	Response Count
	64
answered question	64
skipped question	104

20. If you would like more information about the County-Owned Facilities please provide your name, email or mailing address below:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Name		86.2%	25
Address		72.4%	21
Email		89.7%	26
	answered question		29
	skipped question		139

**Page 2, Q1. How do you obtain information about County Park & Recreation programs, events, & facility rentals?
(Please mark all that apply).**

1	Facebook	Apr 9, 2013 8:31 PM
2	Algoma Quarterly Review	Mar 17, 2013 6:55 AM
3	Algoma Quarterly Report	Mar 12, 2013 4:26 PM
4	xcvzxcvx	Feb 18, 2013 7:41 AM
5	Thankyou streetwise, in Northwestern for publiizing this survey.	Feb 17, 2013 6:18 AM
6	UW Extension newsletter vai web site	Jan 27, 2013 9:50 AM
7	Don't Use	Jan 23, 2013 9:03 AM
8	also through other Park & Rec municipalities	Jan 22, 2013 9:40 PM
9	Town of Rushford Board letter enclosed with our property taxes.	Jan 21, 2013 5:49 PM
10	Facebook	Jan 18, 2013 11:35 AM
11	facebook	Jan 18, 2013 9:35 AM
12	To be honest, I never heard the Winn Cty had parks until this survey	Jan 16, 2013 7:25 AM
13	facebook	Jan 12, 2013 9:08 PM
14	Facebook from friends postings	Jan 7, 2013 12:42 PM
15	Facebook	Jan 7, 2013 4:30 AM
16	Facebook postings	Jan 5, 2013 9:55 AM
17	FACEBOOK	Jan 4, 2013 10:03 PM
18	Facebook	Jan 4, 2013 8:34 PM
19	I don't remember seeing info about County Park and Rec. programs.	Jan 3, 2013 1:26 PM
20	Facebook	Jan 2, 2013 9:49 PM
21	facebook dog park page	Jan 1, 2013 3:03 PM
22	Facebook	Dec 29, 2012 5:36 AM
23	facebook	Dec 28, 2012 3:14 PM
24	Facebook	Dec 28, 2012 2:34 PM
25	Facebook	Dec 28, 2012 2:29 PM
26	Facebook	Dec 28, 2012 1:05 PM
27	Facebook	Dec 28, 2012 12:34 PM

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(Please mark all that apply).**

28	Facebook	Dec 28, 2012 11:34 AM
29	Your facebook pages	Dec 28, 2012 11:14 AM
30	don't know how to find out and haven't used programming	Dec 20, 2012 8:39 AM
31	Council Meetings	Dec 5, 2012 1:34 PM

Page 2, Q3. Should Winnebago County explore / investigate possibilities of any or all of these COUNTY-OWNED facilities or items in the future? (Please mark all that apply):

1	Dog Park in Neenah or Menasha	May 2, 2013 11:34 AM
2	BMX, Cyclocross, Mt. Bike park facility.	Apr 9, 2013 8:31 PM
3	trails for horse recreational use	Apr 1, 2013 5:25 AM
4	dog friendly places	Mar 14, 2013 6:32 PM
5	Completion of Trails--additional walking/riding trails Additional Benches for sitting	Mar 12, 2013 4:26 PM
6	Improve dog park. Upgrade shelters in County Community Park	Mar 4, 2013 8:21 PM
7	ice skating	Feb 21, 2013 5:27 PM
8	Parks in the Town of Algoma	Feb 21, 2013 8:58 AM
9	Kayak Launch Points	Feb 20, 2013 9:12 AM
10	cross crounty ski trail	Feb 19, 2013 7:44 AM
11	Some kind of post that I can lock my kayak to while i bike back to my car.	Feb 18, 2013 4:13 PM
12	More trails for walking, hiking, snowshoeing, skiing. Even as short as one-two mile circuits. Better access to Wiowash.	Feb 17, 2013 6:18 AM
13	additional off-leash dog park locations	Feb 15, 2013 10:39 AM
14	Improvement of walking trails and signs at Waukau Creek Nature Preserve	Jan 28, 2013 10:29 AM
15	Bike / Trail expansion is top on my list	Jan 23, 2013 9:21 AM
16	Dog Parks and off leash rules	Jan 23, 2013 8:53 AM
17	Parks in the Town of Algoma	Jan 23, 2013 8:40 AM
18	expand the swim area at the County Park for humans and dogs	Jan 22, 2013 9:40 PM
19	More effort/interest in identifying and control of invasive species....signs, markers instructions etc Flush Restrooms at Waukau Nature Preserve	Jan 21, 2013 5:49 PM
20	Bike and pedestrian trails/lanes in Black Wolf. Provide guidance to linking trails to the south of Oshkosh	Jan 18, 2013 10:30 PM
21	Water at dog parks	Jan 18, 2013 11:35 AM
22	dog park	Jan 16, 2013 12:33 PM
23	pickleball courts	Jan 16, 2013 12:16 PM
24	Dog Parks	Jan 11, 2013 11:01 AM
25	Dog Park in Neenah/Menasha	Jan 7, 2013 4:30 AM

Page 2, Q3. Should Winnebago County explore / investigate possibilities of any or all of these COUNTY-OWNED facilities or items in the future? (Please mark all that apply):

26	I'd like to see some connection via a dirt trail to bike or run on through all the County owned land by the Park, and Expo center.	Jan 4, 2013 1:59 PM
27	Better Communication with Community at Large	Jan 3, 2013 1:26 PM
28	Another dog park in western Winnebago County & another public horse trail that offers parking for trucks with trailer.	Jan 2, 2013 9:49 PM
29	dog parks	Jan 2, 2013 7:35 PM
30	Dog Parks	Jan 2, 2013 12:46 PM
31	dog park neenah/menasha	Jan 1, 2013 3:03 PM
32	There is no mountain biking trails (winding) in all of Winnebago county. Sad	Dec 29, 2012 7:37 AM
33	water stations at the dog park	Dec 29, 2012 5:36 AM
34	dog park in the neeah, menasha for the fox valley area	Dec 28, 2012 5:49 PM
35	another dog park on south side of town	Dec 28, 2012 3:54 PM
36	More dog park upkeep or allow dogs in Menomonee	Dec 28, 2012 2:34 PM
37	Better & more Dog parks	Dec 28, 2012 1:05 PM
38	dog friendly parks	Dec 28, 2012 12:37 PM
39	Bike trail snow removal on Cty A and Y.	Dec 28, 2012 12:34 PM
40	additional dog park(s)	Dec 28, 2012 11:50 AM
41	Off Leash Dog Park	Dec 28, 2012 11:14 AM
42	more passive areas in north; dog park-north	Dec 27, 2012 10:25 AM
43	recreation programming should be handled by town/city/village government not county	Dec 20, 2012 8:39 AM

Page 2, Q4. What is your overall satisfaction with the condition of the COUNTY facilities you visit?

1	Cyclocross, Mt. Bike, and BMX biking facilities should be created as part if our county parks amenities to greatly enhance Winnebago County's appeal as a recreational destination in the Fix Valley.	Apr 9, 2013 8:31 PM
2	As a cyclist, I would like to see an expansion of cycling friendly trails available in the county.	Apr 9, 2013 8:01 PM
3	Very limited horse riding areas, considering the large population of equine owners. Also, even when weather doesn't permit snowmobile use of the Wiowash trail - horses are not allowed- that should change	Apr 1, 2013 5:25 AM
4	Need xc trails/mountain biking trails	Mar 23, 2013 6:09 PM
5	The shelters at community park need better kitchen amenities/ handicap bathrooms.	Mar 12, 2013 7:26 PM
6	most park facilities are shabby, need maintenance	Feb 18, 2013 4:01 PM
7	Didn't visit the facilities, used the parks.	Feb 17, 2013 6:18 AM
8	Goose Droppings	Jan 23, 2013 9:03 AM
9	Parts of Community Park are no longer viable	Jan 23, 2013 8:57 AM
10	Waukau Dam isn't mowed very good to use the area	Jan 23, 2013 5:47 AM
11	shelters 1 & 2 could use new refrigerators	Jan 22, 2013 8:34 AM
12	More overall upkeep would be nice...understand budget limitations....however!!!	Jan 21, 2013 5:49 PM
13	All this land to run on in the park, but no paths or trails! Something around all the soccer fields, through some of the trees would be nice.	Jan 4, 2013 1:59 PM
14	County "A" boat landing needs more parking & why was this site listed in question #2	Jan 2, 2013 12:46 PM

Page 2, Q5. How would you rate the ability to bike in the County?

1	Shady lane in Neenah was torn up for sewer work, and never repaved. It is full of holes and cracks -- impossible to bike on. Friendship west of Town of menasha could use some filling-up and grading work.trail could use	Apr 10, 2013 3:08 AM
2	Bike Lanes, bike trails, bike share ways, bike signage, and bike racks for safe passage through urban areas, over HWY 41, and over the fox river are still greatly needed but in the works. Slowly but surely, Winnebago County will become a great biking destination.	Apr 9, 2013 8:31 PM
3	I would only care if they shared the trails with horses	Apr 1, 2013 5:25 AM
4	Need mountain biking trails, have to drive to greenbush 1 hr each way	Mar 23, 2013 6:09 PM
5	If you are not in a city - and your are using county roads - it seems treacherous. I would never do it although I see groups of bikers who are brave. I fear for them b/c our roads do not facilitate their use of the road and they should. I mean the roads should provide for bike usage.	Mar 22, 2013 9:44 AM
6	The outlying roads are good but in town is not as much.	Mar 17, 2013 6:55 AM
7	Need designated bike lanes. Bike paths connecting Oshkosh to Neenah and Omro or other communities.	Mar 17, 2013 6:37 AM
8	Make roads and trails safer!	Mar 12, 2013 7:39 PM
9	SEE #3 above	Mar 12, 2013 4:26 PM
10	sad to see new suburb developments interpret that they have a right to block trails through their development	Feb 22, 2013 8:31 AM
11	need more off road trails, as well as bike lanes	Feb 22, 2013 8:22 AM
12	Don't Bike	Feb 21, 2013 9:28 AM
13	Make the bike path that only goes from Sunnyview to I-Ah Maytah go all the way to Neenah	Feb 18, 2013 4:13 PM
14	County road biking is dangerous on narrow roads. Ability to cross Hwy 41 is near impossible and requires sharing road on major bridges in lots of traffic. Commuting by bike in this county is a joke, unless you live in close proximity to the workplace.	Feb 17, 2013 6:18 AM
15	Never tried	Jan 28, 2013 10:29 AM
16	Need to add a trail on Butte Des Morts bridge	Jan 23, 2013 9:29 AM
17	Don't use	Jan 23, 2013 9:03 AM
18	N/A Don't know	Jan 23, 2013 8:57 AM
19	Connect Town of Algoma to WIOWASH	Jan 23, 2013 8:40 AM
20	Would like more comprehensive bike trails and connections. Let's make the county a leader in this area and a great place to live.	Jan 23, 2013 8:02 AM

Page 2, Q5. How would you rate the ability to bike in the County?

21	Would like to see a comprehensive plan working with local municipalities	Jan 16, 2013 7:25 AM
22	don't use	Jan 7, 2013 4:30 AM
23	Major roads could have bike lanes (Jackson St., South Park, County A, hwy 45) that lead out to other cities	Jan 4, 2013 1:59 PM
24	I live in a completely rural area so my ability to bike is never impacted by traffic, congestion, safety etc.	Jan 3, 2013 5:50 PM
25	I don't bike	Jan 2, 2013 9:49 PM
26	We really need mountain biking trails. This would improve tourism in our county.	Dec 29, 2012 7:37 AM
27	most county roads not safe to bike on	Dec 20, 2012 8:39 AM

Page 2, Q6. If the County would assist in adding biking / walking trails connecting its communities would you:

1	Connecting our Communities trail system would greatly enhance the cycling experience for all of the communities in our county and all of North East Wisconsin. Interconnecting our trails would help integrate our communities. Everyone would benefit.	Apr 9, 2013 8:31 PM
2	I don't ride on trails. I cycle on the road. Additional bike lanes would be awesome	Apr 9, 2013 8:02 PM
3	Need to share the trails with horses	Apr 1, 2013 5:25 AM
4	absolutely!	Mar 22, 2013 9:44 AM
5	If I could get to more areas without feeling like I'm risking being killed by not being in a car it would be helpful. Getting from the west side of 41 to downtown Oshkosh there is NO route that truly bike friendly or that people feel comfortable having children on.	Mar 17, 2013 6:55 AM
6	Makes it easier and safer to travel/commute by bike.	Mar 17, 2013 6:37 AM
7	This is a must, and would add the to the well-being of all the families in our community.	Mar 12, 2013 7:39 PM
8	I'm too handicapped to use, but I think it would be a great asset to the county and communities.	Mar 12, 2013 7:26 PM
9	Extend the walking/bike/running trail that runs north along county road A to Neenah	Feb 25, 2013 7:25 AM
10	Need a SAFE and direct path from Neenah to Oshkosh	Feb 24, 2013 6:28 PM
11	Have no bike trails from Oshkosh to Omro; west side of hwy 41 you take your life in your hands to ride on the roads.	Feb 23, 2013 8:40 AM
12	biking is a great family activity and the more accessible the routes, the easier it is to use	Feb 22, 2013 8:31 AM
13	Would love to see more trails and off-road paths, even adjacent to roadways, but separated by a berm or terrace.	Feb 22, 2013 8:22 AM
14	great idea.	Feb 17, 2013 6:18 AM
15	There would be a large increase in the younger generation utilizing the bike trails more frequently.	Jan 23, 2013 9:21 AM
16	Please do.....Would really like more connecting trails for pleasure and safety reasons.	Jan 23, 2013 8:02 AM
17	I would consider even biking to work on a regular basis.	Jan 16, 2013 7:25 AM
18	Several groups the more rural areas use the county roads for biking events throught the year which become quite dangerous with the vehicle, farm machinary and then other personal use of the roadways. It was be nice for them to have a imroved trail or biking lanes to accomadate the needs for these events instead of use of all county roads.	Jan 4, 2013 10:03 PM

Page 2, Q6. If the County would assist in adding biking / walking trails connecting its communities would you:

19	YES! I love riding my bike places, and to work! But some of the roads are fast cars and busy.	Jan 4, 2013 1:59 PM
20	I often load my bike into my truck & head into Valley, park it & commute around via bike. I'm excited to use the new Neenah Trail from the trestle bridge to downtown area & beyond. I like how the existing route links Menasha to west side of lake. I think this will open up & expand usage for many... previously that stretch of N lake St was dangerous & many families would not have wanted their kids getting around using that route. Now, as more folks discover the user friendly & safe design of this addition it'll get heavy use, I'm sure. People need to believe theres a different way to get from point A to B & if I lived in town this would be my perferred method of commuting using the trail systems & my bike (weather permitting).	Jan 3, 2013 5:50 PM
21	I am an oshkosh resident and my wife and me go to Hartman creek every weekend to mountain bike ride.	Dec 29, 2012 7:37 AM
22	more walking trails for owners and your dogs	Dec 28, 2012 5:49 PM
23	Need to let dogs on leashes on trails and sidewalks	Dec 28, 2012 2:34 PM
24	Winter walking Cty Y and Cty A especially to Dog park and area surrounding.	Dec 28, 2012 12:34 PM
25	If dogs were allowed	Dec 28, 2012 11:14 AM

Page 2, Q8. Please let us know if you or one of your family members participate in the following activities and if there is a need for expansions, improvements, and/or additions to better accommodate use. (Please mark all that apply based on County Owned Facilities Only - See Q2.)

1	More hiking trails in natural areas that are pet friendly	May 2, 2013 11:34 AM
2	Horse owners are having to leave the county to find areas to trail ride. It is a huge appeal and potential draw to the county to expand areas for horse owners to ride and share the trails.	Apr 1, 2013 5:25 AM
3	Xc skiing and mountain biking	Mar 23, 2013 6:09 PM
4	indoor basketball courts are impossible to access in the winter - the Y is the only option. In WI, winter lasts a LONG time (I am not telling you something you don't know). Other counties have more indoor sports facilities - maybe they are all for profit outfits - I don't know.	Mar 22, 2013 9:44 AM
5	Add bike connection from Oshkosh to Omro.	Mar 17, 2013 6:37 AM
6	The availability of trails, especially for biking, is lacking.	Mar 14, 2013 6:32 PM
7	Picnic shelters in county park	Mar 4, 2013 8:21 PM
8	Please put the bench back for ice skaters at Miller's Bay ice skating rink, too hard to get from car to skate on ice without a bench to put skates on/off at...it was there last year but now it's gone :(Feb 21, 2013 5:27 PM
9	Rugby is meeting our needs. Disc golf nice to have.	Feb 21, 2013 9:38 AM
10	County needs better Bike lanes on rural roads/hwy's to west of Oshkosh. 9th. Ave west of Oakwood Rd. is in Terrible condition.	Feb 20, 2013 9:12 AM
11	Get a drive in too	Feb 19, 2013 8:26 PM
12	cross country ski trails	Feb 19, 2013 7:44 AM
13	You don't list ball diamonds as a category! This should be added.	Feb 18, 2013 4:01 PM
14	We do use the dog park at times and find it satisfactory. [DogPark]	Feb 18, 2013 3:26 PM
15	We have used the dog park over the past 5 years and every year there are more users and dogs. Another dog park needs to be explored by the county. [DogPark]	Feb 17, 2013 7:17 AM
16	This question is terribly ambiguous. what are you asking?. do I use it? or am I satisfied with it? how are you going to interpret my answer?	Feb 17, 2013 6:18 AM
17	Dog Park space on the south end of oshkosh, please [DogPark]	Feb 15, 2013 10:39 AM
18	Cty Hwy A Oshkosh to Neenah bike path is a bunch of B.S.	Feb 1, 2013 3:25 PM
19	Golf Courses should not be added, Restrooms were closed in the last park I visited.	Jan 23, 2013 9:03 AM
20	Dog Park. Would love to see it bigger. [DogPark]	Jan 12, 2013 9:08 PM

Page 2, Q8. Please let us know if you or one of your family members participate in the following activities and if there is a need for expansions, improvements, and/or additions to better accommodate use. (Please mark all that apply based on County Owned Facilities Only - See Q2.)

21	please give us another dog park! [DogPark]	Jan 11, 2013 11:01 AM
22	Dog Park is used frequently [DogPark]	Jan 4, 2013 10:03 PM
23	Shooting range like shicton.	Jan 4, 2013 8:34 PM
24	I would LOVE to see some mountain biking areas make in the county. Waukau Creek would be a great spot, or even the County Park in Oshkosh even though it's kinda flat. Just some sort of dirt path for bikes, runners, and walkers to roam around on through the park, maybe even connecting to a few of the other natural areas located on the county owned land close by to make the trails even longer. I just moved out to some apartments next to County Park in Oshkosh and I run and bike quite a bit and would like to see more done with all this land. Running options are REALLY limited out here. It could be SUPER cool I'd love to help out.	Jan 4, 2013 1:59 PM
25	I personally would like to see at least a port a potty type facility (or pit toilet) available year round at some of the boat landings. I think there is a need to have more trail link ups with the urban areas, don't know if the cities facilitate this or private donors make this happen, slowly but surely as folks see these being used, they'll gain in popularity & requests for more of the same will follow.	Jan 3, 2013 5:50 PM
26	Dog Parks [DogPark]	Jan 2, 2013 12:46 PM
27	i do believe in the dog park you need to add a shelter for summer and winter,watering hole.more benches [DogPark]	Dec 28, 2012 5:49 PM
28	I didn't even know some of this was offered! A faceb	Dec 28, 2012 2:34 PM
29	expansion of dog park - need more space. [DogPark]	Dec 28, 2012 2:31 PM
30	More room for dogs to play and be part of family activities [DogPark]	Dec 28, 2012 11:14 AM
31	More TEEN activities/facilities need to be made available - these kids have nothing to do	Dec 27, 2012 8:43 AM
32	snow shoe trails	Dec 23, 2012 4:14 PM
33	need to have an option for this service un needed or this service should be provided by others, city residents pay for most of these items at both the city and county level subsidizing town residents	Dec 20, 2012 8:39 AM

Page 3, Q9. Please choose your top 3 priorities for park, athletic field, and trail maintenance. (County Facilities Only, See Q2) (Please mark only 3)

1	Lots of dandelions in Quarry Park. Could use some Weed and Feed. And some trees planted.	Apr 9, 2013 8:35 PM
2	patrolled more often to prevent breakins.	Mar 12, 2013 5:10 PM
3	More signage on the Wiouwash Tr needs to be put up about dogs need to be leashed	Feb 25, 2013 7:31 AM
4	Trail signs and trails need to be majorly updated at Waukau Creek Nature Preserve	Jan 28, 2013 10:33 AM
5	Marketing of what is available	Jan 23, 2013 8:40 AM
6	dog park	Jan 12, 2013 9:08 PM
7	Additional dog park	Dec 28, 2012 11:28 AM
8	More information to the public via the internet	Dec 23, 2012 4:15 PM

Page 4, Q13. If yes, what kind of event did you attend, rent, or reserve for? (Please mark all that apply).

1	Oshkosh cycling event	Apr 10, 2013 5:44 AM
2	gunshow, bike expo	Apr 9, 2013 8:13 PM
3	Oshkosh cycling club	Mar 23, 2013 6:12 PM
4	Tack Sale, Home Builders Expo, Fox Valley Bike Swap	Mar 17, 2013 6:57 AM
5	county fair	Mar 13, 2013 10:38 AM
6	Lifest; County DHS events	Mar 12, 2013 7:31 PM
7	Organization picnics and Winnebago County Fair.	Mar 4, 2013 8:25 PM
8	Gem and Mineral Show	Feb 22, 2013 6:30 PM
9	Disc Golf Tourny	Feb 21, 2013 9:31 AM
10	county fair	Feb 18, 2013 4:15 PM
11	fair	Feb 17, 2013 6:32 PM
12	Work Party	Jan 23, 2013 9:16 AM
13	Fundraiser (Crop Walk)	Jan 23, 2013 8:58 AM
14	Horse Show	Jan 23, 2013 8:34 AM
15	Natural Health?	Jan 22, 2013 9:44 PM
16	Hunting expo	Jan 21, 2013 10:51 AM
17	Horse shows	Jan 2, 2013 9:55 PM
18	Wellness expos	Dec 28, 2012 11:31 AM
19	Doggie Paddle	Dec 28, 2012 11:18 AM
20	Healthy Living Expo	Dec 18, 2012 1:44 PM
21	Organizational event	Dec 18, 2012 11:03 AM
22	graduation party	Dec 10, 2012 8:33 PM

Page 4, Q14. If yes, how would you rate the following?

1	online calendar availability for purpose of rental.	Mar 12, 2013 7:31 PM
2	Bathroom facilities not available	Mar 12, 2013 4:35 PM
3	Shelters and kitchens need modernizing.	Mar 4, 2013 8:25 PM
4	did not reserve, only attended event	Feb 22, 2013 8:50 AM
5	Better Restrooms	Jan 23, 2013 9:16 AM
6	I attended the event, I didn't rent the place for the event.	Jan 2, 2013 9:55 PM
7	Maintenance and upkeep, restrooms	Dec 28, 2012 2:38 PM
8	I only attended - not involved with renting so can't really answer these questions with the options.	Dec 28, 2012 11:31 AM
9	Keep up the awesome job!	Dec 28, 2012 11:18 AM

Page 4, Q15. Based on your experience with the facility, would you hold a future event with us?

1	Wonderful facilities!	Apr 9, 2013 8:44 PM
2	my Oshkosh West class had their class reunion last summer at the cOunty park. It was ok.	Mar 22, 2013 9:48 AM
3	The expo building meets our needs, but the bathrooms need attention: some sinks don't work, out of toilet paper, no soap, cleanliness, etc.	Mar 12, 2013 7:31 PM
4	Cost effective and a nice place to have a family event	Feb 17, 2013 5:48 PM
5	We have no place in our area. We are on the west side of the river and are forgotten other than plowing.	Jan 27, 2013 9:56 AM
6	Conveniently located	Jan 22, 2013 9:44 PM
7	Everyone is easy to work with and the facilities are always wonderful	Dec 28, 2012 11:18 AM

Page 4, Q16. What municipality do you live in?

1	Town of Grand Chute	Apr 9, 2013 8:13 PM
2	Own property in Town of Rushford	Jan 21, 2013 6:00 PM
3	work in oshkosh	Jan 16, 2013 1:23 PM

Page 4, Q19. Please provide any other comments to help us to improve the COUNTY-OWNED parks and recreational services within Winnebago County.

1	Need mountain bike trails	Apr 10, 2013 5:44 AM
2	How to find public land (i.e. DNR land, county land, etc.) in the county? Are there on-line maps available?	Apr 10, 2013 3:13 AM
3	In need of mountain bike trails in county owned parks	Apr 10, 2013 12:56 AM
4	Need a mountain bike trail	Apr 9, 2013 11:47 PM
5	I strongly recommend the development of a multi use bicycle park facility. There is a great deal of untapped potential in this area and many people would enjoy it!	Apr 9, 2013 8:44 PM
6	I value and feel the need to improve the bike/trail system between the cities, towns and existing trails	Apr 9, 2013 8:13 PM
7	A large population, both cyclist and dog owners do not have the available county land to utilize. Expansion in these areas would prove to be very beneficial to the county in a multitude of ways.	Apr 9, 2013 8:03 PM
8	The Wiowash trail should be available for horseback riding Nov-April if there is no snow for snow mobiles. This could be handled with a simple call in phone number and a recorded message for the day. Horseback riding is a year round sport with more horse ownership than snow mobile ownership in the county	Apr 1, 2013 5:32 AM
9	Do not allow personal property to be built or stored on County Park property	Mar 25, 2013 9:09 AM
10	As before mountain bike trails and cross country ski trails, would be happy to help	Mar 23, 2013 6:12 PM
11	On the whole you do a fantastic job addressing the wide variety of constituents you serve - so hats off to you!! Are there private-public partnerships you can leverage to make more of an impact? Who has the lead on the trail effort going on along the river in downtown Oshkosh? It needs to be better advertised/marketed.	Mar 22, 2013 9:48 AM
12	County Parks --City Parks--Town Parks all need to be planned together to get maximum coverage and use ability out of all the facilities. By doing this wwe can get more bang for the buck. [Other]	Mar 12, 2013 4:35 PM
13	Leave the Shangri La Land as is. Picnic Point - Install short removable dock, complete hiking trail, leave land as is. Lighthouse - Encourage picnicking with more tables Maintain existing trails better - prune trees. [Other]	Mar 12, 2013 10:23 AM
14	Would like more information on biking trail access provided publicly or advertised more frequently. Please mail this us. Thank you! [Other]	Mar 12, 2013 10:19 AM
15	I love the WIOUWASH trail! [Other]	Feb 27, 2013 3:20 PM
16	I think expanding the county road A running path to Neenah would be great, more and better groomed cross country ski trails in the county. The cross country ski trails through Community Park are rarely groomed. [Other]	Feb 25, 2013 7:39 AM
17	Please seriously consider the biking routes. CTH A is horrendous-- [Other]	Feb 24, 2013 6:30 PM

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18	We are grateful for the support of soccer. [Other]	Feb 22, 2013 8:24 PM
19	I have lived in the area for 13 years and in filling out this survey I am amazed of how little I know about the parks and recreation activities that are available in this county. Personally, I will access the county website to find out more. Perhaps publicity is an area that could be improved. Perhaps these days, people focus more on special events and we are forgetting about activities that are available any time at little or no cost--like fishing, hiking, bird watching, biking, and small informal groups of other physical exercise/games throughout the seasons. Participation in these kinds of activities helps to create a fuller sense of community. [Other]	Feb 22, 2013 8:50 AM
20	I am happy to see the Winnebago County Parks Dept. willing to improve our parks especially along lake Winnebago. [Other]	Feb 21, 2013 9:04 PM
21	Overall the County does a good job. It's hard as you know. Because of the common "everyone for himself attitude" Why me? I'm not from that time. I have always had great cooperation from the parks for 30+ years now. Thank You! [Other]	Feb 21, 2013 9:40 AM
22	Doing a great job with a great staff! [Other]	Feb 21, 2013 9:35 AM
23	Would like to see more disc golf courses in the county parks. - Sizes of County Parks. [Other]	Feb 21, 2013 9:31 AM
24	Would like to see the WIOUWASH trail extended south thru the Town of Black Wolf [Other]	Feb 21, 2013 9:21 AM
25	Road Bike Riding conditions need improvement. [Other]	Feb 20, 2013 9:14 AM
26	Community park badly needs upgrade, it is shabby. But it is a prime location with a lot of potential. Consider participating in a task force with cities, villages, sports groups, school districts to determine if there is a county-wide need for a ball diamond complex or a sports complex. There seems to be room for 1-2 lighted ball diamonds at north end of community park. Boat launches are shabby and badly in need of upgrading, good maintenance and expansion. They are heavily used. Especially L. Butte des Morts, south side. Please maintain and improve the bike/pedestrian trails and connections between communities. [Other]	Feb 18, 2013 4:19 PM
27	Obviously, due to age, I do not use many of the park services. I hope you will get responses from those users. I live on the north side of Oshkosh so mostly use the County Park and Wiouwash Trail. [Other]	Feb 18, 2013 3:33 PM
28	Parks should have more trails for all hobby/sports, biking, walking, hiking, birding, cross country skiing. The bathroom facilities could use some upgrades. Roads and parking there is room for improvements also. [Other]	Feb 17, 2013 6:03 PM
29	I mostly use the Park's trails for walking. I hate to see any litter. I think more people should be fined for littering. [Other]	Feb 17, 2013 8:33 AM
30	Expand the number of dog friendly parks in the county. Expanding would allow easier access for residents of the Neenah area as well as reduce the stress on	Feb 17, 2013 7:21 AM

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	the current park. [Dog Park]	
31	I would like to see more park areas for dogs either on leash or off. [Dog Park]	Feb 13, 2013 6:03 PM
32	I have been using the dog park at the Winnebago Co park for 7 years now. I wold LOVE to see a water faucet to be able to fill bowls and water containers with. We have had to leave numerous times because we ran out of water. It would also be nice to have some sort of shelter in the large section in the back to keep patrons out of the sun. Thank you for listening to my requests. My family and my dogs appreciate it. Kristen Travis Black Wolf [Dog Park]	Feb 13, 2013 10:02 AM
33	I only live 2 miles from the Waukau Creek Nature Preserve and use it quite a bit. So do a lot of others. It would be nice if it was more user friendly (upgraded trails, signs so you know where you are, maybe a picnic area/playground equipment, etc) [Other]	Jan 28, 2013 10:38 AM
34	As stated above we are on the edge of the county and have no facilities near. The river divides and being on the west side of the river it is like we are not even here.	Jan 27, 2013 9:56 AM
35	Any improvements to the bicycle infrastructure would be welcomed. [Other]	Jan 23, 2013 9:24 AM
36	Better restroom facilities. I realize this may be tough with the youth these days in vandalizing property. [Other]	Jan 23, 2013 9:16 AM
37	Don't use, last attempt was closed due to goose droppings. [Other]	Jan 23, 2013 9:04 AM
38	We need a winter assortment of bike/hiking trails. Town of Algoma is a perfect example of a place that needs walking trails. Like what I see in Outagamie County. [Other]	Jan 23, 2013 8:46 AM
39	Allow dogs in parks [Dog Park]	Jan 23, 2013 8:41 AM
40	Anthing to improve the quality of life in the county residents is great for our community. [Other]	Jan 22, 2013 9:44 PM
41	Really, really need a water spout at the dog park. You bring water for your dog, but it gets knocked over or other dogs drink it your sol. [Dog Park]	Jan 18, 2013 11:39 AM
42	Need better bathrooms for Menomonie Park by the ball diamonds [Other]	Jan 16, 2013 1:40 PM
43	I love that we have all the parks in our county. I would like to see more dog parks. I haven't biked or walked on the WIUWOSH trail in a while, but there used to be a problem with horse "apples" all over the trail, and some dog poop. We always made sure we picked up after our dogs if they went when we were out there. I am glad to hear that there is resurfacing going on the WIOUWOSH trail, I am hoping to do more biking on it this year. [Dog Park]	Jan 16, 2013 12:35 PM
44	A dog park in the Neenah Menasha area would be greatly appreciated by it's citizens. [Dog Park]	Jan 7, 2013 4:32 AM
45	Allow dogs on leashes in all of the parks [Dog Park]	Jan 5, 2013 9:57 AM

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46	Would like a dog park and shooting range. [Dog Park]	Jan 4, 2013 8:35 PM
47	I didn't even know what the Mousican Trail was until reading this. Cool. Somehow connecting the Wiowash to this trail would be awesome. I've ran on the Wiowash for almost 12 years...it's nice but a little boring since it just goes in one direction. It would be nice to have some options and have it connect to a few of the Neenah Trails and some Berlin or Ripon ones to the west. This county NEEDS single track mountain biking trails. I have to drive almost an hour away to go mountain biking which sucks. Maybe create some single track that branches off from the Wiowash? This would be amazing! [Other]	Jan 4, 2013 2:14 PM
48	Would like to see another dog park in western Winnebago County. The one near/in the County Park is nice, but often very busy and quite the drive to get to. [Dog Park]	Jan 2, 2013 9:55 PM
49	The parking lots facilities at county boat landings need improvements and proper monitoring of how some "yahoos" stage their boats before and after launching their boats, followed how they do not vacate the launch area when coming off of the lake, and how and where they park their trailers. There are some real idiots out there! Perhaps some posted "Launch Rules" at the landing might help. (But then they would have to be able to read won't they!) Are fish cleaning station ever a possibility at some boat landings? Recycled bicks to put at the Poygan (Duck Inn Site) boat landing that could be used to ride back and forth from the landing to the far away parking lot. There just is not an adequate dog park for a larger dogs with space to roam and or swim. [Other]	Jan 2, 2013 1:02 PM
50	Another dog park closer than oshkosh. [Dog Park]	Jan 1, 2013 3:05 PM
51	I believe they are perfect at this time and should remain in their natural state. [Other]	Dec 29, 2012 5:15 PM
52	This is a great place to live. I believe developing a mountain bike trail would be a great asset to our communities and would be well used. It would also support bike sales and could address health and wellness. We do have nice straight tracks, but no real trails. We can do better. [Other]	Dec 29, 2012 7:41 AM
53	I mainly use the dog park and it would be nice to have one closet to the Omro area. But the one at county park is nice, but would be nice to have some kind of water spot for the dogs to drink. I bring water but sometimes forget and thus just would be nice to have. Thank you [Dog Park]	Dec 29, 2012 5:42 AM
54	yes i do believe you need to add a DOG park in the valley area in the neenah ,menasha area!!going to oshkosh is a pain in the butt especially driving in the winter!i would like to see a dog park!the dog park would be great in the neenah area so we could go too it more!! [Dog Park]	Dec 28, 2012 5:54 PM
55	Make your dog park more like Appleton. Need more trash cans in park for poop. Need bigger area for small dogs. Need staff to pick up poop. Plant trees in middle. [Dog Park]	Dec 28, 2012 3:18 PM
56	I love what is being achieved with the dog park! Lots of people use it year round and would pay towards making it bigger and better. I didn't know that Oshkosh	Dec 28, 2012 2:40 PM

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	had those trails and other facilities. Would love to see a Facebook page or a cleaner website that listed everything to do in Oshkosh! I'm always looking for more outside activities around town. Also would love to see dogs allowed on leashes in Menomonee Park [Dog Park]	
57	All parks should be open to dogs, if it can work for Dallas or New York there is no reason the same rules and laws couldn't work here. I took my small dogs - once- to your dog park and all three were able to walk under the fences. They are better walking on leash with me in the parks, instead of some small pen where they can escape. [Dog Park]	Dec 28, 2012 2:38 PM
58	Mostly just restroom or water facilities for boating, hiking, walking and snow removal for bike/walk trails. [Other]	Dec 28, 2012 12:37 PM
59	We could really use another off leash dog park. Dogs should be allowed on county paths ON leash on all county (and city) trails. Also - do not allow any hunting or trapping on the WIOUWASH. [Dog Park]	Dec 28, 2012 11:31 AM
60	Thank you for all your do for the community! Your hard work is greatly appreciated! [Other]	Dec 28, 2012 11:18 AM
61	Please consider allowing dogs in the county park. I live within walking distance and it is silly to have to drive my dog to the dog park. Rules could be established to ensure safety and cleanliness. [Dog Park]	Dec 28, 2012 11:15 AM
62	would like to see facilities in the north-passive related and a dog park. [Dog Park]	Dec 27, 2012 10:26 AM
63	county should be providing regional services not found at the local level or offered by private entities such as trails that run through multiple jurisdictions, natural areas, possibly off road biking and dog parks. Activites like park shelters, playgrounds, volleyball, tennis, soccer, baseball should be left to local government not county government as many residents are paying twice for these activities once a the county level once at the city level [Dog Park]	Dec 20, 2012 8:57 AM
64	Sell boat launch permits at city/village hall in each community.	Dec 12, 2012 10:00 AM

Page 4, Q20. If you would like more information about the County-Owned Facilities please provide your name, email or mailing address below:

Name		
1	Stacy potter	Apr 10, 2013 5:44 AM
3	Brian Kienert	Apr 9, 2013 8:44 PM
4	Victoria Schasny	Apr 1, 2013 5:32 AM
5	Loren Potter	Mar 23, 2013 6:12 PM
6	Jeremy Rush	Mar 12, 2013 7:41 PM
7	William C Mrazek	Mar 12, 2013 10:19 AM
8	Pam Elmer	Feb 27, 2013 3:20 PM
10	Todd Palecek	Feb 22, 2013 6:30 PM
11	Fred boss	Feb 22, 2013 5:17 PM
12	Steve Loos	Feb 21, 2013 9:31 AM
13	Barney J. Kempf	Feb 17, 2013 6:03 PM
14	Linda Schumacher	Feb 17, 2013 12:10 PM
15	phil baeten	Feb 17, 2013 11:45 AM
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22	Margy Hershberger	Jan 18, 2013 11:39 AM
23	Scott Robenolt	Jan 7, 2013 12:46 PM
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25	Patty Sprenger	Jan 3, 2013 5:54 PM
26	Megan Sonicksen	Dec 28, 2012 2:40 PM
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28	Kelly Hogan-Roth	Dec 28, 2012 12:37 PM
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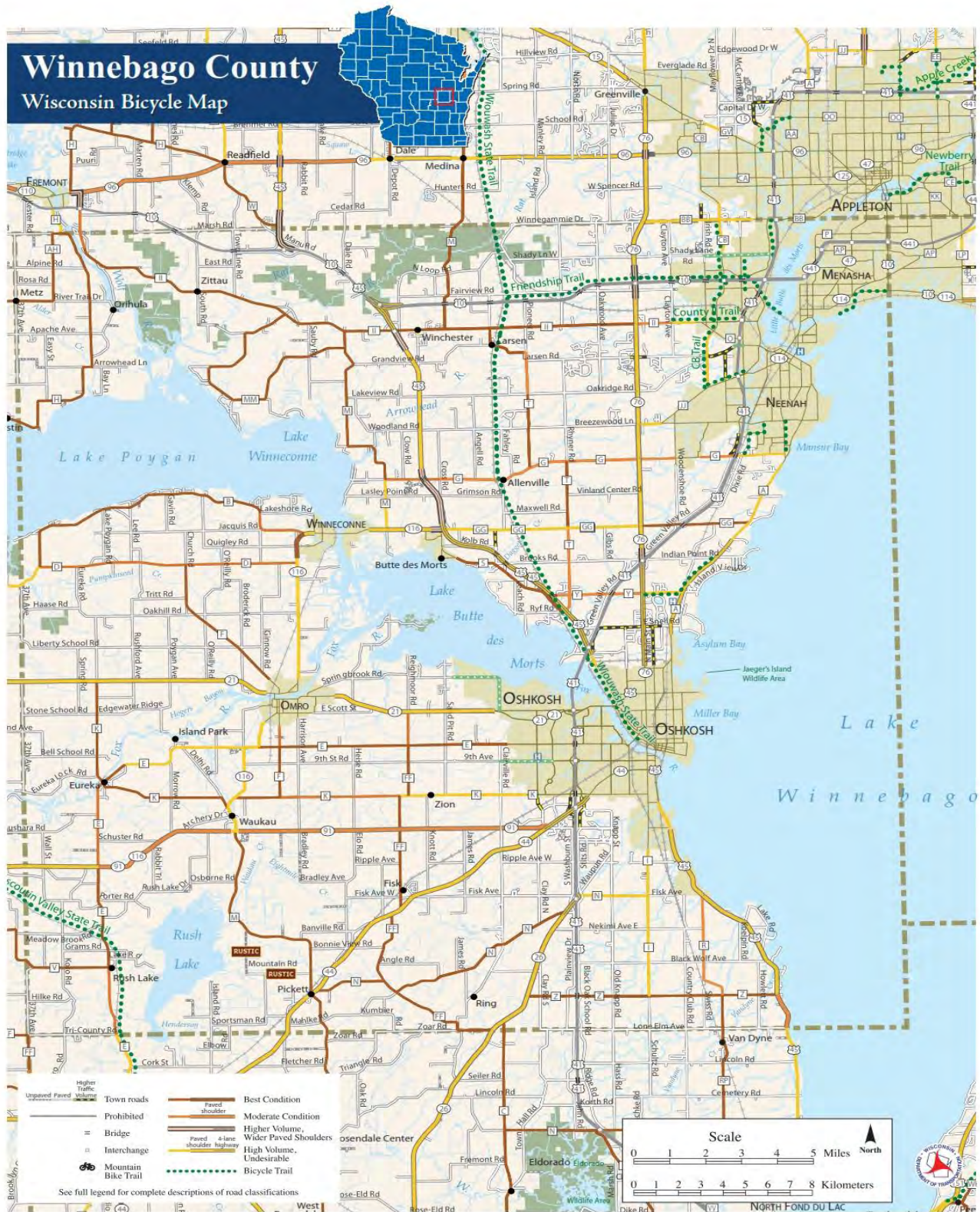
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1	232 Thackery dr	Apr 10, 2013 5:44 AM
3	1647 Sanders Street, Oshkosh, WI	Apr 9, 2013 8:44 PM
4	3162 Heise Rd Omro, Wi	Apr 1, 2013 5:32 AM
5	232 Thackery Dr Oshkosh Wi 54904	Mar 23, 2013 6:12 PM
6	1928 Scarlet Oak Trail, Oshkosh, WI 54904	Mar 12, 2013 7:41 PM
7	341 S Westhaven Drive Apt# C-112, Oshkosh, WI 54904	Mar 12, 2013 10:19 AM
8	1319 Lawndale St. 54901	Feb 27, 2013 3:20 PM
10	4194 Country Club Rd, Oshkosh WI 54902	Feb 22, 2013 6:30 PM
11	3983 brooks road Oshkosh wi 54904	Feb 22, 2013 5:17 PM
13	4090 Summerview. Dr.	Feb 17, 2013 6:03 PM
16	911 N Westfield St, Oshkosh, WI	Feb 17, 2013 8:33 AM
17	2868 Morrow Rd. Omro, WI 54963	Jan 28, 2013 10:38 AM
18	2141 Hidden Creek Road	Jan 25, 2013 7:04 PM
21	1537 W 6th Avenue Oshkosh Wis 54902	Jan 21, 2013 6:00 PM
22	1734 Oregon St. Oshkosh	Jan 18, 2013 11:39 AM
23	1716 W Murdock Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901	Jan 7, 2013 12:46 PM
24	4414 Jacktar Road #C	Jan 4, 2013 2:14 PM
25	8963 Soth Road Fremont, WI 54940	Jan 3, 2013 5:54 PM
26	1010 E Nevada Ave 54901	Dec 28, 2012 2:40 PM
28	4525 Cedar View Dr., Oshkosh, WI 54901	Dec 28, 2012 12:37 PM
29	422A W 5th Avenue, Oshkosh WI 54902	Dec 27, 2012 8:44 AM
Email		
1	Stacywagner77@hotmail.com	Apr 10, 2013 5:44 AM
2	chris.szymonski63@gmail.com	Apr 10, 2013 3:13 AM
3	bkienert@new.rr.com	Apr 9, 2013 8:44 PM
4	v.schasny@gmail.com	Apr 1, 2013 5:32 AM
5	Lopott@yahoo.com	Mar 23, 2013 6:12 PM

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6	wccmjeremy@gmail.com	Mar 12, 2013 7:41 PM
8	efudd@att.net	Feb 27, 2013 3:20 PM
9	smtweber@att.net	Feb 25, 2013 7:39 AM
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25	sps2000@execpc.com	Jan 3, 2013 5:54 PM
26	Mjsonicksen@gmail.com	Dec 28, 2012 2:40 PM
27	meowdiane@yahoo.com	Dec 28, 2012 1:14 PM
28	khogan1020@aol.com	Dec 28, 2012 12:37 PM
29	trish.marks@new.rr.com	Dec 27, 2012 8:44 AM

APPENDIX D - WISDOT COUNTY BICYCLE MAP



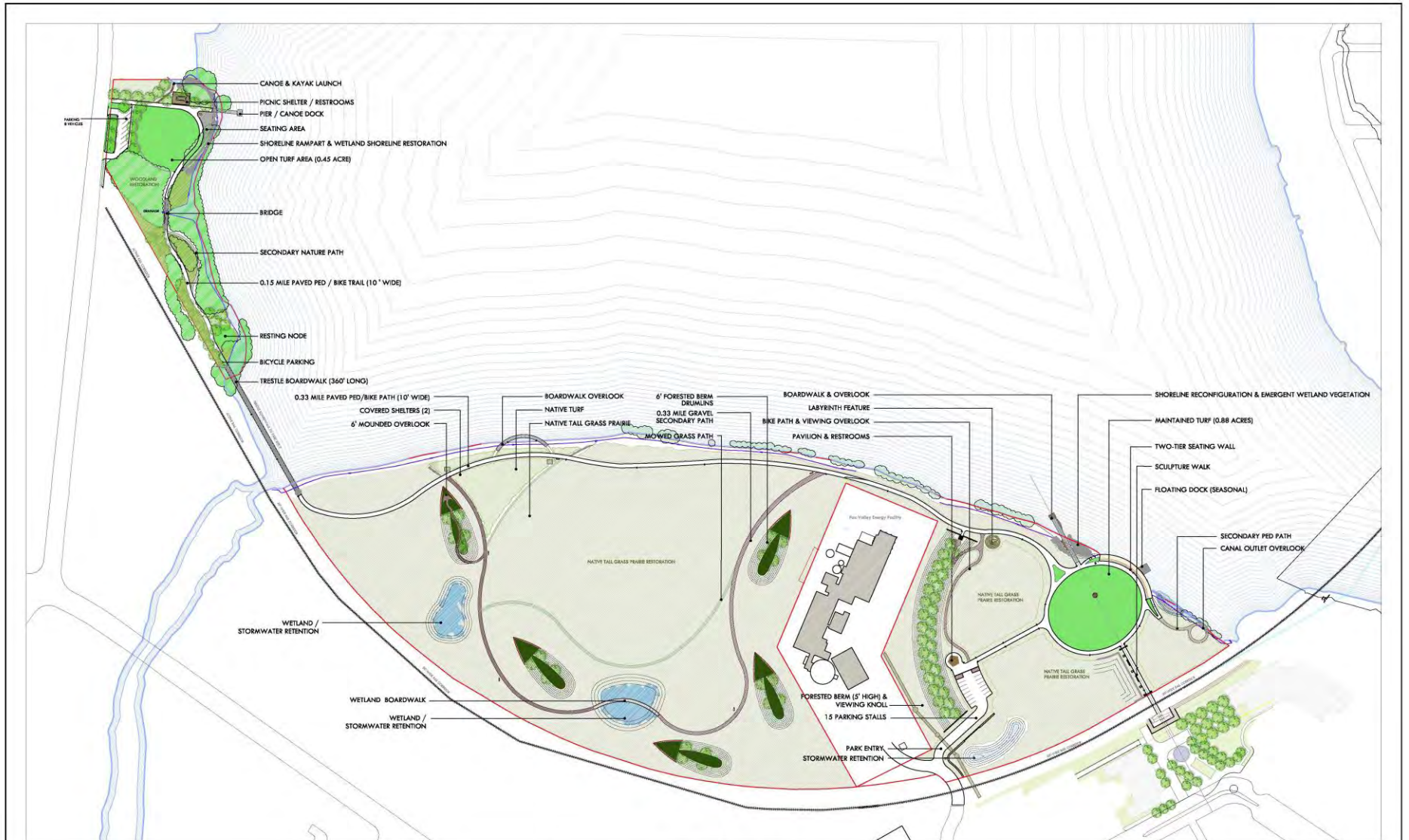
APPENDIX E - CURRENT FACILITIES TABLE

County Site/Facility

	Archery (Outdoor)	Baseball	Basketball Court (Outdoor)	Biking	Boat Launch	Camping (rustic)	Cross Country Ski Trail	Disc Golf	Dog Park	Fishing	Historic / Interpretive Sites	Natural Area	Park	Picnic Tables	Playfield/Open Space	Playground Equipment	Rugby	Shelter	Soccer Field	Snowshoe Trails	Trail (Walking)	Wildlife Viewing
Asylum Point Park/Boat Landing					X					X			X	X								X
Black Wolf Boat Landing					X					X			X	X								
Boom Bay Boat Landing					X					X			X									
Couglin Nature Area												X	X							X	X	X
Eureka Boat Landing					X					X			X	X		X		X				
Grundman Park Boat Landing					X					X			X	X								
Lake Butte Des Morts Boat Landing			X		X					X			X	X								
Lake Poygan Boat Landing					X					X			X	X								
Lasley Point Archaeological Site											X	X										
Mascoutin Valley Trail				X								X		X							X	X
Shangri La Point Natural Area												X										
Sunnyview Exposition Center						X																
Waukau Creek Nature Preserve /Dam							X			X		X	X								X	X
Winnebago County Community Park	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
WIOUWASH Trail				X								X		X							X	X

APPENDIX F - LOCAL PARK SITE PLANS

City of Neenah Arrowhead and Smith & Dolly Park Site Plan





MAP 5

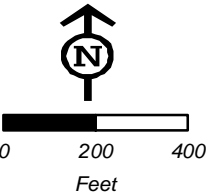
COMMUNITY PARK OVERVIEW
Recommendations
Winnebago County, Wisconsin
280 Acres

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Sources: Base Data Winnebago County GIS (WINGS) 2012, 2009 aerial photography, 6 inch.
Recommendations are general in nature, not specific placements.

- Playgrounds
- Parking
- Picnic Tables
- Service Table
- Restrooms
- Off-Road Trail
- Proposed Trail - Shared Use Path*
- Community Park Current Boundary

*Shared use path may be done in phases. Parking lots may also be resurfaced. Budget dependent.



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Back of Map 5 - Community Park